

Morris Chapman of Texas to be conservative candidate

by Dan Martin

Texas pastor Morris Chapman will be the conservative candidate for president of the Southern Baptist Convention, not Alabama pastor Fred Wolfe.

Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, emerged as the proposed conservative candidate Feb. 8 after Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., who previously had been announced as the potential candidate, changed his mind and dropped out Feb. 5.

In a five-page announcement released to Baptist Press Feb. 8 John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, said he planned to nominate Chapman for the presidency at the 1990 annual meeting of the SBC in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, June 12.

Bisagno, who in the past has attempted to be a mediator in the denomination's theological-political controversy, even attempting to get conservative and moderate candidates to step down in favor of a non-aligned candidate in 1986 and 1988, spent most of his statement saying the issue of the 11-year controversy "is still the nature of scripture."

Atlanta evangelist Bailey Smith, former president of the SBC, said Bisagno's "strong statement" of support for the conservative movement means "John is saying he wishes he had gotten with this movement earlier."

Another former SBC president, James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., said Bisagno's nomination of Chapman represents a broadening of support among Southern Baptists for the conservative movement.

"Morris represents somebody who has been strongly identified as a conservative," Draper said. "Bisagno has been on the sidelines. His coming expresses his willingness to say the cause is right and that there is a broader circle that can be drawn to include more people."

Chapman told Baptist Press he has agreed to allow Bisagno to nominate him at the annual meeting.

The Texas pastor, who observes his 11th anniversary as pastor of the 7776-member church Feb. 11, had been quoted in early February as saying he had "no word from the Lord that I should be nominated" as president.

"I went to Washington for a meeting Feb. 5 and 6 thinking it had been settled. In my mind it was already settled. I was confident Fred would be the nominee," he said, adding when he arrived home Feb. 6 he was told Wolfe had described himself as "not God's man for this hour. In fact, Fred called me and told me that."

Chapman related that early Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 7, Bisagno "called and said he believed I was the man who could bring a unifying spirit to the SBC and asked if he could nominate me for the presidential position."

"I told him events had been moving very rapidly and I was stunned that it was taking this turn but that I was taking that (Bisagno's request) as a word from God that he had opened the door and I must walk through, trusting that this was his leadership in this matter," Chapman said.

Wolfe, who had agreed to be nominated for the presidency as early as late January, told Baptist Press that until Feb. 5 or 6 he "had been leaning that way (of allowing the nomination) but the closer we got to announcing the decision, the more troubled I got in my spirit."

Chapman's candidacy apparently will carry with it the endorsement of the five former presidents of the SBC who have been leaders in the 11-year effort to turn the denomination to a more conservative direction.

Four of the five past presidents—Jerry Vines, Adrian Rogers, Charles Stanley and Smith—apparently discussed the potential candidates to carry the conservative standard during a Caribbean cruise Jan. 8-12.

Draper, the only one not to go on the cruise, said Wolfe emerged as "the consensus" of the former presidents and the 40-to-50 pastors who were on the January Bible study cruise, sponsored by Templeton Tours.

Smith, however, said the decision was not made until later in January when the past presidents met with Bisagno in Houston. Bisagno and fellow Houston pastor Ed Young, of Second Baptist Church, ruled themselves out, he said, adding both men will be candidates someday.

"Morris Chapman was very high on the list," Smith told the Florida Baptist Witness, but Wolfe was considered the best candidate because Mobile is only 150 miles from New Orleans and the Alabama pastor has had "more exposure nationally" than has Chapman.

Smith told the Witness he is confident the conservative candidate will win. "It almost doesn't matter who the candidate is. If you say 'Candidate A' and 'Candidate B,' it wouldn't make a difference of 600 votes," he said. (BP)



PENNIES FOR HEAVEN—It took a wheelbarrow, wagons and hefty jars, but members of Providence Baptist Church, Ordinary, Va., personally delivered the first instalment of their Lottie Moon foreign missions offering—200,000 pennies—to the Foreign Mission Board Feb. 7. President R. Keith Parks (second from left) accepted the offering from pastor Tom Gaskins (facing Parks), who has challenged the congregation to raise one million pennies (that's \$10,000, or three tons!) by the end of 1990.

For 1989, Southern Baptists show gains in nine of 10 areas

by Charles Willis

Increases in financial contributions and mission expenditures topped gains in nine of 10 key reporting areas for Southern Baptists in the 1989 church year.

Baptisms, church membership, the number of churches and enrolments for Sunday school, Discipleship Training, church music and Brotherhood all climbed slightly above 1988 totals. The Southern Baptist church year runs from Oct. 1 through the following Sept. 30.

The only decrease registered was in ongoing enrolment for Woman's Missionary Union. A net loss of 1466 members, or 0.1 percent, brought 1989 enrolment to 1,202,463. An enrolment gain in 1988 was the third consecutive gain for WMU following losses in 1984 and 1985.

According to figures from 37,051 Southern Baptist Uniform Church Letter statistical surveys received in the Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, total tithes, offerings and special gifts during the year increased 4.4 percent. This was \$180,079,404, over the previous year, making the 1989 total \$4,309,338,984.

The 3.4 percent, or \$23,323,570, increase for mission expenditures lagged slightly behind the percentage increase for the year in total contributions. Mission expenditures for 1989 totaled \$712,921,790.

While the number of Southern

Baptist churches increased by 218 to a total of 37,785 during 1989, the 0.6 percent gain is less than that of the previous year. In 1988 281 churches were added for a 0.8 percent increase.

Baptisms climbed 1.4 percent, adding 4787 people above the previous year's total for 351,107 baptisms in 1989. More than 8000 churches did not report a baptism for the 1989 church year.

Church membership increased 0.6 percent, or 95,042, to a total of 14,913,538. The percentage gain was identical to that of 1988 making it the second smallest increase in church membership since 1936. The 1988 numerical gain was 90,726.

Sunday school enrolment climbed in 1989 by 0.3 percent, or 24,642, to 7,936,015 after a decrease of 0.4 percent in 1988.

Church Training, now called Discipleship Training, registered a 1.6 percent increase, or 32,403, for a total of 2,026,141. This was the second year of gains for the program, following an increase of 2.0 percent in 1988 after four years of losses.

Church music enrolment in Southern Baptist churches registered its 24th consecutive increase, with 15,850 more than the previous year, an 0.9 percent gain. Total enrolment was 1,789,868.

Brotherhood enrolment, which declined in 1988 by 8.3 percent, registered an increase of 1.0 percent, or 5212, for a total of 530,723 participants in 1989. (BP)

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Kentuckians serving the SBC

Currently, 44 Kentucky Baptists serve on the committees, boards and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. One person serves on the Southern Baptist Foundation as a representative of his office on the Education Commission. Kentucky Baptists owe these 44 persons their thanks and appreciation for their work. It takes dedication, faith and sacrifice to serve our denomination. Those that are now serving are listed below with the name of their local association, their local church, that church's Cooperative Program gifts for 1988 and the Cooperative Program gift per resident member listed. The latter statistic was chosen because it allows comparison between churches regardless of size. The information was gathered from the SBC 1989 Annual, the KBC 1988 Annual (latest figures available) and from the KBC Executive Office.

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE				
Gray, David T.	Severns Valley	Stithton	10,926	8.58
Jones, James E.	Taylor County	Campbellsville	126,559	75.56
Keys, Dewey R. Sr.	Severns Valley	E. Rhudes Creek	1587	5.77
Norris, Terry L.	Daviess-McLean	Pleasant Grove	15,544	33.86

GENERAL BOARDS

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Cathey, Mrs. Beverly	Greenup	Unity	46,411	19.35
England, Harold R.	Elkhorn	First Baptist	41,030	49.85
Hall, Bill	South District	Gethsemane	22,836	31.24
Hancock, William L.	Long Run	Highview	65,000	13.43

HOME MISSION BOARD

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Carson, Anthony B.	Long Run	First Southern	41,865	18.67
Hodge, R. Wayne	Caldwell-Lyon	First Baptist	52,740	47.22
Principe, Linda S.	Salem	First Baptist	19,916	47.76
Romans, Wendell	Rockcastle	First Baptist	15,662	20.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Harrod, Allen F.	Northern Kentucky	First Baptist	5000	6.39
Hume, James W. III	Long Run	Highview	65,000	13.43
Mathis, Don R.	Mount Zion	Central	138,857	79.08
Wilson, John C.	Elkhorn	Gardenside	60,869	43.17

ANNUITY BOARD

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Flynn, Gene	Elkhorn	Gardenside	60,869	43.17
Stephens, Harold A.	Northern Kentucky	First Baptist	22,041	32.04

INSTITUTIONS OF THE CONVENTION

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Cross, Joe D. (L)	Long Run	Walnut Street	85,243	19.34
Hall, Kenneth E. (L)	Long Run	Crescent Hill	43,276	31.50
Harris, Michael E.	Severns Valley	Severns Valley	311,728	119.21
Hicks, John G. (L)	Long Run	Cedar Creek	15,846	25.93
Huff, Henry B. (L)	Long Run	Crescent Hill	43,276	31.50
Michael, John R. (L)	General grouping	Springdale	0	0
Pfannenschmidt, Fred (L)	Long Run	Walnut Street	85,243	19.34
Smith, John L. (L)	Long Run	Cedar Creek	15,846	25.93
Stevens, P. A. (L)	Long Run	Lyndon	55,171	71.01
Wallace, John T.	Elkhorn	Parkway	13,164	31.64

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Molloy, Lee P. III	West Union	Reidland	25,563	26.49

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Ray, William C.	Severns Valley	Severns Valley	31,728	119.21

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Casey, Hayward R.	Ohio County	Green River	7331	23.27

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Crady, Mrs. Jean	Daviess-McLean	First Baptist	177,560	102.75

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Butler, Mrs. Gayle	General grouping	Springdale	0	0

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Davenport, W. Randolph	Taylor County	Campbellsville	126,559	75.56
Roberts, Gorman J.	Long Run	Crescent Hill	43,276	31.50

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
COMMISSIONS OF THE CONVENTIONS				
AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY				
Dendler, C. Richard	Daviess-McLean	Hall Street	39,067	39.26
Rone, Wendell H. Sr.	Daviess-McLean	First Baptist	177,560	102.75

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Easterling, C. A.	Pulaski County	Slate Branch	2181	9.78

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Hopkins, Jerry B.	West Union	Reidland	25,563	26.49

EDUCATION COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Davenport, W. Randolph	Taylor County	Campbellsville	126,559	75.56

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Deering, Ronald F.	Long Run	Westport Road	67,379	28.27

RADIO/TV COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Copass, C. Wyman	Long Run	Farmdale	38,897	28.27

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Farris, Emery J.	Bell County	First Baptist	31,729	63.33

SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO REPORT 1990

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

NAME	ASSOCIATION	CHURCH	CP 88	CP/MBR
Litton, Bob C.	Daviess-McLean	Utica	19,490	80.54
Ray, Kenneth	Grayson	First Baptist	51,074	65.15

SOME OBSERVATIONS:

21 of the 44 come from 10 churches; nine of the churches have two members in SBC positions, one has three. Or, almost 48% of Kentuckians serving are from these ten churches.

34 of the 44 come from eight associations: 13 from Long Run, five from Daviess-McLean, four from Severns Valley, four from Elkhorn and two each from Northern Kentucky, Taylor County, West Union and the general grouping. Or, 77% of Kentuckians serving are from eight associations.

25 of the 44 are laypersons and that includes wives of pastors; or, almost 57% of those serving are laity.

Four are women, or only 9%.

The average 1988 Cooperative Program gift from Kentucky churches was \$29.94 per resident member; 19 of the 44 come from churches that gave less than the average Cooperative Program gift for the state, or 43% of those serving, five of these serve on Southern's board, two on the Executive Committee, two on the Foreign Mission Board, two on the Home Mission Board.

Two elected persons are from a church that gave nothing of record to the 1988 Cooperative Program, one on Southern's Board and one on Golden Gate's board.

A suggestion for our Kentucky members of the Committee on Nominations: spread out the service between a greater number of churches and associations, give women greater consideration and nominate folks from churches that at least meet the average Cooperative Program gift of a typical Kentucky Baptist church.

Richard W. Bridges

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baptist forum

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

Shame on you folks

Shame on you for not reminding your readers about the pro-life rally held in Frankfort Jan. 25. I hardly think that brother Mike Morris' letter (Jan. 23) was actually speaking for Western Recorder.

I thank God for him and all the other ministers who not only spoke to their congregations about the rally but led them to Frankfort themselves.

Now there were many ministers who did not come and did not mention the rally to their congregations. Shame on you also.

A big hallelujah for the witness Bath County gave. It did not go unnoticed.

A church that is filled with babies is truly a blessing from our heavenly Father. We should do all we can as God's people to stop the curse of "baby killing." God will bless our efforts and it's my prayer that he will fill our churches with many babies who will eventually carry on his work.

Amanda Whalen
Salvisa

"I can't go, but I can help"

As I'm involved in promoting and advertising our mission partnership with Espirito Santo, Brazil, I've heard quite frequently, "I can't go, but I can help someone else." Most of the time no one followed up that offer. Usually I've gone to another meeting and no one taps that mission resource. Just recently that statement was made after a presentation of the partnership. I made a mental note to not forget that offer. A few days later in counseling a prospective mission volunteer a statement was made by the volunteer that time was no problem but he doubted that money was available for the project. I didn't say anything to the prospect at that time but made plans to contact the person who had made the earlier offer. When I shared with him the need and willingness of the volunteer a check was written to help the volunteer pay for the project. When I shared the good news of the gift with the volunteer joy and excitement as well as gratitude was expressed because of the gift.

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and words of appreciation to a person who had said "I can't go, but I can help." In a real sense this person will go! A ministry is being made possible by that gift. He will have a part in every witness, every contact and every decision for Christ.

I know that volunteer who received the gift will be blessed and helped in a significant way. However, without a doubt, the anonymous giver will be the greater recipient of blessings because I believe the scripture is true which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Marshall Phillips
Kentucky/Brazil Partnership
Orientation Coordinator

Apology due Simmons

A sense of fairness compels me to take exception to Richard W. Bridges' editorial "Trustee responsibility betrayed" in the Jan. 30 of Western Recorder. While I appreciate the main point of the article, I feel that Mr. Bridges was amiss in some of his comments about Dr. Paul Simmons.

Mr. Bridges erred seriously in stating that Dr. Simmons' publicly stated views on abortion were impulsive, poorly communicated and lacking in diplomacy. First, Simmons' views on abortion were not the reason for the trustees' inquisition. Second, even if some influential persons do not share his views, as a respected scholar in the field of bioethics, Dr. Simmons has earned the right to speak out on abortion. His textbook on bioethical issues, including abortion, was published by a major religious publisher. He has testified before a congressional subcommittee on questions related to abortion.

Mr. Bridges stated that Dr. Simmons' "personality makes him vulnerable as a target for dissatisfaction." I am uncertain whether this ambiguous rhetoric was intended as an expression of sympathy, admiration or condemnation. I choose to interpret the comment to mean that

Dr. Simmons is a person of honesty and courage.

Mr. Bridges was correct in suggesting that the three irresponsible trustees should apologize to their fellow trustees and to Dr. Honeycutt. Unfortunately he failed to mention that Dr. Simmons is also due an apology. Mr. Bridges should recall that Dr. Simmons was the person accused falsely in this sorry affair. Perhaps one of the first apologies to Dr. Simmons should come from Mr. Bridges.

Marion Sims
Marion, Ala.

Simmons gets an "A"

The editorial in the Jan. 30 issue of Western Recorder which denounced trustee irresponsibility at Southern Seminary showed forceful leadership. Chairman Richard Bridges was right on target to state in a public forum that the three trustees betrayed their positions of "trust" by circumventing the investigation process.

Bridges is also to be commended for the sensitivity he showed. He recognized that three parties were victimized in the incident—Kirkbride, Simmons and the seminary itself. Unfortunately though, since "gossip, misunderstanding and uninformed cruelty have lives of their own," it will be Simmons and the seminary who will be open to continued victimization.

I must take issue, though, with a possible impression raised by the editorial. When Bridges gives Simmons an "A" in "personal faith, academic integrity, concern for students and commitment to Christ" but a "D" in "communication, impulsive statements and lack of diplomacy," he gives the impression that Simmons is somehow to blame for the predicament he now finds himself in. This is nothing more than blaming the victim.

Also, to suggest that Simmons has problems communicating does not square with the facts: only one student out of 52 "heard" the remarks he accused Simmons of making. Rather than a "D," I would give Simmons an "A" in communication because 51 students heard correctly.

Greg Brooks
Willisburg



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Immortal sermons

Someone observed that the bishop's answer to a young preacher's question about what to preach on is still apropos: "Preach about God and about 20 minutes."

From time to time I hear not only the subject matter of a particular sermon discussed but, on occasions, the length of the sermon, too.

A couple of decades ago one of our Southern Baptist state papers carried an article on sermon length by Herschel H. Hobbs, a kind of Southern Baptist patriarch who preached for many years on radio's "Baptist Hour" and held forth weekly in the pulpit of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church.

Hobbs quoted an authority who stated that the pressure on one's heart during a 30-minute sermon is equal to that of a 15-mile walk. If that's the case, I can recall being in some churches where—by the close of Sunday—the preachers (and perhaps the congregations) must have felt like they had crossed one or more state lines on foot!

Hobbs went on to defend the 20-minute sermon, refuting any who might claim it is impossible to preach a good message in that span. He noted that Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was much shorter. He said he timed his own reading of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount aloud. Allowing for appropriate pauses and emphasis, he found it took him 13 minutes to complete it. Hobbs acknowledged that he wished he had learned his lesson at the beginning of his ministry instead of the end.

"How long should a preacher preach?" I inquired in the October 1972 issue of *Church Administration* magazine. I sent a clipping of Hobbs' article to a dozen Southern Baptist ministers at churches of varying sizes, asking for reactions. The majority favored 20- to 25-minute sermons in a day when 35- to 45-minute sermons were not uncommon.

Some published comments: "When my preparation is poor, my sermons are longer."

"A drab man will be drab whether he preaches 15, 20, 25 or 30 minutes."

"The shorter sermon will be more difficult to prepare only for the preachers who did not have 20 minutes' worth in their 30 minutes' length."

I think Luther Joe Thompson of the Southern Seminary faculty had a point when he claimed, "A sermon need not be eternal to be immortal."

It certainly gives a preacher something else to ponder.

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baptist news briefs

CLC opposes funds for school health clinics

The Christian Life Commission has expressed opposition to a Senate bill that would provide federal funds for school-based health clinics.

The Family Planning Amendments of 1989, S. 110, would modify Title X of the Public Health Services Act and provide \$10 million that could be used for school-based clinics.

Title X has been the major source of family-planning funding for about 20 years. S. 110 would increase funding for Title X from \$138.2 million in fiscal 1989 to \$179.5 million in fiscal 1992.

The bill also would allow the clinics to continue dispensing contraceptives to underage youth without parental consent. The bill also provides an additional \$10 million for research and development that could fund research for a new abortifacients, such as the "morning-after" abortion pill. (BP)

Mississippi editors receive promotions

Two longtime Mississippi Baptist Convention journalists have been promoted to new positions by the convention's board.

Tim Nicholas, associate editor of the Baptist Record, the convention's weekly news journal, was named director of the MBC office of communi-

cation. Anne McWilliams, assistant editor of the Baptist Record, was named associate editor.

The board also promoted William Maxwell, who has been supervisor of finance and accounting, to be director of accounting and personnel services. Maxwell worked for the Kentucky Baptist Convention before he took the Mississippi position. He is a graduate of Georgia College and Southern Seminary and expects to earn a degree from Millsaps College this spring. (BP)

Church weekday seminar will be state approved

"Teaching Readiness" is the focus of a June 2 state approved church weekday seminar for leadership in day care, kindergarten, nursery school and Mother's Day Out at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Key speaker for the seminar will be Kathryn Chapman, associate professor of childhood education at Southern.

Jewell Nelson, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, will coordinate the third annual event and lead a conference on readiness with books.

Other conferences will include teaching readiness in learning centers such as blocks, homeliving and puzzles; how to start and administer a weekday program; and staff relations. Cost of \$6 includes lunch and six

hours of state approved training. For information: Jewell Nelson, KBC Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 42053, (502) 245-4101.

Former Kentucky resident escapes serious injury



Baker

Former Kentucky resident Thomas J. Baker and his 13-year-old son Paul escaped serious injury in a hit-and-run automobile accident in Madrid, Spain, Jan. 24. Baker a Southern Baptist missionary had just picked up his son and a neighbor's child from school when their car was struck by a speeding car. The driver's door on the Baker vehicle was crushed and Baker sustained a sprained shoulder. Baker's son received a minor head injury. The other child was uninjured.

Police picked up a suspect a few blocks from the scene of the accident. The vehicle involved had been stolen moments before the incident. Damages sustained in the mishap incapacitated the stolen car and the driver abandoned it in traffic. Onlookers notified police, who found the man in a near-by alley. Baker identified the man, who was placed in custody.

This is the second incident involving a stolen car for Baker, business manager of the Spanish mission since 1981. In 1983 a man robbed Baker of a mission vehicle while he was washing it in the street in front of his home. That vehicle was later recovered.

While in Kentucky Baker attended Jefferson Community College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Presidential election tops Annuity Board meet

Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees honored their retiring president, elected his successor and changed the board's abortion-insurance plan during their February meeting.

Trustees, employes and friends donated nearly \$27,000 to establish the Darold and Elizabeth Morgan Fund as a part of the board's Adopt an Annuity program.

The fund, which honors the board's outgoing president and his wife, will perpetually provide an extra \$50 per month for life for three retired ministers or ministers' widows with inadequate retirement incomes.

Trustees elected Paul W. Powell as president and chief executive officer to succeed Morgan. They unanimously chose Powell as president-elect last October. He was pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Tex., for 17 years. He will be installed as president Mar. 15. (BP)

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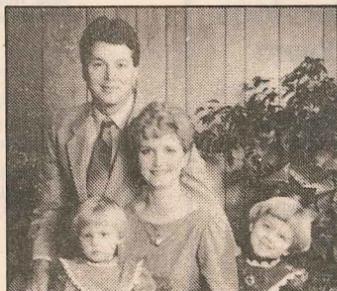
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THE SITES

Attorney puts trustees on scales of justice

by Marv Knox

Southern Baptist trustees must balance assertiveness and restraint, a veteran adviser to trustee boards has said.

"Find the golden mean between being assertive and being restrained," Nashville attorney James P. Guenther told trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board. "I urge you to assert yourself as a trustee. But I also want to urge you to restrain yourself as a trustee. The wisdom is in knowing when you ought to do which."

Guenther, general counsel for the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee since 1964, discussed the role, responsibilities and functions of trustees during the BSSB's winter meeting in Nashville.

Although speaking to one trustee board, Guenther noted, "Southern Baptist trustee bodies share much in common." In executive, he is counsel to several SBC agencies, Baptist state conventions and Baptist schools.

"Our Baptist polity of agency control in the hands of trustees is defeated by a trustee body which does not perform its role," he said, citing the crucial nature of trustee selection. In the SBC that is done through a multi-step process that begins with presidential appointment and concludes with election of trustees by messengers to the convention's annual meetings.

"It is crucial that those persons nominated and elected to trustee positions evidence promise of having what it takes to be a good trustee," Guenther said. "There ought to be no place in the system for cronyism, for political considerations, for good-old-boy arrangements. Selection of

trustees on the basis of anything less than what is best for the institution demeans the ministry, trivializes the institution and mocks our piety.

"Southern Baptists cannot afford anything but the best on our trustee boards. Southern Baptist institutions cannot afford trustees who will not do their job. Our boards need to be composed of persons with the best minds and the best hearts and the best spirits and the best intentions. . . .

"We need trustees who are educable, who learn fast, who are willing to learn, who want to learn, who have the trust to learn. We need trustees who are skilled in their own lives, who have their own expertise, and who respect the expertise of others. We need trustees who are open minded, who will think independently—Independently of the administration and independently of each other, independently of the folks back home and of denominational factions.

"We need trustees who are first and foremost committed to the institution which they serve, who mean to protect it and to support it and to champion it."

But trustees must be careful not to overstep their bounds, Guenther added, citing several "restraints" trustees should place on themselves:

— Assignment. "Do your job," he urged. "The most common problem is that a trustee will want to do the job of the president, or of the staff, or of the faculty, or of a committee of the board, or that he will want to be the whole board. It's a poor first baseman who chases pop flies into center field."

— Respect for history. "Trustees who don't know the mistakes of their predecessors can't learn from those

mistakes," he said.

— Truth. "You may bristle at the implications of that advice," he said. "But let me tell you that I have seen trustee bodies vote to tell a lie when I knew that every single member of the trustee board was personally committed to truth telling. Some institutions, public and private, have been their own worst enemy by not telling their constituents all the truth."

— Sensitivity. Even though unpopular decisions are inevitable, trustees should be concerned about "how the decision will play in Peoria and in Peoria's First Baptist Church."

— Process. "Establish procedures which are fair and reasonable, and insist . . . on complying with those procedures," he advised. "In biblical terms, 'Let all things be done decently and in order.'"

— Love. "When we consider how (Jesus) expects us to treat one another, the law's due process looks like the pillage of the barbarians," he said. "It was (former SBC president) R. G. Lee who liked to say, 'To give less under grace than under the law is a disgrace.'"

— Accountability. "You are accountable to the convention," he reminded the trustees. "But you are also accountable in a real sense to the employees of this institution. You are accountable to government, to your

neighborhoods, to those in need of the gospel."

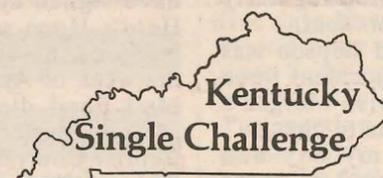
— Restraints. Trustees do well to follow two restraints courts have adopted, he said. First, courts realize "there is merit to settling controversies and once having settled them to not take them up again." Second is "the idea that decisions should stand as precedents for future guidance."

Guenther also urged trustees to approach their tasks with humility. "You are all laymen. That is, by definition of the word, one who is not expert," he said.

And while such a system of nonexpert trustees "keeps bringing freshness to our boards," trustees need to "be on guard against thinking we know more than we do."

Trustees also must "keep on mission," Guenther admonished, exhorting trustees to understand both their role as trustees and the nature of the institution they serve.

Guenther challenged the trustees to adopt the characteristics common to the best trustees he has known—"commitment, honesty, diligence, a willingness to think independently, a sweet spirit, a love for the institution they serve, a desire to do not only the right thing but also to do the right thing in the right way, humility and a sense of wanting to be in service to God." (BP)



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with Harold Morris

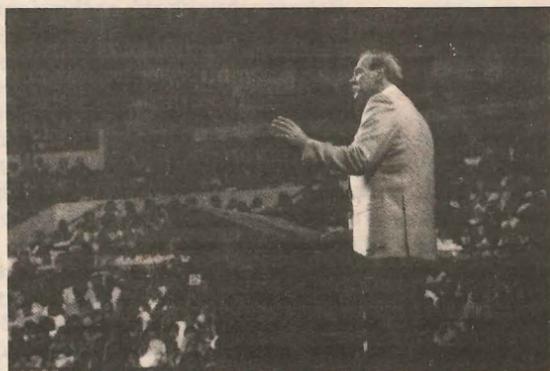


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HERE'S HOPE

HOPEFUL SIGNS

- South District Association reports 23 of 26 churches will participate in the Here's Hope revival efforts. The Deaf Mission will also participate.
- South District Association held a prayer retreat at Gethsemane Baptist Church in preparation for Here's Hope Jan. 15 with 200 to 250 attending from at least 12 churches.
- Other associations with prayer retreats scheduled are: Bell, Mar. 10; Graves, Mar. 17; Green Valley, Mar. 20; Laurel River, Mar. 10; Mt. Zion, Mar. 17; Ohio River, Mar. 10; Pulaski, Mar. 9; Salem, Mar. 24; South Union, Mar. 17; West Union, Mar. 25.
- The associations with 100% participation by churches in Here's Hope:

Anderson	Russell County
Breckenridge	Severns Valley
Casey County	Three Forks
Mercer	Whites Run

LIFE IMPACT

Gene Morgan's life before and after he began to witness is a portrait in contrasts.

In 1982 the Paducah businessman was a mirror of success. He wore expensive clothes, drove big cars, took long vacations and lived to make money. He went to church regularly but none of it satisfied his soul.

When his 28-year-old stepson was killed in a motorcycle accident three days after accepting Christ, Morgan's attitude toward life began to change.

"When I realized my boy had missed hell by three days, it made me want to witness to somebody about Jesus," he said.

A few weeks later he led a 17-year-old boy in a prison cell to the Lord.

"I'll never forget it," he said. "I left that cell a changed man."

Since then there have been hundreds of witnessing experiences. He says, "I don't keep count. God has a record book."

He witnesses to everybody, no matter the circumstances. Recently he led a cashier at a fast food restaurant to the Lord.

At 67, Morgan's quest for wealth is over. He has signed his property to a mission for the homeless operated under the auspices of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he is a member.

Witnessing brings Gene Morgan the peace which eluded him for much of his life. Now he seeks to win a person a day to the Lord.

Most days he succeeds.

Janice Hughes

DIRECTIONS

"The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' Then Philip...heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 'How can I unless someone explains it to me?'...Philip began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."

(Acts 8:29-31; 35, NIV)

Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference readies for Here's Hope in Caldwell-Lyon

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

It's billed as the Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference.

But Monday night of last week (Feb. 12) more than 500 meeting in the sanctuary of Princeton's Southside Baptist Church listened intently as one speaker prepared them for what "could very well be the last opportunity we will have" to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ to a "lost America."

The fervor and zeal of musicians and preachers that night spilled into the audience, encouraging them to prepare now for Southern Baptists' simultaneous spring crusades under the banner, *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you.*

The Here's Hope evangelistic rally was the climax of a regional day-long evangelism conference—now in its third year—focusing on motivating Christians to share the gospel with lost people. While morning and afternoon sessions were well attended by pastors and church staffers and their spouses, the evening event drew laypeople by the carload. A roll call of the sponsoring Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association's 38 churches indicated almost all were represented, some in large numbers. Thirty-four of the 38 congregations (89.5 percent) have signed up to participate in the Here's Hope revivals, scheduled in many of the association's churches the week of Apr. 22-27, according to Mark Bond, director of evangelism.

Bond, pastor of Princeton's Second Baptist Church, emphasized that the Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference is "not a substitute" for the statewide Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference. The latter event is scheduled next week (Feb. 26-27) at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louis-

ville.

Bond did say, however, that the conference "branched out" this year, encouraging people from outside Caldwell-Lyon to participate. Directors of missions in nearby associations (including Tennessee) received flyers on the conference. Christian radio stations ran public service announcements and ads were placed in local newspapers.

Harris' math gives an F to Baptists' conversions

Richard Harris, a principal speaker at last week's Here's Hope rally in Caldwell-Lyon Association, observed that 73.4% (or 26,251) of all Southern Baptist congregations baptized 10 or fewer people in 1988.

While Southern Baptists saw 351,105 make professions of faith that year, Harris offered a little arithmetic:

■ If each SBC pastor and professional church staff and denominational worker won five persons annually, 412,800 converts would be added.

■ If each deacon won only one person each year, 500,000 additional souls would be harvested.

■ If each Sunday school worker shared his or her testimony and won only one person, the number would increase 700,000 more.

The Here's Hope goal is to baptize 175,000 in six weeks this spring.

Impossible? "Not at all," said Harris, who reminded folks at Princeton "we baptized 145,000 in six weeks during *Good News America. God loves you*" in 1986.

The response was a packed house on the host church's main floor.

"Did you know," Kentucky Baptist Office for Evangelism director William D. Jagers inquired of the crowd, "for every three people you meet on the street in Caldwell and Lyon counties, one is not a Christian?" He claimed 6200 persons living in the two counties near a popular west Kentucky recreational playground "are lost and headed for hell."

The last words of Jesus on this earth, Jagers recalled, were: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). He urged his listeners to adopt that challenge for themselves as they prepare themselves and their churches for Here's Hope.

The rally's principal speaker, Kentucky native Richard Harris, is director of the Mass Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

After 8½ years in that position, Harris said, "I've come to the conclusion evangelism is not a priority in this convention." While asserting that that is "a bold statement," he added, "I challenge you to disprove it."

Southern Baptists have lost a "clear sense of objective," Harris continued. "The lost world is a lot more interested in hearing the gospel than we are in telling the gospel."

Concluding an hour-long address, Harris declared, "Pray God will bring spiritual awakening to America, and pray it will begin with you. Pray that God will use you to get ready every day from now until May 1 when we could reap the greatest single harvest Southern Baptists have ever seen."

The simultaneous crusades are scheduled in most Southern Baptist churches sometime between Mar. 18-Apr. 29.

"Hay Esperanza" directs Louisville

by Pat Cole
Special Correspondent

Ludwing Villamizar and the congregation he serves know there is more than one way to say "Here's Hope."

Villamizar and the Hispanic Mission of St. Matthews Baptist Church will be saying "Hay Esperanza" to direct Spanish-speaking people in the Louisville area to the hope of Jesus Christ. They are among several ethnic ministries in Kentucky attempting to evangelize ethnic groups during the spring *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* simultaneous revivals.

Villamizar, a PhD student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from San Cristobal, Venezuela, said the Louisville congregation is enthused about the evangelistic opportunities available during its revival.

"If we are excited about it, people we come across will also be excited about it," said Villamizar, pastor of the mission since 1985. His congregation is compiling names of prospects to invite to the revival. The prospects will receive letters, phone calls and personal words of invitation to the mission's Apr. 13-15 weekend revival. The congregation is one of 17

ethnic ministries among Kentucky Baptists.

Ken Forman, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Mission Department, said the ethnic population in Kentucky has grown in recent years and so has interest in ethnic ministry.

"The wind of concern is picking up across the state," he said. His department provides guidance for churches and associations that are interested in beginning ethnic works.

David D'Amico, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, said the Here's Hope revivals provide a good opportunity to reach ethnic groups. "Generally, ethnic groups are more enthused about revivals than Anglos," said D'Amico.

Ethnic groups respond well to revivals because ethnic churches usually have a strong belief in the importance of evangelism, said D'Amico, adding that many ethnic

people have been introduced to the concept of revivals by American evangelists who conduct crusades abroad.

While Kentucky's ethnic population is not nearly that of Texas, California or New York, D'Amico said there are significant numbers living in Kentucky. "The churches in Kentucky need to have their eyes and ears opened to the opportunities there are," he said.

Ethnic churches' enthusiasm for the gospel has sustained the numerical growth of Southern Baptists over the past decade, said D'Amico. He noted Southern Baptist Home Mission Board personnel have said that the increasing number of ethnic Southern Baptists in urban centers has kept the denomination from experiencing a membership decline.

Prior to joining the Southern faculty, D'Amico was executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist

FRONTLINE

PE TODAY

Desire to witness draws 25% for training course at Central Baptist, Paris

by Mary Royals Driskill
Editorial Assistant

Witness Commitment Day brought more than promises for the members of Central Baptist Church, Paris, Ky. It resulted in almost one-third of the average adult Sunday school attendance being involved in witnessing training.

Pastor Jim Abernathy said it was "something we decided to do" in preparation for the *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* simultaneous revival efforts this spring.

William D. Jagers, director, Office for Evangelism, KBC, indicated the turnout for witnessing training "is tremendous." He added that one-third of any church is an exceptional number but for a church of this size it's "even more impressive." Central Baptist has had 45 participating in seven Sunday evening training sessions.

The congregation began the emphasis by making a public commitment to witness. The goal is not just to train people, but to get them out witnessing.

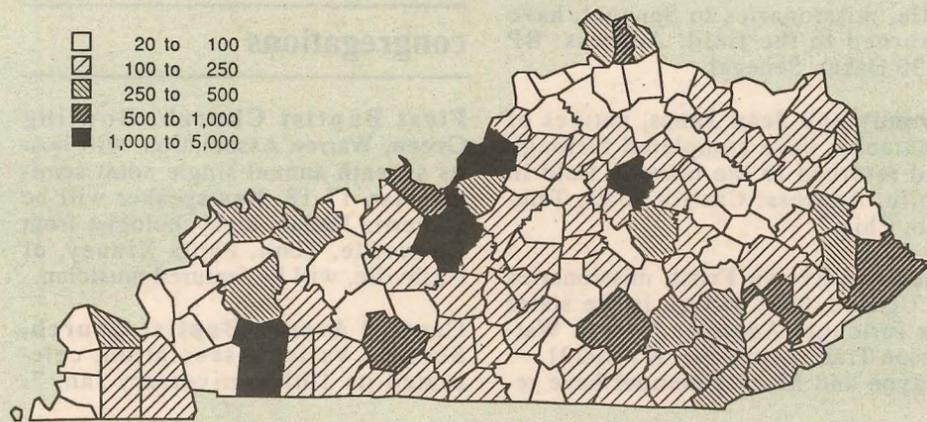
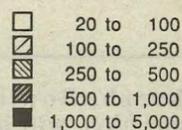
The church is using the witnessing training module from Discipleship Training material. They are dealing with questions and problems members express in witnessing.

"There's an obstacle of fear," said Abernathy. Central Baptist is trying to work through those fears and get the skills and desire to be effective witnesses. "We're trying to be the bold witnesses we ought to be."

They anticipate ending February with a visitation/outreach emphasis.

"My goal is that it will be a time of helping them understand the need to share," said Abernathy. He wants to see witnessing result from a "desire to share instead of an obligation alone."

ESTIMATED HISPANIC POPULATION, 1988



Source: National Planning Data Corporation, Ithaca, N.Y.

This graph shows the estimated Hispanic population for Kentucky. The darkest areas represent the communities with the greatest Hispanic populations. Ministry to Hispanics accounts for one of 17 ethnic ministries among Kentucky Baptists. Baptists are working with Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Romanian and Vietnamese as well. Approximately 50,000 people from ethnic backgrounds live in Kentucky.

Villamizar's Hispanic population to Christ

Association, where he worked with numerous ethnic congregations. He earlier directed the ministry to inter-nationals at South Main Street Baptist Church, Houston, for several years.

He emphasized that starting ethnic congregations is "not an attempt to segregate people." Rather, he said, it is "simply more effective to reach people in their heart language and culture."

Both Villamizar and D'Amico said many members of ethnic congregations speak fluent English, but prefer to worship in their native language. "For those who are bilingual, the expression of worship is more natural in the mother tongue," explained Villamizar.

In Kentucky some ethnic ministries consist of only a Bible study while others, like the St. Matthews mission, have their own graded Sunday school and worship, said Forman. Other churches serve ethnic groups by providing language Sunday school classes and interpreted worship services, he said.

Two Kentucky Korean congregations, First Korean Baptist churches in Louisville and Radcliff, are fully constituted churches.

Forman's department recommends sponsoring churches develop a Church Missions Development Council to help guide the ethnic ministry. The council should contain both ethnic and Anglo members, he said.

For the *Here's Hope* revival, the St. Matthews mission has invited Efrain Silva to be guest evangelist. Silva, a Venezuelan pastor and a friend of Villamizar's, is studying English at the International English Institute in Nashville.

In preparation for its revival, the mission is using a prospect list that has its origin in a 1983 survey of Louisville Hispanics by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Mission members periodically update the list and add names to it as they hear of Hispanics who might be interested in attending the mission.

The St. Matthews mission is made up mostly of professional people and skilled laborers, said Villamizar. Members of the congregation travel each week to an area horse farm to minister to Hispanics who live and work there. The horse farm workers are typically slow to respond to the gospel and are reluctant to travel to Louisville to attend services, he said.



Villamizar

The mission has found a low-key approach to evangelizing Hispanics works best.

"Our approach is to teach the Bible and God will do the rest," he said.

COUNTDOWN

Bivocational Ministers Conference:
Feb. 23-24, Union University

West Tennessee's Union University will host Kentucky bivocational pastors and ministers of music and youth at a Feb. 23-24 conference. Participants will also receive an overview of *Here's Hope* revivals. There are 9162 bivocational pastors in the denomination's 37,000 churches. Kentucky ranks sixth with 644 bivocational pastors among the state's 2250+ churches.

Here's Hope Revival Rallies:
February-March

Associations across Kentucky are hosting *Here's Hope* revival rallies. The associational rallies are a launching event for the revival meetings. Each association is encouraged to have a rally before the Mar. 18 starting date for revivals. The rally focus is informational and inspirational. Suggestions on planning are found on page 12 of the *Here's Hope Associational Guidebook*.

PERSPECTIVE

The *Here's Hope* simultaneous revival effort stirs warm remembrances both distant and present.

It was the fall of 1970 at First Baptist Church, Inez, when our revival meeting witnessed the conversion of a fellow high school friend. The next five days brought from five to 10 decisions every night with many of them being professions of faith. I remember the Sunday night service. The meeting had been so wonderful pastor Jimmy Grayson asked the congregation for a vote to continue three more nights. Unanimously we agreed to proceed. I don't remember how many professions were made but I do remember the meeting accounted for many of the 66 baptisms the church recorded on the associational minutes.

We are in an era when many churches and denominations are declining. Scores of churches are struggling internally and financially. However, genuine revival always brings hope.

To a lost and searching world groping helplessly for some reason to face tomorrow our message of Jesus Christ says there is hope.

We should be a part of *Here's Hope* this spring for the sake of our community, church and denomination: but most importantly because we have found a wonderful hope in Jesus Christ that multitudes have not found.

Glenn Mollette, pastor
First Baptist Church, Pikeville

HOPE QUOTE

"The revival meeting...is a concentration of effort, an intensification of purpose, an enlistment of committed workers for the purpose of getting the good news to a large number of people."

Leonard Sanderson
adjunct evangelism professor
Midwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary

mountains to the mississippi



Bill D. Whittaker
President
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Good friends keep our school going. Friends give from their financial resources and supply almost half of our budget. I periodically appeal to these to keep them aware of our ministry and needs. One supporter responded to my December letter, "I consider the request in poor taste. I have given \$270 this year. I am retired and give to other organizations. I have done the best that I could—no more." I never know the situation folks are in at the moment our appeal reaches them. I would rather not write and ask but folks will not know our needs unless we tell them. The Lord of all resources has told us to tell his people and leave the rest up to him. We rejoice when anyone does "the best"!

Another friend responded, "When I received your letter I felt moved to pray more. I wish I could support your ministry on a regular basis but I am sending a one time gift praying God will lay it on a lot of people's hearts to give." She included the name of one whom she thought would be interested in helping us. A three-fold gift—prayer, funds and a referral.

Our Christmas Shopping Spree received a gift from Nashville friend Naomi Judd, "the mamma of the singing Judds." She wrote a student spouse, "I had heard about your college through my brother Mark Judd, a pastor in Colesburg, Ky. We all admire the work going on a Clear Creek. As Wynonna and I travel border to border and coast to coast, we are so aware of the need for Christians in this country today. God bless you in your effort. Please share my admiration for the work going on there."

Our friends bless us in more ways than money. Friends visit the campus to see the work. Friends send us toys, books, clothing, food, vehicles, stock; include us in their will and give us time as volunteers. Friends express thanks for blessings from a graduate or a faculty/staff member. Friends let us know about success so we can rejoice with them and request our prayers for problems, illness and sorrow.

This blessed school couldn't continue very long without our friends. Thank you for being among that select group.

missions

Lee and Deborah Warf, of Elizabethtown, missionaries to Venezuela, and **Timothy and Brenda Searcy**, of Winchester, missionaries to Colombia, have arrived at language school. Address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Paula Settle, a native of Owensboro and missionary to Togo, has returned to the field. Address: Mission Baptiste, BP 1353, Lome, Togo.

David and Linda Jackson, of Louisville, missionaries to Senegal, have returned to the field. Address: BP 3330 Dakar, Senegal.

Grundy and Jean Janes, natives of Kentucky, have completed furlough and returned to the mission field in Chile. Address: Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile.

Jack and Evelyn Frost, missionaries to Uganda, have arrived in the states for furlough. Address: 7504 S. Waterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40291. **Wayne and Mary Emanuel** have re-

turned to the mission field in Japan. Mrs. Emanuel is the former Mary Lou Massengill of Middlesboro. Address: 1-2 Chome, Umegaoka, Nagaokakyoshi Kyoto-fu 617, Japan.

Jimmy and Faye Stallons have been appointed Home Mission Board volunteers as Mission Service Corps Tentmakers. They will assist US-2 missionaries, South Central Indiana Association, in starting 10 Southern Baptist churches. New Hope Baptist Church, Little River Association, commissioned the Stallons Feb. 11. Jimmie Gibbs is pastor. Ralph Benningfield is director of missions, Little River Association.

congregations

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, will host its seventh annual single adult seminar Mar. 17-18. Key speaker will be C. Ferris Jordan, a psychologist from Knoxville, Tenn. Paula Kinney, of Nashville, will be featured musician.

Central Avenue Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, celebrated its 10th anniversary Jan. 7.

Bill Ray, former pastor of Haycraft Chapel, Severns Valley Association, spoke during morning worship. Bill Bailey is pastor.

Norman Douglas, former pastor of Barren Run Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, vowed to stand on his head the day the church reached 100 in Sunday school. The church tallied 103 Oct. 28, 1989, and Douglas complied on the front steps of the church. Douglas is presently pastor of Trammel Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

personnel

First Baptist Church, Mayfield, called **Robert F. Wilson** as pastor, effective Mar. 4. He goes from Berclair Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He and his wife Ann have two children, Leigh Ann and Craig.

J. R. Jones is interim pastor at Island Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Denvil Rush is interim pastor of Tyner Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

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Christian education pioneer Gaines S. Dobbins was remembered during a Founders Day address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as the person who brought a "life-centered" teaching approach to seminary classrooms and churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the Feb. 6 convocation service opening the spring semester, Findley B. Edge, professor of Christian education emeritus at Southern, said Dobbins' primary concern was for students to "know how to function in a practical setting."

In the classroom Dobbins attempted to make sure the student not only understood the gospel but "was grasped by it," said Edge. As an administrator, Dobbins coupled his teaching duties with a stint as seminary treasurer from 1933-42. Edge noted that Dobbins employed skillful management practices that helped save the seminary from potential financial ruin during Great Depression years.

Noting that Dobbins remained active after retiring, Edge said Dobbins wrote his 33rd book, *Zest for Living*, in 1977 at age 91. Dobbins died the following year in Birmingham, Ala.

Diana S. Richmond Garland has been named Gheens associate professor of Christian family ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Dr. Garland, 39, will succeed J. Michael Hester in the faculty position effective Aug. 1. Hester recently announced his resignation to become director of a pastoral counseling center in Asheville, N. C. Dr. Garland also

will be director of the seminary's Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry.

Dr. Garland, a native of Oklahoma, is currently associate professor of social work at Southern where she has taught 10 years. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University and holds BA, MSSW, and PhD degrees from the University of Louisville.

The Gheens chair of Christian family ministry was established in 1982 through a gift from the C. E. Gheens family of Louisville.

Dr. Garland's appointment was approved unanimously by the seminary's trustee executive committee Feb. 6. Trustees also heard committee and administration reports, including a preliminary assessment of the seminary's deferred maintenance needs estimated at more than \$8 million.

Lawanda Faye Smith, a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by Baptist Public Relations Association. This is the second year BPRA has awarded scholarships to communication/ journalism majors attending Baptist schools.

Miss Smith is working toward an MDiv degree in Christian education. She hopes to work with college students in the area of communications.

She received a BA in English education at Louisiana College, Pineville, and an MA in English from Louisiana Tech University, Ruston. She has been a writing instructor at Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, and is currently a staff writer for Western Recorder.

James Forbes, pastor of Riverside Church, New York City, will speak at the fifth National Conference of Biblical Preaching at Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Mar. 5-9.

Forbes, a former professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary, New York, will be the week's E. Y. Mullins lecturer. The conference is cosponsored by the seminary's National Center for Christian Preaching and E. Y. Mullins Endowment.

Forbes will be joined on the conference program by Henry Mitchell. Mitchell is retired dean of Virginia Union University's School of Theology, Richmond, and is a visiting professor of homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.

Other speakers include Joan Delaplaine, associate professor of homiletics, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, Mo., and past president of the Academy of Homiletics; and Eugene Lowry, professor of preaching and communication at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo. Several seminars led by Southern Seminary faculty members will be offered.

More information is available by calling the seminary toll free at (800) 626-5525. In Kentucky call (502) 897-4315.

College students from across the Southeast and Midwest will converge on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Feb. 23-25 for a 34th annual student missions conference.

Several speakers will address issues pertaining to foreign and home missions.

In addition to worship services, a variety of seminars will be offered to better acquaint college students with challenges that confront missionaries and opportunities for missions service.

Contact the school's student missions office at (502) 897-4409 for information.



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Mark 9:17-24 Before Christ's disciples returned from their experience on the mountain nearby, a distracted father had brought his demon possessed son to this locality, hoping to find the savior and to ask him for a cure for the boy. Disappointed that Jesus was not there, the father asked the disciples to cure his son. He was

possessed of a demon; at various intervals this evil spirit seized the boy and dashed him to the ground. The disciples could not understand why they could not cast out the demon.

Mark 9:25-29 At the request of the savior the afflicted boy was brought to him. Knowing that his hour of rebuke had arrived, the demon made one final effort by throwing its victim to the ground. At the command of Jesus the demon had to come out of the boy. Furthermore, Christ ordered the demon never to return to the boy. When the evil spirit left the boy as one dead, our Lord seized his hand and raised him up.

Upon entering the house, his disciples asked Jesus privately to explain their inability to cast out the demon. Their failure on this occasion showed conclusively that they had been neglecting their prayer life. By this Jesus taught them a lesson which all of God's children need to learn. In order to minister effectively to human need one must be in close touch with God. If we trust God, he will provide the strength which will be sufficient for us to meet the needs of others whom we may serve.

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Promise of the spirit

John 14:15-17 During his ministry among them Christ had guided his disciples, but now that he was about to leave them he assured them that the Holy Spirit was coming to be with them and to assume the responsibility of being another guardian.

Christ assured his followers that when the Spirit dwelt in them he would enable them to cope with the problems of life and live victoriously.

John 14:18-24 Having persuaded those whom he has made conscious of their guilt of sin to believe on Christ and to receive the salvation which was planned by the father and provided by the Son, the Holy Spirit has imparted the divine nature to them. He also teaches Christians the will of the Lord and guides them in doing that will.

All of God's Children who walk in the pathway of obedience to Christ are assured of the blessed presence, protection, power and provisions of God. He teaches them what they need to know, leads them deeper into the truth of God, reminding them of what God said and keeping them right in their conduct.

Christ reminded His disciples that the Holy Spirit would bring to their remembrance what he had taught them and thereby extend his influence in their lives, even when he would be absent from them.

John 14:25-27 Peace is never the result of self-effort, but it is something which the Lord gives freely. God the Father decreed this peace, Christ the Son purchased it and the Holy Spirit applies it.

Peace with God is the most desirable blessing that one can receive. It was the gift which Christ singled out above all others, to bestow upon his disciples as a parting legacy. This legacy is the most precious of gifts, an inheritance which this world can neither give nor take away.



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homes for children

Recycling

One of the things I admire about Kentucky is the way we recycle old structures. In Dallas if a building was older the general rule was tear it down and build a new glass and steel structure. Now I like new buildings, but I believe there is wisdom in converting older buildings to use when possible.

That type of recycling has been around for a long time. When the new board was formed in 1915 to begin Glen Dale, it considered several locations for the new program and settled on the site of Lynnland College, which was situated near the village of Glendale. That property consisting of a 34 room building, its contents and 17 acres of land was purchased for \$3500. The college which had operated for over 50 years as a private Baptist enterprise had closed the previous spring.

Eventually the old building was replaced, more land was added and we have the Glen Dale of today.

Now it is not always possible to use old buildings and new work should never be contingent upon the old, but when possible it just makes sense. Last year Mercer Association helped us recycle one of the older cottages at Glen Dale into a new campus activities center. This year as part of our 75th anniversary celebration and to meet growing needs we are planning on recycling Covington Cottage, an old cottage that once was scheduled for demolition.

Lone Oak Baptist Church helped us begin the project last fall with a new roof and a new exterior paint job. A lot of work remains to be done and we need both money for the work and new furnishings as well as volunteers to help us. But our hope is that we can increase the number of children in care at Glen Dale by 10 by the end of this year.

Maybe you would like to have a hand in helping us recycle old Covington Cottage into a showplace for kids who have known little that is beautiful in their lives.



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Moving a mountain by faith

We have been moving a mountain of dirt and shale for the past two weeks. We have kept five dump trucks and a loader constantly busy. Also one bull dozer has been in continual use and some days we have had two.

All of this adds up to many thousands of tons of dirt. It covers an area 150 feet wide and 250 feet long to a depth of six-eight feet. We are moving all this dirt and shale into an area west of our athletic field and north of our garden area. Most of

that area has not been usable for gardening, being low and swampy, running to the base of a cliff.

What are we preparing for?

We are building up this extensive area to eventually build four regulation tennis courts. Of course we must let all this newly moved dirt and shale alone for the better part of a year. That will give it time to settle with the changes of weather, sun, rain, snow. We have gotten rather excellent compaction as we have worked these two weeks.

Four courts will allow us to play doubles, to have boys' and girls' teams practicing at the same time, to have home meets. For years we have had to go away for all of our meets, having only one usable court.

That one court is now gone for we had to utilize that space, as well as our bus parking compound, for the construction of our new gym (a second very needed gym), seven more large classrooms and three 19 foot by 30 foot recreation rooms.

Our second gym has the type of floor surface that will be suitable for tennis practice this spring with our meets away as usual. We are studying a type of surface for our projected tennis courts that would have a versatility for other athletic programs as well as tennis. For example, after a rain we could possibly have a soccer or softball practice on the tennis courts. With our continuing new construction we are trying to work in versatility where possible where one facility might substitute for another in an emergency or loss of a facility.

Much of what we have done the past two weeks has been donated. A

man I had in the dorm 28 years ago, when I was assistant dean and he was a 16-year-old boy, has done much of the large bulldozer work as a volunteer. The shale and dirt have been donated by a man who graduated 62 years ago. What we have had to pay for has been done at a fraction of the normal going price.

Perhaps before we get ready to actually construct the courts enough donations will have come to pay for what will need to be done. We will pray for our Lord to move others to do what we cannot.

It was in that fashion, without a fundraising campaign, without dinners or pledges, without gimmicks, without borrowing, that we added so many major facilities and equipment in 1989. Those included housing for three families, apartments for 16 single staff, the new gym-classroom building, tow silos housing 550 tons of silage, a large new backhoe, a much needed large new farm tractor and many smaller projects.

As I write this our men are putting the roof on a new 3000 square foot auto mechanics shop. Also auto body work will be done there. This is located behind the 300 foot agriculture shop building dedicated nearly three years ago and the 6000 square feet of greenhouses built one and a-half years ago.

These have all been needs that we had. In each instance we have stepped out on faith, knowing our Lord was aware of the need also. We have done all that was physically in our power to do. God has supplied our needs in wonderfully unexpected ways often through many people we had never heard of before.



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Good stuff

It was one of those "good" days.

Chuck Stewart from Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland called to express appreciation for the convention's assistance with South Fork, their new mission.

Harold Polk, DOM for Elkhorn Association, called to say thanks for the Minister/Church Support Division's assistance in an associational "appreciation dinner" for the ministers and spouses of that association.

Paul Godsey, in his 24th year at Burlington Baptist, wrote to say:

"You may not often get to hear about 'good stuff' but I want to tell you some. We have been involved in sponsoring Victory Baptist Church in Florence. I called **Bob Jones** and **Ken Forman** and they responded in a wonderful way. We purchased four and a half acres with a new house. Our church provided \$10,000, other churches \$2000, and great help from the Kentucky Baptist mission funds.

"The congregation is averaging 35 and I expect they will average 100 by the end of the year."

More "good stuff" abounds:

- **Ken Forman**, who leads us in our "new start" efforts, reports that five new ethnic works may be on the verge of coming into being:
 - a second hispanic work in Lexington
 - a Russian work in Bowling Green
 - a Japanese work in Severns Valley Association
 - a mainland Chinese work in Louisville as well as an
 - Asian-Indian work.

He also reported that the "new work" count toward the goal of 400 is now at 289.

• All legal technicalities are at last out of the way to begin construction on the new BSU Center at Western Kentucky University. Our hope is to be in a new building by Jan. 1, 1991. **Don Blaylock**, **Clay Mulford**, **Benton Williams** and **Barry Allen** have served Kentucky Baptists well through this process of more than four years.

• **Eugene Enlow** has reported that 1500-plus churches will participate in the **Here's Hope simultaneous revivals** during the month of April; that is almost 70% of all Kentucky Baptist Convention churches. Eight associations have reported 100% church participation.

• **Cooperative Program** receipts in January were the third highest in our history! The \$1,754,055 put us 4.6% ahead of the previous year at the same time, although remaining \$350,409 (-4.7%) under the budget.

"Good stuff" days help make "rough stuff" days worth it!

Westside Portland Baptist Church dies, leaves legacy of hope to community

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Death is never easy. Those left behind find solace in memories which keep the loved one alive in mind and spirit.

The death of a church is cause for grief. Westside Portland Baptist Church lives on despite its death, both in memory and generosity.

Dec. 31, 1988 marked the last service of the Long Run association congregation. Pastor Richard Sellers led the closure meeting, which was covered by the Courier-Journal and local television. The church celebrated a candlelight communion Saturday afternoon. They had picked New Year's Eve for their last service so the next day all could "start anew," in the words of Marie Settle, church treasurer. "It was like a death," she added. "This was our funeral service."

Westside Portland began as a mission of Portland Avenue Baptist Church in 1915. In 1938 West Side Mission was constituted into West Side Baptist Church. She became mother church to two missions of her own: Garfield Avenue Baptist Mission in 1950 and Pleasant Ridge Bap-

tist Mission, Charlestown, Ind., in 1957.

The Portland area church had more lately suffered a decline. At the time of closure it had decreased to only 32 members, most past retirement age. This little fellowship was trying to maintain a building with a sanctuary capable of seating 500. Members had been talking throughout the preceding year. Deacons in particular concluded their stewardship entailed more than upkeep of the building. The church soon established a committee to look at the problem and recommend possible solutions.

Mrs. Settle served on the committee and recalled its efforts to discover resources for "people power." They finally concluded any workable solution "would only be a delay tactic." The church agreed and voted in September, 1988 to make the committee's task one of closure.

Though they had rejected the idea of a formal merger with any other church, the closure committee recognized a bond that already existed in doctrine and practice with Baptist Tabernacle, another congregation in the neighborhood. Anticipating many members would transfer to Baptist Tabernacle after closure, Westside Portland invited Tabernacle members to meet with them to discuss mutual expectations. In December, 1988 Tabernacle invited Westside Portland to participate in its Christmas cantata. "They took us in before closure," Mrs. Settle recalled. "And it was easier because the majority of our congregation did go to Tabernacle." Baptist Tabernacle members lent further support by attending the closure service.

Every aspect of closing was carefully detailed by the committee, who also planned the final service. This service was videotaped and the tape joined the communion table, church history and other items in Baptist Tabernacle's heritage room. Westside Portland's membership roll is being held for two years by a member, after which it will be turned over to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Also a deacon and trustee, Mrs. Settle recalled various requests the trustees received from members about specific church articles. In some cases individuals purchased the artifacts. In others the trustees agreed to give the items away. The church voted to give Mrs. Settle the sanctuary piano, "So I proceeded to take piano lessons!" she smiled. The church invited Baptist Tabernacle to take any books they desired from the library. They donated their choir robes to Garfield Baptist Church and divided the music among several other fellowships. They were able to donate a baby crib to a needy family in the community.

The depth of Westside Portland's generosity surfaced in its final business meeting Dec. 14, 1988. The closure committee was ready with suggestions on what could be accomplished with the property funds. Discussion was brief because the congregation readily agreed on all major points. A priority was repaying all liabilities, including \$300 to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Coop-

erative Program and \$5000 to repay the convention for a roof loan. The church voted for 30 percent of the property sales to be equally divided among three local ministries: Hospice, Paul's Workshop and the Home of the Innocents. Several members had used Hospice services, and the church had been a recipient of funds from Paul's Workshop. Westside Portland's WMU had long supported the Home of the Innocents and additionally gave the home a separate gift of \$1000.

Westside Portland chose to put the remaining 70 percent to work in the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Most members were residents or past residents of the Portland area, so they wanted the funds to assist people in that section of Louisville. They voted for 20 percent to go to the Christmas Connection, a ministry in which they had assisted St. Matthews Baptist Church. They designated 40 percent toward a college fund to send a student from the Portland area to one of Kentucky's three Southern Baptist colleges. The remaining 40 percent was to be equally divided each year among all Southern Baptist churches in the Portland area.

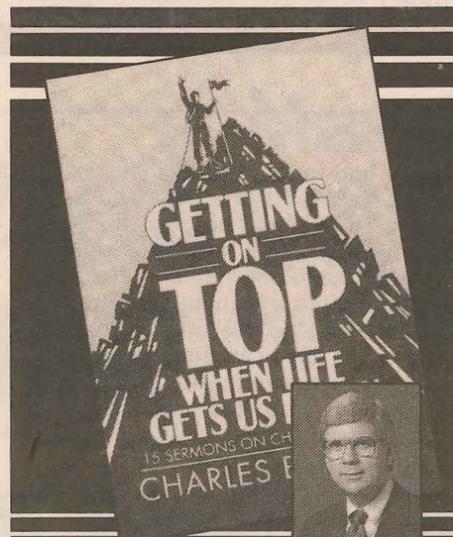
Mrs. Settle expressed appreciation for Henry Huff, attorney for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Long Run Association. "He was my right arm!" she recalled. Huff advised the committee on legal issues and was present at the final business meeting. Kentucky Baptist Foundation staff Richard Carnes and C. H. Richardson also assisted them in working out details of their plan.

Knowing the positive ways in which their funds were to be used made the painful event easier for Westside Portland. Mrs. Settle shared her memories of being wed in the church parsonage, being ordained as a deacon and seeing both of her children dedicated in the church. Many other members shared similar experiences after decades of service in the fellowship. "I feel very good about what we did," Mrs. Settle asserted. She is happy to know others share her pride.

One year after the final meeting of Westside Portland their property finally sold to First Peter Missionary Baptist Church. First Peter is presently renovating the building and plans to hold services there for the first time in February. They have promised to invite previous Westside Portland members.

Westside Portland's trustees had continued to bear responsibility for the property throughout 1989. They were relieved when the buildings sold. They used the downpayment of \$25,000 for the three local donations. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation has assumed the loan on the remaining \$76,000.

The trustees' joy was tinged with sadness as they met for the last time Dec. 16, 1989. They walked through the building, taking down flags and banners. "For me that was the hardest time," Mrs. Settle admitted. Yet she realized their gift will continue giving. "Westside Portland, in essence, has not died. We've left a legacy to the community."



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Relationships are key to the future says SBC attorney

by Marv Knox

(see related story, p. 5.)

Relationships determine the future of Southern Baptist agencies, the convention's attorney has said.

James P. Guenther of Nashville spoke to trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board during their winter meeting in early February, outlining their role and responsibility to the board and Southern Baptists.

Guenther is general counsel for the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee and his clients include several Baptist state conventions, colleges and SBC agencies. Although he was speaking to trustees of one agency, he noted the structure of Southern Baptist agencies causes them to share common conditions.

"It is in relationships that this institution will find its success or its failure, in the same way that it is in the relationships within our families and within our churches that these two institutions find their ultimate meaning," he said.

"As Christians, we should have no problem understanding the importance of relationships. The very faith we claim is in a relationship."

However, tension is an inevitable part of the relationships, Guenther acknowledged. As examples he cited the "tripartite" organization that involves trustees, the president and em-

ployes and noted employer-employee issues such as conditions for employment and salary administration.

"It would be naive to expect that in these areas tension would be absent," he said. "In fact, if tension were absent totally in and between the parties to this tripartite organization, something would be amiss."

In response to a question, Guenther cited "a new militancy on the part of SBC boards, in large measure because of the transition in leadership." And a perception that current trustees passed "litmus tests" to get their posts, whether true or not, has "created a most unfortunate climate and tension in our boards," he said.

"As Christians, we should have no problem understanding the importance of relationships. The very faith we claim is in a relationship."

Regarding ongoing relationships Guenther described three categories: trustee-trustee, trustee-president, trustee-employee.

"Within the board itself relationships should be based on respect and a shared commitment for the ultimate purposes of the institution," he said of the first category.

"Members should insist on their right to be informed and on their rights to a full discussion of each im-

portant issue; . . . listen with open minds to those with whom they disagree; . . . expect the president and staff to provide background information on all significant issues; . . . bring their ideas and proposals up in a time frame sufficient" to allow staff to provide research and trustee committees to discuss the ideas.

"Members should place the larger interest of the board above their personal or factional concerns," he said. "Each member must be willing to support and champion the board as long as he remains a part of the board. . . . When the board determines its position on an issue by majority vote the minority simply disappears. The majority should avoid an attitude of victory over the enemy. The minority should accept the vote and move ahead in a spirit of unanimity."

The next category, trustee-president relationships, requires equal skill, Guenther added.

"While tension is not inappropriate the relationship needs to be one of mutual respect, each defending the other's right to perform his role," he said.

"What is the board's realm and what is the president's? First, the board ought to try to stay at the level of generality rather than specificity. The president, on the other hand, must deal with the immediate. . . ."

"The board should be engaged in an ongoing appraisal of the program

to assure itself that objectives are being achieved. The president is the chief channel of information for the board, enabling the board to comprehend complex material in such a way that the board feels confident that they have the information upon which an intelligent policy decision can be made.

"Within the board itself relationships should be based on respect and a shared commitment for the ultimate purposes of the institution."

"The board should assure itself that fundamental legal, financial and ethical responsibilities are being fulfilled. Finally, the board should be honest in appraising its own performance and organization."

Turning to the trustee-employee category, Guenther said: "Individual board members should not deal with employees other than the president. If it becomes needful for a member of the board to work with an employee directly the president should be made aware of that need, arrange the contact and be apprised of the discussion."

"To do otherwise is fraught with peril," he said, noting direct contact is unfair to the employee; to the president, who must supervise employees; and to other trustees who are not involved in the interaction. (BP)

Youth ministers as well as teens face pressures

by Terri Lackey

Many churches view youth as their most vulnerable members because teenagers must deal with peer pressures that span the realm of immorality, youth leaders say.

And while it is generally agreed young people have it rough, another group—those who guide the teenagers down the path of Christianity—face issues and pressures not common among other church staff leaders, said Dane Blankenship, youth specialist in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training Department, Nashville.

"Youth ministers are always the low person on the church staff totem pole," said Blankenship, who also is a youth minister at Clearview Baptist Church, Brentwood, Tenn. "They have less prestige and get lower pay."

Low salary is a problem echoed by several youth ministers who also see time pressures, paltry church budgets and low church member support for youth programs as issues frequently encountered by their group.

Youth ministers at a Winter Weekend youth conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center recently were asked about some of the major issues they face.

"One of the pressures I feel," said Johnathan Varner, "is that I've given my heart to the Lord for youth work, but my wife has to support us financially because I make \$100 a week."

Varner, a minister of music and youth at the small rural Faith Baptist Church, Westminster, S. C., said he realized he would have to forfeit a

good salary to follow God's call to a smaller church.

"I have chosen to work in a small church because of the need. There are some higher paying churches available that need someone with my particular expertise but I feel I need to work in this church."

Another problem Varner faces is lack of support from young adults his own age.

"Most people my age in our area don't care much for the church and Christ," Varner said. "Here I am trying to win the youth when my own generation is out there and lost."

"I guess what I am really saying is there is really nobody there for me as a support system. There are some older people, my wife and the kids, but that's about it. I have no friends my age. That's probably the biggest thing missing in my life."

The time spent working with youth and the time the church expects youth ministers to spend with youth on and off the job can become a pressure among leaders of youth at least two youth ministers said.

"I have a wife and two children but so many times I have to be with the youth when I need to be at home with my family," said Rich Sandlin of Buffalo Trail Baptist Church, Morristown, Tenn.

"God has given me this family yet he has called me to be a youth minister," said Sandlin, who acknowledges spending time with his family and spending time with the youth group has become an art of juggling.

"As I see pressures coming up with my youth I spend that time with them. And if I see something happening

when my family needs me I spend that time with them," Sandlin said. "It is just a juggling of time."

Diane Goen, youth minister at Normandale Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., also uses the word "juggle."

"One of the hardest things is trying to juggle everything. You have to be a youth leader, a wife, a mother—or what anybody needs you to be."

"Youth ministers are always the low person on the church staff totem pole."

"Most people my age in our area don't care much for the church and Christ . . . Here I am trying to win the youth when my own generation is out there and lost."

Mrs. Goen said youth ministers have to spend time at the office as well as nights or weekends with the young people.

"We work during the office hours and then we work when the pastor and others get to stay at home."

Mrs. Goen, who plans to attend the Winter Weekend at Ridgecrest in March with her group, said she is also bothered by salary and the "stepping stone" status of a youth minister.

"It bothers me that youth ministry is a stepping stone to the pastorate for

a lot of men. Of course, I don't have that problem but I know where they are coming from.

"You just can't raise a family on the salary of a youth minister."

Daniel Dockery, a college student and youth minister at Oakley Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., said the pressure he encounters is on being a role model.

"The biggest pressure I face is the role I have to fulfill. I have to be an example to my youth," Dockery said. "I am just 20 years old."

"I was in a youth group not long ago and I was doing all the things they are doing. But now I have to be the boss—I have to be sort of in control."

"In youth ministry you have to be a part but then you have to be totally separate," Dockery said, referring to the need to be accepted but respected by young people.

Clyde Hall, manager of the Discipleship Training Department's youth section, believes results will be seen if churches stick to a program of discipleship.

"A balanced discipleship program will move the youth from seventh grade to adulthood and give them a good doctrinal basis," Hall said. He said the youth section offers such a program with its DiscipleLife strategy, a six-year program of discipleship for youth.

Approximately 200 youth made public spiritual decisions during the weekend conference sponsored by the Discipleship Training Department. Two other Winter Weekends were to be held at Ridgecrest Feb. 16-18 and Mar. 16-18.



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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS TWICE FOR CLEAR CREEK STUDENT

By Greg Hodnett

You have often heard it said, "opportunity knocks only once." Clear Creek Baptist Bible College challenges that adage as student body vice-president Cloyd Bell prepares for ministry.

Having run "from God's call for twenty-two years," Bell has found it is not too late to respond. The 43 year old father of grown children, Timothy and Rebecca, remembers being asked to preach for the first time many years ago at Woodland Heights Baptist Church. A "very timid and shy" seventeen-year-old, Bell remembers feeling the Lord's call into the preaching ministry, but he was not yet ready to respond affirmatively. That was the first time the Lord knocked on Bell's door of opportunity. Now he openly praises the Lord for knocking again twenty-two years later.

Bell found it difficult to respond after many years of running. He and his wife, the former Gail Blaylock, began by asking



Cloyd and Gail Bell

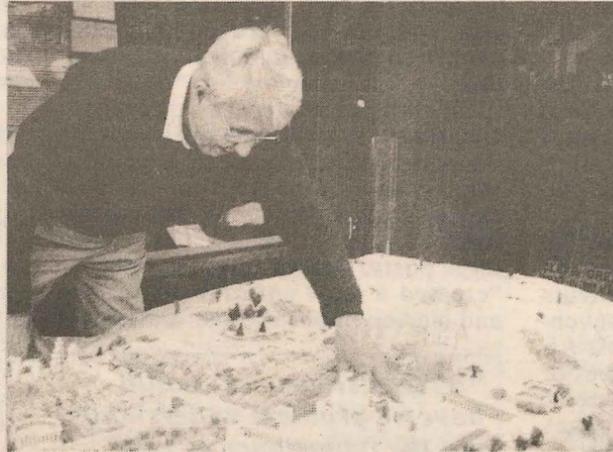
questions. "Are we too old to go back to school? What about our hand-hewn log house on three beautiful acres? Won't this be a drastic change at our ages? What school would take students like us?" Answers eventually came through the Lord's definite call to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

Bell admits he "didn't want to go to that school," at first. He could not use his wife as an excuse because "Gail fell in love with Clear Creek the first time we visited." And who could blame her? Whether it was due to the wonderful spirit on campus, the family life center complete with swimming pool, roller rink, weight equipment and craft activities, the beautiful view of the mountains, or simply the inner satisfaction of knowing God was leading, the Bells found a home at Clear Creek. They are sure God called them to study and that Clear Creek is the place for them.

Interestingly, the Bells name corresponds to Bell county, where Clear Creek is located. Also, Bell's childhood home, the Pineville community near Chattanooga, Tennessee, corresponds to Pineville, Kentucky, the nearest town to Clear Creek. Bell was led from Pineville to Pineville to find the peace of mind his family needed.

Bell credits his pastor, Wayne Barber, of Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for helping him to mature in the faith. He is also grateful to the church custodian in 1986, "Brother Tommy Watson", for being instrumental in the Lord's guiding him to Clear Creek.

The Bells anxiously await the Lord's guidance as they seek future opportunities for service in the ministry. As they approach graduation this May, they can be sure opportunity will knock again.



Dr. Robert Fitts, Harrodsburg, works on the Jerusalem model.

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