

Franklin Beam, a Southern Baptist home missionary in south Florida, was one of eight home missionaries to whom prayer post cards were addressed during last month's Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Beam received more than 40,000 such cards, each representing a Southern Baptist who promised to pray specifically for his ministry and his family. He and his son, Stephen, 7, and daughter, Elizabeth, 4, pinpointed where the cards' senders live.

## Louisville's Bill Hancock elected chairman of FMB

by Robert O'Brien

William L. Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, has been elected chairman of the trustees of the Foreign Mission Board.

Hancock defeated John Simms, an attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., 51 to 22. Hancock succeeds Mark Corts, a Winston-Salem, N. C. pastor, who rotates off the trustee board in June after 10 years. Corts has been chairman two years.

Morris Mills, a semiretired building contractor and member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., defeated Dale Cain, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., 46 to

27 for first vice chairman.

John Jackson, pastor of Crescent Avenue Baptist Church, Anaheim, Cal., and Betty Swadley of Springfield, Mo., were elected unopposed as second vice chairman and recording secretary, respectively.

The election was held during a Foreign Mission Board trustee meeting in San Diego, Cal. after traveling to nearby Tijuana, Mexico for a first hand mission experience Apr. 2-4.

The trustees also appointed 30 new missionaries and authorized beginning work in the African nations of Chad and Guinea Bissau.

A report from a trustee committee responsible for work in Europe concluded that "the time is not right" for the board to establish another central theological seminary in Europe.

Instead, it said, the board should concentrate on strengthening existing work and further equipping missionaries and European Baptists for evangelism, church development and theological education.

The committee's conclusions grew out of a study outgoing trustee chairman Corts asked for last year after Ron Wilson, a trustee from California, urged the board to consider purchasing the property of an evangelical seminary in Brussels, Belgium.

Trustees accepted the committee's findings after defeating (23-18) a proposed amendment by trustee Paige Patterson of Dallas, Tex. that the report be delayed for further consideration at the trustees' July meeting. (BP)



Hancock

## 'Trophy of Baptists' example perplexes BJCPA's Dunn

by Scott Collins

Support of a child care bill in the U. S. Congress by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has provided an illustration of the difficulties the CLC faces if it is given an expanded role in Washington, D. C., the head of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said.

James M. Dunn, speaking to classes at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., acknowledged the CLC's efforts to gain passage of the bill Mar. 29 were counter to the BJCPA's objections of the legislation on church-state grounds.

While the \$28 billion five-year package of grants, tax breaks and new programs to ease the burden on working parents may have a sound moral base, Dunn declared it violates the separation of church and state because the bill offers tax dollars for sectarian child care.

That tension between legislation which may be morally good but constitutionally flawed presents the CLC with "an impossible task" of "addressing themselves to the social concerns agenda of the denomination with explicit political recommendations, and at the same time defending church-state separation," Dunn averred. The SBC Executive Committee will propose a 1991 budget to the SBC session in New Orleans, La. that includes an 87% reduction in the BJCPA's Cooperative Program allocation and gives the CLC a greater role in religious liberty issues.

"We could consistently continue to critique the church-state provisions of that (child care) legislation," said Dunn. "We were against it two years ago and we're against it today.

"They're dealing with two competing goods and it's impossible to be a watchdog and an advocate at the same time. You can't be an advocate for public policy engagement of social legislation and a watchdog on church-state issues as your singular issue at the

same time," Dunn added.

That competition between two goods has left some Baptists choosing social issues rather than church-state separation, Dunn indicated.

"I think we have come to the point where some Baptists may believe so little in church-state separation that they would rather have a secular, political agenda advanced."

But Dunn said the BJC "assumes that Baptists as a whole still believe in church-state separation, and if they do, they need an agency that advances and witnesses to that wisdom."

"We've got a real hard challenge to maintain our identity because there are those today who don't understand the church-state issue" which, Dunn believes, is the "trophy of Baptists."

Meanwhile, Richard Land, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, responded that Dunn's views represent "one perspective" on the CLC's program assignment. Calling for a "preferable alternative," Land added that some see the CLC's assignment of addressing social concerns, public policy and citizenship issues while being prohibited from discussing church-state and religious liberty implications as an "impossible task."

Land recalled, "As I said at the time of our 'qualified' endorsement of the Stenholm-Shaw Child Care Bill, I am aware it contains provisions concerning religiously based child care and vouchers which are of grave concern to many Southern Baptists. However, I am not supposed to address those concerns.

"If the Christian Life Commission had the convention's authority to address the religious liberty and church-state aspects of child-care legislation," Land continued, "we certainly would have done so and it would have caused us to approach the Stenholm-Shaw bill in a very different manner."

Also contributing to this story were Louis Moore and James H. Cox.



James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., addresses students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. on Baptist church-state differences.

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## in the interim

### Here's Hope, Terry Anderson

There was one hoped for event on Easter Sunday that did not happen. Terry Anderson did not come home. Anderson, the longest held American hostage in Beirut, might have been released last Sunday—at least that was the hope of his family. They had good grounds for such a hope, but it did not happen. The sister of Anderson, Peggy Say, is a part of the Kentucky Baptist family, being a member of the Cadiz Baptist Church and pastored by Dr. Harold Skaggs. Western Recorder had a conversation with Mrs. Say last week, and what she had to say needs sharing with her fellow Baptists.

David and Peggy Say came to Kentucky "almost by accident" but it turned out to be a place of comfort, healing and support. The Says became part of the Cadiz Baptist Church simply by driving into the community and "seeing what it was about." They visited the church one Sunday and, according to Mrs. Say, "knew from the beginning it was our church." The congregation surrounded the Says with their friendship, support and mutual faith. The ministry of the pastor and the entire church has been a significant force in their ordeal.

In answer to the question, "What can Kentucky Baptists do for you?," Mrs. Say said, "You can pray for Terry and for us. We are absolutely certain that the prayers and caring of our church have helped us. There have been times I did not think I could handle what I had to face and immediately there has been a sense of strength. We know from other hostages who have been released that they have known when others were praying for them. They could feel it. They have said that there were times in their captivity when they didn't know what to do, but they knew how to pray. Baptists in Kentucky can pray for us."

Mrs. Say's enthusiasm for Kentucky comes from the sense of family she has felt in our region. She related that in other parts of the country where she has lived she has experienced outright hostility by some. "Not everyone is supportive," she said. But in Kentucky she has not encountered any person who has questioned why her brother was in Beirut, why she and her family are doing all in their power to effect his release. "When we came to Cadiz we found people who understood what family is all about. They know that we are doing what families do for each other. Not everyone in our country understands that." When, after a recent trip to Damascus, asked by a reporter to name her favorite city in the world after her five years of traveling, the reporter mentioned Damascus, Jerusalem, London, Rome, Athens and other cities as possible answers, Mrs. Say replied, "That's easy to answer: the greatest city in the world is Cadiz, Kentucky!" The reporter was at a loss, but, then, he had never been to Cadiz. So committed to Kentucky is this family that they intend for Terry to recover in western Kentucky when he is released. They know he will have the same caring love extended to him they have experienced.

Mrs. Say had great hopes that Terry would be released on Easter Sunday. She spoke movingly of those hopes. When asked what she would do if he were not released as she hoped, she replied, "Regardless of the timing, I am convinced this is the beginning of the end. If only one comes out, the rest will follow. We hope that is Terry, but if not, we know that God will bring his captivity to an end."

So, Kentucky Baptists, one of your fellow family members maintained her vigil on Easter, waiting for a tomb to open. We forget that between the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection there was that period of waiting. The hours dragged by, some thought the story was at an end, others—the women of the story primarily—kept the vigil. And Jesus was raised! He came forth. Though Terry was not released on Sunday, the vigil his family keeps is rooted in the resurrection faith. Their vigil will be honored.

Here's Hope, Terry Anderson! The pastor and people of Cadiz Baptist Church have not forgotten, their prayers continue and they wait to be your church family when you return. Here's Hope, Terry Anderson! The family of Kentucky Baptists will not forget, and we will love you through the miracle of spiritual relationship. Here's Hope, Terry Anderson! Christ is risen!

Richard W. Bridges

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## viewpoint

# Relationship—the crux of the matter

by Glenn Mollette

Marriages end in divorce. Children run away from home. Parents can't cope with children. Churches terminate staff members. Pastors resign under fire. Church staffers operate under strain. Churches squabble and members dissent to form new congregations. Denominations struggle to survive while internal factions bicker and divide.

While these statements seem all inclusive, they are not. Not every church staff is in turmoil nor is every marriage ending in divorce. Nor are all parents and children involved in daily domestic war. But again the opening paragraph is inclusive of millions of people who are hurting because of a critical breakdown in relationships. Relationship is the crux of the matter.

Relationships may be the most difficult aspect of getting through life from birth to death. From the very beginning we have little brothers or sisters or other tots that we have to learn to love or play with successfully. From kindergarten on, life becomes a journey of meeting people, shaking hands and working together. Throughout this journey most of our joy from walking the daily path will hinge on the success of our relationships with those we meet on life's way.

Consider applying the following to all the relationships of life:

**Communication**—nothing paves the road to the destruction of any relationship than a lack of communication. In the home, church, staff or any circle where people are intertwined there cannot be any lack of talking and listening to one another. And there must be plenty of it.

Some of our best staff meetings have occurred at Dairy Cheer or some other informal surrounding where we can spend an hour and sometimes two or more just talking.

Husbands and wives need a lot of talking time. This dynamic of life is true in any place of work.

**Commitment**—this word has slowly deteriorated in its meaning to 20th century man. People are too quick to throw in the towel and quit. Churches are too quick to terminate staff before making a concerted effort to work out the problem. People are too fast to leave one church for another one across town. Church staffs and pastors are too quick to say, "I'm not going to try to get along with you."

It is the committed who provide life's stability. It is the faithful few who keep the Wednesday night church doors open. Since 15% of the people give 80% of the money in the average Southern Baptist church, it is the committed few who pay the bills. Let's say amen for the few!

The athlete does not become competent in his sport overnight. But it is over the long haul that he sharpens his skills by a daily committed effort. In a day when the world and people have changed, so has the ideal of commitment.

**Compassion**—where is compassion? Jude, verse 22, says, "Of some have compassion making the difference." Compassion makes the difference. Compassion says, "When you hurt, I hurt." Compassion means to suffer with. We don't suffer much with each other. We don't want to be bothered. We don't want to struggle with a hurting brother.

All too often everything has to be roses. But the average church cannot always be on the upbeat. The average home faces daily troubles. The average pastor does not hit a home run from the pulpit every Sunday. People on every hand disappoint us. So what do we do? We must exercise compassion. God is our model who in spite of our failures continues to commend his compassion toward us in Christ.

**Comradeship**—one-man teams may do well if the one man is an All American. Unfortunately most one man teams never finish in first place. The team where every member has a part

and an expected role to fulfill usually brings home the trophy. Today's relationships leave little room for one-sidedness. The home, church, staff, office or assembly line must promote a comradeship spirit. Comradeship means partnership. Comradeship means sharing accolades. Everyone needs a feeling of recognition and achievement. From the custodian to the pastor, from the Sunday school teacher to the widow with the two mites, everyone likes to have his fur stroked.

C's that are keys to destruction:

**Competing**—as Christians we are working together. There is no room for competition among a church staff to see who can outshow the other. The church choir is not to be composed with members whose goal is to outsing or outperform one another. The attitude that says, "I'm going to beat my partner" will create a strain in the relationship.

**Criticizing**—the tongue can be sharp. It has the power to bless or curse. I've learned the hard way it is far better to think much and say little than to say much while thinking little. Too often we can make cute cutting remarks that create either discouragement, hurt or bitter resentment. At times we are all due constructive criticism. This should be heavily layered by compassion. And we should be open to good criticism. It will help us if it is deserved. Again, the rule is "think first and love much."

**Contrariness**—some folks can't get along with anybody. The spirit that says "my way or no way" will foul up any relationship. In circles of relationships far and wide this attitude is tolerated. This attitude has been cradled in our convention. Churches put up with it from staff and pastors. Many churches have the contrary member who votes against everything. A long term mentality of contrariness will eventually bleed a relationship to its death.

Relationship is the crux of the matter.



James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Evangeline country

My eighth grade English teacher required us to read Longfellow's *Evangeline*. I've been smitten with the story's setting in south central Louisiana ever since. Along bayous and lagoons amid majestic oaks and Spanish moss covered cypress trees beside freshwater swamps and marshes, the serenity of a bygone era is still alive. Any who enjoy a trip back in time will find the area satisfying to all the senses.

About 125 miles east, and 110 miles from the Gulf, lies New Orleans. Southern Baptists will converge here June 12-14. Founded in 1718 by a Frenchman, the crescent city has belonged at times to France, Spain and America. In New Orleans (more properly, *N'awlins*), history, cuisine and architecture are distinctive.

Creole, among its citizens, were originally south Louisianians of mixed French and Spanish descent. Now the term also describes a sort of "cified" local cooking, exemplified by sauces. Cajun, meanwhile, became slang for Acadians, French-speaking people of Nova Scotia (including *Evangeline*) who migrated in the 18th century. Cajun cooking is a country cousin of Creole, defined by robust hot peppered dishes.

Local cuisine notably includes beignets ("ben-yeas," square French doughnuts sprinkled with powdered sugar); cafe au lait (half coffee, half milk, both hot); salty oysters on the half shell; charcoal grilled redfish; crawfish (mudbugs); gumbo (thick soup in multiple varieties); jambalaya (vegetables, meats and a shelf full of seasonings); pralines (sugar, water and pecan patties); red beans and rice; and barbecued shrimp.

Sprawling riverside plantations, quiet Creole cottages and Cajun fishing camps dot the landscape. The architecture of the city's Vieux Carre (French Quarter) is quite distinct. Lush hidden courtyards and wrought iron balconies depict Spanish influence. Tourists traipse among quaint antique shops, art galleries, four star restaurants, jazz clubs and other forms of night life.

The impressive skyline includes the 82,000-seat Superdome, an indoor sports/entertainment complex, site of the SBC meeting. Nearby is Lake Ponchartrain. Its 24-mile bridge is the longest over water in the world. Downtown, a streetcar named St. Charles (Desire retired) rumbles by as a paddle wheeler plys the river.

The Bayou State offers much to visitors. This one appreciatively attests to its captivating charms.

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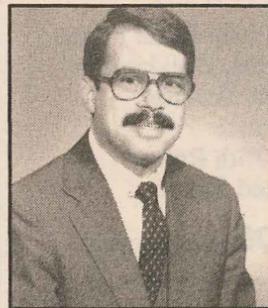
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## baptist forum

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### I'm not impressed

I have now received two issues of The Southern Baptist Communicator, published by a staff member of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. That is the church where Dr. Charles Stanley, one of our former Southern Baptist Convention presidents is pastor.

The word "communicator" in the title is interesting. According to published denominational statistics First Baptist Church, Atlanta, gave \$1.00 (that's one dollar) to the Cooperative Program in 1989. Somehow that is not the dream of bold missions! In the same year, it gave \$0.00 (that's zero) to the work of Atlanta Baptist Association. That *communicates* more than a propaganda sheet for partisan politics.

People who lead Southern Baptists, or who want to tell us how to walk, should at least support our work.

W. Robert DeFoor  
Harrodsburg

### Hallelujah, and one for the gov!

The Kentucky General Assembly, in the last hours of its session, passed HB 115 with Senate amendment 3 which would have allowed precinct elections for limited sales of alcohol in any dry city or county in Kentucky.

The Temperance League of Kentucky activated a network of phone calls to the governor's office suggesting that he veto the bill. After receiving almost 3000 calls and a letter from the sponsor of the original HB 115, Rep. Richard Lewis, Benton, the governor did veto HB 115 Apr. 6. Thanks to all who called for the veto.

Claude M. Witt  
Executive Director  
Temperance League of Kentucky

### Our very own Holocaust

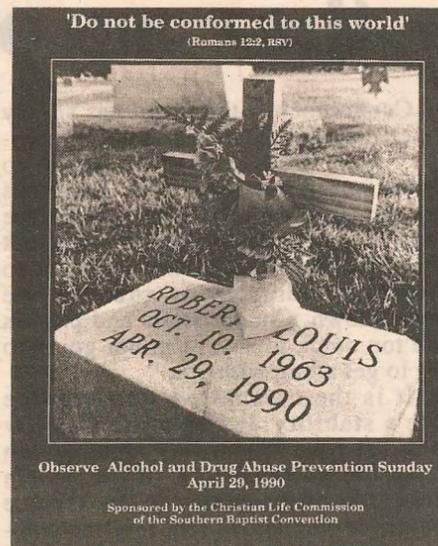
We are getting close to Mother's Day. This makes 23 million babies killed since Mother's Day, 1973, when abortion became legal. That makes 4000 babies killed every day this year. What an accomplishment for the "pro-choice" movement—abortion has become the leading cause of death in the U. S.

In Minnesota, it was discovered that when the parents were informed that their daughters wanted an abortion, the abortion rate dropped 40%. The pregnancy rate also dropped 32%.

What can you do to stop this Holocaust? Call the Kentucky Right to Life Association for the names of the pro-life candidates and vote.

Valerie Schook  
Fern Creek

## baptist news briefs



### Budget ahead of pace needed to reach goal

The Southern Baptist Convention's unified budget remains ahead of the pace needed to reach its 1989-90 goal.

Halfway through its October-September fiscal year the Cooperative Program has received \$70,872,526, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

Cooperative Program totals for the last half of the fiscal year have been larger than totals for the first half twice in the past five years. In the other three years second half totals have been an average of \$1.17 million shy of first half totals.

The Cooperative Program's national receipts totalled \$11,000,030 in March, Bennett reported. That total is \$1.6 million or 17.06 percent ahead of receipts for March 1989.

The \$70.87 million total for the first six months of the fiscal year is \$2.8 million or 4.12 percent ahead of receipts for the first half of the 1988-89 fiscal year. The current annual U. S. inflation rate is 5.3 percent, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. (BP)

### Sixth live SBC telecast offered on BTN in June

For the sixth consecutive year live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 12-14, will be televised on the Baptist Telecommunication Network.

"The Churches: Edified...Multi-

plied" is the theme for this year's meeting, to be held in the Louisiana Superdome. BTN coverage will be produced by BTN and SBC NewScene, the Baptist Sunday School Board's video news service.

The SBC telecast will begin at 8:15 a.m. Central Daylight Time June 12. The first day's activities include the SBC president's address, several Southern Baptist Convention agency reports including the Home Mission Board and sessions on business and resolutions.

Other highlights include the Baptist Sunday School Board's 50-minute centennial report on Wednesday morning June 13 and the Wednesday evening Foreign Mission Board missionary commissioning service.

The signal from BTN will be unscrambled to allow churches and individuals who are not BTN subscribers to view the sessions. The BTN signal is transmitted on Spacenet 1 satellite, channel 21. (BP)

### Prayer conference slated in New Orleans June 7-9

A national prayer conference for people interested in deepening prayer ministries in their churches, states or associations will be held in New Orleans prior to the SBC annual meeting this summer.

Sponsored by the National Prayer Corps of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the prayer conference will be held June 7-9 at Hardin Student Center at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Conferences and sessions will focus on solemn assemblies and the spiritual awakening movement as well as the importance and necessity of prayer for individuals, churches and the convention. Pastors, prayer coordinators, associational prayer leaders and others interested in developing a prayer ministry are invited to attend.

SBC agency prayer leaders on the program include Henry Blackaby of the Home Mission Board, Minette Drumwright of the Foreign Mission Board, Doug Beggs of the Brotherhood Commission and T. W. Hunt and Avery Willis of the BSSB.

A \$25 registration fee includes a notebook. Housing is available at the seminary's Providence House at \$14 for a single room or \$20 for a double room per night. Registrants may send their housing and conference fees to Paul Robertson, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126. (BP)

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### Kentucky Baptist students share Christ during break

College students flocked to the beaches of Florida, Texas and South Carolina with a purpose during spring break.

During two spring break weeks in March at Hilton Head Island, S. C., three weeks at Clearwater and Daytona beaches in Florida and three weeks at Padre Island, Tex., Southern Baptist college students from Baptist Student Unions and church college ministries recorded at least 450 professions of faith and other decisions for Christ through Beach Reach ministries.

The students represented BSUs and church student ministries from Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia.

The Beach Reach experience had an impact on campuses after students returned to school, said Gene Parr, campus minister at Morehead (Ky.) State University. "The students have a great answer to questions about what they did during spring break," Parr said. "It gives them an opportunity to share Christ on campus." (BP)

### 'Hearts of One Accord' at WMU annual meeting

Woman's Missionary Union Executive director Dellanna O'Brien will give her first executive board report during the WMU annual meeting June 10-11 in New Orleans, La.

Because the event will be O'Brien's first annual meeting since taking office last September, an informal introduction time has been scheduled at the beginning of the first session. Meeting participants can greet O'Brien beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the entrance of the New Orleans Convention Center.

Sunday sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Hearts of One Accord" will be the focus of the annual meeting. The heart-beat of missions will be illustrated through special music, theme interpretations and missionary testimonies, program planners said.

Missions work in Louisiana will be the focus of the "Here's Missions in Louisiana" luncheon scheduled for Monday at noon in the convention cen-

ter. Tickets must be ordered in advance from Order Processing, Woman's Missionary Union, P.O. Box 830010, Birmingham, Ala. 35283-0010. Tickets are \$20 each and must be ordered by Apr. 27. (BP)

### SBC pastors' conference seeks 'God's presence'

The 1990 meeting of the Southern Baptist pastors' conference will focus on seeking God's presence, according to Tom Elliff, conference president.

"The theme—'The Pathway to God's Presence'—will focus attention on the importance of ministering with that obvious sense of God's presence in our lives," said Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Ok.

The pastors' conference will be June 10-11 in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, La. in advance of the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 12-14.

Elliff said the officers of the pastors' conference planned the two days of meetings to include a broad spectrum of SBC pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators and others. "I think we have been very inclusive in our planning," said Elliff, referring to a movement to make the conservative movement within the convention more inclusive. "The program was prepared before the statements about inclusiveness were made, but we have included a broad spectrum."

Three former presidents of the SBC are scheduled to address the conference: Bailey Smith, Adrian Rogers and Charles Stanley.

Also on the program are two men who have been mentioned as possible candidates for office: Richard Lee, pastor of Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga., who will be nominated as 1991 president of the pastors' conference, and Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., who will be the conservative candidate for president of the SBC.

Others scheduled to address the conference include Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College of Dallas; Manley Beasley, an evangelist from Euless, Tex.; Avery Willis, a former foreign missionary now working in discipleship training at the Baptist Sunday School Board; John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church in Sun-



David Carpenter and Carrie Belcher, students at the University of Kentucky at Lexington and members of a puppet ministry team from Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, entertain 13-month-old Michael Devine from Philadelphia, Pa., following a puppet show on the beach at Hilton Head Island, S. C.

Valley, Calif., and an author and radio preacher. (BP)

### Baptist hymnody forum set for New Orleans

A hymnody forum focusing on congregational singing will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Organized by the Southern Baptist

Church Music Conference meeting at First Baptist Church June 10-11, the forum is for people interested in hymnology. Both meetings will be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans June 12-14.

The forum program is coordinated by Harry Eskew, professor of music history and hymnology at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

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## baptist news briefs

### 'The patient is healthy,' RTVC leader declares

Buoyed by an optimistic financial report and the observation from interim president Richard T. McCartney that "the patient is now healthy," Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission trustees voted to increase the agency's budget by more than \$600,000 for the last half of the current fiscal year, ending Sept. 30.

The trustees also were informed by chairman Michael S. Hamlet that the search committee seeking a successor to president Jimmy R. Allen, who resigned a year ago, expects to summon the trustees back to Ft. Worth, Tex. "probably in two or three weeks" to hear a recommendation from the committee.

McCartney, former executive vice president who has been interim president since Allen's resignation, reported that the commission's short term debt of \$625,000 had been paid; long term debt of \$8.4 million a year ago had been reduced to \$7.5 million; and reserves had been increased to \$400,000. (BP)

### FMB appointment service goes west for first time

The first appointment service held on the West Coast by the Foreign Mission Board took place Apr. 3 in California, where millions of residents reflect the world's many faces, cultures and languages.

Twenty-nine missionaries were appointed in the service held at the San Diego Convention and Performing Arts Center. California Southern Baptist churches worship in 46 different languages Sunday mornings, and nearly half of the state's 1300 churches are other than Anglo congregations.

More than 3000 people from throughout the state attended the appointment service and 75 of them responded to an invitation to commitment from board president R. Keith

Parks. Forty-three of those, including five pastors and several college students, indicated they would like to "explore career service."

The appointment service was the second of six scheduled this year by the board. More than 3700 missionaries are serving in 116 countries of the world. (BP)

### While parents at SBC, kids can go to day camp

More than 350 children are expected to attend the three-day camp at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Parents attending the annual meeting may register their children who have completed grades 1-6 this year.

"Missions Day Camp is a unique missions education experience for children attending the Southern Baptist Convention," said James H. Smith, Brotherhood Commission president. "Children will have fun as they learn about missions and meet Southern Baptist missionaries."

Missions Day Camp is scheduled during all daytime sessions of the convention. Cost is \$8 per day per child. This includes lunch Tuesday and Thursday and refreshments all days. To register children for day camp messengers may visit the Missions Day Camp Booth near the messenger registration area of the Louisiana Superdome Monday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and during daytime convention sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

Transportation is provided to and from the day camp from the Superdome. All day campers will leave by 8:30 a.m. from the Missions Day Camp drop-off and pick-up area.

Children in the seventh grade and older are eligible to serve as assistant counselors for the day camp by contacting Karl Bozeman at the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104. Assistant counselors must register with Bozeman at the Missions Day Camp Booth on Monday. (BP)

### Campus ministers to focus on edifying, multiplying

Campus ministers from across the nation will focus on the edification and multiplication of ministry when they convene in New Orleans, La. June 10-11.

"Ministers Edified...Ministry Multiplied" will be the theme for the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers annual meeting in the Quality Inn Midtown. Those attending will hear messages from:

— Molly Marshall-Green, assistant professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Her speech will be titled "I Have Called You Friend...Intimacy With God."

— Tom Logue, retired director of student ministries for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock. His topic will be "A Friend Loves at All Times...Developing a Personal Support System."

— Douglas Ezell, pastor of Napoleon Avenue-Parker Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans. "No Greater Love Than This... Ministry in Jesus' Name" will be the focus of his address.

The campus ministers will be led in worship three times by Constance McNeill, metropolitan coordinator for student ministries in Kansas City, Mo. (BP)

### 'Inherit the Blessing' is theme for ministers' wives

"Inherit the Blessing" will be the theme for the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention ministers' wives luncheon June 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with the SBC annual meeting in the Louisiana Superdome June 12-14.

Shirley Dobson, wife of preacher, author and lecturer James Dobson, will be the featured speaker for the luncheon, announced Lynda Estep of Columbia, S. C., president of the SBC Conference of Ministers' Wives.

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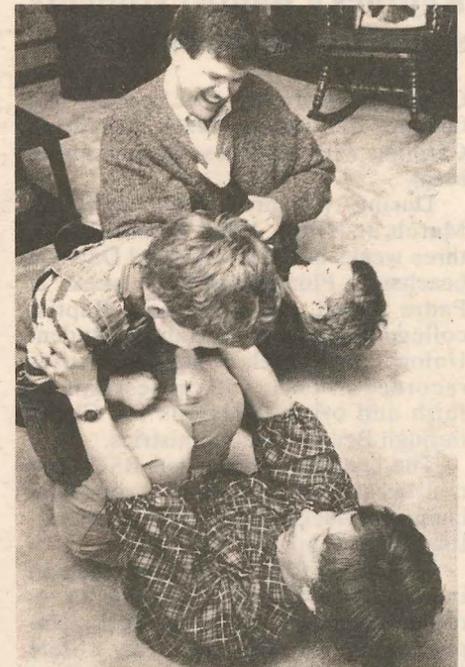
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president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Luncheon planners expect about 800 participants, said Mrs. Estep, whose husband, Wendell, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

Tickets sold before June 1 will cost \$16. They will cost \$18 when bought at the SBC Conference of Ministers' Wives booth in the superdome. To order tickets, send a check for \$16 per ticket and a stamped self addressed envelope to Janet Wicker, First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway, Lubbock, Tex. 79401. (BP)

### May 15 important day in state to campaigners

Tuesday, May 15 candidates from both conservative and moderate camps will be in the Bluegrass State making pitches for votes for SBC offices.

Conservative presidential contender Morris Chapman of Wichita Falls, Tex. will address a noon pastor's luncheon in Lexington hosted by Porter Memorial Baptist Church. Reservations are required in advance, and there will be a charge.

Meanwhile, Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler of Cincinnati, Oh., moderate candidate for SBC first vice president, will speak on missions to a noon luncheon hosted by the Woman's Missionary Union of Louisville's Broadway Baptist Church. Reservations, at \$3.50, should be made in advance.

That evening Mrs. Crumpler will explain "Why I Am Running" at a 7:30 p.m. rally at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.

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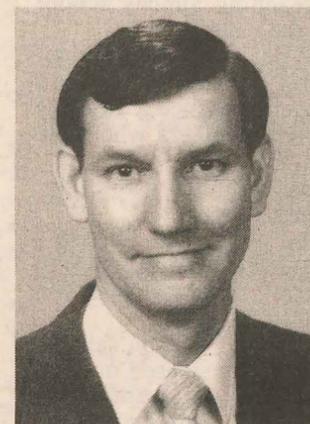
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# HERE'S HOPE

## HOPEFUL SIGNS

■ Campbellsburg Baptist Church, Henry County Association, reports nine professions of faith during its revival. A group of 25-30 school-aged children from unchurched families attended each night. Follow up efforts are being made by the church.

■ Ten men knocked on 750 doors Mar. 24 from Eminence (Ky.) Baptist Church in preparation for revival Mar. 25-28. Pastor Michael Duncan reports five professions of faith, five transfers of letters and several rededications. Kevin Shrum from Bedford was evangelist.

■ Across the denomination 20 state conventions experienced increases in baptisms. The highest percent increases were: New York, Wyoming, New England and Nevada. The highest numerical increases were: Georgia, Texas, Missouri and Alabama.

## LIFE IMPACT

"Jim, I need Jesus Christ and tonight at the revival I am going to publicly accept him."

That declaration by Jim Wilson's wife caught him off guard and her next question, "What about you, Jim? What are you going to do?" really set him back.

Recalling that night, Wilson says, "My first reaction was to back off. After all, I had joined a church years before. But something was missing in my life, so I went with her. Before the week was over I had transferred my church membership."

For the next three years Wilson was busy visiting, teaching Sunday school and working in the church.

The best was yet to be. Enthusiastically he recalls another revival in which Jesse Buell preached a message directed to church members who were not Christians.

"Wait a minute," Wilson thought, "what's he talking about?"

Buell probed deep into Wilson's heart when he asked, "Think back to the time you were converted. What did you do to be saved?"

"For the first time," Wilson says, "I realized I had never confessed my sins to Jesus and asked for forgiveness. My wife had, but I hadn't. I simply joined a church. That night I was the first person to step out at the invitation."

For Wilson, the "peace" that was missing is now in place. With a new fervor he shares his faith, studies God's word and serves through his church.

Barbara Willie

## DIRECTIONS

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus....Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

(Heb. 10:19, 22-24, NIV)

## 'Born again' is not a new term, but a *must* term, says evangelist Mauney at Murray First's revival

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

### HERE'S HOPE: WEEK 4

The big revival choir stood and sang a spirited arrangement of "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Capable of singing music by the most erudite of composers, the singers transmitted their excitement to the congregation, 300 strong, at Murray's First Baptist Church on a weeknight during revival.

"That's 'foot-pattin' music," laughed Harold Mauney, evangelist for Murray's Here's Hope series.

The service had opened with another musical message, "Here's Hope," the theme song of the 1990 crusades.

Setting a background for the sermon were two animated congregational hymns, "Praise Him" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee," directed by Wayne Causey, minister of music at First Baptist

Church, Princeton. "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," a duet sung by Causey and Steve Littlefield, minister of music at Murray First, continued to add to the spirit of the service.

At the front of the sanctuary was a large visual reminder of the church's dedication to missions. Bearing the slogan, "Walk across America, Jesus cares," it included footprints on a United States map depicting weekly donations to the home mission offering. The second night of revival the church had come within \$200 of their goal of \$8600.

Mauney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, chose John 3:1-18 for his text. "John Wesley preached over 300 sermons on this text," he asserted. "When he was asked why, he said, 'Because everyone MUST be born again.'"

"Born again is not a new term, despite information from the media. The term is found only in the book of John

and comes from the lips of Jesus.

"Nicodemus was the epitome of what a moral man should be. But he was depending on physical ancestry for eternal life. He had a need and Jesus told him he must 'be born from above!'"

"There are three things the new birth is NOT," Mauney asserted.

- It is not inherited.
- It is not reformation.
- It is not church membership.

Rather, it is:

- A personal experience.
- A transforming experience.
- A definite experience with assurance, not just emotion.

Four rows near the front were filled with collegiate young people. At the invitation, a young man went forward, dedicating his life to Christian service. "Revival starts in your own heart, and God has done that with me," he stated.

The revival, beginning Sunday, had already produced other fruit, Greg Earwood, pastor, reported. "There were three professions of faith and two rededications the first day."

Earwood prefers solid, time-tested methods of revival preparation rather than attention-getting devices—the following have been used effectively:

**Prayer.** Designated prayer at every service for a month, cottage prayer meetings and deacon-led prayer meetings during the revival.

**Visitation.** Visitation directed sermons, special visitation in addition to regular. Prerevival Saturday visitation of those on Sunday school rolls from grade five through adults. Sunday school goal for revival Sunday: 801, one more in every department.

**Prayer breakfasts for men.** Free luncheon for church and entire community every day during revival including song, solo and short sermon. Attendance on day one was 183.

Murray First has two six-day revivals every year.

### Profile of Murray First congregation

**Beginnings:** Organized in 1846 with 11 charter members. Erected a \$440 frame building. Immediately entered West Union Association. Congregation severely affected by the Civil War and adverse financial conditions following the war.

**Present facilities:** Large complex of buildings, suitable for resident membership of over 1200.

**Statistics:** Over 1100 for 1988. Total membership is almost 2000. Co-operative Program gifts were a little less than \$130,000. Total mission gifts were over \$186,000, according to the 1988 KBC report.

**Mission emphasis:** Murray First was led in 1900 by pastor Boyce Tay-

lor to provide for all mission causes through one budget. Later the plan was adopted by the state and in 1925 by the Southern Baptist Convention, giving birth to the Cooperative Program. A suitable marker stands in front of the church.

Murray First has fostered and directly supported work in Calloway County, across Kentucky, other states and in foreign countries. Southern Baptist mission work in Chile was started as a result of gifts sent from Murray to the Foreign Mission Board for that purpose.

A major ministry of the church is with Murray State University students. A watch-care program is available to them.

## Southern Baptist evangelism methods: recycled

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

Southern Baptist evangelistic forte does not lie in originality. It lies in the unique adaptation of existing methods.

An evangelistic spirit permeated the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention when it was constituted in 1845. But organization and training was spasmodic.

Baptists of 1990, oriented in organization and training, are evangelizing by these methods:

- pastoral evangelism
- revival
- missionary boards
- educational evangelism
- youth groups
- visitation
- mass media
- lay groups

Some are old methods in new garments. Some appear in cycles.

Pastoral evangelism, existing since early times, has been growing in recent years. Many large churches depend on professions of faith made on Sunday.

Baptists have always used revivals for renewal and winning souls. Not far

removed from the great camp meetings of the 1800s, midcentury Baptist revivals reflected excitement and emotionalism.

Protracted meetings, borrowed from Presbyterian Charles Finney, were camp meetings moved to the city. The "anxious seat" or "mourners' bench," borrowed from Methodists, was institutionalized.

Early protracted meetings were of four-day duration. Later they were extended to two- and three-week revivals. They have come full cycle in the current weekend revival.

In the mid 1900s, the first week of revival was directed to Christians and the last week to sinners.

"Closing dates for revivals were never set," recalled Mary Lou Hansen, widow of a veteran west Kentucky minister. "The services continued as long as 'the Spirit moved.'"

Most Southern Baptist churches continue to have one or two revivals a

year.

Southern Baptists adopted the simultaneous revival plan in 1908. Moving from citywide crusades, the plan was expanded to the association (1915); the state convention (1927); and the nation (1950-51). The 1986 *Good News America* campaign was the greatest concentrated effort until Here's Hope.

The first professional Southern Baptist evangelist was William E. Penn, a Texas layman who began itinerant preaching in the 1870s. By 1982, evangelists numbered almost 1000. Many of them have musicians as coevangelists.

Billy Graham is the first world famous evangelist Southern Baptists have produced.

After the convention was formed, a Board of Domestic Missions was organized to evangelize Negroes, Indians and Catholics. Later the name was changed to the Home Mission Board. It now has scores of evangelistic goals.

FRONTLINE

# PE TODAY

**'There's no place like home' brings message of hope to KBHC residents in revival**

by Beth W. Prassel  
Special Correspondent

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children continues to offer hope to troubled young people. Both Glen Dale and Spring Meadows Children's Homes recently held one-night revivals as part of the *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* campaign.

Glen Dale youth heard the BSU musical group "Jubilate" from Western Kentucky University. "Exaltation," the BSU ensemble from the University of Louisville, led worship in music at Spring Meadows.

Tim Isaacs, a former Glen Dale resident and a student at Georgetown College, told both groups how he found hope in Jesus Christ while at Glen Dale. Isaacs said he met Christ while a sophomore in high school. "He's been with me every step of the way."

Bob Milburn, director of the Baptist Youth Ranch in Elizabethtown, brought the message of hope to Glen Dale youth. Using the story of the prodigal son, Milburn reminded youth, "There is no place like home" and for the Christian, "heaven is home."

Milburn explained that "in heaven, there is no abuse, neglect or abandonment," difficulties many of the youth have encountered in their earthly homes.

Residents from the Baptist Youth Ranch joined youth on Spring Meadows campus to hear Mike Dixon, Spring Meadows interim director and central region coordinator for KBHC. Dixon challenged his audience with two questions: "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and savior?" and "What are you going to do about it?" He urged youth to make a decision for Christ and to show they believe through actions. You will not be guaranteed success in life, explained Dixon, but "you can become a true child of God."

## Here's Hope Ad Schedule

The week of Mar. 26, every county in Kentucky began hearing and seeing the message: *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you.* Thanks to an extensive multimedia campaign to overlap all portions of the state, Kentucky Baptist churches have been given a good promotional foundation on which to base their own local advertising.

**Here's Hope television spots run during morning, evening and nighttime newscasts on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in four Kentucky cities:**

Louisville	Lexington	Paducah	Bowling Green
WAVE	WKYT	KFVS	WBKO
WHAS	WLEX	WPSD	
WLKY	WTVQ		

Each of these stations has also consented to broadcast **Here's Hope spots as public service announcements whenever possible.**

Supplementing television messages will be radio on 70 different stations throughout the commonwealth. The radio portion of the campaign includes: WHAS, Louisville, and WLW, Cincinnati, but also encompasses smaller, local stations from Fulton to Pikeville.

Print ads will run in the state edition of Louisville's *Courier-Journal* and in the widely circulated *Kentucky Living* magazine. Also, 25 regional newspapers will carry display ads for *Here's Hope*.

According to Boden & Associates, the Louisville based advertising agency charged with the responsibility of placing the advertising, the most gratifying part of their job has been the response from various media with regard to "no charge" or "public service" spots. All stations have responded to the idea of *Here's Hope* by donating thousands of free spots on behalf of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Batchelder Transit Advertising Co., which received no paid ads from the convention, even volunteered 40 free transit signs on TARC buses in the metropolitan Louisville area.

In addition to the KBC-placed advertising for *Here's Hope*, many neighborhood churches and Baptist associations sponsor local newspaper, television and radio ads. These churches and associations budgeted for local advertising and, in many cases, received supplemental advertising stipends from Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## COUNTDOWN

The following associations are entering revival this week:

Anderson: Apr. 22-29  
Bethel: Apr. 15-29  
Blackford: Apr. 22-29  
Boone's Creek: Apr. 14-29  
Booneville: Apr. 15-29  
Bracken: Apr. 23-29  
Caldwell-Lyon: Apr. 22-27  
Crittenden: Apr. 15-22  
Daviess-McLean: Apr. 22-May 5  
Green Valley: Apr. 22-29  
Greenup: Apr. 22-29  
Irvine: Apr. 15-29  
Jackson: Apr. 15-29  
Lincoln County: Apr. 15-29  
Little Bethel: Apr. 15-29  
Logan: Apr. 15-29  
Lynn Camp: Apr. 15-29  
Muhlenberg: Apr. 22-29  
Ohio County: Apr. 1-29  
Ohio Valley: Apr. 15-29  
Pike: Apr. 1-29  
Russell County: Apr. 15-21  
Russell Creek: Apr. 15-24

## PERSPECTIVE

"Is this the place where the revival will break out?" asked James Forbes, recent Mullins lecturer at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He said he asks himself that question wherever he goes to speak. I find myself asking the same question about the *Here's Hope* revivals.

Christians all across America have been praying for a transforming spiritual renewal of our land. Is Kentucky the place where revival will break out? Is this the time?

No one can doubt the urgency of the need. By ignoring God and his moral principles we have been sowing the wind (Hos. 8:7). Now we are reaping the whirlwind of a society plagued by fraud, family breakdown, abortion, pornography, child abuse, drugs and AIDS. Only a great turning to God can deliver us.

Revival must begin with the family of God (I Pet. 4:17). Our church rolls are filled with nonresident and inactive members sadly in need of renewal. We are not very earnest or effective in evangelizing the unchurched world.

As we move toward AD 2000, hoping to share the gospel with everyone, we have to admit that our Bold Mission Thrust is not yet very bold. Will we now at last move beyond our distractions, our provincialisms, our complacency, to become the force for global outreach that God wants us to be? Is this the time and place for the great revival to break out?

Winston Crawley  
Visiting Professor of Missions  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

## HOPE QUOTE

"Every time we have had simultaneous revivals we have had peak years."

Ralph Benningfield, DOM  
Little River Association

"I have come to the conclusion that the most important phase of a revival campaign is the follow up."

Billy Graham, Evangelist

## recycling the old ways for today's emphasis

Sunday school is not original with Baptists. However, they have utilized it as an evangelistic arm of the church since the 1910s, while other denominations have viewed it strictly as an educational function.

As church organizations, specifically those for men, women and youth, have expanded in the 20th century, they have increasingly emphasized evangelism.

Educational evangelism includes training courses such as Christian Witness Training and MasterLife.

Strong emphasis on visitation supposedly began in the 1870s with Dwight L. Moody. Baptists are using this tool more and more as it becomes difficult to draw the lost into churches for revivals.

Lay groups, used over a century ago, are again doing outstanding team work in the form of revivals, renewal weekends and witness training.

Mass media, beginning with the printing press, has been brought to mass proportions by 20th century technology.

First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was the first church in America to own and operate a religious broadcasting station (1921). By 1981, 6000

churches had applied for TV stations.

Movies, commercials and televangelism are only a few possibilities of the media. Southern Baptists are leaders in producing evangelistic literature. One example is the national media campaign for *Here's Hope*.

A definite denominational contribution was the establishment of a chair of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary (1980). Other seminaries followed suit.

Southern Baptists, by 1940, were well into developing a structure for evangelism. Thus myriad phases were unified.

For the past 60 years there has been a steady drop in the age churches accept as a child's accountability. The norm was 9-12 at the turn of the century, but now is six to eight.

Jonathan Edwards, in the 18th century, gave three requirements for spiritual awakening:

- explicit agreement
- visible union
- extraordinary prayer

These fundamentals have not changed. Nor has the basis of all Southern Baptist evangelistic methods: Using Jesus as the model evangelist.



Southern Baptist evangelist Billy Graham has led crusades around the world for more than four decades. He has preached in places from N. C. to the Soviet Union and China. His methods remain simple: intense preparation for crusades, preaching the gospel and follow up efforts.

## Camp Schaefer launches expansion into the future

by W. T. Moore  
State Correspondent

A million dollar expansion program was launched at Camp Schaefer with a groundbreaking ceremony Mar. 17.

Located about 20 miles east of Owensboro, Schaefer is owned and operated by Daviess-McLean Baptist Association. Five other associations participate. There is occasional use by churches as far away as Paducah, Elizabethtown and Indiana.

The first phase of the expansion program will be three dormitories sleeping 20 people each. Plans are for these to be completed for use this summer. The tabernacle has been torn down and one old dormitory will be removed. The tabernacle was the first structure built at Camp Schaefer in 1953. It was built by Brotherhood men in one day.

Other phases of the building program include a gymnasium with conference space and a lodge with 16 sleeping rooms and other facilities. There will be a roofed open area attached to the gym to replace the tabernacle. These additional phases will not be started until the money is in hand or pledged in a three-year capital needs campaign.

Bill Spurrier, president of Cardinal Federal Savings, Owensboro, is chairman of a camp development committee. Sharon Westerfield is chairman of the capital needs campaign.

Daviess-McLean director of mis-

sions Jim Spaulding told of hundreds of professions of faith that have been made over the years at Camp Schaefer.

A total of 1540 attended camps and retreats last year. Additionally there were 17 church picnics and other one-day visitors. Several nearby churches have used the lake at Camp Schaefer for baptismal services.

Dan and Frances Hughes are the first full time camp directors, having served 22 years.

Hughes is a minister and pastors Union Baptist Church in Blackford Association. The Hughes' son Tim helped around camp while growing up and is now on the staff at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. Hughes recalls a barn that was the first dormitory. It is still used for storage.

Even after this first dormitory was built the boys vied for the privilege of sleeping in the barn. Cecil Laster, associational missionary during the early years, recalls that boys in the loft would get sand and pour it through knot holes onto boys sleeping below.

Other associations using Camp Schaefer with eligibility for representation on a camp committee include Blackford, Breckenridge, Ohio County, Muhlenberg and Green Valley.

In addition to Royal Ambassador and Girl's Auxiliary-Acteen camps, other camps and retreats held at Schaefer include music, missions, leadership training, pastors and wives, deacons and WMU.

## christian education

### midwestern seminary

The alumni association of **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., has announced during the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, La. The event is set June 13 at 1 p.m. in the Clarion Hotel, 1500 Canal St.**

Alumni and friends of the seminary are invited to the luncheon which will feature seminary president Milton Ferguson as keynote speaker. In addition alumni of the year and honorary alumni awards will be presented.

Advance tickets are \$14 per person. During the luncheon tickets may be purchased in the exhibit hall at the Midwestern Seminary booth for \$18.

Reservations can be made by writing the Office of Seminary Relations, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 N. Oak St. Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64118 or by calling (816) 453-4600.

### golden gate seminary

To help meet the need for new churches in the west, beginning this fall **Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., will offer an MDiv with an emphasis in church planting.**

"The program will prepare students for starting new church work," explained G. William Schweer, professor of evangelism at Golden Gate.

Course work will include 20 hours relating to the essential aspects of church planting including theology,

methodologies and models of new church starts. Practical training through internships in area mission or mission-sponsoring churches is also included in the curriculum.

The new major is in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's "Bold Mission Thrust."

### campbellsville college

**The Ariel Woodwind Trio of Berea will perform as part of the 19th Century Music Festival, 8 p.m. Apr. 19 in the music annex recital hall of Campbellsville (Ky.) College.**

The trio is composed of Dwana Eberlein on flute, Atossa Kramer on clarinet and Dan Duncan on bassoon. The group has played together for several years.

The concert is free and the public is invited.

### cumberland college

**The cheerleader squad of Cumberland (Ky.) College competed in a college cheerleading national championship Apr. 6-9 in San Antonio, Tex.**

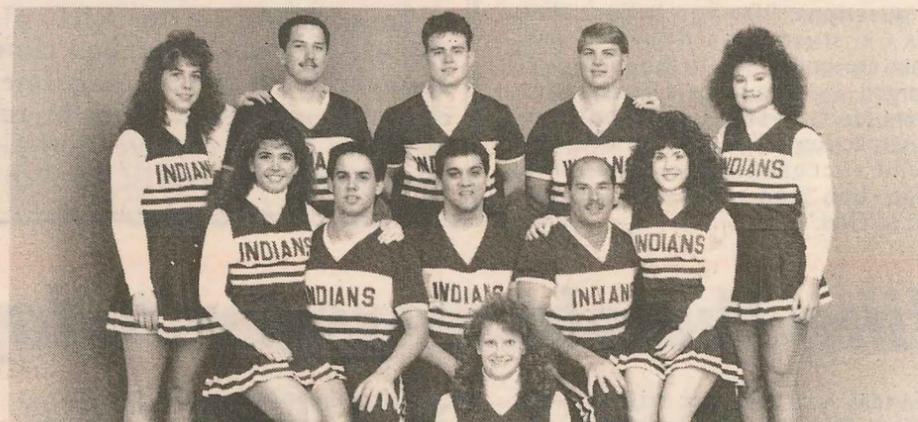
One of three squads chosen nationwide, they received the full expense paid trip in the division II competition. Expenses for the trip were covered by corporate sponsors, Converse and Pepsi.

The championships will be telecast on ESPN in May.

Teams were selected based on performances submitted by videotape. Over 200 teams were considered.



L-R: Spaulding, Westferfield, Hughes



Cumberland College cheerleaders (l-r): front—Kristi Hall, Mike Martinez, Tim DeBolt, Jeff Seltzer, Kim Gordon; back—Vicky Helton, Darrin Spencer, George Potter, Pete Fannin, Krystal Williams.

## South African Baptist cites church influence on government

by Pat Cole

South African churches have "played a leading role" in persuading the nation's government to rethink its policy of apartheid, claimed a South African Baptist minister.

Ivor Jenkins, a visiting scholar at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said Christians who have been pushing for an end to apartheid are convinced of the need for both prayer and action to effect change.

"Those who were praying for a change of heart in the government not only prayed but discovered that we had to take nonviolent direct action," said Jenkins, a staff member of Koinonia, a Christian organization that seeks racial reconciliation in South Africa. The 1985 Southern Seminary graduate

joined the organization in 1986 shortly after it was founded.

Black church leaders "filled in the gaps" of leadership in the antiapartheid movement after the government began jailing black political leaders, said Jenkins. Many white churches from various denominations have fought apartheid, he added, noting most white congregations have opted for a stance of neutrality.

In recent weeks, public facilities in South Africa have been integrated, black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela has been freed from prison and the government and antiapartheid activists are talking about negotiations that would steer the government toward majority rule.

Last fall Jenkins helped lead a "bus defiance" campaign in Pretoria that

prompted death threats that sent him and his family into hiding several days.

"Though in the eyes of the South African law we were wrong, there was no question that what we were doing was right and just in the eyes of God," said Jenkins. His "Christian convictions" motivated his participation, he said, adding that those convictions will allow him to continue his involvement. "I don't think that Christ ever said that bearing his cross will be easy."

Jenkins believes a more subtle Christian influence also has aided the campaign to end apartheid. The conservative Reformed upbringing of South African president F. W. De Klerk instilled in him a morality that was challenged, he said.

De Klerk's moral convictions "were challenged when he started to discover

the realities of South Africa," Jenkins said, pointing out the nation's segregated lifestyle shields many whites from the plight of blacks.

Although people have been working to end apartheid, Jenkins maintained the changes in South Africa have been precipitated by a supernatural intervention. The expeditious moves by the government were "humanly impossible," he explained.

Jenkins is optimistic that the remaining apartheid laws will be lifted and that negotiations will begin that will move the nation toward establishing a fully democratic society.

In this process Jenkins wants South Africans to discover that their nation can be "a very important model of reconciliation, cooperation and hope for the world." (BP)

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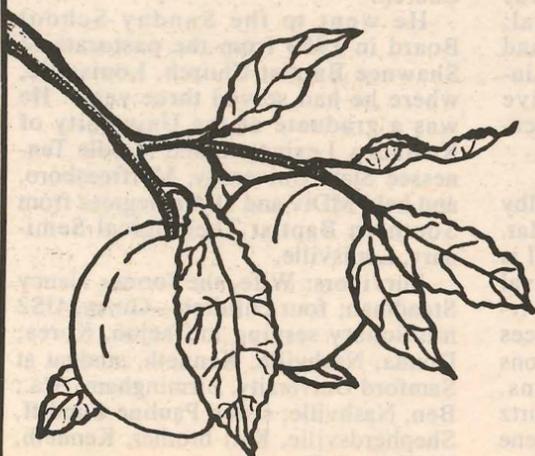
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## clear creek chronicle

### In memory

Mrs. Alice Cornett lost her husband earlier this year. Because "Clear Creek was one of his favorite places to support," the family requested expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial gifts to our ministry. Mrs. Cornett wrote, "He would be pleased. I went to camp there as a young girl. My husband drove a church bus bringing boys and girls to camp from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Daisy, Ky. That is how we met."

Many west Kentuckians will remember Bro. Kermit Lovelace. He went to glory in 1988 after 50 years as a Baptist minister. I first met him in Murray where his daughter Gail was a student and a First Baptist member. Gail can no longer give him a birthday present so she sent us a memorial gift on his birthday. This affirming word also blessed us: "Clear Creek held a special place in his heart after he helped in some boys' camps there early in his ministry. One reason Clear Creek was so special to him was because it meets the needs of many who desire to serve the Lord through a church vocation but, like him, have come up against family or financial responsibilities that have hindered them from obtaining as much formal education as they would like. We know this gift will be used for God's glory, and that's what Daddy would have wanted."

Lucy Rees sends a monthly student aid check in memory of her mother who died last year at age 81. "She was a dedicated Baptist for 60 years and always eager to witness to those around her. Mother had a special love for Clear Creek and those who labor there."

Leslie Golden of Arizona died in July, 1989. Among his personal papers was an envelope "he had fixed for your school but had not made the check out." His family included the check and mailed his envelope. "He thought a lot about the school and was very interested in it. Keep the good work up."

Helping to train church leaders is a memorial with eternal results. Clear Creek appreciates all who remember their loved one through memorial gifts.

### congregations

**Bellevue Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association, paid off a bond issue 15 months early with considerable savings. With one week's notice the congregation gave over \$15,000 Feb. 28. The payoff amount was about \$14,500.

Thirteen students from Western Kentucky University's Baptist Student Union helped the local WMU present the home mission study at **Rich Pond Baptist Church**, Warren Association. The students shared their experiences of home mission trips and provided classes for four- and five-year-olds, children, youth and adults.

Students participating included John Farrar, Rob West, Tracy Brakfield, Jeff Carlisle, Monique White, Katrina Smith, Lori Thomas, Stacy Bailey, Emily Simms, Karen Roberts, Mary Beth Bell, Tracy Smith and Jeff Maxey. Patience Fort is WMU director at Rich Pond.

**Russell Grove Baptist Church**, Russell Creek Association, had an unusual service Sunday, Feb. 11. In conjunction with "Focus on WMU" members of the WMU led the morning worship service, termed "Women's Day." The day began with a women's breakfast. Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, GAS and Mission Friends participated. Roles included Sunday school director, children's sermon leader, ushers for the offering, special music and speakers. There was one profession of faith, two additions by letter and several rededications. Pastor is Hermon Wilkins and WMU director is Eulelia Wilkins.

**Dunmor Missionary Baptist Church**, Muhlenberg Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary May 6. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. The Chuck Wagon Gang will provide afternoon music. Tony McCall is pastor.

**Red House Baptist Church**, Tates Creek Association, began dual Sunday schools in October, in addition to two Sunday morning worship services. The church has averaged 265 in Sunday school since then, up from 200. Linda Coulter is minister to children, Wayne Spivey is minister of music and youth and Dan Parker is pastor.

Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of the SBC WMU was speaker at a home missions banquet at **Broadway Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, Mar. 7. She challenged members to see missions on the home front, illustrating with stories of home missionaries. Broadway's WMU is one of the oldest organizations in Kentucky.

### missions

**Rev. and Mrs. Terry J. Davis** were among 29 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Apr. 3 at the San Diego (Cal.) Convention and Performing Arts Center. The Davises will live in South Korea where he will promote church music.

Davis attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and is interim minister of music at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville. Mrs. Davis is organist at the same church. Both Davises received BME degrees from the University of



**Rev. and Mrs. Terry J. Davis**

Montevallo (Ala.) and MCM degrees from Southern. They have two children: Mary Elaine and Joseph Keith.

The partnership missions office of the KBC Direct Missions Department, Middletown, has announced volunteers for upcoming mission trips to **Espirito Santo, Brazil**. Those participating:

May 17-30: Kenneth Lupton, Bill Lynch, Charles Stephens, Randy Wallace, Margaret Rudd, James Cason, Bill Messer, Sharon Messer, Mary Nell Markham, Larry Lindsey.

May 31-June 13: Julia Breeden, Leslie Langley, Evelyn Mottram, Gayle Mulberry, Pat Schmidt, Carl Kuhl, Carolyn Smith, Connie Taylor, Holly Reneer, Gail Bright, Kim Elliott, Skip Pendas, Helen Pendas, LeeAnn Pope.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson** and family have arrived on the mission field in Brazil. Their address is Missau Batista, Equatorial do Brazil, Caixa Postal 137, Parnaiba, Pt. Brazil, CEP 64200.

### ordinations

Crossroads Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, ordained **James Abney** and **James Riggs** deacons Mar. 25. Wendell Rone is interim pastor.

**Anthony Bersaglia, Ken Sloan, Jody Turner** and **Steve Wilson** were ordained deacons at First Baptist Church, Hindman, Three Forks Association. Mike Caudell is pastor.

Pond River Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, ordained pastor **Roger Helsley** to the ministry.

### revivals

**Eastern Gate Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, held revival Mar. 18-21. Evangelist was Clyde Chiles of St. Louis, Mo. Three attendance records were established during the revival: Sunday school, 213; worship, 253; and Discipleship Training, 81. Results included 20 professions of faith, five transfers of letter and several rededications. Mike Routt is pastor.

**Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**, Shelby County Association, had revival Mar. 25-28. Enrolment for Sunday school is 35 and Sunday morning during revival Sunday school attendance was 34. Average attendance for evening services was 70. There were seven professions of faith and several rededications. Chester Irvin is pastor and Chris Curtz is minister of music and youth. Eugene Enlow was evangelist.

### associations

**Bracken Association's** semiannual meeting was held Mar. 19 at Lewisburg Baptist Church. Don Mantooth led a commissioning service for David Hoglen and family, who have been appointed missionaries to Spain. William D. Jagers, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Office for Evangelism, challenged listeners with the Here's Hope theme. Gene Parr, Baptist Student Union campus minister at Morehead State University, also spoke. The association will have eight churches from Kentucky and Ohio to help with summer vacation Bible school, census, backyard Bible clubs and revivals. Pastor of Lewisport is Cecil Mullins.

### personnel

**Kenneth Card** is new pastor of Newman Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

First Baptist Church, Albany, Freedom Association, called **Stephen C. Waddle** as pastor.

Red House Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Wayne Spivey** as minister of music and youth.

Rosedale Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Bart and Debbie Davidson** as ministers of music.

**Randy Douglas** resigned as pastor of Oswego Baptist Church, South Union Association.

**Richard Shockley** retired as pastor of Faith Mission, Myra, Pike Association.

First Baptist Church, Fisherville, called **Mike Meredith** as pastor.

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Lesa Ann Armagost** as minister of youth and students. She goes from First Baptist Church, North Kansas City, Mo.

### deaths

Kentucky native **Donald S. Whitehouse**, 56, senior coordinator of communications projects and processes in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Office of Communications, died Apr. 14 in a Nashville hospital of post surgical complications.

Whitehouse was born at Chaplin, Ky. and was buried there at Highview Cemetery Apr. 16. Services were held Apr. 16 at Nashville's Judson Baptist Church.

He went to the Sunday School Board in 1969 from the pastorate of Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, where he had served three years. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, and held MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Survivors: Wife, the former Nancy Steadman; four children—Ginny, US2 missionary serving in Taejon, Korea; Donna, Nashville; Kenneth, student at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Ben, Nashville; sister, Pauline Cundiff, Shepherdsville, Ky.; brother, Kenneth, Willisburg, Ky.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 22, 1990

Life and work series

### Called and equipped

**Jer. 1:4-6** Jeremiah's call came from God when he and God were alone in intimate conversation. During the difficult 40 years of Jeremiah's ministry there was a tremendous upheaval in world affairs. Jeremiah thought that his youth, lack of experience and lack of eloquence were insurmountable

handicaps, so he protested being the bearer of the Lord's message to the hard-hearted people, but God assured him of divine enablement, protection and deliverance from his enemies.

**Jer. 1:7-8** The task to which God called and commissioned Jeremiah was twofold: to tear down and to build up, or to destroy the evil and to produce the good. God reminded Jeremiah that the place to which he would be sent would be God's choosing, and that God would provide the message also. Safety, strength and success were guaranteed to him as he gave himself to the task which God had assigned to him.

**Jer. 1:9-10** Jeremiah's reluctance was met by God's comfort and encouragement. God assured him of divine deliverance from his enemies: "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee." Casting out wrong and establishment of right are to be accomplished through proper use of the word of God.

**Jer. 1:17-19** God informed Jeremiah that if he was fearful and easily intimidated he would be embarrassed in the presence of his enemies. Even though his enemies would be against him, God would be for him and take care of the opposition. His responsibility was to be obedient to God.

### International series

### Abiding in love

**I John 1:1-10** John wrote of Christ as

the eternal logos, who existed with the Father before all time, who became incarnate in the flesh in time, and with whom people have vital personal experiences. Christians enjoy fellowship with God. Fellowship involves reciprocal knowledge, love and endeavor. Real fellowship means knowing one another intimately, loving one another devotedly and doing things together and for one another. We must declare him to the world. We must tell others what he has done for us—he can and will do for others if they will receive him.

Sin is universal. Every Christian should confess his sins to God and ask him for forgiveness and cleansing.

**I John 2:1-6** John informed his readers of the purpose for which he was writing these words—that they might not sin against God.

In the expression "if any man sin," John admits the possibility of sinning. No allowance is made for sin, but in case we do sin, there is a divine provision for us. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, but this does not excuse sin.

An advocate is one who pleads the cause of another. Our advocate, Jesus Christ, is always successful. He not only deals with sin at the beginning of the Christian life, but we may enjoy his cleansing power throughout that life. Living in obedience to the divine commandments proves to observers that one is truly a Christian. The genuineness of one's profession is determined by the consistency of his walk.



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## homes for children

### Deadlines

It's Monday morning and this column must be at the Western Recorder office by 4:30 today. There is a board meeting next week and the agenda must be completed today. I am preparing to go out of town and several phone calls have to be made before I leave.

These items and several more represent deadlines and obviously bring stress that comes from having a deadline in front of us.

I find, however, that the pressure of having to produce often brings out the best. When there is little time to weigh all of the possibilities, I am forced to focus on the task at hand and the end product is generally what I want.

Now none of us likes excessive pressure and we usually associate that pressure with stress. Too much stress can lead to health problems and "burn out" individuals.

But without some stress and some pressure, nothing would ever get done. Though there are a few people who always seem to be way ahead of any schedule, most of us wait until we are pushed to get moving.

On the other side, I am amazed at the number of busy executives who die within months of their retirement. They go from a life of constant pressure to one of no pressure and stress and it kills them.

In our work with children, the staff who live each day with the children are under constant pressure. They have to supervise children who have known little supervision and they have a ton of other chores, including paperwork, transportation, staff meetings and training which they must complete.

Their work is not for the faint hearted and I am amazed at how well most of them do.

The secret to handling stress, I believe, is in Paul's admonition to practice moderation in all things. Too much or too little pressure and stress is not a healthy state.



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## oneida journal

### Because they "want to"

Souls being won is the most important thing that has or can ever happen on the Oneida campus.

Yet we do not try to scare, high pressure or shove anyone through heaven's gate. We do not proclaim God's word in an atmosphere of hysteria.

Thousands have accepted Christ and have begun their Christian walk on the Oneida campus. Oneida ranked second last year in Kentucky, of the more than 2300 Baptist churches, in numbers led to the Lord and baptized. No doubt many of the young converts have stumbled seriously. But how

does one measure these things? We don't have to. God knows. But we can be sure the Christian growth that has followed genuine life changing eternal decisions is something beyond measure or price.

Oneida is a little place. But then so was Nazareth and Galilee.

Oneida is doing no more important a mission work than any other work being done anywhere in the name of Jesus Christ. Nor is our work any less important.

Ours is an old fashioned enough faith to believe that God will and does provide when we are in his will doing his work. Living his love, feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked and taking in strangers is the most genuine type of spirituality. The Oneida staff has done these things daily for 90 years.

We really believe in the miracle of "the loaves and the fishes." In faith we live and experience. Our work is a daily manifestation that God still performs such miracles. We should not be surprised that this is so. For our God is the same yesterday, today and forever, unchangeable and unchanging.

For such miracles to happen we must return to God something to bless. We must give in love and with faith. When either one or both are missing there are no miracles.

God's value system, God's economics, is different from the world's. In his scheme of things there are no little places of service because there are no little people! The master says, "Inasmuch as you have done these things to the least of these, my children, you have done them unto me."

This being so, we need not—we do not—model our approach on the busi-

ness world, nor do we measure our work by the bottom financial line. Ours is not a business in the world's sense. Our business is the Master's. We do not have to know in advance where the last penny is coming from nor where it will be spent. God knows. It is enough that we can see by faith and not be distracted by what some see as the world's realities. So many times God wants us to say and believe we can while the world cries we can't. In truth, those who think they cannot probably can not! Meeting needs, in faith and seizing opportunities to serve without unnecessary bounds allows room for the Holy Spirit to work.

We do not spin our wheels in numerous and lengthy committee meetings. We do not put paper work as the first priority. Rather Christ would have us see people over paper. Nor do we spend a huge percentage of God's money raising our money or promoting the program.

Oneida is not on radio or TV. We have no "development" program as many modern institutions understand the term. We have no high powered public relations people or state of the art fundraisers.

We just go on taking girls and boys and doing our best to meet their needs. Somehow, some way enough money comes to take care of the bills though we are always behind and pressured. People give because they want to and not because of our clever strategies or organizational tactics. They are convinced we are doing something genuine and worthwhile in many young lives. They believe we are getting a much better than average return on every dollar spent.



## on mission together

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### If I were pastor again

I've been out of the "pastorate" for a long time now. Even if my assignment permitted time to serve as an "interim pastor," such hardly resembles the enormous responsibility a pastor shoulders.

With some exceptions, denominational jobs are less stressful than the pastorate. The constituency of most denominational workers is further removed. They receive fewer emergency calls; are rarely called upon to care for the sick, to counsel fractured marriages, or minister to the terminally ill. Most especially, they do not prepare two new sermons and a Bible Study each week (no wonder some Baptist preachers envy the Presbyterians).

However, one of the contributions a denominational person can make—apart from his or her special expertise—is a broader perspective on what is happening in churches today. We "denominational types" are in touch with *hundreds* of churches—not just one. From that broader awareness we should learn some things which would be helpful. I learned that I would be a different pastor than "I was" some years ago.

My priorities, would look something like the following:

#### Practice the presence of God.

I would commit more time to the disciplines of Bible Study, contemplation, prayer-writing, and prayer. I spent too little time in personal, spiritual development.

#### Be patient with the congregation.

I would lead *gently* and determine to receive through personal conversations what the Lord wants me to hear from them. I would be a better listener.

#### Develop a support group.

Contrary to what I was taught, I would nurture the development of close friendships within the congregation. Baptist pastors *tend* to be loners, to the detriment of their relational growth and the well-being of their families.

#### Make time for my family.

How pastors love and care for their families may be one of the strongest statements they make to their congregations, many of whose marriages are disintegrating.

#### Make hope and mercy my prevailing message.

One must preach on many subjects over the years with a single congregation. With life's constant barrage of hurt, pain, and brokenness, a word of God's mercy and eternal hope will be needed more often than any other.

Pastoring is much like parenting—when we are finally experienced enough, they don't need us any more.

### Driver beware

## Perils of Kenyan roads haunt missionaries

by Craig Bird

The new Southern Baptist missionaries busily took notes as veteran Harold Cummins shared philosophy, how-to tips and guidelines for planting churches in east Africa.

Three decades of experience and hundreds of churches validated Cummins' comments. So when he announced his "primary goal between now and retirement," each of the first termers concentrated even harder.

"My major objective the next few years is..." he paused dramatically "...not to die on a Kenya road."

The rookies' nervous laughter showed that, even though they had been in Africa only a few months, they had enough firsthand experience to identify with what Cummins was saying.

Dead missionaries don't organize churches, preach sermons or tell people about Jesus. Missionaries involved in auto accidents that kill others are hampered—and sometimes paralyzed—by grief and guilt. Those robbed on the highway must deal with fear.

Events in recent months vividly illustrate some of those realities.

In November, as missionary Tim Tidenberg drove through Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, a six-year-old boy standing beside the road darted into traffic, hitting the side of Tidenberg's vehicle so hard he caved in the door and broke the mirror. The boy died. After two court appearances Tidenberg was cleared of responsibility for the tragedy.

In December 70-year-old Imogene Martz flew from her home in Birmingham, Ala. to visit her missionary son John Martz and his family in Namibia. Leaving the airport, the car she was in was involved in a head-on collision. While awaiting surgery to put a pin in her broken leg, she died Jan. 21.

In January missionaries James and Harriett Gibson were late getting home to Iringa, Tanzania because of car trouble. As Gibson drove through a village, a man appeared out of the darkness, directly in front of their car. Gibson jammed down on the brakes, but the car slid into the man, killing him. Villagers stoned Gibson's car, but later police reports included a statement from village elders that the accident was unavoidable.

Also in January missionary Dennis McCall was headed home in Burundi after going to the bank. He was driving slowly, but a man stepped into his path and was knocked down. McCall jumped out of his car and found the man was OK. But his relief was tempered when he returned to the car and

discovered his briefcase, containing \$800 and important papers, had been stolen.

To drive in Africa and many other developing areas of the world is to risk dying or killing someone else at a rate beyond the comprehension of most Americans. Many African drivers are almost as apt to pass uphill and around curves as on straightaways because of a common African world view that fate controls everything and individuals have no influence over their destiny.

Economic realities mean numerous roads are in poor repair, mined with potholes that can blow tires or break axles and rutted shoulders that can roll a bus.

Many vehicles roar around with faulty brakes, bad lights, bald tires and loose steering. Repairs are too expensive for drivers. Public transport, buses and taxis are dangerously overloaded. Roadsides teem with pedestrians.

superstitious than Americans or Asians or Europeans would be absurd, folk beliefs also play a part in making driving unsafe.

Missionaries in Ethiopia notice that people often dart right in front of cars, sometimes crisscrossing with someone running from the other side of the road. The best explanation missionaries have found for the practice: a belief that evil spirits trail close behind people, and if they can dash close enough in front of a vehicle the spirits will get run over.

In many African countries the night is almost pitch black before non-western drivers turn on their headlights. Police often stop drivers who turn on their lights at dusk or in rainstorms and instruct them to turn them off. Zambia missionaries got this answer when they asked why: lights attract evil spirits, so don't turn them on until it's absolutely necessary.

Since a car is a sign of wealth in Africa drivers are targets for robbery attempts, from a parked car being ransacked to plays that prey on good Samaritan instincts by holding up people who stop to help someone they think is in trouble.

Despite the dangers of driving in Africa and many other parts of the world, only 11 Southern Baptist missionaries are known to have died in auto accidents abroad in this century. The low death and injury toll among missionaries, most of them believe, is a result of God's protection aided by common sense.

Survival rules include not driving at night—some missionaries such as Cummins will camp out to keep off the highways after dark—traveling in pairs when driving outside cities and driving significantly slower and more defensively than in the United States.

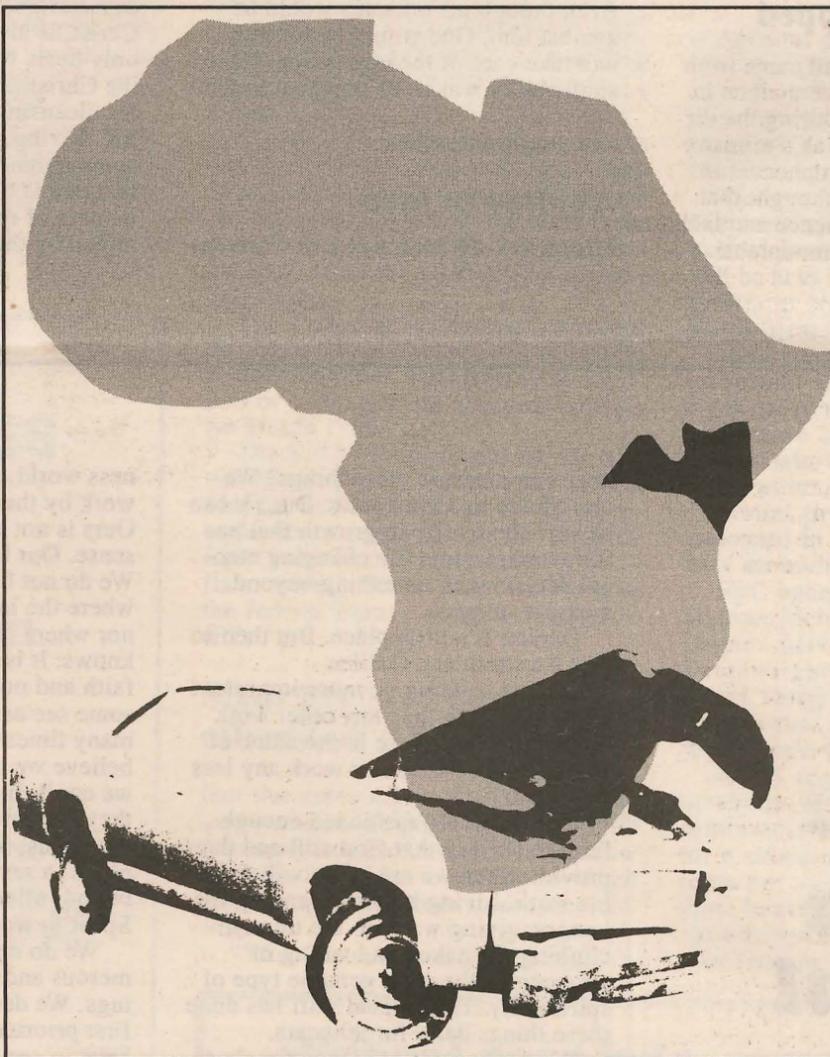
"I assume there could be a truck in my lane any time I go around a curve, and I assume the pedestrian will step in front of

me," a missionary to Kenya admitted. "I'd guess my average highway speed is 15 miles per hour slower now than the first year I was in the country."

After several near misses some missionary couples quit riding together—at least temporarily—to keep from orphaning their children in a single fatal accident.

The horrors of the road are some of the deepest and most unexpected impressions U. S. family members, friends and volunteers get when they visit missionaries on the field.

"We've always prayed a lot for our children," one mother of missionaries said after a visit. "But now we'll know how to pray for them better. Before we never thought about being concerned about something as simple as their safety while driving. But that will be at the top of the list from now on."



The overwhelming majority of Africans cannot drive, again for economic reasons—they cannot afford a car. They have no more reason to understand mechanical devices than many homeless Americans have to grasp computers. Children in rural areas are not taught to "look both ways before crossing the street" because cars so seldom pass.

Driving in the Third World any time is bad, driving at night is worse and driving at night in the rain is worst. Most people must walk to and from work. That means tired people walk long after sunset to get home. The roads are easier to walk on, and when rains come muddy roadsides make the roadway even more attractive. Rain also cuts visibility and increases braking distances.

Although saying Africans are more

**Chaplain touched by mail**

by Bill Webb



Missionary chaplain Carol Reese and Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association Executive Director Everett Anthony were frustrated.

And the associational office's mail carrier was downright mad.

Smack in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, pre-printed postcards addressed to Reese and mailed by praying Southern Baptists began arriving at the association's office in mailbags.

And the post office had more bags it would not deliver due to insufficient postage.

"The post office called and said, 'You have postage-due mail, and you owe us \$289.16,'" Anthony said. The over-sized postcards required 25 cents of postage instead of 15 cents.

"The next day the mail lady came in. The office staff spoke to her, and she said sharply: 'Don't talk to me today. I am two hours late dealing with your mail,'" Anthony said.

By week's end, more than 28,000 pieces of mail had arrived, with several thousand more hung up at the post office with insufficient postage.

Reese had been asked by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union to count the cards and file them by the states from which they had been sent, a task that quickly became impossible for her. "I was angry and frustrated about it that day," she said.

The next morning, she got to the office at 7 a.m. to open envelopes that had begun arriving.

"That was the day my cold, hard heart melted," she said smiling.

The letters expressed appreciation for her difficult chaplaincy ministry to AIDS patients at Cook County Hospital and their families.

They came from youngsters and adults of various ages, and a few "gut-wrenching" letters came from people whose relatives had died from AIDS.

The Chicago Baptist staff arrived at work to find Reese weeping over a pile of letters and cards.

"All these letters and postcards have said to me, 'We're really not sure about what we think about all this, but it's the right thing to do, for you to be where you are and for us to be supporting you, not only financially but with our prayers and concern,'" she said.

A retired female pediatrician in Kentucky expressed her support and wrote, "I wish I could come and help you."

Another person in Christian social ministries wrote: "I pray that you will not be discouraged or burned out in what must be a very stressful ministry. ... We will receive our reward in heaven when Jesus says, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'"

A 10-year-old boy from Colorado sent 55 cents and wrote: "I'm glad there are people like you out there. Your friend, Jeremy."

The biggest surprise was the envelope postmarked "Richmond, Va." that carried no return address. Inside was a postcard signed with a first name and an offering envelope. That envelope contained six \$50 bills and two \$100 bills.

The funds have been placed in a designated account for Baptist ministries at Cook County Hospital. (BP)

## 'My mailbox runneth over' say Baptist home missionaries

by Susan Todd

The U. S. government has done its share this spring to flood the mail with income tax forms and census questionnaires. But Southern Baptists have done their share for the postal system, too.

Southern Baptists aren't sending money or answering questions. They are promising to pray specifically for eight Southern Baptist home missionaries.

Preprinted postcards were distributed in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions observance March 4-11. The eight postcards were to be mailed one per day during the week of prayer.

Each postcard listed several specific prayer requests made by the eight home missionaries featured during the week.

The response has been overwhelming, according to the missionaries.

Anne and Randy Foster of Jackson, Wyo., have received enough postcards to fill 20 plastic grocery sacks.

"I have counted over 20,000, and I haven't even begun," Mrs. Foster said. "And this doesn't even count all the letters we've gotten."

The Fosters have seen results from the prayers of Southern Baptists. After the first cards arrived, their oldest son, Andy, faced some critical health problems.

"We can see God's hand in Andy's recovery," Mrs. Foster said. "We do appreciate the prayers."

Kenneth and Barbara Chadwick of Salt Lake City, have received more than 36,000 postcards.

"This has been real exciting for us," Mrs. Chadwick said. "Even our mailman, who has never indicated his church preference, has really been interested."

Because of the Chadwicks' location in a predominantly Mormon area, they received many letters from people interested in various aspects of work with Mormons, they said.

"We will try to respond to the ones who made specific requests," Mrs. Chadwick said. But due to the overwhelming response, they know they won't be able to answer every letter.

Brenda and Doug Lee of Grand Forks, N.D., asked Southern Baptists to pray that God would raise up workers for their church, especially Sunday school and missions organization leaders.

Two weeks after Southern Baptists prayed, Lee saw the answer to this prayer request.

"A young couple accepted Christ last night," he said. "I attribute that to prayer. They have a lot of potential. Last week (another) young couple joined the church, and they're very talented."

Timothy Park, coordinator of Korean ministries for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, has received more than 49,000 cards.

Park said he was very impressed by the response to his prayer requests. "Knowing that 9-year-olds and 12-year-olds are praying for me is important to me," he said.

The letters that especially touched Park were those from Korean young adults who were adopted by American families within the last two decades. "They asked me to proclaim Christ to their natural parents," he said.

Don Ledbetter, director of evangelism and Brotherhood for the Nevada Baptist Convention, has received more than 40,000 cards.

"They're precious mail," Ledbetter said.

Ledbetter, like the other missionaries, has received many letters. Some of the letters were from people he knew long ago and has not heard from in years. Others were from people who know a non-Christian living in the Reno or Las Vegas area and want the non-Christian to be told about Christ.

Ledbetter is sharing this information with pastors in the area. He also received letters from people who offered words of encouragement and the assurance of prayer support.

One highlight for Ledbetter came from a woman who sent a postcard and then called.

"A woman from Hattisburg, Miss., called me at the first of the month to say she was coming out for a convention and wanted to know if there was anything she could do while she was here," Ledbetter said.

She ended up attending revival services with Ledbetter in his church, South Reno Baptist Church, while she was in town. Putting a face with the name on a postcard made the prayer support even more personal for him, he said.

Debbie Scott, former home missionary and now a Mission Service Corps volunteer in Puerto Rico, has a unique appreciation for the prayer support indicated by the thousands of cards she has received.

Scott resigned the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as a career missionary Dec. 31, 1989, to become a volunteer working with new converts at Glenview Baptist Church in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Scott said that when the missionaries were chosen for the Week of Prayer observance, no one could have known this career change would even be on the horizon.

"I think that it was God's timing that I would be included," she said. "I need more prayers now than I needed when I was salaried. I don't know from day to day if all my funds are going to come in."

"I enjoy knowing that so many people were praying for me at one time," she said.

The big question now for the home missionaries is what to do with thousands of postcards representing prayer support.

As Anne Foster said: "I can't just toss them into the trash. That would be like tossing something that's more sacred than paper." (BP)

**Postman totes heavy bag**

by Don Hepburn

Franklin Beam was told he probably would receive several hundred postcards after being one of eight home missionaries featured in promotional materials for the recent Southern Baptist Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Instead, he has received more than 40,000 postcards and letters, as well as positive proof that prayer works.

His 7-year-old son, Stephen, who usually meets postman Mike Iorio at the mailbox each day, said he was "shocked" when Iorio insisted the bins of mail belonged to the Beams.

"I still don't believe this," Stephen said. "We've never gotten so much mail in our life."

Iorio, too, said he was surprised by the volume of mail he began delivering to the Beam home. He and his postal colleagues were even more surprised, however, when they discovered the nature of the cards.

"We were shocked that it dealt with prayer rather than a donation," recalled Iorio, a Roman Catholic.

"We knew a lot of people were praying for us," Beam said, "but to actually see it in a physical way, we had never had that privilege before."

Beam, a church-starting strategist who was the featured missionary for Wednesday, March 7, listed six prayer requests related to starting mission churches in southern Florida. But, unlike the others, Beam included a seventh prayer request that had a personal dimension. It asked Baptists to pray for strength for his wife, Susan, as she cares for their three children.

Mrs. Beam recalled having mixed feelings on March 6, the day before the Beams were to be the focus of the prayer emphasis. "I felt a sense of anticipation that something exciting was going to happen," she said. But, she thought: "Maybe it will be some trial that I will need special strength for. And that's what it ended up being."

The next afternoon, while Beam was away, she was reading the latest batch of postcards. Meanwhile, Emily, their 7-month-old daughter, discovered a can of wood filler and began tasting its toxic contents.

When Mrs. Beam realized what had happened, she called 911 and frantically requested an ambulance. Within minutes the mother and baby were en route to the hospital.

During the next five hours, doctors ran a series of tests to determine what damage, if any, the infant had suffered. Although concerned, the Beams said they felt a special sense of divine comfort. "We were reminded that someone was praying for us," Mrs. Beam said.

By the end of the day, Emily had been given a clean bill of health.

Initially the Beams tried to respond to each postcard. But the cost and the ever-growing stack of mail prompted them to rethink their plan.

The family now intends to save all the letters and postcards that have personal messages and place them in a scrapbook. They also hope to include the 40,000-plus signatures as well.

"When Satan tries to get us down, when we get discouraged, we can open that book of prayer and know that people are praying for us," Beam said. "And we'll remember what it was like during these days." (BP)



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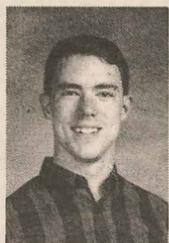
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Sixteen Cumberland College students applied for summer missions positions and ten, the maximum number allowed, were chosen. Jeff Driggs, Shannon Harter, Rob Roy, Mike Steeley, Joy Wallace and Laura Werts will serve in Kentucky on Son Teams. Missionary Kid, Lynette Baldwin, will go to Reanskei, Africa and Hoover Lee, Jr. will be with a missionary team in Kansas and Nebraska. Janet Wilson joins the Creative Arts Team in Resort Ministries in Hilton Head, S.C. Five students, Andy Abbott, Tonia Ackerman, Michael Bryant, Mark Fryer and Terri Wood, were recommended to the Home Mission Board Summer Teams.

In addition, many students will stay in Williamsburg this summer and work with our own Mountain Outreach and Appalachian Ministries programs. Mountain Outreach builds houses for underprivileged mountain neighbors and Appalachian Ministries holds Vacation Bible Schools for local children. Many others that we know of will be working with their home churches in Bible Schools, athletic leagues, choirs, community outreach projects and youth groups.

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