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Funding proposal
Kentucky's Cooperative Program Study Committee met Feb. 7 and agreed on a proposal to change the way churches quality for messengers to the annual meeting. See page 6.



HUNGER HELP Like this boy carrying a jar of scarce water, 16 million people in the Horn of Africa are at risk of starvation, according to *Bread for the World*, a Christian citizens' movement on hunger issues. In Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia, drought is a factor, but war is a primary cause of hunger. Ethiopia, for example, spends 60 percent of its national budget on defense. *Bread for the World* encourages churches to collect an "offering of letters" to members of Congress in support of legislation that supports hunger relief. See story on page 8. (RNS photo)

Salt-of-the-earth virtues called for in '90s ethics

NASHVILLE—Any emphasis on Christian ethics in the 1990s must begin with reclaiming "salt-of-the-earth" virtues, participants in the first conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics were told.

"Could it be that in the social turmoil of the '60s, the narcissism of the '70s and the upwardly mobile sophistication of the '80s, many of us have lost touch with salt-of-the-earth virtues like honesty, fidelity and integrity?" asked David Hughes, pastor of First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., and former pastor of Kentucky's Bagdad Baptist Church.

"Saying what you mean, meaning what you say, and keeping your promises have almost become extinct species in the ethical kingdom," Hughes said. "Sadly, Southern Baptist denominational life is no exception to this rule."

Hughes was among 20 speakers and panelists participating in the conference at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville. This was the first national conference sponsored by the Baptist Center for Ethics since its formation last year by Robert Parham, who left the staff of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

About 300 people from 17 states registered at the conference, with the

largest numbers coming from Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. At least 18 Kentuckians attended the conference.

Sound ethics for the '90s must include sound theology, said Emmanuel McCall, former longtime director of black church relations for the SBC Home Mission Board and current pastor of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in Atlanta.

McCall called for a clear presentation of the gospel that avoids "syrupy sentimentalism" and the preaching of a "gimme God" as presented by television evangelists.

Further, McCall said, Christians must learn that ethics means "we cannot really love God and hate people."

Legendary college football coach Bobby Bowden said defining ethics is simple: "That means do you cheat or not cheat."

Every coach faces a decision whether or not to cheat to win, he said. Bowden's program at Florida State University is one of the most successful in the country and has avoided the scandals that have hit other successful schools.

"If everybody would obey the rules, we would only need 10 of them," he said. "The Ten Commandments would do."

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January CP hits 2nd-highest total

By Marv Knox
Editor

Despite a gloomy economic forecast, January produced showers of blessing for Kentucky Baptists' unified budget.

The Kentucky Cooperative Program received \$1,901,229 last month. That amount is the state CP's second-highest monthly total; it trails only August 1989's \$1,904,072.

The Cooperative Program is Kentucky and Southern Baptists' combined ministry budget. It begins with contributions to local churches, which pass a portion of their receipts to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The KBC keeps 62.058 percent of its undesignated receipts for in-state ministries and passes 37.942 percent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The strong January reflects the generosity of Kentucky Baptists, said KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer William W. Marshall.

"To receive the second-highest monthly total in Cooperative Program receipts during a major economic recession has to say

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Southern trustees address concerns about faculty

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees reportedly closed the door on several years of controversy for two professors, but they apparently left it ajar for a third.

Meeting in Louisville last week, the trustees' academic personnel committee issued warnings but "brought to a conclusion several years of continuing concern related to certain writings" of Glenn Hinson, church history professor, and Molly Marshall, associate theology professor, according to a joint statement by President Roy Honeycutt and trustee Chairman

Wayne Allen.

Undetermined, however, is the fate of Paul Simmons, professor of ethics.

The trio of teachers have been criticized by trustees who have claimed their work is outside the mainstream of Baptist thought. The charges against Hinson and Marshall have been led by John Michael, a businessman from Louisville; the claims against Simmons have been leveled by David Miller, an associational director of missions from Heber Springs, Ark.

The academic personnel committee deliberated for 11 hours Feb. 3. It reported to the trustee executive committee the next day. It delivered part

of its report behind closed doors "because of the highly sensitive nature of these personnel concerns," Honeycutt and Allen's statement said.

"The academic personnel committee reported that it had instructed President Honeycutt to 'warn the professors that if in the future one should teach the positions which someone interpreted them to have expressed, he or she might be in violation of the Abstract of Principles (the seminary's governing document) and thus be in jeopardy of dismissal,'" the statement said.

"We are encouraged by the trustees' careful resolution of this impor-

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Romanians take center stage in European drama

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

Romanian Baptists, for decades isolated from their Baptist brethren worldwide, now find themselves at the center of a tug of war between Baptists on two continents.

What is at stake, according to some on both sides, is nothing less than the future of Baptists in Europe.

Two events combined to make this unlikely scenario possible:

■ After the fall of Romania's totalitarian government in 1989, the Baptist Union of Romania, fearful that its

own government-approved leaders had become "compromised," acted to remedy the problem with a clean sweep of union leadership. Ultraconservative Baptists, who for many years had operated on the fringe of the union, moved into the power vacuum.

■ In the United States, conservative Southern Baptists rose to power and began forging a new alliance with conservative Romanian Baptists. Their goal in Romania, they admit privately, is to gain a foothold for a new mission strategy for the continent—one that commits the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to work

with a more conservative "emerging leadership" in all of Europe.

"I think Romania is the linchpin nation for Europe, at least for Baptists in Europe," explained Phil Roberts, a Southern Baptist working in Romania.

Roberts may be a linchpin of sorts himself. He is academic dean of the Oradea Bible Institute, an independent church-based school founded by Josef Tson, probably the most powerful of Romania's new ultraconservative leaders.

Roberts is a conservative who has

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BAPTIST BITS

■ **Morgan Patterson**, former president of Georgetown College, has joined the faculty of Louisiana College in Pineville, La., for the spring semester as a visiting professor in religion. After May, he will begin a one-year term teaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

■ **A message line** with information about moral, ethical, social and religious liberty issues being considered by U.S. legislators is available from the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. The number is (202) 638-4095.

■ **Indiana Baptists** are enlisting volunteers to participate in a door-to-door evangelism effort preceding the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis this summer. Volunteers for the June 6 event should contact Indianapolis Metropolitan Baptist Association at 952 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204, (317) 636-6728.



GREETINGS John Lott, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department, greets James Williams, new president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission at the recent National Brotherhood Leadership Conference. (Photo by David Nester)

Church begins after disaster relief work

By Steve Barber
SBC Brotherhood Commission

FALMOUTH, Mass. (BP)—A new Southern Baptist witness in the Cape Cod area is now under way thanks in large measure to the work of disaster relief crews who arrived in the wake of Hurricane Bob last August.

Dozens of Kentucky Baptists were among volunteers who ministered in the New England community last August and September.

Their involvement is credited for the "positive, receptive atmosphere" that greeted D.J. and Jeannette Omarkhail as Home Mission Board church planter apprentices in Falmouth, said Larry Martin, director of missions for the Greater Boston Baptist Association.

After the hurricane, Baptists served 12,000 hot meals and cleaned

up 1,500 truck loads of debris.

"The efforts of the disaster relief workers really prepared the climate that allowed this effort at church planting to occur," said Martin, who is a Kentucky native. "I am asking all Southern Baptists to pray for the Omarkhails as they begin this effort, for additional funding which is needed and for the receptivity of people in the area."

The Omarkhails, both recent graduates of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, officially started their work Feb. 1.

Prayer was answered before then, however, as the couple located a "more than adequate house at a very attractive price" to rent on their first day in town, Martin said. They also were able to secure a year-round lease, a rarity in this resort area.

The couple will begin with Bible study classes in their home in hopes

of establishing a mission chapel. Two families from Falmouth and two more from Faith Baptist Church in Carver, Mass., are expected to form the nucleus of the effort.

They receive support from the Carver church, the HMB, the New England Baptist Convention and the Boston association. Additional funding is needed to complete their salary package, Martin said.

"What is happening in Falmouth is the best endorsement I know for our disaster relief volunteers. They reach people for Jesus Christ and enable others to do so long after the emergency relief work is over," said James Williams, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. "These volunteers have taken the banner of Christ into countless situations where physical needs of people are greatest and where their need for the gospel message is clearest."

Deadline coming for HMB summer missions

ATLANTA (BP)—March 10 is the deadline for applications for student missions and Innovators, two summer missions programs offered to college and seminary students by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Serving in all 50 states, summer missionaries assist home missionaries. More than 1,500 positions are available in areas such as resort ministry, church starting and language missions. These positions are offered in addition to those funded by Baptist Student Unions.

To qualify as an HMB summer missionary, a student must be enrolled

in college or seminary, have completed one year of college, be a member of a Baptist church and have good health. Applicants will be placed according to need and ability.

During the 10-week term of service, travel, housing, meals and insurance are provided. A \$60 per week stipend also is provided for each summer missionary.

Innovators are college students who serve in short-term missions while working at secular jobs to support themselves. Although Innovators do not have to be Baptists, they must be committed to missions and endorsed by their local churches or Baptist Student Unions.

Students are responsible for securing secular jobs near their place of service, usually campgrounds, hotel or resort facilities. Participation in mission service is during off-hours and in conjunction with local ministries.

The term of service for Innovators is flexible. However, some employers prefer students to work from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Year-round work is possible, as are other short-term assignments during the year.

To receive an application and sample list of available positions, call (800) HMB-VOLS.

Sunday School Board revenue up some but below budget

By Linda Lawson
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—First-quarter revenue of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was \$48.5 million, 1.3 percent below budget but 11.3 percent above last year, President Jimmy Draper reported to trustees Feb. 3-5.

"Overall, the financial health of the board is strong," Draper said during the trustees' meeting in Nashville.

Sales in the 63 Baptist Book Stores topped \$7 million in December, a new milestone for a single month, he said. Sunday school literature sales registered a 1.9 percent increase in unit sales for the quarter. However, sales of Broadman books fell below budget and church literature, except for Sun-

day school, showed a decrease.

Trustees asked the administration to review policy for stocking books in Baptist Book Stores and at the SBC store and other meetings.

Trustees also adopted resolutions directed to the trustee boards of two other agencies.

To Foreign Mission Board trustees, a resolution proposed by Tommy Taylor, pastor of London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va., notes "difficult and troubled times at the Foreign Mission Board."

The resolution conveyed "to Chairman Bill Hancock and the trustees of the Foreign Mission Board our heartfelt concern, our continuing prayers and our strong confidence in their Spirit-led leadership at this

time."

Trustees also voted to commend to the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, their support for David Dockery, general editor of "The New American Commentary" at the board. A day earlier, seminary trustees approved faculty status for Dockery who then was appointed dean of the school of theology by President Roy Honeycutt.

Sunday School Board trustees approved a process to allow the administration to fill Dockery's position before the next full meeting of the trustee board in August.

In other news:

■ Utilizing manuscripts provided at no charge from RAPHA, a Christian-based in-patient hospital program for

SACS tells Southeastern board to make policy, not administer

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP)—Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary must become less involved in running the school if Southeastern is to retain its accreditation.

That's the ruling from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which placed Southeastern on one-year probation Dec. 5 but did not state its reasons until recently.

In a Jan. 28 letter to the seminary explaining its decision, SACS expressed "great concern regarding the

involvement of the trustees in the administration of the seminary."

Trustees have been under fire since 1987, when they changed seminary policy to ensure that only biblical inerrantists are hired for the faculty. The former president and most top administrators subsequently resigned.

Trustees later adopted a new faculty-selection process that placed three trustees on the committees that select new professors. The number was later reduced to one, but even the smaller role for trustees was apparent-

ly not acceptable to SACS.

In other news, details of the arrangements agreed to between seminary trustees and outgoing President Lewis Drummond have been revealed.

Trustee leaders agreed to name Drummond chancellor of the school and pay him his salary for 19 months after he leaves in June.

According to one trustee, they also agreed not to publicize any "irregularities" that occurred during Drummond's administration.

Drummond's departure package

Seminary student accidentally kills wife

ARLINGTON, Texas (BP)—Family and friends of Susan Scirratt remembered her life and mourned her death during funeral services at First Baptist Church of Arlington, Texas, Feb. 5.

Scirratt, wife of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student Martin Scirratt, died Feb. 2 after being accidentally shot by her husband. The accident also claimed the life of the couple's unborn child.

She is survived by her husband, a 3-year-old son, her parents and two brothers.

"Even though our hearts are heavy, we are lifting them to God for healing and comfort," pastor Charles Wade told mourners at the funeral.

Wade said Scirratt is feeling "a lot of hurt and pain, love and hope. Marty is working through a lot of shock and confusion. He just feels horrible about what happened."

Wade encouraged Southern Baptists to write letters of encouragement to Scirratt in care of First Baptist Church. "He is really a man who appreciates the prayers of people," Wade said. "People need to really pray for him."

The accident occurred around 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2 according to the Arlington Police Department. Detective John Stanton told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Scirratt was cleaning a .20-gauge pump shotgun in the couple's home when the gun discharged.

the treatment of psychiatric and substance abuse problems, the board will develop church-based materials on a variety of other subjects under the imprint "Lifeway."

■ After hearing a report on options for downsizing the 93-member board, trustees voted to ask their five-member study committee to continue its work and bring a recommendation in August.

■ Elected as officers were Dan Collins, attorney from Taylors, S.C., chairman; Raymond Davis, pastor of Ewtonville Baptist Church of Dunlap, Tenn., vice chairman and chairman of the trustee executive committee; and Burgess E. Guinn, deputy state statistician from Cornersville, Tenn., secretary.

guarantees him the retirement benefits of a 10-year administrator, even though he served only four years.

Drummond reportedly earns about \$70,000 in base salary plus benefits of more than \$30,000 annually.

Trustees also gave him his seminary car and his choice of furnishings from the presidential residence "up to the amount of his contribution"—a reference to the \$28,000 Drummond earlier agreed to reimburse the seminary for a controversial \$200,000 remodeling of the home.

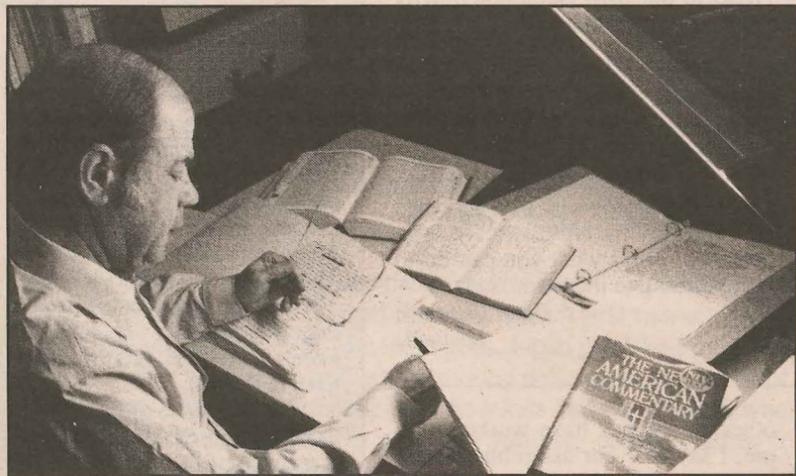
Commentary author learned love for Bible as a child

By Pat Cole
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—A groundbreaking new Baptist commentary on Acts is the product of a "simple bibli-

cist" whose love for the Bible was instilled at an early age.

In fact, New Testament scholar John Polhill learned the Greek alphabet as a child before he could write the English alphabet.



ENLIGHTENED SCHOLAR At the lamp-lighted desk of his office at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, John Polhill reviews the mountain of legal pads he used to write notes for his new commentary on Acts, published as part of the New American Commentary series produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. (Photo by Tony Aja)

"I got a poor grade in penmanship in the first grade because I formed my letters like Greek letters," said Polhill, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His ongoing love of Scripture helped him produce a commentary that combines traditional exegetical methods of interpretation with techniques borrowed from literary study. The commentary, released in January as part of Broadman's "New American Commentary" series, is the first traditionally formatted commentary on Acts to use the literary approach.

The commentary series is designed to showcase a conservative Baptist approach to Scripture, but Polhill rejects the label "inerrantist" for himself. Instead, he prefers to abide by a "simple biblicist" philosophy of inspiration and "just trust the text."

Polhill grew up around people who taught him to appreciate both the Bible and biblical scholarship. His "preschool Greek instructor" was Hersey Davis, the late professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary. Davis was a friend and former professor of

Polhill's father.

Polhill's work with literary methods represents another step in his lifelong study of the Bible. Insights from the study of literature have only in recent years been consistently applied to biblical studies.

The literary approach, he explained, considers matters like plot, narrative and genre. It "makes the theme and message stand out stronger," he said.

Polhill, a Southern professor since 1969, has taught a course on Acts for the past 15 years. While much of the material in his commentary came from his class lectures, Polhill also consulted recent articles, books and commentaries on Acts.

Polhill's volume on Acts has caught the attention of reviewers, said David Dockery, general editor of the series. "Everybody who has read it has raved about it," he said. "He has done a masterful job."

Broadman has enlisted another Southern Seminary faculty member, Gerald Borchert, to write the volume on John.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **A gospel singing event** billed as one of the largest in Southeast Kentucky is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. Groups performing will include The McKameys, The Chandlers, and Charles Johnson and the Revivers. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call (606) 549-2200.

■ **A toll-free number** is now available for prospective students seeking information about Georgetown College: (800) 788-9985.

■ **College students** from across the South and Midwest will gather at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville Feb. 21-23 for the school's 36th annual student missions conference. For information, call (502) 897-4409.

■ **The Woman's Association** of Georgetown College is offering \$400 scholarships on the basis of financial need and academic standing. For information, contact Genevieve Clark, 1086 DeGaris Mill Road, Georgetown, Ky. 40324.

House acts on bills

FRANKFORT—Baptists opposed to expanded liquor sales got good news from the General Assembly last week when the House acted on two bills.

House Bill 237, which would have expanded Sunday liquor sales in 11 cities, was defeated Feb. 3 by a 37-53 vote. House Bill 159, which stipulates that local officials are not required to grant liquor licenses just because they are available, passed 68-21 and was sent to the Senate.

House Bill 175, which would change the way local-option elections on liquor sales are handled, remained in committee. However, House Bill 192, relating to alcohol consumption and pregnancy, was introduced and sent to the Health and Welfare Committee.

Two abortion-related bills, House Bill 203 and Senate Bill 115, remained in committee.

Danville church illustrates prayer chain

By Terri Lackey
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—What could a small church in central Kentucky, a new church in Rhode Island and an innovative church in Southern California have in common?

Fervent belief in prayer and a role in the Watchmen National Prayer Alert.

Every Monday, pastor Al Von Seeberg of Greenmeadow Baptist Church in North Kingstown, R.I., transfers the prayer watch to Wiley Drake, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, Calif., who in turn calls Fran Wright, prayer coordinator at Immanuel Baptist Church in Danville.

Telephone lines and prayer concerns link the churches. The time zones may be different, but their ideas about prayer are not.

These churches are among about 1,200 currently registered to partici-

pate in the national prayer effort among Southern Baptists. The goal is to bring spiritual awakening to the nation and the world. All have agreed to pray at least one hour a week during 1992.

The prayer effort is coordinated by the discipleship training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. It emerged from a call by SBC President Morris Chapman for churches to become more involved in the nation's spiritual well-being.

Church members pray during the hour assigned them, explained Mary Betts, prayer alert coordinator. After their hour of prayer, the church "transfers the watch" or calls the church designated to pray through the next hour.

Betts expects to have a Watchmen National Prayer Alert membership roll of 2,500 churches by the end of February.

She said the idea of transferring the prayer watch from one congregation to another helps unite churches in the

prayer effort. "It also brings the different churches closer together as they share prayer concerns with one another," she added.

Drake said he has no doubt prayer can take care of the practical as well as the spiritual concerns of his church. "We have seen a lot of changes in our church since we have been praying together for four years," he said. "Just in a very practical sense, we have had four mortgages against the church totally forgiven and now we are debt free."

"We have also seen dozens of marriages healed. Prayer really draws us together and makes the church a family," he added.

Churches interested in becoming participants in the prayer ministry should write to Watchmen National Prayer Alert, MSN 151, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234, or call Mary Betts at (615) 251-5037. Churches may fax their registration or prayer concerns to (615) 251-5058.

Kentucky's CP registers second-best month in January

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something powerful about Kentucky Baptists," Marshall said.

"I am aware, given so many uncertainties, that we could have a 'downer' (in February), but it is nothing short of wonderful to experience such an ingathering."

"After five months of our new budget year, January puts a new spark into the diminishing hope of achieving our budget," Marshall noted.

The CP's fiscal year began Sept. 1. Its five-month year-to-date total is \$7,052,530.

That amount is 2.4 percent (\$168,278) ahead of the total for the same period last year. However, it is 5.4 percent (\$403,496) off the pace needed to reach the budget's \$17,894,462 annual goal.

During the past five years, September-January CP receipts averaged 41

percent of the years' totals. If the current fiscal year holds true to form, the CP would take in just under \$16.8 million—\$1.1 million short of the goal.

To reach the goal, the CP must receive a monthly average of \$1,548,847 for the balance of the fiscal year.

January was a "remarkable" month, said KBC Business Manager Barry Allen, who noted other Baptist state conventions also received record or near-record totals.

No one knows the complete cause of the January boom, Allen said.

"This is conjecture based on experience, but my feeling is there was some catch-up" in January giving, he added. "Some churches had not sent all their Cooperative Program contributions along the way (in 1991), and they caught up."

"Also, the people in the churches had been cautious in 1991, but they caught up with their giving in December. So, the churches had better Decembers, and we received the increased support in January."

Nationally, the Cooperative Program also experienced a strong January. The SBC Executive Committee reported national receipts of \$12.5 million for the month, a gain of 20.99 percent over January 1991.

However, that gain was explained by a poor showing in January 1991, when one of the large state conventions failed to supply a CP check, Baptist Press reported.

The big January total came during a time when some churches, disaffected by the rightward shift in the SBC have begun designating their contributions for general in-state use and to specific national causes. According to

KBC policy, such gifts are not considered part of the Cooperative Program.

Funds designated for KBC use outside the Cooperative Program totaled \$139,239 at the end of January. That amount is 22.6 percent (\$25,677) more than the total for the first five months of the previous fiscal year.

When those contributions are added to the KBC's portion of the Cooperative Program, September-January funds available to the KBC total \$4,515,898. That's a gain of 4.3 percent (\$185,732) over the total for the same period last year.

Aside from that, an important Cooperative Program question remains: Are churches sympathetic to the conservative shift in the SBC gearing up to provide more undesignated money for the Cooperative Program?

To that, Allen answered: "We just don't know."

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Bring aid to AIDS victims & their families

It has been just over a month now since we lost our brother/brother-in-law to AIDS.

His life was cut short at 38, but he left an indelible impression on those of us who knew and loved him. Through the way he lived and died, he taught us about courage and wisdom. He spent his last months on this earth being a friend to those who had no friends. And he sang at many funerals, though he knew his own death was close at hand.

He died with peace and the acceptance of friends and family. But he also died knowing that many who faced the same road he walked would not have the same fortune.

Before his death, he spent years in fear, bearing alone the burdens of

AIDS-related illnesses and suffering without the support of a loving church congregation.

"What kept me in the shadows," he said in an anonymous newspaper interview shortly after Magic Johnson's retirement, "is how people would treat my family. There are simply too many people out there who might ostracize them."

Indeed, those fears seemed justified at times. What makes that especially hard to swallow is that his parents were serving in a Southern Baptist church.

The day he died, he had a familiar dream of a waiting heavenly Father, arms open wide, telling him it was O.K. to come home. If only we, as Southern Baptists around the globe,

could extend our own arms in the same way!

It is our dream for Kentucky Baptists that we find the strength in forgiveness and acceptance to open our arms wide to the persons living with AIDS in our own community. Why not lead your church to follow the example our Lord set for us when he touched the lepers of his day and walked beside them, offering comfort and support?

Together, churches around Kentucky can bring light to others who are kept in the shadows by our ignorance and unforgiving attitudes. We urge you to consider what you can do to bring healing to those who hurt.

*Tim & Dawn Richerson
Louisville*

Improve camps

I am writing in response to the editorial "Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek: Use or lose them" (WR, Jan. 28). The editorial seems to lay at our feet the responsibility for the demise of these assemblies.

I must say there are reasons they are not being used.

The last time I used Cedarmore for a youth retreat, we received several messages that our group was not welcome. The attitude of the staff seemed to be that because we were a youth group, we would cause trouble. I was offended by the treatment we re-

ceived, because our group had done nothing to deserve the treatment they received. I felt that, as paying customers, we should receive the same treatment as any other paying customer. I am assuming that other groups were treated better than we.

There are other reasons we have chosen to go elsewhere for our retreats, such as deposit policies, quality of food and services provided. I write not only because our group received such treatment, but because others have as well.

In light of the way my group was treated and in comparison to the way

other assemblies have worked with me, I say that our assemblies could learn something from some other assemblies that may increase their use. I would hate to see us lose our assemblies, but I think some research should be done as to why they are not being used. When I plan programs that are poorly attended, I must evaluate the program and make appropriate changes to increase participation.

Ask the churches why they don't use our assemblies.

You may receive the information you need to save them.

*Jeff Young, youth minister
First Baptist Church
Bowling Green*

BAPTIST FORUM

Personal motives

One of the things I have thought a lot about is what motivates people. Or how to motivate people to do the right things. Why is it that some Christians have worthy motives to live a life of faithfulness to the Lord and others could care less about faithful living?

It is wonderful to see individual Christians who have the positive motives and give of their gifts to serve

the Lord and others. We have many in our church who fit this description, and I am thankful for them.

On the other hand, it seems there are a number of people who have difficulty with motivating themselves in service and ministry. It seems that these are people who are waiting for something to come along and spur their motivation. As pastor, I am asking: What will it take to get certain people motivated in spiritual living and growth? Sometimes I feel

it is my responsibility to do that, and when it doesn't, I feel I failed.

On the other hand, I know that it is not my responsibility to motivate Christians. If the Spirit can't stir up one's motives, there's no need for me to try. Actually, this matter of motives is determined by the individual. Each Christian must give way to the Holy Spirit, and he will give you true motives in living the Christian life and ministry.

*Gates Bowman, pastor
First Baptist Church
Eddyville*

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Keeping focused on the now

Above and beyond the harsher tones of the Southern Baptist Convention controversy are the softer tones of life at home. I listen to the indiscernible gurgles of a 9-month-old grandson, ambitiously trying to "say" something, fascinated by his own sounds; sometimes startling himself.

Or handle the soft body, setting him gently in the tub of warm water; watching him flap his hands against the water until he splashes it in his face and up his nose. He coughs, looks up and stops thrashing his hands.

His mother tenderly shampoos his hair, the rinse water falling gently over his face. He sputters and catches his breath.

Adding more hot water, mom pushes it to the back of the tub, carrying a circular current, carrying "duckie" around and around the tiny, vulnerable little boy.

He could not be left alone for even a few minutes there in the "harmless" tub. He cannot feed himself; can't protect himself from an aggravated pet.

In his towel, I carry him to the carpeted floor beside their bed. I rub him playfully, sponging the remaining water. Sharon will later finish the job with a "Q-Tip" in the nose. He squirms. His daddy, Steve, lifts and holds him.

This is a new phase of life for his grandmother and me. It makes a long, hard day more bearable;

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

Time to decide

Have you heard?

"We must keep giving through the Cooperative Program to protect our agencies and support our missionaries."

"Sure, I'm tired of the Southern Baptist Convention fight; however, we must not forsake our missionaries."

The myth has been shattered. We cannot protect our missionaries by giving through the Cooperative Program. Those in charge are using our resources for the systematic demolition of everything we have cherished. Missionaries Charles and Kathie Thomas are the latest casualties. Their consciences could not condone the "forced resignations" of Foreign Mission Board executives in Europe.

Why is anyone surprised after Southeastern Seminary, the replacement of the Sunday School Board president, the firing of the Baptist Press editors, the defunding of the Baptist Joint Committee, and reneging on a promise to Ruschlikon? It had to conclude in our holy of holies—the FMB.

To continue to render support through the Cooperative Program is to support destruction.

Anyone who is not theologically orthodox and politically aligned with the fundamentalists is subject to un-Christian treatment. Systematic destruction and division will continue.

The solution to this debacle lies with our finances. When will churches and state conventions say: "Enough is enough. We will no longer finance this fiasco."

Charles Thomas explained his resignation by citing his preacher father-in-law: "There comes one or two times in your life when you have to make a stand for what is right, no matter what it costs you. ... This is one of those times."

This is the time when our churches must decide. Where will our mission money go?

*Steve Hadden, pastor
Faith Baptist Church
Georgetown*

he decide to. And I shudder a little when I compute the fact that I'll be almost 80 when he graduates from high school.

Abruptly, I come back to the baby boy and smell the fragrance of soap; it's no time to think about the future; indulge in the preciousness of the "now."

There he is—touchable, tender, vulnerable, impressionable. And I wonder what thoughts my granddaddy had when he held me around Thanksgiving time in 1932, when I, too, was 9 months old.

I suspect he felt about me like I feel about Marshall. But that was long ago in another generation.

"O God of all generations, help us keep our focus on what in our lives is truly valuable, that we may not be led astray by the lure of periphery living."

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

Hush the Japanese: Treat work as worship

Do you agree with Japanese government leaders' view of Americans? Last week, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa claimed most Americans "may lack a work ethic" and perhaps have forgotten how "to live by the sweat of their brow." Before that, Yoshio Sakurauchi, speaker of Japan's lower house of parliament, insisted U.S. workers are lazy, and one-third of them are illiterate.

Their words ignited a firestorm of protest.

Politicians—whose careers ride on what American workers think of them—appeared particularly incensed. So did an assembly line of U.S. auto workers, whose skill and commitment had been tarnished. Before you could say either "Mitsubishi" or "General Motors," politicians on both sides of the Pacific were bashing their closest economic partners. And folks on this side of the Pacific were flooding talk-show telephone lines and editors' mailboxes.

Determining the genesis of this mess is not too hard: Japan has been beating the hubcaps off the United States in most world marketplaces, including our own. Therefore, the logic goes, Japan must be producing better products. And in a world where money determines the value of everything, that must mean Japanese profit-takers and the workers who make their profit-taking possible are more valuable people than their American counterparts.

This reasoning leads Japanese to see Americans as lazy and illiterate. It propels Americans to view Japanese as over-zealous money-grubbing workaholics. Similarly, the British are snobs, the French are drunks, Italians are lecherous and Germans are mean. Those are the civil stereo-

types. Infamous images of Jews and Arabs are even worse.

The problem with stereotypes is that they break down when you actually meet someone you've clothed in your own opinions. Sure, some Americans are lazy, some Japanese are greedy, on down the line. But people are individuals, not clones with national flags tattooed on their foreheads.

A sin of stereotyping is it diminishes God-given individuality. That's true, whether the people doing the talking are Japanese executives, German auto workers or U.S. politicians. The same biblical principle that says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female ..." is blind to the distinctions of 20th century political boundaries, as well as age-old skin tones.

Back to Miyazawa and Sakurauchi's insults: The best way to refute a caricature is to prove it wrong. Build better products, and the mockers will have to shut up. Wars of words and political chest-pounding won't do it; results will.

Christians ought to be the leaders in any improved-quality movement. We know God has given us the resources and ability to work and produce. Our labor and products should reflect our gratitude for and stewardship of those good gifts.

The 19th century Shakers had their difficulties, but one aspect of their theology set them apart: They viewed work as a form of worship. If Christians today adopted that attitude, the quality of their production will be beyond insult.

Marv Knox

Christians should be the world's best workers. Our labor reflects our gratitude to God.

Phony 'O'Hara' petitions should be gone with the wind

A 16-year-old rumor just refuses to die.

Phony petitions have given life to the rumor all across the commonwealth. They urge the Federal Communications Commission to safeguard the right to broadcast religious programs on radio and television.

The petitions claim infamous atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair has been granted an FCC hearing "which would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of religion on the airways of America."

They link O'Hair to a formal request—R.M. 2493—asking the FCC to ban the broadcast of Sunday worship services. And the most recent version of the petitions to be circulated across Kentucky claims O'Hair "also is campaigning to remove Christmas programs, Christmas songs and Christmas carols from public schools."

The petitions are wrong on several counts:

■ O'Hair never was affiliated with R.M. 2493.

The request was filed in 1974 by two Californians, Jeremy Lansman and Lorenzo Milam. They asked the FCC to put a freeze on licenses for additional educational television and FM radio stations that were to air only religious or quasi-religious programs. Their request would have done nothing to eliminate religious broadcasting from radio and TV stations that already had received government broadcast licenses.

■ FCC commissioners unanimously denied R.M. 2493—more than

16 years ago.

The commission issued a statement Aug. 1, 1975, noting it is required by the First Amendment "to observe a stance of neutrality toward religion, acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion."

Furthermore, the commission stressed it has no authority to prohibit radio and TV stations from presenting religious programs, the statement noted.

■ The latest version of the petitions to reach Kentucky churches was drafted about 14 years ago.

This version of the petitions describes O'Hair as "an atheist whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayer from all public schools 15 years ago. ..." The Supreme Court decision to which the petition refers was handed down in 1963—29 years ago.

■ That same draft of the petitions contains several other minor errors. It calls O'Hair "O'Hara." It also refers to R.M. 2493 as both "R.M. 2493" and "R.M. 2439."

Almost all versions of the petitions typically urge readers to make photocopies and get 10 friends to sign the petitions. Every Kentucky Baptist who gets the accurate story on the phony rumor should call up 10 friends and tell them the truth.

Marv Knox

Madalyn Murray O'Hair is not petitioning the FCC to keep church services off TV. Rumors to the contrary are false.

Calvin would've told me I'd never ski as well as the great Killy

Did you catch the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics last weekend? You should have seen me, marching into the arena, carrying the U.S. flag to mark my fifth appearance in the Games.

That's the plan I envisioned back in 1968, the first time I watched the Winter Olympics. Those Games were held in Grenoble. My hero was Jean-Claude Killy, the French skier who blazed to gold and glory in the slalom, giant slalom and downhill.

Killy was brave and dashing as he tore down the slopes in a cloud of white powder. His skis kindled the imagination of a fifth-grade boy who thought Alpine skiing involved two of the most intriguing elements on Earth: snow and speed.

A couple of years later, Robert Redford

starred in a ski movie called "Downhill Racer." Redford played a guy who not only won the gold but also won the beautiful heroine. By then, I realized skiing involved three of the most intriguing elements on Earth: snow, speed and girls.

That's when I decided to be just like Jean-Claude and win Olympic gold.

The major hitch in my plan (other than a few physical deficiencies) was that Perryton, Texas, where I grew up, is about as flat

as the top of a kitchen table. Jean-Claude

grew up in the French Alps, where he skied to school.

Well, I had to improvise. When they built a house across the street and we got two inches of snow, I tried to convince my mom to let me tie two-by-fours to my feet and "ski" down the eight-foot pile left over from fill dirt. Didn't work. Two-by-fours sink in snow.

Later, I actually did make several trips to the Rockies in wintertime. I had great fun and even learned to get down the mountain with-

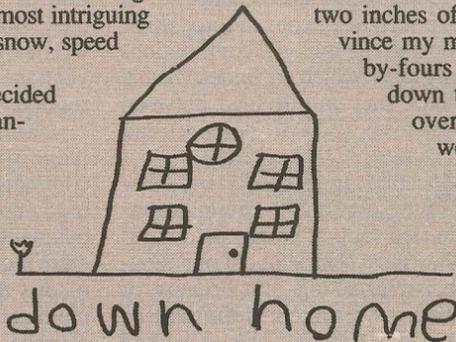
out ripping a leg off or running a ski pole

through my lungs. But when it came to speed, I might as well have had those two-by-fours strapped to my feet. Jean-Claude had nothing to fear from this kid from a small town on the High Plains.

Another guy who grew up in the Alps probably would have seen providence in all this. Reformer John Calvin would have said if God wanted me to win the gold, God would have let me grow up next door to Jean-Claude. Instead, I grew up reading the newspaper in a preacher's home and wound up editing a Baptist newspaper.

Calvin's theology is as graceful as Killy's skiing. Most of the time, I'm glad. But when the Winter Olympics roll around, I'd trade my computer terminal for a lift ticket in the Alps.

Marv Knox



Pastors organizing to reverse vote on BJC funding

'Is it really a good idea to destroy the Cooperative Program in order to provide a few more dollars to the BJCPA?'

From a letter sent to Kentucky pastors by a group seeking to block sending funds through the KBC to the Baptist Joint Committee

By Marv Knox
Editor

Fifteen pastors have launched a campaign to reverse the Kentucky Baptist Convention's decision to provide funds to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The group has mailed an open letter, titled "A Call to Kentucky Baptists to Save the Cooperative Program in Kentucky," to 2,109 Southern Baptist ministers across the state, said Mike Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wickliffe.

The letter identifies the 15 signers as "Concerned KBC Pastors." The group's address is listed as P.O. Box 176 in Wickliffe, the same as First Baptist Church's.

The document takes issue with the KBC's 1991 vote to help support the Joint Committee.

The Washington-based organization represents nine denominations on religious liberty issues. It has been at the center of the Southern Baptist Convention controversy.

Conservatives have claimed the Joint Committee is too liberal. Last summer, they succeeded in getting the SBC to eliminate its line item from the Cooperative Program, the convention's unified ministry budget.

In the wake of that action, the KBC voted 331-195 to "find a way to provide funds in the 1993-94 budget and subsequent budgets to allow our convention to continue to support the Baptist Joint Committee."

The pastors' letter says the vote confused many Kentucky Baptists and calls the action "dangerous."

It cites a 1989 KBC motion on the Joint Committee which "recommends

that the Kentucky Baptist Convention affirm the integrity and plan of the Cooperative Program ... (and) that Cooperative Program funds not be designated for support of" the Joint Committee.

The pastors' letter states: "The word 'autonomy' was used ... in the report, and the same word was used quite frequently at the 1991 KBC. It is true that the KBC is independent of the SBC, but it is also true that there is quite a bit of interdependence between the KBC and SBC through the Cooperative Program.

"If present trends continue, the Cooperative Program will be dead in Kentucky, and Kentucky Baptists will have to decide as individuals and churches how to designate their missions money."

While the letter cites an emphasis of one paragraph of the 1989 KBC motion, it ignores three other important paragraphs, said Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, who chaired the special committee that drafted the 1989 motion.

"Paragraph 1 affirmed KBC support of the BJCPA," Cobble noted. "No effort was made by messengers to delete or change this paragraph.

"Paragraph 5 affirmed the KBC's right to consider direct funding of the BJCPA in the future. A motion to delete this paragraph was defeated by convention messengers.

"Paragraph 6 expressed concern over reduction of funding to the BJCPA and requested there be no further reduction of financial support. The SBC Executive Committee ignored this request when it prepared a recommended convention budget.

"The 1989 action clearly preserved the right to consider the direct-funding motion adopted in 1991."

Morris agreed the KBC is autonomous and has a right to consider its own actions separate from the SBC. "But there is glue that holds the KBC and SBC together. That is the Cooperative Program," he said. "They are interdependent."

But Cobble stressed the pastors who mailed the document are taking an approach they never would condone in their own churches.

"All parties should understand that the spirit of cooperation applies at convention levels as well as at the local church level," he said. "Undoubtedly, all signers of the letter expect members of their respective churches to cooperate with plans adopted by the majority votes of their congregations rather than to threaten rebellion and hold meetings opposing the will of the majority.

"Furthermore, many churches continue to support the Cooperative Program, though the personnel and policies of SBC agencies are not wholly acceptable to all members of the churches."

The pastors' four-page letter devotes about half its space to quotes from staff members of the Joint Committee and the SBC Christian Life Commission. They focus on Lee v. Weisman, a case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We felt we need to explain the differences to the people between the CLC and the BJCPA," Morris said. "We wanted to be fair; we didn't want it to sound like militant polemic."

Staff members from both organizations helped clarify the positions

stated in the letter, he said.

The letter concludes with a two-part section titled "the solution."

"Is it really a good idea to destroy the Cooperative Program in order to provide a few more dollars to the BJCPA?" a few more dollars to the BJCPA?" will bypass the KBC with their offerings and damage the work of the state convention.

"We recommend that conservatives continue to send their Cooperative Program money to Middletown," the mailing says. "We believe that the Cooperative Program is worth the struggle. ...

"Our most important recommendation is that Kentucky Baptists pray about the 1992 KBC (annual meeting) in Louisville and show good stewardship by attending unless providentially hindered. The action taken at the 1991 KBC to designate Cooperative Program money to the BJCPA must be overturned at the 1992 KBC."

The mailing also announces a meeting at 11 a.m. Feb. 24, at Glendale Baptist Church in Bowling Green, immediately prior to the KBC Evangelism Conference.

The featured speaker will be Michael Whitehead, general counsel for the Christian Life Commission.

In addition to Morris, signers of the mailing are Larry Purcell and Danny Zickefoose of Hickman; Gary Frizzell, Mayfield; Richard Oldham, Bowling Green; Kenneth Puckett, Paducah; Bill Dodson, Benton; Roger Williams, Bond.

Also Tony Carson and Danny Creech of Louisville; and Kenneth Felty, Ralph Morris, Jack Neighbors, Russ Taylor and Ken Bolin, all of Manchester.

Special committee recommends change in KBC qualifying

By Marv Knox
Editor

The Kentucky Baptist Convention may expand the guidelines regulating how many messengers churches can send to its annual meeting.

Currently, each church which is "in friendly cooperation with" and "a bona fide contributor to" the KBC's work gets two messengers to the annual meeting. Additional messengers—up to a total of 10—are added for each 250 members over the first 100, or for each \$250 contributed to the Cooperative Program, the Kentucky and Southern Baptist conventions' unified budget.

A new proposal would allow from three to 10 messengers "for each \$250 contributed to the Cooperative Program and/or the work of" the KBC each year. It would not alter the formula for messengers based on church membership.

The proposal was approved last week by a special committee created by the KBC in 1990 to study the Cooperative Program.

Next, the proposal will be presented to the KBC constitution and by-laws committee. To take effect, the proposal—which would amend the third article of the KBC constitution—must be approved by messengers to the 1992 and 1993 KBC annu-

al meetings.

The proposal would alter a constitutional amendment introduced at the 1991 KBC annual meeting last fall.

That amendment, offered by Louisville pastor Jim Holladay, would have changed the financial qualification for messengers from each \$250 given to the Cooperative Program to each \$250 given to "the convention's work."

The special committee's proposal includes both the current messenger formula, based on contributions to the Cooperative Program, and Holladay's proposed formula, based on contributions to KBC work.

The issue has become a focal point within the KBC in recent years, as SBC controversy has escalated.

The Kentucky convention defines "Cooperative Program" contributions as only those which are undesignated. As such, they are divided between KBC causes (62.058 percent) and SBC causes (37.942 percent).

Moderates in Kentucky and other states have objected to continued undesignated support of the SBC, arguing they have been shut out of national decision-making. But because of Kentucky's stringent definition of Cooperative Program, they have had to maintain at least some undesignated support to qualify their messengers to the state convention.

The special Cooperative Program study committee was created to study that issue—"to hear and address fairly all concerns with the present rules and guidelines governing the receiving and qualifying of Cooperative Program funds contributed through" the KBC.

In its report to the KBC last fall, the committee only recommended a change in how congregations qualify to use the Church Annuity Plan for ministers' retirement funds. The committee also asked that it be allowed to work for another year.

When it convened last week, the committee reviewed correspondence from both moderates and conservatives unhappy with the current situation. It also received a report from KBC Business Manager Barry Allen, who explained how other state conventions handle and classify budget receipts.

Chairman Eugene Siler, a federal judge from Williamsburg, said the committee had four options: do nothing; approve Holladay's proposal; maintain the current Cooperative Program requirement for messengers, but modify the definition of CP funds, including the possibility of allowing churches to partially restrict the use of their funds; or take another approach.

Members focused on the third option for much of the meeting. At times

the debate grew heated, when they discussed the possibility of allowing churches to make "negative designations" to the CP—instructions which would keep their money from going to agencies or institutions they do not want to support.

Don Mantooth, pastor of First Baptist Church of Morehead and a leader of the moderate Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, supported Holladay's amendment, particularly if it were modified to allow messengers based on contributions to the KBC and/or the Cooperative Program.

"That seems to be our historic background," Mantooth said. "It's a compromise that would allow both sides to participate."

Clark Brown, pastor of Grapevine Baptist Church in Madisonville and a conservative who spoke repeatedly against the negative designation option, also supported the compromise.

"I fully support the Cooperative Program as it is," Brown said. "But I'm in favor of allowing messengers based on support for convention work in the KBC. ... That's only fair."

The committee unanimously agreed. It will meet again—probably after the SBC annual meeting in June—to see if it wants to take up the issue of further defining how contributions can be considered part of the Cooperative Program.

The proposal would allow churches to qualify for KBC messengers based on contributions to the Cooperative Program or to "the work of" the KBC.

Romania takes center stage in European drama

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taught evangelism at two Southern Baptist seminaries, most recently Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Although not a missionary, he has served as pastor of three churches in Europe.

"Phil Roberts is an expert on Europe," said FMB trustee Ron Wilson of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Roberts has been a major resource for trustees wanting inside information on Europe from "outside normal (FMB) channels," said Wilson, who serves on the FMB committee that oversees work on the continent.

Roberts' brother, Roger, is an FMB trustee. His former pastor is FMB Chairman Bill Hancock of Louisville.

It's little wonder Wilson and other FMB trustees have their eyes on Roberts to take a key position on the FMB's restructured European staff, perhaps replacing area director Keith Parker, who resigned in January.

Roberts said the rumor he will replace Parker is "speculative," particularly since it would be a departure from FMB policy to hire a non-missionary for the post. But he added he "probably could help" the FMB in such a role.

Trustee Wilson said few of his colleagues would be opposed to hiring Roberts, regardless of policy, because of the need for "new blood from outside the system."

Several FMB staff members say privately that Roberts already plays a key role, using his ties with trustees to undermine FMB staff. And they charge he has parlayed those connections into a promise of FMB money for the Oradea school.

"It's a foregone conclusion that the money was promised by trustees," said one FMB insider, who asked not to be identified out of fear of reprisal. Another said Romanian leaders have acknowledged the promise of "large sums of money" for Oradea—as much as \$2 million.

When FMB trustees defunded the European Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, last October for alleged liberalism, the Baptist Union of Romania ignored an avalanche of protests and endorsed the action. It was the only union in Europe to do so.

Since the Oradea school stands to gain financially from Ruschlikon's loss, the Romanian endorsement sparked charges of collusion.

"This decision was motivated by promises of massive funding in return for their support," said Charles Thomas, a Southern Baptist missionary in Romania. Thomas and his wife, Kathie, resigned as Southern Baptist missionaries in protest.

Nic Gheorghita, general secretary of the Romanian union, Phil Roberts and FMB trustees publicly deny any deal was struck. And no proof of a promise has surfaced.

But trustee Wilson predicted at least some of the Ruschlikon money will go to the Oradea school: "I think we've all assumed that. I'd be surprised if it didn't."

The validity of the Romanian endorsement has since come under question from Romanians themselves.

The confusion centers in part around the role of Josef Tson, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Oradea and founder and chancellor of the institute.

In a Nov. 1 letter to FMB Chairman Hancock, Tson congratulated the FMB for defunding Ruschlikon. Tson's letter said Ruschlikon and the European Baptist Federation which operates the seminary are afflicted with "this deadly disease of unbelief in the Bible."

Tson serves as chairman of the union's theological education committee, which will give him significant influence over how any FMB money for education is spent in Romania.

After becoming pastor of Oradea's Second Baptist Church in the 1970s, Tson spent much of the 1980s in the United States under what he termed as exile from Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. From a base in Wheaton, Ill., the charismatic pastor operated the Romanian Missionary Society, raising as much as \$1 million a year for his Oradea projects from among American evangelicals, para-church groups and conservative Southern Baptists.

When he returned to Oradea after the fall of Ceausescu, Tson led the 3,000-member church—one of the largest in Europe—to found the Oradea Bible Institute in October 1990.

"Our Bible Institute of Oradea may become the first Christian university of Eastern Europe," Tson wrote in a 1991 fund-raising letter circulated in the United States. The school's goal, he wrote, is "to produce the Christian intellectuals of tomorrow," both for Romania and the rest of Eastern Europe.

Since opening in 1990, Roberts said, the Bible institute already has grown to 190 ministry students, compared to 138 enrolled in the older, union-run Bucharest seminary.

In an unusual move last year, FMB trustees sent \$50,000 to the church that sponsors the school. The FMB staff in Europe, which traditionally has related only to seminaries sponsored by and accountable to national Baptist unions, has not been so enthusiastic.

The need for theological education in Romania is acute, all agree. Under communism, the government tried to close down churches by limiting the number of students allowed in seminaries and creating a pastor shortage. As a result, there are few trained pastors and even fewer full-time pastors in the country.

The reasons why Romania is the "linchpin" for Europe, Roberts said, are both mathematical and spiritual. Romania has more Baptists (120,000) than any other European country except the former Soviet Union and Great Britain. Baptists in Romania represent a larger percentage of the population than anywhere in Europe, Roberts said.

And churches are growing. "There is a spiritual intensity in Romania that could produce explosive growth," Roberts said.

FMB trustees, who chafed for years at the high cost of theological

education at Ruschlikon, have been attracted by the relatively low cost of doing missions in Romania, where American dollars go further than in much of the world.

Roberts said he is aware of concern that Romanian Baptists, by their endorsement of the Ruschlikon defunding and close ties with Southern Baptist conservatives, have invited the SBC controversy into their country. But he predicted such criticism will have little effect on the Oradea project or Romanian Baptists.

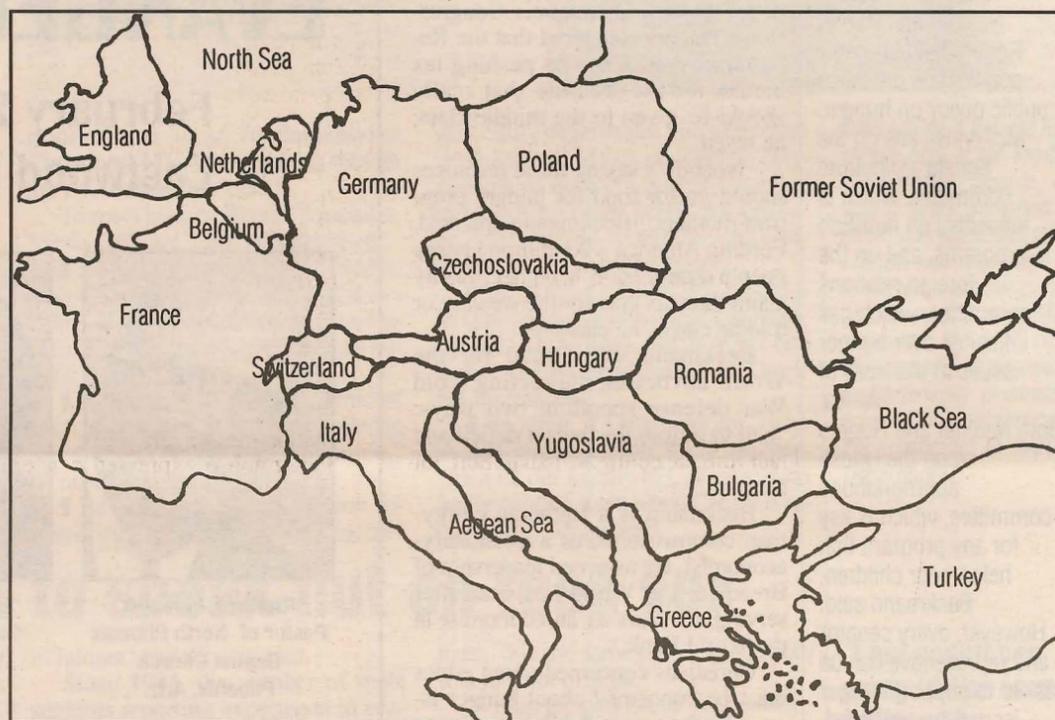
"I think the conservative ties and conservative theology are going to get some criticism," he said, "but these guys weren't tied down by Ceausescu, and they won't be by a little criticism."

Still, it is clear from the Romanians themselves that the flap over Ruschlikon has embroiled them in a controversy they neither want nor understand. Some say the battle that has divided Southern Baptists for more than a decade now threatens to drive a wedge into the Romanians' already fragile fellowship.

"In totalitarianism there was unity; in freedom there is division," said Paul Thibodeaux, the FMB's associate area director for Eastern Europe.

"It could be that the Western mission organizations, with their money and differing mission philosophies, could do what the iron-fisted Stalinists were never able to do, by contributing to the division of the fellowship of believers in Romania."

'Romania is the linchpin nation for Europe, at least for Baptists in Europe.'



Europeans want to discuss future

By Mike Creswell & Stanley Crabb
SBC Foreign Mission Board

DORFWEIL, Germany (BP)—The European Baptist Federation has offered to discuss the future of cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board but has listed five elements of Christian protocol they will expect.

Bill Hancock, FMB trustee chairman, accepted the offer for a consultation in Europe. FMB delegates to the consultation were to be named during the board's Feb. 10-12 meeting. The consultation will be held at a time and location selected by European Baptists.

The five elements for partnership, which European Baptists leaders say will figure heavily in any consultation, are statements on mutual respect, spiritual freedom, moral integrity, genuine consultation and reciprocal sharing.

Although the federation's leaders acknowledged they need help with missions in Europe, they said they value preserving unity more.

Quoting John 17:21-23, their statement affirmed unity "is an im-

portant witness in a Europe which has suffered so often from division and we would be opposed to anything that would endanger our oneness in Christ."

In sending the statement, European Baptist leaders said they are taking a firm stand to assure that problems such as the way the FMB handled the Ruschlikon seminary defunding do not recur. Relations between the board and European Baptists have been strained since the initial defunding vote in October.

Meeting in Dorfweil, Germany, Baptist union-designated directors, pastors and teachers from throughout Western and Eastern Europe approved the statement.

Thirty-five of 37 delegates still in Dorfweil on the final day approved the statement on Southern Baptists. Two Polish delegates abstained from voting, explaining they were not free to sign any public statements without approval of their union first.

Delegates approving the statement included three key Baptist leaders from the former Soviet Union.

Peace dividend should help hungry, economist says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—Rather than giving wealthy and middle-class Americans tax breaks, Congress should use dollars saved by the end of the Cold War to feed hungry people, the president of Bread for the World said.

David Beckmann spoke during the first annual conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville Feb. 4. Bread for the World is a Christian organization that focuses on political action related to world hunger.

Beckmann cited President Bush's recent State of the Union address where he called for sharing the "peace dividend" with Americans in the form of tax breaks. Democratic Congressional leaders countered that the Republican president was pushing tax breaks for the wealthy that really should be given to the middle class, he noted.

"Nobody's saying those resources should go for food for hungry pregnant mothers," Beckmann explained. Feeding America's 20 million hungry people should have "a higher priority claim than tax cuts for the wealthy or middle class," he charged.

Beckmann said Bread for the World advocates redirecting Cold War defense spending two ways: "half to reduce the budget deficit and half to balance the human deficit" of hunger.

Beckmann is a Lutheran clergyman commissioned as a missionary-economist. He assumed leadership of Bread for the World last year after serving 15 years as an economist at the World Bank.

Christians concerned about ethics must be concerned about hunger issues, Beckmann said: "Responding to hunger is to Christian faith as breathing out is to breathing in."

Christians have made an enormous contribution to fighting hunger by direct action such as food pantries and soup kitchens, he said.

However, in their action, Christians have neglected attempts to influence public policy, which can have a greater impact.

"A thousand points of light are not enough," Beckmann said, referring to Bush's emphasis on volunteerism to pick up what government programs can't do.

He explained that federal programs currently provide \$24 billion to fight hunger. For comparison, he said the total efforts of church feeding programs in the United States equals about \$2 billion annually—one-tenth of the amount the government provides.

"Christian people who are concerned about hunger and poverty need to go beyond charity and use their citizenship to influence public policy," he said.

Beckmann said government spending on hunger issues actually saves money in the long run.

He cited research which has shown for every dollar the government spends to prevent hunger, the government saves at least \$3 in spending on programs that combat the results of hunger.

This means Christians concerned about sound fiscal policy should support spending on hunger prevention, Beckmann said.

Further, he said Christians concerned about abortion should be concerned about hunger issues because poor nutrition kills the unborn as effectively as abortion.

Letters, calls and visits from individual voters have a greater impact on legislators than the work of lobbyists,

Beckmann said. He urged Christians to contact their elected officials in support of programs that benefit the hungry.

This year, Bread for the World is focusing on legislation that would increase government funding for three programs: WIC, which is aid for women, infants and children, Head Start and Job Corps.

Through an emphasis called "Every Fifth Child," Bread for the World

is asking people to write letters to their legislators supporting increased funding for these three programs.

Beckmann suggested churches plan special worship services about hunger and invite members to write letters as part of their worship. Suggestions for planning an "offering of letters" are available from the organization's national headquarters at 802 Rhode Island Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20018.

Kentucky legislators hold key posts

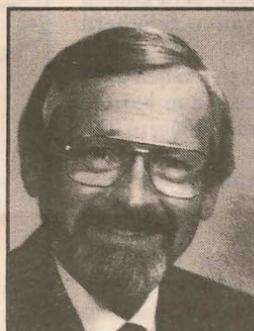
Three Kentucky legislators hold influential committee assignments related to hunger issues, David Beckmann said after his speech at the Baptist Center for Ethics Conference in Nashville last week. Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, said Sen. Mitch McConnell, and Reps. William Natcher and Harold Rogers hold strategic positions to influence public policy on hunger. McConnell sits on the Senate agriculture committee, which is influential on nutrition programs, and on the foreign relations committee, which has influence over hunger issues in the Horn of Africa. Both Natcher and Rogers sit on the House appropriations committee, which is key for any program that helps poor children, Beckmann said. However, every senator and representative can be asked to support hunger issues, he explained.

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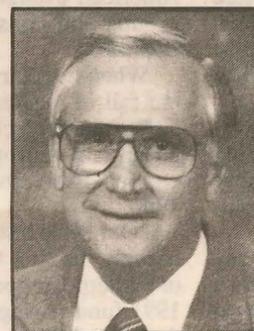
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Best civil religion seen in civil rights, scholar says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—The civil rights movement illustrates one form of civil religion possibly acceptable to Baptists, while Reconstructionism represents an extreme and dangerous form of civil religion, an expert on religion and culture said.

Andrew Manis presented a paper about civil religion, Christian Reconstructionism and racism during the first national conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville Feb. 4. Manis is assistant professor of religion at Averett College in Danville, Va.

He defined civil religion as the "intermixing of patriotic fervor with religious piety" or the "blending of allegiance to God and allegiance to country."

While many Baptists would argue civil religion has no place in American life, Manis said he believes certain forms of civil religion might be acceptable. As an example, he cited the civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King Jr.

Manis, who is white, was raised in Birmingham, Ala., during the heat of the struggle for civil rights.

"Throughout the struggle for civil rights, African Americans often accepted a divine role for America—of

becoming the nation which would teach the world the true meaning of brother/sisterhood," he explained. "In this public faith, God called America to teach the world how to live with its pluralism."

On the other hand, Christian Reconstructionism illustrates a dangerous form of civil religion, Manis said. Reconstructionists call for American society to be "reconstructed" according to biblical law, particularly the minute details of Old Testament law.

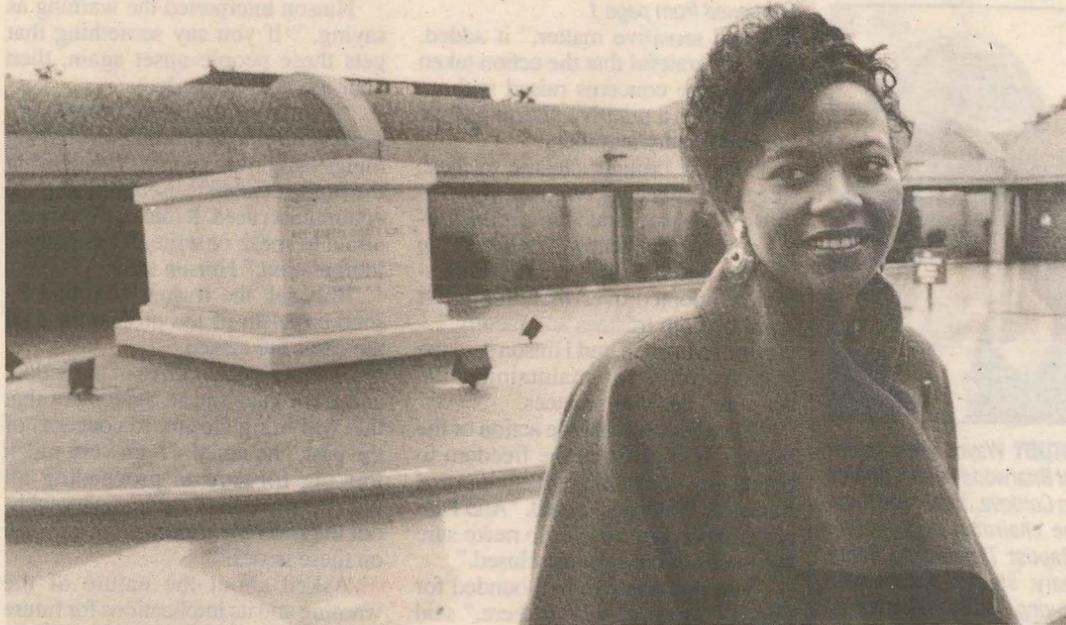
The problem with Reconstructionism is "it makes no distinction between civil religion and the rule of God," he explained.

Manis said tenets of Recon-

structionism include an extreme view on biblical inerrancy, belief that all people must be governed by God's law as defined in the Old Testament, Christian dominion over governments and people, and a postmillennial approach to end times.

Also, Reconstructionists believe God has a special covenant with America as a "Christian nation," Manis said. He quoted a leading advocate for this philosophy who describes America as one of several "authorized distributors" of Christianity in jeopardy of losing its distributorship due to secular humanism.

Differing beliefs about end times create a barrier between Recon-



KING LEGACY Bernice King, shown here at the tomb of Martin Luther King Jr., was only 5 years old when her father was killed. But others around her recognize the King style when she preaches. Professor Andrew Manis suggests the civil rights movement's close relation to Christianity illustrates a form of civil religion possibly acceptable to Baptists. (RNS photo)

structionists and most fundamentalist Christians, Manis noted, even though the two share other beliefs.

To meet historic Baptist principles, Manis said, any civil religion must:

- Avoid coercion. For example, Reconstructionism fails this test because of its dependence on governmental power to enforce religious beliefs, Manis said.

- Be shaped by the love ethic of Jesus. "Disciples of Jesus are called to servanthood rather than dominion," he noted.

- Be universal. "Civil religion focused only on 'our kind of people'

very easily degenerates into a baptized chauvinism," Manis explained. "The concept of an elect people becomes racist if it becomes purely nationalistic, uncontrolled by the universal impulses of the Christian gospel."

- Be self-critical. Civil religion tempts people to believe not in original sin, Manis said, but in what one author has termed "American Original Sinlessness."

- Be alien. If Christians are aliens in this world, as the Bible teaches, "then let our loyalty to Caesar remain under control, even when Caesar is on our team," Manis said.

Researcher calls for church to speak out on teen sex

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—The church must begin to "say good things" about sex in order to stop a sexual epidemic among U.S. teen-agers, a college psychology professor said.

By failing to speak constructively about sexuality, churches have left adolescents with no moral guidelines, said M.B. Fletcher, professor of psychology at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. Fletcher spoke at the first annual conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville Feb. 3.

"The church needs to get real," Fletcher said after describing seven years of research on the sexual involvement of Christian teens. His research found that Christian teens are just as likely as non-Christian teens to engage in pre-marital sexual inter-

course.

Fletcher suggested churches should teach parents how to socialize their children sexually and should develop aggressive sex education programs.

"Teen-age sex in America has reached epidemic proportions," he said. "If teen-age sex is to be dealt with effectively, the church must take a more active role."

Positive talk about sex in church youth groups must be straightforward and include open-minded listening, Fletcher said: "I talk about orgasm and masturbation in my class the same way you talk about atonement and justification from the pulpit."

Rather than avoiding the subject of sex, churches should speak out clearly and compassionately with biblical guidelines, he said.

Fletcher collected his data on Christian teens through anonymous surveys of Carson-Newman students

in human sexuality courses.

Since 1984, the number of male students reporting experience in sexual intercourse has increased from 55 percent to 70 percent, he said. The number of female students with sexual experience has increased from 27 percent to 53 percent.

"I am convinced that many in the church believe that the Christian values we teach our children are controlling their sexual behaviors," Fletcher said. "The evidence suggests that this is simply not the case."

Christian teens know the church's position against pre-marital sex, he explained, but do it anyway.

Teens surveyed "have rationalized their behavior to permit a more acceptable and comfortable sexual lifestyle," Fletcher said. "Their rationale is simple: If you are in love, sex is a natural, meaningful way to express your feeling for your partner. If you love someone and are committed to

them, it is the same as being married, it is just not official."

Within the context of their personally crafted value systems, Christian teen-agers do not consider their sexual behaviors immoral, the professor said. He suggested this occurs because modern adolescents have no commitment to moral absolutes but instead view all moral decisions as flexible.

He illustrated by citing a Christian student who wrote in his journal, "I know that the Bible says, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' but I just don't believe that anymore."

Society has taught teens—even Christian teens—that morality is a private matter for each person to decide and has thereby erased religious guidelines, he added.

"In a culture that values sex so highly yet presents such a confusing picture of sexual ethics, it is not surprising that sexual development is problematic for so many youngsters."

'I am convinced many in the church believe the Christian values we teach our children are controlling their sexual behaviors. This is simply not the case.'

Three Baptists meet with Pope John Paul II to fight pornography

VATICAN CITY (BP)—Three Southern Baptist leaders met with Pope John Paul II and other Vatican officials to explore possibilities for an international, interfaith effort to combat child and hard-core pornography.

Southern Baptists who participated in the meeting at the Vatican Jan. 30 were Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission; Oscar Romo, director of the language church exten-

sion division at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; and Robert Showers, a lawyer from Washington and a Christian Life Commission trustee.

The meeting produced a document, titled "Declaration of Concern and Common Conviction Regarding the Problem of Pornography," pledging interfaith action against the spread of child and hard-core pornography. Land was a member of the subcom-

mittee that drafted the declaration.

Land, Romo and Showers were among 19 U.S. religious leaders from a variety of denominations who met with the pope to encourage Vatican support for the effort. Included in the group were Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Mormons, Pentecostals and representatives of the Salvation Army, the National Council of Churches and National Association of Evangelicals.

In his address to the group, the pope said, "Dear friends, your meeting is a noteworthy example of religious believers coming together in order to address one of the great social ills of our time. ... The family is usually the first to suffer from pornography and its damaging effects on children. Consequently, as the primary cell of society, the family must be the first champion of the battle against this evil."

Trustees close door on two concerns, leave one open



STUDY Wayne Allen, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., and trustee chairman at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, studies a document during the board's meeting last week. (Photo by John Bailey)

Continued from page 1

tant and sensitive matter," it added. "We are grateful that the action taken satisfies the concerns raised without constituting a punitive action against the two faculty members.

"Having brought closure to these lingering concerns, we are eager to move forward under the promise of the covenant and the renewal and administration, adopted overwhelmingly last April by both trustees and faculty."

Both Marshall and Hinson said the responsibility for maintaining the "closure" lies with trustees.

"I am hopeful that the action of the trustees will give me the freedom to pursue my vocation as an equipper of ministers," Marshall noted. "And I am counting on our trustees to make sure the issues of concern are closed."

"I'm not going to be hounded for things I wrote way back there," said Hinson, who is on sabbatical leave in Oxford, England. "I don't have to worry about that being brought up."

"On the other hand, what is it that you do when you teach? Someone asks you a question and honestly you have to answer in response to that. Some student reports that to John Michael, and he's on your back again. To me, it does not take away the threat even of things of the past."

Hinson interpreted the warning as saying, "If you say something that gets these people upset again, then your job is in jeopardy."

"A great part of the absolutist approach is trying to intimidate—having things hang over people. This is what the fundamentalists used, just like the communists used. It makes everybody afraid to speak or write. It basically is intimidation," Hinson said.

Michael, the trustee who had issued criticism of the professors, said the cases are closed.

"I am very supportive of the action, and I am glad and in agreement that this will bring closure to concerns of the past," he noted. "I am very much looking forward to proceeding on with the mission of the seminary without the need for continued discussion on these issues."

Asked about the nature of the warning and its implications for future disciplinary action, Michael cited the restrictions of the closed session under which trustees met and said he was not at liberty to elaborate.

Other trustees also said they felt honor-bound by the rules of the closed session and declined to interpret the warning. They also would not discuss the case of Simmons, the third professor who had been openly criticized but whose name was not mentioned in

Honeycutt and Allen's statement.

Honeycutt and Allen both were traveling after the meeting and were unavailable for comment.

Simmons said he was told Honeycutt's "report (to the personnel committee) that there were no grounds for dismissing me was not accepted. ... The committee said: 'We don't accept that at this stage. We're going to receive that as information and try and get further counsel on it.'"

Seminary Provost Larry McSwain said of Simmons: "There is no change in his status at this time. The trustees have taken no action relative to Paul Simmons at this time."

McSwain also said the rules of the closed session prohibited him from commenting on details of the trustees' discussion. He did, however, elaborate on the warning received by Marshall and Hinson.

"The first thing it means is that the trustees made no judgment about the teachings of the faculty members involved," he said. "They were communicating a judgment of what would be inappropriate, and the specifics of that are clear to the individual faculty members and cannot be discussed publicly."

Seminary professors discussed the trustees' action during a faculty meeting last week. One professor, who

asked to remain anonymous, noted: "Satisfying the concerns of one trustee has been at the expense of two faculty members who received a warning for charges the president, the provost and the dean found indefensible. ... It's like tossing him a bone—and a pound of flesh is attached."

Gerald Keown, an Old Testament professor and president of the Faculty Association, said professors have mixed feelings about the outcome.

"It's a tough call in some ways," he said. "We are disturbed on the one hand that the trustees continue to address issues we thought should have been closed long ago. At the same time, we are pleased to hear that this should bring closure."

"We think the protest that the charges were unfounded should have been taken more seriously. We felt there were no grounds for concerns and don't like the warning that was done. On the other hand, we understand the political climate under which we work, and we are pleased to think this would have put an end to those concerns."

Keown added: "We are trying to find ways that are constructive to work with trustees that will lead to a positive outcome. This is very difficult, because we have such diverse constituencies."

Dockery approved for seminary post

LOUISVILLE—David Dockery, general editor of the Southern Baptist Convention's newest Bible commentary, has been named dean of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of theology.

Seminary President Roy Honeycutt named Dockery to the administrative post last week, after the Louisville school's trustee executive committee elected him to the faculty.

He has been general editor of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Press since 1990. In that role, he also has been the primary editor of the "New American Commentary," which issued its first volume last summer.

Trustees elected Dockery, 39, associate professor of New Testament interpretation. The full board of trustees will vote on granting him tenure when it meets in April.

Dockery will become dean-elect Feb. 15 and become dean Aug. 1, said Provost Larry McSwain. Dockery and his family will live in Nashville through the end of the semester.

Prior to joining the Sunday School Board, Dockery was assistant professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, professor of theology and New Testament at Criswell College in Dallas, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He earned a doctorate from the University of Texas at Arlington and other degrees from Texas Christian University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Grace Theological Seminary and the University of Alabama.



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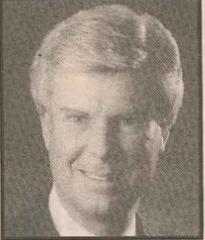
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High court won't rule on park with religious statues

By Larry Chesser
Baptist Joint Committee

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. Supreme Court declined to rule on whether a California county's ownership of a park containing Christian statues violates the state's constitution.

That means an appeals court decision will stand which prohibits San Bernardino County from owning the 3.5-acre Antone Martin Memorial Park, which contains statues depicting events in the life of Christ.

A federal district court earlier had ruled that the county's involvement did not violate the establishment

clause of the U.S. Constitution. But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later reversed that decision. By refusing to hear the case, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively upheld the appeals court ruling.

The case originated when five San Bernardino County residents charged that the county's ownership of the park violated the establishment clause, as well as state constitutional provisions. The park contains 36 immovable concrete statues and tableaus weighing from four to 125 tons. The park was donated to the county in 1961, and the county has since maintained it at an annual cost of about \$5,500.

The county originally dedicated

the facility as Desert Christ Park and advertised the facility as a "World Famous Theme Park ... depicting the life of Christ."

The district court viewed the statues as artistic works of aesthetic, cultural and historical value, but the appeals court characterized the statues as religious symbols. The appeals court noted that five of the six witnesses at the trial "perceived a religious message when they visited the park."

Specifically, the appeals court held that the county's involvement in the park violated two provisions of the state constitution: one barring governmental preference of one religion over another and another prohibiting governmental support for religious purposes.

The case is *Joyner v. Hewitt* (91-878).

In other action, the Supreme Court also let stand a ruling by the Califor-

nia Court of Appeals siding with the Presbytery of the Pacific in a church-property dispute.

After a 1988 division in the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, the presbytery determined that an "exiled" faction was entitled to the property.

The congregation remaining at the original location, which in 1989 withdrew from the parent denomination (Presbyterian Church USA), filed suit in California Superior Court and the trial court ruled in February 1990 that it was entitled to the property.

On appeal, however, the California Court of Appeals held in May that the trial court erred in awarding the property to the congregation after the presbytery already had determined that the exiled faction was entitled to it.

The case is *Korean United Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles v. Presbytery of the Pacific* (91-879).

Court won't answer call from phone sex industry

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear an appeal by the telephone sex industry has been cited as a fatal blow to the industry.

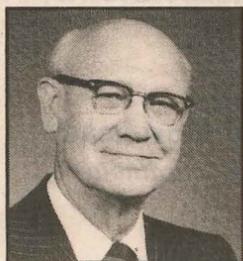
On Jan. 27 the court announced it would not review appeals court decisions upholding a 1989 law restricting "dial-a-porn." The law and resultant regulations by the Federal Communications Commission require customers to file a written request in advance for the service and mandate dial-a-porn companies provide a descrambling device paid for in advance by the consumer.

These restrictions block easy access by children, who, in the past constituted 70 to 80 percent of those calling such lines, said attorney Rob Showers of Washington.

The court's refusal to hear the appeal "signals the death knell for the \$2.4 billion industry known as dial-a-porn," said Showers, a Southern Baptist who has been a crusader against pornography. "They've run the route and they've lost it all the way up to the Supreme Court."

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Bush speeches differ on abortion

Poll finds Americans oppose most abortions

WASHINGTON (EP)—A majority of Americans oppose 96 percent of all abortions being performed, according to results of a national poll released by the National Right to Life Committee. The poll of 750 people was conducted by the Wirthlin Group. It found 53 percent of Americans believe abortion should be legal in no more than three circumstances: rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. According to Planned Parenthood's research arm, only 4 percent of all abortions in America are performed for those reasons. The findings of the Wirthlin poll coincide with a recent Gallup Poll which reported 53 percent of Americans say abortion should be legal only under certain circumstances.

WASHINGTON—The day before his State of the Union address, President George Bush used a speech to the National Religious Broadcasters convention to speak in favor of conservative Christian themes.

However, the absence of some of those themes from his nationally televised speech the next day has raised concern among some evangelical leaders.

Speaking to the religious broadcasters, Bush portrayed himself as an advocate against abortion, for prayer in public schools and against drugs and crime.

But not all those themes came through in his State of the Union address, said James Smith, director of government relations with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Smith was among a group of anti-abortion advocates who met with White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner Jan. 24.

"It is disturbing that no references were made in the president's State of the Union address to the value of unborn life and to the terrible toll abortion takes on our society," Smith said. "Sometimes those things which are not said are heard louder than those which are."

Speaking to the religious broad-

casters, Bush called on Christians to "help instill the traditional values that make life and liberty worth defending."

He defined decency as the "moral courage to say what is right and condemn what is wrong."

"And we need a nation closer to the Waltons than the Simpsons," he said.

The family is the "foundation of our strength," the president said. "I do not want one single action that I take as president to weaken the American family."

He also voiced support for school prayer: "In Sunday school, children learn that God is everywhere, but in public school they find that he's absent from class. And I continue to believe, as do the overwhelming majority of Americans, in the right to non-denominational voluntary school prayer."

The one element of a conservative social agenda Bush has alluded to in his last two State of the Union addresses is aid to parochial schools. But those references were veiled and general.

Reported by Tom Strobe of the Christian Life Commission through Baptist Press, Larry Chesser of the Baptist Joint Committee through Associated Baptist Press and by Evangelical Press.

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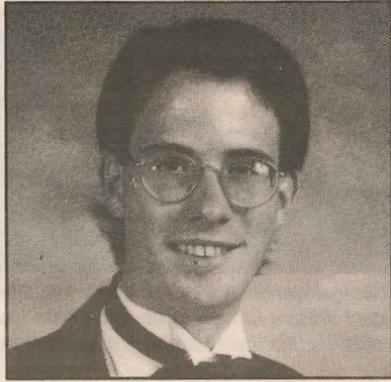
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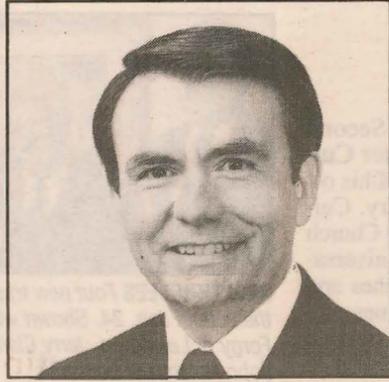
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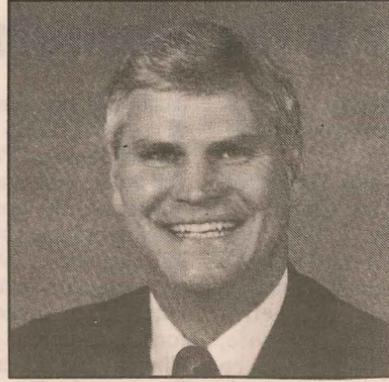
Meet a Few of our Alumni



Todd Hamilton, '90, was a Cumberland honor student, who recently completed his comprehensive examinations at the University of California, Berkley, and is continuing research toward a Ph.D. in Nuclear Chemistry.



Robert M. (Mike) Duncan, '71, is President and CEO of the Community Holding Company, Inez. He recently served one year as Assistant Director of the Office of Public Liaison for President Bush at the White House.



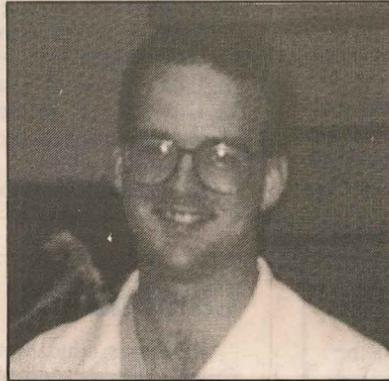
Bill Messer, '68, received his Doctorate of Ministries from Southern Seminary, and is currently pastor of First Baptist Church, Ashland. He was president of the **Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1990-1991**.



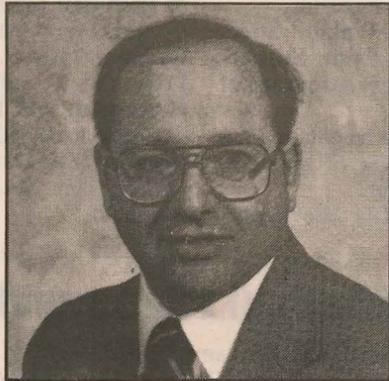
Shannon Harris Sexton, '91, was president of the college's nationally known history honor society, **Phil Alpha Theta**. Now she is a first year law student at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Susan Hawkins, '87, graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School. She is serving her residency in Pediatrics at the University of Louisville's Kosair Children's Hospital.



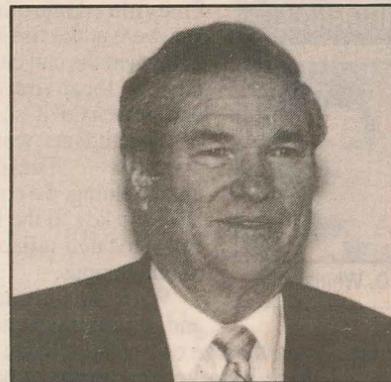
Michael Clark, '85, received his medical degree from Wright State Medical University in 1990. He is a resident in Obstetrics, at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton.



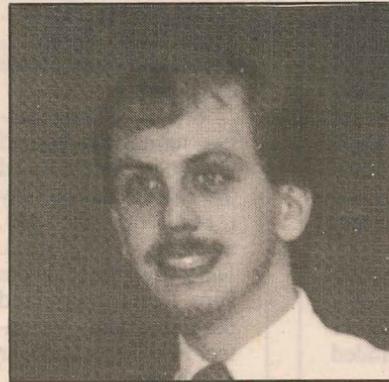
Terry P. Dixon, '68, is Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Central Texas, Killeen, Texas. He is President and CEO of Dixon and Associates, Consultants in Higher Education Management.



Lawana Scoville, '72, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. She was recently the national choice for the Selby Chair for Academic Achievement, Sarasota, Florida.



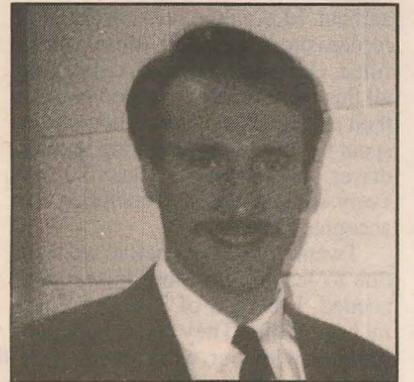
Arliss Roaden, '49, is Executive Director of Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Nashville. He is former Provost at Ohio State University.



Jonathan Ramey, '87, completed graduate course work at Vanderbilt for his Ph.D. He is a faculty member in Cumberland's Math Department.



Susan Ballou-Gibson, '88, a graduate of the University of Louisville and Indiana University School of Dentistry, has established a practice in Somerset.



Keith Gibson, '88, was graduated from the University of Louisville Dental School. He has joined the practice of Ballou and Gibson in Corbin.



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KENTUCKY KERNELS

Feb. 16 is Baptist Seminary, College and School Day in the Southern Baptist Convention. Kentucky is home to six Baptist schools: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Georgetown College in Georgetown, Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville and Oneida Baptist Institute in Oneida. Southern Seminary is supported by Southern Baptists nationwide through the SBC Cooperative Program. The other five schools are supported by Baptists statewide through the Kentucky Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BOAZ**—Hardmoney Church called **Linn Bearden** as youth director.
 ■ **FLAT LICK**—**Andy Gambrel**, pastor of Old Flat Lick Church for seven years, died Nov. 7, 1991, of a heart attack. Born in Hazard in 1929, he served three Kentucky churches and also served as an evangelist. Gambrel is survived by his wife, Evon, and by five children, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.
 ■ **GEORGETOWN**—**Dick Allison**, pastor of Georgetown Church, is resigned to move to University Church in Hattiesburg, Miss.
 Faith Church ordained Associate Pastor **Carolyn Hale** to the gospel ministry Dec. 1. Hale formerly was director of student life at Georgetown College.
 ■ **HODGENVILLE**—First Church called **Louis Humes** as pastor.
 ■ **LOUISVILLE**—Walnut Street Church celebrated **Gene Nuttland's** 25th anniversary as minister of music.
Jerry Douglas is celebrating his 15th year as minister of music at Westport Road Church.
 ■ **MAYFIELD**—**Ray Werline** is

pastor of Cuba Church.
 ■ **MORTONS GAP**—Second Church honored Pastor **Chester Culver** on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the gospel ministry. Culver was ordained by Harmony Church in Louisville in 1951. The anniversary celebration featured speeches and letters from friends, colleagues and former churches; gifts from Second Church; and an expense-paid trip to San Antonio, Texas.
 ■ **RUSSELL**—First Church ordained **J. Mark Campbell** as deacon.
 ■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—**Burley McFarland** was ordained as deacon by Pleasant Hill Church.
MISSIONARY UPDATE:
 ■ **Fredrick and Deborah Davis**, missionaries to Japan, are on furlough at 415 Wood Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40222.
 ■ **Rich and Susan Hutchens**, missionaries to Venezuela, are on furlough at 7504 S. Watterson Trail, Louisville, Ky. 40291.
 ■ **Randall and Betty Rains**, missionaries to Bangladesh, are on furlough at 3883 Overton Manor Trail, Birmingham, Ala. 35243. He is from Mayfield.



NEW TRUSTEES Four new trustees of Georgetown College attended their first meeting at the school Jan. 24. Shown with President **William Crouch** (center), they are **Lawrence Fox of Lexington**, **Jerry Clanton of Louisville**, **Maribeth Hambrick of Georgetown**, and **John Holston of Louisville**.

Clay Village has ministry of words

By **David Fillingim**
 State Correspondent

SHELBYVILLE—Tomoko Otozu came to the United States expecting the bustle and bustle of big-city life but found instead a rural Shelby County church taking the time to extend a helping hand.
 Otozu is one of eight Japanese women enrolled in conversational English classes at Clay Village Baptist Church in Shelbyville. About 50 Japanese families live around Shelbyville.
 The classes came about largely

through the influence of Pastor **Marshall Phillips** and his wife, **Dorise**, who are former Southern Baptist missionaries to Kenya.
 Four women in the church completed a 16-hour training course and now teach the classes for an hour and a half each week. They also provide group activities and refreshments as well as teaching American "survival skills."
 Mrs. Phillips said the church receives as well as gives through the mission effort. The Japanese women organized a chorus and sang recently during a Sunday service.

Oneida plays in state basketball tournament

Defeating Harlan 64-62, Oneida won the 13th regional basketball Class A championship to play in their first state tournament game in Rupp Arena Feb. 5.

As in a number of recent Oneida games, the score saw-sawed back and forth. With two of four senior starters fouled out, and two crucial calls against us, Green County came out on top 64-59.

Oneida junior **Larry Gritton Jr.**, oldest son of Oneida's coach of 19 years, was chosen MVP of the Regional's three games, personally scoring 80 points.

Eight Oneida buses and vans, and one bus brought from our county's Christian Youth Center, were scrubbed inside and out. Motors and tires checked, oil replenished, gas and diesel tanks filled. Our auto mechanics classes did all this work under the supervision of their teacher. Nearly seven hours were spent by three staff preparing seating, driver and chaperone charts so that every student and staff member was accounted for.

Twenty-four hours before we were due to leave, two more buses were needed. I thought of Shockey Tours in Louisville. They have been impressed with our work every time they have brought charter groups to visit, and have donated thousands of dollars.

Their manager offered me two buses at a fraction of their normal fee, which I accepted joyously. A few hours later he telephoned me that, fearing he might have overdone it, he had located company owner **John Shockey** who told him, "Oneida money is no good." Thus they sent two buses to us free of charge. Two of the drivers who had been to Oneida before refused to take any salary for the trip.

While all this was going on, two OBI graduates were busy in our county seat of Manchester. That town has sent the Clay County Tigers off to the "Sweet 16" 23 times in the past 39 years. **Pam and Chuck Smith**, owners of the Manchester Subway restaurant, urged their fellow merchants to do for Oneida on our first trip to a state basket-

ball tournament what they had done in all the years past for the Clay County Tigers. Various ones put up enough advertising money for an eight-page supplement honoring our "Mountaineers" in the county's weekly newspaper, as well as to have a live radio broadcast from Rupp Arena.

Our kitchen staff busily prepared 650 paper-bag meals to be served in Lexington after the game. **Pam and Chuck**, who had fed all our team, cheerleaders and accompanying staff for free on the night of our regional win, came through again with delicious 6" Subs for 650.

Tournament Day dawned bright and sunny. Our caravan, including some private vehicles, stretched about two miles. Tears were in the eyes of some Oneida oldtimers as we traveled through Manchester and found many stores had encouraging messages on their windows and marquees. Staff members of the two rival county banks had done much decorating and were on the sidewalks waving and cheer as we passed by.

Bringing up the rear were two empty buses to be used in case of a breakdown, and another bus with our chief mechanic and four mechanically minded students, tools, spare tires, and our food.

We arrived at Rupp 30 minutes ahead of schedule. Hundreds of alumni, friends, and former staff greeted us from several states. Our fans were so enthusiastic that Oneida was the only one that the Lexington TV stations had a special segment on that night after eight schools had played. Despite our scoreboard loss, two newscasters referred to our students and ball team as "winners."

We got back home at 8:30 p.m. Having traveled 240 miles, mingling with thousands for three hours, we did not have to search for or wait on a single student one minute!

Thank you, Lord, for a day never to be forgotten. Thank you, **Lory**, for a day never to be forgotten!

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

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Campus fire

Religious education professor **Creed Caldwell** and his wife arrived home Friday, Jan. 24, around 5:15 p.m. Like most of us at the end of the week, they were looking forward to a relaxing weekend. It was not to be. **Linda** noticed a different odor in the house. When **Creed** took the trash out, he noticed smoke coming from the crawl space. He opened the door and discovered flames. **Linda** ran to **Kelly Hall** and called the fire department. **Creed** secured a fire extinguisher and put out some of the flames. Their two children, **Carrie** and **Carte**, were evacuated.

Students **Terry Settle**, **Johnny Skeans** and **Cleo Goodlett** noticed the smoke and quickly turned off the gas, averting an explosion. Units from the Pineville Fire Department and the Bell County Volunteer Fire Department arrived within minutes.

While the fire departments applied water, campus residents began removing contents. Others used pickups and took their belongings to the second floor of **Kelly Hall**.

By 8 p.m. the smoke had stopped. One bedroom was damaged; holes in two floors had to be ripped out to be sure there was no fire beneath.

As the fire departments prepared to move equipment, two students and I joined to pray with the **Caldwells**. **Creed** said, "The full impact of this will probably hit me in the morning."

The family stayed two nights in **Kelly Hall**. **Kelly Hall** staff helped in cleaning dishes and furniture. The insurance company made arrangements to clean clothing and other items to eliminate the smell of smoke.

The **Caldwells** will live temporarily in **Mitchell Apartments** until their home is renovated.

We're fortunate the fire occurred on Friday afternoon when most families were still on campus.

About six new firemen had started work for the Pineville department and were at the fire station when the call came in. The local fire department said if some of our students would complete Tuesday night training, we could have the key to the fire truck located adjacent to our campus.

With 70 buildings and a campus population the size of a small village, we have been very fortunate to have had few fires over the years. Ironically, this same cottage, formerly a two-story building, burned in 1948. In subsequent years, an addition was put on the side. The original stone wall served as a fire break for this latest incident and prevented heavier damage.

We thank God no one was injured, that most of their possessions were salvaged, and the house can be rebuilt. The incident illustrated again the cooperative spirit of the campus.

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

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Shampoo translates language of love

By Beth Sammons
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (BP)—The white-haired man, dressed in a graying officer's uniform proudly displaying Soviet medals, shuffled into the hallway.

Southern Baptist volunteer Ed Mason handed him a bottle of shampoo. Through an interpreter, Mason explained the gift was from "Christians in America."

The tarnished Russian soldier began to weep. The hallway in the Home for the Aged grew silent as Southern Baptist workers, hospital staff and translators watched tears stream down his face.

Later, the volunteers met the soldier again. This time his tears were overtaken by bursts of excitement.

"Americanskis! Hurrah!" he shouted. "Americans and Russians are friends! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The volunteers had wondered what to do with the remainder of their medical shipment. Fifteen hospitals around the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, in desperate need of supplies, had gratefully received the medicines, disinfectants and personal-care products sent by Southern Baptists. But several boxes of medicated sham-

poo, bleach, room freshener and skin lotion were left.

Then someone suggested the Home for the Aged.

"Experiences like this one make your heart just puff up. This is what it's all about," Mason said. "These people have been forgotten by society. All they need is someone to show them they care."

Such experiences are common for Mason and his wife, Vi, who moved from Tallahassee, Fla., to Kazakhstan last year to help direct Southern Baptist humanitarian efforts. They have helped distribute 40,000 pounds of food as well as medical supplies valued locally at \$5 million.

"The purpose of our work is to help alleviate suffering, but it also opens up the opportunity to share Christ's love with people who for more than 70 years have been told there is no God and that religion is an opiate," Mason said.

During a visit to Semipalatinsk, an area devastated by years of nuclear testing, the volunteers learned that Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization, was the first international organization to render aid.

The volunteers try to share a "lifestyle witness," Mason said, offering

Christian literature to people they are helping, but not forcing it on them.

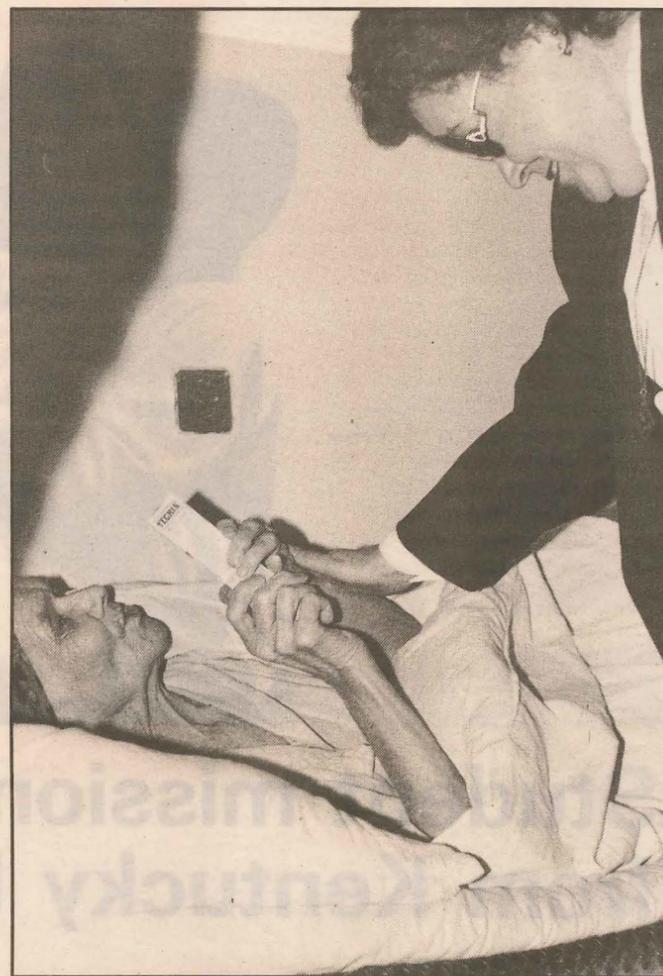
"All literature has been made available on the basis of, 'Here it is—take it if you choose.' We've purposely avoided any indication or suggestion we're swapping the gospel of Christ for food or medicine," he said.

Copies of the Kazakh translation of Matthew and Mark, along with Bibles, Gospels of John and "How to be Saved" tracts in Russian have been offered. Volunteers from the Russian Baptist churches in Alma-Ata and Chimkent have talked with recipients about the meaning of the literature.

The humanitarian needs team in Kazakhstan, which includes the Masons and Kitty Byrd, a medical volunteer from Asheville, N.C., recently concluded seven months of food distribution in the area of the dying Aral Sea.

One incident stands out in Mason's mind: A doctor came to the location where the medicine was stored. He pointed to a particular medicine and said, "May I have some of that? I have an 11-year-old patient, a little boy, and if I could have some of that medicine I could save his life."

"This story could be repeated time and time again," Mason said. "We're thankful to be a part of it."



SOMEONE CARES Southern Baptist volunteer Kitty Byrd gives a package of shampoo to an elderly woman in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. Similar expressions of concern have spoken the language of Christian love throughout the region.

Door to ministry in Central Asia now stands wide open

ZAISAN, Kazahstan (BP)—Until recently, Zaisan was just one among the many forgotten cities within the republics of Soviet Central Asia.

"Many people think of Central Asia as simply the blank space in the middle of a wall map. It's a place without a name or face," said Brian Grim, a Southern Baptist worker and vice president of the Central Asian Foundation.

But after years of veiled existence under stern Soviet rule, the Central Asian republics of the former Soviet Union are forging new relationships with other peoples of the world. Wedged between Russia, southwest Asia and China, the 1.5 million-square-mile region includes the newly independent republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan.

Kazakhstan alone is four times the size of Texas, with a population of 18 million people. The region is rich in natural resources and a center for space programs and nuclear testing.

"We're now open to the whole world and equal members of the international community," said Zaisan Mayor Askerbek Belginov during opening ceremonies of the Kazakh-American Friendship Center.

The center is a humanitarian project funded through Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization.

Zaisan's open door is only one example of the openness throughout Central Asia, Grim said: "For more than 500 years there's been no significant Christian witness among the Central Asian peoples. In God's timing, today gives us an opportunity to share Christ's love. ... To do this, we need a lot of personnel quickly."

A growing number of Christian

workers in Central Asia are providing assistance through several development projects. Working in conjunction with the Central Asian Foundation, CSI volunteers help staff new schools and international business institutes, distribute food and medical supplies and serve in other roles.

"Several republics are open to missionaries coming, while others that prefer not to have missionaries are open to Christians coming in assistance roles," Grim said. "Different parts of Central Asia have different degrees of openness, but all areas are open to Christians who come and desire to truly help in the social and economic development of this part of the world. Opportunities abound for evangelical Christians willing to use their resources in Central Asia."

In Kazakhstan, several Southern Baptist workers teach in the Kazakh-American International Business Institute, which opened Nov. 18.

Working under Kazakhstan's presidential adviser, American business people also can teach, lecture and lead seminars at the Kazakh Presidential Institute of Economics and Business in Alma-Ata.

"With the recent independence of Kazakhstan from the former Soviet Union, the republic is eager to join a free-market economy and become an equal member of the world community," Grim said. "Coupled with the current state of the economy, this makes the need for teachers and specialists in

business even more urgent."

Applicants should be Southern Baptists, have a college degree in a business-related field and teach business in schools or have practical experience in business, according to Grim. The Kazakh-American Institute

offers assignments for business people to lead seminars lasting from 10 days to four weeks. Assignments of one year or more also are available.

Among other opportunities:

■ Christians can be involved in cultural exchanges, Christian music tours and evangelistic meetings. The Billy Graham organization is considering meetings in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, pending an invitation from the Kazakh government.

■ Two-year positions are open to individuals interested in education and medical work, participation in drama teams and other special ministry projects. Personnel qualified to teach English, business or technical skills are needed.

■ Grim also issued an urgent call for two-year Southern Baptist personnel to lead outreach projects throughout Kazakhstan. He added that experienced church planters are needed to coach teams of local believers.

■ Career positions available include logistics coordinators to help other personnel; humanitarian needs project coordinators for medical and feeding programs, health and community development; community and economic development coordinators

How to help

Southern Baptists who would like more information about volunteering to work in Central Asia should contact:

Cooperative Services International
P.O. Box 6767
Richmond, Va. 23230-0767
Phone: (800) 866-3621

to enlist U.S. Christians to respond to Central Asia's economic crisis through developing business partnerships, economic development projects and technical training; and production and marketing specialists to work in a new multimedia center.

■ Grim highlighted plans for additional cultural and economic exchanges with the United States. About 100 exchange participants from Kazakhstan are in the United States.

"We anticipate over the next 12 months to have somewhere between 600 and 1,000 people going to America. We hope this is just the beginning of a much larger program," he said.

The second Kazakh-American cultural exchange is planned for May 10-15 in Pennsylvania and other states. About 300 Kazakhs are expected to attend.

■ Representatives of various Christian organizations are making plans for the 1993 Trans-Asia Project, also known as "Marco Polo: The New Generation." The project will bring together peoples of Central Asia and the worldwide Christian community to cooperate in humanitarian, cultural and economic development activities.

TAP will attempt to mobilize thousands of summer Christian volunteers from several denominations and agencies to work in 400 cities. The project will include performances, medical work, exhibitions, educational projects, business seminars, construction and building projects, language clubs, media crews and sports events.

"Volunteers are a priority, but prayer is the key," Grim said. "A project of this magnitude will only be accomplished by people praying and responding to God's leadership. The door to Central Asia is definitely open."

CAMPBELLVILLE



GENTLE GIANT Sammy Watene, a member of the Baptist Student Union and Tiger basketball team, takes a break with Langston Cubit during the BSU Backyard Bible Clubs. (Campbellsville College Photo by Jamie Humphrey)

Student missions program receives honor from Kentucky Baptist Convention

By Joan C. McKinney
Acting Director of Public Relations

Campbellsville College's Student Missions Program recently received an honor from the Kentucky Baptist Convention for going 71 percent over its goal in funding for student missions.

Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Work Department, presented a plaque to Tommy Johnson, director of campus ministries, for the College's going over its \$2,800 goal last academic year.

Johnson said most of the money is collected through revival teams.

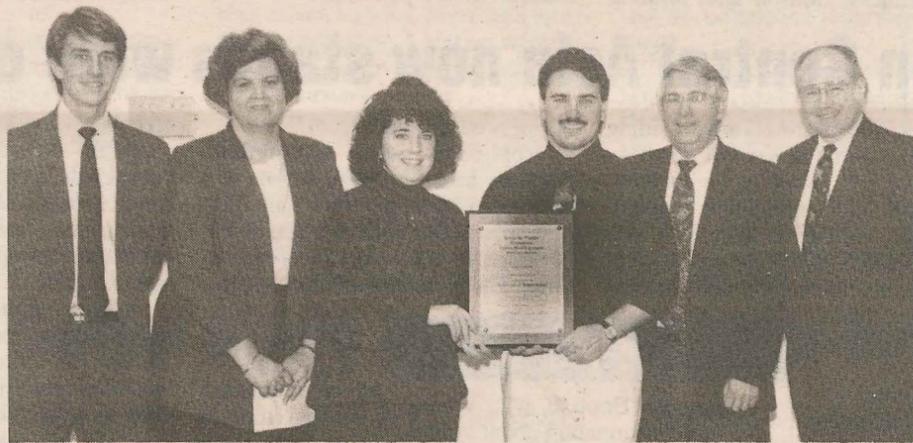
"It's an honor to receive this award," said Johnson. "The award was earned because of the hard work and commitment of last year's students."

"I feel a great deal of encouragement (for having received the award), and it's a symbol of support from the state Student department," he said.

Receiving the award on behalf of the College were Johnson, Joan Stansbury, secretary in campus ministries; Kathleen Bush, Baptist Student Union president for 1991-92; Jamie Ward, 1990-91 and 1991-92 revival team coordinator, and Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, president of Campbellsville College. Terry Tipton was last year's BSU president.

Johnson said the monies go to help send over 80 students in mission work in Kentucky, the United States and overseas.

He said, "We want our students to experience missions, and we emphasize missions as a lifestyle at Campbellsville College."



CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE'S Student Missions Program recently received a plaque for giving 71 percent over its \$2,800 goal for summer missions offering. Accepting the plaque were, from left: Tommy Johnson, director of campus ministries; Joan Stansbury, secretary in campus ministries; Kathleen Bush, Baptist Student Union president for 1991-92; Jamie Ward, 1990-91 and 1991-92 revival team coordinator; Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, president of Campbellsville College, and Don Blaylock, Kentucky Baptist Convention Student Work Director. (Campbellsville College Photo by Jamie Humphrey)

Johnson said six students have made the final round of auditions for the KBC Son Teams for this summer. He said about 12 students, including the six for the Son Teams, will apply for summer mission work.

Johnson said students from the College participated in a youth project at the Glendale Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in the fall. Forty-two students participated in a project of recreation and creative ministries.

The Creative Ministries Team and Tigers Leading Champions of Campbellsville College presented dramatic programs and student teams shared devotions with the youth in the cottages at Glendale. The Campbellsville College Singers also performed a mini-concert.

Devotions and commitment time were led by Jamie Ward.

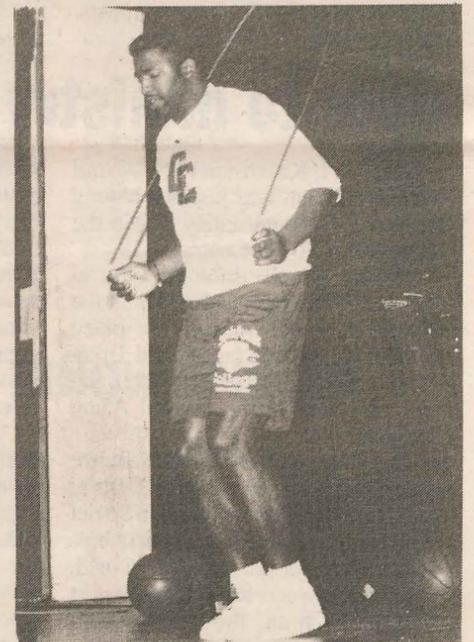
Johnson said the program was "outstanding" and the students were "excited."

"I hope it is an ongoing project," he said.

Johnson said the College also raised money through a Biblethon. Students have also worked in Backyard Bible Clubs called "J.A.M. sessions for Jesus and me" which include fun and recreation, creative learning, Bible stories and refreshments.

There has also been an outreach by football players and Baptist Student Union members at Marion Adjustment Center.

Matt Palmer, a member of the Tiger



KEVIN SINGLETON, a contemporary Christian singer, keyboard artist and speaker, leads the annual campus revival at Campbellsville College. The revival is another outreach of Baptist student ministries. (Campbellsville College photo by Sandy Cribbs)

Football Team, said he enjoyed the excitement of doing ministry work instead of just talking about it.

For more information about Campbellsville College's Baptist Student Union and other religious organizations contact Johnson at (502) 789-5227.

Campbellsville College, affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, offers 25 academic majors and 26 minor programs. The College is a private, four-year liberal arts, sciences and business college located in central Kentucky.