

# Kentucky native Paschall to be Pendergraph preacher again

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Hazel, Ky. native H. Franklin Paschall will pay a return visit to Kentucky Baptists' Pendergraph Conference July 9-11 as preacher.

Paschall, who retired in 1983 as pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, a pastorate he had served since 1956, was featured preacher at the Pendergraph Conference in 1986.

Paschall's return engagement is "by popular demand," according to Guy C. Futral Jr., KBC minister-church relations consultant, Middletown, who programs the three-day event.

The conference, only six years old this season, is held annually at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora, a lakeside retreat near Kentucky Lake. It proposes to foster inspiration, Bible study and fellowship particularly among ministers and their spouses.

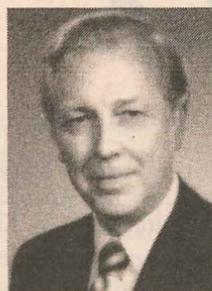
The conference is a memorial to the

late J. R. Pendergraph, whose widow Jackie, of Louisville, endowed the state convention with funds to hold the event. Pendergraph devoted much of his life to work with rural Baptist churches across the commonwealth.

Paschall was educated at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He pastored at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, before going to the Nashville pulpit. He was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual session in Detroit, Mich. in 1966 and served two terms in that office.

Along with Paschall at Jonathan Creek will be Bible teacher Gerald Borchert, professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary.

Music will be under the direction of Jim and Joyce Cordell of Shelbyville. Cordell is director of the Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Con-



Paschall



Borchert

vention, Middletown.

Four small group conferences will be offered during the Pendergraph meeting, from which participants may choose:

"The Church Alive and Growing," led by Chip Miller, director, KBC Sunday School Department, Middletown; "Conflict Can Be Creative," led by Futral; "The Why and How of Worship Planning," led by Cordell; and

"Ministers' Wives," led by Nancy Futral, Pewee Valley homemaker and conference leader.

The conference fee, which includes double occupancy room, six meals and insurance, is \$35 single or \$70 per couple. Commuters pay \$1 for insurance and facilities use plus individual meal charges. A \$15 deposit should be mailed early to: Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Box 418, Hardin, KY 42048.

Additional information is available from: Minister-Church Relations Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, 40243-0433. A limited number of scholarships is available to defray costs of the conference. Requests for financial assistance may be made to Futral at the Middletown address.

The Pendergraph Conference opens at 2 p.m. Monday, July 9 and concludes with lunch Wednesday, July 11.

## western recorder

Kentucky Baptist Convention  
Vol. 164, No. 22, May 29, 1990

# Bush declines SBC invitation after flap over gays

by Greg Warner

President George Bush has declined an invitation to speak to the Southern Baptist Convention next month after some Baptist leaders disapproved that he hosted gay and lesbian leaders at an April White House ceremony.

SBC president Jerry Vines and a handful of Southern Baptist leaders reportedly discussed "disinviting" the president in a conference call May 10. But the SBC committee on order of business, which is responsible for arranging the program for the annual convention, was not involved in the discussion nor immediately informed of Bush's decision.

Conservative leaders have been upset since Bush invited representatives of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force to join other minority activists at a White House ceremony Apr. 24 to witness Bush's signing of new federal legislation requiring records on hate crimes.

Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., raised the gay issue with the White House and asked that Bush consider those objections in his decision whether or not to speak at the

Southern Baptist Convention June 12-14, a Bush spokesman said.

"He wanted us to be aware of the fact...that some conservatives might raise the (gay) issue," said Doug Wead, Bush's liaison to religious organizations. "He didn't want to see the president embarrassed or the meeting disrupted."

According to Wead, Vines also pointed out "some moderate and liberal Southern Baptists" were opposed to the president speaking at the convention under any circumstances. Wead said the president declined the invitation—which the White House had sought—because of a schedule conflict.

But Wead acknowledged the gay dispute was part of the discussion. He said he sympathized with Southern Baptists upset about the presence of gays at the signing ceremony. "The concern was not just these homosexual leaders being invited to the White House, but some of these are antireligious bigots," he explained.

Richard Land, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, complained in a letter to Bush Apr. 30.

"The White House should not be giving its sanction and implicit approval to such groups," Land wrote.

Land and a handful of other Baptist leaders reportedly discussed "disinviting" the president in a conference call with Vines May 10. Land would not say who took part in the discussion other than Vines.

Ike Reighard, chairman of the committee on order of business, said May 14 he was unaware of the conference call, the gay rights dispute or the president's decision to decline.

Initially Reighard said May 14 the committee was still awaiting an answer from the White House. However, after checking with Vines, who was making the arrangements, Reighard said later in the day that Bush had declined a few days earlier.

Reighard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga., said he was not sure why the president would cancel after Bush himself initiated the idea of speaking at the SBC, but he denied reports that Bush actually was "disinvited" by SBC leaders. "I have not

talked to anyone in our group (committee) about that situation," he said.

The invitation to Bush was issued by Reighard's committee several weeks ago after Wead informed Reighard and Vines, an ex officio member of the committee, of the president's desire to address Southern Baptists.

Wead said Vines was informed that Bush had declined the invitation "probably Friday," May 11. "President Vines would have welcomed the president and wanted him there," Wead said. But given the schedule conflicts and the gay dispute, Wead added, Vines considered the president's decision "for the best."

"I'm disappointed that it didn't work out," the Bush aide said. "Some felt it was controversial (for the president to speak at the SBC), but I feel it was more controversial to invite gay leaders to the White House."

The decision to host gay activists at the bill-signing ceremony was not unanimous among the White House staff, Wead said.

The decision "very poorly served the president," he said. (BP)

## Lawyer will challenge Executive Committee on shift from 'separation' to 'accommodation'

by Dan Martin and Marv Knox

A proposal to shift responsibility for and funding of religious liberty concerns from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to the Christian Life Commission will be challenged at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Frank Ingraham, a Nashville attorney and former member of the SBC Executive Committee, sent a letter May 8 to SBC president Jerry Vines announcing he will challenge an Executive Committee recommendation which would assign responsibilities for religious liberty to the CLC.

Although the letter was addressed to Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Ingraham noted it is an "open letter concerning separation of church and state issues," and sent copies to Baptist Press and state Baptist newspapers.

In its February meeting the Executive Committee adopted a recommendation to add religious liberty concerns to the program statement of the CLC, the moral and social concerns agency of the 14.9-million-member denomination.

The Executive Committee also recommended cutting the allocation to the BJCPA by 87.24 percent, from \$391,796 in 1989-90 to \$50,000 in 1990-91. The budget also increases the allocation to the CLC by 40.70 percent, from \$897,508 in 1989-90 to \$1,262,836 in 1990-91.

Ingraham told Vines he will make a motion that the "program statement of the CLC remain as previously assigned by the SBC and that the CLC be congratulated for its work and its trustees directed to emphasize the presentation of Southern Baptist insights on morality and social ethics to our government in Washington, D. C."

He also said he will make a motion to amend the proposed budget to reflect a 1.89 percent budget increase for the BJC and CLC, "which is in line with the increase granted the other SBC entities."

Ingraham said what he proposes to do supports "the traditional Baptist position on the separation of church and state rather than flowing with the present attempt to shift our emphasis from separation to accommodation on religious liberty issues such as school vouchers, religious entanglement in government and governmental control of church affairs."

Presentation in the open letter is being done, Ingraham said, "in order to provide the messengers the opportunity to study and prayerfully consider the contemplated departure from our traditional position on separation of church and state." (BP)

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

May 29, 1990

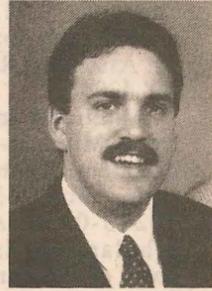
### Are you moving?

Please give us three weeks' advance notice. Clip this portion with your old address label, supply new address above, and send to Western Recorder, Box 43969 Middletown, KY 40253.

# baptist news briefs

## Bedford pastor to report for state news journal

Kevin L. Shrum, pastor of Bedford (Ky.) Baptist Church since 1988, has become state correspondent for Western Recorder in a portion of north central Kentucky, effective May 15.



Shrum

Associate editor James H. Cox said Shrum, 27, will be responsible for reporting from four associations: Henry County, Long Run, Shelby County and Sulphur Fork. He succeeds Greg Hodnett, a seminary student who graduated last week. Hodnett has become director of public relations at Palm Beach Atlantic College, a Baptist institution at West Palm Beach, Fla.

A native of Whitehall, Ill., Shrum was educated at Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he is currently completing the DMin degree.

He and his wife Janet are parents of a daughter and son.

Shrum was on the staffs of two Missouri churches before assuming his first pastorate at First Southern Baptist Church, Leasburg, Mo., 1982-84. He later served Turners Station (Ky.) Baptist Church, 1985-88.

Active in local associational denominational activities, Shrum has been a guest writer for three Kentucky newspapers since 1984, including: The Henry County Local, New Castle; The Carroll County News Democrat, Carrollton; and The Trimble County Banner, Bedford. The three publications have a combined circulation of about 15,000 subscribers.

## Blind Southern Baptists to form group at SBC

An organization for blind Southern Baptists will be formed in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting this summer in New Orleans, planners have announced.

In addition, Braille programs for the annual meeting will be available for the second year, they said.

Blind SBC messengers, their sighted guides and other interested people will meet Sunday, June 10, at 10 a.m. in the Louisiana Superdome to organize the Southern Baptist Conference of the Blind, said organizers Charles Couey, consultant for blind ministries for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and director of ministries with the blind at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville, and Charles Melton, professor of Bible and religious

education at Clark Bible College in Newton, Miss.

For more information, contact Couey at 103 Brenda Ln., Antioch, Tenn. 37013, or call him at (615) 331-6098 or 741-4991. (BP)

## Presidential candidates will address Hispanic rally

Morris Chapman and Daniel Vestal will both address the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Hispanic Ministers Conference in New Orleans two days before one of them will likely be elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This is thought to be the first time two opposing candidates have appeared on the same program during an SBC related meeting. Individuals nominated for president are not given time on the convention program to make election speeches.

The Southern Baptist Hispanic Ministers Conference is a fellowship group for leaders in Hispanic Baptist churches nationwide. The group traditionally hosts a conference prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Chapman and Vestal will address the group June 10 at the invitation of conference president Daniel Sotelo and coordinator Bob Sena. Sotelo is pastor of Templo Bautista, Fresno, Cal. Sena is pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church, Atlanta.

About 1500 Hispanic Baptist leaders will attend the inspirational rally June 10 at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, Sena said. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Roland Q. Leavell Auditorium. (BP)

## Annuity Board insurance moving to Prudential

All medical, life and disability insurance plans of the Annuity Board the Southern Baptist Convention will change from the Aetna Life Insurance Co. to the Prudential Insurance Co. of America July 1. No benefit changes will occur.

The carrier change won't keep premium rates for the church medical plan from rising on the same day, but Annuity Board president Paul W. Powell said he hopes this will be a step to bring costs under control. July 1 rates will be announced later in May, he said.

An agreement to change carriers was reached May 1 when Annuity Board trustees met with Allen M. Haight, senior vice president, group department of Prudential.

Annual premium income for Annuity Board plans exceeds \$100 million for church and group insurance programs. While life and disability plans have flourished the medical plans have struggled.

For three-and-a-half years the

church comprehensive medical plan has suffered a drain on reserves as claims consistently exceeded premium dollars available. Caught in the same national phenomenon of rising medical costs the group comprehensive medical plan had comparable experience until this year when it seems to have stabilized. There will be no mid year rate increase in the group medical plan, Powell said.

The church medical plan, which has more than 23,000 participants and 80,000 insured people, has suffered large claims/premium imbalance since 1987. The plan showed a \$2 million loss in the first three months of 1990 despite an aggregate premium increase of 20 percent Jan. 1. (BP)

## Here's Hope concludes; HMB assesses results

Early reports indicate Southern Baptists could record at least 175,000 professions of faith in Christ as a result of Here's Hope revivals held nationwide this spring, said Richard Harris, director of mass evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

The Southern Baptist Convention officially concluded a six-week period of revivals April 29, although some churches still had revivals scheduled for May. The simultaneous revival effort was sponsored by the Home Mission Board with the theme *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you.*

Here's Hope reports coming to the board already are "much stronger" than early reports during the denomination's *Good News America* simultaneous revivals in 1986, Harris said. The 1986 revivals resulted in 145,000 professions of faith.

A more accurate assessment of nationwide revival results will be available after the board conducts a nationwide survey of churches in June, he said. (BP)

## Child care professional Goodwin loses battle

Michael R. Goodwin, 46, director of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, from 1986 until March 1990, died May 21 at Norton Hospital, Louisville, after a five month battle with cancer.

A California native, Goodwin was an ordained Baptist minister who had spent most of his professional life in child care.

Prior to going to Spring Meadows Goodwin was executive director of Hudelson Baptist Children's Home, Centralia, Ill. He had been on the staffs of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Florida Baptist Boys Ranch and the Louisville Masonic Home for Widows and Children.

Goodwin was a 1968 graduate of

California Baptist College. He had earned master's degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Florida State University.

Goodwin is survived by his wife and four children.

A memorial service was held May 24 at Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church. Burial followed in Cave Hill Cemetery.

## Jerry Clower to address Brotherhood breakfast

Comedian Jerry Clower will be the featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood breakfast at 7 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans.

Clower, an award-winning Christian entertainer, will present the National Jerry Clower Award to Howard Ammons of Mooresville, N. C. Ammons is the winner of the 1990 national High School Baptist Young Men's missions speak out competition and will present his speech at the breakfast. The award was named for Clower, a former Royal Ambassador counselor, in 1984.

Tickets for the breakfast are available by mail until June by writing to SBC Brotherhood Breakfast Tickets, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104 or until noon June 12 from the missions day camp registration area or the Brotherhood Commission booth during the convention. Cost for the breakfast is \$12.50. (BP)

## Church medical rates released by Annuity Board

Southern Baptist ministers and church workers who participate in the church comprehensive medical plan will see their premiums increase anywhere from five percent to 50 percent July 1, according to John L. Dudley, director of the Annuity Board's Insurance Services Division.

"Fortunately, only six percent of our participants will see rate increases in the 25-50 percent range," Dudley said, "and almost 59 percent of participants will have a 15 percent increase or less." About 35 percent of participants will have rate increases of 15-25 percent.

"The church medical plan showed a \$2 million loss in the first three months of 1990 despite an aggregate premium increase of 20 percent Jan. 1," said Harold D. Richardson, Annuity Board treasurer.

Individual rates went up in a range from five percent to more than 40 percent.

"Because of reserve levels something had to be done at mid year," Richardson said. All participants and churches were told in fall 1989 that a July 1, 1990 premium increase would be likely.

**western recorder**

(ISSN 0043-4132)

JAMES H. COX, Associate Editor  
RAY L. HAYES, Business Manager  
C. R. DALEY, Editor Emeritus

Western Recorder is published weekly by Western Recorder Inc., Box 43969, Middletown, Ky., except for one week in July and December. Second class postage paid at Louisville, Ky.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Middletown, KY 40253.

Subscriptions: Single, \$7.88; foreign, \$8.50; church budget, \$6.00. Payable in advance, except church accounts, which require tax exemption number.

Advertising: Rates available upon request. Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space.

Directors: Richard Bridges, Bowling Green, chairman; Greg Earwood, Murray, vice chairman; Glenn Mollette, Pikeville, secretary; Bill Crosby, Erlanger; Denzel Dukes, Paducah; Glenn Durham, Harlan; Paul Godsey, Burlington; Garnett Hulet, Frankfort; Don Mantooh, Morehead; Isaac McDonald, Hodgenville; John Searcy, Franklin; George Smith, Leitchfield.

# baptist forum

## We've gone too far

Since 1936 the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has been positioned in our nation's capitol as one of the more respected lobbies to protect our religious liberty and keep the principles of church and state separation before our legislators. The Southern Baptist Convention joins eight other Baptist denominations to provide this voice in Washington. The SBC budget allocation this year is \$483,000. A resolution stands before our convention in its June meeting to cut this funding to \$50,000.

The reason cited for the funding cut is to stop support to a voice that does not agree, for religious reasons, with every issue it is to assist in lobbying. Our convention no longer seeks to have a voice that ensures our rights of liberty, it seeks a voice that only reflects the SBC position on all issues.

Our convention and other Baptists have been well served by James M. Dunn, the present executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He and his predecessors have been a responsible voice for more than 50 years in the political dialog. This well respected lobby has guarded our basic freedoms while not infringing on the freedoms of others.

The proposed resolution is crossing the line....it suggests we want our freedom and we want our faith to have a controlling voice in the government. May I suggest that the voice of our church will be best served by loudly proclaiming the truth of the gospel while respecting the guarantees of the constitution.

I feel we need to defeat the resolution and return our full support to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. We can best serve our mission by boldly proclaiming the gospel. Our government can best serve all people of America by keeping alive the principles of freedom.

Larry R. Wynn  
San Antonio, Tex.

## Insights questioned

The May 1, 1990 issue of Western Recorder stated that in an unprecedented action the trustees of the SBTS adopted a resolution that declares abortion "the greatest moral issue faced by Christians today."

I admit abortion is a moral issue Christians face, but for the majority of the trustees to call it the "greatest issue" indicated to me they are blind to the realities of the day in which we live. If it were our responsibility to decide "the greatest moral issue", I would think we would go to the scriptures to see specifically what Christ would tell us.

I can find no place where Christ teaches directly about abortion. I do find him teaching us very clearly in the 25th chapter of Matthew that we are to feed the hungry and give a drink to the thirsty—we are to take in those who need us and give clothing to those who have none—we are to look after the sick and visit those in prison.

What about the hundreds of men, women and children who live on the streets of this country with no homes, food or clothing? What do we as Christians plan on doing for these people? This is a moral issue about which Christ taught.

There is tremendous poverty in this country that many middle class people seem able to ignore. One U. S. senator tells us a baby is born into poverty every 40 seconds in this country. Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of the

least of these brothers of mine you did for me". Not only does he say we are to do this, but he tells us what the results of our negligence will be (Mat. 25:41).

I would ask those who voted for this resolution how, with the knowledge they have of God's word, could you decide that abortion is "the greatest moral issue faced by Christians today"?

Mary Pat Young  
Ft. Knox

## By any other name

TRUTH IN LABELLING is an accepted principle in the business world. Shouldn't it apply in religious circles? If it should, here are two suggestions we Baptists need to consider. Fundamental-conservative and fundamental-moderate confuse the issue. Honesty calls for the simple designation FUNDAMENTALISTS and CONSERVATIVES. I don't know any Baptist liberals. I am a conservative, as are most Baptists that I know. Over against us stand the FUNDAMENTALISTS. So let us tell it like it is when we are speaking about the conflict in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Then we hear and read about the two political parties that are in conflict in the convention. I know of only ONE organized party—the FUNDAMENTALISTS. This group is waging civil war to wrest control of all agencies from the CONSERVATIVES. Their winning for the past 11 years shows clearly just how unorganized we are. We mount a drive here and work to get messengers out to the convention, but an on-going political structure has not been known among us. We are like the person who said, "I am not a member of an organized political party. I am a Democrat."

Most Baptists have an aversion to the whole "political mess." But we have a fire raging among us and we must work together to put it out. We have a strong rebel force moving in our midst that will destroy the SBC unless we stop it. False principles about the Bible and Baptists are being hurled about recklessly and we must counter them before they poison us. Together we CONSERVATIVES can stop the rebels and get our MISSION back on track, remembering it is a family fight. We are not out to kick anybody out of the SBC. We just want the hands that guide us to be truly Baptist and not INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTALISTS.

C. Carman Sharp  
Louisville

## A noncontroversial request

It is truly a sad day for Kentucky Baptists. It is not sad for the things that are happening at Southern Seminary, or for what is happening at the BJCPA, but rather it is a sad day in that a few people in our state refuse to let the controversy die that has plagued our convention for so long.

What controversy is this? To read the pages of Western Recorder one would think that our convention is dead. Never mind the fact that our convention is now keeping its eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ and not on men.

Some have accused conservatives (which this paper refers to as fundamentalists) of worshipping the Bible. I do not worship the Bible but the God of the Bible. At the other end of the spectrum, some now worship the Cooperative Program. Let me say emphat-

ically, "I support the Cooperative Program!" But if we do not take a stand on the Word of God, there will be no Cooperative Program.

Many changes have been made in our convention and seminaries. I, for one, feel that most of these have been sorely needed and long overdue. What is wrong with tape recording lectures? Many of the classes that I attend allow students to record class lectures. Is it possible that the reason there is so much uproar is that some lectures do not need to leave the seminary grounds?

I do not know! I do know that if those in charge at Western Recorder would refuse to print articles dealing with the "controversy," there would be no controversy.

Isn't it time for us to get back to the work that the Lord has called us to do? Surely we all know individuals who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord. If we spend our time doing what he has called us to do then we will not have time to hurt one another. I am ready for us to move on. I hope you are too.

Dwight D. Bond, Pastor  
Bellview Baptist Church  
Allegre, Ky.

## Setting the record straight

In 1986 the Southern Baptist Convention referred to the SBC Executive Committee a motion calling for "an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington, D. C.," withdrawal from the BJCPA as soon as possible and discontinuance of funding for the BJCPA as soon as possible.

The Executive Committee set up a special committee, chaired by Gary Young, a Phoenix pastor, to study the matter. Dr. Young asked me to do some research for the special committee—respecting the BJCPA's record since 1970.

In particular, the special committee wanted to know if the BJCPA had carried out its assignment, with special emphasis on compliance with positions taken by the convention.

My research was based on convention minutes, BJCPA minutes, *Report from the Capital* (BJCPA's paper), BJCPA statements to congressional committees, BJCPA briefs with courts and other documents.

The conclusion of my research was that the BJCPA had consistently represented views expressed by the convention, with one exception. But this exception was due to the convention's brief change of its position, not to the BJCPA's change.

Prior to 1982 the convention had adopted resolutions against compulsory or government-directed religious exercises in public schools. In 1982, however, the convention broke with this tradition and supported the so-called prayer amendment pushed by President Reagan.

In 1983 the convention again spoke on matters pertaining to the First Amendment, expressing confidence in it as "adequate and sufficient." The implication was that the convention did not favor the kind of amendment that President Reagan had been pushing.

In evaluating issues pertaining to the BJCPA on the Convention's agenda in New Orleans, messengers at least need to know what BJCPA's record is.

G. Hugh Wamble  
Professor of Church History  
Midwestern Seminary  
Kansas City, Mo.

## Looking forward to July

I long for those months of July through December each year! It is a refreshing time of year for me not only because of the wonderful weather but because it also gives me a little freedom from Baptist politics.

I can see it now! A block on the Uniform Church Letter that we can check if we want, as a church, to contribute to the political campaign of our candidate running for president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Or better yet, we could start sending a percentage of our undesignated receipts to that candidate and be assured he/she would have enough money to win the campaign. Why, we could even cut our Cooperative Program gift by a percentage point. After all, someone has to pay for all the campaign papers we get and read. I got four this week!

Now mind you, I do have an ax to grind, so to speak! However, I am grateful to the sweet Lord Jesus that it is not against a church, or a 'political part' of the convention, or a fellow believer or anyone who is in the same army as I am in, God's Army.

The ax I have to grind is with the devil. He is sharp, but not as sharp as the Word; he is powerful, but not as powerful as the Almighty; he is smart, but not as smart as the Teacher; he is quick, but not as quick as the Holy Spirit; he can change you, but he can't create you; he can make you happy, but he can't make you joyous; and, he can make you think you are living, but he can't give you life. I made up my mind many years ago, my battle was and is with him, not my brother or sister in Christ.

I am really looking forward to July!

Bob Rush  
Lancaster

## History repeating itself?

More and more of us are beginning to feel like John Dunaway. May his tribe increase!

Had we heeded our trusted and wise leadership of several years ago we might not be saddled with a group of charismatic modern pharisees that has successfully and with deliberation taken over our convention. We can also surely expect more of the brash, immature and unChristian accusations of our various seminary administrations and faculties. Such recent malicious conduct and irresponsible mouthings of a trusted and "selected" trustee should at least bring an apology from those who put him there even if they don't have the wisdom to ask him to resign.

The "soft answer that turneth away wrath" (Prov. 15:1) has little effect upon the religious professionals now in control. They have recently added the word "perfect" in describing the "inerrant" Bible. This of course will fool a few who cannot see through another added seduction. Someday the curse of Bibliolatry will be known for what it is. Until then the "uniqueness" of our "inspired" scriptures is much more meaningful and truthful than the mess of pottage (i.e.) of "inerrancy" and "perfection."

Let us not forsake the gospel of compassion and caring espoused by our savior for the ill advised modern emphasis on "literalness" and "orthodoxy." Even religious history does have a way of repeating itself doesn't it?

Don Meloon  
Smithfield



**Bill D. Whittaker**  
President  
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College  
Pineville, KY 40977

## clear creek chronicle

### Never stop learning

1984 graduate Steve Deaver returned for the May summer school term, a welcomed break from pastoral duties. "I enjoy learning and like the classroom dialogue. The Clear Creek atmosphere is a special blessing. If I lived closer I would do this each semester," Deaver noted.

Planning to attend seminary after graduation, Deaver returned to Ohio to sell some property. The Lord led him to move back on that property and in February, 1985 he became pastor of First Baptist, Racine, Oh., an American Baptist church. The 450-member rural congregation gives ten percent of their income to missions, some of which supports a Jamaican pastor.

Deaver resisted God's first call to preach when he was 29. He didn't want to give up a good job with Borg Warner. Three promotions had come in the previous 18 months and the family had just built a new house. His wife responded, "I don't want to be married to a preacher." When he said no to God he "went into a spiritual tailspin," and the following ten years included serious illness culminating in contemplation of suicide.

He finally quit running from God and moved to Pineville. Others encouraged him to enroll in the seminary because he was already a graduate of Austin Peay University. "I knew nothing about Clear Creek but God directed me here," Deaver recalls. A Harmony Heights trailer became home with his wife, Ellen, three boys and two girls, an experience which "tempted us to go back home." In their second year the Deavers moved into a three bedroom cottage.

Mrs. Deaver is described by her husband as "the best asset I have beside the Lord. A terrific lady." She worked in the president's office while they were in school. She now has a unique ministry with older people in the church and community.

Deaver is a certified substitute teacher and has coached football in junior high and high school. This former college football player is now the player/coach pastor of a "wonderful congregation with many people who are really hungry to learn and grow." The congregation is fortunate to have a pastor who believes one never stops learning.

## FOREST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

520 Old Morgantown Road  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
John D. Burke, Pastor

Announces their

### 40th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 3, 1990

10:45 a.m. Dr. Robert Lively, first pastor, will speak  
12:15 p.m. Lunch served  
2:00 p.m. Celebration Service  
Former pastors and musicians will be sharing.

All members, former members and friends are cordially invited. For more information, call (502) 843-3419.



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### On the good side

A thoughtful reader wrote inquiring what the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs had done for Southern Baptists. Believing there may be others to be messengers to the Southern Baptist asking the same question, I am happy to share as much as space permits.

#### The Baptist Joint Committee:

- Assisted in preparation of arguments and filed an amicus brief resulting in the *Grand Rapids* decision which prohibits public money from being channeled into parochial schools.

- Filed in *Amos v. Bishop* wherein the Supreme Court upheld the right of religious groups to favor their own members in employment practices.

- Filed in *Frazer v. Illinois Department of Employment Security* which protects an individual's right to refrain from Sunday work without unnecessary penalty.

- Led the fight against an exchange of ambassadors with the Roman Catholic Church.

- Directed efforts successfully amending legislation on earned income overseas, saving the Foreign Mission Board \$2 million annually.

- Played a major role in preventing a constitutional amendment to allow government-prescribed, government-controlled religious exercises.

- Became a primary resource in amending the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), saving the Annuity Board and anyone with an Annuity Board account hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- Assisted the Annuity Board in keeping the Tax Reform Act of 1986 from taxing church pension plans, again saving the denomination and annuitants millions of dollars.

#### What's the BJCPA doing now?

- Leading an effort, along with the independent sector, to restore tax deductions to charitable contributions by nonitemizers.

- Playing a major role in developing child care legislation that is constitutional, avoids government entanglement and leaves churches free.

- Providing legal services in response to church-state litigation. One Baptist executive says this is saving his state \$30,000 annually in legal fees.

Shall we penalize this agency by reducing its funds to less than 13% of present appropriations? Southern Baptists, at New Orleans in a few days, will surely manifest greater wisdom than that for the servant role of the BJCPA. To do any less would be an absolute travesty.

### — classified ads —

**WANTED:** Double-wide shell to be used as mission. Contact Ben Rice, Lytleton Baptist Church, Manchester, KY 40962. Telephone 598-2303 or 598-6463 at night. 4-17-4T

**AVAILABLE:** Ordained Baptist minister available for supply or fill in. For information call 502-343-4056. 5-8-4T

**WANTED:** The Youth Minister Search Committee of First Baptist Church, Albany is accepting résumés for a Youth Minister who would also work with Childrens Coordinator. The Youth Minister position would be part time on weekends and full time during the summer months. Send résumé to Pastor, First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 174, Albany, KY 42602. 5-22-2T

**YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**  
Frankfort Civic Center  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
June 22nd & 23rd, 1990  
Friday - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
\$3.00 REGISTRATION FEE

Mark McMasters  
Leah Kay Lyle (Miss Texas)  
Rick Caldwell

Here's Hope  
Jesus cares for youth

Sponsored by Office for Evangelism, KBC - Bill Jagers, Director; Billy Compton Associate



**H. C. Chiles**  
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College  
Pineville, KY 40977

## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR JUNE 3, 1990

#### Life and work series

#### Rejecting God

**Jer. 6:16-20** God, through Jeremiah, called upon the people to choose the path of obedience. It was a difficult task to which God called Jeremiah when he commissioned him to go and stand at the crossroads and see if he could not persuade them to conform to the will of God. Jeremiah bewailed the wanderings of the Jews from the ways of truth and righteousness and exhorted them to return to the old paths of truth and virtue.

He urged the people to stand still, to look carefully at the old ways, to consider them fairly and with an open mind and to see whether after all they were not the best ways.

There are two things which we must consider concerning what Jeremiah calls "the good way." The good way is not by any means always the attractive or the popular way. God told the prophet that it was his responsibility not only to get the people to yearn and to ask for the old paths but also to walk in them.

**Jer. 36:27-28, 30** When Jeremiah's ministry was drawing to a close God commanded him to record on a scroll the inspired prophecies that he had uttered against Israel, Judah and the nations. Jeremiah called in his gifted scribe or secretary, Baruch, and dictated to him a summary of the prophecies. In them Jeremiah emphasized the inevitability of God's judgements upon the nation and declared that repentance toward and faith in God constituted the only hope of the citizens therein.

Jehoiakim, who was sitting before the fireplace, took his penknife and slashed off that which had been read, cut it in shreds and threw it into the fire over the protest and intercession of three of his cabinet members. Jeremiah again dictated to Baruch what he had given him before, plus some additional prophecies.

#### International series

#### The two ways

**Psalms 1:1-3** The godly person does not walk in the counsel of the self-willed. Neither does the godly person

sit in the seat of the scornful. Cynicism chills the soul and blights life.

The godly person shuns bad company. He delights in the word of God. He reads it gladly, frequently, thoughtfully, prayerfully, submissively and profitably. In it he finds enrichment for his mind, cheer for his heart and God's message for his soul. The godly person also flourishes perennially. An informed and loyal Christian has three qualities like a tree: firmness, fruitfulness, and freshness. A godly person has an interest in and a zest for doing the will of God until old age or the end of life.

Sin is always progressive. It is easy to make the transition from a thought to a practice and from walking to standing. But wise persons shun those ungodly individuals who ridicule those faithful Christians who fear, love and serve the Lord.

**Psalms 1:4-6** In contrast with the godly person the ungodly one has left God out of his life; therefore, his character, conduct and destiny are all that they ought not to be.

The ungodly person is like chaff. Chaff is unsightly, unstable, useless, worthless and powerless. The ungodly will not be justified at the judgement. Moreover, his companionship with the righteous will terminate at his death. Furthermore, his end will be destruction. "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

If you would be blessed, successful and useful you must receive Christ as savior and live within the will of God for you. If you would enjoy real happiness you must give yourself to Christ in loving service. The more helpful you are the happier you will be.



**Curtis C. Mooney**  
President  
10801 Shelbyville Road  
Middletown, KY 40243

## homes for children

### First college banquet

We recently held our first college banquet. Scott Shouse, the director of our continuing care program, coordinated the evening and it was a nice event. Our college students were back and others attending included all of our high school seniors and juniors. Part of the purpose of the evening was to encourage those children still in care to consider higher education at whatever level they can do so.

Jim Master, former U.K. basketball player and current TV commentator for U.K. basketball games, was the featured speaker. He shared some of his personal struggles and encouraged the youth to set goals for themselves, both long term and short term. He also fielded several questions about U.K. basketball and his experience at guarding Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls.

I enjoyed hearing Mr. Master and so did all of the youth. But a real highlight for me was when three of our college students shared some first hand experiences from college life. Roger Eggleston, a freshman at Cumberland, told how important it was to be able to say no. There are so many opportunities to do things besides study, and he encouraged all to really focus on getting an education.

Cindy Weddle, a junior at the University of Louisville, told about her experiences of being on her own for the first time and encouraged the prospective college students to take advantage of the support from KBHC's continuing care program, special tutoring which is available at school and the campus BSU programs.

Tim Isaacs, a junior at Georgetown, noted how students from the homes had an advantage over others. They had already experienced the real world in ways which most others never know.

We deal in the world of problems and at times there is not enough time to celebrate. The banquet was a special time of rejoicing for youth and staff.



**Barkley Moore**  
President  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
Oneida, KY 40972

## oneida journal

### Man, I love it here!

For a sixth grader, he is big for his age. He is very serious looking with his dark-rimmed glasses. He has moved around a good bit in his life. Most recently he spent a year with an uncle in Texas. He arrived three days ago for summer school. Our admissions secretary spent several hours showing him and his relatives around. He seemed shy.

This Saturday morning I spent several hours walking around our extensive campus gardens. I found this young man, our newest student, working away in the garden. I thought to

myself, "It's time for him to be homesick. He's probably feeling pretty sorry for himself. I'd better stop and talk with him a few minutes."

So I tentatively opened a conversation half expecting some belligerence, and broached the idea of being "homesick." His head jerked back, he looked up at me, and enthusiastically said, "Man, I love it here!"

That was wonderful to hear. We had a lively conversation. I walked on, my heart a little lighter. Twelve others were as busy as beavers also in the garden. Each gave me a warm smile, most everyone had something pleasant to say. There was a genuine pride of accomplishment with their tomatoes, melons and cabbage.

I remembered the day each came to us, the varying circumstances. Some were very difficult. But that is all past. Each has grown and matured, and each one I saw this morning is a better and happier person.

Those who pray for our young people, God is answering prayers. Those who invest in Oneida's program of Christian values can see many dividends on investments made by a visit here.

Looking across Goose Creek, I could see some at work in the 3000 square foot farm shop building. Others were busily painting our largest barn with a coat of red paint. Our farm manager appeared to say the crew was getting the job done faster than he had anticipated. He had come for more paint.

I looked up the mountain behind the chapel. Some of the boys have been busy with weedeaters several days this week. Their efforts and the effect of daily rain showers have that

grassy hill looking more beautiful than I have ever seen.

Walking back out of the garden, I came upon seven of our students painting beds. They had a production line going. Some carrying. One working with a spraygun. Two others touched up with brushes. Above their heads a crudely lettered sign: "Oneida Paint Shop."

Four were busy in our small motor repair shop. They were working on weedeaters and lawn mowers. With the many acres we have to mow, there is always repair work to be done.

Three of our male staff, assisted by several boys, were working on installing the refrigeration units in our new 340 square foot freezer. A building has been constructed to protect it from the weather.

Walking across campus I spotted seven busy on the lawn mowing crew in various areas. Two were hard at work in the garbage compound. A large number of girls and boys were breaking and stringing beans fresh from the gardens, which will be frozen for winter use.

Normally a large number of our girls and several boys would have been hard at work in our craft house this morning. But Mrs. Atto, the director, was away at a craft show in central Kentucky. This busy place was closed for the day. We have added 3000 square feet to the craft house and have so much room now in which to work. Our students are learning many skills. Also, we now have a large and beautiful display area.

Come see us!

Reprinted from Western Recorder  
June 6, 1989





## on mission together

**William W. (Bill) Marshall**  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC  
Box 43433  
Middletown, KY 40243

## A place where the kingdom grows

Next week at this time I'll be where the Red Bird, Bullskin and Goose Creek converge to become the South Fork of the Kentucky River. Because the water is usually muddy this time of year, I'll have left my fishing gear at home.

All I will need is a few changes of clothes and my Bible, for I'm going to the forty-second annual Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida, June 4-7.

The 500-plus school children will be gone and about 200 folks will take over their beds. Most of the conferees are ministers, their spouses and children.

In 1948 Home (Mountain) Missionary A. B. Cash began this conference primarily for mountain preachers. It may be the only four-day Baptist conference anywhere which doesn't cost the participant "one dime," except for the travel to get there. For some it will be their only vacation.

I have been present for at least part of all but one since 1983. In 1987 I was invited to be the preacher.

The program personnel this year include: Robert Campbell (HMB), Bible teacher; Norris Smith (Sunday School Board), seminar leader; Rev. Jim Grayson, pastor of Warfield Baptist Church and Kentucky's "Bivocational pastor of the year" will be the preacher; and our own Jim Cordell will be the music leader.

Ross Figart, KBC Mountain Missions Director, coordinates the conference. Supporting funds come from the Executive Board, the Eliza Broadus of fering and the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Barkley Moore rolls out the carpet, providing food, lodging and the run of the campus. Oneida Baptist Church and pastor, Joel Rackley, share their sanctuary for the morning and evening sessions.

I'll probably be sleeping up the hill at Barkley's home place. His parents, Elwood and Evelyn, always make me feel at home.

Usually they put me in the downstairs bedroom which faces east. Through the morning's persistent mist the birds' song heralds the dawn and I lie there listening to a day make its new beginning.

I reach for my Bible, hoist my head on a second pillow, and read randomly through portions of the Psalms. I make fresh commitments.

Not long after, I walk down the hill toward breakfast and fellowship with a great bunch of folks who labor in one of Kentucky's hard places.

And every year I realize how much to the Kingdom of God this Mountain Missions Conference means.

# Pleasant Hill found faithful through it all

by Virginia Flanagan  
State Correspondent

There was no mention of the weather 150 years ago but the first Sunday in May 1990 the sky was heavy with clouds and rain periodically fell. The church on the small hill had seen many such Sundays over the 150 years but inside the warmth and joy did not reflect the outside mood.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church celebrated 150 years of serving God in Taylor County May 6, 1990.

The present building that now houses the Pleasant Hill membership is its third. The first, called Pleasant Hill Meeting House, was built by Henry



The logo for Pleasant Hill Baptist Church sesquicentennial was developed by members of the church. Pastor Bob Martin is sitting beside the logo.

## Brotherhood at Bethlehem

# A key to ministry in Cunningham

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

A growing rural church, a dynamic young pastor and a score or two of energetic men. Combine with a burning desire for ministering and witnessing.

These ingredients contribute to an outstanding Brotherhood organization at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham. Never running out of ideas, the group serves the church and community, even though time is premium among the members of the agricultural area.

The Brotherhood functioned erratically for several years but a year ago the men themselves decided to get serious.

"These men feel they have been called to minister right here rather than out of state or overseas," Tom Hughes, pastor, related. Hughes, who was a Kentucky state policeman for 10 years, added, "We have several young families in the church. The heads of these families saw a need."

Sometimes it is hard to get men to attend mission meetings. But the Bethlehem group has no problem.

"We had a three-hour book study last night with the WMU," related Jeff Davis, deacon and Brotherhood member. "We have mission emphasis at every meeting."

The most unique (and popular) activity of the organization is wood cutting. Sponsored by the church for several years, the Brotherhood now sponsors "wood day."

The late fall event is publicized in the newspaper and men of other denominations are invited to participate. A big breakfast, preceded by a devotional and prayer, is prepared by the WMU and Acteens.

The members donate fuel and equipment. They use a wood splitter, front end

loader and trucks. Going into wooded areas which have been logged, they cut the remaining tree tops for fire wood. Wood day always lasts all day or possibly two. The RA organization helps. And sometimes a neighboring Baptist church, Kirbyton, joins the activities.

The wood is distributed to needy families who use it for heat. Shutins, people who have been hospitalized and the unemployed are all given a year's supply of wood.

"Everyone always feels good about carrying on this ministry," Tim Puckett, director of the Brotherhood, stated.

"We ask shutins what the WMU and Brotherhood can do for them," Hughes said. "Then we follow up with raking leaves, cutting bushes or any menial tasks that need doing. The GAs stuffed leaves in bags on wood day."

The fellows recently repaired the property of a man when a tree blew over on his house. They assist families who have lost their homes in fires.

This year the organization delivered fruit baskets to the first year widowed, nursing home members, elderly deacons and shutins.

Seven men took disaster relief training offered by the state Brotherhood Disaster Relief Unity. They promoted "Here's Hope" in a big way. They support world hunger relief.

They sometimes cook for church functions. "We want people to come and see what Christian fellowship is like," one member explained.

"Our church is highly mission minded. It is growing inwardly," pastor Hughes stated. "Many people are yielded and willing to work. We have led West Kentucky Association in baptisms for the last two years." However, he hastened to explain, with humility the church gives all glory to the Lord.



A group of Brotherhood members, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham, pause for pictures during a meeting (l-r): Maurice Rudd, Tim Provow, Roger Davis, Galen Langston, Tim Puckett, Perry Ivey, Donald Davis, Tom Hughes (pastor), Gary Moore, Jeff Davis and Bobby Lee.

Sanders on his own land. This building was burned during the Civil War by general John Hunt Morgan and his guerrilla raiders. It is believed Morgan thought there was ammunition stored in the church. Another story tells of the capture of a man who, on refusing to take the Rebel oath, was locked in the church and the church was burned by the rebels. The man, as the story goes, was able to escape.

The congregation held together and built a second building which had to be replaced in 1897 with a needed larger building.

In 1945 fire again destroyed the Pleasant Hill church and the membership again rallied and the present structure was built.

Through the years the church has grown from the first membership of less than 30 counting Sanders to the present membership of over 550. As an outgrowth of Good Hope Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill has been served by 34 pastors including Bob E. Martin, present pastor.

The sesquicentennial celebration represented many months of work by Martin and the congregation. A church history, a sesquicentennial theme, logo and written interpretation to the logo were prepared. A day of celebration was planned which included a morning and afternoon service and a noon meal.

The morning service highlight was an inspirational message by Jay Brown, former Kentucky Baptist Convention evangelism director. Brown said the church had served God faithfully, which had been accomplished in part by members remembering that "every Christian has a calling from God."

The community and Taylor County were represented with the presence of Campbellsville mayor Robert Miller and county judge executive Fred Waddle.

Many other special guests were recognized. State representative Ray Altman, county attorney Larry Noe, president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Bill Whittaker, and many other representatives of KBC institutions and agencies were present.

Following the celebration meal the afternoon service began. A brief history of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church was read. Chris Clarke, former minister of music and presently at First Baptist Church of Earlington, and his wife Shelia presented special music.

Dr. William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, gave the message for the afternoon session. Marshall compared Pleasant Hill to an old olive tree he had seen when he was missionary on the island of Cyprus. Like the old tree that was hundreds of years old but still bearing fruit because it had been cared for, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church had been loved and cared for and was still bearing fruit for the Lord.

Chairmen of the sesquicentennial planning committees included Charles England, finance and general chairman; Ina Blakeman, history; Trent Argo, events; Anita Berry, publicity; David Reynolds, church involvement; Marshall T. Whatley, theme interpretation; William White, celebration; and Louise Noe, hospitality.

The program for the celebration contained not only the day's events but also the sesquicentennial logo interpretation and a brief biographical sketch of 19 pastors of the church. Portraits of former pastors were also presented by the historical committee.

# Bible driller answers questions she never hears

by Gary W. Griffith

Eleven-year-old Allison Wilson never heard the Bible drill judge at the Louisiana Baptist rally this spring but she did not miss a question and recorded a perfect score.

She did it by devoting many hours to Bible Church study, drilling and learning to read lips, says Allison, who has been legally deaf since she was two hears old.

The sixth-grade Bible driller from Trinity Heights Baptist in Shreveport, La. lost her hearing after a critical bout with meningitis. "There were 36 hours there when we did not know if she would live or not," recalls Allison's father, Jim Wilson. Allison won that battle and hasn't lost many since then, says her mother, Kathy Wilson.

During the state Bible drill rally in Pineville, Allison made no mistakes and was named a state winner, which is awarded to drillers who make four mistakes or less. She also was named a state winner in 1988 and 1989.

Bible drilling is possible for Allison because she is an "oral communicator," her father explains: "In other words, she reads lips and speaks remarkably well. So the only thing people have to be mindful of when they're speaking to her is that she must have eye contact."

Each year, Allison's Bible drill leader at Trinity Heights has judged her group in state competition, allowing her to be familiar with the judge's speech, he says. She also has stood directly in front of the judge in order to read the person's lips and understand

the drill questions.

Allison started Bible drilling at the encouragement of friends and other Trinity Heights members, she says: "They kept telling me that it was a good experience. I just thought it would be a lot of fun learning the Bible verses and new things about God.

"Every time my friends and I hear those verses we remember and nudge each other. I feel I need to learn the Bible more to make me a stronger person. It's really important."

Allison says she's a better Bible driller than her 10-year-old brother, Leighton, who also earned the state winner award at the rally.

But Leighton is quick to respond to the sibling challenge, "No, I'm better."

The Wilsons never have described their daughter's hearing loss as a handicap but rather an "inconvenience," Wilson says.

"Allison uses hearing aids to distinguish between sounds, such as machinery and human voices, but she doesn't hear like you and I hear. It's more like garbled tones, and she can't hear words," he explains. "The hearing aids are just like glasses. It's something she has to have to help her hear, just like people need glasses to see better."

Dealing with her deafness as an inconvenience has helped Allison achieve goals normal for any sixth grader and to excel in many areas, says Lonnie Wascom, minister of education at Trinity Heights church. "Allison is an incredible young lady who will not be deterred," he asserts. "To the person who doesn't know her she only seems

to have a slight speech impediment."

Last year Allison was chosen elementary student of the year at Herndon Magnet School in Shreveport, where she is enrolled in the gifted program. She also performed in the school's dance line but plans to drop out and join the yearbook staff this school year, she says. She has been a Girl Scout, taken piano and ballet classes and competed in a beauty pageant.

"Those were her ideas, along with Bible drill," Allison's mother notes.

Her father adds: "She's always wanted to be involved in everything. In fact sometimes her mom and dad may not want her to participate in some things. But we don't discourage her and she goes ahead and participates."

In addition to Bible drill, Allison is involved in Girls in Action, youth activities and even youth choir at Trinity Heights church, where the Wilsons have been members since 1976. And the church members have been a source of encouragement for Allison, who made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at age 7, Wilson says.

"It's a stable atmosphere for her, because she is around people who know, love and care for her," Wilson relates. "They've been around her since she was born and she's comfortable with them, whereas a (deaf) child who is not in a church may not have that advantage."

Mrs. Wilson agrees that Trinity Heights church members have played a major role in Allison's life: "They've treated Allison as she needs to be treated, as an equal with their children, and as we think of her, a sweet little

girl that doesn't happen to hear. And her church friends think of her as just like themselves."

Allison is an active, social "people person," her father says. "That's unusual because many people who are deaf or have some kind of hearing impairment tend to shy away from (hearing) people and groups. There's usually a problem in communicating with others."

But Allison always has been a part of the hearing community and refuses to let deafness limit her relationships and opportunities, her parents say.

For example a few years ago Allison quit taking piano lessons because it was "taking too much time," she says. "I decided I'd rather spend my time doing new things, especially with my friends."

Allison thrives in the hearing community, Wilson says. "If she would have had problems, yes, we would have introduced her to sign language or queued speech," a communication technique for the deaf, he maintains. "But she is a good oralist, and God has blessed her with a confidence and love for people that is warming."

"Allison loves the Lord, and Bible drill is just one more area where she can learn more about the Lord. She really shows her love for God in her genuine concern for lost people and putting the word of the Lord in her heart."

True to family and friends' descriptions, Allison is meeting a new challenge. "I'm going to be in a play, and I have a speaking role," she announces.

The Wilsons will be there to hear her performance and Allison will see their applause. (BP)

## Christian coach product of Baptist Center ministry

by Celeste Pennington

Several pairs of running shoes tied by the shoestrings dangle from power lines over a dimly lighted intersection not far from where Roberto Turner grew up.

"Crack," he says with a wave toward the shoes. "That's a sign they sell crack here." A young couple lingers in the shadows of a rundown building. He drives on through.

A ruptured thyroid took Roberto Turner's mom when he was just two years old. He lived with his grandmother, never knowing his natural father.

As soon as he was big enough, Turner was trotting next door to the red brick building which houses Carver Baptist Center, a home missions ministry of Southern Baptists.

Turner learned to read and write there. He played basketball there. He got his questions answered there: "Anything I wanted to know I asked, and Larry Miguez told me."

On weekends Turner and his friends would hang out with Miguez, Carver's assistant director. "We didn't have money," Turner says. "He'd take us out to eat, to the movies, to ball games. He did fun things. He was real selfless."

When Turner turned 11 he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior.

Miguez made sure Turner did well in school, taught him to drive and loaned him a car for the senior prom.

Miguez bought a small gold fishhook pin that Turner wore through high school. "I wore it so much it finally

turned silver," he recalls.

When anyone asked, Turner would respond: "It symbolizes my relationship with Christ. I'm hooked on Jesus."

When Turner was honored as salutatorian and athlete of the year at Walter L. Cohen High School, Miguez helped him prepare the speech.

"Larry," says Turner without hesitation, "has been like a father to me."

Turner is stocky, athletic and black. Miguez is tall, lanky and white.

Instead of winding up among those disillusioned young men stalking his old neighborhood, Turner, 29, has a master's degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is aiming at a doctorate. He coaches high school ball and teaches special education at L. B. Landry High School.

"Every one of my athletes can tell you how to be born again," Turner ways with a grin. "Not every one of them is a Christian, but the seeds have been planted. A whole lot of seeds."

Turner, who practically grew up at Carver Baptist Center, now lives not far from there in the second floor of Rachel Sims Baptist Center, one of the Home Mission Board's oldest.

Miguez is director at Sims. Single and accessible, he sees the community as family and has given his life to be God's witness there.

Now both Miguez and Turner are teaching Christian faith to a new generation of youngsters who come first of all for the fun. Because of miracles at work in their lives, like Roberto Turner they keep coming back. (BP)



Roberto Turner, coach at L. B. Landry High School in New Orleans, is a product of the ministry of Southern Baptist home missions.

# Campbellsville College's Phi Beta Lambda Wins Several Awards At State Leadership Conference



WINNERS IN the Campbellsville College's Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference were, from left: Andy Wilson of Campbellsville, Richard and Lesa Buckler of Gravel Switch, Shirley Risen, advisor; Nikki True of Liberty and David Delk of Russell Springs. (Campbellsville College Photo by Virginia Flanagan)

By Donna J. Hill, student news writer

Campbellsville College's Phi Beta Lambda, the business and economics chapter at the College, won the most awards the College has won in the past six years at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Louisville March 29-31.

The Campbellsville College chapter had five students to place in the top five and three who qualified for national competition. The chapter competed in over 20 individual, team and chapter events. Over 20 state universities, colleges and vocational technical schools from all over the state competed.

The top five winners, who will go to national competition in July, are Richard and Lesa Buckler of Gravel Switch, David Delk of Russell Springs, Andy Wilson of Campbellsville and Nikki True of Liberty.

This is the first year the PBL has two first-place winners and a husband and wife team going to na-

tionals. Also, the chapter has been to the national competition three times in the last six years.

Shirley Risen, assistant professor of accounting and chapter advisor, said, "I am proud of this year's chapter." She said that the chapter is the largest chapter ever at Campbellsville College in membership and the most active chapter Campbellsville College has ever had. She said she wants the winning tradition to continue for the local chapter.

Mrs. Risen said the national competition awards the top 10 in each competition, and Campbellsville College has always had someone in the top 10.

She said she is especially proud of the "fine job" the chapter officers have done this year and of all the members who attended the state competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckler both won first places at the state conference. Buckler won for computer applications for business, and Mrs. Buckler won first place for Ms. Future Business Teacher.

Both graduated from Marion County High

School in 1976. They have two daughters, Julia and Jacqueline. Buckler is majoring in computer information systems and minoring in general business. Mrs. Buckler is majoring in basic business.

Delk won second place in business law. He is the son of Henry L. Delk of Russell Springs. Delk is a senior majoring in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. He is a 1986 graduate of Russell County High School.

Wilson placed fourth in business law. He is the son of Art and Laverne Wilson of Middletown, Ohio. A senior at Campbellsville College, he is majoring in business administration. He graduated from Lemon-Monroe High School in Ohio in 1985.

Miss True placed fifth in business communications. She is a sophomore majoring in business administration. She is the daughter of Claudia Lavern True of Liberty and the late Harry Lewis True. She is a 1988 graduate of Casey County High School.

Other students who competed and the areas in which they competed are: Rhonda Hord-Hansford of Campbellsville, management and business decision making team;

Les Chadwick of Noblesville, Ind., management; Becky Bottoms of Campbellsville, Ind., accounting II and business decision making team; Gale Morgan of Lebanon, accounting II;

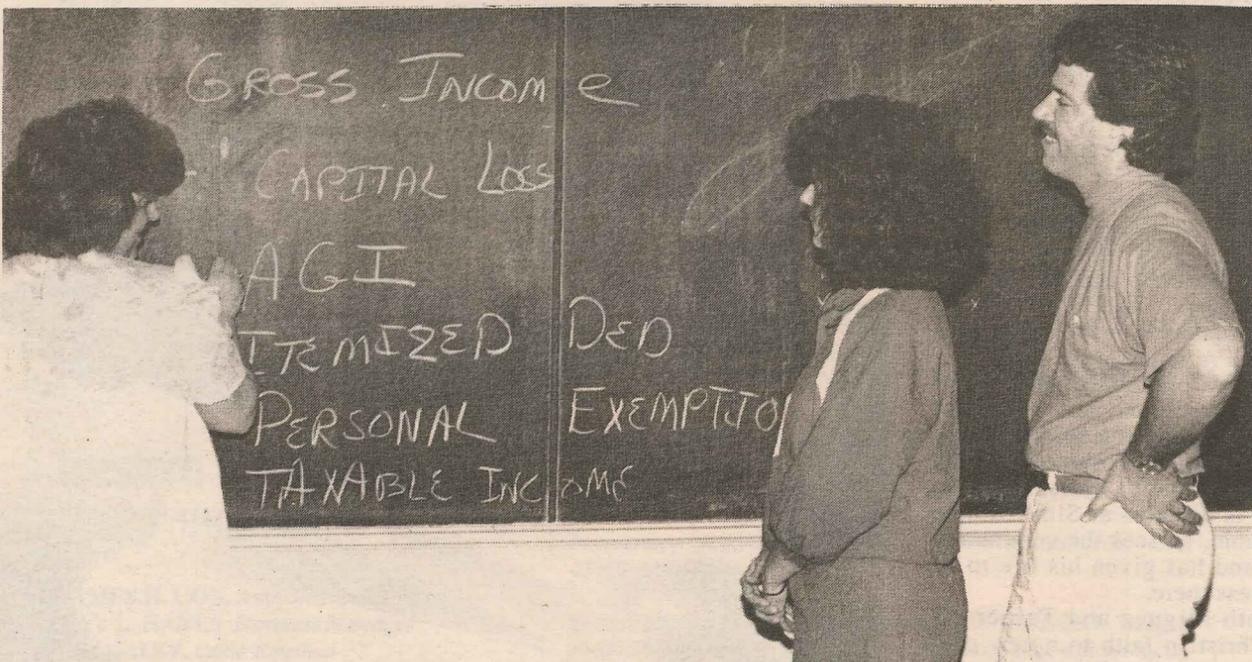
Robin Emerson of Liberty, Anthony Brown of Brandenburg, Jennifer King of Lebanon, Melissa Graham of Campbellsville and Kathy Bryant of Danville, parliamentary procedure team; Mrs. Bryant, marketing; Mrs. King, computer concepts; Mrs. Graham, accounting I;

Christopher Scharklet of Springfield, Tenn., accounting I; David Gleisner of Campbellsville, economics; Brad Baxter of Tompkinsville, business principles; David Rowlett of Bedford, job interview and business decision making team, and Nancy Brock of Finley, marketing.

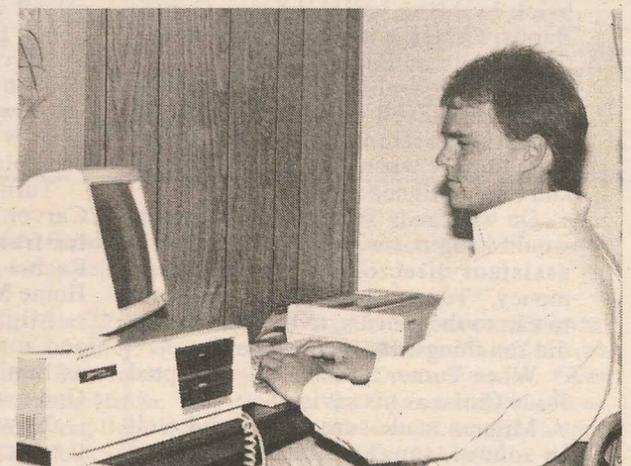
The National Leadership Conference is July 6-9 in Washington, D.C. Over 40 states will be at the national competition. Each state sends the top two winners from each area of competition.

Officers for the club this academic year are: Rowlett, president; Mrs. Hansford, senior vice president; Delk, junior vice president; Mrs. Buckler, secretary; Chadwick, treasurer; Miss Emerson, parliamentarian; Tim Welky of Parma, Ohio, reporter, and Mrs. Bottoms, historian.

Campbellsville College, affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, offers 24 academic majors and 26 minor programs. The College is a private, four-year liberal arts, sciences and business college located in central Kentucky.



SHIRLEY RISEN, left, assistant professor of accounting and Phi Beta Lambda advisor, explains some principles of income tax accounting to Lesa and Richard Buckler, who won first places at the state conference. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



DAVID DELK, a junior from Russell Springs, will go to national competition in July. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)