

# Joy comes in the morning to retirees' gathering at Louisville

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

More than 150 Kentucky Baptist annuitants—retired church and denominational servants and their spouses—engaged in a third annuitants' fellowship last week in Louisville.

Meeting at Walnut Street Baptist Church Apr. 17, the event planned by the KBC Annuity Department was aimed at fellowship, inspiration and information.

It began with an hour-long worship period conducted by host minister of music Eugene Sutherland and Annuity Board executive Frank G. Schwall Jr.

Sutherland was assisted by Walnut Street members Luanne Marshall and Betty Orton and by KBC Annuity Department director Don Spencer. The four formed a quartet which intermittently sang between hymns, scripture, monologs, solos by the two women and



Schwall



Owen

a responsive reading. Their participation was centered around the theme "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Schwall, on the other hand, spoke on "Secrets of Victorious Living."

The Annuity Board's senior vice president and director of its Member Services Division, Dallas, Tex., suggested three ideas based on the life of Paul:

- Maintain a positive attitude colored by joy.
- Be strong in your commitment.
- Place total trust in the sufficiency of God.

"What life in the long run does to us depends on what life finds within us," said Schwall.

"Joy is a primary characteristic of the Christian life," he indicated. "Therefore, let us cultivate the positive attitude of sheer joy and shun gloom."

Schwall concluded: "When we become immersed in the task God gives us we forget about the hardships and troubles life sends our way. Whatever disappointments, pain, losses and difficulties we experience, Christ gives us the strength to withstand them."

At a luncheon following the worship experience, former KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen of Middletown kept the annuitants in stitches

recalling funny incidents under the banner, "That Reminds Me of a Story."

After leading them in laughter for awhile, Owen remarked: "I hope I'll be remembered primarily as a preacher of the gospel, not just a teller of stories."

He said it was difficult for him "to refrain from preaching entirely." He suggested three things that would hold retirement-age people in good stead: strong character, wisdom and optimism.

The concluding portion of the day's agenda included a session focusing on the ministry of the interim pastor.

H. B. Kuhnle of Lexington, who has filled 24 interims in retirement, addressed the topic from his perspective as one who as "been there." He was followed by observations by Guy C. Futral Jr., Kentucky Baptists' consultant in the Minister-Church Relations Department, Middletown.

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### Carter addresses Cumberland dedication

*Carter's speech reveals statesmanship, Christianity*

by Pat Cole  
Special Correspondent

Individuals and institutions of higher learning should not draw a "geographical boundary around their circle of influence" said former president Jimmy Carter at Cumberland College Apr. 18.

Carter visited the Williamsburg campus to deliver the dedicatory address for the school's O. Wayne Rollins Center, an athletic and convocation complex. During his remarks, he challenged Americans and American colleges and universities to "reach out to those who are desperately stricken with poverty, disease, abandonment, torture and war and at the same time strengthen our geographical community."

Carter, a volunteer laborer in Habitat for Humanity's effort to provide affordable housing for low income people, said the 39 homes built by Cumberland students for poor residents in the area surrounding the college represent a "sterling example of reaching out." He also complimented the college for its special interest in educating students from Ethiopia, a country where Carter has been trying to medi-



KBC president Bill Messer (l) welcomes former president Jimmy Carter as Jim Taylor, president of Cumberland College looks on.

ate an end to a 29-year civil war.

In addition, the 39th president paid tribute to Rollins, an Atlanta businessman who contributed \$1.5 million toward construction of Cumberland's new \$6.5 million facility. "There are not many people in our country who have started from such humble beginnings but then who never forget their origins and who invest their tremendous financial wealth into the lives of so many people," he said.

The 105,000 square foot complex contains an arena for Cumberland's athletic events, concerts and convocations plus three classrooms, a swimming pool, bowling alley, handball courts and student game rooms. Nearly 3000 people attended the dedication.

Carter, who teaches at Emory University in Atlanta, pointed out that colleges and universities have great resources to deal with world problems. Yet he said they often become "isolated in their academic life from the people they are supposed to serve."

He urged Cumberland to strengthen its programs of meeting human needs. "Wherever there is a small flame of truth, dedication, service and moral standards, it needs to be fanned into a more significant light that can bring warmth and peace and sharing far be-

yond the bounds of this college and far beyond the bounds we have set for our individual lives," he said.

Carter noted most people gauge success by education, career success, social standing and financial security. Yet he said attributes like "integrity, honest, dedication, service, compassion and love" should be the standards by which success is measured.

"Service to others may seem like a sacrifice, but invariably it turns out to be life's greatest blessing," he said.

Prior to Carter's address, Cumberland College president James H. Taylor said the school began the building project with "little more than faith and a prayer."

Rollins, he said, "taught us to have faith and confidence in ourselves."

Taylor also read a letter from president Bush that congratulated Cumberland on its new facility and commended the school for its commitment to education in the Appalachian region.

by Pat Cole  
Special Correspondent

Jimmy Carter's speech at Cumberland College revealed that his perspective on the world is shaped by both his previous occupation and his Christian faith.

During the former president's address at the dedication of the school's O. Wayne Rollins Center, evidence of his role as senior statesman abounded. Carter mentioned recent meetings he has had with international leaders, including several from developing nations. He spoke in some detail about war, drought, diseases and famine facing various third world countries.

Carter's speech, delivered without a prepared manuscript, was also punctuated with references to Christianity. In a style consistent with his Sunday school teacher background, the Southern Baptist layman pointed to the life of Christ as a model for daily living. "We think of Jesus of having lived the perfect life," he said. He then reminded the audience that Jesus lived a "life of great simplicity." Yet Carter's address also indicated that he believes faith has implications beyond the lives of individuals.

He warned against Americans assuming that their worthiness has caused them to be "greatly blessed" by God. He urged greater concern for the plight of people who suffer.

Carter seemed totally at home with the Kentucky Baptists at Cumberland. As he greeted well wishers, he wore the broad grin that was made famous during his 1976 presidential race. During the college chorale's rendition of "Amazing Grace," he tapped his foot and sang along quietly.

Carter's relaxed nature, however, stood in contrast to the vigilant behavior of the Secret Service agents who watched his every move. Their presence was a reminder that this Baptist once resided in the White House.

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## in the interim

### Why not do it Harry Truman's way?

The race for the presidency of the SBC between Morris Chapman and Daniel Vestal has every characteristic of a secular political campaign. Announcements of candidacy, selection of nominators, the gathering of endorsements, meetings in which strategy is planned and implemented, request for campaign financing, and the arrival of campaign material (the "Communicator" is the latest) on every pastor's desk—what's the difference in this and the practices of secular politicians? Not much. And there's something about it that kills the soul of the average Southern Baptist.

Harry Truman made an observation in some of his writings released after his death. He said that in every American town with at least 10,000 population there was at least one citizen who could effectively serve as president of the United States, that there was at least one who would be a capable chief justice of the Supreme Court and several who could serve in the Congress or the Cabinet. That's some observation! Especially considering how many towns we have with a population of 10,000 or more! Truman believed in this country so much, in its ideals of citizen politicians and in the basic ability of hundreds of thousands of its citizens that he had no doubt that the best available leadership was usually overlooked. Perhaps now, as Southern Baptists, it's time to do it Harry Truman's way.

Following his logic, in every state convention there are a score of men and women who could serve as the president of the SBC, a score who could head up the boards and agencies and hundreds and hundreds who could serve at other levels. The pool of Southern Baptist leadership is deep and wide. It is an unmitigated tragedy that we have allowed ourselves to be boxed into the feeling that there are only a very few who are qualified to lead. We have bought a political model for holy work: only a very few are well known, only a very few are capable, only a very few have a chance.

As long as Southern Baptists think that way we will be stuck in choosing our leaders from a very few. But the SBC is not out of leadership, not yet! We are just out of the collective will to use that existing wide and capable leadership. Peace, which

grows dimmer with each passing day, is not likely to come under the leadership of the two "parties" now contending. It is much more likely to come under leaders whose names are not very familiar right now, leaders whom God has hidden away in his people, leaders who have nothing at stake other than the effectiveness of a great denomination.

Now understand, we have nothing against Mr. Chapman or Mr. Vestal. If that's the only choice the messengers want, fine and good. But just consider what a liberation we would feel if these two fellows met together and said to us, "Fellow Southern Baptists, we are going to sit this one out. See if you can find someone who doesn't want to be president, but could accomplish the job if the people called him out."

It would really be something if, when the time for nominations came, every single state convention was represented on the list. The line of nominators might be a little long and the ballots would have to be improvised but what fun it would be! "Brother moderator, from Kentucky I wish to nominate.... Brother moderator, from Kansas I wish to nominate.... Brother moderator, from Alabama I wish to nominate...." You get the idea.

Oh, I know! You are going to tell me that this would "split up the vote." Perhaps. But we might get a good look at a lot of faithful, decent, godly people whose names we do not know and who have nothing at stake other than their love of the Lord and the work he has given us. And in the process we just might save the Southern Baptist Convention.

When you realize that the annual meeting of the SBC has been turned into an ecclesiastical political meeting your heart burns to try something new. Maybe it's time to try it Harry Truman's way. Personal ambition, political prejudice and pride could be laid aside and men and women from the heart and soul of the convention could be put before us. If they have the right spirit it really won't make any difference who won or lost. It probably won't happen in New Orleans, unless the people take back their own process or unless God works a miracle. But what if it did...?

Richard W. Bridges

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# Georgetown trustee sees research as his 'bran' of ministry

by Marc C. Whitt

Dr. James W. Anderson's name might not be familiar to as many Americans as, say, U. S. President George Bush's, but his research on the health benefits of oat bran are recognized worldwide.

A trustee of Georgetown (Ky.) College, Anderson is president of the HCF Nutrition Research Foundation in Lexington, Ky. HCF (high carbohydrate, high fiber) is the heart of Anderson's medical research and in his estimation, his Christian ministry.

"I wanted to be a doctor since I was six or seven," said Anderson. "This desire was probably influenced by my mother who was a nurse."

Anderson grew up in an American Baptist home and church in Hinton, W. Va. Baptized at age eight, Anderson became actively involved in his church.

"I was the pastor's favorite. At 17 I had an agonizing decision to make—whether to continue my dream of being a physician or to enter the ministry. I thought I had been called to preach. Before I made up my mind I went through several prayerful months. It was a tough decision to make. I (eventually) determined that I would enter

my medical career with a sense of ministry," Anderson said.

Anderson's ministry in medicine began 30 years ago when he began research in the area of diabetes.

"We, as Americans, didn't see many diet cook books that were very good back then," lamented Anderson.

Back in 1974 Anderson's research led him to study the relationship of heart disease and obesity. Since 1979 his HCF Nutrition Research Foundation has been supporting nutrition research and public health education.

Perhaps Anderson's most famous discovery has been that of oat bran and its health benefits. Anderson noticed that when diabetics were on a high fiber, low fat diet, their blood cholesterol levels drastically fell.

Recalling a 1963 Dutch study on cholesterol levels dropping after 21 men were given oatmeal bread, Anderson recognized that the grain's fiber could be the secret.

Anderson, who once had a cholesterol count of a whopping 285, began to modify his diet. The West Virginia native started each morning with a bowl of oat bran cereal and throughout the day would eat four bran muffins along with his meals.

In five weeks his cholesterol level dropped to 110 points!

Since his discovery rocked Americans' outlook on their diets, Anderson and his foundation have dedicated themselves to Christian medical research.

"Every day (our) research helps people improve the quality of their lives by providing valuable information about diet and nutrition and the relationships to human health and disease. Our foundation is committed to providing (the public) with the latest information on a healthy diet and its effect in controlling the 'big five': heart

disease, cancer, hypertension, obesity and diabetes."

A member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington and a Sunday school teacher, Anderson feels blessed.

"The Lord has really positioned me in this area. I take too much credit for what he has given me."

*The HCF Nutrition Research Foundation provides a quarterly newsletter concerning the foundation's latest findings. Persons wishing to subscribe are asked to submit \$2.00 to HCF Nutrition News, Box 22124, Lexington, KY 40522.*

## SWBTS students help 'Here's Hope'

by Chip Alford

Students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., participating in spring revivals helped bring a message of hope to 175 Southern Baptist churches in 32 states and two foreign countries during the school's spring break.

More than 500 professions of faith have been recorded and more than 20 churches have not reported, according to Dan Crawford, associate professor of evangelism/missions and director of the seminary's spring evangelism practicum.

Crawford said most of the student-led revivals were held in conjunction with the "Here's Hope America" simultaneous revival campaign.

The practicum, held each year during the seminary's spring break, gives practical experience to students who lead revivals at smaller churches in pioneer areas of the SBC.

In addition to the students, Crawford, two other Southwestern faculty members and one staff member also led revivals as part of this year's program. "We wanted the students to have

a sense of faculty support not only in word but also in participation," he said.

A basketball team made up of Southwestern students also participated in the practicum by sharing the gospel through the athletic arena. The eight-member team traveled to the Big Bend area of south Texas to play against college and nonprofessional teams from Mexico. During their stay they played against Mexico's number one amateur team which included players from the Mexican Olympic team.

"It was really a unique opportunity because these (players) are high impact people in the country of Mexico," said Southwestern team member David Landrith. "We got to share our testimonies with them through an interpreter and we presented each of them with a New Testament."

Another highlight of this year's practicum was a trip made by eight students to Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans, the only non Catholic church in the city's famed French Quarter. In an intensive street ministry project, the students witnessed to 170 people and distributed more than 4000 tracts and portions of Scripture.

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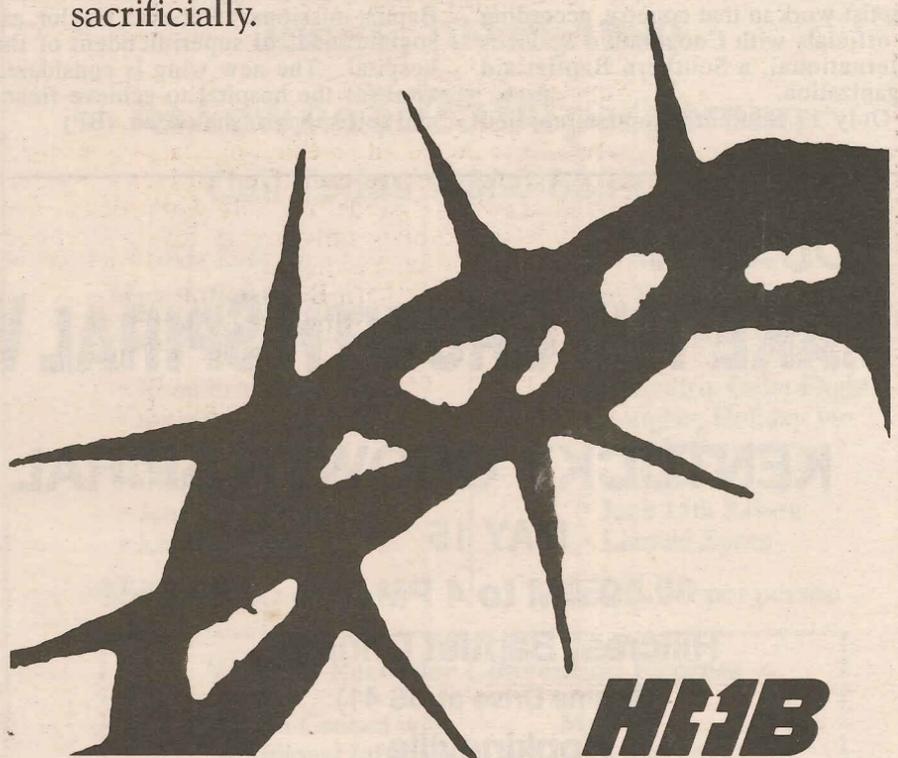
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# baptist news briefs

## Hinson to speak at BPFNA meeting

E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the speaker for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America luncheon on Monday, June 11, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, La.

"Each year we sponsor this luncheon as a fellowship occasion for our members and other interested persons," said Ken Sehested, executive director of the BPFNA and coeditor, along with Hinson, of the *Baptist Peacemaker*, a quarterly journal mailed to 14,000 individuals and congregations.

"The key to our work is developing a leadership structure at several levels," Sehested continued, "including local church groups, regional groups and Baptist convention groups." Outside the SBC, Baptist Peace Fellowship groups are active in American Baptist, Baptist General Conference, Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico and Seventh Day Baptist conventions.

"Our role as an organization is not to speak for Baptists but to empower Baptists—to speak and act for themselves—from a biblical perspective—on a wide variety of justice and peace issues," said Sehested.

The luncheon will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 1500 Canal St., at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 students/low income) and can be ordered from BPFNA, 499 Patterson St., Memphis, TN 38111. (BP)

## Teacher shortage threatens CSI work in China

Slow response to requests for teachers in China threatens to curtail Southern Baptist work in that country, according to officials with Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist aid organization.

Only 17 Southern Baptists applied

to teach in China beginning in the fall under CSI sponsorship. The organization earlier requested 86 teachers, hoping to expand its work from the 57 Southern Baptists now teaching in China.

"The only thing that's saving the program is the 30 teachers who have agreed to stay over for another year," said Jack Shelby, CSI's Hong Kong-based administrator. "We will have to concentrate only on the schools where we have established relationships and will not be able to expand our program at all this year. Even in schools where we have teachers and established relationships, the number of teachers for each school will be drastically reduced."

Other Christian organizations working in China apparently are facing similar problems in finding personnel. Officials cite two main factors in the downturn of foreign volunteers: reaction to last June's crackdown on student protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square and an upsurge of interest in eastern Europe as that region opens. (BP)

## India medical missions gets boost at hospital

Groundbreaking in April signaled the start of construction on a \$400,000 addition to the Bangalore Baptist Hospital, a center of Southern Baptist mission work in India since 1971.

The new wing will add 23 beds to the 100-bed hospital and increase space for treating outpatients. It will be used by private patients paying market rates for treatment, allowing the hospital to continue serving others who are too poor to pay.

The aim of the hospital always has been to provide high quality medical care to people of all socioeconomic classes and religions, said Southern Baptist missionary Rebekah Naylor, associate medical superintendent of the hospital. The new wing is considered vital for the hospital to achieve financial self support, she added. (BP)

## Historians note loss of tolerance in SBC

Until the current denominational controversy the SBC stated its doctrines in terms broad enough to include "churches which reflected a wide variety of diverse theological traditions," said Bill Leonard, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. His comments came during the school's Denominational Heritage Week. Persons who "affirmed certain 'universally prevalent' Baptist beliefs were permitted to unite together in missionary action," he said.

Yet the SBC's lack of precision in defining doctrine also provided fertile ground for controversy and "potential schism as representatives of one particular theological viewpoint sought to impose their interpretation on the entire body," Leonard continued.

Recent efforts to narrow the theological parameters of the convention have "upset the delicate balance" that the denominations successfully maintained in former years. "By 1989, the real question was: How narrowly can the denomination define itself and still remain intact?" he said.

Addressing "The Varieties of American Evangelicalism," Robert K. Johnston, provost and dean of North Park College and Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., said evangelicals are composed of diverse "Christian subcultures" that have a "certain family resemblance."

Evangelicals, he asserted, have "common understandings of faith and of mission that knit this otherwise disparate group of Christians together." Johnston noted a threefold commitment characterizes evangelicals: a dedication to the gospel expressed in personal faith in Christ, an understanding of the gospel "as defined authoritatively by Scripture," and a desire to "communicate the gospel both in evangelism and social reform."

In his address, David Wells, Andrew Mutch professor of historical and systematic theology at Gordon-Conwell

Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass., said evangelical churches have become dangerously apathetic in their concern for theology. He cited a survey that revealed 87.5 percent of the books produced by evangelical publishing houses is "geared to the interest of the self movement." Evangelical scholars, pastors and laity need to find ways to work together to bring about a resurgence of interest in theology, he said. (BP)

## President Bush invited to address SBC in June

President George Bush has been invited to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, La., June 12-14.

Although the White House has not yet responded to the invitation, the offer likely will be accepted since Bush reportedly initiated the idea.

Dwight "Ike" Reighard, chairman of the SBC committee on order of business, which plans the program for the annual convention, confirmed that his committee issued the invitation after a Bush aide notified the committee of the president's desire to speak to Southern Baptists.

"To tell you the truth, we're not assured of anything at this stage," Reighard, pastor of New Hope Church in Fayetteville, Ga., told the Florida Baptist Witness Apr. 12. "We've not received back confirmation... (but) they have expressed an interest in being there."

The White House does not comment on such invitations until they are accepted, but a spokesman for the president told the Witness Apr. 11 that any plans for the June convention would have to be put in motion "within a couple of weeks."

Reighard said word of the president's desire to speak to Southern Baptists came from Doug Wead, the president's liaison for religious affairs. Both Reighard and SBC president Jerry Vines "were made aware there was a possibility," the Georgia pastor said.

Bush probably would speak Thursday afternoon during the closing session of the three-day meeting. The committee, which knew of the Bush possibility while drafting the program, scheduled no major speakers during that session. "It would be much better if it works out for Thursday," Reighard said.

The Bush appearance, Reighard said, "would keep a lot of messengers there" on Thursday, which traditionally has the lowest attendance of the three-day convention. (BP)

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### Supreme court rejects antidancing case

The Supreme Court has refused to review a dispute over whether high school dances should be allowed in a small Missouri community.

A group of high school students and their parents from Purdy, Mo., charged the local school board's antidancing rule promoted the religious beliefs of the town's fundamentalist churches. The rule, which has been in place for a number of years, prohibits dancing on school premises.

When the students petitioned to have the rule changed, members of the town's ministerial alliance—made up of the pastors of five churches, including First Baptist Church of Purdy—voiced their opposition and enlisted their congregations to oppose the change, calling dancing a "sin."

In a closed door session, the school board rejected the students' request. The students and their parents then filed suit against the school board.

A federal district court held the Purdy School Board's actions on the dancing question violated the First Amendment's establishment clause. The antidancing rule, the court said, is "inherently religious."

But a panel of the Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision, holding that since dancing is a secular activity, the rule is neutral. The religious effect of the rule, the panel said, is "indirect, remote and incidental."

By a five to four vote, the full appeals court refused to rehear the case.

In his dissent the court's chief judge wrote: "In Purdy, Mo., the no dancing rule differs little from a school's posting of the Ten Commandments on its classroom walls. In both cases the school makes it abundantly clear to the

students that it embraces the tenets of a particular religion."

In appealing to the nation's highest court Larry M. Schumaker, attorney for the students and parents, said the antidancing rule made members of minority faiths "feel the school district considers their religious beliefs to be inferior."

Calling the rule "neutral" is a concept that "immunizes otherwise objectionable government conduct," Schumaker wrote. Although dancing is a secular activity, he said, the school board's opposition to it was intended to promote certain religious beliefs.

But Ransom A. Ellis III, who represented the Purdy School Board, argued the real issue is whether public school officials may continue a "long standing practice of not including in their extracurricular program a social activity without being found to make a law respecting an establishment of religion." To do so, he said, would call into question any public school rule or decision that has its basis in traditional morality, such as dress codes and rules against vulgarity.

Parallelism between religious beliefs and legislation does not always make a law religious, Ellis wrote.

Church members, he added, are still constituents and should not be denied their right to engage in the political process. (BP)

### Braidfoot elected vp at William Carey College

Larry Braidfoot has been elected academic vice president and dean of the college, as well as professor of religion and political science, at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Braidfoot currently is general counsel and director of Christian citizenship

development for the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn., where he has worked since Sept. 1, 1981.

Prior to joining the Christian Life Commission, Braidfoot worked at Dallas (Tex.) Baptist College, now Dallas Baptist University, for nine years. There he taught courses in religion, philosophy and political science and was president of the faculty council.

His work with the Christian Life Commission has been concentrated in the areas of Christian citizenship, gambling, pornography and AIDS education. (BP)

### Ex HMB staffer joins South Carolina staff

B. Carlisle Driggers, Southern Baptist pastor and denominational worker, has been elected assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Driggers, currently minister of outreach and pastoral care at Northminster Baptist Church, Conyers, Ga., will begin work June 1.

Previously, he has been pastor, associate pastor and minister of education at churches in Kentucky, Alabama and West Virginia.

He earned a MDiv and MA in Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. In 1976, he earned the doctor of ministry degree at Pittsburgh (Pa.) Theological Seminary. (BP)

### Peyote decision to affect free exercise cases

The U. S. Constitution does not require a state to allow the religious use of the drug peyote, the Supreme Court has ruled.

In an Apr. 17 decision the high court held the state of Oregon not only can prohibit the use of peyote but also can deny unemployment compensation to individuals dismissed from their jobs for using the drug.

The case involved two drug rehabilitation counselors who were fired for using peyote as part of Native American Church ceremonies. When Alfred Smith and Galen Black applied for unemployment compensation from Oregon's Employment Division, they were turned down because they had been discharged for work related misconduct.

The court's decision is a dangerous one that has serious implications for all laws affecting churches, said Oliver S. Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"Taxation of church assets, regulation of church schools and child care centers, zoning and other land use questions are all areas of the law where we've relied upon the compelling state interest test to provide churches with exemptions," Thomas said. "With a stroke of his pen, justice Scalia has overturned 27 years of legal precedent and made the 'first liberty' a constitutional stepchild." (BP)

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# HERE'S HOPE

## HOPEFUL SIGNS

■ Brooksville Baptist Church, Union Association, held revival Mar. 25-28 with Greg Hancock, director of the Communications Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, as evangelist. Brooksville pastor Jack Wren reports 16 professions of faith during the week and an all time high attendance in Sunday school of 143 the first Sunday of revival. Church membership is less than 200. Preparation for the revival began last October with "solemn assembly" prayer meeting and visitation.

■ Anderson Association held a Here's Hope rally Mar. 31 at First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. Ten of 12 churches in the association attended with a crowd of approximately 400.

■ Hardin Baptist Church, Blood River Association, held revival Mar. 11-15 with Don Short as evangelist. Pastor Ricky Cunningham reports 29 professions of faith with 24 baptisms. Sunday school attendance reached a record high of 334 on the first day of revival.

## LIFE IMPACT

Steve Bartholomew stood in the doorway of the office and listened as a phone counselor presented the plan of salvation. Answers to months of questions fell into place.

Baxter Riley, from Paducah's First Baptist Church TV ministry, hung up the phone, turned to Bartholomew and inquired, "Have you ever been saved?" "No, I haven't," said Bartholomew. Riley reached out his hand and said, "Pray this prayer."

Seeds sown over three years by his wife, Verna, were reaped. She had inspired him as he overcame a drinking problem. She was patient and had encouraged him as he puzzled over the unfamiliar language of her church.

On Easter, 1988, Bartholomew's work took him to First Baptist. Between duties he stood at the back of the sanctuary and watched the annual Easter pageant. "I had never seen anything like that story of Jesus," he said. "I was moved to change."

Six months of searching followed before he fully understood the story he had observed. His new faith was severely tested in the first few weeks. He was injured in a hunting accident and his seven-month-old daughter died suddenly.

"It was a terrible time," he said. "I don't know what I would have done without the Lord." He adds, "Before I met Jesus, my life was unmanageable. Now my heart is at peace."

Janice Hughes

## DIRECTIONS

"Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.' But what about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9:18-20, NIV)

## 'Revival in a graveyard' is message for New Brandenburg congregation

by Denise Spencer  
State Correspondent

### HERE'S HOPE: WEEK 5

"If we truly want revival, God is waiting to touch us. It matters not what people around us are doing." So began evangelist Steve Carney's message to New Brandenburg Baptist Church one night as Salem Association congregation held its *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* revival.

Carney, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Nelson Association, brought the Monday night sermon from Ezekiel 37. His title: "Revival in a Graveyard."

Music evangelist for the week was Charlie Blanc, pastor of Ekron Baptist Church, Salem Association. Blanc brought three members of his own congregation to help with Monday's special music. Mike Wix, Steve Alexander and pianist Jimmie Lee Chapman joined Blanc for a medley.

Carney's wife, Melanie, sang Sunday night. Blanc planned to bring his church choir to sing Wednesday. "The Believers," a ladies' quartet from New

Brandenburg, was to sing in the Friday service.

New Brandenburg highlighted four nights with emphases:

- Monday - Sunday school night
- Tuesday - Children's night
- Wednesday - Family night
- Thursday - Youth night

The church hosted a hot dog supper for children Tuesday while youth gathered for pizza before the Thursday night service.

Here's Hope was New Brandenburg's first revival since 1987. Pastor Wade Bibb explained that earlier revivals had suffered from poor preparation. People became discouraged at the lack of response. Church leaders decided to focus instead on Sunday school enlargement campaigns the following two years, with favorable results.

Determined to prepare for the spring revival, Wade stated, "The two main thrusts were prayer and visitation." He asked Mrs. Dee Worley to head the prayer team. Her group of volunteers met 30 minutes before the Wednesday night service for six weeks.

Mrs. Worley also organized a 24-hour prayer vigil two weeks before the revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson led the visitation team. They collected names of unchurched people in the area, many of whom were already on Mrs. Worley's prayer list. Concentrating their efforts on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons, the team visited each person on their list over a two-week span.

The church also put their telephones to good use, calling regularly attending members. Mrs. Sandra Troutman coordinated the calls, asking people to pray and reminding them to come.

Sunday school classes and other small groups got involved. Classes contacted their absent members and prospects. The church set a Sunday school goal of 110 for the first day of revival. They proudly exceeded the goal by one, which set a record for New Brandenburg. Individuals and groups asked Bibb how they could help in other ways. Several people chose to underwrite costs for specific revival events.

New Brandenburg members were quick to give the revival financial support. The church voted to raise \$500 in pledges to offset revival expenses. One week before Here's Hope began they had already exceeded their goal. This response encouraged Bibb, as well as Michael Benham, minister of education. Benham asserted, "Revival started here two weeks ago."

Bibb hoped revival would give his congregation "a renewed vision for the area, some new direction, a new thrust for our mission." New Brandenburg planned to follow the week's services with a prayer retreat. Benham revealed plans for a "people search" next fall. He added, "People have put names in their prayers. We're excited. It's time for revival to break out here, even for us as church leaders."

### Profile of New Brandenburg congregation

■ The church began as a mission of First Baptist Church, Brandenburg, in 1919.

■ New Brandenburg has 293 members making up 50 families, most active in church life.

■ During a Sunday school growth emphasis in October 1988 average Sunday school attendance increased from 65 to 99. This campaign also saw the start of two new classes.

■ Pastor Wade Bibb is the church's first full time minister. He has served five years; half of that time as youth pastor while in seminary.

■ Michael Benham is New Brandenburg's first associate minister. Originally from the congregation, he returned one year ago to become minister of education. Benham volunteers his time to the church and has a career in journalism.

## Counting the cost—Southern Baptists weigh

by Bill Moore  
State Correspondent

Wallace Morris, pastor of Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, declares: "I am a strong proponent of the church budgeting the total expenses of the revival and the love offering going to the evangelist. We also budget a floor for the love offering but we put no ceiling on it."

Morris was a full time evangelist for seven years during 42 years of ministry.

He offers three reasons for a love offering honorarium versus budgeting it:

■ Evangelism takes place in love. People expressing their love through giving promotes evangelism.

■ The more people give the more the church is blessed. We teach this concerning tithing and other offerings so it should also be true concerning the love offering.

■ People are happy when they give well.

In a survey of 20 pastors, including three former pastors, in Daviess/McLean Association, 17 used the combination plan described by Morris. Most of them included a budget amount as a minimum for the love offering in case it fell below a base level. This mini-

mum was described as a floor, guarantee, cushion or backup.

Two churches used budget only. One of these takes offerings during the revival that go into the budget. These churches said their people preferred this method. One large church used offerings only but with a budget backup.

Some pointed out the greatest cost of true revival is in prayer, preparation, outreach and faithfulness of the people. As evangelists often declare: "I cannot bring a revival."

Several commented that the "giving hurts" attitude used to prevail and remembered when revival committees solicited funds for the revival and no offerings were taken. With the increase of church budgeting it became a tendency to put the revival into the budget.

Under the combination plan expenses to be budgeted include travel, lodging, meals and promotion. The love offering is divided if an outside

musician is used. This division usually ranges from 60/40 to 70/30 percent.

Morris indicates that when he uses a full time evangelist he explains to the people that the person gets a livelihood from revivals and seeks to promote a good offering. "But I promote the offering strongly. No matter who is preaching. We take the offering every service of the revival including Sunday. We provide special offering envelopes."

Walnut Street Church, Owensboro, follows the plan of budgeting expenses and having offerings for the guest workers. Pastor Carson Bevil feels, "I think I would favor budgeting it all. I may ask the church to try it."

Pastor Tim Bell at Panther Creek Church near Owensboro says he does not believe offerings take away from the spirit of evangelism. They budget expenses and receive a love offering with a minimum budgeted. "We have to use pastors in our area to keep down

FRONTLINE

# HOPE TODAY



They go to the highways compelling them to come as a way of sharing hope

by Beth Wyatt  
State Correspondent

Each Sunday Christian workers go to the highways by means of CB radios compelling truck drivers to come to worship services at Union 76 Truck Stop, exit 29, Corbin.

David Brooks, Marcia Meade, Kenny Harrel and Ed Kortez—Clear Creek Bible College students—visit with truckers in the coffee shop and on the parking lot, witnessing and inviting them to attend the service.

It is low key. They use utmost respect for the truck drivers.

The ministry is new, less than six months old. High attendance has been 15 truck drivers. Two have made professions of faith.

Here's Hope rekindled the burden of Earl Abbott, retired pastor, now residing in London. Abbott has been evangelistic throughout his years in ministry. Last year he talked with his nephew, Glen Cope, an Ohio truck driver who has been instrumental in beginning similar ministries in Ohio. In turn they approached the owner of the Corbin location.

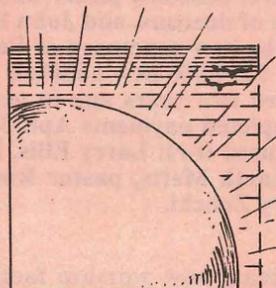
After obtaining the owner's permission and whole hearted support, they went to the in-service director at Clear Creek Bible College, Pineville.

Bibles, gospel tapes and tracts were made available free of charge.

Permission is asked of each new convert to allow the ministry to contact his home. A letter is sent to a local church advising what has transpired.

Bill Patterson, manager of the Corbin Truck Stop, said the service is an attraction for their business. It offers a church and Christian influence away from home. Plans are underway to erect a chapel adjacent to the facility. Now truckers can stop for more than just fuel—they can also stop for hope.

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Part of the *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* promotional campaign includes posters for churches to publicize revival meetings. This is one example. Southern Baptist Here's Hope ads have been appearing in magazines, newspapers, billboards, radio and television.

## COUNTDOWN

### Associations in revival this week:

Simpson County: Apr. 22-29  
South Union: Apr. 22-27  
Sulphur Fork: Apr. 22-29  
Warren: Apr. 22-29  
West Kentucky: Mar. 18-Apr. 29  
West Union: Mar. 18-Apr. 29

### Television ads are appearing this week during morning, noon and evening newscasts on several stations across the commonwealth:

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

### The Home Mission Board is taking revival reports on the "Victory Line." The HMB Evangelism Department will accept calls between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., eastern time, Mondays through Fridays. The number is (404) 898-7589.

## PERSPECTIVE

Perhaps we need to consider the following questions as we enter *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* revivals.

Why are 167 million people in the United States lost without Jesus Christ as savior?

Why have Southern Baptists failed to win them to Christ? We have the money, the churches, the pastors, the staff and the programs.

What is missing? Could it be the sacrifice? God had to sacrifice his only Son. Jesus had to sacrifice, suffer and give his life. Maybe the reason we have not won America to Christ is because we have not been willing to sacrifice.

As the events of the past months have focused our attention on eastern Europe, we have been told of the sacrifices of Christians in this part of the world. We have heard of worship services overflowing with people and many accepting Christ as savior. Why is this not true in every Southern Baptist church in America?

Could this time of *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* be the time for us to take seriously the words of Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service?"

Delores Spears, president  
Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union  
Paducah

## HOPE QUOTE

"Here's Hope will not automatically fulfill the Lord's mandate 'Go...and teach.' But if Southern Baptists prayerfully plan their work with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, thousands of people will be born into the kingdom and disciplined for Christ."

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

## weigh the pros and cons of revival and finance

expenses," reports Bell, "and we take the love offering every service."

L. C. Gray is a full time evangelist in Owensboro who has pastored many years. Gray emphasizes he sets no minimum for a revival and no conditions but he does prefer the free will offering. He has printed envelopes explaining he is dependent on revival offerings for his living but he does not insist his envelopes be used. He shared an instance in which the pastor told him they budgeted the honorarium because the people gave so poorly for revivals. Gray says, "I told him I would be willing to take the love offering, whatever it was, in preference to the budgeted amount and I did not know how much they had budgeted. They agreed. I found out later how much they had budgeted and the offering was more than double the budgeted amount."

Gray adds, "People don't give unless they want to. The key to a generous offering is the pastor but if revival is happening that helps. I will not promote my own offering." Gray has a packet of materials on revival preparation he sends to a pastor to use if he chooses. The packet includes some suggestions on the offering.

Don Short, full time evangelist from Eddyville and second vice president, KBC, was the only person outside Daviess/McLean Association who was interviewed. He states, "God supplies my needs through churches. If I have extra needs God can lead people to meet them in a free will offering but if it is locked in a budget God has to find another way. Pastors say, 'We don't want to offend people by making them feel the revival is their responsibility,' but we do that very thing every Sunday. There is a graceful way or a begging way of receiving an offering. I do not use special envelopes or a mailing list and I would not take the offering myself."

Bill Roberts, long time pastor in western Kentucky and now retired, reported most of his pastorates used the combination of budgeting the expenses and then a love offering with a minimum guaranteed. He commented that people want to give to an evangelist. "In a few cases where we did not take a love offering people would hand me money to give to the evangelist."

Livermore pastor Ron Kinzel uses the combination of budgeting expenses and love offering with guaranteed minimum. He remarked: "The laborer is

worthy of his hire', applies to an evangelist." Kinzel also observed that when an evangelist comes back a second time or more the offering usually increases.

Abuses by some television evangelists have made everyone conscious of the possibility of fraud and misuse. Most of the pastors interviewed felt that abuses in revival fund raising are rare. No church put a ceiling on the love offering. But in a few instances churches having the offering go well beyond expectation have had the pastor and/or church officers want to retain part of it for the church. Most pastors deem this unethical, especially if it had been understood by the congregation that the love offering was going to the evangelist.

Morris feels other abuses of revival offerings may come when an evangelist promotes his own offering from the pulpit.

Roberts believes monetary abuses are rare and adds, "I always know the man I invite so I have never had a bad experience."

As Morris said, "Evangelism takes place in love." However the revival is financed—it should be an expression of love.

# mountains to the mississippi



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## clear creek chronicle

### Here's Hope Idaho

The Kentucky-Utah/Idaho partnership had help from two Clear Creek students in *Here's Hope* revivals in three cities. Third year Ohio student Karl Chadrick directed music in two churches near Boise, Id. Utah/Idaho Baptist Convention executive director Clyde Billingsley preached. Both churches are in areas of growing population and the congregations have purchased property for future expansion. Chadrick was "impressed with the vision of First Southern Church, Caldwell. They have a strong deacon ministry, fifteen are in MasterLife and they have a wall full of Christian development diplomas."

While in the army, Chadrick helped start a church in Germany. He later moved to Provo, Ut. and helped a new congregation with music, camps and as a deacon. He lost his job, "and it wasn't easy for a Baptist to get work in Mormon country. The Lord used the move back east to bring me to Clear Creek." Chadrick wants to return to Utah-Idaho as a church planter.

Calvary, Danville, sent its youth minister, Dan Stallard, to preach in Soda Springs, Id. The community of 4000 is 95 percent Mormon. Home Mission Board church starter-pastor Doug Robertson planned five full days for the third year student. Five daily Bible studies focused on men, ladies, youth, children and a house church 50 miles away in Prescott.

Thirty attend Sunday mornings in Soda Springs. The fire marshal has condemned their small building and the church voted to build. Stallard noted, "This progressive action will also get the church in better location; it is now 100 feet from a Mormon seminary."

Stallard observed, "Evangelistic efforts are not as we experience in Kentucky. Mormons will not attend church; all the youth and adults present were Christians. I was able to witness to three youth at the Bible study."

The few Baptist churches in the two states are often separated by many miles. One director of missions flew a private plane 400 miles to meet with a Bible study group. Many bivocational pastors are needed to develop struggling churches.

Stallard affirmed the value of our partnership. "They love Kentucky and appreciate our care for them."

### missions

**Robert and Lisa Moor**, missionaries to Tanzania, have arrived in Kenya for language study (Box 52, Limuru, Kenya). He was born in Louisville. The former Lisa Solley of Maryland, she was born in Baltimore and considers Catonsville her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1989.

**Edward and Sue Oliver**, missionaries to Japan since 1950, have retired from active missionary service. He served in general evangelism and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Tampa, Fla. and she is the former Susan Pyles of Louisville. They may be addressed at 8642 Lake Isle Dr., Tampa, FL 33617.

The first wave of Southern Baptists have begun a six-week volunteer effort to roof 100 homes damaged by last September's Hurricane Hugo in **Christiansted, St. Croix**. Targeted by the Brotherhood Commission of Memphis, Tenn. for continuing disaster relief assistance, about 300 volunteers are expected to participate through May. Among the first group is **James Hilke**, of Paris, Ky. Volunteers will stay at Grace Baptist Church, which suffered extensive damage after the storm.

### revivals

**Lebanon Baptist Church**, Central Association, reported 11 professions of faith, five rededications and one addition by letter as the result of its *Here's Hope* revival. Steve McSwain, pastor of Shepherdsville Baptist Church, was evangelist. Kevin Lee is pastor of Lebanon.

### congregations

**Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church**, Louisville, Long Run Association, participated in sending medical supplies to Zambia. The effort was coordinated by John T. Lucas, Greenville, S. C. physician. Carlisle pastor Ferrill Gardner and a layperson from the church delivered supplies from Louisville to Greenville, where they will be shipped to Zambia.

**Big Clifty Baptist Mission**, a six-year-old mission of Clarkson Baptist Church, Grayson County Association, will constitute as a church Apr. 29.

Robert C. Jones, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, will speak at that day's 11 a.m. service, leading the church in dedication vows. An invitation for charter members will be given and the church will adopt a constitution, bylaws and articles of faith.

According to pastor Toby Lewis, the band of believers might soon be running out of room in the old store on an acre of property it purchased soon after its inception. While 15 or so attended worship in October when Lewis began as pastor, now the mission averages 34 in Sunday school and 58 in worship. Seven await baptism.

"We've been having revival every Sunday," Lewis commented.

Apr. 29 **Mallard Point Baptist Church**, Elkhorn Association, will



Above, deacons, pastor and music minister look on as **Russell Rutledge**, chairman of deacons, and **John Erwin**, chairman of trustees, burn the mortgage note on the new sanctuary of East Frankfort Baptist Church, Franklin Association. The \$250,000 new addition which includes a sanctuary and four classrooms was added two years ago to accommodate the growing congregation. The church completed payments Apr. 5 and celebrated with a note burning service Apr. 8. Pictured (l-r): **Larry Ellis**, **Earl Edington**, **Jon Nicholas**, **Rutledge**, **John Erwin**, **Kenneth Metts**, pastor **Rob Whitworth**, music minister **Michael Nichols** and **Jerry Zoochi**.

dedicate new worship facilities. Potluck lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the Waymakers from Lexington will present a concert at 1:45. Dedication service begins at 3 p.m., with Bill Jagers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department as speaker.

### ordinations

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**, Wayne County Association, ordained **Phillip Burton** and **Russell Stockton** deacons Mar. 11. **Glenn Edwards** is pastor.

### personnel

**James Heard** is no longer pastor of **Gardenside Baptist Church**, Lexington, Elkhorn Association. The church has not announced immediate plans.

**Munfordville Baptist Church**, Lynn Association, called **Tim Beam** as minister of music and youth. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, pursuing an MDiv degree in church music.

**James F. Holladay Jr.** is one of four Louisvillians honored by the Commission on Peace and Justice of the Archdiocese of Louisville as recipients of its 1990 Peace and Justice Award. Holladay is pastor of East Baptist Church and former director of East Baptist Church Center.

Holladay helped establish a counseling center for low income persons and a widely acclaimed infant resource project there offering infant care for low income families. He is an active member of the religion and race committee of the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community and was cited for being instrumental in "building understanding among faith groups."

**Rollin S. Burhans** is interim pastor at **Harmony Baptist Church**, Long Run Association.

**Dean Moore** resigned as pastor of **Beechland Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, to go to Ohio.

**First Baptist Church**, Earlington, Little Bethel Association, called **David Simpson** as pastor.

**Thurman Harris** is new pastor of **Victory Baptist Church**, Providence, Little Bethel Association.

**Richland Baptist Church**, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, called **Jerry Easley** as pastor.

**Richard Sayage** resigned as minister of education/activities at **Henderson Memorial Baptist Church**, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association. He goes to **First Baptist Church**, New Athens, Ill., as pastor.

**Bobby D. Harris** is new pastor of **Mt. Zion Baptist Church**, Irvine Association.

**Shannon McCubbins** resigned as pastor of **Fry Baptist Church**, Russell Creek Association.

**Thompsonville Baptist Church**, Central Association, called **Jeff Carnahan** as pastor.

**David Herrick** is new pastor of **Whites Run Baptist Church**, Whites Run Association.

**First Baptist Church**, Carrollton, Whites Run Association, called **Scott George** as minister of music and youth.

**Kenneth Dale Rose** resigned as pastor of **Highland Park Baptist Church**, North Concord Association, to go to Texas.

**Charles Rice** is new pastor of **Roadside Baptist Church**, North Concord Association.

**Tim Duke** resigned as pastor of **Clayville Baptist Church**, Shelby Association.

### deaths

**James W. "Jimmy" Morrison**, 68, of St. Wright, died Apr. 4 in Edgewood. Morrison was active as a Kentucky pastor and church staff member for many years. He was food service director at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and until recently was activity director for Highland Crossing Retirement Center, Ft. Wright. He was a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Survivors include his wife, Charlena Miller, and two sons, Mike, Independence, and Jim, associate pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. The funeral was Apr. 7 at Erlanger Baptist Church. Memorials can be made to Georgetown College, Development Office, 400 East St., Georgetown, KY 40324.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 29, 1990

Life and work series

### Concern for people

**Jer. 8:18-9:2; 14:17-18** Jeremiah lived in one of the most turbulent periods of history the world has seen. The Jewish nation was falling to pieces. The whole nation had reached the bottom of national depravity, and this lone man had been sent of God to forewarn her citizens of the impending doom. Jeremiah cried out in bitter

agony that God had deceived him, had induced him to become a prophet and had repaid him for speaking God's message with disappointment and misery.

It was not an easy task to which God called Jeremiah when he commissioned the prophet to stand near the entrance to the temple where the various types of humanity were surging by, and to see if he could not influence them to conform to the will of God. Everywhere he looked Jeremiah could see signs of national decay. All seemed to be covetous. The religious life of the people was at a low ebb. There was much unrest and anxiety because a strong foe threatened to attack at any time. Much of the prophet's distress sprang from the spiritual apathy among his people. The public religion of Jeremiah's day was organized hypocrisy thoroughly divorced from morality.

Jeremiah continued to do the work of God who had called and commissioned him. He did not hesitate to proclaim God's word to the people who needed it so much. He endured their opposition, sought their welfare, prayed for their forgiveness and continued to preach against their sins. Men need to be induced to walk with God and to refrain from glorying, or taking pride in or placing confidence in human wisdom.

International Series

### Knowing and abiding

**I John 2:18-24** John informed those believers to whom he was writing that

they should be aware of growing opposition to Christ and his cause. In John's day Christians needed to be warned of the danger of substituting people and things for Christ. The warning of the dangers of false teachers and their heretical teachings is needed as much or more today as it was in John's generation.

John used very strong language against those who denied the deity and the atonement of Christ. He pointed out that those who denied Christ was the true Son of God proved to be among his very worst enemies. John warned the Christians that they would be tempted to accept false teachings and he urged that they continue to hold fast the truths which they had received about Christ.

**I John 2:25-29** Those who have received Christ as their savior have acknowledged him as their Lord, have been anointed by the Holy Spirit and continue to abide in him have the assurance of eternal life. Consequently, they are obligated to be consistent and steadfast because of what Christ has done for them and has promised to do for them.

Those who deny the truth of God's word persist in trying to undermine the faith of Christians. Those who read and study God's word, accept its teachings and yield to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit will know that Christ is truly the Son of God.

If we abide in and obey Christ, it will be a privilege to meet him when he returns. Doing his will in this life will make our meeting with him an occasion of great anticipation and complete satisfaction.



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## homes for children

### Hopelessness

It was a Saturday night and the city fathers of Feldkirch, Austria, faced an impossible situation. That day they had watched Napoleon and his army of 18,000 men approach the town and they knew that the next day their town would be under siege. They had no local troops and the Austrian army was too far away to get there in time to help them.

The leaders of the town made the decision to surrender first thing the next day to avoid the slaughter of innocent lives, and went to bed with very heavy hearts.

The next day was Easter Sunday and even though they faced a hopeless situation, the local church bells were rung as was the custom on Easter.

In the distance Napoleon heard the bells and assumed that the only reason that the bells were ringing was that during the night the Austrian army had arrived and fortified the town. Napoleon did not want to fight the Austrian army at this point, so he retreated and the town of Feldkirch was spared.

Today so many people face similar hopeless situations in their own lives, whether it be the breakup of the marriage, problems with children, drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS or other health crisis, or loss of a job. Throughout this spring Kentucky Baptists are bringing a message of hope to all of us. It is the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Part of that message of hope is the ministry of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Through Glen Dale, Spring Meadows, Baptist Youth Ranch and our other programs we are a very tangible means of bringing hope to hopeless lives. Each day we reach out to children and their families who are surrounded by the Napoleon's armies of our day.

We have no easy answers for these families. But we do offer them the message of Jesus Christ through our words and actions as we reach out on behalf of Kentucky Baptists.



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## oneida journal

### "The Big Apple" and dogwood blossoms

Thursday morning six senior members of our academic team and two of our teachers left hours before dawn from Oneida to drive to Louisville. There they joined other students from across Kentucky for the YMCA sponsored "United Nation Big Apple Tour" and a flight to LaGuardia airport, New York City.

This is our fourth year to take part in this. Highlights of the next four days included lucking into free tickets for a "Phil Donahue Show" taping. Our folks can be seen different times.

Also most of the group got to see their first Broadway play, the "Tony Award" winning (also "Oscar" winning) "Driving Miss Daisy."

Seeing the United Nations at work is always exciting. They got to ride the Staten Island Ferry out to the Statue of Liberty. They rode the subway different times. Other experiences were seeing Chinatown, Little Italy, Trump Towers, Greenwich Village, Southside Seaport, Grand Central Station, Lincoln Center and the Metropolitan Opera, the World Trade Center, Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, Wall Street, Radio City Music Hall, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park and the annual kite flying contest.

Sunday the group worshiped in the "Times Square Church" pastored by David Wilkerson, author of "The Cross and the Switchblade." Late Sunday evening they flew back to Louisville, drove to Oneida, arriving at 4 a.m.

While all that was going on our marching band and flag corps left early Friday morning to participate for two days in the annual Dogwood Festival in Knoxville. This year eight states were represented, but Oneida was the only school from Kentucky. We received an "excellent" rating with the highest points in four years. Saturday was a beautiful day for a parade. The Oneida band played the "William Tell Overture" as they marched. They made it back to Oneida in time for supper.

Early Saturday morning our boys' and girls' track and field teams left to take part in the Whitney M. Young In-

vitational at Kentucky State University. Our Oneida boys took second place of the eight teams competing, and our girls ranked seventh place of the eight girls' teams. Denise Lucas, Dory Michael, Kristy Wobschall and Amanda Dayton took second place in the 3200 meter relay.

Senior Jeff Jackson took first place in the discus and second in the shotput. Damon Tigner, state high jump champion for the past two years, took first place in the longjump, breaking the all time invitational record. Junior David DeWar took second place in the long jump, high jump and triple jump.

Micah Hasty, Tom Chadwell, Joey Smith and Eermias Wegeyehu took second place in the 3200 meter relay. The first three boys with Elias Bedade took second in the distance medley.

In the meantime our boys baseball team was winning eight to one and losing three to two, and we played our first junior varsity game. Our record is now eight and five. Our girls softball team has a nine and six record.

Senior Eric Rigney went from the band festival in Knoxville to First Baptist, Richmond, to be commissioned for the second year as a summer missionary to Florida under Baptist Student Union.

Arriving back at 1 a.m., the yearbook advisor and I looked through the new book until about 3 a.m. Then I was off with the choir a few hours later for concerts at Greensburg and Barbourville and I spoke at Whickeville. We got back at 11 p.m. and I worked with a newly arrived student until 1:55 a.m.

# christian education



## on mission together

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## In the last analysis

Some years ago, Dr. Joe Ingram, recent past Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, shared this story:

*"Dr. Brackett was a doctor in a small town in the southwestern part of the United States. He specialized in serving poor people who had no money. He would get up on the coldest nights and go for miles to alleviate suffering. It seemed as though everyone knew the location of his office. It was on Main Street over a clothing store. His name was on a plate at the doorway.*

*"He never married although he did fall in love. On the day of his wedding he was called to the birth of a Mexican child, and his bride-to-be gave up on him. She later told him that a man who would fail to appear at his wedding would not be any good as a husband—and a lot of people agreed with her.*

*"Years later he died—still unmarried. Many people came to the funeral. Townspeople argued about what was to be put on his tombstone. Ultimately, his grave went unmarked. The parents of the Mexican child he delivered all those years before were too poor to erect a tombstone. But they got permission to take the brass plate from the door of the building where his office had been. They embedded the brass plate in a mass of flowers. The brass plate simply said:*

*'Dr. Brackett  
Office upstairs'*

*"In the last analysis, the worth of one's life will be judged by the service given to others for the sake of the Lord Jesus." (Matthew 25:31-46)*

This story of Dr. Brackett reminds me again of Mother Teresa, who, because of ill health has recently given up the directorship of her ministry in Calcutta.

In the December 4, 1989 issue of *Time*, she was interviewed. Among the questions and her responses were these:

*"What is God's greatest gift to you?"*

*"The poor people."*

*"How are they a gift to you?"*

*"I have an opportunity to be 24 hours a day with Jesus."*

*"What did you do this morning?"*

*"Pray."*

*"When did you start?"*

*"At half past four."*

## cumberland college

"I want to be God's man instead of all pro. The game of football will not last," Reggie White, said at a sports banquet at Cumberland College, Williamsburg. "I am a family man," he continued as he introduced his wife and two children.

White is the NFL's all-time highest paid defensive player. And has been called "The Minister of Defense." A consensus All-American, he was Southeastern Conference Player of the Year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was also a finalist for the Lombardi Trophy.

He challenged those attending to be their best by putting God first, reminding those present that Satan is the enemy but God wants to bless.

Other guests for the event were Stele Harmon, state director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Claude Eford of Belk Simpson.

## georgetown college

The Georgetown College oratorio chorus will present Felix Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* at Georgetown Christian Church First Disciple of Christ, May 3, 8 p.m.

The chorus is under the direction of Stephen King, professor of music. The chorus will perform the edition containing the first half of Mendelssohn's work which recounts Saul's conversion.

Soloists will include Jane Ellen Tilford, Tim Stewart and Tony Whitfield, Georgetown; Mari Saito, Lexington; Virginia Lile, Hopkinsville; and Greg Phelps, Paintsville.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact the college at (502) 863-8054.

David Davila, professor of modern language, was honored Apr. 6 by the institution's faculty and staff for his 30 years of service at Georgetown (Ky.) College. Davila will be retiring at the close of the 1990 spring semester.

The group presented him with a gift of money for an extended vacation trip to Spain.

Originally from Cruces, Las Villas, Cuba where he became a Southern Baptist and decided to come to the U. S. for his education, Davila has taught Spanish at Georgetown.

Throughout his tenure at Georgetown, Davila has received numerous honors and recognitions. He was selected for *Who's Who* in International Education for his work in the Chilean Theatre, and in 1973, was awarded Outstanding Educator of America.

Lindsey Apple, chairman of the Georgetown (Ky.) College Department of History, has been named "favorite professor" in a contest sponsored by the college's academic honorary, Alpha Lambda Delta.

More than 1000 students cast votes in the annual event. Students donated a penny per vote toward their favorite professor. The money collected through the election purchased a book for the college library.

Apple holds a PhD from the University of South Carolina, Columbia; an MA from the University of Kentucky, Lexington; and a BA from Georgetown.

He is a scholar of Southern history

and the American civil rights movement.

James Hanson, a Georgetown (Ky.) College senior from Owenton has been selected as the student speaker for the 1990 commencement service. The service will be held on Giddings Lawn, May 12, 10:00 a.m.

Hanson is an American studies major at Georgetown. He was on the student executive council of the Student Government Association as the student affairs chairman his senior year.

Hanson is the son of Kenny and Mary Ann Hanson, Owenton.

"The Big Band Stand," a popular program heard on over 45 National Public Radio stations throughout the nation, now has a Georgetown (Ky.) college connection.

Assistant professor of communication arts, Rick Leigh, is now producing Ted Fleischaker's program in the studios of WRVG-FM on Georgetown's campus.

The program is delivered via satellite to NPR affiliates and is offered to some 26 other stations through the Longhorn Radio Network in Texas.

Georgetown is mentioned on each show. The shows will soon air locally on WRVG.

## seminaries

Students from the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries have formed an organization named *Sons and Daughters of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

Their objective is to "unite and call for an end to denominational strife and for freedom to minister unhindered, as called by God, in order to fulfill the stated purpose of the SBC's Constitution, Article II," leaders said.

David Burroughs, national coordinator of the group, based in Louisville, said the SDSBC steering committee hopes to have hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students enlisted in the effort before the SBC annual meeting in New Orleans, La., June 12-14.

"We include people from both sides of the current SBC controversy who feel the time has come for us to be reunited under the purpose of the Bold Mission Thrust" global evangelism/missions campaign, said Burroughs, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

## midwestern seminary

Trustees at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., approved a new religious education faculty member and elected officers during their annual board meeting, Apr. 9-10.

James F. Hines, associate professor of religion at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex., was unanimously elected associate professor of religious education and church administration. He will assume his new teaching position July 1.

Hines fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob I. Johnson who is leaving Midwestern's religious education faculty in June to become dean of Boyce Bible School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will assume Johnson's previous responsibilities as the Baptist Sunday School Board liaison professor at Midwestern.

Trustees elected Richard Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Festus-Crystal City, Mo., chairman of the board. He succeeds J. Truett Gannon, pastor of Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Ga., who completed three terms as chairman.

Also elected were first vice chairman Doyle Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Great Ben, Kan., and second vice chairman James W. Jones, evangelism and Brotherhood director for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Lowell E. Socolofsky, a layman from Bellevue, Neb., was elected to a second term as secretary-treasurer.

## southern seminary

Four persons have been named distinguished alumni by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

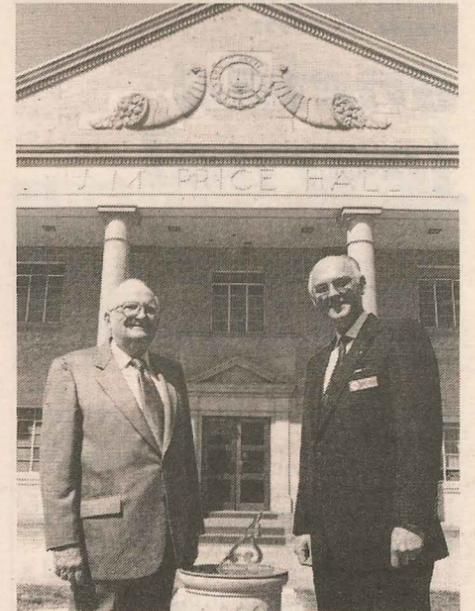
The 1990 award recipients, elected by the school's alumni advisory council, are Marjorie J. McCullough, Alexandria, La., president of the Woman's Missionary Union; James L. Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas; Grover F. Tyner, Stone Mountain, Ga., retired missionary to the Philippines; and John P. Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The awards, given annually by the seminary's national alumni association, are among the seminary's highest honors. The awards will be presented at a Southern Seminary alumni and friends reunion banquet June 13 in New Orleans, La., during the Southern Baptist Convention, annual meeting.

## southeastern seminary

Lloyd Elder, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board recently spoke at a conference on Christian education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

"I want to talk about growing people, growing churches," Elder remarked. He spoke about an approach for Christians to reach out to a lost world with the good news of Jesus Christ. He employed the book of Acts as his text because of its insight into the Biblical pattern of discipleship.



Joe Davis Heacock (l) and Jack Terry stand next to a sundial dedicated during the 75th anniversary of the founding of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## Giant in a small package

by Robert O'Brien

Johnni Johnson Scofield gained her first vision of the outside world as a young girl during the 1930s in a small Kentucky town in Appalachia.

She has crossed new horizons ever since—especially during the four decades she spent as a Southern Baptist missions thinker, innovator, communicator and educator.

That journey to knowledge and creative achievement continues as Scofield "officially" retires at age 67 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, pursues graduate study and contemplates the next phase of her career. It will include continued consultation with the board.

The career of the 5-foot-4, 100-pounder has been enigmatic as well as remarkable, according to those who know her best. But many colleagues do not grasp the magnitude of her achievements because of her quiet influence. "Johnni's humility has resulted in more being accomplished with less personal recognition than anyone I know," said Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks.

Scofield's work resulted in a great advance in missions information, materials, programs and innovations that will influence lives "only God can number," Parks said.

But that's only part of it. Over the years, her creative thinking has played a major role in the development of the board's communications and its global missions strategies for the future, said Bill O'Brien, the board's executive director for public affairs.

"Her visionary flights cause some to forget she could shift into the practical arena," one colleague said of her career, which has included a term as a missionary in Japan and about 36 years of Foreign Mission Board posts, ranging from editorial assistant to vice president for communications. She has written five books and many articles and produced, planned or coordinated many communications materials and missions conferences over the years.

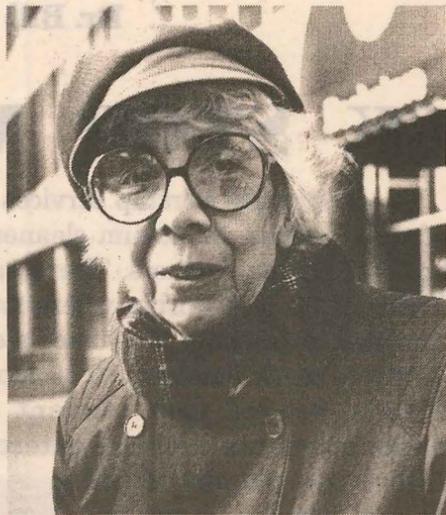
Those who know Scofield struggle to describe her, using terms like Bible scholar, historian, futurist, baseball fan, missiologist, teacher, student, motivator and idea planter.

Her visionary but down-to-earth style sprang from the Appalachian mountains of Depression-era Kentucky, where she grew up. Her world view began to expand, sparked by her third-grade geography class, her high school job as a telephone operator and by the people of First Baptist Church, Ashland, who encouraged children to think beyond themselves.

Even Scofield's leap from Appalachia to world citizen can't match the intuitive leaps she makes as she crystallizes ideas—ideas fueled by her ability to listen and the amazing assortment of reading in her 425-square-foot apartment which seems to have only bookcases for walls.

"I just have to be a curious creature," she explained of her voluminous reading which she summarizes and passes on to Parks and others along with her ideas. "I have time," she added, "because I haven't raised a family." She was married briefly to missions audiovisual pioneer Fon Scofield from 1977 until he died in 1978.

Her curiosity runs from baseball to Kierkegaard, from electronics to missiology, from current events to history,



Mrs. Scofield

from motorsports to philosophy, from photography to theology, from devotional materials to Kung, from Popular Mechanics to some volume of forgotten lore—and that's only a sampling.

For years, she has listened to the directions board chief executives Theron Rankin, Baker James Cauthen and Parks have urged Southern Baptists to follow. When Rankin talked of "a new world," Cauthen urged "wider dimensions of the Great Commission" and Parks spoke of "new maps of reality," her mind created scenarios for what their phrases implied.

But her mind soars in a reflective, almost quaint way—warmed by "a good cup of tea," probably Earl Grey, and energized by daily prayer and Bible study, especially in the Psalms.

Tea and the Bible reflect her style as much as her Appalachian roots. "It would be interesting to cogitate on the remarkable contribution tea has made to civilization," she ruminated, sipping a weak cup of it. "It's humanizing, warm. You 'sip' it. You're not in a hurry." The Bible and prayer, she believes, are as important as food and add balance to life. "Scripture is as much a part of the day as cereal and toast in making you what you should be."

That discipline took root in early days, when her family and church nurtured her—influencing her faith, direction in life and curiosity about "books and stuff." She still treasures a book of missionary stories her church gave her for excellence in a stewardship declamation contest in 1932.

"That little church down on the corner knew that if it got its kids involved in this contest, they might go 25 miles away to the association to make a little talk, to do a Bible sword drill. Or they might go to the regional level, 100 miles away, clean down to Mt. Sterling. That was big stuff in those days. Hundreds of churches had that vision for their kids."

She believes strongly that Southern Baptists should remember that today's young people will determine the future of missions as the denomination prepares to move into the 21st century.

"Missionaries of the 21st century are basically at the high school level now.... They're not going to recapture the past. They're going to dream a new dream. The world has changed. Dreamers of new dreams are out there over the horizon. We have a remarkable opportunity to nurture them."

If Southern Baptists don't lose that vision they might just nurture another Johnni Johnson Scofield or two. Even one would be worth the effort. (BP)

1st of 3 part series

## Mix, mingle...and study

by F. W. White

An organization that allows people to stand around a coffeepot and talk about anything and everything before moving to the main topic may not seem very effective.

That's what often happens in adult Sunday school classes throughout the Southern Baptist Convention each week.

And adult Sunday school likely is the best way to involve adults in Bible study that is directed toward application and meeting needs, said Mike Harton, associate professor of adult education and the J. M. Frost Sunday School Board professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Larry Shotwell, manager of the adult Sunday school program section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said: "When we come together and share our experiences and how God has helped us, we help each other.

"Adults have needs that God's Word can address." Bible study through Sunday school provides a directed way to relate the Bible to individual needs, he added.

Sunday school is different from other Bible study experiences because of the fellowship. The small-group interaction helps identify specific needs that can be addressed in Bible study, he pointed out.

Shotwell acknowledged that Bible study could be more efficient in a more academic setting, but the opportunity to apply the Bible to daily situations and share life experiences can best be done in the fellowship setting of Sunday school.

"Jesus taught through relationships. In the fellowship we can seek the meaning of life as we understand who we are and God's plan for us as individuals," Harton said.

The fellowship may be as important in Sunday school as the Bible study because the relationships are essential, he noted.

As a minister of education, Dennis Parrott sees the basis for adult Sun-

day school in the Great Commission, where Jesus directs his disciples to be involved in reaching others and teaching them his commandments.

"No other approach accepts the total responsibility of the Great Commission as does adult Sunday school," said Parrott, minister of administration and education at Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex., and former president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

The early Christian church was organized on the basis of fellowship, Parrott said. He pointed to the details of the early church in the second chapter of the Bible's book of Acts, where people of different backgrounds were involved in fellowship and were going house to house telling others about Jesus.

Fellowship can be enhanced when adults are grouped by age. But that is not the only way to create homogeneous groups, he said.

With an average attendance of 2400, Green Acres Church has classes for doctors, newlyweds, engaged couples, singles and other interest groups, Parrott said.

When those groups become large enough, age grading within the group becomes necessary. "We often start with a need and get back to the point of age grading," he said.

Shotwell noted that such specific groupings are possible only in a large church such as Green Acres. Even medium-sized churches would not have sufficient numbers for such groupings, he said.

The BSSB Sunday school division advocates age grading as generally the most logical method for creating small groups.

"Age grading is the tried-and-true method. We are there because it is the most simple way. It doesn't take subjectivity to decide where prospects go," Shotwell said.

No matter how people are grouped, Shotwell said, the important point is homogeneous groups so that needs are met. (BP)



Fellowship among adult Sunday school class members is a key element to involving adults in Bible study. Coffee and refreshments help facilitate communication in this adult class at North Charleston Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. Elaine Short offers her husband Rick a donut before class gets under way.



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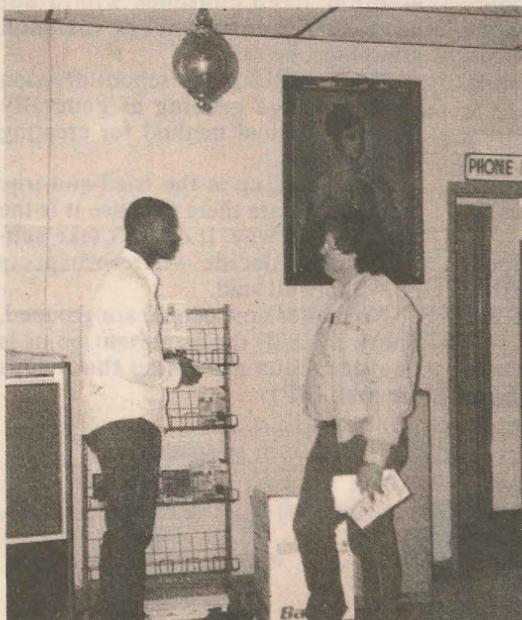
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## STUDENTS LEAD TRUCK STOP MINISTRY



make C.B. calls to truckers on the road. Cortez joins David Brooks, third year student from Corbin and Everett Back, second year student from Middletown, OH on the parking lot as they go from truck to truck inviting truckers to come inside. Each trucker is presented a tract and a cassette tape containing gospel music and the plan of salvation. Many who will not go inside are willing to talk. Truckers who are sleeping are left undisturbed. The music starts about 10:30 sometimes in an empty room. But the music soon draws others in. After a sermon, 45 minutes is usually available for personal counseling. Back regards this one on one sharing as, "the most blessed time." Each person fills out a card and the team writes a follow-up letter. One trucker asked, "are you sure you are Baptist, you didn't take an offering."

Truckers attend for many reasons. Larry, from North Carolina said, "A guy in the parking lot invited me. I am on my 8 hour break." Scott, from Iowa: "I miss going to church on Sundays. I attend other truck stop services." Reginald, from Memphis: "I belong to a Baptist church in Memphis. I miss going to church on Sunday. You can't just pull your rig up in front of a First Baptist Church somewhere and go to church."



Marcia Meade was surprised about the truckers. "We expected more lost people. Mostly what we get is discouraged Christians. It is different every week. There are so many people with so many different needs. What is great is you hear a message and then get to go and share Jesus immediately on a one to one basis."

Clear Creek became involved in the truck stop ministry through Glenn Cope, President of Truckers Christian Chapel Ministries, Dayton, OH, a professional driver since 1957. In 1988 he submitted his life completely to God and was led to start the ministry. Five locations are now operating: Dayton, Eaton and New Paris, OH; Nashville and Corbin. Plans are under way to start five more in VA, IL, PA, OH, and KY. The ministry provides a tape "Good News for the Professional Driver" and other resources. Notification of professions of faith are sent to local churches for follow-up.

The Corbin ministry needs a stronger sponsor. The students go at their own expense. The ministry may become a Clear Creek in-service guidance program to provide continuity.



## ROYAL AMBASSADORS

An excited group of boys, parents and counselors gathered near the Foxes' Den (student lounge) on the afternoon of March 6. 19 boys pitted their six inch wooden racing cars against each other on the Royal Ambassador raceway. The boys had worked on their cars for several weeks, many of them making it a family project. Three first grade students received trophies. Justus Stallard won five heats to gain the championship. Second place went to Paul Dixon and Kraig Chadrick took third place. Dixon was also awarded the "most awesome car" trophy for the best looking car in the meet. The Middlesboro Cub Scout pack loaned the R.A.'s their race track.

R.A.'s provide leadership experience for our students and missions education for many boys who attend churches without this opportunity. The program operates through the student life office. Clear Creek may be the only Southern Baptist college with school sponsored missions education groups. Mission Friends and G.A.'s also meet weekly.