

## Kentucky's Youthfest '91 dares teens: Go forward

by Ron Chaney, Staff Writer

"Go forward in faith," a squad of speakers and singers challenged more than 5,000 teens at Youthfest '91, the Kentucky Baptist youth evangelism conference, in Frankfort's Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, June 21-22.

One of the largest Kentucky Baptist youth meetings in recent years, the conference yielded 102 professions of faith in Christ and 200 spiritual rededications during two days of events.

Rick Ousley, a Birmingham, Ala., evangelist, launched his Friday night talk with a rap rendition of Jesus playing a one-on-one basketball game with Satan. "With Jesus Christ, you've got a winner," Ousley cheered.

He uplifted the conference theme—forward in faith: "Wow, what a great challenge. To go forward in faith is not exactly as easy as it seems. ... You've got to focus your faith in the right place on the right front if you are going to truly go forward."

Ousley laid the foundation for going forward in faith. He recounted Nicodemus' meeting with Jesus. "Nick," as Ousley called him, was confused about the need to be born again.

Ousley described two dimensions to life—spiritual and physical. People must be born into both realms because the sin of physical life spiritually separates them from God, Ousley said.

He imagined a great wall separating the civic center in two. On one side—flesh. On the other side—spirit. Two words would be written on the wall—sin and death.

Ousley said he first attempted to go forward, to pass through the wall, by joining the church. But he slammed into the great barrier. He was baptized, but his life did not change. He rededicated his life annually, but the barrier still prevented him from getting to God.

"If your faith is in the church, then you're headed for a dead end. ... You don't get baptized in order to get saved, ... and you don't pass through the barrier by being good. It's not good people who go to heaven, it's saved people," Ousley said.

He confessed he had to reach the point of where all he wanted was Jesus. "I knew I was lost, and I was a rebel about it," he said. Then, when he was 18 years old, a preacher paid enough attention to him and "loved me to Jesus. ... I passed through the barrier," he said.

Saturday morning, Ousley challenged youth to go forward in faith. He presented three dares: to be genuine, to relate and to be responsive.

Ousley compared life to trick-or-treating, where people wear masks to prevent others from knowing who they really are. "Trick-or-treat may be the kind of concept that's OK for little boys and girls one day a year," Ousley said. But "it's a tragedy when  
*continued on page 3, "Go forward ..."*

## Cholera stalks South America

Dirt floors and earthen walls are home to a peasant girl in Puno, Peru, where a massive cholera epidemic has plagued South Americans since January. So far, about 212,000 cases have been reported, and 2,000 people have died. Health officers fear 40,000 more may die. Baptists have supplied medicine to fight the disease, and Baptists in the region have distributed the medicine and taught hygiene to prevent its spread. Fearing an onslaught, Baptists in Guatemala have met with government officials and offered to help with prevention. If cholera hits Central America, "it will spread like wildfire," predicted missionary Joe Bruce. (RNS photo by Alejandro Balaguer)



## 'Pray, give & go,' missionary urges Kentucky Baptists

### partnership missions

by Marv Knox, Editor

The task of taking the story of Christ "to the ends of the earth" involves shared responsibility, and each Christian has a task to perform, missionary Tony Gray believes.

And that joint effort among Christians is embodied by the partnership between Baptists in Kentucky and the Brazilian state of Espírito Santo, said Gray, on-site coordi-

nator for the partnership, in a letter written to Kentucky Baptists.

Gray, a Southern Baptist who works in Vitoria, Espírito Santo, described the tasks that can be performed:

- Praying. "Believe me when I say that prayer does make a difference," said Gray. "I have seen impossible situations become possible only because of people ... who have prayed fervently."

- Missions would not be possible if it were not grounded in prayer.

- Giving. "Many—and on world standards this would include most Americans, have been blessed with material wealth," he insisted. "These persons have the privilege

and responsibility to share of that wealth to make missions more effective.

- "Let's be honest; without proper funding, our missions endeavor would be a lot less broad and far-reaching in scope. As Southern Baptists, we have the unique opportunity to be partners in missions by giving to mission causes through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) and ... the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" for foreign missions.

- "As a foreign missionary, I know very well the importance of the ministry of giving, for it makes my serving on the mission field a reality," he insisted.

- Going. Some Christians are directed by

God to become permanent missionaries, Gray noted: "God calls men and women from all walks of life to make the commitment to 'go to the ends of the earth.' God has a call for me, my wife, and thousands of others—many from Kentucky, perhaps you—to do just that. Resident missionaries are vital to missions."

But so are volunteers, he added, citing participation in the Espírito Santo-Kentucky Baptist partnership as "a wonderful means through which persons can be personally involved in missions."

"Volunteers often can perform tasks that resident missionaries can't or don't have  
*continued on page 2, "Kentucky-Brazil ..."*

## Want to be a good Christian witness? Listen

Christians who want to do a better job of sharing their faith need to listen up.

In fact, the development of good listening skills is vital for any kind of effective communication—especially Christian witnessing, an educator told Baptist adults.

"We need to learn to listen so we can communicate God's word effectively," said Dolly Bradford, minister of education at Aimsworth Baptist Church in Flint, Mich.

Listening to fears or problems of an unchurched friend is vital for Christians who want to reach that person for Jesus, Bradford said during a witnessing seminar at Green Lake Baptist Conference Center in Green Lake, Wis.

"We have to communicate God through our actions and through caring in order to effectively communicate his word," she said.

And listening is a way to exhibit caring and reach out to other people. "When we really listen, we can begin to help them solve problems that could keep them from finding God as their Savior," she noted.

Listening can create five types of responses, Bradford reported:

- "Advising can be positive or negative," she said. "When we truly listen to this person's problems, we can determine if our advice will be correct or if they even want advice."

- Judging as a response to listening also can be positive or negative, depending on how it is presented, she added.

- Good listening also helps a person offer a tentative rather than absolute analysis of the situation facing the friend, Bradford noted.

- "Instead of saying, 'I think what's really bothering you is ...,' you could say, 'Maybe what's bothering you is ...' Many times, you just need to help a person talk through what they are thinking."

- Questioning during listening also can help a person think about and try to understand how she or he is feeling. "If you keep a person talking, you might help them get their true feelings out into the open," she explained.

- "Supporting takes several forms, and all require good listening," she said. "Supporting can mean encouraging, affirming, reassuring, comforting and sometimes distracting by injecting humor."

An active and effective listener restates the speaker's thoughts and rephrases unspoken emotions, Bradford said.

Active listening "takes a burden off you as a friend, because you don't have to know all the answers," she noted. "It also helps get through the layers of hidden meanings and encourages others to share more."

Acquiring good listening skills takes time, Bradford said, but those skills are essential to Christians who are interested in sharing the message of Christ.

Commitment and a good imagination also are assets, she added: "A good imagination is needed to help you picture the other person's background or thoughts. And commitment is needed, because it takes time and desire to win a person to Christ."

The seminar was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

July 2, 1991

### Are you moving?

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

# 'Shower missionaries with prayer, not ticker-tape'

by Robert O'Brien

Prayer—not ticker-tape parades—should characterize Southern Baptist response to missionaries engaged around the world in spiritual warfare, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks told FMB trustees.

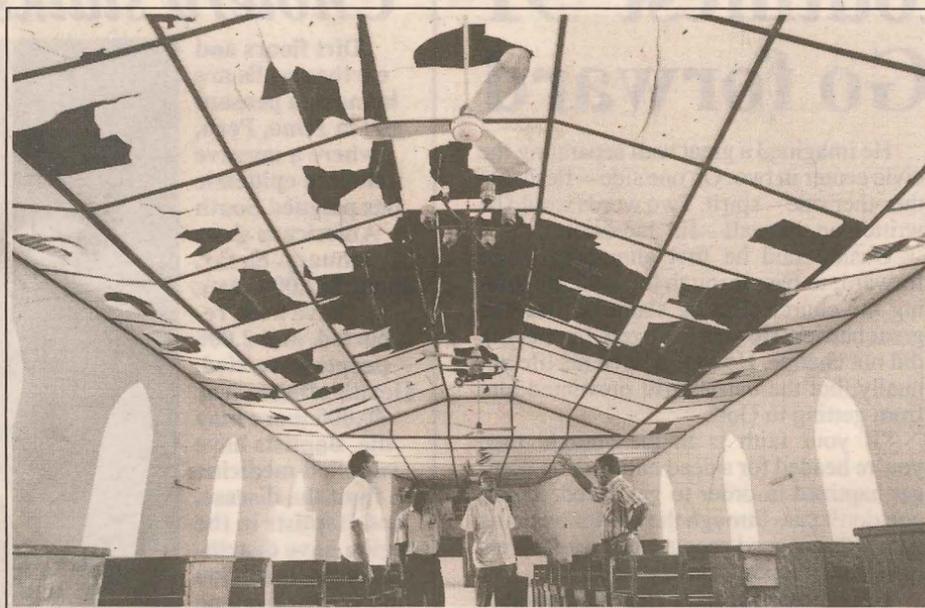
Parks noted the ticker-tape parades that have greeted military personnel returning from Operation Desert Storm. But more than 3,900 Southern Baptist missionaries are heroes of a different kind—heroes of commitment, integrity, expertise and evangelism, he said.

"In a day when so many are reluctant to make long-term commitments to anybody or anything, it continues to be a remarkable phenomenon that so many come forth from Southern Baptist churches to acknowledge God has called them to open-ended, unrestricted, unlimited commitment of service," Parks said.

He recounted examples of missionaries who have worked to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people worldwide amidst danger, stress and difficulty.

"Some of them, week after week, month after month, and even year after year, encounter ... (situations) which deplete them emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually," Parks said. "We need to pray for them in times of discouragement and burnout and temptation and exhaustion and depression, and in times of victory, enjoyment and excitement."

Missionaries set the tone for evangelism and church-starting, he said. For example, mission field baptisms show a ratio of one baptism for every 12 church members,



**SHELL-SHOCKED**—John Cole (second from left), acting pastor of First Baptist Church of Oldest Congo Town, Liberia, explains to Southern Baptist missionaries Jim Park of Kentucky (left), Bradley Brown and John Carpenter how the church plans to repair its building. Shells penetrated the church's roof during Liberia's civil war. Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks says missionaries and the Christians with whom they work are the heroes of spiritual war. (BP photo by Don Rutledge)

compared to a ratio of one for every 42 in Southern Baptist churches in the United States.

And 2.6 million overseas Baptists showed a net growth of 2,880 churches in 1990, he added, while 15 million Southern Baptists recorded a net growth of 189 new churches.

Parks stressed his purpose was not "to

make odious comparisons" but simply to show the strong evangelistic emphasis of missionaries and overseas Baptists.

On doctrinal integrity, Parks pointed out only two missionaries have been dismissed for this reason among the 4,000 long- and short-term personnel named in his 11 years as president.

"For anyone carelessly to make general-

ized derogatory statements about these missionaries and their commitments or beliefs is a sin against God, as well as fellow Christians," Parks stated. "It is seriously unbiblical besides being detrimental to the cause of world missions."

Missionaries are "examined thoroughly by this board," he said, but also must pass other evaluations—from grassroots Southern Baptists who hear them speak in churches and state and national meetings and read what they write.

"These missionaries represent the total spectrum of authentic Southern Baptist life and must always do so," he said. "They come from all of our states, all of our Southern Baptist seminaries as well as a few other seminaries, all sizes of churches and a multiplicity of locations."

Missionaries go out not only as evangelists but also in a variety of professions—agriculture, finance, education, business, social ministries, student work, music, communications, education, medicine, literacy training and a variety of other avenues.

"They not only go to serve in these various professions, but many of them rank at the highest level of expertise"—qualified to teach in medical schools, seminaries and universities and preach in influential churches, Parks said.

"They're recognized by governments overseas and honored with prestigious awards and known internationally in many of their fields of expertise.

"We can be proud not only of the variety of vocations they represent, but also in the expertise and effectiveness they demonstrate." (BP)

## Bankruptcy, tithing don't mix, courts say

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear an Oregon couple's challenge of a bankruptcy court's rejection of their Chapter 13 debt reorganization plan because it designated a tithe of their monthly income to their church as a reasonably necessary living expense.

In 1987, Steven C. and Charlene Ivy filed for Chapter 13 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon. The couple presented a reorganization plan showing they owed \$8,525 in back taxes and \$53,360 in unsecured debts. Under the plan, the Ivys would make 36 monthly payments to creditors totaling about 27 percent of their unsecured debt.

Under Chapter 13 provisions, debtors must pay creditors all their disposable income, which is defined as income "not reasonably necessary" to support the debtor or his/her dependent.

Bankruptcy Judge Henry Hess Jr. refused to approve the Ivys' plan, holding that the monthly tithe did not constitute a

reasonably necessary living expense. Excluding the tithe from the Ivys' disposable income, Hess held, would effectively require the creditors to contribute to the Ivys' chosen charity.

But in denying the plan, Hess told the Ivys he would approve a plan that allowed their proposed monthly tithe if they extended their \$745 Chapter 13 payments an additional 18 months. The extension would allow their creditors to receive the same amount from the Ivys that they would have received from non-tithing debtors, the judge reasoned.

On appeal, the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon affirmed the bankruptcy judge's rejection of the plan. That court held that Hess did not require the Ivys to cease tithing but instead proposed a plan that would "allow the Ivys to freely practice their religion as well as satisfy their legal obligations."

The district court's ruling later was affirmed by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals. In asking the high court to review the case, attorneys for the Ivys argued that the burden on their free exercise of religion was not avoided by the bankruptcy judge's amended plan.

Speaking to another case, the general counsel for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said the high court's recent decision supporting a ban on nude dancing is a victory for "common sense" in the arena of freedom of expression.

The court ruled 5-4 that a law forbidding public nudity can be enforced to prohibit totally nude dancing in bars and adult bookstores.

"Dancing may be expressive activity, but the manner of dancing—nude—may be regulated," Michael Whitehead said.

"The dancers are free to dance and to speak their minds about nudity. But the fact that they are dancing does not permit them to ignore the law. ... It is refreshing to see such common sense prevail in free-speech litigation." (ABP, BP)

## Exec Committee search underway

Recommendations for the successor to President Harold C. Bennett of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee are being accepted now in written form, according to the chairman of the search committee, Julian M. Motley, pastor of Gorman Baptist Church in Durham, N.C.

Bennett announced his retirement, effective in October of 1992, at the SBC annual meeting in Atlanta this summer. He will be 68 at the time of his retirement.

A 10-member search committee was appointed, with Motley named chairman.

"The committee requests the prayers and input of our Baptist people across the convention and asks that all recommendations be in written form and accompanied by resumes containing full biographical and ministry information," Motley said.

Recommendations should be sent to Motley at P.O. Box 15127, Durham, N.C., 27704. Recommendations will be received through Aug. 1. (BP)

## Kentucky-Brazil partnership changes lives, coordinator says

continued from page 1

the time to do," he explained. "Volunteer missionaries can in many cases open doors that would not be opened otherwise. I know; I have seen it.

"Volunteer missionaries can have a unique opportunity to share the message of Christ within another culture and language. ... Persons of all ages and walks of life can participate in volunteer missions."

The Kentucky-Espirito Santo partnership has allowed Kentucky and Brazilian Baptists to join together in all facets of missions in action, Gray said.

He urged Kentuckians who have not participated in the partnership to get involved: "Each ministry is unique and very important to the cause of missions. I chal-

lenge (Kentucky Baptists) to find your place in missions and experience for yourself the joy that comes because of your partnership in the gospel."

Scores of Kentucky Baptists who already have participated have said the experience changed their lives, added Calvin Wilkins, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's coordinator of the partnership project.

"Over and over, they are saying, 'I want to go back; I want to get more of our people involved,'" Wilkins reported.

"The partnership has changed lives, broadened perspectives of missions and deepened their appreciation for missionaries. And through teamwork, we've been able to accomplish things that might not have been possible here—the volunteers

have used their gifts in new ways."

Wilkins illustrated with a report from a construction team that recently built church buildings and preached in Espirito Santo. "The weather was against some of them, but they were able to do their work," he said.

"They had building-dedication services, and people were saved. ...

"We've had laypeople who have gone down and shared their testimonies in such a way that it caught the attention of the Brazilians. The simplicity of the testimonies has shown the Brazilians that you don't have to be a preacher to share your faith."

Financial support for partnership projects, such as construction of chapels and work on the children's home has been good,

he said.

"A lot has come from people who have returned and want to make financial contributions," he noted.

Wilkins still is looking for volunteers to fill out two teams slated to go to Brazil later this year, he said.

A physician and dentist still are needed for a medical/dental team that will be in Espirito Santo Aug. 15-28.

And pastors and/or deacons and their spouses are needed to complete a team that will provide training for Brazilian deacons in October.

Wilkins can be reached by writing to him at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40253-0433, or by calling (502) 244-6462.

# Called to serve: State boasts 12 new missionaries

Twelve current or former Kentucky Baptists joined 25 other new missionaries appointed to overseas assignments by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board this summer.

• Jeffrey and Renee Hale of Louisville will move to Benin in west Africa, where he will promote music in the churches and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1985, he has been minister of music, administration and outreach at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville.

He is a graduate of Shorter College in Rome, Ga., and the University of Illinois in Urbana and also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. She also is a graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana.

She has been the handbell/instrumental consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department and an instructor of church music at Southern Seminary. He previously served churches in Illinois and Georgia and was interim music minister at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

The Hales have two children: Nathan Ray, 7, and Stephen Norris, 4.

• John and Linda Hammett of Louisville will live in south Brazil, where he will teach at South Brazil Theological Seminary and they will be involved in outreach.

He recently has been a Garrett teaching fellow at Southern Seminary, and they are members of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville.

He is a graduate of Duke University in Durham, N.C.; Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.; and Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

She has been an assistant supervisor at Jewish Hospital and a nursing education instructor at Baptist Hospital East, both in Louisville. He has been an associate pastor in North Carolina and interim minister of education at Bethany Baptist Church in Louisville.

The Hammetts have two children, Suzanne



Jeff & Renee Hale



John & Linda Hammett



Jim & Jan Johnsonius



Dave & Gwyn Page



Scott & Joyce Pittman



Jeff & Cecilia Wallace

Elizabeth, 2; and Michael Asher, three months.

• Jim and Jan Johnsonius will serve in Argentina. He will promote and teach music in the Baptist Institute at Parana; they both will do several outreach ministries.

He attends Southern Seminary and recently was minister of music at First Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tenn., where she is public relations director at Methodist Hospital.

They both are graduates of Murray State University in Murray, and she said First Baptist Church in Murray was influential in her Christian growth. He also is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

• Dave and Gwyn Page will move to Morocco in north Africa, where he will be pastor of an English-language church and they will do outreach ministry.

They lived in Louisville during part of the time that he earned a degree from Southern Seminary and when he later was pastor of Arcade Baptist Church.

He also is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.; William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.; and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. She studied at Southwest Baptist, William Jewell, Old Dominion and Baptist College at Charleston in Charleston, S.C.

He was a career chaplain in the U.S. Navy and has been a pastor in Virginia

since 1988.

The Pages have two adult daughters: Rebecca Lynn Muse and Laura Kay Poynter.

• Scott and Joyce Pittman of Simpsonville will work in south Brazil. He will start and develop churches, and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1986, he has been pastor of Simpsonville Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board. She is a substitute teacher for the Shelby County Public School System and secretary at Simpsonville Church.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and Southern Seminary. She attended UT-Martin; Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn.; and Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

He previously was associate pastor of Fairdale Baptist Church in Fairdale.

The Pittmans have one daughter, Erin Joyce, 10.

• Jeff and Cecilia Wallace will live in Spain, where he will start and develop churches. They also will perform outreach ministries.

He lived in Lexington during part of his youth, and he graduated from Southern Seminary. He also earned a degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

She was born on the foreign mission field in Singapore to missionaries from Kentucky, Bill Clark and Ruth Thomas, who now serve in France. She has lived in cities all over the world, but considers Paducah her hometown.

She attended Georgetown College in Georgetown and graduated from the University of Louisville.

He has been pastor of First Baptist Church of Karnak, Ill., since 1989. He also has been youth minister at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lexington; a Foreign Mission Board journeyman in Thailand; a summer missionary in Kentucky; and assistant pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Paris, France.

The Wallaces have one child, Emily Claire, eight months old, and are expecting another child in November.

## 'Go forward in faith,' speakers tell 5,000+ commonwealth teens

*continued from page 1*

you start living every day of your life like that. It's a tragedy when you feel like 'the me that I am' is not good enough.

"Life becomes a struggle to put on the right mask. God loves you just the way you are. ... I dare you to be real, take off the mask."

Ousley dared youth to relate to each other. "You will discover one of the greatest joys in life when you discover how to build relationships," he promised.

He also dared them to be responsive, to do something because of what God has done: "Life is more than just relating to people. Your relating to people is going to be insignificant and ultimately will find its dead end if you also don't have a vertical relationship, a responsiveness to God to tie your life to."

"I dare you to go back to your church, go back to your community, go back to your

home ... and go forward in faith. You do something with your faith. ... When God speaks to you, do something."

Billy Crockett, guitarist and songwriter from Austin, Texas, contrasted contemporary American life, where people build fences and accumulate possessions, with a vision of the kingdom of God on earth.

"I invite you to imagine the kingdom of God as it is in heaven ... that relationships can be put back together," he said. Then he sang: "All together, sing the song. All together, everyone belongs; together, a family. We are all together."

Paul and Nicole Johnson, dramatists from Murfreesboro, Tenn., sketched both serious and humorous scenes. They presented a vision of how life involves more than most people accept.

"God wants to take you farther," Nicole Johnson said. "Christ calls us to build our lives on him. Christ loves us, and we are so

acceptable to him."

Paul Johnson added, "So much of the faith for the present is knowing who we are in Christ."

Referring to Christ as the bread of life, their concluding skit portrayed two homeless people at the edge of existence and on the verge of starvation. The woman finds a piece of bread while the man sleeps. She struggles with the decision to eat the bread herself or wake the man and share. She eats while she wrestles with the question, but soon the bread is gone. The man dies for lack of food.

Teens also listened to testimonies from fellow youth.

Kristie Jackson of LaGrange, a member of DeHaven Memorial Baptist church, said: "Christ has taught me that I should have self-confidence. I spent all of middle school trying to fit in. In high school, I want to be different."

## Kentucky's McKinleys see 'so much suffering'

Baptists in Bangladesh are trying to help that country recover from a massive cyclone and subsequent tornadoes that have killed thousands of people and destroyed homes, crops and livestock, reported Kentuckians Jim and Betty McKinley.

The primary reconstruction work involves paving roads and building up the sites for homes, McKinley said. New houses

will be built as funds are available from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, he added. Later, Baptists will help provide ducks and sheep for islanders, who lost all their animals.

"Of course, our total response will be dependent on how our Southern Baptist churches react with their financial resources to the giving through the Foreign Mission

Board," the missionary reported.

"As caring people, our minds seem to have difficulty sorting out these events which bring so much suffering."

The McKinleys will arrive home in Kentucky for a seven-month furlough July 22. Their furlough address will be 415 Wood Road, Louisville, Ky. 40222, phone (502) 425-7849. (WR)

## No Recorder July 9

The Western Recorder will not publish an issue July 9, according to policies that dictate the paper is to be published 50 times per year.

The next issue of the Western Recorder will be dated July 16, when regular publication of Kentucky Baptists' weekly newsjournal will resume.

# Together, let's help Kentucky's kids

## editorial

Marv Knox

The National Commission on Children concluded its two-year study last week by declaring, "The best way to help children is to help their families."

The commission drafted a slate of recommendations for helping children. First is a \$1,000-per-year income tax credit for each child in the country. Others include up-graded enforcement of child-support laws; required insurance for pregnant employees; a fully funded Head Start program and more.

The pricetag: at least \$52 billion. Congressional debate over the report, its cost and the issues it addresses will turn up the heat in Washington this summer.

All Americans—especially Christians, who follow Jesus' example of loving children—will do well to watch the deliberations closely and carefully.

But Christians also ought to take this occasion to consider what they and their churches can do to lift America's children from spiritual poverty. Their social and economic charts do not tell the whole story of their total health: What good will the world do them if they lose their souls before they even learn to drive?

Let us as Baptist Christians set our sights on helping children and their families grow in faith and spiritual maturity. We can begin by strengthening our resolve to build and reconstruct Christian homes. In some cases, we must introduce Christ into the homes. In others, we need to provide parents with skills and ideas for sustaining and nurturing the faith that grows in their homes.

The Western Recorder intends to participate in the process. We plan to print articles that will help all of us strengthen our homes and encourage our children. We want to tell the stories of churches, families or individuals who have implemented ideas for helping our youngsters. If you have ideas for stories or issues you want us to explore, write to: Help the Children, c/o Western Recorder, P.O. Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

## There's more to summer camp than 'Fried Ham'

Summer's not quite half over, but the parents at our house have aged years.

Our oldest child went to camp. For the first time. Without us.

What's the word for simultaneous excitement and dread? Anyway, her mother and I remember wonderful times at church camp, back in the olden days. But as grown-ups, we think of all that could go wrong. I'll skip the gory details; you know how it is.

She packed up her sleeping bag, bathing suit, Bible and toothbrush. She got on the bus. She left. Me-oh-my.

That night, we took her little sister out to eat; along went her friend and the parents of another rugged camper. We stuffed ourselves, laughed, told stories. And inside, we prayed that our kids and their friends were safe and happy, learning about God, grace and Christian love.

We survived the week, and a busload of tired children rolled home Friday.

Later, Lindsay and I went for a walk. Eager to know about her week, I drilled her: Did you have fun? Were you homesick? Did you take a shower? Did you ride the zipline? What did you learn? What do you remember about "Amazing Grace," the theme for the week? Do you feel closer to Jesus?

She wanted to teach me "this terrific song." Great. Spiritual insights, melded into melody. What would it be? "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"? Maybe "Peace Like a River," or "Kumbaya" or "Pass It On."

No. "Fried ham, fried ham. Cheese and baloney. And after the macaroni, then we'll have some pickles and ketchup, and then we'll have some more fried ham. Fried ham, fried ham."

Profound, huh? It comes in a zillion verses: "peeped," like a Martian; fake-soprano, like an opera singer; husky, like a football player; bubbled, with your finger bouncing between your lips, like the "underwater version."

We sang "Fried Ham" up and down the sidewalk. But I kept wondering about the spiritual values. Didn't this kid learn any of the stuff I expected?

Then she taught me another "song about Jesus we learned this week": "He's my Rock, my Sword, my Shield. He's my Wheel-in-the-middle-of-the-Wheel. He's my Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star. And no matter what you say, I'm gonna get on my knees and pray. I'm gonna love him 'til the day that Jesus comes."

Then she told me a 7-year-old's definition of God's grace: favor, mercy, gift, miracle, blessing, love, acceptance, kindness. Better than her daddy could do in eight words or less, and words she'll remember a lifetime, through joy and sadness, life and death.

Thank you, God. Kids still go to camp.  
—Marv Knox

## baptist forum

To all who would write to Baptist Forum: We welcome for consideration your letters on any subject, provided they do not make personal attacks on anyone. We ask, however, that you accommodate a longstanding policy of a 300-word maximum limit for published letters. Thank you for adhering to this, and welcome to the pages of Western Recorder.

### Editorial 'pitiful'

I write in regard to your June 18 editorial, "Idolatry of civil religion threatens convention." Not only what you wrote but what you insinuated greatly troubles me.

I've attended many conventions dating back to 1953 as a Baptist minister for 42 years. The last one this month in Atlanta was, no doubt in my mind, the best one ever!

The "war" is over, praise the Lord! Why can't all the "moderates" accept this and decide what you'll do. Your reporting and editorializing is so slanted against the "conservatives" and for the "moderates," it's pitiful.

In your second paragraph, you refer to our SBC as "our church" and accuse "our church" (SBC) of asking the state to fix our nation's spiritual ills. Who, where, when and how is this being done? I'm sure you know better than to call our SBC a church—please!

I wonder in your "put down" of the flag, Oliver North, pledge of allegiance, Jimmy Carter, defunding the BJCPA, Operation Desert Storm, abortion statements and President Bush, where do you really stand? Could you please tell us? Are you also opposed to having an American flag along with the Christian flag in our church houses and saying the pledge of allegiance to the American flag in our vacation Bible schools?

How could you claim to be a Baptist if

"Baptist are a people of the book" (Bible) and you don't believe the whole Bible inerrant, as I must assume since you seem to disagree with about all that happened at the recent SBC under conservative leadership.

If you are a "moderate," you have lost, and your group will never have control of the SBC again. Why not face it and become a cooperating Southern Baptist like all of us conservatives did when the "moderates" were in control so we can all get on with obeying and fulfilling God's Great Commission given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Aubert V. Rose Jr.  
Benton

### Another threat to religion

I found the recent editorial, "Idolatry of civil religion threatens convention" most interesting. Bro. Knox expressed some of his personal concerns; I would like to do the same.

First, it appears that conservatives have not only been accused of tearing the convention apart, but now leading it into idolatry. This "sky is falling" mentality evidently will continue to be the norm for some.

The second concern is the issue of Oliver North. Some have expressed outrage. Could the reason be some are outraged is a judgmental mindset? After listening to him, I was both glad and blessed with what he had to say. Maybe the reason was that I did

not listen to him with a closed mind nor judgmental attitude. I did not listen to a man who was involved in the Iran-contra affair, but to another human being who is not perfect and is struggling. Could it be some people need to practice the biblical principle of not casting stones? Of course, it is a lot easier to preach than to practice.

The final concern is this so-called "idolatry." There was another idolatry that threatened this convention, and no one seemed to utter a word of concern or warning. What was this idolatry? Ten percent giving to the Cooperative Program. Why was this an idol? To some, if your church did not give 10 percent to the CP then you were not a "real cooperating" Southern Baptist. It did not matter if the church was tithing to the Lord, only if you gave your 10 percent to the CP. If civil religion is a threat, so is making programs into icons.

Wayne Lipscomb, pastor  
Union Baptist Church  
Union

### In praise of North

I am fed up with the mean letters that have been written about Oliver North.

Oliver North was a man that put his life on the line for his country.

If all that secret operations that take place have to be told to Congress, they wouldn't be secrets any more.

If President Truman had gone public about the atom bomb, we would probably still be in World War II.

Haven't these people writing these letters ever heard about covert operations in the past history of America? If not for covert operations, we would probably not be a free country today.

I think Oliver North is a good Christian and we should be proud to have had him speak at the SBC.

Emily P. Sims  
Lexington

## western recorder

(ISSN 0043-4132)

MARV KNOX, Editor  
RAY L. HAYES, Business Manager  
C. R. DALEY, Editor Emeritus

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

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

Subscriptions: Single, \$8.48; foreign, \$9.00; church budget, \$6.50. Payable in advance, except church accounts, which require tax exemption number.

Advertising: Rates available upon request (502-244-6470). Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space.

Directors: Richard Bridges, Bowling Green, chairman; Greg Earwood, Murray, vice chairman; Glenn Mollette, Pikeville, secretary; Bill Crosby, Erlanger; Denzel Dukes, Paducah; Glenn Durham, Harlan; Paul Godsey, Burlington; Garnett Hulette, Frankfort; Don Mantooth, Morehead; Isaac McDonald, Hodgenville; Karen Owen Phelps, Owensboro; John Searcy, Franklin.

# Ministry may help to heal tragedy of war

## a soldier's story

by Frank Wm. White

When U.S. soldiers moved into Iraq in late February, they not only freed Kuwait from aggression but also may have unwittingly opened doors for new ministries by Southern Baptists and other groups.

Many organizations, including Southern Baptists, have found new opportunities to send volunteer doctors and relief supplies to Kurdish refugee camps in Iraq and Iran. That may be only the beginning of what can happen in the aftermath of the Gulf War.

America's presence in the Gulf shattered many stereotypes.

Particularly in Iraq, the government's controlled information system had told the people that all Americans are infidels who cannot be trusted.

The American Army, the people were told, was ruthless, and U.S. soldiers would torture them if troops ever reached Iraqi soil. The U.S. Army's four-day sweep deep into Iraq and the subsequent stay in Iraqi territory gave the people first-hand knowledge of a different U.S. Army than had been described to them.

As the thousands of Iraqi soldiers surrendered to U.S. forces, they found that they were not tortured but were treated kindly and given food, clothing and shelter.

In the days following the Feb. 28 ceasefire, Iraqi soldiers continued to surrender to U.S. forces because they had learned they could get food and shelter that otherwise had not been available to them.

While U.S. forces remained in Iraq south of the Euphrates River until the formal withdrawal of troops was arranged, the people of the southern Iraq region also found a spontaneous and freely given compassion from the U.S. soldiers.

The same soldiers who had fiercely fought their way across the desert in their destructive Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles were now providing food for the people whose lives had been disrupted by the fighting.

Then, as refugees fled from civil strife in Basra and elsewhere, the U.S. soldiers began to provide refuge for them.

Seemingly overnight, the U.S. military machine turned from an aggressive fighting force to a benevolent humanitarian organization. As the soldiers' own food supplies ran low from the increased demands, leaders made arrangements to provide additional food supplies for the civilians. When baby formula became an obvious need, Army leaders provided ample supplies with unusual speed.

*"Contact with compassionate Americans may provide an open door for ministry."*

Just as the Iraqi soldiers expressed surprise at the kind treatment from their American captors, the civilians expressed gratitude to the people who gave them aid.

At the Safwan Temporary Refugee Site in southern Iraq within sight of the Kuwait border, as many as 12,000 Iraqis found comfort at the hands of soldiers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Armored Division.

"We were told you would kill us and torture us. That was not true. Saddam tried to kill us. He has tortured us. You have helped us," an Iraqi man said on a hot, dusty afternoon in the Safwan site as he sat with a group of other men expressing gratitude to U.S. soldiers.

With broken English and some interpreting for others who could not find the English words to describe their feelings, several of the men expressed thanks for the soldiers who, at least temporarily, had lim-

ited the power of the Saddam machine.

Each man in turn told how he escaped with his family, without his family or had seen his family murdered by Saddam's army. Some showed scars, wounds or roughly healing broken bones to add credibility to their tales of horror. They begged the U.S. soldiers to stay and protect them from the brutality of their own government.

Later, one man stood by a U.S. Army vehicle and pleaded for the Americans not to leave. "It would be better for me to lie down here and let you crush my head under your wheels than for me to return home." His dark eyes reflected his anguish as he said, "That would be a better death for me than to die at the hands of Saddam's army."

Children in the refugee camps and towns found soldiers to be softhearted sources for food—especially candy—or perhaps radios, watches, ink pens or any other item the children could find to treasure. Many children often were content with the security of holding a soldier's hand, walking with him wherever he went.

Youths with little to occupy their time in the refugee camps found the soldiers readily accepted challenges to reflex games, arm-wrestling or other tests of strength. They developed temporary bonds of friendship despite the language barrier and cultural disparity. From young children to old men, many Iraqis had personal contact with Americans that shattered the tales of demagoguery.

As those refugees travel to other countries or as those youths and children become adults, the brief contact with compassionate Americans may provide an open door for ministry. (BP)

*Frank Wm. White, a newswriter in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's office of communications, has returned from the Persian Gulf region. He is a Tennessee National Guard public affairs officer and was assigned to the U.S. Army's VII Corps Public Affairs.*



**William W. (Bill) Marshall**  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Box 43433  
Middletown, KY 40253

## on mission together

### A heaviness upon us

I have been deeply troubled of late. There is a "heaviness upon the land" which, it seems, grows heavier.

I see it in the faces of people; I hear it from their own lips; I read it in numerous newspapers and magazines; I feel it deep within me.

I have not been satisfied with any explanation I have heard from those who also sense such a reality and have editorialized about it. What does seem clear is that both secular and religious people speak of it, even if in subtle tones.

If scientists are correct, the planet has 10 million more years before it faces its inevitable destruction. This assumes, of course, human kind will be able to adjust to whatever environmental disasters we may help to create.

Most of us believe that the earth will "last" at least until we have played our brief part on the stage of life. Of course, many also assume the Lord will tarry in his return.

I have never, knowingly, been a "Mr. Gloom" and if I know my own spirit I am not inclined that way. Still, there is this "heaviness" which has intruded upon our world. And many of us will be challenged by its call to despair.

But I can still see joy painted across the evening sky; I still feel pleasure in the early morning when birds sing; I still like the taste of a cup of coffee and the company of my children. I still "like people" and can laugh at something funny, even of my own making.

I still relish the presence of friends and the sound of their voices on the phone; I still sleep better in my own bed with my partner and best friend.

I still believe in God and that the church his son Jesus established is the greatest potential for realizing the intention of a loving God for all his children.

I still am enriched by the men of our Sunday school class and worship with the larger church family.

I still feel shame when the finger of God points to some weakness or sin in my life ... a reminder he is still present and caring about me.

I'm aware that there is, indeed, a "heaviness" upon the world today and signs of destruction are apparent to the discerning eye.

Yet deep inside, though troubled, I know I am still alive with life and purpose and mission. And we now have a grandson who needs people like me and his grandmother.

## baptist forum

### Get involved

Two letters in the June 18 Baptist Forum cause me to write.

I do not intend to debate the virtue of the recent Southern Baptist Convention listening to Oliver North and the president of the United States. What does cause me concern is the fact that there are those who advocate that Christians and more exact, Southern Baptists, should shun the political arena.

I would join with Paul in Acts 27:21 as he stated: "Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained all this harm and loss." We cannot reverse the bad judgment of Americans in 1933 who voted to restore the liquor traffic to legal status. Time has amply shown that it was poor judgment, but that is not the point now. Our place now must be to head off as much of the damage to individuals as we can.

The power of the alcohol industry is political. May God open the eyes of Southern Baptists and other Christians so we may see that we not only have a responsibility but a mandate in the name of Christ to challenge and defeat politicians who are slaves to the alcohol barons.

I thank God for spirit-filled Christian men and women who have accepted the challenge and run for political office and are making a difference in local, state and

federal government. We must use every available weapon we have in defeating the enemy of Christ and that must include political action. We would never have been able to keep 70 percent of Kentucky as dry territory without political action nor warning labels on all alcohol in America.

So, leaving aside the issue of Oliver North as a speaker, I pray we will all heed his word: "Get involved with government!"

*Claude M. Witt, executive director  
Temperance League of Kentucky  
Louisville*

### God's grace is larger

Thank you for your recent editorial on the idolatry of civil religion. You graciously reminded all Christians to tread carefully where matters of church and state are concerned. All too easily and innocently, the church's prophetic voice becomes a political pawn when the cross is draped in the symbols of the nation.

One does find it troubling that miniature American flags were found in abundance at the recent Southern Baptist Convention. But beyond questions concerning the appropriateness of American flags at the SBC was the obscurity at best of any Christian flag.

An absence of the Christian flag ought to lead all Baptists to consider who we are as participants in the state over against our primary commitment as citizens of the Holy Kingdom. Beyond the historical question so often asked regarding whether or not Roger Williams would recognize his Baptist legacy is the more pertinent theological question concerned with God's judgment

of activities done in his name.

For all the emphasis on Baptists as a people of the Bible, the large flag that served as a backdrop to the 1991 SBC Pastors' Conference cannot help but raise fear that God's cause has been supplanted with a pagan ideology. At least where the SBC is concerned, thanks be to God that his grace is far larger than self-righteous, albeit provincial, agendas.

*Robert C. Shippey Jr.  
Louisville*

### The real crime

I am weary of the charge that the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention is somehow being controlled by the Republican National Committee.

The fact is, religious conservatives, including Southern Baptists, have found the Republican Party to be sensitive to their concerns. During the last three national elections, the Republican platform has called for constitutional amendments to protect the lives of unborn babies and to allow voluntary prayer in public school classrooms. The Democratic platform, on the other hand, has favored abortion on demand and has opposed school prayer. Is it any wonder that religious conservatives, most of whom are registered Democrats, have supported Reagan and Bush?

It is not a crime for Christians to be involved in the political process. The crime is committed when Christians remain silent about the godlessness of their nation.

*Paul H. Schmidt, pastor  
Hyland Heights Baptist Church  
Catlettsburg*

# Lawrenceburg church dedicates 'dream' center

First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg dedicated a dream last month.

Church members and friends from across Anderson County gathered to dedicate First Baptist's new \$550,000 Christian Life Center. But the dream began with Pastor Bob C. Jones a long time ago.

"When I was growing up, my church did so much for us teen-agers," Jones told The Anderson News in Lawrenceburg, recalling youthful memories of the athletic center at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville. "They made a special effort to minister to the youth" and to allow even

youngsters who were not talented athletes to "express themselves."

"It kept me off the streets and kept my feet in the right direction, and I wanted to do the same thing here for the young people of Lawrenceburg."

The 12,000-square-foot facility is the only full-scale athletic building open to the public in Anderson County.

It includes eight Sunday school classrooms, game room, fitness room, director's office, control center, gymnasium and two walking tracks.

The name, "Christian Life Center" is

significant, Jones told the Lawrenceburg newspaper. "'Christian' is included because this building is sustained by the church; 'life,' because the word suggests physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life; and 'center,' because we want this building to be the focal point of Christian fellowship."

The center meets multiple needs of the church—providing more space for Bible study, but also offering a unique opportunity for outreach to the community.

"The building has been not only a blessing to the church, but also to the entire community," Jones said.

The dedication service featured Keith Madison, head baseball coach at the University of Kentucky; Larry Pursiful, a former UK basketball player and now director of Carlisle Avenue Church's Christian Life Center; and Kenny Rollins, captain of UK's "Fabulous Five" basketball team. An earlier worship service featured Kentucky Baptist evangelism office Director Bill Jagers.

Gordon Lunceford, First Baptist's minister of youth and activities, is director of the new center. Mark Logsdon is minister of music and outreach.

## God's 'mystery' allows dentist to do missions

David Cassidy sums up his dental mission work at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in five words—"God works in mysterious ways."

Cassidy, a dentist from Benton in west Kentucky, saw several events "fit together" to confirm that God wanted him to donate his time and services to students at the Baptist school in eastern Kentucky.

Last fall, Cassidy visited Terry Sills, his director of missions at Blood River Baptist Association, to suggest a place where he could use his dental skills in mission work.

"I wanted to go someplace within driving distance because I do not fly," Cassidy said. "I ride on nothing I can't get out and push."

Sills gave Cassidy's name to Clear Creek President Bill Whittaker, who wrote Cassidy about needs at the Pineville school.

"I was surprised to have an opportunity to open so soon," Cassidy said. He set aside a week this spring for his mission work, and he planned to donate an X-ray machine.

That's where another segment of his missions mystery came together.

Cassidy did not have a way to transport the X-ray machine, so he talked to Sills, who told him the Baptist Builders from Blood River Association were to work at Clear Creek the same week. The volunteer carpenters hauled the machine to Pineville and installed it on campus.

The two unrelated missions ventures worked together so well that they confirmed God's timing and preparation for the ministries, Cassidy said.

He treated 45-50 patients during his time at Clear Creek. His work included cleaning and filling teeth, a root canal and periodon-

tal surgery. He donated his services, and the average charge of \$5 paid for a dental assistant's work, upkeep and dental supplies.

The Clear Creek trip combined missions and vacation for Cassidy, his wife, Lisa, and their 4-year-old daughter, Julie. The family also got to participate in Bell County Baptist Association's world missions conference, which was held in Kelly Hall on the Clear Creek campus.

The Cassidys are members of New Zion Baptist Church in Benton, where Mike Littrell is pastor.

Cassidy's mission work developed out of gratitude, he said: "God has blessed my family, led us to a wonderful church and neighbors. I'm truly blessed."

"I came to Clear Creek in appreciation of all I have."

## Disney cancels plans for lottery

The Walt Disney Co. just wrote a new ending to a real-life drama.

Earlier this year, Disney announced plans to develop the country's first nationally televised lottery game. But concerned Americans—including Western Recorder readers who responded to a June 4 editorial against the lottery—flooded Disney with letters of protest.

The letters hit their target, reported Donald E. Wildmon, president of the American Family Association.

"Because of letters of concern, ... the Walt Disney Co. recently announced that they were canceling a contract and would not be televising a nationwide lottery," Wildmon said.

## Marriage Fest set for Kentucky

Thirteen Fall Festivals of Marriage, including one in Kentucky, are scheduled for 1991, according to David Huebner, a consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department.

John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, will speak at the Kentucky conference, Sept. 27-29, at the Galt House in Louisville.

Sponsored by the board's family enrichment section of the family ministry department, Fall Festivals were launched in 1979

with one conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and an attendance of 491.

Growing steadily with additional locations and participants, Fall Festival attendance reached 6,600 in 1990.

Participants will study the book, "For Love and Money," by Bob and Sharon Decker of Belmont, N.C.

For more information, call or write David Huebner, MSN 140, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234; (615) 251-2282.



You are invited to hear the 1991 Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir in concert. This is a seventy-eight-voice auditioned high school choir from Kentucky Baptist churches from all over Kentucky.

### CONCERTS

#### Day/Date/Time

• Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

• Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

• Friday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

• Sunday July 21, 8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Dr. John Dickson  
Southern Seminary  
Louisville, KY

Jay Flippin  
Morehead State University  
Morehead, KY

#### Location

Georgetown Baptist Church  
Georgetown, Kentucky

First Baptist Church  
Ashland, Kentucky

First Baptist Church  
Somerset, Kentucky

First Baptist Church  
Somerset, Kentucky

#### GUEST CONDUCTOR

#### GUEST ACCOMPANIST

### FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by the  
Church Music Department  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

**If you think the future  
will take care of itself,  
think again.**

To Reach Tomorrow's Leaders,  
Today's Leaders Are Going Back to School.  
**School of Evangelism and Church Growth**

RIDGECREST  
September 3-6, 1991

**1 800 634-2462**

# Seminary's status 'takes pressure off' study panel

by Robert Dilday

A recent report of the Association of Theological Schools on Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary may "take the pressure off" a Southern Baptist Convention panel studying accreditation of the denomination's seminaries, say panel members.

The accreditation report does not place Southeastern on probation, although it directs the seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., to "show cause" why it should not be placed on probation.

Observers had expected a probation ruling would trigger a dramatic response—perhaps even a call to sever ties with ATS—by the institutions workgroup of the SBC Executive Committee.

"It sounds like the kind of thing we had anticipated and will give Southeastern time to make progress to satisfy the accrediting agencies," said committee Chair David Hankins of Lake Charles, La.

Added workgroup member Paul Pressler of Houston, "This takes the pressure off the committee" to make a quick decision.

The workgroup's assignment was initi-

ated by investigations by ATS and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, which also accredits seminaries.

The investigations, at Southeastern and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, were prompted by actions taken by the seminaries' trustees to move them in a more conservative direction.

Fearing the investigations could lead to probation, which in turn could lead to loss of accreditation, some Southern Baptists have called for their denomination to set up its own accrediting agency.

Although such a proposal already has been studied and rejected by the SBC Education Commission, the Executive Committee authorized its own study last February. The workgroup met June 3.

Hankins said prior to the ATS report that a "helpful" response from the accrediting agency would ease the work of the committee. "If that should smooth out, we'll have less impetus to be real aggressive to meet before September," he noted.

After hearing of the ATS report, Hankins confirmed the group probably will not meet this summer.

Pressler added he favors investigating all options for future seminary accreditation, including a separate denominational agency. However, he noted: "We do not want to intervene in a process that is working appropriately. ... Our committee will not be proactive but reactive."

During its June 3 meeting, the workgroup recommended that its membership remain unchanged until the Sept. 16-18 Executive Committee meeting, although four of its members' terms on the Executive Committee ended in June.

The action, approved by the full Executive Committee later that day, essentially created a special study committee to examine accreditation matters until September.

The Executive Committee could renew the study committee's authority or return the assignment to its institutions workgroup.

Pressler, who made the motion to retain outgoing members, is one of those whose term has ended. Others are James Jones of Campbellsville; Frank Lady of Jonesboro, Ark.; and Sam Pace of Antlers, Okla.

Since Pressler was not an original member of the institutions workgroup, con-

fusion developed June 3 about his status.

Hankins said Pressler was named to the group by Sam Pace, former Executive Committee chair. However, Pace said he asked Pressler, who at the time was vice chair of the Executive Committee, to "sit in my place on one occasion (in February) when I was unable to attend."

As the group began to deal with complicated accrediting matters, members decided to keep the group intact to preserve expertise, Pace said, noting, "He (Pressler) is on there by virtue of having been there from the first meeting."

The accreditation study recently completed by the Education Commission and presented at the SBC annual meeting in June discouraged calls for a separate accrediting agency and recommended an "alternative to address concerns" raised by critics of ATS and SACS.

A new motion presented at the SBC annual meeting to examine accreditation was referred to the Education Commission.

In another seminary matter, a special group of trustees at Southeastern Seminary is to meet this week to hear progress reports on "financial and theological integrity."

The date was approved at the trustees' March meeting in order for "local" trustees who live within 300 miles of the school to hear responses to a spring address from school President Lewis Drummond.

Academic Dean L. Russ Bush III denied stories that the meeting was called to accept Drummond's resignation. "It would be a complete surprise to me if that happened," he said. (ABP, BP)

## Staying put: FMB not planning to move soon

Speculation that the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will move from Richmond, Va., may diminish for now, following action by the board's trustees.

During their June meeting, trustees decided not to conduct a study of board facilities at this time. Instead, they adopted criteria for assessing future offers to move FMB offices.

The six criteria for relocation involve protecting the financial integrity of the board; maintaining the missionary learning center in Rockville, Va.; and ensuring that other locations would provide an equal or superior labor pool and work environment.

Board Chair Bill Hancock of Louisville and other FMB leaders said they know of no pending offers to move the board.

Trustee Ron Wilson initiated the discussion last October when he asked the board to "develop the criteria to decide the merits of moving." He repeated his assertion that his motion was not intended to set the stage for a move, but only to have criteria in place if they are needed.

In other business, FMB trustees:

- Approved 37 new missionaries and reappointed six missionaries, bringing the board's mission force to 3,920 in 121 countries, with work in several other nations.

- Adopted "Green Alert" guidelines for responding quickly to unusual evangelistic opportunities. The board already has similar plans for responding to human needs.

- Learned that the board has spent more than \$1.6 million to help meet the needs of Kurdish refugees and to take advantage of other ministry opportunities in the Middle East.

Volunteers have dispensed food and medicine, as well as Scriptures, and people have been led to faith in Christ, said project director Tim Brendle.

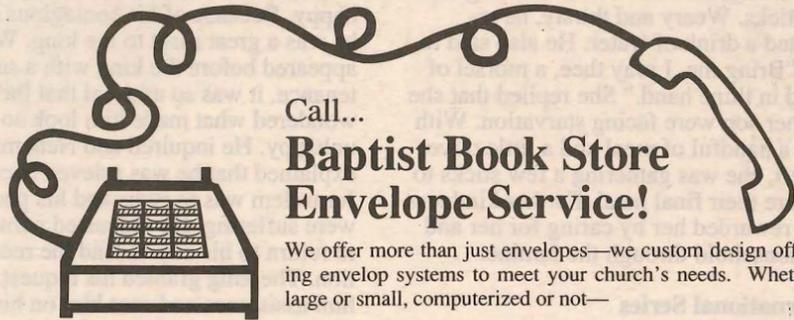
- Referred a motion on trustee involvement in the missionary appointment process to the trustees' mission personnel committee. Trustee Bill Sutton requested a study of the missionary-candidate interview process, with a view to changing it or expanding it to allow "the trustees the opportunity to

meet and interview the candidates personally" earlier in the process.

- Elected two veteran missionary/administrators to be area directors.

Ron Wilson will supervise Brazil and the Caribbean; Bill Phillips will oversee west Africa. (ABP, BP)

## Want More From Your Offering Envelope Company?



Call...

### Baptist Book Store Envelope Service!

We offer more than just envelopes—we custom design offering envelop systems to meet your church's needs. Whether large or small, computerized or not—

**WE HAVE THE SYSTEM FOR YOU!**

- Boxed Set envelopes that can be personalized to each member of your congregation
- Envelope sets mailed on a regular basis to your members
- Special Occasion Envelopes, Stock Sets, Stationery Products
- Contribution Recording System.

Give us a call and let our expertise work for you!

**BAPTIST BOOK STORE  
ENVELOPE SERVICE**

Call 1-800-874-6319  
In Tennessee 1-800-824-0171

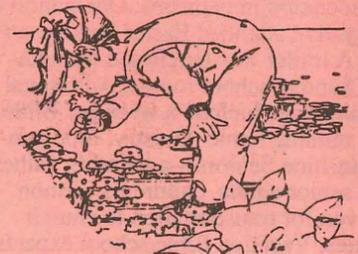
127 Ninth Avenue North, MSN 155  
Nashville, TN 37234

9932/MPP/MLC/3-91

## Preschool Leadership Workshops 1991

For Preschool Leaders in:

- Sunday School
- Discipleship Training
- Church Music
- Mission Friends

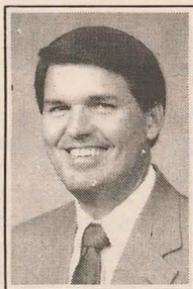


In the Following Locations: Plan Now to Attend!

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| October 14 | Florence, Florence Baptist Paducah, First Baptist       |
| October 15 | Bowling Green, First Baptist Lexington, Porter Memorial |
| October 21 | Madisonville, First Baptist Corbin, Central Baptist     |
| October 22 | Ashland, Flatwoods Baptist                              |
| October 28 | Louisville, Highview Baptist                            |

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 PM at all locations.

For additional information, contact the department of your program at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, (502) 245-4101.



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

## clear creek chronicle

### Honor graduates honor the Lord

You're very likely to get behind a loaded coal truck as you slowly cross the mountains to locate Sidney Missionary Baptist Church. The mission began around a pot-bellied stove on July 26, 1964. With the help of the state convention and Woman's Missionary Union, property was purchased in 1965. Director of Missions Bob Jones was instrumental in starting the work and preached the congregation's first revival. The church constituted April 30, 1972, with 67 members and A.B. Colvin preached the sermon.

Clear Creek graduates J.T. and Sue Rafferty went to the church in 1988. One of the first things he and members did was a windshield survey of the five nearby hollows—Big Creek, Dix, Road Fork, Pigeon Roost and Meathouse. They counted 812 homes with approximately 3,000 people. Last year the church ranked 60 among Kentucky Baptist churches in per capita baptisms; they were second in the association in baptisms. One hundred, seventy-five attended Easter Sunday services. A trailer was purchased for additional Sunday school rooms. Additional new ministries include a weekday Bible study, nursing home ministry, food pantry, Sunshine Seniors—a monthly gathering of senior adults, children's sermon and a van for transportation to church activities. Vacation Bible school expects to bring in 194 children. Local funeral homes supply three tents—the building simply will not hold all the children.

Mrs. Rafferty organized Baptist Young Women and looks forward to having mission organizations for all ages. She was thrilled to have 57 percent for the foreign mission study. The church gives 16 percent through the Cooperative Program and 4 percent to the association plus other designated mission giving.

Pastoral aid from the Kentucky Baptist Convention is being phased out and the members look forward to becoming a self-supporting church with dreams of helping start new work. Some of them talk about building a new auditorium or additional Sunday school space.

The Raffertys are Campbellsville natives, but they seem very much at home in the mountains. They demonstrate what God can do if people are willing to invest their lives in reaching people and building a strong church. When they graduated in May, 1988, J.T. received the President's Award, the highest honor given to a graduate. Mrs. Rafferty was recognized with the Ideal Minister's Wife Award. Their capable leadership in Sidney continues to prove the wisdom of those honors.

## mountains to the mississippi

**PERSONNEL:** Pastors—Chris Platt to Cash Creek, Henderson, from associate at Rockford Lane, Louisville. ... Rodney Burnette to Ninth and O, Louisville, from associate at Ninth and O. ... Larry Nobles to Green Hills, Fisherville. ... Wade Bibb to North Fork, Switzer, from New Brandenburg, Brandenburg. ... Greg Giltner to Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, from Memorial, Maryville, Tenn. ... Charles Owen to Aurburndale, Louisville, from Anna, Ill.

Others—Julia Yuen to West Broadway, Jeffersonton, as children's coordinator and organist. ... Dan Lawhon to St. Matthews, Louisville, as interim minister of music, from St. Matthews as organist. ... Nachel Wilkins to Beechmont, Louisville, as minister of outreach and evangelism.

**CONGREGATIONS:** North Fork, Switzer, celebrates its 190th anniversary July 14. ... Fern Creek, Louisville, honored Hubert Ryan with the position of deacon emeritus. He has been a deacon for 31 years. ... Members of various Baptist churches in Louisville will participate in the annual interdependence day picnic and peace fair to be held Thursday, July 4, beginning 4 p.m. at the Water Tower on River Road. Music, children's games and a soapbox will be provided. Participants will bring their own picnic meals.

New Church—Green Hills, Fisherville, sponsored by Lakewood, Louisville.

**CELEBRATION:** Camp Joy Baptist Assembly in Brownsville celebrates its 50th

anniversary this summer. A former staff reunion/retreat will be held July 26-27. For information, contact Ronnie Wallace at 731 Pleasant Hill Road, Bowling Green, Ky. 42103, or call (502) 782-2755.

**EVENTS:** The Fifth annual Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 19-20 at Pine Valley Country Club in Elizabethtown. The registration fee, which includes green fees, riding carts and trophies, is \$42. On the second day players will be flighted according to their scores. All ministers are invited. For registration and information, contact C. Wyman Copass at Farmdale Baptist Church, 1238 Durrett Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40213, or call (502) 366-1434.

## christian education

**CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE:** Twelve students were awarded Paul Horner scholarships, for students who commit to full-time Christian vocation: William P. Adams of Bardstown, Rebecca Ballard of Eubank, Marilyn Bault of Casey Creek, James Robert Bullock of Liberty, Eric Garvey of Owenton, Ricky Gearlds of Tompkinsville, Weldon Greer of Bradfordsville, Mark Jones of Campbellsville, Lee Ann Noble of Columbus, Ohio, Michael Sharp of Louisville, Tony Smith of Campbellsville and Eric Sturgell of Taylor, Mich. ... Campbellsville established the H.E. Coker Scholarship Fund to honor ministerial students, the college, the church and

professor.

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE:** Georgetown rededicated the historic Pawling Hall June 29 after a \$1.8 million renovation of the antebullum home, which is used for office and classroom space. ... An "Art in Your World Workshop" for non-art teachers will be held in two sessions July 15-19 and July 22-26. The workshop will inform teachers of ways art can be used as a part of any curriculum.

**CLEAR CREEK BIBLE COLLEGE:** Kentucky graduates receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees include: Stewart and Patri-

cia Dawson of Stanford, Jimmy Disney of Barbourville, Tommy G. Dye of Viper, Harold A. Harris of Somerset, Daryl W. Jessie of Glasgow, Jeffery S. Madden of Gray Hawk, Burney L. Manning of Somerset, William H. Rogers Jr. of Stanford, Jeffery N. Slone of Brookside, William D. Stallard of Danville and Donald R. Tucker of Williamstown. Donald J. Hammond of Barbourville received an Associate in Ministry degree. Edith G. Manning of Somerset received the Christian Worker's Certificate. ... Joe Brooks, student at Clear Creek and pastor of Cedar Grove, Tazewell, Tenn., will travel to Guatemala in August to lead a missions team.

## sunday school lessons

*Note: Sunday school lessons for July 7 (this page) and July 14 (page 9) are being provided because the Western Recorder will not be published next week, July 9 (see note, page 3).*

### LESSONS FOR JULY 7, 1991

#### Life and Work Series

#### Trusting God to provide

Nothing is known of Elijah's background except that he was called "the Tishbite." Even though his background was obscure, he was God's man for that critical hour, which reminds us that God always has a witness when and where he needs and wants one.

**I Kings 17:1.** Unexpectedly, Elijah burst into a blaze of publicity and became one of the most dramatic figures in history. Jezebel, the wife of Aah, had introduced the worship of Baal and made it the national religion in Israel. Through her influence, the worship of Jehovah was suppressed greatly. Elijah was burdened over the apostasy of the Israelites and was disturbed over the frightful conditions which prevailed in Israel. He hoped that the people might be brought back into right relationship with God.

Elijah appeared before King Ahab in Samaria and announced the coming of a protracted drought. Then, in obedience to God, Elijah disappeared for a time.

During that time when Elijah's prediction was being fulfilled, the people passed through many fearful experiences. They realized that it was the God of their fathers, and not Baal, who controlled the clouds. Believing that the terrible drought

and famine were due to the prayers of the prophet, the king would have murdered Elijah could he have found him. However, his search was in vain because God had concealed Elijah.

**I Kings 17:5-17.** Elijah learned that in order to enjoy God's provision it was necessary for him to be in the place to which God had directed him and to be doing what God had assigned him to do. God had commanded Elijah to cross Israel and live at Zarephath for a while, and that was a difficult assignment.

When Elijah arrived at the gate of the distant city, he observed a woman gathering sticks. Weary and thirsty, he requested a drink of water. He also said to her: "Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in mine hand." She replied that she and her son were facing starvation. With only a handful of meal and a little olive oil left, she was gathering a few sticks to prepare their final meal. For her kindness God rewarded her by caring for her and her household through the famine.

#### International Series

#### Rise up, build the wall

Nehemiah was born in exile, raised in a foreign land and in his youth was appointed by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, as a cupbearer. When his Jewish brethren, who had escaped captivity, went to visit him, he inquired about his people and their city. With sad voices they told him Jerusalem was in a deplorable condition and the enemy was making life miserable for the people. Although Nehemiah was living in a prosperous fashion, he was grieved by the discouraging news.

**Neh. 1:5-6.** After hearing about the plight of his people, Nehemiah was burdened to the point of tears. He sat down, wept, fasted and prayed. In his earnest prayer this godly man confessed his sins and those of his people, asked God's forgiveness and invoked the divine blessings upon them. God heard and answered the request of his servant. Like Nehemiah, we need to acknowledge our sins and the sins of those whom we represent, repent of our sins and humbly request him to forgive, cleanse, bless and use us in his service.

**Neh. 2:2-5.** Normally, Nehemiah was happy. Because of his contagious smile, he was a great asset to the king. When he appeared before the king with a sad countenance, it was so unusual that the king wondered what made him look so unhappy. He inquired and Nehemiah explained that he was grieved because Jerusalem was in ruins and his people were suffering. He requested permission to return to his city to lead the reconstruction. The king granted his request, gave him assistance and sent him on his mission. Stirred with a spirit of patriotism and devotion, Nehemiah hastened on his way with a strong determination to do all that he could for his people.

**Neh. 2:15-18.** When making a thorough investigation of the situation, Nehemiah called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and told them how God had led him to them, and how he planned to change the undesirable conditions. So ardent was his eloquence and so cogent was his argument that the assembly shouted, "Let us rise up and build." His program inspired them to do their best in rebuilding the wall.



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

## sunday school lessons

*Note: Sunday school lessons for July 7 (page 8) and July 14 (this page) are being provided because the Western Recorder will not be published next week, July 9 (see note, page 3).*

LESSONS FOR JULY 14, 1991

Life and Work Series

### Making a choice

**I Kings 18:17-18—Elijah's courage.** God bade Elijah to go to Ahab. When the prophet presented himself, Ahab charged the prophet with evil. The king tried to transfer the blame for the judgment God

had sent. Elijah replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." The conscious guilt sealed the lips of Ahab.

**I Kings 18:19-21—Elijah's challenge.** Elijah challenged the king to summon all Israel, as well as 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the groves to Mount Carmel. Although he did not know the purpose of this convocation, Ahab called them together hoping that some benefit would result.

Apparently the people had been trying to play safe by worshipping both God and Baal. Longing to arouse them, Elijah challenge them: "If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." A choice between the true God and the hopeless Baal was not optional, but obligatory.

**I Kings 18:36-39—Elijah's conquest.** In contrast to the pleading of the prophets of Baal, Elijah simply called upon God and asked him for what he needed. His prayer expressed an implicit faith in God and his power. Elijah's prayer was brief. This suggests that public prayers should be brief. Protracted prayer is good, but should be practiced in private. Long public prayers suggest that the one who prays them has not prayed for days and is trying to make up for lost time.

In response to Elijah's prayer, the fire of the Lord fell from heaven, burned up the bullock, the wood and the stones and licked up the water in the trench. When the people saw the decisive victory, they were convinced. They fell on their faces and proclaimed that Jehovah is God saying: "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." No doubt remained. God was the true victor.

### International Series

### God will fight for us

**Neh. 4:6-12.** After their enemies mocked the Israelites for building the wall, they conspired to oppose the work by launching an attack upon them. When the opposition failed to check the work, the adversaries changed their tactics hoping that they might keep it from going forward. They had resolved that a Jewish city would never arise there again.

But, in spite of opposition, Nehemiah and his co-workers kept building until the wall was finished. Despite insurmountable difficulties they completed the job in 52 days. They put their hearts into the work and were so earnest about it that they could not be daunted by opposition. They built the wall in the atmosphere of prayer and through the cooperation of all. The secret of their success is also the secret of all true success in Christian service: team spirit counts.

**Neh. 4:15-20.** Resourcefully, Nehemiah set out to do the job which God had called him to. He knew how to plan and how to handle people. He instilled in them the desire to cooperate and the willingness to sacrifice. He assured them that God would bless their work. They had to contend with persistent enemies, who did everything possible to prevent the reconstruction. Nehemiah organized work groups and groups to guard against attacks.

Nehemiah and his fellow-workers were immune to sarcasm and criticism. They prayed to God and labored diligently. Unafraid of the threats, the people continued. They ignored what their critics said. The best way for Christians to answer criticism is to ignore it.



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

## homes for children

### Outside the dream

I have just received a copy of the book "Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America." It is a photographic essay of what it is like to be a poor child in the world's wealthiest country. All over the world people see the United States as the ideal and dream of living in our land of plenty. As the stark black and white photos in the book reveal, not all in our nation share in that dream.

One picture is of an 11-year-old boy asleep in the front seat of the family car while his 13-year-old brother sleeps in the back seat as their permanent beds. Another shows a boy hugging his dad as they sit at a table in a homeless shelter. So many times we picture homeless shelters as places for bums, men who have taken to the bottle, and have little sympathy for their plight. The reality is that one third of homeless shelter residents are children and their families.

One set of pictures portrays graphically the violence that is so much a part of today's family. While a mother and father argue and the mother is physically abused, the little girl lies on the bed trying to make herself as inconspicuous as possible. The number of women and children who are caught in abusive homes is much higher than many of us can imagine. We often ask tersely why doesn't she just leave, but the reality is the man who is beating her is also the one who pays the rent, buys the food, clothes and insurance. How does she replace that and care for the children? She is caught in a terrible dilemma and her children grow up knowing all too well the sound and feel of hate.

There are pictures of children shooting up with drugs, buying drugs, and of very young children smoking cigarettes. There are pictures of young girls themselves with children of their own who are facing a life with little prospects of hope for either themselves or their children.

The pictures remind me of what I and most of us already know. The dreams of a child in poverty in our country are more often nightmares. Some way, somehow, we have got to recognize that these young children are our future. The child who knows only nightmares today will be the victimizer of tomorrow. Our ministry for children is part of the answer, but the problem is growing so much larger each day.



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

## oneida journal

### Farewell to Jim Boswell

We buried Jim Boswell Saturday, June 22. For 17 years he lived and loved Oneida as my assistant. His widow decided to bury him on the mountain overlooking the school he served so well. One of his brother-in-laws powerfully sang "The Love of God" at graveside prior to the final prayer. It was a wonderful farewell to one who had touched so many lives faithfully and consistently.

Born in Tennessee, he accepted Christ at a young age, served in the Navy through most of World War II. After the war, he graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In the meantime, he married Virginia Gregory of Lexington, and they had one daughter, Donna. These survived

him along with son-in-law Lieut. Col. Ed Salisbury, USAF, and two grandsons, Chris and Brian.

Boswell served on the staffs of several churches in Kentucky and South Carolina. He worked on the staff of the Baptist College of Charleston for years, establishing their printing department as he was later to do for us at Oneida. For some years he managed a large warehouse and owned and operated a print shop in Ft. Myers, Fla., immediately prior to coming to OBI in 1974.

In his earlier years of service here he had direct charge of the water purification and sewage treatment plants. Most of the time he had help, but there were many months over the years when he did all the work himself in either or both plants. For years he supervised the maintenance work of a school that grew five-fold in its physical plant during his years of work. He did all the purchasing and supervised the payment of every bill for eight years. He learned the air-conditioning trade from a brother-in-law as we began to air-condition all our major buildings except four, as well as all staff housing. He also learned to repair our walk-in freezers.

He taught himself locksmithing with a correspondence course, and took pride in picking locks when keys were lost. As our school got more and more involved with computers he avidly learned computer technology. He had gotten to where he often repaired our computers when they broke down.

He was a lifelong student, always excited by learning, until the very moment of his final heart attack. Though he had no formal teacher training, he was a "natural." He taught two OBI boys the print trade in our print shop while they were only eighth and ninth graders. On the basis of what he taught them, each

has worked in print shops since their marriages. One now supervises the printing of several weekly newspapers.

He suffered a massive heart attack over 10 years ago and had four heart bypasses this past winter. He faithfully observed his diet and walked about five miles each day all those years.

He served nearly every position in our local church and was our chairman of deacons at the time of his death. He gave testimony on different occasions of his sense of calling to Oneida and that all of his life and work experiences had been a preparation for all that he did here.

Many of our former staff and students returned for his funeral. For example, Jim Wasson and his wife now serve as missionaries in Mexico. Jim was a maintenance man here seven years, and worked with Allen Schmitke who has been on the maintenance staff of Asbury College since leaving OBI 13 years ago. These men and their families were reunited at the Boswell service. Various teachers who had served here five, 10, 15 and 19 years were back. A dean of boys who had served 10 years returned. Former principals were back. Many fellowshiped the night before the service and at a dinner after the committal service.

Six present or former staff representing 91 years of combined OBI service read from both the Old and New Testaments, prayed, spoke words of remembrance and tribute. Pastor and Mrs. Rackley sang "He Touched Me" and "It Is Finished" with the congregation joining strongly on each chorus.

It was not previously planned, but the congregation sang "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." It was a spine-tingling moment of affirmation and fellowship, each feeling just a taste of what that heavenly reunion will be like one day.



### Helping others

As the foundation representative talked with her, it became very clear that she and her late husband really loved Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Their involvement with BHI began over 40 years ago. He served in various positions with the BHI board. He had voted in favor of building Western Baptist Hospital in 1954, Western Baptist Hospital in 1953 and Baptist Hospital East in 1975. She had volunteered many hours of her time with the auxiliary and in other areas that benefited the Baptist hospitals of Kentucky.

The last few years were tough on both of them. He was in failing health and she was always there making him as comfortable as possible. He had been a patient many times the last couple of years. Time had made its demands on both of them, but two things time could not change, faith through Christian witness and their love for BHI. She decided to set up an endowment in her late husband's honor. Her gift will grow and live forever. The interest on her gift will permit her gift to increase and help many people in years to come.

Has someone made an impact on your life? Is that person a family member, a teacher, neighbor, friend or someone at church who cares about you? Was it a nurse or a doctor that comforted you during a time of need?

Not everyone has the ability to establish an endowment. But, we can make a contribution to the general Endowment Fund in honor of that special person to Baptist Hospitals Foundation. The endowment is used to help indigent patients and assist qualified health-care students with their tuition. A check to the Endowment Fund will have a significant impact on the future. If you have a question about the Endowment Fund, call one of the foundation liaisons at the Baptist Hospital nearest you.

The foundation thanks God every day for friends that take the time to find out how they can help others.

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.

# Missionary remembers rescue of Bush

by Mary E. Speidel

Hugo Parkman prays daily for President George Bush.

But prayer isn't his only Bush connection. A retired Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, helped save Bush's life during World War II.

Parkman was a 24-year-old communications officer aboard the submarine USS Finback Sept. 2, 1944, when Bush's plane was shot down by the Japanese in the South Pacific. About two hours later, the Finback picked him up from a life raft. After Bush boarded the sub, Parkman was the first person he met in the ward room. And for the next 30 days, Parkman shared his bunk with Bush, the Navy's youngest aviator.

The two men met again when Bush came to Atlanta to address the Southern Baptist Convention. Parkman and his wife, Doris, were among the delegation greeting Bush at Dobbins Air Force Base.

Parkman and his wife had only a moment to speak to the president, who greeted her with a kiss. It was the couple's second meeting with Bush since the rescue.

Their first meeting was during Bush's presidential inauguration in Washington,

D.C. They were the Bushes' guests at an inaugural reception attended by former crew and officers of the Finback and of the USS Jacinto, Bush's naval carrier.

Parkman told Bush how he had appreciated pledges of prayer when he had appointed a missionary in 1958. He made that pledge to the president, promising, "I'm going to be praying for you every day."

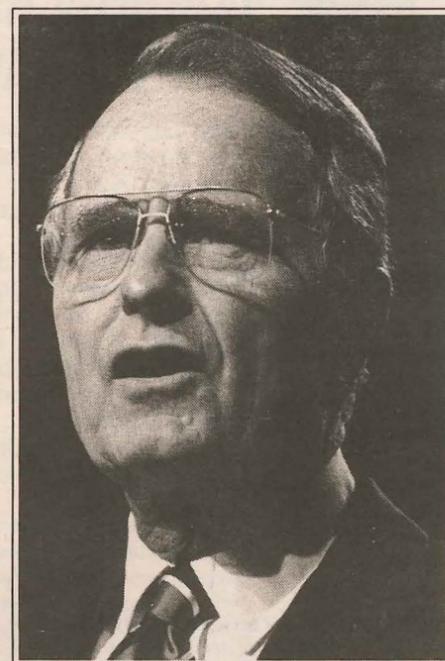
Several years earlier, the Parkmans had made contact with Bush when he visited the Philippines before their retirement in 1985. Although Bush's schedule didn't permit a meeting, the Parkmans left a letter for him at the U.S. Embassy. Bush later wrote back: "I think about you every day. After all, you did save my life."

Parkman noted Bush's reference to "you" included all 84 personnel on the sub. "I'm not the only one who shared in this," he said. "I was just one of the team."

Parkman said he didn't realize the connection between politician George Bush and the downed aviator until Bush was running for vice president. During the campaign, the missionary saw a television documentary on Bush with a film clip of the rescue.

To verify Bush really was the same pilot he helped save, Parkman wrote to the Navy's historical center. He received documentation of the rescue and a letter confirming the aviator really was then-Vice President Bush.

While aboard the sub, Bush sometimes served with Parkman during night watches



President Bush

on the deck. During their conversations, "I never heard any foul language," said Parkman. "Everything was honorable, upright. He was a clean-cut young man."

While on night watches, Parkman said he had time to reflect on the rescue of Bush and four other pilots. "In the lonesome hours, God let me know that we had done a good thing in rescuing these aviators," said Parkman, now a member of First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga. "We had been out on killing missions. That's why we were there. It was just a good feeling to know we had saved some lives." (BP)

**WHY PAY MORE FOR LIFE INSURANCE?**  
VERY LOW NON-SMOKER MONTHLY COST!

Age	Amount	Male	Female
35	\$100,000	\$10.30	\$ 9.30
45	\$100,000	\$13.30	\$13.30
55	\$100,000	\$25.30	\$16.30

**PLEASE CALL ROY NAPIER FREE**  
1-800-274-0776 9 a.m.-9 p.m. KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Kentucky Central Life, Lexington, Ky. Newlife graded premium life insurance from No. 76232. Above premiums are first year only. Premiums increase annually to age 85 and then remain level.

**LOW COST LEVEL PREMIUM LIFE INSURANCE**

Permanent Term Policy  
Examples of Monthly Premiums  
Male, Non-Smoker

AGE	\$50,000	\$100,000
40	\$22	\$37
45	29	52
50	40	74
55	55	104
60	79	152
65	114	221
70	167	327

Premiums and death benefits remain level for the life of the insured. Company rated A+ (Superior). Issue to age 80. Female rates lower.

**LIFE INSURANCE \$AVERS**  
The Term Specialists

1-800-424-TERM

**Visible Proof That You Did It Right** FREE CATALOG

Fiberglass baptistries, spires, crosses and lighting by the industry's leader.

Wiedemann Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 677, Muscatine, IA 52761-0677  
Call 800-553-9664 toll free Iowa call 319-263-6642 collect

**Virginia Church Furniture**  
New Pews, Baptistries  
Reupholster Old Pews, Steeples  
Carpet, Stained Glass  
In VA: 1-800-468-6636  
US: 1-800-523-3284

**Steeple & Baptistries**

From the world's largest manufacturer of fiberglass church products

- Steeples
- Baptistries
- Lighted Wall Crosses
- Krinkglas® Windows
- Baptistry Heaters

Call or write for our free catalog  
1-800-527-1459  
P.O. Box 1340  
Henderson, TX 75653-1340

**FIBERGLASS SPECIALTIES INCORPORATED**

**Dixieland Tours**

Luxury motorcoach charters, restroom equipped, air conditioned

- Niagra Falls
- Smokey Mts.
- New York
- Las Vegas
- Philadelphia
- Disneyland
- Kings Island

24 Hour Hot Line (502) 634-1200

—classified ads—

**WANTED:** Junk boats, outboard motors, stern drives, trailers, complete units preferred, immediate settlement, call today: 502-969-7617. 7-17-50T

**FOR SALE:** LaserMaster 19" hi-res computer monitor, video controller, and laser printer controller—perfect for desktop publishing. \$2,600—includes 135 scaleable fonts, special-effects software, documentation, installation and training. 502-244-1685. 5-7-3T

**FOR SALE:** 1990 Dodge 15-Passenger Van. Dual air, new \$23,000—now \$15,800. Several colors. Call 1-800-289-8223. Frankfort Chrysler. 6-4-5T

**FOR SALE:** Monroe Copier RL835ZD, new drum, toner/developer, paper cassettes, 4-1/2 years old, \$800. Information: 502-964-8165. 6-25-2T

**NEEDED:** Central Baptist church searching for a staff person in one of the following areas: Education/Youth, Music/Youth, Associate Pastor with Education/Administration abilities. Send resumé and photo to: Staff Search Committee, C/O Western Recorder, PO Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253. 7-2-3T

**NEEDED:** Part-time Music Director for small church. Send resume to: Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Route 9, Box 144, Benton, KY 42025. 7-2-1T

**PEWS**  
TOLL FREE (800) 366-1716  
*Overholtzer*

## "If I kiss one ... I have to kiss all," says teacher

by Mark Wingfield

Fifteen years ago, Maisie Bruce envisioned starting a preschool where city children could learn the love of Jesus.

Now preparing for retirement as a Southern Baptist home missionary, Bruce realizes she has learned more about love than the children—even though they have learned much.

With support from the Cooperative Program mixed with years of hard work and prayer, Bruce has built the Wake Eden Academy as a ministry of Wake Eden Baptist Church in Bronx, N.Y. The academy has grown from five students to 81 students and a waiting list.

In the British tradition learned in her native Jamaica, Bruce administers the school with a firm but loving hand. She mingles among the students like a mother hen, firmly nudging her children in the right direction with a tap on the head or calling a child by name to straighten up.

When she returns from a trip, the children immediately run to her with all the news of what has happened during her absence. "If I kiss one of them, I have to kiss all," she says. "These kids teach me love."

"When they run to me and say, 'Teacher, I love you,' those are the times I feel the work of Christ is really satisfactory."

Bruce was honored this year with the Award of Excellence by Air Jamaica—the latest of numerous recognitions.

Wake Eden Baptist Church is located in a community with a large Jamaican population. Most of the academy's students are Jamaican.

Fifteen years ago, Bruce was a teacher and social worker with the New York City Board of Education. When she was laid off due to budget restraints, she arose from a morning devotion to look out the front window of her house.

She saw several parents taking their young children to babysitters. From that moment, she had the idea of starting a Christian academy for the preschool chil-



**TEACHING LOVE**—Maisie Bruce, director of Wake Eden Academy in Bronx, N.Y., helps a young student with a reading project. The academy is part of Wake Eden Baptist Church.

Bruce says she strives to teach the children about the love of God, but that she has learned more about love from them than she could ever teach. (BP photo by Mark Wingfield)

dren in her neighborhood.

"It was like a vision," she recalls. "I had never had time to think about it before."

Those five children she saw going to a babysitter became her first students. They are now in college, preparing for careers.

"When we began, there were not many schools to respond to the ethnic groups coming into this area," Bruce says. The building used by Wake Eden church and the academy once housed an all-white Lutheran congregation that disbanded as the community changed.

"It's not easy for a black child to make it

in this world," she says. "But we are preparing these children to perform in the community. They will not be school drop-outs; they will not be drug addicts."

"We believe what they learn here will set a precedent for their futures. All the kids who leave from here are always at the top of their classes."

The academy also has strengthened families in the community, Bruce explains. With about 40 percent of the students coming from unchurched families, "these children become ambassadors in their homes."

Beyond the preschool, the academy

offers an after-school program and summer day camp for older children. Student summer missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board staff the day camp.

Except for the summer missionaries, Bruce's small salary and use of the building, the academy pays its own way. "If we had to pay rent, we could not carry on," she explains. "The Cooperative Program has been a great asset to us."

Bruce would have retired last year, but no one had been found to replace her. "I will wait on the Lord," she says. "I'm sure he's going to send someone." (BP)

## All-pro pivots from football to crusades, prison ministry

by Matthew Brady

As a former All-American and All-Pro defensive end, Bill Glass knows about hard knocks and punishment.

But for the past 18 years he has become an expert in punishment of another kind.

Last year his Bill Glass Evangelistic Association, recorded more than 10,000 decisions in its prison ministry. The response has been similar throughout the 25-year history of the association's other ministry—city-wide crusades.

Glass' evangelistic outreach goes back to summer revivals he led while a student at Baylor University in the 1950s.

Even before he was named All-America his senior year, Glass said he was getting "tremendous opportunities in area churches."

"I was speaking in all the big churches around and I felt pretty ill-prepared to do that, having only been a football player," he said. He graduated from Baylor in 1957, then entered the Canadian Football League. The next spring Glass enrolled at Southwestern Seminary.

Although uncertain of a call to the ministry, Glass told himself, "Well, you're functioning as a minister, you might as well prepare for the ministry."

For the next six years he attended Southwestern in the off-season. In 1963 he graduated with a theology degree.

By that time he had finished one year of football in the Canadian League, four years with the Detroit Lions and had begun a seven-year career with the Cleveland

Browns. During his years in Cleveland, Glass was named to four Pro Bowl squads and played on the Browns teams that won the National Football League championship in 1964 and divisional championships in '65, '67 and '68.

In 1966, Glass began city-wide crusades in the off-season. When he retired from football in 1969, he went full time with the

crusades.

After several years of pushing by one of his board members, Gordon Heffern, Glass branched out into prison ministry.

Heffern had been a supporter of a failed inmate rehabilitation program in the late '60s. Designed to find jobs for inmates once they got out of prison, the program succeeded in finding jobs but failed to reha-

bilitate the ex-convicts. Five years and 5,000 jobs later, the program had no success cases, Glass said.

"Every one of them (the inmates) got put back in prison, lost his job for disciplinary reasons—every one of them had some kind of problem," he said. Heffern "saw the bankruptcy of just a social program that has no spiritual content."

But Glass didn't believe he had much in common with prisoners.

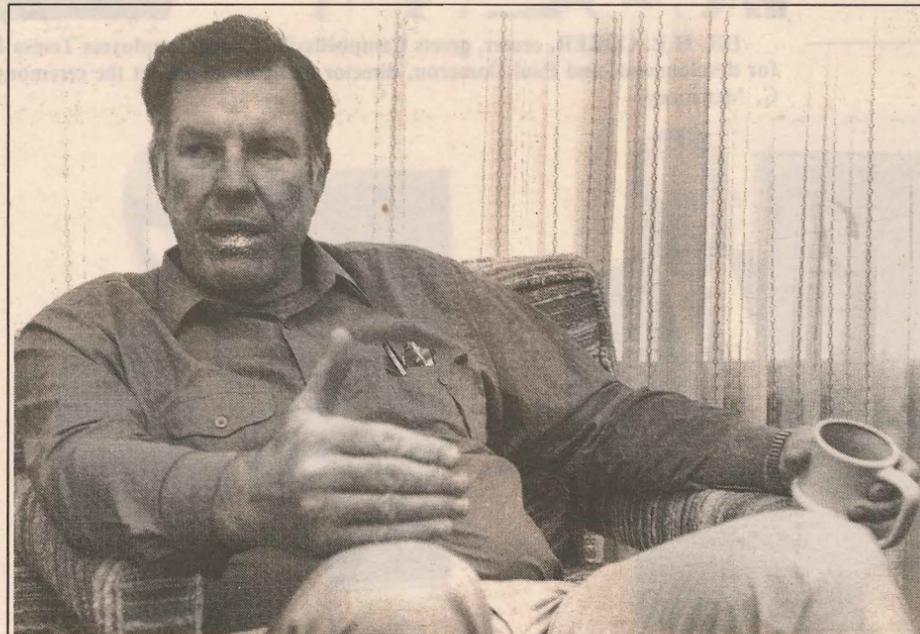
"I had been the sort of all-American type. I'd never really been a street person. I'd never really been involved in a life of deep sin or anything like that," he said. "I didn't feel that I fit in with these kind of sleazy characters in prison."

In 1972, Glass, along with 40 counselors and well-known athletes entered Ohio's Marion Prison. After a 40-minute athletic clinic, Glass gave a short testimony and invited the prisoners to stay afterward and talk with the counselors.

That first program resulted in 40 decisions, and Glass never looked back.

Since 1972, he has taken his combination of big-name athletes and the gospel to 600 prisons. This year he will visit nearly 100 prisons and anticipates visiting 120 prisons next year. His ministry resources have grown to include 8,000 volunteer counselors nationwide.

"This is not something you do half-heartedly," Glass said. "It's a down-on-your-knees type of spiritual preparation necessary in order to go in there and do the kind of job you ought to do." (BP)



**ALL-PRO FOR CHRIST**—Bill Glass, former defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, devotes his time to crusades and prison ministry. (SWBTS Photo by Morris Abernathy)

## Campbellsville College Establishes Coker Scholarship

By Joan C. McKinney, public relations assistant

Campbellsville College has established the H.E. Coker Scholarship Fund which honors ministerial students, the College, the church and the professor.

Coker is a retired Christian studies professor at Campbellsville College who is a former assistant to the president.

In a surprise ceremony before donors who had contributed to the scholarship, Coker was "roasted" by Campbellsville College President Dr. Ken Winters; Academic Vice President and Dean of the College Dr. Robert S. Clark; Dr. Jerry Kibbons, professor of Christian Studies and director of in-service guidance, and Noble Roberts, a former faculty member.

Winters thanked Robert Dotson, former director of development, who initiated the scholarship. He also thanked the donors in the audience who attended the ceremony.

Clark said, "Dr. H.E. Coker cares for students and loves to preach and teach. His ministry includes 21 years in the pastorate and another 23 years at Campbellsville College.

"He demonstrates a lifelong interest in Christian higher education as a student, trustee and professor."

Clark said Coker "practices what he preaches." He said he takes "personal pride in his progress." Clark said Coker "invests personal resources" in students' graduate studies and these graduates, in turn, "seek his wisdom and counsel. Together they form a bond of Christian love, fellowship and service."

Kibbons said the scholarship will be a "tremendous asset" to the Christian studies division.

"I believe this scholarship is also fitting recognition of the outstanding work which Dr. Coker has done through the endowment of the Christian studies chair.

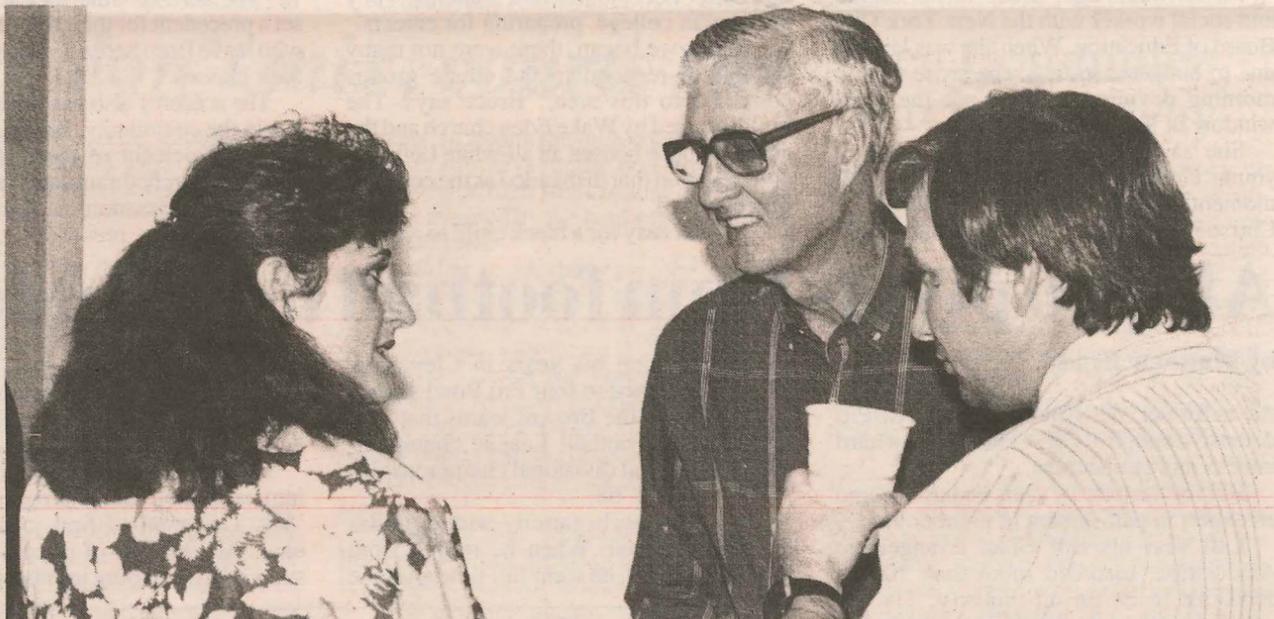
"It has already begun to enrich the program we offer. It, coupled with this academic scholarship, will enable us to attract additional students interested in Christian ministry."

Sylvia Morris, dean of student development at the College and an alumnus of the College, thanked Coker for his help in getting her to study at Campbellsville College.

Coker thanked the College for the honor and thanked the donors.



DR. H.E. COKER, right, was surrounded by friends and family at the surprise reception. From left, are Lillian Clark, a donor to the scholarship; Coker's daughter, Suellen Shaw, and Laverne (Blondie) Speer, also a donor.

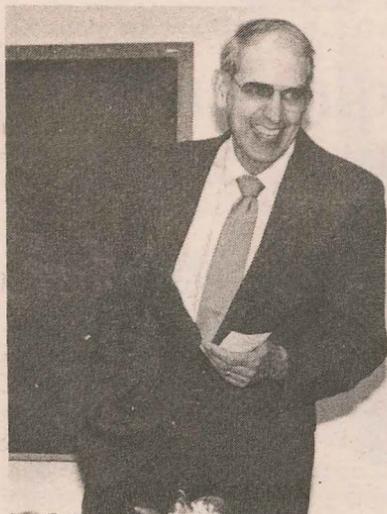


DR. H.E. COKER, center, greets Campbellsville College employees Teresa Elmore, left, secretary to the vice president for development, and Paul Dameron, director of financial aid, at the ceremony. (Campbellsville College Photos by Joan C. McKinney)

Photos by Joan C. McKinney



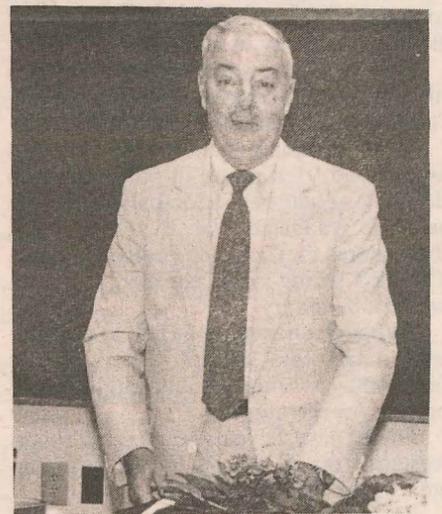
DR. KEN WINTERS



DR. JERRY KIBBONS



ROBERT DOTSON



DR. ROBERT S. CLARK