

FOR THE RECORD

Chapman nomination
Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, and current SBC president, is expected to be nominated president-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. *See page 2.*

Space candidate
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Reborn at 100
100-year-old Colesburg Baptist Church has econstituted as a church after 16 years in mission status. *See page 3.*

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Child's death opens ministry in Benin

By Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

ELIZABETHTOWN—Despite tremendous grief for the family, the drowning of a Kentucky missionary couple's 2-year-old daughter has opened new doors for ministry in Benin, a West African country.

Previously, there was a barrier between Richard and Carmela Bartels and the Africans they hoped to share the Christian gospel with, Bartels said. Before, they were perceived as "rich, white people," he said. "But now we've suffered, too."

In Benin, half of all children die before age 5.

At the funeral of Victoria Bartels, one person explained this change to the Bartelses. "He said we had walked in their footsteps now that we'd lost a child and that they had seen how the Lord has led us through it and they could follow us now. Our words were more credible now."

Bartels served on staff at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown from 1976 through 1979. He and his wife and 10-year-old daughter, Chandra, spoke at Severns Valley Dec. 17. They were in the United States for a brief Christmas reunion with family.

"I felt totally desolated," Mrs. Bartels told the group. "I couldn't believe

it had happened. Yet from the very minute they brought her out of the pool I've felt the Lord's hand. In a supernatural way, his strength has literally held us up."

The Bartels family tragedy began on a warm evening in late Nov. 23 while many of the missionary families in Benin gathered at the American Recreation Center in Cotonou for fellowship, Bartels recalled. The adults were inside and on the back porch while many of the children splashed in the swimming pool.

When Bartels went to round up his children for the trip home, he found 10-year-old Chandra playing with other missionary children at one end of the pool. But 2-year-old Victoria had slipped unnoticed into the other end of the pool and drowned.

Bartels jumped into the pool and attempted to revive the child, but "I knew she was gone," he said. "I knew there was nothing we could do."

Mrs. Bartels sobbed as she watched her husband breathe into the child's mouth. As she cried, a verse she had taught her Bible study group that week came to mind: "For the glory of God," Jesus said of Lazarus in John 11:4, "that the Son of God might be glorified."

The Bartelses told members of Severns Valley Church that God has ministered to them during their time of grief and shown them new opportunities for ministry in Benin.

About 250 people, including many unchurched neighbors, attended Victoria's funeral services under a tent in the family's back yard. Such services never are held for children in West Africa, Mrs. Bartels explained, because with the high infant-mortality rate parents "try to forget the death and go on. They stay hidden in the house to mourn."

So to hear Bartels tell the crowd at the funeral that "God has given us consolation and strength" was "a bit of a shock," he said.

"They couldn't believe we were there," Mrs. Bartels added. "I kept fixing the ribbon in her hair, touching

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BARTELS FAMILY 2-year-old Victoria Bartels (inset) died five days before this family photograph of Carmela, Richard and Chandra Bartels was taken on Thanksgiving Day.

State's student work rates high

NASHVILLE—Kentucky Baptists set the pace for a nationwide increase in campus ministries last year, according to statistics compiled by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A record number of college students were involved in Baptist student ministry programs nationwide, the 1991 Student Ministry Report indicates. The annual report is compiled from information submitted by state directors of student ministry.

Nationwide, Southern Baptist campus ministries touched 192,680 students last year, up more than 3,000 students over the 1990 total of 189,410.

Kentucky's campus ministries involved 21,731 students, the second-largest number in any state. Texas Baptists led the nation by ministering to 40,871 students.

Kentucky also was a pacesetter in student conversions, student missions involvement, attendance at the annual state student convention and number of students involved in witnessing training, discipleship training and Bible study groups.

A total of 604 student conversions were reported by Kentucky's Baptist campus ministries. That is the third-highest number reported in the nation, behind Texas with 2,332 and Oklahoma with 731.

Kentucky's program involved 4,065 students in missions projects, second only to the 6,439 reported by Texas.

Other highlights of Kentucky's year include 5,770 students involved in Bible study groups, 2,026 students involved in discipleship training, 1,271 students involved in witness training, 953 students attending the state student convention and 347 students baptized.

From Gorbachev to Amy Grant, 1991 brought changes in religion

By Doug Trouten
Evangelical Press

Five centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ, the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "There is nothing permanent except change."

Last year proved him right, topping even 1989's collapse of the Berlin Wall by yielding the collapse of the Soviet Union and the pending unification of Europe.

1991 brought the military destruction of Iraq, the release of Western hostages held in the Middle East and the sight of Jews and Palestinians attending peace talks together.

The year included Bible distribution in Cuba, the release of the Dead Sea Scrolls and news of a Christian conversion for deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega. The world saw the transformation of gospel's No. 1 pop star into pop's No. 1 gospel star and confrontation in the streets of

Wichita, Kan., over abortion.

Here's a summary of some of the big changes and little changes that made 1991 a year to remember:

■ **Soviet doors open.** The doors to evangelism flung wide open in the Soviet Union as republics gained independence and the former Communist state ceased to exist. In the country where daring Christians once risked their freedom to smuggle Bibles, church groups from around the world traveled freely to support and fellowship with believers.

■ **"Just war" debates.** The Persian Gulf War drove the church into a review of "just war" doctrine. Many

mainline Protestant churches declared the Gulf War did not meet traditional "just war" criteria. But President George Bush, speaking to U.S. religious broadcasters, said the conflict with Iraq was a "just war," noting it had "everything to do with what religion embodies—good versus evil, right versus wrong, human dignity and freedom versus tyranny and oppression."

■ **War ministries.** U.S. churches and ministries geared up to support and evangelize the troops. Southern Baptist women in Texas launched "Operation Cookie" to provide home-baked treats for military personnel, while hundreds of chaplains—renamed "morale officers" to avoid offending the Saudis—

took the gospel to the front lines.

■ **Disasters.** In the aftermath of the Gulf War, the world became aware of the plight of the Kurdish people, oppressed for years by Iraq. Peru spent the year battling a cholera epidemic with help from medical missionaries only to see the country devastated by an earthquake. In the Philippines, Mt. Pinatubo erupted, covering hundreds of square kilometers in Central Luzon island with volcanic ash and debris. Also, 200,000 people were killed by a cyclone in Bangladesh.

■ **Opposition to the gospel.** Despite new opportunities in former Communist states, fundamentalist Muslims broke up a showing of the film "Jesus" in the Soviet Union. Angry Muslim mobs destroyed a church building in Indonesia and threatened to burn others. A dozen churches were set on fire and at least 80 people died in clashes between Muslims and

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BAPTISTS BITS

■ **A CP hotline** is available through March 31 to answer Southern Baptists' questions about the national Cooperative Program unified budget. Callers to (800) 722-9407 may order CP promotional materials, ask questions or express thoughts about the CP. Calls will be answered from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CST) Monday through Friday.

■ **Truck stop ministry** is the subject of a new manual produced by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The 84-page publication suggests 14 steps in developing truck stop ministries. To order the free product, call (800) 634-2462.

■ **North Carolina Baptists** will be able to channel contributions through their state convention to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as well as the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. The state convention's Executive Committee approved "pass-through" funding for Fellowship contributions in December. Five other state conventions currently allow this: Florida, Maryland/Delaware, Missouri, New York and Oklahoma.

■ **A Missouri Baptist layman** has been charged with killing four people and wounding a fifth in four separate locations Dec. 9. Police say James Johnson, a member of Salem Baptist Church near California, Mo., shot the five people possibly as part of a domestic dispute. He is in police custody.

Minister campaigns on space platform

By Ken Camp
Texas Baptist Convention

DALLAS (ABP)—A Baptist minister is running for president of the United States on a platform of fulfilling the biblical mandate to "subdue the universe" through outer-space exploration.

Citing Genesis 1:8 and Psalm 8 as his inspiration and world peace as his goal, Rufus Higginbotham, 59, will run on the Democratic ticket in the New Hampshire primary next month.

"After seeing the (Democratic candidates') debate ... I've decided I'm not going to try to outdo them or continue stirring the same old pot. Instead, our campaign involves a completely different pot," according to a prepared statement Higginbotham released to the press.

"We see a new era of godly purpose beyond our planet, in which all of us, as members of a race isolated on a blue ball in a universe, can be united as fellow sojourners."

Higginbotham said his platform is to make the United States the leader

of a global economic partnership to "take dominion" of outer space. The U.S. would provide the technical expertise, and other nations would supply the funding.

The quest to explore space would give humankind a common purpose, create jobs for a poor worldwide and lead to "spin-off" benefits through research and development, he said.

Higginbotham said the key to his campaign lies in a hoped-for meeting with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad. Rather than driving Saddam from power, Higginbotham said he wants to offer the Iraqi tyrant a visionary goal that would inspire him to work with other world leaders.

"I believe he would be open to such a partnership. He has the same God of Abraham that we do," Higginbotham said.

Higginbotham said he is attempting to contact the Iraqi delegation to the United Nations to arrange the meeting "as soon as possible." Rather than waiting for the election, Higginbotham wants to pursue his goal while a presidential hopeful.

An ordained Baptist minister, Higginbotham holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and SMU's law school in Dallas and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

For several years, he led a ministry to the homeless sponsored by First Baptist Church of Dallas. He said W. A. Criswell, longtime pastor of the church and Higginbotham's work-out partner at the downtown YMCA, convinced him to seek public office.

Previously, Higginbotham ran for the Dallas City Council, the Texas Legislature, the Third Congressional District and mayor of Dallas.

His platform in the mayoral race was virtually identical to his presidential goals, but of the more than 157,000 votes cast on Nov. 5, Higginbotham received only 813. Nevertheless, he believes his dream will be better received at the national level.

"People couldn't relate to ways that the mayor of Dallas could lead a global economic coalition, but they can see how the president could do that," he said.

Study says Christian teens sexually active

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (ABP)—The percentage of Christian teen-agers reporting premarital intercourse increased dramatically between 1984 and 1991, according to an informal study by M.B. Fletcher, professor of psychology at Carson-Newman College.

Fletcher's study of the sexual behavior patterns of Christian adolescents found the number of males reporting premarital sexual intercourse increased from 55 percent in 1984 to 70 percent in 1991.

An even sharper increase was found among females. "Only 27 per-

cent of the females admitted they had engaged in premarital intercourse in 1984, but 53 percent in 1991 said they were sexually experienced," Fletcher's report said.

Fletcher obtained his data by surveying students enrolled in a human sexuality course he has taught since 1984 at Carson-Newman, a Southern Baptist college in Jefferson City, Tenn. Eighty percent of Carson-Newman students are Baptist and most come from theologically conservative areas of southern Appalachia.

The study indicates sexual intercourse first occurs among adolescents

around age 17.

"The willingness of students to compromise the traditional values of their local church to justify a more promiscuous lifestyle raises troubling questions about the connection between what is taught in the church and the relativism in the thinking of adolescents," Fletcher said.

Fletcher's complete study will be made public Feb. 2-3 at the first national conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics, based in Nashville. Fletcher will deliver an address titled "The Adolescent Experience: Sex Happens" during the conference.

CLC & Sunday School Board to cooperate on family issues

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Baptist Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission will work together on family-related issues, heads of the two organizations announced.

In a related action, a CLC committee has proposed revising the agency's program assignment on religious liberty to allow the CLC to work directly with local churches for the first time.

To become operative, the proposed revision must be approved by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in February, the full CLC board in March and SBC messengers in June in Indianapolis.

Both the issue of family concerns

and working directly with churches surfaced among CLC trustees in September, when trustee Nancy Schaefer of Atlanta proposed the CLC assume the work of an organization she founded, Family Concerns Inc.

Schaefer suggested the CLC form a new family concerns unit to instruct local churches in establishing family concerns ministries.

The Southern Baptist Convention has given the Sunday School Board the program assignment for family ministry, although the CLC has dealt with ethical issues that relate to families.

However, the CLC's program assignment from the SBC carries a spe-

cific restriction against working directly with churches in the same way the Sunday School Board does.

Sunday School Board President Jimmy Draper and CLC Executive Director Richard Land announced a joint working agreement that will "provide specific channels for Christian Life Commission family-related concerns to flow to the church" through the Sunday School Board's administrative structure.

The agreement was affirmed by the CLC special committee on program assignment Dec. 9.

In addition, the agreement calls for consultation between the two agencies on product development, program and

Chapman might succeed Bennett

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Morris Chapman is the choice of the committee seeking a new chief executive for the Southern Baptist Convention, according to sources close to the process.

Chapman, current SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, could be elected president-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee at the Executive Committee's Feb. 17-19 meeting.

The Executive Committee, based in Nashville, is the SBC's primary administrative body, drafting the \$140 million annual Cooperative Program budget and acting for the convention between annual sessions.

If recommended and elected to the post, Chapman would succeed Harold Bennett, 67, who will retire in October after 12 years in the job.

After Associated Baptist Press began interviews for this story last week, Baptist Press, housed at the SBC Executive Committee, released a story Jan. 6 saying Chapman was the "leading candidate" for the position.

Several members of the search committee declined to say whether Chapman would be the nominee. But one Executive Committee member, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told ABP it was an "accurate story."

According to sources close to the search, the committee decided in December to pursue Chapman over the group's second choice, Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas.

conference planning and identifying "Christian values that apply to family living."

Land and Draper emphasized the cooperative work between the agencies will center on areas of family life where program assignments are complementary. Each agency will continue to work independently on individual assignments.

Draper told Baptist Press that in light of the Sunday School Board's assignment of family ministry in churches—an assignment that does not include involvement in political issues—the agency would not integrate Family Concerns Inc. into its program.

European Baptist leader addresses Catholic bishops in Rome

ROME—Karl-Heinz Walter, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, delivered a 15-minute address to 180 Roman Catholic bishops from Europe at a Vatican conference presided over by the Pope.

Pope John Paul II convened the special Bishops' Synod to discuss the re-evangelization of Europe. About a dozen non-Roman Catholic church leaders were invited as fraternal dele-

gates, but Walter was the only representative of the so-called "free" churches—those which oppose the idea of state support for churches.

Walter said he hesitated to accept the invitation because of difficulties Baptists face in several countries of the world due to opposition from Roman Catholics. However, at the insistence of the European Baptist Federation Council, he finally accepted.

In his address to the bishops, Walter said, he outlined concerns of European Baptists and asked for help in strengthening religious equality. Walter cited concerns about the growth of para-church groups and assured the bishops Baptists are not to be confused with para-church groups.

Further, Walter said, he stressed the importance of equal rights for all religions. He said he asked the bish-

ops to avoid using their majority status in some countries to hinder Baptists and other Christians.

Walter said he also appealed to bishops to show caution when helping governments write new religious laws. "The majority churches should take care that religious laws are written so as to guarantee equal rights, not only for other religions, but for all Christian denominations as well."

Church bags a merrier Christmas for 300 families

By Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

PADUCAH—Three hundred needy families passed through the gymnasium of Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah the Friday before Christmas, picking up baskets of groceries, paper goods and personal items to make an otherwise bleak holiday brighter.

Volunteers transformed the gym into a highly organized supermarket staffed by 200 church members. The volunteers filled baskets for each family based on the number of people in the family.

The value of the baskets ranged from \$61 for a single person to about \$100 for larger families.

Recipients of the Christmas presents had been recommended by church members, the public school system and social service agencies. Each family had received a letter inviting them to pick up a basket.

Pastor Willis Henson greeted each

family at the door.

Afterward, he explained that this annual project is Lone Oak's most effective hands-on missions project. "This is one cause I don't have to promote," he said.

Lone Oak collects money for the December project in July. "We use the Sunday that is furthest from Christmas so it won't interfere with the Thanksgiving and Lottie Moon offerings," Henson said.

In seven years, contributions to the Good Samaritan offering have increased from \$3,300 to \$18,000.

Henson noted the church saw more "up and out" people receiving assistance this year due to job layoffs.

The church added a new component to the event this year by inviting 15 families to the church for a Christmas party where they received additional food, toys and clothing.

One boy opened a box containing five or six pairs of socks, then turned to his father to say, "That's more socks than I ever had in my whole life



NOT LOAFING Volunteers at Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah prepare loaves of bread to be distributed in baskets for 300 needy families as Christmas presents. (Photo by Pauline Stegall)

before!"

Thank you letters are read at church services on a Sunday in February. Most recipients are extremely grateful, Henson said.

Although families selected for assistance do not have to attend Lone Oak Church, several of those helped this year already have started attending services.

'Babes in Christ' at ages 79 & 95

By Connie Bull
Staff Writer

ELIZABETHTOWN—Arvil Frans and Raymond Skeens have become "babes in Christ" at ages 79 and 95 respectively.

Frans recently was baptized at Tunnel Hill Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, and Skeens was baptized at Rockhouse Baptist Church in Hyden.

Harmon Popham is pastor at Tunnel Hill. His mother is the half-sister of Frans' father, and he had known Frans all his life.

But Popham had lost track of Frans until recently running into him at an estate auction. Frans told Popham that he had a bad heart condition and had been in and out of hospitals.

During the conversation, Frans said, "You know, I never have been baptized."

Popham promised to come see him the next week.

"When I came to his house, he said, 'I've been a sinner all of my life,'" Popham explained. "His wife said he really wanted me to baptize him."

Popham presented Frans to the church in baptismal attire one Sunday as he was baptizing four others. The church immediately voted to receive him for membership and baptize him.

Mrs. Frans later told Popham, "He has really made a change in his life."

At Rockhouse, Skeens is now among the church's most faithful members, said Pastor Walter Wilson.

Skeens isn't sure whether he's 93 or 95, Wilson explained, because it was a couple of years before his mother made it to town to report his birthdate, and he doesn't know if they recorded when she came or when she birthed him.

Previously, Skeens attended a church of another denomination with his wife, who has since died. Wilson was the officiating minister at the funeral.

100-year-old church reconstitutes from mission

By Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

LEBANON JUNCTION—In its 100th year, Colesburg Baptist Church in Lebanon Junction has reconstituted as a church after reverting to mission status in 1975.

"The centennial year was a good time to do it," said Pastor Mark Judd, whose sister and niece, country singers Naomi and Wynona Judd, showed up at the centennial celebration in May.

Judd said the church, located north of Elizabethtown, has become stronger financially in the past year and "mature Christians have made a commitment to stay." One member who committed to stay is Thomas Cox, who returned to Colesburg Church after attending the centennial homecoming.

The church now averages 25 in Sunday school and 40 in worship.

Colesburg Church was formed in 1891 when residents saw the need for a Baptist witness in the bustling railroad community, a shipping point for livestock, lumber, hay and grain. The town was and still is largely Roman Catholic, but the Baptist church flourished until the railroad declined.

"The grace of God kept the church open" after that, Judd explained. By 1975, only a handful of people still attended and the white frame building was in need of repairs—and an indoor restroom.

Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown adopted Colesburg as a mission, infusing money and church leaders.

In the past few years, Severns

Valley has not provided direct financial help, although its secretaries have performed record-keeping duties. Still, Judd said, there was fear among members of stepping out as a self-supporting church again. "Colesburg was like an adult child still living at home," he explained.

Severns Valley Pastor Howard Cobble credits some of Colesburg's newfound stability to Judd. With an eight-year tenure, he has served longer than any pastor in the church's history.

Several people have joined as charter members of the reconstituted church, now that the congregation formally can accept members.

"It's given our church a renewed feeling of responsibility that it's our church now," said Middy Judd, the pastor's wife. "It's a good sense of pride."

Missionaries experience God's grace after loss

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her. You just don't do that."

At the funeral, Pastor Venance Kouton told the people in their native language, "Don't think about Victoria anymore; think about yourself. You will die, too."

No sad songs of mourning were allowed at the funeral. Instead, a group of missionary children sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "This Little Light of Mine," two songs Victoria had learned to sing.

"A friend told me she had been a Christian a long time, and this was the first time she had seen victory in a funeral service," Mrs. Bartels recalled.

Through this experience, the African church of about 400 members found a way to minister to the missionaries who so often had ministered to them. After the Saturday night drowning, Bartels didn't feel like going to church on Sunday, he said.

"But God put it on my heart I needed to be there. God began giving me comfort then."

By 12:20 p.m., the doorbell was ringing with church members who weren't sure what to do but who wanted to show their love. "They brought fruit, and that was real sharing," he explained. "It was out of their need, not surplus."

Victoria's arrival into the Bartels family was no less a miracle than what has happened since her death, the couple explained.

After despairing at not being able to have another child, the Bartels adopted Victoria while on furlough in 1989.

They overcame the barriers of limited time in the States, a \$35,000 hospital bill related to the child's birth and competition from other couples who wanted to adopt the child.

When the Bartels picked up the

baby in South Carolina, the nurses told them they had named her Victoria. The nurses had become attached to the child who had spent eight weeks in the intensive care nursery.

"I started crying," Mrs. Bartels recalled. "Victor is Richard's dad's name, and we had always said we would name our next baby after him. I looked up and told God he had a good sense of humor; I'd never thought of Victoria."

The day Victoria died, her parents watched her dance naked in the sprinkler in the back yard with a pet puppy. That evening, sister Chandra remarked that Victoria was dancing in heaven.

"I don't want to deny that there are and will be moments when we wonder what kind of girl she'd be, what she would have been like," Bartels said. "But already we're focused more on happy memories."

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

Georgetown College defeated Pacific Lutheran University Dec. 21 to win the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II football championship. Georgetown ended the season with a 13-1 record and now ranks second among all U.S. colleges and universities for most points scored in a single season with 744. The 1886 Harvard team ranks first with 766 points. Georgetown is the only 20th century team among the top five single-season scorers.

Shirley Dill, a native of Herndon, has been appointed to mission service by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Dill and her husband, Charles, will serve in Pontiac, Mich., where he will be a director of missions for Huron and Oakland Baptist associations.

James Taylor, president of Cumberland College, was elected to the 12-member executive council of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the association's annual meeting in New Orleans Dec. 6. Taylor also was elected president of the Association of Church Related Colleges and Universities of the South.

Phil Bradley of Ft. Mitchell is the new president of the Kentucky alumni chapter of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Other officers are Bryan Peistrup of Morganfield, president-elect, and David Head of Waddy, secretary.

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Find ways to maximize consensus ministries

Following the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Western Recorder printed a letter concerning the inclusion of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in the convention's budget. Clark Brown of Madisonville objected to its inclusion, suggesting that his objections might be so strong as to affect his church's participation in the entire convention budget.

The Cooperative Program has been the lifeline of Baptist mission work for almost three-quarters of a century. The choices have historically been, "support the entire Cooperative Program work or none of it." Little room for dissent has been given, partially for fear that this might erode our financial base for our cooperative work. Thus, even though many may have had serious reservations about a particular work, there was no effective vehicle to express dissent while still supporting the vast majority of ministries that were pleasing.

It is time for Kentucky Baptists to consider permitting this brother and

others the right to support the vast majority of the work that is pleasing while at the same time restricting gifts from going to those places that are not. Our Cooperative Program study committee as well as individual Baptists need to give the idea more consideration.

One suggestion would be to allow each church to withhold funds from as many as three KBC budget items and three Southern Baptist Convention budget items. The number is debatable and may need to be limited simply because of the bookkeeping headaches involved, although those kinds of problems might be solved easily.

Such a selective or restrictive approach may not be as fearsome as some think. It might force all of us to consider seriously our conventions' budgets. We might become more concerned and informed about the whole of our work. I think it would generate more financial support than the present options permit.

This suggestion grows out of a

concern that we Kentucky Baptists need to find more ways so that more of us can walk together more of the time, rather than dropping fellowship or cooperation over a single issue. If our brother does not like this new addition to the convention's budget, he should not be compelled to support it. However, it seems we can come up with ways so that he and all of us can maximize the ministries that we agree on and allow fellowship in as broad a fashion as possible.

I believe the day is past when we can tell independent, autonomous and cooperative churches to "support it all or else." We have so many things that we hold in common. Let us maximize those, permitting individual dissent, so that we can do more together than we can do by demanding unswerving allegiance to the current agenda, regardless of who has the most votes at the present time.

*W. Robert DeFoor, pastor
Harrodsburg Baptist Church
Harrodsburg*

Deep sadness

A feeling of deep sadness entered my life recently upon the decision by the trustees of our Foreign Mission Board to unequivocally defund the Ruschlikon seminary.

I was a student of Dr. Glenn Hinson and feel sad that this loving, peaceful and deeply spiritual scholar has been maligned. I served as a missionary journeyman through the FMB in Tanzania (1982-84), teaching at the Baptist Seminary of East Africa. During that time, I was a colleague of Dr. Gunter Wagner, professor of New Testament at Ruschlikon, when he and his wife, Doris, took a sabbatical leave to teach alongside the missionaries and nationals at the African seminary. I feel sad that these two energetic, committed and exceptional educators must live with the results of this breach of promise and lack of understanding and cooperation.

I certainly did not think that I could feel any sadder after this incident. But I was wrong. Now an even deeper sorrow fills my heart since the integrity of Dr. Keith Parks and the FMB staff has been questioned. I have been per-

sonally involved with the Foreign Mission Board for 10 years, serving not only as a journeyman, but as an International Service Corps volunteer to Papua, New Guinea, a Centrifuge team missions representative and a staunch supporter of the entire work of the board. The character and com-

mitment of every staff member with whom I have had the honor to work

are above reproach.

To the trustees who attempted to rescind this action and who showed their faith and trust in Dr. Parks and the FMB staff, I say, "Thank you."

To (trustees) who doubted the honesty and moral principles of Dr. Parks and the staff, I say, "Shame on you."

*Rhonda G. Nash
Cadiz*

Camp news troubling

I had to read about the possible sale of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in the Dec. 17 issue of the Western Recorder. If the financial condition is bad, why was it necessary to buy a house, and hire an assistant this September, several months before the busy camping season—especially

since the article noted the financial problems are from lack of use in the winter? I enjoyed summer camp at JCBA and also serving on the summer staff in 1979. I don't want our youth denied summer camping because the KBC tried to turn summer campgrounds into year 'round facilities.

The 11 associations who worked so hard to have a summer campground gave JCBA to the KBC in the early '80s. I never understood why we gave it away, and several changes have taken place. While buildings and improvements have been added, the path to the Prayer Garden has been blocked and the rooms are empty much of the time. Since it is cheaper for groups to go elsewhere, the facility is not fully utilized.

If our world has changed so much that the summer camps for youth and places for college BSUs to meet aren't needed anymore, then sell JCBA and Cedarmore. Don't sell them because of poor management or the chance to make some money. If JCBA is sold, I think the 11 associations who gave it to the KBC should benefit. I realize the KBC added two buildings, but the lakefront property was already valuable when given to the KBC.

*Pat Taylor
Hopkinsville*

BAPTIST FORUM

3:20 — Remember how fast time flies

Get ready folks. Ready or not, we have just crossed over into 1992.

As for me, all those late night Dec. 31 gatherings lost their glitter years ago. Especially those when I was in my late teens and early twenties.

In my fifties, I may still manage to stay up for a special church service or, if the kids are at home, we manage to play games long enough to watch the big apple fall in Times Square, toast a glass of

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William W. Marshall

sparkling cider, hug, kiss and go to bed promptly at 12:05 a.m. But don't count on an early breakfast!

I suppose the occasion most of all reminds me of time—passing, that is. I occasionally wonder how much of it is left for me, for Alice. Surely can't be as much on the future end as already charted in the pages of our book.

And I try not to think about the quality of those remaining years. Yet, how can I avoid the likeli-

hood that the quality just can't get better than it is now—at least, not in this life. "Take it as it comes," I say to myself, "and be grateful for every precious moment of it."

One of the reminders of the relentless passage of my own time is our microwave. I know it isn't as romantic as the old clock which hangs on the wall in our hall. But each morning when I push that button to heat the water to pour over my coffee grounds, I watch three minutes and 20 seconds go by.

No, I don't stand there for three minutes and 20 seconds. In that time, I usually can fill my bowl with dry cereal, slice half a banana, and pour

Baptists should know the issues

I appreciate the concerns raised about the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs by Michael Hail in his letter published Dec. 17, primarily the concerns about Baptist support. All Baptists should be concerned.

Correctly noted, the BJCPA has filed a brief on behalf of Weisman in the case Lee v. Weisman. Also, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has filed a brief on the opposing side. However, not all the important facts were addressed.

First, the BJCPA brief states that it is not against prayer at public graduations. Second, the prayer was not given at a high school or college graduation, but rather at a sixth grade graduation. Third, the prayer given by the priest at the graduation was written for him by the school (state). I'm sure Bro. Hail would have been offended, as well would have I, if handed a prayer to read at his daughter's graduation.

Furthermore, the BJCPA entered the case as an advocate for the Lemon test, created to determine if state action violates the U.S. Constitution's Establishment Clause. The test requires that state action not promote a religious purpose, advance nor inhibit religion nor create excessive entanglement between church and state.

Conversely, the CLC has asked the court to replace the Lemon test with a far less-rigorous "non-coercion" standard. Under this standard, the government could sponsor religion as long as it did not result in forcing persons to believe or act against the dictates of their religious consciences.

Yes, it is important that Baptists know the issues in which the BJCPA is involved and which they support financially, issues concerning religious liberty and true separation of church and state.

*David W. Olive
Louisville*

my milk and juice before the "ding." But, somehow, that microwave communicates to me every day: "It's going fast, Bill. Make it count!"

What I'm trying to say is that I don't really need a New Year's event to remind me any more that the gift of time is precious. I have a diminished amount of it left, and I ought not to be foolish enough to waste it on foolish things.

"Lord of the old and new year, forgive the foolishness of our past and hold our hand as we try again in 1992."

William W. Marshall is executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

EDITORIALS

What do we do at the precipice of a new year?

What will you remember most about 1991?

- We started the year on the brink of a war that ended before spring.
- The Giants won the Super Bowl; Michael Jordan won the NBA Playoffs; the Braves lost the World Series.
- The Soviet Union fell apart at the seams.
- A former Klansman nearly became governor of Louisiana.
- The Bill of Rights celebrated its 200th birthday, but the wall of separation between church and state continued to crumble.
- Magic Johnson bounced AIDS out of the closet, through the media and into schools, offices and living rooms.
- Boris Yeltsin climbed onto a tank and into the history books.
- Americans started to recycle and bought bigger cars.
- Fire destroyed a chunk of Oakland, and floods soaked Texas.
- Mount Pinatubo and Philippine politics closed a military base.
- Terry Anderson came home.
- Jack Ruby's gun sold for more money than John Kennedy made the year he died.

• More plants closed, and more people lost their jobs.

1991 brought the world more than a year's worth of memorable headlines. To those, we add our own individual milestones: We gave birth to a baby, buried a loved one, graduated from school, got a job, got mar-

ried, got divorced, made new friends, bought a house, came to faith in Christ, joined a church, learned a new language, ran a marathon, went back to school.

If we live long enough, we'll marvel at how historians evaluate 1991. Most likely, they'll record the death of Soviet-style communism and the transformation of Europe and central Asia. But maybe they'll note the birth of a child whose leadership will shape future generations. Perhaps a book penned last year will crystallize thought for decades. Maybe a prayer group started in a home or office will bloom into worldwide revival. Or a scientific breakthrough might change the way we live, get well or die.

On a more personal level, time also will help us evaluate the effects of 1991 on our own lives.

The truth is, nobody now knows the full implications of last year's actions on tomorrow's world. Even more mysterious are events yet to unfold. We simply cannot peer with accuracy into the dark glass of the future.

All the more reason to take the days one at a time and follow the prophet Micah's advice: "... to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

—Marv Knox

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You're looking at a new chapter in Recorder history

Welcome to a new chapter in the history of the Western Recorder.

As we hope you've noticed by now, the Recorder began 1992 with a new format and design. The paper changed from four columns to five, got a new banner for the top of page 1 and a new masthead for page 4, changed some typefaces, added subject headings to the top of each page, expanded its graphics and made a host of less-obvious modifications.

The changes give the Recorder a new look. But the reasons for change are more than cosmetic. We've rebuilt the newspaper because the changes will enable us to do a more effective job of communicating important news to you. We believe you'll find the Recorder newsier, easier to read, more contemporary and, yes, more attractive.

Those characteristics are important for two groups of people. Our current readers deserve the best Baptist newspaper we can deliver, and these improvements reflect our commitment to that goal. Moreover, thousands of Kentucky Baptists do not receive the Recorder, and hundreds of Kentucky Baptist churches do not have the Recorder in their budgets. These improvements also reflect our attempt to make the Re-

recorder worthy of their time and money.

In short, we want to deliver the best-possible newspaper to the highest-possible number of Kentucky Baptists.

You can help us: First, pray for the Recorder staff as we serve on your behalf. Second, tell us about people, churches, events, activities and issues that might be of interest to all Kentucky Baptists. Third, contact us for more information about how to put your church newsletter on the back page of the Recorder, how to put the Recorder in your church budget or how to provide the Recorder for other Kentucky Baptists. Our address is Box 43969, Louisville, 40253; phone (502) 244-6470.

An important footnote: Two Recorder staff members deserve applause for making this new newspaper possible. News Director Mark Wingfield spent countless hours researching, brainstorming and experimenting to develop most of the new design characteristics. Typesetter Jeff Wise worked long and hard to develop computer systems so we can do those things every week. Thanks, guys.

—Marv Knox

We want to deliver the best newspaper to the most Kentucky Baptists.

The celebration begins when a guy grinds up your Christmas tree

Somebody (Don't ask me who; I'd give credit if I could remember.) coined a truism for the dearly departed holidays: "Nothing's ever over quite like Christmas."

When that sage of the '90s uttered those immortal words, she probably was standing knee-deep in torn wrapping paper, staring at a turkey carcass, holding a broken ornament in one hand and worn-out batteries in the other.

And in a sense, she really did speak the truth.

Most folks love the Christmas season: Carols. Hot chocolate and eggnog. Decorated lawns and living rooms. Parties. Shopping. Cards and letters from scattered loved ones. Gifts. Santa. Good will toward almost all kinds of people. Special church services long on music and short on sermons. More gifts. Family get-togethers. Cakes, candies

and pie. More hot chocolate and spiced tea.

We get wrapped up in the trappings that accompany our celebration of Christ's birth. And that's easy to do. All the parties and fancy foods and special music and warm feelings stimulate our emotions, just as the promises of fantastic surprises fire the imaginations of children who listen for reindeer hooves on the roof.

But by Christmas night—or maybe the next evening for bargain hunters who get an adrenalin high by hitting the malls for the Dec. 26 sales—it's over. We've re-

placed candy with antacid, carried the wrapping paper to the garbage and placed the Christmas albums at the back of the stack.

Taking down the Christmas tree always has been the hardest part of the season at our house. Saying goodbye again to special ornaments and twinkling lights isn't easy.

This year, the clincher came when I strapped the tree on top of the car and hauled it to a parking lot across town to be "recycled."

The workers had the tree untied and off the car before I could get my seatbelt unbuckled. A guy handed

me my rope as a bigger guy shoved our tree into the mulcher.

Our last icon of Christmas flew into the back of a dumptruck—as sawdust.

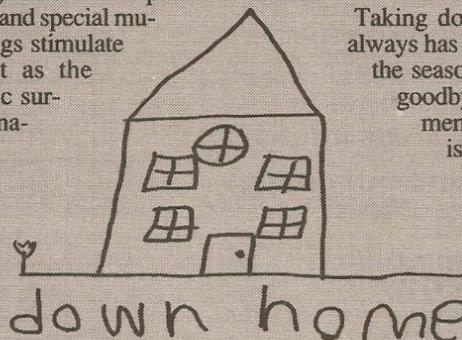
Driving home, I thought about that tree, the end of the season and the quote about Christmas being "over."

Thank God, Christmas isn't over when the tree comes down and the wrapping paper goes to the landfill. The birth of the Savior was only the beginning of the salvation story.

Sure, we go back to work and the kids head back to school. Life is a little less exciting Jan. 7 than it was Dec. 7.

But as Christians, we really celebrate Christmas after Christmas. That's when we get on with our lives, trying to live like Christ the rest of the year.

—Marv Knox



RELIGION

Religion played a major role in year's developments

1991 Baptist headlines

January

Chaplains comfort troops in Persian Gulf

Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder agrees to early retirement

February

KBC and SBC record largest increase in baptisms in a decade: 10.2 percent for KBC and 9.7 percent for SBC

March

State moderates form Kentucky Baptist Fellowship

Former Kentuckian Lynda Bethea killed on mission field in Kenya

April

Southern Seminary faculty and trustees approve "Covenant Renewal"

Sunday School Board comes to Kentucky to celebrate the board's centennial

May

Southern Baptist moderates form Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Landmark study on U.S. religion finds four of 10 Kentuckians are Baptists

June

SBC hears President Bush, eliminates funds to Baptist Joint Committee, re-elects Morris Chapman president

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Christians in Nigeria. In India, a native missionary was beaten by fanatic Hindu attackers who oppose Christianity. China intensified its persecution of Christians with mass arrests, deten-

tions and torture.

■ **Gospel spread.** Despite opposition, the gospel of Jesus Christ continued to be spread throughout the world in 1991. Southern Baptists sent their first missionaries to Russia,

along with hundreds of volunteer short-term missionaries. The parachurch group Youth With a Mission sent a missionary team to Pitcairn Island; population 70, the world's smallest country. The Church of Christ launched a program to put an evangelistic comic book in every American's mailbox. The United Bible Societies announced that nearly 2,000 language groups have at least one book of the Bible in their own tongue.

■ **Dead Sea Scrolls.** After years of being tightly controlled by a small circle of scholars, complete photos of the Dead Sea Scrolls were released to scholars who had grown weary of waiting for the authorized committee to complete its work.

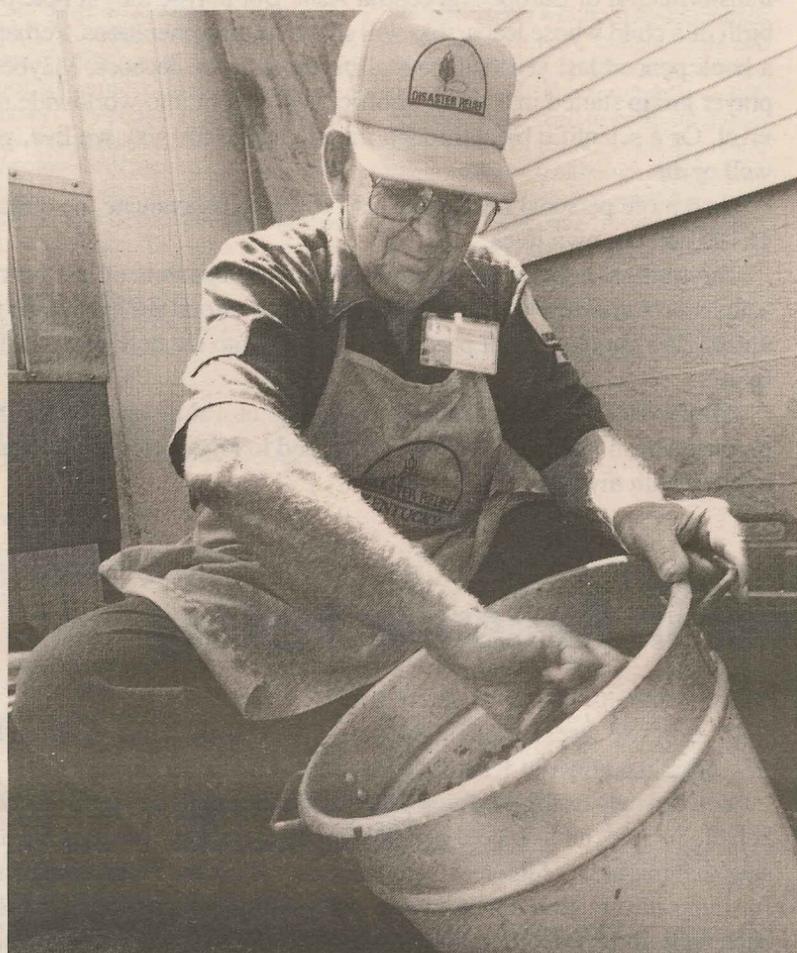
■ **Billy Graham.** Southern Baptist evangelist Billy Graham maintained a full schedule in 1991 despite his advancing age. Graham spoke to huge crowds in the U.S., Central America and Europe and set a new record by preaching to 250,000 people in New

York City's Central Park one Sunday afternoon.

■ **Manuel Noriega.** Early in the year, Southern Baptist evangelists Clift Brannon and Rudy Hernandez announced they had been meeting with deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega in jail for nearly one year and had led him to profess faith in Jesus Christ.

■ **Televangelists.** Jimmy Swaggart was caught with a prostitute in California, just three years after the Assemblies of God denounced his ministry for a similar incident. Swaggart also was ordered by a court to pay fellow evangelist Marvin Gorman \$10 million—ironically, for fueling a sex scandal that cost Gorman his ministry. PTL founder Jim Bakker's 45-year sentence for fraud was thrown out and replaced with an 18-year sentence that will leave him behind bars until at least 1995.

■ **Amy Grant.** Contemporary Christian singer Amy Grant topped See Court ..., page 7



RELIEF WORK Amos Tate of Bloomfield washes pots after a noon feeding by Kentucky Baptist Men in Swansea, Mass., in the aftermath of Hurricane Bob. Kentucky volunteers worked for weeks in New England after the hurricane, one of many disasters that called for Christian action last year. (Photo by Jim Burton)

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RELIGION

Court rulings, NEA, abortion protest made headlines

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secular pop music charts with her "Heart in Motion" album. Michael W. Smith quickly followed in her footsteps with his secular hit "Place in this World."

■ **Sexuality studied.** The Presbyterian Church (USA) considered a controversial sexuality report that recommended liberalizing attitudes toward homosexuality, fornication and

teen sex. Though passed by denominational committees, the recommendations were soundly defeated by the church's governing assembly.

■ **Church in court.** A former employee's lawsuit against radio counselor and author James Dobson was dismissed for lack of evidence. Another court sided with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in dismissing a suit brought by a former

missionary who said the FMB should have acted to protect her children from her abusive husband. Elsewhere, courts in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania ruled that children are entitled to medical treatment despite their parents' objections on religious grounds.

■ **Local church-state rulings.** A New York court upheld the right to distribute tracts in public places. An Indiana judge ruled that a school

which allows local groups to distribute literature must allow the Gideons to distribute Bibles. And in Denton, Texas, despite threats from the American Civil Liberties Union, the high school marching band performed a football halftime show featuring hymns and gospel classics. But in California, the Supreme Court banned graduation prayers—an issue that ultimately will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court this session.

■ **Supreme Court.** The most significant Supreme Court decision of 1991 was *Rust v. Sullivan*, in which the court upheld federal regulations banning the use of government funds for abortion counseling. The court ended the year with several significant church-state cases under consideration, most notably *Lee v. Weisman*, which could provide a new test for church-state relations. The Bush administration and some religious groups are lobbying for a new standard to replace the "Lemon test" which the court previously used to determine when government is unnecessarily restricting religion.

■ **Clarence Thomas.** After Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall announced his retirement, Clarence Thomas seemed a shoe-in replacement until charges of sexual harassment were brought by law professor Anita Hill. The nominee's wife, Virginia, told *People* magazine the confirmation battle was "spiritual warfare." Despite the controversy and televised inquiry, the U.S. Senate confirmed Thomas by a vote of 52-48. The addition of another conservative to the court fueled speculation that the *Roe v. Wade* decision which legalized abortion soon would be overturned.

■ **Abortion.** The year's biggest confrontation on abortion took place not in a courtroom but in the streets of Wichita, Kan. Operation Rescue, the confrontational group known for blocking entrances to abortion clinics, laid siege to Wichita for more than a month. More than 2,500 people were arrested. Meanwhile, the police chief in Redwood Falls, Minn., lost his job because he participated in an Operation Rescue abortion protest in Fargo, N.D.

■ **NEA.** The National Endowment for the Arts continued to provide tax dollars to support projects such as "Poison," a sexually explicit film about homosexuality in prison, and "Tongues Untied," a documentary about black homosexuals that was so offensive 200 PBS stations chose not to air it.

■ **AIDS.** The AIDS epidemic gained a new spokesman in 1991, as basketball superstar Magic Johnson announced he had tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. New York City public schools hopped on the "safe sex" bandwagon by distributing free condoms to students.

1991 Baptist headlines

July

Jimmy Draper elected president of Sunday School Board

Southern Baptist moderates form new ethics center

August

First orders of redesigned Sunday school literature shipped from Sunday School Board

Kentucky Baptist volunteers respond to devastation of Hurricane Bob

September

Kentucky Cooperative Program budget suffers first annual decrease since Great Depression

October

Foreign Mission Board trustees vote to cut funding to Ruschlikon, Switzerland, seminary

Sanctuary of historic First Baptist Church in Bowling Green burns

November

Kentuckian Don Mathis elected executive director of West Virginia Baptist Convention

KBC elects Glenn Mollette president, approves at-large members for Executive Board, agrees to fund Baptist Joint Committee

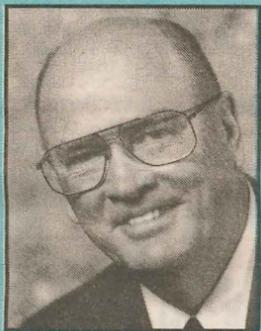
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Foreign Mission Board trustees uphold decision on Ruschlikon seminary

Cadiz Baptist church celebrates release of hostage Terry Anderson

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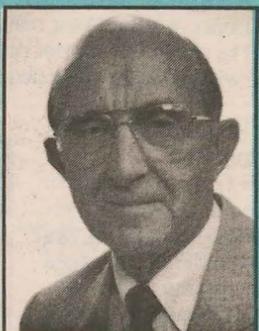
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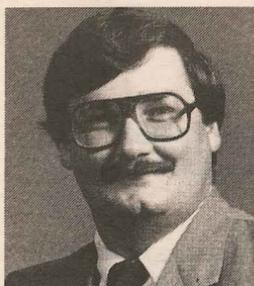
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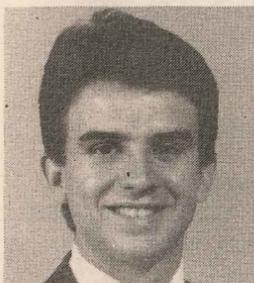
Southwestern, New Orleans give degrees

Three Kentuckians received degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, last month, while one Kentuckian received a degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Brian Fannin of Russell earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is pastor of South Campbellsville Baptist Church

in Campbellsville. Fannin is married to the former Amy Dance of Frankfort and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Challis Fannin of Russell.

Southwestern Seminary awarded the master of divinity degree to Robert Doyle Bridges Jr. of Eddyville, the master of arts in religious education degree to Harold Ray Harper Jr. of Mt. Vernon and the master of divinity degree to William Helton of Ages.



Fannin

Police have suspect in Florida church fires

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—Police in Gainesville, Fla., have a suspect in custody in a rash of church fires.

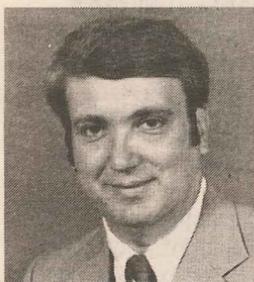
But police warned there is more than one suspect in the epidemic of fires, which have struck about 50 churches in Florida. At least six of the churches are affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention.

Patrick Lee Frank, 41, a transient from Tennessee, was jailed Nov. 13 in Ocala on unrelated trespassing and loitering charges. But authorities learned he also is a suspect in a string of church fires in Tennessee last summer. There have been no church fires since a Gainesville blaze Nov. 12.

The most destructive fire was Oct. 24 at First Church, Ocala, causing \$4 million in damage. The most recent Baptist church struck was First Baptist of Jacksonville Beach, where an early morning fire Nov. 8 destroyed the church's business offices and caused water and smoke damage in the sanctuary.



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What you do for children

Among blessings I find as I visit Kentucky churches are encounters with adults helped by our agency as children. During the holiday season especially, I think of celebrating our heritage and look forward to the miracles that continue to happen in people's lives.

Recently, while eating lunch after a speaking engagement, I noticed Earl Bell, interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Springfield. He introduced me to Dorane Howard, an alumnae of Spring Meadows. Dorane had come to Spring Meadows in February of 1953 as a 7-year-old girl along with a 5-year-old sister, a 3-year-old brother and another sister just 18 months old. "It was a cloudy, gloomy day," Dorane said. "But this was the most beautiful place I had ever seen." Material possessions were scarce, Dorane told me, "but we still had a lot of things. We had a lot of love. We had a home. To know that we were going to be fed was just a miracle."

Dorane lived on our Spring Meadows campus until she was 18. Her mother came to visit twice in the intervening years, and Dorane never saw her father again. When she became the first to grad-

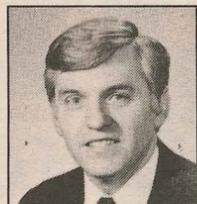
uate from high school on either side of her family, Dorane had hoped to celebrate the occasion with her family, but no one came. Recently, when a niece graduated from high school, Dorane made a special effort to attend.

After she left KBHC, Dorane went to Campbellsville College and later received a master's degree from Western Kentucky State University. She became a teacher because she wanted to give back what she felt had been given to her. She now tells fourth graders they can be somebody if they believe in themselves. As she shared her story, I was reminded of the way in which our ministry together spans the decades and

has a lasting affect on the lives of the children. Perhaps Mrs. Howard put it best when she said, "I can't say enough about what Kentucky Baptists do for children. They step in and make the difference. They made the difference for me." Will you make the difference for somebody like Dorane Howard in the coming year?

Curtis Mooney is president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown, Ky. 40243.

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Has your will had a check-up lately?

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

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

Here are symptoms to look for:

- Growing children. Special provisions related to needs of minors may indicate the need for revisions.
- Change in marital status. A marriage, death of spouse or divorce probably indicates the need for major changes or a new will.
- Birth of a child. A new family member could necessitate changes to carry out your wishes.
- Death. Death of a parent, spouse, child, beneficiary or executor calls for a close examination of your will.
- Move. A change in permanent legal residence from one state to another requires a good look.
- Exchange of assets. A change in the nature or growth of assets is an occasion for examination.
- Tax laws. Recent changes in estate tax laws have made many

wills out of date. A review is wise.

- Gifts. Recent or contemplated gifts could make changes necessary.
- Personal representative. Death, disability or refusal of the personal representative probably requires major changes.
- Growing commitment. Your Christian growth, perhaps coupled

with a lessening responsibility to children, may call for changes, to reflect your growing interest in the Lord's work.

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

Please consider updating your will now.

Do not require family members and friends to make decisions after you're gone.

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

Write or call today at no obligation to you for a free copy of *A Guide to Planning Your Will*.

BAPTIST HEALTHCARE



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AWARDS

Kentucky Baptists get three awards from Sunday School Board

By Marv Knox
Editor

NASHVILLE—Kentucky Baptists received three national awards from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday school department won two awards for associational achievement. The KBC discipleship training department won the other award for increased participation in the board's study course program.

The associational Sunday school awards recognized attainment of certified standards for Sunday school excellence. To qualify for the "standard" ranking, district associations must meet criteria for organization, planning, programming, training and administration.

Kentucky led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of associations which achieved the standard, 51. That's 65 percent of the state's associations, also tops in the SBC.

KBC Sunday school Director Chip Miller credited one of his associates, Jeff Hicks, with the success. Since Hicks joined the Sunday school department about 18 months ago, Kentucky's standard associational Sunday schools grew from eight to 51.

"Give Jeff Hicks the lion's share of the credit," Miller said.

But Hicks credits Miller and his other associates, Jewell Nelson and Jack Palmer, along with associational directors of missions and a host of church and associational leaders.

"There's been a groundswell of support for Sunday school work," Hicks said. "It comes from people across the state. I have been amazed."

During the past year, Kentucky Baptists have responded well to training for associational Sunday school improvement support teams—ASSISTeams—as well as new Sunday school literature and "breakthrough" Sunday school leadership materials, Hicks said.

All this is important because "as the associational leadership helps train churches for effective Sunday schools, the more people we'll reach for Christ and develop in their Christian walk," he added.

Helping people develop their Christian walk also is the purpose of discipleship training and church study courses, noted KBC discipleship training Director Doug Strader.

"Our whole emphasis is on training," Strader said. "We've done a lot of leader training in churches and associations. We've trained new mem-

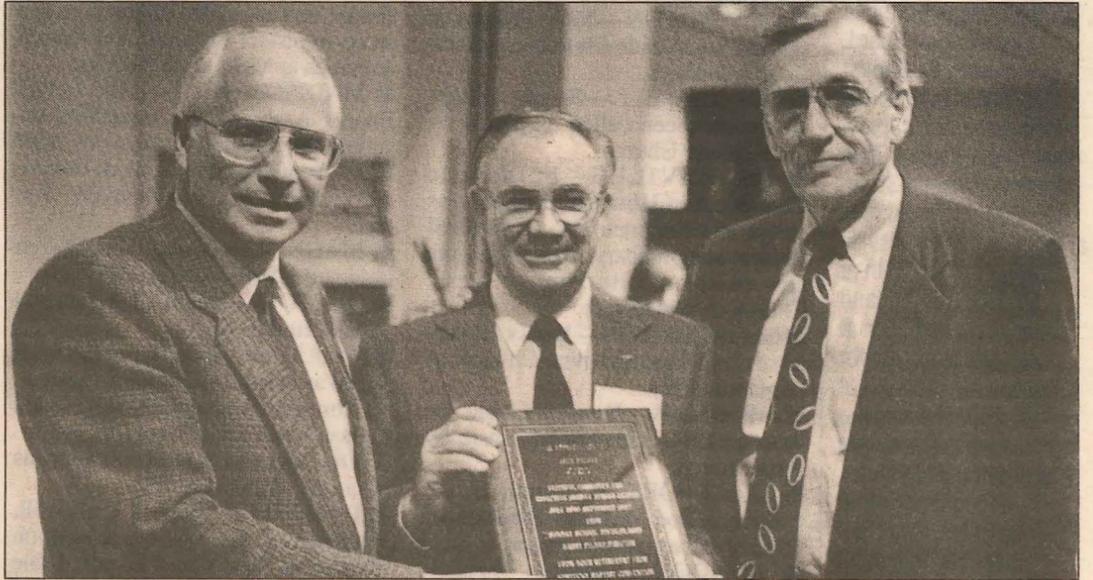
bers, too. Our churches and associations have worked hard."

That hard work paid off. Kentucky led the SBC in new Christian growth and service awards.

Kentucky Baptists earned 10,007

of the awards in 1990-91, a gain of 2,316.

"This shows our people are getting involved," Strader said. "They're getting trained to equip church members for living the Christian life."



FINE WORK The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board honored Jack Palmer (center), associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department, upon his pending retirement in 1992. Joining him for the award ceremony are Chip Miller (left), director of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department, and Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Board's Sunday school division. Palmer will retire next September, but recent meetings in Nashville provided the board's last opportunity to honor the longtime Sunday school leader. (Photo by Jim Veneman)

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Growth is one of the miracles of life. A tiny seed—dropped into the ground and provided with moisture, nutrients and sunlight—will soon change its original form, sprout to life, and begin the cycle of life toward its intended purpose. Every gardener knows that this tiny seed will multiply itself at a spectacular rate as it produces fruit or vegetables for the family table.

Growth and giving as expressed in the plant kingdom are also two of the key principles of the spiritual dimension of life. Just as a seed sacrifices itself in order to produce a fruitful plant, God also gave sacrificially when He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. We

as Christians continue this cycle of growing in God's grace and giving of ourselves to the cause of God's kingdom. Our spiritual growth is naturally stimulated by acts of selflessness and a giving heart.

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PEOPLE

KENTUCKY KERNELS

Four Kentucky Baptist schools ranked among Baptists' most affordable in the Annual Survey of Colleges 1991, compiled by the College Entrance Examination Board. Among 54 Baptist schools nationwide included in the survey, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College ranked 53rd in 1991-92 tuition and fees at \$2,000. Campbellsville College ranked 37th at \$4,900. Cumberland College ranked 35th at \$5,296. Georgetown College ranked 19th at \$6,250. The ranking does not take into account scholarships, discounts or other variables. Southern Baptists' five most expensive schools are University of Richmond (\$11,695), Furman University (\$10,827), Wake Forest University (\$10,800), Stetson University (\$10,020) and Mercer University (\$9,450).

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BLANDVILLE**—Robert Craig is serving Blandville Church as pastor.
 ■ **CORBIN**—Bill Whittaker, president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, has been called as interim pastor of Central Church effective Jan. 19.
 ■ **COVINGTON**—Nick Wilson is serving South Side Church as associate in ministries.
 ■ **CROMWELL**—Roger Skipworth has been called as pastor by Green River Church.
 ■ **FORDSVILLE**—Fordsville Church called Howard Matthews as pastor and ordained E.L. Campbell to the gospel ministry. Campbell is the new pastor of Old Panther Creek Church in Whitesville.
 ■ **GEORGETOWN**—Becky Botkin is serving Georgetown Church as youth minister.
 ■ **HICKMAN**—Russell Cook has been called as director of music by First Church.
 ■ **LEWISPORT**—Chestnut Grove Church called William Roberts of Owensboro as interim pastor.
 ■ **LONDON**—Frances Wright, wife of Billie Wright, director of missions for Laurel River Association, suffered a massive heart attack Dec. 26. The family requests prayer as she recovers at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.
 ■ **LOUISVILLE**—Beuchel Park Church called Amy Mears as associate pastor for youth and recreation. Meadow Hill Church called Ron Lasley as full time pastor. Lasley had

previously served the church as a vocational pastor.
 Art Turner was ordained to the gospel ministry by Melbourne Heights Church after his graduation from Southern Seminary Dec. 13. Turner and his wife, Michelle, serve as co-ministers of youth and church activities at Melbourne Heights.
 ■ **MADISONVILLE**—Little Bethel Baptist Association is accepting resumes for director of missions until Feb. 1. Send resumes to: Clark Brown, 125 Sandcut Rd., Madisonville, Ky. 42431.
 ■ **MAGNOLIA**—Magnolia Church ordained Glenn Catlett as deacon.
 ■ **OLATON**—Olaton Church called Mark Hurt as pastor.
 ■ **PADUCAH**—Lee James has been called as pastor by Bellview Church. Tommie Gleeson has been called as pastor by Eureka Church.
 Don Presley has been called as pastor by Trinity Church.
 ■ **PINEVILLE**—Creed Caldwell, chairman of the religious education division at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, was named president-elect of the Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association. He will serve one year before assuming office as president.
 ■ **ROBARDS**—Robards Church called Jeff LaBorg as pastor effective Jan. 19. He and his wife, Kristi, previously served Crossroads Church in Springfield, Tenn.
 ■ **SOMERSET**—Eden Church called

Gary Morris as pastor. Billy Turner, who served as interim pastor, is available for supply.
 ■ **UTICA**—Craig Bratcher has been called as pastor by Pleasant Ridge Church. Bratcher formerly served as minister of youth at Hartford Church in Hartford.
 ■ **VALLEY STATION**—The mission organizations of South Jefferson

Church worked together to present 14 lap quilts to local nursing home residents. Leigh Anne Robbins coordinated the project.

MISSIONARY UPDATE:

■ Mark and Susan Hatfield, missionaries to Angola, are on furlough at 1318 Cannonsburg Road, Ashland, Ky. 41102.



FRANKFORT Millville Church recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Several former pastors joined current pastor Mike Hamrick for the event: Jerry Tooley of Henderson, Garner Clark of Prattville, Ala., John Cleek of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Robert Hill of Louisville and Harold Polk of Lexington (not pictured).

Teams in three states on same day

We must have set some sort of record on Saturday, Dec. 14, as Oneida athletic teams competed in three states and near the Indiana border in Henderson in far western Kentucky.

Traveling the farthest, our boys' varsity basketball team arrived at Robards Baptist Church Friday evening. The 37 players, managers and accompanying staff members each had brought sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, etc. and slept on a carpeted floor.

Saturday morning the Robards' people spread a feast of homemade biscuits, eggs, gravy, sausage, bacon, juice, milk and jellies. After such a meal, Coach Gritton was fearful our boys would not be able to play their two games.

Playing in the Henderson County Invitational, our boys defeated Trigg County 92-62. Later, our boys lost 65 to 66 on a last-second shot by host Henderson County and received the runner-up trophy. Our team arrived back home at 4:35 a.m. Sunday and everyone made it to church.

On Friday night, 31 wrestlers and several staff slept on the carpeted floor of the Unity Baptist Church, Ashland. Our Middle School wrestled in a tournament in Huntington, W.Va. Of our 16 boys, 15 won at least one match. Oneida came in third out of 16.

In the meantime, our varsity wrestlers were in a competition involving four schools in Ashland. We had our first win over Ashland, 56-29, and a second place finish overall.

Our OBI divers left Oneida at 4:15 a.m. Saturday for Bristol, Tenn. Our varsity swim team followed at 7 a.m. Both were headed for a competition involving 20 schools from Tenn., N.C., Va., and Ky. Our boys finished 10th and our girls 12th.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

While the sports teams were doing so much traveling, much was happening back home. Choir and band members decorated the chapel. They used extra large wreaths joined by green garlands and a 12-foot tree with 10 pots of large silk poinsettias at the base. All of it formed a perfect backdrop for the Middle School Christmas musical, "And It Came To Pass."

As the teams were returning, 15 students and their BSU adviser arrived from Georgia Tech for a week of volunteer service. This group got to bed by 2 a.m. after preparing to assist in two services Sunday morning. Two teams of five each were organized to paint two large two-story houses for staff housing.

There were the usual three morning worship services and Sunday school for all followed by lunch. In the afternoon, there was an open house for 16 families whose children will enroll after Christmas.

After the evening Christmas musical, our girls' dorm and younger boys' dorm had Christmas parties. The older boys' dorms had their party Monday night. Devotionals were given, carols sung, and then they had a lot of fun with songs specially written about dorm life sung to familiar Christmas tunes. There were refreshments and a special gift for each from Glenn Durham of Harlan.

We began the week before break with a chapel service giving thanks for the 200 years of freedom protected by the Bill of Rights. Back to lead this service was missionary Tom Jenkin who taught with us five years and led us in an unforgettable service on the 200th anniversary of our American Constitution four years ago.

Barkley Moore is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

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Missionary Baptists in word and deed

For 66 years, the Cooperative Program has proved to be Southern Baptists' most effective channel of mission support. Ponder the amazing diversity of mission work these funds support: state convention workers, children's homes, hospitals, student work, Christian education, home and foreign missions, church planting and much more. A Cooperative Program dollar touches more lives than any gift we can make.

During the 1980s Kentucky Baptists increased their mission giving. During the past eight years the percentage amount coming from the churches has declined, reducing needed funds for all the convention family.

The Cooperative Program is important to Clear Creek. It is our second-largest source of income and stabilizes all we do. Twenty-two percent of our budget comes from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. How long has it been since your church increased the CP percentage of your budget?

Clear Creek teaches our students the wisdom of cooperation. They are encouraged to be missionary Baptists in word and deed. Harlan Avera became pastor of Steubenville Baptist Church in

Wayne County one month before his May 1987 graduation. Church receipts have doubled and mission giving has gone from 15 1/2 percent to 20 percent. Pastor Avera declares the church is a loving congregation of "ordinary people." Their love in action impacts the world and takes many forms.

Eight months ago, 1988 graduate Mike Taylor became pastor of First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Outreach efforts are being made to two multi-housing areas near the city and one rural housing development. During Christmas, church members collected \$6,000 worth of food and cooperated with other churches to provide 3,000 gifts to needy people. The 700-member congregation

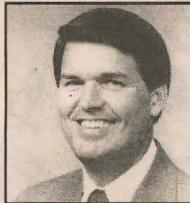
sends 10 percent of total receipts through the CP. Pastor Taylor declares, "It's still the best plan God has given us to do missions and evangelism."

The leadership of these two pastors demonstrates the results we desire from all our graduates. Increase your Cooperative Program giving and invest in future pastors like these.

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky. 40977

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill D. Whittaker

RELATIONSHIPS

Affirming a spouse communicates acceptance

By Terri Lackey
Sunday School Board

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Most people could learn a lesson or two on how to say nice things about their spouse, a family life minister and his wife said.

But giving a loved one a pat on the back or an encouraging word for a job well done doesn't always come easy, said Bob Cain, minister of family life at First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Ga. Cain and his wife, Brenda, led a seminar during a marriage conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Affirmation is acceptance," Mrs. Cain explained. "We need unconditional love, and where else can we get it if not from our spouses. If you are experiencing a problem, a loved one can accept you where you are but still can greatly encourage you where to go."

The Cains listed five suggestions for learning to affirm a spouse:

- Recognize your own strengths. "Before you can focus on and identify

your partner's strength, you have to recognize your own strength," Mrs. Cain said. "Unless you do, it is difficult for you to affirm someone else."

- Listen. "Listening can be very affirming and encouraging," Cain said. "Don't walk away, read the paper or watch TV when your spouse is talking to you. Give that other person your total attention."

Listening does not stop at just hearing what the other person is saying, he added. It also involves understanding what they are feeling. "You have to understand what they are feeling and respond with empathy," he said.

- Communicate respect. "Showing respect is a great way to affirm someone," Cain said. "Recognizing and declaring someone's value and uniqueness is very affirming."

- Be positive. "Practice telling your spouse something positive about him or her every day," he said. "Positive energy is great."

- Have a sense of humor. "Nothing is more liberating than to live with someone with a sense of humor," Cain said.



TOGETHER Building strong family relationships isn't as easy as building a snowman, family ministry experts say, but a key to strong relationships is learning to affirm other people. (RNS photo)

Music ministers can be hurt in church staff relationships, too

By Charles Willis
Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Pastors are not the only church staff members who suffer hurt in work relationships, an expert said.

Former Kentucky pastor Brooks Faulkner, who works in church staff support with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said ministers of music, like pastors, are "out-front kinds of persons" who can be hurt in church staff relationships.

"It is good to remember that although all church staffs are family, not all family members are loved in the same way, nor equally loved, for that

matter," he observed.

Warning signs of a hurting staff member could include changes in response to new situations, repeated lack of communication, a loss of intensity about work and ministry and erratic work hours, Faulkner said.

While music ministers may be genuinely hurt in their working relationship, they also must guard against making the problem worse, he suggested. "The Bible teaches sacrifice, self-discipline, humility, compassion and understanding. It does not teach unbridled anger, disguised strategy to get your way, put downs or stand offs."

Faulkner said church staff mem-

bers should be subject to authority as a part of the price for achieving.

"You have to work within the confines of the authority structure," he said. "You can't expect to be an undisciplined maverick and, at the same time, be a master builder."

Faulkner offered six suggestions for helping ministers of music who are hurting:

- Establish communication with the state convention church/minister relations director.

- Establishing support networks among other ministers of music, directors of missions and pastors who are sympathetic to ministers of music as people.

- Refer seriously neurotic or psychotic people to professionals.

- Don't be intimidated or turned off by people who hurt.

- Make calls to uncover facts.

- Spend energy in giving time and attention.

Conflict is neither good nor bad, and churches that become what God wants them to become aren't always harmonious, Faulkner said. They have conflict because they are made up of people.

"Conflict can create energy; it can be constructive," he concluded. "It can make persons sensitive to where they are and what they value. It can help persons become more tolerant."

Warning signs of a hurting church staff member:

- Changed response to new situations
- Lack of communication
- Loss of intensity about ministry
- Erratic hours

Build upon tradition with innovation

NASHVILLE (BP)—Building relationships with the unchurched will require Southern Baptist churches to build upon traditional foundations with innovative approaches, Harry Piland said.

"We must have a degree of flexibility to use means that work to reach people," said Piland, director of the Sunday school division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Don't throw out the tradition, but add some new approaches," he said. "Don't give up on the proven just to try the unproven."

Some churches leave the basic structure for a time to try something else, Piland cautioned. "What happens when the trend passes or they lose interest in the new idea is that they drop it but fall into disorganization without going back to the basics."

Piland encouraged churches to take Bible study outside the church walls to locations where unchurched people are more likely to attend, such as offices, apartment

complexes, homes and community centers. He also encouraged ongoing Bible study at times other than Sunday morning.

He suggested use of direct mail, telephone contacts, newspaper advertising and other marketing approaches to get the church's message to non-Christians.

The approaches can be flexible if Sunday school leaders remember their purpose is to reach people, teach the gospel and make disciples, Piland said.

Piland's December meeting with state Sunday school leaders was the first such gathering since churches began using new Sunday school curriculum in October.

An informal survey of state leaders indicated high satisfaction. Of 97 responding, 83 percent said users in their states are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the attractiveness of the new curriculum.

Quality of Bible content also rated high, with 81 percent saying people in their states were "satisfied" or "very satisfied."

Marketplace friendships spread gospel

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (BP)—Using techniques ranging from block parties to buffet dinners, Christians must build relationships to win their cities for Jesus Christ, leaders of a marketplace ministries conference said.

Participants in a National Marketplace Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board saw demonstrations of several practical ways to build relationships with people who need to hear the gospel:

- Block parties.

Three churches in the Los Angeles area held block parties during the conference. Each church used its parking lot as the setting to offer a free meal and clothing, entertainment and a gospel presentation.

More than 200 people attended the block party at Brister Memorial Baptist Church in Compton, Calif. Thirty minutes after the party started, two people had made professions of faith.

Monty McWhorter, evangelism consultant for the Los Angeles area,

said block parties are an excellent way for churches to discover prospects as well as demonstrate compassion for their neighbors. This concept calls for churches to invite residents of neighborhoods surrounding the church for a free meal. Each person who attends is asked to register, and churches use the information for follow-up.

- Resort ministry.

Another marketplace encounter took conference participants to the beach where a sand sculpture of Jesus and a cross was used to attract attention. Two people made professions of faith during the "beach reach."

- Street evangelism.

Conference participants also went to Mile Square Park in Los Angeles to witness. Groups used drama and preaching to share the gospel. At least three people made professions of faith.

- Home Bible study.

Conference participants heard about how one Los Angeles businessman hosts 40 people, including 20 non-Christians, for a monthly fellowship. The group has a buffet meal before dividing into small groups to study the gospel of John.

Four ways to take the gospel into the marketplace:

- Block parties
- Resort ministry
- Street witnessing
- Home Bible study

New Beginnings

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Rodney Burnette, Pastor

January 8, 1992

DEBT RETIREMENT KICK-OFF THIS SUNDAY



**From
Your
Pastor**

This Sunday we will take a great step for the future of Ninth and O as we begin our Debt Reduction Campaign. I hope you will pray much about a special gift to start our campaign and then a weekly or monthly commitment about your regular giving. Let's all do what we can to free our church from the bondage of debt by 1995. Your sacrificial gift will reap an eternal dividend.

Praise the Lord for our Lottie Moon victory! Our goal was \$10,000 and you gave \$11,162.73. Thank you for your compassion and commitment to missions around the world.

Discipleship Training is for all. Starting Sunday, you will have the opportunity to be better equipped to serve the Lord with our new programs. I trust you will be here at 5:30 p.m. ready to learn.

The television ratings were released December 20, and the viewing audience of New Beginnings has doubled since last December. We were rated in three categories and each doubled. Please ask the Lord to use the program as a tool to reach more for Him in 1992.

I will be looking for you this Sunday in Sunday School.

—Bro. Rodney

JUBILEE MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

Just a reminder that Jubilee Music Fellowship has begun meeting again. The fellowship meets every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is included. The fellowship is for adults 55 and older. Come join us for the first time.

FOR THE RECORD

January 5, 1992

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY TOTAL	1,028
Sunday School	683
Weekday Ministries	345
TOTAL OFFERING GIVEN	\$20,937.17
Budget Offering	\$18,899.77
T.V. Ministry	\$650.20
Designated	\$2,037.40
NEW BEGINNINGS RESPONSE	10
BUDGET REQUIRED TO DATE	\$20,175.00
BUDGET RECEIVED TO DATE	\$18,899.77

COMING ALIVE IN '95 (Debt Retirement Offering)

THE NINTH & O BAPTIST CHURCH

Proverbs 22:7 "... the borrower is the servant of the lender."
Romans 13:8 "Owe no man anything, but to love one another as yourselves."

WEEKLY GIVING

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FAITH

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1992
debt retirement program. We need all of us working together to reach our goals. Our immediate goal is \$10,000 this first Sunday. Our short-term goal is \$100,000. One working together gives more. You can pay an additional \$4,000 on our indebtedness. These goals will be over and above our regular

MEMO

Your church could have its newsletter in this space - and save money. Call Ray Hayes at (502) 244-6473 for details.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Beginning January 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Discipleship Groups

- Prayer Life Class (Room 201)
Teacher: Mike Clark
- Potential Sunday School Leadership Training Class (Room 100)
Teacher: Lee Gambrell
- Experiencing God (Room 206)
Teacher: Wes Sirles
- What & Why Do I Believe (Chapel)
Teacher: Rev. Tom Baker
- Temple Builders (Room 202)
Teacher: Ruth Donnelly

Music

- Beginning Handbells (Room 204)
(Note: begins at 4:30 p.m.)
- Churchestra (Room 211)

Music (cont.)

- Praise Ringers (Room 204)

Youth (Grades 7-12)

- Student Choir (Choir Room)

Children

- Discipleship Training (Room 303)
Grades 1-3
- Bible Drill Training (Room 303)
Grades 4-6

Preschool

- Bible Training for 3-5 year olds
(Room 200, old educational building)
- Child care provided for birth through 2 years of age

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. New Beginnings WHAS-TV Channel 11, Cable 4
- 3:00 p.m. New Beginnings Faith Channel, Cable 19

Thursday

- 8:00 p.m. New Beginnings Faith Channel, Cable 19

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Then Sings My Soul Faith Channel, Cable 19
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Bible Class Faith Channel, Cable 19

Sympathy:

Pastor and Mrs. Rodney Burnette and the church family extend their deepest Christian sympathy to Aline Fowler in the loss of her brother, Roscoe Metcalfe, and to David Gilbert in the loss of his grandmother, Elsie McGee.

Gifts:

A gift was given to the TV Ministry in memory of James Taylor Ralph by Barbara and Nina Beswick.

A gift was given to the TV Ministry by Irma in honor of the Joy and Praise Sunday Class.

A gift was given to the TV Ministry in honor of Rodney and Family at Christmas.

A gift was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions by Mrs. Marion in memory of Charles V. and Mattie Belle Ewing, Sunday Schooler.

A gift was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions in honor of Rodney Burnette and family.

A gift has been received from the following members:

Prayers of the Week:

- Larry Brown 368-2310
- Frank Broadus 363-5190
- A.W. Brown 368-3483

Staff Member on Call:

- Bro. Rodney 637-3935

Homebound of the Week:

- Florence Haddox
1244 South 4th Street
Louisville, Ky. 40203

EXTENDED SESSION IS ...

- Meeting preschoolers' needs during the worship time.
- Sharing God's love.
- Teaching preschoolers the Bible.
- Laying foundations for faith.
- Nurturing skills and building relationships.

Extended Session Workers

Sunday, January 12

First Worship Service - 8:15 a.m.

Joe and Opal Loeser

Second Worship Service - 10:50 a.m.

Mike and Delonda Hynes, Vanessa Drake, Katie Hager, Dana Isbell, Judy Hyde, Lori Howard, Carol Maynard, Pat Oliver, Katherine Peavler, Ruby Akridge, Alma Napper, David Robards, Beth Stephens

Church Training - 5:30 p.m.

Tammy Stocking (Workers Needed)

Evening Worship - 6:45 p.m.

Lee Gambrell, Lillian Gambrell, Mildred Whitaker, Bill Johnson

Wednesday, January 15

Workers' Meeting - 6 p.m.

Marjorie Robards, Marjorie Gay, Susan Brown, Dana Ferguson

Evening Service - 7 p.m.

Urban Sirles, Gail Napper, Gene Hatfield