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Hayner, Smith to headline single meet set for Apr. 20-22

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A statewide single adult convention is set for Louisville Apr. 20-22 under sponsorship of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry and Church Administration Department. Theme is "Kentucky Single Challenge."

Two principal speakers headline the weekend meeting at Louisville's Holiday Inn south, 3317 Fern Valley Rd.—Jerry Hayner, pastor, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., and Harold Ivan Smith, single adult speaker and author, Kansas City, Mo.

Special interest conferences are planned on a variety of topics: Bible study, relationship readiness, divorce recovery, sexuality and intimacy, Parenting by Grace, healthy cooking for one, self esteem, healthy lifestyles, reaching singles through Sunday school, single expectations in a married world.

Registration opens at 3 p.m. Friday with initial conferences at 4 p.m. for early arrivers. The first plenary session is at 8 p.m. Friday. Adjournment is at 10 a.m. Sunday.

A registration fee of \$20, if mailed by Mar. 20, or \$25 after that should be sent to: Family Ministry Department, KBC, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253. The fee covers refreshments, banquet and one continental breakfast.

Reduced hotel reservations are available at \$50 plus tax for one and \$56 plus tax for two, three or four per room. The group rate should be requested. The Holiday Inn toll free number is 1-800-HOLIDAY.

Executive panel set to slash BJCPA budget by 87%?

by Lonnie Wilkey

The Southern Baptist Convention's budgeted support of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs may be reduced by \$341,796 if a new budget proposal is approved.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee's program and budget subcommittee has drafted a 1990-91 Cooperative Program allocation budget that would cut the Washington-based religious liberty organization's SBC allocation by 87.24 percent, from \$391,796 this year to \$50,000.

The allocation budget will be presented to the full Executive Committee in Nashville Feb. 19 and the final decision regarding the budget will be made by messengers to the SBC annual meeting June 12-14 in New Orleans.

The BJC's decrease would mean increases for the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee and the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. The PAC's budget allocation would increase 307.53 percent, from 23,704 to \$96,600. The CLC would gain an additional \$293,728 or 32.73 percent, over its present allocation of \$897,508.

Those actions represent a change in how Southern Baptists would handle religious liberty and church/state matters in the nation's capital.

For more than 50 years the Baptist Joint Committee, which represents eight other Baptist denominations, has been Southern Baptists' primary voice on such matters.

But in recent years the BJC has drawn criticism from some conservative Southern Baptists who feel the organization has not been sympathetic with

their concerns, especially since the SBC provides a major portion of the BJC's funding.

The BJC's budget has been challenged from the floor of several SBC annual meetings and the BJC has been the subject of three special committees of the Executive Committee.

On the first night of its budget hearings the program and budget the subcommittee approved two actions that change that approach.

The subcommittee approved proposed revisions in the CLC program statement that would allow the agency to have a voice in religious liberty matters.

To take effect the proposed revisions must be approved by the full Executive Committee and messengers to the SBC annual meeting.

The subcommittee also adopted five guidelines for the Public Affairs Committee.

After the proposed program statement revision and guidelines were adopted, the committee began hearing budget requests from executives of SBC agencies and related organizations.

After the requests were made the subcommittee began deliberations on the 1990-91 budget allocations. The new Cooperative Program allocation budget goal of \$137,332,523 is based on receipts of the last fiscal year of record, 1988-89, and represent a 1.89 percent increase over CP receipts for 1987-88.

Each agency except the BJC, CLC and PAC received a 1.89 percent basic increase over the 1989-90 budget.

The PAC was the only organization that received the full amount it requested. The CLC received an additional \$293,728. (BP)

Changes pondered if CLC should add liberty assignment

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention instructed its program and budget subcommittee last Sept. 18 to work with the Christian Life Commission to revise "as appropriate" the program statement of the commission to give it "authority to act" on religious liberty matters.

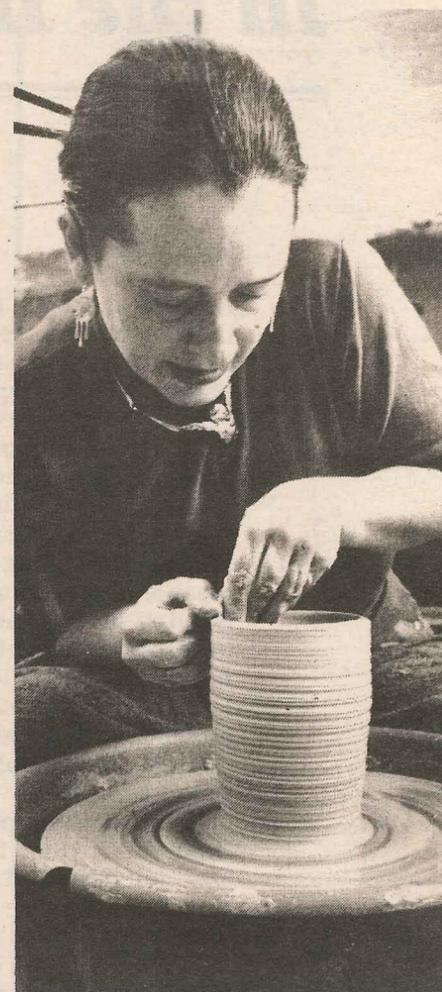
The proposal was at the initiative of the Executive Committee.

Subsequent discussion took place between the staffs of the Executive Committee and the Christian Life Commission, both housed in the SBC Building in Nashville.

As a result the CLC executive committee has proposed changes in its program statement, adding to a section on purpose: "to promote religious liberty in cooperation with the churches and other Southern Baptist entities."

"These changes, if approved, would give the Christian Life Commission a religious liberty responsibility, not the religious liberty responsibility, in relation to the SBC," said Richard Land, CLC executive director.

These proposals must be approved by the Executive Committee's program and budget subcommittee, the full Executive Committee, CLC board of trustees and the SBC itself.



God created men and women in his image, creative beings, evidenced by Jane-Allen McKinney, a Nashville artist who spends her days creating pottery from clay and water. The doctrine of creation is subject of the 1990 Baptist Doctrine Study to be observed in many churches Apr. 16-20. The study is sponsored by the Discipleship Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Fields scholarship up 60%

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The principal of a Kentucky Baptist fund helping young men participate in a week of summer Royal Ambassador camp has increased by 60.2% in one year.

The principal remaining in the Calvin Day Fields Memorial Scholarship in January 1990 had a market value of \$14,567. One year earlier that figure was \$8983, a dollar increase of \$5584.

But the actual increase was more than that, according to Richard Carnes, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Middletown, who manages the fund which assists boys who wish to attend Camp Rabro and could not otherwise. The state Brotherhood Department expended \$707 of earnings in partial and full grants in the summer of 1989, bringing the actual total dollar increase in the last year to \$6291.

That \$707 assisted 22 boys in attending camp at Rabro, on the Cedarmore Baptist Assembly property near Bagdad in northeastern Shelby County.

The Fields scholarship was named for

a man who devoted 29 summers of his life to developing Christian young men through Camp Rabro. At the time of his unexpected death Feb. 25, 1982 Fields was director of the state Brotherhood Department. He had been associate in that department for 16 years before that. The scholarship was established by his family to benefit worthy young men.

When an article on the little publicized fund appeared in Western Recorder Jan. 24, 1989 the fund, which has been growing steadily, increased by more than 20% in the following month.

Contributions to the scholarship are tax deductible and are acknowledged by the Foundation. Gifts may be directed to the Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253.

Applicants for the scholarship may contact the Brotherhood Department, which administers it, at the same address.

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Personal evangelism the key to church growth

Reports of church growth throughout our denomination have been feeble in recent years. Thousands of our churches struggle just to show one or two baptisms. Many churches that baptize four or five each year actually believe they have done a great job. The truth is, we are not getting the job done and there is a tremendous job to be done. The unchurched population continues to increase while church membership figures are increasing at lower rates.

Great preaching is important. Poor preaching will disable a church quickly. Quality Bible teaching by Sunday school teachers is a must. An effective music ministry is essential for churches. Programs and ministries for children and youth are important. In our day effective singles ministries are needed. These and similar emphases will pull some people into your church. Such emphases will provide you with a long list of prospects.

Some of these prospects will become convicted of their sins, realize their need for Jesus and respond at the invitation and say, "Pastor, I want to be a Christian." On the other hand, many of your prospects will become convicted of their sins, realize their need for Jesus, but will not come forward during the invitation time. These persons you must win to Jesus through personal evangelism.

The potential. Your church field has a potential for winning persons to Christ. You might serve a rural church sitting in a big field with not one house in sight or you might be located in a community where the big city is swallowing you. Open your eyes. In either of these ministry settings, rural or city, the fields are white unto harvest.

The prospects. Every church needs a prospect list. May I also add that every pastor needs a prospect list, too. In our church we work on our prospect list every month or so. We pray for our prospects by name during our Wednesday evening services. Whenever a person on our list makes a public decision for Christ, we celebrate that decision in our Wednesday evening prayer service.

You say, "There just aren't that many prospects in my church field." The prospects are probably there. You must become "prospect conscious." I have found prospects by examining our Sunday school class rolls. Prospects attend our worship services. I can walk into a restaurant in our town of 6000 and immediately be made aware of prospects.

Only a few days ago a coal operator was drinking coffee by himself at one of our restaurants. I happened to be there. I simply walked by his table and said to him, "You have been attending church for some time now. Why don't we get together for a few minutes this week. I would like to talk with you about becoming a Christian." He agreed that he needed to be and wanted to be saved. He thanked me for my interest in his life.

Planned evangelism. I believe the day of unannounced visits has ended. A day was when you might arrive unannounced at someone's home and successfully lead that person to Christ. That day might be gone.

Don't we live now in a day of appointments? People respect appointments. Make your visitation plans by writing the names of two to five persons you want to visit. Call them and make an appointment for a visit.

Here are some other factors to consider:

1. Make your invitation nonthreatening. I tell people I have a small book to give them. That book usually is a gospel tract.

2. Tell the person all you want is 20 minutes of their time. Usually the person figures you can't do much harm to him in 20 minutes.

3. Meet in a setting conducive for witnessing. A noisy restaurant or a house filled with screaming kids is not the right kind of setting.

4. Present the gospel. After a few minutes of small talk I take out the gospel tract and say, "Here is the book I wanted to give you. But before I do, let me explain some basic truths in this book." At that point, I share a witness and try to lead the person to Christ.

The public commitment. The big barrier to some people we witness to is that long walk down the aisle of the church. The fear of that walk scares many unsaved persons. One pastor tried a unique approach. After a prospect prayed to receive Christ at the prospect's home, the pastor at that time filled out a request for a church membership card. The new convert was instructed to "bring the card to the pastor during the invitation time in next Sunday's service." In this way, some of the convert's fears about walking down the aisle were lessened.

You will want to explain to your converts why a public decision is necessary. You will also need to explain the reason and purpose of baptism following a public profession of faith.

Pursuing growth. In our church, we go to extra efforts to enrol our new converts in a Sunday school class. We also provide a copy of *Survival Kit for New Christians* for each of our converts. And we give our converts a modern translation of the Bible.

All that I have said thus far only scratches the surface of this whole issue of doing personal evangelism. One other suggestion is needed. Find ways to involve the new Christian in service in your church.

You can win prospects to Christ. Your church has the potential for reaching people. Develop your prospect list. Plan your weekly visitation-witnessing strategy. Present the gospel clearly. Explain the public commitment. Pursue Christian growth for each person you win to Christ. Devote your life to winning persons to Christ and your church will grow.

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viewpoint

The Bible, interpretation and revival

by Jerry B. Hopkins

We need to read the Bible with understanding. Our forefathers justified slavery by the Bible because you can find slavery mentioned in it. People have justified polygamy because you can read of Abraham, Jacob or somebody else in the Bible having more than one wife. People have justified many things by what the Bible says, but it is because they did not study to learn the meaning. We have no right to say what the Bible means until we know well what it says.

You have often heard the trite and shallow statement, "The Bible says what it means and it means what it says." That is a statement which some folks use to distort what the Bible says and prove what they want the Bible to mean. Such a vicious misinterpretation and misuse of the Bible is not pleasing to God. For example, Jesus said, "Pluck out your right eye" and "cut off your right hand" (Matt. 5:29,30). That is what he said, but is that what he meant for us to do? He did not mean for people to go about plucking out eyes or cutting off hands. Anybody with any sense at all who can read and think can read the context and see that he meant something much deeper and more profound than that. They were to deal with the eye and the hand of the heart, not the literal eye and hand. The key words are "in his heart" in Matt. 5:28.

Huber Drumwright, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, was the first to prick my conscience about this matter of interpreting the Bible and what the text of scripture says and means. In Greek class one day he said, "Ignorant men have served God, but God is never served by our ignorance." From that time on I determined that I would not be an ignorant preacher of God's word, misleading and misinforming my hearers.

The book of Revelation is filled with symbolism and analogy. The tragedy is when folks say "take it literally" and then begin to interpret what symbolic passages "mean" literally. They ignore the rules of interpretation and violate the intentions of God, the divine author, in their imposition of their opinions and ideas on texts. The cultural context, historical record and scholarly analyses of texts are very important in interpreting what they mean.

There is a practical reason for being careful in our study of God's word. If we are to experience revival we must be

obedient to God's word and "rightly divide" it. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). If we misuse it we certainly will not be blessed. If we misinterpret it we will not profit from what God desires to show us.

In fact the very opposite of revival could come if we do not "rightly divide" this word. Revelation 22:18-19 should sober all of us: "If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the book of life, from the holy city and from the things which are written in this book."

It comes to this: when you are sick, do you want to take the advice of the fellow who digs ditches or the doctor who has studied years in how to treat your body? When it comes to the Bible do we want to take just anybody's word or the word of those who have devoted years to its study and can use its original languages? Revival is hearing God's word, understanding it, believing it and obeying it.

The revival under Ezra and Nehemiah was characterized by an emphasis on the word of God as given in the law (Neh. 8:1-6). Consider the significance of Nehemiah 8 for that day and for ours as well. "So they read distinctly from the

book, in the law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" (Neh. 8:8). Revival came as a result of this emphasis on God's word, as the people understood and applied it in their lives.

We must take seriously our task of interpreting the word of God, giving the right sense. Spiritual renewal is directly related to how we view and what we do with God's word. James said it correctly. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Doctors can either practice medicine or they can argue over medicines and medical technology while the patient dies. Jesus has already given us our commission: "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19-20). We need to practice living and telling the good news. There are people all about us who need our positive witness to the reality of Jesus and his salvation.

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James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Common denominators

In the convention sermon last fall at Frankfort layman Henry B. Huff pointed us to eight succinct and uncompromising Baptist beliefs. He used Dan Yeary's *Doctrine of the Priesthood of Believers* as a reference. Huff called Yeary's principles "expressions of our priestly responsibilities to read and understand the Bible for ourselves and to help others interpret and apply the Bible in their own lives, by our witness and our lives."

Here they are:

1. Salvation by grace through faith. Man is saved by God's generous gift of grace. No one can buy, merit or earn his salvation and the church cannot give it to him.

2. Believer's baptism. Baptism by immersion is for those who have already been born again. Baptism does not produce salvation.

3. The Bible is our only authority. Spiritual direction is found in God's word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Baptists do not readily accept any man made creed or document.

4. Priesthood of all believers. Direct access is granted by God to all believers through Jesus Christ.

5. Local autonomy of the church. A Southern Baptist church is governed by members of the congregation as one of its major expressions of the priesthood of all believers.

6. Freedom of religion. Every person is free to respond or not respond to God. A person must be allowed to worship or refuse to worship without force. This is an individual responsibility.

7. Separation of church and state. The state should not tell the church what to teach and should not tax the church. The church should not tell the state what it can or cannot do. Each Christian should use his own personal influence to influence the political process.

8. Evangelism and missions. We are to go, tell and teach all people to obey the commands of Jesus Christ and help all people change their lives through belief in him.

There you have it—a group of tenets of the faith which Baptists in general and Southern Baptists in particular have subscribed to for generations.

I have a concern, I believe shared by some of you, that we have raised one or more generations which does not fully appreciate these principles. My personal belief is that the strife Baptists currently endure may be partially blamed upon the fact so many of us do not know what we believe and therefore do not cherish distinctives which historically have bound us together.

Regretfully, I'm also of the opinion that—until we return to the basics of our faith—we'll never find common denominators in the search for peace.

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Labels

"Labels" . . . you see them on packaged foods, prescription drugs, building materials, books, toys and an assortment of other items. Almost everything we buy has a "label" on it. "Labels" are necessary for a variety of reasons. They keep us from buying the wrong products, taking the wrong medicine and eating the wrong food. On a recent visit to the local Baptist bookstore, I found numerous Bibles with visible differences. The Bibles had "labels" which listed the unique characteristics of each. I guess you could say if it wasn't for "labels" our lives would be pretty hectic.

What about the "labels" we use every day in our Christian life? Some of those "labels" are liberal, moderate, fundamentalist, right wing, left of the issue and conservative, just to name a few.

The only "label" we use at Baptist Hospitals Foundation is "Friend." A "Friend" can be someone who does volunteer work in our hospitals or has taken advantage of an opportunity to help others by giving to Baptist Hospitals Foundation. A "Friend" can be a company that has accepted our proposal to underwrite a portion of a program or service in one of our hospitals. A "Friend" can be an individual or a firm that sponsors our annual golf tournament or 5K run so others can become aware of the good works of the Foundation through publicity. A "Friend" can be someone that donates to the Sunday school charity fund so that indigent patients can receive assistance with their hospital bill.

The last quarter of 1989 "Friends" gave to the endowment fund in honor of Dr. Burt L. Dobbs, past president of BHI, who died in October 1989. "Friends" donated the total amount needed to purchase a computer assisted communication device to be used by patients who have lost the motor capabilities of speech. "Friends" paid for an incubator that was needed to assist premature babies.

The next time you hear someone use a "label," replace that "label" in your mind with the word "Friend." If you haven't already we would like very much for you to become a "Friend" of the Foundation as we strive to honor God's work in our hospitals. Contact the Foundation for a list of our most current needs. What better "label" to wear than "Friend."

Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Hospitals Inc. or Baptist Hospitals Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., vice president of Baptist Hospitals Foundation, BHI Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 (502) 896-5000.

Religious groups oppose clergy malpractice claim

A group of religious organizations has asked the Ohio Supreme Court to reject the legal theory of "clergy malpractice."

Filing a friend-of-the-court brief with that state's high court, the organizations argued such a theory is "fraught with insurmountable practical and constitutional problems." An issue is whether clergy malpractice suits may be filed against pastoral counselors.

Last fall the Ohio Court of Appeals reversed a trial court decision that dismissed charges of professional negligence against Richard P. Faber, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor. The appeals panel held legal action may be taken against a pastoral counselor if that counselor is negligent in treating a patient.

In their brief, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, American Jewish Committee, Christian Legal Society, National Association of Evangelicals and National Council of Churches said applying to clergy the claim of malpractice, which means falling below the established standards of conduct for a particular profession, raises difficult questions.

The first question, according to the brief, centers on who is to define the duty of the clergy. Clergy malpractice also would force courts to determine when a person becomes a minister's counselee and, thus, entitled to additional legal protections and which church offices have counseling duties,

the brief said. In addition, mandating that clergy perform in a particular manner may violate the First Amendment's free exercise clause, according to the brief.

Pointing out that other existing legal theories could be applied in cases against clergy, the groups urged the Ohio Supreme Court to avoid the "creation of an unworkable" theory of clergy malpractice and "join the other courts throughout the country which have uniformly resisted the invitation to recognize this ill founded, unnecessary and constitutionally suspect cause of action." (BP)

Call to solemn assembly draws term queries

The Old Testament term "solemn assembly" used in connection with a call to prayer and repentance by Southern Baptist prayer leaders is drawing questions from people unfamiliar with the term.

"Solemn assembly is a very serious meeting with God," said Avery Willis, manager of the leadership development section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training Department. He said he has received several calls from church leaders who do not understand the term or who want to know how to conduct a solemn assembly.

"Solemn assembly is a biblical term," a call to prayer and fasting issued from God to the people through revered

church leaders, and it comes out of the book of Job, said Henry Blackaby, director of prayer and spiritual awakening at the Home Mission Board. "It is a very solemn gathering of the people of God to come face to face with God and discuss what he has on his agenda," added Blackaby.

Prayer leaders from the Southern Baptist mission boards joined leaders from the BSSB in teaching more than 180 church leaders how to conduct intercessory prayer ministries during the first Church Program Training Center seminar on prayer Jan. 22-25. Minette Drumwright, director of the international prayer office at the Foreign Mission Board, and T. W. Hunt, prayer consultant at the BSSB, also participated in the seminar.

"Solemn assembly is a time to read God's word, understand that God is speaking to us and that we must respond to God. It is not only a Bible study time but an encounter with God." (BP)

Senior adult discipleship theme of April meets

Two national discipleship conferences for senior adults will be held Apr. 23-26 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers.

"Truths that Endure" is the theme of the conference which begins Monday afternoon, Apr. 23, with registration and concludes Thursday morning, Apr. 26, with breakfast. During the week, senior adults may attend Bible study sessions, worship services and group seminars. "Cults: The Truth about Untruth" and "Creation: And God Said . . ." are among the seminar topics to be offered.

At Ridgecrest, Ernest Mosley, executive vice president of the SBC Executive Committee, will be keynote speaker. Ferris Jordan, professor of adult education and chairman of the Division of Religious Education Ministries at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the Bible study leader at Ridgecrest.

At Glorieta, keynote speaker will be Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, and the Bible study leader will be Chester Swor, author and speaker from Jackson, Miss.

Senior adults may obtain registration information by writing the Discipleship Training Department, adult section, BSSB, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.

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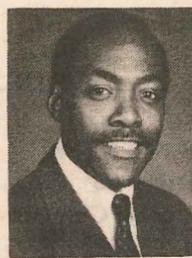
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Jimmy Allen announces premiere of TV network

The former head of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has announced the formation of a television network that will offer a daily news hour and a home shopping service.

Life Television Network is to premiere Feb. 12 in about 40 markets across the nation, said Jimmy R. Allen, network president.

Until his resignation in June 1989 Allen was president of the RTVC and of ACTS, the commission's satellite network.

LTN in no way should be seen as competing with ACTS since the new network is for full power television stations, not cable stations, Allen said.

LTN is to provide three hours of live programming to independent television stations each Monday through Friday. One hour per day is to feature "LTN Evening News" and the other two hours are to feature the "Life Enrichment Shopping Service."

"LTN Evening News" is "undoubtedly the most ambitious news program ever attempted with life-enrichment emphasis and daily worldwide news feeds," Allen said.

Deborah Tyler, who formerly appeared on the ACTS news program "What's Happening," will anchor LTN's news hour.

The network has described its home shopping service—which will allow viewers to purchase a variety of products by telephone—as a "merchandise-

oriented, live program emphasizing the uplifting of the whole man."

Jarrell McCracken, former president of Word Inc., has joined the network as president of the shopping service. (BP)

Committees to consider drunk driving bill Feb. 8

State attorney general Frederic J. Cowan has again called for Kentuckians to contact their state representatives to encourage their support of legislation to stiffen state drunk driving laws.

In a memo to "concerned Kentuckians" Cowan reports that Senate Bill 163 has been sent to the Judiciary Committee and House Bill 333 has been sent to the transportation committee. These committees will hold a joint hearing on the bills at noon Feb. 8.

Cowan's memo states "both committees will require some convincing if we are to get this passed." He requests that concerned citizens come to Frankfort for the hearings or call members of the appropriate committees. Names and phone numbers of these officials can be obtained by calling the attorney general's office.

KBHC names Watts home activities director

Alan Watts has been named director of activities for Spring Meadows Children's Home, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Middletown. He joined the staff Jan. 15.

Originally from Owensboro, Watts is a 1989 graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College. He received a BA degree in political science with a minor in physical education. While a student Watts directed the student intramural sports program at Campbellsville. He was active in the Baptist Student Union and was the student representative on the college board of trustees.

Watts served two terms as a student summer missionary. He worked with youth in Florida and was a member of Son Praise, a Baptist student team. He was part time youth minister at Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church in 1986 and at Mt. Roberts Baptist Church, Campbellsville, in 1987.

BSUers escape tragedy during weekend conclave

Thirty-two victims of a carbon monoxide leak at Louisville's Brownsboro Inn Saturday, Feb. 3, were summer missionaries and student leaders from Kentucky's Baptist Student Union.

A 48-hour-old boiler that had not yet been inspected by the authorities malfunctioned, sending deadly carbon monoxide through the hotel's heating system. As student work participants began rising to prepare for morning activities, several did not respond to the wake-up call, alerting leaders to possible trouble.

Jeff Green, a weekend seminar leader teaching first aid for summer missionaries, organized rescue efforts from the

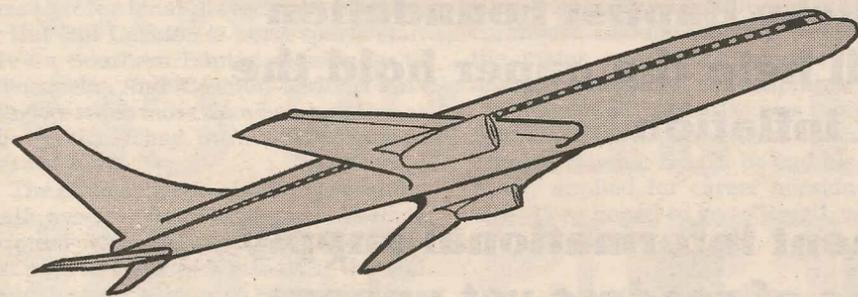
hotel and contacted Louisville EMS and fire resources in response to the emergency. He is a medical student and husband of Twila Green, campus minister at University of Kentucky. Affected students and leaders were transported to seven area hospitals and an emergency control center was set up in Crescent Hill Baptist Church by KBC Student Department associate Tom Smoot.

"We were very fortunate," Smoot observed. "Had our schedule begun two hours—even an hour later, somebody might have been lost."

"As it was, our last casualty was able to leave the hospital by about 9 p.m."

The Louisville disaster emergency services plan provided Transit Authority of River City buses to relocate the group from Brownsboro Inn to Holiday Inn Southeast Saturday night. Also, numerous Louisville churches and church members donated time and resources to meet emergency needs.

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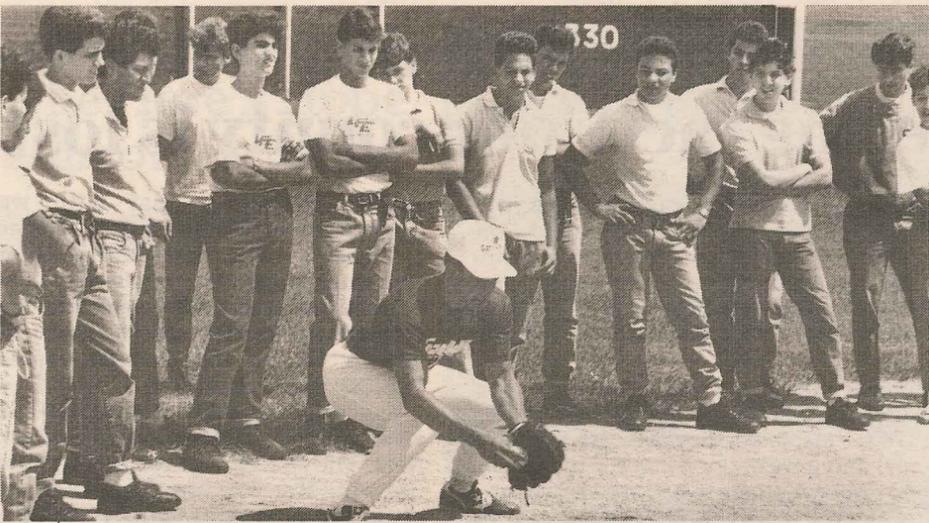
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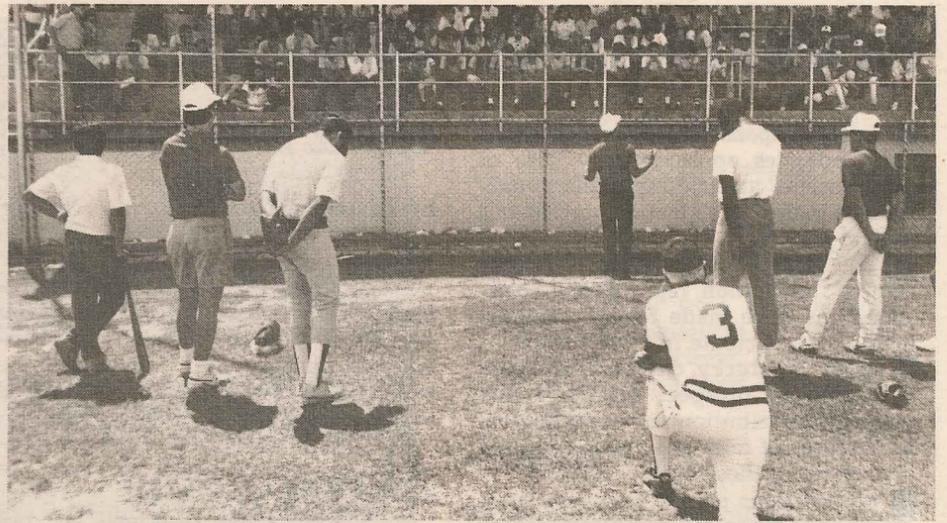
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Venezuelan baseball hero Omar Vizquel, a shortstop with the Seattle Mariners, demonstrates fielding techniques during a baseball clinic in Caracas, Venezuela. Vizquel is one of several professional players who have helped Southern Baptist missionary Bill Cashion lead the clinics. Through the clinics, young people learn both how to improve baseball skills and how to become a Christian. These participants attend the Caracas high school from which Vizquel graduated.



Carlos Rios (standing, center), former all star second baseman with the Richmond (Va.) Braves, tells young people how to become a Christian at a baseball clinic in Caracas, Venezuela. Also shown are other players, coaches and Venezuelan Baptist volunteers who work in the program. Rios, a Puerto Rican, says the ministry gives him an opportunity to "teach the greatest sport ever played and tell the greatest story ever told."

Baseball helps Baptists hit homer in Venezuela

Mary E. Speidel

They swarmed Bill Cashion behind the dugout.

"Senor, senor," pleaded a boy in a baseball jersey. He shoved a glove at Cashion. Others pushed forward caps and mitts for him to autograph.

He had just finished a day of baseball clinics in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela. The young people who attended learned baseball techniques from professional players and coaches.

But Bill Cashion is not a sports star. He's a Southern Baptist missionary to Venezuela. And Cashion and his colleagues teach more than baseball tips at the clinics. They introduce people to Jesus Christ.

The clinics, begun about a year and a half ago in Venezuela, have become popular with young people. "The hardest part of the clinics is leaving the ball field," said Cashion of Slater, S. C., a church starter in Caracas. "They want everyone's autograph."

But that's not surprising, according to the missionary. Baseball is Venezuela's number one sport. It's almost a national obsession, he said.

"Kids in the street play with sticks and balls made out of socks or paper or anything they can find," added Venezuelan baseball hero Omar Vizquel, surrounded by fans. Vizquel, a shortstop with the Seattle Mariners, is one of several professional players who have helped Cashion lead clinics.

Another is Carlos Rios, former all star second baseman with the Richmond (Va.) Braves, top minor league team for the Atlanta Braves. After retiring as a pro player Rios will begin coaching rookies for the Braves in Brandenton, Fla. this spring.

During a clinic session on batting Rios showed the proper grip to a group of boys sitting at his feet. Later the young players listened to Marty Clary, a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. Clary told the youths and their parents about his most important decision—accepting Christ as savior.

"It's made me feel better about myself than throwing a shutout against the St. Louis Cardinals," he said.

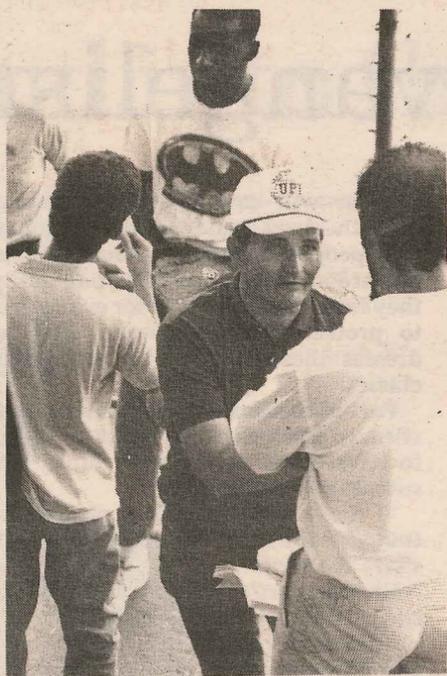
Standing by Clary near home plate, Rios told the young people how to begin a relationship with Christ. He understands their questions. At their age Rios

was running the bases on youth league diamonds in Puerto Rico. In those days "baseball was my god," said Rios, 29.

At age 18 he signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates and began playing in the minor leagues. But pro ball's pressure took its toll on Rios. "I was a below average player then because I was so tense, so worried," he said.

Rios found peace in 1982. He became a Christian through the influence of his wife Marta and Baseball Chapel, a Christian organization that coordinates clubhouse Sunday worship services in the major and minor leagues. Local ministers are volunteer chaplains.

For Cashion, 1982 also was a pivotal year. Active as volunteers with the Foreign Mission Board, he and his wife Kathy applied for career mission service. They hoped to go to Brazil, where



Bill Cashion, Southern Baptist missionary to Venezuela, answers questions at one of the baseball clinics he coordinates in Caracas, Venezuela. After the skill sessions, Christian athletes and Baptist leaders explain how to become a Christian. Behind Cashion is Gary Eave, a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. A member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Franklin, La., Eave is one of several professional players who have helped with the clinics.

Cashion had coordinated a volunteer partnership project. But they were rejected because of a medical problem. For the next two years, "I was angry with everybody," he admitted.

During that time Rios was traded to the Atlanta Braves. He started playing for the Greenville (S. C.) Braves, one of Atlanta's farm teams. Cashion, a former baseball coach, was the team's volunteer chaplain.

Cashion also was pastor of Washington Baptist Church in nearby Greer, S. C. After Rios joined the church, the two became close friends.

Cashion encouraged Rios to volunteer for a Foreign Mission Board partnership project in Chile. There Rios preached for the first time in his life. He realized his potential influence as a Spanish speaking Christian athlete when 40 people attending evangelistic services at a 38-member church accepted Christ as savior after his sermons.

Back in South Carolina Cashion still was fuming about being turned down for mission service. One day a friend suggested he read some scriptures that "cut through my bitterness," he recalled. Finally he got to the point "that if God wanted us to clean restrooms somewhere we'd do it."

Following a physician's advice, the couple reapplied for mission service. The Foreign Mission Board appointed them missionaries to Venezuela in 1985.

Cashion and Rios kept in touch. Rios stayed active in Baseball Chapel in the United States and Puerto Rico, where he played baseball during the winter. He also worked with Unlimited Potential Inc., a Christian organization that sponsors youth sports clinics with an evangelistic message.

Through his travels Rios began to realize the need for Baseball Chapel in Latin American countries. He helped start clubhouse chapels for teams in the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Venezuela. Later he became Baseball Chapel's volunteer coordinator for Latin America, a ministry that caused him to consider becoming a full time "baseball minister." He was ordained by Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond last year.

Through Rios' contacts Cashion became national Baseball Chapel coordinator in Venezuela. In that role Cashion recruits pastors and missionaries to

be chaplains for the country's six professional baseball teams. He is chaplain for the Caracas Lions and leads youth baseball clinics in cooperation with Unlimited Potential. In addition Cashion and Rios have coordinated baseball clinics in several other Latin American countries.

Along the way Cashion has linked his ministry to local Baptist churches.

Members of Cashion's church consider the ballpark a preaching point, he said. Venezuelan Baptist pastors and Southern Baptist missionaries minister as chaplains and translators for the teams. Services are bilingual to accommodate Venezuelan players and North Americans playing winter baseball there.

Venezuelan Baptist Enrique Montoya, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Caracas, has led a ballpark discipleship group for Christian players.

At the baseball clinics Baptist volunteers help by translating, registering spiritual decisions and distributing tracts. Local Baptist church members follow up by trying to begin home Bible studies in the neighborhoods where clinics are held.

Both programs have given Venezuelan Baptists an open door to unchurched people, Cashion said.

For example, Baseball Chapel transformed the New York Yankees Baseball Academy in Caracas when a dozen players became Christians, Cashion said.

Venezuelan Baptist pastor Leonel Pertillo is chaplain for the academy, which trains promising Venezuelan players.

Baseball officials also support the ministry. The chapel services "help (players) during the tension of the season to rest, to relax, just to have time to think and to get away from the rigors of the game," said Pablo Morales, owner of the Caracas Lions.

And Cashion's work with the baseball clinics has brought him an award from a youth baseball district in Venezuela.

But gaining glory isn't what satisfies Cashion; it's knowing he's in the right place, combining his interests in baseball and the Bible.

Rios, who never made it to the major leagues, finds a similar satisfaction. "It gives me the opportunity to teach the greatest sport ever played and to tell the greatest story ever told," he said. (BP)

HERE'S HOPE

HOPEFUL SIGNS

■ Initial response from Kentucky Baptists indicates approximately 70% of our churches are making plans to participate in the Here's Hope simultaneous revival efforts.

■ The Office for Evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention, reports 76 of 78 associations have made formal commitments to participate in Here's Hope.

■ Many Kentucky churches are participating in prospect discovery and scripture distribution activities. Several professions of faith have been reported as a result of these early efforts.

■ Associations across Kentucky have scheduled rallies and prayer retreats in preparation for the revivals. Among them: Caldwell-Lyon Association, Princeton, Feb. 12—sessions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and a regional rally at 7 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church, guest speakers Richard Harris, Atlanta, Ga., William D. Jagers, Middletown; Enterprise Association, Prestonburg, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, guest speaker John Sullivan, Jacksonville, Fla.

LIFE IMPACT

"Every day is visitation," declared Jack Ward, 33, a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, Inez, Enterprise Association.

"You have to be prepared for every opportunity to witness. I have a Bible on my desk, a New Testament in my pocket, and a tract with me every day."

When Ward was 13 he made a profession of faith and joined First Baptist.

"I wanted to lead others to Christ. I wanted to be obedient and I wanted to be a witness. I carried my Bible to school and witnessed to every one I could. I led my best friend and three others to Christ," he recalled.

"The one thing I have learned from witnessing is this: nothing is as important as a person's relationship with Christ."

For 10 years he has taught a class of seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys at First Baptist.

"By reading Sunday school and evangelistic outreach materials I learned to witness and I discovered how important visitation was. I visited weekly with a partner and began to pray for the lost. When I started praying daily and had daily Bible study, people were saved."

By his fourth year, class enrolment jumped from two boys to 18. Each boy eventually became a Christian.

Over the years enrolment has fluctuated. But Ward remains determined.

"If I have a prospect I go after him. Some prospects never show up for Sunday school. But you don't give up."

Polly Ward

DIRECTIONS

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

(Matt. 9:36-38, NIV)

Carrollton First gives testaments, witness and learns sobering fact: 'our county is lost'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When planners of Southern Baptists' 1990 simultaneous revival crusade emphasis *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* decided to produce inexpensive scriptures for widespread distribution to the lost, a Kentucky congregation embraced it wholeheartedly.

In fact, First Baptist Church, Carrollton, is among those who may be called *Exhibit A*.

As a direct result of efforts last fall the congregation has seen:

■ Between six and eight public professions of faith.

■ 38 additional decisions to follow Christ recorded on survey cards.

■ Over 150 "prospect homes" not identified with any church located.

■ Nearly 500 homes contacted where marked New Testaments were left.

■ Involvement of church members, including 10-12 teams that went out in pairs for three weeks in search of the unsaved, reporting findings to the congregation.

The bottom line was the "overwhelming discovery," pastor Stan Prewett declares, that "our county is lost."

Prewett, 39, got his feet wet in scripture distribution when he went door-to-door helping Foothills Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev., survey its community prior to last summer's SBC meeting. He returned to Carrollton glowing. His congregation "caught a vision" for reaching the lost in its neighborhood.

Prewett adopted the convention's Continuing Witness Training program, asking volunteers to "pair up" before training. Teams prepared in Discipleship Training sessions. The city map was divided into 40 districts of 35-40 residences each.

One team member was "surveyor," one "recorder." Team members asked

seven nonthreatening questions. A resident gave his own views and told if he had any church background and membership status anywhere.

After the questions a resident was asked if he would like canvassers to share the gospel. If he said *no*, they thanked him, gave him a testament and pamphlet about their church and left. To *yes* responses they presented the gospel and gave opportunity for the person to pray with them to become a Christian.

Survey cards were categorized by computer. On finding a member of another church they sent a letter to that church concerning the person's statement. If someone with ties to another denomination was led to Christ, the

nearest church of that faith was notified. Anyone indicating he was not a Christian who had Baptist or no church heritage was considered a First Baptist prospect. Cards were routed to appropriate Sunday school classes for visiting during the church's regular Tuesday night visitation.

The congregation's Here's Hope revival begins Apr. 8 with evangelist Perry Neal. The church will conduct a visitation blitz Mar. 1, returning to the homes of its 150-plus newly discovered prospect homes with door hangers bearing revival information.

The Carrollton congregation is one of thousands to distribute 294-page paperback New Testaments carrying simple instructions for accepting Jesus as savior. Fifteen million copies in six languages were printed by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Holman Bible Division, Nashville. Cost to print and ship: 45.8¢ each.

Putting New Testaments in someone's hand "creates a little warmth" for the gospel, says Jack Palmer, associate director of the KBC Sunday School Department, Middletown. Palmer, who incorporated scripture distribution in people search training sessions in 32 Kentucky associations last year, believes when you give people something "they're more interested."

Palmer trained 145 persons in distribution who returned to associations and churches training hundreds more. Some, like Carrollton First, gave the testaments before revival. Others will during or after it, Palmer allows.

Prewett summarizes: "I'd like to say to other churches, 'Don't be afraid.' I'd rather have tried and failed than never to have tried at all."

Contributing to this story was Denise Spencer, state correspondent.

Carrollton canvassers ask seven questions

1. Are you a member of a church or religious group?

2. (If yes) Would you tell us the name of the church or religious group? (If no) Do you have a preference?

3. Would you say you attend weekly, monthly, occasionally, never?

4. What is the cause of most stress in our lives? Money, family, changing moral values, lack of purpose, other.

5. Pollsters say interest in spiritual matters is rising. Why?

6. Can you know you have eternal life and will go to heaven after death for sure? Do you know it for yourself?

7. How can you know for sure you have eternal life and will go to heaven?

Getting evangelism out of the classroom

by Mary Royals Driskill
Editorial Assistant

"You cannot teach evangelism in the classroom," says Hal Poe, assistant professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and former associate in the Office for Evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Why then, does this man devote his time and energy to *teaching* evangelism?

When Poe was at the KBC many pastors said they "didn't know how" to visit evangelistically. Pastors wanted to be shown how to share the gospel.

"There's no deep mystery to it," smiled Poe, "once you overcome the fear."

Overcoming fear is a major obstacle for most of us.

"Every Christian has these fears," insisted Poe. "It's a reality."

Poe listed several common fears people express in witnessing: fear of not knowing what to say, fear of people's response, fear of rejection, and of being embarrassed.

"We'll talk about UK to a U of L fan," remarked Poe, "but to talk to someone about Jesus Christ who doesn't believe scares us to death."

"Fear will cause people to change their theology," said Poe. He explained that people know they should witness but are afraid. To avoid feeling guilty, they rationalize the need for evangelism to protect their conscience. Poe addresses these fears in his evangelism classes.

Part of the classroom experience is to witness. Each week, students are asked to have a witnessing opportunity and submit a verbatim report.

"I don't want it to be a mechanical thing," said Poe. "The intention is to share the faith."

Students are asked to concentrate on their own ministry situations.

"If you're not involved in ministry, you probably won't have opportunities to share your faith."

The verbatims force the student to focus on the encounter and ask: why couldn't I share my faith, or why didn't I share it? Did I do it conversationally or as a lecture? Was it a two person

monolog or a dialog?

"I want them to understand the dynamics," stressed Poe. "Evangelism is not a one-shot proposition."

He encourages the students to nurture encounters with the same person throughout the semester if possible. Even with this approach, some people are hesitant to share, especially when they have an encounter that doesn't lead to a response for Christ.

People feel the first time witness encounter must have a positive response or it is not successful. Poe believes this is because people see it as *their* work, and not the Holy Spirit's.

Poe stresses there is "an absolute need for the Holy Spirit" in evangelism efforts. A theoretical basis for the gospel is the beginning point for Poe's classes.

Poe begins each course with a discussion of the gospel and a theory base to apply to each witnessing situation. Just as Jesus, Paul and Peter approached people individually, the focus is always

FRONTLINE

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"Live billboards" make Here's Hope a sign of the times

by Mary Royals Driskill
Editorial Assistant

Nelson Baptist Association wanted to make *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* a personal matter. In fact, they're using their people to get the message out in an unusual way. They're wearing it.

"If we could get the name in the hands of our people, it would get into the community," said Mark Ross, director of evangelism, Nelson Association.

Sweatshirts were the answer. The Here's Hope steering committee and publicity chairman, Mike Lanway, thought of the idea as a publicity effort. It's part of their \$2000 publicity budget.

They sell the sweatshirts at cost, \$6 to \$7 each. Since Dec. 16, over 600 sweatshirts have been sold. "We were hesitant at first," said Ross, "but the idea has really caught on."

Ross expects orders to top 1000 soon. After copyright approval to use the logo from the Home Mission Board, the association sent letters to all 36 churches with an order blank for the shirts. They've been sold to people as far away as California and Michigan. "They're getting spread out," assured Ross.

Ross's kids have been wearing them to school. "If we can only keep the shirts clean. They wear them every day!"

The shirts are a prompter for witness, like a "walking billboard."

"It's personal," said Ross. "It ties a person to the message."

Several people have had opportunities to share their faith because others have asked about the shirts. The sweatshirts are like walking testimonies.

"People advertize everything but what really counts (on sweatshirts)," remarked Ross. "We're advertizing something eternal."

Here's Hope goals

1. Bind Southern Baptists together in prayer for spiritual renewal by use of "Daniel Prayer Teams."
2. Participation of:
100% of State Conventions . . . completed
100% of Associations
80% of Churches
3. New Church Starts:
1000 starts in 250 special areas SBC.
110 starts in Kentucky.
4. Scripture Distribution:
To give away 12-15 million pieces of scripture throughout SBC.
5. Baptisms:
500,000 for 1990; 175,000 new converts to baptize in SBC from Here's Hope revivals.
17,000 new converts for baptism in Kentucky.
Approximately 1,200,000 unsaved in Kentucky.
6. Train 100,000 personal soul-winners and train 400,000 in using marked New Testaments in SBC.
7. Revival Preparation:
Use the Here's Hope emphasis to focus on local church revival preparation needs.
Use the Here's Hope revivals as a means of doing effective evangelism.

COUNTDOWN

JANUARY-FEBRUARY:

Associational Daniel Prayer Team Retreats

■ Purpose of these retreats is to gather Christians together to pray for unbelievers during Here's Hope revivals. The prayer chairman from each associational steering committee is responsible for planning the retreat. Helps can be found in the *Here's Hope Associational Guidebook*.

FEBRUARY 20 & 22:

Prospect Discovery Seminar

■ To focus on discovery of prospects and how to use prospect information in reaching people for Christ.

Leader: Ron Gaynor, pastor
First Baptist Church,
Tucker, Ga.

National SBC conference leader

Feb. 20: Central Baptist Church,
Corbin

Feb. 22: Second Baptist Church,
Madisonville

PERSPECTIVE

The *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* simultaneous revivals will mean much for Christ in Kentucky. Several important goals and themes will be emphasized between Mar. 18-25. They are (a) the salvation and baptism of 17,000 during 1990, (b) Baptists praying all across the state, (c) scripture distribution, (d) people search, (e) witness training and (f) starting new churches.

If at least 17,000 lost Kentuckians (of the more than 1,200,000) were saved and baptized during 1990 we would meet our goal.

Through prayer retreats and other ways, Baptists are uniting in prayer to God for the unsaved. The preparation of the hearts of Kentucky Baptists for revival is most essential.

Our KBC Sunday School Department challenged Kentucky Baptist churches to do a people search. To reach the lost for Christ, we must know who they are and where they are.

Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you will continue to bear fruit in the years ahead because of the training received. Revival training has been or will be done in most every association and in many hundreds of our churches.

It is hoped that some of our churches will begin a new mission or outreach Bible study. When a church starts another church, it multiplies its outreach to the lost for the Lord. The goal for the SBC is 1000 new works begun during the Mar. 18-Apr. 29 dates.

Bill Jagers, director
Office for Evangelism, KBC

HOPE QUOTE

"Here's Hope highlights the message that hurting humanity needs to hear. The message is simple—there is hope in Jesus Christ . . . revivals are only as effective as people make them."

Richard H. Harris
Here's Hope National Chairman
Director, Mass Evangelism Dept.
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

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on the person of Jesus Christ. The method depends on the person's situation.

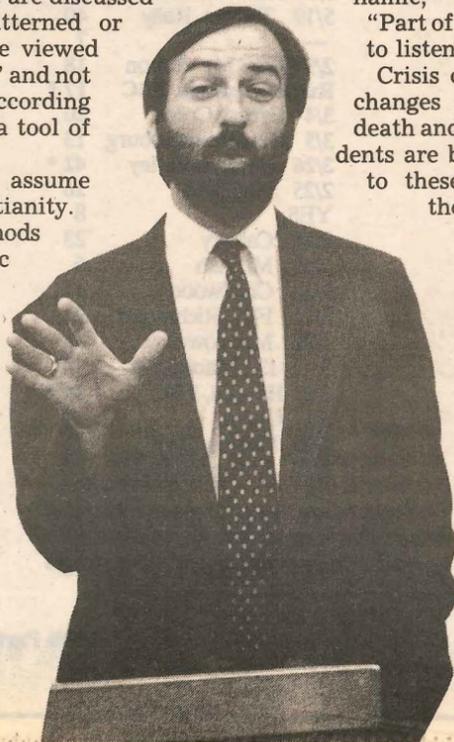
Method and practice are discussed in class as well. Patterned or structured "plans" are viewed as "tools to get started" and not "permanent tools," according to Poe. "You become a tool of the Holy Spirit."

Many presentations assume an awareness of Christianity.

"They are training methods rather than evangelistic methods," said Poe. "They teach basics in sharing but they are not a formula."

"You've got to begin with a person's spiritual, religious and cultural understanding and then bring them to the cross," suggested Poe.

Students become more sensitive to witnessing situations through the required verbatims. They learn to identify



situations that place people in positions ripe for receiving the gospel.

"Every crisis has a spiritual dynamic," emphasized Poe. "Part of sharing is learning to listen."

Crisis can come with life changes such as marriage, death and moving. Poe's students are becoming sensitive to these crisis points in their witnessing encounters.

Ray Farrow was a student in Poe's evangelism class last fall.

"The verbatims were excellent. It forces you to put into practice what you say you're about," said Farrow.

Farrow believes some excuses are ingrained. The verbatims forced him to look for opportunities to

share his faith. He agrees with what Poe told his students in class: "It has to be self-conscious before it becomes sub-conscious."

Farrow said students were generally relieved when the verbatims were over but they recognized the importance of doing them.

"You can't consider yourself a failure if the person doesn't accept Christ," stressed Farrow. "There is no 'D' experience," he added.

Poe asked for response from his students on the required verbatims. Students listed 140 advantages and 22 disadvantages. To reduce some of the apprehension, Poe assured students the verbatims weren't graded: only counted as full credit if they were turned in. Poe said some students reported a "D minus" encounter which later became a salvation experience.

One student was actually run off from an attempted witnessing encounter. Three weeks later, that person came forward for baptism.

Like Poe said, there aren't "D minus" grades in evangelism opportunities. There is only full credit when you get out of the classroom and take advantage of them.

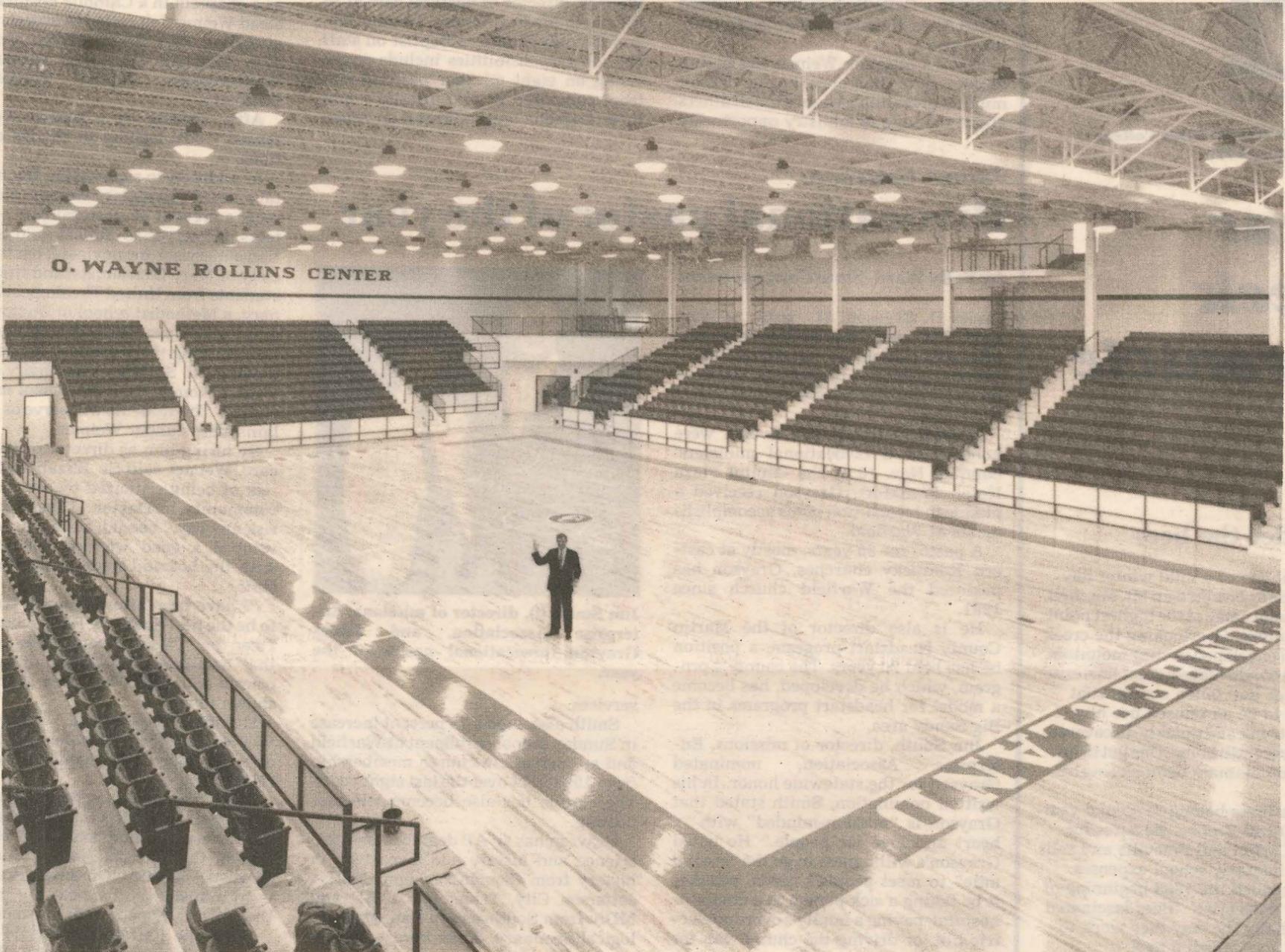
HERE'S HOPE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

(as reported 1-29-90 by associations)

ASSOCIATION	REVIVAL DATES FOR 1990	DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM	DANIEL PRAYER RETREAT	ASSOC. TRAINING FOR CHURCHES	ASSOC. EVANG. RALLY (Date & Place)	# OF CHURCHES PARTICIPATING
ALLEN	3/18-3/25	Phil Rogers	NO	NO	3/29 Bays Forks	7
ANDERSON	4/22-4/29	Paul Hagerman	2/10 Alton	2/18 Lawrenceburg	4/1 Lawrencburg	12 *
BELL	3/25-4/8	Joe Cody	2/90 & 3/10	2/90	3/17 W. Cumberland	46
BETHEL	4/15-4/29	Carl Freudenthal	NO	2/12	3/28 Post Oak	12
BLACKFORD	4/22-4/29	Mason Bevil	1/20	—	3/15 Cloverport	10
BLOOD RIVER	4/8-4/22	Van Russell	1/9 Hardin	Planning	NO	33
BOONE'S CREEK	4/14-4/29	Ross Figart	YES	2/19 Corinth	2/19 Corinth	22
BOONEVILLE	4/15-4/29	Mike Taylor	5 scheduled	NO	2/22 Manchester	12
BRACKEN	4/23-29	Lynn Bertram	—	NO	3/19 Lewisburg	6
BRECKENRIDGE	3/25-4/1	Darryl Crenshaw	1/20	10/30/89	3/15 Cloverport	18 *
CALDWELL/LYON	4/22-4/27	Mark Bond	9/25/89	—	2/12 Southside	30
CASEY	4/8-4/15	Jerry Browning	—	2/15	3/17 Liberty, FBC	12 *
CENTRAL	3/25-4/1	Rudy Herrington	1/27 Woodlawn	—	3/8 Springfield	17
CHRISTIAN CO.	4/1-4/15	Doug Anderson	NO	2/5	NO	35
CRITTENDEN	4/15-4/22	Charles Beighle	1/27	1/27	3/16 Williamstown	21
DAVISS-McLEAN	4/22-5/5	Richard Dendler	NO	NO	2/3 & 2/10	51
EAST LYNN	3/18-4/29	Leo Curry	2/5	NO	3/16 Mt. Washington	11
EAST UNION	3/18-3/23	Vic Edwards	NO	NO	NO	1 (Pleasant View)
ELKHORN	4/8-4/15	James E. Heard	Church Emphasis	NO	3/12	45
ENTERPRISE	4/8-4/22	Don Yeager	—	—	2/22 Prestonsburg	20
FRANKLIN	3/25-4/1	William Carter	NO	11/27/89	11/27/89 Memorial	15
FREEDOM	4/8-4/15	Jerry Stockton	NO	NO	NO	7
GASPER RIVER	3/18-4/29	Wm. L. Cook	—	—	3/5 Monticello	14
GOSHEN	3/25-4/1	J. H. Manion	NO	NO	NO	—
GRAVES	3/18-4/1	Ray Provow	3/17	1/13	2/18 Graves Co. H.S.	28
GRAYSON	3/18-4/29	Wayman Hayes	NO	NO	NO	4
GREEN VALLEY	4/22-4/29	Rodney Groff	2/20 & 3/20	NO	NO	18
GREENUP	4/22-4/29	Charles Stewart	1/12 Greenbo St. Pk.	2/12	3/12 Ashland, FBC	20
HENRY CO.	3/25-4/1	Brian Law	1/20	1/21	3/4 Pleasureville	11
IRVINE	4/15-4/29	Noel Dodson	5 scheduled	was held	3/24 McKee	14
JACKSON	4/15-4/29	Clyde Shackelford	—	—	—	2
LAUREL RIVER	4/1-4/7	Ted Morgan	3/10	2/4	2/12 Liberty	23
LIBERTY	4/1-4/22	Ray Woodie	Planning	11/89	3/16 Coral Hill	25
LINCOLN CO.	4/15-4/29	Danny Gutenson	1/12-13	2/12	3/16 Fairview	18
LITTLE BETHEL	4/15-4/29	Doyle Eddings	YES	NO	3/12 Madisonville	19
LITTLE RIVER	3/25-4/1	Harold Skaggs	NO	NO	1/22-26 Cadiz	18
LOGAN	4/15-4/29	Grant Minton	NO	2/12	3/28 Post Oak	7
LONG RUN	4/8-4/15	Hal Poe	NO	2/6	3/6 Beechmont	92
LYNN	4/8-4/22	Richard Lloyd	1/13	1/8	NO	18
LYNN CAMP	4/15-4/29	Damon Helton	NO	2/12	3/3 Springfield	12
McCREARY CO.	3/18-3/29	Brad Porter	NO	—	—	3
MERCER	3/18-4/29	Robert DeFoor	NO	NO	2/26 Harrodsburg	19 *
MONROE	4/1-4/8	Bill Small	—	—	3/15 Akersville	7
MOUNT ZION	3/18-4/29	Don R. Mathis	3/17 Main St.	2/12	2/12 Central	18
MUHLENBERG	4/22-4/29	Thomas Webb	Church Planning	—	Planning	23
NELSON	3/18-4/14	Mark Ross	1/20	1/29	1/29 Bardstown, FBC	31
NORTH CONCORD	3/25-4/8	Terry Rhye	NO	—	3/3 Springfield	15
NO. KENTUCKY	4/8-4/15	J. K. Pierce, III	1/8	2/19	3/18 Florence	54
OHIO CO.	4/1-4/29	Denzil Probus	NO	NO	Planning	18
OHIO RIVER	3/18-4/1	Fred Lowrance	3/10 Prayer & Fasting	NO	3/17 Marion	23
OHIO VALLEY	4/15-4/29	Harley Wilson	NO	NO	3/14 Grangertown	13
OWEN CO.	4/8-4/15	John Klaassen	YES	YES	3/90	12
PINE MTN.	3/18-4/29	Wm. Timothy Adams	NO	—	—	7
PIKE	4/1-4/29	Sam Sowder	NO	2/90	3/5 Pikeville, FBC	15
PULASKI	3/25-4/8	C. E. Jacobs	3/9	2/5 & 2/17	5/19 Thanks. Rally	40
RED RIVER	3/25-4/1	Earl Brooks	YES	3/3 Stanton	—	7
ROCKCASTLE	3/18-3/31	Lester Caldwell	1/20	2/9	2/9 FBC Mt Vernon	18
RUSSELL CO.	4/15-4/21	Stan Milby	NO	NO	Russell Springs, FBC	17 *
RUSSELL CREEK	4/15-4/24	Ty Clenney	1/28	NO	3/4 Greasy Creek	20
SALEM	4/1-8 or 22-29	James Gammon	3/24	1/29	3/5 New Brandenburg	13
SEVERNS VALLEY	4/22-4/29	William Ray	1/2	1/2	3/26 Severns Valley	42 *
SHELBY	3/25-4/1	Bob Vassar	1/13	1/25	2/25 Highland	16
SIMPSON	4/22-4/29	Doug Lawson	Local Churches	YES	YES	8
SO. DISTRICT	4/15-4/22	Ernest Martin	1/15	2/11	2/28 Calvary	23
SO. UNION	4/22-4/27	J. R. Bullock	3/17	2/12	3/29 Mt. Ash	6
SULPHUR FORK	4/22-4/29	Chip Pendleton	NO	11/89	3/18 Crestwood	17
TATES CREEK	3/25-4/1	Richard Easterling	1/20	1/20	3/11 FBC Richmond	21
TAYLOR CO.	4/8-4/15	Larry Parrish	YES	YES	3/22 Meadowview	15
TEN MILE	3/25-4/8	Gene Hill	1/13	Planning	3/12-13 Macedonia	14
THREE FORKS	3/25-4/6	Ben Baird	12/2/89 & others	1/30	3/5 Hazard, FBC	34 *
UNION	4/1-4/8	Bob Butler	NO	2/19	3/1 Union	10
UPPER CUMBERL.	3/18-4/29	Roy Carlton	NO	NO	4/29 Mission Conf.	15
WARREN	4/22-4/29	Frank Dorris,	—	1/22	3/22 Living Hope	26
WAYNE CO.	4/1-4/8	Joe Morrow	—	—	—	15
WEST KY.	3/18-4/29	B. J. Bennett	NO	2/24	3/17 Clinton, FBC	25
WEST UNION	3/18-4/29	D. Frank Queen	3/25	2/90	—	35
WHITES RUN	4/8-4/22	Stan Prewett	1/20	3/3	3/24 Worthville	10 *

* 100% Participation

Everyone Is Invited



Everyone is invited to visit the Cumberland College campus for Convocation services at 10:00 a.m. in the new O. Wayne Rollins Center. The schedule for the spring semester is:

February 12 Dr. Roy Honeycutt, President
Southern Seminary
Louisville

February 19 Dr. Don Mathis, Pastor
Central Baptist Church
Corbin

February 26 Rev. Steve Ayers, Pastor
Barren River Baptist Church
Bowling Green

March 5 Dr. Mary L. Smith, Acting President
KY State University
Frankfort

March 19 Dr. John Dunaway, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Corbin

March 26 Staley Lecture Series, Professor
Union Seminary
Richmond, VA

April 9 Dr. Bill Messer, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Ashland

April 23 Dr. William E. Day, Pastor
DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church
Lagrange



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clear creek chronicle

Consider the bees

The bright sun of a mild winter day warmed me as I walked up Mt. Mitchell, the unofficial name of the highest point on our campus. Overlooking the creek valley and enveloped in clear mountain breezes, it would make a great homesite. A dead tree had fallen across what appeared to be an unused bee hive. I lifted the trunk and quickly discovered the bees were still home. One got in my hair and left his mark before losing his life.

The bee hives belong to second year student David Brooks. He cares for hives in Corbin and Pineville and sells honey to help pay school expenses. Brooks recalled the 1983 beginning of his sweet enterprise. "Bees fascinated me, especially the way they work together to accomplish a task."

He gave me a sample of the delicious and healthy product sold in a jar labeled "David Brooks-sourwood honey."

Brooks is one of seven children born in Corbin and reared by his mother. At age six he moved to Jefferson County. After working as a barge cook and a restaurant manager he married and moved to eastern Kentucky where his wife did field placement in college social work. She liked the area and it was near his birthplace so they decided to settle in Corbin.

Brooks became a Christian at age 29. He wondered why no one had told him about this new life and knew God wanted him to be a part of getting salvation to others. He had heard about Clear Creek through his cousin, Brenda Martin, a missionary to Taiwan. He first commuted to campus, concerned about his wife Brenda leaving a good job. A local nursing home needed a social service director and she secured the position with higher pay!

Brooks came as a high school dropout with very little Bible background. He appreciates "teachers willing to take time to catch me up. They are willing to hold your hand and get you through." Like his bees, Brooks has discovered cooperation in the family, school and church makes the Clear Creek experience a time of discovery and growth. He looks forward to the work God has waiting after graduation. "We are willing to serve anyway he desires."

Baptist chaplain ministers in Catholic hospital

by Chip Alford

"What's a Southern Baptist chaplain doing in a Catholic hospital?" a patient asked Allen Weimer during a recent pastoral visit.

That's a question Weimer has had to answer more than once, but he doesn't mind. It gives him a chance to tell others about the unique ministry opportunity

he enjoys.

"I'm doing my ministry as the Lord has given me the opportunity," said Weimer, director of pastoral care at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Dayton, Oh., and the only Southern Baptist on staff. His job responsibilities include supervising an eight member pastoral care team composed of two priests, a nun, three Catholic laypeople and an Amer-

ican Baptist.

While growing up in Baytown, Tex., Weimer never dreamed he would serve as a chaplain in a Catholic hospital. Instead Weimer felt called to preach while attending East Texas Baptist University, Marshall. He later enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

After serving as a pastor Weimer sensed God's leading to change directions.

In addition to supervising the hospital's seven chaplains, Weimer also directs a crew of 40 pastoral care volunteers and serves as clinical care education supervisor for novices from the Society of Mary (Marianists) and first year students from United Theological Seminary, a Methodist school in Dayton. Beginning next year Weimer will supervise men entering the priesthood who are attending Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, a Roman Catholic school in Cincinnati. The students will serve as chaplain interns under Weimer.

By hiring him as director of pastoral care, Weimer said St. Elizabeth took a risk of being criticized by the Catholic community in Dayton. "They took the risk anyway," he said, adding he has developed a good working relationship with the hospital's administration and staff.

"I have been afforded much freedom to be the best Southern Baptist chaplain I can be," Weimer said. "The respect that traditionally has been shown the priests and sisters has been graciously shown to me."

Despite theological differences, Weimer said the pastoral care staff has also developed a harmonious working relationship.

"We have other agenda items to deal with on a daily basis than the theological differences that exist between the Roman Catholic church and Southern Baptists," he said. "Our primary agenda is to minister to the sick, the injured, the spiritually poor in Jesus' name."

When the staff does find time to discuss theological differences, Weimer said there is a common respect for other viewpoints. "They are as open to learning from me as I am open to learning from them," he said. "We are able to walk away with a sense of being heard and understood."

"Along the way I also share the good news of God's love brought to us through his son, Jesus Christ," he said. "And when I can, I proudly share what God is doing through Southern Baptists too."

James Grayson:

Bivocational pastor of the year

by Polly Ward, State Correspondent

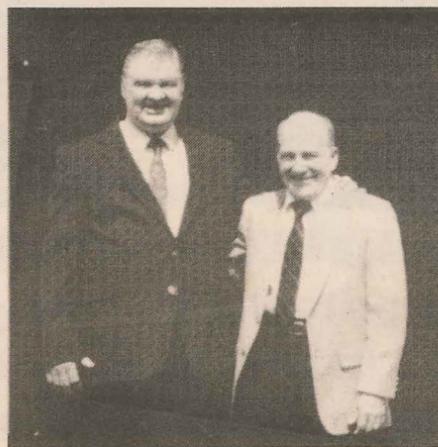
James H. Grayson, 62, pastor of Warfield Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, was named 1989 bivocational pastor of the year at the Kentucky Baptist Convention last November.

Grayson and his wife Evelyn were honored at a bivocational ministers' banquet Nov. 15 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort. Grayson received a plaque in recognition of his accomplishments at Warfield.

A pastor for 35 years, mostly at eastern Kentucky churches, Grayson has pastored the Warfield church since 1981.

He is also director of the Martin County Headstart program, a position he has held 20 years. The county's program, which he developed, has become a model for headstart programs in the Big Sandy area.

Jim Smith, director of missions, Enterprise Association, nominated Grayson for the statewide honor. In his written nomination, Smith stated that Grayson is "mission-minded" with "a heart and love for people." He noted Grayson's willingness to go the "second mile" to meet people's needs, whether it be taking a sick person to a doctor or hospital, paying a family's overdue electric bill, or driving the church van for



Jim Smith (l), director of missions, Enterprise Association, and James Grayson, bivocational pastor of the year.

services.

Smith also cited a 75 percent increase in Sunday school enrolment at Warfield and an increase in church membership from 159 to 271 over the last eight years. The church has also become self-supporting.

Grayson has an AB degree in political science and history and a master's in history from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and a BD and MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Wolf Creek dedicates, celebrates

Little Wolf Creek and Sheep Creek wind their way for miles across southwest Whitley County. They meet about three miles west of Pleasant View and form Wolf Creek. Near this spot in 1809 a group of hearty pioneers met and established Wolf Creek Baptist Church. They were sponsored by Cumberland River Baptist Church in Knox County, now known as First Baptist Church, Barbourville. Edd Mathes and Andrew Evans were the ministers who organized the church and were probably the first circuit riding preachers in the region.

According to oral tradition a rugged log building was the first home of the church. In more prosperous times a frame building was built and painted white. The community called Wolf Creek grew and prospered in the early days. When the frame building was no longer big enough a white concrete block building was erected on the same site. As did most rural church buildings in Kentucky, the building changed through the passing of time to meet the needs of the people.

Four major improvements were completed in 1989. Restrooms were installed in the building. A baptistry was built on the back of the structure. The parking lot was repaved, and red brick was

added to the building.

Pastor J. R. Bullock noted, "Shortly after I came to serve at Wolf Creek we received a large gift from an estate that was designated to the building fund of the church. This gift and the generosity of the church members has made all this possible. In other words we have made these improvements because of the good stewardship of a friend."

Bullock also credits someone else with the good fortune. "I believe that God has especially blessed this church because of our longstanding commitment to missions." Wolf Creek gives the largest percentage of undesignated funds to missions in South Union Association. They passed the 20 percent mark in 1980 and are still climbing.

Jan. 14 a dedication service was held. Janus Jones, director of missions for South Union and Mt. Zion associations delivered a message appropriately titled "Dedicated to the Living God." Several Wolf Creek members rededicated their lives. A meal was served and the day concluded with singing by the Spirituaires.

Dedication, commitment and good stewardship are a way of life on Wolf Creek. What was started 181 years ago is still right on target.

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him!

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 11, 1990

Life and work series

Serving together

Mark 6:33-44 Instead of being annoyed or irritated by the intrusion of the vast throng of people, Christ was deeply moved because he saw them as helpless sheep without a shepherd. Because they were looking for guidance and hungering for spiritual truth Christ was filled with compassion toward them. After teaching until night was approaching, Christ was not willing for them to go away hungry as the apostles suggested. His command, "Give ye them to eat," was a severe test of their faith and obedience. Their reply indicated their

realization that what he commanded was beyond their power.

It was discovered that a lad was present with his lunch, consisting of five loaves and two fishes. He showed unusual unselfishness when he willingly gave up his lunch for the sake of others. Little did that boy know to what a blessed miracle he was contributing.

Note the way in which the master teacher met the situation. Christ bade the 12 to have the throng sit down upon the green grass in companies of 50s and 100s. Taking the loaves and fishes, Christ blessed them. Then, Christ gave food to the 12 and they in turn to the throng, until the hunger of all 5000 men and the unnumbered women and children was completely satisfied, and yet the supply continued plentiful. When all of those present had finished eating, 12 baskets full remained. Truly little is much when Christ is in it. Just as there was food enough for all, so there is enough grace for every sin. Our Lord bade the 12 to gather up the fragments that remained, thus teaching us to avoid the waste of money, energy, time or talent.

International series

In the image of the servant

John 13:1-5 On their way to the upper room the disciples engaged in a dispute as to "which of them should be accounted the greatest" in the kingdom. Full of jealousy, anger and resentment, the disciples entered the room and seated themselves like a group of sulky boys. Christ was grieved deeply that because of their desire for the preeminence neither of them would condescend to wash the feet of the rest. Christ quietly arose from the table, laid aside

his outer garment, picked up a towel, tied it about his waist and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to wipe them with the towel. They understood that if Christ could take a servant's place they could and should exercise humility in their treatment of one another.

John 13:6-11 Speaking as if he were surprised and astonished that Christ should offer to wash the feet of such sinful men, Peter was the first to utter a protest to what Christ was doing. He declared: "Thou shalt never wash my feet," whereupon Christ replied: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Peter said: "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head," as he yielded himself to the Lord.

John 13:12-17 Upon resuming his place at the table, Christ convinced the disciples it was not lowering their dignity to be humble and to be willing to serve one another. In the light of what he had done for them they were under obligation to render loving service to one another. He taught them a servant is not greater than his Lord, and the one sent is not greater than the sender. The real test of greatness is the ability and willingness to stoop and to serve. Christ made it clear following him means living a life of Christian service and helpfulness.

From verse 17 we learn that knowledge alone will not bring happiness. Before the beatitude of this verse is the condition of knowing, and after that it is that of doing. God's word promises blessing in the doing. When we know the truth, and then do what we know, we can expect to be happy, but not until then. Do you know what the will of God is for your life? Are you doing his will? Knowing God's will for your life is good, but doing it is better.



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homes for children

Glen Dale 75 years of caring

Seventy-five years ago the great ministry of Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, now known as Glen Dale Children's Home, began. This year we are celebrating the care that has been given through Glen Dale to thousands of boys and girls from across the state of Kentucky.

We are planning a number of ways to celebrate this 75th year of Glen Dale, one of which is a special child care day at Glen Dale Saturday, July 21. Bill Marshall will be our special speaker that day. We are encouraging all churches to send a delegation of people to help us celebrate.

Another way we are celebrating is by placing a major emphasis on completing some much needed repairs. We have made a list of everything we need to do to bring the campus to A-1 shape and we are seeking funds and volunteers to help us do the job. We have already had one major gift from an anonymous source to help us begin. Perhaps you would like to help us bring Covington cottage on line again as a special program where we can serve 10 more children. Or perhaps you would like to help us get a 4-H building ready, fix a barn, repair the gym, put new carpeting in a cottage or any number of other projects.

If your idea runs more to bringing a group of volunteers up to help accomplish the several projects we have to do, now is the time to get on the list. We have some limited housing available and we will provide the food. You may call or write Buckley Carlin at Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale, KY 42740 (502) 369-7380.

There is a lot of work to be done, but can you think of a better way of celebrating?

Over the next few months I will be writing a number of columns about Glen Dale. Our hope is that when this year is over everybody will be aware that Glen Dale has been caring for children for 75 years.



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oneida journal

"Making do" with what one has

Making something useful and beautiful from what others throw away is regularly taught at Oneida. Much of this teaching is done in Oneida's active work program. Each student has one and a half hours of chores daily and four hours Saturdays.

Many tables purchased over the years have worn out. That happens with constant usage by over 500 teenagers year round. Generally the tops, commonly made of pressed wood, break. From wornout tables we have salvaged many table legs which have been kept in storage over the years. We try not to

throw away things that can be used again in some fashion.

In recent months our students have built thirty beautiful new dining room tables. Students working on this project have taken sheets of plywood 5/8 inches thick, four feet wide and eight feet long. They have cut off 18 inches from the width making a table top 30 inches wide. Being eight feet long, each table comfortably seats eight instead of six that our store bought tables seat. That is much better use of precious dining room space still leaving wide aisles between tables.

The cut off 18 inch strips are saved for other projects. Each top is bolted to the used table legs. Then each is stained "early American," an oaklike color. Several coats of polyurethane are put on each top as a sealer. To buy a new table would cost an average of \$100 plus freight. Our students are building tables at a cost of approximately \$17 including the costs of plywood, nuts and bolts and stain. That is called good stewardship.

The results are some beautiful tables and a lot of money saved. Furthermore, the students involved are learning valuable skills and attitudes that will be good for a lifetime. Also they take pride in what they have done and that has some very positive effects. For example several of the new tables were marked on shortly after they were built. The students who built the tables found the guilty parties, saw to it the writing was erased and passed the word that this better not happen again! So far so good.

Year before last a Lexington company donated us 55 quality table tops, again with no legs. But, using surplus legs we had in stock, our students made many beautiful study desks for individual

dorm rooms and also tables seating 36 in the concession area of our new second gym.

Oneida has used old former army bunks for decades in our dorms. The metal in them is far heavier gauge and more durable than anything one can buy today. If the bed wears out it is usually because the legs eventually break off. When that happens we save the heavy bed frames. Each one can be used as a support frame for a new dining table, far more substantial than any factory produced table we have seen in many years.

In the new gym classroom building we recently moved into we needed approximately 150 new desks. Counting freight we were looking at an expenditure of approximately \$20,000. A decent student desk today costs about \$125 each.

But rather than do that we reworked a lot of old desks we had stored and scouted around and got some older desks donated us by a neighboring school system. With sanding, cleaning, tightening loose parts, welding where needed, putting glides on the bottom of each to keep from scarring our new tile floors, we totally furnished the new classrooms at a cost of only several hundred dollars and a lot of "elbow grease." They look practically like new. Being older desks, they are of better quality than new desks most school systems are buying today.

The desk project is going to be a continuing one for us. We are taking a classroom at a time, refinishing each desk and painting each one a tan color. We keep 30 ahead at any given time.

There are many pluses in an Oneida education. Hopefully these few paragraphs have given you an insight into one of them.



on mission together

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The wall come tumbling part II

According to Denton Lotz, BWA general secretary/treasurer, Glasnost has opened the way for church growth in Eastern European countries, as shared last week in this column.

But, as he continues in that same article, the churches of Eastern Europe will also face new challenges:

"With new freedom comes not only new opportunities but also new pitfalls. The church in the West needs to be aware of these and not accentuate the problems by insensitive and paternalistic actions.

Unity. For years, Baptists in Eastern Europe have seen strength in their unity. Very often, a small minority, persecuted not only by the state but by the historical or national church, Baptists united and knew they had to work out their differences together! Now with freedom, there is a threat to unity.

"Baptists prize highly the concept of 'local autonomy,' but there is a danger that this will develop into an 'independent' type of local congregation that severs itself from the national convention and becomes a 'convention' to itself, with independent contact with Western churches, funds and leaders. This disturbs the (European) Christian witness and confuses the unbelieving world.

"Secularism. The church in Eastern Europe must realize that new freedom will increase man's faith in his own ability to be master of his own destiny. Modern man, therefore, often finds the worship life and message of the church irrelevant. So far in Eastern Europe, the church has had a positive role to play in the new changes. There is good will toward the church in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and the USSR. Will the church be able in the future to build on this good will and communicate the gospel in an authentic and meaningful way? Or will it become irrelevant as it has in many countries of Western Europe?

"Para-church proliferation. Many para-church organizations which operated secretly are now openly allowed and encouraging our Baptist brothers and sisters to be better witnesses. But can the church integrate all these various movements into a whole gospel unity without causing the disintegration of the national union?

"Materialism. With the fall of the Berlin wall, millions of East Germans flooded West Berlin and saw the many material advantages of the Western sector. What must the church teach about materialism?

It is rather haunting to note that Baptists have seemed stronger amid restriction and persecution.

Perhaps East European Baptists will teach us how better to be both free and strong in our faith.

Missionary surgeon counts trials joy

by Scott Collins

Those called by God should consider their trials a joy and persevere to the completion of faith, a missionary surgeon told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Rebekah Naylor, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangalore, India, told the students during a chapel service that "counting it all joy became not only a command but a privilege" in the face of continuing threats to her and the Baptist hospital in Bangalore as a result of a labor dispute in 1987.

"We faced months of loneliness, violence, heavy responsibility and threats that came," Miss Naylor said.

Still Miss Naylor said she has maintained joy in her work even though she is faced with "the overwhelming population, much poverty and illiteracy and much lostness.

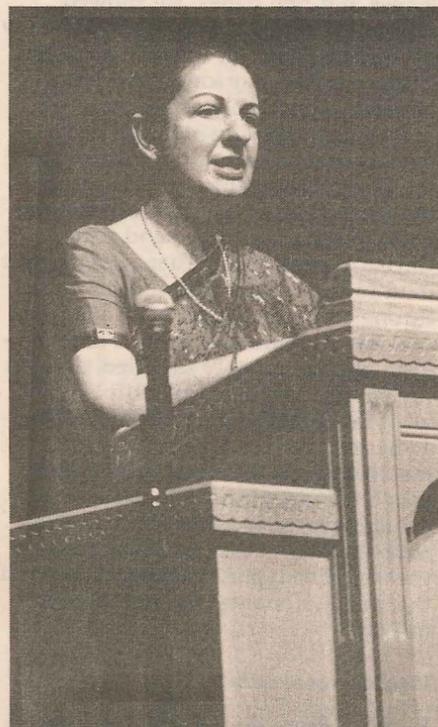
"But there is great joy in serving in a country like that," Miss Naylor added. "There is great joy in introducing people to Jesus Christ."

Miss Naylor listed for students the joys she said she receives working as a Southern Baptist missionary, including professional joy as a surgeon.

In the past 16 years Miss Naylor said the hospital has gone from 35 beds with 12 patients to a 100 bed hospital and an average occupancy of 88. In addition Miss Naylor said the hospital serves between 300-350 outpatients each day.

And she also receives professional joy from treating patients who are grateful. Many mothers have named their children after her, she added.

Along with her professional joy, Miss



Rebekah Naylor speaks to students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, where her father Robert Naylor was president 20 years. Rebekah Naylor is a Southern Baptist missionary to India.

Naylor told the students she also receives great personal joy from other missionaries, volunteers and Indian nationals. Those nationals are "committed to share Christ with people in their own country," Miss Naylor said.

Miss Naylor said she receives spiritual joy in her work in the hospital through

opportunities to share Christ with patients and families.

"The primary reason that Southern Baptists are in India and in any country in the world is to tell people about Jesus. This is why we have a hospital."

Every year between 150 and 200 people make professions of faith in Jesus through the ministry of the hospital, Miss Naylor added. Nine hospital chaplains visit patients, distributing gospel tracts in seven languages and witnessing, she said.

Miss Naylor said more than 75 patients attend the hospital's Sunday chapel service each week. Ninety percent of those are nonChristians, and Miss Naylor said she presents the plan of salvation to the patients, asking those interested to stay afterward for more information. "There has not been a single Sunday when people did not stay. They are seeking to know the savior."

Today Miss Naylor said the presence of the Bangalore Baptist Hospital serves as a witness to the community. In the 20 years since Southern Baptists began medical missions in south India, she said more than 400 churches have been started.

Those churches are "multiplying very rapidly," she said. "We have a goal of 500 churches in our state by the end of this year."

Miss Naylor said she has received joy from "the affirmation of answered prayers," she said.

But the greatest joy Miss Naylor said she has is "doing God's will, being where he wants me to be. If you are seeking real joy this is what will bring real joy to your life. Joy will come only when you are where God wants you to be."

Southwestern Baptist seminary students form 'Construction Company' for children

by Chip Alford

A group of students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary have organized a construction company, but they hope to build something more important than houses—Christian character in children.

The students are producing a children's television show titled "The Construction Company" under the guidance

of Southwestern's Center for Christian Communications Studies.

The program started as a group project last spring in a studio operations class and blossomed into a department produced endeavor this fall tied to the TV drama for children class.

The show features communications student Denise Boyd, of Pleasanton, Tex., as hostess; an ensemble of seven fourth and fifth grade children as regu-

lar cast members; and several colorful puppet characters like Charlie Crew Chief, Frank and Berry and Willie. The students plan to have three 30-minute programs taped for the ACTS network.

"It's been a lot of hard work, but I'm really enjoying it," said Miss Boyd, one of the original participants in the project. "I like acting and I've enjoyed helping write the scripts."

Four scripts have been completed dealing with a variety of issues facing children today. They include Feeling OK in New Situations; How to Deal with Anger; Fears and Phobias; and *Definitely Different*, a special program dealing with attitudes about the hearing impaired and other handicaps. The children and puppet characters are used in finding answers to specific problems in each show.

But the show stealers, Miss Boyd said, are the puppets who are brought to life by communications student Jeff Fitzwater from Alaska.

Darrel Baergen, professor of communication arts, and his wife, adjunct communications instructor Judy Baergen, are working respectively as executive producer and producer of the show.

"I'm very pleased with the work that they are doing," Mrs. Baergen said. "It's been an excellent learning experience that has involved the thought process of the whole class. We're really hopeful that the program will continue."



Denise Boyd talks with Charlie the puppet during production of "The Construction Company."

Gubernatorial candidate is truckin' for the Lord

by Chip Alford

The owner of one of the largest truck stops in the United States told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Jan. 18 to keep on course for the Lord.

Jerry Brown, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, is an Oklahoma Baptist layman and independent candidate for governor. He told the seminary students his number one message is "remember your mission."

Brown spoke to students during a seminary chapel service, challenging the ministers-in-training to fulfill their mission of "seeing that people are saved and baptized, and that their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

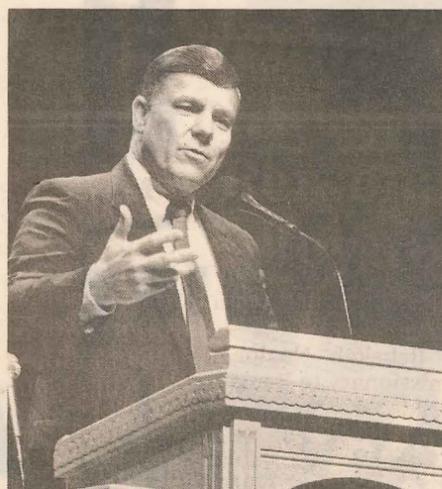
Brown has been doing just that as owner of Truckers Village No. 2 off Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City. The truck stop was voted as one of the top 50 truck

stops in America in 1988 in Chevron Oil's poll of more than 15,000 truckers. But more importantly, hundreds of truck drivers have accepted Christ as a result of Brown's ministry there.

The truck stop includes a chapel where two ministers preach the gospel and Brown can usually be found sharing his faith as well. He has been a member of Transport for Christ International, a ministry to truck drivers, 18 years serving six years as chairman of the board.

"God has called me to love truck drivers," Brown told the Southwestern students. Seventy truckers were saved at his truck stop last year, he said, pointing out that 92 percent of Southern Baptist churches did not lead that many to Christ last year.

The number of Baptist churches winning souls needs to change, Brown said, adding "the first love, seeing people saved, is what (Christians) are called to do. Don't ever get so busy with church



Brown

things and programs that you forget what God has called you to do."

Another trend Brown hopes to see come to an end is the high mobility of Southern Baptist pastors. "in a lot of Southern Baptist churches, pastors can stay only two years before they are asked to leave," he said. "We need to reverse this."

Directors impressed with first look at curriculum coming in October 1991

by F. W. White

After a first look at mockups of Sunday school literature improvements, several state Sunday school leaders expressed approval and excitement.

State Sunday school directors meeting in annual planning sessions in Nashville were perhaps the first group outside Baptist Sunday School Board employes and trustees to review the improvements for all age groups.

The literature improvements will be introduced in Southern Baptist churches in Oct. 1991.

Features of the literature improvements include greater emphasis on the Bible; a greater emphasis on evangelism and application of the Bible material; greater ease of use and improved attractiveness.

The curriculum improvements are the result of a five year study and analysis by Sunday school division personnel.

One official noted that the new literature provides a basic plan that can be used by the inexperienced teacher without difficulty or extensive training. At the same time, he said, the teaching plans have not sacrificed sound philosophies for education.

In many cases, the improvements may not look very different from the existing literature, Jerry Harris, director of the Sunday School Department at the California Baptist Convention, said.

"It was time for an update. The competition is stiff and we have to be flexible to meet needs," Harris said.

The emphasis on evangelism and application will be something to promote with churches that may have turned away from Southern Baptist literature, said Chip Miller, director of Sunday school work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Improvements to meet the needs of small churches were noted by several state leaders. Convention Uniform Series materials will be recommended for use primarily by churches with a Sunday school enrolment of fewer than 150. Life and Work Series materials will be recommended for use primarily by churches with an enrolment greater than 150 while the Bible Book Series will be for any size church.

"The whole emphasis on the small church that the BSSB has taken is very positive," said Verlyn Bergen, director of Sunday school work for the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Several directors from smaller state conventions said they think increased attractiveness will be an important selling point along with the small church emphasis and simplified teaching approaches.

Randy Reno, interim director of church development for the Baptist Convention of New England, said the additional use of color and attractiveness "will do a great deal in appealing to the mindset" of Sunday school workers in his convention.

Four-color pictures "will greatly enhance our ability to get churches to use it," Reno said.

Introduction of the new literature will be a key element of the Sunday School Division's Breakthrough enrolment and evangelism emphasis for 1990-95. It also will help launch the BSSB into a second century of service to Southern Baptists following the Centennial year which ends with the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in June 1991 in Atlanta.

Students in 'good company' with troupe

by Pam Alewine

Dennis Parrish knows he's in good company wherever he goes with an acting troupe from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

For the students who make up The Company, the pulpit literally becomes their stage as they travel the country performing at churches and confer-

ences.

The group began as an acting class and expanded to an extracurricular group in 1985.

"Our goal when we started the class was to create a unique and creative worship environment in the church service," Parrish said. Response to the group's performances was so positive Parrish wanted the group to continue.

Parrish said the purpose of the group is not to "perform" or to make "stars," but to minister. To maintain that focus, the students adopted Psalm 68:11 as their theme: "The Lord announced His Word and great was the company of those who proclaimed it."

"Our sole purpose in The Company is to edify the body of Christ and to reach the lost," Parrish said. The group accomplishes its aim by using characters with which people identify.

"After performing, so many people have come up to me and said that they really needed to hear what my character had to say—that the person I was playing was really them," said actor Bret Scott. "Drama can go further than we think. It's powerful," the Collierville, Tenn., native said.

At youth rallies, conferences for groups such as youth ministers, single adults, drama groups, college students and in worship services, The Company communicates the gospel.

"We do preach, but we do it in a dramatic form. We visualize the gospel for people. Jesus himself was a great storyteller and dramatist as he taught," Parrish said.

"Drama communicates on a different level than words do. It's able to get to the heart of the matter quickly," said Company member Tim Pickens, from Wesley Chapel, Fla.

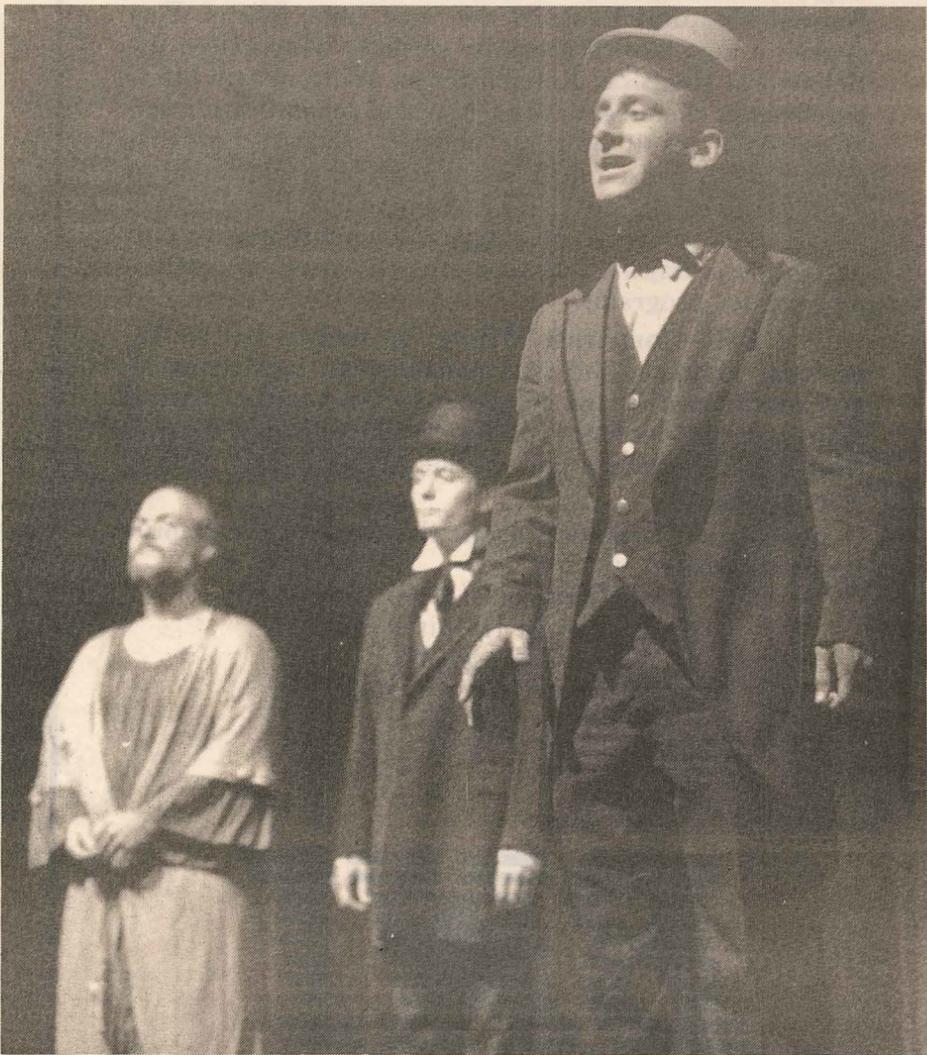
Many counseling opportunities occur after performances, such as those with college students.

While working on his thesis in communications, student Glenn Post, of Millington, N.J., has written several sketches the group has performed including some which were performed at Mission 90, a missions conference for college students.

"I've seen that drama works," Post said. "It can communicate the message that the church has been trying to communicate for centuries."

And while The Company is well received by Baptist audiences, their talent is recognized beyond the denomination. Last year, they were the first religious group to perform at a major secular theatre festival.

For many groups, that's a hard act to follow.



Members of The Company perform a scene from a play about past missionary heroes. The play is performed by the group at churches and mission conferences across the Southern Baptist Convention. The play was written by communications student Glenn Post, shown as he portrays Adoniram Judson. Also pictured are Jeff Fitzwater (l) and Bret Scott.



Baptist Hospitals: A Christ-Centered Ministry in Action

Since 1924, the Baptist hospitals in Kentucky have touched and healed the lives of tens of thousands of individuals in the name of Christ. Our ministry is based on the example of the Great Physician and dedicated to the care of the whole person—body, mind and spirit.

Today, Baptist Hospitals, Inc. is Kentucky's largest, not-for-profit hospital system, with acute care facilities in Paducah, Corbin, Lexington and Louisville. The Baptist hospitals serve an average of 1,000 patients daily, combining high-tech medical care with old-fashioned human concern.

Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah serves as a regional referral center for patients in a three-state area. Among the services the 373-bed hospital is noted for are full-spectrum cardiology and oncology programs, neurosurgery, and obstetrics. As a public service, Western also offers a wide variety of community health education and screening programs. In November 1988, Western received a special honor from NASA when it was invited to display the latest in healthcare technology as a "Hospital of the Future" at a space exhibit viewed by more than 100,000 people.

The newest hospital in the BHI system is **Baptist Regional Medical Center**, which opened in mid-1986 in Corbin. In serving patients, Baptist Regional has introduced southeastern Kentucky to some of the most advanced medical technology available, including state-of-the-art diagnostic services and a highly sophisticated ICU/CCU monitoring system. The 210-bed facility offers the only Level II neonatal intensive care nursery in the area. In the fall of 1989, Baptist Regional began construction of a 73-bed annex for acute psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment for adults and adolescents. The annex is expected to open in September 1990.

In 1989, **Central Baptist Hospital** in Lexington celebrated its 35th anniversary of service. Central has one of the largest obstetrics programs in the state. In addition to its women's health services program, WomanCare Plaza, Central is also a leader in cardiology, laser surgery, orthopedics, and sports medicine. In 1989, the 383-bed hospital underwent expansion and renovation that will

enable it to remain an innovative healthcare provider. A major special event Central holds each year is "A Midsummer Night's Run," billed as the largest fitness event in Kentucky.

Two historic occasions in Baptist hospital services in Louisville took place in June 1989. That month marked the completion of a merger between Baptist Hospital Highlands (originally Kentucky Baptist Hospital) and **Baptist Hospital East**. At the same time, Baptist East opened a new 92-bed specialty services wing called the Behavioral Health & Rehabilitation Wing, which offers psychiatric, chemical dependency, and rehabilitation services. As a result of these changes, Baptist East has grown to 407 beds. The hospital provides a wide array of other services, including The WomanCare Plaza, orthopedics, neurosurgery, oncology, and comprehensive outpatient care. Baptist East also offers a variety of community service programs.

The **BHI Corporate Office**, located in Louisville, provides financial and risk management, legal counsel, and administrative and computer services to the hospital system. It also includes the **Baptist Hospitals Foundation**, which manages and invests philanthropic gifts to the hospitals.

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