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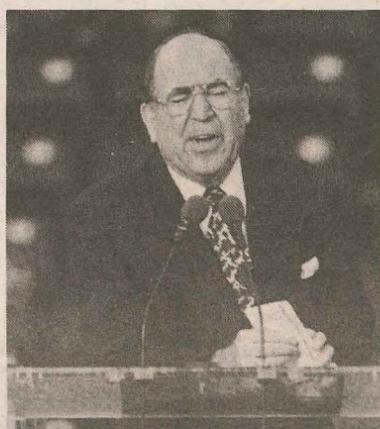
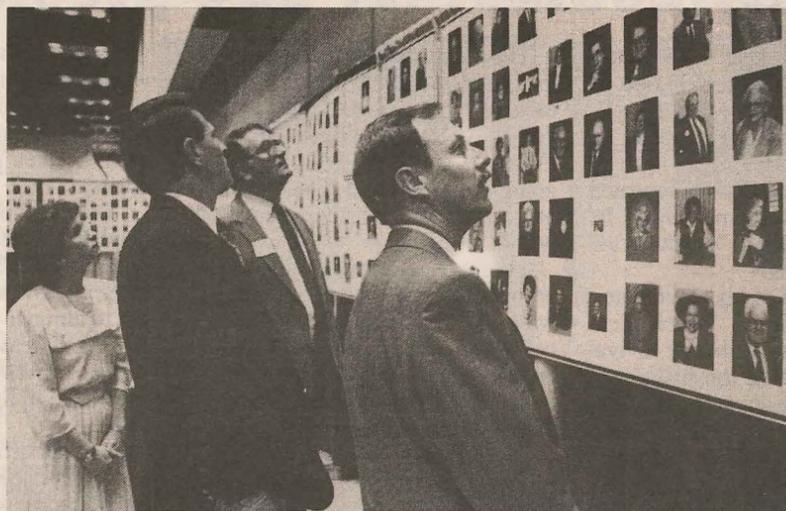
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**SBC SCENES** (Clockwise from top left) ■ Scanning the Wall of Fame honoring longtime Sunday school teachers—including 164 Kentuckians—are Shirley and Leroy Reardon (background) of Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Central City, John Charles, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Va., and former pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, and Rodney Groff, pastor of Audubon Baptist Church in Henderson. ■ Dellana O'Brien, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, presents a quilt to retiring Foreign Mission Board President Keith Parks and his wife, Helen Jean, during the WMU annual meeting. ■ Joining together in congregational singing during an SBC session are Hayward Casey of Browder Missionary Baptist Church in Browder, Joy and Bruce Chesser of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Lucile Clany of Greenville, S.C. ■ LaVerne Butler, president of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield, delivers the opening prayer at the first session of this year's SBC. (BP photos)

## Historic act dismisses 2 churches

INDIANAPOLIS—A church's position on homosexuality has become the first specific doctrinal or moral test for participation in the 147-year-old Southern Baptist Convention.

Since the convention's founding in 1845, membership has been defined in the constitution as available to "each church which is in friendly cooperation with this convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work."

Messengers to last week's SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis took the first step toward amending that statement by overwhelmingly approving this addition: "Among churches not in cooperation with the convention are churches which act to affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior."

The constitutional amendment must be ratified by messengers at next year's annual meeting in Houston.

Also at this year's meeting, messengers overwhelmingly declared two North Carolina churches "not in friendly cooperation" with the SBC because of actions they have taken related to homosexuals.

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## SBC breaks with BJC & homosexuals, to study Masonry

By Marv Knox  
Editor

INDIANAPOLIS—The Southern Baptist Convention last week broke relationships with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and churches that affirm homosexuality, but it decided to study its relationship with Masons.

More than 17,900 Southern Baptists attended the convention's annual meeting in the Hoosier Dome June 9-11. Among the major points of attention were:

■ **Baptist Joint Committee.** Messengers voted to sever all ties with the Washington-based religious liberty organization. The move followed a 1991 vote to discontinue funding the multi-denominational agency.

They also rejected a Joint Committee request for binding arbitration to determine ownership of a \$300,000 capital-needs account that has been held by the Southern Baptist Foundation in the Joint Committee's name. They gave the SBC Executive Committee power to distribute the funds.

■ **Homosexuality.** An overwhelming number of messengers voted to exclude churches that affirm homosexuality from participating in the convention. They approved an SBC constitutional amendment to declare churches approving homosexual behavior as "not in friendly cooperation." The amendment requires a second favorable vote next year.

■ **Freemasonry.** The Home Mission Board will conduct a study of the compatibility of Freemasonry with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine. Larry Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, had campaigned to get the convention to create an ad hoc committee to study what he called a "wicked, godless, anti-Christian" organization. But his proposal was amended, assigning the task to the board's interfaith witness department, which twice has declined to study the issue.

■ **Officers.** Conservative party standard-bearer Ed Young of Houston easily bested pastors Jess Moody of Chatsworth, Calif., and Nelson Price of Marietta, Ga., for the presidency.

Evangelists Jay Strack of Dallas and Joe Aulds of Ruston, La., were elected vice presidents. Registration Secretary Lee Porter of Panama City, Fla., and Recording Secretary David Atchison of Nashville both were re-elected.

■ **Trustees.** Paul Pressler of Houston, an architect of the SBC's conservative movement and a seven-year veteran of the Executive Committee, withstood a challenge to his nomination to the Foreign Mission Board. In addition, 12 Kentuckians were elected to SBC boards and committees.

■ **Dan Quayle.** The vice president welcomed messengers to his native state during the opening moments of the meeting. He delivered a plea for moral values and thanked the SBC for its support for his efforts.

■ **Keith Parks.** The veteran leader of the Foreign Mission Board delivered his final report to the convention before stepping down—due to philosophical differences with trustees—this fall. He angered some messengers by asserting that the convention's 13-year-old theological/political controversy has hurt missions.

■ **Motions.** Messengers submitted 24 motions—proposals for binding action—to the convention, and 18 were referred to trustees of various SBC agencies for consideration. They

ranged from recommendations to limit severance packages and salaries of convention employees, to provide support for pastors recovering from "stress burnout," to investigate the possibility of beginning a monthly publication of Baptist Press news releases that would be available to all Southern Baptists.

■ **Resolutions.** Messengers presented 30 resolutions—non-binding statements of opinion—to the resolutions committee. The committee in turn recommended 15 resolutions, all

of which were approved. They ranged from one that affirms use of "Father" as a name for God, to support for the "Green Alert" missions emphasis in Eastern Europe, to a warning to SBC entities to avoid conflicts of interest "with any organization, program or meeting which would compromise support of the Cooperative Program," the SBC's unified budget.

■ **Budget.** The 1992-93 Cooperative Program goal will be less than the current year's target, following an Executive Committee recommendation approved by messengers. The CP goal will be \$140.2 million, a \$509,887—or 0.36 percent—drop from the current budget goal.

■ **WMU.** Gathered just prior to the annual meeting, the SBC Executive Committee affirmed its historic relationship with Woman's Missionary Union. Earlier, the Executive Committee had been asked to consider inviting WMU to become an agency of the convention, instead of an auxiliary. As an agency, WMU would allow the convention to elect its trustees. WMU currently is conducting a study of its role in missions and missions education.

■ **Crossover.** Volunteers—including 28 from Kentucky—helped Indiana Baptists conduct a weekend evangelistic blitz, called Crossover Indianapolis, prior to the SBC meeting. By the end of the weekend, 1,024 people made professions of faith in Christ, both as the result of door-to-door visitation and revival meetings.

What happened at the SBC

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **The 900,000th** person to register as a messenger at a Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting walked through the doors of the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis last week. Robert Wilson, executive director of the Baptist State Convention on Michigan, drew the honor when he and his wife approached the registration table June 7. The SBC needed 84 years to register its first 100,000 messengers but only four years to move from the 800,000 mark to 900,000.

■ **Did you hear** the one about Elvis Presley and the sequined jumpsuit? Actually, there were two—SBC resolutions, that is. Clarence Hopson of Broadview, Ill., offered a resolution opposing the U.S. Postal Service's new Elvis stamp, and Marte Shaw Shelton of Cartersville, Ga., penned a statement asking convention music leaders to "tone down" the sequined garb worn by musical performers at the annual meetings. The SBC resolutions committee took no action on either plea.

■ **Indiana convention** managers ran a tight ship in Indianapolis last week. In order to keep the Hoosier Dome's soft ceiling afloat, airtight revolving doors guard access to the massive facility. Messengers passed single-file through the spinning portals as they came and went. One local wag speculated the Baptists' hot air could have kept the roof up without the tight doors.

## Ed Young wins 3-way contest for SBC presidency

INDIANAPOLIS—Ed Young won the Southern Baptist Convention presidency last week, maintaining the SBC conservative party's dominance of denominational politics.

Young defeated fellow conservative Nelson Price and a non-aligned candidate, Jess Moody.

The only Bluegrass Baptist nominated for office, Kentucky Baptist Convention President Glenn Mollette of Pikeville, lost a run-off vote for second vice president.

Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, received 9,981 votes (62.05 percent). Moody, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Church in Chatsworth, Calif., got 3,485 votes (21.66 percent), and Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., collected 2,619 votes (16.28 percent).

Young's pre-convention theme focused on missions and evangelism, urging the convention to stop its theological/political battle and get on with proclaiming the gospel. Moody sounded a similar theme, using his non-aligned status to appeal for unity. Price said he could be a non-party conservative president who would "congeal the body, heal wounds and allow the convention to concentrate on carrying out the commission of our Lord."

More than the others, Moody's nominator—comedian Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Miss.—also appealed for peace in the convention.

Clower said he travels across the country and constantly meets laypeo-

ple who want the SBC's "preacher fight" to end. "There are 39,000 of y'all (pastors), but there are 15 million of us, and we want it stopped," he charged.

After his election, Young repeated his pre-convention theme, saying he wants the convention to "put down the guns and go fishing."

He told alumni of his alma mater, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary: "This is a time of revival like never before in the history of Christianity. It's happening all over the world. Are we in on it? It seems most Southern Baptists are not even aware of it. Theologically speaking, that ought to scare the hell out of us."

He added Southern Baptists need to tone down their rhetoric toward each other. "I am tired of the 'us-them, you-they' terminology," he said. "When it comes to describing those going with God and Kingdom business, from now on, the terminology will be 'we.'"

He expressed similar sentiments in comments to reporters, saying he wants to do away with pejorative labels, such as fundamentalist and liberal. "I'm a Southern Baptist, Bible-believing preacher," he described. "Let's throw away all those labels."

Young also said he wants to be more inclusive of African-Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic groups

within the convention. He stressed he wants to be a bridge-builder by "seeking wisdom and input from everybody," including institutional leaders, as he makes presidential appointments.

The new president stressed the need for missions and evangelism within the SBC. And laypeople need to be empowered, he added: "We've got to turn our people loose to be salt, light and leaven in the world and make our ministry valid. I'll do whatever I can to lift up Christ around the world."

In other officer elections:

■ Messengers selected Jay Strack, an evangelist from Dallas, as first vice president by acclamation.

■ Kentuckian Glenn Mollette, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, lost the second vice presidency in a run-off with Joe Aulds, an evangelist from Ruston, La. Aulds received 3,013 votes (58.13 percent) to Mollette's 2,164 (41.75 percent).

■ Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary for 15 years, won re-election over Bob Bender, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ada, Okla. Porter, associate pastor of St. Andrew Baptist Church in Panama City, Fla., got 3,739 votes (61.9 percent), to 2,294 (37.98 percent) for Bender.

■ Nashville businessman David Atchison was re-elected to a second one-year term as recording secretary, by acclamation.

*Written by Editor Marv Knox, with additional reporting by the SBC news-room staff*

## Kentuckians elected; Pressler challenge defeated

INDIANAPOLIS—Houston Judge Paul Pressler was elected a trustee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during last week's SBC, despite an attempt from the floor to substitute another Texan in his place.

Pressler, the best-known leader of the denomination's conservative movement, was elected to the FMB after a challenge failed on a show-of-hands vote.

All other nominees to SBC committees, boards and agencies were approved without challenge, including 12 Kentuckians: Kenneth Bolin Jr. of Manchester and David Holland of Louisville to the com-

mittee on committees; David Gray of Stithton to the SBC Executive Committee; Charles Gresham of Central City and Terrell Mays of Elizabethtown to the Foreign Mission Board; John "Mark" Bond of Princeton to the Home Mission Board; James Hume III of Louisville to the Sunday School Board; Wayne Gaunce of Glasgow, Melvin Elam of Louisville, Jerry Rexroat of Louisville and P.A. Stevens of Louisville to Southern Seminary; P.A. Stevens of Louisville to the Southern Baptist Foundation; and Ray Moncrief of Corbin to the SBC Education Commission.

## Masonic study sent back to HMB; report due next year

INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)—Southern Baptists declined to launch a special investigation of the teachings of Freemasonry, deciding instead to instruct their Home Mission Board to study the fraternal order for a third time.

After authorizing the study of Masonry's "compatibility with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine" June 10, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution containing thinly veiled warnings about Freemasonry.

Neither the Home Mission Board president nor the man who campaigned for the investigation were pleased with the outcome.

"I am disappointed in the decision," HMB President Larry Lewis said after messengers amended the original motion in order to instruct the HMB—instead of an ad hoc commit-

tee—to conduct the study.

"Any position we take—either pro Masons or against Masons or neutral—will generate a certain amount of ire and wrath and thus hurt missions," Lewis said.

Larry Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, who introduced the motion to form an ad-hoc study committee, said he too was "disappointed" in the amended action.

He said he will cooperate with the HMB study, but added his fight is not over, suggesting he would seek changes in the HMB report if he finds it unsatisfactory.

The Freemasonry issue has been referred to the HMB twice before. Each time the agency's interfaith witness department has declined to offer an opinion, saying their role is to study religions and Freemasonry is not a religion.

That same argument came up at this year's convention. Fred McPeake, a Mason and messenger from Knoxville, Tenn., said Holly's motion "begins with a premise based on error that Freemasonry is a religion."

"It is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion, nor is it a false religion," said McPeake, executive director of the Scottish Rite of Masons in a 24-county region of Tennessee.

However, Holly said he opposes Freemasonry because of its cult-like activities, secrecy and because it teaches that other religions are as valid as Christianity.

Holly told Associated Baptist Press his own father is a Mason who has been led by Masonic teaching to believe he is "good enough" to get into heaven without personally professing faith in Jesus Christ.

Alvin Rowe of Rockledge, Fla.,

offered the amendment calling for the HMB's interfaith witness department—rather than an ad hoc committee—to study the issue. Both the amendment and the amended motion passed overwhelmingly.

Moments after approving the motion, messengers adopted seven resolutions without debate. A resolution "on Christian witness and voluntary associations" urges Southern Baptists "to refrain from participation or membership in organizations with teachings, oaths, or mystical knowledge which are contrary to the Bible and to the public expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, which must be above all reproach."

During a news conference after the vote, resolutions committee Chairman Al Mohler said the resolution "certainly included Freemasonry but is much broader than Freemasonry."

## SBC severs ties with Joint Committee, won't give up funds

INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)—Southern Baptists ended their 50-year-old relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs June 9 in a vote that drew no discussion and little opposition.

Also, messengers attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention rejected a request from the Washington-based religious-liberty agency for binding arbitration to settle a dispute over who owns a 28-year-old capital-needs fund.

Instead, they approved a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee to give the committee authority to distribute the \$300,000 in question.

That decision raised the threat of a lawsuit filed by the Joint Committee to recover the funds.

"I would be negligent as an attorney if I didn't tell my board of directors to sue," Joint Committee attorney Oliver Thomas said afterward. The board is expected to consider whether

to take legal action when they meet in October.

The virtually unchallenged vote to sever ties with the SBC's former religious-liberty voice was in marked contrast to the tempestuous debates over the past 10 years between the agency's staff and Southern Baptist conservatives, who objected to the agency's positions against such issues as government-sponsored prayer in public schools and tuition tax credits for parochial schools.

Last year messengers voted to eliminate all SBC financial support for the Joint Committee but left unresolved continued affiliation with the agency, supported by nine other Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada.

The disputed trust fund has been claimed both by the Joint Committee and the SBC Christian Life Commission, which has inherited the Joint Committee's former program assignment from the SBC.

## Kentuckians cross over to aid Hoosier witnessing

By Sarah Zimmerman  
& David Winfrey  
SBC Home Mission Board

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Downtown sidewalks, neighborhood streets, church parking lots and even a suburban Wal-Mart were saturated with the gospel as Southern Baptists converged on Indianapolis for their annual meeting.

Dubbed "Crossover Indianapolis," the pre-convention evangelistic effort drew participants from Indiana and other states, including 28 from Kentucky. A total of 1,024 professions of faith were recorded through a variety of ministries in the metropolitan Indianapolis area.

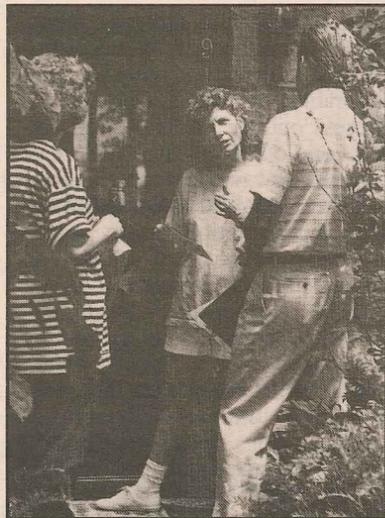
In central Indianapolis, volunteers focused their efforts downtown, where office workers paused to watch puppet shows, magic acts, skits, clowns and singers during the lunch hour, as other Baptists approached audience members to witness.

One team from Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville set up their puppet show at a Wal-Mart in Plainfield, Ind., and worked with Plainfield Baptist Church in street witnessing and door-to-door surveys.

"We've had kids galore" attracted by the entertainment, Ken Lupton explained as music blasted from a portable sound system set up next to a Coke machine.

Lupton, Little Flock's minister of discipleship and outreach, said passersby were receptive to the Baptist witness: "A few have ignored us, but several folks have tried to donate money to us."

The Little Flock team included 14 youths and 11 adults. Lupton said the Kentuckians traveled to Indiana for



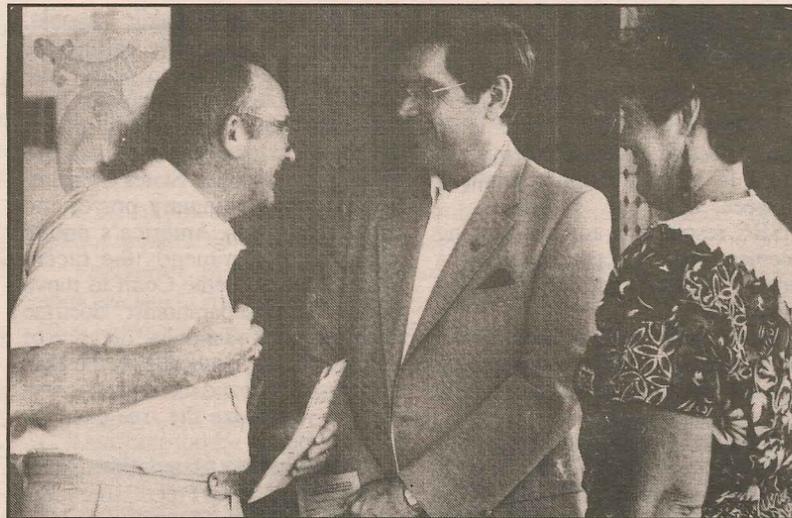
**CROSSOVER INDIANAPOLIS** A total of 28 Kentucky Baptists crossed over the Ohio River in advance of the SBC annual meeting to help Indiana Baptists in an evangelistic blitz. James Casey (in white shirt in photo at right) of Greensboro talks with Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis and his wife, Betty Jo, at a Crossover Indianapolis rally. Helen and Charles Hodges (in photo at left), members of Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis, talk with a woman at her doorstep during a door-to-door witnessing effort. (BP photos by Kevin Devine)

the event because they believe Jesus told his followers they should take the gospel to their own towns and to other towns and nations as well.

The evangelistic emphasis was welcomed by Indiana Baptists, who live in a state where the largest Baptist church averages 500 in Sunday school attendance, and the second largest averages 200.

"People here are very religious, but they're lost. They have a hunger for genuine spirituality," said Alvin Reid, director of evangelism for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Volunteers doing street witnessing were the first to share their message with Hoosiers. They worked Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 3-5, and recorded 192 professions of faith.



Other volunteers used a nine-question survey for the door-to-door approach. The surveys began with questions about the person's religious beliefs and led to an opportunity for volunteers to share their Christian faith.

Baptist volunteers also hosted block parties in three locations to help existing churches reach out to their neighborhoods. Disaster relief units from Ohio, Illinois and Indiana served free food amid music, clowns and a chance to hear the gospel.

"We bless the community" with the block party, said Gerald Trotter, pastor of New Birth Baptist Church. "It lets them know we're sincere and that the church is not just about taking money."

The three block parties reported 93

professions of faith.

Before Southern Baptist convention-goers arrived in Indianapolis, a 12-page tabloid publication called "Heartland" was mailed to 150,000 Indianapolis homes.

The 12-page newspaper featured stories about people like baseball star Dave Dravecky, whose faith helped him deal with cancer. The paper also featured the plan of salvation and a list of Southern Baptist churches in Indianapolis.

To date, six people have made professions of faith as a result of the publication.

Another 44 people made professions of faith at a June 6 evangelistic rally held as part of Crossover Indianapolis.

### BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ Kentucky tied Georgia in producing the most messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention last week, with about 1,550 in attendance.

■ Kentucky Baptists proposed three resolutions at the SBC. Bill McCann of First Baptist Church in Lexington offered a resolution in honor of foreign missionaries and U.S. church planters. Frank Carter of Fairmount Baptist Church in Louisville wrote resolutions regarding support for U.S. peacekeeping efforts in the Middle East and advocating separate states for Israel and Palestine. The resolutions committee declined to act on the Kentuckians' proposals.

■ Danny Creech, pastor of 18th Street Baptist Church in Louisville, proposed a motion that would prohibit SBC seminaries from granting earned degrees to students who do not have the prerequisite degrees. The committee on order of business referred his motion to the trustees of the six SBC seminaries.

### School's challenge is diverse groups, Honeycutt says

INDIANAPOLIS—Serving diverse constituencies in an era of denominational change is the challenge facing Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, President Roy Honeycutt told alumni and friends June 10.

Speaking at the seminary's annual luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention, Honeycutt said the school's highest priority likely will be the "constituency challenge."

He predicted the seminary will increasingly have to face the competing interests of the SBC, Southern graduates and other constituencies.

Prior to his address, Honeycutt received a citation praising him for 10 years of service.

Four graduates received 1992 Distinguished Alumni awards, including Verlin Kruschwitz, former pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

That church's current pastor, Howard Cobble, was nominated president-elect of the alumni association. The association's new president is James Graves of St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Memories & hope surface at homecoming

By Pat Cole  
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's first homecoming celebration blended a nostalgic walk through the school's past with a cautiously optimistic appraisal of its future.

The June 6-7 gathering on the Louisville campus included memories of professors past and present, a question-and-answer session with President Roy Honeycutt and a worship service in Alumni Chapel.

About 400 people registered for the reunion, representing graduating classes from 1935 to 1992.

In preparation for the homecoming celebration, about 300 alumni responded to the seminary's request that they submit written memories of the school's professors. Excerpts from the collection were read during a faculty appreciation service.

One of the more humorous anecdotes came from Doug Van Devender, a 1976 graduate from Fort Smith, Ark. He recalled that during a student/faculty prayer meeting prior to student missions week in 1974, professor Bryant Hicks prayed: "Lord, send the wind of your Spirit to turn this campus upside down." The next afternoon, Van Devender said, "a tor-

nado ripped through the campus doing \$1 million in damage to campus property and thousands more to student property."

The alumni memories were bound, and copies were presented to the faculty. Alumni and friends also contributed about \$6,500 to a faculty appreciation fund.

Current and retired faculty members were given a small monetary gift and a limited-edition color print of Norton Hall, the seminary's main classroom and administration building. Each print was signed by the artist, Dwight Cobb of Louisville, a 1966 Southern graduate.

At a "town meeting" with homecoming participants, Honeycutt said much of the seminary's hope for weathering the current denominational crisis rests with the covenant approved by faculty and trustees last year. "The accrediting agencies have said to us it represents the best hope of avoiding the disintegration of this institution," he reported.

The faculty, trustees and administration demonstrated their commitment to the covenant in the process which led to the election of six professors to the faculty this year, Honeycutt said.

"We've lost some good colleagues this year, but we've also added some



**FOND MEMORIES** Former Southern Baptist Convention Presidents Wayne Dehoney (left) of Louisville and Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City share memories of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's homecoming celebration June 6-7. About 400 people registered for the event, the seminary's first homecoming. (Photo by Gibbs Frazier)

good people," Honeycutt noted, adding he is grateful for the many experienced professors who have remained on the faculty despite convention turmoil.

"I am not saying that we don't have problems," Honeycutt cautioned. "I am saying that we are managing them and that's about all you can do in any institution."

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## Messengers speak in 15 resolutions

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

INDIANAPOLIS—Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting expressed their opinion on 15 issues through resolutions last week.

SBC resolutions are non-binding statements that reflect the opinion of a majority of messengers attending that convention.

All 15 statements offered by the convention's resolutions committee passed with little opposition.

The resolutions are:

■ **On God the Father.** The resolution notes that "God is a Spirit, beyond any human gender" but declares God "revealed himself to us as Father." It calls on "all Christians to remain faithful to biblical language concerning God, understanding that the revelation of God as Father is central and essential to Trinitarian faith."

■ **On the Cooperative Program.** The resolution states that "entities related to the convention have a binding responsibility" to support the denomination's unified budget and urges those entities and their employees "to maintain support of the Cooperative Program and avoid any conflict of interest, real or perceived, which would be occasioned by any participation with any organization, program or meeting which would compromise support of the Cooperative Program."

■ **On autonomy.** The resolution affirms the autonomy of Baptist churches, associations and conventions but claims there is a "responsibility to maintain the integrity and scriptural discipline of every Baptist body in terms of faith, practice, membership, and programs, thus protecting the witness and purity of the church and denomination."

■ **On religion in public schools.** Although not explicitly calling for public school-sponsored prayer, the resolution notes some Supreme Court decisions "have been greatly misunderstood and grossly misapplied ... to mean that the United States Constitution prohibits voluntary prayer and Bible reading in America's public schools." It commends the recent trend of the Supreme Court to move from a "strict separationist" doctrine to an "accommodationist" doctrine of religious liberty and calls on the U.S. Congress to expand the Equal Access Act "to maximize the free-exercise rights of public school students."

■ **On voluntary associations.** With veiled references to Freemasonry, the resolution calls on Christians to avoid membership in any group "which conflicts with clear biblical teaching, including those teachings concerning the taking of oaths, the secrecy of activities, mystical knowledge or racial discrimination."

■ **On Boy Scouts.** The resolution supports the Boy Scouts of America for refusing to allow homosexuals to serve as Scout leaders.

■ **On condom distribution.** The resolution condemns distribution of condoms in public schools and calls on schools to implement "abstinence-based educational programs" instead.

■ **On fetal tissue experiments.** The resolution asks Congress to sustain the Bush administration's ban on research using fetal tissue from elective abortions, claiming such research is unethical and allows "aborted babies to be exploited for scientific and commercial purposes."

■ **On TV morality.** Without mentioning Vice President Dan Quayle or his criticism of the "Murphy Brown" sitcom, the resolution says TV viewers are "bombarded with themes,

plots, images and advertisements which promote and glorify sexual promiscuity, violence and other forms of immorality." It calls on Christians to "express outrage" to television networks and others for this "misuse of the public airwaves and cable access."

■ **On euthanasia and assisted suicide.** The resolution speaks against euthanasia and assisted suicide and opposes efforts to designate food and water as "extraordinary treatment" that can be withheld upon request by a dying person.

■ **On urban evangelism.** The resolution notes the racial diversity of America's cities and the need for innovative strategies in evangelism and calls for greater inclusiveness of ethnic leadership in planning mission strategies.

■ **On religious freedom for all.** The resolution calls on the president of the United States to influence Middle East nations and others "to provide genuine religious freedom" for Christians.

■ **On Eastern Europe.** The resolution commends the Foreign Mission Board's "Green Alert" response to new opportunities in Eastern Europe since the fall of communism and encourages all Baptist churches to "marshal their resources and mobilize their members" to seize the opportunities quickly.

■ **On the Lord's Day.** Linking the "moral breakdown in our society" with disregard for the Sabbath, the resolution advocates "proper use of the Lord's Day to strengthen families and give proper recognition to God as Creator."

■ **On appreciation.** The resolution expresses appreciation to the host city, state convention and officers who worked in preparation for the SBC's annual meeting.

## SBC takes historic action on homosexuality

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Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, which earlier this year blessed a marriage-like union between two homosexuals, and Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, which recently licensed a homosexual divinity student to the ministry.

Those actions are "contrary to the teachings of the Bible on human sexuality and the sanctity of the family and are offensive to Southern Baptists," the motion approved by messengers said.

The convention is expected to return approximately \$2,200 in contributions from the two churches. Neither church sent messengers to Indianapolis meeting, a fact SBC President Morris Chapman told messengers he was "glad to report."

The constitutional change was approved despite warnings it opens the door for excluding congregations over a variety of controversial issues.

"It is the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention when, in the exercise of the convention's autonomy, it has determined it will look to the faith and practice of a church to determine if it is in friendly cooperation," said Jim Guenther, general counsel for the SBC Executive

Committee.

But Executive Committee Chairman David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, La., said the amendment makes "explicit in the constitution what has always been implicit."

Richard Land, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, said the action was justified because "there have never been two Southern Baptist churches who have so directly challenged basic Southern Baptist belief."

He said it is "highly unlikely" the SBC will soon add other moral restrictions to the constitution.

But in an Executive Committee meeting the day before, Walt Tomme of Washington, D.C., warned the SBC would be tempted to exclude churches over "other practices we find objectionable."

"We know of no other issues contrary to the Bible (that have surfaced in churches)," countered Ray Fuller, chairman of the subcommittee that brought the proposal to the Executive Committee. When those issues surface, Fuller said, "we will come back and address those issues as well."

Quinn Chiple, an ordained Baptist minister in Louisville and mem-

ber of Honesty, a group for homosexual Christians, said he was disappointed by the SBC action but not surprised.

"It murders a long history of the way Baptists do business with each other," he said. "The most important tragedy is that it's really writing off a bunch of people."

"This may be the most difficult thing for Baptists to accept. Gay and lesbian Southern Baptists are not people who were raised Methodist or something else. They are the sons and daughters of good Baptist families, and they are good Baptist people, they are Christian. It's basically casting out their own with very little attempt to understand their experience."

The SBC's action will "send a clear message to the gay and lesbian community that they are not welcome in the churches," Chiple said.

And it will "push a few congregations to go ahead and realize they cannot stay with the Southern Baptist convention, whether or not those congregations are dealing with gay and lesbian members," he predicted.

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## Pastors called to leadership

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—The modern church needs a revival that could come from revived leadership, speakers said at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference June 7-8 in Indianapolis.

"No church is going to rise above its leadership," said Larry Thompson, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. He called on pastors to be willing to take risks, not chances.

"We hear about ... how society is going down the tubes," added Mike Hamlet of First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S.C. "It's time to stop talking about it and time to start doing something about it."

Speakers suggested numerous means of action:

■ **Evangelist Jay Strack of Dallas:** Comparing the church body to a biological system, Strack warned pastors to beware of potential "cancer" when one part of the body leads a mutiny by attempting to accommodate everyone or alienate everyone.

■ **Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago:** "Lost people don't feel loved by Christians very often." Hybels asked if any listeners had recently invited a non-Christian from their neighborhood or community over for a visit or out to dinner.

■ **Ed Young, pastor of Houston's Second Baptist Church:** "We do not marry methods. The church needs to learn again how to be a friend to sinners, how to be all things to all people without compromising one syllable of God's word."

■ **Joseph Stowell, president of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute:** "We need to quit debating family values, because when we begin debating whether or not family values are important, we've come a long way baby, and way in the wrong direction."

■ **Anthony Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas:** "We don't have to be held hostage to homosexual lobbyists anymore because we have a standard that supercedes."

■ **Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla.:** "Whenever I tell a person who is practicing a gay lifestyle he is wrong, I'm not gay-bashing. I love him and care for him and don't want him to hurt himself. That's the highest kind of love there is. God condemns homosexuality, but we must not close the door to these people. The good news of Jesus Christ can change them and set them free from that bondage."

Officers elected by acclamation for 1993 are Fred Lowery of First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., president; Jack Millwood of First Baptist Church, North Mobile, Ala., vice president; and John Yarbrough of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga., secretary-treasurer.

## 'This moment of destiny': Where does it lead?

"We have been brought to this moment of destiny by God, who has worked mightily among us for his own glory."

Morris Chapman looked out on the fruits of his labor and pronounced them good. Very good, in fact. Last week, as he wrapped up his second year as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and prepared to become president-treasurer of its Executive Committee, he described the SBC as "a people, a convention, a denomination of destiny."

But beyond the speech-making, the 1992 Southern Baptist Convention also meeting leaves thoughtful Southern Baptists pondering a profound question: "What is our destiny?"

■ We are big and numerous and politically motivated enough to elicit a command performance from the vice president of the United States.

Dan Quayle welcomed messengers to Indianapolis and continued his "Murphy Brown" campaign for moral values and re-election. He delivered a solid speech, a pro-family speech that called America to its moral base and a speech that—if not delivered by a politician seeking political victory—would be embraced by almost all Southern Baptists.

But when a reporter asked Quayle what he wanted from Southern Baptists, his answer was immediate and direct: "Support." Is our destiny to become a political action committee with a steeple on top?

■ We broke our final ties to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, disfellowshipped two churches that have taken pro-homosexual positions and commissioned a study that—its backers intend—could lead to ostracism of Masons.

The reasons are plausible: Most Southern Baptist messengers feel the Joint Committee does not represent their views on religious liberty. Almost all of us agree the Bible clearly labels the practice of homosexuality as sinful. And most non-Masons do not know what Masons do in their lodges.

But in breaking ties with the Joint Committee, we severed a relationship that has served us well in most cases for more than 50 years. We cut off the group that saved our missions effort millions in tax dollars. We bid farewell to the people who led the fight for equal access to schools and are fighting to secure passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

In kicking out the two churches over homosexuality, we said for the first time we will set a doctrinal or moral test for membership. Hear this: The vast majority of us agree the Bible clearly condemns homosexual practices; that is not the crux of this issue. Now, however, we have said we want moral criteria for membership. What will happen when someone makes a compelling case for excluding gluttons, while we dine on fattened beef and fattening desserts and thousands of fellow Christians—not to mention millions who have never heard the gospel—starve? Will we disfellowship a church that spends \$34 million on its own facility while some churches can't even afford to rent a building and hire a pastor?

In launching a study of the Masons, we have said we want to consider excluding from leadership members of this group. Admittedly, Freemasonry is a secret fraternity. But by their fruits we have known them: faithful Sunday school teachers, loyal deacons, hard-working pastors. Will we find their rites heinous enough to banish them from leadership in our churches?

Is purity the focus of our destiny? If so, who will decide what is "pure," and who will be pure enough to remain? Will the world see the first perfectly pure denomination—with no members?

■ We approved a 1992-93 Cooperative Program unified budget goal that will be lower than the current budget's goal. We heard Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis report that, gifts to the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions were lower than the previous year's.

Are we destined to endure diminishing offerings, which will result in scaled-down missions and evangelistic efforts?

■ We saw a radically reduced number of moderate Southern Baptists bother to participate in the annual meeting.

This is due, in part, to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Fellowship has given moderates a meeting where they feel welcome, and many have elected to stay away from the SBC conclave. It is due, also, to a lack of moderate politics within the SBC; no need to "get out the vote"—they didn't even field a candidate. Many moderate Southern Baptists—among them thousands who never have and probably never will consider joining the Fellowship—are not fully participating in the affairs of their convention.

Numerous Kentucky Baptists have said something like, "I feel as if I'm in no-man's land. I don't identify with the Fellowship, but the SBC doesn't have a place for me, either."

These are the people who can make a difference in the health and vitality of the convention. They also can make a difference in how we expand God's Kingdom. The Fellowship would love to have these thousands join its cause, but if the SBC is to achieve any greatness of destiny, it needs these run-of-the-mill Southern Baptists.

■ We heard outgoing Foreign Mission Board President Keith Parks say the SBC's controversy is "killing our worldwide witness."

He illustrated with a story about a Christian witnessing to a Muslim. When the Muslim learned the Christian witness was Southern Baptist, the Muslim responded by noting he had heard of Southern Baptists—they are the ones who are fighting each other. "The most distinctive characteristic of Christianity is love," Parks said. "We are not demonstrating love even to the whole Southern Baptist family, and we so desperately need to do so."

Shortly after Parks finished his speech, a religion editor for one of the nation's leading daily newspapers talked about covering the SBC. He is not a cynical journalist, but a faithful Christian from a sister denomination, who has given much of his life to service in that denomination. Unfortunately, his editors and most of his paper's readers see the SBC as irrelevant—so much fighting and precious little compassion, much less love.

Those are painful reflections of how the world sees us—quarrelsome and vindictive. Is that our destiny, to be known as the big denomination that put on a whale of a fight? We may see other elements of truth but our public persona does not validate them.

Lewis Drummond—who, through four stormy years at the helm of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, experienced both the victories and defeats of denominational politics—described a simple, biblical vision of a possible destiny. It's a vision yet to be achieved, but a vision that, with a miracle of God's grace, could be seen—if not at a national level, then among our churches and within the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"In the final analysis, it is not how orthodox we are, but whether we're walking in love" that matters, said Drummond. "The world wants to know what we believe about Jesus Christ and the truth of God's word, but it also wants to know if we are like Jesus."

Marv Knox

### SBC 1992: Unreported events

For the next several weeks, state Baptist papers will be reporting on the outcome of the SBC's annual meeting. Since Western Recorder will provide excellent coverage of the meeting, I will focus upon some "unreported events" which Alice and I experienced during three days in Indianapolis.

We had noticed on a corner across from the Hoosier Dome a quiet protest group. It was obvious that many messengers were avoiding that street-crossing, probably because of these protesters. At least twice we decided to avoid them by going in another direction.

On Wednesday morning, however, we determined to find out who they

were and what was their "message." Their signs, in rough, hand-lettering read, "THEY SPEAK WITH A FORKED TONGUE."

As we approached them, one of the two women in the group punched one of the men who was faced the other way. He turned to me and I said, "Tell me what you folks are saying." He immediately asked me a question about the eternal security of the believer and before I could respond, he said, "Those of you who believe 'once saved, always saved' are likely to go to hell."

He held a tape recorder. I asked if he was mad at me; that he sounded mad at me and that he didn't even

know me. He snapped off the recorder and said, "I love you. We love you." I said, "Your face and your voice sure don't sound like you do."

I told him I didn't want to debate him or argue with him, just wanted to hear what he had to say. He loosened up a little but kept on quoting Scripture, including the Apostle Paul's admonition about women "wearing jewelry and painting their faces." Alice stood beside me; she uses lipstick and makeup; she had on a necklace.

Again, I didn't argue. I pressed further as to why they were there. He indicated that he had once been a Baptist preacher but left because Baptists were "too worldly." He was especially angry with one of our better known Southern Baptist leaders who preaches on television. It was about him that the "forked tongue" on the signs had been intended. He said this preacher "lives in luxury but preaches sacri-

fice."

He told me that I should repent before it is too late. After listening to more Scripture, I extended my hand toward him. He took it willingly. His hand told me what his words and face had not. He was a brother human being and he believed in his cause.

As we turned away, thanking him for talking to us, I shook hands with the older man there, his beard and rugged face more like that of a prophet than his younger friend. His eyes were not absent of compassion.

Alice and I talked on the way back to the hotel. We agreed that these street prophets were probably not altogether wrong about us Southern Baptists but it would be difficult to get us to repent. Nobody seems willing to be first.

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**Does the Southern Baptist Convention's "destiny" lead to greatness or decline? The answer depends upon how well we heed Christ's admonition to love.**

**A band of "street prophets" confronted Southern Baptists in Indianapolis.**

#### ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

## Quayle asks support in battle for 'family values'

**"We do not believe that being compassionate and tolerant means abandoning our standards of right and wrong, good or bad. We do not think tolerance requires abandoning our belief in the family."**

Vice President Dan Quayle

By Marv Knox  
Editor

INDIANAPOLIS—Vice President Dan Quayle recruited Southern Baptist Convention support for a moral campaign against the nation's "cultural elite" when he welcomed the SBC to his home state June 9.

Quayle spoke to more than 15,300 SBC messengers during the opening moments of the convention's annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Quayle's address, which included references to his much-maligned "Murphy Brown" speech, signaled to some observers the next episode in the Bush administration's fight for moral values—an issue the Bush administration hopes will figure prominently in the upcoming presidential election.

In a news conference after his speech, Quayle was asked what he hoped to get from his appearance before the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"Support," he responded.

Quayle said he was pleased with his reception from Southern Baptists, who gave the vice president 11 standing ovations.

"Thank you for your support," he said at the end of his address. "Thank you for joining in the struggle for the restoration of values in this great country of ours."

Quayle was presented a resolution, adopted by the SBC Executive Committee the day before, that praised the vice president for his "forthright" support of the sanctity of marriage and family values.

In his 30-minute address, Quayle said those values are basic to American society and essential to its survival.

He told convention messengers that recent changes "have created a



**GREETING QUAYLE** Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome greet Vice President Dan Quayle after he delivered an address on family values during the convention's opening session. (BP photo by Morris Abernathy)

cultural divide in our country. It is so great a divide that it sometimes seems we have two cultures—the cultural elite and the rest of us."

Quayle alluded to his May speech criticizing the TV comedy "Murphy Brown," in which the lead character gave birth to a child out of wedlock.

"As I discovered recently, to appeal to our country's enduring, basic moral values is to invite the scorn and laughter of the elite culture," he said. "Talk about right and wrong, and they'll try to mock us in newsrooms, sitcom studios and faculty lounges across America."

"But in the heart of America, in the homes and workplaces and churches, the message is heard. A sense of moral decency runs deep in the American people. We know that the simple things—the simple gifts and the simple truths that Americans have always sought to live by—are more relevant than ever in our complex times."

Despite the disdain of what he termed the cultural elite, "moral values are what the American people care most about," Quayle said. "And that's why I say this about the scorn of the media elite—I wear their scorn as a badge of honor."

Conservative Americans "who talk of values" often are accused of intolerance, but in reality they are compassionate and tolerant, Quayle insisted: "But we do not believe that being compassionate and tolerant means abandoning our standards of right and wrong, good and bad. We do not think tolerance requires abandoning our belief in the family."

The vice president praised the family as a "sacred institution" and called for his audience to "speak up for the family, family values and the values and principles that make America great."

"If America ceased to be good, it would cease to be free," Quayle add-

ed. "We would become a soul-less and divided nation, a nation under siege instead of a nation under God."

He praised Southern Baptists for their attempts to shore up the underpinnings of morality. "There are people like yourselves who don't just talk about values but seek to live by them. You know what it's like to bear the brunt of ridicule, as does anyone who has ever tried to stand up for a good cause."

Asked later in his news conference if he wanted to continue the debate over his "Murphy Brown" speech, Quayle said: "I want to continue the discussion of moral values ... I want to coordinate a consensus. The majority of people support what I said. The American people don't joke about values."

Quayle also told reporters his SBC speech was a "values speech," not a "partisan speech."

But veteran political reporters who cover the vice president said the speech fit neatly into the administration's efforts to shape the national debate over moral values and to get the Bush-Quayle team re-elected.

"He has found (moral values) the phalanx of the campaign," said conservative columnist Cal Thomas. "He has taken this issue."

The resolution presented to Quayle affirmed "marriage as the only proper framework for the conception of children," decried hostility in the media and society toward that standard, and noted Quayle "suffered enormous and outrageous abuse for speaking the truth on this matter."

SBC president Morris Chapman thanked Quayle for his faith, his opposition to abortion, his devotion to marriage and family, and for "raising the consciousness of this nation to the undeniable sanctity of the family."

## Chapman calls Baptists to rally around SBC & God's destiny

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Faithful Southern Baptists should "move up the mountain" and not be distracted by appeals from other groups, Morris Chapman said in his president's address to the Southern Baptist Convention June 9.

Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, and president-treasurer-elect of the SBC Executive Committee, said Southern Baptists are a "people, a convention, a denomination of destiny."

"We have been brought to this moment of destiny by God, who has worked mightily among us for his own glory," Chapman said.

"Southern Baptists have been a mountain-climbing people driven by a commitment the world will never understand. It is our time to take the high ground ... our time for putting our lives on the line," he said.

Chapman cited a list of Southern Baptist "giants"—J.B. Gambrell, George W. Truett, W.A. Criswell, Herschel Hobbs, E.Y. Mullins, James P. Boyce, B.H. Carroll, Lee Scarborough, Baker James Cauthen, Theron

Rankin and Arthur Rutledge—and implied they would support the current conservative direction of the SBC.

In a jab at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Chapman said: "Those who would use these names for some other movement pay us the ultimate compliment—but they cannot and will not hijack our heritage."

The SBC will not be deterred from its mission if some churches want to leave the fold, he added: "To those churches who join a new movement and move away, we offer no word of censure, rebuke or retribution. Know this: We will not be angry but we will not be deterred from the mission God has called us to accomplish for his glory."

Southern Baptists historically have cooperated on the basis of conviction, not at the expense of conviction, he declared.

Chapman called on churches, state conventions, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC seminaries, Baptist colleges and universities and Baptists of the world to remain true to their heritage and stay with the SBC.



## Mix truth with grace, Drummond urges

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Orthodox theology alone will not move the Southern Baptist Convention ahead, Lewis Drummond cautioned in his convention sermon.

"In the final analysis, it is not how orthodox we are but whether we're walking in love," said Drummond, a former Kentuckian who now teaches at Beeson School of Divinity in Birmingham, Ala.

Truth is mightier than the sword, he said, and it freed the people of Eastern Europe as the Iron Curtain crumbled into the dust of history.

The Gospel of John says bare truth alone is not adequate for the Christian, Drummond noted. "People matter to God as well as truth. We can speak unvarnished truth ... but for truth to come alive, even God's truth, it must be permeated with grace."

Drummond warned that clinging to truth without grace can lead to formalism, scholasticism and even depersonalizing, legalistic Phariseism.

"The world wants to know what we believe about Jesus Christ and the truth of God's word, but it also wants to know if we are like Jesus,"

he said.

"We are to cling to the truth and be gracious to all people, regardless of who they are or what they believe. ... People matter to God and they should matter to us."

God's truth also must be coupled with sanctification, Drummond said, defining it as "a holy, godly lifestyle."

"Too many believers only dip and dabble in the word of God," Drummond charged.

Also, Jesus called love the greatest commandment upon which all the law hangs, Drummond said.

He warned, however, that love often is misunderstood. Some adopt the "bleeding heart" approach, "so existential that nothing about holiness, judgment, sovereignty and other characteristics and truths of God seem to matter."

On the other hand, there are the "Bible-thumpers" who become legalistic and wield the Bible as a bludgeon.

"No excuse can be found to gloss over heresy," Drummond said, "but grace, holiness, freedom and love also emanate from the very personhood of our Lord."

# MISSIONS

## 'Enough is enough,' WMU leader says of SBC fight

INDIANAPOLIS—"Enough is enough," the executive director of Woman's Missionary Union said of the Southern Baptist Convention's 13-year-old fight for control of denominational agencies and institutions.

Speaking to more than 2,500 men and women at the WMU annual meeting June 7-8 in Indianapolis, Dellana O'Brien drew applause on several occasions and a standing ovation at the end of her remarks.

"No longer can we put missions on the back burner while the pot of denominational enmity and dissension boils over," she said. "It is enough. No longer can we be silent when we see anger and distrust tearing the heart out of our denomination.

"It is time to confront our brothers with our impatience with divisiveness, with our refusal to play little games when there are those dying in sin because of our lack of faithfulness. It is enough.

"If the money and energies spent on the intrigue, the altercations, spreading seeds of hate and discord and the assembling together of mass forces for wars of votes—if all of this had instead been applied to the support of missionaries bearing Christ's name, spreading seeds of hope and love, today there would be many more names written in the Lamb's book of life," she said.

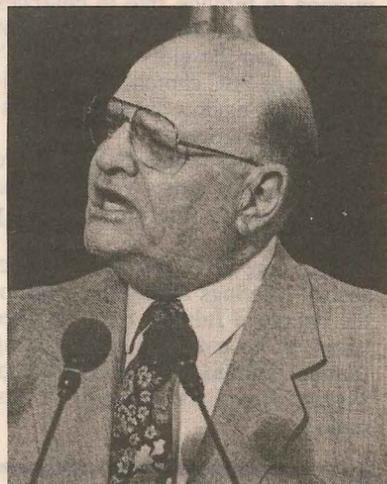
O'Brien drew applause when she asked if it is time for WMU to point out that Southern Baptists have forced out of service Keith Parks, the man who has effectively led the denomination's foreign missions program the

past 12 years.

Parks, who will retire as Foreign Mission Board president in October due to "philosophical differences" with trustees, was joined by his wife, Helen Jean, to receive a quilt made by Southern Baptist foreign missionaries and Brazil Baptists.

Also, the WMU executive board announced formation of the Keith Parks Scholarship Fund with an initial endowment of \$25,000.

Meanwhile, the SBC Executive Committee affirmed its historic relationship to WMU as an auxiliary rather than asking WMU to become an



**FINAL ADDRESS** Keith Parks, who will retire in October as president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, addresses the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, where he called on Baptist women to witness without legalism or divisiveness.

SBC agency. The change to agency status had been suggested in February by an Executive Committee member.

Executive Committee members said their affirmation of WMU was based on the WMU constitution's preamble, which specifies WMU will collect mission funds "to be disbursed by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention" and disclaims "all intention of independent action."

During an earlier session of the administrative subcommittee, several Executive Committee members questioned whether a May 18 dialogue with leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of moderate Southern Baptists, constituted "independent action" by WMU. However, no action was taken in response to that concern.

WMU also has issued an invitation to meet with SBC leadership as part of a new self-study.

On June 6, WMU's executive board heard a brief report from the study committee. Martha Wennerberg, WMU national corresponding secretary, said the group has gathered data, conducted interviews and polled various audiences using questionnaires. But she offered no specifics.

But in his president's address to the SBC June 9, Morris Chapman spoke to the concern of SBC leaders about WMU talking with Fellowship leaders. "Stay true to your founding vision. Do not be distracted from your mission by those who would divert you for their own purposes," he warned.

*Compiled from Baptist Press reports.*

### Parks to WMU: Witness without legalism

By Susan Todd Doyle  
Woman's Missionary Union

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Keith Parks challenged Southern Baptist women to dare to share the truth of the gospel free from legalism and divisiveness.

In his last address to a Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting as president of the Foreign Mission Board, Parks said the gospel requires a faith which expresses itself through love, not through enslavement, exclusiveness, fighting, anger and controversy.

Parks will retire as FMB president in October because of "philosophical differences" with FMB trustees about how to relate to Baptists in other parts of the world.

"Any time religious leaders, be they Baptist preachers or whoever, begin to add laws as requirements to a gospel of grace, the truth of the gospel is at stake for all the peoples of the world," he said.

"Today's orthodoxy may be tomorrow's heresy. It is inconceivable that anyone could claim to know all 100 percent of God's truth."

At times, Southern Baptists have tried to control local believers on the mission field by imposing Southern Baptist culture, Parks said. "This is not the true gospel. The true gospel has only divine control.

"Most of us want to say to others, 'Unless you do what I do, believe what I believe and act like I act, you are not a Christian or at least not the kind of Christian you ought to be.'"

This problem surfaces in every generation, Parks said. He recounted the early days of the Southern Baptist Convention when women were told they could not have a voice in convention affairs.

"I certainly am glad that your spiritual ancestors didn't accept that as the truth of the gospel. Had they done so, the vitality, vibrancy, strength and growth of Southern Baptists' mission outreach would have been stunted, thwarted and, perhaps, lost by now," he said.

### Lewis calls for HMB volunteers

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Calling volunteers the "legs and feet" of missions, Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis asked Southern Baptist Convention messengers to consider service as volunteers.

During his annual report to the convention June 9, Lewis noted more than 69,000 Southern Baptists volunteered at least one week to home missions service in 1991.

Lewis urged messengers to listen to that "still, small voice," referred to by the prophet Elijah, that may be calling them to missions service.

Lewis also noted in 1991, for only the fourth time in history, gifts to the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions were less than the year before. "Missions has to be more important than that," he said.

The report also celebrated the 15-year anniversary of Mission Service Corps, a program for full-time home missions volunteer service of at least one year.

After the report, scores of messengers walked to the front of the platform to record decisions ranging from commitments to become home missionaries to daily prayer for missionaries.

## Controversy 'killing missions,' Parks warns

INDIANAPOLIS—In the last of his 13 annual reports as president of the Foreign Mission Board, Keith Parks called on Southern Baptists to replace with love and balance a controversy he said is "killing our worldwide witness."

An estimated 200 people walked out on the veteran missionary's message, including Adrian Rogers, former Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Observers throughout the convention hall said Rogers and other leaders of the 13-year-old effort to move the SBC in a more conservative direction were visibly angered by Parks' comments. One FMB trustee sitting on the platform confronted Parks immediately after the message, telling Parks he owed the convention an apology for what he had just preached.

"Has the controversy accelerated our purpose of sharing the gospel with the world?" Parks asked in his message. "I would have to answer, 'No.'"

Parks, who will retire Oct. 30 after 38 years of mission service and nearly 13 years as FMB president, was interrupted by applause numerous times during his speech.

Parks noted the propagation of the gospel is the SBC's primary purpose but has not been the primary focus of annual meetings in recent years.

"The shift of high attendance from mission programs to the presidential election and business meetings has to

raise the question of whether those of us who are messengers still place this as the highest priority," Parks said.

By the time Parks spoke on the second night of the three-day meeting, 17,976 messengers had registered. But less than half stayed to hear the FMB report and fewer than 4,400 people were in the hall for the Home Mission Board report the night before.

The controversy is a "deterrent to and a distraction from" sharing the gospel, Parks said. And Bold Mission Thrust, the denomination's plan to share the gospel with every person on earth by the year 2000, has unmet goals to prove it, he said.

Two goals—10,000 volunteers serving in foreign missions and career missionaries serving in 125 countries—have been met, he said, but it is unlikely the other measurable goals will be reached without divine intervention and a change of attitudes.

"We are killing our worldwide witness," Parks said. "The most distinctive characteristic of Christianity is love. We are not demonstrating love even to the whole Southern Baptist family."

He said a denomination that is focused on control enforced by intimidation will "impoverish our riches and destroy our balance. ... It will jeopardize our future."

Southern Baptists' foreign missionaries are "the finest among us" in sound theology and consistent lifestyles, Parks added. "Anyone who

questions them speaks either from ignorance, prejudice or malice."

Opportunities to share the gospel around the world are beyond imagination, Parks said. Yet he fears Southern Baptists have become so short on love that God will pass them by and use another group to reach the world.

For Southern Baptists to fulfill their evangelistic purpose will require a strong, unquestioned commitment to missions by opinion-makers, Parks said. It also will require that elected officers deliberately bring missions to the center stage of the SBC.

And it is essential for pastors of trend-setting churches to consider a personal call to missions and to lead their churches to be generous supporters of missions, Parks said.

Missions giving that amounts to 1, 2 or 3 percent of a church's budget will "not support our primary purpose nor challenge us to get serious" about missions, he declared.

"Giving \$11 per year per Baptist won't do it," Parks said. "One of every 4,000 of us going as a missionary won't do it."

"What will it require? No more than Jesus said. Death to self as individuals, as a church, as a denomination. The window of opportunity is now, and it will not last long, maybe three or five years," Parks said. "We must go through that door now."

*Reported by Sarah Zimmerman through Baptist Press and Greg Warner through Associated Baptist Press*

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*FMB President Keith Parks*

## Majority of messengers' motions referred to agencies

### Executive Committee re-elects officers

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee re-elected its officers and heard newly elected SBC President Ed Young during their June 10 organizational meeting.

Re-elected for second terms were David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, La., chairman; Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., vice chairman; and Eldridge Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Sallisaw, Okla., recording secretary.

Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, reiterated a theme he preached at several gatherings after his election: "I pray it will no longer be 'you and me' or 'they and us.' It's going to be 'we' for all who believe the Book. I'm going to stop looking at my neighbor, and we're going to set some kingdom goals."

INDIANAPOLIS—A proposal to study Freemasonry got the most attention, but messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting presented a total of 24 motions last week in Indianapolis.

Motions are parliamentary proposals which, if approved, would be binding upon the convention or its affected agencies.

Nineteen of the motions were referred to trustees of various SBC agencies.

Four were declared out of order, and one was put to a vote.

The motion on the study of Masonry, which would have created a special committee to undertake the project, was amended.

Messengers agreed to instruct the SBC Home Mission Board's interfaith witness department to conduct the study and report back to the convention in 1993.

The referred motions and the agency/agencies to which they were referred were:

- To request SBC institutions to consider limiting severance benefits for employees. All SBC entities.

- To direct SBC institutions to "limit severance and entertainment benefits to a maximum of \$200." All SBC entities.

- To command the Stewardship Commission and Sunday School Board to work together to include a stewardship lesson in Sunday school materials each quarter. Stewardship Commission and Sunday School Board.

- To provide funds in the SBC budget to allow every church to have a metro Sunday school enrollment training clinic every year. Executive Committee.

- To prohibit SBC seminaries from awarding earned degrees to people who do not have the prerequisite degrees. SBC seminaries.

This motion was offered by Kentuckian Danny Creech, pastor of Eighteenth Street Baptist Church in Louisville. It was the only SBC motion proposed by a Kentucky Baptist.

- To ask the Executive Committee and Baptist Press to consider producing a monthly news publication. Executive Committee.

- To create a committee to study insurance for ministers who are victims of burnout. Sunday School and Annuity boards.

- To direct the Foreign Mission Board to encourage Keith Parks to remain as president until 1995 and to instruct FMB trustees to resign if they cannot work with Parks. Foreign Mission Board.

- To request the Annuity Board to consider reducing insurance deductibles and copayment limits. Annuity Board.

- To study the possibility of holding SBC annual meetings from Monday through Wednesday, instead of from Tuesday through Thursday. Executive Committee.

- To study implementation of a voting system to allow all Southern Baptists to vote on SBC matters. Executive Committee.

- To provide messengers with free copies of the SBC Book of Reports. Executive Committee.

- To ask the Executive Committee to stop paying the conference hall expenses for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. Executive Committee.

- To limit the salary of SBC employees to a maximum of \$100,000. All SBC entities.

- To print the full text of SBC President Morris Chapman's presidential address in the SBC Annual. Executive Committee.

- To direct the Christian Life Commission to provide free to churches "videotapes which show the horror of abortion and the glory of new life"; and to urge SBC churches to "intensify the fight against abortion." Christian Life Commission.

- To tell the Sunday School Board to use the King James Version of the Bible in all its literature. Sunday School Board.

- To urge SBC churches to collect special offerings during the week of the Fourth of July for the next three years, to be used for evangelizing former communist countries. Foreign Mission Board and Executive Committee.

- To limit nominations for convention officers to people whose churches give at least 10 percent to the Co-operative Program unified budget and are involved in the Bold Mission Thrust global missions evangelism campaign. Executive Committee.

The motions ruled out of order were:

- That no committee be formed to study Freemasonry. A motion to consider creating such a committee already had been scheduled for discussion.

- To name W.A. Criswell, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, as president emeritus of the SBC. Such an office does not exist.

- To command the new SBC president to be "equally as fair with those who did not vote for him as with those who did." The motion called into question the character of the new president.

- To prohibit the registration of convention messengers from churches that endorse homosexual behavior. A similar recommendation already had been made by the Executive Committee.

Written by Editor Marv Knox, from reports presented by the SBC Committee on Order of Business.

### Father's Day

June is the time of year that summer blossoms and the world around us seems to lighten up a bit with laughter and summertime fun. It's a special time for children and families as they celebrate the significance of fathers in their lives.

However, for many of the boys and girls at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Father's Day is not a time to celebrate. It is a difficult time of remembering the past, of remembering the times when nobody was there.

Scores of children grow up each year never knowing what it means to have a father or a mother who loves and accepts them for who they are. They have not known the kind of parental love and guidance many of us have taken for granted.

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members, Tommy learned to trust that he would not be abandoned again.

Like Tommy, a great number of the children who come to KBHC never have experienced an encouraging, positive parental role model in their lives. Their memories of family life are often harsh and painful.

The caring response is what KBHC is all about, trying to enable each child who comes to us have a better life. We want them to feel that they are in a safe place, and when they leave us, they will have something they can remember. They will know that their lives have been touched by

people who really cared about them.

The care of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children allows healing to begin in the lives of these boys and girls. The love of God, our perfect parent, mirrored in the actions of Baptists across the state, brings peace to their troubled hearts and hope to their darkened lives.

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

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# RELATED MEETINGS

## 2 groups vote to move meetings away from SBC

INDIANAPOLIS—Two organizations that traditionally have met in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting voted last week to change that practice.

Both the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association and the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers will move toward setting independent meeting locations and dates.

The campus ministers will make the change next year, with a meeting scheduled June 12-13 in Arkadelphia, Ark.—the weekend before the SBC convenes 400 miles away in Houston.

The group's leaders said the change does not indicate a movement away from SBC affiliation, but is necessary because of finances and attendance records. The group historically has drawn larger crowds when meeting in locations more central to the U.S. than current SBC host cities, they reported.

Only about 20 people attended this year's meeting in Indianapolis, where Kyle Klemcke of Nacogdoches, Texas, was elected president.

The religious education association voted to move its annual meeting on a trial basis in 1995, 1996 and 1997. A mail survey conducted among the association's members showed strong support for trying the change, said Lawrence Klempnauer, chairman of a study committee.

William Comer Jr., professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, was elected president of the religious education association.

Ken Hemphill, new church growth director for the Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board, urged the educators to realize their own spiritual gifts and empower other Christians to do the same.

"We've got to destroy the notion that everyone's gifted but me," he

said. "Paul himself insisted that all are gifted. I believe God gifts churches through their members.

"Because of this, not all churches can or should be alike, nor prioritize the same things," he added. "The trouble comes when we seek uniformity in trying to make every church just like another."

Problems also arise, Hemphill said, when people are placed in roles for which they are not gifted. Instead, they must be encouraged to discover their gifts through a deliberate, careful process, he said, which results in workers being put in place "not by desperation but by design."

Here's a summary of other special-interest meetings held in conjunction with the SBC:

■ **Church Music Conference.** Kentuckians took the spotlight several times during the June 7-8 meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. The event included presentations by a combined children's choir from Louisville-area churches, the Kentucky Chorale and Southern Seminary's wind ensemble.

Also, Hugh McElrath, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, received the Hines Sims Award from the association.

The two-day conference was sprinkled with special interest sessions and concerts. In plenary sessions, speakers encouraged the 225 musicians in attendance to find joy in their Christian journeys.

■ **Hispanic Ministers' Conference.** Both Nelson Price and Ed Young, candidates for SBC president, addressed the group's June 7 meeting.

Price said he would introduce a resolution at the SBC calling for greater denominational participation of Hispanics as trustees of SBC agencies and institutions. Young said he wants to help Hispanic pastors build churches for 5,000 to 10,000 worshippers to draw more Hispanics to Southern Baptist congregations and compete better with Catholic cathedrals.

■ **African-American Fellowship.** The Southern Baptist African-American Fellowship organized June 8 with Joe Ratliff, pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, elected the first president.

"The agenda ought to be that whenever the African-American Fel-

lowship speaks, it speaks on behalf of a lot of people who can't get through and have their voices heard any other way," Ratliff said.

The fellowship honored Emmanuel McCall, longtime Home Mission Board liaison with black churches, who resigned last year to start a new church in Atlanta.

Regular meetings of the fellowship will be held in conjunction with the SBC's annual meeting.

■ **National Prayer Conference.** Southern Baptists must forgive one another and begin praying for one another for God to let them be part of spiritual awakening in the world today, speakers said at the National Prayer Conference June 7.

Sunday School Board President Jimmy Draper chastised Southern Baptists for learning how to do religion without the power of God: "When we spend more time strategizing and planning than we do praying, we're saying we can do it better than God."

"People are seeking God, wanting God," Draper said. "They're tired of church and denominations and religious charlatans but not tired of God. There's never been a time when this country is more receptive to things of God than today."

■ **New Work Banquet.** Baptists need intentional plans both for birthing and growing new churches, said James Herrington, director of missions for Houston's Union Baptist Association.

Charles Chaney, vice president for the Home Mission Board's extension section, reported 1991 was the 11th consecutive year that more than 1,000 churches were added to the SBC.

Eight church starting awards were given, including one to Kentucky native Larry Martin, director of missions for Greater Boston Baptist Association.

■ **Messianic Fellowship.** The Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship constituted June 9 as a group to promote formation of culturally Jewish congregations throughout the United States. The group also plans to maintain a clearinghouse for information about leading Jews to profess faith in Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

Jerry Young, a Jewish Southern Baptist from Henderson, Texas, was elected president.

For information about membership in the new organization, contact Jimmy Hendricks, 25 E. Chestnuthill Lane, Reisterstown, Md. 21136-3304.

■ **Chaplains' and Pastoral Counselors' Convocation.** Angela Church,

chaplain among 1,800 women at the federal correctional institute in Lexington, was one of three chaplains who shared personal experiences at the June 8 meeting.

Church said being a female has created a barrier for her ministry. As a 12-year-old, Church said, she told her pastor she wanted to be a minister, but he announced to the congregation that she had rededicated her life.

Now she has peace about her ministry but still feels "loneliness and isolation from Southern Baptists, which breaks my heart," she said.

Other chaplains echoed the isolation they feel that is caused by various factors.

Clyde Kimball, retired Navy chaplain who is now a student minister in Columbus, Ohio, said when he left the military he was nearly 50 and his age was a barrier to finding a position in the SBC, as was the fact he had been so involved in chaplaincy ministry that he was unknown in Southern Baptist circles.

■ **Evangelists' Conference.** Sermons representing three generations of evangelists and a taped message from former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega highlighted the annual meeting of Southern Baptist evangelists June 11.

The sermons by Scott Camp of Del City, Okla., Kelly Green of Mobile, Ala., and Angel Martinez of Fort Smith, Ark., were interspersed with music and the testimony of ventriloquist Lee Pitts of Gadsden, Ala.

In an audio-taped message translated from Spanish by Texas evangelist Rudy Hernandez, Noriega gave thanks for prayers which he said led to his spiritual salvation May 5, 1990, in a Florida prison.

Green told the group American Christians have been too much influenced by television preachers who teach that God wants to make everyone healthy, wealthy and wise. The truth is Christians may get a Timex instead of a Rolex or a broken-down Chevy instead of a Cadillac, he said.

Steve Hale of Evansville, Ind., was re-elected to a second, one-year term as the group's president.

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### DOMs warned of "blind loyalty"

Making church growth the bottom line and succumbing to "blind denominational loyalty" are two dangers associational directors of missions should overcome, Jim Herrington said. Herrington is director of missions for Union Baptist Association in Houston. Speaking to the annual meeting of directors of missions, he said Southern Baptists mistakenly have made the end result of church growth become the means.

Hopelessness abounds in America's cities, but Southern Baptists are abandoning the cities because they "come away with nothing to show in the bottom line for reaching out to help," he charged.

Southern Baptist structures must change to accommodate a changing culture, he added: "We live in a world more diverse than when the Cooperative Program was originated."

Herrington said it "makes no sense" in America's largest inner cities to ask churches to give a certain percentage of their missions dollars for work elsewhere when the greater need is right where they are.

Also, the Southern Baptist system is "born of one cultural perspective," he said, "the well-intentioned, middle-class, Anglo male."

Herrington called for greater ethnic participation in all phases of Southern Baptist ministry and decision-making.

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The average time Kentuckians spend driving to work is 21 minutes, but 21 percent either work at home or drive less than 10 minutes to work while 5 percent commute more than an hour to work. Source: 1990 census data

## Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **FRENCHBURG**—John Ramsey resigned as pastor of Frenchburg Church.

■ **HARLAN**—Harlan Church called Glenn Lenox as minister of youth.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Harrodsburg Church called Rick Snyder as minister of youth and education. He currently serves as associate pastor of Bethlehem Church in Knightdale, N.C., and will begin work in Harrodsburg July 1.

Hopewell Church ordained John David Lane to the ministry.

■ **JACKSON**—First Church called Vaughn Rasor as pastor.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Cynthia Snider resigned as church accountant and social ministries minister at Trinity Church.

■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Plum Creek Church licensed J.D. Davis to the ministry May 31.

Ridgeview Church held revival services May 11-17. Barry Harkness, pastor of Long Run Church, was guest evangelist; 21 decisions were reported.

## Cobble elected to Joint Committee board

WASHINGTON—Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, has been elected to a one-year term as a representative on the board of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Cobble serves as a representative from the Religious Liberty Council, a national organization formed three years ago to support the Joint Committee during its transition in losing financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention.

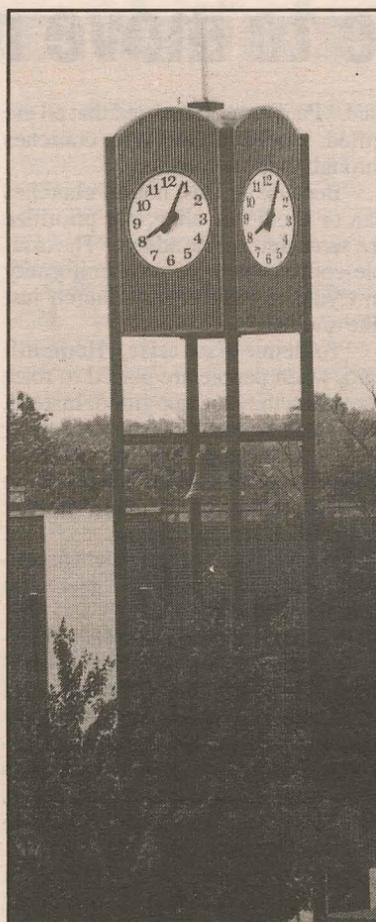
The Religious Liberty Council provides representation on the Joint Committee for supportive state conventions and other Baptist organizations who have taken steps to replace the lost SBC funds. Cobble is one of three new representatives elected in

May.

The SBC's annual allocation to the Joint Committee had reached \$400,000, about half the agency's budget, before it was drastically reduced and then eliminated. However, subsequent donations from individuals, churches and state conventions have more than made up that loss, the Joint Committee's executive director told the council.

James Dunn said he is pleased at the amount of support the Joint Committee has received but is concerned about the amount of staff time and resources spent in raising the money.

The Joint Committee has launched a \$1 million fund-raising campaign as the first phase of a major endowment effort.



**CHIME TIME** A new tower with clock and carillon has been installed on the campus of Campbellsville College as a gift of Campbellsville Industries Inc. and Schulmerich Carillons Inc.

## Campbellsville gets new tower

CAMPBELLSVILLE—A 60-foot tower with clock and carillon has been installed at Campbellsville College as a gift from Campbellsville Industries Inc. and Schulmerich Carillons Inc. of Sellersville, Pa.

The tower stands at the former site of the Meditation Chapel between the Alumni Building and Carter Hall. The Meditation Chapel was moved to a new position east of the Alumni Building.

The base of the tower will become the focal point of a new sidewalk system in the campus quadrangle, according to Kenneth Winters, college president.

Carillon music will play on a routine schedule and at special events, he said.

A formal dedication of the structure is scheduled for Founders' Day, Sept. 16.

"This is a significant gift to Campbellsville College," Winters said. "Campbellsville Industries has been a good friend to the college over the years, and we value that friendship. We are also proud of this new relationship with Schulmerich Carillons."

Campbellsville Industries is headed by Jerry Bennett, a 1963 Campbellsville College graduate, current trustee and former president of the school's alumni association.

## Doers of the word

Six women and 15 men from Blood River Association came to work as volunteers the first week in June. Theirs was nearly a day-long journey coming from far western Kentucky. Two churches from Murray were represented: Memorial Baptist and Locust Grove, along with Lakeview Baptist, Calvert City, and New Zion of Benton.

The ladies sewed 76 pairs of curtains for our dorms during the week. Also, they sewed 15 beautiful bed coverlets. One of them also did some much needed work in our office.

Six of the men prepared forms, poured and finished 80 yards of concrete for a cattle feeding facility. Rain on several days prevented their completing this project. The concrete is being poured on three sides of a large barn as well as in the barn hallway. Fresh water flows into the new concrete lot from a reservoir in a valley above the barn.

Our silos are filled in the fall with corn silage and our steers are fed that until May. The wheat, planted after the fall corn harvest and potato digging, is harvested in May when the silos are filled with the wheatlage for summer feeding.

The steers are butchered when they get between 1,000 to 1,200 pounds and are 18 months old. Approximately 100 cross-bred steers, predominantly Holstein, will be a large enough herd to provide all the hamburger our students love. The most choice cuts are saved for steaks and roasts on special occasions like our junior-senior dinner, athletic dinners, homecoming.

Our boys finished re-fencing our main farm over a year ago, and a smaller nearby farm, where about 40 head of cattle will graze, will be fenced this summer.

Five other men from Blood River framed a new, 2,100 square-foot carpentry shop. Also,

they got the metal siding on before rain forced them to go to other projects. Those included building five picnic tables out of treated lumber. These have been placed at strategic locations about our shaded campus. They also built a storage shed on runners that can be moved easily.

An electrician and his helper worked for three days in two of our dorms in preparation for our students to return for summer school.

Two men were able to stay only one day. One of them plowed approximately 15 acres of corn. The other repaired irrigation pump equipment.

Each night these volunteers worshipped with over 125 others attending the 44th annual Mountain Missions Conference hosted by Oneida with help from the Home Mission Board and the state WMU offering.

While all these activities were underway, several score of Oneida students and supervisory staff were busy repainting dorm rooms and hallways. Mowing acres of campus lawns and chopping weeds on hillsides and along the highway ditches are two never-ending jobs. Some worked in the gardens and others on the main farm. A very thorough spring cleaning—mopping and waxing—is done after graduation and before the summer session.

Several of my staff and I were busy every day and much of the night with visitors and interviewing new students preparatory to the summer session and the fall term. New student orientation and interviews average about five hours per child.

Summer school has begun and we have 223 students enrolled. Sixteen teachers are working with our weakest 24 students for a 1:1.5 ratio in intensive tutoring. Seventeen other teachers make for a 1:12 ratio with the other students.

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

### ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

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## Literacy missions pioneers recognized

Sam and Grace Faulkenberry attended the first Home Mission Board-sponsored literacy workshop. It was held in Pineville in 1959. "Mrs. Grace" now directs the literacy program of First Baptist Church, Kershaw, S.C. that weekly helps 16 people learn to read and write. Health problems limit "Mr. Sam," but he remains a vital part of this missionary team.

The Faulkenberrys came to Clear Creek when he was 36. They worked at Marrowbone Baptist Center during their last year in school. The first graduates to be appointed by HMB, they directed inner city Baptist center work in Bristol and Lynchburg, Va. While Sam pastored in Clinchco, Va., Mrs. Faulkenberry was consultant for literacy mission for Virginia Baptists. Virginia friends described them as "two most unselfish people who can enlist volunteers like no one else."

After 20 years in Southern Baptist home missions, the Faulkenberrys retired in 1986 and returned home to South Carolina. Their pastor, Bryant Fersner Jr., said, "They are the missions conscience of Kershaw and present a beautiful portrait of Jesus' servant role." He recalled how they brought several boys from difficult family settings to their home for an after-school Bible study. "One day Mrs. Grace

came to my office and called my attention to all the truck drivers waiting to unload soybeans at a nearby mill. 'Wouldn't it be good to reach out to them?' she asked."

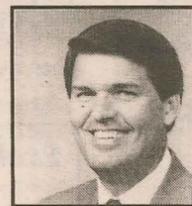
In 1989 the Christian life and public affairs committee of South Carolina Baptists presented the Faulkenberrys the E.A. McDowell Award recognizing their "outstanding contribution in the application of Christian principles in public life." The presentation also noted their "love of Christ for all people and the breaking down of separating walls which divide people."

As part of our 1992 commencement, the Clear Creek faculty recognized Sam and Grace Faulkenberry with honorary membership in Delta Epsilon Chi honor society of the American Association of Bible Colleges. The award goes to graduates of at least 10 years "who have manifested outstanding intellectual achievement, approved Christian character, and evident leadership ability in some area of Christian work."

Pray with us that our 1992-93 class will include couples who will faithfully follow the Lord as the Faulkenberrys have done.

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill D. Whittaker

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## American takes a swing as Tokyo golf pro & witness

By Michael Chute  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

TOKYO (BP)—Japanese still remember red-haired, blue-eyed American Micki McKenzie as the star of a hit television show in the early 1980s.

Today, they are likely to meet her on the golf course, where she works as a pro and volunteers as a Christian witness.

For the television role, Japanese producers chose McKenzie over hundreds of other women from America and England. The only foreigner in the series, she played a rookie detective's wife on Japan's top dramatic TV series.

After a much-ballyhooed romance in fan magazines, she married the show's star.

A natural athlete, McKenzie took up golf, which is fast becoming Japan's national pastime for the rich and famous. She soon found a coach and headed back to the United States to join the women's pro golf circuit.

The storybook marriage to her movie-star husband was over. When she left Japan seven years ago, McKenzie swore she never would return.

"I searched for happiness through other means," McKenzie said of that time. "I thought fame would bring me happiness. I thought marriage would do the trick. I thought money would do it—after I divorced, I had a lot of it. Money brought all kinds of anxiety. I lived up and down depending on what the stock market did."

Traveling back to her California home after her third successive \$40,000-plus season on the LPGA mini-tour, McKenzie said, God spoke clearly to her about her life. She realized just how far she had strayed.



**FOLLOW THROUGH** Former television star Micki McKenzie (right), now a golf pro at a major Tokyo hotel and golf club, works with an eager golf student. Through contacts such as these, McKenzie serves as a "tentmaker" missionary, attempting to share the gospel with everyone she meets. (BP photo by Warren Johnson)

The first thing she did was get back into church. One Sunday the pastor reminded Christians they must keep promises they make to God.

McKenzie suddenly remembered vows she made "to live for Christ" as an 18-year-old about to leave for Japan the first time. She knew she had fallen short of that goal, so she set out to turn her life around.

In the process, she felt God calling

her back to Japan but didn't know whether as a golfer, English teacher, missionary or actress.

McKenzie called long-time friends Bob and Gail Gierhart, Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. Gierhart had been youth director in McKenzie's home church in Lafayette, Calif., and later performed her wedding ceremony. She learned they were trying to start a new church in Yokoha-

ma and wanted to help.

Two years ago, she returned to Japan—not as an actress, but as a golf pro. And last year, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board entered a covenant with McKenzie recognizing her as a "tentmaker"—a lay Christian using secular skills overseas to spread the gospel.

Her golf skills earn a living for her at Heritage Resort Hotel. The 32-year-old also works with the Gierharts, teaching Bible studies in their home and working in the new church.

"She always said she'd help us in our work but she never did, so we were skeptical," Mrs. Gierhart explained. "We soon learned she had changed. She got right with God and turned her life around. It surprised us how much she'd grown spiritually. God really did a marvelous thing."

Japanese still consider McKenzie a star. She gets media exposure wherever she goes.

And she always speaks about Jesus Christ. Last year, in fluent Japanese, she told prestigious Yomiuri magazine she would like to play golf with the emperor "so I could tell him about Jesus."

The hotel pays McKenzie to teach golf, promote the hotel and its golf course and golf with club members. Management also uses her name in publicity to attract people to the hotel.

She placed Gideon Bibles in the hotel's 250 rooms. The Gideons sent 50 more Bibles for a Bible study class she plans to start for hotel employees.

"As a tentmaker, I'm building relationships with hotel employees and (club) members," McKenzie said. "This is a perfect job for giving a Christian witness. Out on the golf course there's a lot of time to talk."

**"I searched for happiness through other means. I thought fame would bring me happiness. I thought marriage would do the trick. I thought money would do it."**

Former Japanese TV star Micki McKenzie, who now serves as a Southern Baptist "tentmaker" missionary

### Seminary extension fit student's need

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)—For years, a theological education seemed out of reach for Ralph Leonard, a 37-year-old man with epilepsy and no college degree.

But after taking 32 classes through Southern Baptists' seminary extension program, Leonard has been licensed to ministry by his church.

"I do not consider myself handicapped," he explained. "I am handi-capable. Don't let any handicap hold you back."

Leonard has had epilepsy since he was 8 years old. He wanted to further his education after high school, but all the doors seemed closed.

Then he saw a seminary extension advertisement with a picture of a teacher he knew. Leonard called seminary extension and found the Southern Baptist agency provides theological education for people who cannot attend a traditional seminary.

"Taking seminary extension classes has enriched me spiritually," Leonard said. "The most important thing I have learned is how the Bible pertains to my everyday life."

## Baptist sets sail as World's Cup missionary

By Karen Perry  
SBC Home Mission Board

SAN DIEGO (BP)—This year's race for the America's Cup features yacht clubs, multimillion dollar boats, competitors from 10 nations—and one Baptist missionary.

The missionary is Vicki Underwood, a US-2 missionary appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to a two-year term in resort ministries.

Underwood oversees a larger program called California Leisure and Marketplace Ministry.

During the America's Cup, her goal is to serve spectators, competitors and staff and share the gospel with them.

For 11 weeks, Underwood and members of six San Diego Baptist churches have entertained children at the Cup's International Centre, an area where visitors can watch the races on big-screen TV and buy America's Cup merchandise from participating teams.

"In this ministry we want to be their friend," Underwood said. "We're starting from the bottom. We have to earn the right to share with people."

In a tent in a corner of the International Centre, next to one of the sleek

racing boats on display, ministry volunteers offer puppet shows, face painting, clowns and balloons on Saturdays and Sundays during race weeks.

Puppets are choreographed to sing secular and Christian songs. Face painters decorate children's faces and hands with palm trees, sail boats, Christian symbols and ice cream cones.

Ministry volunteers distribute cards printed with race schedules, helpful phone numbers and John 3:16-17. Underwood said all but one of the merchants in the International Centre accepted the cards to give to their customers.

Local shops around town distribute them as well.

Underwood planned to give each competitor a memento of their participation in this international event—Bibles in their own languages.

To strengthen her ministry, Underwood has worked as an America's Cup volunteer since last September, volunteering four days a week in the Organizing Committee office.

Most of her co-workers know she is involved in a Christian ministry, she said. Some even ask how it's going.

"Just being there is important," she explained. "God could use that opportunity to click something in their

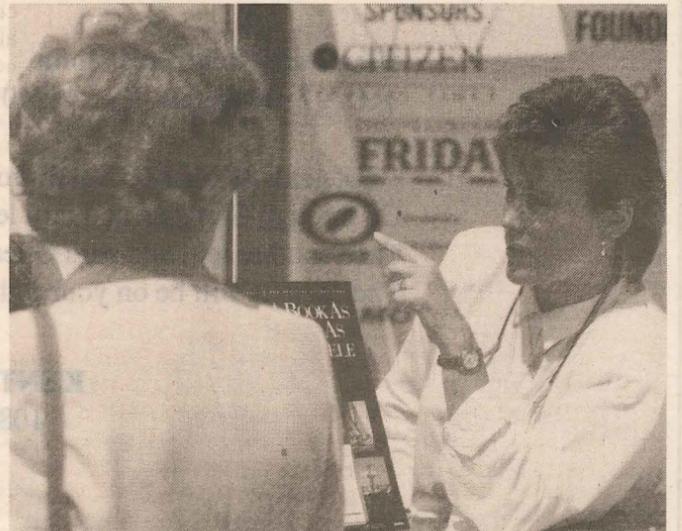
minds. God can open so many doors."

The America's Cup ministry was designed as a starting point for Underwood's two-year mission. She hopes to continue developing the ministry after the races are over.

"God's not limited to our words," she said. "Being visible in the community is very important. We get so caught up in (other things), there comes a point in time where we have to get involved in the community."

"How are you going to reach them if you don't know them?"

**RESORT MINSTER** Vicki Underwood (right) gives directions to visitors during the America's Cup races. The Southern Baptist missionary volunteers for the America's Cup Organizing Committee while attempting to share the gospel with staff and visitors. (BP photo by Bill Bangham)



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