

SBTS feeling 'squeeze' of conservative faction

by David Wilkinson and Pat Cole

In a dramatic shift of power, conservatives swiftly gained control of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees Apr. 23-25.

At their annual meeting in Louisville, conservatives captured three of the board's four offices, strengthened their position on the board's powerful executive committee and used a new working majority to push through a variety of contested motions.

In a series of unprecedented actions, trustees also:

- Blocked the election of three persons recommended by the executive committee to fill trustee positions vacated during the year. The trustees would have served only until new trustees were elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

- Adopted a resolution on a social issue, declaring abortion "the greatest moral issue faced by Christians today."

The resolution, presented by David Miller of Arkansas, asked all seminary employees to "desist from publicizing espousing the right of a woman to have an abortion except where the physical life of the mother is in danger" and encouraged them to join trustees in working for antiabortion legislation. After Larry Adams of Oklahoma requested a roll call vote "so folks back home will know how we voted," the resolution was adopted by a vote of 32 to 24.

- Established a policy to allow students to use tape recorders in seminary classes.

The seminary previously had no policy prohibiting use of tape recorders, leaving the question to the prerogative of the professor. The motion by Michael Harris of Kentucky was approved 30 to 19 despite opposition from several trustees and seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt who voiced concern about "moving into the area of telling a professor how he or she can conduct class."

During more than four hours behind closed doors trustees debated possible responses to a 16-page document prepared by trustee Jerry Johnson of Aurora, Colo. accusing Honeycutt and several faculty members of "doctrinal infidelity," along with other charges. Titled "The Cover-up at Southern Seminary," the material was received by most trust-



Students gathered in the courtyard outside Carver Hall at Southern Seminary when the school's trustees declared their meeting in executive session Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 24. Many of the students returned Wednesday, again voicing their support for the seminary, its faculty and administration.

ees the week before the annual board meeting and was then published during the meeting by *The Advocate*, a conservative Baptist publication.

Although Johnson's document was being discussed by the board's executive committee, trustees approved a motion from John Michael of Kentucky to move the issue to the full board for consideration, thus preempting any recommendation by the executive committee. After discussion, trustees voted to postpone action on the matter until the next annual board meeting in 1991.

Johnson also introduced a motion on the seminary's governing doctrinal statement, the *Abstract of Principles*, that sought to interpret the document's statement on the inspiration of scripture in light of an 1888 book by Basil Manly Jr. Manly, one of the seminary's original faculty members, is credited with principal authorship of the *Abstract*. Late in the meeting's last session, however, trustees approved Johnson's request to "postpone indefinitely" his earlier motion.

Also in executive session trustees approved separate statements critical of two faculty members while also adopting a motion expressing appreciation for Honeycutt and "the method in which (he) has handled the affairs of the seminary."

A resolution adopted after lengthy debate expressed disapproval of Christian ethics professor Paul Simmons' activities related to abortion. "Continued activities in this area," the resolution added, "may be considered sufficient grounds for dismissal."

Simmons, who has taught at Southern Seminary since 1970, has been under fire for several years for his views on abortion.

Another action requested Honeycutt to express the board's "deep concern" to church history professor E. Glenn Hinson for "intemperate comments about controversial issues which negatively affect the public perceptions of Southern Seminary."

Hinson has drawn fire in recent years for his criticism of conservative leaders and for his advocacy of shifting distribution of funds to denominational boards and agencies away from the national Cooperative Program to state conventions.

During the first few hours of executive session more than 300 students who had been asked to leave the crowded meeting room maintained a vigil outside with many of them praying and singing hymns. Dozens wore

"Maintain the Vision" tee shirts as a visible sign of support for the school and its faculty.

In the election of officers, trustees chose not to challenge the nomination of Sam H. McMahon Jr., who had served during the past year as first vice chairman and was the only moderate proposed by the nominating committee. McMahon, chairman of the board

Reverence for Bible flows deep in my life, says Roy Honeycutt

by Pat Cole

In an emotional response to accusations he does not believe the Bible, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt told the school's trustees "the Word of God has been the dynamic and integrating focus for my life."

Prior to the Louisville Seminary's Apr. 23-25 trustee meeting, trustee Jerry Johnson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo., circulated a 16-page document, titled "The Cover-up at Southern Seminary," which accused Honeycutt and several professors of "doctrinal infidelity" and other charges.

Johnson charged Honeycutt's writings in commentaries on four Old Testament books "create problems for all Bible-believing Southern Baptists." Citing a variety of illustrations from commentaries, Johnson wrote that Honeycutt "scoffs at the historical reality" of some passages and "displays a bias against the supernatural in the Bible."

"One would have to be as blind as a mole to not see that Dr. Honeycutt just does not believe the Bible," he said.

Although trustees voted in executive session to postpone actions concerning Johnson's document until next year, Honeycutt requested permission to speak briefly toward his views on the Bible.

In his response Honeycutt told trustees he could not "allow a year to lapse

of Southeastern Commercial Management Corp., Charlotte, N. C., was elected chairman with only five trustees registering "no" votes.

Other new officers are W. Wayne Allen, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn., first vice chairman; Larry L. Adams, administrator of Baptist Retirement Center, Oklahoma City, Okla., second vice chairman; and John G. Hicks, a Louisville attorney, secretary.

Conservatives, however, successfully challenged two of three persons recommended by the nominating committee for reelection to the board's executive committee. William W. Causey, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, defeated conservatives' nominee James M. Bullock, pastor of Colgate Baptist Church, Sellersburg, Ind., by a single vote. Two other persons recommended for reelection, Ken Hall, a Louisville layman, and John Wallace, a retired pastor from Lexington, Ky., were replaced respectively by Bullock, who was nominated again, and by Carroll Karkalits, a layman from Lake Charles, La. Conservatives picked up another executive committee member when Richton, Miss. pastor John Allen defeated Louisville layman Fred Pfannenschmidt in an election to fill a vacated position.

(before the next annual meeting) when the issue has been raised about whether or not I believe the Bible," adding that "I consider that issue second only in seriousness to the question of whether or not I believe in Jesus Christ."

In his article Johnson accused Honeycutt of "scoffing" at scripture. Noting that "the word scoff means to deride, mock, ridicule or scorn," Honeycutt said: "My love and reverence for the Bible flows so deeply through my life I am offended by the suggestion that I take such an attitude toward the Word of God."

"It was the Bible which brought me the good news of Jesus in salvation, voiced my call to ministry and still sustains daily through circumstances such as these accusations," he said.

Claiming that one criticism hinged on the interpretation of six Hebrew words, Honeycutt said, "You can tell me you disagree with my interpretation of scripture but please don't tell me you disagree with my belief in the Bible."

In response, students in the room and most trustees responded with a standing ovation.

Following Honeycutt's statement Johnson told reporters he was "not satisfied" with Honeycutt's explanation. He said he stands "completely and totally behind" the truthfulness of the charges he made in his document.

He also expressed confidence that "the future will vindicate my article."

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The mystery of persecution

The April meeting of the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was a new experience for the staff, faculty, students and alumni of that storied institution. Never in all of its history has there been anything like it. These trustees, in effect, put Dr. Paul Simmons on probation, warning him that he must not speak his mind on the issue of abortion or else face dismissal. They vigorously attacked the president, Dr. Roy Honeycutt, and called into question his belief in the Bible. They allowed tape recorders in every class with no regard for the wishes of each teacher involved. They rejected respected and proven Kentucky leaders—Henry Huff, Ken Hall and John Wallace—for committee posts. They packed the executive committee with those who toe the line of the fundamentalist ideology. They introduced an attempt to interpret the Abstract of Principles on fundamentalist grounds. In short, the trustee meeting was an attack of the most obvious and brutal sort on the oldest seminary of the convention. When the trustees left Louisville, they left behind a seminary more damaged by their own actions than by the actions of any one professor or group of professors.

The most terrible aspect of this experience was the bitterness, vindictiveness and inhumanness expressed by some trustees. Those who looked for the spirit of Christ in this meeting went away with heavy hearts. It was not to be found. Kentucky Baptists were warned by this page some weeks ago of a predetermined fundamentalist agenda for the meeting. That prophecy has now become reality. Kentuckians have now had a first hand look at the results of fundamentalist leadership, and the future will prove to be even more divisive than the present. The Baptist principles of freedom in matters of the soul, principles flowing out of the Bible, are undergoing their most thorough attack since the founding of our convention.

Kentucky Baptists are struggling to make sense of all that has happened. Those who have been influenced by the fundamentalist movement will likely have a positive feeling about this meeting, not realizing that they are the victims of an illusion of doctrinal and biblical orthodoxy. There is little that is orthodox about the fundamentalist movement as we are experiencing it. Those who have been influenced by the moderate movement will have a negative feeling about this meeting, not realizing that they bear a tremendous part of the burden for the development of a Baptist people out of touch with their heritage. Many Kentucky Baptists want nothing more than for the controversy to simply go away. They are tired of the talk since they sincerely believe that trusting elected leadership, regardless of its orientation, is appropriate.

What happened at Southern Seminary the other day, brothers and sisters, was not the manifestation of ecclesiastical disagreement, not a struggle for places and position, and not even

the basic, and proper, question of the rights of trustees to make policy. What happened at the seminary is the first Kentucky incident of a period of persecution of Baptist believers. The movement begun a decade ago by fundamentalists has turned from a "correction of the convention" to a persecution.

Baptists are a people who emerged from persecution. The people of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kentucky Baptist Convention have not experienced persecution in a century and a half. As a result, we have grown soft in our faith and conviction. Perhaps this time of persecution is a gift of God so our souls may be strengthened and our faith may find new resolution. Only a people under fire for their faith can truly claim it. Kentucky Baptists must understand that the persecution will continue and widen. Like all periods of persecution, we will have martyrs. Like all persecutors, the fundamentalist faction will exercise power for a limited time. Then, in due course, God's people, strengthened by the witness of the martyrs, purged and purified by fire, will arise and triumph. That has been the witness of the history of the church.

Baptists have been a people who believe that Bible interpretation is by the Spirit, not by the dictate of an orthodox council; a people who believe that the individual soul is competent to stand before God without benefit of creed or council; a people who believe in the authority of the local church to make its own decisions; a people who believe that it is possible for diverse congregations to draw together in cooperative tasks, or unity in work, diversity in practice. Real Baptists still believe these things. The fundamentalist persecutors cannot abide the searching light of truth, nor can they accept the freedom of the soul, nor can they imagine working with anyone who is not in agreement with their point of view. Southern Seminary now joins Southeastern Seminary, the Baptist Joint Committee, Southwestern Seminary, the Christian Life Commission and the Executive Committee as a victim of intolerance and intimidation. Other cherished Baptist groups are likely to receive that same treatment.

Baptist disciples have a choice: we may recant our distinctive faith and seek the favor of the persecutor, or we may choose the glory of the cross. As in the days of Elijah there are multiplied believers who will not bow to the persecutors of the faith. We are Baptists, born in the blood of persecution, nurtured in the competency of the soul and called out to live in the freedom of the Holy Spirit. We cannot be intimidated, nor will we trade our precious spiritual heritage for a human gospel of convenience and destruction in power. The Southern Baptist heritage will survive the persecution. That, too, is a prophecy of this page that will come to pass.

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Annual WMU convention features widely known former WMU leaders

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Under the leadership of state Woman's Missionary Union president Delores Spears, of Paducah, Kentucky's WMU convention assembled Apr. 20-21 at Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church.

The meeting's theme, "Constraining Love of God," was taken from Mildred McMurray's book by the same title.

Over 1800 attended the 87th annual event, marking the first anniversary of Mrs. Spears' presidency. Other 1990-91 officers include Phyllis Parks, Bowling Green, vice president; Susan Stinnett, LaCenter, recording secretary; and Dee Gilliland, Middletown, who was honored for five years as executive director-treasurer. Carol Noffsinger was honored for 10 years on the state WMU staff, first as Baptist Young Women consultant and presently as WMU consultant.

Eight persons rotating off the executive board were honored: Laverne Barnes, recording secretary, Bagdad; Ann Moffett, Shelbyville; Pat Cummins, Burlington; Billie Emmons, Ashland; Dixie Mylum Lusher, Berea; Arvilla Lowrie, Williamsburg; Doris Mullendore, Bowling Green; and Cathy Chinn, Hartford.

Elected for 1990-91 by region were these executive board members:

Central: Pam Cobb, Eminence; Virginia Drake, Bardstown; Marilyn Lamkin, Louisville.

North Central: Anna White, Lexington; Jane Allison, Georgetown; Diana Rowe, Florence.

Northeastern: Suzanne Boyd, Pikeville; June Rice, Paintsville; Sara Billups, Ashland.

South Central: Joyce Martin, Campbellsville; Kathleen Hall, Stanford; Doris Howerton, Russell Springs.

Southeastern: Emma Lou Cissell, Lily; Jody Baker, Viper; Peggy Ballou, Corbin.

Southern: Pat Schmidt, Leitchfield; Evelyn Chandler, Russellville; Elizabeth Doyle, Park City.

Southwestern: Edna McKinney, Murray; Penny Akers, Barlow; Laverne Sublette, Fulton.

Western: Linda Shannon, Greenville; Joyce Paris, Sturgis; Diane Hurt, Beaver Dam.

In addition to nationally recognized WMU speakers, the program featured music, testimonies from missionaries, promotion, music, business and Acteen and GA participation.

Particularly worshipful and constraining in its own right was music under the direction of Andrea Mullins, Baptist Women consultant, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala. Organist Nevalyn Moore, of Campbellsville (Ky). College's music faculty, and pianist Clark Sorrells, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, set the tone of worship with pre-session hymn arrangements. Other music was provided by various choirs from Florence Baptist.

Key speakers included Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler and Alma Hunt, both retired executive directors of WMU, SBC.

Focusing on II Cor. 5:14-21, Mrs. Crumpler, wife of Cincinnati pastor Joe Crumpler and candidate for SBC first vice president, proclaimed, "The love of Christ constrains, compels, controls us.



Mrs. Crumpler



Miss Hunt

"Paul could have been writing to your WMU in your church," she claimed, adding there are two standards in constraining love: desire to bring glory to God and commitment to move out and help people.

"Christ reconciled us (to God) and sends us out to be messengers of reconciliation for him," she concluded.

Miss Hunt, of Roanoke, Va., was SBC WMU executive director 1948-74 and is retired Foreign Mission Board consultant for women overseers. In her remarks she referred to "I love to Tell the Story," the opening hymn for each session. She admitted, "I have not sung (the hymn) with comfort for a long time.... We are not only going to sing...but see if we are doing what we are singing.

"Unless we move out to do something, we have missed the mark," she asserted, explaining that Christians have no right to call Jesus Lord unless they accept the great commission mandate for missions.

Quoting Charles Dickens, Miss Hunt described this age as "the best of times, the worst of times." She challenged women to have a global perspective of missions, praising new opportunities in Germany, Romania and South Africa while still remembering troubled countries such as Lebanon.

Among others, Janet Dillard, native Kentuckian and missionary to Kenya, gave testimony to Southern Baptist work in that country. "Missions in Kenya is 19,000 conversions in one year," she told her audience, adding, "Missions is our biblical mandate; missions is you as you pray for missionaries."

Other missionaries featured included Ruth and Bill Clark Thomas, France; Beatrice Conrad, Utah-Idaho; and Wana Ann Fort, retired, Zimbabwe.

Also on the program was Calvin Wilkins, partnership missions coordinator with the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. Wilkins encouraged women to pray for and participate in Kentucky Baptists' partnership project with Espirito Santo, Brazil.

Mission offering totals released at the meeting showed increases in foreign, home and state offerings for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1989. Lottie Moon totaled \$2,696,378, Annie Armstrong \$1, 127,351 and Eliza Broadus \$579,289.

In addition, WMU unveiled its new endowment plan, characterized as the "new baby" for Kentucky WMU. Leaders launched a campaign to "name the baby" to be conducted this year.

At one session Kentucky Acteens were featured. The WMU executive board and missionaries opened with a parade of flags from foreign countries.

Emphasizing 1989-90 as the year to

honor Acteens, Mrs. Spears recognized all Acteen leaders and former Acteen panelists. Grace O. Powell, Acteens-Campus Baptist Young Women consultant, Middletown, introduced state Acteen panelists for this year. They include Christy Bell, First Baptist Church, Murray; Garah Gamblin, First Baptist Church, Morganfield; Melissa Hickman, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; Christy Hogsten, Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Ashland; Martha Justice, Central Baptist Church, Corbin; Mary Paris, Granger-town Baptist Church, Sturgis.

In testimony and skit the girls looked into the future of WMU. Each panelist, posing as a career adult, told how Acteens has influenced her. The girls concluded their presentation singing "May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful."

A highlight of the service was Florence Baptist Church's youth choir's arrangement of "Love in Any Language." Teenagers walked into the congregation, greeting people as they went. As the song ended, choir members and congregation joined hands across the aisles.

Barbara Joiner, Acteens leader and writer from Columbiana, Ala., related stories of her work with Acteen Activators, a group who has participated in home mission trips to places as remote as Alaska. Mrs. Joiner also reported on the group's ongoing ministry with migrant workers in Alabama.

On the final day highlights included Mrs. Crumpler and Miss Hunt who together remembered former laborers and events in WMU history. The two were given a standing ovation as they completed their parts.

At one point GAs left their own meeting to share with the WMU annual meeting a continued hope for the future of missions and WMU. About 400 girls lined the front and aisles of the sanctuary as Brenda Price, Girls in Action-Mission Friends consultant, Middletown, reported on GA work throughout the commonwealth. The girls closed singing the GA theme song.

Later, William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, brought the dedicatory prayer and challenge to new executive board members.

At the closing session, Kentucky Baptist Singing Women, directed by Betty Cook of Mayfield, proclaimed through song, "In this very room there's quite enough room for the whole world." The group is sponsored by the Church Music Department, KBC, Middletown.

Wendell Belew, retired associate vice president with the Home Mission Board, combined storytelling and musical talents to close each session. The native Kentuckian is former director of mountain missions for the state. His tales included the story of literacy missions, which was born at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville. He also offered his rendition of the birth of Jesus told in Appalachian dialect. Belew followed each story in typical Appalachian style by singing and playing the dulcimer.

Next year's WMU meeting will be held Apr. 19-20 at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.



James H. Cox
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Celebrating life

My wife laughingly told somebody not long ago, "We celebrate everything!"

We really do.

Whereas most married couples acknowledge *one* anniversary every year, we observe *three*—the days of our wedding, engagement and first date. In fact, an early gift I presented my bride-to-be was a charm bracelet with the day, month and year of our first date engraved on it.

Birthdays also have prominence on our calendar. In addition to birthdays of close family members, my wife remembers those of a very long list of friends.

Our celebrations of special events probably go well beyond reason to most folks.

We casually mark the dates of my employment at various Baptist agencies and institutions every year, for instance. As I have had only three employers in 31 years that's not too difficult to do.

We also recall painful anniversaries, including dates of the deaths of my wife's father and brother; the day of the car crash that nearly claimed our son's life; and the day I came from surgery two years ago and my physician told me, "We almost lost you today."

Old habits are hard to break.

I recall June 3, 1957 as vividly as if it were yesterday. I joined the Ridgecrest summer staff that day. It was the start of five consecutive summers there offering opportunities which led to a career.

I won't ever forget June 1, 1952. That day I walked the aisle of a Baptist church and gave my heart to Jesus as Lord and savior of my life.

The calendar is filled with other occasions that have special significance for us.

Next week my wife and I will reach a new milestone. After more than 27 years together we will celebrate our 10,000th day of wedded bliss. In a day when half the new marriages are failing it is good to hear your partner say she's more in love with you now than she was 10,000 days ago, and to feel the same towards her.

I am reminded on this occasion of a Southern Baptist hymn favorite, *Amazing Grace*, which observes:

When we've been there 10,000 years,

*Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise*

Than when we first begun.

There is delight in celebrating the special occasions of life. But how much greater it will be to live forever in the presence of One who has provided earth's joy!

baptist news briefs

Kentuckians named as SBC trustee nominees

People to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the four denominational boards—Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and Annuity Board—have been nominated by the 1990 committee on nominations.

To serve, the nominees must be elected by messengers to the 1990 annual meeting of the SBC June 12-14 in New Orleans, La.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (77 members): 19 nominations considered; 6 new members; 13 renominations.

Nominated to a second term is Dewey R. Keys Sr., Elizabethtown, Ky.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (90 members): 27 nominations considered; 18 new members, including a new representative from Texas; 9 renominations.

James T. Garland, pastor of Hazel (Ky.) church, was nominated to fill the unexpired term—to end in 1991—of Harold R. England of Winchester, who resigned.

Nominated to a second term is James W. Hall, Danville, Ky.

HOME MISSION BOARD (90 members): 23 nominations considered; 12 new members, including a new representative from Texas; 11 renominations.

Nominees, with terms expiring in 1994, replacing members ineligible for reelection, include Emma (Mrs. David) Day, a nurse and member of Sevens Valley church, Elizabethtown, Ky., replacing R. W. Hodge of Princeton.

Nominated to a second term is Linda (Mrs. Benedict) Principe, Brandenburg, Ky.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (90 members): 23 nominations considered; 11 new members, including a new representative from Texas; 12 renominations.

Nominated to a second term is Allen F. Harrod, Bellevue, Ky.

ANNUITY BOARD (49 members): 15 nominations considered; seven new members, including a new representative from New York; eight renominated. (BP)

Establishment challenge to be doomed: chairman

The report of the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention committee on nominations has been released by chairman Roland Lopez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, McAllen, Tex.

Lopez described the meeting of the committee as "overall a good meeting, a very positive meeting. The majority was in harmony as to the nominations we made."

The chairman noted he became ill during the March meeting and returned home before the work was completed but said he had been informed one of the committee members—David Montoya, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gravette, Ark.—plans to introduce a minority report challenging about half of the nominees.

If Montoya attempts to introduce the minority report, Lopez said, "then what I will probably do is refer the matter to the president" (SBC president Jerry

Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.).

"Personally, I would not recognize it (the minority report) because the committee voted not to do this, but what we do will be up to the president. I think the convention will back up the committee but if they want to hear it and do our work all over again, that is their prerogative," he added.

The last time a member of the nominating committee attempted to introduce a minority report was in 1988 when Raymond Boswell, a Shreveport, La., insurance executive, attempted to introduce a report suggesting replacements for 17 of the committee nominees.

At the 1988 annual meeting in San Antonio, Tex., Boswell attempted to introduce his minority report, but then president Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn. ruled the messengers must decide whether they wanted to hear such a report.

After a hand vote was inconclusive Rogers ordered a ballot vote. Messengers voted 14,978 (53.2 percent) to 13,175 (46.8 percent) not to hear Boswell's challenge. The report of the 1988 committee was adopted by messengers without hearing Boswell's challenge.

Although Vines has not indicated what he will do in reference to Montoya's planned challenges it is likely he will follow the previous president's precedent.

Lopez also told Baptist Press he has heard no comment about two actions of the committee: the nomination of Robert M. Tenery to the Baptist Sunday School Board and the nomination of Curtis Caine to a second term on the Christian Life Commission.

Tenery, editor of the conservative publication, Southern Baptist Advocate, and pastor of Burkemont Baptist Church, Morganton, N. C., was nominated to a new term on the BSSB even though he rotated off in 1989 after having served eight years as a BSSB trustee.

Caine, a medical doctor from Jackson, Miss., raised protests—including a call for his removal made in a motion from the floor at the 1989 annual meeting—with remarks he made during a meeting of the CLC which were perceived as racist.

The SBC motion was referred to the SBC Executive Committee which said the question "is moot..." since Caine was to complete a first term of service in 1990 and "consideration of his renomination for another four-year term is a decision to be made by the commissioner and the SBC committee on nominations."

Traditionally, the committee on nominations renominates persons eligible for second terms unless there is good and

sufficient reason for their removal.

While Caine was nominated to a second term, the former governor of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins, from Versailles, was ruled ineligible for service as a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, because she missed three annual trustee meetings in a row.

Southern Seminary is the only SBC entity which has a provision in its by-laws to declare a trustee ineligible for service because of excessive absenteeism. (BP)

PAC's slim vote supports religious liberty plans

The Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee voted four to three to endorse proposed changes in how the SBC addresses religious liberty.

The vote also included three abstentions, and chairman Albert Lee Smith did not vote. Seven of the Public Affairs Committee's 18 members were absent for the vote during its spring meeting in Washington Apr. 19.

The changes have been proposed by the SBC Executive Committee and will be considered by messengers to the convention's annual meeting in New Orleans, La. June 12-14.

The changes would revise the SBC Christian Life Commission program statement to allow the commission to address religious liberty issues as well as moral concerns. The changes also would delete the Public Affairs Committee program statement. The Executive Committee assigned it five less-formal "operational guidelines."

Historically the SBC has addressed religious liberty through the nine-denomination Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The Public Affairs Committee comprises the SBC's membership on the Baptist Joint Committee.

PAC member Roy R. Gean Jr., an attorney from Ft. Smith, Ark., offered the statement endorsing the proposed changes. Combined with a budget proposal that would cut SBC funding of the BJC by 87.24 percent, hike the CLC budget by 40.70 percent and increase the PAC budget by 5.47 percent, the changes would make the CLC a primary Southern Baptist voice for religious liberty. (BP)

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Southern Baptists honored; RPRC has Baptist pres

The Religious Public Relations Council honored Southern Baptist communicators with 15 awards and elected a Southern Baptist as president at its annual meeting in Nashville.

In a separate meeting in Nashville, the Associated Church Press recognized Word and Way, newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist Convention in Jefferson City, Mo., for excellence in three categories.

Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, vice president for university relations at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., was elected president of the Religious Public Relations Council, an international, interfaith organization of religious communicators. Pattillo, RPRC's vice president for the past two years, succeeds Tom McAnally, a United Methodist communicator from Nashville.

Southern Baptists won the highest number of awards in RPRC's annual DeRose-Hinkhouse awards competi-

tion, finishing one ahead of Roman Catholics, who collected 14 of the 87 awards given.

Communicators from the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. led Southern Baptist RPRC award winners, with nine. Four awards went to staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board and two to the Missouri Baptist Convention. (BP)

Summer conference centers: registration up from 1989

Registration for summer conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center is running almost six percent ahead of 1989, while registration at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Conference Center is up slightly from last year.

Registration has closed for several of the conference center weeks and limited housing and camping facilities are available at others. Camping and rustic housing is available for all weeks at Glorieta and to date camping is available for all weeks at Ridgecrest.

Conferences at Glorieta with hotel housing still available are: Discipleship Training Leadership, June 30-July 6; Woman's Missionary Union, July 14-20; Jericho, July 21-27; Bible/Preaching/Administration, Aug. 4-10; Student Ministry, Aug. 11-17; and Small Sunday Schools/Special Ministry, Aug. 20-24.

Hotel housing available at Ridgecrest includes: Woman's Missionary Union, June 23-29; Jericho, June 30-July 6; Bible/Preaching/Administration, July 14-20; Sunday School Fast Tract Two, Aug. 7-11; Student Ministry, Aug. 11-17; and Discipleship Training, Aug. 18-24.

For the latest housing information call Glorieta at (505) 757-6161 or Ridgecrest, (704) 669-8022.

First missionaries set for assignment to Russia

Southern Baptists are assigning veteran missionaries George and Veda Rae Lozuk as their first full time workers to the Soviet Union. He is the son of a Russian immigrant.

The Lozucs, of Ft. Worth and Corpus Christi, Tex. respectively, are among 25 full time workers who have been selected or are being sought by the Foreign Mission Board for positions in eastern Europe. The board's eastern Europe mission has worked with Baptists there for 20 years; 10 ca-

reer missionaries and two other workers now are assigned to the area.

Altogether, the Foreign Mission Board has earmarked more than \$2.5 million for the region. A total of \$1 million is being used for Bibles, gospel films and other resources to help eastern European Baptists evangelize their nations and strengthen their churches. Another \$1 million, from Southern Baptist hunger relief donations, is buying seeds and related supplies for needy Romanian farmers. More than \$500,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions will bolster such projects as the first Baptist seminary in Moscow and Albanian gospel broadcasts.

Southern Baptist volunteers already are lining up to assist in the region. Four teams of college students will help renovate a Baptist church in Leningrad. Several Southern Baptist churches are forming "sister" relationships with eastern European congregations. And a California woman is leading in a food drive for 2000 needy Romanian families.

The Lozucs will begin work in Moscow after wrapping up their duties in South America, where they have worked 34 years, and after three months of intensive Russian language study. Lozuk currently is associate to the director of Southern Baptist work in Spanish-speaking South America. (BP)

Alumni luncheon June 13 at New Orleans Seminary

Four men representing effective, long term pastoral leadership, missionary service, Southern Baptist Convention leadership, and professional service for the denomination will be honored as distinguished alumni of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary during the annual alumni meeting held on the seminary campus Wednesday, June 13.

The 1990 distinguished alumni award recipients are James R. Futral, Jackson, Miss.; Alfonso Olmedo, Argentina; Adrian Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.; and Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

The awards, given annually by the seminary's faculty, will be presented during the alumni meeting in the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel of New Orleans Seminary from 1:30-3 p.m., during a break in the SBC annual meeting. The

presentation ceremony will follow a barbecue luncheon for the seminary's alumni and friends. (BP)

RTVC trustees to elect Arizona Baptist leader

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission have been called to a special meeting May 3 to consider a recommendation they elect Jack Johnson as president.

"I have sent a notification to all trustees to meet at 2 p.m. May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the DFW Airport to hear a recommendation from the search committee," said Mike Hamlett, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Spartanburg, S. C., and chairman of RTVC trustees.

Hamlett said the search committee will recommend Johnson to succeed Jimmy R. Allen, who resigned as president in April 1989 after trustees voted not to sell the American Christian Television System (ACTS) to a group of Texas investors.

Allen, who became president of the agency in January, 1980, had announced nearly a year earlier his plans to negotiate the sale of ACTS and to accompany the network. ACTS has been a financial drain on the SBC entity since it was launched in 1984.

Johnson, 55, has been executive director of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention since 1979. Previously, he was pastor of churches in California, Oklahoma and Texas.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; received a MDiv degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., and a PhD from the California Graduate School of Theology, Glendale. (BP)

Religious communicators honor broadcaster Moyers

Broadcaster Bill Moyers was honored by about 1400 religious communicators from around the world during Religious Communication Congress 1990, a once-in-a-decade gathering at Opryland Hotel in Nashville Apr. 18-22.

Moyers, a former presidential press secretary, news analyst and now a public broadcaster, was named communicator of the decade, an award given for the first time at the meeting. (BP)

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HERE'S HOPE TODAY

'Final Four' keeps in touch with Here's Hope prospects through Sunday school

by F. W. White

After the Southern Baptist Here's Hope simultaneous revivals in March and April, the Final Four Sunday school enrolment emphasis for June through September can help churches follow up with prospects discovered through the revivals, according to a consultant at the convention's Sunday School Board who developed the plan.

The Final Four is a four-month closeout project for Challenge 10/90, a five-year Sunday school enrolment emphasis, said Ron Pratt, consultant in adult Sunday school work.

"The summer often is a slump time for churches," Pratt said. "This year, it can be a good time to try to enrol prospects discovered through the simultaneous revivals as well as locate new prospects."

Many Southern Baptist churches have been using Bible distribution and evangelistic people search to locate prospects in preparation for Here's Hope revivals. But if they go through the summer without contacting those prospects, they probably will lose touch with them, Pratt pointed out.

By assigning the prospects to Sunday school classes for follow up, the Sunday school can provide the organization for the church's evangelistic outreach, Pratt said. (BP)

Cooperation characterizes Here's Hope among KBC departments

by Robin Oldham
Special Correspondent

"The inspiring spirit of cooperation and support shown by KBC department leaders and staff during Here's Hope has been a tremendous blessing," says Billy Compton, associate director, KBC Office for Evangelism.

While much of the planning and preparation for the simultaneous revivals has been handled by the Office For Evangelism, staff members throughout the Baptist Building in Middletown have assumed additional heavy responsibilities during the Here's Hope emphasis.

From Daniel Prayer Teams to in depth followup programs, staff support has been a vital part of the revival season.

The scope of cooperation has touched every part of the commonwealth and has been exhibited in the lives of scores of KBC staffers including:

■ Doug Strader, director, and Jim Clontz, associate director, Discipleship Training Department, led numerous workshops on ways to "conserve the results of evangelism" and other discipleship emphases.

■ Bob Jones, director, Direct Missions Department, met with Kentucky missions leaders to encourage their participation in Here's Hope. Jones expressed

his appreciation to directors of missions for their "vigorous promotion" of Here's Hope in associations.

■ Ken Forman, associate, Direct Missions Department, helped Kentucky Baptists learn to identify and meet the needs of people growing in their church relationship. Also, Forman worked with language missions while helping establish preaching points, Bible studies, and other outreach ministries across Kentucky.

■ Brotherhood director Bob Simpkins and Dee Gilliland, executive director-treasurer, Kentucky WMU, encouraged Baptists to pray for revival through Daniel Prayer Teams. Additionally, WMU has sponsored Witnessing Women training sessions while the Brotherhood is emphasizing Here's Hope lay-led revivals throughout 1990.

■ Jim Cordell, director, Church Music Department, and Eddie Howell, adult/associational music consultant, devoted much time and energy coordinating "shop talks" where music directors and their spouses discussed ways to recruit revival choirs, improve rehearsals, and how to plan and conduct music for Here's Hope services.

■ Two deacon/pastor/spouse retreats directed by John Lepper, director, Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, stressed the importance of lifestyle evangelism for nearly 400 participants at Cedarmore and Kentucky Dam Village last February.

■ Chip Miller, director, and Jack Palmer, associate director, Sunday School Department, focused on growth and outreach in training sessions across Kentucky. Their programs placed emphasis on people searches and scripture distribution.

■ Eugene Enlow, KBC Here's Hope coordinator, worked closely with Greg Hancock, KBC Communications Division director, and other communications specialists in planning and implementing promotion of Here's Hope through television, radio, and print media.

William D. Jagers, director, KBC Office for Evangelism, voiced his appreciation for these and others in the Baptist Building for their "exceptional help in offering suggestions and insights while participating in every phase of Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you."

Jagers added, "From the outset, Bill Marshall's (executive secretary-treasurer) enthusiastic support of the program has been extremely important. His leadership in securing adequate funding and enlisting a coordinator for Here's Hope provided the kind of vision and encouragement needed for such a statewide program to succeed.

"KBC personnel have been absolutely wonderful throughout Here's Hope. I am grateful to God for all who have been so helpful," Jagers concluded.

Youthfest '90: a couple of consonants include teens in Here's Hope

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Here's Hope. Jesus cares for youth.

Does it have a familiar ring to it? It should.

By adding the consonants "th" on the end of Southern Baptists' 1990 simultaneous revival theme, Kentucky's Billy Compton latched on to a well-touted motto for this summer's state youth evangelism conference.

"Apparently nobody else had thought of using it like that," said Compton, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Office for Evangelism, Middletown. "I called Tom McEachin of the Home Mission Board's Mass Evangelism Department to ask permission to use it. He said, 'Sure, and I wish I had thought of it first!'"

Here's Hope. Jesus cares for youth takes center stage June 22-23 at Frankfort's Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center where Youthfest '90 will be held.

Compton, conference director, has secured a lineup of star-studded personalities he believes will be a "draw" to thousands of Baptist teens, their friends, youth ministers, pastors and counselors.

Included are nationally recognized mime and theatrical clown Mark McMasters; current Miss Texas concert pianist Leah Kay Lyle; and youth communicator Rick Caldwell. Each of them actively participates in a local Southern Baptist congregation.

McMasters, of Charleston, S. C., is a former youth minister. He performs an average of 150 engagements annually before conference, university and church audiences. His trademark is "ministering through quality entertainment," according to Compton.

Miss Lyle, of Plainview, Tex., was a



Caldwell



McMasters



Miss Texas



Landgrave

semifinalist in the Miss America Pageant last year. An accomplished musician who has earned numerous recognitions, her testimony is one of faith in Christ Jesus as the inspiration of her life and talent.

Caldwell, of Geyer Springs, Ark., has 14 years' experience in working with Southern Baptist churches. Since

1987 he has been in 20 states speaking in revivals, camps, conferences and rallies. He is an author of youth books and has produced a video series on youth.

Also scheduled: two Baptist Student Union summer missions teams, Son Celebration and Son Share.

Music will be led by Kevin Land-

grave, youth music director at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville.

Three sessions are planned: Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 23, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The conference concludes Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Compton recalled that 86 professions of faith and 250 additional commitments were recorded at the 1989 conference the same weekend and same site.

He added that trained counselors will receive young people in Frankfort on invitation hymns. Counselors will pray and talk with those going forward, then provide written follow-up to local pastors and youth leaders about their teenagers' decisions.

The youth evangelism conference isn't "simply entertainment," said Compton. "We want teenagers to know Jesus cares for youth, too."

Fee, facility pose surmountable obstacles—for now

Middletown's Billy Compton, director of the state youth evangelism conference, reluctantly added a \$3 registration fee to the event this year.

"We had held off but realized that without program money increases we could never attract the calibre of personalities which could draw more youth," Compton explained.

The KBC youth evangelism conference budget has been at its present level several years. In addition to talent and leadership the budget covers advertising and promotion, printed materials, travel expense, auditorium rental, sound and lighting equipment and other items.

Compton advised that all of the fees received will go "right back into

the youth evangelism conference."

While he hopes most who plan to attend will preregister by mailing \$3 per person in advance, he explained that groups and individuals deciding at the last moment to attend may pay at the door. Checks should be made to Kentucky Baptist Convention. Mailing address: Office for Evangelism, KBC, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253.

Youthfest '90 T-shirts, at \$8 each, will be sold at the conference to those who wish to purchase them.

The Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort, where Youthfest '90 will be held, seats 6800 persons in air conditioned comfort. About 4000 persons were there for this event on the same weekend last year, "and the

numbers are steadily growing," said Compton.

He is seeking an arena which will allow the event to significantly increase in size after its 1991 session at Frankfort. Nearby motel space is essential, Compton added, noting this limits growth at Frankfort. Some registrants will have to book rooms at Lexington, 25 or 30 miles distant.

Compton has been observing neighboring Tennessee Baptists' youth evangelism conference, held in March. A combined total of 33,000 registrants filled Nashville's Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium at two sessions this year.

"We've only begun to scratch the surface of opportunity," he allowed.

HERE'S HOPE

HOPEFUL SIGNS

- Pastor Willie Ailstock III of Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, reports 14 professions of faith and several rededications during their revival the first week in April. Jim Mayes, Painesville, Oh., and Steve Mayes, Medora, Ill., led in services.
- Sulphur Fork Association reports 342 attended the Here's Hope rally Mar. 18 at Crestwood Baptist Church. Bill Crosby of Erlanger was evangelist. Over 100 commitments to prayer and evangelism were made.
- The Sunday School Board reports the number of members received from non-Baptist churches exceeded those lost to non-Baptist churches by a total of 14,053 in 1989.
- Over 750 churches across the SBC report they are broadcasting services on TV; more than 8500 are involved in Bold Mission Thrust prayer activities; and more than 1300 report weekly evangelistic visitation.

LIFE IMPACT

Roger Davis, of Cunningham, had spent most of his life in rebellion toward God. But two years ago, when he was 35, he was saved.

Davis was reared in a Christian home. Resenting being "made" to attend church, he quit while a teenager.

A moral person, he married a Christian girl when he was 21, but went to church only on special occasions "just to please my wife."

"Actually, I was harming her because I would encourage her to do other things on Sunday," he now admits.

Tom Hughes, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, tried to talk to Davis for six months. But Davis, always under conviction, avoided any spiritual confrontation. He told himself the feeling would "go away tomorrow."

Before their 1988 revival, scores of Bethlehem members prayed specifically for Davis. The first service found him there "just to please my wife." The second night he went again. The third night he asked pastor Hughes to go into a back room and talk.

"I couldn't believe Jesus could save me at 35. Besides, I thought, I was about as good as anyone in the church. But I finally asked Jesus to save me."

He and his eight-year-old son, Kyle, who was saved a night or two before, were baptized at the same time.

"Now I can't wait until Sunday. I enjoy church more than anything—even fishing!" laughed Davis.

Pauline Stegall

DIRECTIONS

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed....But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

(1 Pet. 1:13, 15, NIV)

Revival had that 'old time religion' spirit at Louisville's Ninth & O Baptist Church

by Lawanda Smith
Staff Writer

HERE'S HOPE: WEEK 6

A combination senior adult night and pack a pew night was the focus of the second night of revival at Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville.

Though every pew was not full, the congregation was full of that "old time revival" spirit of enthusiasm.

The revival effort was led by Jim Ponder, former evangelism director for Illinois and Florida, and singer Joe Atkinson, music evangelist with Ponder. Together the two travel in full time evangelism under the sponsorship of Jim Ponder Ministries.

An overflowing revival choir opened the service with the familiar chorus "This is the Time I Must Sing." Later the congregation joined the choir in other choruses traditionally associated with revival.

Observance of baptism near the beginning of the service was fitting of the



Ponder



Atkinson

night's emphasis on evangelism.

Revival excitement was evident in the music of the congregation, choir and singer, which lasted almost an hour. Atkinson led a medley of familiar revival hymns focused on the cross, appropriate for the Holy Week services.

Together with the choir Atkinson rang out the old time favorite "My God is Real." The rendition was punctuated by hearty "amens" and applause from the congregation. During the offering the choir sang "God Leads His Dear Children Along."

Atkinson closed the music presentation with a solo of various songs including "His Eye is on the Sparrow," made famous by Ethel Waters.

Taking his sermon topic from Ephesians 1-2, Ponder opened by instructing the congregation to underline key words in their Bibles. He focused primarily on Eph. 2:8-10, preaching a traditional revival evangelistic sermon from a somewhat new angle.

"Do you serve a one-armed savior?" Ponder queried.

He emphasized the initial salvation experience. "Salvation began in the mind of God," he declared, quoting from Genesis, chapter one. "God planned how you were going to be saved; it is the gift of God in Jesus Christ. There is no other way."

Referring to the importance of witnessing, he claimed that salvation and faith are both gifts of God. "God gave you the ability to believe when someone cared enough to share Jesus Christ," he explained.

He punctuated his salvation theme by quoting numerous scriptures, but then continued with Eph. 2:10, the next point of his sermon, which he referred to as the "second arm of Christ."

"We are his workmanship," Ponder asserted. "We must grow up into full grown men and women in the Lord so we can stand the wiles of the devil."

"Many of us today are dwarfed," he claimed. "God planned you would be saved through Christ and planned you would walk in his works."

At the conclusion of the service Ponder called people to the altar to pray and invited people to make professions of faith. Later a line formed in the center aisle as he encouraged others to come who would commit to witnessing to a lost person they knew.

Not surprisingly, the service resulted in a profession of faith and a rededication.

Profile of Ninth & O congregation

Beginnings: Began as a mission of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, in 1909 with 28 members. Constituted as a church 1916 with 174 members.

Facilities: First sanctuary built in 1910 on the lot where the church now stands. It faced what was then called O Street, across from Ninth & O Elementary School. Present sanctuary completed in 1949. Additional facilities include an education building, activities building and academy annex.

Pastors: Tom Melzoni went to the church one year ago from Tennessee

after having been on the staff at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. Former pastors include Louis Drummond, now president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Laverne Butler, now president of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Ky.

Current statistics: Resident membership, 3269; total, 4395. Sunday school average, 1500; Baptisms, 45 since January; ranked 13th in the state in 1989. Established three percent giving to Cooperative Program this year.

Revival at high noon—how churches are opening

by Betty Anderson
State Correspondent

Revival: n. a series of evangelistic services held nightly from approximately 7 to 8 o'clock for a specified number of days in which an invited guest minister preaches and in which a guest musician may also lead.

Many churches follow this definition of revival. Some, however, have sought ways of complementing the annual, or two-per-year evening events. And some include high noon on the revival schedule.

In evaluating their memberships' involvement in revival services and their need to experience renewal, pastors, with church staff and church leaders, may add additional services.

In addition to considering peak times for attendance, revival planners wish to promote fellowship among the revival team, the congregation, and the community. Some churches have found noonday services to be the answer. Noonday calls "food" to mind, and the scheduling accommodates this.

Cadiz Baptist Church, in revival Mar. 25-29, held noonday services, as they have for several years, according

to the pastor, Harold Skaggs. While church folk attend, also invited were the downtown business people and other denominations. The Cadiz church begins serving just before noon and worshippers can easily be back at work before one o'clock. The food for each day is provided by Sunday school classes and individuals. One day a local delicatessen provided cold cuts.

Skaggs reports an attendance of 85-100 for noon and better than 350 at night, for the best-attended revival they've had in years. Of the nine coming for baptism, seven were adults with one lady in her seventies.

First Baptist, Bowling Green, has been having noonday lunch services for ten years, relates pastor Richard Bridges. "For our membership this keeps the revival more than an evening event. They can bring people they work with." The noon service will average 150-160 Bridges says.

The noonday services are "my fa-

vorite part of the revival," states Bob Browning, First Baptist Church, Somerset. "I eat earlier and then spend that time walking around and meeting people."

The kitchen staff provides the basic luncheon (one day may be soup and sandwich) with various Sunday school classes bringing in the extras, like relish trays. Browning estimates attendance averaging 150 to 175, although sometimes they go over 200. "There are more prospects at noon than at the evening service."

"We provide a place for lunch. People look forward to it. Our location is helpful; we're downtown and people can walk. It's a good way to get close to the evangelistic team—to introduce them to the community. Visitors come back for the evening service."

An unusual aspect of the noon service in Somerset is that thirty or so youth attend. The local high school has an open-campus policy at lunch, so the

FRONTLINE

HOPE TODAY

Paducah youth get daily dose of hope during revival days

by Janice Hughes
Special Correspondent

Mark Long, minister to youth, First Baptist Church, Paducah, searched for a way to prepare youth for revival.

He remembered as a youth in North Carolina having a devotional book written by members of his church. Connecting spiritual truths with people he knew made a lingering impression on him.

He decided to prepare such a book and place it in the hands of youth seven weeks prior to his church's revival. His goals were to increase the number of youth who have a daily quiet time and to arrange an encounter with God for them.

Long says, "The sole purpose of the book is to motivate each of us to examine our lives and make ready for what God has in store for us as we look forward to our Here's Hope revival Apr. 29-May 2."

He and his wife, Nancy, who is also a trained youth minister, brainstormed subjects relative to youth and selected 14 church members, including 3 youth, to write the daily devotions.

"We wanted people whose lives matched a subject or people who had experience in a particular area," Long says.

Fifteen year old Macie Linn Jones was asked to write about love. She wrote the Apr. 22 entry, "A friend should love at all times."

"I got the idea in Sunday school when we studied Pro. 17:17," she says.

She wrote, "One of the most important things in a teenager's life is friends....but Jesus Christ, our true friend, will never let us down...."

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June 22-23

■ **Mini Evangelism Conference**
Briensburg Baptist Church
Sept. 14-15

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Oct. 15-18

PERSPECTIVE

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J. Howard Cobble, pastor
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Elizabethtown

Opening their kitchen doors to a whole new crowd

youth director runs a bus for the young people. A table is reserved for them in

the middle of the room and their excitement adds to the festivity.



Southern Baptist churches are reaching out to the business world through noonday services. Several Kentucky Baptist churches are involved.

"I believe we grow a church through two ways," Browning continued, "the nursery and the kitchen. Anytime we can bring people in and break bread together is good. Revival is a natural time. We already have a guest speaker and a singer."

Hawesville Baptist Church features a "high noon salad bar" during their revivals, according to their pastor, Philip Basinger. Their services go from Sunday through Thursday, with two days—Tuesday and Wednesday—being the days for the noonday services.

Basinger says the noondays run from 11 o'clock to 11:50 to allow people to get back to work by twelve. The devotional portion takes place as the people are eating. This allows the townspeople to be involved. Specifically invited are workers from the courthouse and the banks.

"The key is the involvement of the people who bring the food. The kitchen committee sets everything up," Basinger summarizes. He estimates an attendance of 70 to 80.

These four pastors are very enthusiastic about the benefits of noontime services. "It's the perfect combination of physical food and spiritual food," Browning believes.

HOPE QUOTE

"This is a good time for revival...people are searching for answers, so this is an opportune time for us to be sharing the faith."

Jerome Browne, pastor
Rosemont Baptist Church
Lexington

HERE'S HOPE TODAY

Top 100 Kentucky Baptist churches in per capita baptisms in 1989

Church	Assn Code	Members	Baptisms	Per-cap	Church	Assn Code	Members	Baptisms	Per-cap	Church	Assn Code	Members	Baptisms	Per-cap	Church	Assn Code	Members	Baptisms	Per-cap				
New Prospect		088	102	66	2	Dunnville First		723	37	5	7	Holly Grove		255	184	18	10	White Hall		088	119	10	12
Whickerville		255	48	20	2	Caney		890	100	15	7	Garrett		275	172	18	10	Fitzpatrick First		275	148	12	12
Southeast Lexington		270	81	33	2	Calvary Forestry		048	33	4	8	Kenwood Msnry		345	136	13	10	Rock Springs		320	94	8	12
Visalia		595	25	10	3	Bell County		096	132	16	8	Blackburn Ave Msnry		345	86	9	10	Rock Front		460	112	8	12
Union Mill Mission		270	21	6	4	Minerva		096	79	10	8	Grace		345	71	7	10	Bellview		465	241	20	12
Midland Trail		345	34	8	4	Lighthouse		170	137	17	8	Lily		440	303	30	10	Level Green		545	62	5	12
Mill St Bapt Mission		440	69	16	4	Pleasant Memorial		230	246	31	8	Rocky Ridge		460	334	34	10	Elk Lick		638	98	8	12
Immanuel		445	109	27	4	Penn Avenue		270	76	10	8	Paint Hill		480	80	8	10	Mayflower Unity		650	62	5	12
Flat Creek Msnry		545	112	27	4	Carve Rock		320	135	17	8	East Fork		630	49	5	10	Lakeside Baptist Mission		670	23	2	12
Oak Grove First		170	162	35	5	New Hope		455	47	6	8	Faith Bapt. Miss. (Myra)		650	30	3	10	Barnesburg		670	123	10	12
Becknoria Mission		270	23	5	5	New Life		330	405	48	8	Northside Baptist Chapel		765	40	4	10	Jasper Bend		670	36	3	12
Corn Creek		545	124	27	5	Green Grove Msnry		455	70	9	8	New Hope		765	149	15	10	Eastside		874	93	8	12
Macedonia Msnry		595	28	6	5	Apple Grove		605	221	28	8	First Korean		765	428	45	10	Friendship		933	95	8	12
Indian Hill		723	41	8	5	Whispering Meadows		635	113	14	8	Brittians Creek		912	113	11	10	Kiddville		080	268	21	13
Athertonville		765	20	4	5	Sutton		650	77	10	8	Highland		933	104	10	10	Dry Valley		104	93	7	13
Eastside Bethel		867	73	16	5	New Hope		730	93	12	8	Charity No 2		048	66	6	11	Eddyville Second		130	92	7	13
Mt Zion		958	788	145	5	Vicco		890	172	21	8	West Mt Zoar		170	144	13	11	Red Hill		230	142	11	13
Breens Bapt Mission		080	13	6	6	Jeffersonville		080	448	49	9	Life Gate		255	63	6	11	Sugar Grove		230	245	19	13
Murphy Fork Msnry		275	131	21	6	Victory		170	34	4	9	Green Hill		255	85	8	11	Mt Washington		255	260	20	13
Burna Community		632	30	5	6	Wilson Creek Msnry		345	85	10	9	Topmost		275	91	8	11	Brookside		270	191	15	13
Community Bapt. Mission		670	69	11	6	Old Orchard		400	28	3	9	Burkesville		300	308	28	11	First Corinthian		295	120	9	13
Jones Creek		912	80	13	6	Oak Grove Msnry		535	178	19	9	Lynnville		330	187	17	11	Emily Northup		345	40	3	13
Victory Msnry		048	94	13	7	Gradyville		730	55	6	9	Pleasant Grove		330	221	21	11	Dunn		455	255	20	13
Mt Vernon Msnry		320	265	36	7	Heavenbound		765	85	9	9	Canton		460	306	28	11	Horse Creek		480	145	11	13
Woodbury		320	100	15	7	Clover Fork Msnry		912	78	9	9	Ridgeview Baptist Mission		470	32	3	11	Antioch		545	107	8	13
New Hope		465	179	26	7	Newtown		048	30	3	10	New Cut Road		470	66	6	11	Frankfort		545	53	4	13
Vine Street		470	134	19	7	Hardin		072	434	44	10	East Dayton		595	157	14	11	New Hebron Msnry		555	100	8	13
Emmanuel Baptist		585	13	2	7	Friendship		080	311	30	10	Providence		785	706	66	11	New Hope		555	230	18	13
Ohio Valley		632	399	61	7	Bethel		998	119	12	10	Rolling Hills Mission		825	45	4	11	Big Bone		595	407	32	13
Calvary		635	28	4	7	Demossville		185	60	6	10	Halls Chapel		933	34	3	11						

Bringing hope to the marketplace: the flea market

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Proclaiming the good news is what *Here's Hope*. *Jesus cares for you* is all about. One Kentucky association decided to take the message to the marketplace—literally.

The Nelson associational WMU sponsored a short term ministry to Vietnamese Americans. They took the gospel story to the Shepherdsville Flea Market at the Bullitt County stockyard.

Mrs. Carol French, a member of Cedar Grove Baptist, implemented the ministry. Mrs. French works as secretary at Bardstown Junction Baptist Church. She also was revival secretary for the two congregations during their *Here's Hope* planning.

Mrs. French had shopped at the flea market and had noticed a considerable number of Vietnamese people there. A few lived in Shepherdsville but many drove in from Louisville to buy fresh produce and poultry. When she read in the *Here's Hope* resource kit that the convention was offering the book of John in various languages, she said, "It just hit me."

She was soon making contacts. First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, donated money for the scriptures. Bardstown Junction gave her a box of *The Commission* magazines. Cedar Grove also gave financial assistance and pamphlets about its revival. The goal was to have a display table at the weekly "sale barn" on two occasions.

Mar. 3 and 17 Mrs. French drove to the Shepherdsville flea market, armed with literature. Setting up a simple table, she displayed her Vietnamese gospels according to John, her magazines and several kinds of pamphlets. She had managed to find a poster at the associational office that showed a photograph of a Vietnamese woman. With

the poster decorating the front of her table, she soon began to draw interest.

Mrs. French estimates she saw 150 Vietnamese people each of those days. "It really surprised me when I had the opportunity to count them." She gave away 53 scriptures the first week, 20 the second. She remembered, "A few were dressed in their native clothes. They came out in families. It was like a

social time for them."

Though most of the younger Vietnamese spoke English, many of the older ones did not. This was a new experience for Mrs. French.

"I had been on several mission trips to Michigan, but that's the first time I'd not been able to get across what I meant to someone." She resorted to "a lot of smiles and nods."

International ministry communicates hope

International ministry is part of daily life for Jay Thomas of Victory Memorial Baptist Church. He coordinates the international ministries of the Long Run Association church. Victory Memorial works with Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and Haitian groups through outreach and Haitian.

Thomas pointed out characteristics of the Vietnamese that make them open to ministry. "They are very social. They like to have friends of many different backgrounds. They are able to adapt to new situations."

He acknowledged, "Communication is a big problem," adding, "Children seem to pick up much quicker" on language skills. "When we meet them in public it's pretty difficult unless we have an interpreter." Thomas explained that as Victory Memorial members get to know the internationals as individuals, it becomes easier for both parties to communicate.

Many Vietnamese have religious roots in Buddhism. "It's very hard to get them out of their previous religion. Often their ancestral religion is more cultural than religious."

Because of the cultural ties they do not easily let go. Thomas noted, "After they experience some growth in the Christian faith they do better."

Victory Memorial makes initial contact with all the international groups through visitation. Thomas explained, "We reach them where they live. Slowly, by making friendships, is a good outreach method." He has found it more difficult to reach adults. The particular needs of internationals can become doorways to ministry. Victory Memorial assists them in learning English, using different methods with older adults who find learning more difficult.

Thomas realizes an acute need for internationals is fellowship with others of like backgrounds. Twice a month international groups join the rest of the congregation for worship in English, "but most of them don't follow that. They prefer their own services." Victory Memorial's international services are typically "less formal, more like a fellowship meeting," according to Thomas. People are free to share experiences of the past week, praises and prayer requests.

Victory Memorial has found ministry to internationals to be a rewarding experience, though Thomas advised "it's a very slow movement." He cited his key approaches: "Just friendliness, to start off with, and of course prayer."

The language difference only proved to be a barrier in one instance. An elderly lady approached the table and offered Mrs. French two dollars for a book. Mrs. French tried to tell her the literature was free. The woman was alone so she had no one of her own language to explain it to her. "She just kept saying 'two dollar, two dollar.' When I shook my head 'no' and tried to give her one, she must have thought I was charging more than that. She finally just walked away."

That one failure to communicate "still bothers me," Mrs. French admitted.

Her feelings are positive, though, as she remembers all those who reached. "I thank by their faces they were saying 'thank you.' A smile is universal."

English speaking people took notice of the table as well. One Lutheran man even left a brochure of his own denomination for Mrs. French to give away.

Though the association met its goal of ministering at the sale barn once, Mrs. French would love to see an ongoing ministry develop. She and Tim Maynard, pastor at Bardstown Junction, have discussed the possibilities. Her preparation brought her in contact with Eugene Enlow, *Here's Hope* coordinator for the KBC.

"Dr. Enlow was a great help to me," Mrs. French recalled. He gave her *Here's Hope* stickers to affix to the gospels. He also put her in touch with Louisville's Victory Memorial Baptist Church, who has a ministry to Vietnamese. Nelson Association has donated its leftover scriptures to Victory Memorial.

Mrs. French hopes she has opened a door for future ministry, and others will get involved. "It was so exciting to me, like going on a mission trip. It was totally uplifting. It opened up another world to me," she concluded.

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clear creek chronicle

Doing the work

When asked to describe the most meaningful part of her three years at Clear Creek, Mrs. Norma Arbaugh recalled, "The love I received, the encouragement to learn who we were and to discover God's plan." Returning to campus after nine years she acknowledged, "I still sense that spirit today." Phil and Norma Arbaugh live in Jackson, Oh. Both have full lives through community employment and church involvement. He is a lab technician with Goodyear. She is curriculum coordinator and substitute teacher at the county child development center. They provide much needed leadership in Fellowship Baptist Church, a three year old congregation of 24 members. Phil is Sunday school director and Mrs. Arbaugh teaches preschoolers, directs the cradle roll and leads the choir and congregational music.

The Arbaughs entered Clear Creek in August 1978. "We came broke but the Lord met our needs. Phil did the campus mowing and gifts came in the mail. When we left we didn't owe any bills," Mrs. Arbaugh remembers.

A human growth and development class required her to observe at the campus preschool center and kindled an interest in children's work. The next year she became a preschool center helper and took some music classes. Mrs. Arbaugh also cooked supper at Kelly Hall under the supervision of Anna Starkey. "Mrs. Starkey had a strong influence on me. I recently found some essays she asked me to write. She helped me realize my potential."

Mrs. Arbaugh is WMU director for Scioto Valley Association. She journeyed to Pineville with director of missions and Mrs. Cliff Coleman and two alumni who pastor in the association: Donnie Scoggins, '85, and Paul White, '50. They interviewed students for Ohio mission work.

Mrs. Arbaugh's visit reaffirmed her calling and brought encouragement to complete requirements for a degree. Her visit also reaffirmed what we do in preparing individuals to lead local churches. Sometimes the result will find fulfillment as lay leaders. Doing the work of ministry is the bottom line. Volunteers like the Arbaughs make it happen in all our churches.

southern seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's annual alumni and friends reunion banquet will be held at 1 p.m. June 13 at the New Orleans (La.) Marriott during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The reunion banquet will feature an address by Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt and the presentation of four distinguished alumni awards. The Louisville school's 1990 distinguished alumni are Marjorie McCullough, Alexandria, La., president, Woman's Missionary Union; John P. Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; James L. Pleitz, pastor, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas; and Grover Tyner, Stone Mountain, Ga., retired Baptist missionary to the Philippines.

Reunion banquet tickets can be obtained by contacting the seminary's office of alumni relations at (800) 626-5525. In Kentucky call (502) 897-4700. Tickets are \$16 each if purchased before May 15. After May 15, tickets are \$20 each.

Jay W. Wilkey, a native of Madisonville and church music professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, since 1963, will take early retirement at the end of the spring semester.

Wilkey, 55, and his wife, Dorothy, will be moving to Denver, where he will be a senior research fellow in the voice lab of the Recording Research Center of the Denver Center of the Performing Arts. He will be working with physiologists and audiologists who

specialize in the study of the human voice.

During his teaching career, Wilkey's voice students have received recognitions in numerous regional and national competitions, including the national auditions for the Metropolitan Opera.

In addition, Wilkey has been a frequent baritone soloist in Louisville. He has performed with the Kentucky Opera Association, the Louisville Orchestra and the Louisville Ballet. His recitals at the seminary with pianist Maurice Hinson, a colleague on the seminary's church, a music faculty, were an annual tradition for more than 25 years.

samford university

Laypeople are the longtime human answer to the Southern Baptist Convention's "holy war," SBC Today editor Jack Harwell told Samford (Ala.) University students Apr. 11.

"Slowly but surely they are beginning to get the message—the message that their denominational missions program is in grave danger," he said, noting that the number of lay volunteers involved in mission projects is the only current success story in the Bold Mission Thrust effort.

Presented as part of the university's chapel series, Harwell spoke on the topic "The Southern Baptist Convention Today."

Prior to assuming his present post two years ago, Harwell was editor of Georgia's Baptist newspaper, *The Christian Index*, 21 years.

Harwell was preceded at the convocation by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student David Burroughs, who announced the formation of a new

group, Sons and Daughters of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The group's objective is to unite "and call for an end to denominational strife and for freedom to minister."

georgetown college

Dennis K. Dedrick, associate professor of sociology at Georgetown (Ky.) College, presented a paper titled "Mad SDI and the Nuclear Arms Race" at the Southern Sociological Society Conference, Louisville, Ky., Mar. 23.

Among his degrees, Dedrick earned a Masters from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He has been on the Georgetown faculty over 25 years.

John Sadlon, associate professor of English at Georgetown (Ky.) College, presented a paper at an annual conference of the East Central U.S. Writing Centers Association, held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Apr. 20-21. The title of his paper is "What Writing Program Personnel Should Know (and Do) About Journals Across the Curriculum."

Sadlon is an executive board member of the professional organization, which serves a 10-state area.

The paper is a condensed version of a longer scholarly bibliographic essay written during Sadlon's recent sabbatical. The longer article is currently being considered by *College English*, *The Journal of Advance Writing*, and *The Journal of Teaching Writing*. The editors of *College English* at the University of Alabama have said the article reflects "...decent scholarship, one of the top 100 manuscripts of the 1100 manuscripts submitted this past year."

mountains to the mississippi

congregations

West Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association, honored Nancy Dobbs as church secretary 25 years. She has worked with three pastors, two interim pastors and several staff members. She has also worked with the church at two locations: on West Broadway Street, Louisville, and its present location in Jeffersontown.

Greenmount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, honored Mrs. Eula Mae Feltner for 50 years teaching young adult Sunday school beginning April 1940. She has been vacation Bible school director and teacher, church clerk and WMU member. She has also been food coordinator for Laurel River Association's summer camp 12 years. Mrs. Feltner holds the longest tenure as associational WMU director. For several years she was secretary for the association's Sunday school conference.

Piney Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, reopened Apr. 22 with Joel Cox as pastor.

Concord Baptist Church, Christian County Association, recognized Dorothy Gamble for 30 years as church pianist. She was given a plaque in morning worship Apr. 22 and a reception was given in her honor.

First Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., was virtually destroyed by 15 feet of water in a recent flood. Pastor Doug Dortch lost almost 700 books. **Lebanon (Ky.) Baptist Church, Central Association, is currently receiving an offering to aid in the restoration of Dortch's library.** Gifts should be sent to the church at 144 E. Mulberry St., Lebanon, KY 40033.

Dortch is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has pastored Buckner Baptist and Lebanon Baptist churches in Kentucky.

personnel

Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, called Pamela Washburn as minister of youth.

Tommy Franklin resigned as pastor of Pinckneyville Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, effective May 15.

Bonnieville Baptist Church, Lynn Association, called Glenn Routt as pastor.

Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called Mitchell Jones as pastor.

Charles McMahan has been called as pastor of Slaughters Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Robert Wright is new pastor of Pleas-

ant Valley Baptist Church, Liberty Association. He goes from Wallins Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Dallas Messer resigned as pastor of Black Mountain Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

W. C. Campbell is pastor of New Clover Creek Baptist Church, Breckenridge Association. He goes from Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church in North Carolina.

Tom Armour resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

James I. Kelly resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Stephen Curtis Waddle resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Sandy Hook, Greenup Association.

ordinations

Salem Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, licensed Tim Porter to the ministry. Charles D. Woody is pastor.

Tom Kenady was ordained a deacon by Concord Baptist Church, Christian County Association, Mar. 18. Bob Lowery is pastor.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 6, 1990

Life and work series

Honesty in prayer

Jer. 12:1, 5 In his early youth Jeremiah had a strong urge to serve God. The times were severe, the difficulties of success were great and whoever volunteered to serve God was choosing a lonely life, a life of misunderstanding and possibly of persecution. God told him that he would support him, and in the support of this promise Jeremiah went forth in his

twentieth year to do his best for God.

On returning to his home town Jeremiah discovered that his career had made him decidedly unpopular. People misunderstood him, plotted against him and even some of his relatives considered him a failure. Smarting under a sense of injustice, he rushed into the presence of God and poured out his complaints.

Jeremiah felt compelled to deliver God's message even though it frequently was an unpopular task. His burden became almost unbearable when he realized that wicked men were prospering all the more. He questioned: "Why do the wicked prosper?" "How long shall the land mourn?" God's answer to the prophet's questions was in the form of a double metaphor. The first was borrowed from the field of battle. "If thou hast run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" The other metaphor is borrowed from a journey. If the traveler has been wearied by the heat and fatigue of it, then what will he do when he comes to the Jordan River, when it overflows its banks?

Jer. 20:7-11 This great prayer is a strange one for it is one of complaint. Only a man of deep spirituality can summon sufficient courage to take his complaints directly to God. By so doing he greatly enlarged our conception of the value of prayer.

International Series

Love and hate

I John 3:11-24 The Old Testament taught that love for one another was a

duty incumbent upon every child of God. Christ told his disciples that they should love one another as he had loved them. The early Christians loved one another with that deep and abiding respect which showed itself in confidence, good will and mutual helpfulness.

Unselfish and sacrificial love prompted Christ to leave the glories of heaven, and to come to the earth to give his life on the cross as a ransom for many. He laid down his life in order to save others from their sins, thus demonstrating that "God is love."

The test of love is not in saying but in doing. Real love is not expressed in mere pious good wishes but in a practical manner, such as the alleviation of distress.

It is possible to have assurance of salvation. One can know that he is saved: "Ye may know that ye have eternal life (I John 5:13)." It is a blessing to have the assurance of being a child of God. To be a child of God enables one to look up into his face and to call him "Father," to be the object of his gracious solicitude and tender care and to be loved with such a love to which nothing on earth can compare.

The presence of hatred in the heart is evidence that one has not come into possession of eternal life and has not experienced the transforming love of God. Christians must express their love in a practical manner. It is not enough for them to say that they love their fellow Christians, but they must prove it by their actions and deeds. The test of love is not in saying but in doing. If one truly loves he will extend his compassion toward those who are in need.



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homes for children

It's finished

Those words, "It's finished," have been going through my mind continually lately, perhaps because I am having to convince myself that I actually have completed all of the work toward my doctorate.

For the past three and a half years I have gone to school two nights a week, spent all day Saturdays, most Sunday afternoons and virtually all of my vacations writing papers, preparing for comprehensive examinations and writing and preparing to defend my dissertation.

On Saturday afternoon, May 19, I will receive the degree. Perhaps that ceremony will convince me that there really is no more to do.

Receiving that degree has been a goal of mine for many years and my family has been willing to make many sacrifices, both financially and in family time, for me to complete the work.

One of the readings I remember vividly from my study spoke of the need for organizations to focus on more than achieving goals. The writer noted that goal achievement must be balanced with other activities which build camaraderie and tradition and which help individuals to improve their total person.

I am recognizing that I need to focus time and energy on some of those chores that I have long put off because of school work. SuEllen has a long list of "honey-do's" and I believe my time has come.

I also am going to spend more time with Andrea and Jason. We've put off a trip to Disney World for three years, but this summer we are going to do it. There are going to be some baseball games that we go to and some bike rides around the neighborhood.

For me, and many moms and dads today, there needs to be fewer goals and more relationship building with spouses and children. An afternoon spent tossing a ball around may be far more important than attaining another rung on the corporate ladder.



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oneida journal

Four concerts Easter

Easter weekend I left at noon with our choir and four other staff members for Briensburg in far western Kentucky. With stops at a roadside park near Bowling Green and at Fairview, birthplace of Jefferson Davis, to see the memorial monument, we arrived at 7 p.m.

Pastor C. C. Brasher was waiting in the parking lot to receive us. He has led his congregation to be the top donor per capita to the Cooperative Program of any church in Kentucky several times in recent years and very near the top other years.

Scores of people were arriving with covered dishes; there must have been over 100, and we had a wonderful several hours of fellowship and then our Oneida group scattered into different homes for the night.

A beautiful Easter Sunday dawned and the church set an all time attendance record since their organization in 1932. I was invited to speak to a large number of adults in Sunday school and then our choir led the worship service to the time of invitation. It was a very inspiring service. Following we again sat to eat food provided by the very hospitable people of that great congregation.

In the afternoon we drove to Hazel on the Kentucky-Tennessee line. There our choir sang in the yard of my oldest uncle, Ortis Moore, age 86. Until a truck accident a year ago he had taught Sunday school continuously 40 years. I had not seen him since the accident and we surprised him with this special Easter concert.

Following that we drove down to the Kentucky Dam and watched a huge barge being taken through the locks for about one hour. Most of us had never seen such and it was a fascinating experience.

Pastor Bill Cubine awaited us at 4 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah. Our students had a wonderful time in their Christian youth center for the next two hours and then ate a tremendous pizza supper provided by the church.

In the meantime judge Brandon Price and several were waiting to make a presentation of a portrait of the late Myrla Peck. Miss Peck remembered the girls and boys of

Oneida most generously in her will several years ago. Her great neice made the presentation.

There was a large crowd in the evening service. The acoustics were splendid and our students were in top form in an hour long performance.

The ladies of the church had thoughtfully provided fruit and other snacks as well as soft drinks for our long return trip to Oneida.

We had one more stop. The residents of the nursing home in Kuttawa awaited us that Easter evening and we sang for them a concert at 10 p.m. Among them were two dear friends who have actively supported Oneida for 40 years. It was an Oneida "first," the latest concert we have ever sung but those older folks seemed so grateful that we had come. Afterwards our students changed into their jeans and we were off to Oneida; it was then midnight our time. With one stop at Bowling Green, we arrived home safely at 6:30 a.m. and the start of another busy school week. Our young people are real troupers and I am so proud of them.

Some of our choir members had to stay behind for important softball and an all day track and field meet involving many schools. Oneida took second place of fourteen teams competing in the Appalachian Track Classic. Choir member David DeWar was third in the high jump and sixth in the triple jump. Later in the week senior Jeff Jackson, with us four years, set a new school record in the discus with a throw of 137 feet. David DeWar set a new record of six feet, four-and-one-fourth inches in the high jump on the Oneida field in the Three Rivers Conference.



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Where is the eagle?

"Earth Day" has passed but the cancer spawned by man's rape of the earth continues to shorten the life expectancy of our planet.

The following appeared in the Courier Journal on Sunday, Apr. 22. It is a letter dated 1855, from Indian Chief Seattle to the then-President of the United States Franklin Pierce. It is haunting, prophetic and relevant.

"Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. How can you buy or sell the sky—the warmth of the land?"

"The idea is strange to us. Yet we do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water."

"How can you buy them from us? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people."

"We know that white man does not understand our ways."

"One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs."

"The earth is not his brother but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on."

"He leaves his fathers' graves, and his children's birthright is forgotten."

"There is no quiet place in the white man's cities."

"No place to hear the leaves of spring or the rustle of insect wings."

"But perhaps because I am savage and do not understand—the clatter only seems to insult the ears."

"And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lovely cry of the whip-poorwill or the arguments of the frogs around the pond at night."

"The whites, too, shall pass—perhaps sooner than other tribes."

"Continue to contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste."

"When the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses all tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires."

"Where is the thicket?"

"Gone."

"Where is the eagle?"

"Gone."

"And what is it to say goodbye to the swift and the hunt, the end of living and the beginning of survival?"

John Lepper: "The biggest 'single' event in Kentucky Baptist history a success"

by Greg Hodnett
State Correspondent

Kentucky Single Challenge, Apr. 20-22 at Holiday Inn South, Louisville, drew 400 participants. John Lepper, director, Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, said, "This conference is the product of a vision which began well over a year ago. To my knowledge this is the largest crowd of Baptist single adults ever assembled in Kentucky."

Kentucky Single Challenge consisted of over 20 workshops as well as large group worship sessions and a pastors' luncheon. Speakers from six states conducted sessions on a variety of subjects including cooking, sexuality and intimacy, dating, single parenting, divorce recovery, being deaf and single, evangelism and self esteem. Other workshops targeted leaders in single adult ministries.

Single adults and church leaders met for three worship sessions during the weekend retreat. Congregational singing, led by Alyn Waller, minister of music, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, began each worship session. In addition Silent Touch, a Louisville based signing-singing ensemble, interpreted several musical selections in sign language. Several songs and speeches during general sessions were interpreted by Tina McFarland, secretary in the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In addition to spirited music, the conference was highlighted by addresses by Jerry Hayner, pastor, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., and Harold Ivan Smith, Kansas City, Mo., a popular speaker and author on single adult ministry.

Smith, himself a single adult, delivered a trilogy titled *Dream Making in a Dream Breaking World*. He included in his messages a number of stories highlighting significant contributions single adults have made to the world.

Smith told about the time he was visiting Hong Kong and attempted to locate the grave of missionary Ruth Pedegrew. He noted, "Twenty-three years after Miss Pedegrew's death she was still known in Hong Kong as 'the Christian'."

Smith charged single adults to stop worrying about getting married and find their purpose for living. He challenged, "Deal with the two most important days of your life—the day you receive eternal life and the day you find your reason for living." Smith claims, "God did not create a man for every woman." He insists that remaining single is an acceptable and meaningful option for many Baptists.

Hayner, in his message titled "The Wind Beneath My Wings," compared

single adults to eagles. He concluded, "There is nothing within the eagle's power to make it soar—it is the wind that does the work." Hayner encouraged singles to depend on "the power of the Lord" to help them through challenges unique to singles. Hayner also addressed pastors and single adult workers during a Saturday pastors' luncheon. He encouraged, "If you don't have a singles ministry, start one." The speaker also called for improvement of existing single adult ministries in churches.

Bo Prosser, minister of education, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., also addressed single adult workers in two workshops. Prosser exclaimed, "Singles ministry is as easy as brushing your teeth—and flossing—and flouride—and having a root canal!"

Paraphrasing a theme from a children's book, the workshop leader went on to say, "Most single adults I know are having a terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad day and they expect you to help them deal with their garbage." Prosser suggested that singles leaders need to "formulate strategies" for making single adults feel loved and accepted. This could create an atmosphere conducive to spiritual and numerical growth.

Rollin Delap, consultant in evangelism with students and singles, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., also dealt with growth. His workshop, *Singles Sharing Christ in a Secular Society*, challenged singles to "leave home each day expecting God to use you to witness."

Delap claims that Christian singles are better equipped than married Christians to lead other single adults to faith in Jesus Christ.

Wayne Hunsucker, minister of education and youth, Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, led workshops on divorce issues. Hunsucker encouraged people at every level of church involvement to "accept divorced people at the level of their hurt and need."

Lepper said he realizes "the great need for increased ministry to divorced people as well as other single adults. We need to realize over 40% of our adult population has been through a divorce."

He conceded, "It may be five years before we can offer a singles conference of this magnitude again, but we will continue with the two annual single adult retreats at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek (Baptist Assemblies)."

Lepper pledged his support to "creative approaches and increased support from the Family Ministry Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, as demand continues for this type of help."

Future single adult events and dates include retreats at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Apr. 12-14, 1991 and Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, May 3-5, 1991.



Silent Touch, a musical sign language ensemble, took part in Kentucky Single Challenge.



The Sunday school charity fund: A ministry of caring

Baptist Hospitals Foundation's guest author this month is Larry W. Gray, chaplain at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

The good Samaritan story is a powerful model for us when we think about our response to suffering and hurting persons. The man's crisis was real. He was stripped, robbed and beaten. Some very religious folks didn't care enough to stop and bind up his wounds or to offer comfort. Perhaps they thought a man like this was not a man they would want to get involved with. Surely he must have deserved it. Or perhaps they assumed someone else would take care of the man. Fortunately, someone came along who didn't attempt to judge him. Someone came who felt compassion for a person in crisis and who was willing to take the risk of acting out that compassion. Someone came willing to bind up wounds, comfort, encourage and pay for ongoing care. Jesus' point was that this was a true neighbor. He told his disciples to go out and act like that kindly Samaritan man.

That has also been your ministry through your Baptist hospitals in general, and the Sunday School Charity Fund in particular. People who come to our hospitals are in a crisis. They are sick, worried, hurting, anxious, broken and/or concerned about the future. Already stressed by their medical crisis, some are thrown into a deeper crisis by their lack of resources to pay for their care.

For many of our Baptist people who are uninsured, underinsured or on fixed incomes, the thought of not paying for their emergency care is discouraging and humiliating. Yet full payment may seem catastrophic, even if it's only a few hundred dollars. That's where your ministry of giving, supported by the hospital chaplains, makes a difference. The Sunday School Charity Fund, supported by Kentucky Baptist churches and individual members, can assist with hospital bills up to a preset ceiling. Since Sep. 1, 1989, Kentucky Baptists have given \$20,000 to the Sunday School Charity Fund. That money will be distributed to all four hospitals. As you can guess, that money won't go far.

For years, Kentucky Baptist churches have been encouraged to take a Mothers' Day offering for the Sunday School Charity Fund. Special offering envelopes may be ordered from the Baptist Hospitals Foundation. The chaplains at each of your hospitals hope you will make a contribution on Mothers' Day. However, churches and individuals can help all year, at any time, with financial gifts designated to the Sunday School Charity Fund.

If you have any questions, call our Foundation in Louisville, or call one of the hospital chaplains. In the spirit of Christ's healing love you can participate in binding up wounds, easing anxiety and stress and providing compassionate care.

Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Hospitals Inc. or Baptist Hospitals Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., vice president of Baptist Hospitals Foundation, BHI Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 (502) 896-5000.

Judge trades bench for seminary

by Brenda J. Sanders

One year ago, Jerry Benson sat at the judge's bench in a court of law. Today, he's seated at a desk in a classroom at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. A former attorney and municipal judge, Benson now is a theology student at the school. He feels God has called him to foreign missions service in Africa.

"Our world judges success by the type of job you have or how much money you make. But when I give my testimony, I tell people that real success is found when you lay your life on the altar and say: 'Lord, here is everything that I am. Tell me how you want me to use my life for your glory.'"

Benson grew up in Watonga, Okla., a small town northwest of Oklahoma City. After high school, he joined the Navy and saw 23 countries in seven years. He now believes God used that experience to whet his appetite for life in a foreign land.

After the Navy, Benson earned his BS and law degrees then worked for a legal aid society, representing indigents. After making his way through the legal ranks, Benson became municipal judge in Watonga. He was both an attorney and judge for the next 10 years.

Then, Benson said, "the Lord tapped

me on the shoulder."

He and his wife, Evelyn, became members of First Baptist Church of Watonga. In July 1987, the church's pastor, J. Martin Edwards, asked Benson to join a group planning a mission trip to Ecuador. He went on the trip and since has participated in six other volunteer mission trips.

It was during a 1988 mission trip to Jamaica that Benson and his wife sensed God's call to career missions.

Throughout that week, Benson said, "the Lord directly used me to save about 70 people, and I started thinking about how he was using my life."

Since then he has sensed God's leadership to become a mission evangelist and church planter, and he believes his mission field will be in Africa.

At Midwestern, Benson has participated in programs that send students to serve in mission areas during spring break and a summer field seminar that focuses on starting new churches.

Benson has no regrets about turning from the financial security and prestige of his former lifestyle.

"The way my wife and I define happiness is by doing the Lord's will. We think it's better to be broke and in the Lord's will than to have all the money and power in the world and be out of the Lord's will." (BP)

'I love you' stops woman's suicide

by Craig Bird

Anna Dunks was not a "fun friend."

The unmarried mother of four lived with her children in a cluttered 10-by-12 room. Arguing was the only thing that seemed to give her pleasure.

In fact, it was her quarrel with the local Catholic priest that brought her into contact—and friendship—with Betty Ann Whitson, a Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania from Dallas.

"The priest wouldn't baptize her children since she was kind of the scarlet woman in town, so she accepted an invitation to visit Bukoba Baptist Church," remembered Whitson.

After completing university studies she had divorced her abusive husband and moved in with another man who promised to marry her and take care of her two children. That arrangement produced two more children, but no marriage. And when Dunks found out the man already had a wife in another town, she struck out on her own again.

By the time Whitson met her, Dunks was barely surviving by tutoring students in English. She no longer could get a job as a full-time teacher.

"She couldn't manage her time or her money. She was a mess. That little room had two beds, two stools and a table jammed into it. Clothes and dishes were piled everywhere."

One Sunday afternoon, Whitson felt strongly compelled to visit Dunks. She found her nursing her 2-year-old child. The other three kids were asleep.

After visiting awhile, Whitson announced, "The real reason I came today is to tell you I love you—I really do."

Whitson was surprised at her own boldness, because it was obvious Anna was not the type of person to be pushed.

"Me?" Dunks hurled back. "Nobody loves me. Nobody cares."

"I do, and God does," Whitson insisted, sharing Scriptures. "You are important. You have merit in God's eyes."

"I have nothing," came the reply.

"You have your children, and you're

a gifted teacher—that's something," Whitson pointed out. "Before I go, could we have a word of prayer, and will you come have tea with me tomorrow, maybe come to a women's meeting at church?"

Dunks came to church, still guarded, and she came back—each time hungry to know more about this love Whitson told her about. Six months later, she publicly accepted Christ as her personal savior.

The decision she had taken so long to reach did not calm all the storms raging inside her. "I don't understand everything it means to be a Christian," she told Whitson. "I have an emptiness inside. I want to know how to live." She began a weekly Bible study with Whitson and read books by C. S. Lewis, the famed British Christian apologist.

Dunks sought practical advice from Whitson, who pointed out that her children were not in school, her 8-year-old was rearing the three younger ones and her life was disorganized.

The missionary challenged Dunks to change a few things at a time, to set a goal for each month. "Slowly but surely you could see a difference," Whitson recalled.

The changes continued. Dunks prayed about a better house for her children and found one—at triple the rent. But on faith she moved in and soon was hired for a regular teaching job.

But Dunks made one change even Whitson didn't know about for a long time. When the missionary headed for the United States on furlough, a year and a half after Dunks's profession of faith, her friend gave her a note to read after the plane took off.

"The day you came to see me I was tired of living," Dunks had written. "And as we sat and visited I looked over your shoulder to a bottle of poison I was going to drink when you left. I had decided that nobody loved me, certainly not God."

"Then you told me you loved me and that God loved me, too." (BP)

2nd of 3 part series

The key to good Bible study: good teachers and literature

by Frank White

"WANTED: Teacher for weekly adult class. Needs strong Christian commitment. Must be caring individual willing to be trained and rely on available resources."

Although churches throughout the SBC constantly are looking for teachers to lead adult Bible study sessions, they may not know what qualities are most needed.

A personal relationship with Christ coupled with a love and compassion for people are essentials on the list for Johnny Ross, associate director for adult work of the church program division at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

"The caring is more important than the knowing. Teachers should strive to be more effective and get training," Ross said.

"Teachers do not have to be the source of all knowledge. They are a guide, a facilitator, a fellow learner. The source of knowledge is the Scriptures. The resources are out there to help," said Larry Shotwell, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's adult Sunday school program section.

Adequate resources should be available in the curriculum to help teachers prepare, Shotwell said. Also, many teachers rely on the commentaries prepared for the various curriculum lines, the quarterly "Biblical Illustrator" and the teacher's book as well as the member's book, he added.

In addition to those resources, a Bible dictionary and atlas also are helpful. The advantage of a media library at many churches is the availability of additional resources, Shotwell said.

A Wednesday weekly workers' meeting may be one of the greatest resources for teachers other than prayer and personal Bible study, said Dennis Parrott, minister of administration and education at Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex.

Parrott, a former president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, said teachers bring dif-

ferent commentaries to his weekly workers meetings and share together.

The teacher's book is a commentary that should serve as one source among others, pointed out 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.

He encourages teachers to start first with the curriculum's approach, rely on the same Scripture selections and seek other views.

"One problem teachers often have is they don't look ahead to see the direction of study. If you give your whole pitch on missions involvement one week only to learn that the next three weeks focus on missions also, you've got a problem," he explained.

After spending time carefully preparing for Sunday morning, many lose the effectiveness of Sunday school by lecturing, Harton added.

"Some adults prefer lecture, but it takes a variety of teaching approaches to reach everyone. Lecture is only one of several teaching methods that should be used with adults, Shotwell said. "Teachers need to use approaches to get adults to do things that help them learn."

He suggested question-and-answer, case studies, brainstorming and other approaches.

More adventurous teachers may want to try creative writing, drama, role playing and other creative arts. Many adult class members will do creative activities if only the teacher will ask them to, Shotwell said.

"The teacher's role is to give instruction on what he wants the class members to do. Adult class members may have more to say than the teacher. To say that only the teacher has information to report does not use the adult mind," he noted.

He said that when the teacher cares about the class members and reaching others and relies on available resources to direct the class in effective Bible study, Sunday school can achieve its purpose. (BP)



Varying teaching techniques and involving class members can be important for learning and involvement in adult Sunday school classes. Hazel Watson, an adult Sunday school class teacher at Seat Pleasant (Md.) Baptist Church, leads a class discussion during a Sunday morning Bible study session.

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A look at Glen Dale's past

- **1915** - Kentucky Baptist Children's Home established on former Lynnland College property in Glendale.
- **1934** - General Association adopts recommendation for Thanksgiving Offering to be taken in Sunday Schools and equally divided between the Glendale home and Louisville Baptist Orphan's Home (est. 1869).
- **1937** - First Homecoming at Glen Dale. Nearly 500 present.
- **1940** - 25th anniversary celebration. Everyone asked to contribute 25¢ or more to enlargement fund.
- **1948** - Conversion made to cottage plan.
- **1953** - General Association of Baptists adopts recommendation to merge boards of both homes to form the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care.
- **1954** - First meeting of Baptist Board of Child Care; V.V. Cooke, Sr. elected president.
- **1956** - Name officially changed from Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale to Glen Dale Children's Home.
- **1965** - Glen Dale celebrates 50th anniversary.

