

## Call-up impacting churches near Campbell, Knox

by Suzanne Darland  
State Correspondent

Since American troops began converging on the Persian Gulf in early August, Sunday morning services in churches across the state have included special prayer for world leaders and servicemen in the Mid-East.

But for some churches, concern for troops involved in Operation Desert Shield is not just a vague hope for peace.

Churches near Forts Campbell and Knox can call by name some of those who have left or are planning to leave for active duty.

"It takes a real bite out of your membership," noted John Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Grove, in Christian County near Fort Campbell. He said 41 of the 128 who regularly come for Sunday school are military-related. "Everyone's affected by it. It means separation from families."

Jim McKenzie, pastor of the 1000-member First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, says the church has visibly pulled together to support the 10 percent of its members who are based at Fort Campbell.

"The whole church is concerned," he intoned. "They're concerned about what could happen." In a show of support on a recent Sunday, members joined hands across the sanctuary to pray for peace.

In an area where residents are military families or work in businesses that cater to military families, news of the Fort Campbell deployment is foremost on everyone's mind.

Churches have joined businesses in tying yellow or red, white and blue ribbons to front doors and railings, like at Cadiz Baptist Church in Cadiz northeast of the post.

A sign outside also reminds those who pass to "pray for our troops and hostages." Out of 500 resident members only three families in the church are military families, said pastor Harold Skaggs, but he pointed out that many are civilian employees at Fort Campbell, keeping the deployment "high profile."

But special prayer for the events in the Middle East is nothing new for Cadiz Baptist Church. Each Sunday for the past year a candle has been lit to remind members to pray for hostage Terry Anderson. Anderson's sister, Peggy Say, is a member of the church.

"Now we'll have intercessory prayer not only for the hostages, but for our servicemen, too," Skaggs commented.

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Churches in some communities have held community prayer services to show support for military personnel and to publicly call for prayer for them.

Almost 600 attended one such service Aug. 23 at Post Oak Baptist Church in Russellville.

Fort Campbell Liaison Officer Bill Harralson, a Baptist, told those in attendance "we will hold you close to our hearts" in the "timely, very meaningful service," recalled Eugene Reynolds, director of missions for Bethel and Logan Baptist Associations.

His wife cut out just shy of 500 red, white and blue ribbons for attendees to wear on their lapels as a show of support.

Capt. Larry Holland, until two years ago pastor of First Baptist Church, Russellville, and now chaplain in the 101st Division, also spoke at the service before he left for Saudi Arabia.

"There was lots of crying," declared Joe Carrico, pastor of Post Oak Baptist Church and president of the Russellville Ministerial Association. An altar call for prayer brought a rush to the front of the church, more than he could count.

Carrico's church is more than 40 miles from the base and doesn't count military among its membership, but it illustrates how closely southeastern Kentucky churches are related to Fort Campbell.

Carrico has been a liaison for base involvement in Kentucky flooding and snow emergencies for 15 years. More than 100 military service personnel repair toys for the annual Russellville Toys for Tots campaign, and Post Oak hosts various programs for members of the 101st's Seventh Battalion, a Chinook helicopter battalion. As a result, Carrico has forged a number of close relationships.

"Sometimes, several will fly a helicopter in, land in the church yard, get a cup of coffee and talk Revelation."

He said the special service was a way to focus concern about the Mid-East crisis. "Everyone's uptight over this thing. More praying will make the church stronger."

Another community peace service was sponsored by the Hardin County Ministe-

rial Association in Severns Valley Baptist Association south of Fort Knox Sunday night, Aug. 26. Churches met to pray for world leaders, for service personnel and the families they leave behind and for peace, said Charles Darland, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Several pastors said one of the difficult problems for families has been waiting. Lt. Paul Caruso, media relations officer for the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, said the entire 15,000-member division plus 2000 support people are deploying, but no one is saying by when. Military personnel have been put on standby and then notified the day before or perhaps hours before they leave.

"We've said goodbye in an informal way and they're still here," commented Doug Anderson, pastor of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church in Hopkinsville. "The waiting has really been hard on them."

Linda Parker knows about having faith while waiting. A member of Henderson Memorial church, her husband was to have left for Saudi Arabia the middle of last week after weeks of uncertainty.

"This is the first time my husband is going where there's a possibility of things heating up. I'm going to do a lot of waiting and wondering."

She said she'll help ease that burden through her involvement in her church's support group for military wives.

"Those of us who are Christians find support in our faith," she explained. "For those who aren't, we can show where our faith leads us."

The group of 10 to 12 has met twice monthly for about 18 months, so "we already have a bridge with these families," commented Henderson's Anderson. He said the current crisis will step up the church's involvement with military wives. Group members have asked for a night group for those who work, as well as a babysitting pool.

"Henderson Memorial will be an area clearinghouse where women will call the church for us to arrange babysitting," he explained.

He told the group last week, of which

only about a third are church members, "Uncle Sam may let you down, and others will demand things of you, but the church is for real. You'll find that out in the next few months."

His church will go on with its annual military recognition service Sept. 15, expanding its focus to military families.

First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, is presently organizing a similar military family support group meeting weekly for supper, planned children's activities and group counseling sessions. Its pastor, McKenzie, said that the support group, open to any in the community, will show the church's concern for families left behind.

He added that the church would also help meet financial needs of families who find themselves strapped, especially families of those who have been called up from reserve units.

Part time members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard have begun to be called to active full time duty, finding that military pay represents a substantial cut in their families' incomes. Many members of the reserves live in counties near Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, adding to the uncertainty of when and if area church members will be deployed.

Most churches in Hardin County, where Fort Knox is located, have at least a few reservists, if not members of the 194th Separate Armored Brigade at Fort Knox. And while Maj. Ron Mazzio, public affairs officer at Fort Knox, says that only a handful of soldiers there have gone to Saudi Arabia, eight units of 1700 soldiers have been alerted for possible deployment.

Five hundred soldiers have been reassigned to other bases in the United States, he said, possibly being deployed to the Mid-East. Five reserve units have been earmarked to Fort Knox, one dental unit to replace area dentists that are leaving.

The uncertainty means that churches are trying hard to be an encouragement to their members, said Brian Voelker, minister of music and education at the 1200-member Stithon Baptist Church near Fort Knox.

"Probably a third of our congregation are active military and over half of those left are civil service employees of the base," he pointed out.

He said members try to be positive, "but we don't even know if the people we're trying to elect for Sunday school teachers are going to be here."

## KBC to initiate two-day sessions at Paducah

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A streamlined agenda under the banner "Celebrate Christ! Our Help and Our Hope" will draw Kentucky Baptists to Paducah for their 153rd annual meeting Nov. 13-14.

The 1990 session will witness a two-day schedule first considered by the messengers in 1988, for implementing this year. The new format shortens the previous annual meeting agenda by one-half day.

During the two full days of meetings, messengers will conduct business, hear reports of agencies and institutions plus four major addresses, and participate in several other program features.

Meeting with Paducah's First Baptist Church, now celebrating its 150th anniversary year, Kentucky Baptists will convene at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. The final gavel is scheduled to sound at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The convention last met in Paducah in 1983, also with First Church.

Presiding over the six sessions of the

convention will be Bill Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ashland, who was elected in 1989 to a one-year term as KBC president. Messer cannot be reelected. Speculation has begun on who may succeed him, with at least one conservative pastor—C. Wyman Copass, of Louisville's Farmdale Baptist Church—being urged to run by some Kentucky conservatives.

An entire slate of new officers was recently proposed by this group for election in Paducah. Their names, including a nominee for president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, were announced in Western Recorder's Aug. 21 edition.

The Pastor's Conference meets Monday, Nov. 12, prior to the state convention, along with several other statewide groups.

In addition to the pastors, meeting simultaneously on Monday are the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Kentucky Baptist Church Music Association, Kentucky Baptist Youth Minister's Association and Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions Fellowship. Also, a pre-convention meeting of the KBC executive board will be held in Paducah that day.

Highlights of the state convention on Tuesday include the organization of the convention and Messer's presidential address in the opening session; presidential election, business session, introduction of resolutions, executive board report and report of KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer William W. Marshall of Middletown that afternoon; election of officers and a

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# State Minutemen react quickly as tornado hits Illinois

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Twenty-one Kentuckians trained in disaster relief responded within a few hours to an Aug. 28 tornado that has claimed at least 27 lives in and around Joliet, Ill.

The Kentucky Minutemen, as the team is called, arrived Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 29, in a convoy including a 30-foot recreational vehicle "command post," a 16-foot utility trailer hauling kitchen equipment and a 24-foot truck bearing food-stuffs. By mid-day Thursday, their outdoor kitchen was prepared to feed at least 500 people affected by the twister, including victims and relief workers.

At least 20 additional Kentucky volunteers were expected to join the original Minutemen in Illinois. Seven more had arrived by Aug. 30, according to Bob Simpkins, Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood department director. Simpkins and John Lott,

associate director of the department, accompanied the disaster relief team to Joliet.

In addition to the dead, about 300 people were injured and 600 left homeless when the storm destroyed subdivisions, apartment complexes, schools, businesses and a church in the area southwest of Chicago.

Seven of the fatalities occurred in Plainfield, a town of about 7000 residents. Friendship Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist congregation in that community, was spared the worst of the storm but sustained heavy damage. Brick walls on three sides were bowed in and out. Windows were shattered. A section of roof was ripped away and the steeple was gone.

Meanwhile, three Illinois Baptist men on that state's disaster relief team and a propane gas company employee were injured Aug. 30—the employee seriously—in a subsequent propane tank explosion at their mobile disaster unit, which was de-

stroyed. The Illinois Baptist men also had arrived to feed tornado victims and relief workers. The Illinois team is coordinated by Rob Carr, Brotherhood director of the Illinois Baptist State Association and former associate director of the Kentucky Brotherhood department. Carr was not injured in the accident.

Simpkins said the Kentucky Minutemen were placed on standby on the evening of Aug. 28. Baptist Men at Louisville's Bethlehem Baptist Church began loading supplies that same night. A request for Kentucky assistance came from the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., at 2:45 a.m. Aug. 29. By 7:05 a.m., the Minutemen were on their way.

Most of the Kentuckians have been sleeping in the basement of Friendship Baptist Church on cots loaned by the Red Cross.

Simpkins said the team hopes that those who have been served meals will remember

that the local church ministered in their time of need.

The Minutemen relate more to people's hurts than to their property damage, he said. "When you deal with personal situations, physical loss is diminished," he added.

This is the second time in three months Kentucky's Minutemen have responded to a tornado disaster. The group was called to Bedford, Ind., June 2.

C. Benton Williams, director of the Kentucky Baptist missions, evangelism and church services division in Middletown, observed that the American Red Cross in Washington believes Bob Simpkins "hung the moon." He called the harmony between the Kentucky Minutemen and the Red Cross a "fantastic relationship."

Contributing to this story was Ferrell Foster, associate editor of the Illinois Baptist, Springfield, Ill.

## Prayer for world peace asked

Southern Baptist Convention President Morris Chapman has issued a call to prayer concerning the crisis in the Persian Gulf region. Calling for a cooperative prayer effort in Southern Baptist congregations, Chapman stated that "the tension in the Middle East has the potential of exploding into a war of unparalleled proportions. The consequences would be devastating to every nation on earth."

Chapman has asked every Southern Baptist church to set aside time in morning worship for a period of prayer beginning at 11:11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. The churches are asked to pray specifically for "our President, his cabinet, the Congress, our diplo-

matic corps, the men and women of our armed forces and their families as well as those civilians held in the area against their will and their families."

Chapman also asked for prayer for the "innocent men, women and children in the area who are being subjected to the daily threat of violence."

"We must seek," Chapman added, "the intervention of God on behalf of his people throughout the world. As Baptists we know not only our personal experiences with the power of prayer but also the Bible's promises concerning God's hearing of his people when they ask for wisdom, guidance and protection." (BP)

## Leon McBeth defended by his peers

by Scott Collins

Calling the decision not to publish a book by Leon McBeth an "arbitrary act of censorship," the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, voted unanimously to affirm the book's author and encouraged publication of the manuscript.

The seminary professors meeting for their annual retreat Aug. 24 greeted McBeth, professor of church history, with a sustained applause as a show of support for McBeth and the embattled book.

McBeth, who has taught at Southwestern Seminary for 30 years, wrote the book at the request of the Sunday School Board.

But board trustees voted Aug. 15 to scrap the manuscript, in the late editing stages. Trustees said McBeth was unbalanced in chronicling conservative confrontations at the board over the past decade.

The resolution of affirmation for McBeth and the book reads in part, "We confess that we fail to understand this arbitrary act of censorship, which we utterly deplore. Therefore, we call upon the trustees of the Sunday School Board to reconsider their action and encourage the board to proceed with the publication of Dr. McBeth's manuscript as soon as possible."

The resolution states that Baptists should "be able to judge for themselves the merits of this work." (BP)

## Halsey Taylor recalls lead-lined water coolers used in many churches

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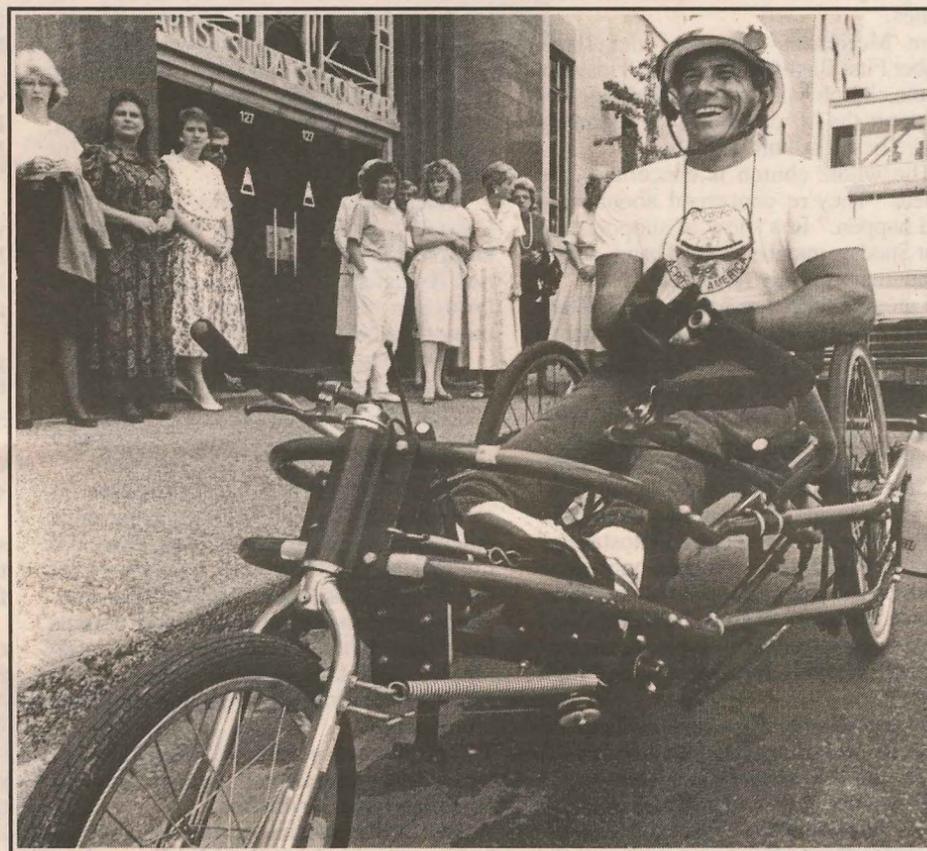
Among other news from Southern Baptist Convention life:

**BOARD BACKS CP.** SBC Sunday School Board trustees have encouraged all convention churches "to continue supporting the Cooperative Program (unified budget) at their present or increasing level." The trustees also expressed "profound disappointment in any attempt to decrease or withhold

mission giving" in the SBC.

**ARIZONA TAPS STRINGER.** Dan C. Stringer has been elected executive director-treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention's executive board. The vote is subject to approval by messengers to the ASBC annual meeting. Formerly executive director of the Northwest and Florida Baptist conventions, Stringer has been a pastor in Arizona. If approved, he will succeed Jack Johnson, now president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission. The Arizona executive board also ok'd a pared-down 1991 budget that cuts seven staff positions and trims \$315,000 from the current budget.

**BP EXES WON'T SUE.** Former Baptist Press staffers Alvin C. Shackelford and Dan Martin "have not now and do not contemplate legal action" against the SBC Executive Committee, their lawyer said. Noting that EC chairman Sam Pace's state-



**ROWBOAT OF COURAGE**—Rob Bryant, a Southern Baptist living in Fort Worth, Texas, stopped at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville on a 3280-mile summer trip across America in his RowCycle. It took the paraplegic three months to travel from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. He recalls little about crossing Kentucky, he says, for he had a 102-degree fever for two days then. Bryant believes his effort was encouraging to the hurting people he found while speaking in local churches en-route. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

ment on the July 17 dismissals mentioned fear of legal action three times, attorney Frank C. Ingraham said: "Fear was the basis of the Executive Committee's action that day....Justifiable as it may be, legal action would diminish the integrity of Al Shackelford and Dan Martin, limit the opportunity of God's blessings upon them and remove (the committee's) actions and methods from the conscience of each Southern Baptist." Pace has defended the actions. Closing the meeting was "the only responsible and effective way" to conduct the terminations, which were dictated by the consciences of a majority of committee members, he said.

**MEETING COSTS LESS.** The called Executive Committee meeting to terminate Shackelford and Martin cost less than originally anticipated, reported Ernest E. Mosley, executive vice president. "Right now, the cost is \$34,740.24," he said last week. "We think that is a final figure." The amount includes \$24,140.24 in travel and \$10,600

in attorney's fees and security. Chairperson Sam Pace said the latter figure would have been incurred, even if the action had been conducted at the regular September meeting. Earliest total estimates hovered in the \$50,000 range.

**'GOD SPARED US.'** Awe, not fear, overwhelmed volunteer missionary John Thomas as he watched a Philippine mountain reduced to rubble by this summer's earthquake. Thomas and his wife, Helen, were trapped on a mountain road with missionaries Bob and Jan Nash as the killer quake hit. "I never doubted for a moment that God was present and was going to see us through," Thomas said.

**BLIND UNITE.** Blind Baptists and their ministers formed the Southern Baptist Conference for the Blind this summer. The conference will meet annually. For information, write president Charles Couey, 103 Brenda Ln., Antioch, TN 37013.

# Arrests of sheriffs impacts on east state Baptists

by Glenn Mollette  
State Correspondent

Shock and disbelief has gripped eastern Kentucky in recent days as six men, including four county sheriffs, were arrested in what has been described as the largest drug-related public corruption case in Kentucky history.

Sheriffs in Lee, Wolfe, Owsley and Breathitt counties were arrested along with a deputy sheriff in Wolfe County and the Beattyville chief of police.

They include Lee County Sheriff Johnny Mann, 39; Breathitt County Sheriff Dean Spencer, 46; Wolfe County Sheriff Lester Drake, 51; Owsley County Sheriff Billy McIntosh, 57; Wolfe County deputy sheriff Wilson Stone; and Beattyville Police Chief Omer Noe.

The six have been named in a 42-count indictment that charges them with conspiracy to extort money, drug distribution and police protection for drug dealers. Included in the indictment more specifically is the charge that the six defendants accepted more than \$85,000 from two undercover FBI agents posing as Chicago dealers with Mafia connections. In exchange, the defendants were to provide police protection of their drug shipments in eastern Kentucky.

Ray H. Stoess, executive director of the

Kentucky Sheriffs' Association, recently mourned the arrests. "Nothing like this has happened that I know of in Kentucky. This is a sad day as far as I'm concerned. It makes me almost sick to my stomach."

Terry O'Conner, head of the FBI in Kentucky, called the case "very significant."

"It is significant because we've not only gone after a public corruption problem ... but this investigation also enabled us to go after the drug trafficking problem simultaneously," O'Conner said.

Christians throughout the region have been reeling in shock.

Mildred McSwain, secretary at First Baptist Church, Jackson, said reactions of people in Breathitt County were "surprise, shock and embarrassment." She recalled that Spencer had served that community as a funeral home director and coroner "for a long time."

Red River Baptist Association encompasses counties involved in the recent scandal. Director of Missions Ray Redden called the drug bust "deplorable and immoral." He noted that the officials all were "supposedly good men."

The new Baptist pastor in Beattyville is Lonso Dixon. He is disappointed because he had "hoped for better." Unfortunately, he is not surprised or shocked by his county

sheriff's actions. His previous home was Mousie, in Knott County. For six years he believes law officials there ignored or turned their heads while drugs flowed freely.

While in Knott County Dixon and other concerned citizens and some state police officers destroyed \$17 million in marijuana crops.

"I lived between two drug dealers," Dixon recalled. "I watched every night as 25 to 30 people visited two houses where drug transactions occurred."

He cited a father and son who were involved in selling the drugs and only recently was the son indicted.

"The 65-year-old father is currently still in business," exclaimed Dixon. "For many years he was a bootlegger until he got into drugs." Dixon says the older man has almost publicly lived a life of crime without one arrest.

Dixon paid a dear price for his active involvement in battling drugs in Knott County. Drug people torched his house. Later, "They came back and bombed the house leaving our family with nothing. They poured sugar into the gas tanks of our two cars, destroying the motors."

One night while he was driving in Floyd County, three men approached his car and pulled him out of it. They beat him and warned him that if he continued to nose in

on their business, it would be "worse the next time."

Dixon took up his fight against the drug traffic because of the teenagers he saw being hurt so badly. "Even children were using them. The saddest case was a nine-year-old overdosing. My heart was broken and I felt like somebody had to do something," he recalled.

Currently many people in eastern Kentucky are afraid to comment on the recent arrests of law officials. FBI agent David Keller testified Aug. 16 that Sheriff Mann had threatened to kill anyone who contributed to his arrest. He is presently the only one being held in jail without bond.

Keller quoted Mann as saying he would go to jail for murder "before he goes for any other reason." According to Keller, Mann also threatened to burn the home of one of his neighbors whom Mann accused of spreading rumors about him. A deacon who asked to be unnamed said, "This whole thing should be an urgent reminder to the Christians in our town that we need to reach our children and our youth for Christ. If we do not, someone else is going to reach them."

He continued, "More than ever our churches need to establish programs and ministries that will provide a good outlet for our kids in a Christian atmosphere."

## Four will address Kentucky Baptists at Paducah convention

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foreign missions message by R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., that night.

The Tuesday evening session, scheduled to conclude at 9:30 p.m., will be followed by a reception honoring W. Morgan Patterson of Georgetown in the host church's fellowship hall. Patterson is retiring in January as president of Georgetown College.

Wednesday's convention highlights include committee reports and convention sermon that morning by C. C. Brasher, pastor of Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton; miscellaneous business and focus on Christian education in Kentucky in the afternoon; additional business and a concluding address by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt of Louisville that night.

Music will be coordinated by Jim Cordell, director of the KBC's Church Music Department. Music for individual sessions will be led by Todd Dowdy, Ashland; Cordell; Bill Adcock, Hopkinsville; David Whaley, Mayfield; Wayne Causey, Prince-

ton; and Kent Jackson, Paducah.

In addition, all but the first session of the convention will begin with a 15-minute theme interpretation led by five present or former associates on church and denominational staffs: Bret T. Robbe, associate pas-

tor, Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington; Jeff Fuson, of Crestwood, youth minister at Crestwood Baptist Church; Robert Kersey, retired associate pastor, First Baptist Church of Paducah; Jewell Wells Nelson, associate director of the KBC Sunday

School Department, Middletown; and Paul Robinson, minister of education, First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

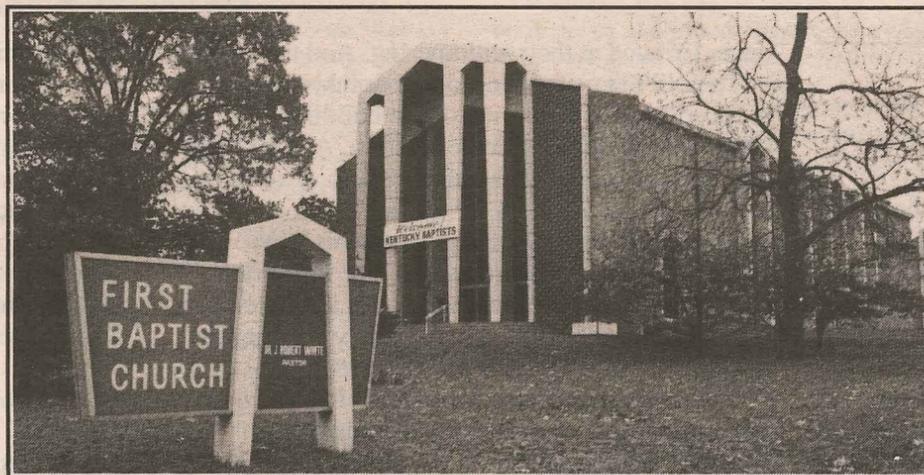
Two Kentucky pastors and two Southern Baptist denominational leaders will deliver major addresses to state Baptists.

Messer, who has filled the Ashland pulpit since 1983, earlier served Kentucky pastorates at Lawrenceburg, Loyall and Monticello. He is a native of southeastern Kentucky.

Brasher has been pastor of the Briensburg congregation 14 years. A former moderator of Blood River Baptist Association, he has participated in mission trips to Brazil, Africa and Trinidad.

Parks is a native Texan. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Indonesia in 1954, he filled FMB staff capacities in Richmond from 1968 to 1980 when he became executive director, now president.

Native Mississippian Honeycutt has been president of Southern Seminary since 1982. He had been provost earlier and was on the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., from 1959 to 1975.



ANNIVERSARY HOST—Celebrating its 150th birthday, First Baptist Church of Paducah will host Kentucky Baptists at their 153rd annual meeting Nov. 13-14.

## 'Just the basics' leads to results at Marion's Here's Hope revival

**HERE'S HOPE**  
the story continues

by Bill Moore, State Correspondent

"We didn't do anything new, we just did the basics." Pastor Tim Lampley described the Here's Hope revival at Marion Baptist Church in Marion.

The revival saw 20 professions of faith in the church during the services, two more at the jail, where Lampley conducts an ongoing ministry, and two soon after the revival. Of the professions during the revival, 15 were baptized into the Marion church and five joined other churches. There were several rededications. Attendance increased every night with the last night surpassing the previous Sunday morning.

Evangelist Don Short of Eddyville was

the preacher for the week and George Cavanah of Highview Church in Louisville was the music director.

A woman in the church who had been born overseas came to this country as the wife of a service man. Being of another religious background, she was anxious for acceptance by her husband's family and the community. She joined the church, understanding little about salvation.

During the revival she made a profession of faith with clear understanding. To her surprise, her husband came forward the same night saying he, too, felt he had never been saved. Later in the week their son went forward saying he had trusted Christ a year before but had never confessed his faith. The pastor baptized all three.

A nine-year-old went forward one night under conviction but did not make a decision during the service. He was disturbed and his father asked the pastor to talk with

him further. They went to the pastor's study.

The boy made a profession of faith, but the pastor noticed the father was looking troubled. He asked the youth to wait outside and asked a few questions of the father. Though a church member, the father indicated he had never been saved and trusted the Lord that night. The pastor baptized father and son.

Lampley said the church began to pray in every church service or meeting for the revival two months before the Mar. 18-22 services began.

Saturday before the services the church held a 12-hour season of prayer and fasting. Members agreed to go to the church for 30-minute periods. Several made commitments during the time.

Visitation for revival was accomplished through the church's regular Tuesday night visitation program.

"Four Fantastic Weeks" was another

preparation feature.

Week one centered on inviting as many people as possible. Youth distributed flyers in the community and at school. Week two was for Christians to make a "Ten Most Wanted" list and seek to witness to them. Week three was telephoning as a reminder and further invitation. Week four, the week of services, the emphasis was on bringing people to the meetings.

All of those baptized are in Sunday school and showing signs of growth. Church attendance and spirit increased following the revival. Several youth who were saved or made rededications were part of a recent mission trip to Branson, Mo., where they led resort ministries. One of the soloists in their concerts was a youth saved during the revival. The mission trip reported four saved and 1200 personal contacts.

They just "did the basics," said Lampley, but "they worked."

# To Lindsay, on the day you started school

## editorial

Marv Knox

Dear Lindsay,

Where has the time gone? Only last week (or so it seems) your mother checked into Baptist Hospital East. Her 27-hour struggle climaxed with your spectacular arrival. Only yesterday (surely not years ago) you started talking and walking. Your life has passed before us in fast-forward, as you have grown and changed and blossomed every day.

For some time now, you've been excited about starting school. Your bright mind has hungered for the challenge of learning about words and numbers, as well as people and places you've never seen. Your vivacious spirit has yearned for the chance to be with more children your age and to do "school things." Especially this summer, the little dynamo inside your personality has generated enough energy to light our house as you've thought, talked and acted-out school.

This morning, you looked as beautiful as ever. Dressed in your new navy-and-green short set, with your hair crimped to its frilliest, you were cute enough to squeeze. You kept giving me that same mischievous grin your mother used to win my heart when school started 14 autumns ago, back when my eyes sparkled like yours did today.

And speaking of captured hearts and misty eyes,

let me tell you a little bit about how I felt as we drove you to school.

At age 6, you can't possibly know the love, happiness, fear and anticipation that beat in my chest this morning. You were ready for this day, and Mommy and I are thrilled that you're eager to go to school and learn new things. We're delighted that you already love books and writing, that you enjoy stories, that you like singing and painting and creating pictures that live in your funny brown head.

But this is a bittersweet day. Every daddy hurts when he loosens his grip on his firstborn daughter. This morning, we drove along the river, past downtown and into a neighborhood unfamiliar to us. You seemed so small in the back seat. Tomorrow, you'll take that same trek on a big yellow bus. What hurts is that I won't be with you.

However, the journey you began today is more than a trip across town. It's an adventure of the mind and spirit. I hope you let me travel part of the way with you. Ask me to help you learn the state capitals and the major rivers of Europe. I'll struggle to explain the difference between inductive and deductive reasoning. Ask your mother about math, but let me take a stab at "Julius Caesar." We'll go to spelling bees and science fairs, ball games and concerts. We want you to have a well-rounded education, the kind that shapes your character as well as your mind, strengthens your body as well as your brain.

You should know that Mommy and I can't take the whole educational trip with you. First, you'll learn things we've never heard, things that weren't even dreamed when we were your age. Beyond that, you'll have to decide for yourself what it all means. After you learn the simple things—like finding the square root of 12,398 and interpreting poetry—you'll have to decide what the things you've learned mean to you and how they will shape your life. We can sign your report cards, but we can't engrave wisdom on your heart. That's your job.

Along the way, we hope, you'll join what you learn at home and church with what you study in school. Your mother and I pray we'll be the best parents we can be. We'll read the Bible with you, pray with you, tell you the stories of our faith in Jesus. Before you were even born, we began taking you to church with us, and you know well our closest Christian brothers and sisters. Watch us and them; we'll make mistakes, but we'll always be trying to live as we understand God wants us to live. More than that, keep your eyes on Jesus, ask him to help you grow and to show you how to live and love.

Well, this is a long letter for such a little girl. As you already know, I tend to lecture when I get excited. In time, you'll learn that daddies and boyfriends bumble around when words are most important. But never forget one thing: I love you,  
Daddy

# Kentucky Baptists look to see 'Through the eyes of God'

## guest editorial

by Dee Gilliland

How quickly we notice. Wardrobe. Style. Hair. Nails. Vocabulary. Stance. The first 30 seconds—or fewer—determine our opinion. Positive or negative, we decide. We decide according to what we see. We judge and we place value; we determine worth.

"Through the eyes of God" is the theme for the 1990 Week of Prayer for State Missions. We are reminded that "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Sam. 16:7 NIV)

Ouch! I wince when I read that passage. God forces me to look deeper. The words of the suggested hymn are my response. "Open my eyes that I may see. ... Open my ears that I may hear. ... Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share..." And what do I see? What do I hear?

Babies crying, with young mothers, often no more than children themselves, trying to quiet

them, irritated at their whimpering. And they smell.

The old man, eyes closed in a drunken stupor, propped against the corner of the building, his nearly empty open bottle beside him. And he reeks of vomit, urine and cheap alcohol. I look again and realize—he's not nearly as old as I.

The guards. The young man with his legs chained together. The iron gates. The high walls and fences. I listen. I hear music. An all-male choir, voices blending harmoniously as they sing praises to God. Words of hope behind locked doors.

The inner city. A city within the city. The quiet shuffling of feet as cardboard and newspaper "homes" are rearranged. In the mountains, it is different. They live in unfit shacks or dilapidated buses or automobiles. Fire traps. Rats, bugs, stench.

I don't have to open my eyes too far to see those who are hungry. Little or no food. I hear their stomachs crying out to be fed.

I want to close my eyes to shut out the sights, but I cannot escape what I've seen. The images, the smells, the sounds are ever present.

Not all I see is unpleasant. Cumberland College kids building homes, leading Bible schools, and so much more as they help churches in their ministry.

International students meeting together, sharing their culture and learning of ours, questioning about our God and Jesus Christ, our Savior. Ethnic women traveling to Ridgcrest to study and learn more about developing their own Baptist Women organizations, doing missions themselves. The deaf, reaching out to other hearing-impaired people, witnessing, ministering and training. The Oneida Baptist Bible Institute kids developing their talents, working hard, and loving school—most of the time.

Yes, Lord, open my eyes, my ears and my heart that I may see through your eyes. Lead me to give. Lead me to pray. And then, lead me to do.

The goal for the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions is \$639,900. An increase of nearly \$40,000 over last year's goal. But the needs are great. Disasters have caused additional need. Thank you for helping to meet those needs. As we give through the state missions offering, we join together to take "the warm truth everywhere," sharing in the name of Christ throughout Kentuckiana.

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## baptist forum

### Why the anger?

While reading the Aug. 14 issue of Western Recorder, I could not help but wonder, why were so many people at the Southern Baptist Convention angry? Why should there be a division in the ranks of the convention? If every Baptist that is in it is a true born again believer, believing that the Bible is God's holy word inspired by God, why do we need changes made?

As soon as you place in the church or the "Bride of Christ" things that are not in his holy word, or take just a part of the Bible and leave the parts that you do not agree with out, it is no longer the complete work inspired by the Lord. It is therefore made up by man and therefore it is a sin.

I also do not feel that the SBC had anything that required armed guards or secret meetings. After all is this not the Lord's work? Something for the Lord should be kept secret?

Richard Frantz  
Mexico

### Giving more to missions

Southern Baptist agency heads are using the press to warn local congregations not to designate their giving, lest they destroy our witness for Christ. As pastor of a church which has designated its gifts, I believe such an action is appropriate and responsible.

I and my church (which has given 15 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program for years), have been among the CP's strongest supporters. But in recent years, the principle behind the CP has been usurped. Since all of our agencies are under the thumb of a ruthless political party, their ministries are no longer truly "cooperative." They are fast becoming means of extending a narrow political agenda.

This regrettable situation raised questions about our church's stewardship. How could we in good conscience continue to support a takeover we hold to be un-Christian? We wanted to disassociate ourselves from what we could not support, but at the same time continue to support Southern Baptist missions work. Our solution was to change the way we give, not overtly excluding certain agencies, but by positively giving to what we believe in, namely, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the home and foreign mission fields.

Even this positive thrust, of course, does not prevent our action from being a protest. But we register it only because it is our best alternative given the circumstances. Short of seceding from the SBC, we faced the choice of either blindly supporting activities our members personally oppose, or ensuring that our funds are used in ways that are consistent with God's calling for our church.

The suggestion that designation of funds will hurt our witness is propaganda designed to make churches scapegoats for the damage the takeover has already done. The truth is, our church is now giving more to SBC missions than ever.

Mark Lawson, pastor  
Port Royal Baptist Church

### Don't forget missionaries

I read with dismay the articles about churches dropping the Cooperative Program in the Aug. 14 issue of the Western Recorder. I believe we all can understand something of the frustration the pastors and leaders of these churches are feeling.

However, let me make an appeal to Southern Baptists on both sides of the controversy: Don't forget the missionaries. Our convention was established for the purpose of doing missions, and we have accomplished great things in both foreign and home missions. Indeed, our program of outreach and missions support is the envy of other denominations. What a tragedy to sacrifice the ministry of our missionaries on the altar of political retribution.

I would appeal to both sides in the controversy to continue giving to the Cooperative Program. We should all remember that 70 percent of the Cooperative Program budget goes to the Foreign and Home mission boards. It would be shameful for us to neglect their support during these days of opportunity. Let's not lose sight of our primary purpose.

Mark Terry, professor of missions  
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College  
Pineville

### Accurate, but incomplete

In a recent Western Recorder article "Kentuckians Hold Variety of Views on CP Giving," I was quoted accurately but incompletely. Unfortunately, in one case a half-sentence was quoted throwing the whole statement out of context. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to set the record straight.

I believe that any move on the part of churches or conventions toward "negative designations" or any similar attempt to circumvent the Cooperative Program is a mistake. While it is true, and always has been, that the Cooperative Program is not a "perfect program" it is the best vehicle we have for support of missions among evangelical Christians. And, if designated or negative designated giving becomes widespread, it will dismantle the Cooperative Program.

During the 70s, I perceived a leftward shift in our convention. At that time, I questioned mentally as to whether or not all that we were supporting was worthy of support. I'm grateful for wise counsel which encouraged me to look at the big picture. My conclusion was that our missionaries and others who were faithfully doing God's great work ought not to be penalized because of perceived pockets of liberalism. After all, I was not an "independent" Baptist but a cooperating Southern Baptist. To cut the CP or designate is not the Southern Baptist way. That's the independent way. I'm a Southern Baptist, have been all of my Christian life and expect to always be.

Now, we live in a strange day. Some who feel that they are not being heard are talking negative designations as a way of bypassing the Executive Committee of the SBC. On the other hand, some Conservatives have mentioned the counter move of sending monies directly to the SBC bypassing state conventions which they feel do not represent them. All of this sounds like being "Independents" to me. And, I don't think that is what any of us want. If it was wrong in the 70s, it is still wrong in the 90s, whoever is doing it.

I would counsel conventions, church or individuals inclined to lessen CP support, please do not do so. And, I pray that all of us will prayerfully consider increasing our CP giving now!

As the idea of the Cooperative Program was born in Kentucky, may we again today give leadership of its growth. In no other way today can we touch so many lives around the world in the name of Jesus Christ as through our Cooperative Program.

Don Mathis, pastor  
Central Baptist Church  
Corbin

### Throwing money away

It seems Southern Baptist money is being thrown away again. After contracting with H. Leon McBeth to write the history of the Sunday School Board, the board chairman turns around and asks, regarding its publication, "But why risk offending?" So we spend \$18,000 of Southern Baptists' money on a project whose fruit dies on the vine.

Why? What is there in the history of the board which is offensive? Are there personalities in the dim past whose foibles finally come to light? If so, is not that one of the purposes of historical writing, to shine light into dark corners. Do not Baptists deserve to

know how the board arrived at its present position and to discover its roots?

This could not have been totally unexpected, given recent events at the national level. It is, however, irresponsible of our leaders to throw money away without a proper explanation of their purposes in doing so. If contracts are let, then the fulfillment of those contracts ought to be of prime concern to the board. If someone is offended by a "balanced interpretive history," so be it. Don't hide the good with the bad under a fundamentalist rock. And don't hide behind Lloyd Elder.

I want to know what's in this history of the Sunday School Board; don't you?

Jon A. Dainty Sr.  
Louisville

### Help on church/state

I am writing to recommend a book I have just finished reading: "Revolution Within the Revolution," by William R. Estep. The subtitle is: "The First Amendment in Historical Context 1612-1789".

This is not a novel. It is what it claims to be—a book of history. Dr. Estep not only declares that Baptists were influential in securing the First Amendment to the Constitution, but he documents his claim by ample quotations from the founding fathers.

America and the world will forever be in the debt to these early Baptists who paid the price to secure and guarantee religious freedom for all people. In the Colony of Virginia, during an 11 year period, over 40 Baptist ministers were jailed for defying the established church backed by the state.

The last two chapters are worth the price of the book—"The Virginia Experience," and "Revival Politics and the First Amendment." However, the prospective reader will be interested in knowing that Dr. Estep goes back to our early Baptist beginnings in England and Holland to discover the roots of our conviction about freedom of worship.

Published this year by Eerdman's, this book can be a help to all Baptists who want to be sure about our historical position on separation of church and state.

For many years, Dr. Estep has distinguished himself as an able church historian on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary. Kentucky Baptists can well be proud of him. Williamsburg, Ky., nurtured his early life; Southern Seminary trained him and Viney Fork and Cold Spring churches gave him opportunity to minister.

Harold Wainscott  
Covington

### Thanks

In May, the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention employed Marv Knox as the new editor of the Western Recorder. At that same meeting the board approved a request from the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission to add to its membership the editor of the Western Recorder and the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as ex-officio members of the commission.

I personally want to thank Marv Knox for his presence and interest in our commission meetings. His support and contribution to our work are greatly appreciated. His active support of the commission and its auxiliary, the KBC Historical Society, has proved most valuable to Kentucky Baptists.

As for Dr. Bill Marshall, he has always given of his time and energy to the Commission and Society. Not only is Dr. Marshall providing the leadership to help Kentucky Baptists make history today, he has a fervent desire to help us preserve our history.

My thanks to Marv Knox and Dr. Bill Marshall. My work is more enjoyable and rewarding when I know I have this kind of support from our KBC staff.

Ronnie Forrest, chairman  
Historical Commission  
Mt. Pleasant



## on mission together

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### Grace

We sat there, eyes fixed upon the baptistry, where one of the ladies was adding a final touch to the gorgeous flower arrangement. She had arisen at 4 a.m. to select fresh flowers from the market in downtown Taipei.

Twenty-seven would be baptized tomorrow, many of them university students. More than 60 were baptized this past Easter.

This was Grace Baptist Church, the largest in Taiwan with over 4500 members. At 9 a.m. the next day pastor Dr. Simon KUO would preach in Mandarin Chinese to more than 1000 and at 10:30 in English to more than 350.

We realized we were sitting in the church from which Dr. Leon Cho had recently retired as pastor. Dr. Cho had been privileged to preach the funeral of President Chiang Kai-Shek in 1975, carried nationwide on TV to the island's 21 million inhabitants. That event resulted in thousands of inquiries about "Baptists" and Christians.

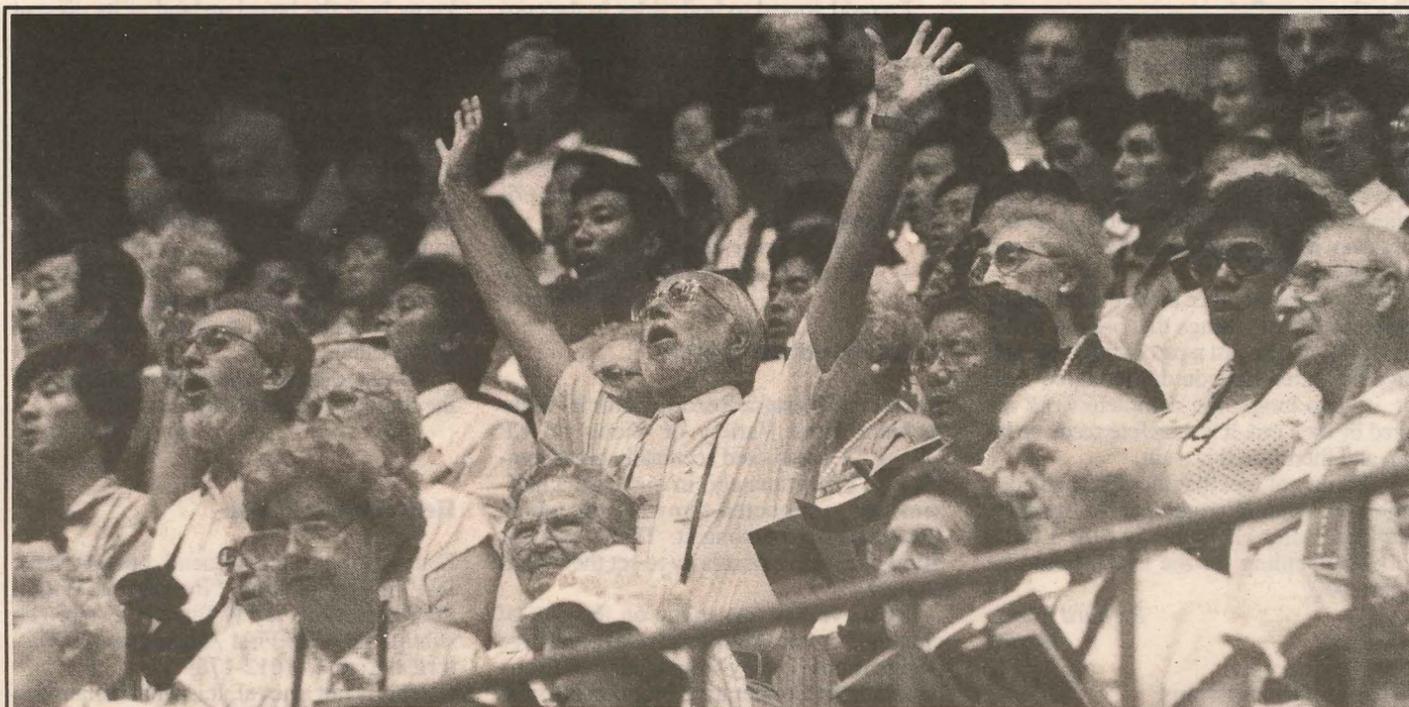
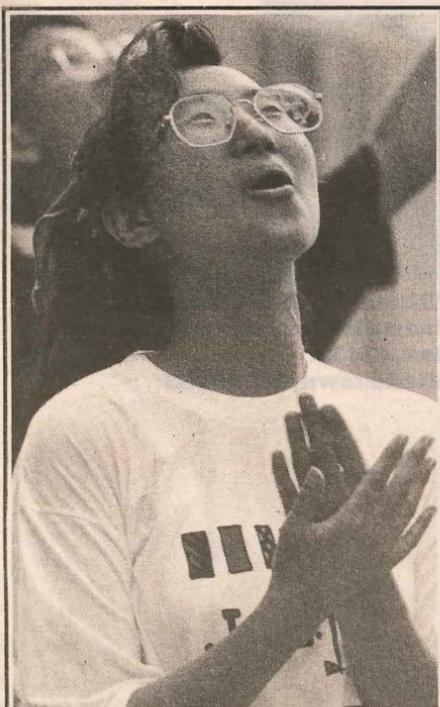
After a few minutes of admiring the architecture of the new building, pastor KUO came out and stood before us. In excellent English, he shared with us more about Grace church. Founded in 1953, it could be said to be the result of missionary expulsion from China by the Communists. (I wrote in my journal that "Baptist history records some of its greatest achievement as a result of persecution.")

Sitting across the street from a large university, the church's impact will be far reaching. They average 150 new members a year, mostly by baptism. Grace has "mothered" four new churches, now self-supporting, and currently supports a mission to criminals incarcerated on Green Island. Five have recently been baptized.

Music is one of the key ministries which attracts students. Dr. KUO's wife Charlotte is an accomplished pianist who also directs the adult choir. "Pray for me," he asked, "that I may know how to encourage her in our ministry together." It was apparent they were a team in ministry.

Later, when we were fellowshiping, he said to Alice and me: "Charlotte and I spent six and one-half years in Kentucky (where he completed his PhD at Southern Seminary). Kentucky is our second home!"

Dr. KUO made glad again to be a Kentuckian; proud to be a graduate of Southern Seminary and excited by what the Lord is doing in Grace Baptist Church in Taipei, Taiwan.



LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE—At the 16th Baptist World Congress Aug. 14-18 in Seoul, South Korea, a Korean girl (left) joins in the mood of joyful celebration. Meanwhile, at right, another of more than 10,600 registrants rises in praise during hymn singing. (BP photo by Deborah Aronson-Griffin)

## Prayers offered in Kuwait as supplies diminish

by Art Toalston

In Iraq-controlled Kuwait, prayer services are being held at the embattled U.S. Embassy, which the State Department admits has water and food only "sufficient for several days."

"We are having prayer services each night," Southern Baptist worker Maurice Graham reported in a message via the embassy's communications link with the State Department Aug. 27.

Graham, of Shelbyville, Tenn.; his wife, Laurie, of Hutchinson, Kan.; and their 13- and 10-year-old sons are among an undisclosed number of Americans who took refuge at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait after the Iraqi invasion.

"We are fine," Graham said in his brief, most recent cable to the Richmond-based Foreign Mission Board and to relatives in Tennessee. "Spirits are good and our faith is strong."

A State Department spokesman said Aug. 29 that "it's hard for us to be exact" about water and food supplies still on hand at the embassy compound in Kuwait. He confirmed news reports that such supplies will last only a few more days.

After that, the spokesman only would say, "We'll see what happens."

Iraqi forces in Kuwait cut off water and electricity and blocked entry and exit at the embassy compound after the United States refused to obey an Iraqi order to close the embassy Aug. 24. The same actions were taken against other countries' embassies that remained open. A generator at the U.S. Embassy has since provided electricity to the compound.

At the helm of the embassy is Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, who was a member of Court Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va., as a youth and later was active in the Baptist Student Union during his studies at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He is leading a skeletal staff of about 10 officials who remained in Kuwait after Iraq permitted non-essential U.S. personnel and dependents of diplomatic officials to leave Kuwait Aug. 23.

In Cyprus, meanwhile, 12 Southern Baptist workers from Yemen and 10 of their children arrived safely at the city of Larnaca Aug. 27. The evacuees from Yemen join nine Southern Baptist workers who came to Cyprus from Jordan several days earlier. Pro-Iraq, anti-American demonstrations and sentiments, coupled with adviso-

ries from U.S. diplomatic officials in each country, spurred the workers to leave Yemen and Jordan as the international crisis feters. Iraq added Kuwait as one of its provinces Aug. 27, while the United States continues its military buildup in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Ten Southern Baptist workers are still in Yemen to continue the operation of a Baptist hospital in a region where only three hospitals are available to some 2 million

## Kentucky appointees forced to leave Jordan

by Art Toalston

Jeff Vann wanted only to be a representative of his Christian faith in two Palestinian refugee camps in northern Jordan.

But against his will, the Southern Baptist worker became a symbol of America to many Palestinians angry over the U.S. military buildup in the Middle East and—long before that—angry over U.S. policies they believe are largely responsible for the plight of Palestinian refugees lacking a homeland.

So Vann decided it was time for his family to leave, believing their presence in Irbid, Jordan's second largest city with about 750,000 people, was doing more harm than good. He hopes to return in a few weeks, Vann said in a telephone interview Aug. 22 after he and his wife, Susan, and their three children left Jordan and relocated in Larnaca, Cyprus, Aug. 17.

Vann is a first-term worker from Hickory, Ky., and his wife is from Sacramento, Ky. Their two sons are 10 and 5 years old; their daughter is 7.

In Jordan, they lived less than half a mile from a Palestinian refugee camp of 15,000 to 20,000 people. The refugees live in groups of 10 or 15 relatives sharing two-room houses of concrete block or wood-and-tin shacks.

The Vanns were the first Southern Baptist workers to evacuate Jordan. Two other couples since have left the country. A number of others among the 13 Southern Baptist workers still there also may leave. Additionally, 14 Southern Baptist workers in Yemen were scheduled to leave that country beginning Aug. 25.

In Jordan, Vann visited the nearby refugee camp and a larger camp several miles away with 30,000 to 35,000 Palestinians, and worked with several Baptist congrega-

people. Nine other Southern Baptist workers remain in Jordan. They are providing shelter to some of the thousands of refugees from Iraq and Kuwait who have flooded Jordan. One worker also is continuing as an administrator at one of the two Baptist schools in Jordan.

Hugh Provost, chairman of Southern Baptist workers in Yemen, said a decision for a contingent to leave the country was made Aug. 19 after the U.S. Embassy said

it might be forced to close, and some Yemenis had begun prodding the workers about the U.S.-led blockade of Iraq, asking why America was "starving babies in Iraq."

The hospital's operation has been scaled down from a 70-bed capacity to 25 beds, Provost said. Yemen's Ministry of Health has offered to provide two or more doctors and five or more nurses while the Americans are away, and the offer has been accepted, Provost said. (BP)

tions in northern Jordan.

Leaving "has been a heartache," Vann said. "We left a lot of good people, friends and neighbors and church people." In both refugee camps he had made a number of friends and acquaintances.

"There are still many believing Christian folks trying to proclaim the message of peace and hope and love," he added. He issued a firm rebuttal to any stereotyping of all Arabs as terrorists or ardent supporters of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader who orchestrated the invasion of Kuwait Aug. 2.

Vann said he did not feel in any imminent danger, although "we almost had an incident with some shepherd boys who thrust their sheep out in front of us on a busy roadway. We had to slam on the brakes. As soon as they saw the luggage in our car and realized we were Americans, they began to throw stones and sticks."

## Evacuees buy round-trip tickets

by Art Toalston

Six Southern Baptists have evacuated Jordan and 14 in Yemen are preparing to evacuate as Mid-east tensions continue to mount.

Whether to evacuate "has been a tough decision" for every worker in Jordan and Yemen, said Dale Thorne, who directs Southern Baptist work in the Middle East and North Africa from a base in Cyprus.

U.S. Embassy officials in Jordan and Yemen have advised Americans to leave, Thorne said. The highest-level advisory was issued in Yemen, he said. In each country, pro-Iraq public opinion is sizable.

"We hope it's temporary. We're buying round-trip tickets in faith that we can use them within three months," Thorne said. And in Yemen, the Baptist workers are

obtaining exit and re-entry visas to allow them to return when they want to and not lose their work permits, he said.

For now, the evacuating Southern Baptist workers plan to reside in Cyprus, an island nation in the Mediterranean near Turkey. Cyprus also was the initial destination for 24 Southern Baptist workers who left Lebanon in 1987 after the United States suspended passport privileges for Americans there.

The workers assigned to Jordan and Yemen have mixed feelings about leaving, Thorne said. They "want to be there" to continue their ministries with Jordanian and Yemeni co-workers, he said, but are concerned for their safety and feeling frustrated at "being tied down" by having to stay inside or close to their homes. (BP)

# Consultation speaker answers, 'Why are we here?'

by Marv Knox, Editor

"Why are we here?" Daniel Vestal asked 3000 participants at the Consultation of Concerned Baptists in Atlanta Aug. 23-25.

"We're here to help, not hurt; to heal, not wound; to unify, not divide; to focus on the future, not the past," said Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody (Ga.) Baptist Church and former moderate Southern Baptist Convention candidate, who called for the national gathering of SBC moderates.

"We're here to encourage each other, learn from each other, pray for each other and listen to the voice of God through each other. We're here as Southern Baptist Christians to find ways we can get on with the work of God's kingdom, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to minister to a hurting, hungry world, to be the people of God in our day.

"In a sense, we're here because we've been driven here, but also because we choose to be here. We've been driven here by a group of folks who have told us they don't want us to work with them in the cause of Christ," he said at the opening of the meeting.

At the conclusion, he said: "We met here to seek renewal. I believe God is granting us that renewal—in love and faith, fellowship and hope, mission and ministry...."

"Let us go back to our churches and communities and not talk so much about new institutions, but about renewal of God's spirit, fellowship, mission, ministry."

Other speakers addressed related topics during the meeting:

• "What is our motive? Is it vindictive?"



**PRESS CONFERENCE**—Daniel Vestal, chairman of a 60-member steering committee to lay plans for a convocation of Southern Baptist moderates next spring, speaks to the religious and secular press during the Consultation of Concerned Baptists in Atlanta. Nearly 3000 people attended the Aug. 23-25 meeting, where an alternate plan for missions funding was adopted and a loose-knit fellowship of moderates was formed. Vestal is pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin)

James Yates asked. "Whatever comes out of this, it must be positive. We're responsible for ourselves...."

"Whatever is done, we must not hurt our missionaries," said Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, Miss. "They must be supported. They cannot do their work if they fear they will not be supported."

• "Instead of continuing to engage in counterattacks on our dogmatic detractors, we must engage in a frontal assault on Satan to win the lost of the world, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to truly be

the keepers of our sisters and brothers everywhere," said Herbert H. Reynolds, president of Baylor University. "All this while mounting a strong rear-guard action to defeat the fundamentalists in their goal to take over the conventions and institutions of the individual states."

• "This is the first time I felt at home," said Harold Branch, retired pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, who led his African-American church into the SBC in 1954. "All of us who are broken, all of us who are on the outside looking in have something in common now."

• "A lot of us think you preachers got us in this mess, and it's up to us laymen to pull you out," said Tom Simms, an attorney from Richton, Mo.

• "I would like to avoid the extreme of abandonment of the programs and people that we love....I would like to avoid the opposite extreme, of rolling over and playing dead and pretending everything is OK," wished Lavonn Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Norman, Okla.

• "There again will be a day when diversity of viewpoint will be accepted as part of our Baptist faith and message," predicted Carolyn Cole Bucy, president of SBC Women in Ministry and minister to youth at Lakeshore Baptist Church in Waco, Texas.

• "Don't believe God is finished with you," admonished Dan Yeary, pastor of University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Fla. Christians must "do whatever it takes, wherever he leads, whenever he calls."

• "Prove real Baptists can handle diversity," exhorted W. Randall Lolley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greensboro, N.C. "I hope...we will be completely inclusive," creative ecumenically and innovative.

• "We must be inclusive. We are tired of being excluded," said Ben Loring, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lawton, Okla. "Therefore, we anticipate an invigorating future. No one knows its shape, but we do anticipate it."

• "I hope we will take all the lessons we have learned from the past decade of pain and suffering and learn how to do church creatively," said Sarah Frances Anders, professor at Louisiana College in Pineville. "That is my prayer for me, and...you."



## Children's homes depend on you for September Food Round-up

The Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children Women's Advisory Board will sponsor the annual **September Food Round-up**. The project helps provide food throughout the year for youth at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale children's homes, the Baptist Youth Ranch and KBHC's temporary shelters in Morehead and Dixon.

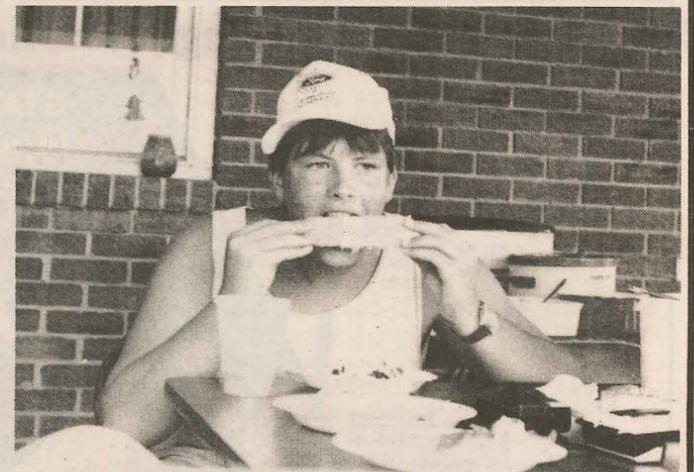
Each September, KBHC invites individuals, churches and organizations to contribute food, money and other items to help support residents in the homes.

**Suggested foods** include canned foods, mixes, potatoes, dried beans, cereals, flour, sugar and other items that will not spoil. (The agency can-

not accept homemade or home canned foods.) Youth at the homes, most of whom are from ages 12 to 16, also need personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant.

**Persons wishing to donate** to the September Round-up should pack all items in boxes with tops and bring gifts to the nearest regional pick-up point. (See list below.) KBHC personnel will collect items from these points and deliver them to the homes.

**Financial gifts** may be sent to Robin Oldham, director, Development/Com-



munications Services, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

**For more information**, call 1-800-456-1386.

### Regional pick-up points

#### Western region:

Green Valley Associational Office, Henderson  
Muhlenberg County Associational Office, Central City  
Little Bethel Associational Office, Madisonville  
Davies-McLean Associational Office, Owensboro  
Ohio County Associational Office, Hartford  
Ohio Valley Associational Office, Sturgis  
Blackford Associational Office, Hawesville

#### North central region:

Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger  
Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington  
First Baptist Church, Morehead

#### Southwestern region:

West Union Associational Office, Paducah  
First Baptist Church, Mayfield  
Caldwell/Lyon Associational Office, Princeton  
Christian County Associational Office, Hopkinsville  
First Baptist Church, Murray  
Little River Associational Office, Cadiz

#### Central region:

Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale  
Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown

#### South central region:

First Baptist Church, Somerset  
First Baptist Church, Danville  
First Baptist Church, Greensburg

#### Southern region:

Bethel/Logan Associational Office, Russellville  
Warren Associational Office, Bowling Green  
Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow

#### Southeastern region:

First Baptist Church, Hazard  
First Baptist Church, Barbourville  
Three Forks Associational Office, Viper  
Island Creek Baptist Church, Manchester  
Central Baptist Church, Corbin

#### Northeastern region:

Unity Baptist Church, Ashland  
First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg  
Pike Associational Office, Pikeville  
Campton Baptist Church, Campton

## Kentucky Baptists disaster relief teams say 'We love you' to recent storm victims

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

With hurricane season here and the prediction of a major earthquake along the Madrid Fault in December, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department is preparing disaster relief units again.

Department director Robert Simpkins and associate John Lott report they need supplies—anything from kitchen utensils to a 24-foot Mack truck.

Some of the money needed to purchase supplies and equipment comes from the department's budget, individuals and churches, but \$5000 annually is allocated from the Eliza Broadus Offering for state missions, Lott says.

The money is well-spent, he believes.

State disaster relief coordinator Larry Koch has trained more than 1400 men and women and has organized relief projects across the eastern United States, Lott reports. Usually a dozen people make up the initial relief team; as many as 200 people may help at one project.

Recent projects have included aid to victims of this summer's Bedford, Ind. tornado, central Kentucky's flood victims and storm victims in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

One of the most extensive projects was assistance to last fall's Hurricane Hugo victims, when workers spent two weeks in Sumter, S.C., Lott says.

Presently, the National Guard is prepared to airlift Baptist volunteers to Memphis, Tenn., in the event of a predicted earthquake.

The relief units' basic task is working with the Red Cross to feed disaster victims, Lott says. Twenty-five thousand meals are stocked in a warehouse; workers use a trailer as a mass feeding unit to serve 10,000-12,000 meals a day. A five- and one-half ton truck is used for resupply, and a smaller trailer contains cooking utensils.

Sometimes, volunteers clean mud out of buildings damaged by floods. Others use chain saws to clean debris, and some simply help victims search for valuables.

State offering funds maintain equipment as well as purchasing supplies and new equipment, Lott says. The Brotherhood department purchased a recreational vehicle to accompany disaster units. Northern Kentucky Baptist Association is building a child care trailer. Mission offerings will purchase children's play equipment.

In response to disasters, teams usually locate at local Southern Baptist churches, including those congregations in relief efforts. When people feel a congregation is caring, they are more likely to attend church activities, says Lott.

Volunteers use no "high pressure witnessing techniques," Lott says, but they do convey a Christian testimony. "Our witness says 'I love you' in a way they can see."

## State missions offering continues

Reaching forth meant responding for Eliza Somerville Broadus, for whom the Kentucky state missions offering is named.

Born in 1851 in Charlottesville, Va., she was the oldest child of John A. Broadus, pastor, professor and second president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

When the family moved to Southern in 1877, Eliza joined a Woman's Missionary Society at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. She was one of six women on Kentucky's central committee for women's missions efforts.

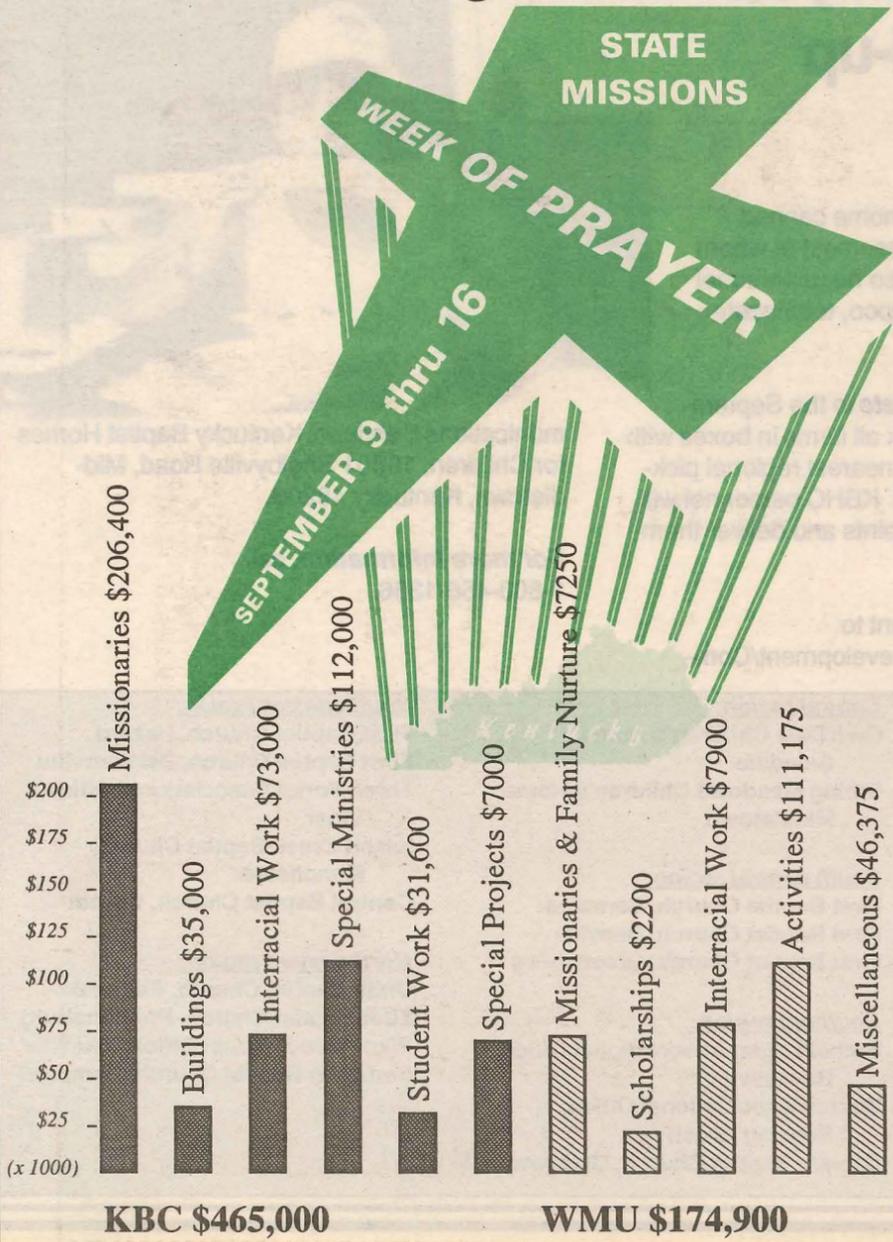
In 1887 she and the woman's groundwork to establish a auxiliary for women interested.

The following year the executive of Woman's Missionary Society to the Southern Baptist Convention organized, and a woman from originating states was elected. Eliza was Kentucky's representative.

Sept. 9-16, Kentucky Baptists a week of prayer for state missions theme "Through the Eyes of Christ." Eliza Broadus Offering goal is More than \$188,000 of pro-

# Through the Eyes of Christ

### Eliza Broadus Offering Allocations 1990-91



**IN NATIVE COSTUME**—The Kentucky Baptist Convention's student department uses \$16,000 of Eliza Broadus state mission offering gifts to fund international student ministries. The greatest opportunity to share the Christian faith comes at the annual international student retreat. (KBC Student department photo)



**FEEDING STORM VICTIMS**—Kentucky state mission offering receipts help fund the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood disaster relief units. Volunteers provided assistance for Bedford, Ind., tornado and South Carolina Hurricane Hugo victims this year. (Brotherhood Commission photo)

## Continues ministry of Eliza Broadus

A woman's society laid the foundation to establish a conventionwide organization interested in missions. The executive committee of the Eliza Broadus Society, Auxiliary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was organized from each of the 10 counties and elected vice president. The society's representative. Kentucky Baptists will observe state missions under the "Eyes of God." The 1990 budget goal is \$639,900. 100 percent of projected receipts

will pay state missionaries' salaries. Other projects include upkeep on state camps and assemblies; interracial work; Christian social ministries, rural/urban ministries; interfaith witness; student work; disaster relief; mission activities including camps at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek assemblies.

Also receiving mission funds: Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, Long Run Baptist Association's race track ministry, the infant resource project at East Baptist Center in Louisville, Jefferson Street Chapel in Louisville and Deaf Opportunity Outreach in Louisville.

## State offering reaches beyond Kentucky through international student ministry

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

When Americans were taken hostage in Iran in 1979, Kentucky student ministers were in the midst of their annual international student retreat at Pine Mountain State Resort Park, near Pineville.

More than 40 Iranian students were attending the meeting, says Don Blaylock, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's student department. When news of the hostage crisis broke on Sunday morning, the Iranians were afraid to be confronted by American students in worship service.

"It was a great opportunity to witness of our love for them, even if we didn't agree with their government," Blaylock remembers. "We told them, 'You are an individual and we do not hold you responsible. We love you and Jesus loves you.' American students seized a tremendous opportunity to witness."

Now, with the mounting Middle East crisis, another such opportunity may exist, but Blaylock says international student ministry is always a priority for student ministers.

The student department spends most of the \$16,000 allocated by the Eliza Broadus Offering for state missions on the international retreat, Blaylock says. Through the event, ministers reach 50-60 percent of Kentucky's international students, he estimates.

The main purpose of the retreat is to share the Christian faith with international students, Blaylock says. About 300 of the state's 3000 international students attend the annual event, and Blaylock believes 85-90 percent of those are non-Christians. At the retreat, Christian international students, American students who are international coordinators at their Baptist student unions and campus ministers share what Christians believe. Students leave the retreat with a booklet describing the Christian faith.

The retreat effort brings results, Blaylock says, though results may not always be immediate. Buddhists, Muslims and others have made professions of faith over a period of time, he reports. After one retreat, two young men from England became involved in an international Bible study sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Morehead State University in Morehead. Later, they made commitments to Christ and were baptized.

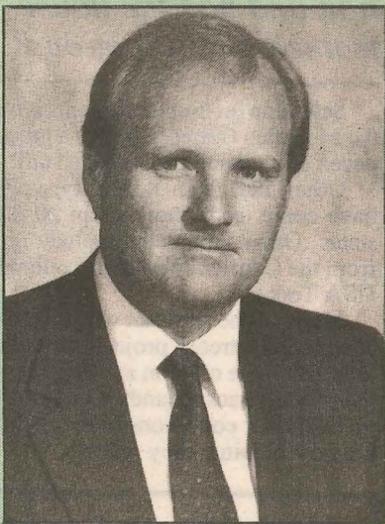
The remaining state mission funds are used to conduct ongoing international student activities on individual college campuses, including international student awareness weeks, Blaylock says.

"The international student fund is some of the finest money we spend because of its far-reaching extent," he asserts. "Most of these students will go back to their countries as leaders. This has proven to be a great opportunity. We are doing foreign missions on our own campuses."

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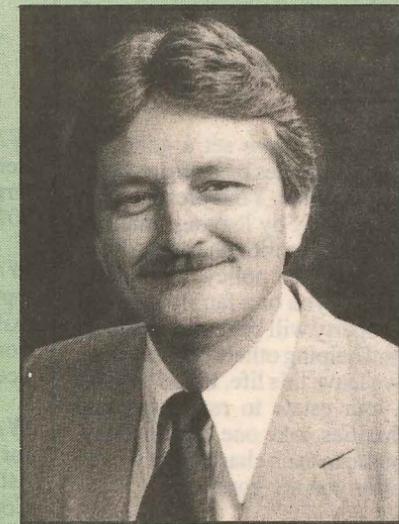


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Fairdale, Kentucky  
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• **Charities:** You have set a good example for your loved ones by being ready to help others when asked. Your presence can be felt and seen daily by leaving financial assistance to your favorite charities. Your gift of a life insurance policy, an endowment named after you or a family member or tangible property will be reminders to all that giving and helping others can continue, even when we leave this life. If you haven't planned in your estate to remember and help your charities, take one aspirin a day, and send a bottle to each charity that will be struggling after you are gone!

Don't leave your loved ones with a headache! Plan today for them, your church and your favorite charities.

P.S. Take action today—if not for you, for your loved ones.

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

## Mountain Outreach receives national recognition

by Beth Wyatt

President George Bush has named Mountain Outreach, a ministry of Cumberland College in Williamsburg, as the 220th "Daily Point of Light."

Daily Point of Light recognition is intended to call every individual, group and organization in America to claim society's problems as their own, the president said. This is done by taking direct action to identify, enlarge and multiply successful initiatives, like Mountain Outreach; and to discover, encourage, and develop new leaders in community service, reflecting the conviction that, "from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others," he explained.

Additionally, the Council of Independent Colleges has recognized Cumberland College's Mountain Outreach program in its publication, "Ideas and Innovations in the Liberal Arts College." Cumberland is located in and serves the fifth Congressional District in Kentucky. It is a land of contrasts, from affluent areas with rolling hills and white picket fences to the poorest rural areas in the United States. Dotted about the mountains, most often without electricity, running water or proper sanitation,

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Mountain Outreach began in 1983 and Cumberland College students and volunteers have built 44 houses, usually at a cost of between \$4500 and \$5000. In addition, the students have made major repairs on 60 homes. Ninety-eight Appalachian families have gained a new start and a chance to pull out of poverty. Additionally, 180 homes have been winterized. The program helps 20-25 families each year. Some need plumbing, wiring or rewiring installed, insulation added, windows repaired, porches repaired,

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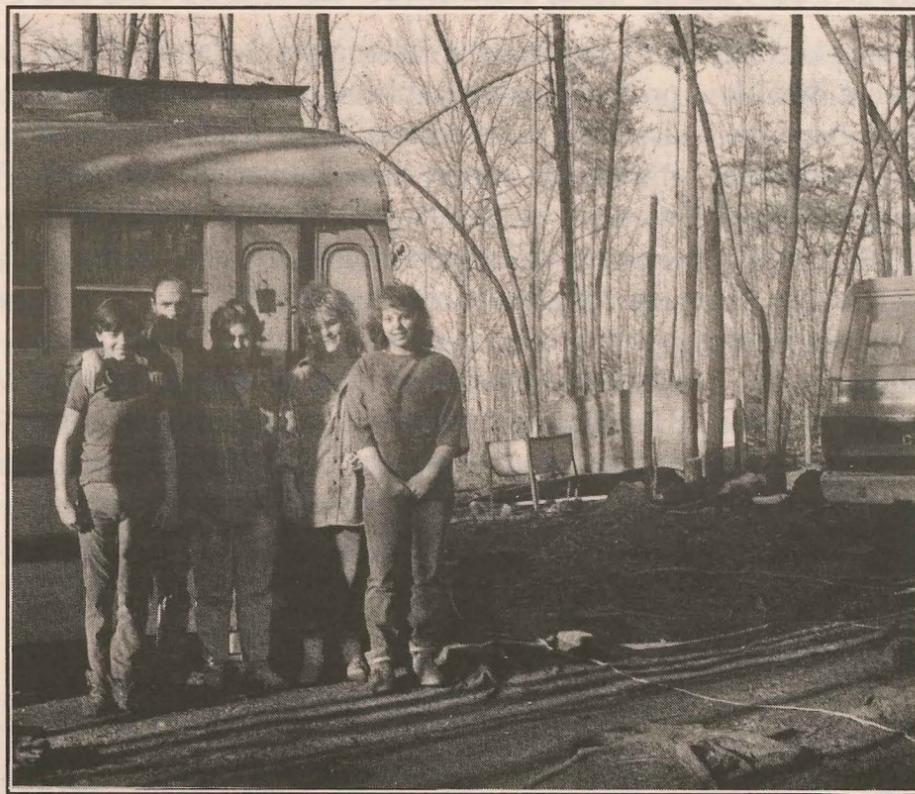
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After his shooting accident, the Dallas Vest family lived in a school bus in Whitley County. Cumberland College's Mountain Outreach Student Volunteers built a house for the family this spring.

wells dug and other repairs. Eighteen wells have been dug, and more than 800 families have received clothing, food and toys.

Some observers have described the new houses as plain and even unattractive with two or three electrical outlets and bare floors and walls. But for many of the families who move from shacks, the most important feature is electricity, and for the first time the walls, roof and floor do not have cracks and holes in them.

The land on which the houses are built must be owned by the people for whom the homes are being built. New home owners sign contracts for responsibility of upkeep and payment on the no-interest loan for the home. The payments are tailored to the family's income and may be as low as \$10 per month for 20 to 30 years. The college's interest is not so much in the payment for the houses as it is in allowing the families to keep their self-respect, school leaders said.

The Dallas Vest family is a home recipient. Vest was injured in a shooting accident about 10 years ago. Given up for dead, he recovered but is unable to work and support his wife and three children. The family could no longer afford to live in the large city where he had been employed and moved to Whitley County.

He moved his family to the region and introduced them to Rick Rieffer, director of the Mountain Outreach program.

The family had lived in several rented shacks and were living in an old school bus last fall. Rieffer and the Mountain Outreach student volunteers helped add a room to the bus and did some repairs to see the family through the winter months.

This spring, when Vest was chosen to

receive a home, he was elated. He had never expected to own a home and certainly had not expected help in getting one.

The volunteers that came during the summer were an inspiration. In two days' time they had cleared out a woodland, laid the foundation and had the house framed and a roof on it. Some of the siding also was hung before the group of volunteers left after the second day.

"The group was sent by God, and I am so grateful for all they did for us," he explained. "God has a plan for me, and while I do not know what it is, I will trust him."

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Selection for home recipients is made by the Mountain Outreach board, a group composed of students and college staff.

Other than from Kentucky, volunteers have come from churches in 20 different states. Other volunteers include reporters from the Courier-Journal in Louisville and USA Today.

Many of the students who help with the Mountain Outreach projects grew up in the area and some of them actually come from the poorest backgrounds. Often they grew up in similar conditions to the people they are now helping, they report.

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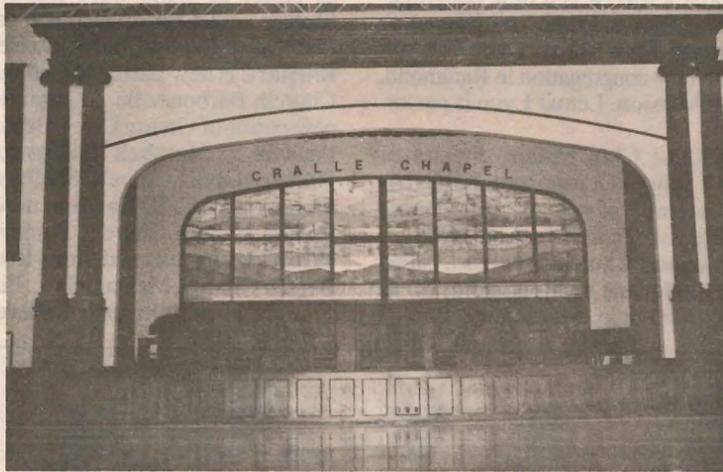
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| September 10 | Dedication of Wallace Boyd portrait  |
| September 17 | Dr. Greg Earwood, Pastor<br>First Baptist Church<br>Murray   |
| October 1    | Dr. James Jones, Pastor<br>Campbellsville Baptist Church<br>Campbellsville   |
| October 15   | Dr. J. Robert White, Pastor<br>First Baptist Church<br>Paducah   |
| October 22   | Mr. John Styron<br>Christian Dramatist<br>Louisville   |
| October 29   | Honorable Bert T. Combs<br>Lexington<br>Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky<br>1959-1963<br>Alumnus of Cumberland College |
| November 5   | Dr. Dan Francis, Pastor<br>Central Baptist Church<br>Winchester  |
| November 19  | Dr. James K. Pierce, Pastor<br>Porter Memorial Baptist Church<br>Lexington   |
| November 26  | Dr. Tom Raper<br>Richmond, Indiana   |
| December 10  | Dr. Larry McSwain, Dean<br>Southern Baptist Theological Seminary<br>Louisville   |

# mountains to the mississippi



**Bill D. Whittaker**  
President  
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## clear creek chronicle

### The Master's musician

Assistant professor of church music Todd Spangler began teaching at Clear Creek in 1987. The past academic year we permitted him an early sabbatical to complete a masters in music at Morehead State University. In addition to class work he was a graduate assistant and staff accompanist for the Morehead music department. He provided instruction of class piano for music majors, accompanied faculty and student recitals and taught private piano to area residents for the MSU Academy of Arts.

During the year Spangler accompanied seven public recitals. He was organist for John Rutter's "Gloria," conducted by Dr. George Zack of the Lexington Philharmonic. Research projects included computer assisted instruction in music education and a pilot survey of all American Association of Bible Colleges institutions on their music curricula, institution philosophy and the relationship between the two. This survey will be a major contribution to the long range development of Clear Creek's music program.

Spangler graduated with a 4.0 GPA and the college of arts and sciences recognized him as the outstanding graduate student of music. He won the MSU performance competition by playing Beethoven's piano concerto in C major with the school orchestra.

Spangler holds an associate degree in medical laboratory technology from Southeast Community College and works part time with the Pineville Community Hospital. Somewhere he finds time to be music director of East Cumberland Church, Middlesboro, and teach private piano lessons.

In August, 1988, Todd married Pineville native Joyce Taylor. They enjoy walking the campus trails. Mrs. Spangler works as a lab technician at Pineville hospital.

Spangler believes biblical truths and sound theology should be used in the ministry of music. A major goal for the current year involves developing the audition-selected Clear Creek Singers as a ministry and recruiting group.

We are proud of Todd's outstanding graduate school record. We are most grateful for his committed walk with the Master.

**CONGREGATIONS:** Nine members of **Salvisa Baptist Church**, Salvisa, traveled to Lake City, Mich. in July to construct the building for Lake City Southern Baptist Church .... Men from **Clifton and Walnut Street Baptist churches** in Louisville have joined to conduct lay-led revivals .... **Shively Baptist Church**, Shively, honored its senior men in July by sponsoring a softball game where everyone had to walk .... **Calvary Baptist Church** is a new congregation in Grand Rivers. Eddie Smith is pastor .... **Richmond First Baptist Church** has sponsored a new congregation in Richmond, White Hall Mission. Lemar Lyon is pastor.

**PERSONNEL:** Chip Miller, director of the Sunday School Department, KBC, has become interim pastor of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville .... **Evergreen Baptist Church**, Frankfort, called **Dr. Joel Sturtevant** of Monticello, Ill. as pastor .... **Allendale Missionary Baptist**

**Church**, Summersville, called **Danny Riggs** as pastor .... **Fry Baptist Church**, Greensburg, called **Leslie Jewel** as pastor .... **Daniel Belcher** is new pastor at Lake City Baptist Church .... **Jeff Doris** resigned as pastor of Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Louisville .... **Dennis Burns** is new pastor of Milburn Baptist Church, Milburn .... **Kenneth Jordan** resigned as pastor of Bardwell Baptist Church, Bardwell .... **Buran Byrd** resigned as pastor of Wind Cave Baptist Church, McKee .... **Ed Eaton** resigned pastorate of Feds Creek Baptist Church, Steele .... **David Barnard** is new pastor of Callahan Baptist Church, Barbourville .... **John Sowders** is new pastor of Greasy Creek Baptist Church, Pineville .... **Marshall Phillips** goes to Clay Village Baptist Church, Shelbyville, from Frankfort .... **C. B. Rezek** is new pastor of Putney Baptist Church, Putney .... **Rick Whittington** resigned from Rough River Baptist Church, McDaniels .... **First Baptist Church**, Fisherville called **Steve Rudy** of

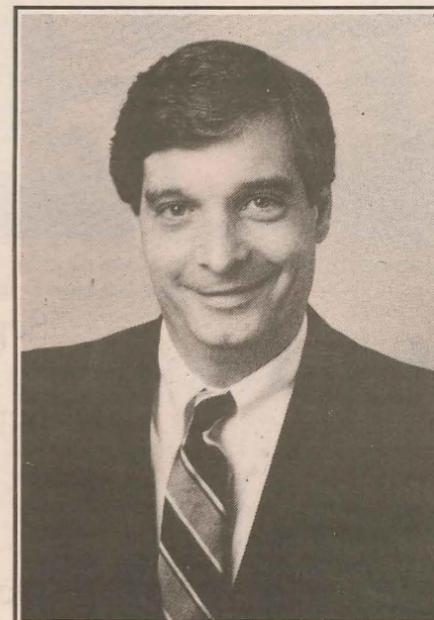
Owenton as minister of music and **Jim George** as minister of youth and children .... The Home Mission Board appointed **James Boulware** as an apprentice in Altoona. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Boulware of Radcliff .... The board also appointed **Derek Kirpalani**, formerly of Lexington, as an apprentice church planter in Storm Lake, Iowa.

**ORDINATIONS:** Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Marion, ordained **Donnie Gilpin** and **Frank Fishback** as deacons.

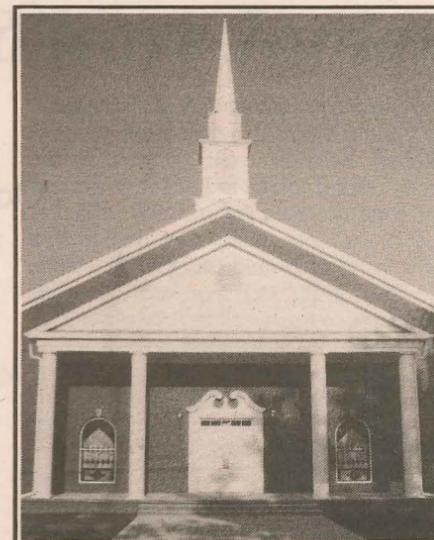
**DEATHS:** **Robert Heston Hatcher**, retired pastor of six churches in eastern Kentucky, died in August.



Hurricane Baptist Church, Cadiz, recognized six active couples who had been married more than 50 years.



**William G. Sisson**, a native of Mayfield, has been named president of Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.



Calhoun (Ky.) Baptist Church will occupy a new 460-seat sanctuary in a series of special services Sept. 9-30. Dedication Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. followed by noon luncheon and open house, 2:30-4:30 p.m. **Franklin D. Skaggs** is pastor.

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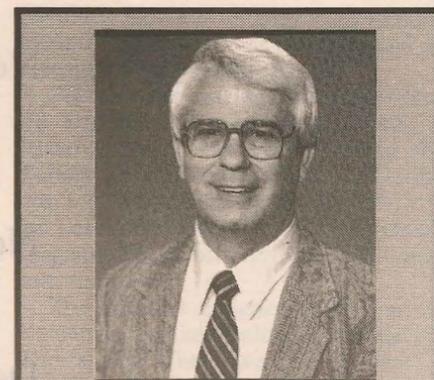
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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 9, 1990

Life and work series

### Worship

**Deut. 6:13-15** God instructed Moses to deliver to the Children of Israel a reminder of their heritage, telling them how he

expected them to live and calling them to faithfulness.

God wanted the people to know that defying his will would result in God's withholding favor and blessings.

In order to prevent the people from forgetting God after he had brought them into Canaan and made provisions for their needs, Moses urged them to revere God, serve him faithfully and refrain from worshiping any other god. They were warned that disloyalty and disobedience would result in punishment and regret.

God expected the Israelites to perpetuate the story of his goodness and grace. They were to relate to their children how he delivered them from their bondage in Egypt.

**Psalm 95:1-7a** In thinking about what God had done for him and the people of his nation, the psalmist's heart was filled with gratitude. The early part of Psalm 95 was an urgent invitation to praise and worship Jehovah, the true and living God, and him alone.

Since God had created, sustained, cared for and protected the Israelites, they were obligated to render unto him praise and obedience.

Every Christian should worship God in spirit and in truth. Every Christian should cheerfully participate in both private and public worship of God. God deserves our very best in worship and in work for him.

**John 4:23-24** In conversation between Christ and the Samaritan woman, the woman asked him for instruction about worship. Christ taught her that true worship is not confined to a particular place, that it must be done in an understanding manner and it must be spiritual.

### International series

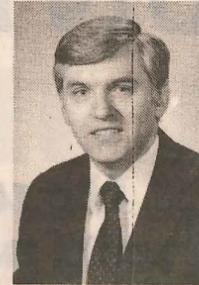
#### Nathan and David

**II Sam. 7:4-16** David rejoiced greatly when the priests carried the ark to Jerusalem and placed it in its temporary quarters. Wanting to honor and glorify God, David concluded that he should build a temple in which to house the ark and in which the people might worship God.

Before launching this project, David went to his spiritual adviser, Nathan, and expressed his great longing to erect a temple and dedicate it to the glory of God. Without consulting God about the project, Nathan gave it his hearty approval. That night God revealed to Nathan that his endorsement was premature and the project was not in accordance with the divine will.

Because David had been a man of war, it was not God's will for him to build the temple. That task was reserved for Solomon, who was a man of peace. God vetoed David's plan, but he was willing for David to collect materials to be used.

God reminded David that he had removed him from the pasture and elevated him to the high office of king of Israel. God also told David he had accompanied him on his numerous journeys and protected him from all his enemies. God had enabled David to earn a great name for himself. He also assured David that at the right time and in the proper place he would receive due recognition. Nathan told David that God was going to build David a house. God was not referring to a material house, but rather to a dynasty, including the bloodline which culminated in Christ.



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## homes for children

### The crisis in the gulf

Growing up with television, I can remember the anxiety one felt when the newscasters broke into the regular programming with a news bulletin.

In more recent years with 24-hour news coverage on cable and a sense of the lessening crisis in the cold war, I, for one, have not been as aware of the latest news bulletin. When the crisis with Iraq began with the invasion of Kuwait, I really did not pay that much attention. It seemed like there was always some crisis in that region.

However, as the days have gone by and we have begun to mobilize to fight a war, if it comes to that, I realize how fragile world peace is and the type of commitment and sacrifice it takes to maintain it.

All across our nation families are anxious about sons and daughters who are on their way to Saudi Arabia or may be soon. Here in Kentucky we have watched as the 101st Airborne was mobilized at Ft. Campbell, and we recognize the reality that we may again face the death of our young men and women on foreign soil.

The price of oil and the volatility of the stock market make all of us realize that none would be exempt from the impact of the crisis.

Frankly, it's a frightening time, and our prayer must be that our president and other world leaders will make the right decisions in this time when it is so difficult to know the eventual outcome of each decision.

For all of us there is renewed awareness that war and the destruction it causes is not just something from history. Each generation seemingly has to learn for itself. Both of my grandfathers served in France in World War I, my dad was in both the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II, an uncle served in the Korean War and I served in the Vietnam War.

Freedom carries a high price and it is something that each generation has to pay for on its own.



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Oneida Baptist Institute  
Oneida, KY 40972

## oneida journal

### Continuing to serve

A week before the opening of school, 32 girls and boys arrived to take part in Oneida's fourth band camp. Also here early were the girls of our flag corps.

The band members worked very hard all week. They learned all the music director Richard Burns had planned. Also they did varying "fun" things through the week. On Saturday they traveled to Lawrenceburg to watch a number of bands perform there.

In the meantime, coach Harold Underwood conducted Oneida's first soccer camp. A total of 27 boys showed up to participate. Our soccer program began in 1974. Traditionally our foreign students have dominated this Oneida sport as

soccer is the national sport in each of their home countries. Its rising popularity and growth in America as a sport was reflected by our having more American boys back for the week of practice than foreign ones. The week ended with a forehead scrimmage.

Torrential rain several times during the week, more than three inches in an hour one afternoon, forced our soccer team to do some of its practicing in our new gym. Of course, when forced off the field, our band had its band room to practice in.

Toward the end of the week, the girls of coach Margaret Adkins arrived for a mini-camp. She is starting her sixth year of coaching with us. The girls got in some conditioning.

While these camps were going on, the Oneida teaching and support staff assembled on Wednesday morning for worship. Our new French teacher, David Anderson, thrilled all present with his saxophone, playing "Amazing Grace" and "Fill My Cup Lord." David first came to Oneida as a four-month-old baby in 1964 when his father, Carlos Anderson, came to be Oneida's principal and his mother, a registered nurse, was our school nurse. He grew up in Campbellsville where his father was a sociology professor for years. Doing two years of college in his hometown, David graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with high honors.

David then served over a three-year period as a Peace Corps volunteer in the African nation of Zaire. While there he was seriously injured in an accident and had to be evacuated to the U. S. for six months of medical treatment. In recent months he has helped carry thousands of Bibles into the communist nation of Romania, the doors of which are starting

to close again.

Starting his fourth year in Oneida service is our art teacher, Len Sandusky. He also is a former Peace Corpsman, having served in the Fiji Islands two years. After my first two years of Oneida service, I was in the Peace Corps eight years, six and one-half of those in Iran. On the first day of this month I began my 21st year of Oneida service, 19 of those as president.

Others of our staff who have served abroad include librarian James Yowell, who served a total of 28 years in Iran, most of those years as a teacher. He is now in his 11th year of OBI service. John and Hannah Sanderson are starting their 19th year of OBI teaching, which was preceded by several years as missionaries in Trinidad. New teacher Jerold Palmer served 13 years as a missionary in Nigeria. Carolyn Redding, in her 4th year of OBI teaching, served one year also in Nigeria. Mrs. Redding missed our three-and-one-half-day opening teacher seminar, attending the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Seoul, Korea. She almost visited mainland China before returning to her Oneida duties.

During the week, volunteers from Latonia Baptist, Ft. Mitchell and Baldardsville worked hard helping us get ready for another school opening. They were busy in carpentry, painting and doing craft work.

Very exciting and a tremendous undertaking was the recarpeting of our chapel, band room and piano lab. The carpet in those areas in the past 14 years have had usage equivalent to what carpet in a normal church would have in 80 years. Differing nights the carpet layers worked into the wee hours of the morning, once to 4:30 a.m., to have the job finished for our opening of school.



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# Ecuadorian missionaries grew through tragedy

by Mary E. Speidel

For the past two years, little has been certain for Southern Baptist missionaries James and Martha Parrish.

An accidental gasoline explosion in Esmeraldas, Ecuador, took the life of their 3-year-old son and severely burned another son on July 4, 1988. The first-term missionary family had been living there only about five months.

After the accident, "I felt like we were being torn, like wolves had been set loose in our family and we were being torn to pieces," Mrs. Parrish recalled in a recent interview at the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va. The Parrishes are on furlough in Dallas.

John died in the fire; Stephen suffered second- and third-degree burns over 44 percent of his body—his face, legs and hands. Parrish was burned on his face, arms and hands. Mrs. Parrish was at home with their other son, Micah, then 5, when the accident occurred.

Following emergency treatment in Esmeraldas and hospitalization in Quito, Ecuador, the Parrishes were taken to the burn care unit of Methodist Medical Center in Dallas. Doctors gave Stephen a 40-percent chance of survival.

The months that followed were filled with pain and uncertainty. Parrish was released from the hospital after two weeks, but Stephen had to stay another month. He underwent physical therapy to help him regain the use of his hands, which were severely burned.

The family stayed for about seven months in housing provided by churches in the Dallas area.

Throughout the ordeal, expressions of support poured in from Southern Baptists, Ecuadorian Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board. The Parrishes received more than 2000 letters. "We felt surrounded," said Mrs. Parrish, holding the couple's infant son, Timothy, who was born last January, on her lap while Stephen and Micah played outdoors.

Since the accident, Stephen has undergone skin grafts on his legs, hands and face. Until recently he had to wear elastic burn garments covering most of his body and a plastic mask to help his skin heal properly.

The accident "was a real testing time" for Stephen, "but it didn't seem to devastate his faith," said Mrs. Parrish. The year before the explosion, he had made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

"In some ways, he did better than I did. My faith was taking a beating," admitted Mrs. Parrish.

Some of the family's most difficult days came right after returning to Ecuador in January 1989, said Mrs. Parrish. They went



Stephen Parrish, 9, "pins" his father, Southern Baptist missionary James Parrish, during an impromptu wrestling match while his brother, Micah, 7, rests. In the background Parrish's wife, Martha, sits with their 6-month-old son, Timothy, during a recent furloughing missionary conference at the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va. (BP photo by Warren Johnson)

back to Esmeraldas to find their belongings just as they had left them the day of the accident. A domestic helper had been taking care of their house.

The couple had been working in church development through two Baptist congregations in Esmeraldas, along Ecuador's northwestern coast. "The people were so eager," said Parrish. "They had never had one of our missionaries live there."

But the Parrishes returned to Esmeraldas knowing they couldn't continue to work there. The area's heat and humidity made Stephen miserable because of close-fitting burn garments. His skin also is sensitive to the tropical sun.

The family spent the next four months visiting possible places of service in Ecuador's cooler mountainous regions. They decided on Cuenca, the nation's third-largest city.

Once they made that decision, more uncertainties followed. While moving to Cuenca, they found themselves in the middle of a national transportation strike. At a

roadblock, a demonstrator punctured three of their tires. Parrish was able to drive out of the violence but their truck slid into a ditch. "We thought we were going to be there all night," said Mrs. Parrish.

About 15 minutes later a truckload of Indians stopped. They lifted the Parrishes' truck, full of the family's belongings, onto the road. Then they asked who the Parrishes were and where they were going. During the conversation, the couple told them about their faith in Jesus Christ. Later, the Parrishes borrowed tires from some tourists to get to the next town.

After settling in Cuenca, the Parrishes began working with an Ecuadorian Baptist pastor in various outreach ministries.

More pressure came when Mrs. Parrish became pregnant with the couple's fourth child. Her doctor urged her to have an abortion because he feared complications. She said they changed to a Christian doctor, who gave a different opinion. Timothy was born normal and healthy on Jan. 5, 1990.

The events of the past two years have

changed their perspective on life and ministry. "I found that just losing John so quickly gave me a new appreciation for how brief life can be. I found a new desire to share with people," Parrish said.

The Parrishes also have been able to minister to others who have experienced similar tragedies. "We've had the opportunity to share the things that God has taught us—that he does love us, that we're not exempt from tragedy, that he doesn't want to hurt us, that he does want to provide a hope and a future for us and grace to get through it," said Parrish.

The couple still has questions about the tragedy. "I don't have the answers to all the 'whys,'" he admitted. "I still don't know why John had to die and why Stephen and the rest of our family had to suffer."

But despite unanswered questions, the Parrishes believe "God was in control of what happened," said Mrs. Parrish. "He didn't cause it. He allowed it to happen, but he set all the limitations around it. It's been a great comfort to realize that." (BP)

## Summer missionary works with migrant children

by Sarah Zimmerman

"How do I get out of this?" is the question most frequently asked of Lucy Aleman. Her answer includes three points and her testimony.

Aleman, who was raised as one of 18 children in a migrant family, easily relates to the question asked by children in migrant camps in east Tennessee where she is working as a summer missionary.

One of her primary ministries is a day school for children between the ages of six and 12 who are too young to work in the fields. Knowing Aleman's background, they frequently ask how they can get out of migrant work.

Aleman first tells them how to accept Jesus Christ as savior. Aleman says she

heard the gospel several times as a child from Christian groups which ministered in migrant camps. But she says, "I couldn't comprehend that he could be my savior because I couldn't believe that he could love someone like me."

Aleman's second point is that the children must study and stay in school. The transient nature of migrant families and their work schedule make it difficult for children to keep up their class work.

When Aleman was in the seventh grade, she functioned at a third grade level. At age 15, she was ready to drop out of school, then she met an English teacher and a Baptist pastor who saw her potential.

"All they did was believe in me," Aleman says, but that was enough to change her life's direction.

Rather than dropping out, she graduated from Vernon High School in Vernon, Texas, and earned her bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. This spring she completed her first year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where she is working toward her master's degree in social work and divinity.

Aleman's third piece of advice to migrant children is to "know you have a choice."

"Migrants are good people—some have been doing this for years. Most of them don't want to be migrants," Aleman says, but typically their lack of English and trade skills lock them into their lifestyle. She tells the children: "You don't need to be migrant workers unless you choose to be."

Aleman also works with adults in the migrant camp. This summer about 250 adults are participating in an evening program to learn to drive. One man, Aleman recalls, used a Spanish dictionary and spent three hours taking the one-page, written license exam, but he passed.

Such activities are essential in creating witnessing opportunities among migrants. Aleman reports that all of the 16 children who attend the day school have made professions of faith in Christ, and 14 others made professions of faith during a revival.

Though most migrants have a Catholic background, Aleman says they are open to knowing how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ "if we share the gospel with credibility and prove that we are not out to exploit them." (BP)



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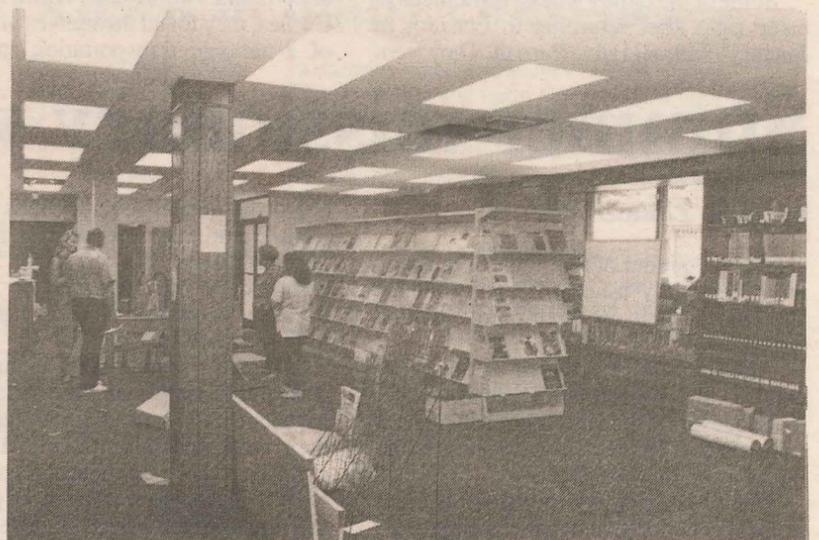
*Former Dean of Instruction Kenneth Clendaniel, TN, (left) fellowships and reminisces with Pat and David Lyon, '56, director of missions, North Concord Association, Barbourville.*



*Dr. Joel Gregory (left), pastor of Travis Avenue church, Ft. Worth, TX, views the Jerusalem scale model with director of public relations and alumni Eddie Overholt (center) and Dr. Maynard Head, vice-president of development.*



*Brancie Stephens (left), pastor of Bethel Baptist, Aiken, SC, was elected national alumni president. He receives the gavel from President Whittaker.*



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