

Raising sheep suggests truths to E'town minister-farmer

Raising sheep has led a Kentucky Baptist minister of education to a deeper understanding of biblical illustrations about sheep and shepherds.

Tim Clark, minister of education at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and a part time sheep farmer, said sheep have taught him a lot about people.

With people or with sheep there is a temptation to get behind the flock and drive them, Clark averred.

"However, the shepherd goes in front and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. A shepherd develops a relationship with his sheep. They follow him because they know him," Clark explained.

Also, sheep will lie down only when they are calm and never when they are hungry or nervous, Clark said, reflecting on the 23rd Psalm illustration "He makes me lie down in green pastures."

While Easter focuses on Christ as the Lamb of God and the sacrifice of his life for his followers, his life provides an example of a shepherd gently leading his flock, said Clark.

In the photo, Abigail Clark, 8, cuddles a newborn lamb on the family farm. Her father, Tim, minister of education at Severns Valley Baptist Church, E'town, said he has come to a deeper understanding of Jesus as the Lamb of God through raising sheep. "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29 NAS).



WR literary event winners choose tragedy as subject

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Tragedy was the theme of two entries claiming top prizes in a Western Recorder-sponsored literary contest.

The Wilmer C. Fields Incentive Writing Competition is conducted annually by the Baptist news journal among its state correspondents. Now in its seventh year, the event seeks to raise the level of submissions from a statewide panel of 12 contributing news and feature reporters.

Begun in 1985, the contest is named for the former Southern Baptist Convention press representative and vice president of the SBC Executive Committee, W. C. Fields, of Nashville, retired in 1987.

A group of recognized professional denominational communicators in the Louisville area selected winning entries in the contest in late March. More than 75 stories contributed by WR stringers in the year ending Feb. 28 were eligible for consideration.

Judges included Pat Cole, director of communications, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Gregory L. Hancock, director, Communications Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Robin Oldham, director of development and communications, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

After submitting entries which received honorable mention in both 1988 and 1989, Denise Spencer, of Shepherdsville, captured both first place and honorable mention this year.

Her first place entry, "Dale Klaber: miracle in a modern world," was published in Western Recorder Aug. 22, 1989. It concerned a Baptist deacon's near fatal accident on a construction job in Louisville.

Called by his doctors the "miracle man," Klaber fell 47 feet from the ninth to fifth floors, becoming impaled on a steel rod. The rod, extending from his chest to his groin, was removed in a six-hour operation. Physicians were amazed that no major bodily organs had been injured.

Mrs. Spencer reported that during his hospitalization Klaber was "proof positive" of the power of God, openly sharing his faith with medical personnel and newsmen. He was delighted that a testimony of faith given in a TV interview was witnessed by thousands. Mrs. Spencer concluded the article with a "touching" poem, according to one judge, written by Klaber's daughter Stephanie about God's miracle in

her daddy's life, and read to their congregation on Father's Day.

The first place winner in the Fields Writing Competition receives a prize of \$75 for her entry.

A judge called Pauline Stegall's second place winning entry "one of the saddest and most mysterious stories I have ever read in Western Recorder." She is the author of "Unsolved mystery claims lives of Graves County families," published Feb. 27, 1990. The award carries with it a prize of \$50.

Mrs. Stegall tells the story centering around the mysterious disappearance of Melinda Barber Yancy of Mayfield last Sept. 11. She had gone on a brief afternoon journey to Murray, never returning for revival services that night at High Point Baptist Church.

In fact, police, volunteers, friends and family searched for her for several days. When she was discovered in a disoriented condition in Daytona Beach, Fla., five persons went after her in a small private plane. On their return, nearing the Mayfield airport, the plane went down in fog and rain, and all were lost, leaving numerous unanswered questions.

Mrs. Stegall brought out the fact that members of the family had been through "the gamut of emotions" but they are "all people of strong faith and it shows." One relative declared that prayer had sustained them. "Otherwise we couldn't have coped."

The article judged third best in this year's writing competition was a first person account of overseas missions. Written by Jane Taylor Howell, then of Owensboro but now living in Lexington, it told of the trip she and her husband made last summer to Mali.

Her winning entry, "State correspondent relives story of summer volunteer mission work in Africa," appeared Sept. 26, 1989. It receives a prize of \$25.

Although there is no monetary prize for honorable mention, Mrs. Spencer earned this recognition for an entry for the third consecutive year. "Westside Portland Baptist Church dies, leaves legacy of hope to community," published Feb. 20, 1990, tells the story of how a Long Run Association congregation disbanded but lives on through its gifts to other churches.

Competition entries are based on 10 criteria. A staff committee recommends to the outside judges writing which has achieved a certain level. The judges then select the winners.

Jan. 31 retirement date set by Georgetown's Patterson

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

W. Morgan Patterson, 22nd president of Georgetown (Ky.) College, has submitted his retirement plans to the school's board of trustees.

The announcement came during a board meeting Apr. 6 on the campus.



Patterson

Patterson has been president of the 161-year-old Kentucky Baptist senior liberal arts institution since Apr. 1, 1984.

Patterson, who turns 65 in October, set the date to be effective Jan. 31, 1991. He said he would like to return to teaching and various other ministry opportunities.

A native of New Orleans, La., Patterson is a veteran of World War II.

He holds degrees from Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

His career spans pastorates in Alabama and Mississippi and on three seminary faculties—New Orleans, where he was assistant professor of church history, 1956-59; Southern, at Louisville, from 1959-76, during which he was director of graduate studies in the School of Theology and David T. Porter professor of church history; and Golden Gate, Mill Valley, Cal., where he was dean of academic affairs, 1976-84.

Patterson is married to the former Ernestine North of Longwood, Fla. They are parents of two sons, both living in California.

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The day they waved the palms

The day they waved the palms must have been the saddest of all the days of his life. The crowd was swept away in its enthusiasm for him. Crowd noise is always general and undifferentiated, yet specific at the same time. The exact words of a crowd cannot be caught, but its mood and intent can be precisely felt. He had no doubt that the crowd that escorted him into Jerusalem was jubilant, supportive, alive with the possibilities that his presence brought with him into the city.

Why be sad on such a day as that? Precisely because he knew the hearts of men and women. Above the happy faces and the glad sounds, beyond the palm littered streets and the wrinkled cloaks on the streets, lay a low hill already manned with one-half of the execution instruments planted in the ground like stumps of dead trees. It lay in brutal quiet, no one even thinking of it, except for him. He knew the reality and saw it through the midst of human excitement and easy praise. God had not destined him for glorious receptions by an adoring population. His mission was the defeat of the evil that mankind harbors for God's good and beautiful people. His path led to the cross and to no other place. Reality was not in the crowd, no matter that scattered here and there were men and women of sincerity. Reality was in the cynical trial and sharpened spikes meant to kill off love. And Jesus came for reality, came to embrace it, came to be its victim...came to transform it. He had no illusions on the day they waved the palms.

Already remembered, Palm Sunday, and yet to be celebrated, Good Friday and Easter, we Kentucky Baptists retell their story in sermon and song. We do more than retell it; we give witness to its reduplication in thousands and thousands of lives across the commonwealth. As we retell it, give witness to its contemporary power, let us consider that the man of Galilee looks at us as he looked at the crowd on Jerusalem's streets.

He hears our praise, even sings along with our songs, sees our yearning that this could be the moment of the breakthrough of the old promises for which so many of us have lived and longed to see. But above and beyond, he sees us—his body—for what we are, or what we have become. It is as though we have decided to make Palm Sunday with its joy our theme, forgetting the steel reality of the cross to which each disciple is called.

What must he think? What does he see? Does he see a church draped with institutional and familial traditions to which we are more loyal than to his own words? Does he see a church of the middle class lurching along in comfort with organizations more kin to businesses that are successful than a body of people for whom the barriers have been destroyed? Does he see a church lost in the excesses of its own programs and identity though sensing a way has been lost somewhere? Some churches bearing his name are slumbering along in ecclesiastical old age with only memories to go on. Others are like a spiritual Beirut with factions armed to the teeth and engaging in blood-feuds with one another. Still others are like teenagers in awkward enthusiasm doing little to endear themselves to their parents but who hold out the promise of good qualities when maturity arrives. Here and there, he sees a servant church, but surely not enough of them.

Wherever the church has lost its way—as has so often been the case in the last 2000 years—it has done so when it has stopped at the gates of Jerusalem and listened to the crowd and turned its back on the execution ground to celebrate another cycle of palms and crosses and empty tombs. There is yet time for his people to face reality in a world in desperate need of real men and women. Where love offers itself willingly to demonic sin, resurrection inevitably follows. When we stop at the gates, listening to our own success and glory, death inevitably comes. Let the church remember that we serve the crucified, resurrected and living Christ. His victory is ours if we go with him to Calvary and beyond.

Richard W. Bridges

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Picturesque oasis awaits you at Jonathan Creek

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Sitting in the office he has occupied for less than a year one late winter day Deward (pronounced *Do-word*) Hurst reminisced thoughtfully.

At 56, Hurst was elected last April by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board to manage Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. The 120-acre tract is located three miles west of Aurora off U. S. Hwy. 68 in Marshall County. It boasts a picturesque setting fronting Jonathan Creek. The "creek" is actually a finger of water jutting off the mid section of Kentucky Lake.

The Baptist property purchased for \$9000 by 11 western Kentucky associations in the early 50s is today estimated to be worth \$3 million with improvements.

And for Hurst, managing it takes on characteristics of a homecoming.

Hurst was born in nearby Paducah. With the exception of a combined four years he pastored two Illinois churches he virtually never left western Kentucky. He attended Paducah Junior College before earning a bachelor's degree from Murray State University in Calloway County. He received theological training by extension classes from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Hurst went on to pastor western Kentucky Baptist churches at Hampton, Lovelaceville, Princeton, Bandana, Barlow and Benton. When elected to manage Jonathan Creek Assembly he had been associate pastor in charge of education for six years at Paducah's Lone Oak First Baptist Church.

Hurst is married to the former Nioma June Turner. They are parents of three grown children and have two grandchildren.



It helps to have a sense of humor when running a Baptist assembly. The sign fronts the conference building erected by Kentucky Baptists.

Back in time

His association with Jonathan Creek literally goes back to the assembly's beginning. He may have missed no more than five summers of taking young men there for a week of camp in Jonathan Creek's 34-year history.

Hurst fondly recalls that first summer, 1956.

"Pastors came and brought their kids and did the work," he thoughtfully remembers.

C. R. Daley (editor of Western Recorder from 1957-84) was the camp pastor that week. "I was the pitcher and Daley was the catcher in the closing softball game that year," Hurst says.

Hurst also recalls he never brought a group of kids to Jonathan Creek that one or more "didn't make professions of faith or life-changing decisions."

Affectionately, he adds, "I have a great appreciation for it."

Hurst observes that in those days it was normal for the camp to be bulging with 150 campers every week. Obviously disappointed, he reports that now the assembly draws 30, 40 or 50 young men altogether at best for only a two-week camping season.

"Nobody wants to 'rough it' any more," he declares. "Besides, there are too many other things to do."

Good news bad news

There is good news and bad news at Jonathan Creek.

The good news is at least 155 decisions for Christ were recorded at the assembly during 1989, including 55 professions of faith.

But there are some disturbing questions, too.

While you can be housed overnight in a dormitory room and have three square meals for only \$20 a day now, daily rates in the lakefront hotel will rise to \$36.50 June 1, double occupancy. Kentucky Baptists built the new hotel shortly after acquiring the property in September 1983.

Hurst worries that we may be "pricing ourselves too high" for the typical middle income Baptist family.

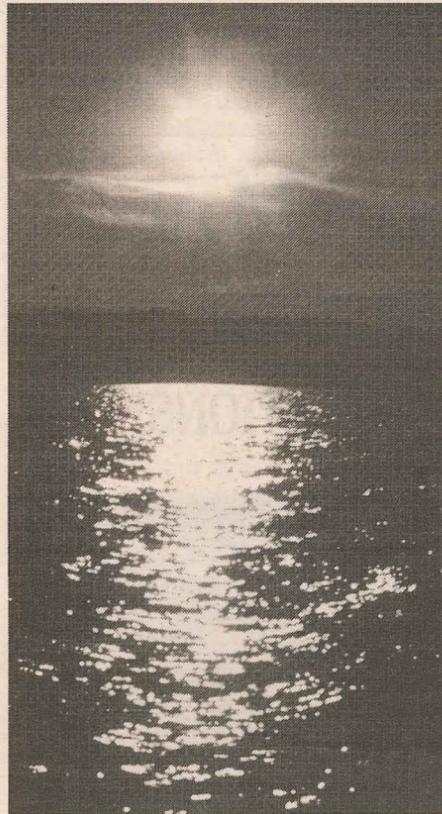
He also worries that some denominational leaders are not taking advantage of Jonathan Creek. Instead they book events at nearby state parks and churches or at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly which he believes could and should be held at Jonathan Creek. Some, he says, have never held a meeting at Jonathan Creek.

By comparison, 61 KBC events were scheduled at Cedarmore in 1989 to 28 at Jonathan Creek. Hurst says he's not bitter about this but concerned that the western statewide Baptist property could be more fully utilized.

At the same time KBC business manager Barry G. Allen, of Middletown, who supervises the two state Baptist assemblies for the convention, observes that Jonathan Creek is not intended to be a duplicate of Cedarmore. Rather, "It has its own uniqueness," says Allen.

He points out that while it is a statewide facility, convention leaders are especially hopeful that west Kentucky people will use it.

Hurst, Allen claims, is filling his role in a "very effective" way. Allen says he anticipates that Hurst's leadership will "greatly enhance" the service ministry of Jonathan Creek.



What you'll find

What will Kentucky Baptists who make the trek to Jonathan Creek discover?

Probably some of the better facilities Baptists have to offer at their state encampments.

A combination auditorium-administration building provides seating for 225 in a very contemporarily designed glass-enclosed facility. Offices for the assembly are here. On a lower floor one large conference room can be subdivided into nine smaller rooms.

Across the road the dining hall and kitchen is equipped to serve three meals daily during the summer season. It is also open to registered groups during the remainder of the year.

A short distance away Waller Dormitory accommodates 120 persons in a three-wing single level structure.

Thirteen very rustic cabins for boys are on the camp's fringe.

Kentucky Baptists built the two-story lakefront lodge and a new single



With 48 double rooms, each with private bath, this two-story hotel overlooks Jonathan Creek. It offers a picturesque setting and modern appointments.

level conference building after the 11 associations that owned Jonathan Creek sold to the KBC. That was nearly seven years ago.

The inn added 48 rooms, each with private bath. The conference center provided four meeting rooms with a seating capacity of 50 persons each.

Hurst says Waller Dorm is filled to capacity (120 campers) during Girls in Action weeks each summer. Two mother-daughter weekends and an Acteens day camp also "do very well."

But the big weeks are the youth weeks. There are three of them. All are full with about 200 teenagers and their counselors occupying all of the assembly's facilities each week.

Youth ministries, WMU and Sunday school are successful with "anything they do in this area," Hurst suggests. "They can draw big crowds and we are delighted to have them come."

They do it all

Assisting Hurst is a staff of four other full time persons, including a maintenance supervisor, combination head cook and housekeeper, secretary and camp assistant who also doubles on maintenance. There are several part time and seasonal employees.

"The truth is," says Hurst, "we all do everything. I dry dishes and my secretary sets tables. We just pitch in and do what needs to be done."

While Jonathan Creek has never been a year-round operation, "we think we can do it," Hurst indicates.

Hurst is convinced that purchase of the property by all state Baptists was "the best way to go."

What is there now simply would not be there "without this kind of help," he testifies.

Still, some folks accustomed to baptizing in the lake don't like paying a \$1 per head (for insurance purposes) fee, he admits.

"It will take a while before everybody who used to use the assembly fully understands and appreciates the necessary rules," Hurst declares.

Yet he isn't ready to return to those thrilling days of yesteryear when "roughing it" was an apt expression for an experience at Jonathan Creek.

"Baptists have come a long way," he asserts.

baptist news briefs

1989 VBS statistics show enrolment ups and downs

Total enrolment and the number of church vacation Bible schools increased for 1989, while the number of mission vacation Bible schools and

backyard Bible clubs was down.

A report for 1989 vacation Bible schools compiled from the Southern Baptist Uniform Church Letter annual statistical survey, as well as reports from Baptist state conventions, indicates 3,443,676 people were enrolled in vacation Bible school in 1989, up from

3,351,280 the previous year.

The number of church schools reported was 28,783, up from 28,631 in 1988. The number of mission vacation Bible schools was 1619, down from 2676 in 1988, and backyard Bible clubs totaled 3218, down from 3980. (BP)

Seminarian Ron Chaney to be newspaper staffer

A communications student presently pursuing the MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named to a journalism internship at Western Recorder for the 1990-91 academic year.

Ronald Keith Chaney, 27, of Meridian, Miss., will join the paper's staff in late August, according to James H. Cox, associate editor. Chaney expects to graduate in May 1991, hoping to pursue a career in religious journalism.



Chaney

At Western Recorder he will contribute in editing, writing, photography, design and proofreading the 164-year-old weekly news journal. He will become the 43rd student to serve in the Recorder's seminary internship program, said Cox.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Chaney is a summa cum laude graduate of Mississippi State University. He has done volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and Campus Crusade for Christ. He has been a summer youth director, president of the Baptist Student Union at Meridian Junior College and has worked as a summer missions volunteer one year. He is presently employed by a personal care home in Louisville.

Chaney is a member of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, and Plowshares Peacemaker Group. He was voted a member of Outstanding Young Men of America in 1987.

National research project reveals Baptists' strengths

Southern Baptist ratings in faith, loyalty and congregational life point to the effectiveness of the denomination's Christian education efforts, according

to a national study of Protestant congregations released Mar. 24.

The Southern Baptist Convention was one of six denominations participating in a study conducted during three and one-half years. It included surveys of more than 11,000 adults and youth in 561 congregations. The findings were presented and discussed by 400 representatives of the six denominations during a four-day conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Peter Benson, president of Search Institute in Minneapolis and director of the project, said, "Southern Baptists did stand apart." In the area of faith maturity, 45 percent of Southern Baptist adults said they practice an integrated faith.

This compared to 31 percent of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 24 percent for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 34 percent for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 29 percent for the United Church of Christ and 34 percent for the United Methodist Church. (BP)

NBC to air Easter special about Southern Baptists

NBC News will present an Easter special about Southern Baptist work Apr. 15. NBC is producing the program in consultation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and in conjunction with NBC's relationship with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

Television viewers should consult their local TV listings to see if and when stations in their areas will carry the program.

This year's Easter program will feature a worship service at North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, including music by the minister of music, John Shillington, and the 200-voice sanctuary choir and orchestra, with a message by Richard Jackson, pastor.

Four stories about Southern Baptist work across the United States will be interwoven into the presentation. (BP)

Correction

Malfunctioning equipment resulted in dropping a zero from tuition costs at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College carried in the Apr. 3 edition. The figure should have been \$800 per semester, not \$80. We apologize.

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And a little child...

Since returning from one of the first medical missions teams to Espirito Santo under the umbrella of the Kentucky-Brazil partnership, several persons have asked why I took my vacation time and spent my own money to go on a mission tour. I believe the actions of two small children epitomize my response best.

Both had been seen during the week for medical problems, neither serious. One, a girl of perhaps five or six, with a shy smile gave me one of her precious treasures on the last Sunday we were there during the evening worship service—a small, dirty, yellow plastic flower. The other child, about three or four, simply came up to me after the service was over and held up her arms to be picked up. When I did so she clung to my neck tightly for several seconds.

Both of these children were too young to understand the theology we tried to bring to them. They only knew that something good had come into their lives. They thought it was me, an American doctor. What they were actually seeing was God, showing his love through a simple man, practicing medicine.

Just as Jesus showed us God by his

life here on earth, I was enabled by God to show his love to two small children—and others also. This is why I went to Espirito Santo.

To me this is missions—whether foreign, home, state or neighborhood. Showing God's love to others, telling them of Jesus and his saving power; this is why I went and why I'll go again, whenever and wherever God calls me.

*Russell A. Hibbs, M.D.
Henderson*

Payday someday

Viewing the birth of freedom as it has been reported throughout eastern Europe and Russia recently brings to mind the rights of freedom we enjoy in the United States. One of these rights is freedom of choice.

If we choose to drive our automobile in an unsafe manner and cause an accident, we are responsible for that action and its consequences. If we choose to break the law in any other way and are caught, we must pay the penalty according to the law. In the realm of personal freedom, we are responsible for our actions.

Human reproduction is no different. If we choose to have intercourse and it results in the conception of a child, we

are responsible for that action and its results. At that time of choice, our choice has been made. If it is our desire together or separately not to produce a child, then we have to take the responsible action and use a form of birth control to prevent that result. Another foolproof option is abstinence.

Many people in today's society have a difficult time accepting this basic concept of freedom and responsibility which are inseparable. Some of our baby boom permissive generation of the 60s and 70s cannot relate to being responsible for the results of their sexual activity. Why not? Why destroy a life because it may be inconvenient to have a child or whatever the reason?

Let us not abuse or lose our freedom of choice. Let us use it responsibly. Abortion is not a responsible act of freedom of choice! Comprehensive sex education in our schools, homes and religious institutions is absolutely necessary for the formation of a sexually responsible free society.

*Ronald H. Anderson
Noblesville, Ind.*

Convention vs. kingdom

I believe the majority of Southern Baptists are sick of the convention. I believe the majority of Southern Baptists hunger and thirst for a glimpse of the kingdom.

In the convention the rallying cry is "we need to save the Bible." In the kingdom the rallying cry is "we need to save people."

In the convention distasteful things

are done for the cause. In the kingdom distasteful things are abhorred for they harm the cause of Christ.

In the convention men gather on Caribbean Bible cruises with a mission to announce who should be president. In the kingdom Christians go to third world countries to serve among the people and care less who is president.

In the convention artificial debates about the Bible are created to further political ambition. In the kingdom Christians put the Bible into practice without stopping to fight about it.

In the convention men use the Bible against their enemies, another brother or sister. In the kingdom Christians use the Bible to battle the enemy, the forces of Satan.

In the convention the focus is on executive committees, trustee boards and cutting budgets of certain hated programs. In the kingdom the focus is on new church starts, mission centers and finding ways to creatively reach people with the gospel.

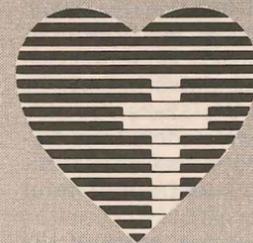
In the convention men use Robert's Rules, platform schedules and personal attacks to divide and manipulate people. In the kingdom Christians use prayer and affirming words to heal and unite persons.

In the convention persons testify against a brother or sister because they are not "in our tent." In the kingdom Christians testify about Jesus who is a friend to all who call him Lord.

God give us less of the convention. God give us more of the kingdom.

*David Travis
Lithonia, Ga.*

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HOPEFUL SIGNS

Eighty-two people have been involved in Gilead Baptist Church's prayer emphasis preparing for Here's Hope. The Severns Valley Association church has held prayer retreats, cottage prayer meetings and an all day prayer watch.

First Baptist Church, Fulton, reports hundreds of decisions during its revival Mar. 18-21. John David Laida, interim pastor at Fulton, and evangelist Vincent Cervera, Greenville, S. C., were together again as revival team after their first team effort 37 years ago—at the same church. Western Recorder ran a page one story on the overflow crowd for revival at Fulton in 1953.

Blackford and Breckinridge Baptist associations held a joint simultaneous revival rally Mar. 15 at Cloverport Baptist Church. The church seats 300 but 400 attended the rally. Don Mathis, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, was speaker.

LIFE IMPACT

"It was suicide or salvation for me," declares 52-year-old Nathaniel Nkosi.

As a hopeless teenager in South Africa, Nkosi had decided to take his own life. Instead he found hope on Nov. 16, 1958.

Nkosi, reared a Zulu in South Africa, sought spiritual help through a missions magazine. This led him to the home of a Baptist missionary. Nkosi was invited to enter at the front door rather than around back. He was accustomed to using back doors because he was black.

Impressed by this freedom from racism, Nkosi accepted Jesus Christ as his savior after a two- and a half-hour meeting with the missionary.

Nkosi says that day marked the beginning of a Christian pilgrimage which would lead him to several life-changing commitments. These include his eventual call to vocational ministry and a move to the United States. Nkosi, who is preparing for a ministry in Christian family counseling, credits evangelistic efforts in South Africa for his salvation and for his "deliverance from the sin of racism."

He recently taught a personal evangelism course at Highview Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He has also designed and operated "clinics" in South Africa which employ evangelistic interviews as a part of a family ministry program.

Nkosi says, "Evangelism is directly related to racism." He hopes "to cure the disease through the spread of the gospel."

Greg Hodnett

DIRECTIONS

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matt. 28:18-20, NIV)

Hewett, Reynolds ask lost and redeemed at Shelbyville 1st: 'Where are you headed?'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

HERE'S HOPE: WEEK 3

After conducting the congregation in singing the opening hymn the leader asked everyone on the nearly packed lower floor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, to find three to six people in nearby rows and join hands. He then asked them to find a volunteer in each group to pray for lost people.

As dozens of group leaders prayed, a hush fell over the crowd.

As their prayers ended, they had been instructed to be seated and quietly wait for others to conclude their prayer time.

Later, in the same service, the music leader asked the congregation to open the Bibles in the pew racks to this passage, reading aloud together:

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness (Lam. 3:22-23).



Hewett



Reynolds

William J. Reynolds then led them in singing "Great is thy Faithfulness."

It was a nice touch.

Perhaps it suggested to the thoughtful observer why Reynolds has been revered by Southern Baptists as an authoritative musician for four decades.

Composer-arranger-congregational song leader Reynolds, who for many years led congregational singing at the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, was paired with personable young pastor John Hewett, of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

Profile of Shelbyville First congregation

Beginnings: Constituted Jan. 23, 1819, 20 charter members. Met first 10 months at court house, then built a frame structure on Henry Clay St.

Present facilities: Occupied education building on city's western edge Oct. 4, 1959. Worship services held in basement until 750-seat sanctuary completed May 25, 1969. Auditorium features divided chancel, organ in balcony, side wings at front.

Staff: George Waller was first pastor. C. W. Elsey, 1926-57, served longest tenure. M. Robert Vassar Jr. is 31st pastor. He joined staff while a

seminary student June 1, 1977 as associate pastor and youth minister. In October 1983, still single, Vassar was called as pastor. Now is married and a father. Serves with full time minister of music and director of social ministries, part time ministers of youth, evangelism/outreach. Church preparing to call full time minister of education soon.

Current statistics: Resident membership, 1165; total, 1650. Budget, \$476,114; 21% goes to Cooperative Program, 1.9% to Shelby County Baptist Association.

After the revival fires cool—discipleship keeps on

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Discipleship is a priority for Lewisport Baptist Church, Blackford Association. Under the leadership of pastor Ron Williams the church uses a twofold approach to discipling new members.

Six months ago Lewisport began including a class for new members as one of its Discipleship Training options. Roger Willowby was Discipleship Training director then; Marjorie Keenan has since assumed the role.

Mrs. Keenan defined the purpose of the class as teaching new members "what's expected of a new Christian, what it means to be a church member." She expressed alarm at the number of new Baptists who leave the church to join other denominations, even cults.

Most new converts to Mormonism are from Baptist churches, according to Jim Clontz, associate, Discipleship Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. "Often in the months following a large evangelistic effort a significant percentage of folks who may have made decisions don't become involved in a local congregation," warned Clontz.

"We're trying to reverse that trend,"

Mrs. Keenan explained. "They need discipling and Baptist doctrine."

She acknowledged some manage to grow with little outside help, "but some need extra encouragement."

Lewisport's new members' class is a constant on the Discipleship Training schedule, while other courses change every few weeks. The class runs eight weeks each time and Mrs. Keenan rotates instructors with every new beginning. "This keeps the teachers from getting burned out." Instructors use a Discipleship Training module from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The second arm of Lewisport's strategy is a "Discipleship Program." Headed by Bruce Shelton, it involves disciplers in two ways. They have been trained to assist the pastor with invitation counseling, as well as providing ongoing help for new Christians.

Within two weeks of a person's profession of faith he is assigned a dis-

cipler. This discipler uses the convention's *Survival Kit for New Christians* to spend six weeks or more encouraging the new member. The novice is allowed to work at his own pace through the workbook, checking in weekly with his discipler.

The discipler is someone who can teach basic principles as well as offer informal support. Shelton said that flexibility is "a key to a good relationship" between new member and discipler. They are free to meet whenever and wherever they find it convenient. The contract may occasionally be via telephone. "They meet once a week, but it's flexible," said Shelton.

Lewisport's Discipleship Program began 18 months ago.

Shelton explained, "We saw a strong need for a discipleship program, especially after one revival."

Williams trained those 10 using an eight-week Discipleship Training course. Eventually the first disciplers

pleadingly, he admonished, "Don't say, 'When everything falls into place I'm going to get close to Jesus.'"

But for those debating whether to follow Christ, Hewett charged, "The Bible is real clear on what your destination is. I'm afraid it's a very frightening, very dark picture."

He posed several questions to his audience:

"Where are you headed tonight without Christ? Where are you going with the headaches in life? What will you do when your feeling of guilt is too much to bear? What happens when you open your eyes and see your family by your bedside and know they aren't there for a family reunion?"

Joyfully, he answered, "But you can go with Jesus. Won't you do it?"

FRONTLINE

HOPE TODAY

Evangelism is sharing hope for Murray State University Baptist Student Union

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Evangelism is a lifestyle among many students in Murray (Ky.) State University's Baptist Student Union.

So much lifestyle that the school's campus minister, Keith Inman, says he saw more Murray students accept Christ last semester as a result of students' personal evangelism than in six years of student ministry.

Murray's Baptist Student Union has already launched participation in *Here's Hope. Jesus Cares for You*. In conjunction with the simultaneous Southern Baptist revival effort, students conducted a two-day campus crusade followed by an annual weekend witness training seminar.

Over 100 students attended the revival in February called *Get Busy. Share It*. Arliss Dickerson, campus minister at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark., was key speaker.

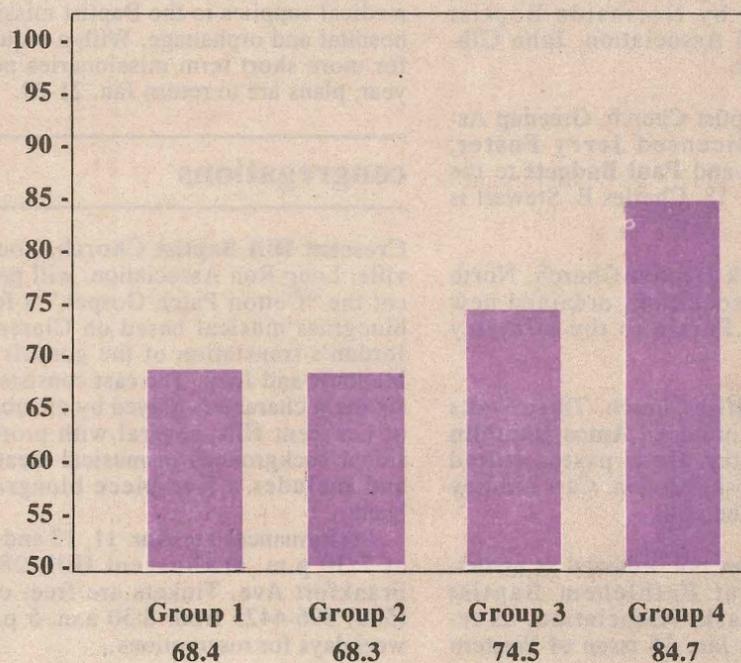
Several students made commitments during the concentrated effort. As a direct result, more students were involved in the weekend witness training workshop.

About 60 students participated in the seminar focused on training students to share the gospel. Dickerson directed the workshop, capitalizing on four areas of evangelism: personal spiritual preparation, depth ministry, verbal witness and followup.

Murray State student Jeff Dixon, Kentucky's BSU president, noted results of the week's efforts. "He (Dickerson) made us aware of people on campus we can reach without being condescending. I have learned to take conversations and turn them into a conversation about God."

"A lot of people have seen the need of reaching other people and have already begun new relationships," added Shannan Peery, state BSU secretary, and Murray student.

SUNDAY SCHOOL*



*Percentage of Resident Members Enroled in Sunday School

Group 1 - Churches with no Discipleship Training enrolment.

Group 2 - Churches with 1-10.9% of resident members enroled in Discipleship Training.

Group 3 - Churches with 11-20.9% of resident members enroled in Discipleship Training.

Group 4 - Churches with more than 21% of resident members enroled in Discipleship Training.

This graph represents the impact of Discipleship Training in the life of a church. Churches with a Discipleship Training program have more total enrolment in Sunday school than those without. Follow up after revival is a major emphasis in the *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* revival effort.

COUNTDOWN

The Office for Evangelism, KBC, has several follow up events scheduled for this summer and fall.

June 22-23: Youthfest '90: Youth Evangelism Conference. Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort, will host the event.

Several associations across Kentucky are in revival this week. Among them:

Blood River: Apr. 8-22
Casey: Apr. 8-15
Christian County: Apr. 1-15
Elkhorn: Apr. 8-15
Enterprise: Apr. 8-22
Freedom: Apr. 8-15
Liberty: Apr. 1-22
Long Run: Apr. 8-15
Lynn: Apr. 8-22
Northern Kentucky: Apr. 8-15
Owen County: Apr. 8-15
Taylor County: Apr. 8-15
Whites Run: Apr. 8-22

PERSPECTIVE

Here's Hope undoubtedly is a slogan inspired by the Holy Spirit. It says much, both directly and by implication.

The words are a recognition of conditions of hopelessness and despair. Many of our churches must believe there is hope for them.

Furthermore, our denomination must understand the message Here's Hope is for them as well. For several years our people have been beset by internal unrest. Many have thought the condition to be one of hopelessness. Salvation history is filled with instances wherein God has delivered his people. In fact, Here's Hope must first be experienced by God's people before they can proclaim the same message to others.

If ever in our history we have needed revival, it is now. God has blessed us in ages past with great blessings and a deliverance. We must believe that "he who began a good work in us" is still our God and will lead us through.

We declare a message of hope centered in the love of God. One of the blessings of the Here's Hope effort is for the world to behold our great people, standing together, even though differences may characterize us, with the message *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you*. As long as we do this we are destined to rise above our difficulties and will ultimately experience the promised deliverance of God to his people. Yes, there is hope.

Wallace Morris, pastor
Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church
Owensboro

HOPE QUOTE

"The biggest change (in the Here's Hope revival effort) is emphasizing nurturing instead of numbers. We formerly thought numbers, nurturing and mission emphases were all separate but now they are interchangeable."

John East III
Director of Missions
Ohio River Association

old and new members from becoming lukewarm

were asked to help recruit others.

"Brother Ron picked 10 people," Shelton recalled, "and their enthusiasm resulted in 11 more."

The church now boasts 30 trained disciplers.

All are pleased with their discipling efforts so far. Mrs. Williams offered, "I think it's made us more sensitive to people coming into the church and to the needs they have."

Shelton used the response already attained to point to the future. "If you see church growth and see people excited, you know you're on the road to something successful."

Another church taking discipleship seriously is First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association. First Baptist has offered a New Christians' class the past five years.

Pastor Bob Jones decided a class was needed when nearly 20 people made professions of faith in a revival. Many of these were adolescents and children. Jones asked deacon Steve Wells to teach the class. Wells' wife Sherry helped initially, paying particular attention to the children.

First Baptist holds the class for every four to five new additions. The class meets during the Sunday school

hour four consecutive weeks.

Wells teaches basic doctrines and "what is it to be a Christian." He encourages members to memorize scriptures. Wells combines a classroom format with an individualized curriculum, using the *Survival Kit*. Adapting the kit to his church's needs, he pre-

sents its main point each of the four weeks.

After five years of teaching Wells is more convinced than ever of the importance of discipling new Christians. "A lot of times we just leave them. If you take a baby and leave it alone it will never grow."

KEEPING NEW CONVERTS AFTER REVIVAL

Jim Clontz, associate, Discipleship Training Department, KBC, offered several suggestions based on Lyle Shaller's book *Assimilating New Members* for churches in keeping new converts involved after revival:

■ Begin New Member Training at least three months after new members join.

■ Make sure new members are involved in fellowship activities of the church.

■ Start a Sunday school class of new members when you have enough new members.

■ Get new members involved in regular church activities like Sunday school, choir, prayer meeting and missions organizations.

■ New member training should include specific information on the church such as: history, association, a tour of the facilities and the chance to meet church leaders.

■ If a new member doesn't make at least five new friends within the first six months, he's likely to drop out.

"Concentrate on relationship building," advised Clontz. He stressed that according to studies by W. Charles Arn of the American Church Growth Institute, the first six months are crucial. Churches should note the worship and Sunday school attendance patterns and giving patterns of new members. These will indicate their level of involvement in the church.

mountains to the mississippi



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Summer school

An excellent opportunity for additional ministry skills and Bible knowledge is available in our summer school. Three three-week sessions offer 16 different subjects. Session dates are: May 14-June 5, June 18-July 9, July 10-July 30. Tuition is \$55 per credit hour and audit fee is \$25 per class. A limited number of dormitory rooms and apartments make it possible to study and vacation in these beautiful mountains. Fishing, hiking, Pine Mountain State Park, Cumberland Gap National Park and our family life center provide recreational outlets. A few minutes in a rocking chair on the Kelly Hall porch will reduce your stress level.

First session courses are: Exodus, cults, hospital ministry, SBC missions, topical-expository preaching, introduction to Baptist life. During the second session students can choose from Psalms, Christian doctrine, Biblical counseling, church history. The third session offers Genesis, ministry to youth, church music fundamentals, bivocational ministry, current literature.

Ten students will earn two credit hours on a journey to Israel. requirements include pre-trip study and on-site lectures. The group will visit Baptist Village, Nazareth Baptist Church and Narcos Street Baptist Church. Dean of students Charles Rice and missions professor Mark Terry are group leaders. We plan to make the Israel trip an annual summer opportunity for students and friends. Contact us if you want to sign up for May, 1991.

Since public schools do not close until early June the May 14-June 5 session usually has the largest enrollment. A student can earn as many as 12 hours by attending all three terms.

Full-time professors teach at least one session each summer. I look forward to teaching a preaching class. Classroom contact with students balances my perspective and motivates my administrative responsibilities.

Summer school students may register in the academic office the first day of each session. Reservations are needed for overnight housing. Come study with us.

ordinations

Ronald Idol was ordained to the ministry Feb. 25 by Northside Baptist Church, Bell Association. John Gibbons is pastor.

Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association, licensed **Jerry Foster**, **David Sears** and **Paul Badgett** to the ministry Feb. 18. Charles E. Stewart is pastor.

Turkey Creek Baptist Church, North Concord Association, ordained new pastor **Rick Partin** to the ministry Feb. 11.

Red Hill Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, ordained **Amos Hamblin** to the ministry. He is pastor at Red Hill's McIntosh Mission. Carl Lindsey is pastor of Red Hill.

Jeff Sloan was not ordained as associate pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, as reported in the Jan. 16 issue of Western Recorder.

deaths

L. E. "Brad" Jones, 95, a coach for more than 66 years, died Mar. 17 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

Jones, considered one of the nation's oldest active collegiate coaches, was affectionately known at Georgetown (Ky.) College as "the legend." He was born in the western Kentucky community of Princeton. Following a year of college at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Jones enrolled at Georgetown in 1916 and in 1919 earned a degree in English. He taught and coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Frankfort High School and DuPont Manual High School, Louisville, 1921-45. He returned to Georgetown in 1945 as director of physical education, director of athletics and track coach until 1965 when he retired. He also coached men's basketball for one year and was assistant football coach four years.

Jones is survived by his wife Eloise. His funeral was Mar. 20 at Georgetown Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

missions

Seven pastors and two laymen from Kentucky helped lead a crusade in Haiti. Total attendance was 17,559 with 1643 professions of faith and 787 rededications. The team led a service at a prison where 49 inmates professed faith in Christ. Crusade for Christ director and evangelist Joe Mobley di-



Forty-nine prison inmates in Haiti made professions of faith resulting from the witness of Kentuckians. Here they are shown receiving Bibles.

rected the team of 21 Americans. The Home Mission Board gave \$2000 for Bibles; individuals and churches gave another \$12,000. The teams distributed 4100 Bibles and donated material and medical supplies to the Baptist mission hospital and orphanage. With a request for more short term missionaries next year, plans are to return Jan. 21-29.

congregations

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, will present the "Cotton Patch Gospel," a folk bluegrass musical based on Clarence Jordan's translation of the gospels of Matthew and John. The cast consists of six main characters played by members of Crescent Hill, several with professional backgrounds in musical theater, and includes a five piece bluegrass band.

Performances are Apr. 11, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Crescent Hill, 2800 Frankfort Ave. Tickets are free; call (502) 896-4425 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays for reservations.

New Hope Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has joined Severns Valley Association.

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association, averaged 40 teachers and potential teachers in a Master Teacher training series, "The Seven Laws of the Teacher." The series was led by the church's director of education, Rebecca Martin.

Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association, will present "The Christos," a drama of the passion of Jesus Christ Apr. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. The drama is written and directed by pastor Doug Anderson and has a cast and supporting crew of more than 80 adults, youth and children. Group reservations may be made by calling (502) 886-3223 or (502) 885-1330.

Wallaceton Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, organized an RA chapter named for Don and Gwen Reece, furloughing missionaries from Nigeria. Wallaceton was Reece's first pastorate. He is executive secretary of Nigerian Baptist churches and Mrs. Reece is a teacher. Rick Prassell is pastor of Wallaceton.

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Mt. Zion Association, is proud of its youth, especially five who have recently been officers of Baptist student unions away from home.

The students are Eddie Farrar, vice president, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, 1987-88; Hunter Bates, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and state BSU president,

1988-89; Todd Freeman, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1987-88; Beth Ann Mauney, Kentucky state BSU secretary, 1988-89; and Steven Ramey, president elect, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., 1990-91.

In addition all except Freeman have been summer missionaries: Farrar, Arizona, 1989-90; Bates, Canada and Kentucky Son team; Miss Mauney, Son team, two years; Ramey, New York, 1989, and Phillipines, 1990.

Harold Mauney is pastor of Williamsburg First.

personnel

Mitchell Ash resigned as minister of music and youth at Crescent Springs Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He goes to Long Lick Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, as pastor.

George Gaddie resigned as pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

David Salyer is minister of music at South Campbellsville Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Harry C. Hoover is new pastor of Campton Baptist Church, Red River Association. He goes from Beech Grove Baptist Church, Irvine, Boones Creek Association.

Hoover is pursuing an MDiv/CE degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He and his wife Linda have three children: Holli, Allen and Hope.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, called **Johnny Hornsby** as interim pastor.

Joe T. Miller resigned as pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Taylor Hampton is new pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Arthur Morris Jr. is pastor of Sugar Grove Baptist Church, Daviess-McLellan Association. He goes from Pellville Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

Raymond Jones resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Roy Hampton resigned as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, called former pastor **Gary New** as new pastor.

Darrell McDaniel resigned as pastor of Emily Northup Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Joe Blevins is pastor of Warfield Baptist Church's mission Enterprise Association.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Bruce Truman** as pastor.

Richard Miller is pastor of Greenbriar Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

Providence Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Wayne Dunn** as pastor.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 15, 1990

Life and work series

The empty tomb: hope

John 20:1 Certain women observed where Joseph and Nicodemus had interred the body of Christ and then returned to their homes to rest on the Sabbath. Their hearts were sad because their Lord was gone and, they thought, never to return. At dawn the next morning Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome and Joanna took aromatic spices and went to the tomb. They were amazed to find

the stone had been rolled away.

John 20:11-18 Mary stooped down and looked into the tomb. She saw two angels in white apparel, sitting at the head and at the feet of the place where they had laid the body of Christ.

These angels asked Mary Magdalene, "Why weepest thou?" She replied with the explanation that someone had stolen the body of her Lord. Grief-stricken and thinking that she was talking with the gardener, Mary Magdalene urged him to tell her where his body had been placed. Although she did not recognize her Lord in his resurrected body, as soon as he called her "Mary," his voice revealed his identity and she exclaimed, "My great master!"

Mary was about to fall on her face before him when he said to her, "Touch me not," or as it is sometimes translated, "Do not cling to me, for I am not yet ascended unto my Father." Christ commanded her to tell his disciples about his resurrection and forthcoming ascension. She informed them about the victory of Christ over the grave and the fact that she had seen him.

Every true Christian should engage in doing what Christ commands him or her to do, as an expression of love and devotion.

International Series

Resurrection and faith

John 20:19-23 Aware that their Lord had been crucified unjustly, and knowing that those who had treated him shamefully might treat his followers in a similar manner, it is not surpris-

ing that the disciples were fearful. They assembled in the upper room, where they had met frequently on previous occasions with Christ, and locked the doors.

While they were discussing the strange events, the Lord Jesus entered the room. In the hush of their silence Christ said: "Peace be unto you." Having calmed their fears, Christ showed them his nail-scarred hands and his spear-pierced side, convincing them that he was the very same Christ whom they had loved and worshiped.

John 20:24-29 When the news reached the apostles that the women had seen Christ alive after his body had disappeared from the sepulcher, it was natural for them to assemble again in the upper room. Thomas was not present in that meeting. When the other apostles sought out Thomas and informed him that they had seen Christ, he refused to believe their testimony and demanded personal evidence.

On the next Lord's day Thomas was present with the other apostles. Christ appeared to them and offered to permit Thomas to inspect his wounds. When he did so, Thomas was convinced and immediately confessed the Lordship and deity of Christ. Christ commended Thomas for his faith.

John 20:30-31 John's gospel was written for the specific purpose of revealing the deity of Christ. He sought to prove whom Christ was in order that all who read his record might come to put their trust in him. To all who would believe on Christ John gave the assurance of obtaining the forgiveness of sins, peace of mind, joy of heart and riches untold.



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homes for children

Women's advisory board

As part of the 75th anniversary celebration for Glen Dale Children's Home we recently held a reunion of all present and past members of our Women's Advisory Board (WAB).

This board is appointed by our trustees and serves as the major link between our work and the churches. It is made up of 40 members from every region of the state and meets three times a year to hear reports about the work of Glen Dale, Spring Meadows and each of our other programs.

In addition they recruit associational representatives and in turn help them recruit representatives in each church. They speak on our behalf and lead associationwide planning sessions to make sure that churches are informed about Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

This board is a source of real encouragement both to us and to the churches. Paul in his letter to the Galatians says, "Let us not become weary in doing good" (6:9 NIV). The Women's Advisory Board for Baptist Homes for children is a major reason why we Baptists do not grow weary in doing good for children.

Each time they come to our meetings they encourage staff to keep on doing good for children. For our churches they encourage the continued support of a vital ministry.

One recent very tangible way that the WAB has encouraged us is through their help in securing funds to develop our pregnancy counseling and hopefully adoption program. Through their efforts over \$12,000 has been raised to begin this work and we have just learned that another \$10,000 has been committed to it. Though we still need additional funds, with the gifts to date we are hopeful of beginning the program very soon.

All of us need encouragement in doing good. Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Kentucky Baptists as a whole are very blessed to have the women who have served so faithfully on the Women's Advisory Board.



75 years of caring



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oneida journal

Seeing the sights!

Our four administrative offices are together and in this area seven of us work regularly. We have not added one inch to this area since 1976 but financially the school has increased five fold, the enrolment has doubled and the staff has tripled in that time.

Across the hall is our print shop and darkroom and our 16,000 volume library.

On the second level of our administration building is Melvin Davidson Chapel where we have daily worship and can seat 900 people on special occasions like commencement. Adjoin-

ing the chapel area are the band room and our piano lab where 12 students practice each hour of the day.

Walking down Mulberry Street one passes Baker Hall which houses 118 boys and two staff apartments and then three staff homes. Up the street is Gritton Hall, our second gym with regulation basketball floor and recreation rooms for weightlifting, billiards and table tennis. Also seven classrooms are located in that beautiful building.

Behind that area is our sewage treatment plant and at the head of the street Sparks Hall containing our main gym that will seat nearly 1000 people, 17 classrooms, the offices of the principal and assistant principal and three counselors' offices.

From there one walks to Burns Hall, our largest single building, housing 184 girls, two dining rooms seating over 500 comfortably, a campus grill seating 50, the school's kitchen and large walk-in freezers. Also this building has four staff apartments.

One walks across the street to our oldest building, Anderson Hall, where up to 14 guests are housed nightly and where three staff members live.

Directly in front of that 79-year-old white columned building are Marvin-Wheeler and Carnahan halls, housing a total of 212 more students and two staff apartments. Also located there is Carnahan store where students and staff buy supplies.

Down the hill is the Oneida Baptist Church. Much staff housing is located in the next two blocks. Also close by are a second guest house, the school's clinic, our used clothing store called Friendship House, our day care center

for staff children and a 135-year-old log cabin housing the school's museum with a 3000 square foot craft house attached.

Walking back up the street from there one sees Hensley Hall housing the maintenance department, a carpentry shop, an area for teaching auto mechanics and welding, the school's water purification plant, and gasoline and diesel storage for the 50 campus vehicles of various types.

Walking back up the campus hill one comes to Double Creek one-room school where history classes are taught daily. Next door to that is Sanderson Hall where 16 teachers work with students in intensive tutoring.

Opposite is Cardinal Hall housing five middle school classrooms. Across the sidewalk is Goins-Houchell Hall with two more middle school classrooms, our art department and the school's large heated indoor swimming pool.

Walking across the road one overlooks the nine-acre athletic complex containing the school's baseball and softball fields, quarter mile long track, the soccer field, the marching band practice field, area for track and field events, the concession stand and dressing rooms, an equipment building for the unfinished miniature golf course, and gravel roads where 50 students are taught driver's education each semester.

Also from this vantage point can be seen three different shop buildings, the school's barns and silos, the greenhouses, housing for 20 more staff and the main school farm and gardens.

viewpoint

Former congressman: 'Don't defund BJCPA'



**on
mission
together**

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Fred Schwengel was a Republican congressman from Iowa for eight terms. He is currently president of the United States Capitol Historical Society and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. He wrote this article.

Nowhere in the world is religion so active and important in a nation's life as in the United States. Here a greater percentage of the people attend church,

synagogue, temple, or mosque than anywhere. Here more money is given through the churches to meet human need than in any other country.

One of the keys to the wonderful success of religion in America is the freedom that has allowed diverse faiths to flourish. Our key Baptist idea of freedom has contributed significantly to that vitality. People respond best when they are free and not forced. People give their lives to causes in which

they genuinely believe.

One of the best things Baptists have ever done in the cause of religious freedom is the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. I know. I have worked closely with them for over 30 years.

As one who knows up close and personally many people in government, I can tell you that the BJCPA is highly respected and constantly called upon by the nation's leaders. The staff has a reputation as reliable, non-partisan and hardworking. I have occasion to recommend them to various members of Congress as the source of specific and technical information about church-state questions. I know for a fact that they have drafted speeches for senators and members of the House of Representatives, Republicans and Democrats. That sort of trust is rare.

The present leader of the Baptist office in Washington, James Dunn, brings to the office traits of a scholar, activist, prophet, and pastor, a hard combination to find. He has an uncanny blend of academic skill with careful attention to detail, history, philosophy and law and a courageous activism to defend Baptist principles of religious freedom and separation of state and church.

The voice of the BJCPA is strong enough to be heard, clear enough to be understood and fair enough to be heeded. It has taken many years to reach this level of respect.

What a tragedy it would be for Southern Baptists if they should fail to sustain one of the best things they do!

What a failure of stewardship if Southern Baptists should shortsightedly weaken the Baptist voice of freedom just when we need it most!

I am praying that Southern Baptists meeting in New Orleans will reject the proposed budget and continue strong funding for the BJCPA.

We dare not deny the best of our history.

Home again

A couple of Saturdays ago I was trying to lay the last of the cobblestones I had bought from the city dump late last summer. Having dug the channel, I perched on the wall for a breather before handling the 30-pound stones.

Across the field which adjoins our backyard, several children played. From someone's back door, a voice called: "Jerry, come on to lunch!" The gang diminished by one as the little guy made his way in the direction of the voice.

It prompted another voice from another-year: "Billy! Supper!" It was the strong voice of my dad, rolling down the hill behind the Sweeny's house and out onto the field where 8 or 10 of us played. It was all there—"Golden Pond," a three-by-five puddle we dug with old spoons and a small shovel; filled with buckets of water we carried from the Crutcher's backyard; overflowing at the end of a good rain.

Down there in our children's world were our tree houses and bomb shelters; our battlefield where we wielded our weapons of "rubber guns" and mud clods. The most devastating wounds were only to our pride.

When Dad called, we seldom hesitated long—partly, I suppose, because he was strict but perhaps as much because we were hungry and mother rarely disappointed her four children with the fare of her table. It was a pleasant memory.

Two Sundays ago Alice and I experienced a special musical presentation in a sister church. The total worship experience, built around the Lord's Supper, proved to be one of those very special times of worship.

The presence of the Lord in the Supper was unusually real to me; he was there in modest purity; in suffering, with forgiveness on his face.

I felt impure; muddied from the transgressions of my life's field of reality. "O God," formed the words within me, "Can it really be that you love someone like me?"

And in the breaking of the bread and the drinking from the cup, I heard him say...."Yes. And if (you) confess your sins, my Father is faithful and just to forgive (your) sins and to cleanse (you) from all unrighteousness." And once again, I confessed my sins.

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Dateline: Budapest, Hungary

Baptists Ferenc and Klara Jobbagy of Budapest earn about \$326 per month in salary and government support.

But prices for food and other items jumped more than 30 percent in January. And a new income tax, begun last year, also takes a bite out of earnings. In short the Jobbagys are feeling an economic squeeze.

In Hungary's managed economy their income has provided them a good—if basic—standard of living. Now, as the country turns toward democracy and a free economy, they face lean months and expect things to get worse before they get better.

They live with their three young children in a two-bedroom apartment rented from the government. They waited four years to get it. They feel fortunate to have a telephone; only one in five families in the city does.

The Jobbagy family lives better than many eastern Europeans. Food is plentiful; fruits and vegetables are freely available. They own a car, although it's a 14-year-old eastern European model.

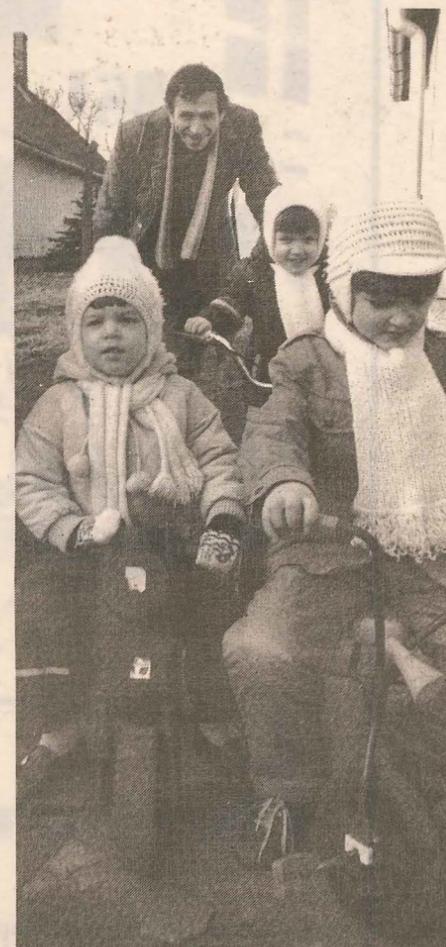
Their church is renovating its building. Members are doing the work themselves with funds provided by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board through the Baptist Union of Hungary.

"We can leave the country now if we like," Mrs. Jobbagy said, "but like many people we are waiting for better times. We will stay here. The family is what's important. These days we're living and dying for the family." (BP)

Mike Creswell



An attentive mother, Klara Jobbagy braids the hair of 3-year-old daughter Boglarka, called "Bogie" for short. Clothes and other items for children cost more these days, but the family gets monthly payments from the Hungarian government to help with expenses.



The Jobbagys' apartment has little play space for children. Here, Jobbagy plays with Boglarka, 3, Andor, 4, and Levente, 6.



Jobbagy checks out at a state-operated grocery store. Hungarians were stung by price hikes of more than 30 percent on food and other items earlier this year.



The Jobbagys worship at Kispest Baptist Church which has about 130 members. The church is surrounded by high rise apartments with tens of thousands of residents. Hungarian Baptists hope to experience significant growth now that they have more liberty.



Mrs. Jobbagy teaches Sunday school at Kispest Baptist Church. Church is a dominant feature in the lives of the Jobbagy family. Currently the church is renovating its turn-of-the-century building with financial help from the FMB through the Baptist Union of Hungary.



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

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

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

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

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