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Leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee passed from Harold Bennett to Morris Chapman last week—an event marked by the Executive Committee in Nashville. See page 2.

SBC task force
Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Young last week appointed a task force to evaluate many aspects of how the denomination functions and suggest ideas for change. See page 2.

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'Baptist priest' serves Catholic hospital in Lexington

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

LEXINGTON—Hospital chaplain Ron Ewell is a Baptist in priests' clothing.

As the first Southern Baptist chaplain at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Lexington, Ewell's work occasionally calls for the formal dress of robe and stole.

However, careful to avoid confusion with the predominantly Roman Catholic staff, the chaplain had his stole custom-designed to display the Southern Baptist logo on the front.

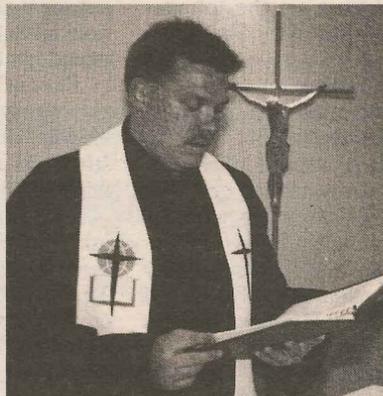
"I am known around here as the 'Baptist priest,'" Ewell said. "When I was first hired, the staff thought I was a priest in training or something. Even now, lots of patients call me Father."

Ewell said a more appropriate title for his work might be hospital pastor.

"I am a Southern Baptist chaplain, placed in a Roman Catholic hospital, ministering to people in transit," he said. "I have to help people in crisis without losing sight of who I am."

Ewell and his wife, Samantha, who is a nurse at St. Joseph's, are members of Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington, where they co-teach an adult Sunday school class.

Ewell is endorsed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for his



BAPTIST PRIEST Ron Ewell leads in worship at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Lexington, where he serves as a Baptist chaplain. He had the stole for his ministerial robe specially designed to display the Southern Baptist Convention logo.

chaplaincy work. A full-time employee of the hospital, he works as one of eight chaplains.

He said there were two reasons the hospital hired him.

"I have experience in handling high-risk and trauma situations," he explained, adding that he is the only chaplain assigned to the hospital's critical care unit.

"The other reason I was hired is that I am a Southern Baptist," he continued.

Although St. Joseph's is a Roman Catholic institution, less than 5 percent of the patients who use the facilities are Catholic. By contrast, Southern Baptists make up the largest percentage of patients.

Ewell defines his mission as a ministry to strangers, mostly in the waiting room with patients' families.

His responsibilities include everything from counseling with critically or terminally ill patients to officiating at family disputes, he said.

He advises families and physicians about ethical issues. He reads Scripture at mass. And as chair of the worship committee, he plans an interdenominational worship service for Sunday mornings.

Working in high-risk management in the critical care unit, Ewell said, he faces death every day. "I hear a lot of personal testimonies and life stories from patients and families."

Ewell's response is to emphasize God's grace and to pray with them. He has baptized 16 people in the two years he has worked at the hospital.

"One thing people don't realize is that Home Mission Board chaplains baptize more people than some state conventions do," Ewell said.

More and more, Southern Baptist chaplains are finding positions of ministry in Catholic hospitals—a

trend Ewell said is positive.

Nationwide, 42 Southern Baptist chaplains serve in Catholic hospitals, according to Huey Perry, HMB chaplaincy division director.

The reason Baptists are being welcomed in this area, Ewell said, lies in the changing structure of some Catholic institutions like St. Joseph's. Most of the current members of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, the order that established the hospital 115 years ago, are in their 60s and 70s. Because the order is dying out, the Sisters are hard to replace when they leave.

"In order to carry out the mission they started, they're having to pass it along to me," Ewell added. "It's a nice feeling that they trust me to do that."

But a job isn't the only thing the seasoned Catholic ministers have offered 27-year-old Ewell. The recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary said he has learned a lot from his Catholic counterparts.

"At seminary, the emphasis was on doing. I came in here a doer, but the priests and nuns who have been in ministry here a long time emphasize the spiritual life. They've taught me how to be a 'be-er.'"

Ewell admitted his work might be easier in a setting where his beliefs never were challenged, but said he is happy where God has placed him.

Kentucky Baptist churches expanding migrant ministries

Kentucky Baptists are offering a hand of support to the hands that are essential to the state's harvest but often go unnoticed.

Ministries with migrant farm workers have multiplied this year, but the need for more ministries is great, according to Tony Aja, ethnic language consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Already, Baptists from the westernmost parts of Kentucky and North Central Kentucky have entered the world of migrant missions. As a result, dozens of migrant workers have received short-term assistance and some have begun long-term relationships with Jesus Christ.

In West Kentucky, nine men have become Christians this year through the ministries of Oscar Baptist Church and nearby New Hope Baptist Church. Six of those men were baptized Sept. 20.

The migrant ministry has doubled attendance at the Oscar Church, said Pastor Marty Brown. Although the church usually aver-

ages 40 in attendance, they have reached out to 38 migrants.

Brown said his church got involved when two farmers asked about bringing migrant workers to church.

The church found Sunday school literature in Spanish, secured some Spanish-language Bibles and enlisted students from Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College as translators and teachers. And twice this year the rural church has planned all-Spanish worship services.

"This has been one of the most awesome things we've ever experienced," Brown said. "It has increased our missions awareness dramatically. There has been a direct result on our missions offerings because people see missions happening in our back door."

At Hustonville Baptist Church in Central Kentucky, church members offered migrant workers a home-cooked meal, New Testaments and tracts in Spanish as well as an opportunity to view a Billy



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Seminary professors discuss: Why does God allow disaster?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—After the damage caused by Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Iniki, many people may wonder: "Why does God allow disasters to happen?"

The question was posed to professors of theology at Southern Baptists' six seminaries. All agreed there is no easy answer to why a loving God allows evil to exist in the world.

Here are some of their thoughts:

■ Danny Akin, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.: "It would be superficial and trite to trot out some easy little theological formula to explain our God in light of the problem of natural or moral evil. That question can never be answered with complete accuracy and to everyone's satisfaction because the ways of our God are mysterious."

"We must remember we are in the hands of a providential God and he is in control. Every breath we take is because of his grace," Akin said.

■ Terry Young, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisiana: "Sometimes we wonder why God doesn't intervene and suspend natural law for just a little while. But God knows that natural law, which he designed, will bring the greatest good for all. The alternative would be random chance or chaos."

■ Bill Hendricks, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville: "There is always an element of mystery and an unresolved question about natural evil. Evil is absurd and has no right to exist, but it does. Christians should be slow to blame God and eager to ask: 'Since this has occurred, what now is my relationship to thee,

O God?"

"From evil can come good—which does not explain evil, but provides a better resolution to the problem," he said.

■ Keith Putt, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas: "Sometimes during tragedies, the best in people is brought out. There is a sense of community, of support and encouragement."

And while calamity may overwhelm some people, "God identifies with those who are homeless, those suffering from grief. He is with them and feels that loss and pain," Putt said.

■ Bill Stancil, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.: "Christians must be willing to allow people to protest against God when something inexplicable occurs and not feel like they have to 'get God off the hook.'"

"God set into effect the laws of nature," Stancil said. "If he were to intervene miraculously in every disastrous situation, we would never have to exercise faith and we would never have an opportunity to grow through suffering."

■ Barry Stricker, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.: "It is surely better to emphasize God's power to heal and save than it is to speculate on the reasons behind a certain natural phenomenon."

"Even our best answers will not bring comfort and healing to those experiencing the pain of loss in the face of natural disaster," he said. "Healing of the emotional hurt can only happen through the power of God."

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BAPTISTS

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■ **A new video** on the sanctity of human life was approved by trustees of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission during their September meeting. A news release from the CLC says the video "explores the attitudes and actions that have led the Southern Baptist Convention from the outskirts of the abortion debate two decades ago to the central role it now plays in sanctity of human life issues."

■ **James Richards**, pastor of Southminster Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La., is the new chairman of the SBC Christian Life Commission. Other CLC officers include Nancy Schaefer of Atlanta, vice chairwoman, and Lee McGehee of Ocala, Fla., recording secretary.

■ **Relief funds** released by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for victims of this fall's natural disasters in Florida, Louisiana, Hawaii and Guam now total more than \$600,000. HMB trustees recently approved \$500,000 of that amount to come from reserve funds.

■ **Americans United** for the Separation of Church and State honored two Baptists for their work on behalf of religious liberty Sept. 21: Julian Pentecost, former editor of the Virginia Religious Herald, and Rudy Pulido, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church in St. Louis.

■ **English-speaking** people living in Barcelona, Spain, and Bremen, Germany, are sought by leaders of new Baptist churches in those areas. Kentuckians who know of friends or relatives in these areas are asked to contact the European Baptist Convention at Sonnenberger Strasse 60, 6200 Wiesbaden, Germany.

New era opens as Bennett passes mantle to Chapman

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee inaugurated a new era of leadership last week as Harold Bennett passed the mantle of president-treasurer to Morris Chapman.

Executive Committee members said farewell to Bennett during a four-hour banquet for 500 people Sept. 21, followed the next night by a smaller dinner, public inauguration and reception for Chapman.

During business sessions, Executive Committee members also responded to the new era by endorsing two studies initiated by the SBC's new conservative leadership.

One study, initiated by SBC President Ed Young, will take a sweeping look at SBC programs, theology, structures and funding. The other will examine the feasibility of launching a new national publication, perhaps to be produced by the Executive Committee.

Despite the tensions that marked much of Bennett's 13-year tenure, his departure was accompanied by words of praise and cooperation.

"I believe God will continue to bless Southern Baptists, and I want to be a part of that," Bennett said during his last report to the committee. Of Chapman, the former SBC president and Texas pastor who succeeds him, Bennett said, "I feel good about him."

Chapman, in his inauguration service, acknowledged the Executive Committee at times must make tough decisions but pledged to "always seek the highest good for the convention it

serves. We will seek always to honor the name of our dear Lord Jesus.

"Truth and trust are the foundations to the integrity of the Executive Committee and its very existence," Chapman said, promising to "seek to earn and maintain the confidence of the Southern Baptist family."

Chapman also promised that Baptist Press, the news service operated by the Executive Committee, will take a positive tone. Baptist Press "will report accurately, fairly and positively the good news about Jesus Christ and Southern Baptists ... because there is a lot of good news," he said.

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, Tenn., and three-time SBC president, said Chapman may be "the most important man on earth."

He explained that statement this way: "I am convinced that as America goes, so goes the world. And I am convinced that as Christians go, so goes America. And as evangelicals go, so go Christians. As Southern Baptists go, so go evangelicals. As (SBC) leadership goes, so go Southern Baptists."

The study of a possible national publication developed from a motion at the SBC meeting in Indianapolis for a monthly publication primarily of Baptist Press releases. But the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee determined to study the possibility of a national publication with a broader scope of information than only news, Chapman said.

He said he did not view the pro-

posed publication as being in competition with state Baptist papers. "I do not see it as competitive with any periodical in Southern Baptist life. That would not be the purpose of it."

Executive Committee members also received funding requests from the SBC's 19 boards, agencies and institutions totaling \$8 million more than the current budget.

The Christian Life Commission asked for the largest increase, 29 percent, to expand its staff and services. That compares to a 5.7 percent increase requested by the Foreign Mission Board and a 2 percent increase requested by the Home Mission Board.

Other requested increases of more than 10 percent came from the Radio and Television Commission, 13 percent; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 12 percent; Historical Commission, 11.8 percent; and Brotherhood Commission, 10 percent.

Final deliberations over the 1993-94 Cooperative Program budget recommendation will come during the Executive Committee's February meeting.

In other action, the Executive Committee:

■ Voted down a recommendation from the administrative subcommittee to study the agenda, purpose and character of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and evaluate its effect on the programs, ministry and general welfare of the Southern Baptist Convention.

■ Assigned to the presidents of the

six SBC seminaries concerns over New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's new baccalaureate program and asked for a recommendation by the February meeting.

■ Opted to continue providing meeting space at no charge for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. At the same time, the committee instructed its staff to study the policy of paying a portion of the cost of the Pastors' Conference meeting space. Richard Rosenbaum Jr., Executive Committee vice president for business and finance, reported the SBC paid \$169,945 to help underwrite Pastors' Conference costs from 1988-92 while WMU costs totaled only \$20,000.

■ Approved a three-year phased return to the enrollment-driven funding formula in place for the SBC's six seminaries in the 1989-90 budget year. A revised funding plan has been in place to help Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during a period of transition.

■ Declined action on a motion referred from the 1992 SBC to establish a minimum in a church's Cooperative Program giving to qualify for messengers to the annual meeting.

■ Declined action on motions referred from the 1992 SBC to devise a method for Southern Baptists across the country to vote on issues before the convention, because "it is not practicable."

Reported by Art Toalston and Lonnie Wilkey through Baptist Press and Greg Warner through Associated Baptist Press

Iniki relief begins; Red Cross seeks Florida volunteers

LIHUE, Hawaii (BP)—In the wake of Hurricane Iniki, Southern Baptists coordinated an emergency food service at several locations on the resort island of Kauai involving Hawaiian Baptists and other local volunteers.

When the first two Texas Baptist volunteers arrived Sept. 16 with a water purifier and field kitchen equipment, a daily bulletin distributed by the American Red Cross announced: **THE BAPTISTS HAVE LANDED.**

Veryl Henderson of the Hawaii Baptist Convention described the whole island as "equally hard hit" and said the need for volunteer workers was great.

Meanwhile, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has issued a call for 200 volunteers to help at disaster relief feeding units in South Florida, with the Red Cross paying for airfare to Miami plus meals and lodging for those able to stay at least 10 days.

Volunteers must be willing to work at least 12 hours each day to qualify for the assistance. Disaster relief certification is not required.

Volunteers should contact the state Brotherhood department.

Young calls for broad study of SBC issues

NASHVILLE—Calling for Southern Baptists to "dream our dream together again," Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Young announced appointment of a nationwide task force Sept. 24.

The task force will be headed by Jimmy Draper, former SBC president and current president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Two co-chairmen were named for each of nine smaller study groups that will look at issues ranging from missions to cooperation with other churches.

One Kentuckian—President Roy Honeycutt of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville—was named to the task force. Honeycutt will serve with Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, as co-chair of a theological study group.

Young said each study group will carry out its work, and then the 18 co-chairmen will convene as a task force under Draper's supervision.

Young said the study should provide a fresh look at all the SBC does. "Forget about turf, forget about politics, forget about statements of purpose," he said, referring to the program statements that guide and limit the work of the SBC agencies.

The SBC will not fund the study, he said. Participants will pay their own expenses.

The study groups, their leaders and assignments are:

■ **Theology.** Honeycutt and George. To seek a theological consen-

sus around the framework of inerrancy. This group will not "reopen the debate about the Bible," Young said, since that already is settled.

■ **"Cords and stakes."** Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., and Jerry Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. To "reach out to like-minded local churches" to invite them to join Southern Baptist efforts, and to study the degree to which recommendations of the SBC Peace Committee have been implemented.

"There are a lot of great independent churches that theologically are right with us," Young said. "Why could they not join us in a worldwide vision for Jesus Christ?"

■ **Women's ministries.** Sarah Maddox of Brentwood, Tenn., and Susie Hawkins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. To "identify strategies and methodologies for mobilizing the enormous spiritual gifts and resources of women."

■ **Family.** Charles Page, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., and Stephen Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church in Russellville, Ark. To consider items such as training on family issues, providing abstinence-based sex education materials adaptable for use in public schools and providing family life materials for a mass market.

■ **Multi-ethnic.** George Harris, pastor of Castle Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, and James

Semple, director of the missions division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. To seek greater ethnic diversity on trustee boards of SBC agencies and institutions.

■ **Reaching the world.** Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., and Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla. To study existing SBC strategies as well as those of other evangelical groups and "set the direction for an aggressive effort to evangelize every community and nation in the world."

■ **Reaching America.** Frank Polard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., and Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. To present a "workable strategy for reaching America for Christ."

■ **Reaching children and youth.** Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga., and Rodney Gage, evangelist from Fort Worth, Texas. To "develop a plan for presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to every young person and child in America."

■ **Cooperative Program and special offerings.** Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, and C.B. Hogue, executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention. To "suggest ways to maximize Southern Baptist participation in Cooperative Program giving."

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Kentuckians help Indiana migrants

By Jim Robinson
State Correspondent

TIPTON, Ind.—While some Kentucky Baptist churches are ministering to migrant farm workers in the Bluegrass State, others have found ways to help migrants elsewhere.

Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville sent 39 members on a mission trip to Tipton, Ind., where they worked with migrants.

Though few of the Hispanic workers spoke English, the love of Jesus Christ brought about communication, said Rick Morris, Cedar Creek's minister of education. "They just loved us, and we tried to minister to them in any way we could."

The church provided clothing, toys, recreational equipment, hygiene articles, Spanish Bibles and tracts to the nearly 170 migrants living in a camp near Kokomo.

During the trip, 11 of the migrant workers made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Kentuckians made an impression on the migrant workers in several ways.

"We heard a young girl say we came because we loved them, but because Jesus loved them, too," Morris recalled.

And an 8-year-old boy expressed surprise that the two groups got along so well. "You're not scared of us," he said. "Most white people are scared of us."

The workers had come to Indiana in trucks from Texas, Mexico and Central America to find work raising cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes.

Cedar Creek's mission team ranged in age from a 5-year-old to senior adults. Some families used vacation time to participate together.

The volunteers stayed in the building of Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson, Ind., 40 miles from the migrant camp. Coping with the temporary living quarters helped the Kentuckians appreciate the cramped conditions of the migrants' cabins, Morris said.

Migrant ministry has worship, training

By Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

MURRAY—On a recent Sunday morning, church buses and farmers' vans rolled into the parking lot of the Baptist Student Union at Murray State University to unload a crowd not usually found at the BSU.

About 20 migrant farm workers entered the building, breaking the early morning silence with their chatter in Spanish. They gathered in the kitchen for hot coffee and cakes, smiling and raising their hands in greeting to others who spoke only English.

The migrants were invited to the Sunday event by church members from Blood River Baptist Association. Terry Sills, associational director of missions, leads the weekly program.

Migrants working in West Kentucky come mainly from Mexico to work during the harvest months of July, August and September.

"These men are not seeking citizenship," explained Mark Paschall, a farmer employer. "They have work visas, made possible by the U.S. gov-

ernment. All government regulations are met, but there is no government support of any sort.

"They all have families at home. They can work here two months and make more money than they can make in Mexico in a year," he continued. The men come from various occupational backgrounds—farmers, railroad workers, small-business owners.

Another farmer, Larry Crutcher, described the migrants as intelligent men and excellent workers who are eager to please.

The workers paid their own bus fare to get to Kentucky. Some had to travel 24 hours non-stop just to reach the border. After they reached Calloway County, they were furnished places to live and tickets home by the Kentucky farmers.

Baptist churches in the association have attempted to meet the workers' additional needs.

At the Sunday service, the men spiritedly sang such songs as "At the Cross" and "Alleluia," then sat attentively as James Garland, pastor of Hazel Baptist Church, spoke through a volunteer translator, Marvin Buel, a

retired Nazarene minister who spent 15 years in Panama.

When Garland presented the plan of salvation, several of the men indicated they were interested in committing their lives to Jesus Christ.

"We don't push the men," Sills explained. "They are invited to discuss their concerns further. A few have made decisions."

Amy Russell, a BSU member and junior Spanish major at Murray State, led a Bible study for the men after the worship service. Some volunteered to read aloud as they followed in their Spanish-language New Testaments.

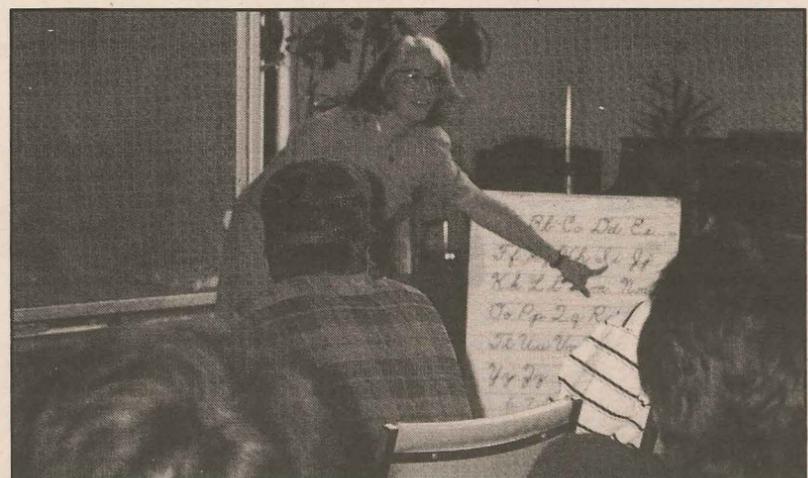
After viewing a video on the life of Christ, the men enjoyed a bountiful lunch of beans, potato salad, casseroles, tomatoes and desserts.

After lunch, an hour of conversational English instruction was offered. All the teachers relied heavily on visual aids to teach practical lessons. Gracie Erwin demonstrated how to deal with American money; Sheryl Crouch taught the English alphabet; Thelma Warford explained how to tell time in English.

Jesus Ramirez Guzman, one of the few men who spoke English, said the Baptist program for migrants is good. "I like the fellowship," he said.

Guzman and his wife, who teaches elementary school, have four children. He hopes the Kentucky work program continues so they can improve their living conditions and send their children to college.

Sills said he, too, has been pleased with the migrant ministry. As many as 40 men have attended some Sundays.



LANGUAGE LESSON Sheryl Crouch teaches the English alphabet to migrant farm workers attending a program sponsored by Blood River Baptist Association in West Kentucky.

Love leaps language barrier in Shelbyville

By Jim Robinson
State Correspondent

SHELBYVILLE—Love is the language that has brought together Spanish-speaking migrant workers and English-speaking Baptists in Shelby Baptist Association.

About 300 migrants have been working in the tobacco fields and horse stables of Shelby County and Spencer County this fall. Most speak only Spanish and have come to Kentucky seeking work they cannot find in their home country.

Baptist churches in the Shelbyville area have greeted them with a variety

of social and spiritual ministries. The ministry began in Highland Baptist Church of Shelbyville but now is coordinated by the association and includes help from other churches.

"The migrants have many needs, and we try to minister to them in all areas," said Humberto Pacheco, migrant ministry pastor for the association. "These people are poor and poorly educated, but they are very humble and open to the gospel."

Ministry to the migrants consists of offering food and clothing, teaching English classes, providing Spanish Bibles, and translating during hospital visits, court appearances and labor

disputes.

Pacheco also leads a Sunday evening worship service for migrants.

The migrant workers in Shelby Association come primarily from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, Pacheco said. Many have left their families behind to find jobs. They work long 10-hour days from June through November and live in trailers, older houses and in other facilities provided by the farmers.

The ministry in Shelby Association demonstrates the love of Jesus by giving a helping hand, said Tony Aja, ethnic language consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Migrant work expanding

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Graham film Aug. 16.

This was the church's first attempt to minister to the workers, said Pastor Eddie Reynolds.

The church regularly conducts backyard Bible clubs in mobile housing areas and has sent volunteers to Ohio and Brazil. "But this is the first time the mission field has entered the doors of our church," he said.

As many as 10,000 migrant workers are living in Kentucky this harvest season who could enter the doors of other Baptist churches, Aja explained. The number of migrant workers has been growing in the past four years.

These workers have needs that are overwhelming, he said, and require extensive social ministry. "They can't get on a bus, conduct banking or even buy a hamburger because of the language barrier."

Churches attempting to minister to migrants must contextualize the gospel and make it relevant for them, he added. "What is needed are inductive Bible studies that apply their life situations to the Bible."

And discipleship is as important as evangelism, Aja continued.

Some migrant workers will remain in Kentucky after the fall harvest, Aja said, and this presents churches with continued opportunities for ministry.

And it's not too early to begin planning for next year, he noted.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **The Pendergraph Conference** scheduled for Jonathan Creek Assembly Oct. 12-14 has been cancelled. Contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department for further details.

■ **Southern Seminary** will host its 32nd annual Church Music Institute Oct. 6-9 on the Louisville campus. Speakers include Timothy Albrecht of Emory University; John Yarrington of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark.; and Brazeal Dennard of Detroit. For information, call (502) 897-4115.

■ **Resolutions** to be considered at the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 10-11 should be submitted in writing by Nov. 3 if possible, according to Bret Robbe, chairman of the resolutions committee. All resolutions must be presented in writing no later than the first day of the convention, but the committee's work would be expedited if as many resolutions as possible were submitted in advance. Send resolutions to the KBC executive office, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433.

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Let's be honest

Recently, an article titled "Break free of institutional slavery, Sherman advises" appeared (WR, Sept. 8).

Cecil Sherman expressed the thought that "Honest Christians should stop saying they believe in an inerrant Bible." (This thought was not a direct quote.) Apparently, Mr. Sherman was saying that a person who believes in inerrancy is dishonest with himself.

Well, let's be honest. Let's be honest that the primary issue of the last several years in our convention has been theological. Mr. Sherman's thought points this out clearly.

Let's be honest, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a convention within a convention.

Let's be honest, the CBF will drain Southern Baptists of churches and resources. Once their financial base is secure, they will leave.

Let's be honest, the CBF is doing the very thing that they had accused the conservatives of doing—tearing down the Cooperative Program. At least conservatives did not form a new convention; they worked within the system.

Let's be honest, the CBF will hang on as long as the Southern Baptist Convention allows them.

Isn't it time to address this issue? Isn't it time for the SBC to tell the CBF either support us fully or go your own way?

It's time to be honest!
*Wayne Lipscomb, pastor
Union Baptist Church
Union*

Others went

In several recent Western Recorders I have noted articles about a medical mission team to Brazil Aug. 20 through Sept. 1.

In each article, the team members

from Baptist Healthcare System were listed. However, the Western Recorder failed to list those of us who went on the same mission trip through the generous support of our families, churches and associations. I feel that even though we went as independents we were part of the medical mission team and should be recognized.

BAPTIST FORUM

Those not listed include: Pam Baker, Lexington; Teresa Cowan, Winchester; Evelyn Mottram, Lexington; Daryl Varble, Whitley City; Tina Weitkamp, Fort Thomas; and Calvin Wilkins, Middletown.

*Tina L. Weitkamp
Fort Thomas*

Innocent blood

I've only known one perfect spell-caster; he lived at the Johnson Chapel store near Des-Arc, Ark. And I don't believe he would've fell hook, line and sinker for pro-choice.

Pro-choice causes innocent blood to be shed.

At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother.

God hates "hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:17).

If pro-choice "be of men, it will come to naught" (Acts 5:38).

*Isaac Colvin
Harrodsburg*

Record speaks

Gerald D. Sharon expresses a legitimate concern in regard to my recent statements about the Cooperative Program and the contributions to the Cooperative Program by the church I serve as pastor (WR, Sept. 22).

Unfortunately, Mr. Sharon did not attempt to contact me personally to investigate the apparent contradiction between my statements and the church's CP gifts.

I also find it unfortunate that Edi-

for Marv Knox has broken his commitment to not publish letters attacking another person (i.e., the usage of the phrase "righteous rhetoric" and the implication of lack of integrity on my part).

Had Mr. Sharon contacted me personally, he would have discovered that I am an authentic card-carrying member of the Cooperative Program bunch.

In my first pastorate, the church gave 10 percent of her undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program and 5 percent to associational missions. When I came to Eastern Gate, the church was meeting in a house, yet still gave 11 percent to the Cooperative Program and 4 percent to associational missions. When our church constructed her first permanent worship/educational facility in 1988, the church experienced a severe financial crisis, which lasted for several years.

By the grace of God, we are now "back on our feet" financially. We are also back on target with Cooperative Program and associational missions giving.

Let the record speak for CP giving: 1987—\$6,966 (11 percent); 1988—\$6,300; 1989—\$1,624; 1990—\$900; 1991—\$1,950; 1992—\$2,400; 1993—\$4,711 (4 percent, adopted for the 1992-93 budget).

Our records, therefore, reveal that our Cooperative Program giving will have increased by almost 250 percent since 1990.

Our goal is to increase Cooperative Program giving at least 1 percent per year.

In spite of the slanderous attack against me and the church I serve, we are indeed members of the Cooperative Program bunch.

We are seeking to increase giving, while some of the brethren in the Kentucky Baptist Convention are attempting to destroy the Cooperative Program.

*Michael W. Routt, pastor
Eastern Gate Baptist Church
Shepherdsville*

Nits, gnats and leadership

The following is taken from a recent column of my counterpart in New Mexico, Dr. Claude Cone.

"It has been said many times 'by many people, 'The ministry would not be bad at all if you just didn't have to work with people!'"

"At times people can be very difficult. Picky people are nearly impossible to please.

"William J. Diehm has written a new book titled 'How to Get Along with Difficult People.' In the first chapter titled 'The Nitpickers,' Diehm says: 'When we find ourselves around picky people, we are inclined to avoid them, to fight back by becoming picky ourselves or to do something destructive. Usually we discover from bitter experience that it doesn't pay to be picky, and we find that getting angry at picky people only makes them worse. If we live long enough and are very wise, we come to a place of understanding of people who are "little of spirit."'

"Diehm goes on to list six characteristics of those who have slipped into pettiness. I looked to make sure I am not guilty. As God's servants, the last thing in the world we need to be is small, picky, petty and 'little of spirit.'"

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

"Here are six characteristics:

1. Picky people look for faults, not achievement.
2. Picky people often fail to recognize priorities.
3. Picky people often have a poor sense of timing.
4. Picky people are often unkind, cruel and tactless.
5. Picky people are inclined to be impatient.
6. Picky people are inclined to be judgmental.

"Diehm offers six suggestions for getting along with nitpickers:

1. Let them fuss.
2. If they are right, be quick to say so.
3. Communicate in a friendly way.
4. Appreciate the person, if not the

nitpicking.

5. Start a program of self-improvement.

6. Do not let people convert you to littleness."

I would like to add to Claude Cone's column a few of my own observations:

■ People in positions of leadership should expect to be criticized.

It goes with the territory—even "nitpickers."

■ Wise leaders learn to discern between the "nits" and the accurate points of criticism.

■ While praise is welcomed by a leader, like anyone else, constructive criticism is the more likely to strengthen the leader's nettle to lead. A leader needs both.

■ A foolish leader assumes he or she has no critics or worse, that all critics are enemies.

■ A true friend to a leader is never a full-time "yes" person.

■ Leaders who cannot handle most criticism constructively will not lead very long.

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



FAMILY FORUM: AGING

Aging issues

By John Lepper

Q. Who are the aging?

A. The fact is, all of us are aging. Some are just further along in the aging process than others! This column is for all of us then, since all of us are aging.

To ask a more specific question, like, "When does old age begin?" complicates instead of simplifies our thinking. It all depends on who you ask. The American Association of Retired Persons accepts members who are age 55 and older. Likewise, some banks and other businesses give a "senior citizen" discount at age 55. Southern Baptist Convention programming has generally targeted people 65 and over as senior adults.

Recently I attended a conference where an authority on aging pointed out that Americans are living longer than ever before. Older people are healthier, more active and more vigorous than any other older generation in history. At the conclusion of the presentation, one participant observed, "It sounds like the definition for old age is a moving target." The expert agreed.

Old age is not what it once was. For example, life expectancy in the United States in 1935, when Social Security was instituted, was about 62 years. Most people today who are age 62 do not consider themselves to be old.

My intention in this column is to address the concerns of aging for all ages. This includes speaking to the hopes, dreams and possibilities as well as the hazards and threats senior adults face. It also will include addressing relational issues of the elderly. This may take us beyond talking specifically to and about senior adults to addressing grandparenting concerns or concerns of adult children which relate to their aging parents.

In this century, years have been added to an individual's lifespan. This column will focus on how to add life to our years.

John Lepper is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

■ Send your questions about children, teens, marriage, singles or aging to "Family Forum," Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

Churches better keep cool when politics heats up

Only one month remains until Election Day, and passions are bound to heat up. That's especially true this year, when the U.S. presidential campaign occasionally meanders off into a debate over whether God is a Republican or a Democrat. Some pastors and congregations may feel inclined to settle the issue, but they will do so at their own peril.

Churches in this country are exempt from paying taxes. The exemption comes not from the grace of God, but from the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service Code, section 501(c)(3). The code stipulates that exempt organizations, including churches, must not "participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign or on behalf of any candidate for public office." Code violators place their tax-exempt status in jeopardy.

"Loss of a church's exempt status would have a variety of negative consequences," reports Richard Hammar, editor of Church Law & Tax Report, a bimonthly newsletter that provides information on legal and tax developments affecting ministers and churches.

Those "negative consequences," Hammar says, include, "(1) the church's net income would be subject to federal—and possibly state—income taxation; (2) donors no longer could deduct contributions to the church; (3) ineligibility to establish ... tax-sheltered annuities; (4) possible loss of property- and sales-tax exemptions; and (5) loss of preferential mailing rates."

Many tax-law experts have said the exemption code is ambiguous. Indeed, the record of enforcement has been spotty since 1954, when Lyndon Johnson, then a senator, got the code passed in order to shut down the political machinery of a foundation that had supported one of his political enemies. No church—and only two religious organizations—has ever lost its tax-exempt status because of political actions.

But the IRS has taken steps this year which indicate it intends to enforce the code during this political season, notes Hammar. His article explores the legal background of the tax-exemption code, reviews the history of the prohibition and looks at the most-recent IRS actions.

IRS regulations prohibit "the publication or distribution of written or printed statements or the making of oral statements on behalf of or in opposition to such a candidate," Hammar writes, citing the Internal Revenue Manual, which says of the policy: "This is an absolute prohibition. There is no requirement that the political campaigning be substantial."

Furthermore, churches cannot get around the law by claiming First Amendment rights to free speech. Christian Echoes National Ministry, which lost its exemption in 1972 for attacking candidates and incumbents it considered too liberal, tried that tactic to no avail.

"Christian Echoes' contention that revocation of its tax-exempt status violated the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom was rejected by the courts," he says. "Rejecting the notion that the guarantee of religious freedom 'assures no restraints, no limitations and, in effect, protects those exercising the right to do so unfettered,' the court concluded

that the limitations on political activities ... were constitutionally valid."

Hammar's research indicates the IRS has said it will move to revoke tax exemption for a variety of causes. IRS General Memorandum 39811 declared an organization that sought to "build a cadre of precinct committeemen in order to further its cause" had violated the code because "intervention at this early stage in the elective process is ... sufficient to constitute intervention in a political campaign." In a 1978 ruling, the IRS determined that "voters' guides" that focus only on a narrow range of issues and are distributed widely among the electorate during a campaign constitute a violation of the code.

But in the case that may have the most relevance for churches, Jimmy Swaggart Ministries agreed it had violated the code in 1986, when it supported Pat Robertson's campaign for president. Specifically, the violations were made in two arenas common to pastors and churches: Swaggart first announced his support for Robertson during a regularly scheduled Wednesday evening service at the ministry's Family Worship Center in Baton Rouge, La. One month later, Swaggart endorsed Robertson in the column he wrote for the ministry's magazine, *The Evangelist*.

Hammar cites a January 1992 IRS/Swaggart statement that reported: "When a minister of a religious organization endorses a candidate for public office at an official function of the organization, or when an official publication of a religious organization contains an endorsement of a candidate for public office by the organization's minister, the endorsement will be considered an endorsement by the organization" since those actions, statements and publications "are the principal means by which a religious organization communicates its official views to its members and supporters."

The IRS ruling and its public declaration early this year carry two important messages to churches:

First, a church better leave political endorsements off its pulpits and out of its periodicals. Other rulings have determined churches can sponsor forums, in which all candidates are treated accordingly, and in which the sponsor church states it is not endorsing any candidate. And ministers can get involved in politics, as long as they don't use their churches' resources and facilities, and as long as they clearly indicate their statements and actions reflect their individual views, not their churches'. But endorsements from pulpits and newsletters are forbidden.

Second, despite the very few revocations of exempt status during the past four decades, the IRS does not plan to sit passively this year. Hammar reports that Marcus Owens, head of the IRS exempt organizations division, told a tax conference "the purpose of publicizing the Swaggart settlement was to alert churches and religious organizations that the IRS is not going to ignore their participation in the 1992 political campaign."

So, even though election-year politics may get heated, our tax-exempt churches better keep their cool.

Marv Knox

The IRS Code insists churches must not "participate in, or intervene in any political campaign or on behalf of any candidate for public office." Violators risk losing their tax-exempt status.

We all had a dog-gone good time at the triplets' 1st birthday party

The triplets' first birthday party came off splendidly.

The youngsters didn't really know what was happening, of course. At least one of them chewed up the wrapping paper. But all of us older people enjoyed watching them frolic and ramble out in the yard.

The first-born and third-born got in a tiff, and once we thought they were going to take hunks out of each other's faces. But nobody got hurt, and they seemed to make up later.

The daddy didn't show. But the kids didn't notice, and we got along fine.

The mama didn't do much to acknowledge her offspring, either. But at least she tolerated their presence.

Miss Manners would've scoffed that our little party had gone to the dogs. She would've been right, too. The honorees are

three of the cutest year-old puppies anybody ever saw.

Oreo still lives with their mother, Tipper, along with Emily, Rachel, Rebekah and Abigail, and the girls' mom and dad, Linda and Mark.

Betsy was the hostess, serving up custom-made cake with the pups' names on it. She lives with Joel and Clayton and their folks, Joe and Debbie.

Betsy struts her furry little stuff at our house, where she romps with Lindsay and Molly, gets fed by Joanna and

Everybody came to the party. Everybody except the father. Hound that he is, he probably didn't even know his girls were having a birthday.

Debbie said she was sure the folks at the bakery talked behind her back after she ordered a cake for three dogs. But that was their problem. What could be better than spending a shining fall afternoon with friends and family, celebrating a birthday?

Some folks might say pets are small potatoes compared to the weightier issues of the world. But the Bengals were getting beat 42-7. And CNN was

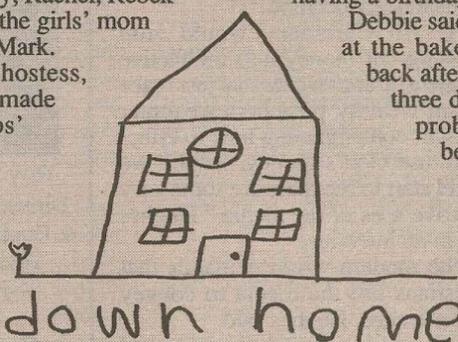
droning on about whether Ross Perot was going to re-enter the presidential race. We weren't exactly missing much.

What's more, anyone who listened carefully could hear we've gained quite a bit in the past year. We talked about how these three pups had changed our lives. (Hint: We don't leave shoes and underwear on the floor anymore.) We also talked about how our children enjoyed their pets, and we acknowledged how we've grown attached to the pooches, even if we clean up a mess or two.

God certainly must have a sense of humor, to bless people with the frivolity and exuberance of pets.

And I don't care what the folks at the bakery think, puppy birthdays are dog-gone fun, too.

Marv Knox



"We're just going to have to observe the programming and see if we need to make changes in the future."

J. Robert White, pastor of First Baptist Church in Paducah

ACTS—VISN duo begins this week with some wary

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—On Oct. 1, programs from Southern Baptists' American Christian Television System will be seen for the first time in New York, Chicago, Las Vegas and other "pioneer missions" areas.

But that same day, ACTS may no longer be carried in some Bible Belt communities by affiliates who feel they built the network, only to have it move in a direction they could not follow.

Affiliates in Wichita Falls, Texas, Springdale, Ark., and several other communities no longer will be identified with ACTS after Sept. 30, and many other affiliates are taking a cautious "wait-and-see" attitude.

Most Kentucky ACTS affiliates apparently are joining the "wait and see" group.

Oct. 1 is a key date because that's when the ACTS network begins sharing a common channel with the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network.

According to the agreement reached in July between ACTS and VISN, the two networks will maintain their own identities and separate program times on the shared channel. In alternating time slots, ACTS will

broadcast eight hours daily; VISN, 16 hours.

Officials with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission praised the channel-sharing deal as both an economic boon and an evangelistic opportunity.

The agreement will save ACTS at least \$3.7 million in the first year alone. Furthermore, the shared channel immediately will make VISN-ACTS the country's second-largest religious network, reaching 21 million households.

However, some local ACTS affiliates claim it sends viewers a "mixed signal" to have Southern Baptist programs on the same channel as non-evangelical Christian programs, including those produced by the Mormons, which many Southern Baptists consider a cult.

"We'll be the largest faith and family network on the air, they tell us. Yes, and we'll have the largest confused constituency of anyone on the air, too," said Rod Payne of the Wichita Falls ACTS affiliate.

Payne, whose station was honored by ACTS last year as Affiliate of the Year, said there is "absolutely no

way" he would consider carrying VISN programming on his channel.

Kentucky has only a handful of ACTS affiliates, and the new partnership apparently will not have an immediate effect on how they operate.

A primary concern among those interviewed by the Western Recorder last week was how the new agreement might affect their local-programming options.

"One of the difficulties we have across the board is doing prime-time shows. Prime-time shows are the ones that are the most-watched," explained Joe Boone of Latonia Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky. "VISN and ACTS are going to be fighting now over prime-time spots, which is going to leave religious access out in the cold."

John Ramsey, pastor of Frenchburg Baptist Church in Frenchburg, said he is hopeful his local-programming options will continue, but he's concerned that ACTS had to seek a partner for financial reasons.

"I'm concerned that Southern Baptists are not able to support ACTS like they should," he said. "I'm disappointed more churches haven't found

ACTS to be the tremendous ministry it is. ACTS has changed Frenchburg Baptist Church."

J. Robert White, pastor of First Baptist Church in Paducah, said his church plans to keep its affiliation with ACTS for two years with a "wait and see" attitude.

"My understanding is that other churches, including the Mormon church, are involved with VISN. That gives me great concern.

"We're just going to have to observe the programming and see if we need to make changes in the future. I anticipate a lot of people will. If there's going to be fallout, it may be at a later date."

The Faith Channel in Louisville shouldn't be significantly impacted by the changes, said Tony Drake, minister of media at Ninth & O Baptist Church.

The Louisville channel, operated with input from several faith groups, picks and chooses from several satellite feeds, including ACTS and VISN.

If anything, the reduced availability of ACTS programming could open the door for additional local Baptist programming, Drake said.

Draper fields questions, says board should be the best

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board wants to become the best publisher of Christian literature in the world, President Jimmy Draper told a group of Baptist journalists Sept. 21.

In a briefing for state Baptist paper

editors and other journalists, Draper said his administration will emphasize quality products and quality service.

Draper answered a variety of questions, ranging from rumors that the board plans to develop a program to compete with Woman's Missionary Union to concerns about an "experience drain" left by the retirement of more than 100 long-tenured employees.

Not only is the board not competing with WMU, Draper said, the two organizations are "co-developing" a National Conference for Women in San Antonio, Texas, March 5-7, 1993.

"We have complementary and not competing roles," he said. "But there are some things that women are facing that the WMU is not assigned to deal with. For instance, abused wives, single parents—these are areas that need some attention and this is very much in line with what has been assigned to our discipleship and family

development division."

Discussing the board's voluntary retirement incentive program—an offering of early retirement to 191 employees as part of the institution's restructuring—Draper said he is concerned about the potential "experience drain" created by the departure of many long-tenured employees. As of Sept. 18, Draper said, 105 employees had accepted the early retirement option, adding several more will likely do so by the Oct. 15 deadline.

To help minimize problems caused by the departure of experienced employees, Draper said the board is contracting with some of the retirees to work as consultants during transition.

Draper said the board plans to replace about 50 percent of the departing employees, adding the retirement program is expected to save the board about \$2.5 million.

Draper also said:

■ The board soon will hire a coor-

dinator of ethnic work. Draper also said the board of trustees needs more ethnic representation, adding he plans to request help from the SBC Committee on Nominations.

■ The Sunday School Board will provide materials and services to all Southern Baptist churches regardless of their political affiliation in the denominational controversy. However, the board will not likely send representatives or displays to next year's meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of Southern Baptist moderates. "I feel that we cannot be put in a position of encouraging anything that would pull (money) away from the Cooperative Program," he explained.

■ About 90.7 percent of Southern Baptist churches bought some or all of their literature from the Sunday School Board in the January/February/March quarter of 1992, up about 1 percent from 1990.



ONE YEAR Jimmy Draper, shown here at the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, recently completed his first year as president of the SBC Sunday School Board. In a meeting with Baptist journalists last week, he said his goal is to make the Sunday School Board the world's best distributor of religious literature. (BP photo by Van Payne)

Use media wisely, Hughes says

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Robert Don Hughes wants Christian media to tune in to a new audience.

"I think Christians spend most of their time talking to each other rather than the world," said Hughes, associate professor of communication and mass media at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

"Our media approach is mostly talking heads, the preached sermon," he said.

"People who do not go to church are for the most part disinclined to tune in and watch (sermons) at home," he said.

Hughes argues in his recent book, "Talking to the World in the Days to Come," that Christian media must change its focus to reach secular audiences.

His book was honored in June as

one of five finalists in the evangelism/missions category for a Gold Medalion Book Award, a recognition sponsored by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

"If we Christians would stop throwing our money into ineffective evangelistic approaches that just make certain wealthy preachers wealthier and start contemplating how to effectively use God's money, I think we would start to see there are some very effective uses of the media," Hughes said in an interview.

The modern world demands that Christians use the media to convey their message, Hughes said.

"We used to put up churches and steeples and people came. There is now a far more aggressive marketplace of ideas—and that marketplace is the media."

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Bored by Baby Boomer trivia? Meet Busters

GLENDALE, Calif.—Tired of hearing about the Baby Boomers?

Get ready for a new label to describe the second-largest generation in American history: the Baby Busters.

Boomers are the 79 million people born during America's "baby boom" between 1946 and 1964. Busters are the product of the subsequent "baby bust" years between 1965 and 1983.

Boomers represent 32 percent of the U.S. population; Busters represent 27 percent.

And while volumes have been written about Boomers' likes and dislikes, considerably less has been said about the attitudes and perceptions of Busters.

But a new study by the Barna Research Group shows there are significant differences between the two groups.

While Boomers were busy changing society, they left Busters to be the first generation raised from birth in the "new" society they created.

Things have been changed for Busters rather than by them, the study says, so their perspectives often are a reaction to their surroundings rather than an impact on their surroundings.

Some specific findings of the Barna research include:

- 38 percent of all adult Busters consider themselves "stressed out," nearly double the proportion of older adults who label themselves so.

- Busters are more concerned with leisure time and friendships than Boomers, who place considerably more value on work and "getting ahead."

- Busters are more skeptical about institutions and traditions than Boomers, perhaps because they've seen too many scandals in government, sports, entertainment and religion.

- Busters demonstrate even less institutional loyalty than Boomers. Only half the Busters who attend church said they attend the same church each time.

- Busters are 30 percent less likely to attend church than older Americans and 50 percent less likely to attend Sunday school.

"For the Builders—the Boomers' parents—the rallying points were surviving the Great Depression and World War II," noted George Barna, president of the Barna Research Group. "For the Boomers, it was rebellion against traditional ways of doing things, from traditional music and lifestyles to government and war.

"The Busters, too, want to rebel in some ways against the manner in which their Boomer parents raised them. The problem is they don't know what to rebel to."

Americans finding happiness in families

AMHERST, Mass. (ABP)—Americans are redefining happiness, according to a social researcher, and their definition increasingly centers on the family.

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, a research associate at the Institute for American Values, has detected a cultural shift in America away from a preoccupation with individualistic adult needs and toward a greater commitment to family and attention to the needs of children.

It is a shift away from a happiness based on individual fulfillment and toward a happiness based on the well-being of the family as a whole, said Whitehead of Amherst, Mass.

Writing in the summer issue of Family Affairs, a publication of the Institute for American Values, White-

head said: "Many forces might be contributing to this shift, but I believe one of the most important is the changing life cycle of large numbers of the Baby Boom generation."

During the 1970s and 1980s, many Baby Boomers—the exceptionally large group of Americans born between 1946 and 1964—were in a life stage of "expressive individualism" characterized by "singlehood," individual freedom, career development and self-absorption, Whitehead said.

In the 1990s, Baby Boomers now are marrying and becoming parents.

"They're discovering that the values that served them in singlehood no longer serve them in parenthood," wrote Whitehead. "What used to be a tight fit has now become a mismatch."

Whitehead, whose article has at-

tracted national media attention, will be a keynote speaker at a Baptist conference on the family in February. Sponsored by the Baptist Center for Ethics, the conference—"Hope, Help and Healing for the American Family"—will be held Feb. 15-16, 1993 in Nashville, Tenn.

Whitehead contends America is entering a new cultural period for the family. The "New Familism" is marked by a leveling off of the divorce rate, an increase in the birth rate and a new shared responsibility for work and home.

In this new period, both parents give up something of their careers to foster their family lives, Whitehead said. They talk less about individual rights and more about individual responsibility.

Churches lost 'home' edge, Hunter says

CHICAGO (BP)—Churches must take a more basic approach to evangelizing America as the country becomes increasingly secular and more people grow up without a church background, a Kentucky seminary professor said.

"It has become possible to say that the United States of America is the largest mission field in the western hemisphere," said George Hunter, professor of evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore.

Hunter was speaking at Toward the Year 2000, a conference of about 50 denominations to discuss evangelism goals.

Too many American churches have rested on the idea that they have a "home field advantage," Hunter said. He contends American society has been less and less influenced by Christendom, eroding that advantage.

"In Christendom, the culture of the people did much of the planting, seeding and watering for the church, so all the church would have to do is harvest," he said.

Meanwhile, "the whole map of the Christian mission world has substantially changed," he said, adding that Uganda has a larger percentage of professing Christians than America.

Hunter attributed increased secularization of the world to the Renaissance, the Reformation, the rise of science, the age of reason, nationalization and increased urbanization.

"Churches that are simply waiting for the people to come to our turf and play the game on our terms are declining," he said.

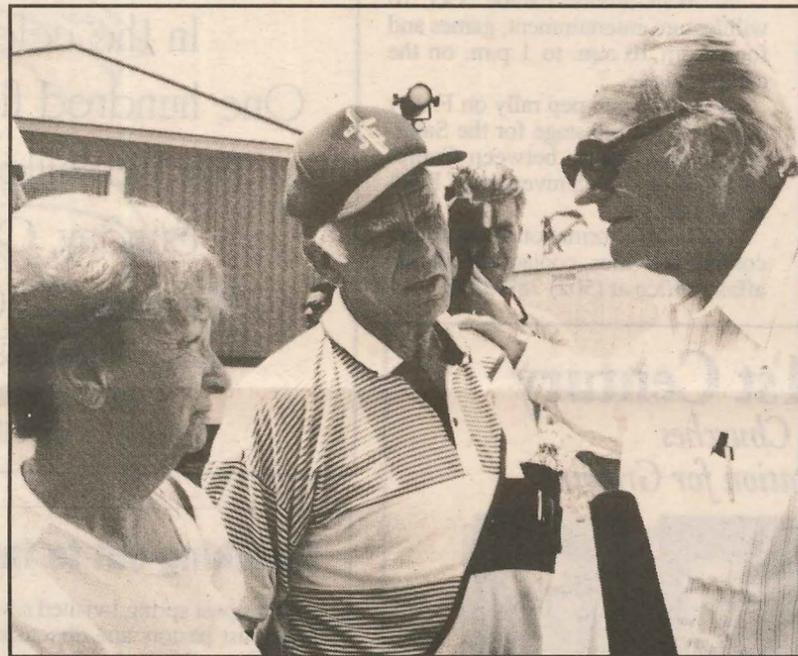
Churches today should have four characteristics, Hunter said:

- The assumption that ministry primarily takes place outside the church building, not inside its four walls.

- The church targets non-Christians, not those who are already saved.

- The duty of ministry is trusted to the laity, not just to the hired staff.

- The test of the congregation's faithfulness is in reformed lives and changed communities, not the satisfaction of its members.



WORDS OF HOPE Evangelist Billy Graham brings words of hope to Mary and Claude Yates, who had their Florida home destroyed by Hurricane Andrew. Graham toured the devastated communities of South Florida at the invitation of Gov. Lawton Chiles. "I've seen a lot of areas where there were hurricanes, earthquakes, tidal waves and wars, but I've never seen as much destruction as this," he said. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association donated \$100,000 to help with relief efforts.

Americans favor educational choice concept but not funding

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A recent nationwide survey apparently indicates a growing support for public funding of private schools. But a Baptist church-state specialist said the survey ignores reality, history and constitutionality.

A Gallup Poll, conducted for the National Catholic Education Association, indicated 70 percent of the 1,239 adults surveyed supported "parental choice," a plan to provide parents tax dollars to send their children to the public, private or religious schools of their choice.

Nearly 61 percent of Americans surveyed said they would be willing to shift tax money from public schools to choice programs. The poll also revealed that support for a national voucher program is strong among minorities, with African Americans and Hispanics representing the largest supportive subgroups in the survey.

The survey's findings, however,

do not mesh with Americans' voting record on aid to religious schools. In 18 state referenda since 1966, voters rejected 17 parochial aid proposals.

Asked how poll figures squared with the voting record over a nearly 30-year period, George Gallup Jr. said the difference would be that local referenda would have cost figures attached to them.

The survey addressed the voucher issue generically without any cost factors, he said, adding that the poll shows "support for the concept" of choice. He emphasized 61 percent of those polled were willing to see current tax dollars go to choice programs.

The Bush administration has proposed two choice plans. The first has been rejected by both chambers of Congress, and the second is pending. "The G.I. Bill for Children" would provide scholarships for children of low- and middle-income families to attend the schools of their choice.

BRIEFS

- "God Almighty" ran for office in Nevada's Democratic primary Sept. 1, squaring off against Sen. Harry Reid. Nevada law allows candidates to use any name they choose, and tax protester Emil Tolotti Jr. said his campaign gave voters a chance to decide "whether they support God and decency or if they support the continuing abomination of a corrupt Congress. Reid was a little surprised to be facing God in a primary battle. A spokesman said, "We were surprised to learn he was a Democrat."

- Sunday school attendance is being promoted nationwide by Marilyn Quayle, wife of Vice President Dan Quayle. Mrs. Quayle has joined George Gallup Jr. and Tom Landry in endorsing the "Vote Sunday School" campaign sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. During the six weeks leading up to this year's national election, Americans are urged to "vote" for Sunday school by attending classes at the church of their choice.

- Christians from 41 U.S. denominations have plans to start 46,182 churches by the year 2000, according to a study by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The Southern Baptist Convention leads the group with a goal of starting 13,500 new churches. Next are the Church of the Nazarene, with a goal of 6,000, and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with a goal of 5,000.

- Churches in Berkeley, Calif., will not have to pay taxes on donations, after a proposal to tax the collections was withdrawn by the City Council due to protests from local clergy. The law would have required all non-profit organizations in town to pay a "business tax" of 60 cents on each \$1,000 in donations.

PEOPLE



MISSIONARY APPOINTEE
Covington native Robin Rains has been appointed a US-2 missionary by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. US-2 missionaries are college graduates who serve in a variety of home missions assignments for two-year terms. Rains is a pharmacist and graduate of the University of Kentucky. She will serve as an evangelism missionary and resort worker in Panama City, Fla.

Campbellsville dedicates tower

CAMPBELLSVILLE—A “wedding of faith and learning” is necessary for successful Christian education, Brad Johnson said during Founders’ Day ceremonies at Campbellsville College Sept. 16.

Johnson, pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green, is a Campbellsville alumnus and current trustee.

Several things are working against Christian higher education, he warned. These include increases in the drop-out rate for high schools and colleges, a shortage of qualified teachers,

“moral relativism” and the competition of television, he explained.

Johnson called on those affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist school to “rekindle the flame” by adopting a pioneer spirit and refusing to submit to traditionalism.

The college also must “pass the flame” of biblical faith, ethics and values to the next generation, he said.

During Founders’ Day ceremonies, the school dedicated its new clock tower and carillon, a gift from Campbellsville Industries and Shulmerich Carillons Inc.

College’s homecoming Oct. 9-10

CAMPBELLSVILLE—Old and new both will have a place in this year’s homecoming celebration at Campbellsville College.

“Something Old, Something New” is the theme for the Oct. 9-10 event, said David Gray, vice president for development. “We want to emphasize the old, traditional aspects of Campbellsville College and mix them with the exciting, new things happening on our campus.”

Homecoming will begin with the annual alumni banquet in Powell Athletic Center at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9. The banquet will feature a performance by

humorist Cotton Ivy.

An alumni luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the campus dining hall.

A “Walk-around Parade” Oct. 10 will feature entertainment, games and food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the campus circle.

A bonfire and pep rally on Friday night will set the stage for the Saturday football game between Campbellsville and the University of Findlay at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about homecoming activities, contact the alumni affairs office at (502) 789-5216.



TOWER DEDICATION About 680 people attended Founders’ Day ceremonies at Campbellsville College Sept. 16, during which the school’s new clock tower and carillon were dedicated.

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Reaching out to families

This past spring I visited several Baptist pastors and directors of missions to learn about the needs of children and families living in our state. I had statistics indicating increases in child abuse and knew from our referral base that there was an increase in the number of children needing out of home care. I needed to know how these statistics played out in our communities.

These pastors talked about the tremendous need of the families in their churches and community and talked about the need for help in meeting those needs.

They saw the help they needed coming primarily in the form of professional Christian counseling at an affordable price. They noted that many times the families’ needs extended beyond what they as pastors could provide. They needed a place to refer families where they could be sure to receive quality help within a Christian framework.

Our board voted to hire a consultant to develop a plan. The consultant brought back her report, and our board recently approved a pilot project. We will work in partnership with the Warren Association to open a program in Bowling

Green.

At KBHC, we are grateful for the associations who are working with us to find the best ways to meet the needs of children in Kentucky. We are currently in discussion to begin a second pilot. Two other communities have begun discussing the possibility of future programs.

The pilot projects will help determine the feasibility of the programs. In years to come we hope we will be able to provide this service in many different locations throughout the state.

In future columns I will share with you more about other new programs we are seeking to develop for children and families needing care. These new programs are a way of moving towards prevention.

Our hope is that we can keep families together and therefore reduce the need for so many children to come into care. Please pray that this new ministry will be successful in keeping families together and easing some of the hurt.

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

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Curtis C. Mooney

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PEOPLE

Oct. 1-11 citywide crusade Louisville's first since 1956

LOUISVILLE—Many Baptist churches in the Louisville area will be participating in a John Guest Challenge evangelistic crusade Oct. 1-11.

Guest will lead Louisville's first citywide crusade since the 1956 Billy Graham crusade.

Born in England, Guest became a Christian as an 18-year-old during a 1954 Billy Graham crusade in London. He later developed a ministry with youth, served as a pastor and then

entered full-time evangelism in 1990. He has preached to more than 500,000 people in crusades.

The Louisville crusade will include nine luncheons or dinners targeted to reach special groups: lawyers, educators, women, singles and single parents, government employees, CPAs and bankers, people in recovery, healthcare professionals, and the business community.

These events will be held Oct. 1-7,

and tickets are required. For information, call (502) 587-1044.

All other events are open to the public with no charge.

A youth gathering will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at Knights Hall on the Bellarmine College campus. The program will include music by Al Denson and the testimony of Joseph Jennings, a former gang member.

A "Kids Morning Out" is scheduled for kindergarteners through sixth

graders at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 in Freedom Hall. The program will feature Eddie Elguera, a world-class skateboarder.

The main part of the crusade will run Oct. 7-11 in Freedom Hall, with services at 7 p.m. nightly, except Oct. 8 when the time is changed to 8 p.m.

Special guests scheduled to appear include Larnelle Harris, Oct. 7; Cynthia Clawson, Oct. 8; Dick and Mel Tunney, Oct. 9; and the Christian rap group Fatal Attraction, Oct. 10.

Georgetown Church rededicates building

GEORGETOWN—Georgetown Baptist Church will rededicate its 100-year-old building Oct. 4.

The facilities were first completed and dedicated Oct. 2, 1892, with 700 people attending. The church's original building, on the same property, was torn down in 1891 to make room for the present facility.

Although the sanctuary has undergone numerous renovations in the past 100 years, it continues to serve the church's needs.

The 11 a.m. rededication service will feature Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, as speaker. H.L. Kerfoot, president of the seminary in 1892, gave the first dedicatory message.

Malcolm Lunceford is interim pastor of the church. Former members are invited to share in the celebration.

He's minister of billiards

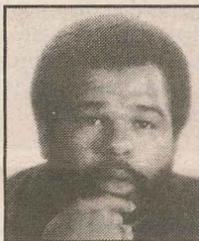
LEWISTON, Idaho (BP)—Ever heard of a minister of billiards? Lew Shoemaker, a layman, is part of a new Southern Baptist congregation meeting in the Lion's Club in Lewiston, Idaho. One Sunday, the youth wanted to play pool before church, and it is now part of each Sunday's routine. Shoemaker picks up the youth and keeps things under control until worship starts. Home missionary Tim Palmer calls Shoemaker the "minister of billiards" and says playing pool attracts young people to the church. The only problem, Palmer says, is he has yet to find a set of Broadman pool balls.

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Joseph Jennings

October 4 – Youth Gathering
"Will You Be the One?" John Guest
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Guest Artist: Al Denson
Testimony: Joseph Jennings



Larnelle Harris

October 7 – Opening Celebration
"Power For Living" John Guest
7:00 p.m., Freedom Hall
Guest Artist: Larnelle Harris with Local 1,000 Voice Choir

October 8 – Community Night
"Forgiving, Forgetting & Being Free" John Guest
7:00 p.m., Freedom Hall
Guest Artists: Cynthia Clawson, The Black Diamond Choir
Special Speaker: Doug Cobb



Dick & Mel Tunney

October 9 – Family Night
"Made To Be Loved" John Guest
7:00 p.m., Freedom Hall
Artists: Dick & Mel Tunney, The Master's Men
Special Speaker: Junior Bridgeman
Peanut Butter Night – Bring a jar of peanut butter for admission. Jars will be presented to Dare to Care.

October 10 – Kids Morning Out
"Jesus' Favorite People" John Guest
10:00 a.m., Freedom Hall
Guest Artist: Eddie Elguera

October 10 – Youth Rally
"Fatal Attraction" John Guest
8:00 p.m., Freedom Hall
Guest Artist: ETW

October 11 – "Go For It"
John Guest
7:00 p.m., Freedom Hall
Featuring: Bill Owens with Margaret Cloud, Percy Metcalf, Rick Marksberry, and the Local 1,000 Voice Choir



John Guest



Al Denson



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TRAVEL: Join me on a 10-day trip to Europe March 30-April 8, 1993. Visit Ruschlikon Seminary. Cruise up the Rhine River. Stay in the Alps. Visit Mozart's home and dream of the Sound of Music. Worship with European Baptists. For further details call John Dunaway at (606) 528-4738.

WANTED: Donation of a dependable mini-van for use by the Santa Clara (Pueblo) Mission, New Mexico. Anyone—church or civic organization—who may be interested in assisting with this effort may contact the pastor, Rev. Scott Tafoya, Box 875, Espanola, N.M. 87532, phone (505) 753-5785; or Lee Caudill, South Elkhorn Baptist Church, 4867 Versailles Road, Lexington, Ky. 40510, (606) 254-5264 or 273-5618 (home).

SEEKING: Westside Baptist Church, Ft. Pierce, seeks Minister of Education/Youth. Send resumé: 3361 South Jenkins Road, Ft. Pierce, Fla. 34981.

WANTED: Church seeks full-time Minister of Music and Education. Send resumés to First Baptist Church, Box 366, Calvert City, Ky. 42029.

WANTED: Minister Music/Youth (part-time); resumés, inquires. Burgin Baptist Church, P.O. Box 266, Burgin, Ky. 40310. (606) 748-5188.



KENTUCKY KERNELS

In 1970, Kentucky Baptists gave a special emergency mission gift of \$10,000 to help Southern Baptist churches in Kansas unable to meet obligations for building indebtedness. This continued through 1974, until a total of \$50,000 had been sent to help the struggling Kansas churches.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—First Church ordained **Regis O'Connor, Joe Williams** and **Mark Iverson** Sept. 27.

■ **DYCUSBURG**—Dycusburg Church called **Gordon Holland** as pastor.

■ **FREDONIA**—**Jerrell White** is pastor of First Church. He previously served eight years as pastor of Second Church in Union City, Tenn.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—New staff members at Georgetown College include **Anne-Leigh Bisese**, administrative assistant to the vice president for enrollment management; **Steve Bisese**, dean of student development; **Scott Fitzpatrick**, director of college advancement; **Rob Johnson**, development associate; **Randy Kilby**, vice president for enrollment management; and **Jacob Vincent**, development associate.

■ **JEFFERSONTOWN**—Hopewell Church will ordain **Wayne Wilson** to the ministry Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. **Jim Pollard, Wayne Oates** and **Wade Rowatt** will lead the service.

■ **LEWISPORT**—Lewisport Church called **Morgan Owen** as associate minister, to work in the areas of music, youth and children. He previously served as campus minister intern at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Highland Church ordained and installed new deacons Sept. 27: **Kathy Belcher, Mary Burks-Price, Tony Hough, Mary Jackson, Matt Prosser, Matt Ridge, Mark Sanders, Ellen Smith** and **Paul Whiteley**.

■ **MAYFIELD**—**Marty Brown**, pastor of Oscar Church in Oscar, will lead a discussion on migrant ministry during the monthly meeting of the Purchase Area Regional Ministers' Conference, at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 6 at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield.

■ **MOREHEAD**—First Church dedicated the Mantooh Fellowship Hall Sept. 27.

■ **PRINCETON**—**Olen Sisk**, director of missions for the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association in the 1920s and Southern Baptist preacher for 66 years, died Sept. 18 in Michigan. He began preaching in 1926 and was ordained by Fairview Church in Princeton. Sisk served as pastor of 14 Kentucky churches and helped organize 20 churches in the state. He also served as the first director of missions for Motor City Baptist Association in Detroit, Mich.

■ **Correction: Phillip Rowan** is not pastor of Slaty Creek Church in Beaver Dam, as stated in the Sept. 15 issue of the Recorder. He is doing supply and interim work in the Ohio County area.

Crouch inauguration set at Georgetown

GEORGETOWN—William Crouch Jr. will be inaugurated as the 23rd president of Georgetown College Oct. 2 in ceremonies to be held on Giddings Lawn on campus.

Crouch, 40, began his tenure with the Kentucky Baptist school Aug. 1, 1991, coming from Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

Bruce Heilman, chancellor of the University of Richmond, will deliver the inaugural address during the 10 a.m. ceremonies.

Heilman is a native Kentuckian and graduate of Campbellsville College, another Kentucky Baptist school.

The inauguration will be preceded by a week of special activities, including a banquet and dance for students and events honoring faculty and staff.

Georgetown alumni and residents of Scott County are invited to a continental breakfast at the president's home Oct. 1. Then at 5 p.m. that day, a vespers service will be held at Georgetown Baptist Church, with the president's father, Henry Crouch, as speaker.

Amanda Moore called 'miracle' in teaching how to live

NASHVILLE—Amanda Jo Moore, the subject of a Western Recorder article last spring, died this summer after living 23 months.

Kentucky Baptists had joined people from Tennessee and other states to donate money for liver and small intestine transplants. Amanda suffered a condition known as Necrotizing Enterocolitis, an intestinal disease.

Both sets of the child's grandpar-

ents are members of Kentucky Baptist churches. C.J. and Robbie Moore are members of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Morton's Gap. Jimmy and Linda Larkins are affiliated with Concord Missionary Baptist Church in White Plains.

Amanda's parents, Steve and Kathy Moore, are native Kentuckians who currently live in Nashville, where they are members of Brook Hollow Baptist Church.

Pierce McIntyre, pastor of the Nashville church, called Amanda a "miracle in showing us how to live."

"She had complications, but she was a fighter," he said. "She taught us that we need to face our own difficulties in life with the desire and determination to press on against the odds. Mandy taught us not to be quitters even though life may be difficult."

Recent highlights

Standout events of the past few weeks have been many with scores of other things happening in between and more than 700 visitors to show around and eat with us. We love to have company, and growing numbers are coming to see the work here. I try to spend some time with every guest.

Thursday, Aug. 20, Pastor Rackley, OBI teacher Steve May and I left early in the morning to drive to Paducah. There we each spoke at the funeral of OBI volunteer Melvin Hopwood, saw some former OBI staff and students and renewed other acquaintances.

Sunday, Aug. 23, Jerry Smith was ordained to the gospel ministry. He is in his 28th year of OBI teaching, mainly Bible. Licensed, he has been a worker in the Crane Creek Baptist Church all these years but was recently called as pastor. He was the third of longtime staff members, with 59 years of cumulative OBI service, to be ordained as ministers in the past two years. Each is serving a nearby church.

Guests who traveled the farthest to see us recently were Leo and Ruby Pendleton of Yuma, Ariz. A neighbor boy enrolled at OBI 10 years ago, and that is how they first became acquainted with our work. They are frequent financial donors, among that host of small but frequent donors that make our work possible.

Thursday, Sept. 3, I made my annual report to the 122nd session of our local Booneville Association. Our student choir sang two numbers and it was my first time to hear them this school year.

Sunday, Sept. 6, was an unforgettable day. Over 100 guests from many different places were on campus to see the school. Then at 3 p.m. was the 90-minute memorial service honoring Melvin Hopwood in which many present and former

OBI staff took part, having been unable to attend the funeral several weeks before. This was scheduled after Mrs. Hopwood's return from Paducah.

At 6:30 p.m. the body of senior Rhonda Barger was brought to our chapel to lie in state. Over 300 outside guests were with us that evening and others came the next day for the funeral. We kept to our normal school schedule except for an earlier Sunday evening worship service and no morning chapel service on Monday.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, one of our staff and I traveled to Paris to have lunch with Mrs. Logan English whose family has lived in beautiful Wyndhurst for 104 years. It was an unforgettable meal and afternoon in that historic home whose two occupants have been supportive of OBI for decades. That evening I ate at a fish fry of Paris First Baptist Church and spoke at the evening service centered on state missions.

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, my mother, a staff member, two students and I traveled to Smith's Grove for the lying-in-state and funeral the following morning of Mrs. Morman Kersey. She and her husband have been among our most faithful supporters the past 19 years. An ensemble of our choir arrived in time to sing at the service. For many years if our choir sang within 100 miles of Louisville and the Kersseys knew about it, they were there to hear our choir and pay for everyone's bountiful meal.

That same day 41 of our students were at MissionsFest at Immanuel in Lexington, scores of our cross-country team were in Covington for a large meet, 15 of our academic team were in Frankfort, and two soccer games were played at home.

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Barkley Moore

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Tina Murdock

Music teacher infected with missions

"Once missions gets in your blood you can never get it out again." Our newest faculty member, Tina Murdock, heard that comment from a friend and now says, "I'm still infected. No one thing has changed me more than my two-year mission experience in Singapore."

As a missionary journeyman, Tina worked with International Baptist Church. Responsibilities included church pianist, youth choir director, substitute director for the adult choir, soloist, private voice and piano lessons. "My time in Singapore broadened my perspective and made me see what the word 'need' really means."

The Murdock family moved from California to Pine Bluff, Ark., when Tina was 7, and the change also included a new family involvement in church. "We didn't wait until the doors opened, we had the keys! I was reared in GAs, Acteens; Mom and Dad were convinced missions began at home. We also worked in the bus ministry." Two former Air Force men disciplined by the Navigators demonstrated to Tina and others in the church "the Christian life meant more than being there when the doors opened."

College brought a stronger interest in missions, and she assumed

that meant music missions. The process of journeyman appointment was delayed while Tina completed national teacher examinations and a one-year stint teaching English to seven-12th graders. Talking with the FMB she recalled the missions material from fourth grade. "The music opportunities were always in Brazil and Asia. After all those years some were still there. One of my college roommates was from Singapore, but I thought this small town girl will never go there."

Her first summer back in the states, Tina led summer music workshops throughout Arkansas for the state convention. "My deepest fulfillment came in teaching music and teaching people how to use music in the church and in worship." A master's in music was earned at Southwestern Seminary. When she heard the job description for the Clear Creek position, it fit her perfectly. "My friends told me not to let the academic dean see how excited I was about the job." Interviewed in Texas, her first sight of the campus came when she moved. That isn't unusual for someone infected with missions.

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

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Couple turns abortion concern to action for mothers

By Dave Parker
Oklahoma Baptist Messenger

ADA, Okla. (BP)—Mel and Jean Hayworth had strong convictions against abortion but believed God wanted them to be more than protesters.

So, when Hayworth retired from a job near San Francisco, he and his wife moved to his father's old farm southwest of Ada, Okla., bought a mobile home to live in and started their own home for unwed mothers.

In 30 months, they have housed 12 girls and now are expanding their facilities to improve their ministry.

Hayworth, who never had built more than a storage shed, designed and constructed an activity center for the girls. The couple moved into it temporarily while he builds a new home, giving the girls more privacy in the mobile home.

"How can you do that?" is a common question the Hayworths hear. Their response: "How can you see people in need and not help?"

The Hayworth's involvement in promoting alternatives to abortion began even before the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legaliz-

ing abortion.

In 1972, Mrs. Hayworth's sister was in the middle of a difficult pregnancy and had been advised by her doctor to have an abortion. In the hospital awaiting the procedure, Mrs. Hayworth talked with her, read her Scriptures and left her a note about the sanctity of life.

Her sister checked out of the hospital, carried the baby to full term and gave birth to a healthy child.

Then in 1973 the Hayworths bought the acreage in Oklahoma. They had considered putting in a day camp but over the years became convinced God wanted them to open a home for unwed mothers.

"We naively thought the typical girl in need of a place to stay was 'Susie Sunday School'—a good church-going girl who had just gotten herself in trouble," Hayworth recalled. "We were going to build a home for eight to 10 girls; we thought it would be a bunch of happy campers with morning sickness.

"Unfortunately, it seems that all the 'Susie Sunday Schools' are aborting their babies," he said. "Church leaders in many cases are supporting that to avoid embarrassment."

Instead of innocent teens, Hayworth said, the girls who have lived in the home have been very street-smart, in their late teens to early 20s and sexually experienced. One was in her fifth pregnancy. Almost all are from dysfunctional families, and 10 of the 12 had been sexually abused.

"My heart is with the protesters chaining themselves to abortion clinics, but we're ministering to the victims of sexual abuse," Hayworth said. "These girls are out finding the jerks of society that treat them the way they expect to be treated.

"Their families don't want them, their impregnators don't want them and the system is not designed to help pregnant girls. They really have no place to go."

Another problem was that the girls had no real experience in living on their own.

"They don't know how to cook, sew or plan a meal," he explained. "They don't know how not to be entertained. They have no life skills. We hope to change that."

The activities building has areas to teach cooking, sewing, crafts and other such survival skills. Area women have volunteered their time to help

teach the girls.

The girls must select their own food and fix their own breakfast and lunch each day. They cannot use drugs or steal at the home, and they must attend church with the Hayworths. If they smoke, they must do so outside. Mrs. Hayworth transports them to get food stamps, go shopping and to the doctor's office.

The Hayworths said they have learned a lot—and answered many questions.

"We have people ask how we could take a stranger into our home," he said. "But, I'm the only father figure most of these girls have. People say how can you do it? My question is how can you not do it? How can you love a heavenly Father when there is no good earthly father around?"

Another question he is asked is what qualifications he has to run a maternity home.

"We're willing to do it, that's what qualifies us," Hayworth said. "Before we came here, I would have described our mission as saving the preborn. But I believe God's got a special place in heaven for those who are not given a chance to live on earth. The ones we need to help are the women."

Mail no mystery to missions-supporter

MARIANNA, Fla. (BP)—The postman's curiosity peaked. Today a letter from Tanzania, yesterday Venezuela, the day before Spain.

Week after week, letters had arrived from the Far East, South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and all parts of the United States.

What was going on? Who was this woman? Finally he had to ask, "Do you know all these people?"

No, Carolyn Majors does not know them all personally, but her mail comes in response to one of her loving ministries—writing to missionaries.

Every day Carolyn writes to at least one on the foreign missionary birthday list to let them know she and her group of Girls in Action at First Baptist Church in Marianna, Fla., are praying for them. She asks if there are special needs they can help fill and offers them a home for a night or two if they ever are passing through the Marianna area. Majors and the girls then follow up by providing items the missionaries write back to request.

Church day care center for seniors helps children cope

SAVANNAH, Ga. (BP)—Betty Dixon uses TenderCare day-care center at Immanuel Baptist Church almost daily, but she has no children.

The center is for her mother, Darline Zuber, an 85-year-old who needed activity and fellowship. She found it at TenderCare—a church-sponsored senior adult day-care center.

"This center has truly been a god-send," Dixon said. "Whenever there are things I need to accomplish during the day, I don't have to worry about who will take care of my mother anymore. I just bring her to TenderCare and I feel good about it."

Newtonhouse, a Georgia Baptist Medical Center facility with an adult day-care center, was the prototype for

TenderCare, explained administrator Peggy Beckett. She hopes other churches will explore this model also.

"It is a wise church that reaches out to this population," she said. "People need to realize adult day care is and will be a serious need. Right now there are more people in our society who are over 65 than under 25. To me, that is what ministry is all about—finding what the need is and doing something about it."

Carol Ewing, director of TenderCare, said she already has seen the benefits of such a program.

"Caring for an older adult in need of special attention on a daily basis is a large responsibility," she explained. "Whenever someone needs a half day

to run errands, a whole day to relax or regular care while at work, that's what we are here for."

Senior adults at TenderCare have activities throughout the day, from ceramics and arts and crafts to sing-alongs. "We also do a lot of physical games for exercise, like bowling, dart-throwing and bean-bag toss," Ewing said.

Ewing also takes clients to the senior citizens center in Savannah once a week, where they eat lunch, participate in circle dancing and socialize with other senior adults.

"Most of the people at this age have lost all their friends and socializing is important," Ewing said. "If these people just stay with their fami-

lies all day, they don't do much. If we get them out with other people it gets them motivated and active."

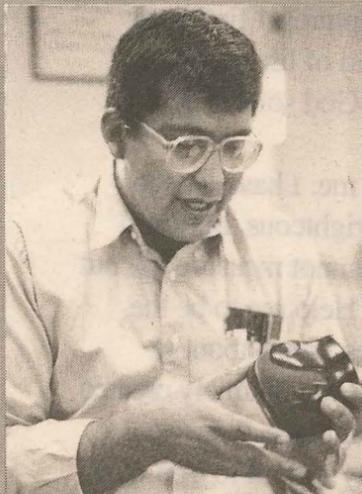
The program provides welcome relief for caregivers as well.

"I've noticed a change in my mother," said Dixon, whose mother was the first participant in TenderCare. "I feel so much better knowing she is at a church. She is so much happier, and her health is getting better too."

"She is an entirely different person now. I used to lay in bed at night wondering what I could do for her. But then the Lord said, 'Look under day care in the phone book,' and I found Immanuel," Dixon said. "It was answered prayer."

Pastor combines Santa Clara heritage & Christian faith

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board



NATIVE SON Scott Tafoya, pastor of Santa Clara Baptist Church in Espanola, N.M., explains the craftsmanship of a piece of pottery made by Santa Clara Indians. (BP photo)

ESPANOLA, N.M. (BP)—Being half Indian, half Anglo and all Christian creates a challenge for Scott Tafoya.

"Some people here have strong traditions and a strong desire to preserve traditional ways and beliefs," says the pastor of Santa Clara Baptist Church in Espanola, N.M.

"We have to help them know how to be a Christian and still be an Indian," the home missionary notes. "God does not condemn culture; he condemns sin.

"We have to approach Indian people the same way we approach foreign missions. We can't ignore their language or their culture. If possible, we need to learn their language and culture."

Even though Tafoya grew up on

the Santa Clara pueblo, he cannot totally relate with his fellow Indians.

Tafoya's father, who is Santa Clara, and his mother, who was Anglo, both were Christians.

Therefore he did not gain the insight into the Indian culture or learn the language because it was not spoken at home.

Tafoya became a Christian during a revival service at the church where he is now pastor—the church where Southern Baptist home missionaries Ben and Shirley Yelvington worked for 29 years.

Tafoya, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, is learning about the tribe's government as he seeks permission for the church to have a building on the pueblo. Land in the pueblo is owned by the tribe and assigned to individuals.

A church building was construct-

ed in the 1950s on land assigned to one of the church members. But the congregation quit meeting there when responsibility for caring for the land was transferred to another family member.

The church is now meeting in Espanola, the town adjacent to the Santa Clara pueblo.

Though the church is less than three miles from Santa Clara, the 1,200 people living in the pueblo are less likely to attend church in Espanola because of their desire to identify with their community, Tafoya said.

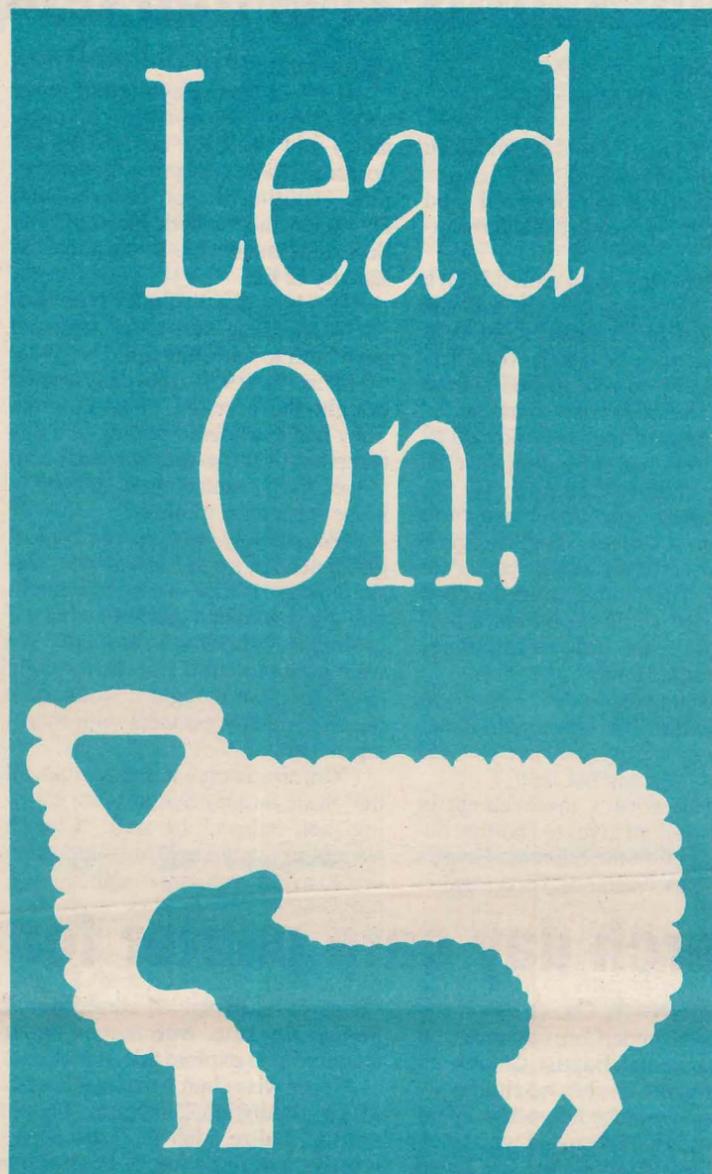
"Our plan and desire is to relocate and rebuild back in Santa Clara," Tafoya said. The congregation of 83 members already has started a building fund and will seek church groups to volunteer labor if it is granted permission to build on the pueblo.

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- 1992-93 Objective:** In order for our vision to become reality, we will:
- Develop WMU leaders and members to be models of strong servant leadership.
 - Encourage and enable all people to recognize their potential for servant leadership in their spheres of influence.
 - Lead all Southern Baptists to seek missions leadership roles and find a place to exercise spirit-endowed gifts in missions.

1992-93 Watchword: "Be determined and confident, for you will be the leader of these people as they occupy this land" (Joshua 1:6a TEV).

1992-93 Hymns: "We are Called to Be God's people"
"Wherever He leads I'll go"



Monologue

They say I'm a leader. I wonder what that means. I wonder who "they" are, and how do they know I'm a leader. Let's see, who do I think is a leader? I guess my pastor, my Sunday school teacher, my WMU director, my boss at work. H'mmm, what qualities do they possess?

If a person is a leader, then someone must be following. They probably want to know where they're going. Well, point number one: a leader must know where she is going. How do I figure that out? Praying and planning are good places to start. I will pray and plan to learn where I am going so that those following me will find good direction and purpose in their work.

OK, that works for point number one. Now for point number two. Let's see, if a person is a leader, then she must like people. Followers will only follow for so long if they aren't genuinely appreciated. I need to be thoughtful and considerate and try to remember that my followers have

other lives to live. They need time to refresh and renew their spirits as well.

That brings me to point number three: a leader must be pure, holy and humble. Boy, the other two sure were easier than this. When I look through the Scriptures, I find many verses that call each believer to this kind of life, but as a leader, I need to be especially tuned to God so He can use me.

Oh God, this seems kind of scary to me. I have a deep sense of awe at who You are and how righteous, holy and pure You are. I know that in myself I cannot measure up, but only through the power of Jesus I can. Help me to be the leader You called me to be, not the ones I read about in books or see on TV or even at church. I am uniquely created by You to be used by You in this special place of service. Use me as your servant, Lord. I humbly submit to You, your purpose and my place in it. Amen.

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