

Kentucky prominent as 3400 collegians meet

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kentuckians may have influenced Mission 90, a national gathering of more than 3400 Southern Baptist college students, in some ways as much as the event itself influenced Kentuckians.

Mission 90 was directed by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Ministry Department, Nashville, and jointly sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Foreign and Home Mission boards, six seminaries and Woman's Missionary Union.

The five-day missions and evangelism explosion during the Christmas vacation break from school was held in Ft. Worth, Tex. Dec. 27-31, 1989. It drew an official head count of 3414 persons. Of that total, Texas, as expected, provided the largest number of participants—845—or 25 percent.

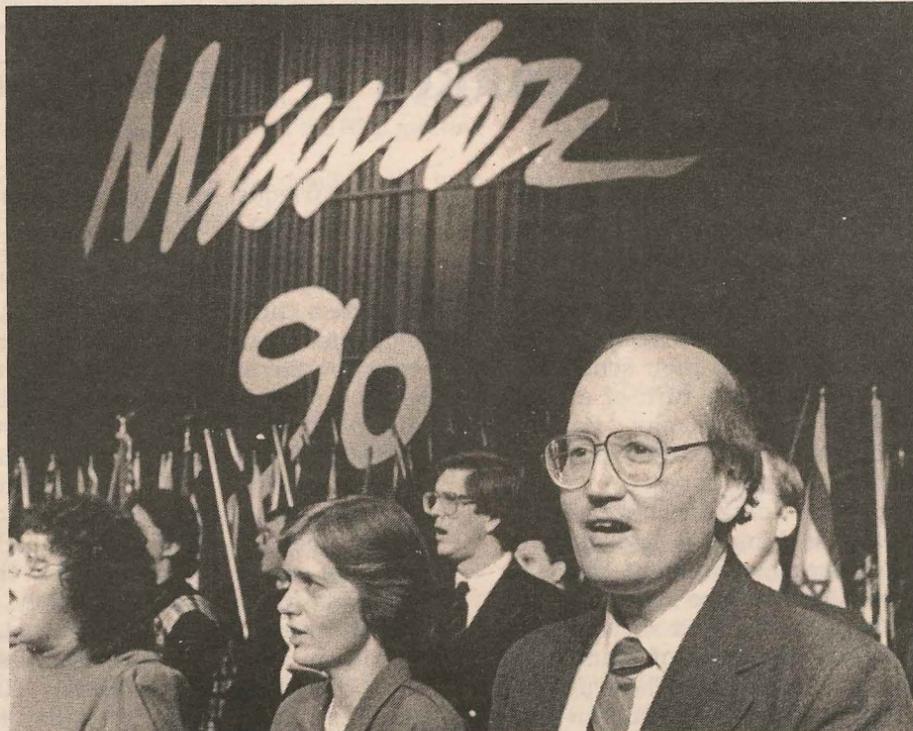
But students and campus ministers from far away and much smaller Kentucky easily came in second among the 43 states represented, with 285 registrants, more than 8% of the total.

Not only that—the program agenda was heavily sprinkled with Kentucky talent.

On opening night, participants were treated to a full concert in the downtown Ft. Worth-Tarrant County Convention Center by nationally known Christian entertainer and recording artist Cynthia Clawson of Louisville.

Two of the in-state Kentucky Baptist Student Union teams from last summer—Son Celebration, a music group, and SonShare Players, a drama troupe, performed for large audiences.

Still other Kentuckians also had major program assignments, including: Lawrence Baldrige, home missionary, Pippa Passes; David Burroughs and Michelle Tooley, students, and Bryant Hicks, professor of missions, all at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Wendy Holbrook, campus minister, Cumberland College, Williamsburg; Grace Powell, Acteens/Campus Baptist Young Women's consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Middletown; and Ada Young, home missionary, Louisville.



Randy Gallaway was one of 21 home and foreign missionaries commissioned at Mission 90 in Ft. Worth, Tex. Dec. 30. He urged 3400 Southern Baptist college students not to settle for being U. S. president "if God has a different dream for your life." Gallaway and his wife Mary, beside him, will serve in Canada.

In addition to program content and personalities, there may have been another very good reason why Kentucky students chose to attend a meeting at Christmas so distant from home. That reason is financial assistance.

At the last such national Southern Baptist collegiate event—Mission 85, held in the waning days of December 1984 in Nashville—about 150 Kentuckians participated. Based on Kentucky's proximity to Nashville and the 1989 meeting in Ft. Worth, the state Student Department budgeted to help approximately 100 students with expenses in 1989. But when 243 signed up, "we were faced with an unexpected, although happy, surprise," said Ralph Hopkins, associate director of Kentucky student work.

The department had announced plans to provide total hotel housing and to underwrite all but \$25 of students' transportation by chartered buses. The students would pick up the remaining \$25, pay a \$40 conference registration fee and handle their own meals.

Obviously, for what it cost them, they got a bargain.

Don Blaylock, director of the Kentucky department, observed that Kentucky Baptists underwrote the students' missions experience in Ft. Worth to the tune of more than \$18,000.

"Our state was more generous than any other state of which I am aware," said Blaylock. "Some others helped their students, but none to the extent that Kentucky did."

Blaylock added: "None of us can ever calculate what impact this single event will have on these students' lives. But I believe decisions were made there which will have life-changing implications from now until eternity, and it was surely money well spent." He expressed appreciation that Kentucky Baptists are so committed in this area that funds were available to "reach and teach a new generation of future missionaries and mission-minded Baptists."

The Kentucky students and campus ministers traveled on five chartered

buses from Paducah to Ft. Worth round trip.

Expressions about Mission 90 by members of last summer's in-state SonShare Players, the Kentucky drama team that performed one night in Ft. Worth before other students, were typical assessments of the week.

Said Stephanie Childers, 20, a University of Louisville junior who's youth minister at Louisville's Yorktown Baptist Church: "God's teaching me things here I need to know, so when I get back to Louisville I can be a better witness to my youth and to the people on my campus. God's awesome," she added. "He's got the plan."

James Sutherland, on the other hand, a 19-year-old University of Louisville sophomore from LaGrange, admitted that God was using Mission 90 to "convict me of a lot of wasted time in my life." He said he was searching for answers about a vocational career within the Lord's calling.

Nineteen-year-old Marisa Smith of Leitchfield, a Georgetown (Ky.) College sophomore, had experienced a "whole new possibility for service" through exposure to the Tentmakers program, a volunteer service opportunity, which she learned about that week. She said she realized in Ft. Worth the importance not only of maintaining a relationship with God but with others, "to pause and see the needs of those around me."

John Griffith, 20, also discovered Tentmakers for the first time during Mission 90. The Ft. Thomas, Ky. youth is a junior at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, and claimed Tentmakers "may be for me." While hoping to be a US-2 missionary volunteer and preparing for a business career, Griffith said he has not "closed my eyes to foreign missions service." The experiences of the week were helping him "sort out a lot."

Mission 90 helped Cheri Depugh, 22, a Cumberland College senior from Chillicothe, Oh., want to be "a living gospel." She claimed she had had a "gut

feeling" for missions for three years, and realized in Ft. Worth "it's time to admit it, although it's really scary." Foreign missions could be a "real possibility" for her, she said.

Kentucky's SonShare Players performed Robert D. Hughes' production of the book of Jonah, *God Appointed a Worm*, as a late night option before several hundred students in Ft. Worth. Hughes is associate professor of mass media at Louisville's Southern Seminary.

Sitting in the audience in Ft. Worth was the SonShare Players' director, G. Tom Smoot, an associate director of the KBC Student Department, who launched the SonShare Players theatrical ministry team in 1976.

For students on the 14 summer teams since, drama has become the students' "pulpit," according to Smoot. "Presenting real life situations often does more than the sensory of hearing only," he allowed.

Without a doubt, the single most impressive part of the Mission 90 program according to many students was the joint commissioning service Saturday night, Dec. 30. Twenty-one persons were appointed to full time missions work around the globe. It reportedly was only the second time in history the Foreign and Home Mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention had held a joint appointment service.

At the close of the service, which lasted three hours, several hundred college students responded to a call to come forward and meet with counselors trained to help them with their decisions. Many made decisions that night concerning full time vocations.

Larry L. Lewis, president of the Atlanta-based Home Mission Board, charged the missionaries—and the audience—to be in the seed-sowing business for Christ.

"Is there anyone here who is not a missionary tonight? All of us, when we have named the name of Christ, have become missionaries," he said.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., said the world is outraged at reported hoarding of luxury by former Romanian dictator Ceausescu. But he asked if the Ceausescus are not similar to many Christians who hoard God's riches and refuse to share them with a spiritually dying world.

While stressing that the call to missions is frequently sacrificial, Parks cited the need for a generation that will say, "I may die in his service, but I will not let the world die without hearing of God's love and forgiveness," he concluded.

New missionary appointees named in Ft. Worth will serve in America in Wichita, Kan.; Cut Bank, Mont.; Boston, Mass.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Bellaire, Oh.; and Riverside, Cal. Overseas, new appointees will go to Liberia, Canada, Peru, China, Jordan and Japan.

While in Ft. Worth, hundreds of students chose evangelistic and missions opportunities as methods of demonstrating their seriousness about Mission 90's purposes.

Cristy Armstrong, a Blue Mountain (Miss.) College freshman, prayed for a

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Western Recorder makes a commitment

Next Sunday has been designated Soul Winning Commitment Day by the planners of the Here's Hope emphasis of simultaneous revivals in 1990. The idea is that every Kentucky Baptist church should make a commitment to participate in this vital undertaking. Of course, few churches follow the "script" and churches will make commitments on their schedules and in their own ways. It is a happy turn of events that approximately 70% of Kentucky Baptist churches have already indicated their plans to participate in Here's Hope before the year is out.

Just as churches and members of those churches are making a commitment so we think it is appropriate for Western Recorder to make a commitment. This we have done by deciding that Here's Hope will be on the front burner of these pages for the next six months. We intend to share with you the news of plans and preparations by convention leadership, the ways in which the various KBC departments are supporting the effort, the plans of local churches and the human story of response that already is being observed in churches across the state. This commitment is more than just good intention: all WR personnel are focused on Here's Hope, a significant number of pages of print and pictures are already set aside and the funds to make it possible are already allocated—not from the evangelism office's budget nor from the executive office nor from advertising, but from WR's own funds. In short, we are committed to doing our part to make Here's Hope effective in Kentucky.

Why this commitment and these plans? Simply put, we believe that the most basic task to which we Christians are called is that of sharing the gospel so that persons who do not know God through Christ may receive him. We have a vast number of Kentuckians who are lost and in spiritual darkness. They must be reached and we want to help reach them. In short, WR is burdened for the lost.

The acceptance of the good news of Jesus has to do with life eternal for every person. It also has to do with life on earth. The aching problems of our world and our own Kentucky can be dealt with through changes lives energized with the love of the saviour. Family difficulties can be avoided if mothers and dads are reached for Christ. Young people can have the chance to accomplish something bright and beautiful rather than being caught in a cycle of rebellion and hostility. Employers can be rescued from the false promise of material success. The down-and-out and the up-and-out can find acceptance, love and understanding in a Christian fellowship rather than floundering on a circle of cynical and false competitors who

pass as friends. A lot of heaven on earth is available for those who know the Savior.

There are other reasons, too. Western Recorder believes that a burden for those without Christ can revitalize a church, all our churches. Here's Hope is an emphasis for the whole church, a calling to basic concern for the effectiveness of the church. If just one church recovers its sense of responsibility for those around them, our efforts will have been worth our investment. It is all too easy for pastors, ministers and the laity as well to end up "playing church." We can find plenty of institutional things to occupy our time—committees, paper work, civic functions, even denominational areas of interests. These things have a proper role in the church but they are the support mechanisms, not the main thrust. WR thinks we've got to get some folks out from behind the desk and into the marketplace. Here's Hope can help accomplish that. This is not a day for religious CEO's or bureaucrats in the local church, Middletown or Nashville. This is a day for hard-nosed, roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-sweaty, relate-to-people-just-as-they-are work.

Western Recorder also believes Here's Hope provides a window into the real world of evangelism. It's a multifaceted world with no "one way" to go at it. Some people shy away from evangelism because they see it as a "knock on an unknown door and start quoting Romans" sort of thing. They mistakenly believe that there's only one way to do it and they are uncomfortable with that one way. Granted, some of the "big names" in public evangelism tend to make us think that evangelism must be done in uniform ways. It's just not so folks, not so at all. Here's Hope gives everyone a chance to spread your gospel wings and fly. We're looking forward to reporting on all the different methods Kentucky churches will be using. This spring ought to enlarge our evangelistic vision tremendously. One other thing, too: we hope and pray that our work of evangelism will confront the problem of follow-up and the training of those won through the revival efforts. WR will be especially interested in what churches are doing after the revivals are over and done. The inclusion of new folks within the fellowship, their growth as disciples and their life-changes over the long haul is part of our responsibility.

WR is committed. The majority of Kentucky Baptist churches is committed. What about you and your church? Just a few brief weeks are left. For the sake of the lost, and for the sake of your church, make a commitment and make it now!

Richard W. Bridges

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baptist forum

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

Call a halt, God

Your lead article in the Nov. 7 edition, "Real Evangelism" made me angry as I have ever been. I am not mad that the article was written; we need to be kept informed. I am mad at what the principal speakers espoused.

Who are these men, especially outsiders like Falwell, and nonseminary graduates like Pressler and Patterson who dare to judge a man's calling based on their narrow criteria? And what has happened to the concept of the priesthood of the believer? Is not one accountable to God only for one's beliefs?

It truly appears that a sad day has dawned for Southern Baptists when, as Dr. Roy Honeycutt (president of Southern Seminary) so aptly stated, "when truth can be determined by 51% of the vote, we are in trouble." This is obvious when great and good men such as Keith Parks and Russell Dilday are attacked for their politics (or the beliefs of friends), and when the Lord has nothing to do with a trustee meeting at one of our seminaries.

Not only priesthood is at stake here but also compassion. I saw no compassion, much less forgiveness and grace, in Bailey Smith's remark that, "If you don't get saved tonight, God doesn't owe you another chance." It is also a bold thing to say that certain people in the convention who hold differing views from the fundamentalists have committed the "unpardonable sin." So bold, in fact, that I would never level this charge against one of my brothers or sisters.

In closing I will only say that I am not sure if my NIV is correct in every detail. Mistakes in translations could have occurred, but I am sure and certain that the word of the word is infallible and inerrant, and this is enough for me. Please God, let us stop this damnable bickering. This brings no glory to the kingdom.

Jack W. Fields
Campbellsville

Liabile labels

Nov. 7 Western Recorder carried an article on the "Real Evangelism" conference conducted by Highview Baptist Church. At first I took exception to the use of the term "ultraconservative." However, I did note that Jerry Falwell used the term "liberal."

There seems to be a gearing up in our convention on both sides. The Discipleship Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is using Ken Chafin to teach Dan Vestal's book on creation. In the session I attended Chafin, in careful language, made three swipes at conservatives.

Perhaps it is time for Baptists to clearly state what they believe and what they don't believe. I personally have a good relationship with my "moderate" friends in my own association and others. We are brothers but I believe it is time for us to be frank and honest about what we believe or don't believe.

Most conservatives have steered clear of using the term fundamentalist fearing it would link them to the independent Baptist movement. We seem to think that using an independent Baptist speaker will corrupt us in some way. Baptists have used, from time to time, people from other denominations. I re-

member Gert Behanna, an Episcopalian, speaking once at the SBC meeting in Miami, Fla.

We need not be afraid of the term "fundamentalist." At the recent Kentucky Baptist Convention a good friend of mine in the "moderate" camp came up to me in good humor and asked, "Allen, are you still an old 'fundy'?" Smiling, I replied, "I sure am."

In my library is a set of books titled "The Fundamentals." Evangelical scholars from around the world contributed to these four volumes. Among the many contributors is E. Y. Mullins "The Testimony of Christian Experience." Apparently, he had no problem being classified as a fundamentalist.

If believing the first 11 chapters of Genesis are historical (including Adam and Eve as actual people rather than representative); the substitutionary atonement of Christ for our sins; a bodily resurrection of Christ from the grave; that the Bible is accurate historically, geographically, chronologically, scientifically and theologically; that Christ is going to return physically for the redeemed; classifies me as a fundamentalist, then I am gladly guilty.

The controversy in the convention could be settled immediately if the moderate group produced a candidate that affirmed clearly what they believe and the conservative (fundamentalist) group produced a candidate that affirmed clearly what they believe.

Allen F. Harrod
First Baptist Church
Bellevue

The real story behind the story

Your article "Real Evangelism, (Western Recorder, Nov. 7, 1989), requires further comment. It was stated from the pulpit prior to the conference that all speakers had been requested to refrain from mentioning the division that exists in the SBC.

It appears that the name "Real Evangelism Conference" was not the proper title for what turned out to be a "political convention" for the fundamentalists. Forty thousand dollars was given to the Smith Ministries for this effort.

Many members of Highview Baptist Church were not in agreement with having Jerry Falwell, a nonparticipating Southern Baptist and other speakers take cheap shots at fellow Christians. Is this "Real Evangelism"? It actually was an effort to keep alive the dissension and widen the division in the SBC.

Don Bush
Louisville

Response on Bailey Smith

Bill Thomason's letter to Bailey Smith (Dec. 19) was the most intelligent, enlightened, funniest and altogether superb piece of writing I've ever read in Western Recorder.

Carry on, Mr. Thomason. You are not alone.

James McKee Adams II
Louisville

Baptistries which tell a story

Southern Baptists have one special art form of their own and that art form is in danger of passing out of existence. I

would like to help preserve that art form for future generations. I am speaking about baptistry paintings.

The Center for Religion and the Arts at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is interested in receiving information on any baptistry paintings which still may exist. I am planning to write a book in this area and would like to appeal to readers for the following things: a colored picture and slide of the baptistry scene, the name of the artist and the date the scene was painted if that is known, the approximate size of the scene and the location of the church. Interested readers may contact me at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

William L. Hendricks
Director of Center for Religion
and the Arts
Professor of Christian Theology

Unacceptable conduct

The executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, Rev. Claude Witt, was invited to Washington, D. C., for a presidential briefing Dec. 11, where drunk driving was declared a national crisis.

In his remarks the president said, "In the final analysis, the success of our efforts depends not on what happens inside the White House—but what happens inside your house. We must teach our children that alcohol is a drug."

The Temperance League of Kentucky is very much involved on a state and national level to encourage legislation that will cause alcohol use to be denounced as acceptable conduct in the public social order.

Claude M. Witt
Executive Director
Temperance League of Kentucky

Children and plan of salvation

Before you present the plan of salvation to children (see WR, Nov. 28, p. 6), please become familiar with the following resources. These resources have been written by Christian professional childhood educators who are Southern Baptists, a Southern Baptist theologian and a Christian counselor.

Read the books: *When Can a Child Believe*, Chamberlain; *Guiding Your Child Toward God*, Waldrop; *Bible Teaching for Preschoolers*, Uland; *Bible Teaching for Children*, Rives and Tonks; *A Theology for Children*, Hendricks; *The Dangers of Growing Up in a Christian Home*, Sloat.

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Associate Editor

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Paradise lost

As the 90s begin, only a decade shy of the 21st century, I ask you to reexamine some of Western Recorder's 1980 editions—one decade ago—to see what Southern Baptists were saying:

John Dunaway, Corbin, Apr. 30: *Adrian Rogers is 'too big a man' to force any particular theological view on Southern Baptist seminaries by loading appointments to the important (SBC) committee on committees.* (Read on.)

W. A. Criswell, Dallas, May 14, announcing that his associate Paige Patterson would withdraw from the leadership of a movement to elect presidents of the SBC and control trustee nominations: *After a little while you will never hear of it again.* (But we do.)

Bailey Smith, Dallas, Sept. 24: *God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew.* (Does this statement haunt Smith to this day?)

Paul Pressler, Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 24: *We are going for the jugular. The bottom line is trustees, not resolutions.* (How much plainer could he be?)

C. R. Daley, Middletown, Oct. 1 (referring to Rogers): *No president's appointments in the history of the convention were so one sided nor contributed so much to a divisive convention like the one in St. Louis last June.* (But history has repeated itself.)

Let me hasten to add—as 1980 drew to a close—activists on the other side of the issues had begun to see the handwriting on the wall. By Nov. 12 we were reporting that Cecil E. Sherman of Asheville, N. C. was holding a series of meetings of "denominational loyalists" to discuss an announced takeover attempt.

Three Louisville ministers—**T. L. McSwain**, **Edwin F. Perry**, **C. Carman Sharp**—sent a letter (Nov. 26) to 225 Kentucky Baptist pastors urging them to get out the vote at the SBC's Los Angeles meeting in 1981. Another, **J. Altus Newell**, agreed to coordinate efforts among seminary alumni.

1980 ended with pastor against pastor, brother against brother and a resolve in the hearts of many to win (or win back), whatever the cost. As a result, we have paid a heavy price in loss of souls, ministry, integrity, membership, income and trust. Surely all of it must grieve the heart of God.

Is it not now time to stop the madness and get on with Bold Mission Thrust's promise to expose every person on earth to the gospel before 2000? How serious were Southern Baptists in Kansas City 14 years ago when we vowed, *If it is to be, it is up to me?*

The clock ticks and the pages turn. There's 10 years left to the goal line. But unless our hearts and priorities change, for billions—paradise is a thing of the past.

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Layman Ira Porter, 93, dies in Louisville

Long time Kentucky Baptist patriarch Ira J. Porter, 93, a Louisville business and civic leader, died Dec. 19. Following his funeral Dec. 21 at Deer Park Baptist Church he was buried at Georgetown (Ky.) Cemetery.

Porter, former chairman of the board of trustees and trustee emeritus of Georgetown College, was a graduate of that school. The Caneyville native began a banking career in Pineville which led to being chairman of the executive committee and vice president of the old Louisville Trust Co. He was director emeritus of Liberty National Bank at the time of death.

Porter had been a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and active in civic affairs.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Thompson; son, Robert J. Porter, Columbia, S. C.; daughter, Maribeth Hambrick, Georgetown; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

Recommendations sought for SBC appointments

An open letter has been issued by Southern Baptist Convention president Jerry Vines seeking recommendations for people to appoint to key committees to serve at the 1990 SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

"I am looking for good, committed, salt-of-the-earth Southern Baptist people to appoint," he said. "I want them to be Bible-believing, cooperating Southern Baptists."

Vines added he plans to follow a practice he established last year in appointing "as many new people as I possibly can," people who have not had SBC responsibilities before.

Vines will appoint slightly more than 100 people to serve on the four committees; last year he named 111.

Under the SBC constitution and bylaws the SBC president appoints the committee on committees and the resolu-

tions committee "in conference with" the two vice presidents; the credentials committee "in consultation with" the vice presidents; and the tellers committee "in consultation with" the SBC registration secretary.

The committee on committees, composed of a layperson and a clergyman from each of the 33 eligible states, nominates the committee on nominations for the subsequent year as well as any other committee not otherwise provided for.

The resolutions committee, made up of 10 members, including three current members of the SBC Executive Committee, deals with all resolutions introduced during the annual meeting.

The credentials committee, which last year was made up of 22 members, oversees registration and deals with any disputed seating of messengers.

The tellers committee, which last year had 13 members, tabulates all votes at the annual meeting.

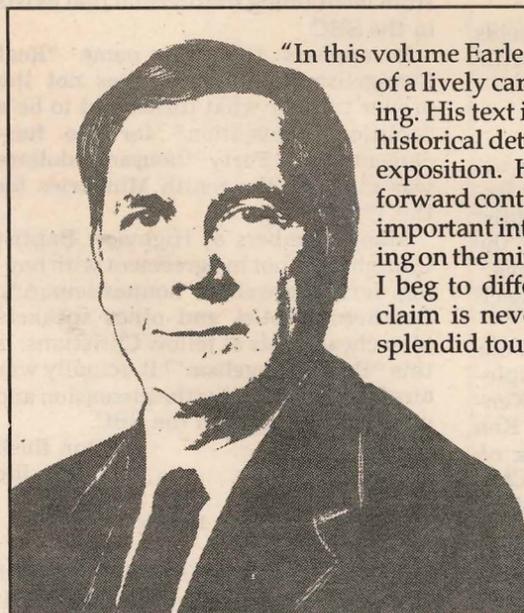
He asked people wishing to make nominations to send the material to him by Mar. 1 at First Baptist Church, 124 Ashley St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. The envelopes should be designated on the lower left hand side, "SBC Committee Recommendations."

The information should include:

- Whether the nominee has served on SBC committee or board previously, and whether any member of the nominee's church currently is serving or has previously served on a national committee or board.

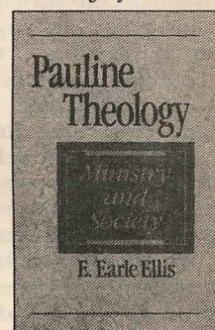
- The full name, correctly spelled, of the nominee; complete mailing address, including ZIP code; home and business telephone numbers, including area code; whether the nominee is clergy or denominationally related or is a layperson. The correct title or occupation of the nominee should be included, as well as the complete business address.

- The nominee's church affiliation, including the church mailing address and telephone number; total church membership, the amount the church gave through the Cooperative Program unified budget during the 1988-89 associational year and the percentage of the church budget. (BP)



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FBC Nashville hosts Feb. AIDS conference

A national conference for Southern Baptists, "AIDS: Crisis for Church and Family," will be held in Nashville Feb. 12-13.

Hosted by First Baptist Church, Nashville, the conference is for church staff, denominational workers and laypersons. It is sponsored by the Christian Life Commission; Church Administration, Discipleship Training, Family Ministry and Student Ministry departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and the Missions Ministries Division of the Home Mission Board.

Featured speakers include several Kentuckians: Richard Bridges, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, "AIDS: A Personal Walk through the Valley;" William Holladay, pastor, East Hartford Baptist Church, "AIDS: One Church's Response;" Belinda Mason, writer and president of National Association of People with AIDS, Hartford, "AIDS: A Personal Perspective."

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Feb. 12. Registration fee of \$40 per person or \$20 for spouse or student may be mailed to AIDS conference, Box 25266, Nashville, TN 37202.

Missionary's CPR effort saves daughter's life

Southern Baptist missionary Vaughn Ross saved his daughter's life with the aid of cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation—and a parking place.

Ross, of Plainview, Tex., planned to wait with the car while his wife Johnene and 17-year-old daughter Renae visited the dentist in a downtown medical building. Renae Ross had several wisdom teeth removed that morning and was returning to the dentist to receive a pain relief injection.

In Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, traffic during business hours has long outstripped the city's roads and parking areas. A parking spot, even an illegal one, is rare. Ross decided to wait by circling the block a few times since the office visit would last only a few minutes.

However, after dropping off his wife and daughter, a parking space opened near the dentist's office. Ross darted into the space and walked into the building to join his family.

Not long after Ross sat down in the waiting room Mrs. Ross called out for help from the dentist's examining room. Ross hurried to the back room. He found his daughter conscious but unable to breathe or control her limbs. Her respiratory system had shut down. Moments after receiving the pain relief injection she had remarked, "I can see two of you, Mom." Then her body twitched and she stopped breathing.

When the dentist's attempts to revive Renae were ineffective Ross sent his wife out of the office to find a doctor and began working through the steps of CPR he had learned years ago. Mrs. Ross soon returned with a doctor who had stayed late in the building. He gave the

girl a shot to counteract an allergic reaction to the pain medication and commended Ross for doing the right thing. The doctor said Ross probably saved his daughter's life. (BP)

Charges dropped against missionary in Tanzania

A charge of "careless driving resulting in death" against a Southern Baptist missionary in Tanzania was withdrawn in a court hearing Dec. 29.

Tim Tidenberg, 29, of Loving, Tex., was involved in a car accident Nov. 15 which resulted in the death of a young Tanzanian boy. Tidenberg said the accident occurred when the child jumped into the road as he drove by, hitting the

left side of the car.

The charge, which carried a minimum sentence of two years in jail, was dropped because of lack of evidence.

The case's resolution came one year to the day after Tidenberg and his wife Ann arrived in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to begin work as church developers. They have two children, Johnathan, 6, and Laura, 4. (BP)

Child care available for SBC messengers

Preregistration packets are available for messengers to the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting who will need care for their preschool children, announced convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

The packets are available by writing to SBC Preschool Child Care, c/o FBC, 4301 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115.

The packets will include information about child care policies, hours of operation, rates and preregistration forms, Hedquist said. They will be mailed directly to messengers who plan to take their children to New Orleans for the annual meeting.

Child care registration is limited and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis, he noted.

A day camp for school-age children also will be available, sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission. Information about that program is available by writing to SBC Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. (BP)

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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.

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"MISSIONS IS MASCULINE"



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Thy will be done

Wilber and Flora Mae Keown left Fordsville in 1924 for work in Oklahoma and Indiana. Retirement came in 1965 and they returned to a lovely cottage next to the Fordsville cemetery. "They won't have far to take me when I go," Keown observes with a smile.

Sundays you will find them at Fordsville Baptist where Keown is a deacon. Mrs. Keown has invested much of her life in the church nursery and has nurtured countless children in the Christian faith and given them a healthy dose of grandmotherly love. The Keowns have been married 60 years. They have no children but would qualify as "those other parents" many of us have known.

I stopped for a visit while in the area to speak at an associational meeting. Mrs. Keown was preparing apples to dry in the oven. She presented a gallon jar already dried and promised if I would give her advance notice an apple dump cake or fried apple pies would be waiting when I came again. Keown shared his relief at updating their will. An earlier will included a bequest for cemetery upkeep funds. The cemetery board had enough to keep it going and other families needed to be involved. Keown said with much thanksgiving, "Everything we have now goes to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation with the annual interest divided between three Kentucky Baptist institutions. The Lord enabled me to have good health, make a living and save. We want him to use it when we are gone." Until Jesus comes Kentucky Baptist work will be blessed by the Keown's decision. Preachers will receive quality training at Clear Creek supported by this strong Christian couple.

The Keowns agreed to share their decision in the hope other Kentucky Baptists would follow their example.

Will God's work be helped by what you leave behind? Will his will be done through your will?

I met the Keowns through pastor LeRoy Dillehay. He models unselfish leadership that welcomes Kentucky Baptist leaders as pulpit guests and an opportunity to inform the church on their Cooperative Program supported work.

Mrs. Keown get those apples ready; I will be in Fordsville Feb. 12.

Discipleship Training offers new dimensions Sunday night

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Baptist Young People's Union. Baptist Training Union. Training Union. Church Training. Now Discipleship Training.

The Sunday evening program's name has changed again, but the philosophy remains the same—training.

In fact, according to Doug Strader, director of the KBC's newly renamed Discipleship Training Department, helping churches and associations with discipleship has always been the department's basic philosophy. The new name simply reflects the philosophy of training "more accurately."

Strader thinks the Baptist Sunday School Board decided to change the department's name now to boost the training program. In this way the board plans to get the word to people of the "exciting, challenging things" the department offers.

With the name change comes some structural change in the KBC's Church Training Department. Two duties for which the department has been responsible have been shifted to other departments. Human needs is now part of the Brotherhood Department while recreation is under the Student Department.

That leaves Discipleship Training with the sole responsibility of just that—discipleship training.

Because of this Strader and associate Jim Clontz plan to put more time into helping associations conduct leadership training programs. They are also available to help local churches start and strengthen Discipleship Training programs.

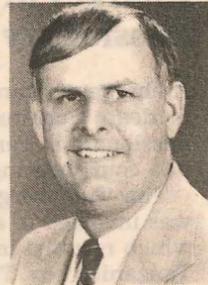
"We like to work with associations," Strader says, "because then we can work with more than one church at a time. Still we want to assist individual churches, too."

"We're available 24 hours a day," jokes Clontz.

"It's challenging to work with Discipleship Training," Strader continues, explaining that only half of the churches in Kentucky report offering any type of Discipleship Training. "Our goal is to raise that number to 60 percent over the



Strader



Clontz

next several years," he states.

Clontz also notes the publicity Kentucky is getting from the Baptist Sunday School Board. "They are highlighting some churches in our state. That helps get the word out (about Discipleship Training) and encourages other churches."

Much of the Discipleship Training Department's programs are new. Others have been offered for some time, but Strader emphasizes the variety of programs.

Four books are available for new member training: *Promises to Keep*, for children; *Belonging*, for youth; *In Covenant*, for adults; and *A New Covenant*, for combined ages.

In addition the department offers a four-session module, *Learning and Serving: New Church Member Training*.

Beginning Jan. 1 *Basics for New Baptists* will be offered. This new member training is for people who have been Christians for some time but have come into Southern Baptist churches from other denominations. Emphasis is on basic Baptist beliefs.

Lay Institute for Equipping, or LIFE, includes MasterLife, PrayerLife and WiseCounsel—leadership training for those who want more in-depth studies.

Equipping Center modules are not new in themselves, but two or three new modules are added each year, Strader says.

According to the department, Equipping Centers are "broad subject areas in which in-depth short term courses—or modules—on particular topics are offered." The six subject areas include Christian growth, family life, church

and community, Christian doctrine, leadership and evangelism and missions. The centers contain both leadership and member materials.

Beginning January 1990 two new modules will be released: *For This Cause: The Priorities of Marriage* and *The Bible Speaks to Today's Ethical Issues*. *Crossover: Preparing for College* is scheduled for release April 1990.

Strader stresses the flexibility of undated materials including LIFE courses, Equipping Center modules, study course materials and Survival kits. The programs range from four to 12 weeks long and can be used at any time and with virtually any age. They can be adapted for individual, group or seminar studies.

"Survival kits are one of the finest things we have," Strader says.

Centered around new Christian orientation, the materials help children, youth and adults understand what has taken place in the Christian experience, Strader explains. They stress Bible study and scripture memorization for daily Christian life and emphasize assurance of salvation.

Ultimately the program "seeks to lead new Christians to be able to share their faith," Strader says. "It helps people understand the struggles of new Christians the process of conversion, commitment and becoming involved in the life of the local church."

Member training is an ongoing program using undated or dated materials, Strader says.

In January 1990 five new adult tracks will be introduced. Strader explains that these plans use a combination of Equipping Center modules, church study course books and other undated material. They focus on doctrine; ministry; Bible study, prayer and devotional life; family enrichment; and general studies.

Dated curriculum for adults comes in two series: *Baptist Adults* and *Baptist Young Adults*. Strader also says that beginning in October 1990 *Baptist Study Leader* will be offered with dated material. The book will include training plans and leadership material for adults, young adults and single adults.

According to Strader, October 1991 will see the beginning of the department's own Discipleship Training preschool leadership curriculum. At present, this is part of Sunday school leadership curriculum.

Also in April the department will release its new administrative manual, Strader adds. *DiscipleAll: A Discipleship Training Manual* will tell about Discipleship Training in the 1990s. The major thrust will be how to plan, promote and conduct Discipleship Training for all ages (preschool through adults) in the local church. The guide will include new member, leader and member training guides.

Because of the flexibility of undated materials, some churches are already opting to offer Discipleship Training at times other than the traditional Sunday evening. A few churches are going to Wednesday nights, Strader says, and the LIFE studies are often offered on various days and times.

"Churches can do Discipleship Training any time for any group of people interested in the same topic," Strader stresses.



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Joint commissioning service sees 21 appointed

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conversion the night before she participated in an evangelistic outreach opportunity in Ft. Worth. But she said she didn't expect to be one who would lead an individual to Christ.

Said Cristy: "I was merely making myself available to God, and hoped at least one person would be reached through my vocal groups' shopping mall presentation." To her surprise, she found herself leading an eight-year-old boy to Jesus Christ.

"That simply made my week," she beamed.

About 100 students participated in the two-hour evangelistic encounter with Ft. Worth residents. Seven professions of faith were recorded. Nearly 400 New Testaments and 200 tracts were distributed at seven locations across the city.

Meanwhile, more than 400 students signed up to volunteer their time at 17 Ft. Worth social service agencies in mission action projects on two afternoons.

One of the largest involved 40 students who sorted and packaged nearly 10,000 pounds of canned goods at the Greater Tarrant County Food Bank. Donated commodities will be distributed to needy people through the county by 175 local agencies.

"This kind of experience gives students an opportunity to see there is behind-the-scenes kind of work related to helping people," Todd Lafferty, of Tucson, Ariz., a student at Ft. Worth's Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said.

"I hope a light will come on for some of them and they'll say, 'Hey, I can do something like this back home,'" Lafferty, navigator for students working at the food bank, insisted.

About 200 seminars were offered during three afternoons of Mission 90. Stu-



Richard Brown, Virginia Baptist Student Union president and a member of Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke, carried the Christian flag between black banners representing nations closed to the gospel during the joint home and foreign missionary commissioning service at Mission 90.



Nancy Ayers (r), a student at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, participated in a global community session at Mission 90 in Ft. Worth, Tex. Dec. 27-31 with Leanne Battle, a student at the University of Richmond (Va.). Miss Ayers is a member of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

dents could pick and choose from a wide variety of interests. Three such seminars demonstrate what was typical of the selections from which they had to choose.

In one, Sam Cannata told students, "If Christian people will take the risks to care for the thousands of people dying with AIDS in African nations, revival could be the result."

"God is looking for some people who are willing to take some risks and to die for him if necessary. Maybe you are one of them," Cannata told perhaps 200 participants in a seminar on ministering to people with AIDS. Cannata, 61, is serving in his fifth east African nation, on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar.

"There are only two things in life that are eternal—God's word and people. While God never told us our work for him would be easy, he did tell us it would be wonderful," said Cannata.

Born in Houston and educated at Baylor University and the University of Texas Medical School, Cannata has served with his wife Ginny since 1958 in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Ethiopia, the Sudan, Kenya and Tanzania.

In an interview he noted that AIDS has not yet stricken the island to Zanzibar to the degree it has Uganda, another east African nation, where the disease is "running rampant."

Fifty percent of patients in a Ugandan hospital tested HIV positive recently. "In all likelihood, 100 percent of them will wind up with AIDS," said Cannata.

The number of AIDS patients in Africa is doubling annually, he said.

But he pointed out that AIDS is almost exclusively a sexually transmitted disease in Africa in contrast to the United States where AIDS is also transmitted by IV drug users sharing needles.

"AIDS can change the history of the world," said Cannata. "It is definitely changing the history of Africa."

And while AIDS may be a "difficult" problem in America, Cannata called it a "catastrophe" in Africa.

However, he warned students that AIDS is not only an African problem but also will touch their lives.

He cited a survey which found that 85 percent of students at a major state university in the U. S. said they were sexually active, most having at least five or six different partners. He warned that AIDS will increasingly become a crisis in the heterosexual community as it already has become in the homosexual community in the U. S.

"God is going to have to do something to bring us to our knees, to bring us to himself," said Cannata.

He urged Christian college students to "unapologetically lay claim" to God's word and "live it" before fellow students.

The personal love story of Gordon and Leigh Ann Fort is clear evidence of God's leadership in marriage as well as career choices.

The Forts, now Southern Baptist missionaries to Botswana, led a seminar on marriage and family choices during Mission 90. They had met several years ago when both attended Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Mrs. Fort, who had been a Missionary Journeyman to Africa, had concluded that God was calling her to full time career missions overseas. But she said she had hesitated surrendering completely because she was not married.

During that week at Glorieta Mrs. Fort said she "gave in" and told God, "Lord, I'll go—single, married, however you want me—I'm yours."

Fort, son of missionaries to Zimbabwe, also had surrendered to foreign missions. He confessed he had prayed, "Lord, I'd really like to be married, but I'll serve you on the mission field any way you want me."

Both Leigh Ann and Gordon independently had felt impressed before they met at Glorieta that God wanted them to serve in Botswana. When they revealed that to one another, it was "an affirmation of our relationship," said Gordon.

"This is our story," Mrs. Fort told the students. "But the Lord is directing your life just as he did ours, provided you are constantly, daily seeking his will."

Fort urged the students to be aware

that "every decision you make impacts your effectiveness for world missions." This may include choices of what school to attend, who to marry and many others.

He told of people he had met who had felt a call to missions but who met and married someone who did not share that sense of call. "The call was never fulfilled," he said.

Serving as missionaries, Mrs. Fort said the experiences of her family living overseas have been positive. "The only negative I can think of is that your children grow up away from their relatives."

"If God calls you to missions, the real question is not going to be what's going to happen to my kids if I go but what's going to happen if I don't go," said Fort.

At yet another seminar on "Missions in Appalachia" during Mission 90, Kentuckian Lawrence Baldrige told students there are thousands of "hollers" all over central Appalachia in the midst of "crushing poverty."

"If you're going to be a missionary, you can't always take your values with you to places like eastern Kentucky," said Baldrige, a Home Mission Board appointee living at Pippa Passes.

He cited the work in his area as a "servant ministry," saying that "once you help somebody (with physical needs), if you share Christ with them, they are more apt to listen to you."

Noting that most of those living in eastern Kentucky don't own their own land, Baldrige said, "They don't share in the benefits; their birthright has been stolen." Going further, he added: "The only hope we have in eastern Kentucky is the young people. If they don't do something to improve the situation, nothing will be done."

Mountain people are "person oriented" rather than "goal oriented," the home missionary allowed. They need someone to help them "repair their self esteem—and we need desperately to help young people set goals." Baldrige suggested that nine out of 10 college students in eastern Kentucky are superior at human relations but "don't have the ability to make long range decisions."

In the high school years, he said, the dropout rate is 70% in the area. "It's truly a miracle when somebody can rise above it and excel," he declared.

However, he cautioned the students, "Don't get a picture of eastern Kentucky as one poverty sewer because it isn't that way everywhere." Yet, he said much of the area is "spiritually bankrupt," believing less than one percent of teenagers in the area are church members.

Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, said denominational officials who programmed Mission 90 have already announced that there will not be a similar missions and evangelistic event for college students "until the end of this new decade."

"I suppose it's a decision largely based on economic factors," said Blaylock, "but I'm personally hoping they will change their minds. If no Mission 95 is scheduled, that means a whole generation of college students will miss these unique opportunities which could influence untold thousands of decisions for Jesus Christ. The value of such an event cannot be weighed in dollars and cents. I do hope the leadership will change its mind."

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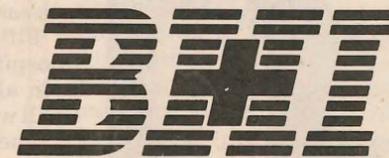
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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 14, 1989

Life and work series

Balanced living

Mark 1:29-39 While the Lord Jesus was addressing his listeners he was abruptly interrupted by a demon possessed man. Moved with compassion, the master commanded the evil spirit to come out of the afflicted man. The demon threw the man into convulsions, laid him prostrate on the floor, cried loudly and came out of the man. Naturally the people were amazed at Christ's power to cast out demons.

Upon arriving home with Jesus, James and John as their guests, Peter and Andrew found Peter's mother-in-

law sick with a raging fever. Naturally their first impulse was to tell the Lord Jesus about the situation and the need. His sympathy, compassion and love moved him to take her by the hand and lift her up. She was healed at once. Those who witnessed the miracle Christ performed on the man who was possessed of the demon and on Peter's mother-in-law returned to their homes and reported what Christ had done. At sunset the inhabitants of Capernaum and the surrounding area brought the sick and demon possessed to Christ in large numbers and he did something for all of them.

Mark 6:30-32 Following the murder of John the Baptist, Christ's disciples reported to him what they had said and done. As Christ listened to these men he noted their physical weariness. When they had finished their interesting report he invited them to accompany him on a retreat.

Christ and his apostles departed by ship for a place of solitude and much needed rest for a brief season, but the inconsiderate crowds were awaiting their arrival when they landed on the other shore. Because of their hunger for the truth, Christ taught them and then fed them.

International series

Jesus reveals himself as the bread of life

John 6:35-51 As the pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem to attend the Passover, many of them turned aside to hear Christ who was preaching near the shore of the Sea of Galilee. As the day was ending he was moved to satisfy the hunger of the multitude, so he per-

formed the miracle of feeding the 5000 men and numerous women and children. Gratified and excited by Christ's miracle, the people became wild with enthusiasm and quickly decided to proclaim Christ as their king.

Shortly after Christ performed this extraordinary miracle he delivered one of the greatest discourses of his earthly ministry in which he described himself as "the bread of life." Bread on earth, which those people were seeking, only met their needs temporarily, but the bread of heaven, or Christ, could meet their needs eternally.

Note that Christ never presented himself under the figure of some delicacy which only a certain class could afford, but he likened himself to bread, a necessity of life. Just as bread, a staple food, is necessary for the body, and one of which a person never tires, even so is Christ to the soul. As the body assimilates the food properties derived from bread, when it is consumed, so the reception of Christ by faith results in our assimilation of his life and strength. Christ is adequate for every need of the believer.

Christ explained that only those whom the Father draws would come to the Son. Christ gave the assurance there was and is one thing he will never do, cast out any soul who comes to him in simple trust and dependence. Furthermore, spiritual sustenance must be appropriated by faith.

The Father and Son both gave sacrificially so human beings might have spiritual and everlasting life. People are asked and urgently invited to receive the gift. In the will of God is a plan for the life of every believer, and we shall reach our highest joy in great usefulness only as we discover his will and live in accordance with it.



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homes for children

Mr. D. and KBHC

Larry Dauenhauer, or Mr. D. as he is generally called in the office, has now served Baptists in parts of four decades at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

He was the first employe of the newly created central office in 1958. His first role was primarily keeping five sets of books by hand for Spring Meadows, Glen Dale, Pine Crest, Board of Child Care and Glen Dale Farm. He secured the first office building at 305 Evergreen Road and has paid every bill and signed every receipt since the organization came into existence.

I recently took some time to visit with Larry about the people for whom he has worked.

The first general superintendent, later called the executive director, was Sam Ed Bradley, who had served as the superintendent of Spring Meadows. Larry described Bradley as a shrewd administrator who pioneered new dimensions of service for Kentucky Baptists.

C. Ford Deusner followed Sam Ed Bradley. He had served as the long term administrator at Glen Dale prior to coming to the central office. Larry noted his innate wisdom and his focus on the individual child. "He just loved kids and was a wonderful role model for them," he said.

Bill Amos led the ministry following Deusner's retirement. The 70s was a time of much change for all of child care and Bill brought a vision of a much expanded ministry. Much of planning completed under Bill Amos has guided the ministry's growth.

Eldred Taylor, who followed Amos, was the "right man at the right time," Larry stated. He brought a focus on the total needs of the child and led Kentucky Baptists to an increased awareness of the needs of children and families of today.

Four different leaders and now a fifth, but throughout the different styles of leadership, the different challenges and undoubtedly many frustrations, Mr. D. has been the program's strongest supporter and source of continuity.

During my brief time here I have really had to lean on Mr. D. for a knowledge of our heritage. Come to think of it we all have leaned on him for many years.



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oneida journal

God's blessings very obvious

One of the greatest joys of Christmas and the start of the new year is hearing from friends. This season we have had the greatest volume of mail of our history. Here are a few excerpts:

From Minneapolis: "I have intended to write all year. The Oneida books I ordered arrived on Valentine's Day. I was 'electrified' by them. It was like going backward in a time machine. My two brothers visited in your area in recent years, talked to many and videotaped a lot. Mother left us a heritage of faith and she often talked of the beauty of the Kentucky mountains and sang to me. I'm sending a small check to be used for potatoes."

From Cave City: "We enjoyed your stirring message at our annual association. We appreciate your efforts for the children of Oneida and hope to visit there in the near future."

From Jamestown: "What is happening at Oneida is exciting to us. God's blessing on the work there is very obvious."

From Lexington: "I am enclosing \$100 in memory of our son who died last month. Our family recognizes your school as an outstanding and worthwhile cause."

A Baptist pastor writes from Michigan: "Thank you for your hospitality and the tour on Oct. 27. That was my third visit to Oneida and every trip has been an inspiration. I have read the book *Mountain Rising* and enjoyed every page of it."

A Catholic priest recently visited our school from Ohio and this letter came with a \$50 donation: "Thanks much for your gracious and personal hospitality. The school is surely a buzzing beehive of activity, never a dull moment. What did not get done in the 'tour', your movie *Oneida: A Special Place* certainly accompanied, a splendid presentation. Keep up the good work of educating for here and hereafter. Please put me on your mailing list for the Oneida Mountaineer."

From Louisa: "Enclosed is a check for \$250. We at Southside Missionary Baptist have been giving our pastor and his wife, Ed and Marie Ellington, gifts of money at Christmas time. This year they requested our gift to them be sent to Oneida."

There were other pastors this year who did the same as the Ellingtons and even more Sunday school teachers who had their classes send gifts to OBI rather

than to themselves. Also many husbands and wives gave to Oneida this year rather than to each other.

For example, from northern Kentucky: "I am sending this check as my Christmas gift to my husband. This will make him happier than anything else I could give him!"

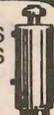
From Hopkinsville: "Having stood on your campus and looked across the low land fields across the creek I can picture the potential for great floods. My greatest sympathy to you in the trying situations you have had this year. Your staff has served well indeed with both body and soul. The Lord has promised he will not give us greater burdens than we can bear. May the many friends of Oneida supply all its needs rapidly."

From White House, Tenn. came a lovely letter and a generous gift: "We are prayerful about your ministry there. Since my father, Bert Blevins, mentioned Oneida as a concern of his as he lay dying it is now special to me also."

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Thinking the unthinkable as Iron Curtain crumbles

by Mike Creswell

Question: "Why was the sun so happy when it came up this morning?" Answer: "Because tonight it will set in the West!"

That little joke, now making the rounds in Poland, reflects the bitersweet attitudes of many Eastern Europeans in these days of heady change.

Western Europe has collectively gasped during recent months as thousands of Eastern Europeans have fled West, and as Poland, Hungary, East Germany and now Czechoslovakia have turned away from communism's failed promises to seek futures lit by democracy and other Western values.

Things have happened in Europe that redefine the word "unthinkable." Americans long have worried about a "domino effect" in which one Western European country after another would fall prey to communism. Instead the world may be witnessing a "reverse domino effect" with one country after another abandoning communism to try at least a more democratic form of socialism.

In Poland and Hungary democracy has moved quickly from being an elusive dream to a possible reality. The unthinkable has happened there. Hungary, for example, opened its border with Austria, leading thousands to flee from East Germany.

Regardless of whether reunification occurs West German churches will experience turmoil and unparalleled opportunity. The country has been overrun by more than a quarter-million new settlers from East Germany.

By the end of November Czechoslovakia announced it would tear down the fence along its border with Austria, also unthinkable just weeks before.

But Nov. 9 brought the most unthinkable thing of all: the Berlin Wall was opened and a million East Germans poured into West Berlin to be dazzled by full stores, fresh bananas and liberty's twinkling neon lights. East Berlin Christians walked across the border to visit churches they had not seen in 29 years. Pastors from both sides of the wall met the following week.

Late into the night Nov. 10, cars lined up for 15 miles at the border between the Germanies, mostly East Germans out to sample the West.

In Berlin, thousands of citizens were gathered shoulder to shoulder, celebrating the opening of the wall. Normally reserved Germans hugged each other and wept openly in the street. The crowds stood for hours to applaud every

car or group that crossed the border into West Berlin. Visitors carried home little chips of concrete from the wall—souvenirs of one of the key events in this part of the 20th century.

NonGermans at the wall that weekend felt as if they had showed up at another family's long-delayed reunion. Witnesses to the depth of long-repressed German feelings were not surprised when West German leader Helmut Kohl unveiled plans for reunification of the two Germanies which was an unthinkable scant weeks ago.

What does it all mean for Christians? More specifically, what does it mean for mission-minded Southern Baptists? Here are some possibilities:

—A reunified Germany. This topic is one of the hottest potatoes on the menu of changes being debated in Europe. As Western Europe heads toward greater unity in 1992—a unity that may include a single monetary system and virtually no trade barriers among the dozen European Community countries—some see a reunion of the two Germanies as a threat. They fear West Germany, already the trade leader in Western Europe, could become strong enough to go its own way. The Soviets say it won't happen.

Regardless of whether reunification occurs West German churches will experience turmoil and unparalleled opportunity. The country has been overrun by more than a quarter-million new settlers from East Germany. Many of these settlers have no religion at all and this offers a major evangelism challenge.

Further, West German Baptists expect around 100,000 Soviet citizens to move to West Germany each year during the next decade. Up to one-fourth of the arriving Soviets are Baptists and Mennonites but they tend to organize their own churches rather than unite with the West German Baptist Union.

Meanwhile, many East German Baptist churches—already small—have been weakened by the exodus of some

members to the West. Southern Baptists may need to consider developing special programs to aid East German Baptists who will need help in training, education and other areas.

—Great mission opportunity in Europe. Missiologists say uprooted peoples are the ones most likely to be open to spiritual decisions. If so, the new situation in Germany and elsewhere in Europe constitutes one of the greatest evangelistic opportunities in 40 years.

Christian missions and evangelism in Western Europe have seen painfully slow progress in this century. Yet Christianity has survived and in some cases grown despite government resistance in the East. Could this new situation be the opening Baptists and other evangelical Christians have sought to break through Western Europe's hard, secular shell? If it is, will Christians mobilize forces quickly enough to respond during the few months or years that people can be reached?

In light of Southern Baptists' new cooperative relationships with other "Great Commission Christians," could cooperative approaches be developed to allow more rapid deployment of personnel and funds?

—Continuing political change and instability. At Checkpoint Charlie, amid a swirl of West Berliners cheering the arrival of East Germans, an off-duty American soldier shook his head in disbelief as thousands streamed through what once had been a tightly controlled, heavily secured area. "This will change our entire mission," he said.

Already newspapers hint at a major reconfiguration of U. S. military forces in Europe. A withdrawal of large numbers of American soldiers from Western Europe will impact English-language churches that Southern Baptists have established across the continent. But it would not affect all of them since many increasingly minister to English speakers from many countries.

Many Europeans are excited about the change but worried about accom-

panying instability. Nowhere is the instability more evident than in the Soviet Union itself where nationalistic tendencies have sparked rebellion in outlying republics. Some of the "satellite countries" aligned with the Soviet bloc may begin their new lives not as unified countries but as clusters of different cultural and linguistic groups threatening to fly apart at any moment. Border questions considered long solved have arisen again.

And with so many former allies abandoning the Soviet ship of state, can holdouts such as Romania remain afloat?

After 40 years of communist rule some sections of the East have economies scarcely better than some Third World countries. Most economists say conditions will get worse before they get better.

—Dark economic days ahead. If projections prove accurate, Southern Baptists may be asked to provide hunger relief in Eastern Europe as well as Ethiopia. Poland, Hungary, East Germany and Czechoslovakia are turning to democracy with ailing, bankrupt economies. After 40 years of communist rule some sections of the East have economies scarcely better than some Third World countries. Most economists say conditions will get worse before they get better; some communist countries may see soup kitchens before prosperity.

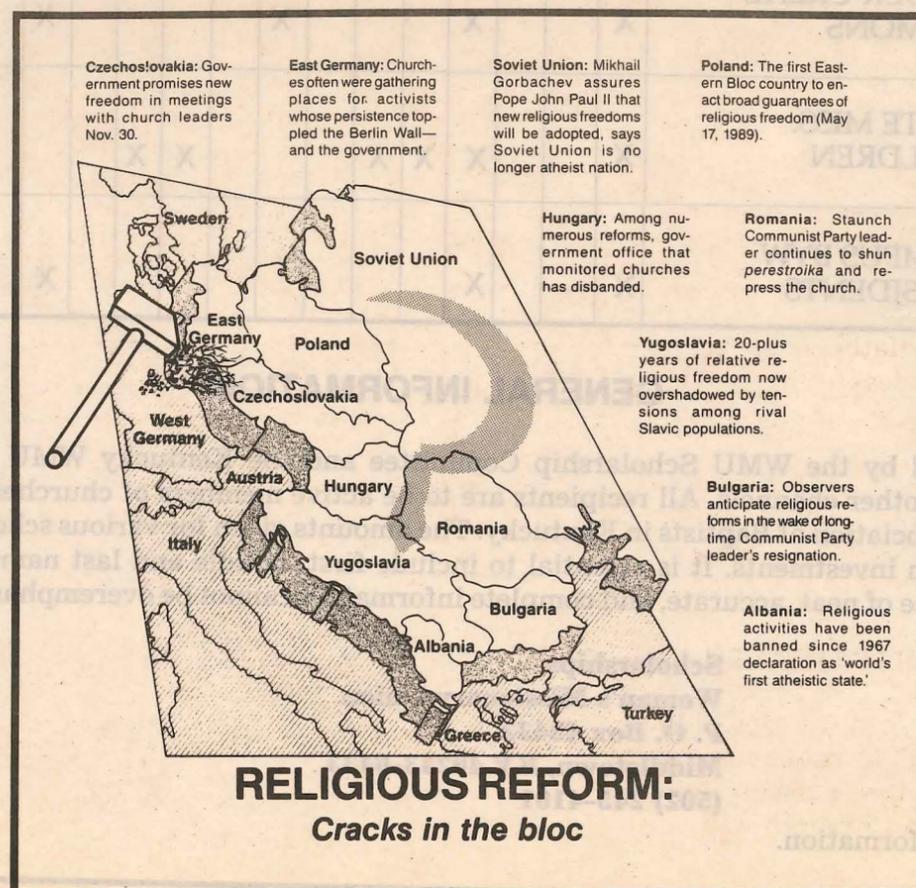
From a Christian standpoint the situation offers a chance to serve. Christian agencies may be able to send hundreds of English teachers, technicians or business leaders to Eastern Europe.

Major printing needs will arise among Baptists hungry for Bibles and other Christian literature in their own languages. Opened borders may mean big publishing opportunities. Southern Baptists already have provided equipment to Polish Baptists for publishing their own materials and launched a major Bible distribution effort in the Soviet Union. Perhaps other such ventures will follow in lands long closed to outside assistance.

Will access to some Eastern bloc countries allow access to other countries still closed to Christian work? Time will tell, as Europeans go through one of the most exciting periods since the close of World War II.

Czech Baptist leader Jan Pospisil sees the upheaval as God's way of "answering our prayers" that Eastern Europeans have a chance to hear the gospel freely. Will Southern Baptists miss the chance to minister where zealous Baptists have prayed and struggled against overwhelming odds for decades to maintain a Christian witness?

Unthinkable. (BP)



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