

## Bible study materials headed for Desert Shield

by Frank Wm. White

More than 35,000 copies of surplus Southern Baptist literature are headed to Saudi Arabia for use by U.S. service members involved in Operation Desert Shield.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sending copies of five Bible study and devotional periodicals to 15 Southern Baptist chaplains serving in Operation Desert Shield, according to Marvin Nail, coordinator of the board's ongoing project.

The chaplains will receive 6,300 copies of "Open Windows," a daily devotional guide; 12,000 copies of "Sunday School

Adults" and 4,500 copies of "Sunday School Young Adults," both Convention Uniform Series Bible study materials; 12,000 copies of "Bible Book Study for Adults;" and 500 copies of "El Interprete," Convention Uniform Series Bible study materials in Spanish.

Also the chief of chaplains for the Fifth Army headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, will forward additional surplus Bible study materials to any Fifth Army units assigned to Operation Desert Shield. Materials will be provided for that purpose, Nail said.

The board's special ministries depart-

ment personnel considered shipping literature to military commands involved in Operation Desert Shield, but decided to send material directly to Southern Baptist chaplains when their names were provided by the convention's Home Mission Board.

Surplus material was set aside for this project in early December when the material normally would have been destroyed. For more than three years, the Sunday School Board has provided outdated church literature to military, prison, hospital and institution chaplains, based on their requests.

For the mailing earlier in December, 520 chaplains on the order list received 60,000

pieces of material.

Chaplains receive an order form at the beginning of each quarter. The requested material, if available in surplus, is mailed in the third month of each quarter, Nail explained. Additional chaplains are added to the list each quarter, while those who do not order are dropped from the list.

Eventually, Nail said, he hopes to offer all 1,900 Southern Baptist chaplains an opportunity to order surplus literature. (BP)

*Editor's Note: Frank Wm. White, a staff writer at the Sunday School Board, is a captain in the Tennessee National Guard and has been called into active duty in Saudi Arabia.*

## Baptist to feed Europeans

Baptists can feed Eastern Europeans facing severe food shortages through a special fund of the Baptist World Alliance.

Baptist World Aid, the relief and development arm of the BWA, will send funds collected to the European Baptist Federation in Hamburg, Germany. The funds will be used for food packages for people in Romania, Bulgaria, the Soviet Union and wherever else needed.

The 11-pound packages will contain items such as sugar, margarine, oil, flour, rice, cheese, powdered milk, cocoa, coffee, chocolate, soap, washing powder, aspirin or aspirin substitutes, instant soups, sausages and canned meats. Each package will cost \$25 to put together and ship, estimated Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid.

"If the same package was shipped from

the U.S.," said Montacute, "it would cost nearly \$50 to airmail and \$25 to send by surface mail, and then it would not arrive until winter had ended. This system will feed more people."

"The beauty of this plan is that it allows Southern Baptist churches of any size or even individual families to help," said Keith Parker, area director for Europe for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Winter is going to be awful in these countries," said Parker. "Indications are that many people will face hunger and that shortages in medicines will cause untold suffering to families. Already many items are being rationed. Here's a chance for us to make a difference."

To contact the BWA, write to 6733 Curran St., McLean, VA 22101, or call (703) 790-8980. (BP)

## December yields \$11M to CP

Southern Baptists' unified budget enjoyed its second-best December last month, receiving \$11,192,207.

December receipts brought the Cooperative Program's national total for the first three months of the 1990-91 fiscal year to \$34,315,489.

That amount is 3.54 percent ahead of receipts for the first quarter of 1989-90. The U.S. inflation rate is 6.3 percent, Bureau of Labor Statistics reports show.

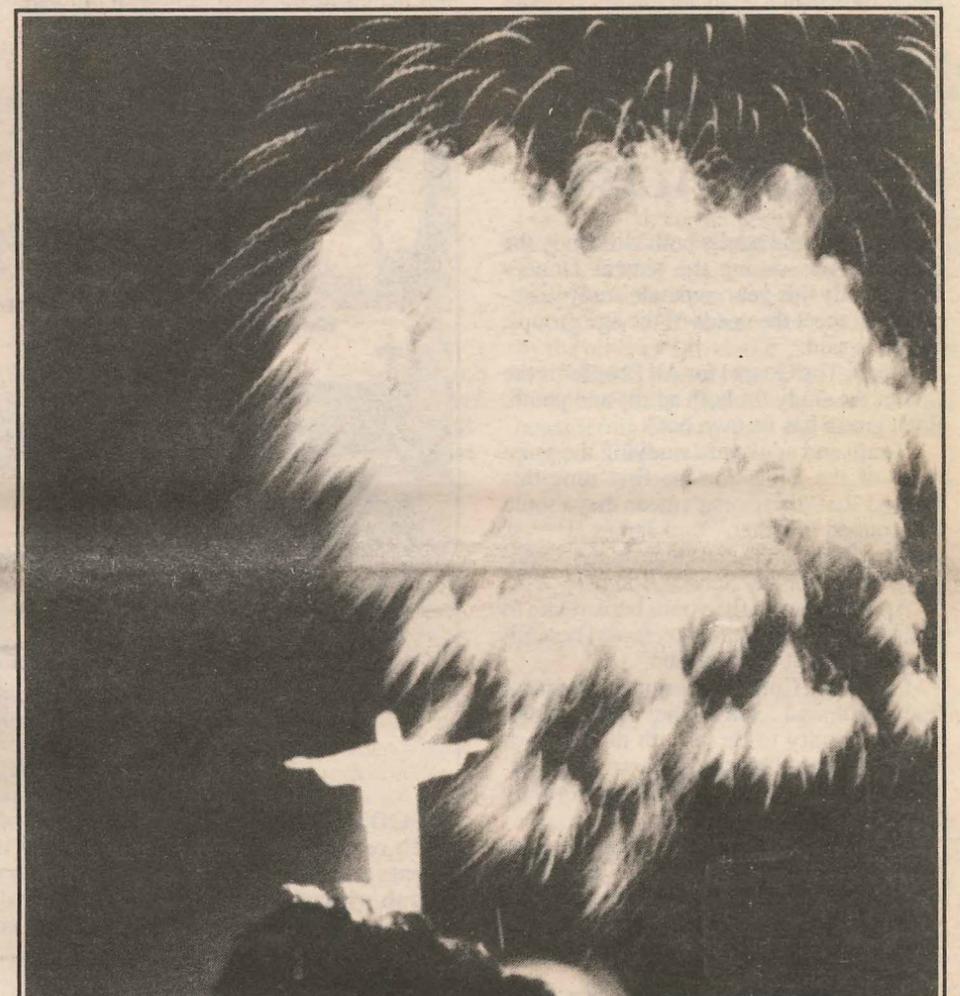
"I am gratified by the continued increase in Cooperative Program giving," said Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of

the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. "Thank God for faithful Southern Baptist Churches. ...

"The Cooperative Program is the life-line of support for our world mission program."

Designated gifts received by the Executive Committee for October-December—primarily the home and foreign missions offerings—experienced growth comparable to the Cooperative Program, a 3.61 percent gain.

The 1990-91 national Cooperative Program goal is \$137,332,523. (BP)



STATUE REINAUGURATED—Christ the Redeemer, the famous statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was reinaugurated this winter after eight months of restoration work. Kentucky Baptists are partners with Brazilian Baptists in the nearby state of Espirito Santo. (Photo by RNS/Reuters)

## Conference to 'Extend Christ's Mission'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Extend Christ's Mission ... Share the Gospel" is theme of the 1991 Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference Feb. 25-26 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

The annual event is sponsored by the office for evangelism of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Sessions are at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, and 9 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Seven speakers will deliver 11 messages. They are E.K. Bailey, pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Dallas; Clyde Billingsley Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention in Sandy, Utah; Paul R. Blizard, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fairdale; Dean N. Finley, assistant director for youth of the church evangelism department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta; Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans; Dan Macmillan,

publisher of Community News Press and president of Bright Star Christian Day Care Centers in Boston; and Jay H. Strack, vocational evangelist from Dallas.

Brief testimonies also will be given at most sessions.

Five music directors have been enlisted. They are Allen B. Case, minister of music at Severns Valley Church in Elizabethtown; Jim Cordell, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention church music department in Middletown; Rick Howerton, Baptist campus minister at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights; Kevin Landgrave, youth music director at Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville; and David Oliver, music evangelist from Princeton.

Soloists Twila Greene and Delma Peoples of Lexington, Howerton and Cynthia Winfree of Louisville will be featured artists. Performing groups include Beyond, a Louisville trio; the Kentucky Baptist Chorale; and the Severns Valley Church choir.

A highlight of the conference will be the

inaugural presentation of evangelism efficiency awards to Baptist associations in the state. William D. Jagers, director of the KBC office for evangelism, said citations will be given to associations with evangelism committees that report increased baptisms. An association's churches reporting no baptisms also must be reduced to qualify for recognition, he said.

"It's an opportunity to say 'well done' to the associations," Jagers added.

Another unique feature begun in 1990 at the evangelism conference will be repeated. Ten simultaneous dialogue luncheons are planned for noon Tuesday. Participants will eat together in the Severns Valley Church dining hall, then move to one-hour discussion groups of their choice.

Topics and leaders are Youth-Reach, Dean Finley; Partnership with Utah-Idaho, Clyde Billingsley Jr.; Building Witnessing Relationships, B. J. Bennett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clinton; Continuing Witnessing Training, Ricky W. Cunning-

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# Judge limits government's church infiltration

by Larry Chesser

Government investigators do not have "unfettered discretion" to infiltrate church services, a federal district judge has ruled.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Roger Strand in a lawsuit filed by four Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations and their parent denominations imposed restrictions on government ability to infiltrate religious services.

The churches filed suit in 1986 challenging the covert investigation of churches suspected of involvement in the sanctuary movement by undercover informants hired by the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service. Court records show that undercover informants attended church services and on at least one occasion secretly tape-recorded a worship service.

## Youth, adults to study Acts

While youth and adults both will study the book of Acts during the annual January Bible Study this year, separate study materials will meet the needs of the age groups, planners said.

"Acts: The Gospel for All People" is the title of the study for both adults and youth. Each group has its own book.

Youth and adults are studying the same book of the Bible for the first time this January, but "that doesn't mean they should be grouped together," said James Harvey, January Bible Study consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Applications in the youth book relate to typical situations teen-agers face. The adult study highlights evangelism.

Extending Christ's mission is a theme of both youth and adult studies and provides an opportunity to tie in with the goals of Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptists' plan to share the gospel with the world by the year 2000, Harvey said.

The study relates to the Sunday school theme, "Breakthrough: Reach to Win," because "Acts is a key book to breakthrough, when the gospel broke through barriers to reach all people," he noted.

The undercover investigation was made public during the trial of several sanctuary movement members who had been charged with conspiracy and smuggling Central Americans into the United States.

While Strand's ruling did not prohibit investigation of church activities, it held that the government's investigation must be conducted in good faith.

"The government is constitutionally precluded from unbridled and inappropriate covert activity which has as its purpose or objective the abridgment of the First Amendment freedoms of those involved," it said.

Additionally, the ruling said investigators "must adhere scrupulously to the scope and extent of the invitation to participate that may have been extended or offered to them."

Peter Baird, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, said the ruling means that when the invitation extended is for worship, anything outside that invitation, such as taping the service, is not permissible.

A broad coalition of religious groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, joined the case in support of the churches out of concern for First Amendment and other rights.

"This case is of critical importance to all churches regardless of their views on the sanctuary movement, said Oliver Thomas, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee, a Washington-based religious liberty agency representing 10 national Baptist groups.

"Churches have First Amendment rights that must be taken into account—even by the Justice Department," Thomas said.

The Baptist Joint Committee, in a 1986 statement, condemned "the use of paid informants, undercover agents, and surreptitious tactics by any government agency investigating religious organizations as improper and illegal when less intrusive means of investigation are available.

"We lament the chilling effect upon worship, prayer, faith and fellowship freely exercised when worship services are invaded through ... electronic eavesdropping equipment. We abhor government agents' fraudulent use of the name of Jesus Christ to gain access to the household of faith."

The statement further contended that for "government agents to burden the free exercise of religion by infiltration of churches is a matter of the most grave concern and, except in rare instances, is a violation of the First Amendment." (BP)

## Share gospel, meet to urge

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ham, pastor of Hardin Baptist Church in Hardin; Vocational Evangelists, Joe Mobley, president of the Kentucky Vocational Evangelist Association in London; Lifestyle Evangelism, Mary Lou Crutcher, layperson from Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville; MarketPlace Evangelism, Carl Powell, Kentucky Brotherhood president from Richmond; Teaching Evangelistically, Chip Miller, director of the KBC Sunday school department; Discipling the Saved, Doug Strader, director of the KBC discipleship training department; and Reaching the Cults, Paul R. Blizard.

Reservations for the luncheon are \$6 and must be made by Feb. 15. Checks should be written to the Kentucky Baptist Convention and mailed to Office for Evangelism, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

Advance registration for the evangelism conference is not required, the five plenary sessions are free. Because of the conference's popularity, however, KBC evangelism Director Jagers suggests that participants make reservations early for motel accommodations.



**FOOD FOR SOVIETS**—A Red Cross worker in Bonn, Germany, drives a forklift with care packages past one of four trucks destined for Moscow. Many governments and humanitarian agencies are trying to assist the Soviet people through the harsh winter. Coming months are considered crucial in the Soviet effort to move toward democracy and a free market economy. (Photo by RNS/Reuters)

## Ashland's Stewart named 'exemplary bivocational pastor'

Charles E. Stewart of Ashland has been named one of four "Exemplary Bivocational Pastors of the Year" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stewart, a retired gas company employee, has been pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland since 1964. He received the award during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist National Council on Bivocational Ministries.

Stewart also was elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers' Association, which met in conjunction with the national council in Memphis, Tenn.

Another Kentuckian, Larry Orange of Louisville, also was honored during the meeting. Orange, pastor of West Broadway Baptist Church, was elected to a one-year term as a director of the council.

Other award recipients are Domingo Ozuna, an oil company employee and pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Grand Prairie, Texas; James Greer, owner of a tire company and pastor of Donahue Baptist Church in Pineville, La.; and James Cambron, manager of an insurance agency and pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church near Johnson City, Tenn.

Criteria for the awards included tenure at present church, development of the

church, unique features of ministry and image within the community.

Southern Baptists' national missions strategy must include a plan for using lay leaders, volunteers and bivocational ministers, David Bunch, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's vice president for new church extension, told participants at the meeting.

"The Home Mission Board will recruit, train and deploy volunteers and bivocational ministers," Bunch said. "Winning the nation to Christ cannot be done without them."

Colleges and seminaries are holding up models of intentional bivocational service, he said. Southern Baptist agencies and the convention's Seminary External Education Division also are responding with training at times and places where bivocational ministers can receive it.

More bivocational ministers need to be hired by Southern Baptist churches, said Ernest E. Mosley, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

"Today's strategy is not adequate," he said, noting the SBC Annual contains thousands of names of "other ordained" ministers who could be put to work in bivocational ministries. (BP)



**'EXEMPLARY' PASTOR**—Charles E. Stewart (right), pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland, was named one of four Southern Baptist "Exemplary Bivocational Pastors of the Year" by the National Council on Bivocational Ministries. He and his wife, Clara, received the award from Dale Holloway, bivocational program consultant for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

# Sand Spring remembers forgotten people of Soviet republic

by Marv Knox, *Editor*

Kazakhstan jumped from prayer list to headlines at Sand Spring Baptist Church.

The Lawrenceburg congregation had made a covenant with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, promising to pray for the Soviet republic, reported Pastor Terry Wilder.

The prayer agreement was somewhat secret, Wilder noted. The predominantly Muslim region was a sensitive area politically. The Foreign Mission Board provided monthly updates on the region, but church members were not to publicize their prayer efforts and the information they received.

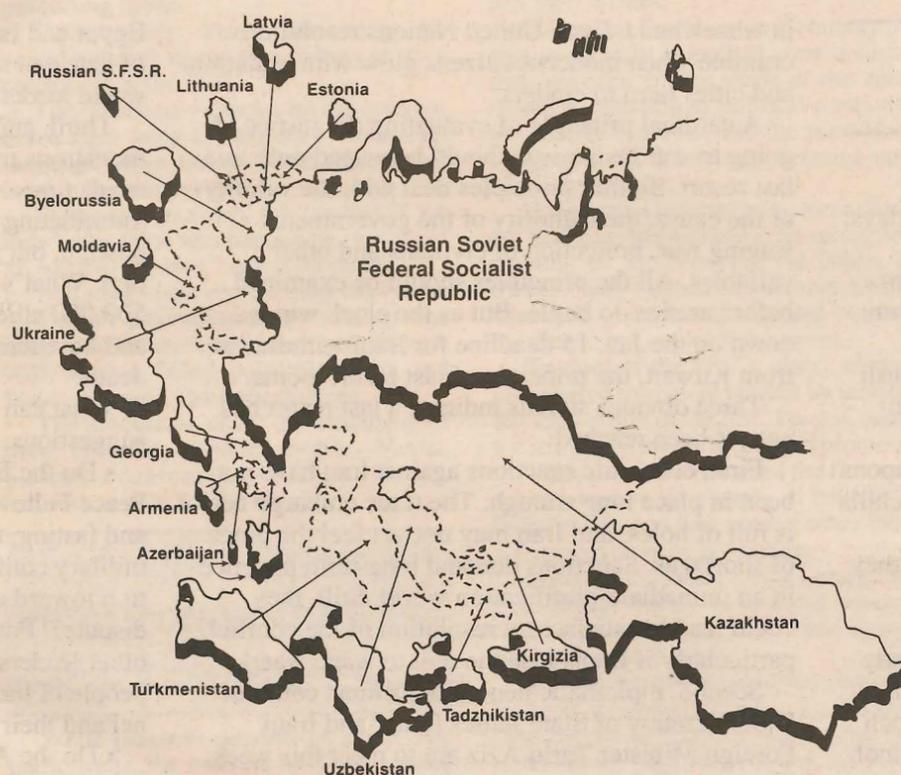
All that changed earlier this winter, when a story and photo from the republic appeared on the front page of the Western Recorder.

"Three environmental calamities in ... Kazakhstan present an open door for Southern Baptists to help people who have long been hidden from the eyes of the West," the story began.

"Through their service organization, Cooperative Services International, Southern Baptists plan to send up to 700 volunteers to Kazakhstan next summer to provide assistance in many fields. ..."

"The news was exciting to us. It was an answer to prayer," Wilder said. "We were told Kazakhstan was unable to be penetrated with the gospel. Now 700 volunteers are going to share the love of Christ. It's been a genuine gift."

Sand Spring members echoed the senti-



**IN HIDING**—Kazakhstan (at right) is one of the largest republics in the Soviet Union. Three environmental calamities in recent years offer Southern Baptists an open door to help people who have long been hidden from the eyes of the West. Southern Baptist assistance will focus on the heavily Muslim people in Kazakhstan living along the Aral Sea. Over-draining of upstream rivers has caused water to recede from the shoreline, and 40 percent of the seabed has turned to salty dust. (Map by Linda Andrus)

ments of their pastor.

"We all were very excited," said Audry Fint. "It's something we never expected to happen."

"We took the prayers seriously, (but) sometimes we take prayer for granted. Now we see why God wants us to pray."

"It's exciting when you pray for a specific people," added Sonny Fentress. "It's hard to describe how you feel. It's a miracle."

"A year ago, none of us would have thought it would be possible to send a missionary to Russia. ... We're told to pray for our enemies. I don't know how many of us did that, but the Lord opened the door."

"Christ told us to go into all the world. That's the last thing he told us. It must be pretty important."

Donna Freeman remembered: "I thought, 'This is wonderful.' And then it hit me that this is happening because people—Baptist people—have been praying."

"I prayed for a way to get in there, but maybe I didn't have faith behind my prayers. I didn't think anything on this scale could have happened. I thought there might be a few believers, but I never dreamed anything like this would happen."

Marvin Goff voiced feelings expressed by the others: "I'm elated. ... It's reinforced my belief in prayer, that's for sure."

Sand Spring Church members now are considering if they can put feet to their prayers. They said they're thinking—and praying—about helping to send some of the volunteers to Kazakhstan next summer.

## Baptists turn Mennonite church into mission

by Beth Wyatt  
*State Correspondent*

A dying Mennonite Church gave birth to Wildcat Baptist Mission in remote Clay County.

Mennonites built their church alongside Highway 11 in the early 1950s, led by Elder Merlyn Good. But declining attendance in the past decade forced it to close.

Before he retired and moved away, Good

## Builders rescue Owsley church before walls fall

by Beth Wyatt  
*State Correspondent*

Vincent Baptist Church in remote Owsley County almost fell apart. Literally.

But Kentucky Baptist Builders came to the rescue.

A defect had caused Vincent Church's building to separate from its foundation, reported Johnnie Moore, pastor of the congregation in conjunction with his duties as pastor of First Baptist Church, Booneville.

Members feared the building would collapse and decided to close the church.

But Kentucky Baptist Builders "jacked up" the building, laid a new block foundation and did major repairs.

Local merchant Charlie McWhorter donated new doors, and Oneida Baptist Institute provided rooms and meals for the 15 volunteers from Campbellsville and Stanford.

"Attendance is back up to the 20s," Moore reported. "People are happy the church is open again, and the community learned that Christians do care."

Bob Blevins, director of missions for Irvine Baptist Association, added, "A major need was met, and we are grateful for the assistance."

studied mission action of churches in the area. He felt Lytleton Baptist Church near Manchester exhibited a strong mission spirit and approached his longtime friend, Ben Rice.

"God laid this mission right in our laps," said Rice, mission coordinator for Lytleton Church. "We had to take advantage of the opportunity."

"The Mennonite leaders came from northern Ohio and did the necessary work to lease the building and grounds to the Lytleton Baptists. They even threw in a van that needed some repairs and is now picking up people each Sunday."

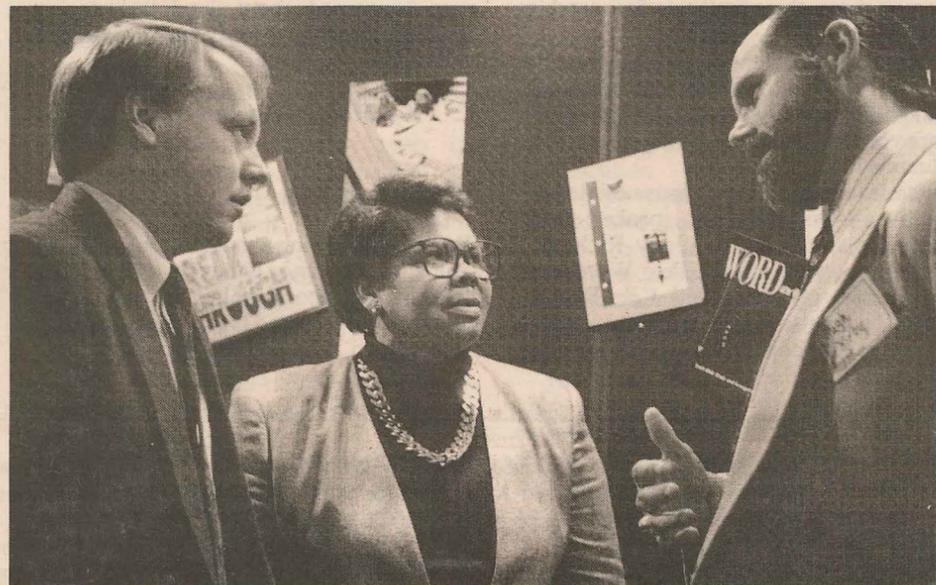
"Workers are there. We had five (Lytleton members) who drove 10-plus miles to church each weekend; they live in sight of Wildcat."

Henry Walters, a retired pastor and now a staff member at Oneida Baptist Institute, is leading the mission.

It began late last summer and has launched a Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union and Sunday morning and evening worship services, reported Rice, who was on the committee that helped start Lytleton Church three decades ago.

Lytleton, the youngest church in Booneville Baptist Association, will mark its 30th birthday next summer. Members plan to celebrate by dedicating a new church building and watching the 1-year-old mission grow.

"Wildcat Mission is going with such a fervor," Rice said. "I believe within the next two years another strong church will be constituted in our association."



**5 SHARE JOB**—Jeffrey Hicks, youth associate Sunday school director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention (left), discusses regional field consultant plans with Barbara Warfield, a volunteer youth worker at Priest Lake Community Baptist Church in Nashville, and Hugh Kirby, minister of youth at New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga. Warfield and Kirby are in a Sunday School Board test project in which five local youth leaders fill the vacancy of one full-time board consultant. (Photo by Frank Wm. White)

## Kings' growth tied to care, says pastor

by Ron Chaney, *Staff Writer*

"The people have wanted to grow, and it's happened because of that," said Philip Bradshaw, pastor of Kings Baptist Church near Mt. Washington.

He spoke of the church's recent growth: from 161 to 225 in Sunday school since May; 35 additions, 22 by baptism, since July. When members consistently filled 80 percent of the sanctuary for worship, the church contacted Chip Miller, KBC Sunday school department director, for advice. Miller brainstormed with them and generated two options: build or go to dual worship services. The deacons devised a survey to determine what the members wanted. The results showed overwhelming support for dual services and the congregation voted to begin this month.

Bradshaw attributed the growth to new leadership, a growing community and the congregation's desire to grow.

"God has been moving among the people. They are working and visiting. The community is growing, and the people wanted to reach out to the community," he said.

The congregation ministers to its own people as well as the community.

Bradshaw related how the Brotherhood volunteered to replace the roof on the house of a member who had cancer. They divided into two shifts—one to tear the roof off, the other to put the new one on—and finished the job in two days.

The church also is concerned for the area, Bradshaw said. In December the youth group traveled to Louisville to hand out Christmas packages full of necessities to homeless people. They brought a turkey with them to serve for lunch.

"The people make you feel like part of the family," Bradshaw said. "These people really care."

# Seek peace in the Middle East: pray and write

## editorial

Marv Knox

One question dominates discussion in offices, dining rooms and even church corridors these days: Will we go to war?

The world waits as George Bush and Saddam Hussein stand nose-to-nose in a global staredown. We hold our breath, wondering who will blink.

Patriots hope against hopes that President Bush won't blink. The specter of a ruthless tyrant running amok turns our stomachs. The thought of Saddam unleashing chemical or biological weapons on multinational troops and innocent civilians chills our spines. The fear of what would happen if despots in other Third World countries realize they can beat their neighbors with impunity—well, that's too hideous to think about.

Peace-loving people everywhere pray fervently that the president won't strike, either. Of course, they know the value of keeping an aggressor such as Saddam at bay and of removing nuclear technology from his grasp. They realize the ramifications of a "soft" approach and the calamity that could ensue as nations seek a new world order following the Cold War. They deplore the prospect of nuclear barons presiding over regional fiefdoms, holding common people captive.

They also count the cost of war. The oldest remember the carnage of World Wars I and II; Baby Boomers recall the mutilation of Vietnam. Political rhetoric and tough talk sound hollow when mothers (Yes, our troops now include mothers and dads, as well as sons and brothers.) come home in pine boxes and young bodies roll down Main Street

in wheelchairs. Even United Nations resolutions crumble when innocent citizens glow with radiation and cities burn to cinders.

A cardinal principle of evaluating the justice of going to war insists war should be waged only as a last resort. Similar principles deal with the validity of the cause, the authority of the governments waging war, protection of civilians and other variables. All the principles should be examined before armies do battle. But as the clock winds down on the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, the principle of last resort looms.

Three obvious signals indicate a last resort has not yet been reached:

First, economic sanctions against Iraq have not been in place long enough. The trade embargo net is full of holes, and Iraq may not yet feel the pinch of shortages. Sanctions demand long-term patience in an immediate-gratification world. Still, they could lead to satisfactory resolution of the conflict, particularly if Iraqis lose the will to wage war.

Second, diplomatic negotiations must continue. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz are to meet this week. European diplomats and Arab leaders also are involved in seeking a settlement. And negotiation plays into the hands of the world's premier deal-maker, George Bush. The former U.N. ambassador/CIA director/oil producer of a president—who had the savvy to build a coalition that includes Israel, Syria, the U.S.S.R., Japan and Iran—can construct a peace settlement if he is patient and willing.

If his vision encompasses a truly noble view, he will guide leaders from throughout the region to design a peace settlement for the larger Arab-Israeli conflict, which runs much deeper than the Iraq-Kuwait crisis. Following Jimmy Carter's lead with

Egypt and Israel, the president can break the logjam of hate and suspicion and secure his place as a great world leader.

Third, and supplemental to the others, the monstrous military presence in the desert and gulf needs time—not for preparing to fight, but for intimidating Saddam. That's not a very Christian posture, but intimidation is preferable to intervention. What's more, responsible stewardship of 500,000 allied lives in the region demands sweat and boredom long before it demands blood and death.

What can you do while the world waits? Two suggestions:

• Do the Baptist thing, pray. Take up the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's call to prayer and fasting, to begin Jan. 15 and "continue until military confrontation gives way to earnest negotiation toward a just and peaceful settlement of the dispute." Pray for President Bush, Saddam Hussein, other leaders working on the settlement, innocent people of the region and especially military personnel and their families from around the globe.

• Do the American thing, write. Express your feelings to the president. John N. Jonsson, professor of world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, told him: "Our military strength in the Middle East lies ... in statesmanship towards an equitable compromise within the Arab world as a whole. It took 40 years with our U.S. presence in Europe to avert a nuclear war; you must not now precipitate military action because you have been unable to achieve your objectives in 40 days."

Share your feelings. The address: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20500.

## baptist forum

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### Support DUI bill

Last year, 319 Kentuckians were killed in alcohol-related crashes. In addition, there were 7,670 auto crashes involving drinking drivers.

For too long we have said, "How sad that this accident happened." A drunken-driving crash is no accident. A person chooses to drive when drinking. It can be avoided.

Last November, the Christian community in Kentucky discovered they possess a great political wallop. The only constitutional amendment which passed dealt with taxing churches. Overwhelmingly, Chris-

tians said, "No, you will not tax our churches when they use their facilities for worship and ministry."

Kentucky Baptists are a major force in our commonwealth. We can help stop death on the highways if we insist that our legislators vote for stronger driving-under-the-influence laws.

The leadership of the House of Representatives—Don Blanford, speaker; Greg Stumbo, majority leader; Jody Richards, Democratic caucus chair; Pete Worthington, speaker pro tem; and Ken Rapiet, majority whip—indicate that Kentuckians are not really concerned about stronger

DUI laws. They have indicated that very few people have expressed any concern about changing the laws.

The special session of the General Assembly will convene after the middle of January. Call your legislator or (800) 372-7181 and leave a message.

Have your representative/senator call you and leave a message with the House leadership.

Kentucky Baptists can make a difference if we really care. Not enough people were concerned about the lottery, so it passed; let's not have a repeat performance. Call today.

Earl S. Bell, chair  
Ky. Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
Frankfort

### Modern Jonah

Was Iben Browning a modern Jonah? Jonah said, "In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed." The people believed God's message, so God changed his mind and did not punish them as he had said he would do."

How much more perfect did the people want Browning to be? We had the 4.6 quake Sept. 26, within 40 days of when he said we would.

If we don't praise the Lord, will the rocks cry out—quake? (Luke 19:40) After Dec. 3, a woman on radio seemed to be making a joke: "Browning has predicted a flood after Christmas. It will be the people pouring their water out." She was correct. We did have the flood—9 inches of rain—before Christmas.

The editorial, "No quake; get ready to meet the Lord," (Dec. 11) was correct about me. It said, "If we knew our neighbor had a 50-50 chance of dying next week, would we work as hard to lead her to faith in Christ?"

My neighbor, a 23-year-old man, worked for the county road department. They were inspecting a bridge, and it collapsed into a flood-swollen creek, pinning him beneath a truck. May the Lord forgive us, and we will do better in the future.

Sarah B. Wheeler  
Mayfield

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# SBC '90: Conservatives continue control

by Dan Martin

Conservatives consolidated their control of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1990.

Along the way, they:

- Won a sweeping victory over moderates for the presidency as Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, defeated the moderate candidate, Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, 21,471 to 15,753.

It was the 12th consecutive victory for the conservatives in their campaign against "liberalism" in the SBC.

Control of the presidency has been a key plank in their political strategy because of the appointive process used by the SBC. Starting in 1979, conservatives have been able to fill the boards of the 20 national agencies of the SBC with like-minded members by electing an inerrantist as president each year.

- Assured themselves of a voice more to their liking in Washington by cutting the budget of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and installing the SBC Christian Life Commission—led by one of their own—to promote their conservative political agenda in the nation's capital.

The BJC has long been out of favor with conservative leaders. A number of efforts have been made to make the religious liberty watchdog hew to the party line, but 1990 marked the first time the efforts were successful.

- Gained control of the denominational press service, which conservatives complained favored moderates, by firing the director and news editor of Baptist Press in mid-summer.

At year's end, the new convention leaders had installed Mark Coppenger of Indianapolis, one of their rising stars, as vice president for public relations of the Executive Committee, but had not named a person to lead BP.

- Eliminated two convention officers who had not been true believers in the conservative effort.

Martin Bradley, who had been the convention's recording secretary since 1977, was defeated for re-election by David Atchison of Nashville.

Bradley, whose post carries with it a seat on the Executive Committee, reportedly went out of conservative favor when he joined a minority report opposing the budget that cut funding to the Baptist Joint Committee.

## Conservatives won their 12th-straight SBC presidential election.

Atchison, who succeeded him, was touted as being a new face in convention leadership, but he is the son of the chairman of the Christian Life Commission and the nephew of the former chairman of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, both seen as key leaders in the conservative party.

Conservatives challenged Lee Porter of Nashville for registration secretary, but their candidate, Bob Mowrey of Nashville lost.

However, because of remarks he made to students at the annual SBC meeting which administrators and trustees felt were detrimental to the Sunday School Board, Porter was transferred from his post as design editor to another job at the board. Administrators also ruled he could no longer be a convention officer while working for the

publishing house.

Consequently, Porter announced he would not seek re-election as long as he is employed by the SSB.

The sweeping victories by the convention's right wing caused the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans to be a triumphal session for conservatives.

"They pretty clearly told us that if we didn't like what was happening, we could go somewhere else," said a moderate.

And somewhere else the moderates went.

The five predominately moderate groups in the convention decided they were through with staging failed political efforts and began planning some alternatives.

The moderates, under the leadership of their defeated standard bearer, Vestal, planned a convocation in Atlanta for late summer to plan for the future.

## Moderates' Atlanta convocation attracted 3,000 people.

While planners counted on about 300 participants, the meeting swelled to more than 3,000.

Out of the meeting came an informal organization that came to be called The Fellowship, complete with a 70-plus member steering committee.

The Fellowship has scheduled another major convocation in Atlanta in May which some observers say will be an alternative to attending the 1991 annual meeting of the SBC, scheduled June 4-6, also in Atlanta.

Ambivalence exists concerning whether The Fellowship is an embryonic denomination or will continue as a "wheel within a wheel" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also, an alternate funding plan, called the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program Inc., came into being at the August meeting. It allows moderates an opportunity to express their displeasure with the SBC by designating contributions.

At year's end, it was unclear what impact BCMP will have on the denomination's unified giving plan, although several large churches had opted to go through the new mechanism.

Some churches, when confronted with a bewildering array of choices, have either chosen to determine their own designations or simply to stay put in the Cooperative Program for the time being.

In addition to actions at the annual meeting and the firings of the denominational news service employees, several other actions occurred in 1990 which are greeted happily by conservatives and with dismay by moderates.

Denominational executives such as Lloyd Elder, Sunday School Board president; Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board; Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary; Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Seminary; and Harold C. Bennett, president of the Executive Committee, continued to be pressured.

Elder, who endured an hour-long discussion during a trustee meeting in August 1989 concerning his possible firing, continued to be under pressure.

During 1990, conservatives continued to press for more conservative literature. Conservative trustees ordered a centennial history of the Sunday School Board withdrawn when it did not treat the events to their liking. The book was written by Southwestern Seminary history Professor Leon McBeth.

The withdrawal of the book, coupled with pressure on Porter to leave his registration secretary post, indicated to moderates that conservatives are forcing Elder to fol-

low their wishes.

Dilday and Southwestern Seminary trustees apparently smoothed over a dispute over remarks Dilday made at the annual meeting, referring to political methods in the past as "satanic," but the president of the largest SBC seminary remains under close observation.

Honeycutt was attacked by a new Southern Seminary trustee during the spring board meeting as not believing the Bible. The trustee, Jerry Johnson of suburban Denver, later apologized for the tone and method of his attack, but not for the content.

Trustees of the SBC's oldest seminary also moved to cement control by installing the 1987 report of the SBC Peace Committee as a guideline for hiring and promotion.

Thus, Southern becomes the first seminary to require employees to believe in a literal Adam and Eve, among other things, for employment or promotion.

Parks, as the leader of the Foreign Mission Board, continues in some conservatives' disfavor for past activities decrying the politics of the right.

Executive Committee officers instructed Bennett, the president, to fire the vice president for public relations and Baptist Press news editor. When he declined, the officers called the July 17 meeting in which the pair were fired.

The year also saw movement on the part of three universities affiliated with Baptist state conventions to distance themselves from the threat of a conservative takeover.

Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and Furman University in Greenville, S.C., unilaterally declared their boards of trust to be self-perpetuating and separated themselves from convention control. In both places, the actions set off upheaval in the state conventions and even talk of lawsuits to regain control.

## What does the future hold? 'We'll wait and see.'

A third school, Stetson University in Deland, Fla., also moved to distance itself from the Florida Baptist Convention, but the action was taken after negotiation with FBC leadership.

Also, several schools were in various stages of offering theological education as an alternative to the SBC-controlled seminaries: Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Baylor.

The Southern Baptist Alliance-related seminary, Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, is raising funds and attempting to begin as an alternative to SBC theological education.

As 1990 ended, many convention-watchers pondered the future of the SBC.

The Cooperative Program ended the 1989-90 fiscal year with an increase; SBC missionaries were in more countries than ever before; and baptisms were projected to be on the increase.

But some of the big Cooperative Program-giving churches were looking at alternative ways to give their money; the central office of the denominational news service was understaffed; and key agencies and institutions were embattled.

As one convention-watcher predicted: "We apparently have quit shouting at each other and now are in the process of assessing the damage and the future.

"What it holds—financially, organizationally, politically, as a fellowship and as a missions force in the world—nobody knows. We'll just have to wait and see." (ABP)



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## Junebug for a new year

Over a year ago, Norma Wilkins, wife of our KBC partnership coordinator, gave me a small book of poetry.

The author, Oscar W. Johnston, was born in Morgan County, Ky., in 1912. His father taught school, was a farmer, blacksmith and a barn-builder.

His poetry graphically describes his childhood remembrances of an era that has passed from us.

• **Crosscut Saw**

"Our crosscut saw had a rhythmic ring,  
"Tho' some folks would call it noise.

"You can rest assured of this one thing—it made men out of boys!

"Its music rang in the autumn woods  
"Round our East Kentucky farm

"As we cut the wood for our winter's need,

"That we might keep halfway warm.  
"Tho' the work was hard, we would make it play

"Till the winter's wood was in.  
"The hickory, oak, sourwood and gum

"All sang to the crosscut's ring.  
"When the winter came with the wood piled high,

"And the crosscut racked away,  
"Through the winter's snow, round a hearth aglow,

"We would plan for future days.  
"Tho' boys from the hills don't all succeed

"Some win, some lose, some draw—  
"Many top-ranked men got the will to win

"At the end of a crosscut saw."

• **Junebug on a string**

"My folks were poor hill-county folks  
"Who worked from sun to sun,

"As they raced against starvation  
"To raise their little ones.

"With very little substance  
"And little time for play,

"My childhood entertainment  
"Seems foolish in a way.

"But I learned improvisation  
"And made up songs to sing.

"Yet the thing I got more pleasure from  
"Was my junebug on a string.

"He would fly around in circles  
"And dip and dive and spin,

"And when he settled to the ground  
"I would jerk him up again.

"As I look around the world today,  
"I'm convinced of this one thing;

"Some folks are like my junebug  
"Someone else pulls the string.

"I'm glad I had poor parents;  
"Wealth isn't everything.

"For I learned a lot as tiny tot  
"With a junebug on a string.

"Kids today have more than plenty,  
"Yet they're never satisfied;

"Seems nobody knows contentment  
"That peace which comes inside.

"Some folks today would not believe  
"That there ever was such a thing

"As a little boy whose only toy  
"Was a junebug on a string."

"Dear Lord, it's 1991 already. Help me pull my end of the 'crosscut saw' in this new year and take the time to catch a junebug."

# Numerical Sunday school growth tied to evangelism

by Frank Wm. White

Throughout the more than 200 years of Sunday school work in America, numerical growth has been tied directly to a focus on evangelism, and Southern Baptists must regain that focus to experience growth in the denomination, Harry Piland, the director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday school division told state convention leaders.

Piland recounted the history of the Sunday school movement in America, saying it was successful only when it became an evangelistic, volunteer effort in the mid 1800s.

As Southern Baptists face their second century of Sunday school work, a continued commitment to the priority of evangelism must be at the base of the work, he told the state convention Sunday school leaders meeting in annual planning sessions in December in Nashville.

"If we are going to experience breakthrough for the 90s, it has got to be with an emphasis on evangelism," he said.

Breakthrough is the Sunday school theme for 1990-95 and includes annual goals in enrollment and other key areas.

When Southern Baptists launched a denominational Sunday school program with the establishment of the Sunday School Board in 1891, evangelism was at the heart of the work, Piland said.

Most Protestant denominations shifted from Sunday school with an evangelistic flavor to training only for children, and enrollment began to decline, he pointed out.

Southern Baptists used Sunday school as a tool for outreach and enrollment totals doubled or tripled every twenty years until 1960 when, Piland said, the board pulled back from a focus on evangelism.

Piland said between 1980 and 1990, Southern Baptists returned to a priority on evangelism, and Sunday school enrollment has increased by half a million from 7.4 million to 7.9 million people. Enrollment for Sunday schools of all denominations has dropped from 41 million to 28 million in the past 12 years, he said.

Continuing to reach people through Bible study is going to require innovations in the

face of a radically changing world, Piland cautioned.

But, as changes in techniques and literature develop, the Bible must remain the textbook of Sunday school, he said. "Southern Baptists almost stand alone in saying that in our Sunday school, the Bible is our textbook."

"Never let the Bible be taken out of our Sunday school. It has got to be the heart of Bible study," he said.

Innovation will require churches to build on the base of traditional Sunday morning Bible study and get outside the church to reach those who will not come in, Piland

said: "Legitimate Bible study ought to be going on seven days a week at different locations," he said.

Piland encouraged state Sunday school leaders to work with churches in understanding and using Southern Baptist literature produced by the board. He also pledged Sunday School Board efforts to respond more quickly to meet the needs of churches in reaching people.

In addition to literature improvements to be introduced in October 1991, Piland said the board will continue to use developing technology to help produce material to help churches. (BP)

## New church members need training, fellowship

by Terri Lackey

"If a new member does not become bonded into the training and fellowship of a church within six months, you're going to lose him," warned Roy Edgemon, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship training department.

Edgemon defined bonding as the training and fellowship a new member should receive to know the Southern Baptist church and feel like a part of its family.

Edgemon was speaking to state discipleship training directors and associates during annual December planning meetings in Nashville.

"We are not giving people who join our churches the foundations they need to understand Southern Baptists," Edgemon said. The result is a dropout rate that ex-

ceeds new membership.

Edgemon said in 1988-89 Southern Baptist churches gained 17,734 resident members, but lost 77,308 resident members to non-resident status. Non-resident members are those who move away from one church and fail to join another.

"We are losing members to the cults of inactivity and indifference. There is such a lack of commitment in churches today."

Churches that want to gain more in membership than they are losing must set goals to that effect, Edgemon said.

Edgemon cited a Foreign Mission Board study which revealed "that more than 80 percent of (Southern Baptist) churches today do not have goals. And 92 percent of those that have goals have them in the wrong place."

Goals should be set to strengthen the

discipleship base of the church, he said. "If you have a strong discipleship base, you can build off that pyramid and begin extending your church through new classes or new missions."

"Churches must build a base of strong leadership before they become concerned about growing in other areas," he said. "Some churches set their priorities at the top of the pyramid before they've set goals for a strong foundation."

"So many churches do not have the proper infrastructure (of discipleship training). No wonder 70 percent of our churches are either losing members or have plateaued because of the way they are doing church work," Edgemon said.

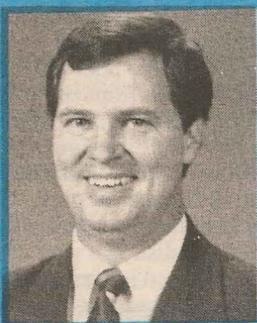
Edgemon said churches must start immediately "planning a training program to strengthen their people." (BP)

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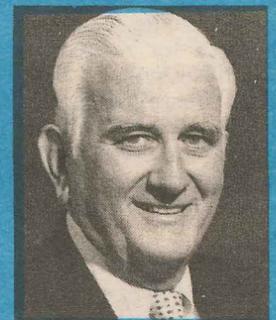
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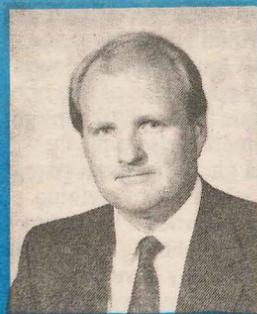
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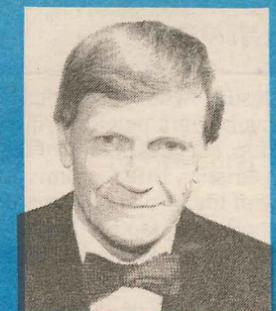
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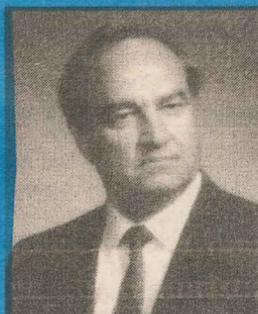
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# Churches can help Eastern Europeans survive winter

Southern Baptist churches can help Romanians, Bulgarians and Soviets survive the harsh conditions expected this winter.

Many people in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are facing not only a cold winter but economic chaos and hunger as their nations struggle to adjust to profound social change.

For several months, Western European Baptists have been sending food and basic medicine packages to Romania and Bulgaria. Each parcel contains items such as margarine, oil, flour, rice, cheese, pow-

dered milk, coffee, soap, washing powder, aspirin, soups, sausages and canned meats.

In a carefully coordinated operation, the packages of essentials have been mailed directly from Baptist churches in Western Europe to churches in the East. "If guidelines are followed, the governments will not require senders or recipients to pay expensive customs charges on aid packages," said Karl-Heinz Walter, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation.

The response of European Baptists has

been so great that better and cheaper arrangements now have been made to ship the parcels. They now will be trucked into Romania and Bulgaria, with some packages being shipped on to the Baltic republics and other parts of the Soviet Union.

Southern Baptists and others in North America who have requested opportunities to help also can participate, but not by sending parcels. Baptist World Aid and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have made joint arrangements for supporting the aid effort by opening a special fund.

Contributions received will be forwarded immediately to the European Baptist Federation in Hamburg, Germany, and used to pay for food packages.

Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid, the relief division of the Baptist World Alliance, estimated each package will cost \$25 to put together and ship. "If the same package was shipped from the United States it would cost nearly \$50 to airmail and \$25 to send by surface mail, and then it would not arrive until winter had ended," said Montacute. "This system will feed more people."

Funds for the project sent to the Foreign Mission Board should be marked "Manna—Food Parcels for Eastern Europe." Funds sent to Baptist World Aid should be designated "Baptist Response-Europe."

"The beauty of this plan is that it allows Southern Baptist churches of any size or even individual families to help," said Keith Parker, FMB area director for Europe.

"Winter is going to be awful in these countries."

Churches are being asked not to send large loads of food and clothing because of problems with both storing and distributing bulky shipments. The small packages shipped by European Baptists will be distributed to the most needy through networks established by local churches in Romania and Bulgaria.

"We already have heard reports that the packages are getting through," Parker said. "It is essential that the packages be sent through this system, though, since we've heard of others winding up for sale on the black market." (BP)

## 'The Baptist Hour' celebrates 50 years of broadcasting

### around the sbc

Southern Baptists' flagship radio program "The Baptist Hour," celebrates its 50th anniversary this month.

The convention began radio ministry Jan. 5, 1941, when M.E. Dodd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., gave the first broadcast over 17 stations in 11 states. "The Baptist Hour" now is aired weekly on 450 radio stations nationwide. The anniversary celebration was broadcast Jan. 6 from First Church of Shreveport.

The program has received a Gold Angel award from Religion in Media, a non-profit Los Angeles organization founded to improve the media. The award is the organization's highest honor given to media.

And beginning this spring, the Armed

Forces Radio and Television Service will carry "The Baptist Hour" over its radio network for 13 weeks.

Among other news from around the Southern Baptist Convention:

**Bible Convocation planned.** The National Convocation on the Bible, to be held in Nashville April 21-23, is designed to celebrate the Bible as the foundation for Southern Baptist work in missions, evangelism and Sunday school. Registration will be held on a first-come first-served basis. Contact the SBC Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

**Fixed Fund rate projected.** The 1991 rate for the SBC Annuity Board's Fixed Fund will be 8.8 percent. The board announces a rate each December for the coming year to

assist retirement plan members in decisions on allocation of contributions.

**Church loans expands.** The SBC Home Mission Board's church loans division has moved to increase its services. While continuing to serve church starts in new work areas, new Director Bob Inlow hopes to make loans to established churches to become "the best church lender there is."

**Music leadership conferences set.** Performances of the "Resurrection" portion of Handel's Messiah will highlight the church music conferences June 15-21 at Ridgecrest, N.C. and July 6-12 at Glorieta, N.M. Reservations may be made beginning Feb. 1 by writing to: Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N.M. 87535 or Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

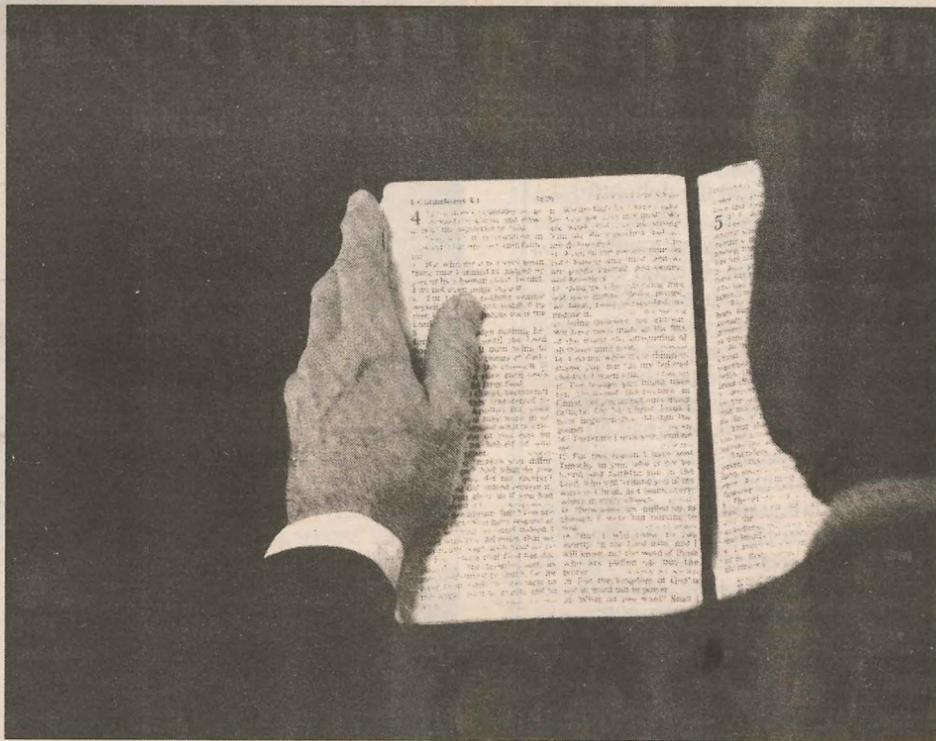
# Faithful Stewards

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# mountains to the mississippi



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## clear creek chronicle

### Finally

Dr. Terry's mission class had their final exam and afterwards celebrated with a pizza. I got invited and while we were enjoying the fellowship, the development office secretaries invited me to have pizza with them. Christmas goodies topped off the lunch. Finals week at Clear Creek isn't like most colleges.

That same day the Harmony Elementary School pupils, faculty and staff had a Christmas musical in our chapel. After lunch many of us enjoyed the delightful presentation, "Not a Creature Was Stirring." The fifth and second grades were featured and eleven children from the campus sang. Amy Jessie and Heather Castlen had leading roles. The play characters were church mice and cats. Music missionary in residence, Jim Castlen, directed the production and was also "Grandpa Tom." The play had an evening performance for the community.

The "work day" ended with a check and letter from '89 graduate Ron Renner, pastor of Northside church, Grayville, Ill. You need to hear from him also:

"I wanted you to know our ministry here is going well, and we contribute much of that to what we learned at Clear Creek. When we came, our attendance was about 95 and very inconsistent. We had a debt of \$25,000; the church and parsonage needed some work. God has graciously worked out a few spiritual problems also. Attendance has reached 146 with an average 120-130, and we have reduced the debt to \$10,000 in just 14 months. We put new roofs on the parsonage and church. A new driveway has been added and we plan to pave the parking lot in the summer. God has blessed the church with 16 additions.

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That's a good way to begin a new year.

**PERSONNEL:** Pastors—Roy Carlton resigned Harlan, Harlan, to become vice president of Church Resource Services, Florence. ... Scott Boyd to First, Prospect, from Wyliesburg, Wyliesburg, Va. ... Mike Nimmo to Memory Lane, Louisville. ... Virgil Grant to Eastside Bethel, Richmond. ... Mike Helton, of Woodbine, to River, Barbourville. ... Ronald Riley to Green Road, Green Road. ... Morris Trayner to Gilberts Creek, Lancaster. ... George W. Cummins Jr. to Calvary, Berea. ... William Boldt to Ewing, Ewing. ... Roy Alexander to Good Hope, Eubank. ... Lenville Coldiron retired from New Enterprise, Somerset. ... Ancil A. Durrett to Bethany, Columbia. ... Hermon Wilkins resigned Beech Grove, Campbellsville. ... Roger Poynter to New Hope, Greensburg, from Leatherwood, Edmonton. ... Tony Smith, student at Campbellsville College, to Raikes, Campbells-

ville. ... Ralph Duncan, pastor of Springfield, Bimble, can be heard on WYWY, Barbourville, WNIT, Tazewell, Tenn., and WKYZ, Corbin. ... Steve Boyd to New Clover Creek, Hardinsburg, from Hempridge, Waddy. ... Warren Robards retired from Chestnut Grove, Lewisport. ... Arthur Dean Hatfield to Clarkson, Clarkson, from Old Panther Creek, Whitesville.

**Others**—Robert Allen to Second, Hopkinsville, as minister of education, from Martin, Tenn. ... Nathan Crawford to Brodhead, Brodhead, as youth director.

**ORDINATIONS:** Ministry—Scott Hale by Hill Grove, Guston. ... Bill Ellis by First, Richmond.

**Deacons**—Merrill Atwell by Pink Ridge, Edmonton. ... Rolan Coomer by Colum-

bia, Columbia. ... Carl D. Hawes by Greensburg, Greensburg. ... George Davidson, Larry Green and Charles Shannon by Calvary, Danville.

**NEW MISSIONS:** Becknerville in Clarke County sponsored by First, Paris.

**CONGREGATIONS:** Vine Grove, Vine Grove, will begin its 100th anniversary celebration in March.

**DEATHS:** Leslie E. Sanders, 77, former pastor of Broadway, Louisville, from 1963-77, and brother of late KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Harold G. Sanders, at Chipley, Fla., Oct. 24.

**CORRECTIONS:** Enis Harper is not pastor of Locust Grove, Girdler, as reported in the Dec. 4 issue.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 13, 1991

Life and Work Series

### Sight for the spiritually blind

**John 9:24-25** One Sabbath, as Christ and his disciples were leaving the temple in Jerusalem, they saw a beggar, blind since birth. Daily he sat near the gate and

begged for money. His blindness had not been caused by either member of his family, but it had been permitted in order "that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Observing the man's need, Christ elicited his faith and obedience and gave him his sight.

The pharisees summoned the man born blind for additional information and a thorough cross-examination. They sought to convince him that the one who had healed him was a sinner because he had wrought this miracle on the Sabbath. So great was their hatred that they were willing to go to any length to discredit him. The man readily admitted that he did not know whether or not his physician was a sinner, but there was one thing of which he was certain, that "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

The blind man had never been permitted to see the sunlight of a single day, the wonders of nature or the beauties of the world until he received a cure at the hand of Christ. The Pharisees sought to discredit the miraculous healing of the blindman by getting his parents to deny that their son had been blind since birth.

**John 9:28-30** Knowing for a certainty that Christ had enabled him to see, the man never deviated from his testimony. He admitted he did not understand all that had happened, but there was no doubt in his mind that God had placed his sanction on the one by whom the deed was performed.

**John 9:33-41** When the Pharisees scorned and expelled the man, Christ sought him and asked, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The man acknowledged Christ and worshiped him as Lord.

### International Series

#### The ten maidens

**Matt. 25:1-13** Christ spoke "The Parable of the Ten Virgins" to alert the disciples as well as future Christians of Christ's return. He sought to impress his hearers with five facts: the certainty of his return, the uncertainty of the time, the necessity of preparation, the blessedness of those who are prepared and the wretchedness of those who are not prepared.

In this parable Christ portrayed ten girls who were expecting to participate in the oriental marriage festival. The virgins were expected to go out with lamps to meet the bridal party and to pass in them to the wedding supper. During the interval of waiting for the bridegroom, all of the ten virgins became drowsy, began to nod and fell into a deep sleep.

Christ said that "five of them were wise and five were foolish." The essential difference between the virgins was that five took extra oil for their lamps and the other five failed to do so. Their folly was that they went to sleep without first securing oil to replenish their lamps in the event of such a need. For the wise virgins the closed door meant safety, enjoyment and intimate fellowship, but for the foolish ones it meant neglected privileges and forfeited opportunities.

Christ sought to impress upon his hearers the uncertainty of the time of his return and the necessity of preparation. God's children should remember that nobody knows when Christ is coming again. For this reason we should try daily to discover his will for us.



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## homes for children

### Gratitude

The following letter is from one of our youth in the continuing care program. Scott Shouse, our worker there meets regularly with these youth and helps them with their needs after they have left direct care.

Dear Scott,

I am in receipt of your Christmas card. I greatly appreciate your continued interest in me and how I am doing. It really means a lot to me to know that I have friends who are always ready to help me or share in my happiness. I have recently completed my EMT certification and am now an official Kentucky State Certified Emergency Medical Technician. I have also completed my health and Safety Services Instructor for the Red Cross. The next stop will be a paramedic Certification which will undoubtedly be my biggest challenge yet ...

I realize I have never really expressed my gratitude or feelings about KBHC continued support and interest in me. I hope that you understand that this is not because I don't appreciate it; rather, I am not really all that good on expressing myself. The support that has been given to me, whether it be financial or emotional, is very valuable to me and I don't know where I would be without it. Since the very young age of 11, I have experienced several different children's homes and have visited many families who wanted to share what they had with me. Throughout the past 10 years, I have made a lot of headway from my beginnings as a smart-mouthed kid who felt like everyone owed him something to where I am now. I am far from being perfect or even close. I have made a lot of mistakes and learned a lot of lessons. But I also made a lot of progress. None of this would be possible without the support and love that was shown me from the beginning. Of all the homes that I stayed in, I will always remember Glen Dale as being MY home. I spent around five years there and wouldn't change a thing, except for telling people how I felt.

Once again, thanks so much for the continued support that has been given to me and thank you so much for caring enough to make a trip to see me or call me on the phone.



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## oneida journal

### "Off and Running"

Our students and staff are back from Christmas "break" and the new semester has begun. We hit the ground running.

Our 60-member academic staff and houseparents returned on New Year's Day. The following afternoon, we had a seven-hour meeting in which the name of each student in the school was read and many were discussed in detail. We have such a meeting twice a year. Then on Saturday morning we met for more than two hours to review the previous semester and plan for the upcoming one.

At least 20 of our staff were busy on any given day during the break. A tremendous amount of work was accomplished in our computer labs where up to

200 students can work "hands on" with our computers on a daily basis. The lab is kept open until 8 p.m. daily, and sometimes later. During the break the room was repainted, the 10-year old carpet was replaced with beautiful new carpet, and 20 new computer desks were assembled and located in the room. Recently we designed and handbuilt two large sections of cabinets for the lab for storage. We added more disk drives and printers. We are constantly adding software.

We have an outstanding computer teacher, which makes for an outstanding computer program. I am sure there is no computer lab in the state more used because it is open to every student enrolled at OBI from the smallest 6th grader. Also it is open for use about 12 hours daily. We also have some faithful and efficient student lab aides who assist others and are constantly learning themselves.

Major work was also done during the break in reorganizing our office space. Though our over-all physical plant has more than tripled in the last 10 years, many new buildings and an increase in staff housing, we have not added one inch for office space. Aside from the physical growth of our work, the program growth has been tremendous. The doubling of student enrollment and staff during that period made more office staff and new equipment necessary.

For example, we now have our mailing list computerized. Our staff salary checks are done by computer, most of our bills are paid by computer written checks, and student accounts are also kept on computer.

Our volume of mail is 12-fold what it was just 10 years ago. Many days it takes me at least 1 1/2 hours just signing my name to outgoing mail. People keep

urging me to get a signature stamp or have it done by machine, but I will never willingly do that. I want to see what is being mailed in my name, check it over, and occasionally add a postscript.

We added four staff members with the new semester. We had a total of 11 on our staff making housing moves during the break. Construction was completed on a new apartment on Little Bullskin Creek where the school owns 80 acres in various coves and hollows three miles from our main campus. That was the ancestral home area of our founder.

In the past three years we have added three places of housing in that area. During the holidays our computer teacher-business manager moved into a house behind our church that we have totally renovated and nearly doubled in recent months. Our own staff men do all of this construction work with volunteer help.

As I write this, our men are hard at work on the 3000 square feet addition to our craft house. As we have time and cooperative weather, we will proceed with building the 3000 square feet farm shop. The framework and roof trusses of that building are up. In bad weather, we will finish the inside work for our new three-chair barber-beauty shop to serve our campus community as well as our local village. Presently it is a 34-mile round trip to get to a barber or beauty shop.

As we enter upon the New Year, we are thankful for the blessings of God. We are mindful of the truth of the text of the first sermon preached on the Oneida campus New Year's Day, 1900: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

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## Has your will had a checkup lately?

Not even the most carefully-drawn will remains sound permanently. Years pass; families grow or decline; circumstances change; Christian commitment grows ...

It is a good practice to read your will once a year. As a result, you will be reminded of prior decisions and will be aware of needed changes.

### "Symptoms" to look for:

- **Growing children.** Special provisions related to needs of minors may indicate the need for revisions.

- **Change in marital status.** A marriage, death of spouse or divorce probably indicates the need for major changes or a new will.

- **Birth of a child.** A new family member would necessitate changes to carry out your wishes.

- **Death.** Death of a parent, spouse, child, beneficiary or executor calls for a close examination of your will.

- **Move.** A change in permanent legal residence from one state to another requires a good look.

- **Exchange of assets.** A change in the nature or growth of assets is an occasion for examination.

- **Tax laws.** Recent changes in estate tax laws have made many wills out of date. A review is wise.

- **Gifts.** Recent or contemplated gifts could make changes necessary.

- **Personal Representative.** Death, disability or refusal of the Personal Representative probably requires major changes.

- **Growing commitment.** Your Christian growth, perhaps coupled with a lessening responsibility to children, may call for changes, to reflect your growing interest in the Lord's work.

Has this checkup revealed that you do not have a will at all? It is estimated that three out of four adults who die this year have no will.

If you are thinking about leaving a portion of your estate to a very worthwhile charity, please give prayerful consideration to helping Baptist Hospitals Foundation help others. We would welcome your gift and put it to work in the name of the Lord.

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.

# SBTS December grads number almost 200

About 190 graduates received degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement Dec. 14.

The Louisville seminary awarded degrees to graduates from its schools of theology, Christian education, church music and church social work. Seminary Chancellor Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary from 1951 to 1982, was commencement speaker.

Kentucky graduates included:

- **Master of Church Music:** Keenan Todd Franklin, Lexington; Lloyd A. Sutton, Frankfort; Stuart A. Terry, Paducah.

- **Master of Divinity:** Stephen Lee Ayers, Bowling Green; Gregory Kevin Brown, Russell Springs; Reuben Lane DeBoard, London; James Austin Drive, Bowling Green; Darrell Coleman McGaughey,

Mount Eden; Joseph Earl Newton, Louisville; Drew Martin, Mousie; Jean Elizabeth Oliver, Louisville; Scott Parrish, Caneyville; Thomas Anthony Wicker, Bowling Green; William Ross Booth, Florence; Donald Dwayne Lynch, Corbin.

- **Master of Arts in Christian Education:** Mark Gerald Borchert, Louisville; Shelia Denise Sullivan, White Plains; Samuel Tyler Newman, Henderson.

- **Master of Divinity in Christian Education:** David Lyninger, Louisville; Richard D. Mangum, Pewee Valley.

- **Doctor of Ministry:** Timothy D. Maynard, Ashland; Van Douglas Thompson, Owingsville; Brad Scot Johnson, Bowling Green; Kenneth Owen Perkins, Owenton.

- **Doctor of Education:** C. Edward Richardson, Louisville.

- **Doctor of Philosophy:** Donald Lee Berry, Guston.

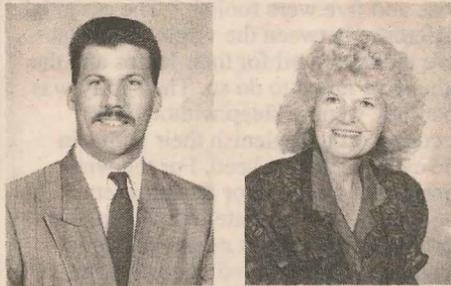
In another ceremony later that day, Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary, awarded diplomas and certificates to 17 graduates. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, assistant dean of Boyce, addressed the commencement. Kentucky graduates included:

- **Diploma in Christian Ministry:** Ruby Bogar, Louisville; Gregory E. Crenshaw, Louisville; Richard A. Porter, Louisville.

- **Certificate in Christian Ministry:** Kenneth Ray Easkins, Louisville; Debbie Bunch, Louisville.

- **Certificate in Lay Ministry Training:** Dorothy Hall, Louisville.

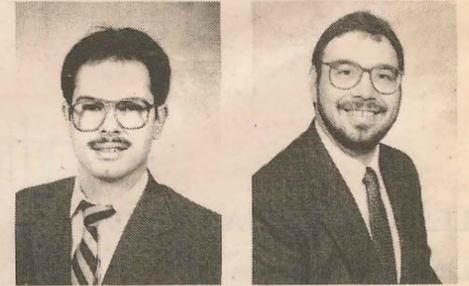
Boyce, founded in 1974, provides ministerial training to persons who do not have college degrees.



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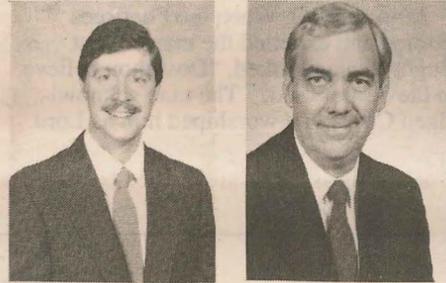
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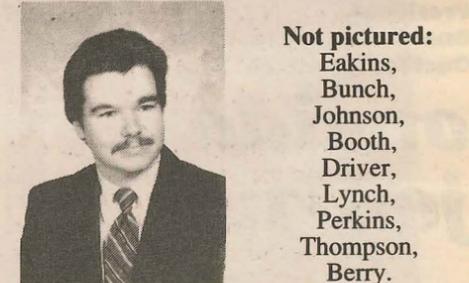
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# Music can evangelize and disciple, consultant says

by Charles Willis

Music is used to evangelize and disciple people in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, many times without anyone's awareness, a national discipleship leader believes.

T.W. Hunt, prayer consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship training department, said "music has a high teaching value as well as a tremendous value for worship."

Speaking at the Church Music Leadership Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Hunt, formerly professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said singing can characterize the broad spectrum of evangelism, growth in Christ and effective worship.

"Discipleship begins with evangelism," he said. "To make disciples of all nations speaks of a process, and music is one of the most effective tools we have at our disposal to win people to Christ."

Music, he said, can communicate both objective truth and the experience of a witness.

"Christ died for our sins' is objective truth," he said, "while telling what Christ has done for me is the experience of a

witness.

"When we have a relationship with Christ, we want to communicate who Christ is and our relationship to him. Music can communicate both messages."

Hunt said music evangelism and discipleship occurs when a prospect comes to hear your music or "when you take your guitar and go to the beach or the park."

And he believes musicians need to consider the audience when choosing music that will make prospects feel receptive to the message. But he cautions there is music with such strong worldly associations that

it might miscommunicate.

"It's a very sensitive matter," Hunt observed. "It takes an enormous amount of love to adjust your music to your prospect."

Hunt maintains music reaches some people who might not be reached by other communication tools.

"Anywhere in the world, people will always respond to music," he said. "Music missionaries have cited many examples of people who were drawn to Christ first through music."

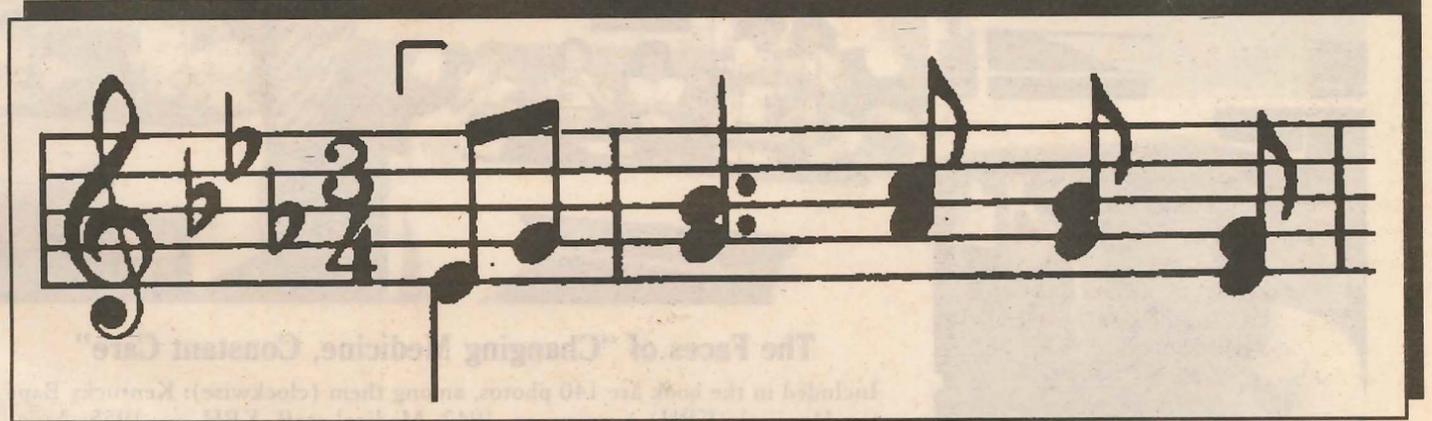
And Hunt said music can be used in every stage of Christian growth to express

a wide range of emotions.

"David expressed bewilderment, disappointment, hurt, joy and praise through the Psalms." Music has a high memory value, Hunt said.

"We remember what we sing. Many people who know all the words to numbers of hymns from memory know few complete chapters of the Bible from memory.

"Western culture is so eye-minded that it tends to underrate ear learning," Hunt continued. "We do learn many things by ear without knowing we're doing it. Music is a relatively painless way to learn."



## Children's leader advocates teaching hymns for learning

by Charles Willis

Teaching hymns to children provides spiritual learning that lasts a lifetime, according to Susan Stanton, a Southern Baptist children's choir specialist for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and member of First Baptist Church of Brownwood, Texas.

"Hymns and the singing of hymns should be the core of music education for children. Hymns are spiritual songs, based on stories; and others are based on spiritual truths. Singing them provides repetition of what we believe. As the melody lingers in the

memory, the text connected with it can be carried into the mind and heart."

Stanton said most of the hymns Christians sing as adults are learned between the ages of seven and 12. While a child may lack the vocabulary to express some spiritual thoughts, the words to a hymn can supply the words children may be lacking.

"Children need to be taught how to use the hymnal in worship," she continued, "because singing in a worship service is one of the first ways they participate in worship."

In teaching children, "you don't always get immediate reward, but you have a direct

influence on children's attitudes toward worship, their commitment to God and their attitude toward God."

Stanton said she believes children grow into hymns. As their faith matures, their understanding of the hymns deepens.

"'Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star' is great when you are a young child, but you reach an age when you don't care to sing it anymore," she said. "Hymns have lasting value that provide a balance to disposable songs of childhood."

The hymnal is a book of scripture, theology, doctrine, poetry and history, Stanton

said. Through hymns leaders can teach children the fundamentals of the faith, words to express beliefs in worship, application of faith to daily living, ministry and testimonies of faith.

"Hymns withstand children's changing vocabularies," Stanton said. "As children mature, hymns remain exciting because of what they have to say."

Stanton said by talking about the stories behind the hymns, leaders can show children how God used hymn writers and their hymns and how his truths remain the same throughout history.

## Church architecture called continuing concern until Jesus comes

"Here is the church; here is the steeple; open the doors, see all the people."

The lesson of a child's rhyme is about the church, its mission, functions, tasks and assignment to carry out the Great Commission, James D. Williams told participants in the annual National Church Building Seminar at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Williams, executive vice president of the board, said the continuing concern of Southern Baptist church architecture can be found in the "simple, symbolic hand reminder of the church. The building of the church of Jesus Christ must continue until he comes again. As we build our 'hand church,' our finger movements suggest just those steps we must take to build the church.

"To see that 'here is the church' is to peer below the covering under which we are prone at times to conceal the real church," he continued. "It is to face the facts of church life—the pockets of vitality in the classroom, the sanctuary and the fellowship hall, to know that the church is finally embodied within the lives of imperfect believers, like you and me, who want finally to grow up into the likeness of Jesus Christ."

The pointing index fingers, representing the steeple, move us beyond persons and groups "to the king of kings and Lord of Lords who calls us to higher allegiance," Williams told church staff persons and building committee members. "The good news which the steeple announces is that

sin and death have met their match in Jesus Christ."

Churches where members worship as a living Lord soon find evangelism is not an extra task but "the very essence of the church," Williams declared.

"To heed the movement of stretching thumbs is to 'open the doors' to the fresh

winds of the gospel and to hasten to the waiting neighbor, carrying out the invitation of the descended, resurrected and ascended Christ."

To "see all the people" calls attention to Christians' common life in Jesus Christ," he said. "The body of Christ does not consist of one member, but of many.

"If we will translate these understandings into practice, the Lord will build his church," Williams continued. "Until the Lord comes, there are repairs to be made and new buildings to be built."

The National Church Building Seminar was sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church architecture department.

## Theology, architecture study can result in 'sacred space'

by Charles Willis

Architects who develop a sound theology of church buildings and who do their homework have an opportunity to create "sacred space," a pastor and an educator told participants in a Workshop for Architects Oct. 12-13 in San Antonio, Texas.

Jack Riddlehoover, pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas, told architects from across the United States and Canada that knowing about Southern Baptist programs and about the congregation planning to build is crucial to a successful relationship.

William Hendricks, professor of theology and director for the center of religion and arts at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., said he believes church buildings "are not just function, location, or money, but sacred space."

Riddlehoover, whose 41 years as a pastor include 12 building projects, said: "The personality of a church has much to do with

the kind of building the congregation wants and needs. Visit some of the services; feel who that church really is; learn what they feel they are there to accomplish."

Riddlehoover urged architects to ask each building committee member the purpose of the proposed building.

Hendricks agreed that committee members should deal with specific questions about the nature of God and the mission of God's people. The answers to those questions can be expressed architecturally, Hendricks maintained.

"Look for the spiritual implications of God in what you do," he said. "The biblical God takes the initiative, calls his people by name, confronts them and sends them forth."

Architecturally, Southern Baptists need to show the presence, the holiness, the love, wrath and power of God, he continued. Church buildings not only say who a church is, he asserted, but they also say who the congregation thinks God is.

Riddlehoover challenged architects to

"catch the ambition of the church," and to "find the unique needs of the specific part of the church for which you are to plan. There are uncommon needs related to a church. Architects should become familiar with everything the (Sunday School Board's) church architecture department can give them before they work with a church."

Among other areas of concern, architects were advised to understand the decision-making process in the church, research the church's financial status, give the best possible counsel and lead the church to build beautiful, inviting buildings.

"Church buildings do not have to be ornate," Riddlehoover said, "but they do need design that says they are houses of God. View what you do as a labor to be used of God in a building that will be a blessing to others long after you are gone."

The Workshop for Architects was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church architecture department. (BP)



**The Faces of "Changing Medicine, Constant Care"**

Included in the book are 140 photos, among them (clockwise): Kentucky Baptist Hospital (KBH) nursery, ca. 1942; Medical staff, KBH, ca. 1955; Assistance for surgical procedure at KBH, 1966; Western Baptist Hospital, April 1990; Nursing school chemistry class, September 1942; and Premature baby care, Central Baptist Hospital, 1990.

# A Story of "Changing Medicine, Constant Care"

Since 1906, countless individuals have helped to write the story of the healing ministry of the Kentucky Baptists. It is a story of a hospital system's founding—a story that has been locked in the memories of its authors and tucked away in a smattering of old documents. Until now.

This month, the story of the start-up of a small, denominational hospital in Louisville in 1924 and its emergence as Kentucky's largest not-for-profit system found its way onto the shelves at Hawley-Cooke Booksellers and in the gift shops of the four Baptist hospitals.

Authored by Samuel W. Thomas, the book, "Changing Medicine, Constant Care," offers a revealing glimpse into more than half a century of advances in medicine and healthcare delivery in Kentucky. It is, Thomas said, "the scrapbook that the hospitals never kept."

Thomas spent more than two years researching and chronicling the story of the Baptist hospitals. To piece the story together, he turned to a number of community resources, including the Louisville Free Public Library, University of Louisville Photographic Archives, *The Courier-Journal* and *Western Recorder*.

Of equal significance, though, were approximately 100 interviews he conducted with staff members, nurses and physicians who witnessed the changes in medicine "from the inside." Their accounts—told in their own words—provide a fascinating look at the way it was. Among those interviewed was the "father of the Baptist hospital system," H. L. Dobbs, who from 1935 to 1973 directed Kentucky Baptist Hospital and the system it fostered.

Thomas has interwoven the vivid recollections of those who brought on and witnessed the progress with documents from hospital board minutes, newspaper accounts and 140 photographs. To preserve the character of the documents, they have not been edited.

The 240-page book, Thomas said, "should appeal to people who have a general interest in medicine and to the people who were there at the time—to hear friends and colleagues rattle memories—good memories."

For Thomas, whose other publications include *Crescent Hill Revisited* and *Dawn Comes to the Mountains*, about the Oneida Baptist Institute, the gathering of the written record and oral history on the Kentucky Baptist hospital system was personally intriguing.

"Many of my earliest memories center on a general hospital my grandfather founded in the Philadelphia suburb of Chestnut Hill.... Grandfather would be amazed and overwhelmed but certainly pleased with the strides medicine and hospitals have made. In his wildest dreams he never could have imagined such innovations. This holds true for those who dispensed medicine on Barret Avenue in the early years."

"Changing Medicine, Constant Care," was commissioned by Ben R. Brewer, former president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc. (BHI) and underwritten by the Baptist Hospitals Foundation. All proceeds from the book, said Charles Cox, vice president of the BHI Foundation, will be channeled into indigent care through the Sunday School Charity fund. The price of the book is \$19.95.

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