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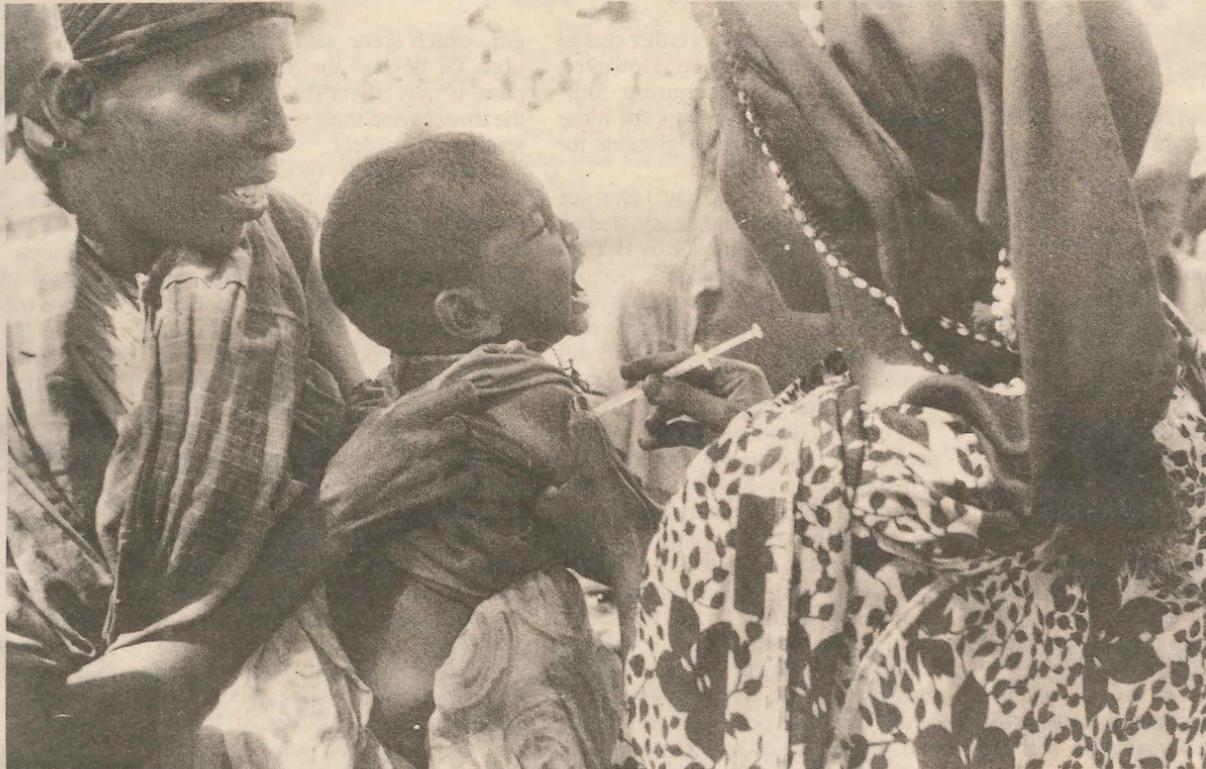
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SOMALIA PROTECTION A Somali nurse who works with Doctors Without Frontiers inoculates a baby in a camp where Southern Baptists have assisted in feeding programs. While malnutrition that has stalked the country often kills on its own, it also opens the door for other illnesses to invade weakened bodies. Childhood diseases that are routine in the United States, like measles, have killed thousands of youngsters in Somalia. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has called for additional volunteers to work in Somalia for two to six months. To date, 10 Southern Baptist aid workers have distributed food at two feeding locations, helped resettle rural Somalis, who had fled their villages, and helped distribute seed. The FMB has released \$1.25 million for food and seeds and \$200,000 to help resettle refugees. For more information about volunteer opportunities, call the FMB at (800) 999-3113. (BP photo)

Early prayer stirs sleepy youth group

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

GLASGOW—Rising for 6:30 a.m. prayer meetings has stirred a sleepy youth group to new awakenings.

Teen-agers at Calvary Baptist Church in Glasgow have discovered a connection between their new early-morning prayer gathering and the 15 teens who recently have committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

Associate Pastor Ronny Raines said the prayer meeting has become a new tradition. Every Monday, the youths gather at the church for prayer at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at McDonald's—all before school starts.

When they began the prayer meeting a year ago, about five teens met each week. Today, 20-28 youths roll out of bed early on Monday mornings to pray for their friends.

The participants said they manage to get up early because they have learned the importance of prayer.

"In school there's so much peer pressure," explained 17-year-old Andy Lowe. "Monday morning prayer is a good way to start out the week."

Lowe said he and his buddy Josh Crace suggested the prayer plan to help unify their group. "When people uplift me in prayer, it makes the day a lot easier," Lowe said.

Raines said he believes those prayers are part of the reason 15 youths have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in the last several months and the church's youth ministry has grown significantly.

Calvary's youth attended their first retreat together in late August last year, at Barren River State Park in Lucas.

"We had been doing OK, but not a whole lot seemed to be happening," Raines explained. "Before the retreat, we seriously prayed that God would do something."

Due to an unprecedented interest in inviting unchurched friends to a church-sponsored activity, Raines said, 41 teen-agers and chaperones attended the retreat.

"We had people everywhere in those cabins," he recalled. "One lady even slept on the kitchen table."

Bob Spears, a pastor from Crossville, Tenn., led three worship sessions based on the theme "The Courage of Commitment" during the weekend.

By the time the invitation was offered at the final session Saturday morning, six people had made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

One of those, Leslie Bow, is a 16-year-old who said she went on the retreat "because my friends asked me to go."

Touched by the testimonies that were shared and by the open acceptance she felt in the youth group, Bow said, she discovered "holes" in her life that needed to be filled.

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Homelessness on rise in Kentucky & U.S.

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The number of homeless people in Kentucky increased approximately 15 percent from 1991 to 1992, according to a report from the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Nationwide, the report warns, more Americans are seeking shelter and finding themselves in danger of a hazardous winter this year.

The number of Americans seeking shelter has increased sharply over the past two years, and much of the increased demand comes from families with children, the report says.

"We fear this winter could be the most dangerous one yet," said Fred Karnes, executive director of the Na-

tional Coalition for the Homeless.

"Recent cuts in federal funding for emergency shelter can only exacerbate this dismal situation," warned Karnes, a member of Fredericksburg (Va.) Baptist Church.

The report, titled "A Place Called Hopelessness: Shelter Demand in the '90s," surveyed 18 states and the District of Columbia.

"The fact that more families are finding no room in the inn ought to be a chilling reminder to American Christians about our status; ironically, we are the inn-keepers of our society," said Robert Parham of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville.

"We cannot accept homelessness

as a common occurrence or norm of life," added Nathan Porter, field staff consultant for domestic hunger for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "It is not right. It is tragic."

"The call we must face is to commitment and action, not only in ministries, but also to bring changes in public policy."

The new report underscores that shelters are not a solution but "a first line of defense" against homelessness. "Any solution to homelessness lies in creating more permanent affordable housing options, decent-paying jobs, and improving access to health care, including substance-abuse and mental-health treatment," the report says.

Croatia: 'Like looking into the face of hell'

ZAGREB, Croatia—A recent trip to war-torn Croatia was "like looking into the face of hell," said Ken Sehested, director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

Sehested was among a 10-member delegation of Muslim, Jewish and Christian leaders from the United States who visited the newly independent country Dec. 9-18.

Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina were republics of what formerly was Yugoslavia. Both of the newly formed countries have been devastated by civil war that pits predominantly Roman Catholic Croatians against predominantly Orthodox Christian Serbians, with Muslims squeezed in the middle.

Sehested, who also serves on the Baptist World Alliance Human Rights Commission, participated in an interfaith worship service in Zagreb, where participants called for

peace.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter sent a special message with the U.S. delegation, which was read at the service. "We must have the courage to face the realities of human cruelty and dedicate our talents to active peacemaking, not simply the passive deploring of violence and abuse," Carter wrote.

The U.S. delegation of religious leaders made several visits to camps for refugees, displaced people and newly released prisoners of war. They also met with leaders of government, the United Nations, relief organizations and religious bodies.

Croatia is "choking with refugees," Sehested reported, noting that 700,000 displaced Croatians and refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina have crowded into the country. Another 100,000 unregistered refugees are believed to be in the country.

"If you could imagine 40 million

Canadians and Mexicans suddenly displaced into the U.S., then you have a sense of the proportion of this crisis," Sehested said.

The delegation traveled to the city of Karlovac on the edge of the war zone to interview recently released civilian prisoners of war. "The stories of brutality we heard there ... are almost beyond human comprehension," Sehested explained.

"Especially horrendous is the level of violence against women. ... We heard from multiple first-hand accounts of the use of 'rape camps' by Serbian forces as a systematic tactic of war, as part of their strategy of 'ethnic cleansing.'"

Sehested noted Serbians are not the only ones guilty of atrocities. There are documented cases of brutality committed by Croats and Muslims, he said.

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BAPTISTS

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■ **James Wesberry**, executive director emeritus of The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States and a former Atlanta pastor, died of lung cancer in his home on Christmas Day. He was 86.

■ **Maternity benefits** will be raised this year in the church and seminarian comprehensive medical plans offered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. The new fixed benefit will be \$5,000 for normal delivery and \$7,500 for cesarean section. Any delivery on or after Jan. 1 will qualify for the expanded benefits.

■ **Japanese Baptists** have adopted a statement of repentance for cooperation with the Japanese government's World War II activities, "especially the colonial oppressions and the invasions carried out by the government."

■ **First Baptist Church** of Dallas will end its 25-year-old tradition of televising its worship services, apparently due to financial constraints. The decision will save the church an estimated \$600,000 annually. The church, with a debt of \$8.6 million, reportedly has come under increasing financial strain since the resignation of Joel Gregory as pastor in September.

Heresy hearings possible at Southern

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE (ABP)—Professor Paul Simmons, whose pro-choice position on abortion has angered many trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, could face formal dismissal charges as early as February, according to some trustees.

A last-ditch effort to quietly resolve the Simmons' dispute failed Dec. 15 when trustees voted down a plan to buy out his contract at a cost of up to \$362,000.

Now the seminary faces the probability of hosting heresy hearings against Simmons, who has taught Christian ethics at the school since 1969.

Although seminary sources say some negotiations may still be underway, all parties agree there are few options other than dismissal proceedings left.

Unless Simmons resigns, which he has shown no inclination to do, or the trustees drop their dispute with the professor entirely, which for many would be an intolerable admission of failure, only formal dismissal hearings can resolve the matter.

"I don't know of any other thing that could," said trustee Chairman Wayne Allen, a pastor in Cordova, Tenn.

Allen declined to speculate on what the trustees will decide, but he said the seminary's formal dismissal procedures, though lengthy, could be completed in time for trustees to vote during their regular April meeting on a recommendation to fire Simmons.

"I think there will be some closure by April," predicted trustee Jerry Johnson, a key figure in the dispute.

Simmons, 56, has been a target of conservative trustees because of his support of abortion rights and his views on homosexuality. However, as a full professor with tenure, he can be fired only for violating his contract or teaching contrary to the seminary's doctrinal statement.

Seminary sources say either charge would be hard to prove. However, trustees have been scouring Simmons' record and writings for more than a year in search of grounds for dismissal.

According to Allen, charges against Simmons could be initiated by either seminary President Roy Honeycutt or the trustees' academic personnel committee. That committee—along with five professors approved by the president and faculty—would constitute a fact-finding committee to investigate the charges.

The fact-finding group would present its findings to Simmons and schedule heresy hearings in which Simmons, with access to legal counsel, could answer the charges.

If charges are initiated in early January, Allen said, and are handled expeditiously, hearings could be held in February or March.

"My impression is there will be (hearings)," said Johnson, a member of the academic personnel committee and chairman of the committee's work group investigating Simmons. "I think everybody is ready for us to do something or shut up," said Johnson, a pastor from Aurora, Colo., and one of Simmons' chief critics.

Even Simmons has acknowledged hearings appear inevitable. After an earlier buyout proposal was dropped, Simmons said he was ready to "move on" with the hearings.

Simmons declined to comment on the latest developments. "I have a lot of feelings, but I'll just have to go with silence," he said Dec. 22.

If after the hearings the academic personnel committee votes to recommend dismissal, the recommendation would go to the full board of trustees, who must approve any dismissal by a two-thirds margin.

Almost two thirds of the trustees voted against buying out Simmons' contract during the closed-door meeting Dec. 15. It failed 21-34.

Trustees on both sides said they were surprised by the wide vote mar-

gin, which some said has ramifications far beyond the Simmons' dispute. It may affect the leadership of the trustees and their search for a new seminary president.

Trustee leaders, though conservative, are viewed as more pragmatic than many other conservatives on the board. Those leaders, who called the special Dec. 15 meeting apparently because they expected the Simmons' buyout to pass, "miscalculated" support for the proposal, said trustee David Miller of Heber Springs, Ark.

That miscalculation was evident when the buyout plan was presented to trustees and met by "utter silence," reported another trustee. Although the proposal came from the academic personnel committee, none of the committee members except the chairman spoke in favor of the plan, the trustee reported, and Johnson spoke against it.

"The leadership that brought that proposal misjudged the full board and its thinking," said Johnson. "They did lose touch with the pulse of the full board."

"The leadership has lost control of the board," said another trustee, who asked not to be identified. "The inmates are running the asylum."

Pragmatic, less strident, trustees also dominate the search committee looking for the successor to Honeycutt, who will retire as president in December 1993.

The vote on Simmons, by demonstrating the power of conservatives, could guarantee that a hard-line conservative is chosen to succeed Honeycutt, trustee sources said.

The board hopes to elect his successor in April.

The Simmons vote "added to the expectation" that the search committee will bring a clear-cut conservative candidate, said Johnson. "I think they will factor in the Simmons situation and find a candidate who could best bring closure to that and prevent future situations like that from developing."

Bivocationalists pick Kentuckians

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Two Kentuckians were elected to leadership positions among Southern Baptist bivocational ministers last month.

Charles Stewart, pastor of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Ashland and current president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was re-elected president of the National Council on Bivocational Ministries. Michael Saunders, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Ashland, was elected secretary of the Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers Association.

Both groups held their annual meetings at Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The council, which is composed of bivocational ministers and other denominational workers interested in bivocational ministry, asked Southern Baptist agencies to consider developing audiotapes that address the personal ministry needs of bivocational ministers.

The council voted to establish a bivocational minister's needs list to be published in the association's quarterly newsletter. The council called on the Home Mission Board to fund the use of a toll-free telephone number to gather the list and called on associational directors of missions to make the needs known.

Four members of the association were named exemplary bivocational pastors of the year: Leonard Foster, pastor of Happy Valley Baptist Church in Carlsbad, N.M.; Lawrence Hudson, pastor of Monument of Love Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.; Keith McGraw, pastor of Sturgis Baptist Fellowship in Sturgis, S.D.; and Roberto Quiroz, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Sherman, Texas.

Kentuckians named to seminary posts

Two Kentuckians have been named to new posts with Southern Baptist seminaries.

Asa Sphar III was named assistant professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Edward Buchanan was named professor of education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sphar is a Winchester native who recently received a doctorate from New Orleans Seminary. He has been active in counseling and has been a contract teacher for the seminary.

Buchanan has been professor of education and director of continuing education at Bethel Seminary since 1978.

A former Louisville resident, he holds the doctor of education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

SBC loses 1 church for every 2 new starts

By David Winfrey
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—For every two churches started in the Southern Baptist Convention, another disbands, reverts to mission status or for some other reason ceases to be a church, according to a Home Mission Board study.

"We have to start 2.2 churches to achieve a net gain of one," said Richie Stanley, author of the study and HMB associate director of planning and services research.

The finding is significant to Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust goal of having 50,000 churches and church-type missions by the year 2000, said HMB President Larry Lewis.

"If we could close that back door, we could take a giant step toward reaching our goal," he said.

The study found Southern Baptists averaged 430 church starts annually during the last 19 years.

At the same time, an average of 233 churches were removed from association rolls each year for a net annual gain of 197.

"We have to take two steps forward, because we're taking one step back," Stanley said.

For insight into what happens to these churches, Stanley studied the 223 churches removed in 1989 from the SBC list of churches, as kept by the Sunday School Board.

Associational directors of missions reported 132 ceased to exist as churches. Another 62 still existed, but as non-Southern Baptist churches. Twenty-two were misreported, directors of missions claimed. No responses were received in seven cases.

Of those that ceased being a church, 106 disbanded, 18 reverted to mission status and eight merged with other congregations.

Dwindling membership was cited by directors of missions as the greatest cause for churches that disbanded, reverted or merged, the report states.

Problems with the pastor, lack of lay leadership and financial difficulties each were cited by directors of missions in at least 30 percent of the cases.

While some rural areas may no longer have the population to support several churches, Lewis said he fears many of the disbanded churches were in urban areas "where the community has changed but the congregation has not changed to effectively minister to and reach the community."

Churches willing to integrate their congregations or support multiple congregations in one building could continue to be viable, he said. Of the 62 congregations that remained churches but withdrew from the convention, the church initiated the withdrawal in 50 cases, and the association initiated action in 12 cases.

Directors of missions responded in at least half the cases that nothing else could have been done to prevent the congregation from disbanding or leaving the SBC.

KENTUCKY

Children led the way to church in Chop Bottom Holler

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

ANNVILLE—Church planting and outreach is kid's stuff in the Chop Bottom Holler near Manchester.

In 1989, children in the area decided they didn't want their backyard Bible clubs to end just because summer was over. They asked that church activities be provided throughout the year.

The long-term result of that request is Southside Baptist Church, established Sept. 16.

Bill Nichols, director of missions for Booneville Baptist Association, said the association recognized several years ago the need for a ministry to families in the Chop Bottom area. "We had several summer teams from Florida come and do backyard Bible clubs with the children there," he said.

At least partially because of the children's interest, the association adopted the Chop Bottom Holler, purchased a trailer and began Sunday afternoon Sunday school.

"The first Sunday, 13 people came," Nichols said.

But those 13 people have multiplied since then, and Lytleton Baptist Church in Manchester later became the sponsor for Chop Bottom Mission.

Ray Spicer, a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and pastor of the mission, said they were able to purchase land and build a permanent place to worship in 1991.

Spicer said the children have continued to influence the mission's ministry.

In 1991, "we were more or less still a children's church," he said. "There weren't many adults, and most of them were leaders."

But much of that has changed within the last year, the pastor explained.

"It all started last December, when we came up with the idea for a Christmas play for the children," Spicer recalled.

The idea included encouraging children to invite their parents to attend the play. It proved successful, since several couples began attending church regularly with their children after Christmas.

In September, the mission organized as a church and changed its name to Southside Baptist Church.

Church growth is a key area of concentration for Spicer as he leads the Southside congregation, which averages 70-75 in Sunday morning attendance.

In January 1992, at a conference in Pineville, Spicer said he and other

pastors were asked to set goals for the number of people their churches would try to lead to make professions of faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized.

"Most of them were saying 15 or 20, and one person said three," Spicer recalled. "I felt led to say 50, even though it sounded unrealistic. I knew it might be too much for me, but not for God."

At last count, Southside Church had baptized 40 people during 1992. Spicer estimated that about half of those were older children and younger teens, while the remainder were adults who never had made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Spicer acknowledged that children and adults alike are a part of God's purposes. "The Lord just used the children to help the adults see they needed to be in church," he said.

BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Laura Ellen Cameron** of Lexington received the Rice-Judson Scholar Award at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she is pursuing the master of social work degree. The award is presented annually on the basis of leadership, scholarship and commitment to ministry.

■ **Campbellsville College** received an Outstanding Public Humanities Project award from the Kentucky Humanities Council for the school's Janice Holt Giles Symposium. Giles, a Kentucky author, was the focus of a May symposium at Campbellsville.

■ **Georgetown College** received a \$550,000 grant from the James Brown Graham Foundation of Louisville for construction of a new library. Georgetown College President William Crouch said the grant brings gifts to the project to more than \$1 million. The new library is projected to cost \$5.5 million.

■ **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College** in Pineville will offer five night classes and two seminary classes during the spring semester. Night classes are Old Testament theology, business math, seven feasts of Israel, biblical counseling and marriage enrichment. Seminary classes are ministry of education and New Testament II. For more information, contact the school's admissions office at (606) 337-3196.

Veterans' ministry plans help for homeless

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—War veterans in Louisville are tapping the resources of a renovated dance studio.

The dance studio is part of a large home in downtown Louisville donated last fall to the local chapter of Point Man International Ministries, a Christian organization for veterans.

Bill Kirschbaum, who has been leading Point Man's Louisville chapter from his home, said the new accommodations would enable them to provide more services, including housing for homeless war veterans.

"We offer vets one-on-one counseling, we help them hunt for jobs, we help provide clothing and food," he explained. "We get their (physical) needs met first, then we work on their spiritual beings."

For many veterans, a place to live is a prominent physical need, Kirschbaum added. Nationwide, 46 percent of the homeless population are veterans.

The house itself will serve several purposes, Kirschbaum explained, including providing office space and room for chapel services. But most important is the housing for struggling veterans.

"The second floor will house about 12 to 14 men," Kirschbaum said. "If we can put them in this house, they have an address, and they can start feeling like a normal person again."

Point Man Ministries now supports houses like this in several states, including Indiana and Delaware.

A New Jersey native, Kirschbaum served in the Navy from 1959-1969, a tenure which included two tours in Vietnam. Since that time, he has worked as a carpenter and as a custodian at Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville.

He said he never talked about Vietnam until 1989, when he attended a veteran's reunion. "I found out all (veterans) were really in the same boat. I decided, 'They're accepting the fact that they're vets; why can't I?'"

Now Kirschbaum serves as out-post leader for the Louisville chapter of Point Man Ministries.

He said he has been praying since 1989 for a way to provide for homeless veterans who find their way to the city.

Much of the labor needed for renovations, including plumbing, electrical work and carpentry, has been secured, Kirschbaum reported.

The biggest needs right now are for financial support "for materials for renovations and to help keep it going afterward," he added.

As long as those needs continue to be met, Kirschbaum said, they plan to have the home in operation by the end of June.

"Put our house on top of your prayer list ... so that we can carry on where we feel the Lord leading us," he advised.

People interested in assisting the Louisville Point Man Ministries in this project may contact Kirschbaum at 1820 Westmoorland Way, Louisville, Ky. 40242, (502) 426-7966.

Commitment aids success, Cathy says

By Pat Cole
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Chick-fil-A founder and chairman Truett Cathy told graduates at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's 170th commencement their level of personal commitment will determine the future course of their ministries.

"Oftentimes the difference between success and failure is one word, 'commitment,'" Cathy said during the Dec. 18 commencement. "It works in all areas—in business, ministry and in our relationship to Christ."

A member of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ga., Cathy founded Chick-fil-A in 1967. The Atlanta-based chain now has more than 460 stores and is the nation's third-largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain. Cathy is known for philanthropic activities, including his scholarship program for Chick-fil-A employees and support of foster homes.

Cathy said he considers the food business his calling and believes he is called to succeed in that field. "It's really easier to succeed when you compare it to the price of failure," Cathy said.

"It's Easier to Succeed than to Fail" is the title of Cathy's 1989 autobiography. He handed an autographed copy of the book to each of the 200 graduates immediately after they received their diplomas.

Ministers have the high calling of proclaiming God's word to people, Cathy said. "Biblical principles do work. We are in a changing world, but important things are here to stay."

Cathy reminded graduates they have a responsibility to be role models. Some television preachers, he said, have "embarrassed Christians and embarrassed the name of God by claiming to be one thing and doing another."



THANKS, COACH Thirteen seniors from Campbellsville College's football team present Coach Ron Finley with a plaque of appreciation. At the annual football banquet last month, Finley praised the players for the school's fifth football season, in which they shared the Mid-South Conference title and defeated their Baptist rival, Georgetown College. Campbellsville's football program was reinstated in 1987 after a 50-year absence. (Campbellsville College photo by Tamara Marsteller)

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Year of our Lord

It is Christmas Day 1992 as I write this letter, and we are approaching the new year 1993 A.D. As we enter another Anno Domini, how many of us will pause to reflect on the momentous fact that Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ, is the commonly recognized centerpiece of our recorded history, with all due respect for other cultural calendars?

As mounting forces seek to deny and denigrate the significance of Christ and Christianity in our history and culture, many of us will find assurance in the affirmation of the one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-third year of our Lord. And as legal mandate and political correctness act to undermine and eliminate America's Christian heritage from public squares and schools, we have reason for a moment of reverent truth as we post the new calendar for 1993 Anno Domini.

No doubt, there will soon be demands to censor every reference to B.C. and A.D. from our children's history books as a blatant display of religious dogma! In the meantime, let us observe and cherish our unique manner of marking each year of recorded history as being before or after that blessed event in Bethlehem.

*Sam B. Peavey
Louisville*

Get a backbone

In his book, "Abortion: A Rational Look at an Emotional Issue," R.C. Sproul wrote: "The longer (abortion) lasts, the more babies will be slain. The longer laws allowing abortion-on-demand remain in effect, the more likely it is that society will be hardened in heart. Continuing the struggle against abortion is not enough. We must accelerate our efforts until no human child is destroyed under the sanction of law."

What are you going to do in 1993?

If you or someone you know would like to spend some time in New York state, I hope you will read this article carefully.

I was there a few weeks ago, meeting with the executive director of the New York Baptist Convention, Dr. Quinn Pugh. A veteran pastor in that state, Quinn became executive director there at about the same time I returned to Kentucky to take this job.

When many folks think of New York, they visualize New York City and, frankly, for many, a couple of visits there are enough!

However, the New York Baptist Convention building is situated in Syracuse, in upstate New York. It is a fabulously beautiful part of America, with rolling hills punctuated by cleared fields and ample lakes. It is in this area that one best understands New York's reputation as a dairy state.

Syracuse is about the size of Louisville. But one of the big differences is that in Long Run Association, which includes Louisville, there are

When I started work at our pregnancy support center, I was naive about Christian views on abortion. I assumed anyone who professes to know Christ, therefore knowing the Giver of life, would be against abortion, the taking of life. Was I wrong! Not only has the world become "hardened in heart," but the church as well. I fear many pastors have ignored abortion because it is so controversial or they may preach to members who have had an abortion.

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Are we to ignore a sin or sins because so many people are participants, or do we denounce the sins because they are wrong before a holy God? The sin of abortion must be abhorrent to God because he placed such a high value on life.

Every day, 4,400 babies are killed by an abortionist. Which do you think is more important to God—those babies or the woman's right to choose? Christians, when are we going to "get a backbone" and stand for what is right according to the word?

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'Buyout' wrong

I have tried not to be caught up in Southern Baptist politics. However, with the news of the potential "buyout" of Professor Paul Simmons of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, it is time to express my views.

I was shocked and disappointed as I read the article reporting seminary trustees were considering "buying out" Dr. Simmons' contract (WR, Dec. 15). This action is expected from corporate boardrooms or professional sports management, but not of trustees of a theological seminary. I am appalled that the trustees of Southern Seminary, of which I am a graduate, would consider such measures.

I never sat under Dr. Simmons, nor do I know his stance on all social and

theological issues. I am confident I would strongly disagree with Dr. Simmons on some issues.

But the point remains, God has given each of us the right and privilege to choose our own position on social and theological issues under the guidance of the authoritative word of God and the Holy Spirit. It is unethical and certainly un-Christian to consider "buying out" a professor just because he does not believe exactly as you do.

When will all of this feuding end? When will our hearts be burdened for the lost? When will we spend more time and money considering how to reach, teach, win and disciple others for Christ than we do worrying about each other's view of social issues? I hope and pray it will be soon!

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London*

Ignoring facts

Bill Hall's letter (WR, Dec. 15) accuses Bill Marshall of doublespeak. Hall reasons that praise of Keith Parks' achievements for 12 years and criticism of recent actions of trustees is contradictory. He says trustees originated policies that Parks carried out, so they should share credit.

What Hall ignores is that the personnel and nature of the board changed almost totally over the last 12 years. The policies Marshall praises Parks for were approved by an almost entirely different board. In an era when boards and administrators are in harmony, many of the policies are suggested by administrators.

Hall added that "conservative" trustees could work with Parks, but he could not work with them. Masters "work with" their slaves, but free people do not work under coercive conditions.

*Bill Moore
Owensboro*

ing a real missions need. Opportunity for serving one or several churches would enhance this mission challenge.

Only about a dozen hours by car, occasional journeys back to Kentucky would be quite amenable to the arrangement.

By now some of you are suspecting that I am trying to sell you on this idea. Well, you are right. I am!

But it is because I think this is one of the best opportunities of service for a retired person or couple I have seen; to say nothing of the beauty of that state, beckoning a sensitive soul.

I just happen to have a "position description" if you are interested. Or you may prefer to call Dr. Quinn Pugh directly: (315) 433-1001 or (315) 479-8830.

You may write him: 6538 Collamer Rd., East Syracuse, N.Y. 13057.

Maybe you are one of those persons who is wondering what you will be doing in 1993. How about New York? As manager of the Syracuse Baptist Book Store?

(Dr. Pugh had bypass surgery on Monday, Dec. 7. Please pray for his recovery.)

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



FAMILY FORUM: MARRIAGE

Schedule intimacy

By Diana Garland

So much of our lives as couples is a work partnership. We parent our children, care for our parents, run a household and try to coordinate our busy schedules. Many couples find that sexual intimacy has almost become another shared task, something that we "ought" to do. Our times of intimacy often come in the last moments before sleep at the end of exhausting days.

Sexual communion goes against the grain of our busy married lives. God intended sex to be playful. Our brains are wired so sex is directly connected to feelings of love and affection as well as pleasure. God created us so that through sexual intimacy we could deepen our love and communion with one another. God could have chosen another way to continue the human race. Instead, God chose to make the conception of babies a part of the creation and deepening of companionship and intimacy in the marriage covenant.

When sex becomes as driven and tense and task-focused as the rest of our lives, we have lost the purpose God intends it to have in our lives, as reflected so beautifully in Song of Songs. If your schedules are so full that there seems to be no other time, then set an appointment with one another for a couple of hours that will be uninterrupted. It may seem strange to "schedule intimacy," but sometimes that is the only way we can truly have playful time together. If you have children, trade off child care with friends. Find ways to restore the playfulness, to stop your consciousness of time and tasks. That may mean taking a walk together, playing music you enjoy, eating a carry-out dinner by candlelight, feeding one another finger foods. Use your imagination. Refuse to talk about the family budget, a child's school problems or how to deal with your parents.

Remember, too, that late evening stolen moments can serve as important elements of marital intimacy and playfulness, especially when we also have these more extended sheltered times for intimacy together.

Diana Garland is associate professor and director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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

EDITORIALS

The Top 10: Stories that left their marks on '92

Who can predict the twists of history? When 1992 began, few would have guessed some of its most memorable moments—another Southern Democrat heading to the White House, U.S. troops taking up arms and food in Africa, the World Series trophy crossing the border into Canada.

In the spirit of hindsight, the Western Recorder offers its Top Ten stories from 1992. Others may have grabbed more ink elsewhere, but these stories left their marks on Kentucky Baptists last year:

1. Keith Parks.

The fate and future of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's president occupied Baptist minds and imaginations from February through December.

In the end, Parks decided to retire at age 65 in October, three years earlier than planned. Weeks later, he announced he would become the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's first missions coordinator. He brought credibility and promise to the Fellowship's fledgling missions endeavors, but he also caught the wrath of conservatives.

2. Kentucky Baptists & the SBC.

After two years of study and negotiation, a special committee proposed changing a Kentucky Baptist Convention policy linking churches' participation at KBC annual meetings to their contributions to the SBC's Cooperative Program budget. After about 20 minutes of discussion, KBC messengers narrowly defeated the proposal. The vote defied the principle of autonomy, but maintained recent practice.

In a similar debate, messengers barely maintained support for a plan to provide funds for one of the SBC's cast-offs, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Opponents have vowed they'll get it overturned next year.

These actions didn't take place in a vacuum. Last summer, two Kentucky pastors attended a seminar sponsored by conservatives to train state leaders in the tactics that helped them gain control of the SBC. One of those pastors circulated a letter promoting candidates for KBC leadership; the other led the fight against Baptist Joint Committee funding. Meanwhile, moderates said they were caught sleeping this year and promise to be awake in 1993.

3. Andrew, Moscow & World Changers.

Kentucky Baptists responded with compassion, hard work and generosity to human needs around the world, led by the KBC Brotherhood department. More than 200 Kentuckians lent helping hands to Hurricane Andrew's victims in South Florida. Baptists across the state packed food boxes and a handful delivered them to Russians through Project Brotherhood. Closer to home, teens from across America converged on inner city Louisville this summer to help repair homes through the World Changers program.

4. Roy Honeycutt & Southern Seminary.

President Roy Honeycutt shocked the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary community when he announced he will retire Dec. 31, 1993—at age 67, three years ahead of his announced intentions. The Louisville seminary has been a key focus of conservatives who control the SBC. Honeycutt's successor will lead the school to a more conservative destination in a new era.

5. Partnerships.

A medical missions trip sponsored by Baptist Healthcare System highlighted the third year of the KBC's partnership with Baptists in Espírito Santo, Brazil. Other Kentucky Baptists flew south to witness, preach, teach, build and heal. Meanwhile, the KBC maintained its partnerships with Baptists in Utah/Idaho and Ohio. At year's end, it was planning a partnership with Russian Baptists.

6. The SBC's future.

A variety of issues surfaced this past year which will continue to shape the SBC. Among them: A decision to exclude churches that affirm homosexuality and a separate study on what to do with Masons. Budget retrenchment, competition with the newly emerging Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a decision by at least one state to allow churches to fund the Fellowship through the state convention. Presidential vacancies—currently at the Foreign Mission Board, impending at Southern Seminary. A study of the SBC, initiated by President Ed Young.

7. Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

By year's end, the Fellowship had hired a general coordinator, Cecil Sherman; a missions coordinator, Keith Parks; and 15 missionaries. Receipts appeared to be on target to reach its \$6.4 million goal. And Parks' arrival signaled an increase in the number of churches willing to affiliate with the new organization. The intense rhetoric from supporters and detractors indicated the significance of these developments—for the Fellowship and the SBC.

8. Baptists in "real" politics.

U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle campaigned with then-President Morris Chapman of the SBC and later addressed the SBC's annual meeting. Four SBC leaders, including two former presidents and an agency head, appeared on the platform with President George Bush at the National Affairs Briefing in August. And two Southern Baptist laymen—Bill Clinton and Al Gore—were elected to the nation's highest offices.

9. Institutional advancement.

The KBC's institutions continued to march forward. For example: Baptist Healthcare System bought a hospital, its fifth, in LaGrange. Campbellsville College launched a master's degree in education. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College utilized scores of volunteers to improve its student housing situation. Cumberland College opened its visitors' center/museum on Interstate 75 in Williamsburg. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation's assets grew to \$32.4 million when its fiscal year—its best year ever—ended Aug. 31. Georgetown College was named one of Barron's Best Buys in liberal arts education. Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children opened a counseling center in Bowling Green. Oneida Baptist Institute hired its first chaplain.

10. Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

Actually, the infamous atheist participated in the year's biggest "un-story." Despite repeated clarifications, rumors that she is trying to "stop the reading of religion on the airways of America" persisted across the state all year long. In times of constant change, the old rumor proved one adage: "Some things never change."

Marv Knox

Honorable mention:

■ Woman's Missionary Union conducted a self-study, conferred with the Fellowship and talked to SBC leaders, who threatened to start a competing group. Results of the study should put WMU in the Top Ten at the end of this year.

■ MissionsFest brought 2,600 Kentucky Baptists together to look at mission work around the world.

■ Abortion got kicked around in the General Assembly, courtrooms and ballot booths. It remains at the center of America's moral dispute.

■ The Los Angeles riots horrified the nation but brought compassionate response from Christians.

■ The Baptist World Alliance sought to galvanize Baptists everywhere in a concerted effort to start churches.

■ The Religious Freedom Restoration Act ran out of time in the last Congress. It'll be back this year.

■ AIDS continues to scare, just as it continues to kill. It's entered Baptist churches, to mixed responses.

■ Somalia's hunger tore out our hearts. Most of us were glad to see relief workers spread food.

How did the Leaning Tower of Pisa get in that family portrait?

We just had a family portrait made. Actually, it's not a "portrait" in the way I grew up thinking of portraits. A "portrait" was that unfinished painting of George Washington that hung in the hall at school. You know, the one that looked like The Father of Our Country's head was coming out of a cloud. Or that painting of the faint-looking woman in white, or maybe that one of the little boy in the ridiculous blue suit, both of which are reproduced in every art-history book ever made.

No. This portrait is a photograph. It's our family. Decked out in Sunday clothes on Saturday morning. (Something's hypocritical about wearing a coat and tie on Saturday unless you have to go to a funeral or to your own wedding. But daddies do what

daddies are told; especially when it comes to family portraits.)

When we got to the photographer's we had to wait. So we flipped through books of portraits: Handsome families in sweaters under cool shade trees. Precocious children in outfits designed to have portraits made in, not play in. Lovely brides, forever blissful.

Finally, our time for immortality arrived, and the photographer escorted us back to the studio, where she arranged us on stools and boxes—a happy little quar-

ter in Sunday clothes, scrunched together to fit the format of a 5-by-7 picture.

The photographer must've been used to protests from daddies whose rear-ends are outside the picture and whose bodies are made to lean waaaaay over to get their faces into the frame. When I told her I felt awkward and stiff and approximately like the human version of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, she said, "You look fine," and went on talking to the girls, coaxing them into

grins and smiles and giggles. We got the portraits back, and I'll say

she was about three-fourths successful. Joanna, Lindsay and Molly look wonderful. "Beautiful and Radiant" is how I would rate them, "Two Thumbs Up." I, on the other hand, look awkward and stiff and like the Leaning Tower of Pisa with a moustache and glasses.

Daddy has a picture of my great-grandfather and his brothers, taken more than a hundred years ago. We still marvel at it, looking for traces of ourselves in their eyes, noses and mouths.

When I hold our latest family portrait, I hear my great-great grandchildren talking in the year 2102: "Paw-Paw Marv sure was a stiff guy, to be surrounded by such beautiful women!"

Marv Knox



down home

CHURCHES

Church goes hog wild for pastor's outreach challenge

By Mark Wyatt
California Southern Baptist

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (BP)—A Baptist newspaper article led John Swartz to a close encounter of the pig kind.

Swartz, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Escondido, Calif., read about a Davenport, Iowa, preacher who said if he thought it would help the church's weekly visitation program he would even be willing to kiss a pig.

Swartz mentioned the item in a sermon he preached to Sunday morning worshippers last September.

"If I thought it would stimulate members from our church to go out

and visit and reach new prospects in the community, I, too, would be willing to kiss a pig," Swartz said. After a reflective pause he added, "Above the moisture, that is."

Founded by a handful of people in 1949, the California church has grown to more than 1,100 members.

But after completing construction of a new children's education building last summer, Swartz realized the church needed a new challenge.

L.P. "Pat" McNally, deacon chairman, and his wife, Kathy, immediately took up the challenge.

They set in motion a plan they called "pig mania," a weeks-long program designed to increase involvement of church members in discover-

ing and visiting prospective members.

But to get the payoff their pastor promised, the plan had to really succeed: "I will not kiss a real live, red-hot pig for a lukewarm effort," Swartz said.

He agreed to kiss the pig only if the visitation emphasis turned out to be the best in the church's history.

Highlighting the emphasis were weekly events devised to keep the outreach theme before the congregation. Included were visitation evenings titled:

■ "Pig out, piggyback night," in which participants were treated to homemade ice cream.

■ "Ham it up," when ham sandwiches were served.

■ "Porker night," when participants enjoyed baby-back barbecued ribs.

■ "Reach a friend by phone—Hog calling" and "Hogtie a friend," encouraging members to call friends and encourage them to attend services at Bethel.

The theme also was used in defraying costs as bright pink piggy banks distributed during Bible study classes helped collect money to pay for refreshments.

Attendance at visitation grew from eight to 10, then to 100.

Before "pig mania" was over, members made 1,687 contacts.

The church celebrated the dedication of the new children's building Nov. 15 with baked ham served at a luncheon.

The same day, a 6-month-old registered Vietnamese pot-bellied pig named "Mercy" was introduced during Bible study classes.

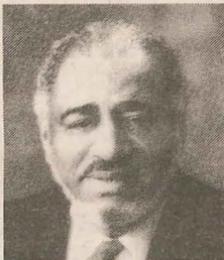
Eight days later, Nov. 23, a record 106 outreach visitors were on hand. An observer noted the group went "hog wild" when Swartz fulfilled his pledge and kissed Mercy the pig ... "above the moisture."

Deacon Chairman McNally declared the emphasis a success: "No matter how you dress up a pig, it's still a pig. No matter how you dress up church outreach and visitation, it's still witnessing for the Lord."

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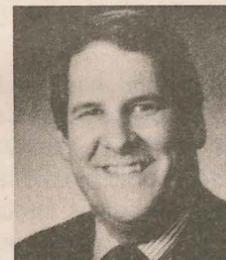
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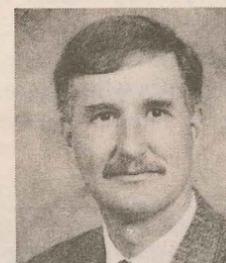
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Court won't hear churches' case

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Fourteen Oregon churches operating Christian schools have lost their bid to get the U.S. Supreme Court to review rulings that subjected the schools to state labor laws.

Several Baptist church schools were among those arguing that requiring their participation in the state unemployment tax program violates the First Amendment's guarantee of free exercise of religion and its ban against governmental establishment of religion.

A referee for the state employment division initially sided with the churches, citing a provision that exempted churches and church-related organizations from the state labor law.

But the referee's ruling was reversed after the Oregon Supreme Court ruled in another case that the state could not constitutionally distinguish between religious organizations that are church-affiliated and those that are not. Subsequent appeals by the churches were rejected.

Operation Rescue plans inaugural protests

WASHINGTON (BP)—Randall Terry, the controversial founder of Operation Rescue, plans to lead protests during the inauguration of President-elect Bill Clinton and wants to keep Clinton from being sworn into office with his hand on the Bible.

At a Dec. 10 news conference, Terry sent this message to Clinton about the swearing in: "Gov. Clinton, do not mock God, do not put your hand on the sacred Bible that condemns homosexuality, that says no to fornication, that says no to adultery, that says no to homosexuality."

Terry and other members of the

radical anti-abortion group persistently opposed Clinton during last year's presidential campaign, handing out literature that claimed to vote for Clinton was a sin against God.

Clinton, a Southern Baptist, has said he is not pro-abortion but does support a woman's right to choose abortion. He also has said he favors lifting the ban on homosexuals serving in the U.S. military.

Terry said five days of activities planned by Operation Rescue are designed to say to Clinton: "Read our lips. We will be there to confront you. We will be there to resist you every

step of the way as you resist and rebel against the commands of almighty God."

Terry said he expects about 500 people to participate in demonstrations and prayer on inaugural day, Jan. 20.

He also has called on Christian leaders to pray in front of the White House on Clinton's first morning in residence, Jan. 21.

Stationary protests are not permitted in the area in front of the White House, and the anti-abortion protesters said they expect to be arrested for their actions.

Texas Baptist CLC writes abortion statement

DALLAS (ABP)—Two factors should shape a Christian's views on abortion, according to an ethics statement prepared for Texas Baptists:

■ Reverence for life, especially the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

■ Recognition that the claims of one life sometimes compete with the claims of another life.

The four-page position paper was recently adopted by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, the ethics arm of the Baptist General Conven-

tion of Texas.

The document examines biblical teachings on reverence for life and the ethical implications for Christians, focuses on underlying responsibilities for teaching the Christian view of human sexuality, and explores public policy implications of the abortion issue.

"Aborting the life of the fetus should be regarded as an extreme act undertaken under extreme circumstances," according to the statement released by the Texas Baptist agency.

Abortion might be chosen "as the lesser of evils" only in such cases as rape or incest, pregnancies which severely threaten the mother's physical or emotional survival, or in pregnancies involving severe fetal deformity and disease incompatible with life, the document says.

The Texas document stands in contrast to recent statements adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and its Christian Life Commission. Those statements have condemned virtually all abortions.

BRIEFS

■ **After a four-year absence**, 16 paintings of the life of Christ were displayed in an Illinois park during the Christmas season. The privately owned paintings had been a part of holiday celebrations in Ottawa, Ill., since the mid-1950s until a federal judge ordered the display stopped in 1988. That decision was overturned last May by the U.S. Court of Appeals, which ruled the display is protected under the free exercise and free speech clauses of the First Amendment.

■ **The accused arsonist** in 21 Florida and Tennessee church fires says he set the blazes because he was sexually molested as a child by a fellow church member. Patrick Lee Frank has been diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic and now is institutionalized.

■ **The United Methodist** Board of Pensions has joined the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in calling for shareholder action against K-Mart Corp. to stop the sale of pornographic materials in its Waldenbooks subsidiary.

■ **Christian-Jewish** relations in the United States and abroad show "ominous signs of danger," according to Rabbi James Rudin, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee. "The rise of the Religious Right and its impact upon the American political system is a cause for deep concern," he said. "America is increasingly a multi-religious, multi-ethnic, multi-racial nation, and it is the job of Christian and Jewish leaders to convey this in a positive way to the American people."

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PEOPLE

Reports of adult abuse increasing in state

FRANKFORT—Investigations of abuse against Kentucky adults increased 35 percent last year over the 1991 total, according to the state Cabinet for Human Resources.

The 26,047 reported cases of adult abuse nearly doubled the number reported just four years ago.

From those reports, 18,359 separate incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation were confirmed. That's a 37.5 percent increase from substantiated incidents the previous year.

A majority of the cases were reports of spouse abuse. These 15,080 cases represent 59 percent of the total.

Other classifications include:
 ■ Adult abuse, which increased 57 percent last year to 6,489 investiga-

tions. Most of these cases involve abuse of an intimate partner other than a spouse.

■ Self-neglect, which increased 17 percent last year to 1,732 cases.

■ Neglect by a caretaker, which increased 19 percent to 1,700 cases.

■ Exploitation, which includes actions such as a caretaker or other person converting benefit checks to their own use, accounted for 853 investigations.

Within these categories, reports of abuse of people over age 60 increased 21 percent.

As with the larger population, the largest increases in abuse among senior adults related to spouse abuse and

abuse by intimate partners.

Social Services Commissioner Peggy Wallace said the main reason for the increased number of total reports in Kentucky is increased awareness. "We're now getting a clearer picture of what is going on and what we need to deal with," she noted. "We are seeing below the tip of the iceberg."

However, the numbers are "startling," she added. "Adult abuse reports previously had been increasing only 10 percent to 20 percent a year."

The Cabinet for Human Resources has a toll-free line for reporting suspected abuse to any child or adult: (800) 752-6200.



ACHIEVEMENT Chris Wright (center) receives a plaque from John Lott, associate director of Kentucky Brotherhood, for Wright's completion of his base unit in the High School Baptist Men's mission challenge work. Shown with the two during the presentation at Cynthia Baptist Church is Wright's father, Mike.

Prayer awakens youth group

Continued from page 1

When she returned home, Bow said she told her mother, "We're going to church tomorrow." Both the women were baptized at Calvary on the same day.

Three months later, at the church's Nov. 20 youth lock-in, Bow shared her own testimony with the 90 youths and chaperones gathered at the local YMCA building.

In addition to several hours of recreation during the all-night-long event, Raines scheduled some time for the group to share spiritual concerns. They worshiped from midnight to 3:30 a.m., he said. Nine people made decisions.

Raines emphasized the value of planning lock-ins and retreats for teen-agers.

He said they are productive because the group is in a new environment, they are alone with no interruptions and they find it easier to experience worship.

Further, Raines said, the prayer meetings have helped facilitate the extensive growth of Calvary's youth ministry.

"Some time ago, they wouldn't even pray in public," he recalled. "Now they're putting their arms around (new Christians) and praying with them. They're excited to see their prayers materialize."

Will power

The beginning of a new year is a great time for resolutions. We all make them, but how often do we keep them? "Tomorrow" always seems like the best day to start a new diet or to stick to a new budget. Too often, however, tomorrow never comes.

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is preparing for many tomorrows. We are making resolutions we must keep, for they will impact the lives of hundreds of children for years to come.

This year we will expand our Cornerstone Counseling ministry to include at least two new centers, and in the spring, we will open a new residential facility for girls in Mayfield.

We have seen the tremendous needs of hurting children across our state and realized that we cannot wait until tomorrow to minister to them.

The needs of more than 1,000 children we had to turn away last year will not go away, they will only increase.

For each of us, personally, there are critical needs in our lives which must be addressed. One of these is a need for a current, legal will.

Over half the people in America do not have a will. It is a project always put off till "tomorrow." As a result, when these people die, their property will not be distributed according to their wishes, but according to the state's.

Many of you have supported Baptist ministries over the years—

but should you die without a will, your support and the good to which you have devoted your lives will die with you.

You might consider including KBHC in your will in order to extend your Christian influence for years to come.

You can control the destiny of your possessions by making a legal

will before your tomorrows end. To write your will or bring it up to date may be one of the most important resolutions you make for you, your family and the children of KBHC this year.

For more information, call KBHC at (800) 456-1386 or (502) 245-2101.

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

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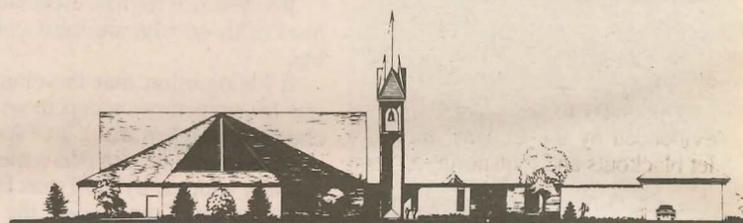


Curtis C. Mooney

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"Surely the Lord is in this place...."

Genesis 28:16b



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Investments with lasting dividends

Baptist Healthcare Foundation's guest author this month is Ted Hodge. Ted is the director of pastoral care for Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. He has been with Baptist hospitals for over 19 years. Ted graduated with a PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his two sons reside in Louisville.

In the corner of my bedroom stands a 6-foot wooden spear. Decorated with hair and brush-like material, it was a gift I received

four years ago from a childhood friend of my mother. The 100-year-old javelin-like weapon was used by head hunters in Nagaland in northern India. While I have occasionally fantasized using it when angry, I have discovered no practical value for this spear.

It has become, however, a cherished possession for me. It was brought back to America by my great-grandfather in the late 1800s and has become a symbol for me of my connection to a generation I never knew.

This past November that connection was made even more tangible when I met a member of the tribe. I enjoyed a delightful supper with an articulate mother and her husband hearing stories of my great-grandparents' missionary work. I saw pictures of that distant

land where the majority of the population is Baptist.

My new friend is a graduate of Golden Gate Theological Seminary and director of a Baptist day care center. I experienced the joy of seeing some of the fruits of my great-grandparents' investment.

Kentucky Baptists have made an investment in health care since 1924 when the old Kentucky Baptist Hospital first opened. That investment has now multiplied into a system that contains five hospitals. These buildings serve as symbolic reminders of our connection to those who sacrificed then and to those who are being helped now.

Kentucky Baptists continue to have an opportunity to help through gifts to our Baptist Healthcare Foundation. These gifts may be invested in such special projects as our Sunday School Charity Fund to help in emergencies. Gifts given today will continue to pay dividends for future generations.

Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Healthcare System or Baptist Healthcare Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., president of Baptist Healthcare Foundation, Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, Ky. 40207 (502) 896-5003.

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Cuba more open to gospel, BWA team members report

WASHINGTON, (BP)—While life seems harder and the political situation more tense, Cubans are more open to the gospel than a year ago, according to Tony Cupit, director of evangelism for the Baptist World Alliance.

Cupit led a seven-member BWA evangelistic team of British and American Baptist pastors and denominational leaders to Cuba Dec. 1-6. They visited churches, hospitals, factories, house churches and government officials.

Political tensions between Cuba and the United States took a toll: Only seven of 14 visas were granted.

"While failure to secure all the visas for the BWA trip was disappointing, the group that went was outstanding," Cupit said, "and we saw such an openness to the gospel," evidenced by some 400 first-time decisions for Jesus Christ as a result of the team's preaching.

Openness to the gospel also was evidenced by the Cubans' refusal to let blackouts and transportation problems keep them from the evangelistic

meetings, Cupit said.

"It was unusual to have a service or a meeting without a response to the gospel," he said. "Generally the responses were immediate; there was no need to prolong the appeal."

"The most exciting time for an evangelism impact in Cuba is now," said team member Isaac Torres, Hispanic consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Unknowingly, Torres witnessed to a man who was the head of the Communist Party in the Granma province.

"I was invited to eat at his home. He and his wife are medical doctors and his wife, a leader in the party, gave evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives," Torres said.

"The man gave me his personal card and said, 'I am sorry but we are not allowed to go to any church,' but I was invited to speak at the medical center.

"When an invitation was given to give public evidence of their faith in Jesus Christ by raising their hands, 10 made it public in that particular place," Torres said.

Croatia miserable, Baptist says

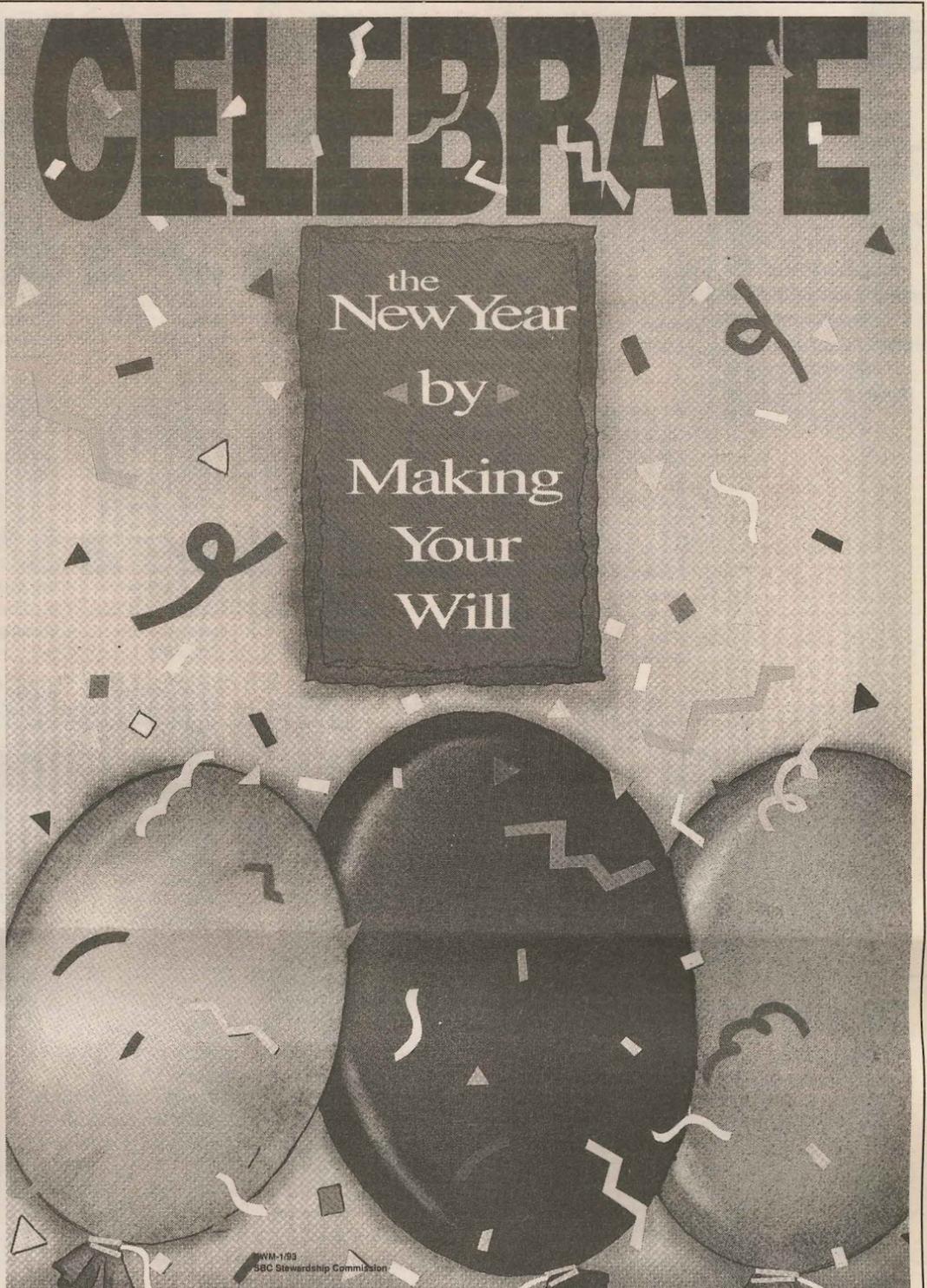
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dominance in the region has sparked a "vicious cycle of violence," he said.

Although Baptists in Croatia are few, they have engaged in massive humanitarian ministries, he reported.

A Baptist-run organization last month sent 100 trucks filled with essential supplies into Bosnia. Baptists also provide food and clothing for as many as 2,000 people a month in Zagreb and transport 20-50 tons of food per month to refugee centers.

Sehested urged Baptists to pray for peace in the region and for relief efforts that are ongoing. He also called for contributions to the Baptist World Alliance relief fund which will then be sent to local Baptist workers.

He also suggested sending notes of encouragement to Baptist leaders in Croatia: Boris Peterlin, Christian Information Service, P.P. 152, 41001 Zabreg, Croatia; and Branko Lovrec, Baptist Union of Croatia, Basaricekova 2, 4100 Zagreb, Croatia.



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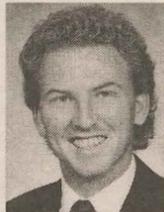
Southern Seminary's fall graduates from Kentucky

Baptist Student Union work in Kentucky dates to May 1938. Although BSUs began among Southern Baptists in the 1920s, Kentucky's BSU program got its start with the appointment of A.L. Gillespie as the first student union secretary.

Source: *Kentucky Baptists: 150 Years on Mission Together*



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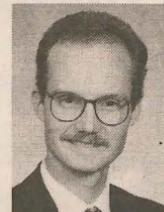
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The greatest Christmas gift

Michael Spencer and his wife, Denise, a registered nurse, are on call day and night in our campus counseling center. Each week they write a newsletter for OBI staff including a devotional. Mrs. Spencer has written this week:

"Christmas is a time for children. You've heard that, haven't you? Perhaps you've even said it. ... Is it only a time for children?"

"True, Santa and reindeer, sugarplum fairies, Frosty the Snowman all make children giggle with delight. But what of that God-child, that Jesus boy, born in Bethlehem? Will I ever be too grown-up to marvel at his coming?"

"Small children have a way of bypassing the frills and cutting straight to the heart of any matter, and Christmas is no exception. I can never gaze at a manger without remembering a Christmas five years ago.

"Our daughter, Noel, was playing dress-up and decided to act out the Christmas story. 'Mommy, you be Mary and I'll be the angel. I'll give you the baby Jesus.'

"Not quite the way it happened, but OK for a 2-year-old. She approached, a scarf draped over her head, reverently carrying her smallest baby doll to me. In a sweet, barely faltering voice the little angel sang 'Glory to Jesus, the highest.' As she gently laid the doll in my arms, it was truly one of those most precious moments of parenthood.

"But then the angel paused a moment and reflected, 'He spits up.'

"At first I didn't know whether to laugh or recoil in horror. This was a sacred moment, a hallowed occasion! Nowhere do the Scriptures tell us Jesus spit up. But then, he did, didn't he?"

"I'm still grateful to Noel for reminding me of the real beauty of the season. 'Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equal-

ity with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing ...' (Philippians 2:5-7).

"If Christmas is a time for children, let it be for the child in each of us. May we run with joy into our Father's arms, then turn to gaze in wonder at the newborn king."

Thinking of the Jesus who came as a babe, and sacrificed himself for us as a man, we need to be thankful and prayerful. As we think of the example he gave—of love and sacrifice—we don't need to pray for an easy life, but rather to be a stronger person.

Our work is never easy here at Oneida. But wonderful things happen daily. Really they are miracles. I am sure these good things happen because many of you reading this remember to lift up Oneida, our staff and our girls and boys heavenward in your prayers. Someone has written and it expresses our feelings:

Somebody prayed and my load grew lighter; somebody prayed and my day was brighter. Fresher the air, the sky more blue; I wonder, was that somebody you?

Somebody prayed when my heart was aching; somebody knew it was near to breaking. Kneeling in prayer, my faith to renew; I wonder, was that somebody you?

Somebody prayed when I was in sorrow; somebody prayed for strength for tomorrow. The gloom lifted, the Son shown through; I wonder, was that somebody you?

And now, I pray a good new year for you and those you love, remembering that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Where there's a will, there's a say

A significant part of Clear Creek's financial support comes from estate gifts.

January is a good time to draft or revise your will. Baptist Foundation of South Carolina Vice President Weldon Fallaw wrote these wise words: "More than 70 percent of those who should have a will do not. ... For a Christian to die without a will is very near to denouncing concern for one's family and Christ's mission in the world."

One of the greatest opportunities a person has through a Christian will, after making certain that the family is provided for, is to remember Christian causes supported during his or her lifetime.

It is a great opportunity to express love for the Lord and his work. A Christian will provides the opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Lord's work.

If a Christian will is made through the Baptist Foundation, the amount of money given remains in the Foundation, and only interest earnings are used. This allows the gift to multiply many times.

Even the smallest gift multiplied many times is a great gift.

A Christian will often begins, "I, John Q. Baptist, being of sound mind and disposing memory, real-

izing the uncertainty of this life and with full confidence and trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and believing that he died on the cross for my sins and shed his blood as an atonement for my soul, and with full assurance that through faith in him I have eternal life, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills, Codicils, and/or Testaments heretofore made by me."

Many of these testimonies come across my desk. Some have left a tithe of their estate as an outright gift for some Baptist agency, institution or cause. Many have chosen to make an endowment gift with the income to be distributed to their church or to a Baptist college or seminary for use by a deserving student who is preparing for Christian ministry.

When is the best time to make a will? The best time is when we do not need one!

A Christian will is a wonderful way to remember God's work in a lasting way. A Christian will gives us a say.

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PEOPLE

Pastor's roles call for shedding blood & saving souls

By Mark Baggett
Alabama Baptist

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—On a shadowy Birmingham street, the man appeared to be carrying a shotgun in one hand and a long-barreled pistol in the other. Leonard Irvin, a policeman for 20 years but a seminary graduate only four months, remembers the confrontation as a case of "shoot or get shot." Irvin shot.

The man, who survived the shooting, was holding a cane and hammer taped up to look like guns. He confessed to Irvin as he was rolled over on the pavement that he chose to be shot. "I just wanted to die," he told Irvin, "and I didn't have the courage to kill myself."

But for Irvin, 49, the consolation of doing his duty has not stopped the dreams, which awoke him soon after the shooting four years ago. They first occurred every three weeks or so, then months and then waited almost a year before coming back once in Septem-

ber, still bearing the same image of Irvin's shooting someone.

As the dreams subside, Irvin still ponders the incongruities of shedding blood and saving souls.

"It may be a kind of distinction," he said. "I don't know any pastors that have ever shot a person, but I have. It's caused me problems at times. I have asked myself how I can stand here waiting, possibly to shoot someone, and then going to church to save someone. It seems too much of a contradiction at times."

By profession, Irvin was a policeman, though he has retired from the beat to work as standards and training officer at the Jefferson County youth detention center. By calling, he is a bivocational pastor.

"Most bivocational ministers are working a job as a means of survival so they can answer their calling," he explained. "It's just that my means of survival were more violent."

Irvin, pastor of Richmond Baptist Church in Birmingham the past three

years, remembers occasions when he would try to squeeze in a home visit on a "10-7" (a code for lunch) but wouldn't have time to call ahead. As he parked the police car and came up the porch in full uniform, unsuspecting family members wondered whether to rehearse the fifth commandment or the Fifth Amendment.

Other unusual circumstances also came up in his secular career. While he was in the police academy, he once stood behind James Earl Ray, unknowingly, who was buying a gun at a gun store. Because Ray used an alias last name that was also the last name of another police academy student, Irvin became a suspect when Martin Luther King Jr. was shot. Later, Irvin made a positive identification of Ray.

Irvin doesn't make his sermons a by-product of his vocation, however. He puts in his homework, usually a minimum of two nights a week doing the same thing he does at work, staring at words marching across the screen of a computer—this time por-

ing over sets of commentaries.

"Sometimes you just get tired," he says of his illusive free time with family. "Sometimes my mind gets fogged from looking at the word processor. Sometimes you just want to watch TV, talk to the family, look at the newspaper and play with the puppy."

Like many bivocational pastors, however, Irvin's secular job gives him an advantage over seminary-fresh graduates. "It's one thing to sit on Friday afternoon in your office and listen to people talk about their marital problems. But I've been there on Saturday night when they're trying to kill each other," said Irvin, who has a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in business administration, along with a master's degree in divinity.

He would never flaunt his education, though: "I can take all three of my degrees and go into Shoney's and put them on the table, but I've still got to pay 62 cents for a cup of coffee. I like to keep things in perspective."

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Bivocational pastor and police officer Leonard Irvin

People's Temple survivor promotes Bible knowledge

By Cynthia Wright
California Baptist College

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)—A woman who once served as a personal assistant to the wife of cult leader Jim Jones now works diligently to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ through a Southern Baptist church.

Hattie Newell lost 12 family members when Jones led more than 900 people to commit suicide in Guyana in 1978. Jones was the leader of the People's Temple.

Newell, a licensed vocational nurse, now is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Bernardino.

"If anyone ever had a reason not to trust the Lord, it's Hattie," said John Welch, a minister at Immanuel. "She lost her family while serving in what she believed was a Christian organization, but she is now a soul-winner who ministers to everyone."

Newell became involved with the People's Temple in Los Angeles when members of her Baptist church began fighting among themselves. At the invitation of a friend, Newell's aunt and mother began attending the People's Temple with their children.

"I wish I had followed my father," she said thoughtfully. "He got up and walked out the first time he visited."

Eventually, Newell moved to San Francisco where she acted as companion and bodyguard to Jones' wife.

When Jones traveled to Guyana, Newell's family, including brothers and sisters ranging in age from 11 to 15, accompanied him.

Newell believes God had other plans for her. "I kept trying to go," she remembered, "but Jim Jones never would let me. Every time I would think of a reason to go, he would tell me to send someone else."

Two of her brothers left Guyana before the Nov. 18, 1978, mass suicide, one of them that very morning.

After the tragedy, she remained in

San Francisco for a time, continuing her work with the People's Temple. At the request of family members, she finally returned to Los Angeles, beginning a period of drifting.

In 1982, her life took a new direction when a friend invited her to visit Immanuel Baptist, where she heard Pastor Rob Zinn speak on the topic, "Would you love God even if you never got an answer?"

In 1990, after several years of serving the church as a layperson and continuing her nursing career, Newell began a formal ministry of her own, which she calls "Exhortation Faith Intercession Ministry." Her goal is to encourage others to strengthen themselves through biblical knowledge.

Newell's experiences, not only with the People's Temple, but with sexual abuse during her childhood, motivate her to concentrate on the importance of educating youths.

"I wasn't nurtured when I thought I became a Christian at the age of 11. I lacked sufficient knowledge of the Bible and, as a result, was almost destroyed," she said.

"Read your Bible; listen to God's word. Listen to your youth pastor," Newell urges youth.

She emphasizes the importance of reaching out for the children of broken homes who are easy prey for cult groups. "Anybody who reaches out to the children of broken homes will be grabbed to meet those children's needs," she said, stressing that only through intensive Bible teaching will Christians be safe.

"The services at the People's Temple looked almost exactly like any other church service," Newell warned. "Only a person with a strong biblical background would have noticed Jim Jones didn't really preach God's word."

"Pastors must preach the word," she said, "because false teachers are here to snatch people away."



SBC divides Mississippi friends

JACKSON, Miss. (ABP)—The Cooperative Program, once the common bond of missions support for two Mississippi friends, has become an issue between the two.

Gene Triggs, a former major official with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was denied appointment to a key committee recently by his longtime friend and now convention president W.W. Walley because of Triggs' involvement with the state's chapter of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Triggs, vice president of Mississippi Chemical Corp., is moderator of Mississippi's Fellowship chapter.

Walley, a Waynesboro physician, had planned to name Triggs to the state committee on committees. But Walley either rescinded the appointment or reconsidered it, depending on who you believe.

Triggs declares Walley asked him to serve and he agreed. Walley says the appointment was considered but

never made.

Walley says his reason for backing out on the appointment is because Triggs is an officer of the Fellowship in Mississippi. The Fellowship promotes diverting contributions from the Cooperative Program, the traditional funding channel for the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I am sold on the Cooperative Program," Walley said, "and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship competes for Cooperative Program funds."

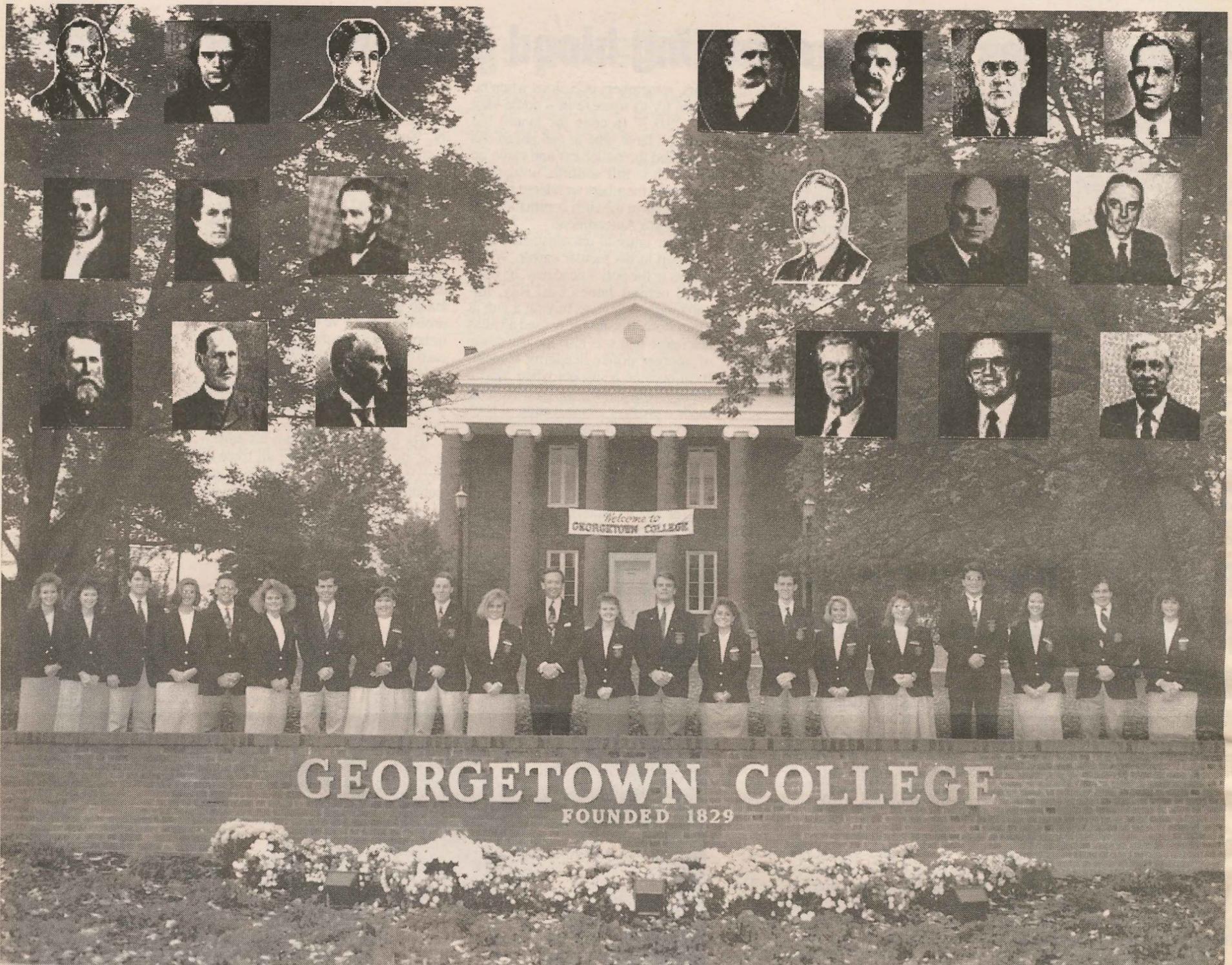
"The Cooperative Program is messed up now, like a lot of other things, but I am sticking with it."

He mentioned the close friendship that he and Triggs had shared for "years and years" and said he "hated to do it."

Triggs, on the other hand, said the action hurt and depressed him. He also mentioned the years of friendship, which had grown out of volunteer missions endeavors in which the two had served together.

NEW LANGUAGE Rene Sanabria (center), a deacon at Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion in Miami, visits members of a church family to distribute copies of the new Spanish devotional guide, *Quietud*. The Spanish-language publication is a new product of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

GEORGETOWN



ROOTED IN THE PAST, FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" At Georgetown College the answer is a resounding "no." The history and past presidents of the college are being revisited by the President's Ambassadors, a new student organization established by Dr. William H. Crouch, Jr., the 23rd president of Georgetown. The President's Ambassadors are a group of 22 juniors and seniors chosen for their academic accomplishments and leadership potential. Each Ambassador is gaining a renewed respect for the strong Christian tradition and rich history of Georgetown College by researching a past president. The students have had the opportunity to share this information with prospective students, trustees, donors and members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The President's Ambassadors are creating Living History -- a new tradition that is a wonderful testimony to the college's enduring strengths. Georgetown College's very promising future is also reinforced by dedicated alumni who lead accomplished and meaningful lives. Happy New Year to all Georgetonians -- past, present and future!

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