

Deacons, pastors, spouses to go on mission together

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"On Mission Together" will be theme of two deacon, pastor, spouse retreats next month sponsored by the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

According to John Lepper, director, identical agendas will be offered Feb. 16-17 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, and Feb. 23-24 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, near Gilbertsville. Program leaders in most cases will be different at each retreat.

Lepper claims numerous pastors and deacons across the state have discovered these annual retreats "enhance their work together." He is convinced, where pastor and deacons work together in partnership, "churches move forward in outreach and ministry."

The deacon, pastor, spouse retreats at Cedarmore and Kentucky Dam Village are the "best attended" events his department hosts all year. He believes the success of these conferences is due in part to a focus on "positive ways" deacons, pastors and their spouses "can



Crosby



Dockery

cooperate" in ministry. "Participants are challenged to be proactive rather than reactive," Lepper surmises.

Principal speaker at Cedarmore will be William E. (Bill) Crosby Jr., pastor of Erlanger (Ky.) Baptist Church. Musician will be Clark Sorrells, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

At Kentucky Dam Village, David S. Dockery, assistant professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will preach. Randy Holt, minister of music at Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, will be music leader.

Small group conferences, and leaders,

with Cedarmore leaders named first:

The Ministry of Baptist Deacons—Robert Sheffield, deacon ministry consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville (both retreats).

Lifestyle Evangelism—Billy Compton, associate director, Office for Evangelism, KBC, Middletown; Jim Haskell, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Helping Folks in Crisis—Morris Thompson, director, pastoral services, King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; Gary Bennett, chaplain, Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

Managing Family Stress—Bill Rogers, director, Minister-Church Support Division, KBC, Middletown; William P. Cubine, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah.

Using Our Gifts—Connie Lepper, Middletown; Barbara Sheffield, Nashville.

Let's All Go to Church—Charles Belt, deacon ministry consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville (both retreats).

Family Enrichment Series—Timothy

D. Maynard, pastor, Bardstown Junction Baptist Church, Shepherdsville (both retreats).

Participants in the Cedarmore retreat should mail \$15 per person to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003, (502) 747-8911. Lodging and meals vary from \$23-\$31.75, depending upon accommodations and number per room. Preferences should be specified with reservations. Commuters pay \$1 plus meals and must make meal reservations in advance.

Cancellations two weeks in advance receive a \$15 refund but only \$5 when canceled 48 hours in advance.

At Kentucky Dam Village space is available at \$30.92 for one, \$40.02 for two in lodge rooms, plus meals. Two bedroom cottages sleeping four are \$81.85 and three bedroom cottages sleeping six are \$90.95. A night's deposit is required to hold reservations, mailed to: Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Box 69, Gilbertsville, KY 42044, (800) 325-0146.

Retreats begin with supper at 5:45 p.m. local time Friday, concluding with lunch Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

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Panama missionary sees hope in military crisis

by Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

Southern Baptist missionary to Panama Daniel E. Hatfield says all 18 missionaries in the country during the recent siege by American forces were "in danger to some extent."

The residence where he lives with his wife Menda Sue and their four children is "within a mile of (former dictator Manuel) Noriega's headquarters."

And while the Panamanian Defense Force's police station directly across the street from the Panamanian Baptist Mission was "completely destroyed," there were no injuries to missionaries or damage to Baptist properties.

Of the bombing and shelling that began Dec. 20 and kept them prisoners in their home until Dec. 28, Hatfield expounded that they felt "terror and jubi-



Daniel and Menda Sue Hatfield

lition" and that the ordeal was "frightening but exhilarating."

The only missionary from Kentucky in Panama first knew of the movement into the country by American forces when he was watching late night television Dec. 20. His wife's parents had arrived that day from North Carolina for a Christmas visit and were settled in at guest apartments at First Church, Balboa.

Suddenly, a message flashed on the screen for residents of the area to stay indoors until further notice. Hatfield looked out the window and saw "military vehicles moving down the street with no lights on."

He said he and his family quickly figured out what was going on, as did other missionaries who were able to watch the Cable News Network "just like you did," noted Hatfield, for information. Throughout the ordeal the house never lost water or electricity, although they did lose telephone contact about 36 hours.

"And it was scalding hot here," Hat-

field recalled. "We were praying our air conditioner wouldn't go out."

That night there was major bombing and shelling. The earth and the house shook. Hatfield, who did his doctoral work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Revelation, mused that the fighting immediately reminded him of the spiritual "effort it takes to battle evil."

"It was frightening, but a relief."

The next day, Hatfield obtained permission from American Military Police to retrieve his in-laws who were so close to the fighting they "could actually hear the commander" in the street shouting orders to his troops.

Shortly after that, random gunfire began.

"That was the scary part in the days afterward," Hatfield detailed. "We didn't know who it was or where it was coming from."

Hatfield said he was "kept on edge" by the gunfire he could hear every night from his bedroom.

Much of Panama City was looted, he reported, and several days he saw Panamanians walking past his house carrying furniture and other items.

On the day after Christmas the shooting stopped and Hatfield ventured out to buy milk, bread and eggs. Dec. 26 was also the day the first relief efforts were begun by the Panamanian Baptist Mission.

According to Foreign Mission Board reports, they took \$11,000 in emergency relief funds and \$4000 from the native Panama Metro Baptist Association to buy food for distribution. Missionaries also oversaw distribution of food from the U. S. military after it was made available to nonprofit groups.

Some food went to a tent city of displaced Panamanians who are living on the football field and baseball diamonds of Balboa High School, several blocks from the mission, in what used to be the Panama Canal Zone.

Other food was distributed by area Baptist churches to private homes.

The Foreign Mission Board sent an additional \$15,000 of aid Jan. 5, according to spokesman Mary Speidel.

Hatfield, who was born in Louisville and whose father Eddie Hatfield is a regional development director for Southern Seminary, is professor of New Testament at Panama Baptist Theological Seminary, teaching New Testament and Greek. He and his wife were appointed missionaries in April 1988 and they arrived in Panama last August.

Hatfield noted that the country's recent events would have little effect on the seminary, which was also undamaged. Classes ended in early December and don't begin again after a summer break until early April.

"There's a (night time) curfew still on now," Hatfield explained. "But all this will be over by then." Classes at the seminary are held only from 6 to 10 p.m.

Hatfield is confident the recent events will be good for missions in Panama. Missionaries had been told not to stray by themselves and always have an escort, particularly in the interior of the country. "We've had to keep a low profile," he mused. One missionary couple in the north part of Panama was even counseled not to do any formal visitation, he reported. Now, their movements will be less restricted, he predicted.

He's sure there will be a new openness to Baptist work.

"Folks are ready to change from what has been to a new era. They're talking about democracy—the real thing—for the first time," he commented. "We'll be able to give them another choice that will liberate them even more."

He noted that Baptists are "hoping to step in with the gospel" during this critical time.

Such an effort will dovetail with an already planned simultaneous revival and citywide crusade Feb. 28-Mar. 11.

"We're quite hopeful this is an opportune time to make a concerted push," he said of the crusade.

"I think this will embolden us to be very vital in our witness."

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You can't take it with you

Dec. 30 I was observing my regular Saturday morning routine: up by 6 a.m., coffee at Jerry's restaurant, a scan of the morning paper and then to my church study for some focus on my Sunday messages. The telephone rang at 9:30. The voice on the other end was a young man in our church.

"Pastor I need for you to come down here and meet with me. My father and brother are also here. Can you come right now?" Assuring him I was on my way I tried to prepare myself for our meeting. I wondered what was wrong. "Is somebody sick, has somebody died, is somebody mad at me, have I done something wrong?" These were all questions that appeared in my mind as I traveled to our meeting place.

When I arrived they were cheerful and courteous as always. We engaged in small talk without any hint of our purpose. After 20 minutes one of the young men presented me a check written to our church for \$50,000.

"My grandmother specified this amount in her will to be designated to First Baptist's building fund." I stared at the check for some time and with a quivering voice stated, "I don't know what to say."

"Don't say anything," he responded. "She wouldn't want you to."

After I left the home I thought back upon the four years I had known the Christian lady. She had taught Sunday school in the past and had held other positions. She loved her church and had been faithful to the Lord's

work. And after her death she wanted to have a part in the continuation of the work of her church.

After a day of thought and joyful elation I called one of the family members and asked if I could share his mother's name in my report to the church about the gift.

"No, don't mention her name, she wouldn't want you to." His response affirmed in my mind once again that bequests such as this one are representative of a person's character. They don't want any fanfare. But after they are dead and gone they quietly want to still be of some service to the Lord's work without any possible way of being recognized.

An unexpected bequest such as this is a wonderful blessing to any church. It enables the church to do some things otherwise not planned for in the yearly budget.

January is Make Your Will Month on the denominational calendar. To some this may seem like a mundane event to promote. But consider what would happen if every Kentucky Baptist would make a will designating 10% of their estate to their local church, Western Recorder, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, a Baptist college or other agencies or institutions. No matter how sizable the estate any amount can be used by the local church or Baptist organization.

"You can't take it with you," is a true adage. Why not consider having your will made today leaving a specified amount to be invested in the Father's work that can continue to keep working after you are gone?

Glenn Mollette

Preachers without peer

Quite a number of Kentucky churches are studying II Corinthians as their mid winter Bible study. The later chapters of that book are the record of Paul's stirring defense of his ministry. We can deduce the charges that the "false apostles" have made against him by the responses he records. One of those charges was that while his letters were weighty, his bodily presence and speech were weak. That can only mean that a number of the brethren in Corinth judged him to be weak in the preaching department. It is a charge that quite a number of God's men and women have heard in the intervening years. Assume that they were mostly right. His own letters drop clues along the way that his oral communication left a little to be desired.

But let's think about what this average preacher accomplished. He led the church to the Gentile mission, he founded churches up one side of the Greco-Roman world to the other, he won countless men and women to Christ, he faced up to the civil authorities and started the process of governmental acceptance of the fact of Christianity and he wrote a good deal of the New Testament. Not bad for a well educated exPharisee who couldn't impress a crowd.

As we launch into Here's Hope revival meetings we might remember brother Paul. We somehow have gotten the idea that only under the superlative communicator can people be saved. The hunt was on last fall by thousands of churches to acquire the services of preachers to lead in this spring's meetings—preachers

who could "stir a crowd," preachers who had a "name," preachers who had a "record" of large numbers of professions of faith in previous meetings. Certainly every church ought to have appropriate preaching; however, we ought to remember that the message saves all by itself. All the oratory skills in the world never saved a single human being. Depending on a great preacher—and, yes, there are truly great ones out there—to "get the job done" negates the power of the gospel to stand on its own feet.

The real preachers without peer are the ones who stand in the pulpit week after week, year after year, preaching to the same people. They may throw a really great one your way every now and then, may even preach a real "dog" from time to time; usually, they are just average. But God does some mighty great things with plain average preaching. It is the story of Jesus and the power of God that saves people; the preaching presents it, displays it, makes it visible. The preacher is secondary, the story is primary.

While you are busy praying for your revival preacher—and you had better pray for him!—you might give your own pastor equal time with the Lord. His day-in-day-out work, witness and struggle with his people will determine the effectiveness of your experience of Here's Hope. That fellow who you love part of the time, criticize part of the time and take for granted most of the time—your pastor: he is the preacher without peer.

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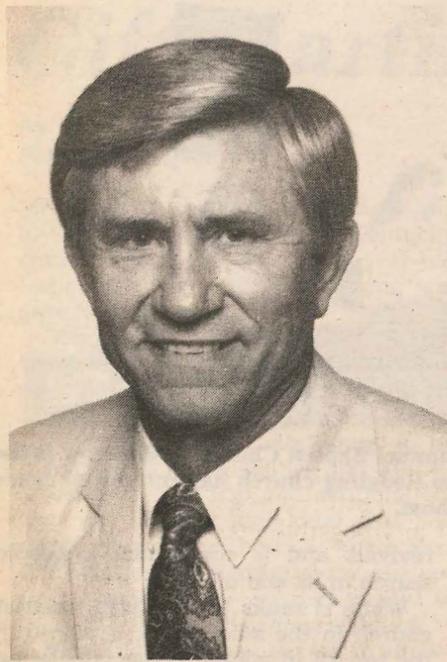
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Midwestern professor to be Boyce dean

Bob I. Johnson, associate professor of religious education and church administration at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., has been named dean of Boyce Bible School at Southern Seminary.

Johnson, 55, succeeds David Q. Byrd Jr. who retired Dec. 31 after 11 years as dean. Boyce, a division of Southern Seminary, was established in 1974 to provide ministry training for people without college degrees. The school has more than 500 graduates.

Johnson, who will begin his duties June 1, is a native Texan and a graduate of East Texas Baptist University, Marshall. He earned three degrees, including the EdD from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Before joining the Midwestern Seminary faculty in 1979, he was supervisor of the extension center section and associate director of the Seminary Extension Department in Nashville. Earlier he served 17 years as a pastor, associate pastor for Christian education and director of missions in Texas and Arizona. (BP)

Sixth grade Sunday school focus of BTN conference

Churches' dilemma of how best to minister through Sunday school to six graders—who may feel they have outgrown the children's division but are not quite ready for the youth division—was explored in a live Baptist Telecommunications Network teleconference Jan. 7.

The most important considerations in where to place six graders are the ability to meet their needs and help them to feel important, said Beth Taylor and Becky Martin, consultants in children's and youth Sunday school work, respectively, at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The consultants answered questions from viewers and host Doug Merritt, youth Sunday school BTN design editor, during the hour-long teleconference.

The session focused on the physical, mental, emotional-social and spiritual needs of sixth graders.

The consultants suggested special activities for different times of the year such as a get acquainted round-up, a church clean-up party, a Sunday

school-related activity to improve Bible study and other fun activities that are special for sixth graders. (BP)

Lewis tells WMU board HMB affirms women's role

Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis affirmed the role of women in church and in society in his address to the Woman's Missionary Union executive board Jan. 8.

"We need your help in communicating to women that the Home Mission Board strongly affirms and supports the involvement of women in missions and in evangelism and in ministry," he told them.

Lewis challenged WMU to join the Home Mission Board in a renewed emphasis on three topics in the decade of the 1990s—volunteerism, ministries and evangelism within cities, and spiritual renewal and awakening.

Lewis told the group they should not be surprised to learn that more women than men were involved in missions service through the Home Mission Board last year.

"A grand total of 23,079 women were involved in missions service through the Home Mission Board, compared to 21,869 men. It is no surprise to you that women lead the way in missions service. I am encouraged by our progress in the involvement of women in missions. But we need to do so much more," he said. (BP)

Texas Baptists begin toll free prayer line

Callers throughout the United States can receive and leave prayer requests on a new two-way intercessory telephone line sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

By dialing the nationwide toll free number, (800) 288-PRAY, callers can hear a two-minute prayer request concerning some aspect of Mission Texas, the long range emphasis on reaching people, developing believers, strengthening missions and ministering to people.

Each recorded message will provide the name and address of someone involved in a specific Mission Texas ministry so that callers may write and let him or her know about prayer support.

Following the recorded message, callers will have an opportunity to record an individual prayer request. All requests will be prayed for by intercessory prayer partners at the Texas Baptist building in Dallas. The prayer room there will be staffed constantly by volunteers during regular business hours.

The toll free prayer line will be operational seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It is made possible by the Cooperative Program unified budget plan for missions support. (BP)

Baptists urged to join year of Bible reading

Southern Baptists should join Christians from around the world in reading the entire Bible this year, urged Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The U. S. Congress has passed a joint resolution authorizing and requesting president Bush to issue a proclamation declaring 1990 the international year of Bible reading. Bush is expected comply

by the end of January, Bennett said.

"The Bible is God's message to our world," Bennett noted. "The Bible is God's word of love, hope, direction and fulfillment in a world of hate, despair, confusion and dissatisfaction. That message from the Lord is needed now more than ever."

The resolution passed by Congress states: "The Bible has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people. Deeply held convictions springing from the Bible led to the early settlement of our nation. The history of our nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Bible in the lives of individuals and families."

The 1990 emphasis on the Bible has been promoted by the International Bible Reading Association, a non-denominational organization based in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (BP)

Baptists see beginnings, hope for revival in Panama

With ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega in U. S. custody and American troops beginning to withdraw, a spirit of new beginnings is emerging in Panama, said a Southern Baptist missionary there.

"It's just so much different now," said missionary James Gilbert, who lives in Panama City. "We feel a security we did not have before. More people are going to work, cleaning up and getting ready to build again. There's a different spirit among the people."

Against that backdrop, Panamanian Baptists and missionaries are providing hunger relief and preparing for spiritual revival. About \$15,000 in hunger funds have been distributed throughout the nine associations in the Baptist Convention of Panama, said Gilbert, who directs the convention's disaster relief committee. Funds were provided by the Foreign Mission Board and the Panama Metro Baptist Association. The FMB sent an additional \$15,000 for hunger relief by Jan. 5, said Joe Bruce, who directs missionary work in Middle America and Canada.

Panamanian Baptists are preparing for citywide evangelistic crusades and simultaneous revivals to be held Feb. 28-Mar. 11 in Panama City, Colon and La Chorrera. About 60 Baptist churches and mission congregations will participate. (BP)

Homosexual Baptists organize Ft. Worth group

Homosexual Baptists have formed a Ft. Worth, Tex., chapter of Honesty, a new gay rights organization primarily for people from Southern Baptist backgrounds. David Reed, who identified himself as a homosexual, said the group seeks "equal treatment and equal rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual persons."

"We would like to see full integration of gays and lesbians into all aspects of church life, including ordination," said Reed, who holds a MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, who lists his hometown as Millington, Tenn.

Reed said he was pursuing a ThD from the Ft. Worth seminary until September 1989. "I finally decided that I wasn't marketable professionally in the Southern Baptist Convention," he said.

The Ft. Worth chapter of Honesty, which has had three meetings, was organized with five members, all of whom

either have degrees from or attended Southwestern Seminary, Reed said.

The Ft. Worth group is patterned after the first Honesty chapter, formed in June in Louisville, with about 15 members, Reed said. The Louisville group has been supporting Kevin Kouba of Florissant, Mo., an avowed homosexual who is appealing his ouster from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Kouba withdrew from Southern Seminary in July 1989 after a fellow student said Kouba was involved in homosexual behavior.

Reed attends Agape Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth, which has a predominantly homosexual membership, but he and others in the Honesty group want to hold onto their Baptist roots. "I was a Baptist 30 years and still look at myself that way. Some Southern Baptist churches do have bylaws prohibiting gays and lesbians from being members, but some don't," he said.

"There are gay people at the seminary right now, but they are having to live a very cloistered life," Reed said. "Some are living irresponsible lives because they can't be celibate."

Lawrence Klempnauer, vice president of student affairs, said: "Based on scriptural and moral grounds, the seminary does not tolerate homosexuality or heterosexual misconduct. 'People should be reminded that students are accepted on the endorsement of Southern Baptist churches. The seminary is dependent on the judgment of the local church to evaluate the student's call as well as moral fitness for vocational ministry.'" (BP)

Southern Seminary finds student's charges untrue

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's trustee executive committee has affirmed president Roy L. Honeycutt's determination that recent charges against a seminary professor are "completely unsubstantiated."

In a called meeting Dec. 27 via telephone conference call, the executive committee approved two recommendations from a special ad hoc committee appointed to review the seminary's response to the charges.

In a letter addressed to Daniel O. Ale-shire, seminary director of professional studies, Clark D. Kirkbride, a theology student from Jeffersonville, Ind., requested that he be withdrawn from the Louisville school.

Kirkbride then accused seminary ethics professor Paul D. Simmons of a series of statements and actions regarding the sexuality of Jesus. According to Kirkbride the statements were made in a course on "The Church and Sexuality" taught by Simmons during the fall semester.

Honeycutt said the seminary has declined to be specific about the accusations because "they have been found to be totally unsubstantiated and, in my judgment, libelous."

In its called meeting, the trustee executive committee voted to "affirm" Honeycutt "for following established procedures and for responding in a prompt, thorough and responsible manner" to Kirkbride's charges. The committee, which received a written report from Honeycutt, also voted to "affirm" (his) report concluding that those charges are false." The committee adopted a second recommendation requesting the seminary administration to develop a trustee procedures manual by the date of the trustees' annual meeting in April. (BP)

Glasgow mission grows quickly in rented renovated building

by Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

Immanuel Baptist Church in Glasgow is unlike other Immanuel Baptist churches in the state.

It meets in a renovated credit association building. And a pizza restaurant. And a radio station. And the basement of a bank.

Only 18 months old, this new work in northwestern Glasgow has grown to 150 members needing two Sunday morning worship services to fit in the lobby of the building. Sunday school classes meet in the nine rooms on the main floor as well as in the basement. The radio station across the street and the Mr. Gatti's several doors away. On Wednesday nights, the youth meet at Citizens Bank and Trust for Bible study.

"Apparently, the people are very enthused about what they're doing," commented Liberty Association director of missions John Nunnally. "They have an evangelistic outreach. They are an excited people, excited about what they're doing."

And what they're doing is reaching people for Christ. The church baptized 27 its first year, ranking second among the association's 34 churches in Hart, Barren and Metcalfe counties.

"There are 19,000 lost or unchurched people in Barren County," explained Walter Davis, a charter member of Immanuel. We feel we have a mission to reach these people."

Our aim is to introduce people to Christ and disciple them into mature growth with him," commented Jewel Pruitt, who was called as the church's pastor in August 1988 after it held its first meeting in July.

"We want to be a warm place for people to come and feel very welcome. Babies aren't born in snowdrifts."

So while worshipers sit in restaurant-style chairs facing homemade choir risers in a nondescript room, members make up for it with a welcoming spirit.

"I ask people to assume that nobody but them will be speaking to visitors," Pruitt related. "We don't get a second chance to make a first impression."

But his coaching evidently is not necessary for this band. They visit regularly, averaging 15 or 20 each Thursday evening. Many visit wherever they are, realizing every person is a prospect, said the pastor.

"The building is sort of dirty and dark, but some of the best memories I'll ever have will come out of that little building," mused Davis. "It's what church ought to be."

The church also operates a nursery school and preschool for 24 3- and 4-year-olds.

"It's a good outreach to parents and children," maintains Pat Gonch, who with Pruitt's wife Marilee teaches the children three mornings a week. "Two families came into the church this year from the nursery school."

Children hear a Bible story each day and learn Bible verses. Attendance has more than doubled from its first year and now there's a waiting list, all through word-of-mouth advertising in the community.

"It's not moneymaking, but it's a ministry," relates Mrs. Gonch.

Davis said members also put a high priority on youth ministry, so each Wednesday night, music and youth minister

Gary Chadwick leads a self-styled Spiritual Warfare and Training, dubbed SWAT.

Youth and adults go out in teams to pick up youth—especially unsaved youth—for an evangelistic emphasis. "We get young people to come who won't come to church," Chadwick says of the meetings. The youth lead in sing-alongs, skits and prayertimes while Chadwick leads in a Bible study. Chadwick adds that part of SWAT is witnessing training so youth can learn to talk with their friends about how to become a Christian.

The dozen or so couples who began Immanuel church were members of Glasgow Baptist who had "been praying for a long time about beginning a mission church in Glasgow," related Mrs. Gonch.

Glasgow Church is two blocks off the main square while Calvary Church, begun as a Glasgow church mission 25 years ago, is east of town. Davis said he and others saw a need for a church in the rapidly growing western part of town.

The real catalyst came in March 1988 when Home Mission Board president Larry L. Lewis spoke at a Kentucky Baptist Convention-sponsored seminar on beginning new work.

"We had a deep sense of the Lord's leading," recalls Davis.

He added that Glasgow Church agreed to pray for the new venture yet could not provide ongoing support.

But a vision, dream and a desire was enough to start with.

"It was exciting; we were people of one mind and purpose," recalls Davis.

Their first meeting saw 56 in Sunday school. Recently, the church has been averaging 160.

Pruitt, a Southern Seminary graduate with a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, was pastoring the 1100-member Buena Vista Church in Owensboro when someone called him about the new Glasgow work.

"I'd always wanted to start a church from the ground up," he remembers. "I felt God's will to do it, so here we are."

He was offered a third of his Owensboro salary and an area "ripe and ready for evangelistic work."

The group rented the vacant first floor of the Production Credit Association building and took out the large semicircular counter in the front room. The Gonches, who own several restaurants, donated chairs for the worship area and Sunday school classrooms. Others donated an IBM computer, a copier, a typewriter, the pastor's desk.

Last fall when plans were being made for the preschool, said Mrs. Gonch, members brought supplies and educational toys.

"When you need something done, someone says 'I'll do it,'" Pruitt beamed. "These people have been quite generous with their time, ability and gifts to the church."

Immanuel had been meeting for about nine months when it began a search for a minister to youth.

"And since we were asking God for him, we asked that he be talented in music too," Pruitt chuckled.

When the youth went to a church camp in Toccoa, Ga., Pruitt's 14-year-old son came back telling his dad he'd found the perfect youth minister in Chadwick, who was there with his own group of youth from a North Carolina



A radio station across the street from Immanuel Baptist Church in Glasgow is the site of a couples' Sunday school class. The fledgling church has run out of space and is using nearby businesses for extra room.

church.

Chadwick, a Campbellsville College and Samford University graduate, was serving the church he grew up in.

"When they asked if I'd be interested in moving, I said 'no,'" recalled Chadwick. "But the Lord impressed me that I needed to explore this."

Pruitt said the KBC's assistance in the new work has been invaluable. Its Direct Missions Department has provided rent assistance and lots of moral support and advice.

"Bill Jagers has given us a lot of counsel," Pruitt acknowledged. "We owe a debt to him."

In addition to 10 baptisms, 83 joined by letter that first year. There have been more than 20 additions so far this church year. The church has held three

revivals and is conducting a people search in its end of town.

While it ranks as the sixth smallest church in the association, it placed in the top 10 in giving to the association last year.

After a prayerful search, "asking God to put us where he wanted us to be," noted Davis, the church signed a contract on 31½ acres of land in November.

On Highway 90 coming into town, "80 percent of those who come into Glasgow will pass it," mentioned Davis. "Their first impression will be of a beautiful worship site."

The site, located in a growing area where no work now exists, is the culmination of a dream, says Davis.

"None of this was haphazard or spur of the moment," he emphasized.

Never a dull moment in Henry Co.

by Chris S. Barnett
State Correspondent

To say Henry County is a calm place is like saying Lottie Moon was a missionary; it is an understatement. But as the Henry County Baptist Association has demonstrated over the past year, calm does not mean apathetic. In fact, the ministries this 14-church association has undertaken show its compassion has remained at a frenetic pace.

When Hugo struck South Carolina it destroyed the lives of countless people. Henry County Baptists transported hope to those people—hope in the form of one ton of food, paper products and money. While only two men drove the truck to South Carolina, nearly every church contributed to the relief effort.

When Jamaica was hit with a tropical storm Henry County Baptists responded. All 14 churches rallied to sponsor 14 workers who traveled to Jamaica. The team made repairs which made it possible for people to move back into their homes.

When a minister's wife died recently the association was quick to respond. The churches collected a love offering exceeding \$2000 for the widowed minister.

These mission actions reflect concern of the churches and coincide with calling the association's new director of missions, Pam Cobb. She sees her role as that of a facilitator. "My job is to give people an opportunity to help others," she says.

A missions council has been enlisted to help Mrs. Cobb implement the association's ministries. The council consists of Greg Cobb, New Castle Baptist; A. B. Cox, Lockport Baptist; Alma Bramblett, Orville Baptist; Lloyd Gray, Smithfield Baptist; Scott Hemrick, Franklinton

Baptist; and Carol Pennick, Bethlehem Baptist.

The council's first responsibility was to respond to a survey conducted among the churches. The churches determined that immediate needs revolve around five areas: nursing home ministry, drug and alcohol abuse awareness, aging disabilities, divorce recovery, ministry to one-parent families. The association has already begun working toward addressing these needs by sponsoring a divorce recovery workshop.

Mrs. Cobb says the churches are working toward participation in the 1990 simultaneous revivals—"Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you." They hope to have 100 Daniel teams, to baptize 28 during the revival week and to distribute Bibles to 700 people.

Mrs. Cobb also has her sights set on linking up with an Idaho association to strengthen existing churches, to start new churches and to provide an opportunity for Henry County churches to help others.



Mrs. Cobb

Gift of artificial limb results from partnership

by W. T. Moore
State Correspondent

Missions has come alive in a new way for a number of western Kentucky churches in recent weeks as 14-year-old Debora Rodrigues of Brazil sang and gave her testimony.

Debora and her interpreter, Rosana Guimaraes de Souza, appeared in 18 churches, a school, a nursing home and a pastor's conference. They were in Owensboro for Miss Rodrigues to be fitted with an artificial leg and trained in using it. The trip and artificial leg were provided by individual gifts and by offerings in the churches where Miss Rodrigues shared her testimony. Her appearances also gave encouragement to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Miss Rodrigues lost her leg in an automobile accident two years ago. She was fitted with an artificial leg in Brazil but it was so painful it was of little use. She missed two years of school during medical treatments.

Last August several people from Owensboro were in Brazil as part of an evangelistic crusade in Baptist churches in the Rio de Janeiro area. Miss Rodrigues sang in several crusade services. The Owensboro people became interested in bringing her to the states to be fitted with a new leg.

She is the youngest of 13 children and her father earns about fifty dollars a month.

Some of her family opposed her com-



Brazilians Rosana de Souza (l) and Debora Rodrigues enjoy their first snow.

ing. Her father said: "So many North Americans come down here and make promises and go home and forget it."

Evangelist L. C. Gray of Owensboro, who spearheaded the fund raising, said: "His statement tore my heart out. It built a fire under us."

An anonymous donor began the drive with a thousand dollar gift. By mid October enough had been raised to make arrangements for the trip. Total cost was about \$8000, including travel for the two, winter clothing and cost of the leg.

A small surplus amount was put in a

fund for any further treatment or adjustment needed. The leg can be adjusted if Miss Rodrigues grows taller. Miss Rodrigues and Miss de Souza were in the states from Nov. 4 to Dec. 20.

Miss Rodrigues received her new leg Dec. 8. As she began to take her first real steps in two years she soon gained confidence to walk unaided around the doctor's office. As she walked she began to sing: "I can't walk on the water but I know a man who can, I can't make the lame to walk but I know a man who can."

When they had finished at the doctor's office that day Miss Rodrigues asked if she could pray with the doctor and his staff. As Miss de Souza translated everyone was touched by the prayer.

At Whitesville Baptist Church, where Miss Rodrigues appeared, pastor Larry Bratcher said: "Our people saw missions in action." The church was so moved it made Miss Rodrigues and Miss de Souza honorary members.

Rosana de Souza, a school teacher, had not met Miss Rodrigues until the crusade in August. Miss Rodrigues traveled about 35 miles to sing in a service where L. C. Gray was preaching. Miss de Souza was the interpreter for the services that night.

Miss Rodrigues' parents are Christians but none of the other 12 children are believers. Although none of the others are still at home she often asked new friends here to pray her experiences will be a witness to her brothers and sisters.

Before they returned home her father told her he had a list of churches and schools that have already requested her to share her experiences to the states. She said: "I will tell of my great experiences, of my opportunities to share God's love. I will tell how God touched so many people in America to help us."

Miss Rodrigues and Miss de Souza stayed in the home of April and Jim Zeimer while in Owensboro. The Zeimers were lay members of the crusade team in Brazil.

Dedication defines two beyond three score and ten

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

Keenagers, Joymakers and Senior Citizens are just a few handles given those active in church after their lives have surpassed three score and ten. Two such ladies have been found in churches in eastern Kentucky and the search is on for more.

Maggie Lou Raxter, 88, has been playing the organ for First Baptist, Irvine, more than 50 years. Emma Seale Howard celebrated her 94th birthday Dec. 28. She has prepared the Lord's Supper for Harlan Baptist since 1934.

"When Mrs. Raxter is absent I know something is wrong. She is always here and early," commented pastor William Bush. Mrs. Raxter is 88 and has played the church's Pilcher II manual pipe



Mrs. Raxter

organ more than 50 years. She modestly says she cannot play well. However, church members say no one can play the organ as she does. And, each week her playing is heard live throughout the tri county area when the services are broadcast over the air waves.

"I did not take organ lessons. The only lesson I had was to turn it off and on. I had some piano lessons. Mrs. Bergman needed an assistant and I volunteered to help. I guess I thought Mrs. B. would always be here and I surely never thought I would play for 50 years," she smiled.

According to Mrs. Raxter, over the years she has trained three young people. They have each played the organ and she was assistant. Each eventually moved away and she was back as organist. When asked about retiring, she claims to have no such plans. However, she knows she will not be here forever and she is anxious for the Lord to send someone to replace her as the thoughts of the organ being silenced distress her.

Mrs. Raxter is a dedicated Baptist. She moved to Irvine with her family in 1925. "My mother passed away that year," she said, "and papa wanted to move to Irvine. We immediately began attending the Baptist church.

"We wouldn't have thought of attending any other church. My great grandfather, David Bruner, founded the Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Mercer Association, and all through the years the family has been Baptist."

She has been WMU president, Sunday school teacher and held any other church job she could. Her husband, N. B., is 89. He has been blessed with good health and is able to drive them to church and about town.

Irvine First, called "the church on the

hill, considers itself fortunate to have Mrs. Raxter and looks forward to hearing her play for a long time to come.

In Harlan, Emma S. Howard has only missed one service in 55 years of preparing the Lord's Supper at Harlan Baptist Church. That represents at least 220 services. The Sunday her husband passed away was the only time she has been absent. She reports she does not have a lot of money to give so she always provides the elements for communion free of charge. According to the faithful servant four ladies were elected to church offices in 1934; she is the only one still living. A native of Owsley County, she was a student at Eastern Kentucky University in 1919 when a man from Harlan came looking for a teacher. She was interviewed and took the position. Mrs. Howard taught in the Wallins School System two years before marrying H. C. Howard, a Harlan businessman, Mar. 27, 1920.

Howard and their three children are deceased. Dorothy was killed in an accident while a child. Clifton, an airplane pilot, died a heroic death during World War II. Leslie died after spending years in hospitals following World War II. During all the tragedies in her life, she has been active in her church, Sunday school and WMU.

"Once I became downhearted. It seemed the Lord told me to help myself, then ask him for help," she said. She says she does not complain because of age and the problems associated with 94 years of living. "Many people never have the opportunity to live this long," she quipped.

Mrs. Howard's father was a Primitive Baptist preacher. She has no memories that do not include church and a dedicated life. "We always had the blessing

for our meals and I was brought up to love and obey God."

Mrs. Howard summed up her philosophy of life with the words from a poem she composed. I live for those who love me, for those who know me true, for the heavens that smile above me and await my coming. I live for the human tie that binds, for the task God assigned me and the good I can do.

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Mrs. Howard

baptist news briefs

Church growth weeks top Bible preaching meets

National church growth conferences will be featured for the first time this year at the annual Bible/preaching/administration conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist conference centers.

"Growing the Church of the 1990s" will be theme of the new conferences sponsored by the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, are for pastors and other church leaders to explore issues and strategies of church growth.

At Ridgecrest, July 14-20, Ken Hemphill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., will be the morning speaker and D. L. Lowrie, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be the evening preacher.

William L. Hendricks, professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be the morning speaker at Glorieta, Aug. 4-10, and Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., will be the evening speaker.

To register, write Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770 or Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535.

Belt is still tightening as FMB streamlines

After four months of home-office reorganization the Foreign Mission Board has redefined several staff and department functions and cut 14 staff positions.

Last fall board president R. Keith Parks said the reorganization would help the mission agency "focus more sharply on crucial needs in world missions and achieve more effective use of funds and people in high-priority areas."

Parks predicted the change likely would result in reduction of 21 staff positions—about five percent of the board's home office staff—by the end of 1990. "We will utilize vacancies, attri-

tion and transfers within staff to achieve most of the reductions," he said.

Fourteen staff positions had been eliminated by Jan. 5, reported Bob Shoemake, executive assistant to Parks. Most reductions so far have been carried out by cutting vacant positions or by transferring staff members displaced by reorganization to other assignments. But the next round of cuts "will be hard," Shoemake said, and likely will affect some staff members who cannot be reassigned.

The reorganization grew out of a study conducted by a staff committee, which followed a similar study Parks asked overseas missionaries to do in relation to their work. The plan called for streamlining functions, shifting funds and functions between offices, and a stronger role for regional vice presidents in management of overseas affairs.

Don Kammerdiener was elected in October to the expanded role of executive vice president proposed by Parks. Kammerdiener has assumed direction of day-to-day operations of the board, freeing Parks to concentrate on strategic planning and other key needs. Top administrators now report to Kammerdiener but have access to Parks. Kammerdiener succeeded Bill O'Brien, who asked to be relieved of the post when his wife, Dellanna O'Brien, was named executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union. Bill O'Brien now relates directly to Parks as executive director of public affairs. (BP)

89 Easter offering set \$32.9 million record

Southern Baptists gave a record \$32,960,700 to home missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in 1989, according to figures released by the denomination's Home Mission Board.

This unaudited total was an increase of 6.8 percent, or \$2.1 million, from gifts received the previous year. The amount also was \$2 million more than the board had budgeted in 1989 as anticipated income but fell \$6 million short of the \$39

million offering goal.

The \$2.1 million increase is more than three times the increase of \$611,192, or 2.02 percent, which was received in the 1988 offering. Southern Baptists gave \$30.8 million to home missions that year.

HMB president Larry Lewis said the \$2 million more than budgeted will help overcome a financial setback at the board earlier this year and will be budgeted as income in future years to support mission work on the field. HMB policy stipulates that all Annie Armstrong funds must be used in state conventions, not at the board's offices in Atlanta. (BP)

Baptists deliver 2 tons of food, medicine to Romania

Hungarian Baptists, working in cooperation with Southern Baptists, delivered more than two tons of food, clothing and

medical supplies to Romania Dec. 31.

The relief effort, part of an international drive to help the stricken country, was the first of several shipments to come from Baptists throughout Europe and other areas. Romanian Baptists are distributing the supplies in two areas near Timisoara, where the uprising against Romania's communist government began in December.

Most relief efforts have focused on Bucharest and other population centers, but relief workers said needs are pressing in smaller, more isolated towns and villages. Despite the current aid, needs in the country likely will be long term, at least until new crops can be harvested next fall, cautioned Southern Baptist representative Errol Simmons. Based in Budapest, Hungary, Simmons helped deliver the shipment to Arad.

The FMB appropriated \$100,000 for Romania relief—an initial \$10,000 emergency grant to be followed by another \$90,000 in coming weeks. (BP)



As a Romanian soldier and others look on, Hungarian Baptist pastor Arpad Revesz (l) helps unload medical supplies at a hospital in Arad, Romania. Baptists in Hungary, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, delivered more than two tons of food, clothing, drugs and medical supplies to Romania Dec. 31. The shipment also included Bibles in two languages and other literature.

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Budget	1,476,441	5,905,763
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Year	\$ Over/-Under Budget to Date	% Increase/Decrease Over Prev Year
89-90	(628,023)	-10.6
88-89	(263,233)	-4.6
87-88	(279,663)	-5.1
86-87	(70,067)	-1.3
85-86	(699,022)	-13.4
84-85	(445,815)	-9.3
83-84	(256,678)	-5.7

Women's roles changing, HMB researcher says

The most revolutionary change taking place in society today is the changing role of women, said a Home Mission Board researcher.

"It is evident that our opinions regarding the role of women are in transition, and emotions are high on many of the underlying issues," said Orrin Morris, director of the HMB Research Division.

Morris spoke to the national executive board of the Woman's Missionary Union during its Jan. 8-11 meeting and elaborated on the implications of his research findings in an interview following the presentation.

The most important recent finding regarding the changing role of women is "the 10 to 15 percent of angry women" in the country, Morris said.

"When we consider Bold Mission Thrust, we are saying, 'Let everyone, every person in the United States, have an opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.' Now the big

issue is: Can we? Will we?" Morris said. "What do they (the 10-15 percent of 'angry' women) care about church as long as it is male dominated? These women will not be reached by the "traditional Southern Baptist church doing things in the traditional manner." (BP)

Soviet official endorses Moscow Baptist seminary

A top Soviet official has endorsed the opening of a Baptist seminary within walking distance of the Kremlin, according to leaders of the nation's Baptist union.

Anatoly Lokyanov, vice president of the Soviet parliament and first deputy to Mikhail Gorbachev, met with two Baptist leaders Dec. 29 and was quoted as saying, "You shall have your building and your property for your needs."

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board last year set aside \$200,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help Soviet Baptists launch the seminary.

The building is several blocks from the Baptist union's headquarters and within a couple of miles of the Kremlin, said Keith Parks, who directs Southern Baptist work in Europe.

No schedule for beginning renovations has been set. "It may be days; it may be months," Parker said. More negotiations involving various levels of Soviet bureaucracy lie ahead, he noted. (BP)

Federal court restricts aid to parochial schools

In a decision with national implication a U. S. district court has struck down a Missouri arrangement that allowed parochial school students to receive a greater share of federal education funds than their public school counterparts.

Two Southern Baptists—a pastor and a professor—had filed suit in federal court in 1985 against then U. S. secretary of education William Bennett chal-

lenging guidelines established for allocating federal education funds.

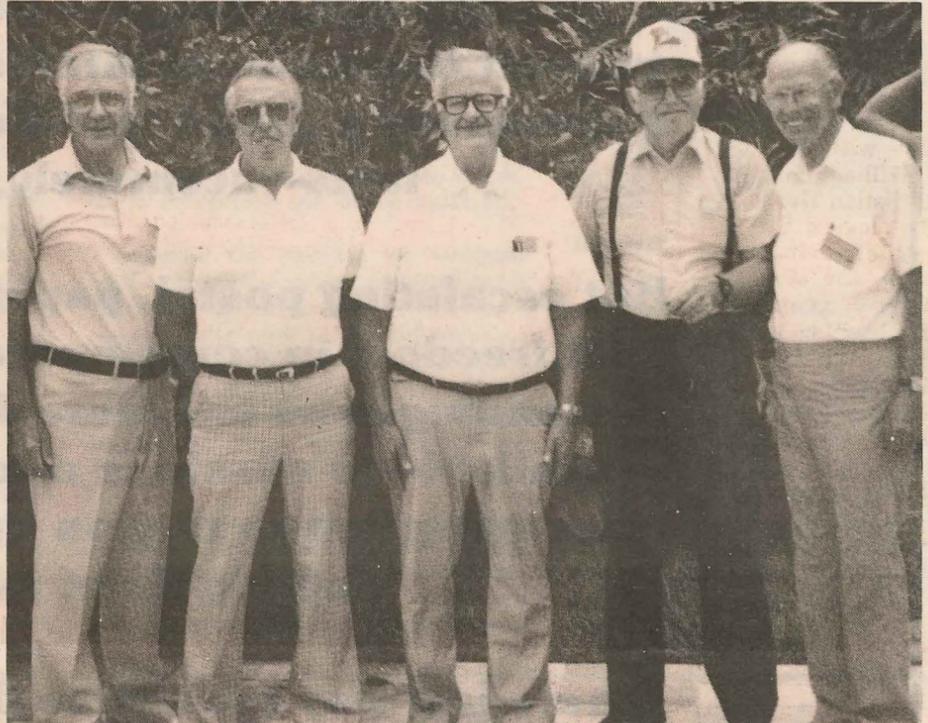
The Southern Baptists are Rudy Pulido, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and Hugh Wamble, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas city, Mo. They were joined by John Swomley, professor emeritus at the United Methodist St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City. Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Silver Spring, Md., backed the suit.

Then-secretary Bennett issued a series of guidelines that set up an "off-the-top" system which gave first prior-

ity in allocating federal education funds to parochial schools. He also encouraged the use of public funds to buy portable classrooms for instruction at religious schools.

According to documents submitted in the case, the "off-the-top" plan meant that some parochial school students in Missouri received four times as much federal aid as public school enrollees.

Judge Joseph E. Stevens Jr., in his Pulido v. Cavazos decision found the "off-the-top" funding plan to be an unconstitutional violation of church-state separation because it had the effect of aiding sectarian institutions. (BP)



The last group of 1989 to go to Espirito Santo, Brazil as part of the Kentucky/Brazil partnership included (l-r) Harold Wainscott, church starter strategist, Covington; Morris Norfleet, former president of Morehead (Ky.) State University, Nancy; Ross Figart, mountain missions director, Winchester; David Lyons, director of missions for Lynn Camp and North Concord associations; J. Bill Jones, church starter strategist, Princeton. Each volunteer worked in at least two churches with local pastors and laypersons interested in development of new work.

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18-inch crawl space keeps Kenya missionaries alive

by Craig Bird

Their hiding place wasn't deep, but it was wide enough to hid Don and Mary Alice Dolifka from the men ransacking their home.

The Dolifkas, veteran Southern Baptist missionaries in East Africa, had little time to hide from a gang of 10 to 15 men who attacked and ransacked their house about 50 miles south of Nairobi, Kenya.

The attackers apparently intended to kill the couple as they robbed their rural home, said the Dolifkas, who were still dealing with the trauma weeks after the October incident.

Through the whole experience we felt the presence of the Lord. He gave us clear minds to know how to protect ourselves and take advantage of an escape route.

"We were awakened (about 2 a.m.) by the noise of two kitchen windows shattering and seconds later . . . huge rocks started bouncing off one of the outside doors of the house," recounted Dolifka, of Flagler, Col. "The noise woke up our two (house) workers who heard the men yelling they were going to kill us. So they slipped out the windows of their houses and ran for help."

Thinking only two or three men were outside, Dolifka attempted to fight them off by jabbing a spear through the holes that had been battered in the door. But he changed tactics "when they started pounding on the doors and breaking out windows all around the house at the same time."

The bandits demanded money, but when Mrs. Dolifka, a Gatesville, Tex. native, threw her husband's wallet outside they got even madder, "probably because it was a typical missionary's billfold and had a lot more receipts than money in it," Dolifka said.

The gang then spread around three sides of the house. Almost simultaneously big rocks crashed through four windows. Several more rocks sailed through the rapidly enlarging holes in the door.

Realizing the gang was much larger than they had thought, the Dolifkas fled to their bedroom, locked the door and scurried through a trapdoor leading to a shallow crawl space underneath the floor. Dolifka pulled a rug over the opening and was still fitting the trapdoor back in place when the men smashed through the bedroom door and rushed into the dark room.

"They were definitely looking for us,

but I guess they thought we'd locked the door and gone out the window or something," Dolifka said. "Months earlier we'd talked about the crawl space as a good hiding place but had never looked to see how big it was or what was down there." That night they had 45 minutes to learn it was about 18 inches deep and as wide as the house foundation.

They could hear the men ripping items off the walls and crashing things to the floor. Some of the gang took a television, stereo, camera, a suitcase filled with mementos and other items and escaped. Others found the keys to the Dolifkas' mission pickup truck, loaded loot in it and were preparing to leave when the manager of the ranch where the Dolifkas' rented house is located arrived with the workers who had awakened him.

"He was still in his pajamas, but when he fired his shotgun in the air four or five men jumped out of the pickup and ran," Dolifka said. "He and his wife and the four workers with him started calling my name as he circled the house. I didn't answer since I thought it might be a trick to get us to come out and we could still hear gang member walking around right above us."

But when the ranch manager went to the other side of the house the remaining gang members fled and the Dolifkas answered the calls. They were so well hidden that rescuers couldn't find them at first. The attackers had piled furniture over the rug atop the trapdoor and the Dolifkas couldn't get out until the rescuers found it.

The full extent of the missionary couple's trauma didn't show up until later. "We've been robbed before but this was the first time we had people coming to hurt us," Dolifka explained. "But we kind of cleaned up and went on with our work and slept pretty well for the first week."

But later they started having trouble sleeping as emotions of terror resurfaced. "Finally, almost three weeks later, I slept through the night for the first time, so I think we're dealing with it now," he added. "I think we were already under so much stress as we were trying to wrap up our work so we could go on furlough. We'd already started packing to go home when the gang hit, and we're finalizing plans to move to a new area after furlough to work with several unreached people groups in northern Kenya."

"Through the whole experience we felt the presence of the Lord, added Mrs. Dolifka. "He gave us clear minds to know how to protect ourselves and take advantage of an escape route which had been built into the house by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Material things become rather unimportant when one is faced with a life threatening situation. We realize what a wonderful caring God was with us all the time."

The Dolifkas were scheduled to leave Kenya Dec. 11 for a furlough in Arlington, Tex. (BP)

Retired dentist cleans house for Kentucky-Brazil partnership

When Harold Collins Randall recently retired he really "cleaned house." The 81-year-old, of Columbia, Ky., had been in dental practice 55 years in the same office on the town square.

The office closed in June 1989 on the same day that movers came to take all of Randall's dental equipment. The equipment has been sent to participate in the Kentucky-Brazil partnership. The equipment will be used as a dental clinic in Espirito Santo.

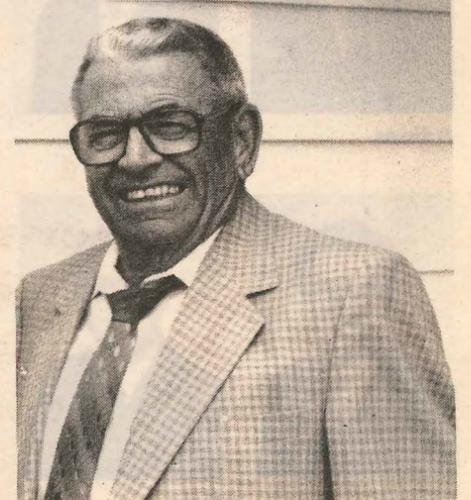
"I wanted to get rid of the equipment and do the best I could with it," Randall said.

The equipment includes three complete offices with dental units, chairs, x-ray equipment and filling materials.

"During the packing we wrapped each one with a prayer hoping that it would be used in some way. This was a way I figured some good could come out of the equipment that I couldn't get otherwise," Randall said.

Randall hopes that by his donation of equipment other dentists will be encouraged to do the same thing.

"Since the program was on I figured if I sent it down there and got it started that maybe it would grow into something bigger," Randall said. "There is a considerable amount of equipment scat-



Randall

tered all over Kentucky—dentists have died, etc. It could be used for other people.

"If they have the equipment maybe they can start a school to teach others (nationals) to be dentists," he added.

Randall said that excess equipment needs to be used for God's purposes to take care of other people's health.

"Since my health is not as good as it has been, it has been recommended that I quit. I can't go set it up; that's up to somebody else now."

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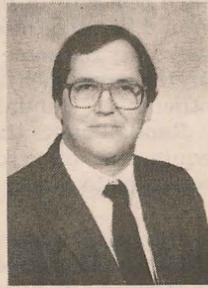
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Seminary confers degrees on 44 Kentuckians

Thirty-seven Kentucky students were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, during the school's 164th commencement Dec. 15. In addition, seven persons with ties to Kentucky graduated from the seminary's Boyce Bible School.

The Kentucky Baptists were among approximately 218 students to receive degrees from the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and social work.

Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., delivered the commencement address at Southern. Harold Songer, vice president for academic affairs at Southern, addressed the graduates at Boyce.

Kentucky graduates and their current residences are listed below. Photos of all graduates were not available.

Southern

Doctor of Ministry

Chip Lee Pendleton, Buckner; Michael Wayne Routt, Shepherdsville; Joel Henry Hawkins, Magnolia.

Master of Art

Margaret Ann Alexander Alam and Lavay Elsa Lauter Horn, both of Louisville.

Master of Church Music

Jeanne-Marie Bondurant, Louisville; Cheri Heilman Simpson, Campbellsville; John Alan Spencer, Pikeville; Jeffrey Dean Stivers, Shelbyville; Kenneth Wayne Vinson, Scottsville.

Master of Divinity in Christian Education

William Franklin Ellis, Ekron; Jacklyn Tracy Johnson, Madisonville; Harry K. Kingkade II, Owen-ton.

Master of Divinity

Mark Anthony Benton, Beaver Dam; Gary Wayne Connor, Winchester; Mark Randall Hendricks, Lewisport; Elliot Holbrook, Morning View; Wayne Franklin Lipscomb, Grant's Lick; Timothy J. Najpaver, Rowletts; Matthew Alan Sickling, Stafford, Va.; James Taylor Sutherland, Buffalo; Paul Keith Throgmorton, Kevel; and William Victor Trogdon, Henderson. The following MDiv graduates are all from Louisville: Charles F. Berry, Rebecca Gayle Church, Gary Mike Clark, Anthony Eugene Gilbert, J. Sheldon Hale, Reba Elizabeth Milazzotto, Samuel Lee Oliver, Angela Carroll Perkins, Kenneth Wayne Render, Louis Jay Snyder, Alice Biskey Steele, Stuart Wayne Turner, James A. Weathersby.

Boyce

Lay Ministry Training

Donald R. Arthur.

Diploma in Educational Ministry

Carole A. Hay.

Diploma in Christian Ministry

George Dale Adkins, Holbrook; Barbra Malapelli Haun, Newport; Vernon David Keeling; Howard Edward Wade.

Certificate in Christian Ministry

Ferrill R. Davis Sr.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Lloyd Storment has completed his first year as minister of outreach at Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He is retired pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Long Run Association, where he served 22 years.

Columbus Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, called **Todd Hawkins** as pastor.

James Hagan is new pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Joseph Newton resigned as pastor of Belmont Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, called **Alan Evans** as pastor.

Rick Compton is minister of music and youth at Ghent Baptist Church, Whites Run Association.

Donald Johnson is new pastor of Jones Creek Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Mt. Freeman Baptist Church, South District Association, called **Carmel Hoskins** as pastor.

Barry Harmon resigned as pastor of Mt. Freeman Baptist Church, South District Association. He is new pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

Ron Barnett resigned as pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association.

Waco Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **David Chrisman** as minister of music.

Ed Hamlin accepted the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Central Association. He goes from Raikes Hill Baptist Mission, Taylor County Association.

Milton Judd has been called as pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Hindman Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, called **Ron Caffins** as minister of music.

Paul Sowders is new minister of music at Kirksville Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Tom Floyd is interim pastor of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Union Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Jack Renner** as pastor.

Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, Taylor Association, called **J. W. Farmer** as pastor.

French Harmon is new pastor of First Baptist Church, Allen, Enterprise Association.

Liberty Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, called **Joe Blevins** as assistant pastor.

Don Cummins is interim pastor at Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Round Stone Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, is now pastored by **Robert Moore**.

Carl Hunter resigned as director of missions of Rockcastle Association.

Elijah Hammons is no longer pastor of Salt Gum Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Cherryville Baptist Church, Greenup Association, is now pastored by **Ronald Pickel**.

William R. Woods is now serving in the pastorate of Middletown Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Brian Smith is new minister of music at Rosedale Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

deaths

Freda Harris, director of Marrowbone (Ky.) Baptist Center, 1962-76, died Dec. 29. Funeral services were held at Hellier Baptist Church Jan. 1, with Kentucky pastors as well as Home Mission Board and Kentucky Baptist Convention representatives participating.

For several years Miss Harris supported herself by working in mine company-owned stores while she worked in mission points in Pike County. Seeing many children who did not attend Sun-



Highview Baptist Church, West Union Association, held a note burning ceremony Oct. 1. James Emerson, former pastor, brought the message. Pictured are (l-r) Ronnie Reed; R. P. Atherton, pastor; William Gordon; and Harold Ross.

day school, she began to take them to her home after work. There she would teach them Bible stories and missions and provide them with refreshments. The Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board began to supplement her salary in 1962. During her active ministry at Marrowbone she was widely used as a missions speaker throughout Kentucky and other states. A book was written about her by the Home Mission Board. She retired in 1976.

John Bradshaw, former member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board, died Jan. 1 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at Fox Funeral Home in Stanford.

Bradshaw was on the building committee that saw the erection of the original Kentucky Baptist Convention building. He was on the executive board as a representative from Lincoln County Association, 1954-57. In 1957 he was chairman of the audit committee of the board and in 1958-59 he was on the convention's committee on committees. He also served two terms on the Clear Creek Baptist Bible College board, 1961-68.

congregations

Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, had its highest attendance, excluding Easter, of 510 in Sunday school and 606 in worship on Com-

mitment Day, Nov. 19. Beverly Stephens is the church's new minister of education and Thomas R. Kinman is pastor.

Nov. 4 and 16 the Brotherhood of **Bethlehem Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, held its annual wood cutting.** About 20 men and eight RAs cut 35 loads of wood to help six families in the community. Dec. 7 the Brotherhood met for their monthly meeting. They participated in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and delivered 40 Christmas fruit baskets.

Dec. 10 **Mallard Point Baptist Church, a mission of Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, held its first public worship service** as members entered the new building. Attendance was 133.

Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association, designated Dec. 17 as "Gift for Christ at Christmas" for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Everyone placed offerings in a gift box during the service. The church collected almost \$10,260 although the goal was \$5000. Brad Johnson is pastor.

The cheerleaders from **Highview Baptist School, Long Run Association, participated in the 1989-90 National Cheerleaders Association's High School Cheerleaders' National Championship** in Dallas, Tex. Dec. 18-19. More than 450 squads from 40 states competed in seven divisions. About 5000 competed in the largest cheerleading championship held in the United States.

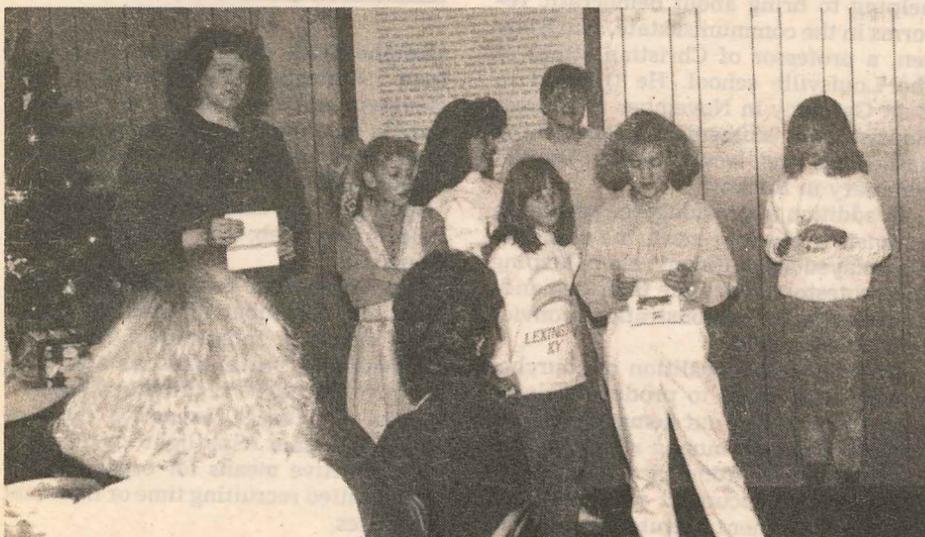
ordinations

First Baptist Church, Inez, Enterprise Association, ordained **A. J. Haney, Jack Ward and John W. Williamson** as deacons. Paul Peterson is pastor.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, ordained to the ministry associate pastor **Jeff Slone**.

Jeff Singer was ordained as deacon at Stamping Ground Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. James R. Fuller is pastor.

Paul Fields was ordained to the ministry by Germantown Baptist Church, Bracken Association. Milford Stanley is pastor.



GAs of Bethany Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association, helped lead the church in surpassing its \$800 Lottie Moon offering with a Christmas card delivery project and personal presentation of gifts to international students from Earle C. Clements job corps center, Morganfield. Above, the girls read reports on countries represented by the students while GA leaders Peggy Monroe looks on. S. K. Sisk is pastor.



First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association, had a Christmas for Christ Day Dec. 17. The congregation had an attendance of over 1150 to hear the musical, "Joy! Joy! Joy!" A Christmas for Christ offering totaling \$70,045 was collected for missions, world hunger, children's homes and local missions. Pictured is pastor Glenn W. Mollette, choir and staff members Yvonne Clark and Rebecca Martin.

christian education



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clear creek chronicle

A Christian will

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Frazier visited our campus in 1976. Many years before Mrs. Frazier heard D. M. Aldridge speak in Georgia "and was impressed with what I heard about your school." Mrs. Frazier wrote us last year with the news, "My husband went to be with the Lord Oct. 31, 1988 and in his will left 10% of his estate to your school." Nearly \$40,000 came to Clear Creek in December as the result of a message, a visit and a Christian will. It comes at a time to help meet goals of expanding and improving our library.

Sept. 3 Arthur Cole, Barbourville, updated his will which included Clear Creek for one-fourth of the estate. Two other Kentucky Baptist institutions were granted the remainder. Cole died Sept. 10. His sister remembers him as, "a good Christian who loved Clear Creek, Oneida and the children's home." Cole lost his wife and two children to cancer. Possibly his family grief deepened a desire to help ministries that emphasize and strengthen families.

Everyone will "leave their wealth to others" (Psalm 49:10). A Christian has the opportunity and responsibility to decide the proper dispersion of his possessions. The question "whose shall these things be?" can be answered while we live. The answer can be given through a will which legally commits the individual's intentions. Without such a document the decision is left to the state. The state lays aside personal sentiment, emotions, intentions and adheres only to the law. Each of us has something that will go to someone. Irresponsible stewardship leaves the decision to others.

Margaret Applegarth said of a Christian will: "It takes a lawyer, in the end, to phrase it legally but it takes a redeemer to plan it regally-immortal things in your mortal hands."

Personal stewardship does not stop at death. "Whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's (Rom. 14:8-9). Each Christian is accountable for the manner in which his possessions are disposed. It is a blessing to give now. Now is also the time to prepare a Christian will and let your faith speak after death. Our staff or the Kentucky Baptist Foundation can assist you.



Searcy



Carson

new orleans seminary

Timothy Lewis Searcy from Winchester received the EdD degree Dec. 15 at New Orleans (La.) Seminary.

Searcy, Foreign Mission Board appointee to Cali, Colombia, is married to the former Brenda Gayle Barrett of Winchester, Ky. He is the son of Mrs. Marion Searcy of Washington, Ky.

southern seminary

Cottrell R. Carson has joined the staff of Southern Seminary, Louisville. He will be the Martin Luther King Jr. fellow in the office of prospective student services.

Carson earned a bachelor's degree from Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and is a candidate for the MDiv degree at Southern Seminary. He is vice president of the seminary's MDiv council and is a youth worker at First Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville.

I can't join the seminary faculty—I don't even have a college degree!

The year was 1952 and Ernest J. Loessner, successful minister of education at First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., had just been asked to join the faculty of the new religious education school at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



Loessner, now retired and living in Avon Park, Fla., became the only person in history to teach at Southern Seminary without a college degree. Immediately he enrolled at Georgetown (Ky.) College to earn the BA then the MA from the University of Louisville and the EdD from Indiana University.

Things might have been different for Loessner who at age 21 was a drop-out at the University of Florida and wasn't even a Christian. His girlfriend, Louise (later his wife), insisted on Sunday dates in a Baptist church, where he accepted Christ at 24.

Soon he sensed a call to Christian ministry and heard of an opening for a part time minister of education at Louisville's Highland Baptist Church. The church offered Loessner the job and he moved his family into campus housing. "It was unusual in those days for a layperson to enrol at seminary especially without a college degree. There

was a feeling that too many unordained students might contaminate the seminary," Loessner recalls.

After completing the three-year diploma program Loessner was called as minister of education to Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark. He went on to serve South Main Church, Houston, Tex., and eventually First Baptist, Amarillo, Tex., where he reportedly was the highest paid minister of education in the Southern Baptist Convention, earning \$9000 a year. He took a \$3000 pay cut to come to the faculty. "I never did see myself as a professor in a seminary, rather a minister of education teaching in a seminary," Loessner remarked.

In addition to his teaching duties Loessner led the fund raising effort that financed construction of the James P. Boyce Centennial Library in 1959. He also served as dean of the School of Religious Education from 1968-73. One of his most satisfying achievements was seeing the change of climate at Southern towards religious education: "We were second class citizens in 1953. During the following 20 years the school of religious education was accepted as a vital part of Southern Seminary." Upon his retirement in 1973 Loessner's friends and former students established a scholarship award named in his honor to recognize outstanding students in Christian education.

"I have no regrets," says Loessner. "Southern Seminary is still my spiritual mother. Those were my happiest, most useful and fruitful years."

Retirement finds Loessner exceptionally busy. "I plan to die young as late as possible," he says. He enjoys playing golf, working in his garden and reading. On two occasions he taught in the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary. He and his wife Louise did Sunday school work for the Home Mission Board in the Northwest two years. Last summer, at age of 80, Loessner drove across the United States to teach a course at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

"By the way," he says with a smile, "I still plan to go back to Hong Kong."

Reaching East Germany just as the Berlin Wall began to fall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Glen Stassen found a movement of persistent prayer, quiet study and brave confrontation that helped shatter the barrier that divided Germany for more than two decades.

Few westerners realize the crucial role East German churches played in helping to bring about democratic reforms in the communist state, said Stassen, a professor of Christian ethics at the Louisville school. He traveled to East Germany in November to address Baptist and ecumenical peacemaking gatherings and lecture at the Baptist seminary in Buckow.

In addition to providing the proreform activists a place to meet, the churches also played a significant role in helping the protestors articulate their demands and keeping the demonstrations nonviolent, Stassen said.

An ecumenical coalition of churches worked two years to produce a document that spelled out demands dealing with democracy, human rights, peacemaking and environmental issues, said Stassen. The document was presented to the government despite threats that the churches would lose some of their freedoms if they persisted with their demands for reform.

East German churches also had been studying the U. S. civil rights movement and reading the works of nonviolent

leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi, he said.

Although he sensed that East Germans are "vigilant not to make Christianity a political movement," he said Christians are in prominent places in the new political parties that are forming.

Meanwhile, German churches are reaching out to communists who are now scorned by many people in German society. "The churches are welcoming communists, and they are coming in saying that this is the only place we are accepted," he said. Some pastors are also inviting members of the security police force to come to their churches and confess their sins, he added.

georgetown college

The James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville has made a gift of \$300,000 to Georgetown (Ky.) College for the construction of an addition to the institution's library.

During the 1980s the Brown Foundation has supported five Georgetown projects in the areas of scholarships, endowment, construction and building renovations.

Rebekka Seigel of Owenton and Teresa Tucker Young of Georgetown, formerly of Hazard, will exhibit contemporary quilts Sunday, Jan. 28 through Friday, Feb. 16 in the Georgetown (Ky.) College Art Gallery on Mulberry Street. The opening reception Jan. 28 begins at 3 p.m. and concludes at 6 p.m.

Miss Seigel earned the 1988 "Best of Show" at the Midfest International World of Quilts and was the Kentucky winner in the Great American Quilt Contest in 1986.

Miss Young was the 1989 Kentucky winner and the winner of the "Creative Interpretation Award" at the Great American Quilt Contest. She received first prize in the 1988 National Quilting Association contest. She has also appeared in *Family Circle*, *Quilting Today*, and *American Quilter* magazines.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information contact the art gallery at (502) 863-8106.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Georgetown (Ky.) College will participate in an annual interviewing event to assist their seniors in obtaining meaningful work after graduation. The event, "Spotlight on Employment," will be held Friday, Feb. 9 at the Galt House, Louisville.

The promotion is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, an advocacy group of the state's 21 private colleges.

John W. Frazer, executive director of CIKCU, said "Spotlight" is a highly cost effective means for organizations with limited recruiting time or financial resources.

For more information contact one of the following: Patricia Cowherd, Campbellsville, (502) 465-8158; Annabeth Brooks, Cumberland, (606) 549-2200; or Theo Leverenz, Georgetown, (502) 863-8004.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 21, 1990

Life and work series

Serving amid criticism

Mark 3:21 Christ's friends became so concerned about his welfare that they resolved to attempt to restrain him. Thinking he was overtaxed by all the demands made on him, his friends went so far as to say, "he is beside himself" or "he is out of his senses."

Mark 3:22-23, 26 In the eyes of the scribes from Jerusalem Christ was an irregular and unauthorized preacher and worker. His words had been spoken and his works had been performed in various places, so the scribes declared

that he had cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.

To this charge Christ replied, "How can Satan cast out Satan?" He exposed the folly of his accusers by showing them neither a divided kingdom, nor a divided household nor a divided Satan can stand. Inasmuch as Christ performed his works by the power of the Holy Spirit, to declare he performed them by the power of Satan was to blaspheme the Holy Spirit.

Mark 6:1-6 After his entrance upon his public ministry Christ returned to Nazareth with a longing to make known to his townspeople the way of life. Christ resorted to the synagogue on the sabbath to join in public worship. When he had been officially invited to read from the holy scriptures he read from Isaiah 61 and declared he had been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to give sight to the blind and to liberate the bruised. Christ made the explicit and startling declaration that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in him.

As soon as his listeners began thinking about his claims for himself and about the mighty works which had been wrought by him they began to account for them by saying: "Is not this the carpenter?" They were not willing to believe such wonders could be performed by one of their own number. Unable to disprove his miracles or the claims he had concerning them, they were offended and refused to believe. Not only were they impoverished by their unbelief, but they deprived others of wonderful blessings which they might have received and enjoyed if they had believed.

International series

Jesus reveals himself by setting people free

John 8:31-47 By nature all are in bondage to Satan and sin. No one has been able to break that bondage by their own strength. Christ alone is able to break the power of sin. To release people from the bondage of sin was the purpose of Christ's incarnation and crucifixion.

This passage of scripture on the subject of freedom came from the lips of our Lord himself. Christ was ever a champion of freedom. Yet everywhere he turned he found people who were enslaved in one way or another. Sometimes they were aware of it, but very frequently they did not realize they were enslaved.

Christ taught the way to spiritual freedom, which is the foundation of all other freedoms. True freedom comes to us through the son of God. Possessing perfect freedom, Christ claims the ability and prerogative to make people free indeed.

Christ is the great emancipator. He provides deliverance from past guilt, exoneration from the punishment of sin, admission into the family of God and liberty from the fear of death and what comes after it. Christ's freedom is deliverance from the bondage of the mind, the will and the spirit. Christ's freedom is something that is possessed within by the child of God, even when there is pressure from without.

Christ gives liberty from the blindness of tradition which obscures the clear shining of the light which flows from the truth.



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homes for children

Thy will be done

Many times we pray to God, "Thy will be done," but do we really mean it? Do we truly seek God's will when it is not what we want in our lives? How do we accept no from God?

To me that is one of the most difficult questions to face. A faithful Christian man is stricken with cancer and his church; his friends, his fellow workers pray for healing, and healing does not come.

We look around us and see so many things that do not seem like they should be. Why do drug dealers and white collar criminals prosper while good faithful Christian missionaries struggle to get by? Why do children go to bed hungry at night in a land of plenty? There are so many questions that we will never be able to truly understand in this life.

Though I do not know its author one brief poem provides me with some solace as I think of these mysteries:

The Plan of the Master Weaver

*My life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me,
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be;
For he can view the pattern
Upon the upper side
While I can see it only
On this, the under side.
Sometimes he weaveth sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me;
But I will trust his judgment,
And work on faithfully;
'Tis he who fills the shuttle,
And he knows what is best,
So I shall weave in earnest,
Leaving to him the rest.
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why—
The dark threads are as needed
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.*

We can never fully know God's will. The preacher in Ecclesiastes reminds us in his final conclusion about life: Fear God and obey his commandments for this is the whole duty of man (Ecc. 12:13b NIV).

There are many moments in life when it is only our faith in God that sustains us. We may not like the no's we receive from God and they may not seem fair, but our duty is to work by faith knowing that in God's great plan it all fits together.



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oneida journal

The water froze

One of our 1978 graduates, a civil engineer and a captain in the Army in Germany, writes monthly and sends a generous donation of at least \$100. Just before Christmas he sent \$250 for the month and wrote this: "Kathy and I are busy with various projects. She is working with the wives' club to have Christmas parties for the soldiers and baking cookies for them. I am working long hard hours to prepare for the upcoming military exercises in January. We both wish we were home with friends and families for the holidays. But none the less are looking forward to our first Christmas together.

"As always this time of the year I am reminded of the wonderful gift you gave me when you allowed me to attend school at Oneida for only one dollar a

day. I hope that even in these difficult times you are still able to provide that same opportunity to students."

Yes we are still doing that, David, with generous help of people like yourself. This leader of men is a very active Christian and every day of his life is a dividend on the investments of many who gave to support the Oneida school in the late 70s.

A postscript to his letter reminded us of the very difficult winter of 1977-78 when our county public schools were closed five weeks because of the icy roads and freezing temperatures. He writes: "It got so cold the river froze and water could not be pumped from Goose Creek for purification and we were without water for several weeks: Everyone helped haul water from the neighbor's well next to the campus. Spirits stayed high even though our school was not canceled!"

Those were difficult days when we did much less bathing and had to work very hard just to have water for drinking and cooking and brushing our teeth. But by not canceling school, by toughing it out doing the best we could, we taught our boys and girls some very valuable lessons about rising to meet the situation, proper attitude in adversity.

In the same mail came a letter from a classmate of David's. He is now a successful broker and sent a \$50 donation. When we first dealt with this young man he was rather rebellious and had been doing some "pot" smoking. He writes from Chicago: "I am really sorry I couldn't make it to homecoming. I couldn't get away being very busy at work. Please accept my donation. I always remember Oneida in my prayers and will continue to do so. Mr. Moore thank you and OBI for everything

you've done for me. I know I've become a better person and a better Christian. Keep up the good work."

A mother writes sending a donation: "My daughter is an alumna of Oneida. We would like to be put on your mailing list for the Oneida Mountaineer. We are very proud that Cindy went to Oneida. That was the best thing that ever happened to our daughter. We tell people of your school always."

The above letter explains, to great degree, why Oneida operates with a very high enrolment while not spending a dime for recruitment or advertising for students. We simply answer our phone and answer our mail and show guests around when they come to look. Even with our degree of failure, we have much more success. The "word of mouth" reputation of those successes keeps the students coming from every corner of Kentucky, 25 other states and nine different nations presently represented in our student body.

A \$100 donation came from another mother with this word about her child who came to Oneida under extremely difficult circumstances: "Our son recently married a fine young lady. He is entering his third year of a doctorate program in biology at Vanderbilt University. He could never had done so well without the help of your staff. My husband and I will always remember and appreciate your help and patience with our troubled son. Thank you."

Another secret of Oneida's 91 years of existence is that much good has been done all through those years and many gratefully remember. This came from Florida with a donation: "I am 86 years old but I still remember my school days at Oneida. I married at age 18. Oneida is still very dear to me."



**on
mission
together**

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Speaking of investments

When we were appointed as foreign missionaries in 1969 it was necessary to sell our home.

As I recall, we had accumulated an equity of about \$15,000. Alice and I decided to invest those funds with a broker with whom I had become acquainted.

When we returned eight years later for another position with the Foreign Mission Board, we needed that investment to purchase another home. We sadly discovered that our investments had not even kept up with inflation.

Kentucky Baptists, through their executive board, made an \$18,000 investment Dec. 27-31, 1989. They put that much money into the lives of more than 285 Baptist college students from Kentucky, helping them get from here to Ft. Worth, Tex. for Mission 90, a student missions extravaganza. They tell me we had the second largest number of students and that we provided more financial help for the students than any other state. Hundreds of students made decisions there.

These events change lives and provide the context for many young persons to be called into the ministry and to foreign and home missions.

I had the privilege of being on the planning team for the first one of these events—Mission 70, and to speak at Mission 80. There are scores of missionaries serving today who made their decisions at one of these meetings.

Mission 90 was different for me. I stayed at home and found myself in a "supporting" role. Last week, I received a compilation of "thank you" notes from several score of the students who attended.

Here are a few of those notes:

• "Thanks for helping this happen for me. I've begun to plan to be a missionary overseas."

• "Thanks for making this possible for us when it would have been impossible for me to go without your help."

• "Without your help, I would have missed the great Christian fellowship and the conviction placed in my heart for those outside of Christ."

• "When something changes on the inside it's hard to relay this and tell you how grateful I am. This conference changed my life."

The \$18,000 is gone now—not a dime of it is earning interest for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Or is it?

Paducah hospital administrator retires, looks back

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

Earl Feezor, who retired from the chief administrator's post at Paducah's Western Baptist Hospital Dec. 31, will tell you the golden rule really works. He attributes the success of the 36-year-old hospital to just that.

"The hospital is dedicated to providing health care service and to practice the golden rule toward people coming through our door—to do our best to do what's right," Feezor spoke of the institution to which he has given more than a third of a century.

"I came up through the ranks," he stated. Joining the staff as business manager three weeks after the hospital opened in 1953, he later became comptroller, then assistant administrator. Seventeen years ago he was promoted to administrator.

More than 400 people attended Feezor's retirement dinner. Former associates were lavish with sincere praise.

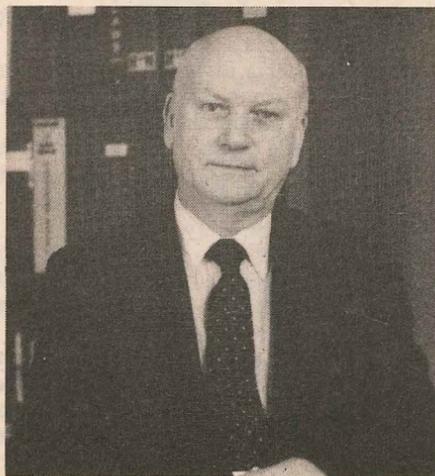
Dan Akin, Feezor's former assistant for 14 years and now head of Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital, said, "Earl Feezor is probably one of the most gracious men I've ever met . . . a heart as big as the world. He has made his institute successful through hard work and he really, really, cares about people."

Dennis Hall, another former assistant, now president of Baptist Medical Center Montclair in Birmingham, Ala., attributes his own professional foundation to working at the side of Feezor. "Earl is a man who exemplified compassion for his fellow man, a man who always had a very observable humbleness about his role."

Feezor, 63, a native Kentuckian who has spent most of his years in Paducah, didn't plan a career in hospital administration. In the first Marine division for two years during the height of World War II, he was in Okinawa, China and Korea.

Later attending Paducah Junior College, Murray State University and Bowling Green Business University, from which he graduated, he worked two years as an accountant before joining Western Baptist.

Feezor said his stint in the Marine Corps taught him qualities he has used



Feezor

in hospital administration: "A bit of aggression, confidence, common sense, the ability to work with others and having the courage of your convictions."

Feezor's love for the hospital was evident when he discussed, with great pride, its growth.

The hospital cost \$1,500,000 when it was built; there was a debt of \$1,300,000. Today it would take approximately \$100,000,000 to replace it. There were originally 100 employees; now there are 1300 full time equivalents. There are 370 beds and 26 bassinets. Almost 160 doctors are affiliated with the organization.

"We opened as just a little primary care institution," Feezor recalled. "Now there are only five or six hospitals in the state that have a scope of services more sophisticated than ours."

During the past 17 years the neurological services have been expanded and a regional radiation therapy center, as well as an open heart surgery program, has been added.

Western Baptist is noted for its cardiovascular program.

One newspaper ran a survey "and we had the lowest mortality rate on open heart surgery than any hospital in 13 states—about a half percent," Feezor commented. "Out of 401 cases we lost two people."

Feezor modestly states he doesn't take credit for the phenomenal growth of the hospital. "It came from good, dedicated people," he insisted.

"My first board chairman instructed me to hire the best people I could hire, pay as good a salary as we could afford, create a good fringe benefit program and excellent working conditions and keep them. I believe in that."

Feezor is also proud of the opportunities the hospital offers young people and of the economic impact it makes on the community.

"We do not deny access to anybody who comes through our door regardless of race, creed, religion or ability to pay. We have provided a lot of charity work down through the years, and that certainly is a Christian service. Christ's ministry was healing, teaching and preaching. This hospital has done that, especially through our excellent chaplaincy program. Employees give tender loving care to the patient because we have tried to create an atmosphere which says, 'Look! You treat that patient like you would want to be treated. That is the golden rule.'"

Feezor believed one would have to look long and hard for a city of 30,000 with better medical expertise and facilities. "People in this community just don't know how fortunate they are."

Western Baptist has always worked cooperatively with other local medical facilities.

Feezor, a man of great energy, is somewhat anxious about retirement. He expects to walk the floor for the first two or three months.

"I have worked since I was 11. I might play a little golf or fish. And if anybody needs an old worn-out hospital administrator as an interim, I might do some of that. I have to keep busy."

His wife Mildred as well as four children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild will probably take some of his time.

He is a member of Baptist Tabernacle where he has been treasurer and a deacon.

Feezor told hospital board members that he didn't remember ever making a constructive recommendation that they all didn't approve. "They were so good to me I had to pinch my cheeks to see if it was me," he smiled. "I've had a good career."

He said that even though the administrator didn't receive the satisfaction "the people upstairs" received in hands-on contact with patients; he found fulfillment and pleasure in developing the facilities for others to use.

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MISSIONS IS MASCULINE

Kentuckian in California seeks bivocational ministers

by Joe Westbury

When 28-year-old Wade McKinley loaded up his car and drove to southern California with wife Kathy in search of ministry, he never thought one day he would be director of missions for one of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

But 28 years after the Nora, Ky. native decided to follow God's calling and invest his life in an area foreign to Southern Baptists he finds himself on the cutting edge of ministry in bustling San Diego.

Now as he sees the need growing larger every day he's calling for others to follow his lead and plant their lives in ministry in the nation's most populated state.

McKinley had been a graduate of Southern Seminary for only five months when he felt God calling him to California to plant a church. The young couple decided to make the move on faith, even though they knew only one person in the state and had lost contact with him three years earlier.

"We came to California because God told us to come. We didn't know where a seminary friend, Fred Taylor, was until the night I resigned from my church. That's the evening he called and Kathy and I shared our dream for starting a church," he said.

"I came willing to dig ditches or do whatever was necessary to start our ministry. Kathy and I were survivors and we knew that God would provide."



McKinley

Today McKinley traces that call back to his Louisville seminary days where he was challenged by a professor to "go West where your lives can count."

The southern Kentucky native said his name had just been submitted to a church that already had a list of 175 prospective pastors. Faced with the professor's challenge, he decided he would rather be where he was needed rather than compete with other pastors for the position.

Within 30 days of arriving in California he had become the fifth pastor of Buena Vista Baptist Church

in north San Diego County. His dream of starting churches was soon realized, and when he left the congregation five years later he had started three other churches.

He eventually served as pastor of two other churches before being named director of missions for the San Diego Baptist Association in 1961.

Today his biggest challenge is to "find and recruit committed men who are willing to come by faith to minister with us."

McKinley struggles daily with the lack of a Southern Baptist presence in the area, and says the population growth continues to outstrip the ability of Baptists to respond with ministries and churches.

The future is easy to read. If Baptists don't reach the people with the gospel, they may be lost to religious sects or a life of leisure that has little place for God, he explains.

"We will never start the churches we need until we find those with marketable skills who will use those skills to supplement their income."

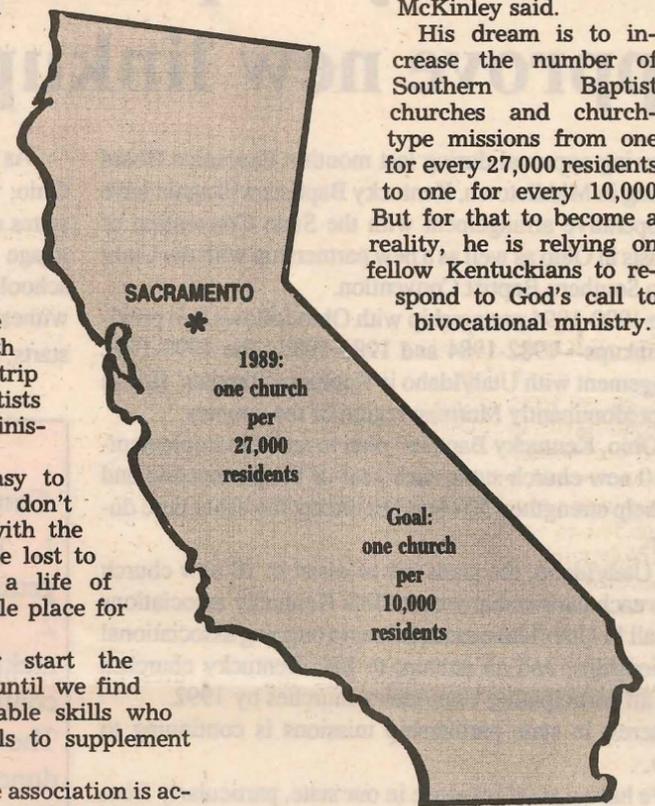
McKinley said the association is actively involved in locating funds to as-

sist the ministers, but new pastors need to arrive with skills that could immediately be used to supplement all or a portion of their income.

"Finding those financial resources is just as important as finding the pastors," he explains.

San Diego has the second largest percent of unchurched people in the nation with 84 percent, McKinley said.

His dream is to increase the number of Southern Baptist churches and church-type missions from one for every 27,000 residents to one for every 10,000. But for that to become a reality, he is relying on fellow Kentuckians to respond to God's call to bivocational ministry.



One of 'preachers' best friends' retires from Sunday School Board

One of the best friends preachers ever had recently retired after 35 years at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

For the last 18 years James Barry has been the preaching consultant in the board's Church Administration Department. He is recognized as a friend and voice of concern for Baptist pastors seeking to improve their preaching and worship practices.

A plan for preaching makes life easier and takes the stress out of the ministry.

He began his career at the board in 1954 as an editor and consultant in weekday religious education. He later was the first editor of "Living with Children" and then for nine years as editor and consultant in weekday education and vacation Bible school. In 1971 he moved to the pastoral section of the Church Administration Department.

Barry never got very far away from personal experiences in leading worship services. In his 35 years at the board, he was interim pastor 43 times in Baptist churches.

He has been in every state convention to lead preaching and worship conferences and in contact with as many as 3000 pastors each year. Some state conventions now have annual preaching conferences with as many as 300 persons attending.

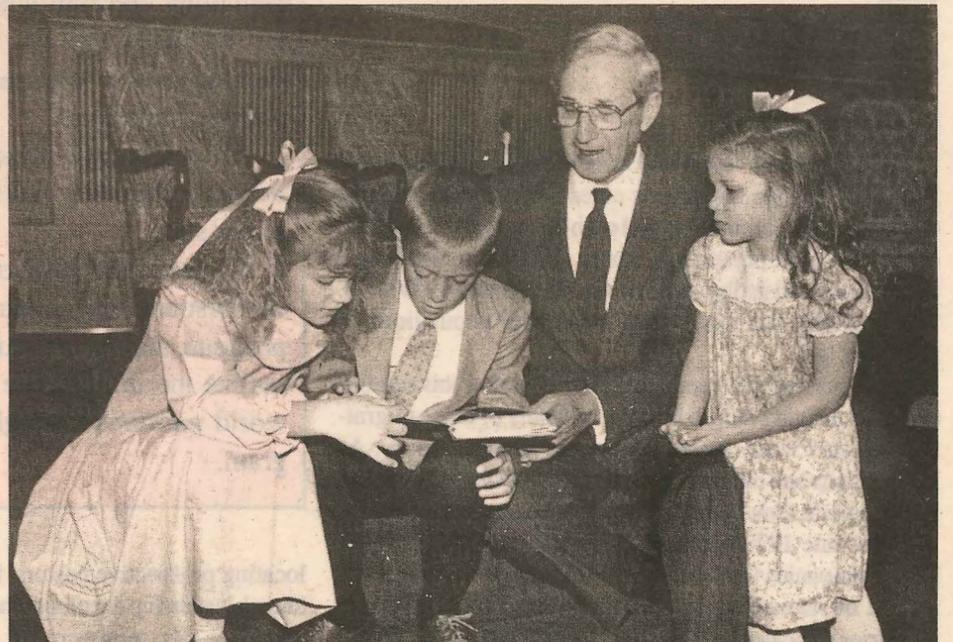
Barry has taught at all Southern Baptist seminaries and Bible schools and at 20 colleges and universities. He has written and compiled numerous resources in the area of preaching and worship.

During his time at the BSSB Barry has been in 12 different offices and had 10 supervisors. In 1984 he received the career professional employe award and in 1987 the career of excellence award.

Working at the board has been "fulfilling because of the opportunity to know and minister to Southern Baptists," he said. "My goal has been to reach the Southern Baptist preachers who have never had a course in preaching."

"I want to help them be a little more effective in ministry and to feel better about themselves," he added. "I've worked hard to provide legitimate shortcuts in preaching."

"A plan for preaching makes life



James Barry with grandchildren Leslie (l), Barry and Lydia Moss.

easier and takes the stress out of the ministry," he explained. "With a little help and encouragement preachers can be better than otherwise they might have been."

Even in his retirement Barry plans to continue to work toward his mission of helping Baptist preachers become more effective.

He is compiling a new book, *Preaching that Heals*, and has several invitations to teach at various places around the convention. There also is the possibility of some mission work and proba-

bly more interim pastorates for Nashville area churches.

Through the years requests have ranged from the usual to unexpected.

A businessman from California felt the call to preach, but he had no training. He called preaching consultant Barry and told him, "I know there are a lot of sermons in the Bible. Tell me how to go in and get them out."

Even if they don't know the homiletics from an exegesis James Barry has been—and still is—a friend to preachers.

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PARTICIPATION 2 : the persons joined together in a partnership**

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Kentucky Baptists renew partnership with Ohio; approve new linkup with Utah/Idaho in 1990

Following approval during last month's Executive Board meeting in Middletown, Kentucky Baptists will again have a cooperative arrangement with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio as well as a new partnership with the Utah/Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1990-1994 partnership with Ohio follows two previous linkups—1982-1984 and 1985-1987. The 1990-1992 arrangement with Utah/Idaho is Kentucky Baptists' first in that predominantly Mormon region of the country.

In Ohio, Kentucky Baptists' plan to assist in implementing 10 new church starts each year of the partnership and also help strengthen 50 churches during the same time duration.

In Utah/Idaho, the goals are to assist in 10 new church starts each partnership year; to link Kentucky associations with all 11 Utah/Idaho associations in ongoing associational relationships; and an attempt to link Kentucky churches with all participating Utah/Idaho churches by 1992.

Interest in state partnership missions is continuing to grow.

"We have a good response in our state, particularly from former volunteers," stated Calvin Wilkins, coordinator, Partnership Missions office. "State partnership links are a step between Kentucky state missions and foreign missions."

Focus on Ohio

Ohio is both an urban and rural state. Four cities in the Buckeye State are megafocus cities—Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland and Columbus—and each have at least 1,000,000 or more in total population. Many other Ohio cities have populations consisting of between 50,000 and 1,000,000. The state also has many rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less.

Ohio experienced a population growth earlier this century due to its thriving industrial centers. Many of those migrating for better work opportunities were from Kentucky. As Kentuckians and others began moving to Ohio from "Bible Belt" regions, Southern Baptist work began to expand.

By the late 1970's, though, industries in Ohio were hit hard. Companies found it cheaper to rebuild new factories instead of renovating aging and outdated ones, so some industries relocated to the nation's sun belt regions. Therefore, the population demographics of Ohio began to change as did state economics.

Fewer people migrated to Ohio from the "Bible Belt" in the 1980's. Retirees began moving back to their native states or warmer climates. Ohio's population shift came from people migrating from northern and eastern states or immigrants from other countries. By the year 2000, the state will be 50 percent ethnic and black.

Recent statistics indicate that 72 percent of Ohio's population is unchurched. There are 512 Southern Baptist churches; broken down, that's one church for every 21,000 people.

As Kentucky Baptists prepare for partnership trips to Ohio, here are examples of ways congregations in both states may work together as partners: prayer support, language missions, vacation Bible schools, backyard Bible schools, choir concerts, surveys, building, remodeling, witness training and visitation, student ministries, mission starts, working with black churches, big "A" clubs, revivals,

planted about a year ago during a state convention executives meeting.

"Dr. Marshall [Kentucky Baptists' executive secretary-treasurer] and Utah/Idaho's executive secretary at that time, Darwin Welch, talked about needs and, as their conversation grew, so did a dream," Wilkins recalls. "That dream developed and is now a reality to both state conventions."

As Kentucky Baptists' are trained for partnership trips to Utah and Idaho, Wilkins stressed that there will be strong emphases on dealing with that region's Mormon influence during orientations sessions.

According to a recent telephone interview with LaVoy Robertson, director for Evangelism and Stewardship and coordinator for Partnership Missions, Utah/Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, the ratio of Mormons to the total population in Utah is between 55 and 60 percent; the same ratio goes for Idaho.

"I think both state ratios, though, need to be higher," Robertson said. "Although Utah's Mormonism is more predominant, Idaho's is more concentrated in its southern and eastern regions." Robertson indicated that Idaho's western and northern panhandle regions' ratios are changing drastically.

Southern Baptists number 18,000 in the Utah/Idaho convention; the number of churches is 94. In comparison, these figures are clearly in the minority.

"Mormons, in recent years, have done a lot of marketing to sell themselves as a different kind of Christian church," Robertson noted. "They can't define themselves as being Christians. Understanding this, we need to love them as people who are misled and generally committed to their belief despite their doctrine. There is a difference between Mormon people and Mormonism. We need to see them as a people in need rather than the doctrinal aspect of Mormonism." Robertson explained that Christians need to understand the basic concept of "coming back to a lost, but good people, who need to be loved."

Some of the needs in the Utah/Idaho convention are similar to those in Ohio, with these additions: campers on mission, church education support, resort ministries, refurbishing temporary facilities, landscaping, pulpit swap, and interim pastors.

In addition, Robertson stressed that he hopes Kentucky Baptists will become personally more familiar with his region and understand the cultural problems involved. "There is a language problem in our work because Mormons have a different definition for basic religious words," he explained.

As the Kentucky-Utah/Idaho Partnership is being implemented, Robertson enthusiastically shared, "We're excited. People keep asking us about the partnership. They want to not only receive but also share with Kentucky Baptists' something of their ministry."

For more information, contact the Partnership Missions office, Kentucky Baptist Convention, (502) 245-4101.

Ways Which the Objectives Can Be Served Between State Conventions

1. To assist churches and/or associations in getting together to form partnerships.
2. To share information that is needed in making decisions regarding the establishment, continuation or curtailment of a partnership. The coordination of such information shall be done by the Direct Missions Department in Kentucky and by the Missions departments in Ohio and Utah-Idaho.
3. To assist in equipping churches to strengthen each other and start new work.
4. To insist that the establishment of new work involve a sponsoring church and the director of missions.
5. To encourage sharing resources directly between churches, not through the treasurer of either state.
6. To foster the view of partnerships as a way of personalizing a part of church's mission program and at the same time help churches realize the importance of increased giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

locating prospective pastors, helping pay a pastor's salary, church leadership development, testimonies, training schools and inner-city ministries.

Focus on Utah/Idaho

"The Kentucky-Utah/Idaho Partnership volunteers will probably not begin serving until this spring due to the weather conditions in that region of the country," Wilkins pointed out. "Deep winter freezes and snows often cause travel problems in rural areas of Utah and Idaho making travel difficult. The first requests will be granted for Here's Hope revivals and most of these will be in the larger cities." Wilkins added that basic volunteer trips will pick up by this summer.

The seed for such a partnership, claims Wilkins, was