

Soviet Union gets Big Macs and Baptist Student Union

by Brad Bull, Staff Writer

The Western world has watched in awe as thousands of Muscovites have lined up for a taste of a McDonald's hamburger.

Now a group of citizens in the Soviet city of Leningrad are awaiting the arrival of American summer missionaries from the Baptist Student Union. The Soviet government has eased restrictions on overt religious work—thus opening the iron curtain to spiritual food as well as Western food of the McDonald's kind.

Students from Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky will help renovate an abandoned Russian Orthodox church building for use by a Baptist church in Leningrad. The students will stay in the homes of Soviet Baptists—a break from Soviet policy that normally directs foreign visitors to stay in government-selected hotels.

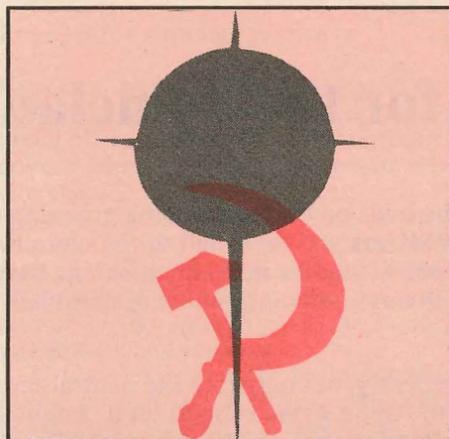
Soviet Baptists say the project marks the first time outsiders have been permitted to work with them on such a basis.

Ralph Hopkins, of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Student Department, described the obstacles Soviet Baptists faced and how they reportedly overcame them.

According to Hopkins, the group of Baptists had been requesting a building for some time but were repeatedly denied. In the meantime, Leningrad developed a problem with local vagrants. "The church told the local officials, 'If you'll give us a building, we'll get the vagrants off the streets.' The government then said, 'Which building do you want?'"

The opportunity for a summer missions project in the Soviet Union came to fruition in late January, just days before final placement of student missionaries. There was no time to change allocated funds and personnel and BSU officials scrambled to find ways to take advantage of the opportunity.

Brad Gray, student ministry consultant for world student missions at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said that in spite of the late notice, the first five



states contacted agreed to help. Each state will provide a team of 12 persons, with Alabama and Kentucky providing a joint team.

Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, responded to Hopkins' call by recruiting a combined team of five volunteers with a possibility of one more.

Tan Mayhall, minister of students and media at Calvary, said his church agreed to pay at least half the expenses of four students who will participate in the project.

Foreign Mission Board officials expect the trip to cost about \$1700 per person. Students will also be expected to provide some of their own tools.

In addition to drawing funds from its budget, Calvary is accepting donations and planning fund raisers in an effort to pay even more than half the expenses.

Jeff Story, associate minister for students at First Baptist, Bowling Green, said the response of his church has been overwhelming. "Our church is in the process of adopting a Russian family moving to Bowling Green, so there's a great deal of interest in this project. The church is taking a special offering to help [our volunteer]."

The Kentucky and Alabama delegation will be the second team in Leningrad with their stint running June 11-27.

Making the trip from First Baptist, Bowling Green, will be Brian Leazenby, a watchcare member from Owensboro.

Calvary is sending David Wooden, Louisville; Phil Walker, Oak Grove; Christopher Horne and Chris Thurman, Lexington. Mayhall related that Thurman, a student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, is majoring in Russian and has been on a previous trip to Leningrad.

Before departing, students will be briefed on the details of the project by Weaver McCracken, associate student ministry director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. McCracken traveled to Leningrad in early March on a three-day scouting mission.

Asked what has brought the Soviet Union to the point of admitting summer missionaries, both McCracken and Hopkins believed the answer was "perestroika and glasnost." Perestroika is the Russian term for "restructuring" and glasnost means "openness." The words describe the new Soviet social policies set forth by Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

Information for this story was also contributed by F. W. White.

Abortion will be litmus test for CLC; Stassen rapped

by Marv Knox

Abortion will become the litmus test for speakers at meetings sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The CLC voted 12-11 to "respectfully request our executive director to refrain in the future from inviting speakers who support the so-called 'pro choice' position on abortion."

The motion was approved during the CLC's spring meeting Mar. 1-2 in Nashville. Commissioners took opposing sides on the policy.

"There are more important issues than abortion we ought to agree on," said Harry A. "Hal" Lane, pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C. "The issue of salvation is far more important, yet we work with people who have different theological views."

James Paul Wood, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, offered the motion, a substitute for a more binding proposal by Skeet Workman, a homemaker from Lubbock, Tex.

Mrs. Workman's motion would have required the CLC "not invite speakers who support abortion to participate in any...function of the (CLC), and if by accident it is later found that a confirmed speaker does support abortion, he/she be asked to step down; and as a witness to this person, we tell him our opposition to abortion as a reason to remove him."

The effect of the two motions would be the same, Wood said, although his proposal does not completely eliminate the possibility of someone with a contrary position speaking at a CLC event. "Someone who's not real clear could be invited, but someone who's clearly opposed to us should not be invited," he explained.

As originally proposed, Mrs. Workman's motion would have covered speakers at the CLC's national seminar Mar. 12-14 in Birmingham, Ala. That would have included Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Workman singled out Stassen, "who has signed a pro abortion statement," a petition drafted in 1977 titled "A Call to Concern." The petition notes, "We support the Supreme Court decisions of 1973 which had the effect of removing abortion from the criminal law codes" and voices concern about "those who take the absolutist position that it is always wrong to terminate a pregnancy at any time after the moment of conception."

Stassen represents the kind of speaker who should not be on CLC platforms, Mrs. Workman said. "We do not need to give them the floor of our conferences and seminars, even though they may be known in other areas," she added.

In a prepared statement released after the meeting, Stassen said: "I be-



Glen Stassen, Louisville professor

lieve in the right to life for all persons. I believe we need to work together in practical ways to deal with the actual causes of abortions.

"My wife, Dot, is a nurse who has chosen to work full time at a special school for teenage mothers who have elected not to have an abortion. She helps them nurture and care for their babies, stay in school and plan their vocational futures. Our blind son, David, is extensively handicapped as a result of the German measles Dot got in the first three months of pregnancy. We did not get an abortion. Instead, we have tried to help David cope with the suffering of 14 operations, including heart surgery twice, and struggle against heavy odds to grow into a bright linguist who speaks German without an accent.

"I am saddened that some have chosen to criticize me without first talking with me as Jesus admonishes in Matthew 5 or without reading or hearing anything I have said about abortion. I wish instead of extrapolating from a signature on a petition 13 years ago that these persons could get to know me and my family.

"Despite these misguided attacks, I am grateful to (CLC executive director) Dr. (Richard D.) Land and the commission for inviting me to speak. I hope my presentation will be helpful to the commission and to families.

"I think it's regrettable that some persons have made up their minds about me on the basis of a petition I signed 13 long years ago, that I didn't write and that I don't even remember very well. I do remember that I signed the statement based on my Baptist convictions about religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

"No one asked me what my current views on abortion may be or about what I am trying to do in practical ways to deal redemptively with the causes of abortion. I believe dialog is always better than diatribe." (BP)

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Springtime dollars for the homeland

If you are a Southern Baptist the first sure sign of spring is not the buds on the tree, not the greening of the grass, not the first thunder-bumpers of the season, but rather the stirrings of the WMUers and their call to the church to remember home missions. Across the state the Week of Prayer has been observed, special studies in home missions have been conducted, envelopes have been put in pews and posters have appeared in the hallways and classrooms of churches. If it's Annie Armstrong offering time, can summer days be far behind?

Predictability has been a strong suit of Southern Baptists, until recently, of course. In the natural turn of the year we look not to Ash Wednesday or Lent as indicators of the season. We look to Annie Armstrong to let us know the Easter season is soon to come. That strong woman's name is now the symbol of our commitment to home missions. The offering taken every year in her name is devoted to home missions and there has rarely come a year like this one in which these springtime dollars are more crucial.

The Home Mission Board faces an increasingly difficult task. Outside of every local church field the need of the evangelization of this nation is our closest mission concern. The task keeps getting more complicated the longer we live. The nation is caught in the grips of a materialistic and secular life style that both cries out of the answer of the gospel and resists it at the same time. There are more unsaved persons to confront with every passing year and the fate of the social fabric seems more in doubt every year. Against this tremendous need we fling our tiny—in terms of the need—mission force that accomplishes the impossible almost every day.

Our nation's pluralistic character grows day by day. The Home Mission Board develops programs and ministries to cope with this trend but the pace of pluralization is faster than our ability to cope. Everywhere we look we find new faces, new voices, new ideas. Foreign missions is merging with home missions in the sense of the rapid rise of ethnic groups within our borders. These friends who have come from other places need more than Americanization, they need the gospel of Christ. The Home Mission Board labors to find the people, the dollars and the energy to meet this growing need.

America is a nation of changing social patterns, too. No force on earth is stronger than social change and we have experienced quantum leaps in our society. New challenges, new issues, new social groupings—all of these challenge and stretch us. The Home Mission Board has all the challenge and need it can handle, every day of the week.

Consider now the source of the springtime dollars so desperately needed for this crucial work. Much of it comes from "old line" Southern Baptists: folks past 40, who can identify Annie Armstrong, and who know the HMB is in Atlanta. People for whom the Annie Armstrong offering is part of their financial planning, who really do give "over and above" to this special cause. Their tribe is decreasing, friends. If you attended the Week of Prayer, how many people under 40 did you see? Maybe your church is the exception but for most Kentucky Baptists the younger generations have lost touch with what we do. The rise of generations who are relatively unconcerned about missions, and even less concerned about mission giving, is a shadow of deep concern. When the "old line" crowd is gone, who will give and work and pray?

As we gather in the springtime dollars for Annie Armstrong (and we hope it is a record offering!), let us do something else. Let us commit ourselves to a passing on of the commitment to the younger generations in our churches who are more concerned about whether the youth minister is attracting their teens than they are concerned about the lost of America. Let's keep our buildings looking neat and nice and functional but let's also foster a burden of concern for people we will never see. Let's keep visiting in the local hospitals with people we know and love but let's also pray every day for home missionaries we may never meet.

Mission commitment stays alive in the hearts of Baptist people because of the conviction that God will hold us responsible for the millions of lost in America. He really will. Our little excuses of too busy schedules and limited belief that the local church is all that counts will not stand up on judgment day. To whom much has been given, much will be expected. Somebody important said something like that a long time ago. It's still true. This year let Annie Armstrong mark a new beginning for a people long on talk and still short on action. Springtime dollars from committed lives are needed now.

Richard W. Bridges

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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*

On being informed

Accolades to the editorial of Jan. 23 regarding Christian responsibility toward legislators. When we think about it, government is but a reflection of society. We might rightly detest crooked politicians and be anxious to turn them out of office. But if we do we must be more consistent in our ethics and less selective in our crusades of goodness.

More and more I am convinced that secular society will be more respectful toward believers and more willing to follow the ethics and morality of the church when witnessing less dabbling in the world. With vested interest in industry and other holdings in the commercial world, some church members have more savvy of shrewd business than of spiritual insights. The unconverted world is not convinced of its lostness when observing sin in high places. Thus I believe the editorial by Richard W. Bridges is on line when he faults a bloc vote of a church or the pulpit endorsement of any political candidate or party platform per se.

In plain honesty, Christians are duty bound to appreciate legislators and other public servants. These persons have no enviable task. Their jobs would be much easier if church members were better informed on weighty issues so candidates and office holders could be forthright in declarations for the overall good of society.

*Donald O. Cassidy
Premium*

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*David L. Royalty
Maysville*

Never say...

James H. Cox, associate editor, in his Feb. 13th editorial "Never say die," used some very intemperate and vituperative language in describing those concerned for years about the BJCPA's involvement in areas that militated against many traditional family values. He called them "power brokers" and "determined fanatics."

The article failed to point out that many people in our convention are concerned that James Dunn, director of the BJCPA, was once an active member of Norman Lear's People for the American Way that fought traditional values in the media as well as in school

text books. James Dunn has consistently thumbed his nose at the convention's position on such issues as prayer in the schools and abortion, a convention that funds over 80 percent of the BJCPA. This is the same James Dunn that called James Dobson, among others, a "crazy."

Stick with the issues, Mr. Cox, and leave the name calling to hot-headed politicians. Western Recorder can bear differences of opinions but it doesn't need derogatory classification and name calling. We can disagree on the BJCPA but we must do it in a Christian way.

*Allen F. Harrod
First Baptist Church
Bellevue*

Bite your own tongue!

Bite your own tongue! You state in Western Recorder, "We welcome for consideration your letters on any subject, providing they do not make personal attacks on anyone." I believe you are right. We should consider the feelings of everyone and allow them to think and make decisions without being personally attacked.

I believe that should be the policy of the associate editor of Western Recorder. In Western Recorder Feb. 13, 1990 James Cox called all of us who believe that defunding the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs as, and I quote, "Determined fanatics, unwise and irresponsible." That was a personal attack upon me and all Southern Baptists who do not believe that this committee has served us well. I also believe that Christian Life Commission could have done a better job representing the feelings of Southern Baptists.

Bite your own tongue! I am not a fanatic. I try to use the wisdom God has given me and as one who has pastored Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky 30 years I cannot believe that any intelligent person could look at those churches and call me unwise.

The associate editor of Western Recorder is supposed to represent all of the Southern Baptists in Kentucky. Unfortunately I cannot believe he even cares for all of the Southern Baptists in Kentucky. If he did he would not attack me and others who feel the same way I do.

I feel if Mr. Cox cannot apologize and refrain from further attacks upon those of us who feel the way we do about the BJCPA he ought to step down as associate editor.

Western Recorder employes please bite your tongue. If you wish not to be "personally attacked," please don't "personally attack" others.

*Lester L. Nash, pastor
Airline Baptist Church
Henderson*

Thumbing its nose

After the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs had withstood a decade-long challenge to its legitimacy and funding, and after the majority of Southern Baptists had shown their continuing support for the BJCPA, the Executive Committee of the SBC chose to thumb its collective nose at the principle of religious liberty and mutual cooperation among all Baptists by gutting the BJCPA's budget. A major reason for this action lies in what Mr. Bridges correctly called "a different philosophy of church-state relations than our historic position" on the part of current SBC leaders (3/6/90).

These leaders have rejected longstanding Baptist positions on religious liberty for all in favor of what I have called a "theocratic vision." I have documented this shift and shown it to be influenced by ultraconservative Christian Reconstructionist ideology. The Reconstructionist movement is characterized by its agenda of attempting to incorporate the laws of ancient Israel into U. S. constitutional and statute law and by extreme intolerance toward differing viewpoints. It argues that the United States is and always has been a specifically Christian nation, the First Amendment notwithstanding. If this type of thinking sounds familiar, that is because it has become the dominant rhetoric among Southern Baptist leaders in recent years (see my "Religious Liberty and the Theocratic Vision: Southern Baptist and Church-State Relations, 1960-1987." PhD dissertation, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1989). John Leland and George W. Truett wouldn't recognize us. More's the pity. Thoughtful Southern Baptists can stem the tide only by becoming informed about our heritage and acting on their knowledge.

*J. Samuel Isgett
Louisville*

In defense of Simmons

In the fall of 1959 I met Paul Simmons. We were students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. In our first meeting it was quite obvious to me he was bright, vigorous, ambitious and one who would fight for what he believed. The years have passed and I have seen his God given gifts refined and I have observed a man grow in his faith, commitment to Christ, devotion to the church and scholarship. One who at first seemed brash to me has become a devoted Christian brother whom I deeply love and whose friendship I greatly cherish. My wife and I share these feelings not only toward Paul but also toward his lovely wife, Betty Jo, and their three children.

Paul Simmons would be the last person to say he knows it all. Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ he will stand unflinchingly for what he perceives to be right and what he perceives to be the truth. In our great Baptist tradition of religious freedom he would give his life for that same right to every person.

It is regrettable that he has been falsely accused. It is good that his president and the seminary family have exercised wisdom and thoughtful procedure in dealing with accusations against him. In so doing, he has been exonerated. I fully agree with Richard Bridges that "he gets an A in personal faith, academic integrity, concern for students and commitment to Christ." However, I am not willing to concede to a "...D in communication, impulsive statements and lack of diplomacy...." Any person, especially teachers and pastors, risk the furor of those who disagree or look for a point of attack. The Paul Simmons I know is a good communicator who is forthright and forceful at times in some of his statements and who is certainly not without diplomacy. He and I do not agree on everything but our friendship and respect are based on our oneness in Christ.

I, along with many others, greatly appreciate the man and his ministry among Southern Baptists and the Christian community.

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Vestal offers response to Chapman's 'bedrock'

The "bedrock" of Baptist belief, "the foundation of our mission as Baptists is nothing other and nothing less than Jesus Christ himself," not four things listed by the Southern Baptist Peace Committee report, Daniel Vestal told a missions conference in Houston Feb. 23.

About 300 participants at the conference, sponsored by eight Houston-area churches at Easthaven Baptist Church, heard Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban

Atlanta who has announced he will be nominated for the Southern Baptist Convention presidency in New Orleans in June, refer to remarks made by Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Chapman, who also will be nominated for the SBC presidency, said in an interview that the Peace Committee report, adopted by the SBC in 1987, interpreted the Bible as "truth without any mixture of error" as meaning Adam and Eve were real people, the named authors did write the biblical books attributed to them by those books; the miracles were supernatural events in history; and the historical narratives in the Bible are accurate and reliable.

That, Chapman was quoted as saying, is "bedrock Baptist belief." (BP)

Church starts top '89 Bold Mission Thrust goal

Southern Baptists started 842 congregations in the United States and Puerto Rico in 1988-89, thrusting the total number of their congregations above the 1989 goal set for the Bold Mission Thrust campaign.

The statistics on church starting for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1989 were released during a national church extension leadership training conference sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Figures were compiled by the board's extension section using reports from state directors of missions.

The 842 new congregations reported

by state missions directors brings the total number of SBC congregations to 42,735. That is 69 more than the Bold Mission Thrust goal of 42,666 set for 1988-89.

However, the 842 starts are 111 fewer than the 953 new churches or missions reported started the previous year.

Texas Baptists led the denomination in number of church starts, with 169. They were followed by California, 90; Florida, 82; North Carolina, 55; Missouri, 36; Georgia, 27; Tennessee, 24; Arkansas, 23; Louisiana and New York, 20. (BP)

HMB volunteers up in '89; students needed urgently

The number of volunteers working through the Home Mission Board increased nearly 20 percent last year.

However, the HMB has a critical need for more student summer missionaries this year.

In 1989 the HMB counted 48,681 volunteers working through its short term and long term programs for individuals and groups, an increase of 6973 from the previous year's total of 41,708.

The largest increases came in programs for adult volunteers, said Don Hammonds, director of the HMB's Volunteers Division. He credited the increase to better understanding in churches of the needs for volunteers and to strong state partnership programs.

Despite these gains there are still fewer applicants for college student summer missions than there are requests for help this year, Hammonds said.

By mid February the number of applications received for student summer missions was running 25 percent behind the same time last year, said Bill Berry, who coordinates the HMB's student missions program. (BP)

Empty Romanian silos to get Baptist aid

Many of Romania's silos are empty, devoid of seed just as the planting season is at hand. But Baptists are addressing the crisis in one depressed section of the country.

More than \$1 million in hunger relief funds donated by Southern Baptists will buy seeds, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and spraying equipment for farm cooperatives in the region surrounding the city of Bacau in north-eastern Romania, said John Cheyne, who directs human needs ministries for the Foreign Mission Board.

Government officials have assured Romanian Baptists, who will oversee distribution of the aid, that they will be able to spread the Christian gospel as they provide seed, Cheyne said.

Seventy-one farm cooperatives in the northeastern region range in size from 800 to 3000 people and from 2200 to 6600 acres, Cheyne said. He and Van Williams, a physician and administrator on the Foreign Mission

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Board staff, met with Romanian Baptist leaders in mid February to discuss possible avenues for Southern Baptist aid. The number of cooperatives to be aided has not yet been determined.

Southern Baptist volunteers also may be needed, Cheyne added. People with expertise in crop production and animal husbandry could help the cooperatives upgrade their farming methods while medical personnel could teach new and specialized skills to the Bacau hospital staff. (BP)

Clear Creek, KBC offer secretary certification

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, in cooperation with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Baptist Sunday School Board, is sponsoring a church

secretary's certification program Mar. 28-31.

Basic certification for secretaries is an overview of seven areas vital to church secretarial work: the church, the secretary's role, personal development, records management, church finance, communication and work organizations. The purpose of this 21-hour seminar is to help a church secretary understand the scope of the task, view the job as essentially a ministry, recognize that there are standards of proficiency and take the initiative to improve performance.

The program will be held on Clear Creek campus, five miles from Pineville. Dormitory lodging is available on a limited basis. Motel accommodations are available at Pine Mountain State Resort Park Lodge adjacent to the Clear Creek campus.

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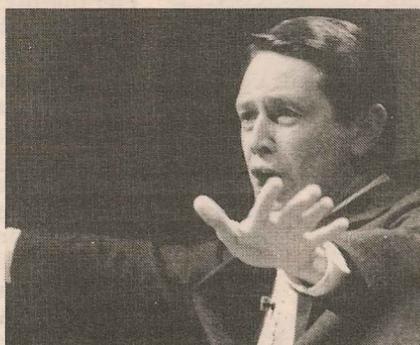
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HERE'S HOPE

HOPEFUL SIGNS

- Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, hosted a Here's Hope rally Feb. 28 in South District Association. William D. Jagers, director, KBC Office for Evangelism, Middletown, was speaker. Over 600 attended.
- Kentucky evangelist Don Short led revival at Centertown Baptist Church Feb. 11-15. Pastor Roger Taylor reports 22 professions of faith and numerous rededications. The Sunday morning following revival Centertown set a record Sunday school attendance of 154 and in evening worship 24 people were baptized. Centertown reports 42 baptisms since July.
- Three Forks Association has 100% plus two of its churches participating in Here's Hope revival efforts. One mission and a black congregation, First Baptist Church, Town Mountain, are joining the association in Here's Hope revivals.

LIFE IMPACT

Emmanuel Arongo had to choose between Christianity and spirit worship. Not your ordinary testimony for most of us. But common for people from Binaba, Ghana in Africa.

Arongo's parents were not Christians. In his culture, if the father decided to accept a particular faith, the entire family accepted it. The religion in his country is the African Traditional religion. It requires animal sacrifices, ancestor and spirit worship. They believe their ancestors live in the spirit world and intercede for the families still living.

When Arongo was in high school, he heard the gospel. Several young people from Scriptures Union were on campus, speaking to the students. (Scriptures Union is similar to Baptist Student Union.) They came to visit him and talked about Christ and how to become a Christian.

"I didn't just respond," said Arongo. "I kept hearing and listening."

After completing high school and college, Arongo began teaching in 1967. It was at this point he knew he needed to choose.

"I had to make a decision. Christianity was better than the traditional religion with wizards and spirits. I realized even though God hates sin, he is prepared to forgive us if we repent. I decided to do what was good for me."

Arongo's wife accepted Christ three years after his profession of faith. "My children are first generation Christians born in a Christian home," beamed Arongo.

Mary Royals Driskill

DIRECTIONS

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord..."

(Jer. 29:11-14, RSV)

Enterprise Association Here's Hope rally draws crowd of 166 from 14 area churches

by Polly Ward
State Correspondent

One hundred sixty-six people, representing 14 of Enterprise Association's 22 churches, gathered at First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Feb. 22 for the association's Here's Hope rally.

A few days earlier Don Yeager, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paintsville, and chairman of the association's Here's Hope steering committee, stated that one goal of the rally was "to get people fired up, to get us excited" about the Here's Hope revivals. All 22 churches in the association have planned to participate in the simultaneous revival effort between Mar. 18 and Apr. 29.

The hour- and 40-minute program was filled with inspirational music and singing, pastors calling for the consecration of Christians to God and prayer for revival. But the highlight of the evening was a rousing sermon by guest speaker John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville.

Steve Evans, minister of music at Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, set the tone of worship with solos focusing on the theme "Jesus as shepherd and savior."

Thomas Foy, minister of music and youth at First, Prestonsburg, led the congregation in singing hymns.

Special music was presented by the men's quartet of First, Paintsville.

Yeager began a series of short addresses by steering committee members with a brief welcome. James Smith, the association's director of missions, led in opening prayer.

Stephen Hopkins, pastor of the host church, answered the question, "Why are we having simultaneous revivals?" He noted that "whenever we have had simultaneous revivals—with the exception of one—we have had an upswing

in baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention."

He urged the audience to "go after the lost." Paraphrasing a statement he read recently, he said, "I pray as we enter the Here's Hope revival emphasis that first, every person will give his life to Christ; and second, whether anyone else does or not, we are going to give him (our life) in serving him as Lord and savior."

Paul Peterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Inez, said: "We have come to this rally to be inspired, to be motivated, to pray for Here's Hope revivals."

He asked each person to pray for churches, the lost and for "yourself, that you will be faithful in all the efforts your church does to reach the lost."

Sullivan's sermon was peppered with humorous anecdotes which he used to hammer in serious points of his topic "Being the Church."

Using Acts 1:6-9 as his text, Sullivan compared the early New Testament church to the present church and expounded on the role of the Holy Spirit in bringing about revival.

First, he defined the meaning of revival. "I'm not talking about a series of meetings where we come together. I'm talking about the kind of revival that sweeps down by the sovereign work of God and gives victory to the churches."

Concerning the role of the Holy Spirit in revival, he declared: "The power of God's Holy Spirit has not been used up. God's Holy Spirit is as available to your church and any other church that will simply pay the price for that power to come into their lives."

Referring to the early church, he said, "The saints went out with purpose and with praise. They purposed that if it cost them their lives they were going to do God's work God's way."

He continued, "I don't know God's

will for your life. But I do know one thing: God wills that every day you live, you be an instrument, you be a vessel, you be a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ has made a difference in you."

Christians don't praise God enough, he said, adding that the saints praised God everywhere because they knew they had God's resurrection power.

"Praise is always the subtle feeling in the soul that Jesus Christ has done something in my life. I can trust Jesus and praise his name whatever goes on in my life," he said.

He concluded with this summary: "If we do God's will God's way and praise God, we will have revival."

Sullivan then led the congregation in a prayer asking that all churches consecrate themselves to God and be dedicated in their efforts to bring about revival.

Leo Watts, deacon at First Baptist Church, Allen, said of the service, "It was just the greatest. A real inspiration."

"I loved it!" declared Bonnie Tackett, member of West Van Lear Baptist Church. "The message touched the heart of everybody. It was personal."

Sullivan commented that the rally was "wonderful." It was well planned and well executed.

"People turned out well (for the rally)," noted Yeager. "The rally did everything we thought it would do and that is to motivate people to get ready for revival."

In preparation for the revival, First Church, McDowell, in conjunction with First, Allen, has already begun its evangelistic thrust. According to McDowell's pastor Bailey Sadler, members have gone into 100 homes and distributed 100 New Testaments. Other churches in the association have plans for similar evangelistic outreach.

Will it take 57 members to win one? The picture is

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A biblical scholar and academician told the state evangelism conference the opportunity to do evangelism today is "as challenging and as frustrating as any have ever faced."

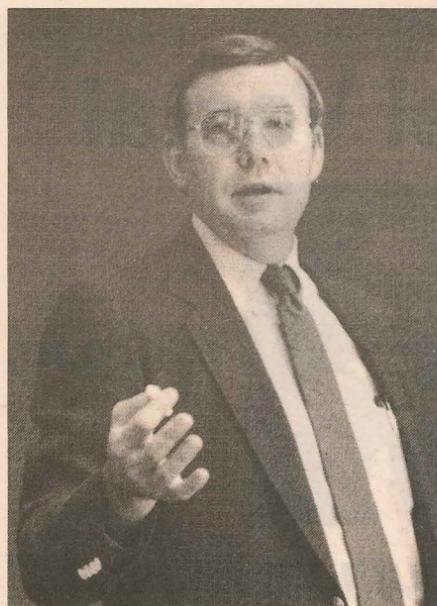
Citing two challenges, theologian Larry McSwain said it is imperative to "get the message straight and to get the message out."

Speaking to an opening session crowd at the evangelism conference Feb. 26 in Louisville, McSwain, dean of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Theology, noted the context of evangelism is rapidly changing.

He contrasted that context, comparing the years 1950, 1980 and projecting the year 2010.

Initially, McSwain confined his focus to growth rates for 13 major American denominations. He compared statistics for the years 1955-65 and 1965-75.

In 1955-65 eight of the 13 showed impressive gains: Assemblies of God, 43%; Roman Catholics, 38%; Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 34%; Seventh Day Adventists, 32%; Church of the



Larry McSwain

Nazarene, 28; Southern Baptists, 27; Lutheran Church in America, 22; Episcopal Church, 20.

One denomination—the United Church of Christ—had a negative growth rate, of minus two percent.

The picture changed significantly the following decade. Six of the 13 denominations had minus signs before their numbers: Lutheran Church in America, down five percent; Presbyterian Church, U. S., eight; United Methodist Church, 10; United Church of Christ and United Presbyterian Church, 12 each; Episcopal Church, 16.

Three denominations showed moderate gains, at least two of them impressive: Assemblies of God, 37%; Seventh Day Adventists, 36; Southern Baptists, 18.

McSwain suggested three reasons for the changes:

- There has been a decisive shift in the location of the American population. In

FRONTLINE

PE TODAY



Graves County rally held in high school due to large crowd

by Janice Hughes
Special Correspondent

A crusade like atmosphere electrified the crowd of more than 3000 at Graves County associational Here's Hope rally Feb. 18.

Patricia Morris, member of Wingo Baptist Church, believes revival has already begun. "My son brought a friend tonight and he was saved," she said. "There's a lot of excitement in this town. God is going to do something great."

Director of missions Charles Simmons said, "The excitement started when we began to train people and it has built up ever since."

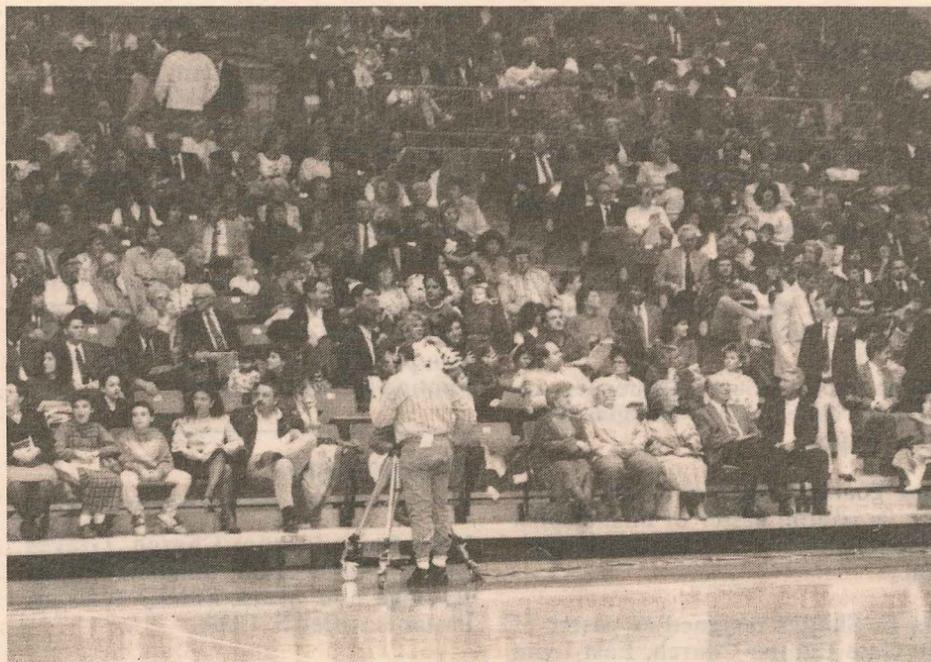
Simmons and pastors started 11 months ago to form an organized, cohesive team. They trained 100 chairmen to lead in publicity, prayer and Sunday school outreach in local churches.

Monte Hughes, pastor of Cuba Baptist Church, trained 83 people as commitment counselors. He had 75 of them in place at the rally to record 46 decisions for Christ.

This is the first time Graves County High School had been used for a public meeting. The board of education granted special permission for the rally.

Principal Gerald Ellington welcomed the crowd with an admonition to parents to use the influence God meant for them to have. Some of his students directed traffic. Others manned cameras and used the school's TV studio to make a video for use on local cable.

Victor Cole of Clark's River Baptist Church believes prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit were keys to the large turnout. He said, "This rally is the best thing that has ever happened to Graves County. It is the boost we need to get us started."



More than 3000 people crowded into Graves County High School gym in Mayfield for the Graves County associational Here's Hope rally Feb. 18. Students from the high school videotaped the rally. Plans are to air the tape on local cable TV.



COUNTDOWN

- Northern Kentucky Association will meet Mar. 18 at Florence Baptist Church, 7 p.m., in preparation for Here's Hope. William D. Jagers, director, Office for Evangelism, KBC, is speaker.
- Bracken Association's semiannual meeting is set Mar. 19 at Morehead Baptist Student Union Building, 7 p.m. William Jagers is speaker.
- A Here's Hope rally is scheduled in Mt. Zion Association Mar. 23 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7 p.m. William Jagers is speaker.
- Whites Run Association's Here's Hope rally is set for 7 p.m. Mar. 24 at Worthville Baptist Church. William D. Jagers is speaker.
- February-April Churches should be using the Daniel Prayer Team packets. Suggestions are on pp. 27-28 of *Pastor/Church Revival Preparation Manual*.

PERSPECTIVE

I heard Hyman Appleman, the great Jewish evangelist, preach on the subject, "Winning the lost whatever the cost." The cost of the cross for Jesus has gripped my life since then.

In a few weeks Easter will come. We will be in our *Here's Hope*. *Jesus cares for you* revivals. Jesus speaks of life as being saved or lost (Luke 15). The problem of man's depravity was met by the cost of the cross. Hope was born in the travail of sacrifice.

There are three problems we face in revival:

1. The problem of enlisting the saved: revival is a matter of attitude. A revival is to recommission God's people and strengthen the church. "Hope springs eternal" in enlisting the saved.
2. The problem of the lost: who is lost? Where are the lost? Many are the reasons for lostness but essentially there is one; unwillingness to accept Jesus as savior and Lord.
3. The problem of the cost: we are reminded of what winning cost God, what it cost Jesus, what it cost the early church, what it cost the saints through the ages and what it will cost us. The call for total commitment comes to us again.

As Baptists we are at the crossroads in our destiny. God is removing walls all over the world so revival can come. This is our year of destiny to bring hope to the hurting, the helpless and the lost.

Eugene I. Enlow
Here's Hope Coordinator, KBC

HOPE QUOTE

"The power of God has just been bubbling...God has been doing some great things. We had 3500 people show up for our Here's Hope rally. More than 60 decisions were made. Great things are happening. I believe in *Here's Hope*. *Jesus cares for you*."

Charles Simmons, DOM
Graves County Association

ure isn't looking very good says SBTs professor

1950 43.9% lived in rural areas while 26.7% lived in urban areas and 29.3% in 14 mega cities. By 1980 that had shifted to 23.9% rural, 28.5% urban and 47.6% in 35 mega cities. In 2010 U. S. population is projected to be distributed 21.8% rural, 23.9% urban and 54.2% in 49 mega cities. Surmised McSwain: "If we are to accomplish our mission we must focus on the cities."

■ There has been a dramatic shift in the values of the American population.
■ There has been a growing religious pluralism in the nation. Now we have a choice in many matters, thanks particularly to the media and to the influence of those arriving at our shores who practice a diverse range of religious thought.

Noting there were 2,944,800 people in the commonwealth in 1950 he observed that 527,362 were church members and 28,183 baptisms were recorded that year. Southern Baptists claimed 17.9% of the population.

By 1980 there were 3,664,770 persons living in Kentucky. While church membership had climbed to 738,126, baptisms had fallen to 21,148.

Using figures supplied by Woods and Poole Economics Inc., McSwain



projected there would be 4,063,910 Kentucky citizens in 2010. If Kentucky Baptists maintain the same ratio between 1980-2010 they did from 1950-80 there will be 906,251 members of their churches and "we will baptize 15,883 people."

It took 21 Kentucky Baptist church members to baptize one person in 1900. By 1950 it took only 19. The number had climbed to 35 by 1980 and if present trends continue it will take 57 members per convert in 2010.

McSwain suggested five applications:

1. Evangelize the folks unlike us.
2. Become immersed in the experience of the lost to communicate the love of Christ as the most important experience of life.
3. Try different approaches to church in worship form, in educational emphasis, in programs of ministry and methods of communication.
4. Adjust our own ways of doing things as new faces with different understandings come to know Christ and become part of our churches.
5. Be more accepting of each other in the unique qualities of ministry to which we respond.

mountains to the mississippi



Bill D. Whittaker
President
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clear creek chronicle

A caregiver's testimony

"In January 1989 president Whittaker invited me to spend one day a week on campus counseling and leading a marriage enrichment course. It has been a life-enriching experience for me.

"I've found Clear Creek students have a rare intensity of love for Christ, churches and people, probably because they have come out of so much darkness. The before and after difference is still fresh. Their salvation is a miracle for which they still feel deeply grateful. They have been forgiven much and so they love much.

"I've also observed the degrees of sacrifice most students have made in coming to Clear Creek. Most have traded good pay for minimum wage and have come in mid life with heavy family responsibility. When other couples are usually buying homes and building financial security these students have pulled up roots, moved to temporary living conditions and chosen to live at poverty level.

"Part of the challenge in counseling and marriage training comes because of the non-Christian and unhealthy home backgrounds of many students. One or more parents are often alcoholic. A few abused their children. Now these adult children are faced with becoming leaders and models for other within four years. Therefore they desperately need training in husbanding, wifing, parenting and social skills.

"The key to understanding what's happening at Clear Creek is the faculty and staff. There's not one who couldn't improve his standard of living by working elsewhere. Their competence and zest for teaching is exciting to be around. Their scholarship is contagious because they care about knowledge and love students. I have counted it an honor to tell outsiders I am associated with Clear Creek. It's also good for the reputation, I've noticed! Because of this past year this busy patch of green snuggled against Pine Mountain will hold a warm spot in a corner of my memory. It's my hope that Kentucky Baptists may become ever more aware of the uniqueness of their investment here.

"Thanks to all who have had a part in my being a part."

Rev. Robert G. Humphreys, MDiv, MA
Lexington pastoral counselor

personnel

Newton Springs Baptist Church, Blackford Association, called **David Voyles** as pastor. He began Feb. 25. He and his wife Sherry have two children: Timothy, 7, and Tiffany, 2.

Roger E. Poynter is new pastor of Leatherwood Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Corinth Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, called **Larry Douglas Morrow** as pastor.

John David Laida of Clarksville, Tenn. is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Fulton, West Kentucky Association.

Otis C. Skaggs resigned as pastor of Life Gate Baptist Church, East Lynn Association. He goes to First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, as interim pastor.

Bennie Bush is interim pastor of Jellico Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association. He goes from Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Salt Gum Baptist Church, North Concord Association, called **Earl Hammons** as pastor.

Randy Gaskey is pastor of Young Grove Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Damon Jones is new pastor of Artemas Baptist Church, North Concord Association. He goes from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association, as interim.

Mike McMillen is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Greenup Association. He and his wife Carolyn go from Huntington, W. Va.

Donald Leggett is new pastor of Pigeon Fork Baptist Church, Shelby County Association. He began his ministry Feb. 21. He and his wife Barbara have a son, Tom.

Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association, called **John Penick** of Mt. Sterling as pastor. He begins Apr. 1.

Terry Bright is interim pastor of Saloma Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Steve James resigned as pastor of Robinson Creek Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. He goes to First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, Monroe Association.

Henry Parrott is interim pastor of Pierce's Chapel Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

J. Edward Cunningham of Atlanta has been named national sales director for The Bible League, formerly called World Home Bible League.

Cunningham recently left the staff of American Bible Society after 23 years on the ABS staff. For eight years he had been field executive secretary for ABS, working out of Atlanta. He is bivocational pastor of Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Forsyth, Ga.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Cunningham is a graduate of University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has done additional study at Emory University and Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Ind.

Before joining ABS in 1967 Cunningham was a mountain missionary in Kentucky, under joint sponsorship of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Cunningham was a national leader in developing "thematic" programs for distribution of Bibles and scripture portions. He worked with many SBC groups in custom programs for Bible printing and distribution.

ordinations

High Point Baptist Church, Graves County Association, ordained **Wayne Ramage** and **Mark Emery** deacons. Pastor is Alfred S. Cobb.

Allen P. Clark was ordained to the ministry Mar. 4 by Highland Baptist Church, Shelby Association. Pastor of Highland, William George, led the ordination service. Guest speakers were Mark E. Hopper and Joe Hampton, who brought the charge.

Clark is minister of education and music at Highland. He is a graduate of University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Liberty Baptist Church, Russell County Association, ordained **Dean McKinley** a deacon Feb. 11. Jerry Howerton is pastor.

deaths

Encel Deen, 93, died Jan. 4 after a long illness. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and for six years was a trustee of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville. He was on the board of directors of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute and was one of the original trustees of Central Baptist Hospital, Corbin. He is survived by his wife, Utha Blackburn, a former president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union; a daughter, Bettye Stull, a former foreign missionary to Peru and Chile; and two sons: J. Richard, Dallas, Tex., and Thomas, Washington, D. C.

Irvin L. Parrett, 78, died Feb. 24. He served several Kentucky Baptist churches and was director of missions in Ohio River Association. Funeral was Feb. 26 at Owensboro. David Nelson officiated. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro.

congregations

Salvisa Baptist Church, Mercer Association, honored two of its members, a mother and daughter, for a combined 117 years of service in the church's missions organizations.

Mary W. Garriott, who was 95 Feb. 27, was presented a certificate of appreciation for 70 years of active work. Mrs. Garriott joined the Woman's Missionary Society at the church in 1920. She has held every office in the church's Baptist Woman's organization. She has been GA director and leader of the Young Woman's Auxiliary. In addition she has served Mercer Association as prayer chairman and as regional WMU prayer chairman for the

state.

Adele Ransdell, Mrs. Garriott's daughter, was presented a certificate of appreciation for 47 years of work. She organized Sunbeams in the church in 1943. She, too, has held every office in the church's Baptist Woman's organizations. Mrs. Ransdell has been on Mercer Association's WMU board 25 years and WMU director 10 years. On the state level Mrs. Ransdell has served four years as Sunbeam director and three terms on the state WMU board.

Mar. 11 **Woodland Baptist Church**, Middletown, Long Run Association, celebrated its 25th anniversary. In morning worship the church recognized former members, reminisced about the church's history and conducted a memorial service for deceased members. After a noon fellowship meal, the church recognized former staff members.

The church had conducted other anniversary activities earlier. The Sunday morning service Mar. 4 featured a presentation of the church's early history. That evening Sunday school classes presented "Woodland Capers" skits. Mar. 7 Ford Deusner, church historian, presented the church history for the past five years.

Marion Brewer celebrated his 23rd anniversary as pastor of **Powell's Valley Baptist Church**, Boones Creek Association.

Springdale Church, Long Run Association, has announced details for an Apr. 6-7 women's conference at Louisville's Galt House Hotel.

The event will feature speaker and author Florence Littauer. More information is available by calling the church at (502) 893-4554.

missions

Paul and Diane Davidson, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 30, Ogbomoso, Oyo State, Nigeria). Mrs. Davidson, formerly Diane Hill, is from Louisville.

Eldon and Jo Ann Sturgeon, Baptist representatives to Mexico, are on the field (Betunias 23, Jardines de la Florida, Edo de Mexico, 53130 Mexico). He was born in Miton, Ky. and she, the former Jo Ann Ferguson, near Sonora.

Kenneth and Divina Park, missionaries to Chile, are on the field and may be contacted at Casilla 460, Copiapo, Chile. They are natives of Paducah, Ky.; she is the former Divina Key.

Randall and Betty Rains, missionaries to Bangladesh, are on the field and may be addressed at Box 99, Dhaka-2, Bangladesh. He was born in Knoxville, Tenn. and considers Mayfield, Ky. his home town.

Doug and Brenda Martin, missionaries to Taiwan, are on the field at #376, Chien Hsing Rd., Taichung 40417, Taiwan ROC. He was born and grew up in Dayton, Oh., and both consider Corbin, Ky. their home town.

Mike and Pat Krahwinkel, missionaries to Mali, are on the field and may be addressed at BP 2017, Bamako, Mali. They are natives of Owensboro, Ky. She is the former Patricia Davis.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 18, 1990

Life and work series

Confronting evil

Mark 11:15-18 After spending the night in Bethany Christ and his disciples returned to Jerusalem and went to the temple. This center of religious activities had been sacrificed to the greed of gain. All that the temple stood for was destroyed by the noisy traffic and by the disputing of the moneychangers.

When Christ saw this desecration of his Father's house, he drove out those who were desecrating the temple. Christ turned over the tables. He

thoroughly cleansed the temple of all the unholy traffic. Instead of turning from their evil ways the scribes and chief priests were incensed by Christ's action, and they resolved to destroy him who had just given them an additional proof that he was the Messiah.

Mark 12:6-8 After his cleansing of the temple, the authorities proceeded to question the Lord about his having a right to act and to speak as he had done. It was not the least bit surprising that Jesus ran into conflict with the authorities whose words and actions he faced openly.

Mark 12:38-40 Disgusted with many of the practices of the scribes and other religious leaders who were hypocritical our Lord warned his hearers to be on guard against those who were pretending to be pious while doing many things that were wrong in order to gain personally. He did not have any respect for those who sought to call attention to themselves and the office which they occupied or for those who sought recognition and honor from those who were entitled to a faithful Christian witness. It is always tragic when any individuals or groups are more interested in what others can do for them than they are in what they can do for others. While it was the custom for most of the people in the synagogue to stand, some were seated, and those who occupied certain seats were examples of preferential treatment or favoritism.

International series

Jesus is betrayed, arrested

John 18:1-14 Having finished his prayer of intercession, the Lord Jesus Christ led the 11 apostles to the Gar-

den of Gethsemane. Judas secured a band of police and Roman soldiers and went to the Garden in order to find Christ.

When they arrived Christ greeted them with the question, "Whom seek ye?" They replied, "Jesus of Nazareth." Christ informed them that he was the one whom they were seeking. Shocked at Christ's confession the group fell to the ground. Jesus offered himself willingly to them instead of being taken forcefully by them. As an additional expression of love for the disciples, Christ requested that they be granted liberty.

When Simon Peter saw the military men step forward to take Jesus Christ, he impulsively drew his sword and tried to cut off the head of Malchus, a servant of the high priest. Malchus was able to save his head, but the sword cut off his ear. Highly displeased with Peter's action, Christ rebuked him and commanded him to put his sword away.

Following the arrest he was taken before Annas who was still the power behind the throne in Jerusalem. Four of his sons had held the high priesthood, and Caiaphas, who was then the high priest, was his son-in-law. When Annas was unable to get any information from Christ he sent the Lord to Caiaphas. One purpose of the hearing was to formulate a charge against Christ which would result in his death.

The record of the trial before Annas and Caiaphas is brief. Nothing could be done without Pilate's ratification. Every detail of the trial was illegal. It was illegal to hold it at night at all. The high priest asked Jesus both about his disciples and his teaching. He answered nothing concerning them, shielding them from the unscrupulous ways of these foes.



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homes for children

The numbers are growing

The number of children coming to Baptist Homes for Children and other programs which provide care for children who cannot live with their parents is expected to increase by nearly 75 percent by 1995. That is the conclusion of the U. S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families in their December report entitled *No Place to Call Home: Discarded Children in America*.

They predict that the numbers nationwide will increase from half a million to over 840,000 in the next five years. Rep. George Miller (D-California), the committee chairman, stated that "skyrocketing reports of child abuse, new conditions resulting from crack cocaine and alcohol abuse and homelessness among families with children are driving an increasing number of children into costly out-of-home placements."

We had a dramatic increase last year in the number of days of care we provided and most programs are up this year over last.

The new youth ranch program for boys with more intensive needs has had a waiting list from the day it opened and more such programs are desperately needed. Our new crisis stabilization unit on Spring Meadows campus has also run virtually full. We are planning to reopen old Covington Cottage at Glen Dale this year if we have the resources to get it back in shape.

We are going to see a real need for more of our services and for services which seek to keep families together. The crucial question is one of finances. It is expensive to care for children, especially the children with more intensive needs, and these are the children coming to us in increasing numbers.

Though all of us like to be a part of a growing business, frankly I am alarmed at the growth. What it says about the lives of children in our nation is frightening. These are tough days to be a child.



75 years of caring



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
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oneida journal

Teaching responsibility

The sky darkened. Suddenly fine snow was blowing in sheets. It was blizzard like. For nearly a month it has been almost springlike. The temperature—having been into the 70's—now, in a 24-hour period, dropped to about nine degrees.

Mr. Underwood, our dean of boys and work supervisor, met with the boys at 9 a.m. One crew was assigned to clean in the old gym, a second crew to do some special cleaning on the

new gym floor. In the meantime others went to work on our continuing table project and refinishing school desks.

One of our senior boys, here five years, proudly showed me a rack nearly finished to hold 12 cue sticks for our 19 foot by 30 foot billiard room in the new gym. He and one of our junior boys, here three years, got the idea last night to build such a rack and went to the shop at about 9 p.m. and began to work. This second young man came to us as a chubby city boy three years ago to attend summer school at the end of his eighth grade year. He is one of our most mature, most responsible students today. He has grown about a foot, no fat, all muscle. He can do about anything with his hands whether in carpentry or working on a motor. He is entrusted with driving one of our school tractors and regularly supervises a crew of boys in policing the campus and athletic fields.

Not only am I thrilled with the beauty and craftsmanship of the billiard rack, I am even more excited by their having seen a need and taking the initiative to do something about it. That is what we are trying to teach all our students, not always so successfully! Our student work program is a tremendous teaching tool for developing good work habits as well as pride in what one is doing. The first lesson Mr. Underwood teaches is to be "on time." He is a stickler for that, having operated his own business for 20 years with 11 employes before coming

to Oneida to work six years ago.

In the meantime farm manager Jack Tillman was equally busy teaching similar lessons of responsibility on the farm. He left an 1800 acre farming operation with over 700 head of beef cattle five years ago; words cannot describe what he has accomplished on our school farm, what wonderful work is done in young lives on a daily basis.

On this particular snowy day, Tillman has several crews busy in the shop building built several years ago, largely with volunteer and student labor. It is our only building heated with wood. The boys keep a large stockpile cut for winter use. One crew was busy with extensive repairs on a 1965 combine which takes the corn off the cob in the field as it is harvested. I remember many a Saturday spent as a boy at Oneida shelling the corn from the cob, one ear at a time!

Another student crew was busy today putting together a six ton feed bin. We can now buy protein supplement in bulk to mix in four ton lots of feed for our 600 hogs. We use a ton every ten days. By working in larger lots, we will save enough to pay for the bin in six months. Another important savings has been having our gasoline and diesel fuel delivered only four times a year. Large underground storage tanks permit fewer deliveries per year saving approximately \$100 a month on our vehicle fuel bills.

A third crew was working on a recently donated 2000 bushel bin to store shelled corn. We have had a 4000 bushel bin for several years.

christian education



on mission together

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Chocolate turtles

Late one afternoon a few weeks ago, I was raking the last leaves of our neighbor's pin oaks from our front yard; trees that are more generous with their late clinging leaves than most of us nearby neighbors appreciate.

The leaves had gathered in bunches, lodged in several of the grassless places we had tried unsuccessfully last fall to sod. As I raked, I wondered whether the leaves might not look better than the bare spots.

As I raked I noticed coming toward me two young girls. Each was carrying a box which, periodically, they put down. Our hill is steep.

One by one they went from door to door until they came to our house. "Whatcha sellin'?", I asked. "Candy," came the reply. "Well, let's see what you have," I said.

One of the girls, neither one more than 16, began reciting her selection of chocolates.

"What are you selling it for?" I continued. She named a charity with which I was unfamiliar. We continued talking.

"Have you had any luck?", I continued. "No," she replied, "not many people home." "You haven't sold any?", I pushed. "No," she said, and further confided, "and they told us this would be a good place to sell."

I wondered who told her that. And my mind played back the years I was a paper boy. As I recalled, it was often the poorer families who were the most generous to me at Christmas. Our neighborhood doesn't fit that description.

Her eyes fairly danced when I said I'd like to buy a box of chocolate turtles. The other girl drew closer as she made change. They said "thanks" and moved on up toward the cul-de-sac. I put the box of candy in our mail box and raked more slowly, wanting to be there when they made their way back.

I could see that most of the other neighbors were not at home. As they passed I asked again: "Any luck?" "No," they replied. A few steps later, the one turned back and said "Thank you. I hope you enjoy the candy." I watched them intermittently until they turned the bend down the hill.

Later, Alice asked where the candy came from and I explained. It was not until several days later that we opened the box in which 10 chocolate turtles lay in disarray.

As I took my first bite, I saw before me two discouraged but hopeful young faces. And I remembered that once, when I was young, there were people along the way who gave me hope and encouragement. And, in the taste of a chocolate turtle, I thanked God.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College's 1990 valentine queen is Cynthia Ann (Cindy) Pound, a 19-year-old freshman from Granville, Oh.

Miss Pound represented North Hall in a recent pageant. She will represent Campbellsville May 24-27 in the Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville. This pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Kentucky Pageant.

First runnerup was Melissa Hadley, a freshman from Shepherdsville.

Miss Congeniality was Kathleen Bush, a junior from Elizabethtown.

georgetown college

The endowment of Georgetown (Ky.) College rose from \$4,256,300 to \$13,816,746, an increase of 226% during the 1980s. It had taken the college 150 years to reach the \$4 million mark.

College officials attribute the growth to increased donor interest in giving to endowment and improved performance of the college's investment managers.

After the college initiated a policy to have more than one investment manager, the endowment growth moved from single to double digit performance. The college's operating budget netted with more endowment income. At the same time capital growth for the corpus of the fund was improved.

The offices of Development and Public Relations at Georgetown (Ky.) College have received an award from the publishers of *The Admissions Marketing Report*, the national magazine of admissions marketing.

The award was for the college's current image advertising campaign, "Georgetown College. Everything We Do Is Purely Academic." The college tied with two institutions from New York whose enrolments are also under 2000.

According to Marc C. Whitt, Georgetown director of public relations, the campaign has been focused on Louisville, the state's largest city. The campaign has been implemented through Louisville-based magazines, television, radio and a billboard since September 1989 and concludes this spring.

This year's admissions advertising competition received more than 1200 entries. A nationwide panel of advertising, marketing and education professionals were judges for this year's contest. Final selections were based on quality of production, creativeness of concept and clarity of message.

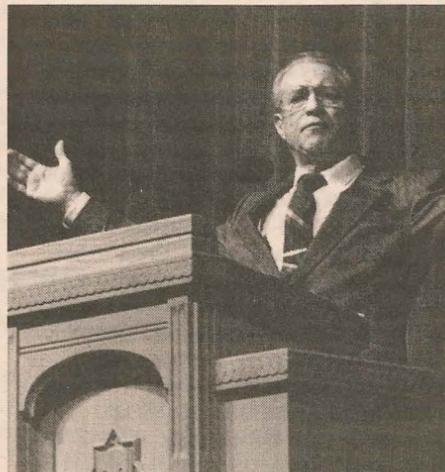
The winning campaign was developed by Whitt, Sylvia Watson, director of regional development for Louisville and western Kentucky, and J. Richard Carlton, vice president for development.

The Dictionary of Christianity in America, a publication of Inter Varsity Press, has published several entries by Georgetown (Ky.) College president W. Morgan Patterson.

According to Patterson, the 11 items are all in the area of Baptist history. They deal with Baker James Cauthen, John Leadley Dagg, Paul Palmer, Daniel Parker, M. Theron Rankin, Luther Rice, Robert Baylor Semple, the Triennial Convention, George Washington

Truett, Francis Wayland and Rufus Washington Weaver.

Patterson is an authority on Baptist history. He has taught, lectured and written about the subject for many years.



Southern Seminary Professor Wayne Ward delivers the annual Northcutt lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

southwestern seminary

Preachers today should take a communications lesson from Jesus, a professor from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Wayne E. Ward delivered the annual Jesse and Fannie Northcutt lectures on preaching and pastoral ministry at Southwestern. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern, presented the lectures as part of Southwestern's scholars in ministry week.

"I've known men who have preached for six months and never uttered one word that the congregation remembered," Ward said in his lecture, "How Jesus Got His Message Across." To improve their sermons, Ward said pastors should take a communications lesson from Christ.

Ward described nine elements Christ used in communicating with people, the first two being epigrams or "pronouncement sayings" and humor.

"God made us so that pithy, to-the-point sayings, often with a humorous twist, hook in our minds like nothing else," Ward said. But he urged caution when using humor. "You are only really safe when you use it on yourself."

Jesus also lived his message, Ward said, encouraging his audience of Christian ministers to do the same. "If you do not learn, as a preacher, teacher or administrator that the things you do will outweigh the things you say, you'd better back up and start over again." Jesus knew this truth, Ward said, adding "nothing ever spoke louder than that day when he took the cross."

Other elements Ward said Jesus used to convey his message were parallelism or "creative repetition," the narrative, symbolic language, analogy and double meanings.

samford university

The A Cappella Choir of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., will present concerts in three Kentucky Baptist churches during March.

The 66-member mixed choir will sing at Memorial Baptist, Murray, Saturday, Mar. 10, 7 p.m.; First Baptist, Paducah, Sunday, Mar. 11, 11 a.m.; and Broadway Baptist, Louisville, Sunday, Mar. 11, 7 p.m.

L. Gene Black conducts the choir which has gained international acclaim through its performance tours in Europe and the Far East.

The concert program includes classical selections, familiar hymn arrangements and spirituals.

southern seminary

Kentucky alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, have elected Billy G. Hurt of Gilbertsville as president of the state alumni association. Hurt, a retired pastor, will be a member of the seminary's alumni advisory council.

Evangelical scholars David Wells and Robert K. Johnston will be guest lecturers during Denominational Heritage Week Apr. 10-12 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is the second consecutive year the Louisville seminary has featured scholars from the broader evangelical world during the annual focus on denominational identity. This year's topic will be "Exploring Religious Beliefs: Scripture, Interpretation, Confessions of Faith."

The week's activities will include lectures at 10 a.m. in Alumni Chapel which will be followed by response and discussion sessions at 11 a.m. The response each day will be given by a Southern Seminary faculty member.

Wells, the Andres Mutch professor of historical and systematic theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hampton, Mass., will speak Apr. 10. Johnston, provost and dean of North Park College and Theological Seminary in Chicago, will lecture Apr. 11. Bill J. Leonard, professor of church history at Southern Seminary, will conclude the week's lectures Apr. 12.

sbc seminary studies

Administration of the seven off-campus programs directed by the Southern Baptist Seminary Studies Department will return to individual seminaries effective Aug. 1.

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, made the announcement on behalf of the seminary presidents' council.

Master's level theological studies programs have been operated jointly in New York; Baltimore; Orlando; Nashville; Jackson, Tenn.; Little Rock, Ark.; and Lubbock, Tex., some for as long as 10 years.

Southern Seminary will oversee the Baltimore, Nashville and Jackson programs. The Orlando program will come under New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Little Rock will relate to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. Lubbock will be administered by Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. has been lead seminary for the New York program, but local leaders there and in Baltimore have requested that these locations be made part of the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry. (BP)

A miracle...

'Missionary kid' recovers, amazes specialists

by Donald D. Martin

Sarah Hessling's tennis shoes now squeak in the elementary school's waxed hallway as she hurries to her second-grade class. Less than three months ago the only sound she made in the school hallway was an occasional metallic click as her wheelchair rounded a corner. Sarah is the 7-year-old daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries Warren and Sharon Hessling.

Her legs—then limp and unable to feel the difference between a pinprick and a finger's touch—were rendered useless by nerve damage in her spinal cord. For a time, even sitting up for 30 minutes took most of her strength.

But now, to the amazement of medical specialists, she has almost fully recovered from the nerve disorder. Doctors at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., gave her a clean bill of health after a day of testing Feb. 5. That clears the way—pending final approval from doctors at the Foreign Mission Board—for the Hesslings, of Deckerville, Mich., to return to work in the west African nation of Sierra Leone.

Sarah is recovering from schistosomiasis, an ailment caused by a parasitic flatworm that lodged against her spinal cord. She picked up the parasite last July in Sierra Leone, where the Hesslings had lived for more than two years. Her father works as an agricul-

tural mission specialist.

The parasite, commonly called a blood fluke, lives in the blood vessels of humans and other mammals. The female parasite releases eggs into the blood stream. The eggs make their way into the intestine or bladder and are emitted from the body. In most cases when the parasite enters a human body, it causes a mild fever, some swelling and perhaps liver tenderness or inflammation. Early diagnosis and treatment are almost always successful.

In Sarah's case, however, the parasite did not pass through the body but made its way to the spinal column and lodged there. Pressure on the spinal nerves grew rapidly as her body attacked the parasite and began building a protective coating around the intruder. Like a malignant tumor, the growth inside her spinal column soon cut off feeling to the lower part of her body.

Even after surgeons removed the growth, Sarah's paralysis continued. Doctors working on her case said that because of extensive nerve damage, they were not sure how much feeling—if any—she would recover in her legs.

Doctors at both Mott Children's Hospital and the FMB now say Sarah's recovery is next to miraculous.

"There was a good deal of damage by this tumor pressing on the cord," said Joanna Goatcher, medical consultant to the FMB's missionary health

department. "Usually nerves don't regenerate, or if they do, it takes a year or more. In this case it has been under a year.... There was obviously not as much nerve damage as first believed but the miraculous part to me is that it regenerated at all and in less time than one would expect."

Although Sarah's recovery has been swift, it hasn't been easy. Sarah had to learn how to walk again. During weeks of physical therapy in the hospital and later at home, she relearned each muscle movement in her legs. If she learned the wrong way, she could have developed a severe limp for the rest of her life, Mrs. Hessling said.

All along the way small hurdles loomed before Sarah. Some challenges made a simple day at school seem like boot camp as she progressed, one painful step at a time.

"She would sometimes cry at night, 'I can't do that tomorrow, Momma,'" explained Mrs. Hessling. "But as she made each step and saw she could do it, she made progress. It was hard for both of us. It was hard for me because I would have to push her. I knew she was physically ready, but I didn't want to push her too hard. I knew it was an emotional step."

A major step came when Sarah stopped using a wheelchair at school.

"One morning I said, 'Let's not take the wheelchair down the hall today; let's take the walker.' That was real



Sarah and her brother, Michael

traumatic. It took a few days to talk her into taking the walker. The wheelchair had become something of a security blanket for her. But she was encouraged by her teacher and the principal, and she gave up the wheelchair."

Sarah adjusted to the walker quickly. The strength and control in her legs grew as she put more demands on them. She still used the wheelchair at recess, but even that was soon replaced by the walker.

However, convincing Sarah to give up the walker took a mother's touch and a small dose of vanity. Mrs. Hessling saw what Sarah could do at home and knew the child no longer needed the walker at school.

"What happened next was interesting," she said. "Sarah couldn't ride the school bus because her walker wouldn't safely fit anywhere on the bus, so we rented a walker that would fold up. But the folding walker wasn't as 'cute' as the one she had. Sarah complained that it was ugly. I told her: 'We already traded in the other one. I guess you'll just have to go without it.' And she did."

By October she had even given up the walker. Although minor ups and downs have followed, Sarah continues to make steady—and according to doctors—remarkable progress.

FMB doctors and administrators said they plan to approve the family's return to Sierra Leone if written reports from Mott Hospital are as good as oral reports they already have received. The family of four, including the Hesslings' son, Michael, 9, could be back in Sierra Leone by the end of March.

Sarah still will have special exercises for her legs each day. She also will have annual X-rays of her spine until she is grown.

"We're definitely excited to be going back to our home in Africa," Mrs. Hessling said. "There are a lot of people we need to thank for their prayers. We could not have gone through this without people praying for us."

The Hesslings already are planning what to pack and arranging flights. They have a lot of work to do now that the waiting is almost over, she said. But it will get done—one step at a time. (BP)

... and a tragedy

Missionary never reached Africa

by Donald D. Martin

Dentist James Shell felt called to foreign missions but he died before he could reach the field.

After he and his wife, Gail, were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries to Benin, a routine chest X-ray found black spots in his lungs. Doctors diagnosed the spots as lung cancer.

Shell died Feb. 13 at age 40. He left behind a family and friends in Shreveport, La., who attest that even though he never reached an overseas mission field he was in missions all his life.

When he was a young child he convinced his parents to go to a Southern Baptist mission church because he liked the music he heard during an earlier visit. They became Southern Baptists because of that visit.

His father worked in the oil fields of Wyoming and South Dakota and the family moved from town to town. "He grew up moving from mission church to mission church, and that's where his love for missions started," said his wife, now an elementary school teacher in Shreveport.

Shell practiced dentistry in Shreveport. He started considering full time mission work after returning from his second trip to Mexico as a volunteer medical worker.

"The differences in those two trips made a real impression on him" about the value of the Christ-centered approach, Mrs. Shell said. "I saw a difference in him. He came home and said:

'This is what the Lord wants me to do. I want you to go and see.'"

The Shells, whose call to missions was confirmed during two more trips to Mexico, were appointed in August 1987 but were delayed leaving for the field while he closed out his dental practice.

Eleven months later, on July 22, 1988, the birthday of Shell's youngest daughter, a standard medical exam detected the signs of lung cancer.

Shell, a lifelong non-smoker, began



Shell

chemotherapy, which shrank the cancer in his lungs. His health improved and he was able to return to his practice. But soon the cancer spread to his brain.

Again chemotherapy shrank the cancer cells, but the cancer would not go into remission. In June 1989, when the spread of cancer was evident, the Shells resigned from the Foreign Mission Board. Then in July, he gave up his practice but not his missionary spirit.

The youth director at Shell's church made a point of keeping him involved. He continued to teach a youth Sunday school class and the church asked the Shells to be sponsors on a youth summer mission trip.

"Even though Jim wasn't really well, he went," Mrs. Shell recounted. "He had to rest a lot, but that was real special to him."

Mrs. Shell said she does not understand why this has happened, but she is thankful for the way God has seen to her smallest needs.

"Every little need we've had, the Lord has been there," she said. "Even the way he died was a blessing. He had been out of it for a couple of days but came to at the end. He heard what I was saying; looked me straight in the eye. Then a tear came down his cheek, and he kissed me good-bye."

"He was at peace with what was happening. He didn't have an answer for being called and not going, but he had said he knew what his first question to the Lord would be." (BP)

Kentucky Acteens Advisory Panel



Christy Bell is a member of First Baptist Church in Murray, Kentucky. She is an active member of the youth group in addition to the work she does with Acteens. Christy enjoys singing, playing the trumpet, playing basketball and being with people. She is a sophomore at Murray High School.

Melissa Hickman is a senior at Male Traditional High School in Louisville. Highview Baptist is where Melissa is very active in the youth programs along with Acteens. In her free time Melissa enjoys doing things where she can be with other people.

Garah Gamblin is a sophomore at Union County High School. She is an active member at First Baptist Church, Morganfield, Kentucky. Garah enjoys playing the piano and reading in her free time.



Martha Justice is a sophomore at Corbin High School and is a member of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, Kentucky. She enjoys playing the piano and being with friends.

Christy Hogsten is a member of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky. She is also a senior at Rose Hill Christian School. Christy enjoys singing, speaking and learning sign language.

Mary Paris is a member of Grangertown Baptist Church in Sturgis, Kentucky, and is a senior at Union County High School. She is active in many school and church activities. In her free time Mary enjoys swimming, singing and working with children.

Front row (left to right): Christy Hogsten, Martha Justice

Back row (left to right): Garah Gamblin, Melissa Hickman, Christy Bell, Mary Paris



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