

## FOR THE RECORD

## Brotherhood event highlights families on mission

By Marv Knox  
Editor

**Missions news**  
The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board installed Jerry Rankin as president last week and approved a major staff restructuring he had recommended.  
See page 2.

**Mohler inaugurated**  
Al Mohler was inaugurated as the ninth president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last week in ceremonies featuring Billy Graham.  
See page 3.

**Family Forum**  
"I want to be supportive, but I get tired of hearing my spouse come home and complain about problems at work."  
See page 4.

**Southern trustees**  
Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary enjoyed a new-found unity in their first meeting with a new president.  
See page 6.

**Pastor on TV**  
A Kentucky pastor's story will be featured on an upcoming episode of the television show "Rescue 911."  
See page 9.

HOPKINSVILLE—The call to direct involvement in missions echoed throughout the 1993 Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention this month at First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville.

"God is at work in his world, and he wants us to join him," urged Jim Williams, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. Baptists must "take up God's great and redeeming work of reconciliation, so that the good news of the gospel can get through to everybody everywhere," he stressed.

Record numbers of Kentucky Baptists already have responded to that challenge, reported Kentucky Brotherhood Director Bob Simpkins.

Citing the organization's 1993 theme, "Kentucky Brotherhood: Families on Mission," Simpkins noted Brotherhood no longer exists exclusively for men and boys, but also involves women and girls.

Standing side-by-side on the podium, Simpkins and Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union Director Dee Gilliland stressed the slogan is more than mere words. Their organizations increasingly are providing coeducational opportunities for missions education and mission action, they said, pointing particularly to recent developments among Baptist adults and

youth.

Simpkins illustrated that point during a report on disaster relief, primarily focusing on Hurricane Andrew and the Midwest floods. He held up a foot-high stack of certificates recognizing volunteers who ministered to victims of disasters in the past year. When he asked those volunteers to stand, about one-third were women.

Williams also noted this development, reporting on progress in creating coed materials at the national levels of Brotherhood and WMU.

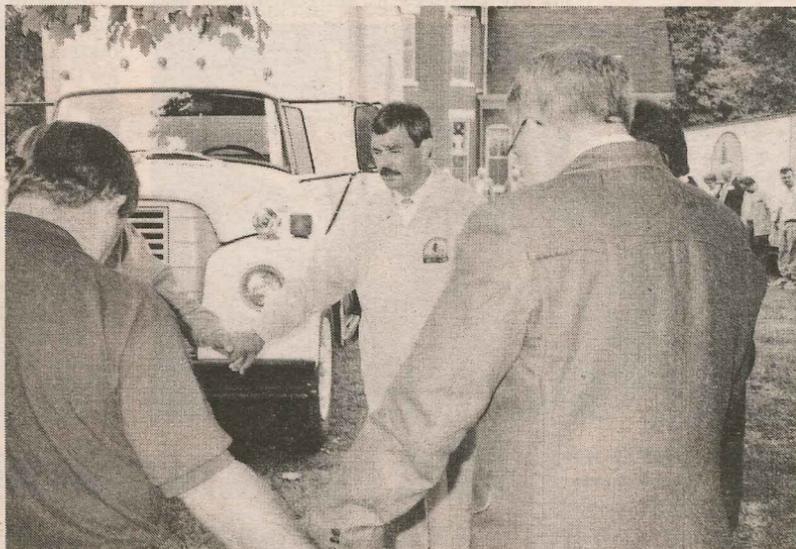
"Kentucky Baptists represent a model of what Brotherhood work is all about," Williams said. Describing his visits to disaster relief sites, he added: "It seems like the Kentucky Baptist men and women are everywhere. I commend you for the faithfulness of your testimony."

Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, echoed those sentiments.

"I sense a wonderful transition going on in Brotherhood," he said, noting the transition has moved the organization from an emphasis on recruitment to actual accomplishment of ministries. "The Spirit of God seems to be moving among us."

Following the leadership of the Spirit is vital to renewing a church, added Gerald Sharon, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas.

Churches must give change and



**THANKING GOD** Larry Baker, director of missions for Christian County Baptist Association, offers a commissioning prayer for two new disaster relief units—a command center and a child care trailer—during the 1993 Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention in Hopkinsville. Kentucky Brotherhood has become a national leader in disaster relief.

transition a try, Sharon said, stressing, "We've got to be open to the fresh, new winds of the Holy Spirit blowing through the church today."

Such spiritual movement among laypeople is essential, Marshall added, explaining 99.54 percent of Kentucky Baptists are laypeople. "If the movement doesn't happen among these people, it won't happen," he said.

Fortunately, the movement is growing, he added, citing strong lay participation in Kentucky Baptists' partnership missions efforts in Kenya, Ohio, Utah-Idaho, Brazil and now Russia.

Convention participants got a preview of the Russian partnership from Mel Doughty, a campus minister from western Kentucky who recently

□ See Brotherhood convention ..., page 8

## Ross sees God at work in 'True Love Waits'

By Chip Alford  
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—"You have no idea how stupid we feel being the only virgins in junior high."

Richard Ross still remembers those words voiced earlier this year by two junior high girls in his youth group at Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Nashville.

"Statistically, I knew the girls were in error," said Ross, youth ministry consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "At their ages, virgins would certainly be in the majority. But it concerned me that our society has shifted so

much that teen-agers living God's way feel they are living in a tiny minority. They feel they are the strange ones. And for them, perception is reality."

Ross became convinced teen-agers needed a way to discover just how many of their peers were refraining from sexual activity. He soon developed an idea for saving youth from across America sign covenant cards promising to remain sexually pure until marriage. The cards are to be collected and displayed at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., next summer.

Thus, "True Love Waits" was

born.

Since the launch of the nationwide campaign last April, tens of thousands of youth and college students from across America and some foreign countries have signed abstinence pledges. Several other religious groups have endorsed "True Love Waits," and media have provided extensive coverage.

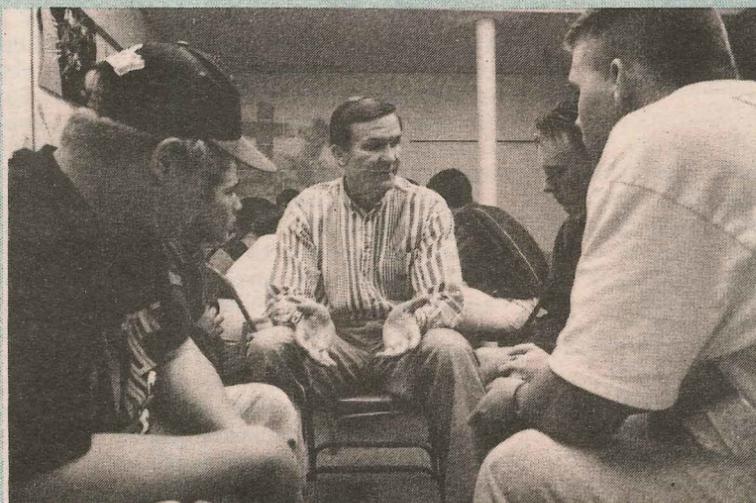
Ross has been interviewed by a variety of national media, such as NBC's "Today" show, Christian Broadcasting Network's "The 700 Club," CNN Radio Network, The New York Times and USA Today. While he is excited about the positive coverage of the campaign, he is a little uncomfortable about all the attention he is receiving.

"This campaign is really a team effort," Ross stressed, referring to the work of a "True Love Waits" committee at the Sunday School Board.

Still, Ross is a key player. But he knows something bigger than himself is responsible for the campaign's success.

"Never in all of my years of ministry have I had such a profound sense of working on something so obviously orchestrated by God himself," he explained. "Literally, hour by hour at my desk it is clear that we are uncovering the details of a plan God created from the beginning."

■ The Sunday School Board has established a toll-free line for information on "True Love Waits": (800) LUV-WAIT.



**TEEN TALK** Richard Ross, the originator of the "True Love Waits" concept, visits with members of his youth group at Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Nashville. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

## Sunday school best growth tool: Hemphill

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

FLORENCE—The Sunday school is "the finest church growth tool on the market," Ken Hemphill told about 800 Kentucky Baptists attending the State Sunday School Convention Oct. 8-9.

Hemphill, director of the Southern Baptist Center for Church Growth, was keynote speaker for the two-day event at Florence Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky. The conference was sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Hemphill spoke in two general sessions and in a dialogue session with pastors. Participants also were able to choose between 75 small-group conferences offered several times over the two days.

"Sunday school is the finest church growth tool on the market—if it has a focus and priority on evangelism," Hemphill declared. But if seen only as a place for fellowship, Sunday school will become "introverted and static," he added.

The assertion that church growth disrupts the fellowship of a congregation is "a lie from the pit of hell," Hemphill said. When a church grows, the fellowship is not disrupted but expanded, he said.

"The only thing that can disrupt fellowship is unconfessed sin. We've

□ See Hemphill calls ..., page 7

## FMB reorganizes staff structure, elects Willis

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved wide-ranging changes in staff structure and

elected discipleship leader Avery Willis to fill a recently-created top position last week.

Meeting Oct. 11-13 in Richmond, trustees also adopted a \$185 million budget for 1994, added 32 missionaries to their nearly 4,000-strong overseas mission force and installed former missionary Jerry Rankin as president.

Staff reorganization will streamline decision-making processes and decentralize the formulation of mission strategy, said Rankin, who crafted the changes in consultation with a joint staff-trustee committee.

Eliminated are the Global Strategy Group, which coordinated worldwide mission strategy, and the positions of five regional vice presidents, who ad-

ministered the work of 10 area directors and about 3,900 missionaries.

Under the new plan, to go into effect Jan. 1, area directors will report directly to a newly created senior overseas vice president, the spot to be filled by Willis.

Rankin, Willis and Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president, will comprise a decision-making troika to evaluate worldwide mission strategy.

The 1994 budget, while totaling a record-setting \$184,967,000, is only \$457,000 more than this year's budget. The increase was approved despite anticipated drops next year of nearly \$2.2 million in contributions from the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

An increase in field-generated funds—mainly rents and interest overseas—and a return of funds allocated earlier but not spent are facilitating next year's larger budget.

A report of sacrificial giving by Kenyan missionaries prompted trustee Chairman John Jackson to challenge trustees to give \$500 each to the Lottie Moon offering this year and to urge church members to imitate them.

SBC leaders praised trustees for their selection of Rankin during his installation service one day prior to the board meeting.

"A new era is being born in the life of the SBC and it is going to be characterized by a spirit of cooperation," predicted Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.



**MISSIONS LEADERS** *New Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin (right) receives congratulations from Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis as their wives greet each other during Rankin's formal installation service Oct. 10. (BP photo by Warren Johnson)*

## HMB appoints worker, but not pro-Fellowship spouse

ATLANTA—Rebecca Waugh of New York City has been appointed as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, but her husband wasn't appointed with her because of his involvement with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

HMB policy requires both missionaries and their spouses to be appointed. But trustees made an exception to policy Oct. 13 in order to appoint Mrs. Waugh without her husband, David, who serves on the Fellowship's Coordinating Council.

The Fellowship, which appoints its own missionaries, is an organization of Baptist moderates opposed to the conservative direction of the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies.

"There was no logical reason not to appoint Mrs. Waugh," said HMB President Larry Lewis, "since she has no direct involvement with CBF and she has expressed strong support for the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Program and our agency. She appears to be eminently qual-

ified for the position."

Mrs. Waugh will serve as director of church and community ministries for the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association. Her husband is pastor of Metro Baptist Church in Manhattan. Both previously received HMB financial support as missionary associates, positions that do not require election by trustees.

The couple recently moved from Providence, R.I., to take their new jobs in New York, but they moved without any guarantee the HMB would fund Mrs. Waugh's position.

Ron Holloway, HMB associate director of missionary personnel, said appointment of a missionary without the spouse "is not the norm, but it's not abnormally unusual."

"Our administrative guidelines state that the spouse will be processed," he explained. The board has "periodically" made exceptions to that policy, he said, but he did not know how many of the HMB's 4,800-plus missionaries serve without

their spouses.

The Waughs said the HMB staff was supportive throughout the process. Approval by trustees, however, did not go so smoothly.

The issue was debated at length by the missionary personnel committee Oct. 12, said Marty King, HMB director of public relations. However, the committee meeting was closed and details were unavailable.

One source told Associated Baptist Press some trustees on the committee tried to block or divert the appointment, but King would not confirm or deny that report.

David Wilkinson, communications coordinator for the Fellowship, said the HMB's decision not to appoint a Fellowship leader "is regrettable but not surprising."

Asked if the Fellowship would exclude SBC leaders from missionary service, Wilkinson said: "As far as I know, we don't ask whether they're in positions of leadership in the SBC. We're concerned that they are leaders

and that they are pursuing God's call in their lives."

Hardy Clemons, the Fellowship's moderator and a pastor from Greenville, S.C., said he was shocked and astounded at the action.

"That is an awfully inconsistent attitude for a group of Baptists to have. People were not denied involvement (in the SBC) because of their involvement in Mid-America (Baptist) Seminary or Criswell College. This seems decidedly discriminatory to me," Clemons stated.

In other action, HMB trustees approved a record \$91.2 million budget for the coming year, a 2.2 percent increase over the current year.

President Lewis announced during the meeting that the HMB had received a gift of nearly \$250,000 for construction of its new national office building. The gift of \$239,052 was given to underwrite the agency's new library.

*Compiled from Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports*

### BAPTIST BITS

■ **Taxes due.** Ed Young, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, must pay 10 years of back taxes on his \$600,000 home, a Houston review board ruled Oct. 7. Through what church officials have called a mix-up, Young has not paid taxes on the house since moving into it in 1979. The 5,000-square-foot house was improperly listed as tax-exempt church property.

■ **Alliance won't merge.** The Alliance of Baptists will not merge with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship but will continue to play a constructive role in Baptist life for years to come, according to its chief executive. Stan Hastey, Alliance executive director, told his board of directors that dialogue between the two groups resulted in a mutual agreement to work side by side with one another, rather than join as one. "We came out of this process with the ability to affirm one another," he added.

■ **Offering goal not met.** The first global missions offering for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship reached 91.2 percent of the \$2

million goal, according to Fellowship Coordinator Cecil Sherman. Gifts to the offering totaled \$1.8 million. "This is a first effort for us, and we feel good about our progress," Sherman said.

■ **HMB breaks ground.** Leaders of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board broke ground Oct. 11 for a new national headquarters building. The new five story structure will house HMB operations under one roof rather than in five buildings. The 34-acre site is located in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 1995.

■ **Hospital deal struck.** Leaders of the South Carolina Baptist Convention voted Oct. 11 to surrender control of the hospital system rather than challenge hospital trustees in court. Hospital trustees voted in August to empower themselves to elect their own successors. In return for their freedom, hospital trustees agreed to fund an array of medical, counseling and educational services for Baptist ministers in South Carolina. And the hospital agreed that a majority of its trustees will be South Carolina Baptists.

## Seminary award almost nixed

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—A Texas couple who has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will receive a key award from the seminary—despite concerns from some trustees that the couple has sympathies for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Seminary trustees voted to give the B.H. Carroll Award to C.J. and Ophelia Humphrey of Amarillo—and then were asked to rescind that action by a trustee concerned about the Fellowship connection.

That motion to rescind the action later was dropped, but only after the couple's ties to the Fellowship had been investigated. The Fellowship is a group of Baptist moderates.

The Humphreys have been influential in funding Southwestern's evangelism practicum program, which sends students across the United States to lead revivals in pioneer areas of Southern Baptist work. He is president of the Panhandle Baptist Foundation, which has given at least \$300,000 to the seminary.

Mrs. Humphrey is a former presi-

dent of Texas Woman's Missionary Union. She was a board member of the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program, which preceded the formation of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She currently is a member of the Fellowship's Coordinating Council.

They are members of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas.

Lyle Seltmann, a trustee and director of associational missions from Michigan, questioned the Fellowship connections after trustees already had voted to give the award.

Trustees then asked President Russell Dilday and Vice President Jay Chance if they were aware of the Fellowship connections. Both administrators said the denominational political affiliations of people receiving the awards is not considered.

"My appeal is to leave politics behind and move on with the Lord's work," Dilday said. He said the seminary should rejoice that it has people of different persuasions willing to support it and urged the trustees to operate on a "higher level."

Seltmann later withdrew his motion to rescind the action.

## Seminary creates a new school named for Graham

LOUISVILLE—The Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth will become the fifth academic division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Plans for the new school were unveiled during inaugural ceremonies for President Al Mohler Oct. 14, at which evangelist Billy Graham was the keynote speaker. Seminary trustees had approved the new school in a closed-door meeting two days earlier.

Faye Stone of Springfield, Mo., has given \$2.7 million to endow the new school, Mohler said. The money comes from the estate of Stone's late husband, Judge A.P. Stone.

A dean of the new school has not been named, but the school could be functioning as early as next fall, said Pat Cole, seminary director of news and information.

Southern already has four schools—or academic divisions—within its program of master's- and doctor's-level studies. They are the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and church social work.

Adding the school of missions, evangelism and church growth "is a quantum leap for Southern Seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention," Mohler declared. "This school will revolutionize programs of study, research and application in all fields related to evangelism and missions.

"This is the first such school at any of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, and the first school in America, which Mr. Graham has allowed to bear his name," Mohler added.

Preliminary plans call for the school to have eight to 10 full-time professors and four departments. Existing programs in missions and evangelism will become separate departments in the new school, in addition to new departments of church growth and church, world and society.

The school will offer the master of divinity degree, master of theology degree, doctor of ministry degree and doctor of philosophy degree. A doctor of missiology degree will be added in the future Mohler said.

Students currently may earn the master of divinity, master of theology, doctor of ministry and doctor of philosophy degrees in the school of theology.

Southern already has an endowed chair of evangelism named for Graham, as well as the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, which hosts conferences and provides other support for evangelistic ministries.

## Graham hands torch to new generation

By Marv Knox  
Editor

LOUISVILLE—World-renowned evangelist Billy Graham handed the mantle of Christian leadership to a new generation during inaugural festivities for Al Mohler, the ninth president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Graham spoke to about 8,900 members of the seminary community and its supporters in Louisville's Freedom Hall Oct. 14, the evening before Mohler's inauguration.

Graham, whose ministry has spanned more than four decades, contrasted the ages of the two Baptist leaders. Graham will be 75 next month, and Mohler turns 34 Oct. 19.

The evangelist quoted the prophet Joel: "Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Speaking of Mohler, he said, "You have elected a young man here with a tremendous vision, not only for the future of this theological seminary, but for the future of evangelism and missions in the Southern Baptist Convention and in the world."

Then Graham called himself "an old man" and said the duty of old men is to support the visionary leadership of a younger generation. "I support him with all my heart and will pray for him daily from now on," he pledged.

"It's not easy for an old generation to hand the torch to a new generation that's coming up, but that's what is happening here tonight," Graham added. "I thank God for the young men and women he has raised up, not only in this seminary, but in other parts of the world."

Looking back on his ministry, first as a college president and then as a global evangelist, Graham warned his

young colleague: "There will come hard times. There will come difficult times. It always happens. ... I learned very early it's not always easy."

Praising Mohler's predecessors Duke McCall and Roy Honeycutt, both of whom sat in the audience, he described the "thrill and joy" he felt when he came to the seminary to preach. Its students were ministers who were "going to the ends of the earth," he noted, adding, "Wherever you go throughout the world, you see Southern graduates. ...

"This seminary is looked on as the leading educational institution perhaps in the world for Baptists. You have a tremendous responsibility."

Graham expressed confidence in Mohler's insight into the future, stressing, "He has laid out a tremendous vision of what can be done through the largest Protestant denomination in this country that has made an impact throughout the entire world."

Graham said America's greatest need is "a spiritual awakening which will restore individual and collective morals and integrity throughout the nation."

"Yes, our nation can be changed, and it can start with you," he said. "Revivals start in the heart of somebody."

Evidences of revival will include moral reform, a reorganization of priorities and focus on the Bible, and "a reconciliation and unity within the Southern Baptist Convention," Graham said.

"I'm praying for a baptism of love that would sweep this convention, and it could start in Louisville at this seminary," he said.

Gov. Brereton Jones welcomed Graham to Louisville and to Kentucky.

He expressed confidence in both

Graham and Mohler, saying Mohler can provide the kind of spiritual leadership needed by Kentucky, all of America and the rest of the world.

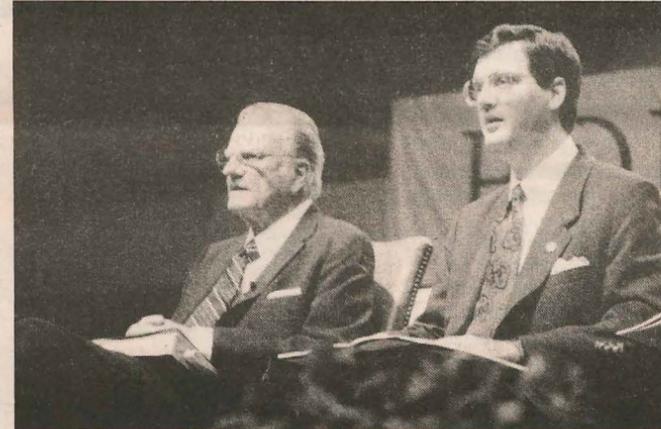
That confidence was shared by Mohler's longtime friend, Tim McCoy, pastor from Macon, Ga., and evangelist T.W. Wilson.

Mohler's young age should not be a hindrance to his leadership, Wilson said, because Jesus was only 33 when he was crucified for the sins of the world.

"In his gracious sovereignty and providence, God has led Al Mohler to the presidency of Southern Seminary for such a time as this," McCoy declared.

McCoy also placed Mohler as being in league with the seminary's founders, listing James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, Basil Manly Jr., and substituting Mohler's name for the fourth founder, William Williams.

"Al Mohler will bring to Southern Seminary the kind of life and vitality that we need for the coming millennium. He is superbly suited to keep faith with the founders and to preserve the very best of the priceless inheritance he has received as a sacred trust," he said.



## Mohler puts vision, commitments 'on record'

By Marv Knox  
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Al Mohler marked his inauguration as ninth president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by putting the school's "vision and commitments on the line and on record."

During his inaugural address, "For Such a Time as This," Oct. 15 on the seminary's Louisville campus, Mohler described six such commitments. Southern Seminary, he said, must:

■ "Reaffirm our central purpose to train, educate and prepare ministers of the gospel for the churches."

"This seminary must ever reaffirm the vital function of training and furnishing the ministry for effective service in the churches," he insisted.

Such a focus involves both faithfulness to the churches and unwavering support for the high calling to ministry, he said.

■ "Re-establish for our generation the centrality of theological conviction at the heart of the church and of the seminary enterprise."

Calling theological conviction "the central stackpole of the seminary's identity, life and work," Mohler said Southern Baptists must "learn again what it means to acknowledge the knowledge of God ... and his revealed truth—as the central issue in our identity as a people of God."

■ "Reset the congregation as our primary public and focus."

"Our focus must be on preparing real ministers for real churches, and that means that we must be diligent stewards of the trust

and of the respect of those congregations," he said. "We have no right or reason to exist apart from this sacred trust."

■ "Renew a vision for evangelical scholarship in the service of the church."

An important part of that vision is "recommitment" to the truths of Scripture, the churches it serves and its confes-

sional statement, he illustrated.

■ "Restate her denominational identity and dedicate herself to a new era of denominational partnership."

Mohler articulated the "public pledge" of the seminary, to "be aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention in partnership, identity and in purpose."

■ "Reawaken in our generation and in the generations to follow a resurgence of missionary vision, evangelical fervor and concern for growing churches."

Mohler will receive the "prayers, good will and responsible cooperation" of the faculty, according to a unanimous resolution read by Diana Garland, dean of the Carver School of Social Work.

Students also pledged their prayers and commitment to work with Mohler, announced Tommy Fitzgerald, president of the Student Government Association.

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, trustees, alumni, churches and the "world of theological education" also presented charges to the new president.

Mohler began his presidency Aug. 1, succeeding Roy Honeycutt.

### MOMENTOUS OCCASION

Evangelist Billy Graham (above, left) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Al Mohler sing a hymn during services launching the celebration of Mohler's inauguration last week. The following morning, seminary trustee Chairman Rick White (at left) places the seminary seal around the new president's neck.

## WESTERN RECORDER

P.O. Box 43969  
Louisville, Ky. 40253  
(ISSN 0043-4132)

**MARV KNOX**  
Editor

**MARK WINGFIELD**  
News Director

**MAURI SMITH**  
Marketing & Business  
Manager

**C. R. DALEY**  
Editor Emeritus

*Earnestly contend for the  
faith which was once for  
all delivered to the  
saints.—Jude 3*

Western Recorder is published weekly by Western Recorder Inc., an agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253, except for one week in July and December. For general information, call (502) 244-6470. Fax: (502) 244-1688. Second class postage paid at Louisville, Ky.

**To subscribe:** Send \$10.60 for a one-year, individual subscription. Group subscriptions on the church budget plan are \$8.50 per year. An additional church newsletter service is available for churches of all sizes. All subscriptions are payable in advance, except church accounts, which require a tax exemption number.

**To register change of address:** Send the mailing label from page 1, along with your new address, to the subscription department at the Western Recorder address.

**To give news tips:** Call (502) 244-6472, fax to (502) 244-1688 or write the editor or news director.

**To submit a letter:** Letters on any subject will be considered for publication, provided they do not make a personal attack on anyone. Letters are limited to 250 words and may be edited for length.

**To place an advertisement:** Rates are available upon request by calling (502) 244-6470. Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space. Claims made by advertisers are not necessarily those of the Western Recorder's staff and directors.

**Directors:** Don Mantooth, Morehead, chairman; Tom Curry, Louisville, vice chairman; Kay Trisler, Harrodsburg, secretary; Bill Crosby, Erlanger; Denzel Dukes, Paducah; Glenn Durham, Harlan; Frank Hatfield, Shepherdsville; Isaac McDonald, Elizabethtown; Karen Owen Phelps, Owensboro; John Searcy, Franklin; William Thurman, Lexington; James Weaver, Madisonville.

## HMB & women

At last year's Southern Baptist Convention, a proposal was made to exclude churches from the convention that ordain women. Recently, the SBC Executive Committee announced that they would not allow this proposal to be brought to a vote before this year's convention. Why? The reason stated by the chairman of the SBC committee was that the women's ordination issue was a "local-church matter."

In recent years the Home Mission Board has refused to fund mission churches if they call a woman to be pastor because the majority of Southern Baptists do not believe that women should serve as pastors. If ordaining women is truly a "local-church matter," as the Executive Committee says it is, then the Home Mission Board should return to funding

churches who choose to call a woman as pastor.

*Robin Burke  
Louisville*

## Work for unity

An organized attempt is being made to remove two devoted denominational servants from their positions in the Kentucky Baptist Convention to set a precedent against the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. I have bad news for those who are trying this. An attempt to force denominational servants to avoid ecumenical involvement has already failed.

In 1949, a Southern Baptist Convention motion stated, "No one who belongs to or is affiliated with any state or local council of churches which is connected with or sponsored by the Inter-council Field Department of the Federal Council (of churches of

Christ) or any one or more of its six affiliated councils shall be eligible to serve on any board, agency or institution of this convention—either as an official, employee or board member."

Thanks to SBC President R.G. Lee, this encroachment of the SBC on local-church matters was defeated. It is significant to note that Lee was a predecessor of Adrian Rogers at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

I pray our state convention will be as wise as the SBC was in 1949. Baptists are free to make decisions without regarding any high church council. Our heritage says we use the Bible as our authority, not a council of elders who tell us what we should do and what church we should join. Praise be to God that Pastor Lee had the wisdom to work for unity in our convention, not dissension. I hope we will do the same.

*C. Brian McAdams  
Louisville*

## BAPTIST FORUM

## Joy impresses

An Alabama tale about the late Bear Bryant tells how he coached his football team to a one-point lead.

With two minutes to play, he called on his slow-but-steady fourth-string quarterback. Bryant instructed him to run the ball up the middle and then punt. The quarterback stunned the opposition with repeated first-down runs. Deep in his opponent's territory, temptation overcame instruction. Disregarding his coach, he threw a pass. The opposing safety intercepted and broke into the clear. The sluggish quarterback struggled to his feet. He started chasing the fastest man on the field and tackled the safety before the

goal line. The gun sounded, the game ended.

Later, the other coach asked, "How could a fourth-string quarterback catch my swiftest safety?"

"That's easy," Bryant replied. "Your man was running for a touchdown. My man was running for his life."

## MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

What motivates you? Fear motivates some Christians. Guilt guides others. Yet the Bible teaches that joy should be a primary motivator. People who respond to God's joy impress us, whatever their circumstances.

Negatives repel. Some people lack joy. The man who comes home to a delicious meal hurts his wife who has worked so hard to prepare the food when he complains about the menu.

Negative personalities repel. It is always easier to criticize than affirm. Today we should rediscover a sense of joy about living.

Rediscover Christian joy today. As Emerson said, Columbus, looking for India, stubbed his toe on America. Edison, looking for the electric light, found the phonograph. Pasteur, looking for a way to preserve wine, discovered the process of pasteurization. A gust of wind blowing through Sir Alexander Fleming's library contaminated the plate cultures; through his microscope he marveled at a blue mold, penicillin. "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be set in you, and that your joy may be full."

*Gene Crowder, pastor  
Columbia Baptist Church  
Columbia*

## Update on Russia partnership

With recent events in Moscow, it is not unusual that a number of Kentucky Baptists have asked about the status of our partnership in Russia with the Russian Baptist Union.

I take encouragement from recent events reported to me by Norman and Martha Lytle and Benton and Lib Williams.

The Lytles are in Gadsden, Ala., having arrived in time to experience with Norm's father the final hours of Norm's mother who died Wednesday, Oct. 13. He will return soon to Moscow as the Southern Baptist coordinator for work in Russia; Martha will return later.

Benton Williams, KBC director for the office of partnerships, and his wife, Lib, have been in Russia since Oct. 1. Both Lytle and the Williamses were confined to the Williamses' hotel for several days during the fighting, some of which occurred at the television station just a few blocks from their hotel, the Zvadanya. They reported tracer bullets criss-crossing in the distance during the one night of heavy fighting.

In spite of the tension and a curfew, the annual Congress of Russian Baptists was convened Oct. 5-9.

Representatives from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff, European Baptist Federation, European Baptist Convention, Baptist World Alliance and other special friends shared greetings and participated in the Congress.

As was expected, Rev. Peter Konolvalchik, pastor of the largest Baptist church in St. Petersburg, was elected as the new president (general secretary) of the Russian Baptist Union. He succeeds Rev. Vasily Logvenyenko, to whom we have related during the process of establishing our partnership.

Both couples were delivered a formal invitation to visit with us in Kentucky in November 1994, including presentation to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in the Frankfort Civic Center.

Benton Williams spoke twice during the Congress, and on one of those occasions presented a \$10,000 gift from a lay member of the KBC Executive Board. The \$10,000 will be distributed to the neediest churches, determined by union leadership, for helping with church construction. As little as \$500 will make a significant

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



## FAMILY FORUM: MARRIAGE

### Band-Aids

By Diana Garland

**Q.** "My husband comes home from work so stressed. I try to help by listening and doing little things to support him, but I get tired of listening to him complain. If I tell him to find another job, he gets mad. What should I do?"

**A.** Many times, partners look to one another for comfort in troubles that have to be lived through rather than solved. If we offer quick solutions to one another, we come across as impatient and uncaring.

Spouses share their hurts with one another because marriage is a safe relationship in which to bare our souls. Often, however, we can do little about outside pressures that create stress for our partners, and in turn, for us.

In many ways, spouses bring their hurts to one another like little children present their scrapes and scratches to loving parents. The child wants the parent to see and appreciate the hurt and how she or he endured it. That's why Band-Aids are important. They do not heal; they are badges of recognition of endured hurt.

In many ways, Band-Aids are symbols for children not only of hurt but of someone's "I love you; I'm sorry you hurt."

In marriage, we want Band-Aids from one another. The Band-Aids are listening ears and caring hearts, hands that rub shoulders or that do the other's chores, arms that give a hug of understanding, voices which agree, "that's awful." These are important; they are comfort. Like Band-Aids, they do not cure and are not permanent. Like Band-Aids for children, they are needed in steady supply. There is a big difference between being comforting and caring and being a problem-solver.

When a partner signals stress and unhappiness, then it is important to know whether we are being asked to provide a Band-Aid or to assist in surgery on the problem. It helps to ask first, "Do you want comfort or problem-solving?" Sometimes, we can help our partners solve difficulties. More often, we simply need to listen and comfort.

*Diana Garland is dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work and director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry at Southern Baptist Seminary.*

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

## Maybe Graham can be the SBC's peacemaker

Evangelist Billy Graham came to Freedom Hall last Thursday night. True to his character, he preached the promise of God's love, the priority of human repentance and the possibility of Christian unity.

Graham's sermon highlighted festivities on the eve of the inauguration of Al Mohler as ninth president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The occasion signaled a new chapter in the school's history. More significantly, it marked a milestone in the Southern Baptist Convention's journey through time. For years, conservatives have vilified Southern Seminary as a bastion of liberalism. Those claims helped fuel the conservative movement within the convention during the past decade, resulting in conservative control of all the SBC's organizations. And this was a victorious moment—at long last, conservative trustees of the convention's mother seminary were inaugurating a president of their own choosing.

Graham offered words of praise for the new president, particularly his vision for the school. But true to his character, Graham refused to engage in partisan politics. Instead, he pleaded for peace in the SBC.

Expressing hope for spiritual renewal in America, Graham said: "Awakening could be the basis of restoring our first love and a reconciliation and unity within the Southern Baptist Convention. ... We can disagree, of course, but we need to love one another. Some of the things people have said on all sides of the controversy I cannot believe would

be from the mouth of Jesus.

"We need a love we've never known before. I'm praying for a baptism of love that would sweep this convention. ...

"You don't have to give up your convictions. There comes a time when you have to stand. There comes a time when there has to be confrontation, but it must be done in a spirit of love that can be recovered by the Holy Spirit.

"We may speak different languages, but our hearts are bound by our faith in Christ."

Every word this godly preacher said is true. The problem is that Baptists don't trust each other anymore. Mistrust is a byproduct of denominational warfare. But we still trust Billy Graham.

What if Graham were to lead us to fulfill his plea for peace? Maybe he could command the respect and trust necessary to lead conservatives to loosen their absolute control of the SBC; maybe he could convince the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to disband. Barring that, perhaps he could lead partisans to drop their political rhetoric and relate through mutual respect. And maybe he could teach us in the states how to agree to disagree about national issues and channel our energies toward cooperating at the state and local level, before we tear what's left of our denomination apart.

Marv Knox

## FMB's Rankin: Cooperative Program is a 'living miracle'

To some, the Cooperative Program is a collection of funds. To others, it is a unified budget for the Southern Baptist Convention. Still others view it as a plan for cooperative missions.

It also has been called "the glue that holds Southern Baptists together," "the rope of sand with strength of steel" or "the lifeline of missions."

The Cooperative Program may be all or a blend of its descriptions. But my 23 years of service on the mission field have convinced me it is more than a humanly devised program to finance missions. To me, the Cooperative Program is a living miracle—a miracle of:

### ■ Faith.

Each Lord's Day, faithful Baptists give by faith to their local churches, and by faith the churches share a percentage of those gifts each week or month for the work of Christ in the state, the United States and throughout the world.

Faithlessness on the part of all Southern Baptists for just one Sunday

would create a denominational economic crisis of astronomical proportions! Missionaries thank God daily for the faithfulness of Southern Baptists.

### ■ Love.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. God so loved the world that he also gave Southern Baptists a burden for a lost world and the love of his Son to reach it.

Cooperative Program gifts are a tangible expression of that love. Almost 4,000 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in 129 countries are the incarnate expression of that love as they make Christ known to the nations.

### ■ Cooperation.

Faithful church members, cooperating Baptist churches, concerned associations, committed state conventions, other Southern Baptist Convention entities and the Foreign Mission Board together weave a web of cooperation that encompasses the globe with evangelism that results in churches.

This cooperative effort resulted in 251,901 baptisms overseas last year, an average of more than 4,800 baptized believers each week. A miracle indeed.

### ■ Distribution.

The local church members vote on a percentage or dollar amount of funds that are forwarded for all Cooperative Program causes. The state convention messengers vote on the percentage distribution of funds for state convention and SBC ministries. The SBC Executive Committee and the messengers to the SBC annual meeting vote on the percentage of funds to each SBC entity, including the Foreign Mission Board.

### ■ Grace.

No human instrumentality can claim credit for the success of the Cooperative Program. It is only by the grace of God that Southern Baptists have been blessed with the financial resources to reach our world. It is only by his grace and the leadership of the Holy Spirit that Southern Baptists have been led to contribute generously to missionary causes.

It is a miracle of God's grace that a

culturally diverse and geographically scattered people called Southern Baptists can be bound together by trust that transcends our differences and combines our resources for doing together what none of us can do alone.

### ■ Growth.

Since its beginning in 1925, the Cooperative Program has grown beyond the fondest dreams of our Baptist forefathers who nurtured it through its infancy.

Yet the last few years indicate a downward trend in SBC Cooperative Program gifts, while the potential for future growth is as great as the promises of God.

Our people, our churches and our conventions must be challenged as never before to increase their gifts and their percentages for global evangelization during these final years of Bold Mission Thrust.

Another miracle is in the making. I challenge you and your church and your state convention to be a vital part of what God is doing in the world.

Jerry Rankin, president  
SBC Foreign Mission Board  
Richmond, Va.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

**'I'm praying for a baptism of love that would sweep this convention.'**

Billy Graham

**The Cooperative Program is more than a humanly devised program to finance missions. ... It's a living miracle.**

Jerry Rankin

## 'I want to go to bed' couldn't have come from the mouth of that child

Lindsay's six tiny words almost gave her mother and me a stroke.

"I want to go to bed," she said, at about 8:30 on a Tuesday evening.

"Let's check her temperature; the child's obviously ill," I urged.

"No, I'm only tired," she replied.

If a mobile ear-testing clinic had rolled down our street, I would've been the first customer. This is a child who laments, "I'm tired" every single school morning. But she absolutely never utters the word "bed" after noon, for fear of taking a (yuck) nap or of being told it's time for (phooey) bed. My hearing must be fading fast, I thought.

So, I walked over beside her and asked her directly, "Did you just say you want to go to bed?"

"Yes, and I want to go to bed right now," she said.

Too bad we don't have a camcorder.

We could've taped this little episode

and won the grand prize on

"America's Truly Most Unbelievable Home Videos."

But we probably

would've gotten investigated

for fraud or child

abuse, since children

don't normally

say the word

"bed." The producers

would've

thought we either hired a really short adult

to play her part, or exerted force to prompt

her to say the B-word.

Do you remember when you were a kid,

how your parents always knew when it

was time for bed? Mother and Daddy

steadfastly claimed to know when I

was tired; I wondered how they did

that.

It's no mystery. Parents

know their kids are overdue

for dreamland when they

sprout horns, grow

fangs and/or ride

around the house on

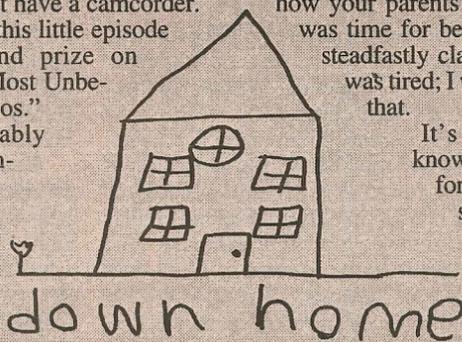
brooms.

That's because fatigue

brings out the

otherness in people, even children.

Parents have known that forever. In fact,



a parent thought up the Doctrine of Total Depravity while watching a toddler on the playground. Little Skeeziks, usually a perfect angel, transformed into a demon at naptime. Bright eyes turned red and puffy. Pudgy hands stopped playing patty-cake and started pinching and pulling. That cherubic smile switched to a sinister scowl, and melodic babble modulated to a wicked wail. Evil intensified.

Lindsay's anticipation of bedtime reversed the flow of nature. Children just don't do these things. I had to know why.

Turns out, bed seemed the lesser of evils compared to another page of "gross, boring" homework. She's developed a logic for her decision, but that's another story.

Marv Knox

## Seminary trustees greet new administration with unity

**One of three professors denied appointments to endowed chairs last spring was named to that chair this fall, but the other two were not.**

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary enjoyed a new-found unity during their first meeting with a new president Oct. 12-13 but still found cause to go into executive session for one hour.

Closed meetings have become common practice for seminary trustees during recent years of conflict, as conservatives have replaced moderates in positions of leadership. This marked the fifth time in less than two years for trustees to engage in deliberations behind closed doors.

Trustee Chairman Richard White of Franklin, Tenn., declined to tell reporters immediately afterward what had transpired in the latest closed-door meeting. However, an announcement was made two days later—during inauguration ceremonies for President Al Mohler—that trustees had voted in executive session to create a new school of missions, evangelism and church growth.

Trustees—whose meetings usually last three days—came to Louisville for five days of events this time, combining business with a variety of inaugural celebrations.

However, unlike in the immediate past, trustees breezed through their agenda and concluded the business meetings a day early. The tension between trustees and between trustees

and the seminary community that characterized most meetings in the past few years was absent from this fall's gathering.

This meeting was the first since Mohler took the seminary's helm from Roy Honeycutt, who retired July 31. It also was the first meeting with a trustee board virtually void of dissenting voices from moderates. Three of the board's handful of moderate holdovers resigned in April in protest of the board's direction.

There was little debate or discussion on any item brought before the full board in plenary sessions—the only portions of the meeting usually open to the public. Most of the trustees' work was done in committee meetings, from which brief reports were made to the full board.

There were considerably fewer guest chairs set up in the meeting room than in the recent past, and few students and faculty members attended the sessions this time. Other meetings in the recent past have drawn overflow crowds of observers.

One reason the workload was lighter this time may have been that no new faculty members were elected. In the past, debate over the theological and social viewpoints of prospective faculty members took several hours in each meeting.

However, the academic personnel committee did recommend—and the board approved—naming three professors to endowed chairs. This be-

came a controversial issue after last spring's meeting, when three professors were not approved for chairs the administration had recommended for them.

One of those professors bypassed last spring was named to a chair at this meeting, but the other two were not.

Gerald Keown was named to the Martha and Talmadge Rogers Chair of Old Testament. The two professors not mentioned this time were Raymond Bailey, professor of Christian preaching, and William Hendricks, professor of Christian theology.

The chair for which Bailey had been recommended—the Victor and Louise Lester Chair of Christian Preaching—was given during this meeting to Craig Loscalzo. The chair Hendricks was denied was not filled.

Unrelated to the previous action, William Cromer was named to the Gaines Dobbins Chair of Church Administration and Leadership.

Carol Karkalits, chairman of the academic personnel committee, read a statement about "a misunderstanding by some persons regarding the nature of endowed chairs."

The goal of the new administration, he said, "is to secure funding so that every faculty person or every faculty position is funded as an endowed chair. ... Please be aware that election to a chair does not constitute a promotion."

Trustees also approved two resolutions proposed by the academic personnel committee regarding the Cooperative Program, the unified missions budget of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In one resolution, trustees affirmed their "eager and unequivocal support of the Cooperative Program."

The other "heartily encourages" faculty to "support the Cooperative Program and to encourage those churches of which they are a member to focus their giving through the Cooperative Program and to increase support of missionary causes through the Southern Baptist Convention and its Cooperative Program."

The latter resolution was an indirect reference to churches which allow members to give to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of Baptist moderates. Many of the churches located nearest the seminary give through both the Fellowship and the Cooperative Program.

In other action, trustees:

■ Heard that the seminary spent \$120,000 more in the just-ended fis-

cal year than it received in income, according to unaudited reports. Of that shortage, about \$90,000 was due to a shortfall in anticipated student fees and \$30,000 was due to expenditures exceeding budget, said T.J. McGlothlin, vice president for business services.

■ Learned that donor contributions to the seminary were down 20 percent in 1992-93 from the previous year. Part of this includes reduced funding from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and part includes a reduction in giving to the seminary's annual fund, McGlothlin said.

■ Approved purchase of a \$250,000 life insurance policy for Mary Mohler, the president's wife.

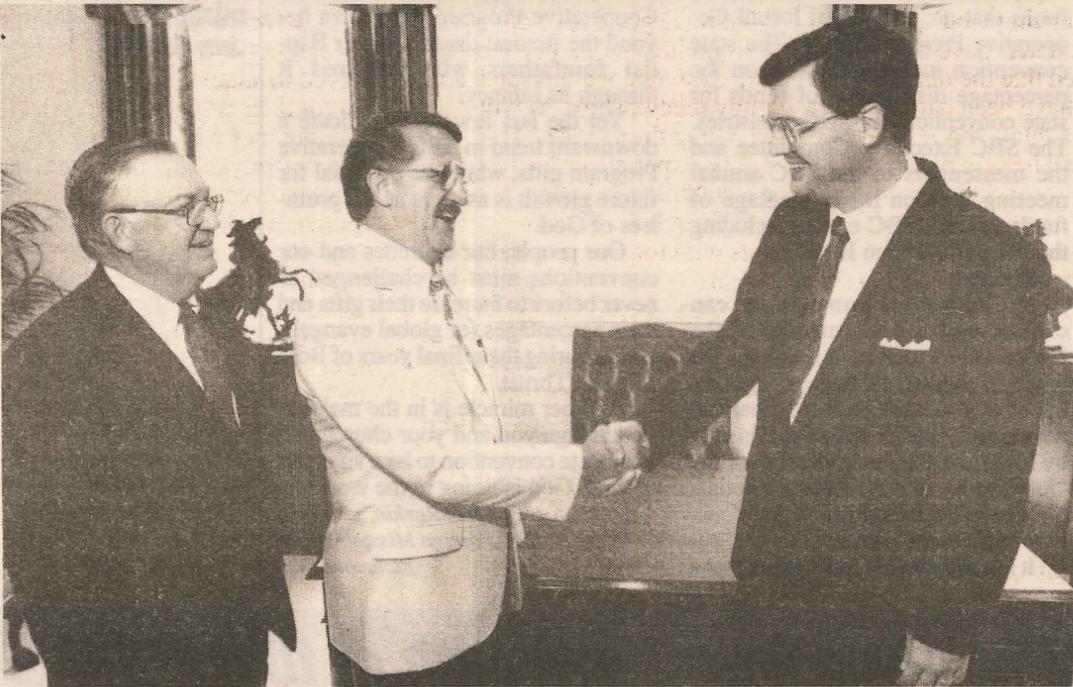
■ Designated \$175,000 from contingency reserve funds to be used at the discretion of President Mohler in the 1993-94 fiscal year. This item originally was listed as "transition expenses," but Charles Barnes, chairman of the seminary's financial board, later explained that some of the money would be used for items other than transition expenses.

Thomas Mabe, vice president for institutional advancement, said the special fund would be used for items such as renovations on the president's home, moving expenses for the president and inauguration festivities. Business Vice President McGlothlin added that the funds also would be used to supplement the travel expenses Mohler will incur as he travels across the convention this year, as well as some non-transition expenses such as renovations in the seminary chapel.

■ Approved establishment of a fund to give Mohler the equivalent of accrued equity in a home at the time of his departure or retirement from the seminary. Mohler and his family live at no cost to themselves in a home owned by the seminary. The home was renovated extensively before the Mohlers moved in this summer.

■ Assigned an ad hoc committee to develop a policy on the "remunerative employment of faculty outside the seminary."

■ Elected three new members to fill the unexpired terms of trustees who resigned at the last meeting. The new trustees are Steven Cortis, pastor of Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C.; Richard Holcombe, pastor of Mid-Rivers Baptist Chapel in St. Charles, Mo.; and John Pennington, pastor of First Baptist Church in Douglasville, Ga.



**WELCOME** Al Mohler (right), president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, greets new Kentucky trustees Charles Barnes (left) and Thomas Taylor. Barnes is a member of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville and is executive vice president of National City Bank. Taylor is a member of Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville and the owner of Furnicraft, a Louisville business.

## Doug Walker named dean of students at Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE—Doug Walker, 35, has been named dean of students and vice president for student services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

A longtime friend of Southern's new president, Al Mohler, Walker currently is pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. At Southern he will supervise admissions, placement, vocational counseling, student activities, health and recreation, the seminary clinic, the seminary pastor and the pastoral care and consultation center.

His appointment by Mohler was announced to trustees during their Oct. 12-13 meeting. Walker will begin his duties Dec. 1.

He replaces Elisabeth Lambert, who resigned last spring as vice president for student services because of the change in administration. Mohler has reconfigured the seminary staff structure, moving some of Lambert's previous responsibilities out of student services and moving others in.

Walker earned the doctor of philosophy degree from Southern in 1986. In addition, he holds a bache-

lor's degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Before becoming pastor of the Birmingham church, he was pastor of Mansfield Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ga., and Markland Baptist Church in Markland, Ind. He also served as associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Texas.

Walker's appointment leaves three key vacancies on the seminary's administrative staff. Mohler still must

name permanent deans for the schools of Christian education and church music. Both those positions were vacated during the change of administrations.

The position of vice president for seminary relations, which also was vacated during the transition, has been deleted. Parts of that vice president's responsibilities have been reassigned various places. However, many of those tasks will be done by a director of communications, who will be hired by Tom Mabe, vice president for institutional advancement.

## INSIDE

# Today's Discipleship Training: Flexible & Practical

**Page 2**  
**Evangelism:** Cooperative Ministries/Evangelism Clinic. **Stewardship:** Consultants ready to assist churches and association.

**Page 3**  
**Church Growth & Administration:** Report on Super Saturday conferences; events for bivocational ministers.

**Page 4**  
**Sunday School:** New videos show workers how to teach; Super Sunday coming Oct. 31. **Woman's Missionary Union:** World Day of Prayer unites women.

**Page 5**  
**Discipleship Training:** What is "M" Night? **Cedarmore Assembly:** Thank you for helping with repairs. **Foundation:** Good news for appreciated property charitable gifts.

**Page 6**  
**Church Recreation:** Annual fun run and walk prior to KBC meeting. **Family Ministry:** Who's teaching our children about sex? **Annuity:** Personal security program begins Jan. 1. **Media:** Bring the mission field to your church.

**Page 7**  
**Church Music:** Opportunities for musicians of all ages.

"Practicality" and "flexibility" are today's watchwords for discipleship training in Kentucky Baptist churches.

Gone are the days when multitudes of Baptists gathered at the church house at 6 o'clock on Sunday night to "take a part" and recite it back to their classes.

The old rigid format and time frame have given way to needs-oriented small-group sessions conducted throughout the week in various locations, said Doug Strader, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's discipleship training/stewardship director.

The catalysts for these practical, flexible trends have been two new product lines developed by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Strader reported.

"We're seeing tremendous success with the LIFE (Lay Institute for Equipping) and LIFE Support series," Strader said.

The LIFE materials primarily focus on discipleship and growth in Christian living. Some of the more popular LIFE materials have been developed by Henry Blackaby, a staff member in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's evangelism section, and Claude King, a longtime Sunday School Board staffer.

"Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God" launched the series. The latest addition is "Fresh Encounter: God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual

Awakening."

"There's hardly a week goes by that I don't get calls from people reporting what's going on because these materials have been used in their churches," Strader said.

tucky, Strader added.

These programs provide resources for small groups to focus on specific needs of their members, he explained. For example:

■ "Untangling Relationships," "Conquering Codependency" and

cal addictions.

■ "Shelter from the Storm," also available next year, will provide support for victims of sexual abuse.

The new materials provide flexibility, because they can be used by small groups at any time that is convenient for the members, Strader said. Several of the series are based on Christ-centered 12-step programs.

Response to the various series has been exciting, he added, noting, "This gives us an opportunity to branch out. ... They're catching on because these are the hurting issues people deal with every day."

The discipleship training department also is stressing education for new church members, Strader reported.

"We feel new-member training and getting new members involved in small groups is essential for their survival," he said. "If our churches will be more conscious about getting new members involved in the life of the church, it will benefit the churches and help the new members."

When all the new materials are added to long-standing product lines, churches can choose from more than 600 discipleship training options, said Jim Clontz, associate director of the discipleship training/stewardship department.

"Eventually," he predicted, "many of our medium and large congregations will have groups meeting at church every night."

# DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

"'Experiencing God' and 'Fresh Encounter' have been so well-received that the materials sometimes have been hard to get. Right now, I think, the Sunday School Board has everything in stock. They've had to go into continuous reprints to keep up with the demand."

A related program, "Disciple's Prayer Life," also has been popular in Kentucky churches, he added, noting one congregation started a group for its men, who meet at 6 a.m. one day a week.

Another series, "Wise Counsel," provides training for helping laypeople to be good counselors.

The LIFE Support materials also are a "hot topic" across Ken-

"'Making Peace with Your Past' focus on helping people recover from dysfunctional personal and family relationships, as will 'Breaking the Cycle of Hurtful Family Experiences,' which will be available next year.

■ "Search for Significance" deals with forgiveness and self-esteem.

■ "Conquering Eating Disorders" helps people who use food as a relief agent from emotional pain, or people who suffer from anorexia, bulimia or other eating problems.

■ "Conquering Chemical Dependency" will be available in 1994 and will focus on recovery from alcoholism and other chemi-

## Personal Money Management a Key to Stewardship

Personal money management has become a key component of stewardship emphasis, reported Doug Strader, director of the Kentucky Baptist discipleship training/stewardship department.

"Baby boomers and baby busters really need help with money management," Strader explained. "These younger adults don't know the principles of stewardship and use of their resources that earlier generations took for granted."

And that has significant impact on churches.

"A generation that has been committed to Christ's kingdom through the church is playing out," he said. "And the younger genera-

tion needs encouragement.

"We need to do a better job of that in our churches. We've got to explain how (church) money is spent, and how they can support church, Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist mission programs."

A key tool in that program is "Five Steps to Successful Money Management," a new book written by Lee Davis, a staff member with the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.

Another is "Live Wisely," a one-day money management program designed for use in Baptist churches, also developed by the Stewardship Commission.

The thrust of both the book and the program is to help people make solid decisions about the use of their money, Strader said. Desired results are to reduce worry about finances, be more contented, stop paying interest to other people and make money work for the individual, have an adequate retirement income, and have more money to give to church and help people in need.

"Our consultants all are familiar with those materials and capable of leading churches and associations in workshops or conferences," he noted.

The department also provides resources to help churches promote

their budgets, he said, adding the department can provide materials on Baptist causes, promotion programs and workshops.

A key need in Kentucky Baptist churches is for budget and stewardship promotion, Strader insisted.

"A lot of our churches assume people are going to give and only give so much, so they simply take an offering every Sunday," he said. "We'd like to help them with stewardship promotion."

For help with stewardship promotion, contact Strader at: Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433, phone (502) 245-4101.

EVANGELISM

## Cooperative Ministries/Evangelism Clinic unites two cultures, two Baptist groups

**Third Annual Cooperative Ministries/Evangelism Clinic**

**November 1-2**

**Erlanger Baptist Church Erlanger, KY**

**The event is free.**

**Clinic Theme: "Ministerial Flexibility in Evangelism Strategies"**

The third annual Cooperative Ministries/Evangelism Clinic on November 1-2 provides two Baptist organizations—the General Association of Baptists (Afro-Americans) and the Kentucky Baptist Convention—a time to gather for fellowship, inspiration and information sharing. This year's event features an agenda program which encourages leaders from both Baptist groups to minister together in evangelism with mutual appreciation, helpfulness and enthusiasm. The clinic theme is "Ministerial Flexibility in Evangelism Strategies."

Erlanger Baptist Church (KY) is the host site for the free, two day event, which begins at 1:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday and concludes at noon on Tuesday.

Lincoln N. Bingham, consultant for Cooperative Ministries and superintendent of missions for the General Association of Baptists, and Bill Jagers, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Office for Evangelism, are the clinic coordinators.

Featured presenters are Dr. D. D. Chestang, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Rick Ousley, pastor of Brook Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama; Arnold Turner, a bi-vocational minister and lawyer from Prestonsburg, Kentucky; and Garswa Matally, a church planter from Liberia, West Africa.

For more information, contact the Office for Evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 330.

STEWARDSHIP

## Consultants ready to assist your financial stewardship needs

Does your church or local association need assistance in planning and promoting next year's budget? The Kentucky Baptist Convention's



Delores and Allen Baugh

Stewardship Department has a reputable, experienced and trained group of consultants who are eager to offer

instruction in your financial stewardship planning.

The consultants are: Delores and Allen Baugh, directors of missions for the Grayson County Baptist Association; Greg Earwood, pastor, First Church, Murray; Brad Johnson, pastor, Living Hope Church, Bowling Green; Rick Robbins, director

of missions, Blackford and Breckinridge Associations; Bill Simmons, retired minister of education, Calvary Church, Lexington and Gayle Toole, pastor, Edgewood Church, Nicholasville.

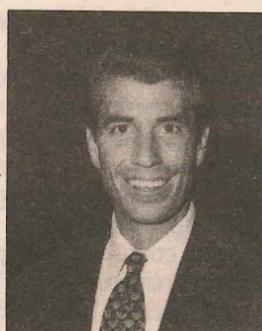
Do you have questions about the different church budget



Greg Earwood

promotions? Do you know the differences and similarities of:

- Tithers Commitment Program
- The Great Challenge Church Budget Program
- Committed to Ministries
- The Forward Program of Church Finance
- Challenge to Give
- Planned Growth in Giving



Brad Johnson

The consultants are prepared to share this information with Kentucky Baptists.

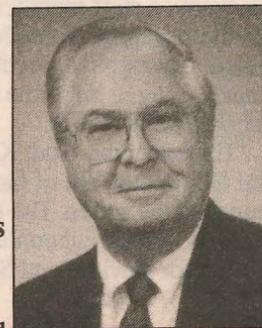
Are you familiar with the stewardship plan booklet entitled, ABC's of Church Budgeting and Promotion?

The consultants can share and explain the details from this helpful booklet.



Rick Robbins

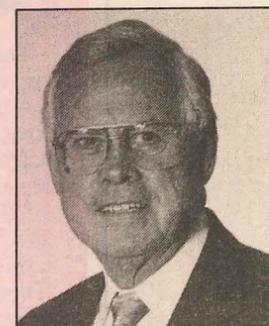
Do your church families need help in the area of personal money management? The consultants are trained to show you how to use "Live Wisely" materials on money



Bill Simmons

management. If church members learn how to manage their personal finances better, they can be better stewards.

If interested in scheduling a consultant, contact the KBC Stewardship Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 335.



Gayle Toole

## CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

# And many learned to fish ...

### Celebrating attendance at Super Saturday conferences August and September

The Great Commission speaks of "making disciples" which involves reaching and discipling people in living like our Lord. The immediate results of the Super Saturday 93 conferences came in the form of personal testimony. Read how participants anticipated their involvement in Super Saturday would help them to become "fishers of men."

"I learned how to understand 'baby boomers' and how they approach life a little differently than I do. This will help me with outreach to them and how to work with them in church."

"This is the first time, including Ridgecrest, that we talked about the most important aspects: (1) the Gospel and how to reach people with the gospel; (2) outreach -- very good session about ministry and discipleship, not just numbers. We didn't play silly games."

"The way people and age groups change and how youth in their relationships are unstable -- creative ideas for teaching and reaching youth will help me."

"My energy is regenerated for outreach."

"I leave with an attitude adjustment." King "David in the scripture will help me to teach others."

People from "different generations can work together to accomplish the work of the Lord."

"Budgeting based on ministry needs rather than last year's spending will help our church be ministry focused."

"The enthusiasm level is contagious and boosts your spirit."

make discipleship training relevant to daily life and how it can be used as part of outreach."

down of attendance for each location.

A big THANKS to all who participated - especially those who took the lead to enlist and bring other leaders.

As we prepare for the 1994 conferences and hope to serve Kentucky Baptist leadership needs even better, we invite your input. A questionnaire will be mailed to a random sample of the 1,488 attendance. We hope the evaluation and suggestions they provide will help to make next year's conference another outstanding opportunity for training church

leaders toward growth. You can begin planning to attend by choosing a date and location that meets your training needs for 1994:

- August 13 First Baptist Madisonville
- August 20 Northern Kentucky
- August 27 Lexington
- September 10 Unity Baptist, Ashland
- September 17 Lone Oak, Paducah
- September 24 First Baptist Somerset

With hope and confidence we thank you for gifting us with your time for training. We look forward to serving you again.

Vernon Cole

	Bowling Green		Burlington		Lexington		Ashland		Mayfield		Corbin		Total Churches		Total People	
	Churches	People	Churches	People	Churches	People	Churches	People	Churches	People	Churches	People	#	%	#	%
<b>Small</b>	21	72	11	27	21	91	6	29	19	91	15	50	93	35.8	360	24.2
<b>Medium</b>	18	79	17	104	44	251	12	54	23	172	12	83	126	48.5	743	49.9
<b>Large</b>	7	54	3	11	17	174	3	36	7	55	4	55	41	15.7	385	25.9
	46	205	31	142	82	516	21	119	49	318	31	188	260		1,488	
	<b>Small Church = SS enrollment 174 or less</b>				<b>Medium Church = 175-600</b>				<b>Large Church = 601 &amp; up</b>							

"The focus was to help me meet needs and not just talk Southern Baptist stuff."

"Good conference for practical teaching and ministering to youth."

"Our church will be better because of the ideas I received on how to assimilate new people into the life of the church."

"Making Peace with Your Past will be of great help to me and others in our church."

"I believe I will do a better job of dealing with change in our church."

"The most useful part to me was how to

Super Saturday conferences helped 260 churches from 58 associations - churches of all sizes. Of the participating churches, 35.8% were small sized churches (Sunday School enrollment of 174 or less); 48.5% were medium sized (enrollment 175-600); and 15.7% were in the large church (enrollment 601+) category.

1,488 church leaders who serve in areas of Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Financial Stewardship, Church Music, Family Ministry, Evangelism, Library Media, and Pastors and staff attended one of six training events. 24.2% of the attendance came from small churches, 49.9% came from medium size churches, and 25.9% were from large churches. Examine the table above which illustrates the break-

## A national celebration for bivocational ministry

### December 9-11 Boyce Bible School Louisville

This may be the most significant "Event" you have "Celebrated" in your life.

Exemplary Bivocational Ministers "from all over" will gather for the fifth annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers' Association, December 10-11 and they will be warmly welcomed to attend the sessions of the National Council for Bivocational Ministries, December 9-10. The council is composed of persons from many Southern Baptist communities who have the loudest heartbeat and strongest commitment to Bivocationalism in the Southern Baptist Convention. The program for both events will be hosted at the Boyce Bible School in Louisville, Kentucky.

The theme, **GROWING ... in the grace and knowledge of our Lord (2 Peter 3:18); GOING ... everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus; GLOWING ... cities on a hill, glowing in the night (Matthew 5:14)**, has inspired outstanding presentations on topics vital to bivocational ministry. Included in the conference events is a keynote address, Friday, 7:30 PM, from Dr. Al Mohler, President, Southern Baptist Seminary.

Details and additional registration information is available by writing or call-

ing Dale Holloway, 1758 Florence Byram Road, Florence, Mississippi 39073; 601/845-2107.

Conference fees are waived for Bivocational Ministers, Directors of Missions, Convention leaders and students.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Days Inn Louisville East, 4621 Shelbyville

Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207. Make room reservations by calling 1/800/662-3297. Be sure to inform them you are with the Bivocational Ministers Group to receive special rates: \$36 single, \$40 double, plus tax. Reservations must be confirmed two weeks prior to arrival. Direct reservations call 502/896-8871.

### An Invitation is Extended to Bivocational Ministers, Directors of Missions and a guest

#### Sixth Annual Bivocational Ministers' Recognition Banquet

November 16, 1993  
Holiday Inn, Elizabethtown  
5:15 PM

Recognition of Bivocational Pastor of the Year

Guest Speaker Charles Stewart  
KBC President and Pastor, Rosehill-Ashland

Special Music Ron Threadgill  
Minister of Music Immanuel-Elizabethtown

Reservations required through Church Growth & Administration office

SUNDAY SCHOOL



October 31  
State Goal: 210,000

Report your Sunday School high attendance to your associational office early on Sunday afternoon. The associational office will report to the KBC Sunday School Department from 4:30-6:00 p.m. EST that same day.

Congratulations! Hope your Super Sunday is terrific!

## New videos designed to show Sunday School workers how to teach

Although ministers of education and Sunday School directors do their best to explain to workers how to teach a Sunday School class, try to remember the old saying: "A picture is worth a thousand words."

With that thought in mind, the Baptist Sunday School Board has released six new 60-minute training videos designed to help churches make their Sunday Schools the week's best Bible learning experience for all age groups.

"Videos offer one of the most effective tools for training Sunday School workers," said Dan Phillips, media design editor in the Church Growth-Sunday School Division's Youth-Adult Department.

Phillips wrote and produced the new Adult Sunday School training video, *Adult Sunday School Teacher of the Year*. Using a "documentary news style" approach, this video demonstrates techniques and characteristics that make an adult Sunday School teacher effective. It emphasizes the tasks of Sunday School, reviews several different teaching methods and focuses on team building skills and ideas that work with today's adults.

The other five new videos also offer insights into building and leading effective Sunday School classes. They include:

- *Youth Sunday School - A Live Demonstration Video*. Full of practical helps for youth Sunday School workers, this video lets viewers observe an actual Sunday morning session as well as key planning and preparation actions taken by the workers prior to class. Attention is given to

providing fast-track worker training, developing a team approach to motivating youth, discovering variety in teaching approaches and building outreach awareness into class time. It can be used by workers using any BSSB curriculum, including the YouthExtra! and WORData teaching supplements.

- *Teaching Bible Discoverers, Third and Fourth Graders, in Sunday School*. This video guides teachers in how to plan and lead a Bible study unit for third and fourth graders using *Bible Discoverers* from the Life and Work Foundation curriculum. Teachers can learn as they observe portions of a planning meeting, Bible study groups, large group Bible study time and worship. A study guide and program notes that indicate possible stopping points for discussion are included.

- *Teaching Fours and Fives at Church; Teaching Twos and Threes at Church and Teaching Babies and Ones at Church*. Each of these preschool teaching videos shows Sunday School classes and extended sessions using the Life and Work curriculum materials. Viewers will review the format and design of the curriculum, learn how to set up a room, discover how preschoolers learn at different ages, see how to handle departure and clean-up and learn how to conduct workers meetings. Program notes and a study guide are included with each video.

The cost of the training videos is \$24.95 each. To order, or for more information, call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-458-2772.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

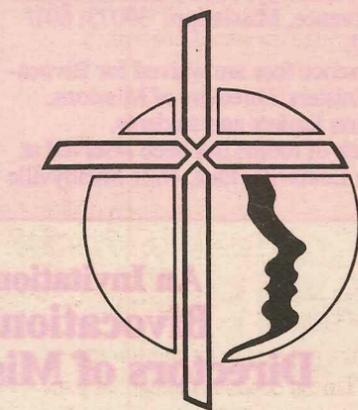
## World Day of Prayer unites Baptist women

Every year on the first Monday in November, Baptist women in over 200 countries gather in homes, churches and other meeting places to pray for their Baptist sisters around the world. This year's designated day is November 1.

The Day of Prayer was launched in 1948 as a project of reconciliation by the European women, but now includes women in more than 160 Baptist conventions and unions throughout the world. It is sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance's Women's Department and by the six continental unions that comprise its membership.

In the North American Baptist Women's Union, 20 different Baptist denominations unite to participate in the Day of Prayer. The annual event promotes fellowship, deeper sympathy, understanding and an opportunity to exchange information concerning activities and methods among Baptist women in North America and around the world.

Baptist Women's Unions of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the South West Pacific and North America alternately write



the Day of Prayer program. It is then translated into more than 200 languages and dialects. Our program material is found in the November issue of *Royal Service*. In Kentucky, the Day of Prayer is hosted by churches and associations.

An offering is taken during the Day of Prayer. One half remains in North America; the other goes to the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance for use in meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and children around the world.

## Pros for using Baptist Sunday Board's children and preschool literature

1. It is based on the Bible with a long range plan of learning for children and preschoolers.
2. It is rich in Bible content with choices for children and preschoolers.
3. It is consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message.
4. It lays a foundation for Christian salvation and growth.
5. It supports our Bold Mission thrust and world missions.
6. It is stewardship oriented.
7. It is enhanced by supplementary teaching-learning resources.
8. It is child-centered, not teacher-centered.
9. It is educationally sound and age-appropriate.
10. Its teaching methods are age-appropriate and allows children and preschoolers to be creative.
11. It allows children and preschoolers to think and reason for themselves.
12. It is written by Southern Baptists who teach the age for which they write.
13. No other publisher can offer the above.
14. No other publisher contributes to Ridgecrest and Glorieta for the training and Christian growth of our people.

# EVENTS

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

# Rally has benefited Baptists for nearly 50 years

**The 1993 "M" Night is November 22**

**What does the M in "M" Night stand for? Mobilization**

**Call your local associational office for the site and time of the "M" Night nearest you!**

Here's some "M" Night history: It began in 1945 as a special emphasis to mobilize the masses in order for churches to better understand what the Training Union (now known as Discipleship Training) purpose is and its task for the coming year. Its origin also coincided during evangelistic crusades across the Southern Baptist Convention.

From past to present: This same event continues to draw more attendance than the annual Southern Baptist Convention and state convention meetings combined.

This year's "M" Night Discipleship Training Rally is November 22. Rally agendas consist of a variety of activities: an

The M in "M" Night typically means mobilization. But, with some elaboration, M also stands for:

- Motivation through inspiration and encouragement.
- Multiple resources for disciples-making.
- Managing life issues as Christians.
- Mixing and mingling with other discipleship leaders...they know what works.

# " M " NIGHT Discipleship Training Rally

inspirational speaker, skits, conferences, food and fellowship, Discipleship Training Fair, testimonies, a minister's choir and the latest DT information.

For more information, contact your local associational office or the KBC Discipleship Training Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 335.

## CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY

### A time to say "thank you"

"Whirlwind" crews just came through Cedarmore. Their paths have resulted in many completed renovations.

Crews from Bowling Green's Woodburn Baptist Church recently put new roofs on two buildings which suffered hail damage last summer. The Cedarmore staff is appreciative to Pastor Scott Kilgore and his laymen for their efforts.

A group from Farmdale Baptist Church, Frankfort, and their pastor, Tony Stinnett, and Director of Missions Ron Chastain and a crew from Crittenden Association, have worked several times in helping save the assembly's Tabernacle from demolition. Rick Lucas, coordinator for Kentucky Baptist Builders and director of missions in Sulphur Fork Association, is in the process of locating building material and manpower to finish the project.

Louisville's Highview Baptist Church youth group spent a weekend removing and

replanting shrubbery. The youth also rebuilt portions of the rock wall on the drive leading to Byrdwell Conference Center.

Brotherhood from Henry County Association lent helping hands in repairing doors. Other churches have sent crews that built a porch on a staff building as well as repaired covered wagons.

The list grows long and appreciation runs deep for the donated labor and materials which have helped Cedarmore maintain its facilities for guests' use.

Cedarmore invites you to be among the ones to use some of these newly repaired buildings. . .and be part of future work crew, too.

For more information, contact:  
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly  
P. O. Box 37  
Bagdad, KY 40003-0037  
(502) 747-8911

## FOUNDATION

### Good news for appreciated property charitable gifts

Good news has finally arrived for many donors through the recent tax reform legislation!

You may recall that in the past if you made a major charitable gift of stock, real estate or other appreciated property, you may have been hit with some adverse tax consequences

through the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This is because the capital gains you avoided through the charitable gift was considered a "tax preference item" for alternative minimum tax purposes.

What this effectively meant for some taxpayers was this: your charitable gift of stock, real estate or other appreciated property may have entitled you to an income tax charitable contribution deduction for only your cost basis (i.e., what you originally paid for the asset), rather than its full fair market value. Tax reform has eliminated this potentially adverse tax consequence.

Now your charitable gift of appreciated stock, real estate or other property nets you an income tax charitable contribution deduction for **full fair market value**: no longer do you have to be concerned with

alternative minimum tax. Because of this, 1993 is the best year in a long time to consider a charitable gift of stock or real estate.

As a general rule, the lower your cost basis in the stock or real estate, the more tax-wise it is to give it as a charitable gift—because you don't pay

any capital gains tax on the appreciation in value. Plus, you can deduct its full fair market value as the charitable contribution deduction.

Some points to consider for 1993:

- Don't wait until December 31 to start your year-end tax planning.
- Make your charitable gifts by December 31 in order to claim deductions on your 1993 federal income tax return due next April.
- Seek counsel from your tax advisor for specifics in your case.

Other types of year-end charitable gifts with substantial tax savings are available. We would be pleased to provide you, your attorney, your accountant or your tax advisor with additional information and assistance. For more information, simply call the Kentucky Baptist Foundation office at (502) 245-4101, extension 205.



**CHRISTIAN MONEY MANAGEMENT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Make your state Baptist Foundation your money management partner.

CHURCH RECREATORS

FAMILY MINISTRY

Presenting the annual. . .

**FUN RUN and HEALTH WALK**

The Kentucky Baptist Church Recreators will again host a Fun Run and Health Walk prior to the opening session of this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting. The event, open to all convention registrants, will

begin at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church. Interested participants should meet in the church's Christian Life Center. Free T-shirts will be given to everyone joining in this healthy fellowship.

**Who's teaching our children about sex?**

Do parents in your congregation continue to struggle with appropriate ways to guide their children and teenagers in the area of sexuality? A new *Christian Sex Education* series published by the Baptist Sunday School Board offers churches tools for helping parents guide their children and youth in this important area.

This year's Haworth Conference is devoted to training church leaders to plan and conduct a ministry for parents in the area of sex education. The workshop will offer training in the use of the new *Christian Sex Education* materials.

This new series:

- applies biblical principles of sexuality and is both accurate and reliable
- promotes abstinence, chastity, healthy self-discipline among children and youth
- assists parents and churches to lead children and youth to understand the good that God intended for sexual intercourse within marriage and encourage them to enjoy this relationship only within a God-ordained covenant marriage

- teaches appreciation for one's body as God-created, and the responsibility each person has to maintain appropriate boundaries with others and ministers with youth who have fallen short of God's ideal for sexual relationships
- provides an avenue for Christian parents and churches to educate others about sexuality and how God intends for it to be expressed

Receive training in the use of this material at this year's Haworth Conference, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry Department. The conference will be at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, January 28-29. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. Friday and concludes at noon Saturday.

Register for the Haworth Conference by completing the form on EVENTS page 8a. Please enclose a \$10 per person registration fee (make check payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention), which includes dinner on Friday evening. Cost of materials is additional and may be purchased at the conference or ahead at a Baptist Book Store.

For more information, contact the KBC Family Ministry Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 250.

ANNUITY

**Personal security program begins January 1**

The Annuity Board has announced new insurance plans available as of January 1. Key features of these plans are:

- More coverage
- Flexibility
- Reduced costs

**Life Coverage**

Under employee term life coverage, a church employee may select flat amounts of coverage in \$10,000 increments, up to \$50,000. Or, the employee may select to have the life insurance coverage in multiples of compensation. Multiples can be as much as eight times compensation. Current plans limit spouse coverage to \$5,000. Under the new personal security program, an employee may select increased amounts of coverage for their spouse. \$5,000 coverage for dependent children continues as an available option. Added to the plan is personal accident coverage. The employee may select up to \$250,000 coverage and one-half the employee's coverage may be added for the employee's spouse.

**Disability**

No package of life and health coverages would be complete without disability coverage. Beginning January 1, Annuity Board Disability Plan rates will be reduced by 20%.

**Medical**

Kentuckians will experience no change in the medical coverage with the Annuity Board as of January 1. This is good news since no change includes no change in medical rates. This makes two years without an increase in medical rates.

All personal security plan coverages are subject to approval by The Prudential based on the employee's evidence of good health application.

Don Spencer, your Annuity Board representative at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, welcomes the opportunity to prepare a proposal of personal security coverages and costs. Simply send your age, age of your spouse, number of children, zip code and compensation to the following: Annuity Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, Kentucky 40253-0433.

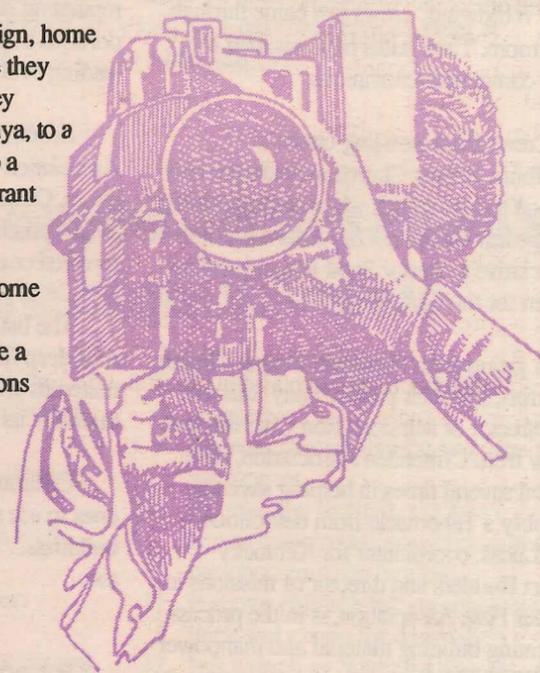
MEDIA

**Bring the mission field to your church**

Yes! You can visit with foreign, home and state missionaries. See where they serve and the people to whom they minister. From a grass hut in Kenya, to a homeless shelter in New York, to a dental clinic in Kentucky for migrant workers; you can be there.

Foreign Missions Update, Home Missions Videomagazine and Kentucky Baptists Today, provide a unique experience for your missions education programs.

For more information on how your church can subscribe or receive these valuable and dynamic resources on free loan, contact the Media Department, Video Loan Library, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433 or call (502) 245-4101.



CHURCH MUSIC

# Opportunities abound for musicians of all ages

## Kentucky Baptist All-State Children's Choir...a new addition!

Are there children in your life who love to sing? If so, encourage them to audition for Kentucky Baptists' newest addition to its choir family: the All-State Children's Choir. Now that our All-State Youth Choir is shining brightly, it's time for our children to step into the spotlight!

### General information

The Kentucky Baptist All-State Children's Choir will involve 60 of Kentucky's most talented young musicians. It will meet at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly the weekend of April 15-17, 1994 for an exciting time of rehearsals and retreat. The Louisville Youth Choir, directed by Donna Barnett, will present a concert as an added feature.

On April 17, the children's choir will have an opportunity to lead in worship at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. The highlight of the weekend will be the choir's final concert in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Heeren Hall at 3:30 p.m. that same day. June Bailey, children's music consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will direct the choir. Kathy Collier, children's choir coordinator at Highland Baptist Church, will accompany the group. The latter event is open to parents, grandparents, friends and other interested persons.

Kentucky Baptist All-State Children's Choir



1994

### Who may participate?

Boys and girls who love to sing and are currently in grades four through six.

### Cost

The cost for the weekend is \$65. This includes two nights' lodging and meals at Cedarmore, music and a shirt.

### How to register

Complete a taped audition consisting of tone matching, hymn singing and part singing. Specific audition requirements are listed on the audition sheet and registration forms in the 1993-94 Church Music Resource Packet sent out in June. Audition tapes are due to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department no later than this January 21. Sorry, late auditions will not be accepted.

For additional copies of the audition requirements or further information, contact the Church Music Department at P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253 or phone (502) 245-4101. You may also check EVENTS page 8a for additional information.

## Regional Keyboard Festivals

The young David played psalms on his harp. The adult David led others in worshipping God.

Next spring, children and youth will play hymns in our keyboard festivals. These down-the-road adults ("Davids" and "Danielles") will learn that music is more than just reading notes on a page. Spiritual encouragement, new musical purposes, peer-support and skills: these are its purposes.



Designed for beginners through advanced students, the keyboard festivals offer participants the opportunity to play a hymn (simplified or standard) and a standard recital-type piece. Advanced categories have additional requirements, with optional proficiencies in sight-reading, accompanying, score-reading,

modulation and transportation. Learning is not limited to age or level of skill. We welcome already-adult pianists and organists to play as well.

The registration cost is \$5 per student. Detailed information and registration forms will be in the Keyboard Festival Handbook, available November 1. Please contact Joy Berger, keyboard consultant, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253 or call (502) 245-4101, extension 325 to secure your copy of the handbook. You may also check EVENTS page 8a.

### 1994 Dates and Locations

- March 26 Ashland, First Church
- April 23 Louisville, Southern Seminary
- Paducah, Lone Oak Church
- April 30 Owensboro, First Church
- May 14 Lexington, Immanuel Church
- London, First Church

## State Youth Choir Festival February 25-26 • Lexington, Immanuel Church

The Kentucky Baptist State Youth Choir Festival is an opportunity for youth choirs (grades 7-12) to participate in a mass choir event. The registration fee per choir is only \$25.

For additional information and a registration form, contact the KBC Church Music Department or check the appropriate box on EVENTS page 8a.

### Festival Music (order and rehearse now):

- "Keep Your Lamps" (arr. Thomas) Hinshaw HMC-577
- "Like a Shining Light" (Lentz) Hope SP 798
- "Have You Not Known" (Price) Shawnee Press A-6343
- "I Call to the Lord" (arr. Hopson) Theodore Presser CP 196
- Commissioned Anthem (McDonald)

## ...and for youth and adults State Handbell Festival March 4-5 • Louisville Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center

The Kentucky Baptist State Handbell Festival is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your handbell program or even begin a new venture. Featuring group ringing, classes, individual performances and worship, the festival will offer excellent handbell learning and growth. Our clinician this next year is Norman Johnson. The registration fee per choir is \$60.

For additional information and a registration form, contact the KBC Church Music Department or check the appropriate box on EVENTS page 8a.

### Handbell Festival Music (order and rehearse now):

- Tins:** (2-3 octave choirs)
  - "Five Easy Celebrations" (Keller) Agape 1615
  - "Be Thou My Vision" (Hopson) Word 494-42004
- Coppers:** (3-5 octave choirs)
  - "Reverberations" (Lloyd) Beckenhorst HB15
  - "Surely the Lord is in this Place" (Colvin/Parris) Word 3014057312
- Combined:** (all choirs)
  - "Fanfare" (Roman/Thompson) Concordia 97-5849
  - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (Dobranski) Agape 1420
  - "Praise Ye the Father" (arr. Hollis) Agape 1543

# EVENTS

## OTHER EVENTS

### Annuity

The following is the Minister/Church Tax Conference schedule:

February 14 - Elizabethtown  
 February 15 - Madisonville  
 February 17 - London  
 February 18 - Ft. Mitchell

Each conference begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes by 3:00 p.m.  
 For more information, contact Don Spencer, director, KBC Annuity Department, at (502) 245-4101, ext. 253.

### Evangelism

Here's Hope.  
 Share Jesus Now.  
 1995 revivals

November-December: Pastor/staff/key lay leadership enlistment luncheons  
 February-March: Associational training provided for local church steering committees.

### KBC

Planning on attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church next month? If so, make your overnight accommodation reservations now!

### WMU

This year's Foreign Missions Study (November 14-17) will focus on Indonesia: Missions in Transition.  
 Teaching materials may be purchased at a Baptist Book Store near you.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions-- November 28-December 5-- will feature the theme, "Change the World Now!"  
 The 1993 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$85 million.

### ...and don't forget

Daylight savings time falls back to standard time as of 2:00 a.m. Sunday, October 31.  
 Set your clock back an hour and gain some extra sleep!

## Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER

**Emphasis:**  
 Cooperative Program  
 Church Budget  
 Development  
 Outreach

### Brotherhood

•October 22-23  
 State Volleyball  
 Tournament  
 Louisville  
 Highland Park First  
 Church

### Church Music

•October 25-26  
 Senior Adult Choir  
 Festival  
 Louisville  
 Westport Road Church

### Minister/Church Support WMU

•October 29-30  
 Ministers' Wives Retreat  
 Bagdad  
 Cedarmore Assembly

### Sunday School

•October 31  
 Super Sunday  
 High Attendance Day

### NOVEMBER

**Emphasis:**  
 Stewardship and  
 budget promotion

### Brotherhood

•November 7-13  
 Royal Ambassador Week

### Church Growth

•November 16  
 Bivocational Minister's  
 Recognition Banquet  
 Elizabethtown  
 Holiday Inn North  
 5:15 p.m.

### Church Music

•November 15  
 Kentucky Baptist Church  
 Music Conference  
 Elizabethtown  
 Cecilia Church

### Discipleship Training

•November 22  
 "M" Night Rallies

### KBC

•November 15  
 Pastor's Conference  
 Elizabethtown  
 Severns Valley Church

•November 16-17

156th Annual Meeting  
 Elizabethtown  
 Severns Valley Church

### Office for Evangelism

•November 1-2  
 Cooperative Ministries/  
 Evangelism Clinic  
 Erlanger  
 Erlanger Church

### Student

•November 5-7  
 International Student  
 Conference  
 Glasgow  
 Barren River State Park

•November 16  
 Fun Run and Health  
 Walk

Elizabethtown  
 Severns Valley Church  
 7:15 a.m.

•November 19-20  
 Black Leadership  
 Conference

Berea  
 Berea College

•November 19-20

Kentucky Baptist Youth  
 Celebration  
 Cedarmore and Jonathan  
 Creek Assemblies

### WMU

•November 1  
 World Day of Prayer

•November 6  
 GA Missions  
 Extravaganza

•November 12-13  
 Acteens Junior/Senior  
 Weekend  
 Louisville

•November 14-17  
 Foreign Missions Study

•November 28-  
 December 5  
 Week of Prayer for  
 Foreign Missions and  
 Lottie Moon Offering

### DECEMBER

**Emphasis:**  
 Foreign Missions  
 Student Day at  
 Christmas

### KBC

•December 13-14  
 Executive Board Meeting  
 Middletown  
 Baptist Building

### Student

•December 18-31  
 Friendship International  
 House

•December 26  
 Student Day at Christmas

### WMU

•December 5  
 Foreign Missions Day in  
 Sunday School

## CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

To receive information or to register, check the appropriate boxes and mail the provided form below to:

Communications Office, Attn.: Denise H. Withers, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433

Sending a check? Unless otherwise specified, make your check out to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

### To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly  
 Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly

### Church Music

- Kentucky Baptist All State  
 Children's Choir  
 State Handbell Festival  
 Regional Keyboard Festivals  
 State Youth Choir Festival

### Evangelism

- Cooperative Ministries  
 Evangelism Clinic

### Partnership Missions

- Russia

### Student

- Youth Celebration

### To Register

#### Minister/Church Support

\$15 pre-registration fee

- Ministers' Wives Retreats

#### Family Ministry

\$10 per person registration fee

- Haworth Conference

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

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

# CHURCHES

## Hemphill calls Sunday school church growth tool

Continued from page 1  
confused fellowship with cliquishness and elitism."

Too many churches have lost the vision for how Sunday school ought to work, he declared. But churches frustrated by lack of growth don't need to quit doing Sunday school, they need to repent, he said.

Churches must use the Sunday school as a tool to fulfill the Great Commission, Hemphill said.

This will be done only when the congregation realizes the church does not belong to anyone but Jesus Christ. "It is not the pastor's church, not the deacons' church, not the people's church, it is his church. It does not belong to us.

"The only question is, 'What does Jesus want the church to be?'"

The foundation for making the church what Jesus wants it to be is prayer, he continued. "Marketing methods and strategies do not grow the church. The Living God grows the church."

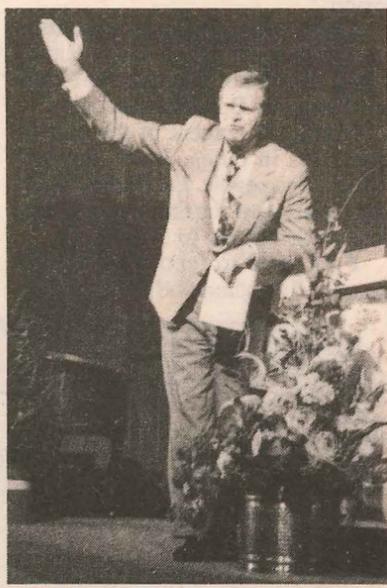
Intensive prayer must focus on those who need to know Jesus Christ and the ministries of the church, Hemphill said. He explained most of the praying that goes on in Baptist churches amounts to "organ recitals."

"We spend more time praying to keep people out of heaven who are

ready to go than praying to keep people out of hell who are about to leave."

Other advice from Hemphill:

■ Don't get confused between whether cell groups or Sunday school works best. "A Sunday school class is a cell group that meets inside your



**STRAIGHT TALK** Church growth consultant Ken Hemphill speaks during the State Sunday School Convention.

church building at a specified hour. A cell group is a Sunday school class that meets outside your building at another time. Big deal!"

■ Pastors need to realize that nearly half of Southern Baptist churches are of the size and structure that requires laypeople to take more active roles in running the church. Some program models used by larger churches with multiple staff members may not transfer well to these smaller churches, he warned.

■ As a church grows in size, the pastor must be willing to give up more ministry tasks to laypeople in order to keep the administration of the church running.

■ Pastors have a responsibility to educate their members about the purpose of the church. A survey among Baptists in one state found about 90 percent of pastors believe the church exists to fulfill the Great Commission. But only 20 percent of laity identified the same purpose. Most laypeople said they believe the church exists to meet their spiritual needs, he reported. Understanding the church's mission is "the most critical lacking element in church growth."

■ Important ingredients in growing churches include meaningful worship, powerful prayer, healthy community relationships, relevant Bible

### 7 characteristics of effective churches

FLORENCE—Highly effective churches share seven common characteristics, according to Ken Hemphill:

■ **Supernatural empowerment.** "If God's hand is not on your class or your church, it doesn't really matter how you organize it; it's not going to flourish. If there's not anything happening in your church or Sunday school that causes people to see the grace of God, you're not having supernatural power."

■ **Serious prayer and powerful praise.**

■ **Leadership.** "The right kind of leader is a Great Commission-conscious person who is committed to do whatever is necessary to grow the church. ... If you have a leadership problem it is not a recruitment issue, it is a prayer issue."

■ **Model kingdom living.** "The world is desperately seeking authentic community." Hemphill said there are five relationships requiring attention in churches: pastor to God, people to God, pastor to people, people to pastor, and people to people.

■ **God-sized vision.** "Vision is the igniting point of any great church." It is important for churches not to be living in the past or caught up in the problems of the present, he explained.

■ **Take seriously Bible study and discipleship.**

■ **Passion for the lost.**

teaching, intentional evangelism, purposeful missions involvement and ongoing discipling ministries.

## Convention offers practical tips for Sunday schools

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

FLORENCE—An effective outreach program in any Sunday school must include a variety of tools, according to Neil Jackson.

Jackson, a Sunday school consultant recently retired from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, spoke about innovative outreach ideas during the State Sunday School Convention in Florence Oct. 8-9.

A fundamental key to outreach is the prospect file, Jackson said. He suggests a church should maintain a file of prospects equal to the number of people enrolled in Sunday school.

Those prospects should be contacted over an extended period by a variety of people using a variety of methods, Jackson continued.

Here are a few ideas Jackson said have worked in Southern Baptist churches:

■ **Prayer prospect for month.**

Take information from the prospect files for a class and put it on 3-by-5-inch cards. On the first Sunday of a month, circulate the stack through the class and allow each member to take one card.

Ask those members to post the card in a highly visible place and pray for that prospect every time they see the card for one month. Also, ask members to pray, "Lord, what can I do for this person?"

Jackson told about a woman in Louisiana who posted her prospect card in the kitchen. One day while baking a cake she saw the card and began to pray, "Lord, what can I do for this person?"

She realized she could take a cake to the prospect, Jackson recalled. The cake was delivered, a contact was made, and the prospect soon afterward became a Christian and active member of the church, he said.

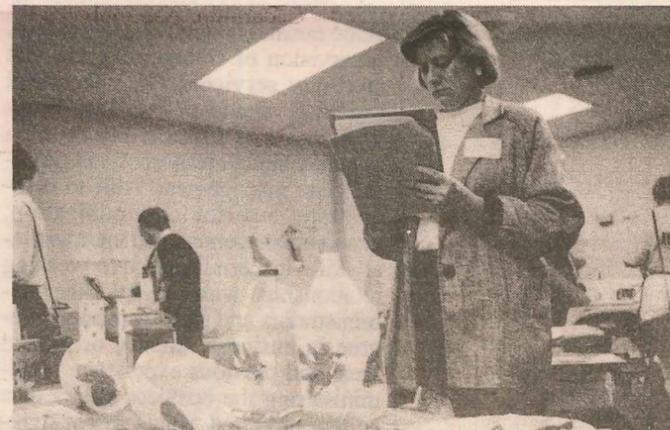
■ **Prospect 777.** Make a wall chart for each class with a list of pros-

pects for that class and several columns to the right of the names. Ask each class member to pick one prospect name to be their responsibility for one month.

Then ask each member to write a postcard to that prospect the first week, make a phone call the second week, and make a home visit the third week. This means during the course of a month, each prospect will receive three contacts.

Chart each activity. Then allow class members to choose new assignments at the end of each one-month cycle, over a total period of seven months. When the project is complete, every prospect should have received seven postcards, seven phone calls and seven home visits—all from seven different people.

■ **Hand of fellowship.** This is an idea for inreach among class members, Jackson explained. Hand out sheets of paper to each person present. Ask each to trace the outline of his or



her hand on that sheet and then write on each of the fingers name; address; city, state and ZIP; telephone number; birthdate.

Collect the sheets and then redistribute them among the class. Ask each member to make a personal contact with that person once a week for a month.

**IDEA SHOPPING** Lyda Russell of Liberty Baptist Church in Ashland jots down notes while browsing through a resource room full of ideas for teaching young children.

## Baptists can reach baby buster generation, speaker says

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

FLORENCE—Baptist churches can reach "baby busters" if they will attempt to understand how this generation thinks and what they are seeking, according to Jeff Hicks.

Hicks, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday school department, led a session on reaching baby busters during the State Sunday School Convention in Florence.

Baby busters are the generation born after the baby boomers. Busters generally are considered to be those born after 1964 and before 1980.

Hicks said busters tend to be self-oriented, pseudo-conservative in politics, competitive socially, situational in approach to ethics, see little hope for achieving the standard of living of their parents, and like to spend discretionary income on high-tech gadgets for work and fun.

Busters have been influenced heavily by television, even in their understanding of religion, he continued. "They have been impacted by TV evangelists ... and tend to see all religion as like what they see on TV."

Further, busters are more prone to ask, "Whose god is God?" rather than "Is there a God?" Hicks said. He ex-

plained that this generation is more open than past generations to the influence of cults, sects and Eastern religions.

Hicks offered several suggestions for churches desiring to reach busters:

■ **Help them affirm God's call on their lives, to know that God loves them and is with them.**

■ **Affirm their value as individuals.**

■ **Offer contemporary, credible and creative worship.** This can be done through a blended approach that does not require churches to abandon everything they currently do, he said. "It's not an either/or but a both/and."

■ **Offer small groups that are rele-**

vant and real.

■ **Realize that busters learn best experientially, through opportunities for dialogue and feedback.** Lecture-style Bible study classes are not effective with this generation, he said.

■ **Help busters develop relational skills and life skills as well as helping them grow as Christians.**

■ **Be a coach, not a boss, in guiding busters.**

■ **Allow busters to gain ownership of church programs and ministries by valuing their involvement and input.**

■ **Create opportunities for ministry and help busters find ways to become personally involved.**

## Brotherhood convention highlights families on mission

**"Kentucky Baptists represent a model of what Brotherhood work is all about. I commend you for the faithfulness of your testimony."**  
*Jim Williams, executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission*

*Continued from page 1*

ministered in the country. "You ought to go to Russia," Doughty insisted. "They need to see the gospel. When you go in and build a building, they see the gospel transformed. ... People are going to be changed, and you have the opportunity to take part in it. Go with God's love."

Kentucky Baptist laypeople also need to go into their own communities with God's love, stressed KBC Evangelism Director Bill Jagers, who described how to "witness without fear."

Among other presentations, convention participants:

■ Heard testimonies regarding the

Kentucky Brotherhood "wheel." The wheel is part-logo, part-organization chart, part-motivational tool. The hub of the wheel is missions education; its spokes are a wide variety of mission activities and programs; the rim represents direct contact with the world and its needs.

"It's a working organizational structure that can keep us all on the mark when it comes to missions," said Carl Powell of Richmond, immediate past president of the state Brotherhood. He urged church groups to modify their own Brotherhood structures to reflect the abilities of their own members.

■ Learned some ideas for creating interest in Brotherhood from Terry

Sills of Hardin, director of missions for Blood River Baptist Association. He described activities that have attracted people to Brotherhood, but he offered three points of advice: "Look at people's gifts. Pray for leaders. Depend on pastors who have mission vision."

■ Received a challenge to minister in Kentucky's cities from Randy Jones, director of missions for Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

Noting 75 percent of the population lives in cities, Jones stressed: "God loves people. People live in cities. Christ died for those people, and Jesus sends us out to them."

■ Listened to reports on various phases of Brotherhood work in Ken-

tucky from Associate Director John Lott and Consultant Rick Lucas, and also heard about sports ministry from Jerry Vittitoe of Louisville and families on mission from Jerry and Etta Butcher of Franklin.

■ Dedicated a new command center and child care trailer for the Kentucky Brotherhood disaster relief unit. The additions mean Kentucky's disaster relief equipment is "the finest in the country," said Jim Furgerson, national Brotherhood disaster relief coordinator.

■ Re-elected state President Randall Rogers of Greensburg and Vice President Richard Easterling of Liberty, and voted to fill 37 other leadership slots.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music/youth. Send resumé to: Calvary Baptist Church, 111 N. McWhorter St., London, KY 40741-1379, Attention: Music Committee.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister. Church in small community; resident membership 109. Send resumé and references to: Pastor Search Committee, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Main St., Mt. Olivet, KY 41064.

**SEEKING:** Hannibal-LaGrange College, a Baptist college with an enrollment of over 900, seeks a chief fiscal officer whose responsibilities include business operations, personnel, supervision of college facilities and auxiliary services. The successful candidate should possess significant knowledge of finance, information systems, human resources and physical plant management. Able to demonstrate superior communication, general management and interpersonal skills to permit effective working relationships with faculty, other administrators and staff. A master's degree in business, finance or related area; and previous experience in administering the business affairs of a college preferred. Send letter of application, resumé and three letters of recommendation by December 1, 1993, to: Paul Brown, president, Hannibal-LaGrange College, 2800 Palmyra Rd., Hannibal, MO 63401.

**WANTED:** North Fork Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Ky., needs pews. Call Keith Joseph, (606) 279-2199, or Phil Bentley, 633-2051.

**FOR SALE:** 15-passenger vans: rear air, two 94s, one 92, two 91s, one 90 and four older ones. Special prices to churches. 40 vans and pickups in stock. Frankfort Chrysler (800) 289-8223.

**FOSTER FAMILIES:** Open your heart and your home to a teenage girl in need. Maryhurst Treatment Programs for Adolescent Girls is looking for adults with Christian values to serve as foster parents. Both full-time and part-time foster parents are needed. Excellent compensation and support are provided. Please call Pam Duncan or Becky Kersting today at (502) 245-1576.

**FOR SALE:** Accepting bids on a 1975, 66-passenger Ford bus, in good condition. It has a new V-8 Ford engine with low mileage. Send bids to Central Grove Baptist Church, Route 1, Box 78, Albany, KY 42602. For more information, call (606) 387-7898.

**WANTED:** First Baptist, Calvert City, Ky., seeks minister of youth and family enrichment to plan and implement a comprehensive youth and family ministry. Candidates should have college and seminary degrees. Send resumé to: Ray Tucker, Search Committee Chairman, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 366, Calvert City, KY 42029.

**RETREATS:** Bud's Lake, I-65, exit 81, Sonora, Ky. (502) 324-3036. Dormitories, kitchen, gym, swimming and campground. Year-round Christian fun.

### INDONESIA Missions in Transition

In the midst of great change, Southern Baptists are working to find new ways to share the gospel in this predominantly Muslim land. Find out more about missions in transition as your church family studies Indonesia. For more information, contact your WMU Director.



**1993 Foreign Mission Study**

*Explore the Beauty of Broadmoor Gardens*

We invite you to relax and rediscover the wonders of nature:

- \* Rose gardens
- \* Animal topiaries
- \* Water gardens
- \* Perennial gardens
- \* Brilliant fall foliage
- \* Two-mile wooded nature trail with wildflowers
- \* White & black swans
- \* Gift shop and picnic area

**Directions:** From Louisville, take Gene Snyder Freeway West to intersection with 31W. Exit left, drive 15 miles. Exit on US 60 West, travel 15 miles. Sign posted at entrance.  
**Hours:** Fri., Sat., Sun., noon-6:00 EDT.  
**Adm.:** Adults: \$5; children (12 & under): \$3. Phone: (502) 547-4200. Groups & tour buses accommodated with reservations.

**Broadmoor Gardens and Conservatory**  
 US 60 Irvington, Ky.

### Saying 'Thank you'

Believe it or not, the Thanksgiving season is almost here. Upon realizing this the other day, I began thinking about how I express my thanks to God. Hopefully, we as Baptists give thanks to God each day for his tremendous gifts. I try to remember to give thanks daily for the blessings of life. Yet, though I say through my prayers almost routinely that I appreciate his love and blessings, I fear that many times I fail to express my thankfulness.

One meaningful way that I and many other Kentucky Baptists have found to express thanks to God is through giving to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's annual Thanksgiving Offering. We certainly cannot hope to repay God for all that he has done and he doesn't ask that of us, but what better way is there to say "thank you" for all of God's blessings than by helping boys and girls in need of hope and healing?

The gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering this past year allowed Kentucky Baptists to help Kevin. Before that, at a time in his life when he should have been enjoying elementary school, playing ball and having fun with his friends, he

was living in constant fear. When his father was angry, he would leave Kevin tied up with the dogs. His mother would deny him food. Both parents withheld the love that every little boy needs and deserves.

The gifts also provided help to Jennifer. As a young teen, she was abused and violated by her father in a way that no child should ever be. She became pregnant through his abuse, only to lose the baby through miscarriage. She longed desperately for someone to take care of her, love her, and give her a safe place to heal. She found that place of love and safety through Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Kevin and Jennifer were just two of more than 700 helped this past year in Christ's name because of Kentucky Baptists' gifts of thanksgiving. Those who gave found a wonderful way to say "thank you" to the Lord by reaching out to others in his name. Those helped got to see God's love in action.

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

*Paid Column*

### HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Curtis C. Mooney

## Super Saturday attendance up

The second year of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Super Saturdays topped the first.

A record 1,714 Kentucky Baptists participated in the church leadership conferences, held across the state on six Saturdays in August and September.

"The people are beginning to buy into the concept," said Vernon Cole, director of the KBC church growth and administration division, which sponsored the Super Saturdays. Last year, 1,635 people attended the conferences.

A key element in the increase was wider participation from the district associations, Cole added. This year, 58 of the KBC's 77 associations were represented, an increase of about 12 to 15 associations from last year.

Most participants seemed to agree with Cole's assessment. Asked to rank the conference on a 1-to-10 scale, with 10 signifying "excellent," most checked from 7 to 9, with a few 10s and 6s.

## Pastor's story featured on 'Rescue 911'

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer

NANCY—The story of a Kentucky pastor's brush with death at the hands of a burglar will be featured on the television program "Rescue 911" Oct. 26.

After six surgeries, threats of a leg amputation and months of physical therapy, Osman received his medical "walking papers" July 4, 1993, releasing him to return to full-time pastoral responsibilities.

The Jan. 21, 1992, attack that led to his medical problems is a story Osman said he won't ever forget.

Returning from routine visits to members of his church, Bethlehem Baptist in Nancy, he discovered a broken window at his home and immediately called 911 emergency services. While on the telephone, he said, he realized someone else was in the house.

Osman said he then picked up a .22-caliber pistol he uses for hunting.

"The man was running up the steps toward me," he explained. "I yelled for him to stop, but he didn't. I couldn't shoot him."

As a result, Osman continued, "We wrestled with the gun for a while, and he ended up shooting me

in the left leg," shattering bone, artery and nerve.

Although the 911 emergency personnel still were on the telephone and could send assistance immediately, the first person to reach the pastor was J.C. Tartar, a church member who lived nearby.

Osman said church members from Bethlehem Baptist played a significant role in his recovery.

"It's all because the people prayed," he said. More than 100 people gathered in the Somerset hospital waiting room to pray for the pastor during the crucial hours immediately after the injury.

Later, members reassured him of their support, he said. "They told me if it were one year, two years—whatever—they'd stick behind me."

Receiving regular visits and phone calls from his congregation, while somewhat of a role reversal, encouraged Osman and helped members take a more active role in ministry, he said.

"The church has prospered during this time," he added. "They've taken care of things; they've done the ministry."

The church, which averages about 150 in worship, added 26 new members during the interim time, Osman

explained.

Although he was "totally disabled" for more than a year, Osman said, he could not stay completely away from the pulpit.

From his wheelchair five days after he left the hospital, the pastor performed a double wedding ceremony for his son and daughter.

"They rolled me in, I performed the ceremony and then they rolled me back to bed," he explained. "That was a real blessing."

Also during the interim time, Osman was involved in police investigations and a trial.

Rather than advocating the strongest penalty for the man convicted of attacking him, Osman said, he requested a five-year probation that included mandatory church attendance.

That decision left the judge fuming and the Hollywood producers of "Rescue 911" puzzled: "In California, we shoot them back," they told me."

Nevertheless, the pastor insisted, he has "no regrets" about the decision.

"I didn't feel prison would help him," Osman explained. "The Lord changed my life around, and I believe this man could be changed, too. ... I felt like this was what the Lord would have me do."

## BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Royal Ambassadors** at Grassy Run Baptist Church in Williamstown wanted to do something to help flood victims in the Midwest, so they planned a walk-a-thon to raise money. The boys walked far enough to collect \$378, which was forwarded to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for flood relief.

■ **Campbellsville College** has begun construction on a \$110,000 courtyard project to connect the Science Building, Student Union Building and Student Activities Center. The addition is a gift from college trustees.

■ **Severns Valley Baptist Church** in Elizabethtown is a model of the good relationships being built between Kentucky and Ohio Baptist churches through the Kentucky-Ohio partnership, says Henry Johns of the Ohio Baptist convention. Severns Valley has been helping Baptists in Ohio since 1968 and has provided more than \$100,000 in direct assistance, Johns reported. Severns Valley also has been instrumental in starting several new congregations in Ohio, he added.

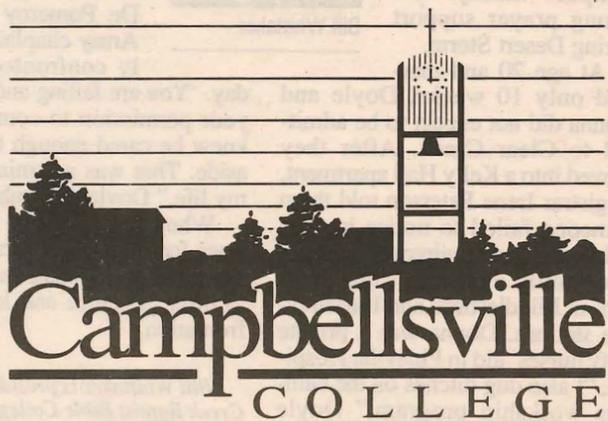
*What's Better than a  
Hot Breakfast and  
a Great Time?*

*A Breakfast Hosted by  
Campbellsville College!*

Elizabethtown Holiday Inn—North  
Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 7 a.m.

Kentucky Baptist Convention

For reservations, contact:  
Office of Alumni Affairs by Nov. 12  
1-800-264-6014



## To Russia



## With Love

Are Southern Baptists working in Russia and her sister republics? You can count on it.

More than a dozen career missionary couples are assigned to the Commonwealth of Independent States. Evangelizing, planting and developing churches, training disciples and Sunday School leaders. In the two years since communism fell, more than 500 Southern Baptists have volunteered through the Foreign Mission Board to help with these needs.

Thanks, Southern Baptists, for a job well done.  
What a joy to show God's love!



YOUR BRIDGE TO THE WORLD

## KENTUCKY KERNELS

Kentucky Baptists' three liberal arts schools have graduated more than 28,000 students since their founding.  
Source: *Southern Baptist Handbook 1993*

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Eastwood Church is celebrating its 40th anniversary Nov. 21, beginning with a morning service led by Pastor **Paul Welch**. Potluck lunch will follow, and then a service led by **Franklin Paschal** of Nashville. Several former pastors will attend. Friends and former members are invited.

■ **CAMPBELLSBURG**—Providence Church celebrated its homecoming Sept. 26-29, with revival services led by former pastor **Bryan Courtney**.

■ **CARROLLTON**—First Church has scheduled a fall revival Oct. 31-Nov. 4, with evangelist **Al Green**, missionary in Argentina. Music evangelist will be **Jerry Cauley** of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria, La.

■ **COLD SPRING**—First Church called **Arnold Rider** as minister of outreach.

■ **CORBIN**—Hopewell Church celebrated its 100th anniversary with special services and a church-wide dinner. Director of Missions **Janus Jones** led the service.

Oak Grove Church celebrated its 75th anniversary with revival services led by several former pastors.

■ **COVINGTON**—First Covington Church called **George Stagg** as pastor.

■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church ordained **Larry Adams, Zoltan Bogdan, Joyce Griffin, David**

**Lane and Len Webb** as deacons Sept. 26.

■ **DAYTON**—**Lou Lightfoot** retired as pastor of East Dayton Church Sept. 5.

■ **EMINENCE**—Eminence Church ordained **Charles Westrick** as deacon Oct. 3.

■ **HARLAN**—Harlan Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary Oct. 23-24.

■ **IRVINE**—First Church called **Sherl Thomas** as pastor.

■ **LAGRANGE**—DeHaven Memorial Church called **Tony Rose** as pastor. Rose formerly was pastor of Lake Worth Church near West Palm Beach, Fla.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**Art and Michelle Turner**, co-ministers for students and church activities at Melbourne Heights Church resigned because he has been called to First Church of Mount Washington as full-time minister for youth and young adults.

Walnut Street Church called **Steve Branch** as minister to students. Also, **Susan Bowles** was called as minister to children.

Hillview Church has opened a child care center for ages six weeks and up. The child care center is open from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (502) 448-9198.

■ **MURRAY**—**R.P. Hodge** resigned as minister of youth and education at First Church to become minister of



**HONORARY DEGREES** Cumberland College President James Taylor (left) poses with three people who received honorary degrees from the school Oct. 11. They are John Rice Irwin, former executive director of the Tennessee Appalachia Educational Cooperative; Emma McPherson, former professor and dean of students at Cumberland; and Lyman Ginger, executive director of Cardinal Hill Hospital and a former dean at the University of Kentucky as well as superintendent of public instruction in Kentucky.

youth at Second Church in Richmond, Va.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Third Church ordained **Lee Hambleton, Dwight Lovan, James Hicks and John Williams** as deacons Oct. 3. **J.R. Alender, James Browning, John Morgan, Allen Pennington and Emmitt Newbolt** were recognized as deacons emeritus.

■ **PADUCAH**—First Church called **Kevin McCallon**, pastor of Eastern Hills Church in Montgomery, Ala., as pastor. First Church also will sponsor its second annual women's conference, "Faith Walking in a Runner's World," at the church Nov. 12-14. Author and lecturer **Jan Carlberg** will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$25 for registrations postmarked by

Nov. 5 and \$35 for registrations postmarked later. For more information, call Kathy Rutherford at (502) 443-8167 or Faye Hughes at (502) 554-7093.

■ **RICHMOND**—Approximately 130 members and friends of Eastside Bethel Church participated in a groundbreaking celebration Sept. 26. The new addition will be 8,800 square feet, and will house a 300-seat worship center, along with 13 classrooms and three offices. Projected date of completion will be Feb. 1994.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Northside Church celebrated homecoming Oct. 10.

Central Church called **Mark Terry**, a professor at Southern Seminary, as interim pastor.

## Our maintenance men pray together

Six of our maintenance men, their wives and 10 children, had a two-day retreat together at the end of our fall break. It was held in the Oneida Retreat House bought a year ago at Clefrock in Rockcastle County, located in 500 acres of woodland.

David Foley, who has been our maintenance head the past 14 months, came up with the idea. He leads these men in a 30-minute Bible study and prayer as they begin each day. But this was the first time in our 94-year history for this department to have such a two-day outing with one another and their families.

They hiked, played various games and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs outside.

On Saturday evening I joined them after a day with guests on the Oneida campus. When I arrived, they were grilling steaks raised on our farm. We had a feast, and I returned to Oneida a little after midnight.

The rest of the group settled in for a sound sleep, hearty breakfast, and then worshipped together there in the woods.

Before their retreat, our maintenance staff had worked hard doing many things easier to do when nearly everyone is gone. They did some carpentry, plumbing, road work, etc.

In the meantime, our farm manager and assistant manager, some of our older boys and several Mennonite volunteers put the rafters on a 160-foot barn that will house 100 sows and eight boars.

I traveled, with another staff member, to speak at Central Association and then visited one of our '93 graduates on his college campus. He had been hospitalized for five days and we went to check

on him. He came to us as a small sixth-grader and was our student for seven years. We took him out to dinner.

We got back to OBI in time to greet several guests who came to visit for two days, one from Wisconsin making her first visit.

Other visitors showed up throughout the week, some making first-time visits. One was a student who came to us 18 years ago and had not been back in 13 years. That was a lot of fun.

Besides over 500 students returning on Sunday with their parents, we also hosted over 100 guests, the majority here for the first time. We finished with the last one about 9 p.m.

Monday, I spoke at Salem Baptist Church near Brandenburg. It was a wonderful trip, a fine time with the messengers, the usual great meal that is a part of such annual meetings. On the way home I got to visit with former Oneida pastor Joel Rackley, now pastor of Bethlehem Church near Springfield. He and his wife were with us 13 years.

Also, I visited more than an hour in the home of their next door neighbors, Joy and Oliver Hawkins, who served with me here at OBI for 15 years. Oliver is now the director of missions for Central Association.

Tonight I have been to prayer meeting. A young lady made her profession of faith and a young man came under the watchcare of the church.

Our girls' varsity volleyball team defeated Boyle County tonight in our last home meet, making a 6-6 season before the regional tournament.

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

### ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

Paid Column

## Chaplain to White House Marines

Decisions made in the White House put Doyle Dunn in the front lines of Desert Storm. The chaplain now ministers to the 1,500 Marines who work at the White House and Camp David. "Some chaplain assignments are heavy with administration, but mine offers excellent ministry to Marines in a high stress position. Working around the president, they are expected to be perfect. That affects every relationship, including how they think God feels about them," Doyle said.

The Dunns included Clear Creek in a two-week vacation, their first visit since his 1983 graduation. He had the opportunity to thank the campus family for strong prayer support during Desert Storm.

At age 20 and married only 10 weeks, Doyle and Donna did not expect to be admitted to Clear Creek. After they moved into a Kelly Hall apartment, Registrar Irene Peterson told them someone failed to notice he was below the age requirement. School and family expenses came from jobs in Middlesboro and Harlan radio stations. Donna was a private duty nurse's aid in Pineville Hospital. "I also dug ditches on the campus workshop program," Doyle added. He later became pastor of

First Baptist, Harrogate, Tenn.

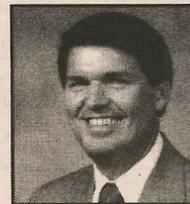
"Although I was a pastor's son, I came to Clear Creek without much understanding of who God is and what I was to do. Of all the places I have studied and lived, Clear Creek provided the core of who I am and what I do for Christ," Doyle affirmed. Donna appreciated the fellowship and caring of campus people. "The practical Bible teaching has stayed with me." The family now includes Rachel, 14, Adriel, 12, and Emily, 9.

Discipline and Marines are synonymous, but Doyle wasn't always that way. "At age 21, I was undisciplined. Many times I goofed off and made poor grades. Dr. Pomeroy (a former Army chaplain) lovingly confronted me one day. 'You are failing and may lose your permission to come back.' I knew he cared enough to take me aside. That was a turning point in my life," Doyle remembers.

When one of those 1,500 Marines faces a critical turning point, I'm grateful Chaplain Dunn is there to offer guidance and loving confrontation.

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Paid Column

## Missionaries can't go, but support 'Angel of Beirut'

By Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP)—Sixteen years of civil war have ended in Lebanon, but angels remain a scarce commodity.

That's why hundreds of people across Beirut consider themselves lucky—or blessed—to know Baptist worker Maria Daoud. Some call her the "Angel of Beirut."

A trained physical therapist, she spends her days zigzagging across the battle-scarred city to help the physically handicapped. Some patients have war wounds; others have birth defects, nerve disorders or injuries.

The combination of exercise, manipulation and coaching she administers through physical therapy can mean the difference between walking and being paralyzed, between self-sufficiency and being bedridden.

Beirut is a city ripped to its core by Christian-Muslim hatreds and dozens of factions that once fought to the death. Daoud moves with caution, but drives her battered, shrapnel-pocked 1975 Volkswagen across the congested city without regard to borders. She lives in Ain Saade, a mountain town overlooking Beirut.

"I go anywhere I'm needed," she said matter-of-factly. Going where she's needed often means trekking to the top of apartment buildings where elevators don't work. Lengthy stair climbs are a part of the travel time—and fatigue factor.

"I see about seven or eight people a day, which is a lot because I have to go from one place to another," said the 35-year-old therapist, a longtime member of Mansourieh Baptist Church. "Beirut is very crowded, and it's time-consuming to move through

the city."

Lebanese can get such therapy for free at government hospitals or health clinics. But many of Daoud's patients are too handicapped to be moved; others are so poor they can't afford transportation. Lebanon's postwar economy is in shambles, caught up in runaway inflation that has eaten away at the currency. The deep economic crisis has hit the handicapped especially hard.

So when Daoud is referred to them by hospitals and helping agencies, they welcome her gladly.

A graduate of a physical therapy school that's now part of Lebanese University, she also studied in France, specializing in the treatment of scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. She teaches physical therapy weekly at the university. But most of her working days are spent in ministry.

Her ministry is funded by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board through its representatives assigned to Lebanon. Southern Baptist workers can't live in the country for the moment. The war and rash of kidnappings of Americans in the '80s led the U.S. government to declare Lebanon off-limits to anyone holding American passports. In February President Bill Clinton extended the ban for yet another year.

So when a survey of ministry needs in Beirut showed that many handicapped city residents badly needed physical therapy, the workers turned to Daoud.

"We missionaries contribute to her ministry personally because it's something we really believe in," said Frances Fuller, who directs Baptist Publications in Lebanon from her office in Cyprus.

Daoud's total ministry costs just

\$10,000 a year. Half that amount covers her modest salary and not-so-modest travel expenses. The rest buys food, supplies and medicine for her patients. Many are children.

"Some people are so poor they can't eat if I don't give them food or money for food," she said. "So I have to see them on a long-term basis, especially when there are neurological problems."

When Daoud visited one elderly woman for the first time, she found her living alone in a shack with cardboard walls. She had eaten only bread and tea for three days. Bedridden for months with a broken hip, her muscles were wasting away from lack of exercise. With Daoud's help, she now can walk. But Daoud still visits to feed her and bring medicine.

"This woman could be helped for \$60 a month. It's a little money, but sometimes it's not available," Daoud said.

One of her regular stops is a home for senior citizens. The care provided there leaves much to be desired.

"They tell her she's an angel for them, the light of their lives," missionary Fuller said of the aged patients. "They realize she's somebody who can pray for them, that she has some truth to share."

The missionary seeks prayer partners to pray for specific patients of Daoud's; they are amazed to hear someone in America or elsewhere is praying for their recovery. (Those interested can contact Fuller at P.O. Box 835, Larnaca, Cyprus.)

Along with her therapy and medical advice, Daoud hands out Bibles and pamphlets with a Christian message. "I do tell people about the Lord and sometimes they do respond," Daoud says.

She once walked into a nursing home room and a woman began crying, "I found him! I found him!"

"Who did you find?" Daoud asked, wondering if the woman was delirious.

"Jesus! I found Jesus!" the woman exclaimed happily.

Daoud had been leaving a cassette tape player with Christian messages for the bedridden woman to hear. Such stories highlight the nature of her ministry: The lame walk again and the lost come to walk in faith.



**ANGEL OF BEIRUT** Hundreds of people across Beirut consider themselves blessed to know Baptist worker Maria Daoud. Some call her an angel. A trained physical therapist, she spends her days zigzagging across the battle-scarred city to help the elderly, the poor, the wounded and handicapped and to spread the love of Jesus Christ. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

## Vietnamese Baptist worker's family finally reaches U.S.

By Jim Burton  
SBC Brotherhood Commission

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—With more than 40 people waiting to celebrate their arrival at the Memphis International Airport, the tearful family of Nguyen Son recently completed their long journey from communism to freedom.

The former business manager of the Vietnam Baptist mission looked healthy and hopeful as he greeted the former Southern Baptist missionaries with whom he once worked. He then met representatives of the Speedway Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis, which is sponsoring his family.

The Nguyens' arrival marked the end of a 10-year effort by many people to help the family, said James Kellum, director of refugee ministries with Memphis Leadership Foundation Inc.

"It hasn't been easy," said Kellum, a Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam from 1972-75. "It required some trips (by Southern Baptist missionaries and others) to the Vietnam Embassy in Thailand on their behalf."

Led to Jesus Christ in 1960 by now-retired Southern Baptist missionary Herman Hayes, Nguyen says he was the only Christian among his

Buddhist family. He soon began working for the Vietnam Baptist mission in various capacities ranging from secretary to accountant to business manager. His responsibilities included handling Southern Baptist missionary housing, visas and transportation.

Southern Baptist missionaries remained in Vietnam until April 1975, when South Vietnam surrendered to communist North Vietnam to end the Vietnam War. After the war, South Vietnam's "liberation" began.

That liberation meant two years of intense hardship for the Nguyens. Because of their association with the Vietnam Baptist mission, and more specifically with Americans, the communists considered them suspect, Nguyen said. For more than two years, he was unable to get a job.

Besides seizing all church property, much of which has Nguyen's name on the deeds, officials repeatedly required Nguyen to write his "personal data."

"I wrote that the missionaries came to Vietnam just to preach the Bible, and they were good to me," Nguyen said. "The communists wanted me to write a bad report of the missionaries."

"I did not change my idea," Nguyen

en said.

To buy food for the family, which included three small children, he sold all their household possessions, except their Bible, and nylon and plastic, which they used for bedding. Then in 1978, a friend helped him get a job at an ice company.

He began as a laborer. Nguyen believes that because he worked hard and proved to be an honest man, company officials promoted him to clerical and administrative positions. Eventually, he became the secretary of federal labor at the ice plant.

"That meant I had to take care of the workers' lives," Nguyen explained.

There, in his marketplace of communist Ho Chi Minh City, Nguyen lived out his Christian faith.

"Most of the laborers in the ice company knew that I am a Christian and because they know my life when I leave with them (after work)," Nguyen said in English. "I don't smoke or drink alcohol. They can tell I am a Christian because I am always smiling and trying to do things for them (as secretary of labor)."

Then from 1990 until his departure, Nguyen worked as the representative of missions agencies seeking to start social programs in Vietnam.

The employment stabilized his family, but other hardships persisted. With all church property seized, the communists allowed only one church in Ho Chi Minh City, Grace Baptist Church, to keep their property and meet.

Officials also required the Nguyen children to attend public schools, which taught communist doctrine, including the worship of Ho Chi Minh, Nguyen said.

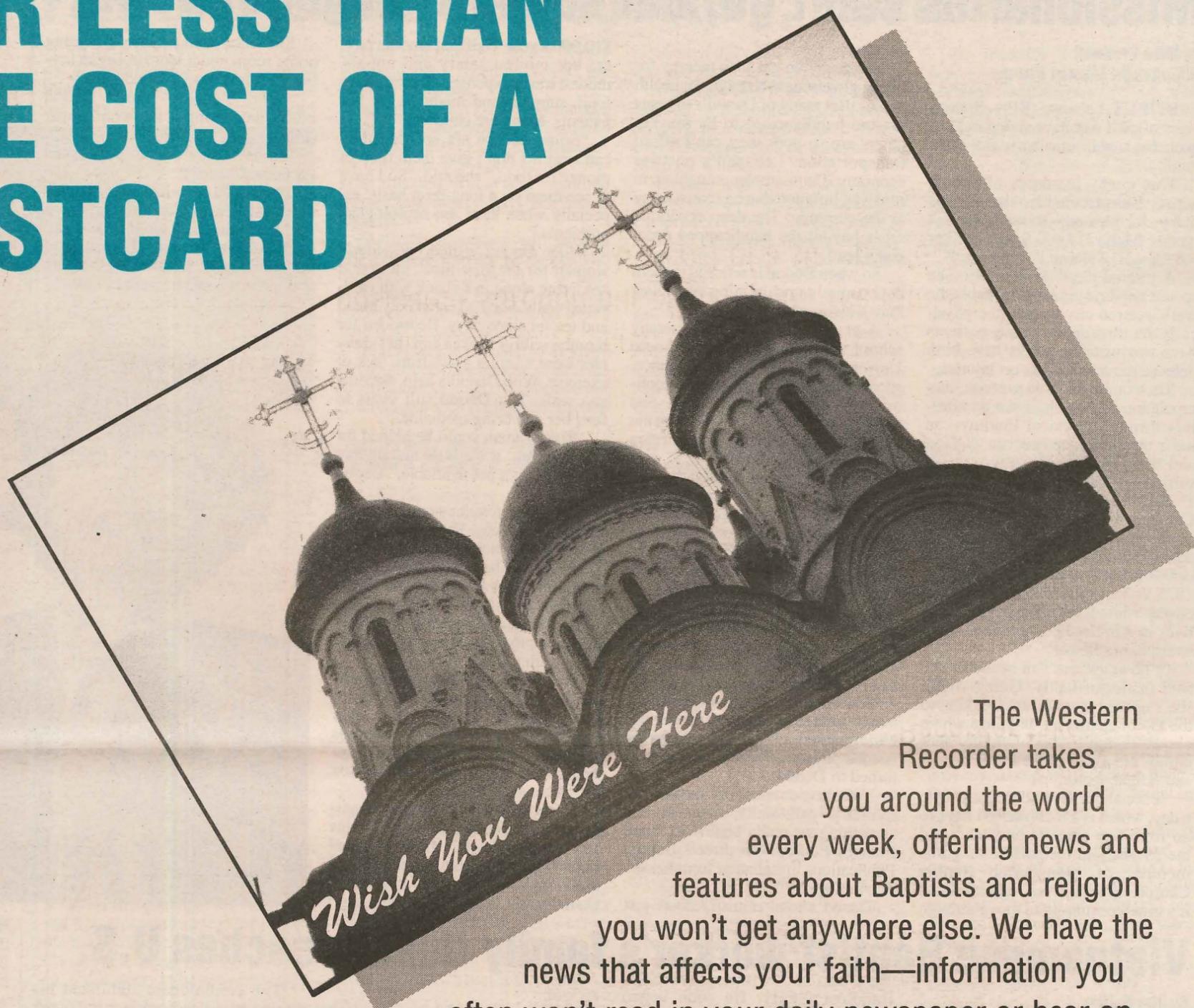
His daughter Tu, now 21, said that though the school taught there was no God, she learned about God at home. At 15, she became a Christian.

Still, the hardships have taken a toll. With one daughter now married to an Australian businessman and living in Ho Chi Minh City, the Nguyens decided they wanted to live where they could have more freedom and opportunity. But for Nguyen, the focus will still be Vietnam.

His dream is to someday return to Vietnam and help the mission reclaim its properties. With only one official church in Ho Chi Minh City, many Vietnamese Christians meet illegally in homes.

For now, the Nguyens begin their new life in Memphis. Nguyen has one simple request of Southern Baptists: "Please pray for my family."

# SEE THE WORLD ... FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF A POSTCARD



The Western Recorder takes you around the world every week, offering news and features about Baptists and religion you won't get anywhere else. We have the news that affects your faith—information you often won't read in your daily newspaper or hear on the evening news.

## For more information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please bill me for an individual subscription
- Send me information about the church plan

Clip and mail to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253, or call (502) 244-6470.

All this for only 17 cents a week—less than the cost of a postcard—through our church plan. The rate is just 21 cents per week—less than the cost of a stamp—for an individual subscription.

Don't be the last one to get on board. Use the form at left to subscribe today, either individually or as a group through your church. And don't forget about our church newsletter service, which combines your church news with our weekly package of world news for less than the cost of a postcard.