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Vietnam veteran returns 'to do something out of love'

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

MURRAY—Three tours of duty weren't enough for Vietnam veteran Chuck Ward.

He spent nearly three years in the war-torn jungle as an operation intelligence yeoman in a Navy aviation unit. He was trained to hate and kill and dehumanize the enemy. He swore he never would go back.

Yet this summer, 20 years later, Ward joined 11 other Vietnam veterans in his fourth "tour of duty" to the Asian country.

This time, his assignment was different.

"I needed to do something out of love ... to go back and eyeball my former enemy and take his hand and tell him about Jesus," Ward said. "Only the Lord can change your heart like that."

Ward's trip was made possible by a group called Vets with a Mission, a charitable, non-profit organization founded by Vietnam veterans dedicated to bringing healing and reconciliation to the Vietnamese people.

The organization sponsors two trips to Vietnam each year. Groups work first to address humanitarian needs and develop trust; then they seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Veterans on the most recent trip were placed on teams ranging from evangelism to construction work.

Ward said he spent two days at the polio orphanage that is sponsored by Vets with a Mission. Then he helped negotiate with area officials to make plans for building a health facility.

Enough time remained for him to visit several villages he knew of from two decades ago.

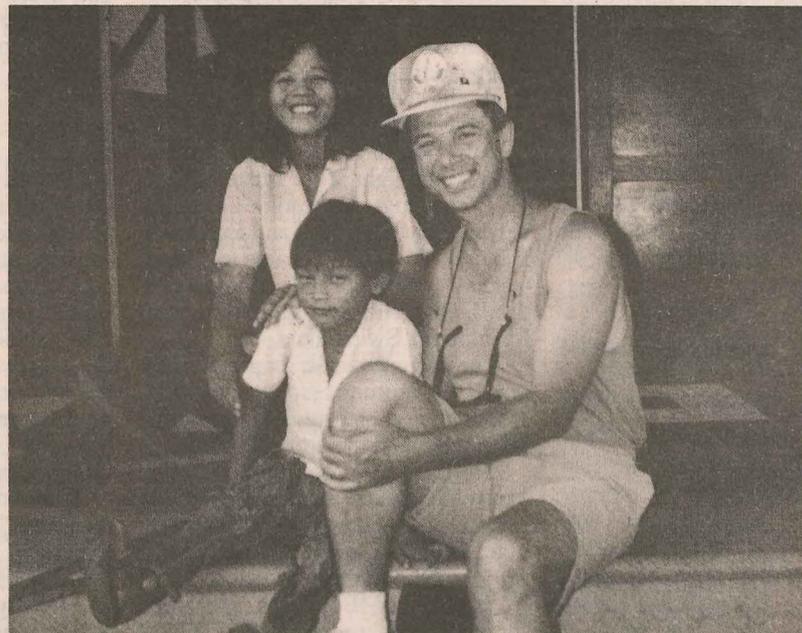
For Ward, who now is executive director for development and alumni affairs at Murray State University, the long journey to Vietnam this summer marked the end of an even longer journey: that of a war veteran struggling through his past to find peace and wholeness.

Ward admitted that like many veterans of the bitter and controversial war, he was plagued for years by what is known as PTSD: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Although he was raised in a Roman Catholic environment, Ward said he fell away from the church during and after his military service.

He credited his wife, Joette, as being the most significant influence in leading him to a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ in 1982.

Even then, he said, he wasn't serious about his commitment. It wasn't until personal difficulties arose in 1987 that he began to look at his life



VIETNAM VISIT Vietnam War veteran Chuck Ward of Murray visits with a polio-stricken child at a Saigon orphanage. Ward's return to Vietnam last July was made possible through Vets with a Mission, an organization dedicated to bringing healing to the Vietnamese people.

from a new perspective.

"I was broke, busted and disgusted," he said. "I came as close as you can come to a breakdown."

But Ward is quick to see the Lord's hand in life events: "It's amazing to see how the Lord works if we just give

him a chance. He's totally in control," he said.

Ward's life turned around when he moved to Murray from West Virginia in 1987.

"We moved in right across the
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FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

EVENTS

This issue of the Western Recorder includes the second issue of Events for All Kentucky Baptists, a new monthly supplement produced by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board staff. It features information about KBC programs and services, as well as helpful tips for church leaders and church staff. The goal is to provide more information about KBC services to more people for less money. This joint venture is intended to reduce the amount of direct mail pieces sent from KBC staff to church leaders. Pull out the insert and save it for reference throughout the month.

Halloween: Chance or curse?

ATLANTA (BP)—Christians who don't like the dark overtones of Halloween should see the holiday as an opportunity rather than a curse, a Baptist evangelist says.

"I don't believe Jesus would be hiding in a church building on Halloween," said Thad Hamilton, associate director of mass evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "We've got to provide something positive for the community because we have the responsibility to be salt and light."

The fascination with death and the afterlife that surfaces every Halloween is a perfect opportunity to talk about the Christian faith, he said.

He cites the creative ministries of several churches as examples:

■ First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga., stages a Halloween program called the "Chilling Fields." The outdoor event portrays six scenes from Revelation, including a rapture scene where Christians disappear.

Last year 10,000 people went through the "Chilling Fields" in seven days, and 600 registered professions of faith.

■ Life Line Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., produces a "Hereafter House" to present the gospel.

A person playing Satan—dressed in white tails, holding a handful of money and keys to a Cadillac—leads visitors to a room where a black light makes packing bubbles painted fluorescent orange look like hell's fiery coals. Other actors portraying characters such as the rich man who rejected Jesus and modern people who reject Christ share their testimonies.

Other scenes portray the cross and heaven, complete with streets of gold and Christian testimonies.

Last year, 2,300 people came through the Hereafter House in four nights, and more than 100 people made professions of faith.

■ Hebron Baptist Church inacula, Ga., hosts a fall festival where people pin the tail on Balaam's donkey, fish for Jonah's whale and name that tune with gospel songs.

The festival includes a hay ride around the church property and face painting. Everyone who attends is asked to register, with the information added to the church's prospect list.

Evangelicals misunderstood as voting bloc, study shows

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

GLENDALE, Calif.—Evangelical Christians are misunderstood as a voting bloc, according to a report from the Barna Research Group.

The California-based research service, headed by church-growth author George Barna, specializes in collecting data on religious issues and practices. Based on data from four studies conducted in 1992, the organization suggests that evangelical Christians cannot be categorized as the "Religious Right," "fundamentalists" or "ultra-conservatives."

"Evangelical refers to personal beliefs rather than to activities or denominational preferences," the Barna report explains. "Evangelicals exist in various denominations, ranging from conservative to liberal. ... Increasingly, religious and political lines are blurred as groups which differ strongly on theology work together politically—such as some evangelicals and Roman Catholics working together to oppose abortion."

For the Barna study, evangelicals are defined as individuals who:

■ Have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important to them today.

■ Believe they will go to heaven when they die because they have accepted Christ as Savior.

■ Believe the Bible is the reliable, accurate word of God.

■ Believe in a God who is involved in their daily lives and who answers prayer.

■ Believe Christians have a responsibility to tell others about their spiritual beliefs.

Individuals who meet these criteria represent 12 percent of American adults, or 22 million people, the report says. About 80 percent of this group—18 million people—are registered to vote in the November election.

Evangelicals are more likely to consider themselves conservative than moderate or liberal, but that label doesn't fit neatly in all areas.

For example, 66 percent of evangelicals claim to be conservative on economic and financial issues, while 26 percent call themselves moderate and 5 percent say they are liberal. And on domestic and social issues, 60 percent said they are conservative, 32 percent moderate and 6 percent liberal.

Evangelicals are more likely than non-evangelicals to be Republicans, but the evangelical population is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. Evangelicals account for 13 percent of registered Democrats, 17 percent of registered Republicans and 7 percent of registered independents.

Among the total population of evangelical voters, 42 percent are Republicans, 42 percent Democrats and 10 percent independents. The remaining 6 percent are either undecided or affiliated with other parties.

The generally conservative perspective of evangelical voters becomes more pronounced when
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BAPTISTS

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Baptist volunteers** continued to serve more than 7,000 meals daily on the island of Kauai one month after Hurricane Iniki brought widespread devastation there. Volunteers from Texas, Alabama and California have been operating two mobile kitchens.

■ **Associated Baptist Press** will begin publishing a monthly newsletter with a digest of Baptist news targeted to laypeople. For \$25 per year, subscribers will receive 12 issues of the four-page newsletter. The first issue will be produced in January.

■ **Lynn Yarbrough**, a former staffer with Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., was commissioned by WMU employees Oct. 12 for her new role as a missionary in China. Yarbrough explained she began sensing God's call to this new work during a WMU-sponsored trip to China in 1987.

■ **T.C. Pinckney**, a well-known conservative leader in Virginia, has announced he will be a candidate for president of the state's Baptist convention. Pinckney, a retired Air Force general and current member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will face Walter Harrow, who is endorsed by the state's moderates.

■ **A campaign** to double the number of Southern Baptist churches in Montana was launched during the state convention's annual meeting Oct. 7-8. The goal is to double the more than 100 churches and missions currently affiliated with the convention and have more than 16,000 of the state's 800,000 residents involved with Baptist churches.

FMB trustees approve agreement, criticize stories

RICHMOND, Va.—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved the "Hamburg Agreement" last week, lashed out at independent press coverage of their work and learned that 14 more missionaries in Europe have resigned.

Adoption of the Hamburg Agreement, a highlight of the trustees' Oct. 12-14 meeting, may resolve a conflict between FMB trustees and European Baptists. That conflict came to a head last year with the FMB's defunding of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The document calls for partnership based on mutual respect, spiritual freedom, moral integrity, genuine consultation and reciprocal sharing.

The European Baptist Federation's executive council adopted the agreement Sept. 29 with only one opposing vote. In introductory remarks made prior to the council decision, EBF leaders cited FMB trustees' apologies for the Ruschlikon action—apologies offered to European Baptist representatives in Hamburg—as a key factor in the council's acceptance of it.

Scottish Baptist Peter Barber told fellow EBF leaders that an apology from FMB Chairman John Jackson that was seen as "regret over the result of the decision rather than regret over the decision itself" would not have been acceptable. But, Barber said, FMB trustees later exhibited genuine repentance for the action.

During their meeting Oct. 14, however, some FMB trustees sharply disputed the Europeans' contention about what kind of apologies had been made.

Trustee Paul Pressler of Houston criticized a description of the apologies that appeared in an Oct. 1 Associated Baptist Press article.

"I have not talked to one person on this board who is sorry that we have defunded Ruschlikon and I think we ought to address this situation," Pressler said. "I don't think this board is ready or willing or wants to say that we genuinely regret our decision to defund Ruschlikon Seminary.

"We do regret the lack of information that was given to Europeans on

the depth of our theological concern that caused them not to understand. We do regret some lack of communication in making the decision. We do regret the fact that we thought that they were going to add conservative professors (at Ruschlikon) and they did not."

Several other trustees echoed the view that the FMB apologized only for the effects of the Ruschlikon defunding, not the decision itself.

Chairman John Jackson cited his own statement to that effect from the ABP article. Skip Smith, chairman of the trustees' Europe committee, said the article quoted him correctly in telling the Europeans, "We deeply regret the grief, anger and frustration brought about by the action."

Pressler, who during his two terms on the SBC Executive Committee was a frequent critic of Baptist Press stories, requested that the board convene an executive session to discuss the article. His motion lost when only a few trustees voted for it.

ABP is an independent news service founded by Baptist journalists and others who became concerned about the integrity of Baptist Press after its two top editors were fired by the SBC Executive Committee in 1990. Pressler served on the Executive Committee at that time.

Another ABP article, about the work of the FMB's presidential search committee, also drew criticism from trustees during the meeting.

Search committee Vice Chairman Leon Hyatt criticized an ABP story that reported the committee has narrowed its search down to Don Kammerdiener and Avery Willis.

The story was a "prime example of irresponsible journalism," Hyatt said. "Some statements were true, some distorted and some patently inaccurate."

Some trustees charged that ABP's quoting of anonymous committee sources compromised the integrity of the committee. However, Greg Warner, ABP executive editor, defended use of unnamed sources as "indispensable to investigative journalism."

The sources were search commit-

tee members, he explained, and added ABP is eager to correct the alleged inaccuracies if Hyatt or others on the committee will identify which statements are inaccurate.

After the meeting Hyatt declined to elaborate on the particulars of the ABP story.

The committee still has no firm date for completing its search, Hyatt said. He also would not rule out the possibility that search committee Chairman Joel Gregory could be a candidate. Gregory, who recently resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Dallas, was not present at the meeting.

Also during last week's meeting, trustees learned of the resignations of 14 more missionaries in Europe. Eight of that group will take new assignments with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Most of the resignations are further fallout from the damaged relationship between FMB trustees and European Baptists. One resigning administrator,

Paul Thibodeaux, said the course charted by FMB trustees in Europe signals "the resurgence of Western imperialistic missions."

Thibodeaux and his wife, Margie, will leave their FMB positions by the first of the year, as will Jim and Becky Smith in Germany, Kent and Debbie Blevins in Switzerland, and Kevin and Jan Rutledge in Poland.

The eight will join the growing number of former FMB personnel moving to the Fellowship.

The other six missionaries cited personal or professional reasons for resigning.

Thibodeaux, associate to the area director for Europe, is the highest-ranking missionary to resign among the 14. His former supervisors, Area Director Keith Parker and Vice President Isam Ballenger, resigned last January, accusing the trustees of pursuing a "global agenda" of theological orthodoxy.

Compiled from Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press reports

FMB-Fellowship dialogue yields no change

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (ABP)—Leaders of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship spent five hours in dialogue Oct. 15 but emerged with no one predicting any progress in the strained relationship between the two.

Although the FMB dwarfs the Fellowship in size, with 3,918 missionaries compared to less than a dozen Fellowship "missioners," the two groups have become competitors of sorts.

The Fellowship, an organization of moderate Southern Baptists, launched into missions last January after FMB decisions disrupted the longtime partnership between the FMB and European Baptists. The Fellowship's "missioners," as they are called, are all former FMB missionaries.

"We got a chance to understand their viewpoint ... without necessar-

ily agreeing," said FMB trustee Chairman John Jackson.

John Hewett, former moderator of the Fellowship, said the meeting "accomplished little" since the 10 participants could not even agree on what changes—if any—have occurred at the FMB since conservatives gained control of the agency.

Fellowship leaders complained about charges—spoken publicly by Jackson and others—that the Fellowship is "cutting the throat" of the Cooperative Program by encouraging churches to divert funds to its missions program. The Fellowship is providing more than \$2 million directly to the FMB this year, Fellowship leaders said, which is more than it is spending on its own missions.

"If what we're doing is evil," one Fellowship leader responded, "then have the moral conviction to give the money back."

Simmons' future unclear as trustees fund 3rd ethics slot

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—A third Christian ethics professor will be added to the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in an apparent attempt by trustees to counter the teachings of professor Paul Simmons.

Trustees met behind closed doors for two hours Oct. 12 to discuss a subcommittee's study of charges against Simmons. He has been the target of intense trustee scrutiny for several years due to his support for abortion rights.

At the previous trustee meeting in April, the chairman of the academic personnel committee appointed a subcommittee "to examine all relevant data concerning charges" against Simmons. That subcommittee was charged to "bring a full report" to the October meeting.

Since the motion to approve the subcommittee was approved in executive session, the report of the committee also had to be heard in executive session, explained trustee Chairman Wayne Allen.

However, participants in the executive session and sources close to the Simmons issue declined to discuss what went on behind the closed doors.

Seminary President Roy Honeycutt issued only one brief statement: "The trustees voted to allocate funds to permit the hiring of an additional professor of Christian ethics by the beginning of the fall semester of 1993."

Honeycutt said the rules of the closed meeting meant he could not comment any further.

Trustee Chairman Allen also declined to comment, as did Simmons and Gary Taylor, chairman of the subcommittee created to study the charg-

es against Simmons.

Honeycutt announced the plans to add another person to the ethics department during a faculty meeting Oct. 14 but reportedly did not elaborate.

For trustees to initiate the creation of a faculty position is a departure from past procedure. Such decisions traditionally have begun with the faculty and administration and worked their way to trustees for approval.

Decisions to add faculty also have been based on increasing student loads and the availability of funding, seminary sources said. However, neither of those factors appears to have driven the trustee decision.

Southern's ethics department has had only two faculty members since 1967, when the second professor was added. The other professor is Glenn Stassen, who is on sabbatic leave this year.

In recent years, the seminary's total enrollment has increased only slightly, and finances have become increasingly tight. Through a series of budget reductions, more than \$500,000 has been eliminated from the school's budget in the past two years.

Seminary Provost Larry McSwain said no decision has been made yet about what rank the new faculty member will hold. The position could be a contract instructor or an assistant, associate or full professor on a tenurable track, he said.

McSwain declined to project the cost of the addition until a decision is made about rank. However, seminary sources confirmed that the cost of adding a professor on a tenurable track could range from \$30,000 to \$60,000 annually.

Editor Marv Knox also contributed to this story

Calendar gives September CP a good start

By Marv Knox
Editor

Kentucky Baptists' Cooperative Program unified budget started its fiscal year at a record pace, taking in the most money ever received in September.

The Kentucky Cooperative Program received \$1,436,373 last month. The amount was almost \$100,000 more than the next-highest September, and \$536,770 (59.7 percent) more than receipts for September 1991.

The receipts were \$8,453 (0.6 percent) below budget for the month.

September is the first month of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's fiscal year. The 1992-93 KBC Cooperative Program goal is \$17,337,909, and receipts for the remaining 11 months must average \$1,445,594 in order to meet the goal.

"The dramatic increase over last September primarily has to do with the calendar—how the Sundays in August fell," said KBC Business Manager Barry Allen.

Cooperative Program money comes from churches to the state convention, he noted. And August—which had a Sunday on its next-to-last day—did not allow churches time to get their last-Sunday contributions to the KBC office in Middletown before monthly receipts are posted.

So, receipts for this August were the lowest in five years. And September receipts—which were bolstered by funds received by the churches in late August—set a record.

Another reason for the big percentage increase was an anemic showing in September 1991, Allen added.

"We had a very low September last year; \$200,000 below the next-lowest month of the year," he explained.

Still, the good start this year is a relief, Allen said: "We are very pleased, and it's always nice to start the year with a good month."

Current giving would put the KBC on track to meet its budget for the first time in five years, he said. However, that goal is 3.1 percent lower than the 1991-92 budget, he added.

September's portion of a relatively new variable in the Kentucky ministry equation—funds designated for use in Kentucky only—is not yet known, Allen reported. That money, which typically has been given by churches unhappy with the increasingly conservative shift in the Southern Baptist Convention, has not been tabulated for September.

Allen predicted the amount would be about \$40,000.

Conference focuses on talks with Jesus

SOMERSET—"Let Us Have a Little Talk With Jesus" will be the theme for the 1992 Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, announced conference President Bob Browning.

The conference will be held at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville Nov. 9, with sessions beginning at 1:15 and 6:45 p.m.

The theme is a quote from an old gospel song, but it also points to important stories from the Bible, said Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church of Somerset.

"My favorite sermons to preach and to hear focus on conversations Jesus had with other individuals," he explained. "I have chosen passages of Scripture in which Jesus had conversations."

The passages were selected because the conversations with Jesus focus on human concerns, Browning noted.

"I hope through these sermons people will be able to understand themselves and some of the problems, temptations and questions they face," he said. "I hope they will be able to see how other people handled them and how Jesus helped them handle them. From that, they will be able to see how they can answer questions, deal with issues and work on relation-

ship problems."

The conversations also are timeless, Browning added: "My basic premise is that while the world has changed, people are basically the same as they were 2000 years ago."

The conference will feature an all-Kentucky roster, Browning noted.

"We have got some of the finest preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention right here in our own state, and we rarely get to hear one another preach," he said. "I wanted to invite all Kentucky preachers."

He also sought balance, both geographically and theologically, he added.

Sermon topics and the preachers who will deliver them are:

■ Theme interpretation, Eddie Hatfield, development director for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

■ "Jesus Talks to the Centurion," Bill Crosby, pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church in Erlanger.

■ "Jesus Talks to the Rich Young Ruler," C.C. Brasher, pastor of Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton.

■ "Jesus Talks to the Devil," Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah.

■ "Jesus Talks to the Woman Caught in Adultery," Ted Sisk, pastor

of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

■ "Jesus Talks to the Father," Chuck Bugg, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

■ "Jesus Talks to Nicodemus," Carl Jones, pastor of Green Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

■ "Jesus Talks to Thomas," Ron Higdon, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville.

Browning also promised beautiful music for the conference.

It will feature solos by Robyn Smith, a member of First Baptist Church of Somerset and student at Western Kentucky University, who has been singing solos since she was a young child; the choir from First Baptist Church of Somerset; and pre-session instrumental music directed by Jay Flippin, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Morehead and professor at Morehead State University.

Browning expressed appreciation to the other Pastors' Conference leaders—Don Mantooth, pastor of First Baptist Church of Morehead; Gary Hughes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Maysville; and Barry Allen, business manager of the Kentucky Baptist Convention—for their help in developing the program.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ The building design for Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Stamping Ground has been cited with an architectural award from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The merit award was given to the design firm of Terry B. Simmons, AIA Architects Inc. of Lexington.

■ The fall revival at Cumberland College is scheduled for Oct. 19-21 in the newly renovated Gatliff Chapel, with services at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 8:15 p.m. Wednesday. Allen Walworth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., is the guest speaker.

■ Pam Drake was installed as president of the Women's Advisory Board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children Sept. 28. Drake will serve with Mary Elizabeth Berry, vice president, and Jan Huff, secretary-treasurer. Other new members include Doris Rice, Gloria Redmon, Jeanne Costigan, Bonnie Tackett, Dorothy Crace, Doris Ball, Pat Sheets, Karin Hatler, Jerelyne Ward, Marjorie Yandell, Katie Oliver, Hilda McKown, Agnes Perkins, Ann McBride, Pat Lyons, Glenda McKinney and Nancy Randall.

■ Carl Kell, professor of communication and broadcasting at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, has been elected vice chairman of the trustee board for Associated Baptist Press. Kell will serve with President Gene Puckett, editor of the North Carolina Biblical Recorder, and two other officers.

Chapman speaks at Glasgow dedication

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

GLASGOW—Morris Chapman, president-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, spoke about goals of worship at the Aug. 30 dedication service for Immanuel Baptist Church's new building in Glasgow.

Giving money doesn't make God richer; giving strength doesn't make God stronger, Chapman said. But when Christians give their hearts, they give God the core of who they are, he said.

The 4-year-old church now averaging 350 in worship attendance be-

gan meeting in a renovated credit association building in July 1988, pastor Jewel Pruitt explained.

Quickly outgrowing their facilities, the church added a second Sunday morning worship service. Sunday school classes spread to a nearby pizza parlor and radio station.

Pruitt said the church asked God's direction in every decision, and they felt God leading them to purchase 31.5 acres of land in a desirable area of Glasgow in November 1989.

With the help of a Baptist Sunday School Board architect and a Kentucky Baptist Builders team, the church proceeded to build a worship center "step by step," Pruitt said.

The new building has approximately 20,000 square feet of space, including a sanctuary to accommodate 700 in worship and educational space for 400.

The sanctuary doubles as a fellowship hall. It is a large room with carpeted floors and padded chairs that are hooked together to form pews. "This allows us a lot of flexibility in worship planning," Pruitt said, indicating that a change in appearance can be a stimulus for worship.

At one end of the versatile room is a platform, complete with baptistry and choir loft. Basketball goals are pulled up into the ceiling when they aren't being used.

Spencers give spiritual counsel at Oneida

By Mary Royals Driskill
State Correspondent

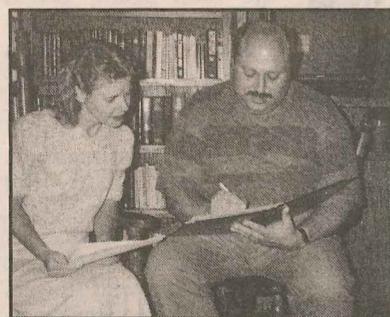
ONEIDA—Oneida Baptist Institute has two new team members this fall whose focus is entirely spiritual rather than academic.

Michael and Denise Spencer have begun work in a new role there as campus chaplain and campus counselor. They moved from Shepherdsville, where Spencer was pastor of Bullitt Lick Baptist Church.

Oneida is a boarding school in Eastern Kentucky affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

When Oneida President Barkley Moore contacted the Spencers, he had in mind finding someone who would not be involved in academics but whose "whole focus" would be the spiritual life on campus.

"We believe what the students need here is a relationship with God and a good experience at Oneida," Spencer said.



NEW ROLE Denise and Michael Spencer make preparations for meeting students' spiritual needs in their new role at Oneida Baptist Institute.

"We're not here to do intensive therapy," Mrs. Spencer added, but to provide "biblical pastoral counseling."

When staff or faculty members notice a change in a student's behavior, or some other problem, they can refer the student to the Spencers. The Spencers then make an initial contact

by inviting the student to come in.

No one is forced to make an appointment, but everyone is encouraged to use the program.

In addition to counseling duties, the Spencers are directing the Baptist Student Union at Oneida, one of only six high school BSU in the nation.

They saw the BSU grow from 50 to 80 students in their first month. The BSU program provides Bible studies, prayer groups, celebration/worship services and trips to events like the recent MissionsFest in Lexington.

Spencer also preaches in chapel twice a week and assists the president in chapel services. "The biggest challenge we're faced with is the vast array of problems" facing students, Spencer explained.

Today's students at Oneida face more challenges than he saw in a decade of youth ministry in the local church, he added. "That's an intimidating prospect when you try to meet those needs personally."

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Serving in the former pastor's shadow

Joel Gregory's resignation from First Baptist Church of Dallas brings to light the struggle that many of us face daily: How to deal with a former pastor's reluctance to turn loose.

I feel confident that many pastors who read the story thought of how much they would like to have the luxury of being able simply to walk out.

The reality of family and financial burdens, along with an unwavering commitment to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, keep many of us struggling on the edge of frustration and anger each day.

Before I accepted the call to my present place of service, I spoke at length with the former pastor, now retired.

He assured me of his support and pledged that he would not be involved in funerals, weddings and the day-to-day affairs of the church.

The first funeral after I came to the field was an older member. He preached the funeral and said to me afterward, "I probably will be preaching most of the funerals, but you can assist."

Now some years later, he still comes to the office several times each week to go through the mail, use the copy machine, talk with the secretary or just visit with old staff members and talk about the good old days.

He delights in making visits, which he almost never did before retirement. Following a worship service, he is

likely to be seen moving among the people, talking about how much he misses the pastorate.

In his last years as pastor, he was withdrawn and had little involvement or activity in anything other than worship services. Now, suddenly, he desires to be in the center of everything that the church is doing.

Anger, hurt, frustration and disappointment are just a few of the emotions that fill countless vocational staff members today as they seek to lead congregations while former staff members try to cling to the old days and ways.

The reason some of us will not have long tenure can be directly traced to someone who is unwilling to let go.

Name withheld by request

VIEWPOINT

Unless you repent

It was disturbing that seminary professors discussing "Why does God allow disaster?" (WR, Sept. 29), despite the good things said, evidently gave no thought to our Lord's word on the subject.

People had died because a natural disaster had occurred, and because Pilate had committed a bestial act. In a rhetorical question, Jesus asked if the victims in each case were exceptional sinners. He then said, "Unless you repent, you too will all perish" (Luke 13:1-5). Like the beneficial rain which blesses "the just and the unjust," hurricanes and earthquakes hurt people indiscriminately.

We have forgotten, or don't take the Genesis account literally, that just as all have dying bodies because of one man's disobedience, all nature was corrupted because of one man's sin (Romans 5:12). As a result, all "creation groans and travails together" (Romans 8:22).

God's message remains the same to an unrepentant world. It should be heard in disasters, whether we suffer innocently from nature's writhing agony or from the shameless behavior of people—such as the crime of someone's drunken driving, or infection with the dread HIV virus. "Unless you repent, you too will all perish."

If we have been spared disasters of various kinds on any given day, it is

because of "the Lord's mercies . . . They are new every morning. Great is (his) faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

*Donald MacDonald
Louisville*

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Marv Knox

BAPTIST FORUM

A clear, running stream

David and I had agreed to meet in Winchester at 7:30 in the morning.

There, I parked my car, and we took his truck over the next 60 or so miles to our destination. We stopped briefly in Olive Hill to pick up a few food items. Soon after, we were heading up a three-digit road, the rock and dirt David remembered as a boy now covered by asphalt.

Within minutes, I got a general orientation to the community before we made our first stop at the family graveyard. High on a hill with a panoramic view of every delectable season of the year lie buried, I judged, around 100 souls. I was intrigued by the story of the four graves covered with poured concrete, pre-determined by a so-called atheist who lay buried there, who wanted to prove there is no resurrection!

Soon we were bound again for our main destination—Sinking Creek. David's awareness of my special affection for mountains and clear-running streams had prompted him many months ago to invite me to this place of his childhood. Only a few hundred yards up this stream, his judgment was validated. This stream is as clear as any I've ever seen. For 32 miles it

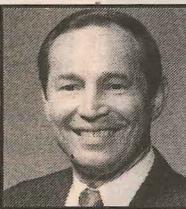
runs, starting somewhere near Olive Hill and finally emptying below the place where we were.

We crossed the creek on slippery rocks and made our way up an old road, over which horses had been the most recent travelers. As we hiked along, meandering down to the creek and back up to the road again, David Lyons, director of missions, became for me a person of great enchantment. Until then, I knew him only as a faithful mountain missionary, a colleague in ministry. But the walk up Sinking Creek revealed much more.

A limitless assortment of trees and wild flowers lay all about us. "That's a white walnut, or some call it butternut," he said. I remembered that my grandmother had a piece of furniture made from butternut. I had never heard of "white walnut." With encouragement from me, he began naming them—ash, walnut, ironwood, hemlock, sugar maple, Appalachian magnolia and more. He sensed I knew the "simple" ones like sycamore, oak, cedar, dogwood, redwood, etc.

Then he exclaimed, "look at the paw-paws!" I had not seen or tasted a paw-paw since I was a child with my

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



FAMILY FORUM: MARRIAGE

Marriage talk

By Diana Garland

Many couples at some time in their relationship say to themselves in frustration, "We just don't seem to be able to communicate with one another."

Is the problem that we can't communicate, or is it that we choose not to?

In her book, "Between Husbands and Wives," Mary Anne Fitzpatrick reports that when unhappily married couples are asked to communicate effectively with people other than their spouses, they have little trouble. They have the skills to communicate effectively; but, for a variety of reasons, they choose not to use those skills in their marriages.

I wonder if this is true only for troubled marriages. Most of us, if we are honest, will admit that there are times we willingly distort the communication process.

Communication skills are important to a marriage. But along with skills must be a willingness to care enough to listen, even when I am angry or tired or hurt, and to be trusting enough to share the "real me" with my partner.

Perhaps most important of all is a willingness to examine myself with God's help. The next time you find communication breaking down, try taking a "halftime break," agreeing to finish the discussion after you have had some time alone. Be sure that the "break" does not last indefinitely.

During the break, take a quiet time for prayer. Ask God to help you examine yourself. Read I Corinthians 13:4-7.

Have you used all the skills you have to communicate lovingly with your partner? Are you willing to "rejoice in the right"? That may mean being willing to admit you are wrong, or asking forgiveness for allowing anger to control you. It may also sometimes mean insisting that both you and your partner search for truth, even when it is painful. Love demands that we face the truth together with patience and insistence. Pray for God's presence as you talk again with your partner, that you will "make love your aim" (I Corinthians 14:1).

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

Southern Seminary's fate matters to Kentucky

October is the most beautiful month at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Crimson and golden leaves shimmer in crystal sunlight, aroused to dance by the whisper of autumn breezes.

But a somber wind blew through Southern Seminary last week. President Roy Honeycutt shocked the campus community and visiting trustees, announcing his intention to retire at the end of 1993, three years ahead of schedule.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, ..." the venerable Old Testament scholar read, quoting Ecclesiastes. Then he said he would step down next year, "in the best interest of the seminary."

Some students and faculty wept; most sat in stunned silence as Honeycutt spoke on, talking about the 14-month transition period and urging cooperation for the advancement of God's Kingdom. He concluded with a promise that sounded like a hope: "This institution will continue to offer students the opportunity to prepare themselves for more effective ministry in a seminary characterized by excellence bound to a world vision of the gospel."

What will Southern Seminary be like without Roy Honeycutt? Faculty and trustees alike—some who almost never agree on anything—concurred that the president held the seminary together during the most turbulent years since Reconstruction. Southern Seminary has been a fragile boat bobbing on surging denominational seas, while Hurricane Controversy raged across the Southern Baptist Convention. Yet Honeycutt has held his grasp on the

wheel, keeping the seminary afloat, even if blown into a new course.

So, thinking about Southern Seminary without Roy Honeycutt is like thinking about a new school. Obviously, his early departure is a signal that he trusts current trustee leaders—some of whom will rotate off the board next year—to do the best job possible in finding a successor with the spiritual and academic abilities to lead the Louisville school toward a viable future. The degree to which the seminary maintains its strong faculty and charts a course toward success and effectiveness will, to a large degree at least, be up to that committee and the leader it selects.

Some Kentucky Baptists may think what happens on that scenic campus in Louisville has nothing to do with them. But Honeycutt's departure and the election of his successor is anything but "purely academic." More than 3,200 Southern alumni live in Kentucky, and most of them are serving or have served Kentucky Baptist churches. Another 397 Kentucky Baptists are current students, preparing for ministry in our churches. Outside of the work of the Holy Spirit, Southern Seminary has played the greatest role in shaping our churches and energizing their vitality, as it has shaped and energized our ministers. In a real sense, much of Kentucky Baptists' future rests on that campus.

So, pray for Roy Honeycutt and the seminary community during these months of transition. Pray for the trustees, who will choose the next president. Pray for that new leader, who will bear a heavy burden. And pray for many more splendid autumns of vitality at Southern Seminary.

Marv Knox

President Roy Honeycutt's successor will shape Southern Seminary, which will shape the future of hundreds of Kentucky Baptist churches.

Good guys, bad guys, right & wrong answers: You decide

So, we enter the season of strong opinion.

Bad guys and good guys lob lies at each other from opposite channels. Colliding claims settle detritus on us as we huddle on middle ground, looking for truth to fall that we may decide rightly.

Candidates and their point men rage from behind bully pulpits and plant slanders to blossom in the media. They float rumors to strip opponents bare and pick their flesh raw. Yes, fall signals a clash of opinion that threatens to rattle the very color off the trees.

When opinions collide, who do you believe? Are you a person who trusts the loudest candidate? The one who spoke most recently? With the most detailed numbers?

How do you sift opposing views, blowing away the chaff of lies, clutch-

ing for a kernel of truth?

In battles of opinion, you must weigh what you hear against what you know, against a foundation of facts proven over time.

But now, even our foundations quiver. New revelations about significant events in our recent history—the JFK assassination, Viet Nam, Iran-Contra, Panama and Noriega—make it plain all is not as it seems. Not only is

the government capable of patting us on the head and whispering reassuring lies in our ear, it has done so.

That realization cracks my foundation of confidence. It diminishes my faith in the will of elected leadership to accomplish anything they promise and to doubt their stated intent to work for my good.

Candidates make us disdain them, the process and the government. Their outrageous statements pass as fact to-

day because we miss tomorrow's rebuttals. They repeat lies often enough to make them true. But in so doing, they disparage the whole process.

Imagine a prince, looking for a wife. Two mothers bring their daughters to him as candidates to marry. But instead of touting the virtues of their own daughters, they disparage the qualities of the other. Soon the prince is repulsed by both. Repeat the process too often, and he will despair of the whole institution of marriage.

If we believed half of what current candidates say about each other, we would utterly despair about the entire election process. An appropriate response to "Who is right?" "Who wins?" "Who loses?" would be "Who cares?"

But decide we must. With fewer "certains" in a world perched on shifting foundations, how do we make up our minds?

First, realize government cannot

solve most of the serious ills in our society—the evils that humans do to each other. Presidents don't have as much power as they claim. They get more credit than they deserve when things go well, more than proper blame when things go badly.

Second, realize candidates consider you ignorant and easily manipulated. Prove them wrong by studying the issues. Read the papers. Forget TV news; those events are staged; the sound bites are scripted.

Third, don't be sucked into a single-issue litmus test to decide a candidate's worth. In a nation about to be consumed and digested by a feast of issues neglected far too long, no election can ride on a single one.

Fourth, decide to be the best citizen you can. When you are, your nation will be better.

Norman Jameson, editor
Charity & Children
Thomasville, N.C.

No matter how disgusted you are with dirty politics, your duty as a Christian citizen is to study the issues and vote.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Sweet dreams, Margaret; those Braves will cheer in the morning

My friend Margaret knows how to pick a winner.

Just last week, she predicted fame and fortune for Sid Bream.

Bream plays first base for the Atlanta Braves. At the moment of Margaret's prognostication, Atlanta was trailing the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 in the final game of their splendid National League pennant battle.

Margaret is just 5 years old—too young to watch the conclusion of a nighttime baseball game. So, she had to go off to bed with the Braves behind. For all she knew, she'd just seen her last inning of Braves baseball for 1992.

Her daddy, Robert—a native Georgian and Braves fan all the way back to lean years and losing seasons—stole away from the TV set long enough to go upstairs and

tuck Margaret in bed.

"Sid Bream is going to win the game," she told him. I'm not certain Robert believed her, but Margaret confidently nodded off to sleep.

Sure enough, a couple of nail-biting hours later, Margaret's hero got on base. It was the bottom of the ninth inning, with Pittsburgh ahead by a run.

Bream, the Braves' victory runner, needed a hit from Francisco Cabrera, a guy nobody ever heard of, with only 10 major league at-bats, who only

came up from the minors last month. Cabrera wasn't your ideal choice for a clutch batter, and Bream—hobbling around on knees that have seen five surgeries—wasn't your ideal choice for a go-ahead runner.

But lightning struck, thunder rolled, trumpets blasted and angels sang. (Apocalyptic language always is appropriate for life's major moments.)

Cabrera thwacked the ball over Pittsburgh shortstop Jay Bell's head into left field, and Bream and his bad knees started running. As he raced from third base to home,

the baseball sailed through the air, and all Atlanta held its breath. Bream slid for the plate as Mike LaValliere, the Pirates' catcher, caught the throw from the outfield and lunged for Slidin' Sid.

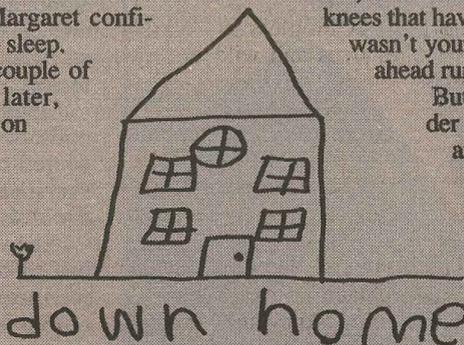
Bream won, if only by inches. Margaret's hero was safe, and the Braves won the pennant.

The Braves' dugout emptied onto the field, and most of them piled on top of Bream in that victory celebration/brawl pennant-winning baseball players always go through.

Meanwhile, Margaret was in bed, asleep, resting up for the World Series.

Don't you wish Christians had as much faith in God as children have in sports heroes?

Marv Knox



Honeycutt tells trustees of plans to retire in 1993

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1982, will retire Dec. 31, 1993—two months after his 67th birthday but three years earlier than planned.

Honeycutt announced his decision to seminary trustees Oct. 12.

Honeycutt's tenure as president has paralleled an ongoing theological/political controversy within the Southern Baptist Convention. Conservative critics have attacked both Honeycutt and the seminary for alleged liberalism. Supporters have contended the school and its president reflect traditional high standards of excellence in ministerial training.

Two years ago, the seminary appeared gridlocked between conservative trustees, who wanted to overlay increasingly restrictive conditions for employment, and faculty, who felt the

new rules violated standing employment policies. But in April 1991, Honeycutt engineered trustee and faculty approval of a "covenant renewal" which protected the current faculty while agreeing to take the school in a more conservative direction.

Despite the criticism and pressure from all sides, Honeycutt's retirement decision "came at my initiative and only after most serious reflection and prayer," he told the trustees and several hundred faculty, staff and students.

Honeycutt noted he is healthy and still committed to the seminary and its future. He stressed his decision to retire was based on what he believes is "the best interest of the seminary."

In an interview, Honeycutt elaborated on the reasons for announcing his retirement now.

"I felt the time was right to elect a responsible president," he said. "At this time, we have board leadership who are thoroughly committed to the

maintenance of the seminary and its integrity. In my decision-making, I took that into strong consideration.

"I hoped for a strong (search) committee," he said, indicating he was satisfied with the seven trustees who will nominate his successor.

In addition, "the direction has been set for the seminary," he said, noting the school is solidly within the mainstream of evangelical Christianity and Baptist life, and a strong faculty has been put in place.

"The trustees' election of a new president will bring a new sense of purpose, direction and enthusiasm," he predicted. "Basically, it's just a good time."

During his statement to trustees, Honeycutt called on each person affiliated with the seminary to continue supporting the school.

"The 14 months before us can be, if we make it, a creative period of opportunity, despite the anxieties which accompany a period of transition," he

stressed. "I urge every trustee, colleague on the faculty and staff, student, alumnus and friend of the seminary to join me as together we carry forward the seminary's world-wide ministry. Southern Seminary's unique role in the work of God's kingdom is far too significant for us to offer anything but our best efforts to function effectively during the transition in the presidency."

Honeycutt expressed confidence about the future of the seminary. "The same God" who inspired the school's founders in 1859 "will now overshadow and guide Southern Seminary," he said.

"Transitions lead to new beginnings and creative opportunities," he said. "During this period of institutional transition, I believe the course we have set together in covenant for Southern Seminary will lead her into the 21st century with wholeness, educational effectiveness and constructive ministry."

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Roy Honeycutt, on his decision to retire next year

Honeycutt praised for keeping seminary's fragile peace

By Mark Wingfield & Marv Knox
News Director & Editor

LOUISVILLE—The day he announced his intention to retire as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Roy Honeycutt was praised by students, faculty and trustees as the glue that has held a fragile institution together.

Silence engulfed the meeting hall Oct. 12 when Honeycutt announced plans to retire Dec. 31, 1993. Only a handful of staff members and trustee leaders knew of his intentions, and they had learned only hours in advance.

The room was packed with students and faculty who had come to hear what trustees would decide about the fate of professor Paul Simmons, who has been under fire from trustees for several years. Some students sat in teary-eyed astonishment as Honeycutt pre-empted that concern with his surprise announcement.

Trustee Chairman Wayne Allen

called a break after Honeycutt's presentation to allow trustees and others in the room to express their appreciation to Honeycutt.

Trustees, faculty, students and alumni united in their expressions of appreciation for Honeycutt's leadership.

Trustees

Allen told the assembly Honeycutt has been the "glue that holds us together" during turbulent times.

"In my heart and in my life, this is a sad day," he said. "I know God in his infinite wisdom and will has someone for this role, but at this date it is very difficult for me to imagine it."

Allen said Honeycutt has served Southern Seminary "during a decade of difficulty beyond what most could comprehend," referring to the 13-year political and theological struggle in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Many predicted this conflict would result in the destruction of this

institution," Allen explained. But through Honeycutt's adept leadership the seminary instead has experienced "a decade of growth," he said.

Honeycutt, he said, has embraced people on the right and left in "an example of true biblical faith that builds trust."

Trustee Jerry Johnson of Colorado, one of Honeycutt's harshest critics in the past, said even the school's most conservative trustees were saddened by the president's announcement.

"Even among the most conservative trustees, I did not hear anyone express a rejoicing that he was leaving," Johnson said. "At the same time I felt people sensed agreement with what he had to say. There are people who felt this is right."

Faculty

Representatives of the two faculty organizations expressed surprise and sadness at Honeycutt's decision.

"The faculty is deeply grieved at the resignation of Dr. Honeycutt," said John Dever, chairman of the faculty committee and professor of church and community. "He has given our community superb leadership and prophetic vision during extremely troubled times."

"The announcement ... has come as a considerable shock to me and I am sure to the rest of the seminary community," echoed Gerald Keown, president of the Faculty Association, an independent organization of professors.

Honeycutt's "able leadership in the midst of most difficult times has prevented catastrophe when such was very much a possibility," said Keown, a professor of Old Testament.

Keown expressed gratitude on behalf of the faculty "for the personal sacrifices he has made in recent years on our behalf and on behalf of the seminary. No one could have served as well in these troubled times as this trusted colleague, friend and true servant of God."

"We have found him to be a man

of uncommon wisdom, courage and integrity," Dever added. "Roy and June Honeycutt's gentle spirit and confirming love endeared them to the whole seminary community. They are very special people and will be missed greatly."

Students

Students have seen Honeycutt's leadership as "a strong anchor," said Ruth Davison, president of the seminary's Student Government Association. "He cares about students, about theological education, about the future."

"He has kept us focused on what the real issues are," she said.

With the groundwork Honeycutt has laid, Davison said, she hopes trustees, students and other groups can work together to find a new president. "Maybe this will be a time we can put some differences aside," she said.

Alumni

"Dr. Honeycutt has exemplified the conciliatory spirit that has been needed and is needed in moving us into the future, out of the years of controversy," said Jim Graves, pastor of First Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., and president of the seminary's national alumni association. "I think his accomplishments at Southern Seminary in this regard have been significant. We will miss his leadership."

Graves said alumni "will be united in appreciation" for Honeycutt's leadership and will accept with regret his decision to retire.

"Dr. Honeycutt has brought great credit to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention by his consistent Christian commitment, his intellectual integrity and his excellent scholarship."

Graves said he prays God will guide trustees to find a successor "of comparable Christian character, commitment to scholastic excellence and the courage to both teach and live the principles of his faith."

INTERVIEW Reporters gather around Roy Honeycutt during a break in the trustee meeting last week where he announced his intention to retire as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993.



Search committee named; Allen promises cooperation

LOUISVILLE—The search for a new president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is underway, leaving all parties concerned with more questions than answers.

The impending retirement of President Roy Honeycutt thrusts the seminary into a "most critical moment of decision," said Gerald Keown, president of the Faculty Association, an independent organization of professors.

Trustees' choice of a successor "will decide whether the seminary retains its integrity and its mission among Southern Baptists and world Christianity, or whether we move into the process of self-destruction and disintegration," he said.

For their part, trustees face the task of finding a president who will meet their desire for theologically conservative leadership and be able to work well with a faculty intent on preserv-

ing their academic freedom.

The key to a successful future will be a president as magnanimous as Honeycutt, Keown suggested.

"If a conservative president is elected, he will need to be able to reach out to the faculty as Dr. Honeycutt has reached out to conservative trustees," he explained.

But if the president cannot or will not reach out to the faculty, "many will have to make the decision

to go," Keown added.

The next president is certain to represent a more conservative viewpoint, admitted Ruth Davison, president of the Student Government Association.

But that doesn't have to be a negative for students, she noted. "As long as there's freedom for all voices to be heard, there's hope."

Trustee Chairman Wayne Allen has appointed seven trustees to the presidential search committee.

He said the search committee will work with a liaison committee, to be comprised of representatives of various seminary constituencies, such as faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"We will actively, openly seek your input," Allen said. "We particularly would like your guidance as we develop the profile for this position."

Several leaders of those groups said they plan to take Allen at his word.

"Even in the midst of our grief, I believe the faculty stand ready to join the trustees in the search for leadership," said John Dever, chairman of the faculty committee. "If we are to develop a joint vision for the future, then we must share jointly in securing the leadership to guide us in that vision."

Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown and president-elect of the seminary's alumni association, said he hopes the board will consult alumni other than those as trustees.

Honeycutt's strength has been a "God-given asset during difficult days for the seminary," he said, noting he hopes trustees will find a successor "of equal spiritual and academic stature."

"The search committee is composed of excellent people for whom I ask all Southern alumni to pray," he said.

"If a conservative president is elected, he will need to be able to reach out to the faculty the way Dr. Honeycutt has reached out to conservative trustees."

Gerald Keown, president of Southern Seminary's Faculty Association

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Search committee

■ Larry Adams, administrator of the Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City.

■ Allen, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., a Memphis suburb.

■ Charles Q. Carter, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ga.

■ Neal Gresham, a retired automotive executive and labor-law expert from Wing, Ala.

■ Carroll Karkalits, dean of the college of engineering and technology at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.

■ P.A. Stevens, a fire-protection contractor and member of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville.

■ Rick White, pastor of First Baptist Church of Franklin, Tenn., a Nashville suburb.

Allen and Adams serve on the committee by virtue of their positions as chairman and vice chairman of the trustees. Adams, Carter and White are seminary alumni.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION PROGRAM

Nov. 10-11, 1992
St. Matthews Baptist Church
Louisville
Theme: "Jesus Christ: Our foundation, our focus, our future"

Tuesday morning, Nov. 10

8:30 Pre-session music: Don Hustad, Ron Boud and the choir of First Baptist Church in Pikeville
 8:55 Call to order, prayer and hymn
 9:05 Welcome, organization of the 155th convention and appointment of committees and tellers
 Committee on credentials Michael Watts
 Committee on order of business Howard Cobble
 9:35 Theme interpretation: "The Last Baptist in Kentucky"
 9:55 Conventionwide education Mary Lou Crutcher
 10:00 Fraternal greetings
 10:15 Missions and evangelism Benton Williams
 Brotherhood Bob Simpkins
 Direct missions Bob Jones
 Evangelism Bill Jagers
 Student ministry Don Blaylock
 10:40 Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Bill Whittaker
 10:50 Pikeville First Baptist choir
 11:00 President's address Glenn Mollette
 11:30 Closing chorus and prayer

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 10

1:15 Music by Kentucky Baptist Instrumental Ensemble, Kentucky Baptist Chorale, hymn and prayer
 1:55 Home missions David Aker
 2:00 Recognition of new leadership
 2:15 Recognition of past presidents
 2:30 Executive secretary-treasurer's report William W. Marshall

2:50 Committee on constitution and bylaws Eldred Taylor
 3:00 Special committee on Cooperative Program Eugene Siler Jr.
 3:25 Election of president
 3:40 Business and resolutions
 4:10 Executive Board report and recommendations Glenn Mollette
 4:25 Election of officers
 4:35 Closing chorus and prayer

Tuesday evening, Nov. 10

6:30 Pre-session music by Long Run Association choir, hymn and prayer
 6:55 Minister/church support Guy Futral
 Annuity Don Spencer
 Family ministry John Lepper
 7:15 Committee on public affairs Billy Hurt
 7:30 Cumberland College James Taylor
 7:40 Election of officers
 8:00 Church growth & administration Vernon Cole
 Church music Jim Cordell
 Discipleship training/stewardship Doug Strader
 Sunday school Chip Miller
 8:20 Cooperative Program report James E. Jones
 8:25 Western Recorder Marv Knox
 8:40 Musical celebration with Larnelle Harris and Long Run Association choir
 9:15 Closing chorus and prayer

Wednesday morning, Nov. 11

8:45 Pre-session music by worship choir of Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green and hymn
 9:00 Theme interpretation James McKenzie
 9:15 Temperance League Claude Witt
 9:20 Campbellsville College Kenneth Winters
 9:30 Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children Curtis Mooney
 9:40 Miscellaneous business
 10:05 Committee on resolutions Bret Robbe
 10:15 Committee on arrangements Gates Bowman
 10:20 Oneida Baptist Institute choir
 10:30 Oneida Baptist Institute
 Christian education message Barkley Moore

10:50 Kentucky Baptist Foundation Richard Carnes
 11:05 Obituaries report and memorial James Hill
 11:15 Scripture reading and prayer Robert Jackson
 11:20 Worship choir, Living Hope Baptist Church
 11:30 Convention sermon Brad Johnson
 12:00 Closing chorus and prayer

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11

1:50 Pre-session music by Don Hustad and Ron Boud, prayer
 2:05 Theme interpretation Hugh McElrath
 2:20 Business division Barry Allen
 Accounting services Cathi Roy-Sanders
 Administrative services B.J. Watts Jr.
 Computer services Douglas Hays
 Support services John Pate
 Cedarmore Assembly Harold Barnes
 Jonathan Creek Assembly Deward Hurst
 2:30 Committee on committees Brad Johnson
 2:40 Committee on nominations Ken Holden
 2:50 Baptist Healthcare System Edgar Vaughn
 3:05 Recognition of convention officers
 3:15 Historical Commission Ronnie Forrest
 3:25 Miscellaneous business
 3:45 Woman's Missionary Union Dee Gilliland
 3:55 Introduction of speaker Ginny Sisk
 4:00 Message Dellanna O'Brien
 4:30 Closing chorus and prayer

Wednesday evening, Nov. 11

6:30 Music by St. Matthews Baptist Church choir and hymn
 6:55 Theme interpretation Gerald Sharon
 7:10 Georgetown College William Crouch Jr.
 7:20 Miscellaneous business
 7:25 Foreign missions Eddie Benton
 7:30 Celebration of Brazil partnership
 7:50 Introduction of speaker Gene Flynn
 7:55 St. Matthews Baptist Church choir
 8:05 Message Paul Powell
 8:35 Recognition of new officers
 8:45 Closing chorus and benediction

How to get there

St. Matthews Baptist Church is located at 3515 Grandview Ave. in Louisville. From Interstate 64, exit on Cannons Lane and go north, then turn right on Grandview. From Interstate 264, the Watterson Expressway, exit on Breckinridge Lane and go north, then turn left on Grandview

CONVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday, Nov. 9

- Kentucky Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging, Mullins Hall lounge, Southern Seminary, 8 a.m.
- Credentials committee, Kayrouz restaurant, 10 a.m.
- Kentucky Baptist Music Conference officers, school of church music, Southern Seminary, 11 a.m.
- Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Kentucky Baptist Building, 11 a.m.
- Kentucky Baptist Communicators Forum, Holiday Inn Rivermont Centre, 12:30 p.m.
- KBC Executive Board, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 1 p.m.
- Pastors' Conference, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 1:15 p.m.
- Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, Southern Seminary, 1:30 p.m.
- Directors of Missions Fellowship, Southern Seminary, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

- Boyce Bible School alumni breakfast, Patio Room, Southern Seminary, 7 a.m.
- Fun Run/Health Walk sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Recreators Association, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 7:15 a.m.
- Campbellsville College breakfast for alumni and friends, Hurstbourne Inn, 7:30 a.m.
- Kentucky Baptist Women in Ministry, WMU Hall, Carver Building, Southern Seminary, 11:45 a.m.
- Annuitants luncheon, Julia Belle Room, Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center, 11:45 a.m.
- Directors of missions luncheon sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Cooke Hall, Spring Meadows, noon
- Historical Society, Baptist Healthcare System corporate offices, 4007 Kresge Way, 5 p.m.
- Ministers' Wives Fellowship, June Honeycutt's home, 2800 Lexington Rd., 5 p.m.
- Bivocational Ministers' Fellowship, Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, 3726 Taylorsville Rd., 5:30 p.m.
- Clear Creek Baptist Bible College dinner for alumni and friends, 9th & O Baptist Church, 2921 Taylor Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

- Georgetown College breakfast for alumni and friends, Radisson Hotel Louisville East, 7:15 a.m.
- Cumberland College breakfast for alumni and friends, Radisson Hotel Louisville East, 7:30 a.m.
- Midwestern Seminary luncheon, Shoney's, 7405 LaGrange Rd., noon
- New Orleans Seminary luncheon, Sizzler, 5001 Shelbyville Rd., noon
- Southwestern Seminary luncheon, Kentucky Baptist Building, noon
- Southern Seminary luncheon, WMU Hall, Carver Building, seminary campus, 12:30 p.m.
- KBC past presidents dinner, Holiday Inn Rivermont Centre, 5 p.m.
- Woman's Missionary Union dinner for missionaries, 5 p.m.

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Baptist ministry is a tough job, Guy Futral insists. Futral should know. His work involves helping Kentucky Baptist ministers and churches get along. He talks to hundreds of ministers and scores of churches every year, and one message keeps coming through: "It's as tough as ever to be a Baptist minister—a pastor and/or staff minister."

Futral, the director of the Kentucky Baptist minister/church support division, cites two major reasons for the difficulty.

"The rapid change taking place in society is a major factor," he explains. "We're seeing more changes, more rapidly."

"This affects the church, because a lot of us had rather have something that isn't changing all the time. And yet change is taking place all the time: Members are changing. Our methods to reach and keep people are changing. Our churches are increasingly diverse."

Those changes and their tensions place extreme pressure on ministers, especially pastors, says Futral, who notes Kentucky churches fire 25-35 ministers per year.

"I see the pastor as needing to be more like a band director—leading people with all kinds of gifts, styles and contributions," he illustrates.

"The successful pastor is one who can lead people in harmony. Unfortunately, that's very difficult today."

The second factor that makes

ministry difficult is the demand churches place on ministers, he adds.

"The expectations of congregations, when put together, are impossible for any one person to meet," he reports. "My expectations are different from your expectations. And when we add those up, no one can meet them."



Guy Futral

If churches are going to keep from burning out or firing their ministers, they need to see the big picture of the diverse needs and challenges that face any congregation, Futral says. "We've also got to see our minister as another human being who

is not capable of walking on water."

Futral's task as the Kentucky Baptist Convention's minister/church mediator is to help churches and their ministers build healthy, healing relationships.

He's seen a variety of causes of ministerial stress.

"Many ministers have either inadequate or marginal compensation," he reports. "This inevitably adds the stress of trying to care for their families adequately."

"In some cases, the Southern Baptist Convention controversy becomes a stress factor."

"And in Kentucky, economic recession has been difficult. The strain of counseling out-of-work people is great. Making-do with decreasing church budgets creates more stress."

All of this piles up on ministers and churches, creating conflict, he

notes: "Conflict always has been a part of congregational life, but these days conflict seems to surface quickly and with greater force. The need is for not only ministers to deal with conflict, but also lay leaders."

An important part of Futral's job is crisis counseling or mediation in situations where churches and ministers are at odds.

"Conflict" is not a dirty word," Futral stresses. "At its least, it simply means there are differences of opinion. Any relationship will have conflict; any person will have feelings of anger. There's nothing wrong with that. The question is: What are we going to do with our anger? How do we handle it? How do we focus it?"

"To know how to handle differences of opinion can be one of the most creative and productive times for a church. We need to hear what the Apostle Paul said, 'Be angry, and sin not.'"

The KBC has provided minister/church relations services for nine years, and Futral has been at the helm since 1984.

"This service is available to any staff member, not only for pastors," he says. He counsels with individual churches and ministers in conflict and also provides training for ministers and lay leaders through regional associations.

"We provide assistance at times when feelings are running high," he says of the work, "but we obviously need to focus on prevention."

The key to that comes before a minister ever accepts a call to a

church, Futral admonishes.

"The most important element is to find the right place and the right ministry," he explains. "And that requires being clear and open regarding expectations. You need to have a thorough understanding of what the expectations are—both on the part of the church and the minister."

Beyond that, churches and ministers need to reclaim the spiritual dimension of their relationships.

"We are in need of restoring in our churches a sense of divine call," he stresses. "We have leaned heavily toward the secular model of 'hiring.' But if that's the frame of mind, we're only a step away from 'firing.'"

"So, if a sense of the will of God is involved in calling a minister, then it must be involved when people talk about terminating a minister."

But working positively from the start of a minister/church relationship means beginning with prayer, he said: "We've got to involve the church—the whole congregation—in praying for the Lord's leadership. Not just praying for a (search) committee to have stamina and wisdom, but every member praying for a sense of rightness in the call. Feeling a sense of personal responsibility."

"All a church does with examining biographical files, exchanging information, negotiating salary packages and so forth is important," he says. "But if that's all we do when we call a minister, then we're just hiring."

And that, Futral believes, will only make a minister's job tougher.

KBC Staff Offers Variety of Help to Ministers & Churches

What's a church (or minister) to do?

That question comes up many times in the life of a church or the career of a minister. And the Kentucky Baptist Convention's minister/church relations office tries to be ready with the answers.

Churches and ministers can choose from an array of services, many of them tailored to individual needs, reports Guy Futral, director of the KBC minister/church support division and the convention's leading church/minister reconciler.

Futral's office offers:

■ Help for pastor-search and personnel committees.

How does a group of laypeople go about finding the right minister to meet the needs of their church?

Futral provides training and orientation for the committees, showing them how to go about their tasks of seeking God's servants for their situations. He also provides biographical information about ministers who might meet the needs of those congregations.

■ Help for ministers seeking places to serve.

How does a person who's answered God's "call" to ministry find the folks who have heard the same still, small voice?

Futral consults with pastors and other ministers, providing career counseling and resume preparation. His office matches the profiles of

ministers seeking jobs to the requirements of churches seeking ministers.

■ Help for churches and ministers in conflict.

How can fights between churches and their ministers end in peaceful reconciliation?

The church/minister relations office sponsors several types of conflict-management training. Futral works directly with churches and

ministers during times of serious upheaval. He also teaches seminars—for associational directors of missions, pastors, staff and laypeople—designed to prevent conflict crisis before it happens.

■ Help for ministers who have been fired by their churches.

How do ministers and their spouses get back on their feet after being terminated?

How the KBC Helps Minister-Searches

What happens when a church seeks a minister through the Kentucky Baptist minister/church relations office?

■ First, the church sends minister/church relations Director Guy Futral a request for help.

■ Then Futral opens a file on that congregation.

The first major document to go into the file is a "profile" of the minister the church is seeking.

The profile is developed from a questionnaire the church completes. It provides information about the hoped-for minister—such as age range, number of years of experience, minimum educational level, and salary or compensation package. Sometimes it includes expectations regarding the prospective minister's marital and family status.

■ Next, Futral sends the church a group of resumes from ministers who meet or come very close to meeting all the criteria the church has outlined in its ministerial profile.

■ Futral continues to send appropriate resumes to the church, as they arrive from prospective ministers.

At any given time, Futral is working with about 300 churches, helping them find all types of ministers. Meanwhile, he keeps active files on 600-700 ministers and relates to about 2,500-3,000 ministers every year.

■ A church's file stays open until Futral learns the church has found its minister. A minister's file stays active for six months from the last time Futral had contact with the minister.

The office sponsors two retreats each year, specifically geared for these people. The purpose is to provide ministers and their spouses with the support they need during a difficult time. The retreats also offer help in understanding what has happened, so the ministers can avoid future terminations.

■ Help for troubled ministers and/or their families.

What happens to ministers and their families when stress becomes unmanageable?

Futral refers ministers and ministers' families to counselors who can help them. His office also provides assistance with counseling fees, when needed.

■ Help for newcomers. How can a new minister figure out how to relate to the Kentucky Baptist Convention?

The minister/church relations office sponsors an annual "Welcome to Kentucky" conference at the Baptist Building in Middletown. It allows new ministers and ministers new to Kentucky an opportunity to discover resources available to them, learn more about Baptist Building staff and get acquainted with other new ministers.

The next "Welcome to Kentucky" event will be April 19-20.

For more information, contact Futral at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433; phone (502) 245-4101.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

MEDIA

Why Did We Create EVENTS?

The answer is in the overlaid subtitle in the heading. . . "for all Kentucky Baptists." All church and associational leaders currently on our rosters are being mailed the monthly Western Recorder issue which contains EVENTS.

It is important that you as a leader know something about all the resources available to your congregations and associations as well as those resources related to your specific area of leadership.

Multiple mailings are just too expensive these days and postage will keep going up.

EVENTS can be printed and mailed to you for about 15 cents per issue. . . and you get the good news about the entire spectrum of events and programs instead of just one. It's a bargain for you and a big savings for us.

We hope you enjoy "EVENTS" and maybe you will discover so much helpful news in the other Western Recorder pages you will want your own weekly subscription. I hope so.



Dr. William W. Marshall
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Kentucky Baptists Today Fall '92 Edition Now Available

The Fall 1992 edition of *Kentucky Baptists Today*, released September 1, features a 16-minute segment on missions and ministries supported through the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering. Some of the selected works include: migrant ministry in Henry County, disaster relief assistance through the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief teams, ministry to internationals through the International Student Conference and Friendship International and, outreach to the inner city community through the cooperative work of the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville.

Also featured in the Fall '92 release is an exciting story about "World Changers", an intensive project in Louisville, to save the homes of those who were on the verge of losing them.

Kentucky Baptists Today is an excellent resource for missions education and promotion. Each release contains a viewing guide with learning objectives and discussion suggestions. WMU, Brotherhood, Acteens, G.A.'s, R.A.'s,

Baptist Young Men or any group can use this valuable resource in overall missions programming.

Used along with the Foreign Missions Update videotape and Home Missions Videomagazine, *Kentucky Baptists Today* can provide every church an opportunity to learn about foreign, home and state missions directly.

The Foreign Missions and Home Missions Videomagazines, as well as *Kentucky Baptists Today*, are available on a free loan basis from each associational Director of Missions office or from the video loan library of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Media Department.

Churches may also subscribe to *Kentucky Baptists Today* for church libraries. For more information on how you can use this dynamic resource or any of over 1,000 other videotapes in the Kentucky Baptist Video Network's Library, contact: Media Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 266.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

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MasterLife and MasterBuilder Workshops

January 18-22

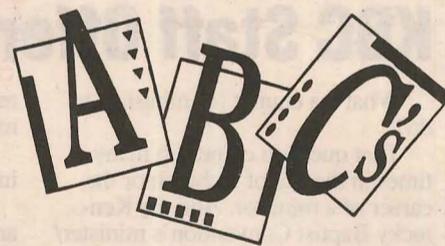


MasterLife has already equipped hundreds of thousands to live a fuller, more victorious and useful life and to minister to others. It is being used world-wide.

MasterBuilder is a leadership course that enables MasterLife alumni to develop qualities and skills of leadership and multiply their ministries by equipping disciples to grow at each stage of the Christian life. MasterLife is a prerequisite.

Both workshops will be held at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown. They are sponsored by the Discipleship Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Discipleship Training Division, Baptist Sunday School Board. Cost of the MasterLife Workshop is \$82.50 and \$50.00 for MasterBuilder.

For more information contact the Discipleship Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 335.



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CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

Budget Planning Questions

Q Who speaks for the missionaries Southern Baptists support?

A Naturally the Foreign Mission Board is the first that comes to mind. However, they can only speak to the degree that individual Baptists and individual churches speak. What we say impacts the work of 3,940 foreign missionaries and 4,250 home missionaries as well as 670 Mission Service Corps volunteers. Add to these the staff of KBC executive board, directors of missions, and workers at our Baptist homes for children, and we recognize the profound importance that what we say is heard in Kentucky and around the world through these folks.

Q How do we speak for these workers in Kentucky and around the world?

A We speak for them as through a genuine spirit of prayer for their work and as we ask for the empowerment of God in their lives. We speak for them to the degree that we provide the resources for them to work. One of the key resources is financial. We speak for them in our rate of giving personally and giving beyond the church through the Cooperative Program. Individuals have to give through the church in order for the church to give. What is the percentage your church gives through the Cooperative Program?

Q When is the decision made about your church's level of giving?

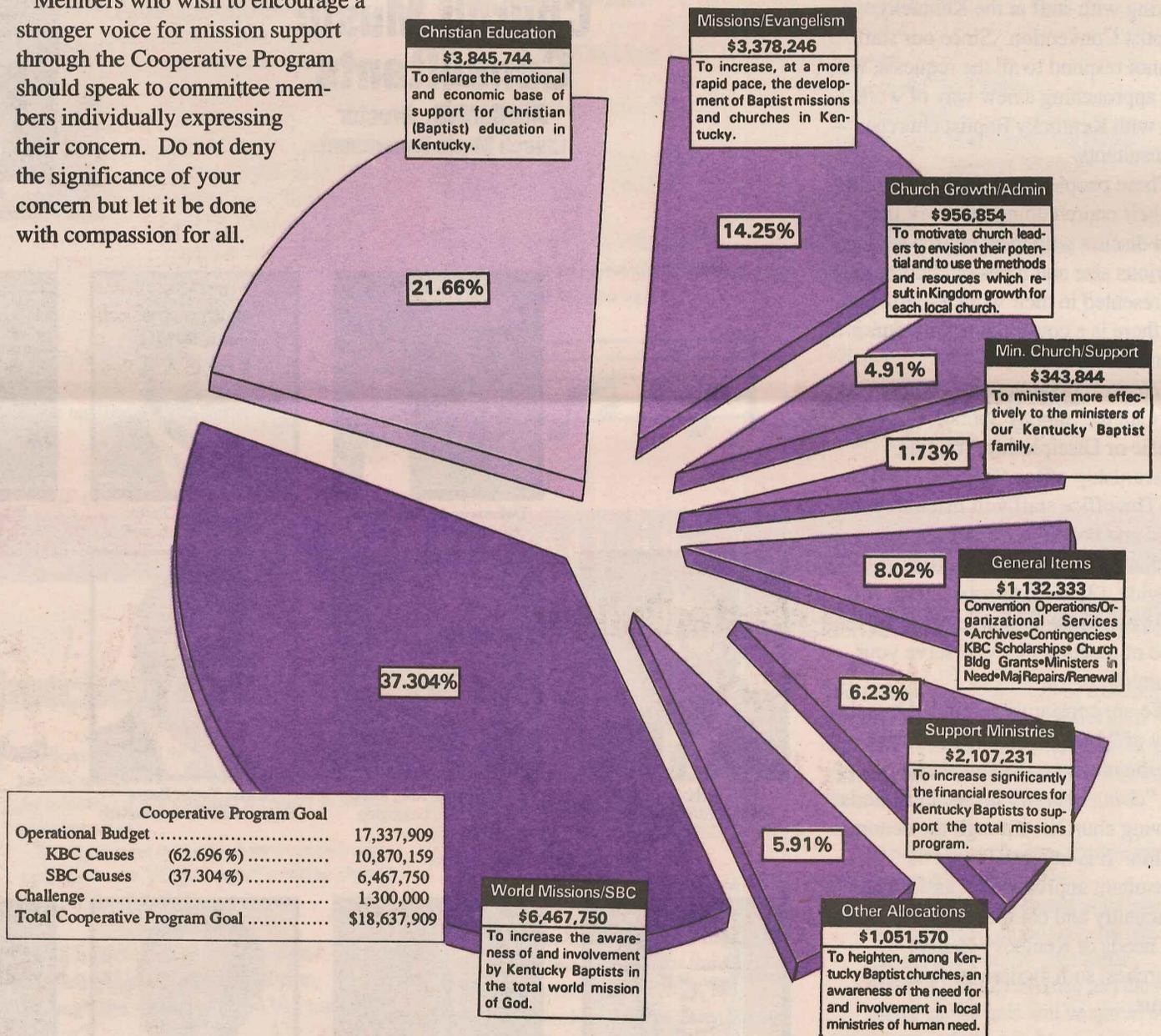
A Technically the decision is made when the church budget is adopted. Realistically it is made by a committee, for seldom does the church body change the recommendation of the respected committee, nor should it. Members who wish to encourage a stronger voice for mission support through the Cooperative Program should speak to committee members individually expressing their concern. Do not deny the significance of your concern but let it be done with compassion for all.

Q Who can help us understand more about the Cooperative Program?

A Any of us who serve as Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board staff will be delighted to assist your church. Specific questions can be directed to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. William

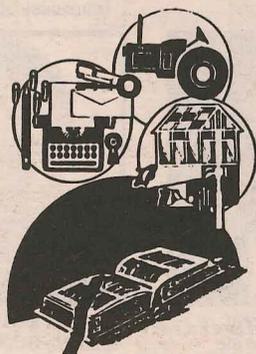
Marshall or Business Division director, Barry Allen.

Upon request, the Church Growth & Administration division office will provide Cooperative Program tracts as well as personalized printouts detailing the breakdown of your church's gifts through the Cooperative Program. Other questions or requests may be directed to Vernon Cole, the division director.



Bivocational Ministers Recognition

Over 28% of Kentucky Baptist churches are pastored by bivocational pastors. Since the 1988 annual convention, it has been the pleasure of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to honor this significant number of ministers who serve bivocational churches. We are pleased to invite all Kentucky Baptist Bivocational pastors, ministers of music, youth



and/or education; Directors of missions, and staff of the Executive Board to the fifth annual Bivocational Minister's Banquet, 5:15 PM, Tuesday, November 10, 1992 at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church (3728 Taylorsville Road), Louisville. During the banquet we will recognize the 1992 bivocational pastor and/or minister who has exemplified dedicated work among bivocational ministers in Kentucky. Ministers are nominated by their Director of Missions based on criteria established by the

Bivocational Selection committee. Plan now to attend with your guest by calling the Church Growth & Administration office or completing the registration form in this insert. Bivocational ministers are a vital part of God's Kingdom growth in Kentucky. We look forward to honoring you with this banquet.

CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

Meet the Church Growth Consultants

How would you like someone outside your church to come and provide some fresh ideas on Sunday School, Church Music, or Stewardship: finding more space for growing groups, redecorating to provide a fresh look, planning dynamic worship, or looking for ways to present the biblical claims of financial stewardship? These are the areas about which church people are daily talking with staff at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Since our staff cannot respond to all the requests, we are approaching a new way of working with Kentucky Baptist churches -- Consultants.

These people are actively involved in their church doing the work they will discuss with local church leaders. Various size and types of churches are represented in their work experience. So there is a consultant to fit your church's specific needs.

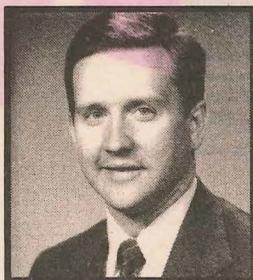
"How do I contact one of them?"

- (1) Call the Sunday School, Church Music or Discipleship Training/Stewardship office (502/245-4101).
- (2) The office staff will listen to your need and contact a consultant for availability on one of the dates you provide.
- (3) Then the consultant will call you to make arrangements for the type of meeting that will serve your church best.

We are constantly reminded that the way of "doing church" is different, but the message remains the same. As "doing church" is changing, so is serving churches through the denomination. It is our prayer that the consultant approach will assist us to efficiently and comprehensively meet the needs of Kentucky Baptist churches, so Kingdom growth will occur.

Sunday School Consultants

Chip Miller, director
Sunday School Department



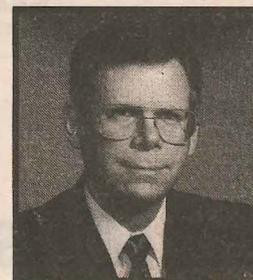
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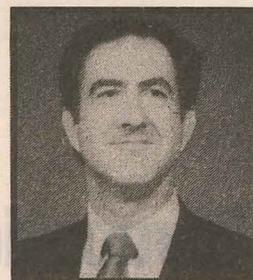
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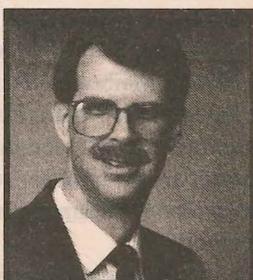
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Mike Harmon
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Paul Robinson
FBC Bowling Green



John Saunders
Long Run Association



Rodney Vincent
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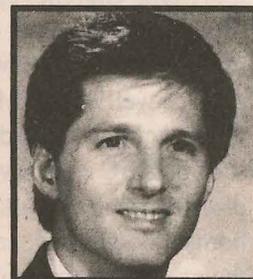
Eddie Howell
Adult Music

Church Music Consultants

Jim Cordell, director
Church Music Department



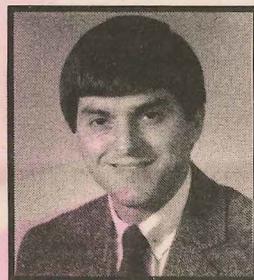
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Handbell/Instrumental



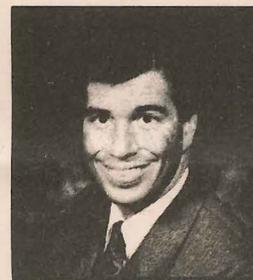
Roger Walworth
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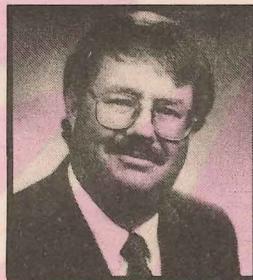
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Glendale BC, Glendale



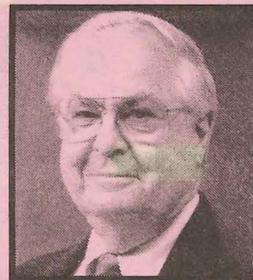
Dan Garland, Pastor
Zion BC, Henderson



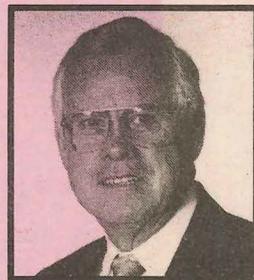
Brad Johnson, Pastor
Living Hope, Bowling Green



Rick Robbins, DOM
Blackford/Breckinridge



Bill Simmons, Min. Educ.
Calvary BC, Lexington



Gayle Toole, Pastor
Edgewood BC, Nicholasville

Stewardship Consultants

Doug Strader, director
Discipleship Training/Stewardship Department

CHURCH MUSIC

Teens and Children Begin Tuning Up for Keyboard Festivals

May 7
First Baptist Church,
London

First Baptist Church,
Hopkinsville

May 8
Melbourne Baptist Church,
Louisville
First Baptist Church,
Ashland

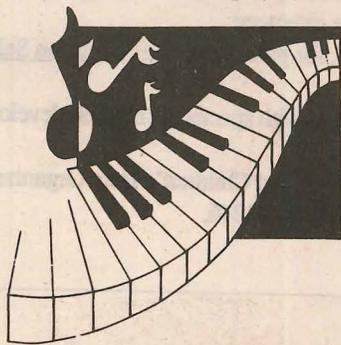
Months of preparation and practice will culminate in next year's Regional Keyboard Festivals for many talented youth and children who participate. Four Kentucky Baptist churches will host the May 7-8 festival sites.

The festivals are held annually to encourage young people and children to share their faith through keyboard music in the church. Opportunities are provided to play hymns, hymns arrangements and

standard piano or organ repertoire for adjudication and helpful comments.

The cost for participation is \$5.00 per student. Those interested in receiving a Keyboard Festival Handbook with complete information on registration and requirements for each category should call the

Church Music Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 325 or use the request form on the last page of this insert.



State Youth Choir Festival

Lyndon Baptist Church,
Louisville
February 19-20

Repertoire List

"Little Innocent Lamb" by Bartholomew
G. Schirmer #10049

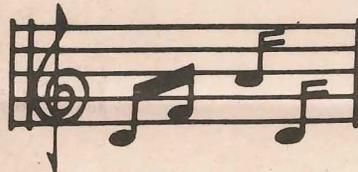
"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" by Vivaldi
Walton Music #W-2043

"The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee" by
Berger
Augsburg Press #11-1264

"Thy Will Be Done" by Courtney
Beckenhorst Press #BP-1263

"This is My Prayer" by Poorman*

*This anthem available from Church Music
Department for 50 cents per copy.



State Handbell Festival

Hurstbourne Hotel &
Conference Center
March 5-6

Repertoire List

Tins:

"Rhondo in C" by Wagner
Lake State Publications #HB005
"Make a Joyful Sound" by Kinyon
Agape #1577

Coppers:

"O Be Joyful" by Dobrinski
Agape #1603
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Arr. Starks Genevox 4579-15

Combined:

"Festival Prelude on Lobe Den Herren" arr.
Wagner
Agape #1438
"Rejoice" arr. Wiltse
Handbell Magazine, July/August/
September, 1992
"He Leadth Me" arr. Dobrinski
Agape #1461

ANNUITY

Money Matters for Ministers and Churches

Q. - My church provides a car allowance of \$200 per month. Much to my surprise, I had to pay income tax on most of that money. Is there a way to avoid this tax burden?

A. - Expenses paid through a non-accountable plan (allowance) are reportable for income tax purposes.

Ministers will pay tax on some of that money. Some will pay tax on the entire amount. A better way is an accountable reimbursement plan. If the plan meets IRS guidelines, money paid to cover ministry related expenses will not be taxable.

Q. - Last month, you stated that a pastor is an employee for income tax and self-employed for Social Security. That's confusing, but what difference does it really make?

A. - There are several critical income tax differences. I briefly mention three:

First, income is reported to the IRS differently. As an employee for income taxes, the pastor should receive a W-2 form from the church and should then report taxable income from the church on the 1040 form, not on Schedule C.

Second, a tax deduction for ministry related

expenses is limited for an employee. For this reason, an accountable reimbursement plan for ministry related expenses is critical to avoid unnecessary tax.

Third, payment by a church for insurance and retirement as a "fringe benefit" avoiding current taxation, is available for employees.

Q. - I'm a church secretary. Can I participate in the retirement plan through the Annuity Board like our pastor?

A. - YES! You can participate. You get all the benefits of this excellent tax deferred retirement plan. And, if your church has adopted the expanded Church Annuity Plan, and you have three years of SBC employment, you can receive the added survivor benefits, disability benefits, and matching funds toward your retirement from your state convention.

Do you have questions about Money Matters for Churches, Ministers and Church Employees? Send them to Don Spencer, Annuity Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, Kentucky 40253-0433. They'll be answered in future issues.

FOUNDATION

Advantages of a Charitable Gift Annuity

Annuities have been around for many years. Many people have long relied upon them as vehicles for providing income during retirement. When the concepts of charitable giving and annuities are combined, they offer distinct benefits for people who enjoy giving.

The charitable gift annuity is a unique plan for satisfying both philanthropic and financial needs. Under the terms of a charitable gift annuity, a donor transfers property to a qualified non-profit organization, such as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. The organization contracts to pay the donor a specified amount for life and/or the life of another person. At the death of the donor or a survivor, the money that remains is used for the charitable purposes of the organization.

A gift annuity pays each year a certain agreed-upon percentage of the amount you transfer to fund the annuity. Several factors combine to determine the percentage rate, which, once set for a particular annuity, never changes.

The exact amount of the annuity will depend on your age, the size of your gift and whether there are other beneficiaries. In

most cases, the annuity will be from 5.3% of the amount of the gift to as much as 12%. But, there's more than just guaranteed payments for life. You can generally expect these other financial advantages:

- An immediate income tax deduction.
- Favorably taxed income.
- Minimized capital gains taxes when you give appreciated property (the capital gains tax on your paper profit is partially avoided and the rest of the capital gain will be spread over the period you will be receiving the annuity payments).

If you have wanted to make a substantial gift but would also like to retain income, a gift annuity may be the answer. In addition to the possible financial benefits you may derive, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped in the advancement of Kentucky Baptist Convention causes for many future generations. For more information about the Charitable Gift Annuity, call the Kentucky Baptist Foundation office at (502) 245-4101, extension 205.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Reporting Plan for Super Sunday, October 25

This statewide High Attendance effort is producing renewed excitement and interest in Sunday School. Hundreds of churches have made special effort to reach worthy attendance goals for October 25. Two hundred thousand Kentucky Baptists in Bible Study is an impressive achievement.

Reporting your attendance will build the chain of information we need. Each church is to call their associational contact person (Sunday School Director or Director of Missions) and that person will then call the Kentucky Baptist Convention Sunday School Department collect at (502) 245-4101 between 4:30-6:00 p.m. EST that same day. It is our plan to have the grand total available for the Western Recorder by Monday noon, October 26.

Please know that your Sunday School attendance is needed.

Your state Sunday School Department would be delighted to hear of any special efforts and achievements. Please write us a brief note about your victories on Super Sunday.

Were 32,318 Children Scared Silent?

Last year at least 32,318 Kentucky children were victims of child abuse (Western Recorder, April 28, 1992 issue). Parenting is the most challenging and important responsibility any person can have. Yet, good parenting does not come easily. What can the church do?

- The ministry to preschoolers and children should be one of the most vital ministries of the church. To begin at the beginning can give strong foundations to child and family.
- Enlist the best teachers for preschoolers and children.
- Train these teachers and leaders in ministering to families, as well as how to teach Bible truths to children.
- If child abuse is suspected it must be reported. The law directs any person having knowledge or suspicion of abuse to report such knowledge as soon as possible. Failure to report suspected child abuse is a misdemeanor. Reporting it is confidential. Anonymous reports are accepted. Call a local child-protection service agency or the child-abuse hot line listed in the front of any telephone directory.
- Provide study opportunities, for parents, such as Christian Self-Esteem: Parenting by Grace.
- Host Parent/Teacher meetings with specialists in child development as speakers, conference leaders or a panel.
- Get on the mailing list of Exploited Children's Help Organization, 720 W. Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 585-3246.



Neil Jackson to Lead...

Small Church Growth Tour in January '93

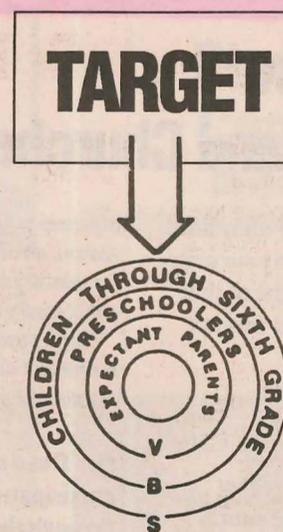
in the following locations:

- January 18 - Henderson
- January 19 - Princeton
- January 20 - Mayfield
- January 21 - Hopkinsville
- January 22 - Central City
- January 23 - Leitchfield



Receive Simple Growth Ideas You Can Use!

Plan now to attend the one nearest you. Look for more details next month.



A Gift for the Whole Family

Feel Good About You

The Family Worship Bible is a new NIV Bible for today's active family. This Bible includes articles on family issues, 52 family worship plans, worship songs and choruses, Bible pictures and a family devotional guide on every page. Guidance is given on how to use the Bible with infants to adults.

The Bible is available at a Baptist Book Store or by calling 1-800-458-BSSB.

Low self-esteem is one of the factors in child abuse. Parents and care givers who have low self image are often the ones who abuse others.

Christian Self-Esteem: Parenting by Grace gives a biblical approach to parent enrichment. It helps parents recognize and develop healthy self-esteem in their children and themselves.

This book is available by calling 1-800-458-BSSB.

WMU

Walk With Me ...A Retreat



...for Wives of Kentucky Baptist Ministers

October 30-31
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

Worship Leaders:

Linda Serino Staff Chaplain St. Jude Hospital Memphis, Tennessee	Donna Thomas Minister of Music Cedar Grove Baptist Church Shepherdsville
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Jointly sponsored by the Minister/
Church Support Division and
Woman's Missionary Union.

National BNF meets in Memphis November 12-14

The national organization of Baptist Nursing Fellowship, which was begun in 1983, is meeting November 12-14 in Memphis, Tennessee. The organization was organized to provide for nursing professionals opportunities for worship, Bible Study, prayer support for missionary nurses and volunteer missions, plus many others.

The Kentucky chapter of BNF had its first meeting in April, 1987. There are names of over 350 nurses on our present mailing list. The Kentucky state chapter does not have dues but is supported by an allocation from the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.



For more information concerning the national meeting or the Kentucky chapter, contact Anna Mary Byrdwell, consultant, WMU, Kentucky Baptist Building, (502) 244-6485.

CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY

Cedarmore Specializes in Variety

"Rubbing Your Head and Patting Your Stomach" is an easy task for Cedarmore Baptist Assembly personnel. It is not uncommon for us to be scheduling a half dozen events for future dates.

A Variety of Events

Within an average weekend we could host one, or more, Deacon/Pastor retreats, youth retreats, prayer retreats and choir retreats. As you can see there is room for your event.

A Variety of Quarters

There is a wide range of sleeping accommodations—48 sleeping rooms in Boone Lodge; 16 motel rooms and cabins on the main campus as well as Cedar Crest and Rabro for those who want to "rough it." Conference rooms are located near or in each facility.

A Variety of Activities

Our guests can enjoy basketball, volleyball, a nine hole disk golf course, horse shoes, softball, track, camp fires, table games and outdoor swimming.

A Variety of Meals

Our food service crew prides itself on providing guests with both good quality and good quantity of food. In special cases, catered meals are taken to large groups staying in out-lying areas.

Visit Cedarmore and we'll treat you in so many ways you're sure to like some of them!

For more information:

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
P. O. Box 37
Bagdad, Kentucky 40003-0037
(502) 747-8911

MINISTER/CHURCH SUPPORT

Is It Time to Leave... Or Time to Stay?

How does a pastor or staff minister know the answer to that question? It becomes fairly complex when considering the best use of one's talents, the needs of the family and commitment to people you care about. Some want very much to be in a growing church, a larger church or a church with more staff. Occasionally, conflict in the church creates the urge to find another place. All of these are valid reasons and, of course, the final issue we must deal with is, "what is the Holy Spirit saying about this decision?"

Most ministers find them themselves thinking through this process about every three years. This is the time when relationships have become well established: "you know them and they know you." It is the time when ministers ask, "Have I done all I can do here?" and congregations may raise questions about effectiveness. It is a very normal part of the work experience. If the decision is made to stay, new goals are set and leadership is given for another chapter to be written in that place. If the decision is to find another place, the work toward relocation is set in motion.

Ministers (and others) find themselves in one of the following places regarding

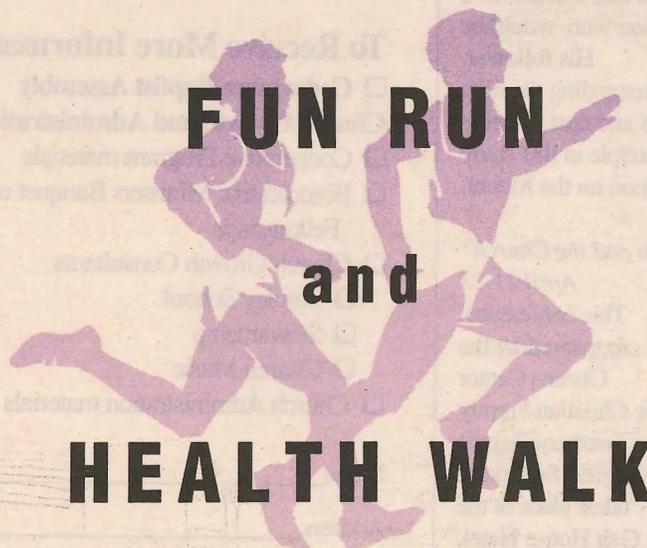
their job and the question of staying or leaving:

- 1. I clearly know I should stay.**
This calls for establishing some clear goals with the church, giving leadership and vision and energy for another three to five years.
- 2. I clearly know I should stay, but—**
There are some things that must be settled before making that a definite "yes."
- 3. I clearly want to stay now, but—**
I have some uneasiness I'm not sure about and I need to find out what that is.
- 4. Sometimes I think about moving, but—**
I know there are still good reasons for me to stay longer.
- 5. It feels right to begin the process of looking.**
I need to focus on that, see what is holding me back and get on with the process.
- 6. I'm ready to move.**
It's time to take the initiative to update the resume, make my availability known and find the next place that will challenge my skills and help me to grow.

For more information, contact Guy Futral, director, Minister/Church Support Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 243.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Kentucky Baptist Church Recreators present the annual



7:15 A.M. Tuesday, November 10

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville -

Host of the 1992 KBC Annual Meeting
(meet in main Grandview Avenue parking lot)

Free T-shirts to all participants joining in this *healthy* fellowship!

OTHER EVENTS

Church Growth and Administration

October is Cooperative Program Month.
The Church Growth and Administration Division can assist your church with Cooperative Program needs.

155th KBC Annual Meeting

Louisville's Baptist Hospital East will sponsor a health screening for state convention attendees at this year's annual meeting at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
Their exhibit, along with registration, KBC Cooperative Program exhibits, commercial exhibits and the Baptist Book Store display, will be located in the church's Fellowship Hall.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, the 1992 state convention host site, is celebrating its 65th anniversary. Dr. William Powell Tuck serves as pastor.

Sunday School

January Bible Study
Matthew 5-7:

Design for Discipleship Jesus described the spirit, attitudes and conduct of a person who would be His follower.
Understanding the high demands and cost of being Jesus' disciple in this study of the Sermon on the Mount.

"Children and the Church"

April 21-23

This conference, sponsored by the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, takes place at the Galt House Hotel, downtown Louisville.

Upcoming Events

October

Sunday School

October 25
Super Sunday
High Attendance Day
All Kentucky Baptist churches

Minister/Church Support and WMU

October 30-31
Ministers' Wives Retreat
Bagdad
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

November

WMU

November 2
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
All churches

Office for Evangelism

November 2-3
Cooperative Ministry/Evangelism Clinic
Hopkinsville
First Baptist Church

Student

November 6-8
International Student Conference
Cave City
Convention Center

Church Growth and Administration

November 9
Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association
Middletown
Kentucky Baptist Building

Church Music

November 9
Kentucky Baptist Music Conference
Louisville
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Church Growth and Administration

November 9
Bivocational Ministers Dinner
5:30 p.m.
Louisville
Melbourne Heights Baptist Church

155th KBC Annual Meeting

November 9
Pastor's Conference
Executive Board Meeting
November 10-11
Convention Sessions
Louisville
St. Matthews Baptist Church

WMU

November 12-13
Baptist Nursing Fellowship National Meeting
Memphis, Tennessee

November 15-18
Foreign Missions Study
All churches

November 29-December 6
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon offering
All churches

Student

November 20-22
Black Student Leadership Training Conference
Lexington
University of Kentucky

Discipleship Training

November 23
"M" Night

December

Student

December 5
Winter InnerMission
Highland Heights
Northern Kentucky University

December 19-31
Friendship International House

December 27
Student Day at Christmas

KBC

December 14-15
Executive Board Meeting
Middletown
Kentucky Baptist Building

January 1993

Church Growth and Administration

Small Church Growth Tour

January 18
Henderson

January 19
Princeton

January 20
Mayfield

January 21
Hopkinsville

January 22
Central City

January 23
Leitchfield

Discipleship Training

January 18-22
MasterLife/MasterBuilder Workshop

Student

January 21
Deadline for Student Missions applications

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

For additional information or to register, check the appropriate boxes and mail the provided form below to:
Executive Office, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433

To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
- Church Growth and Administration
- Cooperative Program materials
- Bivocational Ministers Banquet or Fellowships
- Church Growth Consultants
 - Sunday School
 - Stewardship
 - Church Music
- Church Administration materials

Church Music

- Keyboard Festivals
- State Youth Choir Festival
- State Handbell Festival
- Discipleship Training
- MasterLife/MasterBuilder
- Stewardship
- ABC Church Budgeting and Promotion
- "Give - Grow"

To Register

Church Growth and Administration

- Bivocational Ministers Banquet
November 10, 5:15 p.m.
Melbourne Heights Baptist Church
(For all bivocational ministers, DOM's Executive Board and EPS staff)
- Personalized printout of church's gifts through the Cooperative Program for fiscal year 1991-92

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Office _____ Home _____

Church _____ Association _____

Leadership Position _____

Registration fee (if applicable) \$ _____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

PASTORS' CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Afternoon session

1:15	Music	Jay Flippin
1:30	Call to order, welcome, prayer and hymn	
1:45	Theme interpretation	Eddie Hatfield
2:00	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to the Centurion"	Matthew 8:5-13
2:25	Solo	Robyn Smith
2:35	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to the Rich Young Ruler"	Luke 18:18-30
3:10	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to the Devil"	Matthew 4:1-11
3:45	Offertory	
3:55	Solo	Robyn Smith
4:05	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to the Woman Caught in Adultery"	John 8:1-11
4:30	Benediction	

Evening session

6:45	Music	Jay Flippin
7:00	Hymn, welcome and prayer	
7:15	Solo	
7:25	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to the Father"	Matthew 26:36-46
7:50	Greetings from the KBC	
8:00	Election of officers	
8:10	Choir, First Baptist Church of Somerset	
8:20	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to Nicodemus"	John 3:1-15
8:55	Offertory	
9:05	Choir, First Baptist Church of Somerset	
9:15	Sermon: "Jesus Talks to Thomas"	John 20:24-29
9:40	Presentation of new officers and benediction	

Nov. 9, 1992

**St. Matthews Baptist Church
Louisville**

Theme: "Let us have a little talk with Jesus"

KENTUCKY BAPTIST MUSIC CONFERENCE

**Nov. 9, 1992
School of Church Music
Southern Seminary**

Afternoon session

1:00	Registration
1:30	Call to order and welcome
1:45	Worship with Donald Hustad followed by discussion
3:15	Break and exhibits
3:45	Panel discussion on worship with Donald Hustad, Milburn Price, Linda Barnes, Angie Harrington and Louis Bailey
4:45	Business session
5:00	Break and instrumental rehearsal

Evening session

6:00	Banquet
6:45	Church music department report
7:15	Entertainment
8:00	Concert by Seminary Winds and Seminary Choir
9:00	Adjourn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**Nov. 9, 1992
Southern Seminary**

11:00	Registration
11:30	Small groups and lunch
12:30	"How Small Groups Help"
1:45	Small groups
2:30	Break
2:45	"Principles of Small Group Leadership"
4:00	Small groups
4:45	"Discovering Needs and Resources for Small Groups"
6:00	Banquet and program

How to get there

Southern Seminary is located at 2825 Lexington Road in Louisville. From Interstate 64, exit on Grinstead and go south to the light at Lexington Road. Turn left and go about half a mile to the campus. From Interstate 264, the Watterson Expressway, exit on Breckinridge Lane and go north, then turn left on Shelbyville Road, which turns into Lexington Road.

DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP

**6 p.m., Nov. 9, 1992
Southern Seminary**

Prayer	Royce Pile	Recognition of retired/retiring DOMs	
Welcome	Harold Greenfield		Ron Chastain
Greetings/sharing	William Crouch Jr.	DOM of the year presentation	David Aker
Devotion	Phil Rosenbaum	Miscellaneous business	
Minutes	John East	Special music	The Swordsmen
Treasury	John East	Featured speaker	D.M. Aldridge
Nominating committee	David Lyons	Installation of new officers	
Recognition of new DOMs	Pam Cobb	Benediction	Bill Wilham

Exhibit hall information

The exhibit hall at this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention will feature representatives from 27 entities supported by the Cooperative Program, as well as displays from commercial vendors and a Baptist Book Store.

As in years past Baptist Healthcare System will offer health screenings. Other CP-supported exhibitors will include

Campbellsville College, Georgetown College, Cumberland College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce Bible School, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Cedar more Baptist Assembly, Western Recorder, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, and all the divisions and departments of the KBC's Executive Board staff.

How to build a better newsletter

Stop by the Western Recorder's exhibit at the Kentucky Baptist Convention and consult with our staff members on ways to make your church newsletter more effective. We'll show you examples of how dozens of Kentucky churches are saving money by publishing their newsletters on the back page of the Recorder. And we'll have a desktop publishing expert on hand to assist you with questions about the design and production of a church newsletter.

BRIEFS

■ **Christian publishing** is undergoing major changes with the sale of two of the largest companies in the business. Thomas Nelson publishers has agreed to purchase Word Inc. from Capital Cities/ABC for \$72 million. EMI, one of the world's largest music corporations, has purchased the Sparrow Corp., the producer of many Christian recordings.

■ **Genetic screening** should be used with caution, the director of biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission testified before the Institute of Medicine. "Genetic screening for diseases for which there is no known treatment or cure, it seems to us, cannot but lead to the more widespread practice of abortion," he said.

■ **Religious literature** distribution cannot be prohibited by schools, a federal judge ruled Sept. 29 in Chicago. Wauconda Junior High School in Illinois had declared Megan Hedges, a seventh grader, could not distribute "Issues and Answers," a religious publication. The federal court judge ruled that limitation unconstitutional.

■ **The Bible** is obscene literature that should be removed from schools, a 55-year-old atheist has charged in Brooklyn Center, Minn. "The lewd, indecent and violent content of that book are hardly suitable for young students, Gene Kasmar has told the Brooklyn Center Independent School District. A committee has been appointed to review Kasmar's concerns.

Gallup newsletter reviews 15 years of religion research

PRINCETON, N.J.—Call it the religious version of "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

To commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Princeton Religion Research Center, the center's newsletter has published a sampling of some of the more amazing facts gleaned by research through the years.

The center is affiliated with the Gallup Organization and is run by George Gallup Jr.'s daughter, Alison.

Its monthly newsletter, *Emerging Trends*, lists these among the center's most interesting findings:

■ America's five favorite hymns are "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Rock of Ages," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

■ Low- to moderate-income people are more generous than upper-income people in contributing volunteer time and money. Surveys have consistently shown that minority group members, most often in need themselves, are among the most generous of all people.

■ Most adults think people can still be good Christians or Jews if they

don't attend church or synagogue.

■ Only 44 percent of Americans say they would vote for an atheist for president.

■ 44 percent of Americans believe God has spoken to them, and one in eight Americans believes God speaks out loud today.

■ 70 percent of Americans believe in the devil, with half this group saying he is a personal being and half saying the devil is an impersonal force. Only 20 percent of Americans believe the devil does not exist.

■ 60 percent of Americans believe

the only assurance of eternal life is personal faith in Jesus Christ.

■ Although 80 percent of Americans describe themselves as Christians, only about half can identify who delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

■ One American in six claims to tithe his or her income to a church.

■ Those most likely to watch religious TV programs are Protestants, older adults, non-whites and people living in the South.

■ 60 percent of American households report that someone says a prayer before meals eaten at home.

Lutheran & Catholic dialogue reports agreement on Scripture

MUNDELEIN, Ill. (EP)—U.S. Lutherans and Roman Catholics have produced a document that finds "a large measure of agreement" between their views on Scripture and tradition.

Lutherans historically have adhered to "sola scriptura" (Scripture alone) as the test of doctrinal truth, while Roman Catholics have weighed the views of church authority more heavily than Lutherans.

The new document emerged from the ninth round of dialogue between the two groups, the longest-running doctrinal conversation in the U.S., dating to 1965.

Dialogue participants said when they examined what Lutherans mean by Scripture alone, they found a large component of what Catholics call "tradition."

The dialogue statement notes seven significant points of agreement between Lutherans and Catholics on the topic of Scripture, including:

■ Scripture has a pre-eminent status as the word of God and is committed to writing in an unalterable manner.

■ The pre-eminent status of Scripture does not exclude the function of a

teaching office or doctrinal traditions that protect and promote the reliance of the faithful on the gospel message of Christ and grace alone.

■ There are no historically verifiable apostolic traditions that are not attested to in some way by Scripture.

■ Doctrine does not have to be literally present in Scripture but may be deduced from it.

■ The teaching of doctrine in the church never is above the word of God but must serve that word in conformity to it.

The dialogue noted three principal differences that remain between the two communions:

■ Lutherans hold that Scripture alone is the ultimate norm by which traditions must be judged, while Catholics say the norm must be Scripture together with living apostolic tradition perpetuated by the church.

■ Lutherans deny that the church's teaching authority is capable of speaking infallibly, while Catholics believe the bishop of Rome or the college of bishops with him can speak infallibly.

■ The two groups differ on their understanding of the historical development of doctrine.

Voters miscast

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viewed in comparison to non-evangelical voters' views on certain issues, the Barna study found.

For example:

■ 77 percent of evangelicals believe homosexual behavior is immoral, compared to 42 percent of non-evangelicals.

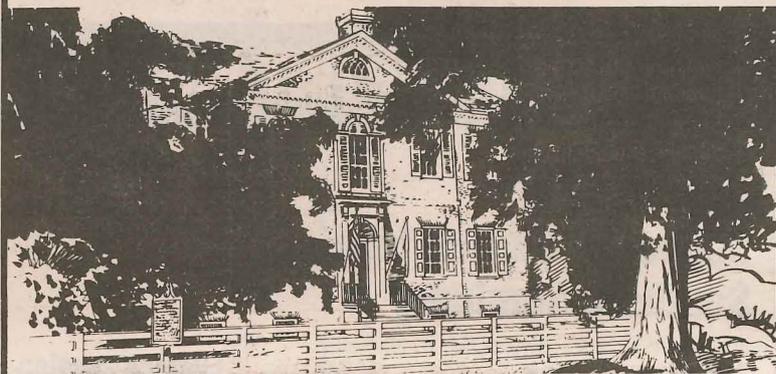
■ 77 percent of evangelicals strongly consider abortion to be morally wrong, compared to 41 percent of non-evangelicals.

■ 69 percent of evangelicals would like to see America return to the "traditional family values" of the 1950s, compared to 39 percent of non-evangelicals.

■ 79 percent of evangelicals believe public schools should teach sexual abstinence rather than how to use condoms to combat AIDS. Non-evangelicals prefer the condom education over abstinence education 49 percent to 38 percent.

■ 94 percent of evangelicals believe there is too much sexual activity on network television, compared to 61 percent of non-evangelicals.

HISTORY AWAITS YOU IN FRANKFORT



After your journey through the striking 18th century home of one of Kentucky's first senators, see the charm of the Old Governor's Mansion, the wildlife of the Game Farm, the Kentucky State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Daniel Boone's Grave, and the other stately homes of the Corner of Celebrities.

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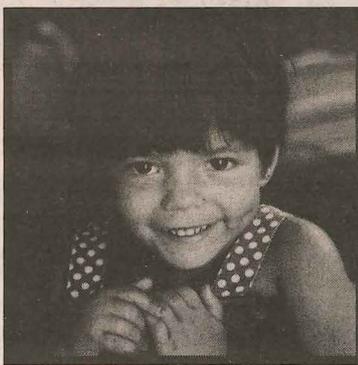
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A migrant child in Erwin, Tenn. A homeless man in New York City. A tired seaman arriving on American shores. Members of a Nebraskan mission church.

Someone thanks God every day for the meals you help provide. For clothing. For shelter. For a place to worship. For enabling home missionaries to share the Good News with all of God's people.

Thank you, Kentucky Baptists, for your extravagant giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

And a special thanks to these churches with...

HIGHEST TOTAL GIVING

First Baptist Church
Paducah, \$33,000

Immanuel Baptist Church
Lexington, \$16,175

Severns Valley, Baptist Church
Elizabethtown, \$15,818

First Baptist Church
Murray, \$12,366

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Louisville, \$9,468

First Baptist Church
Madisonville, \$8,383

First Baptist Church
Somerset, \$8,129

First Baptist Church
Bowling Green, \$7,969

First Baptist Church
Shelbyville, \$7,742

Highview Baptist Church
Louisville, \$7,500

HIGHEST PER CAPITA GIVING

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Corbin, \$52.82

Mississippi Baptist Church
Bardwell, \$28.98

Lick Fork Baptist Church
London, \$25.00

New Hope Baptist Church
Spottsville, \$19.36

Pleasant Valley Missionary
Baptist Church
Providence, \$18.57

First Baptist Church
Paducah, \$16.22

Haymond Baptist Church
Neon, \$15.38

Persimmon Grove Baptist Church
Alexandria, \$14.00

Fordville Baptist Church
Fordsville, \$13.80

Bellevue Baptist Church
Owensboro, \$12.25

*Figures are for January-December 1991 and were verified through your state convention office and designated gifts to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Home Mission Board Accounting Department, and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Based on churches with resident membership of 25 or more.

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HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC

MINISTRY

Vietnam veteran returns 'to do something out of love'

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street from the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church," he said.

Through the encouragement of Pastor James Simmons, the Wards joined Memorial Baptist Church and found opportunities to become in-

involved in ministry.

Ward said he was most grateful for the church's support of his involvement with two veterans'-related, Christian ministries.

"I had this brochure about a Vietnam vets conference ... and my pastor

really encouraged me to go," he said.

That conference was Ward's first association with Point Man International Ministries, which he described as "a Christian outreach for veterans by veterans."

Point Man Ministries operates through small local support groups, or "outposts," of Christian veterans meeting and praying for one another, as well as seeking to lead other veterans to Jesus Christ.

Ward said he finally was able to deal with guilt and other feelings from the war through involvement in a Point Man support group.

Today, Ward is one of nine outpost

leaders and also serves as state coordinator for the Kentucky chapter.

Ties with Point Man Ministries led to Ward's introduction to Vets with a Mission and the opportunity to return to Vietnam this summer. He said he hopes to be able to go again for three weeks in 1994.

"I feel a burden to share with these people," he said. "I've been blessed more than any of the people I've touched" through these ministries.

Referring to Romans 8:28, Ward said God has taken something bad in his life—even something as traumatic as the Vietnam War—and turned it around for good.

Florida & Louisiana send thanks

Baptist leaders from Florida and Louisiana have sent a thank-you note to Southern Baptists for their help in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

"We are better people because of you," wrote John Sullivan, executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention, and Mark Short, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

"What would we do without you?" their letter asked. "Never has there been such an outpouring of love in the midst of hurt. You have allowed us the joy of seeing tragedy turned into triumph."

More than 200 Kentucky Baptists have participated in disaster relief in Florida, working in cooperation with the Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood department.

"If anyone ever doubted that cooperation is still the benchmark of Southern Baptists, Andrew destroys all doubt," Sullivan and Short said. "Your cooperation has been our salvation. Intentionality has been your practice.

"Human impulse may create interest in others, but the love of God creates an intention toward others. Only God knows the good that has been deliberately accomplished. Thank you, Southern Baptists.

"It is impossible to express all we feel," they wrote. "Please know of our joy in your spirit, our stewardship of your gifts and our amazement in your generosity."

Campbellsville College Alumni and Friends Breakfast

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 a.m.
Louisville Hurstbourne Hotel
Julia Bell Room
9700 Bluegrass Parkway



Reservation Form

Call 1-800-264-6014
or return this to:
Alumni Office
Campbellsville College
200 West College St.
Campbellsville, Ky. 42718
By November 4

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

VOTE "NO" ON AMENDMENT #1

Constitutional Amendment No. 1

"Are you in favor of allowing the General Assembly to permit the conduct of charitable lotteries and charitable gift enterprises by charitable organizations provided the General Assembly passes statutes to assure the proper functioning, honest and integrity of charitable lotteries and the organizations which conduct them?"

This amendment, if passed, would allow the General Assembly to determine what is a charitable lottery and charitable gift enterprises. In theory we could have casino gambling, riverboat gambling, sporting-events gambling, automobile giveaways, house or property giveaways, trips and various other gambling activities. Any type of gambling, in the name of a charitable organization, could become legal if the Kentucky General Assembly says it is a proper organization.

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What is CONTACT?

A coeducational missions experience for adults.

- Connect with the Lord in praise.
- Observe my world through startling facts.
- Nudge me through the word in Bible study.
- Teach my heart through the Scriptures.
- Approach the past with Christians of history.
- Confront needs as I apply my faith.
- Touch others through prayer.

CONTACT is produced by New Hope and is a cooperative effort of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and the Brotherhood Commission, SBC. Materials can be purchased from New Home or Baptist Book Stores.

Hear Morris Chapman

Monday, October 26, 1992
7:00 p.m.

Florence Baptist Church
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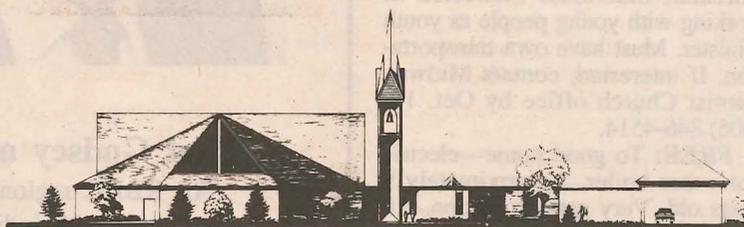
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Dr. Chapman

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Church trades organ for hunger relief

JONESBORO, Ark.—News of starvation in Africa, where millions suffer from famine and war, moved members of Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ark., to postpone plans to buy a new organ and instead donate \$100,000 to a hunger relief fund. "We're not a rich church, but we felt we needed to do more in this crisis," said Pastor Rex Holt. At a special Wednesday night meeting, the congregation gathered to pray for rain in Africa and discuss what else they could do to help. They unanimously agreed to give the money saved for a new organ to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's hunger relief efforts.

German Baptists decry violence

BERLIN (BP)—Christians must oppose the neo-Nazi violence flaring up across Germany. That's the message German Baptist leaders have sent once again to their churches as violent attacks against refugees and immigrants continue in scores of German cities.

"We must not only look at this development but we must work against it through prayer and helping actions," advised the German Baptist Union's executive committee in an open letter to churches in mid-September.

The new statement came in response to continuing violent attacks against refugees who have fled to Germany from crumbling Yugoslavia and other areas.

In Wismar, a gang of youths attacked a refugee hostel Sept. 15 with rocks and gasoline bombs for four hours before police could control the situation. Similar attacks have occurred in other cities for weeks, including the widely publicized violence in Rostock, where a refugee building was burned.

To oppose such attacks, the Baptist committee urged church members to speak out on the issue in worship services and other meetings and to open their homes to foreign families and "give opportunities for personal encounters."

The statement follows a lengthier public declaration made by the Baptist union's youth department in early September.

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Westminster event marks missions 200th

LONDON (ABP)—Amid the gothic splendors of Westminster Abbey, Baptists from around the world gathered Oct. 2 to celebrate 200 years of the modern missionary movement, begun with the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain on that day in 1792.

The hour-long "service of thanksgiving" featured readings by BMS administrators and missionaries, a sermon by Jamaican Baptist Horace Russell, music by a choir of Thai Baptists and a parade of national flags through the abbey's nave.

The Baptist Missionary Society was founded by 12 ministers, a deacon and a ministerial student in the back parlor of a devout Baptist laywoman's home in Kettering, England.

Primary catalyst in the effort was William Carey, a young Baptist pastor who became the society's first missionary, serving in India until his death in 1834.

Today the society, which is supported by the Baptist unions of Great Britain, Scotland and Wales, funds nearly 200 mission workers in 16 countries.

The irony of a Baptist service in the cathedral of a national church—which once persecuted and even executed Baptists—was not lost on the hundreds who attended.

But the steady growth of Baptist adherents in the United Kingdom is felt even in this bastion of Anglicanism. One of the abbey's stained glass windows memorializes John Bunyan, the 17th century author of "The Pilgrim's Progress," imprisoned for preaching Baptist doctrines. The window was installed early in this century.

South African churches apologize for silence

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (EP)—A large group of South African Christians have appealed for forgiveness from the South African people for not speaking out against the many wrongs perpetuated during apartheid.

A "Christian Manifesto" was released after the annual convention of

the International Fellowship of Christian Churches. In it the churches ask for forgiveness "for our failure, insensitivity and complicity and neglect of our God-given duty to have addressed the political and social ills of our nation."

The document says the churches sinned against God and man by not

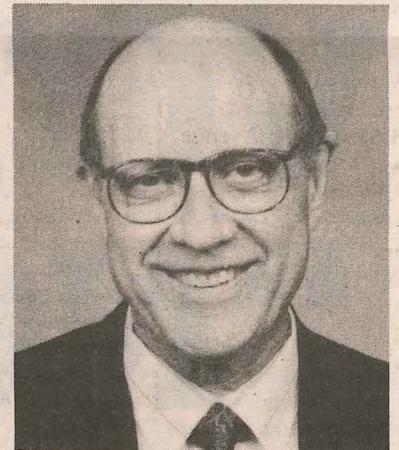
fulfilling their prophetic role by speaking out against the wrongs done through apartheid.

The fellowship is comprised of more than 600 churches, including the Hatfield Christian Church in Pretoria and Johannesburg's Rhema Church, both of which attract several thousand people every Sunday.

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Eldred Taylor is no stranger to Kentucky Baptists. A former executive director for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Dr. Taylor has served as a pastor, director of missions and director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In his retirement, he has continued serving as professor of evangelism at Boyce Bible School and coordinating off-campus study for that school.



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J.D. Herndon has devoted his life and ministry to turning nightmares into dreams for children. As former director at KBHC's Spring Meadows campus, Bro. Herndon knows childcare. He has been active in Kentucky Baptist life through service as a director of missions in Nelson, Henry and Christian counties and as pastor of several Kentucky churches.



Paul Godsey and Andy Reese also serve as regional representatives.

All KBHC regional representatives are available to speak in local churches and meet with individuals and groups to answer questions about the ministry of childcare in Kentucky. To schedule a speaker, call 1-800-456-1386.

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BAPTISTS

HMB trustees approve budget after questioning reduction

ATLANTA (BP)—A budget of \$86 million and another cost-cutting staff reduction were approved by trustees of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Oct. 13-14.

Trustees discussed the proposed budget at length and questioned why it had been reduced since the meeting of the trustee executive committee the month before. Several trustees questioned why the budget proposal was reduced when the board appeared to

be in a very healthy financial position with several million dollars in reserve.

During the September executive committee meeting, a smaller group of trustees had tabled consideration of several cost-cutting moves recommended by President Larry Lewis, citing a healthier-than-anticipated financial picture.

Trustees ultimately approved those changes last week, but not before asking serious questions about the

board's true financial condition.

Trustee Wendell Estep said he understood the agency's need to have sufficient working capital in reserve. "However, we're not in the banking business. I would much rather have the money out in the field than in the bank," he said.

Lewis agreed all available funds must be put to work on the field and acknowledged the financial report for the first nine months indicates receipts

over budget and expenditures under budget.

He cautioned, however, that a positive bottom line at this time of the year can be misleading: "It's like looking at your bank balance the day after payday and believing you have a lot of money without considering the bills you have to pay tomorrow and next week."

Organizational changes approved by trustees include consolidating all financial affairs under Ernest Kelley, planning section vice president. Bob Banks, who previously supervised many of the financial functions, will continue as executive vice president with specific responsibilities for daily operations.

Six management positions which are either vacant or will be vacant as the result of retirements were eliminated. The HMB has experienced a series of staff realignments and reductions in the last three years.

Religious leaders to pray on TV for election

DALLAS (ABP)—At least one former president of the Southern Baptist Convention—and perhaps the current president—will join several key figures of the Religious Right in a "prayer meeting for the nation" to be broadcast nationwide Oct. 25.

The broadcast will originate from Calvary Temple in suburban Dallas on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. An Oct. 19 Newsweek article labeled the event "a partisan TV appeal" by evangelical Christians as part of "a late-campaign effort on behalf of the Bush-Quayle ticket." Organizers of the meeting denied that characterization.

Phillip Crouch, manager of Trinity's flagship station, KDTX-TV in the Dallas suburb of Irving, said the event is "not in any sense a political meeting" but is an opportunity for Christian leaders to "pray for America at the time of the election."

Participants expected to attend, according to Crouch, include Adrian Rogers, three-time SBC president and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, Tenn. Sources at Bellevue Baptist Church confirmed that Rogers is scheduled to participate in the Oct. 25 television program.

The Newsweek article indicated Ed Young, current SBC president and pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston, was among the expected program participants. Neither Young nor his appointment secretary were in the office when contacted by ABP, and other sources at Second Baptist were unable to confirm Young's plans regarding the event.

Accommodations 1992 KBC Annual Meeting - Louisville

The 155th Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting is November 10-11 at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville. Make your reservations early!

Please Note: The Executive Office of the KBC Executive Board makes every effort to advise Convention messengers concerning good lodging at a variety of prices in any host city. Messengers should be aware, however, that lodging other than that listed may be available. Also, individuals are expected to exercise personal discretion in the selection of appropriate accommodations. Telephone a hotel if you have specific questions about its services or policies.

St. Matthews Baptist Church is located at 3515 Grandview Avenue, between Cannons Lane and Breckinridge Lane. The church has easy access to the I-64/Cannons Lane exit or Watterson Expressway (264)/Breckinridge Lane north exit.

All hotel listings are for Louisville.

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Radisson Hotel Louisville East (R)
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Southeastern inaugurates Patterson

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary officially marked a new chapter in its history Oct. 13 with the inauguration of Paige Patterson as the school's fifth president.

Ed Young, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, predicted Southeastern will become a "product-driven institution" under Patterson's leadership. "The product is scholarship on fire, and erudition does not exclude sound, conservative, theological positions."

Young, a Southeastern alumnus, drew criticism from some quarters for his accounting of the seminary's past. He said his experience as a student at Southeastern under different leadership caused him to doubt his salvation, his call to ministry, and the veracity of the Bible.

"It is amazing Young has done so well having started with such a tremendous handicap as a degree from Southeastern," theology professor Robert Culpepper quipped in a later response.

Also in attendance for the inauguration was Paul Pressler, a federal appeals court judge from Houston who has been closely linked with Patterson in designing the new conservative direction of the SBC.

Southeastern's trustees also met in conjunction with the inauguration. They adopted a long-range plan for the seminary, discussed future funding concerns and elected new officers.

Patterson said the next 36 months would be critical due to anticipated funding deficits. He said an additional \$350,000 a year will be needed to meet accreditation requirements.

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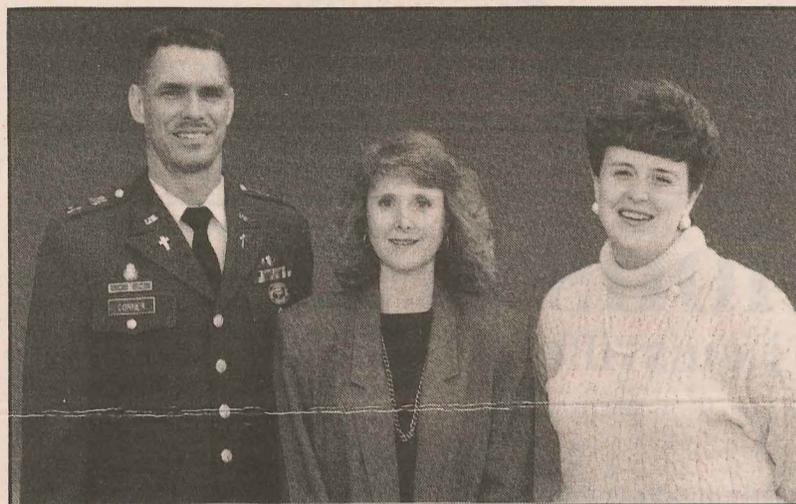
KENTUCKY KERNELS

Although Southern Baptists represent the largest single religious group in Kentucky, only 26 percent of the state's residents are members of Southern Baptist churches. That percentage has increased over the last two decades, however, from 25 percent in 1971 and 24 percent in 1980.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BEDFORD**—Poplar Ridge Church honored **John Dawson** Sept. 6, his last Sunday as pastor. He was named pastor emeritus.
 ■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Immanuel Church ordained **Jack Harris** as a deacon Oct. 18.
 ■ **FRANKFORT**—Immanuel Church will ordain **Marilyn Dooley**

as a deacon Oct. 25.
 ■ **LEXINGTON**—**Mike Osborne** joined the Trinity Church staff as church planter apprentice, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. He will be working with a new congregation in the Andover area.
 ■ **LOUISVILLE**—Southside Church called **David Cameron** as



CHAPLAINS ENDORSED Two chaplains were endorsed Sept. 27 by the Southern Baptist Chaplains' Commission to serve in Kentucky. Capt. Phil Conner (left), with his wife, Dee, serves at Fort Campbell. Rebecca Church (right) is healthcare chaplain at Murray Callo-way County Hospital in Murray. They were endorsed in a service at Greenforest Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga. Although the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board does not appoint chaplains as missionaries, it does facilitate their ministry through denominational endorsement and support. (HMB photo)

minister of music.

Two Southern Seminary professors have been presented awards by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. **Milburn Price**, dean of the school of church music, and **Donald Hustad**, senior professor of church music, were honored for their original compositions.
 ■ **PULASKI COUNTY**—Pulaski County Pornography Awareness Committee will coordinate a White Ribbon Against Pornography campaign during Pornography Awareness Week, Oct. 25-Nov. 1.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Ron and Frieda Adams**, missionaries to Venezuela, are on the field at Apartado 3588, El Trigal, Valencia, Edo. Carabobo, Venezuela. He is from Cunningham.
 ■ **William and LaVerne Arnold**, missionaries to The Gambia, are in the States at 3319 Noe Way, Apt. 1, Louisville, Ky. 40220. He is a Louisville native, and she is from Bowling Green.
 ■ **Kenneth and Tammy Cummins**, Kentucky natives and missionaries to Honduras, are in language study at the Instituto de Lengua Espano, Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de Dos, San Jose, Costa Rica.
 ■ **Wiley and Geneva Faw**, missionaries to Nigeria, are in the States at 195 Jakefaw Rod., Waynesburg, Ky. 40489.

Georgetown's homecoming set

GEORGETOWN—"A Classic Past—A Blockbuster Future" is the theme for this year's homecoming celebration at Georgetown College.

Homecoming weekend will kick off with alumni registration in Cralle Student Center from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 23.

The alumni dinner will be in the student center at 6 p.m. It is free for members of the class of 1942 and \$10 for all others.

Then at 8 p.m., student organizations, fraternities and sororities will present musical performances in the "Festival of Song" in Hill Chapel.

Reunion mixers for specific classes will begin at 9 a.m. Oct. 24 in the student center.

The annual homecoming art show will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 in the college art gallery on Mulberry Street. The homecoming parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. that day.

At 1:30 p.m., the Georgetown Tigers will face off against the Cumberland College Indians.

For more information about homecoming activities, call the alumni office at (502) 863-8041.

A 100-year-old visitor

Oct. 13 was a normal class day with morning chapel. We did not even have any scheduled sport event. Before the day was over nearly 160 people had visited from many different places in Kentucky, no one group knowing any other was coming. Most of them were first-time visitors.

I was speaking to a large number of guests after the chapel service when a lady was ushered in. For 19 years she has been a frequent and generous donor to the school. Each time I thanked her, having no knowledge of anything else about her. Perhaps she donated to Oneida before I became president. Imagine my surprise and delight to learn that she is over 100 years old. We had a few minutes of animated conversation and it was thrilling to see how alert her mind is, and looking at least 30 years younger than her age.

Her name is Mrs. Mary Allie (W.J.) Cundiff. She lives in Adair County near Columbia. A couple brought her, making their first visit to us.

Bro. Bill Hartung, longtime pastor of Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, preached the morning sermon. Some of his congregation were with him. About half the number of visitors we were to have during the day had arrived in time for the service. The others arrived later, many having gotten lost on the way. They just kept coming. You have never really seen Oneida, no matter how many times you may have visited, unless you have arrived by 10:30 a.m. on a schoolday—including summer—and worshipped with us.

On this beautiful autumn day guests came to us from as far as Elm Grove Church near Murray, Madisonville's Second Baptist, Plum Creek in Spencer County, Immanuel Baptist in Frankfort, Green Hills Church of Louisville, Rineyville, Pleasant Hill folks from Somerset, and several other places I do not recall.

ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

Going through the day's mail gave added joy hearing from many others who regularly send gifts to sustain the work.

In the mail was a check for \$1,000 forwarded by Bro. James H. Royalty, pastor of Vine Grove's Red Hill Baptist Church. He wrote: "A few months ago my mother, Cordie E. Royalty, passed on. She was buried on her 103rd birthday. She had taught Sunday school for more than 80 years. She had a high regard for Oneida and left \$1,000 to it." Such saints, faithful even beyond the grave, have made possible Oneida's work for 93 years.

Consider this letter from Tallahassee, Fla., with \$20 enclosed: "I met you when visiting Oneida several months ago. A few weeks ago I was in a cafeteria in the Orlando area. I usually eat lunch alone because it gives me some productive 'down' time from the rigors of the work day. I enjoy reading my Bible and/or other Christian works. A lady came up to me and said 'You must be a minister. I saw you reading your Bible. Take this \$20 for your work.' I told her I was not a minister but just loved the Lord. She replied it had done her so much good to see a man reading a Bible, she insisted I

keep the money. I knew immediately it was going to Oneida. You have had much larger gifts, but God delights in the small and the unusual as a way of saying 'I'm still here and I know your needs. Relax and trust me.' I hope this gift from an unknown lady (except to God) using me as a funnel to forward it to you has that effect. I pray for our Lord to continually bless you and his desires at Oneida. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)."

What a unique reminder of God's provision for us. Truly he works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform.

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

Paid Column

Leader in medical volunteers is still at work

One of the founders of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship continues to practice volunteer missions. 1982 Fellowship President Dr. Bill Snowden now comes to Clear Creek and treats student families in our dental clinic. He sees about 14 patients each day he is on campus. Cleanings and preventive care are normal, but he has equipped the clinic to do partials and crowns. Students pay only for materials. "There is more need than I thought. Many don't know what causes dental problems. It has been fun to share with them why the problem exists. No one more than a preacher needs healthy beautiful teeth. It builds self-esteem and confidence in sharing the gospel," Snowden observed.

Snowden grew up in a medical family. His father practiced medicine in Winchester for 50 years. "He made house calls! I never saw him—he was always gone. My mother suggested I consider dentistry. I like the regular office hours and having more time with family." Family has always been important for Snowden. His mother, "Mrs. WMU of the church," led him to the Lord at age 8. "I was one of the fortunate ones; I never had to battle the Lord."

Graduation from dental school came in 1957 and Snowden returned home. He immediately be-

came involved in Baptist Brotherhood. "That's what helped me see missions." Kentucky Baptist Men elected him state president. He has made 15 overseas medical mission trips; his wife, Peggy, went on seven of them. Son Mark, now with the Foreign Mission Board, accompanied him to Dominica during high school.

Snowden described the process which brought him to Clear Creek. "The Lord has his timing; he led all the way. In 1972 I gave myself 20 more years to practice. The Lord blessed financially. Nearly two years ago a former intern joined my practice. This year I was ready to leave, and he was ready to take it over. I enjoy helping people, and this provides an opportunity to do dentistry. 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God.' That's the word."

Through Snowden's efforts, a newer chair, better X-ray, and a drill power box have come to the clinic. He has secured financial support from a foundation. Student spouse Kim Withrow has been trained as a dental assistant.

"To know God's will and do it is happiness. To know God's will and not do it is miserable." May all Clear Creekers follow the doctor's prescription.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Snowden

Paid Column

MISSIONS

Chaplain helps aging patients prepare for death

By David Winfrey
SBC Home Mission Board

CHICAGO (BP)—At The Moorings retirement center in northwest Chicago, chaplain Graham Ross has a special duty to the residents: "I'm helping them pack their bags for death."

Ross, one of about a dozen Southern Baptist Home Mission Board-endorsed geriatric chaplains, counsels residents and families on their losses while trying to promote a sense of community to those experiencing pain, physical deterioration or even dementia.

Calling each person by his or her first name, Ross may be the one staff member who offers friendship with no strings attached. His unique relationship allows him to be both a confidant and a liaison between residents and the facility, their churches and families.

"I'm not there to do something to them," he said, referring to doctors who may run tests or nurses who may draw blood. "I'm there for them."

Ross, who lives on the 42-acre campus, works with more than 400

residents. His ministry is as structured as an evening Bible study or as spontaneous as a morning hug.

"We are a Christian community here, and it's a beautiful experience," said resident Ruth Pelcher, who credits Ross for such an atmosphere. "It's all the difference between this place and other places."

Ross said geriatric chaplaincy is a wide-open field, but few paid positions exist. "You almost have to aggressively go for it and find an association that would at least be willing to sponsor you."

The lack of paid positions, however, should not prevent local churches from being more attentive to the needs of the elderly in their communities, he said. Ross often speaks at area churches, encouraging them to get involved in ministries to the aging.

On Ross' desk sits a portfolio of pencil sketches he's drawn of residents. On the back of each is a short biography of the person and a special memory about his or her life.

"Helen. Always in pain," he said picking up one and reading. "If she can come out of her pain to smile at me, it will be a good day."

Another sketch includes the tale of Ross spoon-feeding a resident. Each time she would take a bite to eat only after he answered her question, "Do you love me?"

"It suddenly dawned on me that she was eating only because she loved me," he said. "My response to Alice was cognitive, just as Peter's response to Jesus was. My Lord calls me to more than this."

Many of the subjects in Ross' sketches have died. Death and loss are a constant factor in his ministry.

Residents lose much of their freedom when they move from their homes into an apartment at the center, he said. Added to that is the loss of physical health as they grow older.

"I think the challenge is to be with them in their losses and their pain and to be there, present with them in the Lord," said Ross, who was a bivocational pastor and church planter before becoming a chaplain.

In the cases of those with terminal illnesses, denial of the condition can be more harmful than the actual disease, he said. "As long as you say you're going to beat it, it's going to rip you to shreds."

Also harmful, he said, is the stress of caring for a loved one who no longer can take care of himself or herself.

"I don't know who's going to outlive who," he said. "No study has been done on how many caregivers give out before the receivers of the care."

For that reason Ross often counsels family members who must come to terms with placing their relatives in a retirement home.

As residents approach the end of their lives, Ross often conducts "life reviews," a series of interviews that give residents a chance to fully reflect on the important times of their lives.

It is a delicate process, he said. "You can't kick the door in to anyone's inner sanctum." Such reviews often reveal feelings or memories that had been repressed for a lifetime, he said, and many residents are receptive to the ministry opportunities they provide.

"We are no longer looking forward, we are looking backward and validating our lives that we've spent," he said. "That's where the possibility of pastoral care exists, to help them resolve the unresolved issues so they can go on and die in the Lord."

"I'm not there to do something to them. I'm there for them."

Chaplain Graham Ross on his work in a retirement center

Nationwide network offers help to truckers in trouble

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Every 15 minutes, an 18 wheeler is in an accident on the nation's highways. A truck driver is hospitalized every 45 minutes. A truck driver is killed every 18 hours.

The statistics Bob Hataway quotes are compelling, but it was a personal experience that motivated him to start a nationwide ministry.

Hataway was a pastor in Hillsboro, Texas, when he heard that a trucker named Joe Taylor was involved in a serious accident. He visited the hospital and developed a relationship with Taylor, who required three operations and was hospitalized eight weeks.

Hataway led Taylor to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Through that experience, Hataway says, "God began to lay on me what could be done if pastors only knew about the need."

Hataway, who is now endorsed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's chaplaincy commission, began Trans Alive ministry in 1984 to assist truckers.

Long hours on the road, prolonged trips away from home and pressure to meet deadlines make driving a truck a high-stress career, Hataway says.

The ministry works through a network of 100,000 pastors who serve as volunteers in every ZIP code in the nation plus parts of Canada. When an accident is reported to Trans Alive, one volunteer is assigned to the trucker and another volunteer is assigned to the truck-

er's family.

Some contacts are as simple as getting a driver to another location after his truck has been wrecked. Other contacts are as intense as notifying the family when a trucker dies on the road.

After Trans Alive matches a volunteer with the need, the ministry is up to the local church. "We're just a coordinator," Hataway says.

Some trucking companies pay travel expenses, but not living expenses, for the trucker's spouse to visit him if he is hospitalized away from home. Hataway says some churches have provided the spouse with a car and living accommodations.

"A lot of drivers consider themselves second-class citizens," he notes. "When drivers see that people do care about them, they have a more positive attitude and become more responsible, productive drivers."

"But we're doing all this to reach a spiritual need," Hataway says. "Delivering a cup of cold water in their time of need presents an open door."

In addition to pastors willing to minister to truckers or their family members, Hataway says he needs people to notify him when they become aware of accidents involving truckers. With the driver's name, the name of the trucking company he or she represents and the hospital where he or she might have been taken, Trans Alive can begin its network of ministry.

People with information about a trucking accident can call Trans Alive at (800) USA-HURT.

Chaplains call for prison help

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—A new set of clothes, \$70 and a prison record hardly constitute a recipe for success. Yet inmates are frequently released from prison with little else.

Churches willing to welcome former inmates and church members willing to invest time in the lives of released prisoners can be the missing ingredients in their otherwise bleak future, say Southern Baptist prison chaplains.

Newly released prisoners "have nothing to do and no place to go," says Joseph Crichton, chaplain at the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary in Petros, Tenn.

Consequently many prisoners return to crime. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that three-fourths of people released from prison are re-arrested within five years.

"Our goal (with after-care ministries) is to reduce that return rate, but the ultimate goal is to get a life straightened out," Crichton says.

People who make Christian commitments in prison usually become involved in the prison's chapel program, chaplains say.

But after release, they may be disappointed not to find similar fellowship in a church.

"To go to church and not be received is a terrible blow," says Joe Valenzuela, chaplain for the California Department of Corrections. "We forget how sensitive Christ was to prisoners."

A joint venture in Texas has produced a congregation of former prisoners, their families and families of people who are still in prison.

The group began meeting in May at College Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Now 90 people attend the



Monday night service which includes a light meal followed by praise and worship.

"This is an experiment," says Bob Cox, director of church and community ministries for Tarrant Baptist Association.

He says the mission was needed because "people in our target group often do not feel comfortable in the traditional Southern Baptist church."

To ease the transition from prison to freedom, some chaplains match volunteers with soon-to-be-released prisoners.

For example, Rory Murphy, senior chaplain at the William P. Clements prison in Amarillo, Texas, looks for "mentors" to spend two hours with a prisoner once a month.

"Mentors come in and talk about whatever," Murphy says. "At first the inmates don't feel like they can relate to a person in the square society—law-abiding, church-going citizens who pay taxes."

"Prisoners say, 'I'm scared. I don't know what to say.' But if they stick to the mentor program, a relationship develops."

BUDGET CONFERENCE
Mike Rouse (right), director of a home for former prisoners in Dallas, looks over the cash receipts record of Sidney Alexander. Attending a weekly budget class and keeping track of all money spent is a requirement for those in the Christian-based program. (BP photo)

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