

48 nationalities participate in international event

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kentucky Baptists' international student conference is now among the largest of these events held in several states in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, Middletown.

Blaylock, a veteran of 21 such conferences, said the Kentucky meeting—which this year drew 250 participants Nov. 3-5 to Cave City (Ky.) Convention Center—has grown significantly in recent years.

The 1989 conference drew students representing 48 nationalities in Kentucky institutions of higher learning.

The students meeting at Cave City were welcomed by Ralph Hopkins, director of the international student conference and associate in the KBC Student Department. Hopkins told them, "We're here to share our culture, our religious faith, our love and concern for one another."

The group was also welcomed by Grace Powell, Acteen and campus Baptist Young Women consultant of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Middletown. The state WMU annually raises money through the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions to fund the international student conference.

At a worship experience during the weekend Morehead (Ky.) State University Baptist campus minister Gene Parr told the crowd, "If Jesus is not God, he ought to be. Because if there is a God, I would expect him to be just like Jesus."



Blaylock



Parr

Parr's remarks came during the closing session as he addressed the group from many nationalities and religious persuasions. "We've found that we are family and that we need each other," he allowed.

Parr declared, "We have a greater purpose than to simply exist for 60, 70 or 80 years. Sometimes you may think: 'I wish there was a God who could care about me.'"

"What would it take to prove there is a God and that he cares about us?" Parr went on. "The highest thought and feeling and motivation we can have is love. Would we not expect that our creator would have that same thought, feeling and motivation?"

Parr observed that teachers and prophets are "not enough" and that God has "come himself" in the form of a baby who grew into a "perfect man."

"God wants us to choose of our own free will to believe in him," said Parr.

"When we sin and hurt someone else, Jesus believes we are hurting him," he explained. "When we offend someone and ask forgiveness, he (Jesus) forgives us."

"He did not come to force himself. He came to give himself. He offers us a life beyond this world. He offers us eternity now," suggested Parr.

"Jesus talked to women as though they were equals. Children crowded around him . . . He has become my best friend and gives me strength I did not have and a love I never had. The creator of the universe loves us with gentle hands," Parr concluded.

Principal speaker for the international student conference—who delivered three addresses during the weekend—was George Braswell Jr., professor of missions and world religions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Braswell's messages were built around the program theme "We Are Family."

Braswell said he asked a Hindu friend to share a precept that was important in his religion. Said the Hindu: "We want unity most of all."

When he asked the same question of a Buddhist he was given the reply, "We want to overcome all suffering."

A Confucian answered the question this way: "The most important thing in our religion is family."

A Muslim replied, "The most important thing is to obey God."

Then he asked the same question of a Christian, who told the story of the prodigal son. His friend then commented, "The father in the story is just like God; the son is just like you. It is love that is central to the Christian faith."

Said Braswell: "Getting beyond the barriers of language, of nations and of religion, we get together heart to heart and mind to mind and those are the ties

that bind us."

In another address Braswell indicated that the world's people will never solve their problems "from government to government" but rather "from person to person."

"We live in traditions," he said, "but we have hope when we open ourselves up to one another. We're trying to be bread and light and hope to each other."

In a final message Braswell encouraged his audience to "take more risks" in order to be part of humanity. "As you leave this conference," said he, "remember that you are a part of the human family. Go with truth, generosity and peace toward your fellow man."

Music for this year's international student conference was directed by Murray (Ky.) State University Baptist campus minister Keith Inman. Singers included Alan Caal, University of Louisville student; Faith Nkosi, Campbellsville (Ky.) College student; and Baptist campus ministers Twila Green, University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Rick Howerton, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights.

Raja Kandanada, a student from India currently studying at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, shared a personal testimony about Jesus Christ's experience in his life.

Fifteen small group discussion groups, an international talent show featuring more than a dozen acts, a tour of Mammoth Cave and a picnic in the park were included on the weekend agenda.

Next year's international student conference is scheduled Nov. 2-4 at Kenlake State Resort Park in Calloway County.

Seven to serve in campus ministry, church music

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In a Frankfort preconvention meeting Nov. 13 the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention was expected to ratify seven personnel actions taken in October by its administrative committee.

Two new full time employees will be Baptist campus ministers.

At the University of Louisville Angela Perkins, interim there for 18 months, was named permanent director. She expects to receive the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, next month. Earlier she earned the BME degree with honors from U of L.

Miss Perkins, 25, is an active lay leader in Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church. She has also been minister of music at Louisville's Baptist Tabernacle and campus ministry intern at Jefferson Community College.

Elected campus minister for the state's western area is C. Bryant Rudolph Jr.

Rudolph, 35, is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, and holds MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. Until recently he was in secular fields and had been part time campus minister at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Community College.

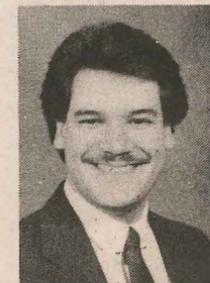
He is married with two children. Three persons were tapped for part time campus ministry: Anthony T.



Curnutte



Mrs. Richardson



Whitaker

(Tony) Curnutte, for Ashland Community, Center and eastern area colleges; Shelly Richardson, Centre College, Danville; and Luther Dean Whitaker, eastern area campus minister for Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, and Hazard and Prestonsburg Community colleges.

Curnutte, 27, is married and a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College where he was a campus ministry intern (1986-87). He has been a youth director, journalist and BSU director. He lives in Ashland and writes for the Daily Independent.

Mrs. Richardson, 36, of Danville, is married and the mother of one child. She holds degrees from Florida State University, Tallahassee, and Southern Seminary. She has been campus ministry intern in metropolitan Louisville

two years and was on church staffs at Versailles, Lexington and Danville.

Whitaker, 24, of Hazard, is also minister of youth at First Baptist Church, McDowell. He is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College and began his career in banking and accounting.

Other part timers are in the Church Music Department: Angela (Angie) W. Harrington, keyboard music contract consultant; and Edward N. Howell, associational contract consultant.

Mrs. Harrington, 30, of Louisville, has been part time minister of music at First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, two years. She is a graduate of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala., and Southern Seminary and has been on church staffs in Alabama and Georgia.

Howell, 31, of Elizabethtown, is married and the father of a son. Interim minister of music at Youngers Creek Baptist Church, E'town, he has served several churches in various music capacities. He is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and Southern Seminary.



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Kentucky Baptists face a crucial decade

Kentucky Baptists have only 10 years and a few days left before the 21st century begins. The change of a millenium is a signal milestone in the life of human civilization. There is nothing in our lives that will not be affected by the simple progress of time toward that special New Year's Day. The 20th century has been, on the whole, a great period of progress for Kentucky Baptists. Our common prayer is that the next century, if God wills it to begin and continue, will be a similar period of progress toward our goal of witness and ministry through Christ. But before the new century begins we have 10 important years to live through, 10 years of decision, action, preparation. What will be the agenda of this decade?

First, Kentucky Baptists must keep the focus on the Lord Jesus. The apostle Paul made the sad observation that in the church at Philippi "everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ" (2:21, NIV). In that old church some preached Christ out of envy and strife, others out of good will. Few and far between were those who put the interests of Christ absolutely first. We live in similar days. Kentucky Baptists need men and women of spiritual conviction and courage who will lead us to place Christ first and thereby bring enduring unity to our state and local associations. The challenge to keep the family together under our Lord must be ours and is our foremost concern.

Second, the crisis of the Cooperative Program must be faced. A leading Southern Baptist recently predicted that the next four or five years will see continued financial turmoil for every entity supported by the Cooperative Program. Southern Baptists are perilously close to returning to the societal method of providing resources. The Cooperative Program remains the most effective means for accomplishing our work. It must endure, it must recapture the heart of the Baptist people. The secret of success here is the local pastor. The fate of our work together rests not in the hands of denominational servants alone but in the hands of committed and courageous pastors, ministers and laity.

Third, the shifting patterns of population and growth in Kentucky must be used to set our strategy for reaching our state. Already a majority of Kentucky Baptists live in only 15 of our associations. We may be a state of rural patterns and the majority of our churches may be numbers in urban areas. This means that during the 1990s the pattern of both church growth and evangelization will continue to change. Those who have the responsibility to lead in evangelism, church starts and other central mission efforts must take these shifts in population seriously. Not any segment of our state must be neglected, but increased resources and new strategies must emphasize our cities.

Fourth, the organization of Kentucky Baptists at all levels must be streamlined for effectiveness. Cumbersome and slow-to-respond organizations will not be equal to the challenge of the 1990s. The crisis brought on by diminished resources will automatically impact our organizations. Why wait for the crisis to deepen? The organization of the KBC, of the local association and the local church should be like the body of an athlete: toned, hard, prepared for endurance and flexible to meet sudden challenges. The shape of the organization should be determined by the challenge we face, not the pleasant memories of days gone by.

Fifth, communication between the churches and between the KBC and the churches must improve. In a decade of rapid change, accurate and complete information quickly spread is vital. Communication of the electronic media will be more important than the print media. Is anyone in Kentucky working on a system of communication that will be equal to a time we are already calling the Information Age? If not, why not? From the earliest days, when Paul's letters became the "glue" which held the church together when it was under pressure, Christians have understood the necessity of communicating with one another.

Finally, Kentucky Baptists, as a statewide fellowship, must emphasize, listen to and utilize the laity. The Baptist understanding of the priesthood of the believer places the KBC in the hands of the laity as well as in the hands of pastors and ministers. Already we have lost the interest of the adults 44 and younger. This age group may be very committed at the level of the local church but their sense of responsibility in cooperative ministry with other like-minded churches has diminished. Many of these persons see us as a programmatic organization, perpetuating a system of institutional life. That perception is partly accurate, partly wrong. However, we must face the fact that they have dropped out of Kentucky Baptist life at alarming rates. Their vigor must be reclaimed. There is only one way to do it: we must meet the needs and interests of this important generation through gospel ministries. We must deal with the real world of adult concerns which after all is exactly what Jesus did. He met people where they were in their life story and brought them to the place where he wanted them to be. This disaffected generation may yet be reclaimed if we act quickly and seriously.

We have only 10 years. The decade is a gift from God. Let us use it wisely, courageously and with invincible faith in the living Christ whose work of salvation through love goes on through all the centuries, all the decades and all the days that lie ahead.

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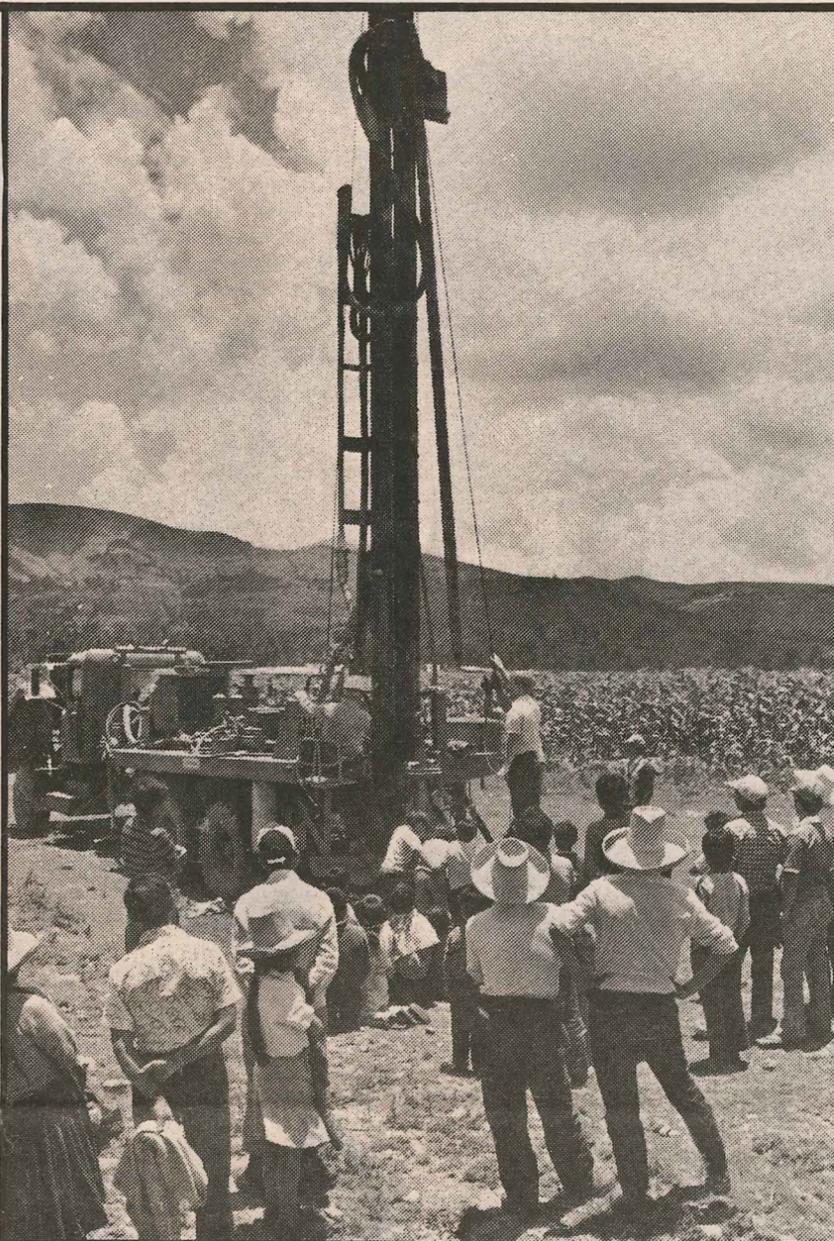


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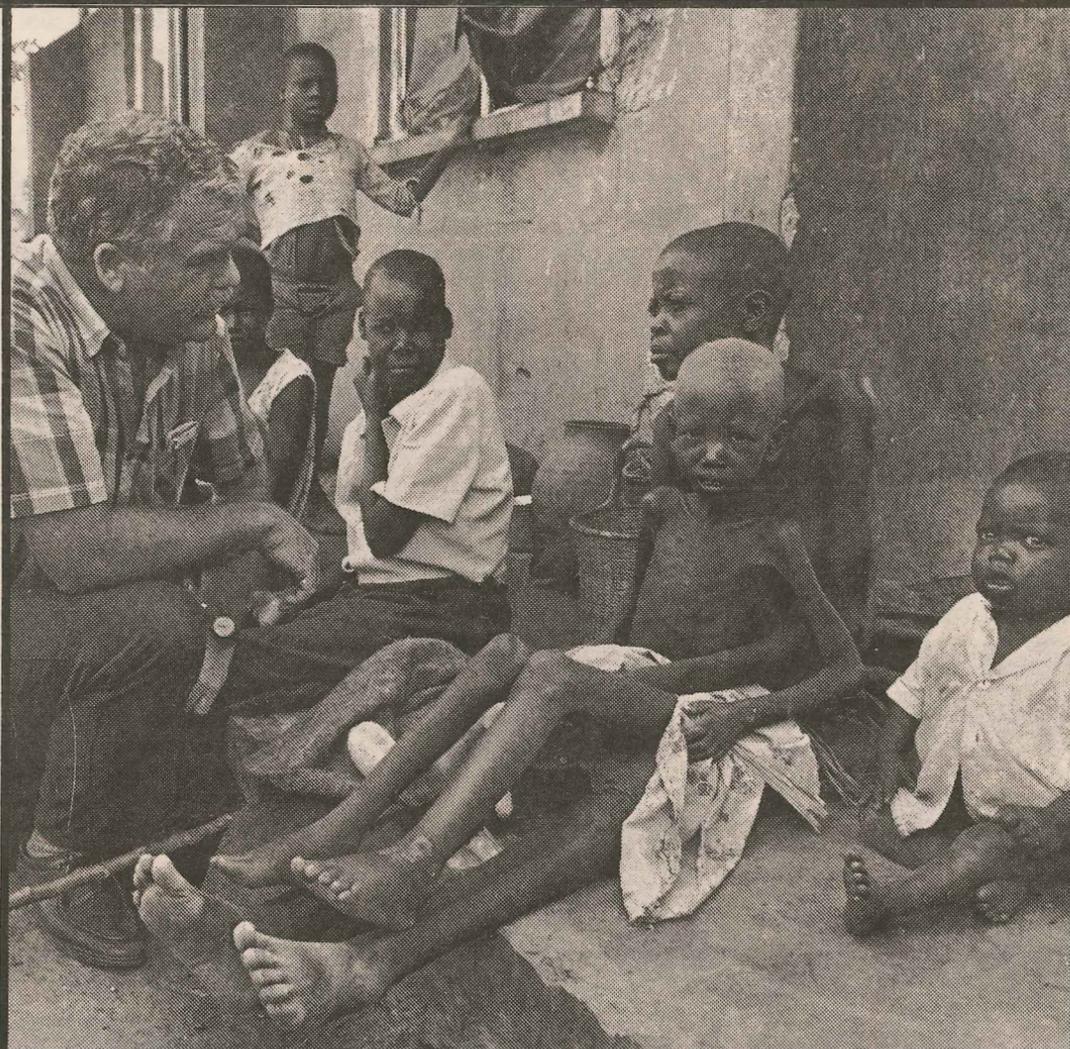


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Missionary Harry Garvin (*left photo*) works as an evangelist in Uganda, a country known for its military struggles and battles against the deadly disease AIDS. Garvin shares the hope found in the gospel with Ugandans such as this grandmother and malnourished child.

Southern Baptist foreign missionary Larry Johnson (*left*) and journeyman George Husk (*right*) set up to drill a new water well in Cajamarca, Peru (*photo above*). Johnson is an agricultural evangelist, involved in several agricultural development projects. He has planted pine trees and has helped raise cattle and crops. He has plans to begin a fish farm. All of these projects are planned to help the diet and economy of the local people.

These two foreign missionaries are just two of the 3,797 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries working in 116 countries around the world. They depend on support from those who send them—prayer support and monetary support.

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Excerpts from KBC presidential address

James E. Jones, Campbellsville

Lift up Jesus

I want to speak a positive word about our convention. I have some . . .

I. Commendations

I believe our Baptist colleges are doing an excellent job. Oneida and Clear Creek are bright spots in our convention. Our institutions are well.

Baptist Hospitals Inc. and our Baptist Homes for Children continue to help hurting people. I want to commend the Western Recorder board and Dr. Dick Bridges, in particular, for the excellent job of continuing publication of our Western Recorder after the untimely death of Jack Sanford. Also, I commend them for attempting to listen to the people throughout our state.

Our divisional directors and department directors are among the best. They know what is happening around the state and they provide quality leadership.

I commend our Brotherhood Department for helping hurting people. I commend our WMU for keeping missions before us. I wonder where we would be in missions were it not for the ladies of WMU.

Dr. Bill Marshall continues to provide excellent leadership. We should thank God for him and his dear wife Alice for being our representatives throughout the SBC.

Dr. Jim Hawkins is an incredible assistant. He knows Kentucky Baptists and he has truly made my job easy.

As I have traveled all over Kentucky I have found that some of the finest people are our DOMs. Without exception these people love our Lord and provide capable leadership in our associations.

We are indeed blessed by God to have such high caliber campus ministers.

I am excited and positive about the way God is working with Kentucky Baptists. However, I would like to address some of my . . .

II. Concerns

1. Personal evangelism

Only when Kentucky Baptists are committed to personal evangelism will we make a dent in witnessing and winning our state for Jesus Christ. Those of us who have made a study of evangelism in the New Testament find that in the first century evangelism was combined with church services and mass evangelism. However, when we come to the book of Acts we find it is personal evangelism that is the most common method. It is personal evangelism that will get the job done.

It seems to me that too many of us Kentucky Baptists are casual about the lost. It seems to me that we have become so involved in the maintenance of our church facilities and administration of the budget that little energy and time are left to accomplish the real reason for which the church exists.

Evangelism is not an option for just a few but it is a team effort by all.

When the man sick with palsy was healed, there was celebration in the church. The answer to rigor mortis in dull church services is for church people to start bringing their friends to Jesus Christ.

That is what I pray is going to happen in Here's Hope. When Baptists cooperate in evangelism, our baptisms rise and we see more and more people come to

Jesus Christ. It is my earnest prayer that every church in Kentucky will be a part of Here's Hope.

2. Missions

God's people are called to bless others. There can be no idea of cheap grace which seeks salvation without commitment and understands Jesus as savior without accepting him as Lord of life. The people of faith seek salvation in a relationship with God, who is reaching out to reconcile his world to himself and who has called them to join him in the task.

The Great Commission states the mission of the people of God in its classic form.

Kentucky Baptists, we must be on mission. One of the greatest ways we can be on mission is through the Kentucky/Brazil Partnership. Some of us were blessed beyond measure through the Kentucky/Kenya Partnership. We came back with a new sense of the Cooperative Program, a new sense of mission. That is exactly what will happen when we go to Brazil. We go intending to help them and we return feeling like we have been helped. I challenge every pastor, every church to go to Brazil.

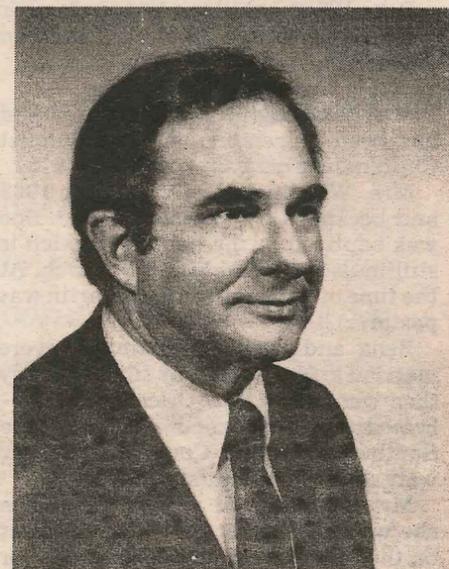
I would like every church and every association to encourage our people to go on mission to Ohio. We in Kentucky now have some of the greatest opportunities to be on mission.

3. Hurting people

I do not believe that I have ever talked to pastors who were any more discouraged than they are right now. We are losing many of our good men through discouragement. They are discouraged through the events in their church and through the events in their own home lives. Some of these men are getting fired from their churches. Our Kentucky Baptist Convention does a good job with these pastors and staff people, but we have to do more. I pray Kentucky Baptists will do all that we can to help our pastors and staff and church people who are hurting so deeply.

4. Baptist colleges

Because of the financial situation, it is going to be difficult to give our colleges any more money. I pray Kentucky Baptist pastors and churches will encourage our Baptist students to go to our Baptist colleges. Since I am a pastor in a town where one of our Baptist colleges is located I talk to many of our students. Some say, "Dr. Jones, we did not come to Campbellsville College because of our pastor. Our pastor didn't



James E. Jones

even mention the college. We came because of the college recruiters who came to our high school and told us about our Baptist schools." Oh, how we pastors, staff and churches need to keep before our Baptist students the fact that you can go to a Baptist college if you really desire to do so. I encourage you to support our Baptist colleges.

5. The Cooperative Program

Oh, I call on Kentucky Baptist pastors, staff, deacons, finance committees and congregations to strengthen our support of the Cooperative Program. This is not the time to withhold our gifts to the Cooperative Program. This is not the time to designate our gifts. Imagine the chaos caused in our local church if our members designated their offering or withheld their offering because they disagreed with church actions. We don't want this to happen in the local church and I pray to God it will not happen in our Kentucky Baptist Convention. Let us all vow together we're going to be on mission together through the Cooperative Program.

I believe we have more positives than negatives in our great Kentucky Baptist Convention. I'm not saying that everything is positive and everything is all right. We do have some . . .

III. Challenges

I believe the scripture that gives us the direction to meet our challenges is found in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Let us lift him up:

1. As our priority

Jesus demands a "God-first loyalty" from his followers and he gave us the example of his own life by which we can pattern our lives. We are to give him the supreme loyalty of our lives. Our priority should be to lift up Jesus Christ through our own lives.

2. To all people

While in Hitler's prison Martin Niemoller wrote, "It took me a long time to learn that God is not the enemy of my enemies. He is not even the enemy of his enemies." Jesus Christ proved to be the God of love and that love extends to those who oppose him and hate him most. My dear brothers and sisters, we must lift up Jesus Christ to all people. It's a fact that thousands of people in our own state, in our own country and in the entire world are lost without Christ. If it is important to us, we must lift him up to all people.

3. In our personal purity

We're in a day when the media is having a field day with negative coverage of well known Christian leaders such as Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggert. We must recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus' purity. We must be people of purity. We cannot afford to do anything less than that.

4. With perseverance

Jesus wants us to go to the finish line. He doesn't want us to be a quitter but a finisher like the apostle Paul who declared, "I have finished my course."

Some of you may feel like quitting. You may be discouraged and down-trodden. Take heart! Jesus is at the finish line waiting for you. My dear brothers and sisters, we have been commanded to lift Jesus up and not to quit.

5. With unity

Too long we have had our eyes on our differences. We have looked at each other out of eyes of suspicion. We have

fought each other. We have majored on our differences. It's time to realize, my dear brothers and sisters, that we have been saved by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, we belong to the body of Jesus Christ, we're led by one spirit, we have been called by our Lord to lift up Jesus. We are brothers and we are sisters! We may disagree but we do not have to condemn each other. We have a task to perform. We are to lift up Jesus! There may be some points of our theology and polity that are debatable. But, my friend, there are places where we can disagree and still be brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

When we are lifting him up, we're drawn to him. We are inevitably going to be drawn together. If you and I are moving with faces uplifted lifting up Christ we come closer to him and we come closer to each other. Dear brothers and sisters, when we are lifting up Christ you and I are drawn to each other.

You and I cannot do evangelism by ourselves and reach our state and nation. One church cannot do it—by herself. You can't do the mission that God has called you to do—by yourself. You cannot help people who are hurting—by yourself. You cannot help our education program—by yourself. We have got to do it together. We are to lift him up to the world so men and women can be drawn to Jesus and we can be drawn to each other.

In this day and time we need to be all together. We must not leave each other. We dare not walk off in different directions. We've got such a tremendous task in front of us that we need each other if we are to effectively lift Jesus to a hurting, lost world.

Oh, my dear brothers and sisters, I believe we need to have an old fashioned, Holy Ghost, heaven sent, Pentecostal revival that will turn us from our differences and turn us from concerns that are not important. We need a revival that will get our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith and to get us about the task we've been called to do . . . lift him up. *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me* (John 12:32). Pray for this great revival—this great sweeping revival that will move across our state and our convention.

In October I met with the pastors of Green River Association of which Brother L. M. Huff is DOM. After we had talked and discussed some varied things I suggested that we just get on our knees and pray for revival in our convention. I remember some of the men praying that the revival would start in this prayer meeting and that it would move to our Kentucky Baptist Convention and then to our Southern Baptist convention. Somebody said, "Wouldn't it be great if the revival that our Southern Baptist Convention needs could start in Kentucky? Perhaps we could be an example to other conventions of what it is like when a convention doesn't major on differences but majors on the positives and on lifting up Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world."

Oh, my brothers and sisters of Kentucky, may we have an old fashioned, Holy Ghost revival. Maybe 'Here's Hope' is going to be the beginning of that revival. I find myself praying, "Oh God, let it be, let it be. Oh God, send a Pentecostal revival. Dear God . . . let it begin in me."

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me (John 12:32).



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homes for children

A new program

We have added a new program of service for children. Actually, we have changed our shelter at Elizabethtown from a short term facility to long term and we have increased the staffing to better meet the needs of some very special children.

Over the past year we have found that many of the youth we are being asked to serve have needs which go beyond what we can provide at either Spring Meadows or Glen Dale. We decided to develop a pilot program for 10 boys at the Elizabethtown property on Tunnel Hill Road. We have 10 acres there and in addition to the building which houses the youth we have a barn for the three horses we have for the boys to ride. We also have a large garden and a nice lighted outdoor basketball and tennis court.

All of the direct care staff from the shelter will continue at Elizabethtown but they are all receiving additional training to work with the more intensive needs of the boys coming to us. We have added several direct care staff as well as a full time director and full time counselor so we can better supervise the boys and meet their individual needs. We are also working with a local mental health agency to provide psychological help for the boys.

Our new director of the program is Bob Milburn, a bivocational pastor who has been directing the state Owensboro Day Treatment program. We are pleased with his experience in working with the youth who have special needs and with his commitment to working in a Christian agency.

The Tunnel Hill Baptist Church will continue to help us meet the spiritual needs of the children. It will be providing a special Sunday school class for the boys who are not ready to participate in a public worship service.

We have relocated the short term shelter, formerly operated on the property, to a cottage at Spring Meadows where it serves as a crisis stabilization program.

These new programs will help us meet the tremendous needs of today's children. Please pray for us as we seek to expand our ministry to serve the increasing problems of the children of today.

HOW TO REACH UNREACHABLE

Why do vacationers avoid church? They found out why at Jamestown

by Virginia Flanagan
State Correspondent

Two years ago while working on another project Dan Grider, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jamestown, began to do research on how to reach unreached persons. He uncovered interesting data and decided to conduct even more study on the people that the church doesn't reach.

Grider's church became part of this research, conducting two formal surveys in Louisville and Lexington.

These surveys were taken in areas of these cities where people lived who might be part of the growing number buying vacation homes or houseboats in the Jamestown area and on Lake Cumberland. They were mostly members of the baby boomers generation.

The church then surveyed the vacation community around Jamestown and then tabulated findings.

The number one reason that about 90% of those surveyed shared for not belonging was "they (the church) want my money."

The second and third reasons were "the sermons and the music do not relate to my life and are boring." The fourth reason was "the people are cold and unfriendly."

Being in the center of a growing tourist industry location the Jamestown church knew it had a powerful opportunity to minister to this segment of society.

Grider said the church started with a plan for a service that would "meet the needs of the person, not the church's agenda of worship forms." The plan was based on what would appeal to the secular person who was retiring or vacationing in the Jamestown area.

The church began to pray and research different types of services. Grider traveled to California and Chicago to interview pastors and attend services that were also attempting the same goals as the Jamestown church.

The plan began to grow.

Grider said the first thing to achieve was a casual feel to the service. This was achieved in part by dressing casual and by having a different order of service each Sunday.

Next it was decided that time was important. Eight-thirty on Sunday morning would fit the schedule of many vacationers so the church adopted it.

The Jamestown church wanted the service to be warm and friendly, to speak to the needs of the people, not to offend by asking for money and to introduce Jesus Christ to those who were present.

The church decided that a contemporary service that would include contemporary Christian music, a drama and a short message would fit the needs of the people the church was trying to reach. The service was to be about 30 minutes long.

The service was not to be predictable because the Jamestown church found predictability killed spontaneity. Each service was to be based on a theme. Usually the drama was to introduce the question dealt with in the sermon.

There have been 10 drama teams de-

veloped in the church. Grider said all ages were represented in the group of worship leaders, as those who participate are called, but most are young adults. At the beginning the local high school drama coach helped coach the drama teams but now a church member does that. The group has begun to write its own material.

Music for the service consists of choruses and a contemporary Christian band with four vocalists. The band consists of several instruments.

The contemporary service has been a very positive step for the church. There have been six baptisms from the service this summer. Grider said that he felt very good about the possibility of several more decisions being made soon.

One unexpected blessing was the response to the service by the older adults in the church. Grider said "they loved it." Consequently the Jamestown church did not experience summer slump. Grider said that attendance grew from an average attendance at the beginning of the summer of about 160 to 250 at the end of the summer.

This is not just another summer story.

The church has voted to combine the early contemporary service with the more traditional 11 o'clock service. Grider said that the church "simply did not want to give up the service, but also didn't want to get up that early in the winter."

The zeal and excitement that church members who were "functionally inactive" are showing is another positive

outgrowth of the contemporary service, according to Grider.

Louis Shepard, director of missions for Russell County Association, attended one of the services and called it "very inspirational."

For First Baptist Church, Jamestown, what began as a summer project has grown into a ministry to the whole church. It has attracted a lot of attention and generated new excitement and growth in the church. It has also provided important data for those interested in ministry to those who vacation in rural Kentucky.



Gina and Brian Thornton (l-r), one of 10 drama teams, present weekly drama illustrating the emptiness of life without Christ.

Member celebrates diamond year at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro

by Jane Taylor Howell
State Correspondent

Today's mobile society has created a mobility-minded mentality that has affected Christians who not only move from one city to another but from one congregation to another in the same city. But there is in Owensboro's Third Baptist Church a member who has never moved.

Rena Whittinghill has been a member of the same church all of her Christian experience, a total of 75 years.

Today that is a rare find.

Mrs. Whittinghill is 87 years old and has been a member of Third Baptist Church since her baptism in May 1915.

Mrs. Whittinghill was born in 1902 and became a Christian at age 12. She was baptized in the baptistry which is still in use at Third Baptist Church. At the time of her baptism Sam Martin was pastor.

Rena and Dexter Whittinghill were married in Nashville May 16, 1922. They then went on to New Orleans and celebrated their honeymoon attending the Southern Baptist Convention. They were dedicated Baptists.

Mrs. Whittinghill recalls that when she was a child her parents always sat on the third row in the sanctuary as her father was hard of hearing. She said she

told her parents, "When I'm big I want to sit on the back row." Today she claims to be "big enough" and does sit on the back row regularly in the worship services at her church.

When asked if she had even thought about leaving Third Baptist and going to another church Mrs. Whittinghill was quick to reply, "Yes." But then she said, "My daughter belonged to another church that got out 15 minutes later than our church services. I had stopped driving and was dependent on her for transportation. I thought about joining her church as a matter of convenience. But instead she joined mine. We continue to go together now." Her daughter, Rebecca Jean Danhauer, attends Third Baptist with her mother.

On the occasion of her 75th anniversary as a member of Third Baptist, Paul Welch, pastor, recognized her in the church newsletter. Mrs. Whittinghill joked that if there had been much recognition she wouldn't have liked it.

Rena Whittinghill has her feet firmly planted and enriched in her church, the only one she has ever had. She has raised children there and given of herself to it. She has stayed through the highs and lows of the years. She has worshipped with many different pastors.

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baptist news briefs

Beware phone scam FMB official warns

Someone calling himself "Dr. Bill Slater" is calling churches with a phony story to extract money from unsuspecting staff members, reports a Foreign Mission Board official.

"Slater" places collect telephone calls to Southern Baptist churches, identifying himself as a missionary to Brazil. He claims he is at JFK International Airport in New York City, where he has just been robbed and stabbed. He must catch a flight back to Brazil that night, he tells listeners. Then he asks for \$64 to be wired to him at the airport.

Don't believe it, warned Bill Damon, FMB associate area director for Brazil and the Caribbean.

"There is no Southern Baptist missionary by that name, nor am I able to find anyone in Brazil who knows such a person," Damon said. "I have received several calls from people who have received such collect calls over the past six to eight months with the same story."

Three with Kentucky ties named US-2 missionaries

Three people with Kentucky ties were among 37 US-2 missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board this fall.

Ashland native Jennifer Fannin is working in New Orleans as a church and community ministries missionary. Morehead native Tracy Reed is working in Show Low, Ariz. as a special ministries missionary. Lexington native Sheila Smith is working in Peoria, Ill. as a lay evangelism/special ministries missionary.

An elementary education graduate of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Miss Fannin was a semester missionary with Rachel Sims Baptist Mission in New Orleans beginning in January 1988. A former Sunday school teacher and Girls in Action leader at Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, she is the daughter of Marion and Hytha Fannin of Lexington.

Miss Reed, a secondary science graduate of Morehead (Ky.) State University, was a summer missionary in Ft. Smith, Ark. in 1988. She is the daughter of Bonita Reed of Brandenburg and Dan Hopwood of Cincinnati, Oh.

A public relations graduate of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Miss Smith is the former part time campus minister and admissions counselor/assistant director of admissions at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, She is the daughter of Donald and Barbara Smith of Lexington.

SWBTS students can lead March revivals

Students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary are available to lead spring revivals in Kentucky churches March 18-26, 1990.

Spring evangelism practicum each year sends Southwestern students to preach revival meetings. This program makes it possible for churches with smaller memberships or limited resources to hold at least one revival per year.

Major funding for the program comes from the Panhandle Baptist Foundation, headed by C. J. Humphrey of Amarillo, Tex. Churches are responsible for housing and meals and limited transportation in some cases, such as from the airport to the church, or from where a seminary van leaves the student.

Students participating will have taken at least 12 hours of orientation before arriving in Kentucky. To schedule a seminary student preacher for church, contact Dan Crawford, associate professor of evangelism missions and director of evangelism and mission practica, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22298, Ft. Worth, TX 76122.

Cooperative Program sets record receipts in October

Southern Baptists' conventionwide budget launched its fiscal year with record receipts in October.

The Cooperative Program received \$11,561,367 at the national level in October, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee.

That amount is a \$609,752—or 5.57 percent—increase over receipts for October 1988, Bennett said. The current U. S. inflation rate is 4.3 percent.

October was the Cooperative Program's first month under a new procedure that set its basic operating budget according to performance-oriented guidelines, as opposed to the goal-oriented guidelines used to develop previous budgets.

Beginning in 1990-91, all Cooperative Program income received in excess of its performance-oriented basic operating budget will be distributed between its program advance and capital needs budgets. (BP)

HMB has toll free number for missions volunteers

The Home Mission Board has installed a toll free telephone line to assist home missions volunteers and people needing volunteer assistance.

The number is (800) HMB-VOLS, or (800) 462-8657.

Calls on the toll free line will be

answered in the HMB's Volunteer Division office. Division director Don Hammonds said the line was installed to allow Southern Baptists easier access to information about volunteer missions opportunities and to assist missionaries, pastors and associational workers who want to request volunteer assistance.

Callers may use the toll free line to receive information about a variety of HMB volunteer programs:

Mission service corps, for adult volunteers willing to serve one year or longer; Christian service corps, for adult volunteers willing to serve in short term assignments of one week or longer; student summer and semester missions, for college students willing to serve 10- to 14-week terms; sojourners, for high school juniors and seniors willing to serve four to 10 weeks, usually in the summer; mission youth groups, for high school church groups willing to serve one week or longer, usually in the summer. (BP)

Soviet Baptists offer sympathy after quake

Baptists in the Soviet Union have sent Southern Baptists in the United States a telegram of sympathy and encouragement following the California earthquake.

The telegram was sent to Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Executive Committee, from three officers of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Soviet Union.

The telegram is addressed to "dear brethren" and states: "We express our sincere sympathy in connection with earthquake in California. Let sources of heavenly consolation and protection for all (who) suffered and those who lost their relatives and near ones be opened

and let God be comforter and healer for them. Your sorrow will be comforted by almighty God and time.

"In this tragic time, we are with you, dear friends, and we are praying that the Lord might help you to endure this tragedy."

Bennett sent similar telegrams to All-Union Council officers following the Chernobyl nuclear incident and the Ukrainian earthquake. (BP)

Southern Baptists start 742 new Sunday schools

Southern Baptists started 742 Sunday schools during the 1988-89 church year, a decline from the 861 Sunday schools started in 1987-88 and the lowest total since 874 starts were recorded in 1984-85.

"There is a desire for starting new Sunday schools, but few states have a strategy for getting it done," said Jim L. Harvey, Sunday school growth and administration consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Harvey singled out Texas as a consistent leader in starting new Sunday schools. Texas started 217 Sunday schools in 1988-89, down from the 273 started in the state in 1987-88.

Florida had an increase in Sunday schools, with 118 recorded, compared to 56 the previous year. Harvey pointed out that Florida during the past year had a person responsible for training churches in conducting outreach Bible studies as a strategy for starting Sunday schools.

Three state conventions met or surpassed their goals for starting Sunday schools. Alaska started 15, with a goal of 10. Maryland started 18, surpassing a goal of 15, while Minnesota/Wisconsin started 19, with a goal of 12. Other top state totals were California, 35; North Carolina, 25; and Georgia, 21. (BP)



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Harvest time on the farm requires everyone to be involved in a variety of jobs. Lawrence Hall, a member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and trustee chairman at Campbellsville (Ky.) College, makes some last-minute adjustments on his combine before harvesting a field of soybeans. Southern Baptists everywhere will pause at Thanksgiving to reflect on the blessings of God.

Annuity Board examines retirement, medical claims

Annuity Board trustees heard reports of growing retirement plan earnings and rising medical claims at their fall meeting in Dallas Oct. 30-31.

Buoyed by increasing contributions and rising earnings, the assets of the board have increased by more than \$1 million a day in 1989, president Darold H. Morgan told the trustees.

Treasurer Harold D. Richardson noted that while falling long term interest rates caused a reduction in the funding rate for annuities, rising stock prices and increased bond values both worked to enhance the value of members' accounts.

Trustees in the insurance committee and in the full board meeting grappled with the continuing losses in the board's medical plans. Heavy use of the church comprehensive medical plan by pastors, other church staff members and their families and large doctor and hospital bills resulted in losses of \$5.1 million in the plan during the first nine months of the year, board officials noted. Losses by year end are expected to be \$6.9 million to \$7 million.

In the past three years, claims paid by Annuity Board medical plans have exceeded premiums paid by \$31 million. In recent years, adequate plan surpluses made moderate increases possible. Now administrators are trying to equalize premiums and claims.

The board has announced rate increases in the church medical plan that range from nine percent to more than 30 percent, with rates based on regional medical costs. The aggregate increase in projected premium income to match claims experience is 20 percent. The aggregate increase in the group comprehensive medical plan will be about 19 percent. The present seminarian comprehensive medical plan will merge into the church plan Jan. 1. (BP)

Texas Baptists record highest SS attendance

About 740,000 people attended Texas Baptist Bible studies on "Great Day in the Morning" Oct. 29, setting a record for Sunday school attendance.

Bob Fuston, associational consultant in the Sunday School Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said 739,534 people were reported in Sunday schools across the state. The total is 18,791 more than the previous record, set in 1988.

For several years, the statewide goal has been to have 725,000 people in Bible study to celebrate Sunday school high attendance day, known in Texas as "Great Day in the Morning."

On an average Sunday, Texas Baptists have 599,632 attending Bible study. The 739,534 attendance figure is a 23 percent increase over the statewide average attendance. (BP)

West Virginians adopt \$1.5 million budget

West Virginia Southern Baptists adopted a \$1,495,960 annual budget and elected a new president during the annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Princeton Nov. 3-4.

The 150 churches and missions of the West Virginia Convention are to contribute \$719,499 or 48.1 percent of the new budget. Most of the balance of the budget is to be provided by the Home

Mission Board. Other revenue is expected from the Baptist Sunday School Board and other sources.

The convention will send 26.5 percent of its receipts from churches on to national and international causes through the Cooperative Program unified budget. That percentage is a .5 percent increase over the previous budget and is expected to total \$190,667.

The 1990 budget is 3.44 percent less than the current \$1,549,264 budget.

Messengers elected by acclamation Eddie Gandy, pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, to a one-year term as convention president. Odell Clay, pastor of East Williamson Baptist Church, was eligible for a second term but declined to be nominated, noting he will retire and move out of the state within the next year.

Other officers, all elected by acclamation, are John Davis, pastor of Rosedale Baptist Church, Oak Hill, first vice president; James Hendricks, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Princeton, second vice president; and Robert Keown, salesman and member of Riverwood Baptist Church, St. Albans, recording secretary. (BP)

Nashville court ruling favors area churches

A county court judge has dismissed a lawsuit involving several Nashville Baptist Association churches.

Last December Nashville's metropolitan government filed a lawsuit seeking a judgment regarding the taxability of church parsonages. The city was seeking to tax 141 tax-exempt properties that it claimed were not used for charitable or religious purposes. About 20 Nashville Baptist churches were among those cited.

In the lawsuit the government challenged the constitutionality of a 1984 state law that said church parsonages should be tax-exempted as "property used purely and exclusively for religious purposes."

State law allows each church to claim an exemption for only one residence as a parsonage. Metro tax assessor Jim Ed Clary claimed the purpose of parsonages is residential and that they are not used "purely and solely" for religious purposes.

In a memorandum indicating his decision, judge Irvin H. Kilcrease Jr. wrote that state law "does not create a per se property tax exemption for parsonages nor does this statute foreclose inquiry as to the actual use of parsonages."

"Tax exemptions in favor of religious, scientific, literary, and educational institutions are liberally construed, rather than strictly," he said. (BP)

Penn./So. Jersey favors 50% lay board membership

Messengers to the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey's 19th annual meeting voted to mandate lay membership on the convention's executive board.

They also approved a \$2,268,016 budget for 1990 and passed resolutions on abortion and gambling during the annual session, held at Memorial Baptist Church, Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 2-4.

The messengers approved a constitutional amendment and bylaw change—measures that were postponed during the 1988 annual meeting—that call for 50 percent of the convention's executive board members to be laypeople.

The 1990 budget includes a basic

operating budget of \$1,963,016; \$245,000 in designated funds for state, domestic and foreign missions; and a \$60,000 "advance budget" goal. The convention's 199 congregations are expected to provide \$675,656 of the budget, an increase of \$13,144 over the 1989 budget. The convention is to receive \$1,186,080 from the Home Mission Board, a decrease of \$108,000 from current receipts. The largest percentage of the balance of the basic budget is to come from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptists will support worldwide mission causes by giving 28.75 percent of undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program unified budget. They currently give 28.5 percent to the Cooperative Program.

Messengers approved without debate a resolution that reaffirmed their support for the elimination of abortion. They also passed a resolution opposing all forms of gambling and specifically opposing the establishment of casinos in the Pocono mountains.

Charles Teague, pastor of Country and Town Baptist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa., was elected convention president in a run-off with Lamar Duke, pastor of Absecon (N. J.) Baptist Church. Duke was elected first vice president. Second vice president is Paul Helton, a steel company executive and member of Pittsburgh (Pa.) Baptist Church. (BP)

Ugandan missionary jailed but charges still unclear

Confusion surrounds the Nov. 1 arrest of Southern Baptist missionary Roger Hesch by military police in Uganda and his continued detention without formal notice of charges.

Ugandan police say no charges have been filed. Military authorities will only say Hesch "knows the charges." But he does not, according to fellow missionary Paul Eaton, chairman of the Southern Baptist mission organization in Uganda.

Hesch, 32, of Little Falls, Minn., agreed to drive two soldiers who came to his house in Entebbe, Uganda, to Kampala, the capital. He was arrested when he drove into a military headquarters as they requested. His request that the U. S. Embassy or the Baptist mission organization be notified of his whereabouts and the reasons for his arrest was denied. But someone unoffi-

cially contacted the Baptist mission.

"No one has been able to determine why Roger was arrested, and the U. S. Embassy said they were unable to intervene because they were told no charges had been filed," said Jim Houser, a Southern Baptist missionary administrator in Nairobi, Kenya. "Mission officials were told Nov. 3 that there would be no charges and he would be released as soon as an official in the Ugandan foreign affairs office and the appropriate army officer made contact."

Hesch still was in jail Nov. 6, however. His wife, Meg, has been allowed to see him several times and bring him meals and he has been given a sleeping bag. Officials from the Red Cross and U. S. Embassy and fellow missionaries also have seen him and report he is in good spirits. (BP)

Nevada Baptists adopt record budget, reelect pres

Messengers from across Nevada gathered at First Southern Baptist Church, Reno, Oct. 24-25 and in unison elected Bob Norvell president of the Nevada Baptist Convention for his second term. They also adopted a record \$1,643,553 budget.

Norvell, pastor of College Park Baptist Church in Las Vegas, has been president of the convention since December 1988, when then-president Terry Arnold resigned to take a staff position with the convention.

Norvell was elected without opposition. Michael Rochelle, pastor of West Oakey Baptist Church, Las Vegas, was elected first vice president and Jim Meek, pastor of Steamboat Baptist Church, Reno, was elected second vice president.

Nevada Baptists are to send 24.5 percent of the convention's undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program unified budget. That is a .5 percent increase over the previous budget.

Messengers adopted a resolution commending president George Bush for his veto of federal funding of abortions and for his "moral fortitude to wage an all-out effort against crime, drugs and pornography." Messengers also approved a motion by Jim McLeroy, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas, to write a letter of commendation and support to Lloyd Elder, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board. (BP)

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by Hal C. Wingo

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"Sent . . . to serve." What a relief it is to know that there are those among us who have felt the call and responded with dedication of life in such service.

"Sent . . . to serve." What a dangerous, half-baked idea it is if any of the rest of us feel the slightest sense of release from personal obligation.

No one is sent without a sender. There is no service to be offered if there is no sustaining support which makes it possible for others to go.

Surely the flip side of being sent to serve is a realization equally as urgent: staying behind . . . to support. These are really two parts of one whole, and the whole includes everyone who professes to care that the world should come to understand the true nature of God's love. And that true nature is that God will love the world whether we do anything about it or not.

God will love dying children in lands torn by civil war whether we tell them that or not.

God will love families slowly starving in a world where surplus food is stored until it rots, whether we tell them that or not.

God will love people oppressed by rulers who forbid them to think and act for themselves, whether we tell them that

or not.

The sadness and the shame is that much of the world may not know of that love without our participation, either in service of life or in support of that service.

And how do we participate? How much do we do in order that this unimaginable love be presented and explained and celebrated? One thing Southern Baptists love is numbers (it is true, isn't it?), especially when the numbers are impressive. Consider these numbers:

• Southern Baptists support the largest foreign mission enterprise in the world today: 3797 dedicated, called and obedient people.

• There are 14,727,770 Southern Baptists, which means that it takes 3878 of us to keep one foreign missionary clothed, fed and on the job.

• The cost of mission support for those foreign missionaries is \$104,706,000 a year or a little more than \$7 a head for every Southern Baptist.

Talk about the miracle of the loaves and fishes! Whoever heard of such a bargain? Whoever got a bigger return? And whoever felt we shouldn't be able to do much better than that?

"Sent . . . to serve." Thank God for all who go and thank God for all who care enough to send them in his name.

Hal C. Wingo is assistant managing editor for People weekly magazine.

Californians set sights on Sahara

by Susan Todd

Something roaming the Sahara Desert has captured the attention and energy of a group of Californians.

Its movement and characteristics have become the topic of conversation—and prayer—at First Baptist Church, Winters.

Praying for nomadic group of Sudanese—the Beja people—"has gotten us out of Winters, even though we never left town," said pastor Exter Hardy.

"We now have a kinship with the Beja people of Sudan, and none of us even know any of them," he said.

The Beja people group first came to the attention of the Winters church one year ago, Hardy said. After agreeing to pray for a people group or nation where there is little or no Christian witness, the 170-member church began to learn more and more about the Beja people.

The Foreign Mission Board provided them with information such as:

- The Beja people are the third least evangelized people group in the world."
- They are a nomadic group.
- There may be as few as 10 Christian among the 1,131,400 Beja people.
- For each Christian within the group, another 104,089 people have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The Foreign Mission Board has no one assigned to work with the Beja, nor

does any other Christian group as far as mission leaders know.

Praying for a group of people on the other side of the world has had its effect on the congregation.

"I would describe our church as being much more missions minded" after one year of praying for the Beja people, Hardy said.

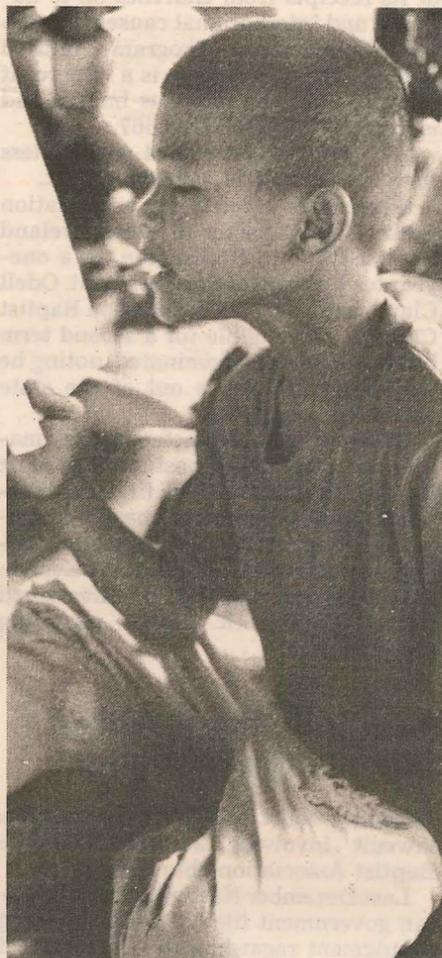
"Two years ago we weren't aware of our need to evangelize Winters, much less the world."

Praying for the Beja people has also affected the church's financial contributions to missions.

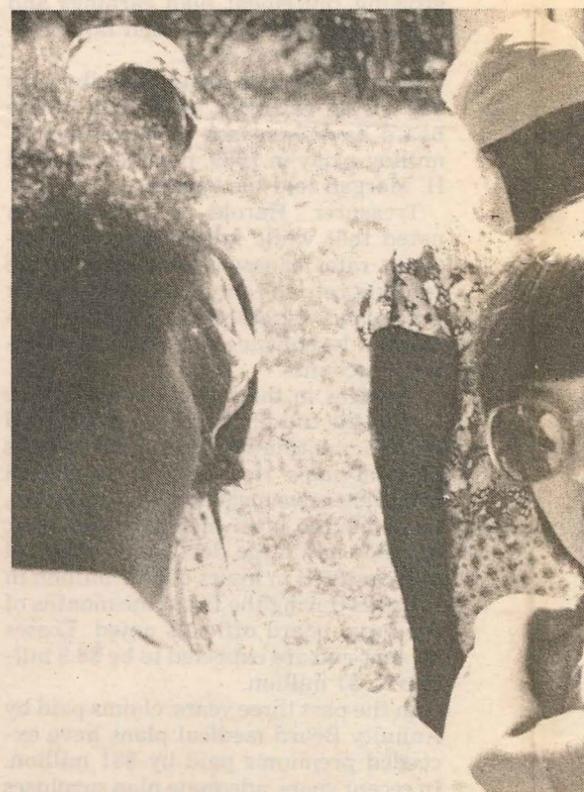
"I've been here two and a half years," Hardy said. "Two years ago, the goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (for Foreign Missions) and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (for Home Missions) were \$200 each. We increased both goals to \$500 the second year and made it for both. We increased it to \$1000 this last year and made it for Lottie, and came up \$50 shy for Annie.

The church has also made a commitment to participate in a missions partnership, Hardy said. "We'll be going to Milagro, Ecuador, next July. I don't think that would have been considered had we not been praying for the Beja people. Praying has kept us aware of our need to help evangelize the world."

Recently 12 members of the church—ages 17-74—made decisions to seek God's leadership to be involved in home or foreign missions, he said.



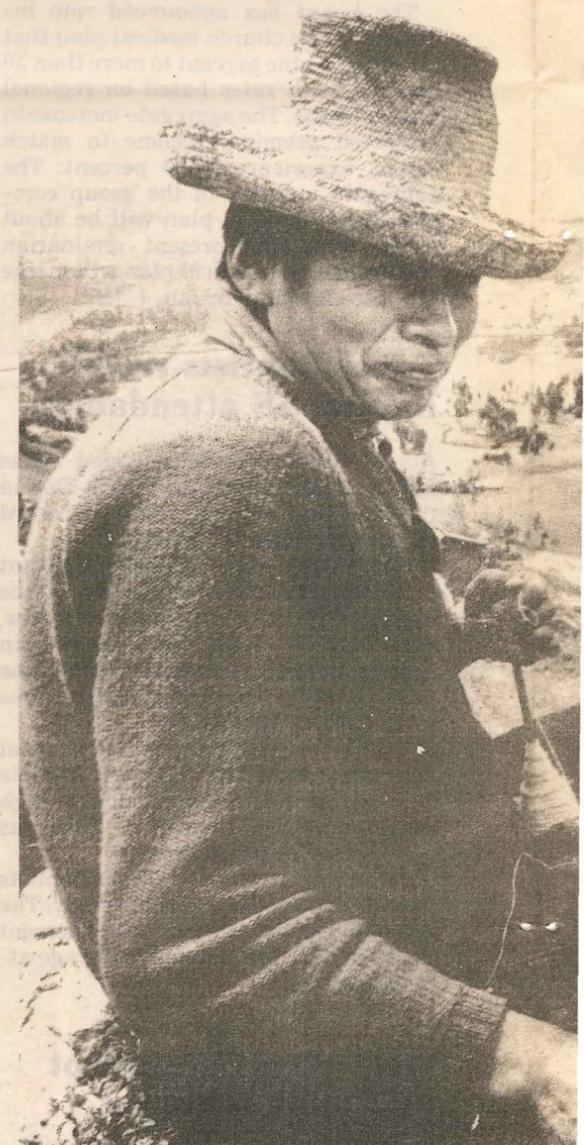
A young Thai boy sits with others on a Saturday morning to study the Bible and to worship. The service is led by Wichai Wongsansern, head staff evangelist at Bangkla Baptist Hospital. Many of the evangelist's Bible studies are the result of follow-up work done after patients leave the hospital.



Missionary Kathy Johnson visits with a friend after a service. She seems more interested in relaxing in his mother's arms.



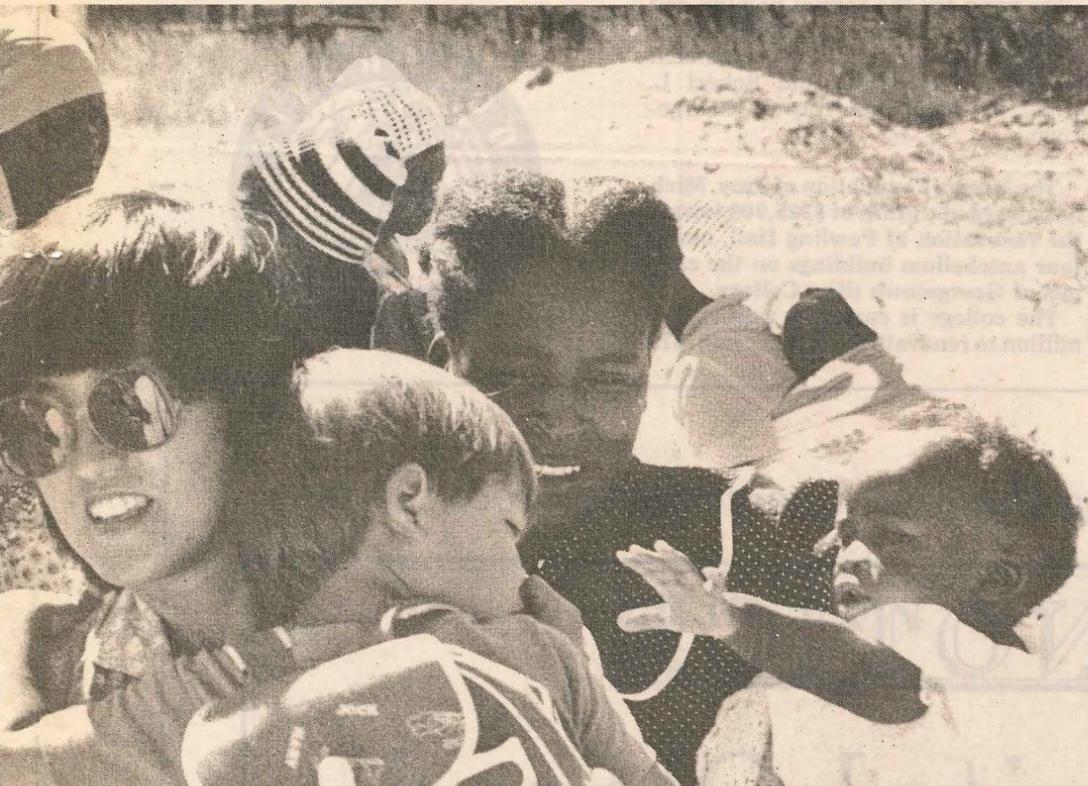
About one full day every week, missionary physician Wayne Thorpe works in the United Mission to Nepal Hospital in Tansen. The 100-bed complex employs 200 staff members including 10 doctors. When Wayne is not in the hospital he works in the surrounding countryside advising workers in 10 public health clinics scattered throughout the Palpa District.



A man and his son sit perched high above a valley. A church is located nearby, as well as many high altitudes.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering National Goals

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and after worship services at Seminary Baptist Church in Gweru, Zimbabwe, but 4-year-old Clifford her's arms than in the after-church visiting that is common to Baptists around the world.



a valley out from Cajamarca, Peru. The Las Manzanas high altitude agricultural project sites.



A sense of humor accompanies Clara Brincefield wherever she travels in southern Chile to strengthen Baptist churches through Christian education. Her laugh, a familiar one to Baptist co-workers, is a quick crescendo of short joyous bursts. Here she enjoys a light moment with Flavio Gonzalez, pastor of a congregation in Temuco.

Missions changes "ordinary" meaning

by Craig Bird

Kathy Johnson and Webster's Dictionary have an "ordinary" disagreement.

Johnson often describes herself as "proof an ordinary person can be a missionary." Webster defines her self-applied adjective as "routine, usual, of a common quality, rank or ability."

Routine? Would you raise two children where "how to react when you see a cobra" is a standard lecture?

Usual? How many Southern Baptist missionaries were raised in a Buddhist home?

Common ability? Anyone could teach Sunday school to 20 children, ages 2-16, in both English and Shona and provide marriage counseling to African college students, right?

That's Kathy Johnson, ordinary missionary.

"When we get our self evaluation forms and I come to the part asking how many people we've led to the Lord, I get discouraged because I don't have big numbers. But I know I'm planting and watering and I'm content," she said.

"She has a lot more impact than she realizes," husband Leon interjects. "When we were doing student work at the University of Zimbabwe, kids would come by the house when they knew I was gone so they would have an excuse to talk to Kathy instead, because she is so good at answering their questions, spiritual and otherwise."

Instead of numbers Mrs. Johnson talks about the people to whom God has allowed her to minister.

"When we first came to Zimbabwe in December 1982 and started at the university, I was a little lost. Leon was leading Bible studies and discipleship groups and I hadn't been to seminary or anything," she says. "But I realized God was giving me my ministry when students began to ask me about my Christian perspective on marriage and raising children and things like that."

A major breakthrough came, unplanned, when she agreed to let Oliver, a student who had been unable to locate housing, live in their extra bedroom.

"We only had (daughter) Miliaka then and had the space so we thought we were helping Oliver," she said. "But because he was there we were able to meet so many other students. He'd bring them home to meet us and people who would never just walk up and talk to a foreigner were suddenly in our home on a regular basis."

As the visitors—and the questions—continued, the spotlight sometimes got uncomfortable. "When I realized how closely they were watching us, I got a little scared," Mrs. Johnson admits. "I was afraid I'd shatter their faith if they heard me yell at my children or be ugly with Leon."

Oliver allayed that fear, however, when he told them that the Bible studies had been helpful but watching them as a Christian family had really taught him how to put his faith into practice.

And when a recent change in job assignments took them from university work in the capital city of Harare to the campus of the Baptist seminary of Zimbabwe in Gweru, the rewards—viewed from that distance—seemed more reassuring.

"The payoff is in seeing how the ones

we've nurtured have turned out," she said. Oliver, now a financial officer with the national reserve bank, asks them to pray he will be effective in sharing his faith in his work. Another former student is a lawyer and another is a teacher—but they all are active Christian witness, well grounded in the faith they share with those around them.

The church they started in the carport of their home near the university is another reassuring memory. As often happens, a number of children, unaccompanied by adults, began coming. "I'm a nurse by training, not a teacher, but it was soon obvious we needed something for the kids on their level while Leon worked with adults on their level," she said.

"Many of the parents of the children who came had to work on Sundays and couldn't come. Some days we'd have four and some days 20. The older kids wanted to be taught only in English and the younger ones couldn't understand anything but Shona.

"I struggled and said, 'Lord, you know I don't know how to teach but they're coming and we have to give them something,'" she remembers.

"So I got out the paints and the crayons, had the older children read Bible stories in Shona to the younger ones and said, 'Lord, this is what I can do; use it.'"

Born in a "nominal" Buddhist home in Hawaii, she became interested in Christianity as a high school student "searching for the meaning of life," but quickly noted she was as good morally as the Christians she knew.

"Also," she admits, "the thought did cross my mind that if I became a Christian, God might send me to Africa as a missionary." In college she encountered "a strange group of students" who managed to be happy without doing drugs and "had a faith that made them think about things other than what they were going to wear to church on Sunday."

During a prayer session after a youth outing on the beach, she accepted Christ "with the understanding that if I was going to be a Christian, it was going to change the way I lived my life."

Her baptism was delayed for about a year in deference to her parents. She prayed for a Christian husband and met Johnson, an Arkansan who came to Hawaii to teach at Hawaii Baptist Academy. Stints in Louisville, while Johnson finished seminary, and in Hilo, Hawaii, where they resurrected the campus Baptist student union, preceded the move to Zimbabwe.

Her parents, though still not Christians, have been impressed "by the way Southern Baptists take care of their missionaries, both financially through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and spiritually by praying for us."

The couple has developed several close friendships with people they've never met but who started writing them to say they were praying for Leon and Kathy Johnson in Zimbabwe.

"Prayer support is so vital and so special," she said. "It helps you get through those times when you feel like you should give it up and go home."

In other words, it helps ordinary people do their ordinary jobs on ordinary mission fields.

Christmas Offering

Total \$81 million

christian education

cumberland college

Ten new members have joined the faculty and staff of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, according to president Jim Taylor.

They are Ronald Lynn Bunker, technical services librarian; Don Russell Butcher, assistant men's basketball coach; Donna Colegrove, assistant professor of music; Thomas P. Dzugan, assistant professor of chemistry; Jeffrey Johnson, assistant professor of military science; Bret D. Kuss and Conley Kirby, assistant professors of biology; Rachel Matheis, assistant professor of English and faculty supervisor of the Tribal Tribune student newspaper; Delanna Reed, instructor of speech; Kenneth Sims, instructor in the Department of Computer Informations Systems.

campbellsville college

"That's one of the reasons we came here. We heard about the 'beauty of it all.' And it is beautiful!" exclaimed Robert Johnson of Walnut Creek, Cal. in response to why he chose Campbellsville's Elderhostel program.

Elderhostel is a national educational program for persons over 55. The program is comprised of one week of educational study and outside field trips that introduce those attending to the area, according to Sylvia Morris, director of the Campbellsville Elderhostel program.

This is the third Elderhostel program Campbellsville has hosted. It began 10 years ago and now includes 50 American states and other countries.

Campbellsville's academic offerings the week of Oct. 22-28 included "China, the Old and the New"; "A Visual History of Europe"; and "Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky Connections."

georgetown college

"Just So," a musical comedy by Mark S. Germain and based on Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories," will be presented at Georgetown (Ky.) College by the Maskrafters Dec. 1-2 and 4-6 at 8 p.m. in the Lab Theater on campus.

Directed by George McGee, associate professor of communication arts at Georgetown, "Just So" explores the love-hate relationship that lingers through memories of high school. Daniel Tilford of the college's Music Department directs the music.

Starring as "Eldest Magician" is Greg Phelps, a senior from Meally. Scott Robertson, Ft. Mitchell, plays "Man." Other cast members include Emily Williams, Georgetown, and Samantha Barrett, Union, "Elephant Child"; Marisa Smith, Leitchfield, and Jennifer Roeder, Carrollton, "Camel"; Jeff Mulvey, Cincinnati, Oh., "Rhino"; Leslie Golf, Leitchfield, "Giraffe"; Roy Williams, Radcliff, "Leopard."

All seats are \$3.50. For information: (502) 863-8162.

Georgetown College witnessed its second highest attended fall student visitation day in seven years, according to Garvel Kindrick, director of admissions.

This year's VIP Day, held Oct. 21, was attended by 165 students and 201 parents. Total attendance for the annual visitation day was up 25 percent over the last six-year average.

In addition to various campus activities held that day, scholarships were offered in biology, chemistry and mathematics for students who took the science exams.

Ten students from a field of 77 took honors. First place winners received a \$1000 scholarship, renewable four years for a total of \$4000; second place received \$750, for a four-year total of \$3000; third place received \$500, for \$2000 for four years.

Kenneth McCracken, a one-time native of Ft. Mitchell and former vice president for finance with Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati, Oh., was honored when Georgetown (Ky.) College named one of its residence halls in his memory.

The dedication, which took place at the hall housing the Beta Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Order, recognized McCracken, who died in 1984, for his long time service to the college.

On hand for the formal naming and unveiling ceremony was McCracken's widow, Thelma, in addition to president W. Morgan Patterson and Robert L. Mills, president emeritus of Georgetown.

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. has awarded a grant of \$225,000 toward the renovation of Pawling Hall, one of four antebellum buildings on the campus of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

The college is currently raising \$1.7 million to renovate the historic hall. The

grant from the Kresge Foundation, which brings the total amount raised to \$1.2 million, is contingent upon the college's raising the remaining funds for the project by June 1, 1990.



Imagine finding this on the emergency room door

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Hospital Closed

For Treatment Go To Limited Care Facility
Hours: 9 - 5 Monday - Friday

Dear Fellow Kentuckian,

A major battle is being fought in Kentucky. You and your local hospital could become casualties if the wrong side wins.

At issue is whether we should let the marketplace determine what type health care facilities will be available to us. Or, simply put, should we view hospitals and health care in the same way we view gas stations.

The economic giant Humana says we should— so that it can increase its profits. Humana is also flexing its economic muscle by saying if we don't treat hospitals like gas stations, it may move out of Kentucky if it adds jobs to its insurance company.

We say health care is a public trust and should not be held hostage to profit. It must be available to everyone, regardless of their economic status, and regardless of where they live in Kentucky.

If Humana wins, it would be free to drive local hospitals out of business. They claim it would just be competition. But, try finding a full service gas station these days.

Please, help save the community hospitals in Kentucky.

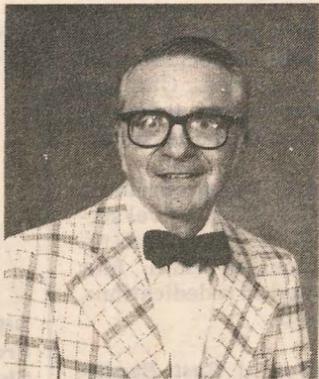
Please write your state legislator. Tell him or her that we must continue to look at health care facilities based on need. We must keep the "Certificate Of Need" law.

Thank you,

The community hospitals of Kentucky.



Pauline Stegall



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Betty Anderson



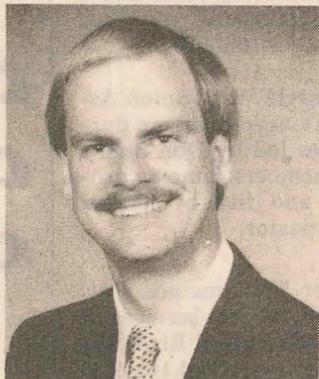
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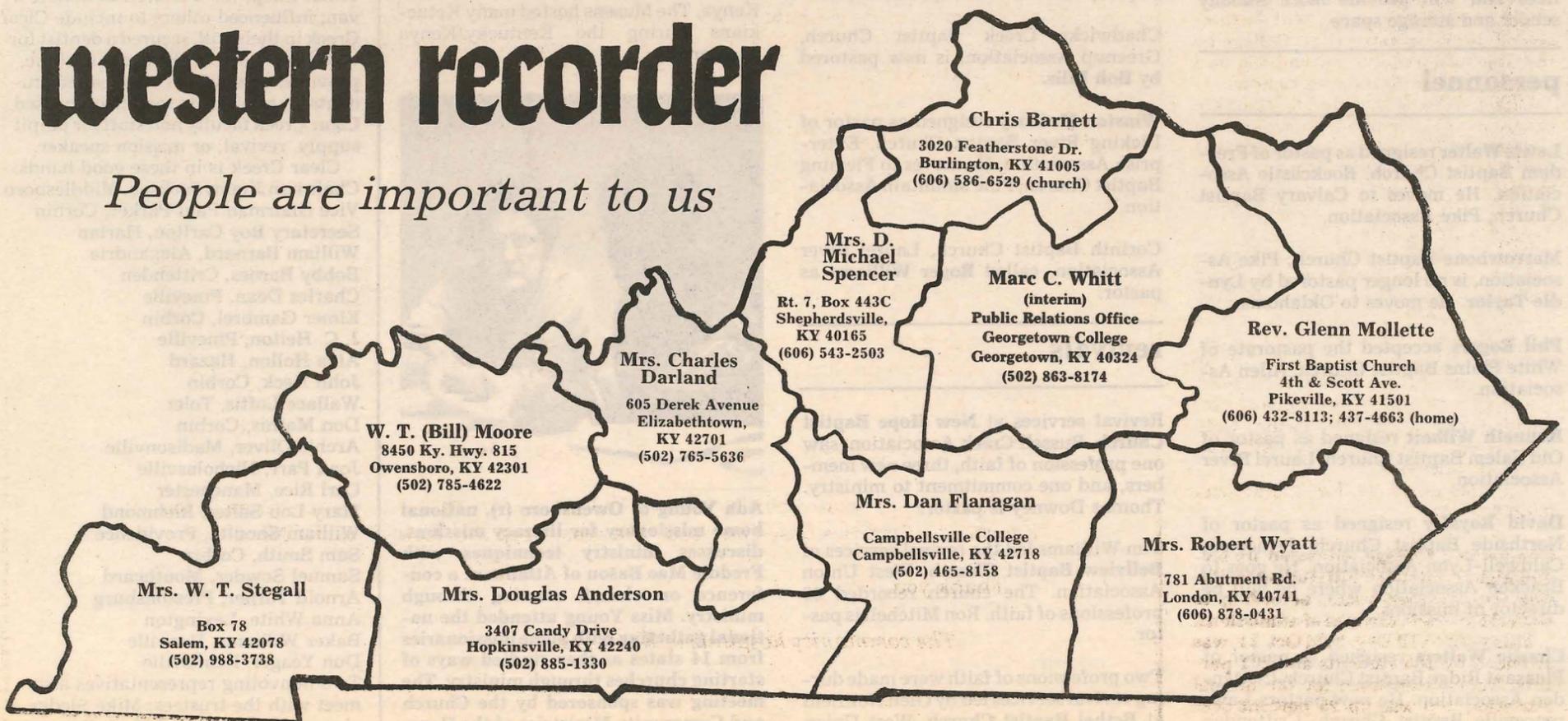
We're all in this together

Ten Kentucky Baptists, journalists by trade either vocationally or avocationally, are committed to bringing us informative stories about timely subjects. These 10 Western Recorder state correspondents, strategically situated across the commonwealth, keep Kentucky Baptists abreast of what's going on among their people and their churches.

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People are important to us



mountains to the mississippi

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Dunaway



Mathis

First Baptist Church, Corbin, honored **John Dunaway** for his 20 years as pastor. In addition to pastoring the church, Dunaway has also been president of the Kentucky Pastor's Conference and the Kentucky Baptist Convention; he has also chaired the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The church presented him with a watch and a commemorative poem. Dunaway and his wife, Jayne, were also given a Caribbean cruise.

Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, honored **Don Mathis** for his 10 years as pastor. The church roasted Mathis with a "This is Your Life" service and presented him with a gift of \$12,648.50.

During Mathis' tenure the church has received 1768 new members; Sunday school attendance has risen from 329 to 942; annual gifts have increased from \$211,000 to \$1,085,000, and Cooperative Program giving has subsequently been raised from \$23,000 to \$138,000.

Erlanger Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, is preparing for its centennial year. A kickoff service will be held Nov. 26. William Crosby, the church's pastor, will preach and Robert Kersey, of Paducah, former minister of music and education, will sing.

Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, broke ground for a new \$2 million education facility. The new building will house the church offices and will provide more Sunday school and storage space.

personnel

Lewis Walter resigned as pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He moves to Calvary Baptist Church, Pike Association.

Marrowbone Baptist Church, Pike Association, is no longer pastored by **Lynndle Taylor**. He moves to Oklahoma.

Phil Rogers accepted the pastorate of White Plains Baptist Church, Allen Association.

Kenneth Wilhoit resigned as pastor of Old Salem Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

David Royalty resigned as pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association. He goes to Bracken Association where he will be director of missions.

Charlie Walters resigned as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He now pastors Lawrenceville Baptist Church, Crittenden Association.

Mike McMillen is new minister of music at First Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Greenup Association.

First Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Monroe Association, called **Tom Knight** as pastor.

Jack Alexander retired as pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Allen Association. **Marvin Nichols** is the church's new pastor.

Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Nelson Association, called **Don Daniels** as pastor.

ordinations

Harlan Baptist Church ordained Mark David Goss as deacon Nov. 5. Roy Carlton is pastor.

Buck Grove Baptist Church, Salem Association, ordained as deacons **Jay Nelson Miller**, **Otis Bennett Jr.**, and **Earl Higgs**. Stan Lowery, pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, delivered the charge to the deacons. Floyd Price is pastor.

Steve Carney is new pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

Delbert Butts accepted the pastorate of Worthville Baptist Church, Whites Run Association.

Alan Evans resigned as pastor of Candle Ridge Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

Pounding Mill Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, is no longer pastored by **Ralph Whitaker**.

Daryl Crenshaw resigned as pastor of Garfield Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association. He goes to Cloverport Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association.

Liberty Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **David Jones** as pastor.

Tom Melvin is new pastor of Danleyton Baptist Church, Greenup, Association.

Chadwicks Creek Baptist Church, Greenup Association, is now pastored by **Bob Ellis**.

Winston McCarty resigned as pastor of Licking River Baptist Church, Enterprise Association. He moves to Fleming Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association.

Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Roger Williams** as pastor.

revivals

Revival services at **New Hope Baptist Church**, Russell Creek Association, saw one profession of faith, three new members, and one commitment to ministry. Thomas Downey is pastor.

Tim Williams led the revival services with **Bellview Baptist Church**, West Union Association. The church recorded 63 professions of faith. Ron Mitchell is pastor.

Two professions of faith were made during revival services led by Glen Holifield at **Bethel Baptist Church**, West Union Association. Thomas Wallace is pastor.

Donald Scott, former pastor of **Waddy Baptist Church**, Shelby Association, led the church's revival services. One profession of faith and several rededications were made. Don Dixon is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association, held revival services led by Don Short. The church reported 21 professions of faith, four transfers of letters and 56 rededications. Bob C. Jones is pastor.

James Green, pastor of **East Baptist Church**, West Union Association, reports three professions of faith and a number of rededications during revival services led by Bob Noffsinger.

Olivet Baptist Church, West Union Association, added 14 new members during revival services led by Don Short. Nine of the new members came by professions of faith and five by letters. Tommy Tucker is pastor.

C. R. Kirby, Roger Williams and Carl Evans spoke during revival services at **Bond Baptist Church**, Laurel River Association. The church received 16 rededications, two professions of faith, and two members by letter. Kirby is the church's pastor.

L. C. Gray led revival services at **Oak Grove Baptist Church**, West Union Association, Oct. 15-20. Ron Wells, pastor, reports 12 professions of faith and 33 other decisions.

Hazel Patch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, reports two professions of faith and one rededication following a revival led by Jimmy Williams. Clyde Eversole is pastor.

missions

Jim and Jenny Musen, missionaries to Kenya, will be on furlough in Versailles for one year starting August 1990. Their furlough address will be 343 Princess Circle, Versailles, KY 40383. Their current address is P.O. Box 426, Ukunda, Kenya. The Musens hosted many Ketuckians during the Kentucky/Kenya partnership.



Ada Young of Owensboro (r), national home missionary for literacy missions, discusses ministry techniques with **Freddie Mae Bason of Atlanta** at a conference on church starting through ministry. Miss Young attended the national gathering with home missionaries from 14 states as they studied ways of starting churches through ministry. The meeting was sponsored by the Church and Community Ministries of the Home Mission Board.



Bill D. Whittaker
President
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek chronicle

Trustworthy trustees

Twenty-four individuals guide Clear Creek as trustees elected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The full board convenes in April and October with the executive committee meeting in January and July. Effective trustees are vital to the health of a school. They offer local church perspective, business wisdom and a healthy balance to an administrator's daily concern.

Oct. 20 the trustees received the 1989-90 audit prepared by the Touche Ross firm. We were given an unqualified opinion and rejoiced to close the fiscal year with a balance while retiring nearly \$400,000 in debt. Trustees join me in a commitment to live within available resources.

During the past few months individual trustees presented gifts from \$25 to \$98,000, included the school in their church budget, gave clothing to the Thrift Shop, led a church to donate a van, influenced others to include Clear Creek in their will, secured a dentist for volunteer work in the campus clinic, provided a vehicle at cost, called students for ministry in their church, used Clear Creek faculty and staff for pulpit supply, revival, or mission speaker.

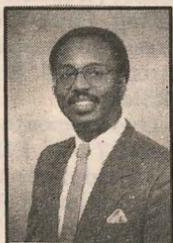
Clear Creek is in these good hands: Chairman Jimmy Jackson, Middlesboro Vice chairman Paul Parker, Corbin Secretary Roy Carlton, Harlan William Barnard, Alexandria Bobby Barnes, Crittenden Charles Dean, Pineville Elmer Gambrel, Corbin J. C. Helton, Pineville Alva Hollon, Hazard John Keck, Corbin Wallace Loftis, Toler Don Mathis, Corbin Archie Oliver, Madisonville Joan Parr, Nicholasville Carl Rice, Manchester Mary Lou Salter, Richmond William Shoulta, Providence Sam Smith, Corbin Samuel Sowder, Mouthcard Arnold Turner, Prestonsburg Anna White, Lexington Baker Williams, Danville Don Yeager, Paintsville Two nonvoting representatives also meet with the trustees: Mike Sledge, alumni president, and Mark Terry, faculty member. Pray for these leaders.



Haskell and Owens
Beacon Hill Church
Somerset
November 27



Lowrie and Stephens
Binghamtown Church
Middlesboro
November 28



Awkard and Henson
Florence Church
Florence
November 30



Cockerham and Mathis
First Church
Mayfield
December 1



Revival Evangelistic Unity Rallies

Will encourage
greater cooperation in evangelism between
the two major Baptist Bodies in Kentucky

Will inform
Baptists of the Here's Hope
simultaneous revivals in 1990.

Will generate
excitement and zeal
for this bold effort
in evangelism.

Featured speakers include:

A.R. Awkard,
New Zion Baptist Church,
Louisville

Jim Haskell,
Eastwood Baptist Church,
Bowling Green

Jerry Lowrie,
Main Street Baptist Church,
Williamsburg

Joseph Owens,
Zion Hill Baptist Church,
Midway

H.D. Cockerham,
Zion Baptist Church,
Louisville

Willis Henson,
Lone Oak First Baptist Church,
Paducah

Don Mathis,
Central Baptist Church,
Corbin

Reginald Stephens,
Consolidated Baptist Church,
Lexington

Banquets for pastors and wives only, 5:30 PM

Rallies: Worship Celebrations, 7:00 PM

Lincoln N. Bingham, coordinator
superintendent of missions, General Association,
state consultant, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Bill Rogers, director
Minister/Church Support Division
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Eugene Enlow, coordinator
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Bill Jagers, director
Evangelism Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention

baptist forum



SOUTHERN BAPTIST REPORT: KENTUCKY EDITION CELEBRATES FIFTH YEAR

With its Fall '89 release, Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition celebrates its fifth year of production. Five years ago the Media Department released its first edition of this video magazine for and about Kentucky Baptists. Co-anchors Ray Shelton and Karen Jones host this exciting production that takes the viewer on location where Kentucky Baptists are on mission together. You might find yourself at the site of a new mission church where Kentucky Baptist Builders are erecting a new church building, or in the bush country of Kenya where volunteer missionaries from Kentucky Baptist churches are witnessing to the lost.

Each edition puts Kentucky Baptists in touch with the latest news stories related to our cooperative work and ministry. Did you know, for instance, that Kentucky Baptists sent several relief teams to South Carolina to minister to those caught in the devastating path of hurricane Hugo? Are you aware that since the beginning of "Mission Kentucky" over 250 new mission and preaching points have been started? Maybe you didn't realize that our first volunteer missions team recently returned from Brazil and that you can also be a part of this partnership missions project.

These are but a few of the special features you'll find in Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition.

The Radio and Television Commission has recognized this videomagazine's relevancy and professional competency by giving it a national ACTS award in the field of mission's education production.

Each edition is guided by a carefully selected Media Advisory Group. Composed of representatives from each of the divisions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, as well as representatives from the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, the group evaluates suggestions for each production and oversees its content and quality. The team of advisors represents a cross-section of Kentucky Baptists' work and seeks to give balance to the programming of each year's editions.

Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition is released every fall, winter and spring. Upon release, copies are sent to every associational office for usage by local churches. Copies can also be secured for loan by contacting the Kentucky Baptist Video Network, Communications Division, at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky.

Many Kentucky Baptist churches and associations are already using Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition as a resource for missions promotions, GA's and Acteens programs, home and foreign missions studies and church-wide cooperative program educational emphasis.

Bob Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention and a charter member of the Media Advisory Group, said, "I believe every church would benefit from viewing this production because it encourages every Kentucky Baptist to get involved in missions."

Dee Gilliland, Executive Director for Kentucky's WMU and also a member of the advisory group, had these comments, "I don't know of any better way for Kentucky Baptists to actually experience the diversity of our work together than through this videomagazine. A picture is truly worth a thousand words, but a videotape takes you directly to the mission field where you hear, as well as see, what God is doing through the work and ministry of our cooperative efforts as Kentucky Baptists share the wonderful good news of the gospel with the entire world."

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

Pressler's fall

I was amused by the rather sanitized report (Western Recorder, Oct. 24) concerning Paul Pressler's turning down President Bush's request that Pressler direct the U. S. Office of Government Ethics.

Over a month ago (Sept. 22 between 6 and 7 p.m. EDT) the writer heard an ABC radio news release concerning the nomination of Pressler. The gist of the report was the Pressler was no longer being considered for the position because of information obtained from the FBI background check (not to be confused with FBI clearance).

Do we have a Baptist Press reporter who is willing to investigate the ABC radio news release for its accuracy?

Seems we have two rather divergent accounts as to why Pressler refused the request of the President of the United States.

Herbert Wilson
Baptist Tabernacle
Louisville

A blessing found in Utah

The Utah Mission Team members from First Baptist Church, Madisonville, are encouraged to know that Utah is one of the states being considered for mission partnership at the November Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Six adults from our singles department plus our children's director spent a week in Kearns, Utah last August where 75% of the population is Mormon (LDS) and only 2% are Baptists. We went door to door and conducted three backyard Bible clubs. The host church, First Baptist Church, Kearns, had already distributed hundreds of fliers about the Bible clubs and spent a multitude of hours in preparation for our work. They have a heart for missions and a burden for their community but they are so very few in number. They were and continue to be hungry for fellowship with Christians of the Baptist faith.

Seven of us left Utah with a greater sense of urgency concerning the needs for missions in general and a heavier burden for the lonely work in Utah. We are grateful that several were saved and baptized within weeks after we left. We are thankful we were allowed the opportunity to tell those who work for our Lord in Utah that Kentucky Baptists care about them.

Utah Mission Team
First Baptist Church
Madisonville

Why a pulpiteer?

In response to the editor profile in the Oct. 17 issue, I was saddened to read item No. 2:

A person who understands that the main task of the editor is to interpret the news instead of writing it. The editor need not necessarily be a trained or experienced journalist. However, the editor should possess or move quickly toward obtaining a working understanding of the mechanics of producing a paper.

It would seem the new trend in Southern Baptist state paper editors is for those with no journalistic experience. I believe this is in part due to the traditional pastoral leadership model. But this is not in the best interest of good

journalism or in quality coverage of state and national convention news. Why not set our standards high as we seek a qualified, committed editor? Why not insist on someone who is both theologically and journalistically trained?

Our seminaries are equipping many men and women for positions of editing and related areas. Agreed, editing is interpreting the news, but there is much more to it than that. To imply that one can "pick up" the workings of a newspaper and make decisions accordingly is to disregard the professionalism of editing and communication.

We as Kentucky Baptists would be better served by one who is well versed in journalism and the cause of Christ. Just as we would not call one as pastor to our church who could not preach the gospel, we should certainly not call someone as editor of our state Baptist paper who is not experienced as a writer or editor. That passes the burden of picking up slack to the rest of the staff—who are trained.

Someone who knows what is involved in making last minute changes in layouts is much better qualified than one who thinks it only takes a few quick moves. Newspaper production is an intricate process of teamwork. Having an editor who doesn't know what goes on with the writer or typesetter is like a quarterback who's never been tackled but keeps asking his linemen to block for him.

I for one, want someone who's been there.

Mary Royals Driskill
Former WR Intern
Southern Seminary student
Louisville

In gratitude for Kentuckians

As a citizen of Sumter, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for all that the Kentucky Disaster Relief Team did for us while here. The sacrifice you made to come to us in our time of need is not lost on us. We realize and appreciate more than we can say all that you have done.

As a Southern Baptist myself, I am gratified to see first hand what my denomination is doing to minister around the world and at home to persons suffering from natural disasters. You have caused me to feel good about the part my financial support plays in these efforts.

Rick Starr, principal
Sumter High School
Sumter, S. C.

Bravo, disaster workers!

I am encouraged by the good example of relevant ministry by Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood. Bill Marshall's account of the Kentucky disaster team's extraordinary journey to South Carolina to aid Hurricane Hugo's victims indicates an applied Christianity. As part of a larger team from 10 other states, this ministry gives a witness that the world must notice.

I highly commend C. A. Easterling and his team. We still like to claim C. A. as one of us here in the mountains. Knowing him as we do, we know this project is not isolated and a sometime-thing, but part of a pattern of faithful involvement.

Donald O. Cassidy
Premium

Irvington Baptist Church dresses up its centennial

by Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

Some women were dressed in the screaming brights of satins, low necks, feathers and hoop skirts of the gay 90s. Others opted for more conservative garb of pristine white blouses and long grey or black skirts of a later era.

No matter. Irvington Baptist Church in eastern Breckinridge County was celebrating its centennial, and doing it right.

"Actually, I found this in my closet," confessed Kay Payne, 84, president of the church's Baptist Women. She pointed to a prim grey pillbox hat perched on her head. Her father was a member of the council that met in 1889 to form a church of United Baptists in a town named for a railroad employe who saw that a station was built between Cloverport and West Point.

About 160 members, former members and friends met Oct. 8 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the church's founding.

Harold Jones, pastor from 1956-64, preached in the morning service which was followed by a potluck lunch.

An afternoon service with singing, recitation of history and greetings from former pastors and associational and state convention leaders capped the day.

Church moderator Donald Joe Keys pointed out that in the church's 100 years it had 43 pastors and saw six missionaries called from its midst.

"That's pretty good for no larger church than this is," noted Lillian Lamkin, centennial coordinator. Because the church isn't far from Southern Seminary, she said, it's served as a "springboard" for students and recent graduates.

Mrs. Payne set up a display in the church's library highlighting the missionaries and displaying items of interest like old newspaper articles and books of carefully handwritten minutes from early business meetings.

Mrs. Payne deemed one entry from Oct. 29, 1889, worth displaying:

"We believe it to be the duty of each member of the church to attend all public meetings, whether for worship or business, and that willful neglect of this duty on the part of any, especially male members, is criminal and deserves the censure of the church."

In reciting the history of the church, Keys noted that members of six surrounding Baptist churches met in one of only two churches in town, both of them black, and agreed to begin a Baptist church in Irvington.

Minutes from Sandy Hill church, one of the sponsoring congregations, read: (we) "have decided to ask for letters of dismission from the church with a view of establishing a church at Irvington. The motive that prompts this step is not that we love our mother church less, but the cause of Christ more."

The first pastor, Darrell Dowden, preached only one sermon and was forced to resign because of illness, records show.

The church met at Clair Memorial Methodist church until it built a sanctuary in 1891.

In 1917 an addition with new Sunday school rooms was constructed. But it was only used one Sunday. On December 7 lightning struck the church

and the entire wood frame complex burned to the ground.

A brick sanctuary was constructed on the site, and an education building added in 1962.

Fifty years ago, Keys chuckled, the church took in \$1061 for the entire year. Of that, \$540 went to the part time pas-

At the afternoon service, Kent Floyd, moderator for Salem Association, quoted Deut. 6:11.

God gave the children of Israel "wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plant-edst not."

Floyd pointed to a huge tree in the side yard of the stone church and en-joined members to be thankful for those who had served Irvington in the past.

"There's a shade tree out there you didn't plant," he said. "Remember that."

Circuit rider's witness celebrates 100th birthday

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

New Salem Baptist, Laurel River Association, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Begun as Mt. Medaris, the church is possibly the last one that circuit riding preacher, R. C. Medaris helped begin and is the only one that history shows was named for him. And that was for only a few years.

The first church was located in Pittsburg. Records show that about the turn of the century the meeting location was moved to Baxtertown and the name changed to New Salem. One more move brought the congregation back to Pittsburg, the present location, according to Billie Wright, director of missions.

Wright challenged, "Records are scarce but you have a past that is rich in Christ and you have a future, only if it is rich in Christ."

Mrs. Elmo Greer, 62, and George Woody, 47, were recognized as being church members the longest. Other historical facts were mentioned: The total membership was 43 in 1902, two were baptized, three lost to death and offerings for the year were \$75. The pastor's salary in 1913 was \$3. Thirty-nine persons were baptized in 1915, 15 came by



Kay Payne, right, talks with a friend as they celebrate Irvington Baptist Church's centennial.

letter and the pastor received \$65. 1946 showed offerings over \$500 with \$60 going to missions. Ironically, only \$1.35 was given for missions the following year. Preaching services were conducted every Sunday beginning in 1950, gifts were above \$1000 for the first time and the pastor's annual salary was \$287. Pine Top mission was begun in 1968.

Since 1924, pastors have included: W. F. Roden, S. R. Helton, J. F. Carr, Edd Steeley, Denvis Rush, Howard Meadows, Thomas Stubberfield, Earl Bustle, Blevie Jones, Robert Stewart, James Price, Kale Conners, Robert Finley, E. P. Whitt, Troy Fields, Steve Day, Kenneth Satterfield, W. R. Mays, Bill Mays and Bob Steadman. Joe Miller is current pastor. Ron Shaw is minister of education and youth.

New Salem now has a membership of 175. A total \$4106 was given to missions this year. A completely modern brick sanctuary with a recently added educational annex sets just off busy Highway 25. There is no church debt. An active missions program is conducted in addition to weekly services.

Miller described the now thickly-populated area, stating his goal and desire that many people will become new through the ministry of New Salem as the church enters its second century.



New Salem, Laurel River Association, recently celebrated 100 years of spreading the gospel. Begun near its present location the church is mission minded in endeavors to reach the lost.



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Associate Editor

fourth estate

It doesn't get any better

I have concluded that the weekend Fall Festivals of Marriage provided by the Baptist Sunday School Board each autumn are better than any other product or service I have ever personally been offered by the board. While the Sunday School Board attempts to deal in quality merchandise and programs at all levels to carry out its mission, the festivals are absolutely superlative by any measure.

These are not platitudes from a denominational servant who has been influenced by anything or anybody because he was on the program or because somebody paid his way to attend. I've never been on one of these programs in my life. My wife and I have paid our own expenses the last two years to attend festivals at Ridgecrest, N. C. We hope to do it again in 1990.

From a humble beginning 11 years ago with about 225 people at one festival, the original concept has expanded as demand has increased. This year 2750 Southern Baptist couples—5500 married persons—have benefited from eight such weekend festivals. Another 500 persons were turned away for lack of space.

The festivals draw newlyweds, seasoned couples who've been together for six decades and the remainder from somewhere in between. While almost all participants are laypeople, a few are ordained. One could wish even more ministers and denominational servants would avail themselves of these precious opportunities to make good marriages better.

Programing is targeted to married couples. Children are not present. Faculty members are creative, versatile, talented and qualified. Agendas celebrate the God-ordained plan of marriage. The point is frequently made that—after placing God as head of their home—couples should put each other before everybody else, including offspring, parents and siblings.

Five festivals will be held within easy reach of most Kentuckians in 1990: Louisville's Galt House, Sept. 21-23; Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 12-14, Oct. 19-21, Oct. 26-28; and Osage Beach, Mo., Nov. 2-4. Weekend expenses are under \$200 per couple. Informational brochures are available Feb. 1 from the KBC Family Ministry Department. If you're serious about this, my advice is to pay the registration fee as soon as you get a brochure, to assure a place for you and your mate.

A fall festival may change the routines of you both. It may offer some long overdue answers to needs in daily living. Baptist programing for believers simply doesn't get any more practical—or better—than this.



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oneida journal

What a weekend!

We had our usual busy round on Friday, Oct. 27. The pace picked up as the day went by. About 10 p.m., eight men arrived from East Rhudes Creek church near Elizabethtown to work as volunteers the following day putting a roof on the deck of our pastor's house. Most of them had not been here before. I showed them our color video and started to show them through our chapel building.

At that point three adults and 14 boys and girls arrived from Lee's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, for a weekend retreat. So they joined the tour. The men got to bed after 12:30 a.m. and I finished with the video for the youth group about 1:30 a.m.

By shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday, pastor Don Gowin and 20 of his folks had arrived from Green River Memorial, Campbellsville; a large group of Acteens from Evarts; approximately 20 from Calvary at Stanford; a group from Stoney Point near Albany and various others. I conducted a gigantic tour ending with the color video in our library at 12:30 p.m.

While all this was going on, the first ACT exam ever conducted on our campus had begun at 8 a.m. in our main dining room, ending at 12 noon. Approximately 70 students took part in that national exam. Always our students have had to travel great distances to other places. It was strictly monitored

and everything went very smoothly, the result of many hours of planning and preparation by our very capable guidance counselor, Myrtle Cooke.

While the exam and tour were being conducted, cross country athletes and their coaches and fans were arriving from all over eastern Kentucky for the first regional cross country championship competition ever on the Oneida campus. Our athletic director and coach, Larry Gritton, had been preparing for this major event for weeks.

The competition began at 1 p.m. and defending state champion Cordia came in first and Oneida was second with six of our boys qualifying for the state tournament at Lexington the following weekend.

In the meantime, all the usual Oneida Saturday work activities were going forward. Among the most important was the cutting of silage to fill the school's second corn silo.

With the main dining room being used for the ACT exam, students and staff ate the noon meal in the gym. That had also taken a lot of special preparation. Also sack lunches had been prepared for eight members of our choir who boarded our Greyhound immediately after the ACT exam finished. They and 31 others then made a dash for the next six hours across Kentucky to Robards near Henderson for a Saturday evening concert at 7 p.m.

The church was packed with people from many churches in Henderson, from Fordsville, Cloverport, Sebree, Drakesboro and from many other places including nearby Indiana. Some had traveled a hundred miles to hear our girls and boys sing.

After the concert the Robards church had a wonderful meal prepared for all of us. Church members then took our students into their homes for showers, and brought them back to the church where they slept in sleeping bags, etc. The men and women of the church prepared a gigantic breakfast the following morning of ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy and the group was off to Sturgis.

There we sang a concert in honor of our Lord and Charline Dorroh, celebrating her 90th birthday. Again people had traveled great distances to hear the choir.

Then off to Hickory Baptist at Mayfield for an evening meal and concert. Their church was packed with people from 22 different Baptist churches, a Methodist and a Church of God congregation.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR NOV. 19, 1989

Life and work series

Overcoming self-centeredness

Jonah 3:10 When Jonah went through Nineveh preaching and warning, the people interpreted his message as one from God. When God observed the genuine sorrow and repentance of the people, he exercised his mercy and spared the people from destruction.

Jonah 4:1-3 It is human to want to see things result as one anticipates. It was the hope of Jonah that at the end of 40 days God's arm would be extended and Nineveh would be destroyed. The repentance of the Ninevites was not to his liking. Consequently Jonah expressed his selfish anger because God spared the Ninevites.

Believing that he was discredited as a true prophet because God had spared the penitent people, Jonah asked God to take his life. Because God had been merciful with those whom Jonah hated, Jonah did not want to continue his ministry.

Jonah 4:4-11 God informed Jonah that he did not have any right to be angry. Jonah went out of Nineveh,

erected a booth and sat therein, waiting to see what was going to take place. God caused a gourd vine to grow in order that it might shelter Jonah from the extreme heat of the sun. The next day God prepared a worm which killed the vine and the plant withered. Following that God sent a hot and sultry wind. God chided Jonah for having more interest in and compassion for the vine than he did for the Ninevites who were living in sin and without any knowledge of God. He wanted to impress upon Jonah that the teeming multitudes of heathen were more important and of much greater value than a mere plant.

International series

The victorious Christ

Revelation 19:11-16 In his vision John saw the victorious Christ seated on a white horse ready to wage war against his foes.

John observed that Christ's robe had been sprinkled with the blood of his enemies and that he bore the title "the word of God." Thus John portrayed Christ as the one who communicated truths about God the Father as no other could possibly do. Using symbolism in a most effective manner, John intended for those symbols to express vital realities in an unforgettable way. Christ's coming is to be the glorious climax of all human history and an event by which his triumph is to be consummated and his rule is to become perfect.

Revelation 20:11-15 One of the most terrible and awe inspiring scenes upon which human eyes will ever gaze will be the appearance of the unsaved at the great white throne judgment. The righteous judge who will sit on the great white throne will be none other than Christ, the Son of God. John 5:22 informs us, "The Father judgeth no man but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." Only the unsaved will stand before the great judge at the white throne judgment to be judged.

Before this judgment throne both "the small and the great" will appear and they will be treated alike. The purpose of this judgment will be to ascertain the degree of punishment that will be meted out to each unsaved person. Any sinner who believes on Christ as his Saviour will have his name written in the lamb's book of life, will never appear before the white throne of judgment but will escape the horrors of hell.



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on mission together

Too late?

Seismologists are predicting for the West Coast and for the New Madrid fault area (which includes Kentucky) a major earthquake by the year 2000. The "big one" is coming.

Economic projections inevitably include those who foresee a downhill run toward a major depression.

Our world, our nation and our denomination are showing signs of disintegration and a kind of "collective helplessness" is emerging. For many, there seems to be no solution—except to hold on tight while it all comes apart—hoping, somehow, to survive.

Against this darkening backdrop, there are those who believe in a God who can reverse the irreversible; a God who can change things . . . especially the human heart.

Among those who believe that are six persons assigned by the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Com-

mission and Baptist Sunday School Board to focus our denomination on prayer for spiritual awakening.

One of those persons, T. W. Hunt, was a recent guest speaker at New Orleans Seminary for the Layne Foundation Lectures.

He shared eight "principles of prayer" which could help all of us as we seek to relate hope to our nation's spiritual disintegration.

• **Pray in the spirit.** "A Christian's prayer time should be deep and heartfelt."

• **Pray in Jesus' name.** "The name of Jesus is our legal entrance into the throne room. It is not our righteousness; it is Jesus' righteousness."

• **Abide in Christ.** "To bear fruit, you must abide; and that does not happen overnight. Abiding in Christ comes from consciously acknowledging Christ's presence, studying the Bible, praying and eliminating sin in one's life."

• **Ask in faith.** "Faith is not feeling;

faith is reckoning on the certain word of God . . . Faith is the certainty that God is hearing you."

• **Ask in humility.** "God must increase, we must decrease. It is God-centeredness that makes worship what it is; it is not what we are."

• **Ask in sincerity.** "You've got to be real. The spirit of the prayer is more important than the material of the prayer."

• **Persevere.** "Some Christians have prayed for a family member 30 years before that member came to know Christ. Be persistent. We need to cry after the Lord. Perseverance does not change God; it changes us."

"The Bible was written about folks just like us. There are times God seems to be silent; there are times we don't know how to pray; times when he seems to be hard on us. Sometimes God wants to give more than we want to ask."

O Lord, create in our Kentucky Baptist hearts a deep and abiding longing for spiritual awakening.

Music should spark emotion, says composer

by Pat Cole

Church music should spark the emotions of worshipers without conjuring up feelings of false sentimentality, stressed Southern Baptist composer Buryl Red.

"Music, whatever it does, ought to elevate people and stir people in a way that can't happen any other way," said Red. "There's something in music that can move people in a way nothing else can."

Musicians should always "strive to stress feelings and emotions about our faith in a way that has depth and strength and gentleness, but not in a way that plays up sentimentality through the trivial," he said.

Red, who has composed numerous musical dramas, choral cantatas, anthems and hymns, lectured at the 29th annual Church Music Institute at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. During an interview while on the campus of the Louisville school, Red noted that if "you use music to make things trivial it is misused." He added that "simplemindedness is not enough to convey your faith." On the other hand, he said, musicians should realize that "complexity doesn't always equal art."

Red is concerned that many times congregations hear or sing familiar songs and never ponder the meaning of the words: "Sometimes we sing them as if they were a jingle and when we may be singing some of the most profound words ever written." Red often composes new tunes for familiar songs, hoping the change in tune may lead to gain a new appreciation for the lyrics.

Red's music gains notoriety among Southern Baptists in the 1970s when he and lyricist Ragan Courtney wrote "Celebrate Life," a youth musical about the life of Christ. More than 350,000 copies of the musical have been sold since its introduction in 1972, making it one of the all-time best selling Christian musicals. It has recently been updated with new orchestrations by Red.

Unlike many of the folk style youth musicals that proliferated in the '70s, "Celebrate Life" has a "classical element within a folk idiom" that has contributed to the musical's longevity, Red believes.

"I made a special point not to use the musical cliches of the day," he emphasized.

Adult choirs are also performing the musical, he said: "People who were youth in the '70s are now adults and want to perform again; because of the classical quality, it doesn't sound like it is exclusively for youth."

Red pointed out that youth musicals helped introduce churches to new types of church music. "Youth musicals certainly freed up the musical vocabulary in churches and churches became comfortable with more musical styles," he said. "What was then revolutionary has now become mainstream (in churches)."

As youth musicals became less of a novelty, their popularity began to wane, he said. He noted there are now fewer youth to sing in youth choirs than in the '70s.

Red said composing church music has always "been a priority" for him. In his church music he likes "to use his Southern Baptist roots and traditions, but I hope what I do speaks to all."



Southern Baptist composer Buryl Red directed Southern Baptist Theological Seminary choral groups during the school's 29th annual Church Music Institute.

Southwestern ethics professor wants to change some things

by Chip Alford

Guy Greenfield wants to change some things at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—the minds of his students.

"I am not here to just be a disc jockey of someone else's information. I'm here to use the truth as we know it in scripture, theology and other sources to change people," said Greenfield, professor of Christian ethics at the seminary.

"Education, in my way of thinking, is not opening up empty heads and pouring in information; it's an experience of transformation and growth, of seeing an opportunity for ministry that you may

not have seen otherwise and of equipping yourself to work with people in a redemptive way."

Though he has taught at three colleges and three seminaries, Greenfield was originally called to the pastorate as a college student in his home state of Oklahoma.

"I was a 19-year-old student at Oklahoma State University," Greenfield recalled. "My roommate was going through a lot of severe trauma, doubts and questions. One weekend after his girl friend broke up with him he committed suicide."

"It really had an impact on me because he wasn't saved. It was a kind of thunderous message to me that lost

people were all around me and I wasn't doing anything about it. Through that experience and the influence of the Baptist student union, I realized that God was calling me into the ministry and I responded."

Greenfield transferred to Oklahoma Baptist University where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in religion and Bible. He later earned a master's degree

"I see teaching and the pastorate as a combined calling for me," Greenfield said.

Drawing on his counseling experience as a pastor and teacher, Greenfield has written four books dealing with family and interpersonal relationships and self-esteem. They include: *The Wounded Parent: How to Cope with Parental Discouragement*; *We Need Each Other: Reaching Deeper Levels in our Interpersonal Relationships*; *Self-Affirmation: The Life Changing Force of a Christian Self-Image* and *Families Practicing God's Love*. He has also had articles published in several periodicals.

Greenfield said he decided to write *Self Affirmation* after counseling so many active Christians struggling with a poor, negative self-image.

"My thesis is essentially this: what you see is what you do," Greenfield explained. "If a person sees himself as a loser he is probably going to be proving it true in his behavior."

To achieve a healthy self-image Greenfield said individuals must let the word of God transform their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. "We must use the word to replace the negative labels of our old, sinful nature with new positive labels we receive through our relationship with Jesus Christ," he said.

Greenfield is married to the former Carole Griffin whom he met in his hometown of Frederick, Okla. They have three children; Paige, Nelson and Todd.

Mrs. Greenfield has 18 years of experience in preschool and children's ministry and works as her husband's secretary. The Greenfields frequently lead Christian parenting, marriage enrichment and family life conferences in Southern Baptist churches.



Guy and Carole Greenfield work together at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

UNTIL JESUS COMES

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will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:6

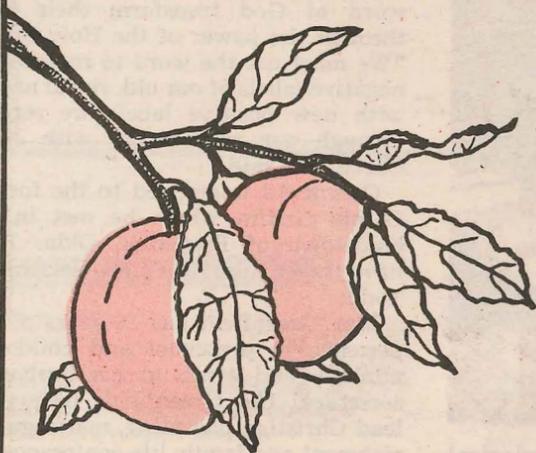
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