

101,000 people come to Christ in 'Here's Hope'

by Mark Wingfield

An estimated 101,000 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during Southern Baptists' "Here's Hope" revivals, according to earliest projections.

The projections also indicate that 22,500 churches participated in the nationwide simultaneous revivals and that 75,000 people were baptized during the meetings.

In Kentucky, the results were 4174 professions of faith, 1581 participating churches and 3532 baptisms.

State evangelism directors heard the projections from Clay Price, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's program research department, during their annual meeting at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The projections are based upon a sam-

pling of 1500 Southern Baptist churches. Responses reflect results only from those churches that held revivals between March 18 and April 29.

Richard Harris, the board's director of mass evangelism, said he believes the actual results will be significantly higher when churches that held revivals after April are included.

"The bottom line is what the total num-

ber of baptisms will be at year's end," he said. "We estimate baptisms in the SBC may be up this year from 10,000 to 20,000."

Last year Southern Baptist churches nationwide reported 351,107 baptisms, or an average of 6752 baptisms per week. In Baptist churches, baptism is a public act of expressing faith in Christ and joining a local church.

During the six-week revival period, Southern Baptist churches nearly doubled that weekly average, with 12,531 baptisms per week.

The 22,500 churches projected to have participated in the simultaneous effort represent 63 percent of the denomination's churches.

In the denomination's last simultaneous revival effort, dubbed "Good News America" in 1986, churches recorded 145,000 professions of faith and 103,000 baptisms. However, those figures reflect results over a broader period of time than the six weeks covered in this year's survey.

Some results from the Here's Hope revivals cannot be measured by statistics, Harris added: "One of the greatest things that happened was the media campaign. It caused Southern Baptists to take pride in who we are and what we stand for as Christians in this nation."

"While a lot of unbelievers heard a message of hope, it excited the saints and motivated them to want to be a part of something bigger than any one of us."

The Here's Hope emphasis included a national media blitz using television, radio, magazines and newspapers. Local churches were able to use the same professionally created ads that the HMB placed in Time magazine and on national cable television channels. (BP)



'ONE SONG FOR MANY VOICES'—Kentucky and Southern Baptists will celebrate Language Missions Day Aug. 12. Nationwide, worship will be voiced in 86 tongues, representing 98 ethnic groups. Kentucky Baptists minister in English plus at least 11 languages. Included is Spanish, used by Hildy Reyes to teach Sunday school at the Spanish mission of Stithton Baptist Church in Radcliff. See story, page 3; editorial, page 4. (Photo by Tony Aja)

Southern Seminary profs consider move to Georgia

by Marv Knox, Editor

Professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville are talking about starting a seminary in Georgia.

They cite a mass exodus to the vacant campus of Tift College in Forsyth as one option open to them in "denominationally uncertain" times.

"These discussions at Southern simply reflect the uncertainty and fluidity that is occurring throughout the Southern Baptist Convention," said Bill J. Leonard, professor of church history and president of the

school's Faculty Association.

"Because of the way the controversy continues, people are asking questions they hoped they would never have to ask. So the discussion about moving a portion of the faculty is part of a broader discussion about a variety of options."

"We would all like to stay at Southern and continue teaching our students, but after this spring and the Johnson document, we don't know that we can stay. Because we have families, we have to explore options. We do not know what the future holds."

(The "Johnson document" is a 16-page article released this spring by Jerry Johnson, then a first-term seminary trustee, from Aurora, Colo. The article criticizes five professors and seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, who, it says, "just does not believe the Bible.")

The idea of moving to Tift College came from Glenn Hinson, a church history professor at Southern. Tift was an all-female Baptist school that merged with Mercer University, a Baptist school in Macon, Ga., in 1986. Mercer closed the Tift campus, about 65 miles south of Atlanta, in 1988 and still owns the property.

If a new seminary were started, more than half of Southern's faculty and about 1000 of its 3200 students would move, Hinson predicted.

A move would cost about \$30 million, he estimated, adding the amount is attainable: "Divide that into 3000 churches giving \$10,000 each. That doesn't sound unreasonable."

A move to Tift is only one option, Leonard and Hinson said. Others are:

- "Stay at Southern Seminary as long as we can," Leonard said. "But given the Johnson document, it's possible some of

our colleagues would not have that possibility." He mentioned faculty firings and administrative changes as possible fallout from the document.

- "Send resumes and do their own thing, and the faculty would disperse by attrition," he added.

- Move to Tift or some other location. Hinson noted the Shelby Campus of the University of Louisville—former site of Baptists' Kentucky Southern College—as an alternative, along with a possible move to Nashville.

The concept of new forms of training for ministry is not unique to Southern Seminary.

Baylor University this summer registered the name "George W. Truett Theological Seminary" with the Texas secretary of state, should Baylor trustees decide to start a school of theology or divinity. Observers linked the move to the possible firing of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Russell Dilday and the restructuring of that school by Southern Baptist Conservatives.

The Moderate Southern Baptist Alliance is trying to start a seminary; Wake Forest University is starting a theology school; and several non-Baptist schools are opening Baptist "houses" for study.

At Southern Seminary, Hinson's idea about Tift provides "a frame of reference for our general discussion," Leonard said.

Leonard has not contacted Mercer University about the Tift campus, and the Southern faculty has not initiated fundraising efforts on behalf of a new school, he said.

"There are people, I suppose, who choose not to give to Southern Baptist institutions," he said. "But it's not because we told them....People are asking those questions

all over the SBC, 'Where do I give my money?'"

Theological education will be on the agenda of a national meeting of Moderates in Atlanta Aug. 23-25, Hinson noted. They may create an alternate Southern Baptist unified budget, which might provide funds for such a school, he said.

Also, Virginia Baptists are considering a new budgeting process that includes a \$134,000 line item for theological education, which also could go to a new school, he added.

"We have had numerous calls from people saying, 'Where do I send money?'" he reported.

Perhaps a foundation, with trustees, could be created to handle contributions, he said.

The timing of a move depends on Southern's trustees, Hinson said. "If our trustees in their September meeting do not create any big waves as they did last April, we will look to April (1991) and see what will happen."

Whatever the timing, a major concern is students, Leonard said: "One of the saddest aspects of this relates to our students....(But) if all the seminaries in the SBC offer primarily one kind of instruction, where will the Baptist students go who do not conform to that kind of instruction? Fundamentalists asked that question, and that's why Mid-America and Luther Rice seminaries were started. I guess Moderates can ask that question, too."

The seminary professors have not reached uniformity nor consensus regarding the questions that face them, Leonard said.

In the meantime, however, "we are asking questions because we have to feel we have some participation in our future."

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Hancock affirms Parks, announces Lottie Moon plans

Trustee chairman Bill Hancock of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board called R. Keith Parks "God's man for this hour" and said, "We as the trustees unanimously and uncompromisingly affirm Keith Parks as our leader of the Foreign Mission Board."

Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, gave the affirmation at a missionary appointment service in late July, climaxing a four-day board meeting.

Observers felt the statement was a signal that the trustees have no plans to replace Parks as president of the board, despite widespread reports that some conservative trustees had planned to do so.

Forty new missionaries were appointed to work in 18 countries at a special service at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. With 11 former missionaries who were reappointed the same day, the addi-

tions bring Southern Baptists' total foreign mission force to 3832.

During a trustee business session a few hours earlier, Hancock announced plans to invite more than 30 Southern Baptist pastors and others to the FMB trustees' October meeting to help challenge Southern Baptists to meet their goal of \$86 million for the 1990 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Hancock emphasized he doesn't want the project to compete with the Cooperative Program, the denomination's unified plan of financial support. But he stressed such an emphasis is needed to reach the challenging Lottie Moon goal, a \$5.8 million increase over the \$80.2 million given in 1989.

The board will seek pastors who have been role models in missions giving, either through the Cooperative Program or the Lottie Moon offering, he said. They also

should be people who would have the time and opportunity to return to their states and establish a support network.

Trustee Don Bowen of Virginia urged that "we try to find representatives of the different theological issues in the convention."

Hancock said he could assure that theological positions would not be a "primary consideration" but added, "It's impossible for us to do this without bringing people who do have very definite theological positions."

He and others on the board urged trustees to work in their states to help promote both the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"Our bread and butter is the Cooperative Program," he said. "It's not a time to be escrowing money from the Cooperative Program," he added.

SBC moderates have said they may withhold money from the Cooperative Program unless the Conservatives begin to give them representation on the denomination's 20 boards and agencies. A meeting has been called for Aug. 23-25 in Atlanta to discuss such plans.

Hancock said many people are awaiting word on the Foreign Mission Board's Glorieta meeting. The "devil is not happy with what he has heard and seen here this week," he said. "This has been as positive, open and optimistic a board meeting as I've attended in six years."

The Kentuckian said he and Parks would write an open letter to Southern Baptists reflecting the positive spirit of the week's meetings and appealing to Southern Baptists "not to dismantle what God has put in place and what God has been using over these years." (BP)



UNITY—The multiracial youth choir at Rouxville Baptist Church near Johannesburg, South Africa, is popular with choir members and audiences. Part of that popularity may be because members easily and sincerely do what much of the rest of South Africa struggles desperately to do: get along without regard for skin color. The choir was organized by Southern Baptist missionaries Dave and Brenda Clark. (BP photo by Craig Bird)

Foreign Mission Board appoints Kentucky pastor

Morris G. Little, pastor of Cash Creek Baptist Church in Henderson, and his wife, Lori, were among 40 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The Littles will live in Spain, where he will start and develop churches. He has been associate pastor of Hill Grove Baptist Church in Guston, and graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The board also appointed two other couples with Kentucky ties. Libby Potts Hilyer, a graduate of Southern Seminary, was appointed and her husband, Thomas, reappointed to Spain, where they will work with students.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Cleary also were reappointed to eastern Europe. They will teach English and assist Polish Baptists in starting and developing churches. Cleary attended Southern Seminary.

Church workers wait for chance to leave war-torn Kuwait

around the sbc

A Southern Baptist couple, Maurice and Laurie Graham, found themselves near a hot battle site when Iraq invaded Kuwait last week.

The Grahams and their two sons lived in an apartment in the National Evangelical Church, where they work, across from Kuwait's national assembly building.

They are staying with an official of the American Embassy. Iraqi officials said 1 million foreigners in Kuwait cannot leave until further notice. The Grahams, who moved from war-torn Liberia three months ago, will depart Kuwait when they can.

Among other newsworthy events in Southern Baptist Convention life:

PRESIDENT PROGRESSES. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt is recuperating "right on schedule" following quintuple-bypass heart surgery July 24.

Doctors found no heart damage and said Honeycutt, 63, should recover completely in 10-12 weeks.

Surgery left the Louisville seminarian "humbled and amazed by the power of prayer, the marvels of modern medicine and the recuperative abilities given by God to the human body."

DILDAY, DRAPER MEND RIFT. Southwestern Baptist Theological Semi-

nary president Russell Dilday and chairman Jimmy Draper apparently have settled conflict between them.

Dilday created a furor when he claimed SBC political mechanisms have "satanic and evil qualities." Some observers predicted he would be fired.

But Draper emerged from a three-hour meeting with Dilday saying, "As far as I'm concerned, the issue is settled."

Trustees won't have a called meeting to discuss Dilday, and neither will their executive committee, Draper said. He noted trustees might raise the issue at their regular meeting Oct. 15-16.

MISSIONARIES AID VICTIMS. SBC missionaries are working with Philippine Baptist seminary students to provide food in five areas of Baguio City following a devastating earthquake.

Missionaries are cooking over open-air fires, and students are delivering the food, and medicine, to refugees in tent camps. Missionary Al Gammage Jr. also has helped the students counsel the quake survivors. Missionaries are ministering in four other areas rocked by the killer shock.

CP DIPS IN JULY. The SBC's unified ministry budget netted almost \$11.5 million at the national level in July, a drop of 0.4% from July 1989.

Those receipts brought the Cooperative Program's year-to-date total to almost \$117.8 million at the end of 10 months of its fiscal year. That's a gain of 2.2%, about half the U.S. inflation rate.

Kentucky Baptist churches contributed \$1,297,189 to the state CP in July, a 19.4% jump over July '89. That brought Kentucky CP receipts to slightly more than \$15.4 million at the end of 11 months of the state's fiscal year, a 3.7% hike.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention divides its CP receipts: 61.25% to KBC causes; 38.75% to national efforts.

MODERATES' MEETING GROWS. The site of an Aug. 23-25 meeting of SBC Moderates has been changed to handle swelling registration.

It's been moved from an airport hotel to the Inforum in downtown Atlanta. Convenors of the event are Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, and Baptists Committed to the SBC, a Moderate group.

Participants are expected to discuss alternate methods of cooperative mission giving and a fellowship for participation in decision-making concerning their mission efforts.

For information: Baptists Committed, P.O. Box 56386, Houston, Tex. 77256; phone (713) 520-0221.

DAVIS QUILTS EC. Terry Davis, the Maryland/Delaware member of the SBC Executive Committee, resigned his post in disagreement with the way the committee handled the firing of Baptist Press employees Alvin C. Shackelford and Dan Martin.

"I had scores of letters and several phone calls" about the BP issue, Davis said. "Not one was in favor of what we were doing....I

do not think (EC majority) are listening at all to Southern Baptists....

"The situation is such that I don't want to be a part of the Executive Committee any longer. When people say, 'Terry Davis is a member of the Executive Committee,' I am embarrassed."

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July 89	1,086,749	14,873,090
\$ Change	210,440	545,895
% Change	19.4%	3.7%
Budget	1,476,441	16,240,848
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%(under)/over	-12.1%	-5.1%
	\$ Over/(Under)	% Increase/Decrease Over
Year	Budget to Date	Prev Year
89-90	(821,863)	3.7%
88-89	(743,110)	2.0%
87-88	(428,012)	-0.2%
86-87	315,637	7.0%
85-86	(646,913)	6.1%
84-85	(372,985)	6.6%
83-84	(303,013)	4.8%

* To be counted in this convention year, CP funds from churches must be received in the Kentucky Baptist Accounting Services Office no later than Sept. 4 and postmarked Aug. 31 or earlier.

Gospel transcends boundaries for Korean church

by Denise Day Spencer
State Correspondent

Editor's Note: Southern Baptists work among 98 ethnic groups—speaking 86 languages and encompassing more than 5600 congregations. Language Missions Day in the convention is Aug. 12. The following feature illustrates language ministry among Kentucky Baptists.

The gospel transcends all boundaries, members of First Korean Baptist Church in Louisville know.

Constituted 14 years ago, the church was the second of two Korean congregations in the state. The oldest is First Korean Baptist Church in Radcliff.

First Korean of Louisville received financial support from the Kentucky Baptist Convention the first five years, but since then it has been self-supporting. The church has grown to a membership of 290. Pastor Pyung Ok Lee has served the church for nine years. He is assisted by two other staff members—music minister Chung Kyu Choi and education minister Bong Un Choi.

The first pastor was Paul Ahn, who now shepherds the Radcliff congregation. In the early days of the Louisville church, Ahn acted as an old time "circuit rider," dividing his hours between both churches.

Lee recalled that the first few years of his church's existence were not easy. The people initially acted "as if the church was

more of a social club than a church," he explained. His solution was to "study hard and pray hard. The church is now more the kind of church God is delighted in."

First Korean is a typical Southern Baptist Church in many ways. An average week includes Sunday school, Sunday morning worship, Wednesday evening worship and

major differences. Bibles found throughout the building are New International Versions, with Korean and English on each page. Lee speaks little English, and member John Dixon often translates for him.

Korean is the primary language used in worship. This threatened to be a hardship, since several members have English speak-

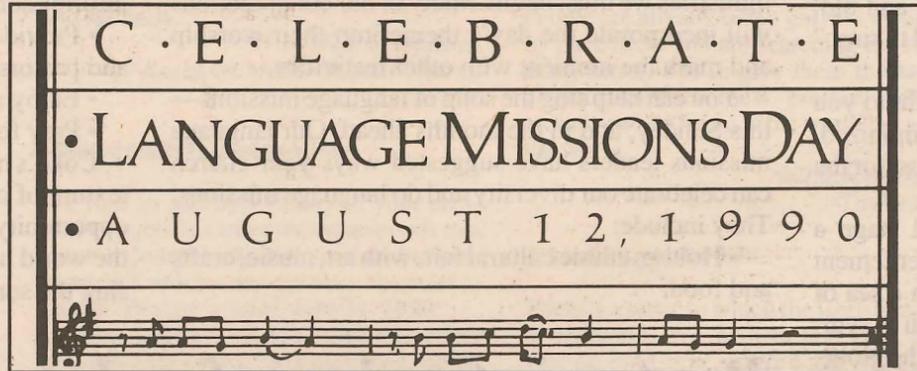
in Louisville that is part of the Southern Baptist Convention. The fellowship's children have been born in the United States, but anyone in late adolescence or older is most likely an immigrant. Lee estimated the Korean population of Louisville to be 350-400 households.

Although Christianity has been spreading in Korea for some time, many Koreans are Buddhist. However, Dixon explained, immigrants are often receptive to Christianity as part of their new environment.

An important part of outreach for First Korean is ministering to immigrants' practical needs. The church works closely with the Korean American Association to help newcomers find jobs and learn English. Dixon is fellowship leader for the association, and other association officers are members of First Korean. Dixon knows firsthand the results of such ministry. As he described the needs of those new to the United States, he smiled, remembering, "I was once one of those."

Lee and Dixon place a priority on visitation. They go into homes and even hospitals to visit non-Christian Koreans. This has born fruit, and the church's concern for healing has led many to Christ.

Dixon stressed the importance of prayer in his church's growth, describing Lee as "a man of hard prayer." If random members were asked to cite one thing they have learned at First Korean, "it would probably be that prayers are answered," he added.



Bible study. They have no evening worship on Sunday, but hold their prayer meetings on Friday nights. The youth group has its own Saturday evening time of Bible study and fellowship.

Worship components are standard fare as well, and the church uses all Southern Baptist literature.

Yet First Korean also is a place where an average Kentucky Baptist would note ma-

ing spouses. So Lee gives Dixon a copy of his sermon every Saturday and Dixon tapes the message in English. Worshippers can then listen with earphones as those around them hear the message in their native tongue.

Members do not confine their worship to structured times, either. Any given day may find one or more people entering the sanctuary to kneel and pray.

First Korean is the only Korean church

Marshall cites Glen Dale as act of God's compassion

by Beth W. Prassel

Kentucky Baptists convened to "celebrate 75 years of caring—Baptists caring for young people whose lives, on this campus, have been changed," William W. Marshall told participants at the Child Care Day anniversary at Glen Dale Children's Home in Glendale this summer.

Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, talked about the beginning of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in 1869, a response to needs resulting from the Civil War, and about the history of Glen Dale, which opened in 1915.

"Glen Dale was and is an act of the God of compassion," he said. "That compassion is as needed now as it was after the Civil War....The war our children face today is a war within families. And there is one at war with their souls who would lead them in the paths of destruction."

Marshall commended the men and women of the past and present who have "lived out their compassionate calling and caring by serving the many children that pass this way."

He thanked Kentucky Baptist churches for supporting Glen Dale through the years. "We're able to celebrate this 75th anniversary

because there have been, and there are now, people out there and in this place who translate their compassion into currency, those whose sometimes modest but always sacrificial gifts have kept and will keep this

home open...and it must be kept open for the children of the next generation."

Although many things have changed at Glen Dale since its beginning, "some things are still the same," Marshall noted. "Chil-

dren still need a caring place like this to call home. Baptist people still believe with a compassionate heart that this is a need, and (they) will support it....God is still a God of compassion."

2 RA counselors die in head-on collision

by Marv Knox, Editor

Two counselors-in-training at Kentucky Baptists' summer missions camp for boys died in a head-on automobile crash July 30.

Tim Covington and Jim Davidson died when the car Covington was driving was struck by a car driven by James Scott Mattingly of New Haven on state Highway 52 in LaRue County, shortly after noon.

Covington and Davidson, both 17, died at the scene. Mattingly, 20, died that afternoon at Humana Hospital-University in Louisville. Davidson's 20-year-old brother, Brett, was critically injured and taken to University Hospital.

Covington and Jim Davidson had worked at Camp Rabro, a Royal Ambassador missions camp for boys at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad, and at Royal Ambassador camp at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly near Aurora for a total of

eight weeks this summer.

Covington was the son of Ronald and Sandra Covington, members of Second Baptist Church in Greenville.

Davidson was the son of Larry and Terri Davidson of Boston, near Louisville. Larry Davidson is pastor of Rolling Fork Baptist Church in Boston and a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, where Mrs. Davidson works. His parents did not have life insurance on him, and an aid account for the family has been established at the seminary.

The boys were off work the morning of their accident and had gone fishing, friends said. Covington was scheduled to work at camp that week, and Davidson had planned to take the week off.

"They were super boys," said Bill Gaddis, Royal Ambassador camp director and their supervisor for the summer.

"Tim was real mechanically inclined

and helped us with a lot of mechanical problems," Gaddis added. "I haven't seen many boys his age with that skill. He worked hard and gave us his all."

"Jim was a real good counselor, working with the boys in activity periods, devotional times and chapter times, when they did the devotional time with the boys."

The impact of their deaths was "pretty rough" on other camp staff members, Gaddis said: "Several of them took it real hard. But as Christian young men, they're dealing with it in a satisfactory manner and sharing Christ with the boys."

As counselors-in-training, Covington and Davidson worked at everything from food service, to groundskeeping to working with young campers. "They were real fine young men," Gaddis said. "They were learning a lot in life and in their Christian walk. It's hard to put into words what these boys were like unless you knew them."

Fulton First sees history repeated in Here's Hope revival meeting

HERE'S HOPE
the story continues

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

History repeated itself during the "Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you" revival at First Baptist Church of Fulton.

In October 1953, when John David Laida was pastor, the church witnessed more than 150 decisions, including over 50 baptisms, in a revival led by evangelist Vincent Cervera of Greenville, S. C. Both ministers were recent graduates of Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Louisville and were moved by the "outpouring of God's spirit" as a result of the crusade, Laida recently recalled.

Following a 28-year pastorate at First Baptist Church of Clarksville, Tenn., from which he retired in 1988, Laida began a series of interim pastorates last year. In January 1990, when the pastor of First Church of Fulton felt led to develop Baptist work in the northwestern U. S., Laida was invited back to Fulton as interim minister.

Realizing the church had not planned to have a revival in 1990 due to the absence of a permanent pastor, Laida suggested the church prepare for a meeting. The church

approved, and Laida invited the same evangelist who had been so effective in 1953—Cervera—to return.

With only about a month to make preparations, church members moved into action. Committees for promotion and publicity, transportation, ushers, youth activities and other assignments went to work. Cottage prayer meetings were scheduled. Sunday school classes agreed to provide food for weekday potluck luncheons in conjunction with noon services.

Their combined labors bore fruit.

The sanctuary, which holds about 525 people, was virtually full at every service, Sunday morning through Wednesday eve-

ning, Laida said. Between 150 and 200 people attended the noonday services each day.

According to financial secretary Laverne Sublette, many who attended were not members of First Church. Community churches of other faiths were very supportive, she observed.

Laida, who resigned July 22 as interim pastor to accept a responsibility with Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, said that more than 100 decisions were recorded as a result of the revival. Of that number, 22 were for baptism.

"History surely does repeat itself," said Laida. "Praise the Lord."

Baptists sing 'One Song for Many Voices'

Editorial

Marv Knox

To a lovely hillside they came. First, a beautiful girl, joined by others, and then others. Their faces reflected the rainbow of races. The richness and vigor of their young voices mesmerized listeners, young and old, around the world. "I'd like to teach the world to sing," they sang, "in perfect harmony...."

The emotion of their moment was brought to you by Coca-Cola. "It's the real thing," they harmonized. We heard, and felt like opening up a bottle, just for the sake of world peace, if not our thirsts.

Southern and Kentucky Baptists could stage a similar scene, say at the hilltop Hensley Settlement near Cumberland Gap. We would gather in a sea of faces, each a different shade. We'd sing in a symphony of voices, with dialects from around the globe. We would rhapsodize on the Real Thing, Jesus Christ, who quenches a thirst no soda pop can touch.

Southern Baptists sing, pray, preach and witness in 86 languages, among 98 ethnic groups nationwide. Our brothers and sisters who speak most comfortably in non-English tongues—as well as the deaf, who speak with their hands and hear with their eyes—minister through 5600 congregations.

Kentucky Baptist congregations include Cambodians, Chinese, Filipinos, Hispanics, Japanese, Romanians, Koreans, Laotians, Russians and Vietnamese. We also have two multi-ethnic and one international congregations and about 50 ministries of the deaf. They embrace about 200 deaf and 700 ethnic members.

God is moving among Americans who do not speak English, report language church extension leaders at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. In fact, language ministry is one of Southern Baptists' strongest areas of growth. The number of their congregations has shown an 80 percent increase during the past decade. Just think how much ministry we would be doing if the entire Southern Baptist Convention had grown at that rate in the '80s.

Still, much ministry remains. More than 73 million Americans resonate best with non-English language and culture. They comprise 500 ethnic groups and speak 636 languages and dialects. Southern Baptists share the gospel with less than 0.5 percent of them.

Kentucky is home to about 32,500 deaf people and 29,718 ethnics. Our Baptist ministries touch 0.6 per-

cent of the state's deaf population and 2.35 percent of its ethnic residents.

This Sunday, August 12, we celebrate Language Missions Day across the SBC. "One Song for Many Voices" is the theme. At this time, we will pray for our language missions efforts, thanking God for the blessings we have received and seeking guidance for ministries we must begin. Many of our congregations will incorporate the day's theme into their worship and mark the moment with other festivities.

You can help sing the song of language missions—this Sunday, and in the months ahead. Our language missions leaders have suggested ways your church can celebrate our diversity and do language missions. They include:

- Hold an ethnic cultural fair, with art, music, crafts and food.

- Worship with a non-English-speaking congregation, or let your pastors exchange pulpits.

- Eat a multicultural meal together.
- Sponsor a refugee family.
- Start an ethnic mission or congregation. See your associational director of missions or Ken Foreman, the Kentucky Baptist language missions director, for information.

- Provide books and supplies for ethnic churches and pastors in your area.

- Enjoy a language missions media night.
- Pray for language missions and missionaries.

Coke's hilltop singers symbolized the richness and texture of cultural diversity. We, however, have the opportunity—and, yes, the responsibility—to show the world how people of all races can join hands and sing the song of the only Real Thing, Jesus Christ.

Pastor interviews for 1st congregation

on the light side

Editor's Note: This column mysteriously appeared in the Western Recorder offices. Perhaps we accidentally threw away its envelope, on which the sender was identified. Perhaps it was left by the same trolls who put typographical errors in the paper. Nevertheless, the mysterious origin of this epistle shouldn't keep you from enjoying its wit.

A young man had just graduated from the seminary and was being interviewed for his first church. He had never been a pastor before.

The pulpit committee had him in a room examining him when the chairman said, "Son, do you know much about the Bible?"

He answered: "Why, certainly I do. I'm a seminary graduate. I know all about the Bible."

The chairman said: "Well, which part do you know the best? The Old Testament or the New Testament?"

He answered, "I know it all...the Old and the New Testament."

The chairman said: "Well, if you know so much about the Bible, why don't you just tell us one of the familiar stories of the Bible...for instance, the Good Samaritan. Do you know the story of the Good Samaritan?"

He said, "Why, certainly I do."

The chairman said, "Well, tell us the story of the Good Samaritan."

He said: "Well, there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, who went down to Jerusalem by night and fell upon stony ground, and the thorns choked him half to death.

"And he said, 'What shall I do? I shall rise and go to my father's house.'

"And he rose and climbed up into a sycamore tree.

"The next day, Solomon and his wife, Gomorrah, came by and found him and took him down to the ark for Moses to take care of.

"But as they were entering the ark through the Eastern Gate, he caught his hair in a limb and hung there for 40 days and 40 nights. And he was afterward hungry, and the ravens came and fed him.

"The next day, the three wise men came and took him down to Ninevah, and when he got there he saw Delilah sitting on the lawn.

"And he said, 'Chunker down, boys.'

"And they said, 'How many times shall we chunker down?' 'Til seven times?'

"And he said, 'Nay, but until 70 times seven.'

"So they chunkered down 490 times, and she burst asunder in their midst. And the disciples gathered 12 baskets of the garments that remained.

"And in the resurrection whose wife shall she be?"

The chairman of the committee said: "Brothers and sisters, I think we ought to call him. I know he's young, but he sure does know his Bible."

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Get on with work

I write because I am saddened by what is going on among Southern Baptists. I have the honor of being pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kuttawa. Mt. Zion is one of the smallest churches in the state. However, in

the 10 years that I have pastored this church, we annually give 35 percent of our income to mission causes, including 15 percent to the Cooperative Program, 5 percent to associational missions and 15 percent through special offerings to mission endeavors.

I am one of many pastors who is saddened by the events of the past several years. The article in the Western Recorder received today concerning efforts by "Moderates" to discuss alternate funding of

our work makes me wonder if we would not be throwing the baby out with the bath water. I would never be a part of such an act. There are better, more Christian ways of doing things.

Also, I have returned recently from two weeks in Brazil for the Kentucky/Brazil partnership endeavor. I believe that this is the one of the greatest things happening in Kentucky Baptist life. However, I have only seen one article in the Western Re-

corded concerning this mission. That article dealt with our president going to Brazil. I praise the Lord that he was able to go and participate. However, there is much more to be said in the Western Recorder concerning this partnership that is not being said. The missionaries in Brazil are doing a tremendous work under trying circumstances because of financial cuts caused by the controversy and do not deserve additional

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cuts because churches are withholding money from missions.

Please, let's get on with the work of Christ in Brazil and around the world. After all, that is much more important than power politics in the convention.

*Richard Tapscott, pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Let parliamentarian lead

Why does the Southern Baptist Convention need a president? It has been 10 years since we have had a president with enough knowledge to preside without a paid parliamentarian.

Why don't we let the parliamentarian stand in front of the microphone instead of behind the president, as he conducts the business of our convention?

*Mrs. Allen W. Graves
Louisville*

Join hands

Born the son of a SBC pastor, at the age of 19 I experienced God's call to enter the ministry. I was educated in KBC and SBC institutions. I experienced firsthand some liberalism in these institutions.

After seminary, I began to go to the annual SBC meetings. I voted for the conservative candidate, because I believed, and still do, that some of our schools and professors had drifted from their theological roots. They were teaching outside of our Baptist Faith and Message. They did not believe Scripture was "truth without any mixture of error."

I am grateful for our move back to the right. For me it is not a matter of politics, but of principle. I acknowledge "Moderates" as brothers in Christ. We can work together in the common cause of leading men and women to Christ. That has not changed in our convention. (I assume we all agree on what it takes for a person to be saved.) Politics should be minimized, but principles can never be compromised. For me, one who does not believe the Bible is "truth without any mixture of error" has no business teaching in our institutions or leading one of our agencies. This is a matter of principle for me. I believe that many Baptists feel as I do.

My plea is for all of us, "Moderate" and "Conservative," to join hands in bringing people to Jesus Christ. Politics cannot keep us from doing that, principles can. If principles will not allow us to work together, I see no alternative but to go our separate ways. If separation because of principle is inevitable, then let us not be unkind in the process. We need to be right in doctrine but also right in spirit and attitude. May God help us to work together.

*J. E. Hail Jr., pastor
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Compelled to comment

I am compelled to make some comments concerning what seems to be unfair reporting by the Western Recorder. (Editorial, July 24, 1990)

Most police forces (according to a policeman friend) require their officers to be armed at all times. Please point out that their weapons were concealed and only incidentally revealed.

Because of the publicity and volatile expressions concerning the Executive Committee's meeting and actions, the sure way to have an orderly meeting was to post security at the door. I see this action as being sober and watchful as our "adversary" always takes advantage of disruptive and divisive opportunities.

Remember that this Executive Committee was chosen, ultimately, by the will of a majority of Baptists. The process is the same as when more moderate leadership

was in office. I trust them and support them as they seek to carry out Southern Baptist Convention business on our behalf.

This whole mess is just an indication of the bitterness that is present throughout our convention. There is bitterness on both sides of this controversy. A few have clearly demonstrated this. Remember "bitterness" is a poison that makes a mess of everything and affects almost everyone (Heb. 12:15; my paraphrase). Let's trust our leaders with the joyful attitude of meekness and submissiveness—for the love of our Lord Jesus and his body.

*Greg Pearson, pastor
Bashford Manor Baptist Church
Louisville*

Silence leads to assumptions

We find an odd opportunity in your decision to publish a letter which responds to a Courier-Journal editorial unrelated to previous WR articles and opinion. We refer to Sam B. Peavey's letter, July 24, 1990.

Since you have seen fit to inform readers indirectly about aspects of the Gay-Lesbian Freedom Day celebrations in San Francisco, and to allow criticism of both that event and gays and lesbians at large, we trust you will now help us report and interpret an event and journalism closer to Kentucky Baptists.

Two Baptist groups, TELOS and Honesty, supported the 1990 Pride Week March for Justice in Louisville. Members marched in concert with other pro-gay and pro-lesbian organizations, including Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays who embrace gays and lesbians within family life and U.S. society. Their openness contrasts with the more common rejection which children do not deserve from families.

The Courier-Journal's report (July 1, 1990) of that local event ignored the six demands for justice and overlooked the religious representation.

The WR failed to report the event despite both an advance notice of Baptists' plans to participate and an offer to provide a report should vacation schedules prevent attention from the WR staff. That silence led to the assumption that reports on such displays are considered unessential for WR readers. Publication of Mr. Peavey's letter challenges that conclusion.

Honesty, Louisville, a group of Southern Baptists who advocate equal rights, welcomes what appears to be your willingness to note gay and lesbian issues outside Kentucky. We expect, however, provision for reports on Kentucky events which involve supportive Baptists as the WR embodies Al Shackleford's adage, "Tell the truth, and trust the people."

*Quinn T. Chipley
Louisville*

Practice biblical morality

First century churches began their ministry in the midst of the humanistic, pagan Greek and Roman culture. So immoral was the culture at Pergamos that Jesus called the city, "Satan's seat." So wicked and idolatrous was the culture at Corinth that Paul told the Christians, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing."

Churches in America are confronted by a culture much like the Greek and Roman culture of the first century. Humanistic thought patterns are again dominant, sexual immorality is rampant and intellectual paganism is spreading like wildfire.

This humanistic, pagan culture is invading and threatening to engulf the churches in the 1990s. Many church members are involved in the loose sexual immorality of the culture, watching pornographic and violent videos, gambling, drinking alcoholic beverages and engaging in many other sinful practices.

What can the churches do to combat the

invasion of the surrounding culture?

First, the churches can require a waiting period before new members are added to the church rolls—time to see if they are walking the Christian walk. Secondly, during the waiting period churches can do a better job of teaching biblical morality to new members. Thirdly, churches can practice biblical church discipline in love when it is necessary. And fourthly, churches can pray and work for life-changing revival.

Churches cannot reach the lost for Christ by reflecting the humanistic, pagan culture. People are already being gravely wounded by the culture and are searching for something better. But to give them the saving gospel churches must practice biblical morality while being in the world but not of the world.

*William R. Hagan
Taylorsville*

A kinder, gentler SBC

There is a sense in which the Christian faith is exclusive. We believe that only those who accept Christ as Lord can experience the fulfillment of eternal, regenerated life. This position is scriptural; it causes us who claim his name to proclaim his name, so that others may join us.

There is another sense in which the Christian faith is inclusive. We believe that "whoever believeth in him" is included in an exclusive group. Its membership has no racial, national, sexual or social boundaries. This position, too, is scriptural.

It concerns me to see evidence that some persons in positions of leadership and/or authority within our convention seek to impose exclusivity further than is scripturally defensible. Their "umbrella" seems to be restricted by doctrine rather than relevant to discipleship. I offer the following:

- An attack is made publicly and in writing against Roy Honeycutt, apparently because he does not espouse the view of biblical inerrancy to the extremists' degree.

- Two members of the Baptist Press staff are dismissed in the wake of the Conservative victory in New Orleans.

- The convention's president remarks that his appointees will include those who champion the "perfect Bible" ideology.

Has the Inquisition been revisited, this time among Baptists? I begin to understand more fully what "going for the jugular" means. I fear that our Judge may be grieved to see his children so intolerant of one another.

I call upon fellow Southern Baptists to raise a collective voice of disapproval toward these recent events. I call upon the convention leadership to rethink the elitist tenor of its message of exclusivity. I call upon the Lord to enable us to accept all Christian brethren as credible, regardless of theological perspective.

*Larry Peck
Nicholasville*

Speak plainly

Why can't these men in great responsibilities for our Lord and our great denomination make plain, simple statements?

I hear and read so many statements: "I live by the Bible," "I love the Bible," "My ministry is built on the Bible," "My mother taught me the Bible," etc.

If these men would say, "I am in harmony with the Baptist Faith and Message concerning the Bible" or "I am not," or if they would say, "I believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God" or "I do not believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God," it would help many, many people to settle their minds and to know how to pray for these men.

No ax to grind. Surely would like response from these men that have these great tasks to perform.

*James Watt Sr.
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Today broccoli; tomorrow okra

A good many Kentucky Baptists will remember Joe Mason from Hopkinsville. He and I have been good buddies since days at Georgetown College.

Currently on the staff of First Baptist, Decatur, Ga., he also writes a column for the Decatur-DeKalb News/ERA. You will enjoy this one.

"Hey, do we have a vegetable squabble in this country, or what?"

"Mark it down, friends, and remember spring, 1990. History had been made. Yeah, little Lithuania asserted her independence and has Russia shaking. Georgia Tech went to the Final Four. Ronald Reagan said, 'Well, gosh, I just can't remember.'"

"No matter. Nothing has caused such rattling of the pots and pans across America in the spring of '90 like the recent news to ban the innocent sprigs, clumps and various patches of broccoli from the White House menu.

"This did not come down from the Food & Drug Administration, nor CAVE (Children Against Vegetable Eating.)"

"No, this came down from The Chief, the Head Honcho. I mean, 'King George II'—sent down the decree... 'Henceforth and evermore, there shall nevermore be broccoli served on my first plate.'"

"You might say, the executive branch whacked off the broccoli stalk.

"Sir George is now known in Washington circles as the infamous 'Broccoli Bush Whacker.'"

"I fully realize there is some growing dissent, so to speak, from the broccoli growers of the world and that Antonio Broccoli, who discovered the cute little green clumps while strolling through southern Italy many years ago, is turning over in his grave. But we're talking executive privilege here. I mean, 'read my taste buds.'"

"Now, broccoli is not a problem for me. I have even come to slurp down cooked squash. Even pickled beets!

"However, there is one other so-called vegetable I would like Mr. Bush-Whacker to take into consideration.

"Okra!

"It is my studied opinion that God made a mistake with okra. Trust me on this. I have been to the seminary and the Bible makes no mention of the slimy (when cooked) stuff and there was no mention in any class about its attributes.

"It is possible, though I cannot document this, that God had a fit of anger after Adam bit into the apple and said something like, 'OK, buddy, for that, you get a putrid pointy pod to eat.' This is speculation on my part, you understand.

"And so, I implore the president, with prayers and supplications, to consider 'one more for the gipper,' and nip'er in the bud, the taste buds of Americans. 'Can' okra and we'll love you forever."

HMB president plans to increase baptisms

by Sarah Zimmerman

It is possible, Larry Lewis claims, for every Southern Baptist church to baptize at least 120 people a year.

Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, outlined a plan to accomplish that objective during the annual home missions conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Lewis said most churches have at least 10 groups or programs which could lead one person to Christ each month. At that rate, the church would see 120 people a year make professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

One such group is pastors. Lewis said pastors need to be model soul winners because "the sheep won't go where the shepherd does not lead."

He said he does not believe that the average Southern Baptist pastor is a soul winner because "we are winning so few." He noted that last year almost 8000 Southern Baptist churches reported no baptisms, and the average Southern Baptist church baptized seven people.

The church's staff must also be soul winners, Lewis said. Whether their job is music minister or education director, Lewis said the staff should have a burden for the lost.

Soul-winning should be a requirement for deacons, Lewis said. "A street cleaner who is a soul winner is better qualified to lead in the church's business than the bank vice president who is not a soul winner," Lewis said. "We have gotten caught up in the idolatry of talent."

Sunday school workers should under-

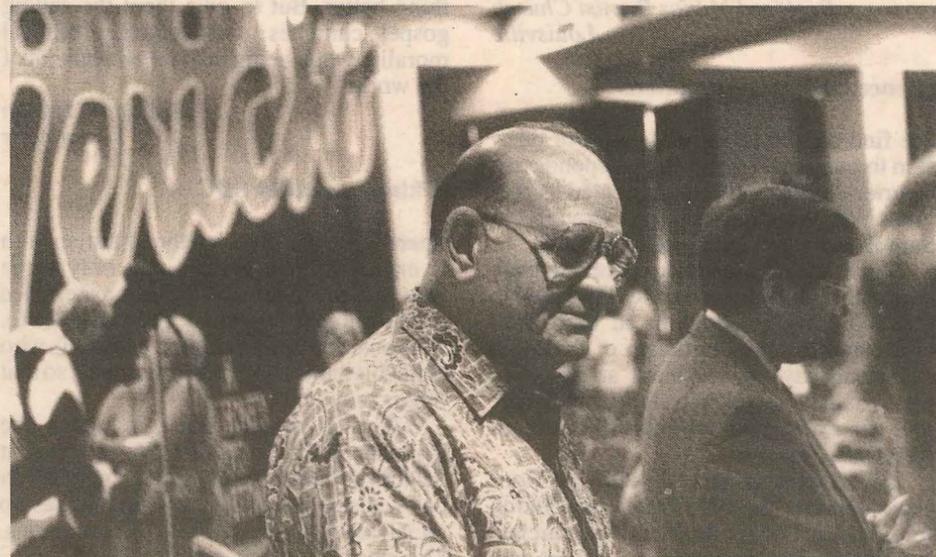
stand that "reaching and teaching are dual responsibilities," Lewis said. "Sunday school teachers do not teach the Bible. You teach people."

"Break out ministries" are what Lewis calls programs such as food pantries, job placement and literacy training. "The best way to win somebody to God is ministering to his needs," Lewis said.

Bus ministries, visitation teams and

youth and recreation programs must be centered around evangelism, Lewis said. "Our family life centers are great and wonderful, but are they winning people to God?"

Starting mission churches is the final soul-winning method Lewis mentioned. "There are two ways for churches to grow: expansion and extension. Church extension is the most fruitful," he said. (BP)



TOWN HALL MEETING—Leaders from four Southern Baptist missions organizations held a town hall meeting during "Jericho: A Missions Festival" at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. Shown after the meeting, Foreign Mission Board participant R. Keith Parks (c) answers additional questions. Also shown greeting participants are Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis (r) and Woman's Missionary Union executive director Dellana O'Brien (l). Brotherhood Commission president James Smith also participated in the meeting. (BP photo)

Parks: Christians fail to follow God's plan

by Mike Creswell

Christians today have more opportunities to spread the gospel than at any time in history, but don't because they really don't feel God expects them to, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks told English-speaking European Baptists.

Scores of people responded to invitations to accept Christ as Savior, rededicate their lives or enter full-time Christian service as Parks spoke six times during the European Baptist Convention's summer assembly.

"I come to you today with a conviction as deep as life itself," Parks told about 1300 people from some 60 European Baptist churches. "Every time I say this statement I pause to be sure if it's true, and I'm convinced it is true. And that statement is: you and I are living in a day when there are more people in more places in the earth who are...saying, 'We want to see Jesus' than have ever lived at one time in all of human history."

"God's plan is very simple. We're to share the gospel with everyone in the world," Parks said. But because Christians have not been faithful to it, after 2000 years only 34 percent of the world's population claims to be Christian, he said. The task of missions is not just the task of missionaries or preachers or chaplains, Parks declared: "Every Christian is to wrap his or her body around Jesus, die to self-interest and say to God, 'Now take this body and use it to carry out your plan on earth.'" (BP)

WMU is 'conscience' of church and convention, HMB leader says

by Susan Todd

Women and girls in Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union are in many ways "the conscience of our convention," a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board vice president said.

Margrette Stevenson, vice president of services, spoke to more than 1600 women attending WMU conferences at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The women should create "spheres of influence" within their churches and then use that influence to take the message of missions to the very heart of the church, she said.

"In many ways, you are the conscience of our convention. You draw us to where we ought to be," Stevenson said.

WMU "should not be an appendix to the church," she said. "It should not be an addendum or even an auxiliary to the church. It must be the heart and conscience of the church."

"I'm afraid far too long we have stood outside the building, and we have surfaced

about three or four times a year," she said.

"It is as if we stand outside and wrap a message around a stone and throw it inside hoping someone will see it and do something about missions. But I'm here to tell you ladies, that's not the way we get things done in the church. We get the message to the center of the church, but we get it there because we carry it in our hearts and go to the center of the church."

Stevenson encouraged the conference participants to take initiative in the cause of missions.

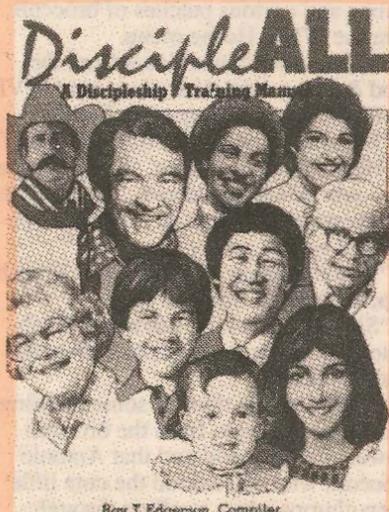
"Don't wait to be discovered. That's Hollywood," she said. "Volunteer! I'm talking service. I'm not talking about ordination. I'm not talking about deacons. I'm not talking about pastoral ministries. I'm talking about getting missions where it will be effective and a systemic part of the church."

Despite varied opinions on the role of women in the church, there should be no limits or restrictions that would keep a woman from carrying the missions message to the heart of the church, Stevenson said. She encouraged the women not to let others' opinions keep them from doing the jobs they know they can do.

"We fail to soar and reach the heights of what we can do because we take an opinion—one direction," said Stevenson. "We give up and decide (others are) right."

Stevenson related the story of an eaglet raised as a chicken. When the eaglet grew and first saw another eagle, the eaglet longed to fly. But the chickens surrounding him told him it was impossible, because he was a chicken. He lived and died as a chicken, she said.

"The story may be humorous, but I'm afraid it's far too familiar and intimate to far too many women," Stevenson said. Too many women have the attitude "I'm just a little chicken," she said. (BP)



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Missionaries launch discipleship after Kenya crusade

by Craig Bird

The four-week Kenya Coastal Crusade ended July 22 with reports of 56,323 people making commitments of faith in Christ and 84 congregations being organized.

The launching of an innovative follow-up and discipleship program promises even greater results in the coming months as new believers are trained and begin spreading their faith in their home villages and neighborhoods, crusade leaders said.

The mammoth evangelistic effort united some 540 Southern Baptist volunteers from the United States, 60 Southern Baptist missionaries in the African country and scores of Kenyan Baptist pastors and lay workers for a pair of two-week campaigns. They worked in four areas along the Kenyan coast and at one inland location.

During a closing rally and celebration

before the second batch of volunteers flew home, joy was supported by twin undercurrents: awe at the spiritual harvest and realization of the task Kenyan Christians and missionaries face in trying to bring the converts to spiritual maturity.

The volunteers voted to pledge \$40 per person to finance a 14-week follow-up program.

The \$50,000 project was developed in the opening days of the coastal crusade by missionaries, Kenyans, Foreign Mission Board officials and Billie Hanks, a Texas-based evangelist and discipleship seminar leader.

Hanks carried out a one-week pilot project in the Kwale district, south of Mombasa, during the first half of the crusade. He returned to several villages where large numbers of people had prayed to become Christians, "and I was not turned down a

single time when I offered them training."

In Mombasa, the 35,515 people who signed spiritual commitment cards will receive letters inviting them to a series of rallies scattered throughout the city in almost 30 neighborhoods. The letter will inform them of free training booklets they will receive at the rally.

Follow-up strategy in rural areas depends on local pastors who served as translators for the volunteers. The pastors personally will contact those who made commitments and lead them in training.

At least 20 Kenyan Baptists will be employed to go into the villages. They will teach four groups a day, three days a week for 14 weeks at a salary of about \$2.50 a day. Enos Weswa, who teaches at the Kenya Baptist Theological Seminary, has been given a four-month leave to head the follow-up program. (BP)



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'Messed up days' highlight crusade

by Craig Bird

"Messed-up days" are a common topic of prayer—but not often a cause of gratitude.

However, the crowd celebrating the end of the four-week Kenya Coastal Crusade exploded in agreement when former Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. opened their celebration July 22 praying, "We thank you for the messed-up days—those were the days you left us in places we had not planned to go and brought us to people we would not have met."

The two-part crusade focused on 20 days of intensive evangelism. Each day, an average of four churches were organized and more than 2800 people led to make commitments to Christ.

Their experiences left visiting Southern Baptist volunteers groping for words.

"Awesome. Incredible. Unbelievable. Those were the most commonly used words by the volunteers," explained missionary Tom Jones. "Except for 'Bwana asifiwe.'"

That Swahili phrase means "praise God." It was appropriate:

- One volunteer team went into an "extra" village. An old man there excitedly seized on their opening comments. "Years ago a man came to a village near here and told about Jesus," he said. "He said he would come back and tell us too—he never came back. The Muslims wanted to build a mosque here but we said no; we would wait to be told about Jesus. We are happy you are here, but what took you so long?"

- One volunteer team was thrilled when a young blind girl and a blind teen-age boy responded positively to their witness, but worried if they would be able to come to church to learn more. The following Sunday the outdoor worship service had already started when a 3-year-old boy walked into the clearing holding a stick. The blind girl was holding the other end of the stick and the teen-age boy had his hand on her shoulder. A 3-year-old had been their eyes for a two-mile walk through the bush.

- At a joint baptism service in the Indian Ocean, new believers were immersed five at a time as hundreds of onlookers sang, danced and beat drums.

- A planned service in one Mombasa neighborhood had apparently been preempted by a political rally. But Morris Chapman, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was allowed to bring greetings at the rally, give a short Christian testimony and invite anyone interested in hearing more to meet under a nearby tree. When the rally ended at dark, almost 250 people prayed to receive Christ as Savior after Chapman preached. (BP)



MISSIONARY AUTOGRAPH—Meredith, Becky and Mary Collins Hardy (l) of Burlington, N. C., get the autograph of foreign missionaries Mark and Linda Whitworth during "Jericho: A Missions Festival" at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. The week-long missions conference afforded numerous opportunities for personal interaction with both home and foreign missionaries. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin)

FMB allocates funds for Eastern Europe

by Art Toalston

In a time of open doors in Eastern Europe, Southern Baptists will help open or reopen the doors of numerous new or renovated churches there.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will invest nearly \$1.25 million in churches and other capital projects in seven Eastern European countries during 1991, according to action taken by trustees during their July 23-26 meeting at the Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

One of the highest-priority capital funds items for the coming year sets aside \$60,000 to help Czechoslovakian Baptists launch their first training center for pastors and

other church leaders.

The 1991 expenditure includes allocations for general building funds of Baptist unions in three countries: \$100,000 for Bulgaria, \$35,000 for Hungary and \$20,000 for Yugoslavia. Additionally, roughly \$28,000 has been set aside for Czechoslovakian and Hungarian Baptists to help launch work in strategic areas currently without a Baptist witness. Specific allocations also have been set aside for two Hungarian congregations and five in Czechoslovakia. (BP)

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been changed by him. What Christ has done for us he can do for others. Fellowship with God makes fellowship one with another possible.

If any person claims to be sinless, that person deceives himself or herself. Forgiveness and cleansing from sin are available to those who confess their sins to God, repent and ask him to forgive them.

I John 2:1-6 John wrote that his readers not sin against God. His message was written to Christians. In the expression, "If anyone sin," John admits the possibility of sinning. Sometimes Christians yield to temptations. What then? Are we to despair? Not at all. In case we do sin, there is divine provision for us. "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Jesus Christ, the divine advocate, ever lives to stand in the presence of God as a reminder that sin has been atoned for once-for-all. Being the propitiation for our sins, he made it possible for God to be just and at the same time the justifier of the ungodly. God expects those who have been saved by his grace to live victoriously.

One of the tests whereby one may know that he or she is a child of God is obedience to his commandments. The genuineness of one's profession is determined by the consistency of his or her walk. Walking as Christ walked means to pattern our lives after his.

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Matt. 7:13-27 As one travels the highway of life he or she is confronted with two gates. The wide gate leads to a broad road which many travel. The narrow gate leads to a narrow road which few travel. The broad road is more attractive at the

beginning but grows less appealing later. The narrow road is unattractive at first but becomes more appealing.

Christ warned the disciples about false prophets. He declared false teachers will reveal their true character in the fruit they bear. One's works are an evidence of salvation. Just as the fruit reveals the kind of tree, so the life of a person reveals whether or not he or she is a child of God. People are not saved by their works, but their works are an evidence of their salvation.

One of the amazing things about the preaching of Christ was how he could make so clear the eternal truths of God with commonplace illustrations. For example, he showed that building life is like building a house. The sensible man built his house upon the rock and the foolish man built his house upon the sand. Externally both houses appeared to be well built and comfortable. The main difference in these two buildings was out of sight, under the ground. The stability of any house depends ultimately on the solidity of strength of its foundation. If the foundation is faulty, no matter how good the materials of which it is built or how reliable the workmanship of those engaged in its construction, it will not stand the test of time.

There is only one foundation upon which one can build a Christian life, namely Christ. "Others foundation can no one lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." That foundation will stand every test of storm and trial. He is so solid that one can build on him and he will never fail. The inclinations of the heart, the thoughts of the mind, the words of the lips and the deeds of the life make up the structure. Build everything on Christ, and you will be safe regardless of what experiences may come. It is folly to build a life on any foundation other than Christ.



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homes for children

Pride

As Christians, we most often see pride as sinful and indeed, depending upon how one handles pride, it can be a transgression of God's will. However, all of us have to have some pride in ourselves or life can be quite difficult.

Many youth come to us having had few positive moments in their lives. They have known so much criticism that they have learned how to shut out the world.

Our job is to help youth build their self-esteem, to see themselves as a creation of God with a worthwhile future. This calls for a place where youth are continually encouraged.

One of the important adages of working with youth is to catch them being good and praise them for it. It is often easier to see the bad acts and criticize and punish, but the most success in helping youngsters comes with positive reinforcement of the things they do which we want them to continue doing.

The 4-H program at Glen Dale is an example of a positive program. The youth who participate learn how to care for animals or do other projects and then through fairs and other events have an opportunity to show their skills. The ribbons won and the encouragement of the adults and peers who see their projects go a long way toward helping them feel more positive about themselves.

Another area where children need so much help these days is in education. Many of the youth in our care are far behind in school and need special assistance to catch up. They also need a place where education is valued and where they are encouraged to do their best.

I am pleased this fall that we will have 21 young people in some type of higher education. Some of these young people will not make it, but the fact that they see themselves capable of going on to college and wanting something positive for their lives says they have come a long way.



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oneida journal

Summer blessings

How very quickly summer school went by. A total of 241 girls and boys were enrolled sometime during the six weeks of classes divided into four quarters. More than 80 were here for the first time and, with a few exceptions, we have found them very pleasant to work with.

I received a special blessing at our last day summer chapel. As usual many guests were present from various places.

We sang four hymns. Bob Hanson, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Greenview, Ill., led in prayer. He and his wife had arrived to pick up their lovely daughter Ann who came to us this summer. This young lady has a bright smile whenever you see her. Her parents were very pleased with her summer's progress and are bringing her back in the fall. Ten of our students had just completed their last required credit for graduation, and we said goodbye to each of them one by one. I shared the wonderful eighth chapter of Romans including: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Listening so attentively were the ten sharing with us for the last time in chapel as students and the one girl and five boys who were baptized in the last Wednesday night service of the summer session. I sensed a special reverence as coach Gritton led our final prayer. What a wonderful privilege and blessing is our daily Oneida chapel service!

Following chapel I finished a tour with the parent chaperones of the Nicholas County band who had been with us all week for band camp. Ross Figart, director of Mountain Missions, dropped by for a

few minutes' discussion concerning the 43rd annual Mountain Missions Conference to be held on our campus next summer.

I then worked, interrupted only by incoming phone calls, for the next six hours on outgoing mail. It requires many thousands of \$5, \$10, \$20 donations to add up to the \$3,400,000 yearly necessary. It is a pleasure to thank each one. It is also a big job but one I enjoy very much. It upsets me when someone says, "Save the postage, no thanks necessary." When one is not allowed to express appreciation, a part of the blessing is gone.

A Church of God pastor, wife and two daughters arrived from Tennessee in time to eat supper at 6 p.m. It was my first chance to eat in a very busy day, but with my excess pounds I can afford to miss a few meals! I spent the next four- and one-half hours showing them our school and interviewing each of the girls. They were delightful. They were excited about possibly coming as students, and I am excited about the opportunity to work with them.

Late into the evening, my assistant was also busy with incoming and outgoing calls about prospective students for the coming school year. Our dedicated business manager was at work writing checks, paying bills. I have a staff of people who enjoy what they do, who love their work, and I offered a special silent prayer of thanks for these very special people who work so tirelessly, often to the midnight hour.



christian education



What would you do?

What would you do if...

- You were the center of a clique that "ran down" everyone else?
- Others had to go out of their way to be the first to speak or initiate the conversation with you?
- People thought you were arrogant, pompous and flippant by your behavior?
- Others thought, by your actions, that you feel superior to everyone?
- You put your ethics in jeopardy just to make your point and agree with the group "in power?"
- Those around you knew you took every opportunity to "kiss up" to the authority figure(s)?
- Your conversation was braggadocios about your accomplishments, travels, purchases and investments to the same people you never praise?
- You were constantly talking about your faith and high principles, but you never put them into practice?
- You expected everyone to be subservient to your every whim?
- You always wanted to be in the spotlight and never once shined that light on those around you?

I'm sure you agree that prayer is the first place to start in correcting the above situations. If you know people that possess these unfavorable traits, copy this article and give it to them. You will not only make them aware of an area in their personality that needs attention, but you could also help a lot of people who come in contact with them on a daily basis. Each of the Baptist Hospitals in Kentucky can assist you to work through the above situations. If you would like an opportunity to help those less fortunate than you, send your check to us today. There are countless individuals in our hospitals daily that can receive a blessing from your gift. Jesus and his healing ministry will thank you.

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, BHF Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 (502) 896-5000.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College has hired a new baseball coach/student activities director, Beauford Sanders, a veteran junior college coach from Tigerville, S. C.

Sanders goes from a 12-year tenure at North Greenville College, Tigerville. With his arrival, Campbellsville will return to fall and spring baseball schedules. As student activities director, he will assist Sylvia Morris, dean of student development. Sanders and his wife, Lynn, have three children: Andrea, Nathan and Neil.

Campbellsville College has initiated a new one-year certificate in church service instrument playing with emphasis in organ.

The program begins in the fall and is open to students with a high school diploma and the ability to play a hymn on the piano as written in a standard hymnal. Students will gain an ability to play literature, both hymn-based and classical, appropriate for the church service. The certificate involves 24 hours of course work.

georgetown college

United States Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky will be the featured speaker at Georgetown College's opening convocation Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. in John L. Hill Chapel. The convocation is sponsored by the Foust co-curricular series, an endowed series of lectures, special programs, musical performances and religious events at the college. The program is free and open to the public.

Three alumni of Georgetown College were recently awarded the 1990 Alumni Achievement Award: Robert L. Campbell, U. S. Army Health Services command staff

chaplain, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; Rachel Nickels King, president, R. King Inc., Lexington; and the honorable Carroll D. Stevens, associate dean of Yale Law School.

cumberland college

Cumberland College, Williamsburg, announces the retirement of the following faculty members: Barbara Carnes, English; Bill Freeman, speech; O. J. Helvey, chairman and professor, physical education; Lois Jones, music; Tessa Nelson-Humphries, English; Willard Reeves, religion.

midwestern seminary

Larry A. Smith has joined the staff of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., as director of the child development center.

Smith has completed course work toward an EdD degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was assistant director of the East Baptist Center Day Care, Louisville, 1979-80; coordinator for International Wives Fellowship child care in Long Run Baptist Association, 1978-79; a student supervisor of the child care center at Southern; preschool specialist with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1978-82; and a Garrett Teaching Fellow at Southern, 1978-80.

southern seminary

Gerald L. Borchert, the T. Rupert and Lucille Coleman professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named to a team of biblical scholars who are re-translating The Living Bible. Borchert, a

member of the Louisville, Ky., seminary faculty since 1980, said the translators' goal is to "keep the style" of The Living Bible while striving to improve its accuracy.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Carver School of Church Social Work has received a \$125,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund to train students in rural social work.

Fourteen students from the Louisville school will work with rural churches in Kentucky's Sulphur Fork Baptist Association and Indiana's Southeastern Baptist Association for two years. They will provide services to churches and surrounding communities and will study methodologies in rural church social work. Donoso Escobar, associate professor of social work, will direct the project.

The Carver School of Church Social Work is the nation's only accredited school of social work related to a theological seminary.

baptist student unions

A representative with Miami Baptist Campus Ministry wants to contact students in Miami for university studies. Send students' names, home addresses, phone numbers and campus addresses if possible to Baptist Campus Ministry, 1200 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146.



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WOW Advance Training is 13 weeks of personal evangelism training for youth of all ages and their leaders. It was developed by the Personal Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board to prepare youth for the challenge of Continuing Witness Training (CWT). The WOW workshop is for ministers of youth and youth Sunday School outreach leaders. The training is being offered in a few select places in the United States. This workshop will certify participants as equippers to use both the WOW Event and WOW Advance-Training materials. Participants must attend all training sessions to be certified. WOW Advance materials can be ordered only by a certified equipper.

Registration is \$28, postmarked 30 days before the workshop, and \$38, up to 14 days before the workshop. Full refund of registration up to the 14-day deadline. No registrations or refunds will be made after the 14-day deadline. Registration fee includes all materials. It does not include travel, food or lodging. Workshops with less than 20 participants will be rescheduled. To register, send registration form and check payable to Home Mission Board. Mail to Home Mission Board, SBC • Personal Evangelism Department • WOW Registration • 1350 Spring Street, NW • Atlanta, GA 30367-5601.

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Small sentences add up to big requests at missions festival

by Mark Wingfield

Small sentences added up to big prayer requests for participants in "Jericho: A Missions Festival" this summer.

The week-long missions conferences were held at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Participants, who were mostly laypeople and pastors with an interest in missions, were confronted with facts and figures about missions needs at home and around the world.

As the call to prayer in each evening session, worship leader Esther Burroughs

presented up-to-date statistics gleaned from a variety of sources. Burroughs works in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's evangelism program.

A sampling of what participants heard and were asked to pray about includes:

- Of the five billion people living on earth, nearly two billion have never heard the name of Jesus.

- Of 11,500 people groups with their own language, culture and identity, 2000 are unreached with the gospel.

- The 100 countries where Southern Baptists do not have formal missions work comprise 80 percent of the world's population.

- Nearly 70 nations are restricted or hostile to Christian missionaries.

- More than 80,000 lost people move to cities each day.

- By 2000 AD, the five largest cities in the world (none of which will be in the United States) will each have more than 20 million residents.

- Total gifts of all Southern Baptists to foreign missions in 1988 was \$147.4 million, an average of four cents per lost person in the world.

- More than 1700 children die of hunger and related diseases every hour.

- Worldwide there are 400 million people on the verge of starvation, yet three of every

10 Americans die yearly due to overeating.

- American garbage cans are fed better than 30 percent of the world's population.

- If lined up single file, the world's hungry people would circle the globe 25 times.

- Of all the 14-year-old American girls alive today, 40 percent will become pregnant by their 19th birthday.

- Every 68 seconds, a teenager attempts suicide in America.

Jericho is jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and Sunday School Board. (BP)

Canadian Southern Baptists appoint first foreign missionaries

by Donald D. Martin

The Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists appointed its first foreign missionaries June 21 to work in Nigeria as members of the Southern Baptist missionary force.

Morris and Nancy Tenkink of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, will work as agricultural specialists in the Nigerian state of Gongola as career missionaries with the U.S.-based Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"The appointment service was a highlight for me," said Mark Harvey, a missionary candidate consultant for the Foreign Mission Board. "Many compared this to the first missionaries sent out by the early Baptists and the Southern Baptists in the 1800s."

Harvey said he could feel a charge of excitement as Canadian Southern Baptists met for their annual convention and the appointment service.

"Many compared this to the first missionaries sent out by the early Baptists and the Southern Baptists"

—Mark Harvey

"Everyone was so up, even at a time when each news broadcast brought more discouraging reports of Quebec's threat to secede from Canada," he said.

Allen Schmidt, executive director of Canadian Southern Baptists, stressed during his speech at the appointment service that the threat of the country's breakup should not distract Canadian Southern Baptists from their global perspective of missions. Polls show nearly 60 percent of Quebec's citizens would vote for political sovereignty.

Already 11 more Canadian Southern Baptists have submitted applications to the Foreign Mission Board to become missionaries, Harvey said.

The relationship between Canadian Southern Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board is one of a kind, said Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president of the board, who helped write the mission agreement.

Basically, Canadian Southern Baptists will name and then support their foreign missionaries by providing salaries, pensions and some expenses. Foreign Mission Board support will include housing on the mission field, medical and life insurance and travel costs to and from the field.

Canadian missionary applications are first reviewed by Canadian Southern Baptists. Those approved are sent to the Foreign Mission Board's personnel department. The personnel department then brings its recommendations to the executive board of the Canadian convention for appointment or rejection of missionary candidates. If a candidate is turned down by the Foreign

Mission Board, the Canadian convention may request a review.

Once through the appointment process, Canadian missionaries will be supervised like all foreign missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. They will attend orientation at the board's Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., study in mission-

ary language school and be assigned to overseas Southern Baptist mission organizations.

The mission agreement also opens other Foreign Mission Board programs to Canadian Southern Baptists, such as the International Service Corps program.

The Foreign Mission Board and Cana-

dian Southern Baptists entered the partnership to help the Canadian convention eventually develop its own independent foreign mission force, said Kammerdiener. At five-year intervals, the two groups will review the progress of the agreement.

The Canadian convention counts more than 5000 members in 105 churches. (BP)

Kenyan high school students witness on uncommon ground

Common ground among Baptists, Catholics and Muslims is uncommon.

But they found it in the Bible during a recent holiday Bible club in the remote African village of Sosian, Kenya, when Catholics agreed to cosponsor a meeting led by two students from Nyeri Baptist High School.

During the club and at the joint evangelistic service afterward, more than 100 people professed faith in Jesus Christ—many of them from the Muslim Borana tribe.

Kenyan Baptist students James Lokini, whose parents came from two other northern tribes, the Samburu and the Turkana, and Jonathan Saulet, a Maasai, spent their spring school break conducting holiday Bible clubs, a Kenyan adaptation of vacation Bible schools.

The clubs, developed by Southern Baptist missionary Jill Branyon, feature Bible stories, Bible verse memorization and a study of "Who Is Jesus?"—the first book in the Bible Way international correspondence course program.

The week-long club attracted 79 participants, including 23 young people (three Baptists, 15 Catholics and five Muslims). When Saulet shared the plan of salvation,

numerous young people responded. Inspired, the two high school seniors talked Catholic and Baptist leaders into a joint service at Sosian Baptist Church, then visited every house in the village to invite people.

Lokini preached and was overwhelmed at the number of hands raised when he asked who wanted to become Christians. At the end of the service he explained the gravity of such a decision and asked only those who were serious to stay for more instruction and counseling. Twenty-two adults, 30 young people and 18 children remained to give their lives to Christ, including many Muslims.

Lokini originally was befriended by Southern Baptist missionaries Vaughn Ross and James Green, who found him herding goats on the hillsides. His mother had died and his father had left him. In Bible studies the boy's intelligence became obvious, so the missionaries arranged for him to attend Nyeri Baptist High School and provided his school fees.

Now he is the top-ranked student at the school and according to Branyon, "the closest thing to a genius we've ever had here." (BP)

Jordanian Baptists operate conference center near hospital

by Mike Creswell

A new conference center established near a former Baptist hospital is expected to play a key role in evangelism within Jordan.

Jordanian Baptists will hold two weeks of conferences for Bible study and family enrichment this year, but other evangelical church groups in Jordan also will use the center, eventually keeping it in use much of the year, said Charles Browning, administrator of the new conference center program.

The aging 30-bed hospital facility, operated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for more than 30 years, was sold to the Jordanian government in 1987 for \$1.5 million. Maintaining the hospital had become prohibitively expensive. The government, however, has kept it in operation.

Buildings on adjoining land that remained in Baptist hands were used to develop the conference center. They include a three-story facility formerly used as a nurses' dorm, worship center and kitchen.

Extensive renovations, such as new plumbing and electrical wiring, have been

required on the buildings, which were constructed in the 1940s and 1950s, Browning said. That work was financed by \$150,000 from the hospital sale. Once completed the facility will house about 250 persons.

The site is considered ideal for conferences and retreats. Situated in the rocky, hilly area that predominates around Ajloun, the center has a good view of Qalaat al Rabad, an Arab castle built in the 12th century, located on a 4068-foot mountain across the valley.

Summer conferences have long been one of the best evangelistic tools Jordanian Baptists have, said Graydon Hardister, a Southern Baptist representative in the country. "Many of the conversions this year will take place in connection with conferences there. Jordanian Baptists have been holding summer conferences since the 1950s," he said.

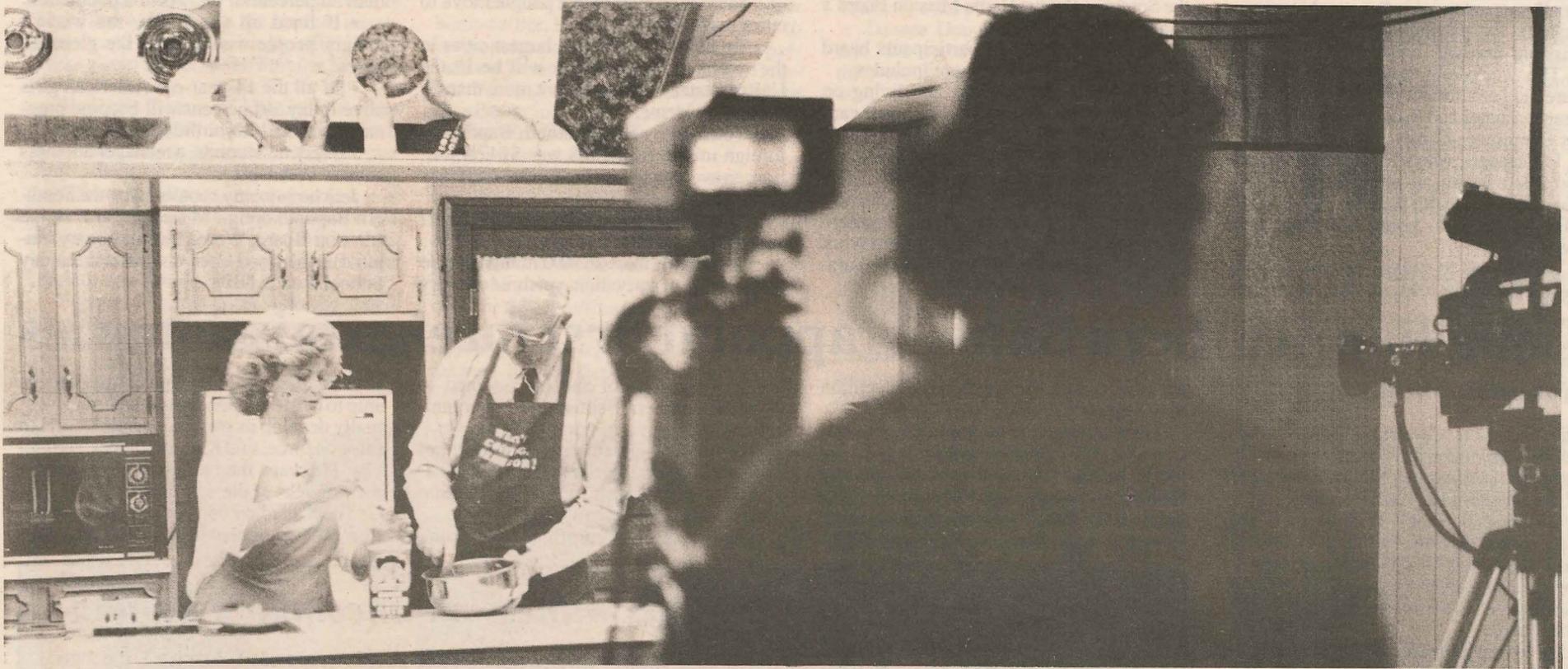
In early years, Hardister said, Baptists used tents for summer conferences, but were forced to stop that practice because of dangers posed by commando raids during times of political unrest.

Jordanian Baptists have had a healthy growth rate of about 10 percent annually. Their net growth has been somewhat less, though, because so many Jordanians continue to leave the country. Jordan is predominantly Sunni Muslim, but about seven percent of the population is called Christian, mostly Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic. Baptists number between 400 and 500 amid a total population in Jordan of 4.2 million.

Funds from sale of the hospital also will help construct Baptist church buildings in Jordan for years to come, Hardister said. A loan fund totaling \$400,000 will be administered by a board comprised of Southern Baptist representatives and Jordanian Baptists.

The Amman Baptist School received a \$250,000 loan from the fund for construction of a new three-story classroom addition, to be repaid in 10 years. Baptists will use the other \$150,000 for new church buildings or improvements to existing church buildings and pastoriums. Already the Baptist church in Ajloun has renovated its sanctuary with a loan. (BP)

Campbellsville College Operates TV-4



CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE is now operating TV-4, a low power television station, given to the College in April. Ed McGuire, center, who teaches audio visuals part-time at the College, learns how to make Meatloaf Surprise from Jane Bryan, owner of Adventure Tours and Travel Agency. Tim Morgan runs a camera.

Campbellsville College Photos
by
Joan C. McKinney



TIM MORGAN, a work-study student from Florence, runs a camera for "What's Cooking, Neighbor?" with Ginny Flanagan, director of public relations who's in charge of the television center.



CORKY MOHEDANO, productions manager of Campbellsville College TV-4, directs a "What's Cooking, Neighbor?" show. Mohedano has been with the studio since 1988. "What's Cooking, Neighbor?" is one of seven shows produced at the studio.



JANET GRAHAM, the newest staff member of TV-4, works audio for "What's Cooking, Neighbor?" Mrs. Graham, operations director, was hired in April.



SEVERAL "WHAT'S COOKING, NEIGHBOR?" shows were shot over two days at the studio. The cook with the guitar was Tommy Davenport who played tunes while his ground chuck recipe cooked. Ed McGuire, host, is at right.