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PASTOR TO PILOTS Dwain Gregory (right), director of the Baptist Student Union at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., walks past a fighter jet and the academy chapel with cadets Dave McDaniel of Birmingham, Ala., and Adam Graham of Spartanburg, S.C. Gregory is a career missionary appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He also serves as director of student ministry for the Colorado Baptist General Convention. "I try to keep the ministry focused on discipleship and evangelism and lay the groundwork to help students discover God's call on their life," Gregory said. "The cadets end up in high-level positions all around the world. I really try to impress on them the importance of being a 'missionary' wherever they are." (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

Kentuckians put new twist on family ministry

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

PLEASUREVILLE—God can use cake decorators, mechanics and teen-agers to help fulfill his work in the world, a Kentucky Baptist family has discovered.

And with three mission trips in a seven-month period, Tommy, Kay and Melissa Rucker have put a new twist on the concept of "family ministry."

Last February, Tommy Rucker spent a week assisting hurricane victims in Louisiana. In July, his daughter Melissa joined other teen-agers from their church for a weeklong mission trip in Atlanta. Then in August, his wife, Kay, helped offer special training for poor women on the West Indies island of St. Lucia.

"It kind of happened accidentally," Rucker explained. "My wife and I had discussed on several occasions that we would like to ... go on a mission

trip." This year, "the opportunities presented themselves."

In fact, Henry County Association Director of Missions Pam Cobb explained, "Tommy Rucker was the one who initiated the trip to Louisiana."

Thirteen men from the association spent a week in a Louisiana bayou, helping repair Bayou Dularge Baptist Church, as well as several homes in the community.

Cobb said Rucker's skills as a mechanic enabled him to provide a special ministry to the bayou church.

The church owned a saw mill that had become a unique "ministry to the community," Cobb said. With it, the church "cut up logs and built homes for people—that's their outreach in that community."

But the mill, badly damaged by the storm, had been inoperable.

"Tommy is a mechanic, and while he was down there, he took the motors apart and put them back together," Cobb explained. "They were

Racism different but not dead, Baptists say

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—Racism has not disappeared but like a mutating virus is infecting a new generation of Americans in more subtle and insidious ways.

So said participants in a Baptist conference on race relations held Oct. 25-26 in Atlanta.

Some of those participants are veterans of the 1960s civil-rights movement, which won legal freedoms for American minorities. But the victories of the '60s did not eradicate racism, they said, but merely forced it to take on socially respectable forms.

"I think I have seen a resurgence of racism in the last 15 to 20 years," said Cynthia Tucker, columnist for the Atlanta Constitution.

While the racism of the '90s is more sophisticated, many said, the results are just as damaging.

The reality of racism has erupted on the public scene again, most notably through the Rodney King beating and other high-profile trials and race-related violence. That attention has reminded Americans of the tensions that lurk beneath society's veneer.

But racism in America does not present a simple picture, conference participants said. Instead, it is a complex mixture of prejudice and power, poverty, economic pressure and political stalemates.

Battling racism is "like wrestling with an octopus in a phone booth. How do you get a handle on it?" said Don Sharp, an African-American pastor from Chicago.

Tucker said the insidious side of modern racism can be seen in laws against cocaine use, which mete out stiffer penalties for crack cocaine, used predominantly by blacks, than for powder cocaine, the drug of choice for whites.

"The assumption is a black man on crack is more dangerous than a white man on (powder) cocaine," she told participants.

Many such distinctions in society are not deliberate racism but instead are based on prejudicial assumptions that infuse the American mindset, said Tucker, an African-American and a regular commentator on PBS' MacNeil-Lehrer Report.

"Racism begins with the premise that you know something about another human being

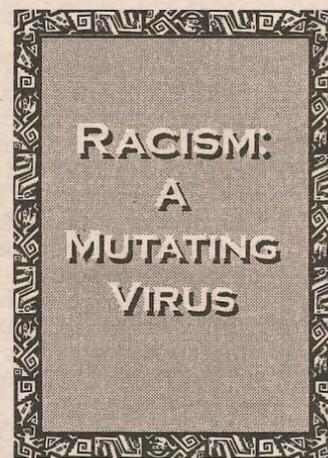
based solely on that person's racial or ethnic characteristics," she said.

Such thinking, she said, leads to prejudicial assumptions such as: all Jews are stingy; all blacks are criminals; all whites are racists.

"We pick up these notions by osmosis," she said.

Robert Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics, agreed racism is more subtle now. "We know overt racism is not socially acceptable, but covert racism is deep within the American soul," said Parham, whose organization sponsored the conference.

The two-day meeting—"The Church's Challenge in a Multi-racial and Multi-ethnic Society"—attracted 125 participants from nine states, including 11 from Kentucky. Most were non-whites, representing Africa. See Racism not dead ..., page 9



Girl Scouts make God optional

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—Girl Scouts no longer will be required to pledge service to God, leaders of the 2.6 million-member organization decided Oct. 23.

The decision, which takes effect immediately, keeps the official wording of the Girl Scout promise intact but allows individual scouts to substitute for "God" a word or phrase appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs.

The Girl Scout promise states: "On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout law."

Girl Scout councils have had trouble recruiting girls whose religious traditions do not include a Judeo-Christian concept of God, a spokeswoman said.

Sunday School Board launches women's ministry

"My vision for women's enrichment ministry is every woman in church walking intimately with the Lord, becoming women of prayer absorbed in Bible study, then reaching out to a hurting world of women."

Denise George

NASHVILLE—Plans for a new "women's enrichment ministry" have been announced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A Nov. 4 news release from the Sunday School Board said the new women's ministry will not compete with Woman's Missionary Union, the traditional women's organization in Southern Baptist churches.

However, national WMU leaders said they were not prepared to comment on the new development, since they had been informed of it only one day before the news release was issued and had not studied the Sunday School Board's specific plans.

Apparently, the one clear distinction between the new effort and WMU is missions education.

Missions education has been a primary focus of WMU since its founding in 1888. The Sunday School Board's new ministry will not include missions education, said Roy Edgemon, director of the Sunday School Board division where the women's ministry will be housed.

"We will not be involved in missions education at all," Edgemon said. "In fact, with this ministry we want to lift up and support missions education through WMU."

The new program will "help churches meet the obvious needs of

various ministries relating directly to women," he explained. "The churches have been speaking to us and consequently we are developing plans—ministry and materials—that will enable women to be better disciples of Christ."

The purpose statement for the new ministry is: "Women's ministry will provide churches with the best, most relevant programs, resources and services to meet the distinctive needs of women, enabling them to experience enrichment through their relationship with Christ. Women will be encouraged to reach their Christian potential through Bible-based study, prayer, worship, fellowship and evangelism. Women's ministry will undergird and support the total ministry and mission of local churches."

Despite the difference on missions education, several apparent similarities exist between the Sunday School Board's new venture and WMU.

Like the new venture, WMU's program traditionally has included Bible-based study, prayer, worship, fellowship and evangelism specifically for women.

And like the new program, WMU has been a publisher of literature specifically for women. WMU does not receive allocations from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified

budget, but supports itself as an auxiliary primarily through literature sales.

WMU literature traditionally has focused on missions and prayer. The auxiliary has been the primary supporter of missions education for women and children in Baptist churches, as well as the driving force behind annual offerings for the SBC's home and foreign mission boards.

A new, broadened scope for WMU announced last January adds greater emphasis on some "enrichment" areas generally perceived not to have been a part of WMU. For example, the national organization will identify one social issue each year for women to become involved with through hands-on activities.

New Hope Press, a relatively new publishing arm of WMU, has begun producing books on self-help and devotional issues.

Another similarity is that the Sunday School Board's new program will be directed out of Birmingham, home base for WMU.

The Sunday School Board has named Denise George, a speaker and author on women's issues, to a position as women's ministry enrichment specialist.

She will continue to live in Birmingham, where her husband, Timothy, is dean of the Beeson Divinity

School at Samford University.

Mrs. George has written for WMU publications in the past and said she "strongly supports WMU."

However, she said the new program will meet needs currently not being met for Baptist women.

"Women are crying out for enrichment resources, and the Sunday School Board is the natural place to come for such resources. Women have been calling from local churches asking for ... resources.

"My vision for women's enrichment ministry is every woman in church walking intimately with the Lord, becoming women of prayer absorbed in Bible study, then reaching out to a hurting world of women."

The Sunday School Board already has two women's resources in production, said Jay Johnston of the board staff.

One is "Journey: A Woman's Guide to Intimacy with God," a monthly devotional guide to be released in April 1994. The other is "God's Heart, God's Hand: Reaching Out to Wounded Women," a resource to help women reach out to other women in need of healing.

Written by News Director Mark Wingfield based in part on information provided through Baptist Press

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Historian killed.** John Loftis, 42, executive director of the Alabama Baptist Historical Commission, died Oct. 30 in an automobile accident in Birmingham, Ala. His 14-year-old daughter, Jessica, also died in the accident. Loftis was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

■ **Annuity Board acts.** Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board approved an increase in retirement benefits, lowered the deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums in the Comprehensive Medical Plan and raised maximum relief payments for needy retirees during a Nov. 1-2 meeting.

■ **Siler named to post.** George Siler has been named associate director of the World Changers program at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. He has been youth minister at First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala., since 1988. Before that, he served at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown for five years.

■ **Board has new recording label.** The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has formed a new recording label and signed its first vocal artists. "Genesis Records" has signed Amy Roth, singer of contemporary and inspirational music, and Friends IV, a Southern gospel group.

■ **Programs reach 600 million.** Radio programming by the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission is now accessible to a worldwide population of more than 600 million people, according to Ed Malone, RTVC vice president of radio services. "I am amazed at the doors that are opening because of the changing world geography," he said. "We are receiving requests and inquiries from countries that have been closed to us in the past."

■ **Rankin addresses students.** God is calling Christians to lift up Jesus Christ and make him known to a lost world, the new president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 28. "I am convinced that God is calling out the laborers, but the laborers are not hearing and the laborers are not responding," Jerry Rankin said.

Leazer says his firing was to appease Holly

ATLANTA (ABP)—Gary Leazer, the lead researcher in a controversial Southern Baptist study of Freemasonry, says he was fired from his Home Mission Board job primarily to appease a critic of the study, and not for insubordination, as his former boss has claimed.

Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis said Oct. 25 he asked for Leazer's resignation as assistant director of the board's interfaith witness department because Leazer disobeyed an order to refrain from any involvement with the Freemasonry issue after a demotion in March.

Lewis said Leazer was dismissed for "gross insubordination" after giving a speech to a Masonic group in Atlanta Aug. 6. But Leazer said he recalls no specific prohibition against speaking out on the issue.

In an interview last week with Jack Brymer of the Florida Baptist Witness, Leazer said HMB administrators were more concerned about backlash from Larry Holly, a Texas physician and leading critic of the study, than about the truthfulness of his research on Masons.

"Their concern was damage control, not truth," Leazer said of his first discussion of the study with Lewis and HMB Vice President Darrell Robinson, Leazer's supervisor.

Leazer said he believes the major reason for his dismissal is to try to pre-empt Holly's ongoing challenge to the HMB's study.

Holly suggested Leazer's theory has some merit.

"Gary Leazer was caught in the vortex of an administrative boondoggle," Holly said. "I believe to some degree Gary Leazer has been fired for doing the very thing he was instructed

to do: to bring out a report that would be as favorable to Masons as possible and throw out a bone" to critics of the Masons.

Holly said HMB trustees and administrators who were committed to avoiding a controversy over Freemasonry have only made the situation worse by accepting a flawed study. Now, he said, the Masonic issue "won't go away."

Lewis was unavailable to discuss Leazer's charges, but an HMB spokesman reiterated Lewis' position that Leazer was dismissed for insubordination and that the HMB is through with the Freemasonry issue.

Baptist Press news releases written last week by an HMB staffer detailed Lewis' charges that Leazer had been insubordinate by speaking to the Masonic group. However, those releases did not mention the specific criticisms Leazer made of Lewis and the HMB.

In his speech to the Masons, Leazer said that large portions of his initial report on Freemasonry were removed or heavily edited by Lewis.

Leazer said he tried to point out some of the "weak and misleading" information in an anti-Mason book written by Holly and in similar writings by televangelist John Ankerberg.

"After I submitted it the first time, I was accused of being overly critical of Dr. Holly's little book and subsequently asked to remove all of the references to him," Leazer said.

Lewis, he said, "took out much of the criticisms of the theories of Holly and Ankerberg but did not take out any of the criticisms of the weaknesses of Masons."

Lewis removed Leazer from the ad hoc committee preparing the study last February for what Lewis called

"inappropriate" comments Leazer made about the Freemasonry issue in a letter to a friend.

Later, according to Leazer, Holly called Lewis and said he had learned of another letter which Leazer supposedly had written to a Mason. As a result, Lewis conducted his own investigation, sending two staff members to Leazer's office and home to remove and examine all of his correspondence.

Leazer told the Masonic group he signed a release allowing the search and seizure "because I had nothing to hide." The administrators discovered "two or three" letters they deemed "inappropriate," Leazer said. "Primarily, their concern was that I had encouraged several Masons to go to the Southern Baptist Convention and vote their conscience."

Leazer said he was "officially" asked to step down as director of the interfaith witness department in early March. "Unofficially," he said he was told that if he did not step down, some board members would attempt to have him dismissed.

Lewis was unavailable for comment on these issues as well. However, in last week's Baptist Press stories about Leazer's dismissal, Lewis criticized Leazer's speech but did not attempt to rebut Leazer's statements about the search of his home and office or the editing procedures used in the study.

Of his dismissal, Leazer said he is angry but not unhappy.

"I was ready to leave the HMB," he said. "I just felt that I had done about all the work I was able to do in good conscience. With all the politics and control, I couldn't continue to do this and live with myself."

One-room schoolhouse has new resort ministry

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG—Spiritual lessons still are being learned in Kentucky's last one-room schoolhouse.

Since 1964, Pearl and Leo Watts, members of First Baptist Church in Allen, had directed Daniel's Creek Mission, a mission Sunday school that met at the schoolhouse.

In addition to the weekly 9 a.m. meetings, vacation Bible school and special Christmas programs were popular annual events.

But last year the historical society of Floyd County bought the facility to renovate and preserve it. It was moved to the Pines Area Campground at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg.

"We had our last Sunday school meeting April 5," 1992, Pearl Watts said. "It was very difficult. It had been the only Sunday school in the community. We had a lot of precious years of work there."

Convinced that their work with the mission truly was "history," Leo and Pearl Watts turned their attention to other ministry at First Baptist.

"We just worked in our own church here," Watts continued. "My husband and I visit shut-ins. We try to take Wednesdays, and see about three each day."

However, Pastor French Harmon wasn't sure the last class necessarily had been dismissed from the little schoolhouse. He considered holding a non-denominational worship service there for visitors to the state park.

"In January, I wrote a letter to the state park director, who turned it over to the recreational director," Harmon explained. The results were positive. "We don't consider it recreational, but it gave (the park) another event for campers to enjoy."

So from Memorial Day until Labor Day, about 15 church members joined campers for an hour-long service beginning at 8:30 a.m. Harmon preached briefly and Music Director

Dee White led the music, accompanied by guitars.

The Sunday morning services were publicized in the lodge and recreational newsletter at the park.

"We had a wonderful response from the campers," Harmon said. Attendance averaged about 50 each Sunday and included visitors from 15 states and Canada.

"A lot of times, people go on vacation wanting to get out of the routine—to rest and relax," Harmon said. "God is not foremost on their minds."

Others, however, "are Christians who don't want to not go to church" but don't pack dress clothes or know where churches are while they're on vacation, the pastor continued.

"This opportunity allows them to come as they are and be exposed to the worship of God," he explained.

The schoolhouse is within easy walking distance of the campground.

The summer ministry also was beneficial to members at First Baptist, Harmon added. "It energized our con-

gregation during the summer to be involved in missions."

The Wattses were especially eager to participate in the ministry and added a personal touch, Harmon said.

"Leo and Pearl Watts personify what the school ministry has been—love and care," he said. "Every Sunday morning, they got there before the service with refreshments and greeted the visitors. They were gracious hosts."

Although the Wattses had remained active after the Sunday school mission closed, "The twinkle and glimmer in their eyes has come back now," Harmon explained. "It's energized their faith to once again be involved like this."

State park officials have given enthusiastic endorsement of the services and have approved them for next year as well, Harmon said. He plans to attend a resort ministries seminar this year to help the church prepare for an even more effective summer ministry in 1994.



AWARD RECIPIENT Ollie Cole Jones, recipient of the 1993 V.V. Cooke Award, shows the plaque she received to Andy Reese, her former pastor who now serves on the staff of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. The child-care agency gives the award annually to an individual or family who has shown exceptional support for the agency's ministry. Jones is a native of Pittsburg, Ky., and has lived in Barbourville and London. She has served as organist and pianist at First Baptist Church in both Barbourville and London.

Church wants to flood Illinois town with gifts

HOPKINSVILLE—Midwestern floodwaters won't wash away the Christmas spirit, if one Kentucky Baptist congregation can do anything about it.

Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville is sponsoring Christmas for Quincy, an extension of relief ministry to residents of Quincy, Ill.

The town was the site of major Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood disaster relief efforts during the flood earlier this year.

"We were involved, as were many Baptists, in the earlier projects," reported Edgewood Pastor Michael

Watts. "Our (Christian County Baptist) association participated as well. However, we realize the concern should not fade, because this tragedy will not be over quickly."

One of Edgewood's members became concerned about Quincy residents' ability to "provide the elation of Christmas" this year because of flood-related financial hardships, Watts said.

So, the church decided to extend its ministry to meet the special need.

Members are collecting toys for boys and girls, from birth through 12th grade. The goal is to fill a tractor

trailer by Nov. 27

"There has already been a groundswell of support through the association, sister churches and other groups," Watts said. "It is our hope the children will be helped with the gifts, but that families will be aided as well."

"Most importantly, there will be the Christian witness that we care beyond the immediate crisis, even for always."

For more information, contact Edgewood Baptist Church, 212 Sanderson Dr., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240, or call (502) 886-4461.

BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Attendance super.** Super Sunday in Kentucky drew an estimated 197,300 people to Sunday morning Bible study in Kentucky Baptist Convention churches Oct. 31. The high attendance promotion was a success despite bad weather in some parts of the state, said Chip Miller, KBC Sunday school director. The total attendance was about 7,300 people more than normal attendance statewide but fell short of the goal of 210,000 people.

■ **WMU opposes gambling.** The executive board of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union unanimously passed a resolution Oct. 24 opposing the legalization of casino gambling in Kentucky. The executive board also approved a number of requests for grants from accumulated funds, including a \$10,000 grant to the state student work department to assist with a larger-than-usual number of college students willing to serve next year as summer missionaries.

■ **Kentucky author selected.** A book written by Robert Don Hughes, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has been selected as a premium offered to donors to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. "Satan's Whispers: Breaking the Lies that Bind" was initially published by Broadman & Holman Publishers.

■ **Possible candidate.** A Northern Kentucky pastor has emerged as a possible nominee for office when the Kentucky Baptist Convention convenes next week. Gerald Sharon, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas for 5 1/2 years, acknowledged he has been approached about a nomination for second vice president of the KBC. "I have been asked, and if somebody wants to nominate me, I'm open to that," he said. "I was really humbled to even be asked." Sharon has been pastor of three other Kentucky Baptist churches. He serves on the KBC Executive Board, KBC nominating committee and the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's board of directors.

■ **Correction.** The calendar of events during the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting printed in last week's Western Recorder incorrectly listed the day of the alumni luncheon for Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. The luncheon is slated for noon on Tuesday, not Wednesday, of the convention.

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Stop these Baptist battles

The roots from which my faith sprung are pure Baptist. My great-great-grandfather, David Bruner, was a circuit-rider preacher in central Kentucky. My grandparents on both sides have been Baptists. Grandmother Romine taught Sunday school for 40 years or so, and my grandfather sang in the choir. My parents, Z.T. and Vivian, have served in the music ministry in Kentucky Baptist churches for over 40 years. My brothers Jerry and Todd are Kentucky Baptist ministers.

I have been a Christian and a Southern Baptist since Bro. Claude Butler baptized me at Willisburg Baptist Church when I was 10 years old. I was educated at Kentucky Baptist schools—Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary—and for 19 years, I have served Baptist churches in Richmond, Frankfort and London. I give this background to assure you of my precious Baptist heritage.

In a Baptist Sunday school class as a child I learned to sing, "I'm in the Lord's army!" Daddy taught congregations to sing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The songs I grew up singing and the sacred Scripture I have heard and studied portray the enemy as the evil one, the father of lies, the prince of darkness. But as Pogo ob-

served, "We have met the enemy, and he is us!"

What I never expected was an all-out war between Baptist brothers and sisters in Christ. But the war has been raging, and both sides have sustained serious casualties. Good Baptist people have been attacked and injured by slanderous remarks; cruel, unjust actions; and deadly political maneuvering. It has been a "holy war." But little holiness has been in our actions.

I've heard, "War is hell." Well, our denominational war has been a spiritual, emotional and relational hell for a lot of good Baptist folks. We've been separated from one another, and in the midst of our conflict, seemingly separated from God.

Several years ago, church historians predicted the denominational war that began on the national level would spread through state conventions, associations and even local churches. The prognosticators appear to be correct. As our state convention nears, the rumors are flying, and folks are saying, "It's going to be a battle." And on the local level, some associations have spent their time resolving battle positions and preparing fellow soldiers for war.

I do not have an instant solution to end the war. Our peace committees and pleas and prayers for reconcilia-

tion have produced few positive results. I think a spirit of compromise concerning divisive issues, a respectful acceptance of our differences and some Holy Spirit-determined application of love and forgiveness could go a long way toward making peace. A non-Baptist remarked, "It looks like if the Israelis and Palestinians can have some peace, then surely you Southern Baptists can get together." I don't know about all Southern Baptists, but I haven't given up on Kentucky Baptists.

I suspect a lot of Kentucky Baptists are like me—wary and embarrassed from all the fighting. We are grieving the damages inflicted by this denominational war. And surely Jesus must be weeping as he did over Jerusalem, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things that make for peace!"

I continue to pray and long for the day the prophet Isaiah envisioned: "That (God) may teach us his ways, and that we may walk in his paths ... and he will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many people: and they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation (Baptist will not lift up sword against Baptist), and never again will they learn war."

Terry Lester
London

Good News Report: Fall 1993

Kentucky Baptists achieved another new record in Cooperative Program gifts for 1992-1993: The \$17,215,877 is \$210,910 (1.2 percent) ahead of the previous year.

Cooperative Program receipts for September, the first month for fiscal year 1993-94, were \$1,621,961, a new record September, \$185,588 over the prior year and \$177,135 over budget!

By the end of summer, the Mission Kentucky goal of starting 400 new churches, missions and preaching points was accomplished after seven years of cooperative efforts by churches, associations, and the KBC.

Super Saturdays '93 drew church leaders from 58 associations and 260 churches. Attendance reached 1,714. Fifty conferences were provided for general officers and organizational leaders.

Innovative multi-family housing conferences with Barbara Oden were conducted Sept. 7-10 in four locations. Oden is associational minister of multi-housing in Houston.

A state-sponsored Sunday school convention Oct. 8-9 registered 698, with more than 900 attending. Seventy-five conferences were offered to participants from 127 churches.

The Baptist Student Union convention Sept. 30-Oct. 2 registered 1,021 students. More than 100 made public decisions. They adopted their own missions budget of \$91,000, which includes 81 summer mission spots, 55 in Kentucky, 16 with the Home Mission Board and 10 with the Foreign Mission Board, including eight for Russia.

The number of Kentucky Baptist

church employees enrolled in the church annuity plan has reached a record this year of 1,713.

Planning for Mission Kentucky II has been initiated with goals of starting 200 multi-housing ministries, and 150 new churches, missions and preaching points, with special emphasis on ethnics and African-Americans.

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

The nine weeks of Royal Ambassador camps reported a total attendance of 578. There were 26 professions of faith, 50 rededications, and 11 committed to full-time service.

The KBC discipleship training department was one of only four selected to field-test the National Children's Bible Drill using both the King James Version and the New International Version.

With the largest attendance in recent years, the Brotherhood Convention reported increases in all areas of ministry. An estimated 325 attended one or several sessions. The new disaster relief vehicles were dedicated.

Chaplain Allen Roberts at Spring Meadows Children's Home used several "Trust Tracts" from the evangelism office to share with youth there. Several young people have since made professions of faith in Christ.

The partnership office reported from the Brazil partnership that 27 new chapels have been completed using KBC funds provided by churches and associations. Charles Stewart, president of the KBC, preached at the Espirito Santo Convention in July. Over 800 volunteers have gone to participate in Brazil projects.

Nine state youth camps were conducted during the summer of 1993.

Total attendance was 2,313, with 79 professions of faith and 343 rededications.

The family ministry department was invited to help Liberty Baptist Association develop a strategy to minister to families.

Through the HMB and FMB, Kentucky provided 126 student missionaries this summer. Again, Kentucky was a leader in the total number of students involved.

Flexible curriculum (for children 6-12) has been created through the KBC Sunday school department. The curriculum is for before and after school; times when adults are at church and something must be planned for children; summer activities; weekday activities; and other times when children need teaching and adults need easy-to-use Bible centered, low-cost curriculum.

After three years of the Utah/Idaho partnership, we have averaged more than 175 volunteers per year. All associations in Utah-Idaho are linked with Kentucky associations.

The 87-voice Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir has been invited to present the opening concert for Church Music Week at Ridgecrest in June 1994.

The discipleship training department made it possible for 10 men in the Federal Correctional Institution in Ashland to study MasterLife.

In September, a 21-member medical team, sponsored by Kentucky's Baptist Healthcare System became the first project of the Kentucky-Russia Partnership.

Over \$100,000 has been received through the KBC for relief assistance following flooding in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

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



That's entertainment

By Jewell Nelson

Q. My husband and I are keeping, Sarah, our 10-year-old great granddaughter the week after Christmas. Give me some ideas to keep her entertained. She does not visit often because she lives out-of-state.

A. Ten-year-olds are usually good company, curious, energetic and have many interests.

Ask Sarah to send you a list of favorite foods and things she likes to do.

With Christmas just past, Sarah will have Christmas gifts to enjoy. Also, provide her with pen and paper for thank-you notes.

Contact your Chamber of Commerce. Or check your newspapers. See what is available that might be of interest to your great granddaughter.

Most of all, help Sarah enjoy her time with you and your husband. Don't allow television to be her sitter.

Sarah could help plan and prepare a special meal or dessert. Encourage her to help around the house.

Have on hand large sheets of paper (even backs of old calendars will do), construction paper, writing paper, crayons, pencils, scraps of fabrics and ribbons, markers, glue, scissors and other items for her creativity.

Sarah may be interested in learning a hobby that you and/or your husband enjoy.

A project that may be interesting to Sarah is to collect information about her family history.

She could interview you and your husband and any of the oldest friends and members of the family. Sarah could write the interviews and create her own family history book. Take her to locations that played a part in her parents' lives: hospitals where they were born, schools, churches, playgrounds, any significant family places. Take a camera to capture those places.

Sarah could tape the interviews on cassette or use a video camera to record the information.

Going through "old" stuff can be fascinating to 10-year-olds. Family albums, a sewing box, a tool chest, a trunk of family "treasures," a toy chest from a parent's past, any thing that ties her to her parents will be a possible "entertaining" venture.

Jewell Nelson is associate director of the KBC's Sunday school department.

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

Don't jump into the 'fire' until you count the cost

British director/screenwriter Phillip Gibbons became the first—and perhaps only—fatality of the fires that have ravaged huge sections of Los Angeles along the California Pacific coast.

Gibbons wasn't thinking of himself when he died. His home was engulfed in flames, and he had escaped to safety outside. But then he bolted back into the blaze, bent on saving another life.

His cat's.

Of course, the lives of family pets are precious to their owners. Betsy, our puppy, is special to the Knox family. She's young now, but when she dies—and she's bound to die—we will shed buckets of tears. Cat owners seem even more attached to their pets than do dog owners. For reasons others cannot fathom, cat owners' personalities bond especially tightly with the silent stirrings of their feline companions. Theirs are close, salutary relationships.

Still, Gibbons made a foolish mistake when he dashed back into his burning home to retrieve his cat. No doubt he reacted instinctively. He loved that cat and felt compelled to save its life. But had he counted the cost, had he considered the consequences, Gibbons might be alive—though grieving—today. However altruistically Gibbons acted, his values were faulty. A mad dash back into a burning building to save the life of a child or an invalid would have been monumentally noble. But a human life is worth more than a cat's. Gibbons died in vain.

Another story from the fires strikes a similar theme. Randi Johnson, a reporter of the flame-engulfed region, told a National Public Radio reporter she resents the media's use of the word "tragic" to describe the multi-million dollars in property loss inflicted by the flames.

"Tragic" should be reserved for describing such melancholy developments as deadly disease, broken relationships and child abuse, she said. People never fully recover from truly tragic events. The fire and loss of homes have been immensely sad, she conceded, but not tragic. The people who live on that magnificent landscape will rebuild. And one day the trees and brush will grow back, too. The countryside, and its inhabitants, will recover.

Her reflections accentuate the profound tragedy of Gibbons' useless death. Yes, he was in the process of losing his home. And yes, he would have been deeply saddened if his cat died. But compare those setbacks with the sense of loss his friends and loved ones surely feel this week. Contrast the companionship of a pet with the bounty of good deeds that could have accumulated over the balance of this person's life. Size up the heroism of his reflexes against the monumental folly of his mission. Gibbons died because his priorities failed him.

Gibbons' death may be an extreme example of defective values, but it's not rare. How often do normal Christians suffer because their priorities are out of place?

Churches have gone to battle over the color of carpet in the sanctuary or the selection of new hymnbooks. Friendships have been rent asunder because pride would not let anyone say, "I was wrong; please forgive me." Marriages have been torn apart over a few moments of seductive passion. Children have been neglected because mom and dad chased a few more dollars. Reputations have been shot when lying seemed more expedient than telling the truth. Careers have been junked when honest labor fell victim to the instant gratification of sloth. You know even more examples. They're all tragic, even if they're not as flamboyant and public as Phillip Gibbons' death.

The lesson we can learn from his cat-rescue tragedy is this: We must consider the consequences of our actions. We've got to remember a human life is worth more than a cat's—and every conceivable corollary to this principle applies. Whether we can rationalize our decisions does not matter; we must make steady, objective value judgments, each and every day. We must count the costs of all we do. We must consider the consequences, and do the right thing.

Sometimes, bolting back into a "burning building," literally or figuratively, is worth the risk. But we should never run in foolishly. After all, our lives—and our churches, marriages, children, friends, faith and reputations—are worth more than a cat's.

Marv Knox

Phillip Gibbons died because of a breakdown in his value system. No matter how noble his intention, he should have realized his life was worth more than his cat's. To a lesser degree, ordinary Christians make Gibbons' mistake every day.

Develop spiritual senses; take time to prepare for worship

Worship is not simple, because the rewards are so great. As we learn to give ourselves to the worship of our Lord, he can be nearer and more real to us than our best friend or closest loved one. When we fail to truly worship him, our spiritual senses are not quickened to his presence.

Our bodies have senses, but the spirit also has senses. It is by the senses of our spirit that we are made conscious of the presence of Christ. The Bible says that God is a spirit who can only be worshiped by that which is

spiritual in us, by our spirits. To many people, this seems difficult because we cannot see him with our physical eyes or touch him with our physical hands, but he can be seen and touched and handled by the senses of our spirits.

We must set our will to become a worshiper of Christ. We will never be a worshiper of Christ apart from a definite act of our will.

There must be preparation before we worship. Worship demands a true heart and no unconfessed sin. Sin needs to be dealt with immediately.

D.L. Moody knew what it was to keep "short accounts" with God. Such a man is prepared for worship.

We must depend upon the Holy Spirit. He draws our hearts in worship. Arthur Pink said, "We can no more pray without the Holy Spirit than we can create the world."

We prepare our spirits with Scripture. Read Psalm 8:1, "Oh Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth." When we use Scripture, we become occupied with him. We become unmindful of self or anybody or anything else. This is essential in true worship. The spirit of God used Scripture to draw our hearts to him in

worship.

Hymns are also a wonderful aid. Hymns such as "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Thee Will I Love," "My Strength, My Tower," "Gracious God We Worship Thee" and there are many others. Hymns exalting Jesus can lift our hearts to the very heights of Heaven!

Before we enter for our public worship on Sundays, we clean ourselves physically and put on our best clothes. Should we not also take time to prepare our spirits for true worship?

Terry Williams, pastor
Central Baptist Church
Corbin

"There must be preparation before we worship. Worship demands a true heart and no unconfessed sin."

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Even ol' What's-his-name ought to know Isaac from Jacob

You can be appropriately aghast if you caught the error in last week's edition of "down home."

You may recall (But it's OK if you don't; sometimes I, myownself, can't keep these things straight from week to week.) that we were talking about names. About the importance of being called by name. About people who mess up when they refuse to call others by name.

Psychologists ought to study the profiles of individuals who can't or won't call others by name.

Some people don't call others by name because they don't care. Others don't call people by name because they can't remember. Still others sidestep names because they fear calling the wrong name.

That's my category. As a basically shy person whose name often is mis-called, I empathize with mis-identified people.

And I don't want to inflict that embarrassment on others.

So, I'm often guilty of simply saying, "Hello," instead of saying, "Hello, So-and-so," and tagging on a name.

Messing up reinforces my namephobia. Like the time I bumped into an old friend and enthused, "Hi, Bob! How're you doing?" Only moments later did I realize he

was not Bob Beck, who lived down the hall in college, but Tony Tench, a classmate from seminary.

They look a lot alike, but that's beside the point. I wrote Tony a letter of apology and ate the carpet. This little episode also cured me of calling people by name for a looong time. I even called my own mother "ma'am" all during Christmas.

Name-remembering is an occupational hazard for many folks. That's especially true when meeting people out of context. You may put a name with a face in a

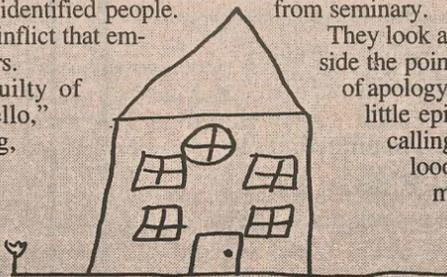
familiar setting, but when the occasion gets mixed up, so does the name.

Like when I bumped into a colleague in a store a couple of weekends ago. She's used to seeing me in a coat and tie. But from under the brim of a baseball cap, I could see she knew that she knew me, but didn't have the foggiest notion why.

Well, I know the guys I mis-named last week. I've been saying their names since childhood.

But for some reason, I wrote that God re-named Isaac, calling him Israel. Even my Mission Friends know it was Isaac's son, Jacob, who got the famous new name. But somehow I momentarily forgot. Maybe their beards threw me off.

Marv "What's-his-name" Knox



down home

Lay lunch

We regret negative mention of the Laity Luncheon (WR, Oct. 12). The idea for the luncheon came in 1991, when it was recognized that, while there were seminary and other luncheons, there was no gathering place for laypersons. Then in 1992, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship sponsored the first laity luncheon, open to any and all persons. Don Putnam, layman from Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington, was the speaker. He is well known for his work in lay renewal in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and with the Home Mission Board.

Lay persons have expressed pleasure with the luncheon, and the plans for the luncheon are being directed by the laity committee of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. We are pleased to meet this need now and in the future. If, however, the KBC would like to assume responsibility for it, we would be glad to have them do so. We invite lay persons attending the KBC in Elizabethtown to the Laity Luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Prichard Center following the morning session. Though the luncheon is not restricted to lay persons, they are the target group for the gathering. In keeping with our commitment to openness, all interested persons are welcome at KBF gatherings. *Steve Hadden, president Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Georgetown*

Nix BJCPA

Three cheers for Mike Rount's clear explanation as to why Kentucky Baptists should not support the Baptist Joint Committee (WR, Oct. 26). The BJC does not represent Southern Baptists. The time is rapidly approaching when the question must be asked if the BJC truly represents any Christian group.

Danny R. Zickefoose Hickman

Save BJCPA

In a letter, Roy Allen stated, "To my best ability, I have never seen where the BJCPA has represented me or the millions of conservative Baptists" (WR, Oct. 12).

I can understand Rev. Allen's feelings. It is frustrating when you feel as though your voice is not being heard or your concerns fairly represented. I also appreciate his qualification ("To my best ability") concerning his observation about the BJCPA.

Here are several items that might have escaped the watchful eye of Rev. Allen and others:

■ The BJCPA strongly lobbied Congress during the Tax Reform Act when it was considering the elimination of the clergy's tax exemption for

housing.

■ The BJCPA also worked to defeat proposed legislation that contributions to churches of over \$500 would have to be reported to the IRS and therefore taxable.

■ They continue to work with the Christian Life Commission in relation to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

■ They also have worked in the areas of protecting the zoning rights of churches and have advised and consulted with clergy concerning malpractice litigation.

These issues certainly cut across our denominational categories and prejudices. I encourage Rev. Allen and others to take another look at the BJCPA. They might be surprised by what they see.

Phil Christopher Louisville

Document charges

Bill Hancock calls into question the integrity of character and leadership of our Kentucky Baptist Convention and Western Recorder staff (WR, Oct. 12). He implies that they have knowingly and willfully withheld crucial information from Kentucky Baptists. He insinuates that missions in Kentucky and around the world have

suffered because of their actions. He goes on to suggest that our current staff leadership may be incapable of leading Kentucky Baptists to "set priorities" and plan our work together.

These are serious charges. I hope Bill has evidence to back them up. If so, I hope he will share that evidence with the committees responsible for supervising our staff so that these questions of character and performance can be answered.

If he does not have documented evidence to substantiate his public charges against our KBC staff, then I hope he will publicly apologize for planting seeds of doubt about their integrity.

As Kentucky Baptists, we may have honest disagreements about the issues facing our churches and convention, but one thing we can agree on. Unfounded public accusations about the people who work for us and with us are unacceptable.

Jim Holladay Louisville

Deep admiration

It is difficult to imagine a Baptist more committed to missions than Bill Marshall. By verbal support for missions and personal example in mission service, he is a living illustration of what being on mission for the cause of Christ means.

It is difficult to imagine a more committed churchman. By his belief in the local church and his full participation in the life of his church, he demonstrates what living out one's discipleship in the context of a fellowship of believers means. What is especially commendable is that he does not conduct himself as the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention but as one among equals. He participates in and accepts the free discussion and interchange of ideas as his church struggles in these difficult days to find the mind of Christ for its life and ministry. He allows the democratic process to function in the context of congregational polity.

We cannot voice too strongly our unqualified support and deep admiration for Bill Marshall. Bill and Alice Marshall have demonstrated by word and deed their commitment to both Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist mission causes. We are proud of what they have done. We are especially proud of the kind of persons they are. Not only do we love and admire them for the things they have done for the cause of Christ, but we are especially grateful that they also are examples of what it means for the image of Christ to take shape in one's life.

Ron Higdon, pastor, & deacons Broadway Baptist Church Louisville



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the mountain voice

A FIVE-YEAR REPORT OF CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

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50TH CLASS ENROLLS Twenty-seven students recently enrolled at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College for specialized training for ministry. Ten students came from Kentucky, six from Tennessee, three from Ohio, three from Michigan, two from Georgia, and one each from California, Virginia and West Virginia.

Whittaker marks 5th year at helm

In August, Bill Whittaker observed five years of service as president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. These years have been marked with numerous accomplishments, such as:

- Reaffirmation of accreditation in 1991 by the American Association of Bible Colleges.
- \$200,000 H.C. Chiles Chair of New Testament endowed.
- Funding of student scholarships.
- \$900,000 debt on the Family Life Center retired.
- 10 stone cottages renovated.
- Six new student duplexes constructed.
- A major campus bridge constructed.
- Child Development Center completed.

■ All gas lines on campus brought up to Public Service Commission standards.

■ Major expansion of library.

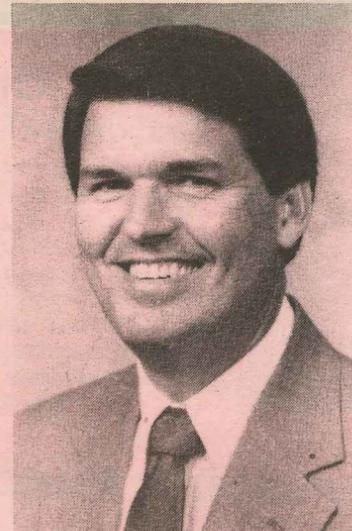
■ Student computer lab established.

■ Missionary-in-residence program begun with fully furnished apartment.

■ Bivocational track begun.

■ BSU established.

Other achievements over the past five years are illustrated on the following pages. Readers will have a comprehensive look at the college through reports, charts, graphs and pictures. We hope you will develop a better understanding of the prominent role Clear Creek plays in the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention and the Kingdom of God.



Bill Whittaker

Ducks & geese beautify creek

Clear Creek has several new families on campus this semester. One family stands out among the rest. It's a family of Muscony ducks.

The Musconies were brought to Clear Creek by Bill Pfoff, professor of Bible and general education, the gift of a family who raises Musconies.

Pfoff also brought to the campus two geese which he purchased at a flea market.

"Geese are to help protect the ducks," Pfoff commented. "The geese will stay with the Musconies, and being territorial birds, they'll run off unwanted visitors. This will help to protect the ducks from possible predators."

When the ducks and geese arrived on campus, they were kept in cages near the creek for three days. This gave the birds a chance to feel comfortable with their new home. Ed and

Nancy Stephens, seniors at Clear Creek, assumed responsibility for feeding them daily. The birds are fed corn every day in the same spot.

The Stephenses said: "This helps keep our new friends in one area. We really enjoy feeding them. It's a stress-reliever for us. We can walk along the creek and relax by watching the birds feeding and swimming."

The Stephenses also believe the ducks and geese are good for the campus children. "Having the birds around allows the children to feel as though they have pets."

One reason Pfoff wanted the birds at Clear Creek was because of their beauty. He feels the ducks and geese beautify the creek.

"Creeks and ducks go together," Pfoff said. "Creeks are for ducks. They are more naturally suited for ducks and geese than ponds. Ponds

are man-made, but creeks are made by God."

Pfoff also said he wanted the birds at Clear Creek to attract migratory water fowl such as Canadian geese. "Migratory birds may sit down here next year when they see our birds have enough food and water to survive."

Pfoff hopes the birds will reproduce and populate Clear Creek. He said he might introduce some exotic ducks after the Musconies are well established.

Pfoff, a native of Hazard, earned his doctorate in physiology while serving in the military for 27 years. After retiring, Pfoff wanted to teach. He returned to school and earned a master of theology and master of biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. Pfoff joined the faculty of Clear Creek in 1989.

Is Clear Creek still the same?

In 1944, Clear Creek launched its three-year diploma program. On Aug. 25, our 50th class began studies, and all of them plan to earn a B.A. in ministry.

Some ask, "Is Clear Creek still the same, or has it changed from its original purpose?" The freshman class reflects our continuing emphasis on training adults for ministry leadership:

■ **Are we training Kentucky preachers?** Forty-two percent come from within the state. Other states represented in the student body include Tennessee (six), Ohio (four), Michigan (three), Georgia (two), and one student each from California, Virginia and West Virginia.

■ **Does Clear Creek offer training for other types of Christian service?** By all means. The freshmen will receive specialized training for those called in missions/evangelism, Christian education, pastoral care/counseling, and church music.

■ **Can someone without a high school diploma enroll at Clear Creek?** Certainly. We have an open admission policy. Many have come, secured a GED, and completed a degree. Half of the 1993-94 class are high school graduates and half have some previous college work.

■ **What skills do our students bring?** You name it, we have it. Vinyl siding installer, manufacturing supervisor, pastor, office manager, secretary, salesman, civil service, upholsterer, machine operator, truck driver, computer operator, well driller, UPS, minister of music, dental assistant, electrician.

■ **Are we moving away from adults?** The average age of the incoming class is 33. Only one is below age 21, and he comes with 22 hours of college credit. Sixteen of the class are ages 21-29; six are in their 30s; four are in their 40s; and four are above 50, with our oldest freshman age 62.

■ **Is Clear Creek still a family school?** Twenty of the freshmen are married, with 29 children between them. Wilma Chasteen and Bonnie Tackett, whose husbands died several years ago, have come to prepare for new opportunities of service.

■ **Are we fulfilling Clear Creek's stated purpose?** Definitely. The administration and faculty/staff are committed to all of the following: (1) Nurture God-called students in Christian work; (2) Provide a quality Bible-based education with emphasis on practical Christian service; (3) Initiate and maintain cooperative fellowship with other Baptist entities; and (4) Manage human, physical and financial resources according to biblical principles.

"Is Clear Creek still the same?" Yes! Clear Creek still exists to provide educational preparation for adults called of God into Christian service.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College,

300 Clear Creek Rd., Pineville, Ky. 40977, is accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges and has been providing theological education for adults since 1926.

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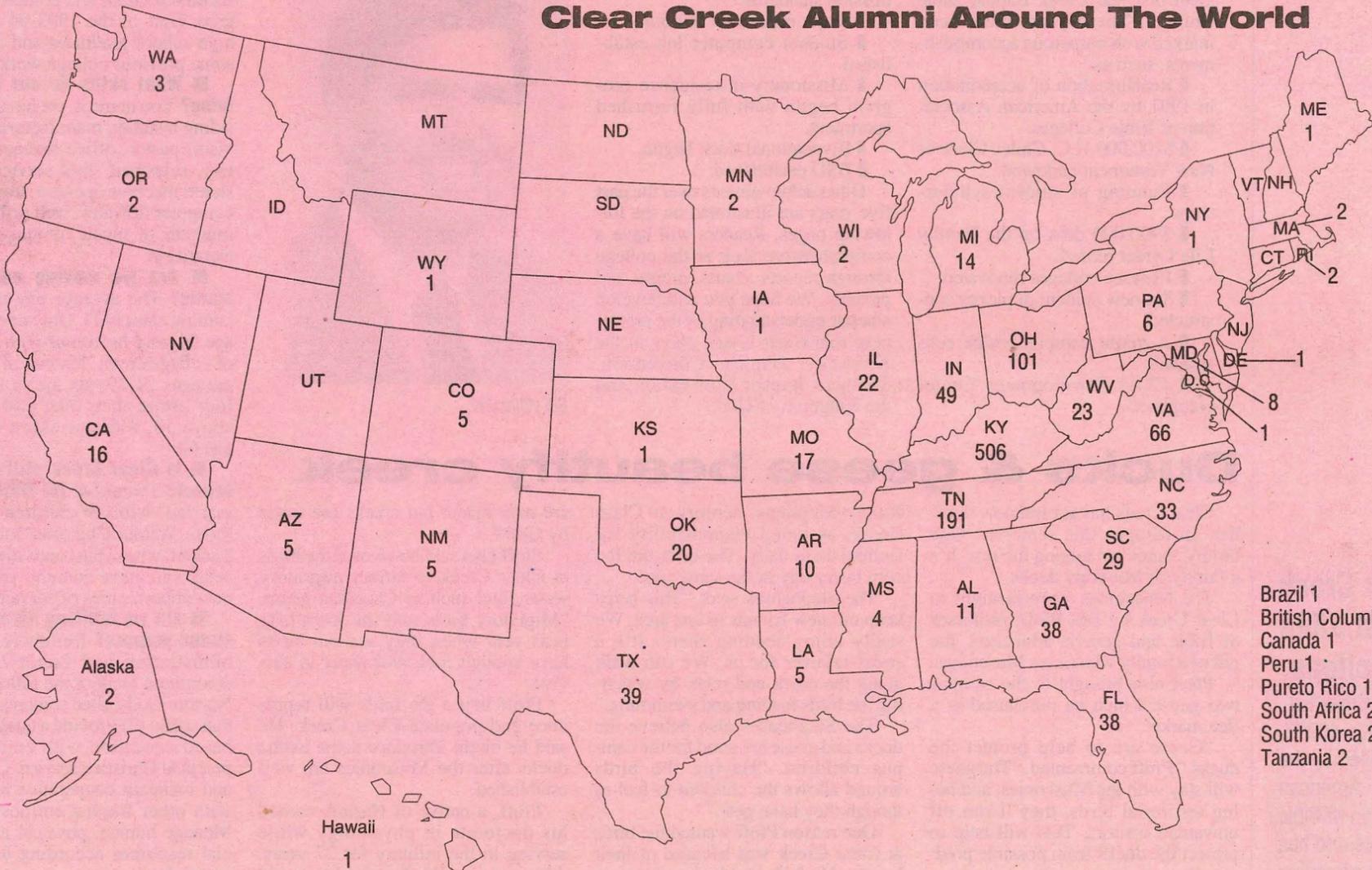
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Clear Creek Alumni Around The World



Barry Lectures begun

This year Clear Creek announced establishment of the James C. Barry Lectures on Preaching and Worship.

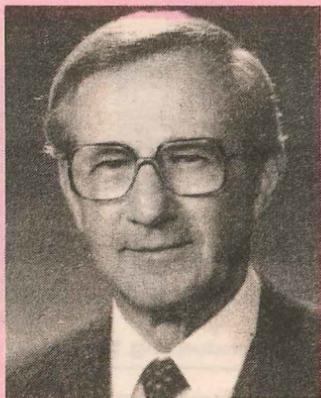
Barry, a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a former pastor of Kentucky and Virginia churches. He is a 35-year veteran of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, where he was senior consultant for preaching and congregational worship.

The author of numerous magazine articles, Barry is the author of "Preach the Word in Love and Power," "Preaching in Today's World," and "Award-Winning Sermons."

The lecture series seeks to encourage Christ-centered preaching that speaks to current life needs, promote worship in spirit and truth, provide practical guidance for those who preach and lead in worship, and strengthen the Clear Creek tradition of practical training.

Barry and Harold Thomas Bryson, preaching and worship consultant for the growth leadership department in the Sunday School Board's church growth Sunday school division, initiated the lecture series Oct. 12 on the Clear Creek campus.

A \$50,000 endowment is being sought to continue the series. Persons interested in making contributions may write to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, 300 Clear Creek Road, Pineville, Ky. 40977.



James Barry



Harold Bryson

Missions alive at Clear Creek

A missionary influence has prevailed throughout all of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College's history. It began with L.C. Kelly, founder of Clear Creek.

Kelly was considered by many as a missionary. He preached missions, supported missions and thirsted for the opportunity to initiate a mission for God.

When Kelly dreamed of a mountain preachers' school in the hills of Kentucky, he did so because he felt God wanted him to establish an institution where preachers could be taught the word of God.

Kelly believed he was on a mission.

As he looked out on that early spring morning in 1923 over the site where Clear Creek one day would stand, he knew in his heart that his dream was God's dream. His love for people and concern for their salvation helped him see the Kentucky hills ripe for harvest.

Kelly felt God would help him share with the mountain people his zeal for Christ and knowledge of the Bible. He believed the means for ac-

complishing his dream was through a mountain preachers' school.

Today, that school is known as Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. The mission Kelly began is still being carried forth with a strong missionary influence prevailing. For nearly seven decades, God-called men and women have continued the work Kelly initiated. Like Kelly, many have brought to the school a missionary influence.

Presently, nine faculty and staff members have served as foreign missionaries for at least two years. Bill Whittaker, Clear Creek's current president is one of these. He and his wife, Rebecca, and their three children served three years in the Philippines.

Others included are Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Brotherton, eight years in Korea; Dr. and Mrs. James Castlen, 16 years in the Philippines and two in Australia; Dr. and Mrs. Tim Searcy, three years in Colombia; and Tina Murdock, two years in Singapore.

Three faculty members have served as summer missionaries. Jackson Robertson served in Brazil as a

foreign missionary, and Creed Caldwell served in Alexander, Va., as a home missionary. Beth Bevins, professor of English, went on a mission trip to the Ukraine.

Several students also have been involved in missions work. Samantha Siegel, who has completed her second year, served last summer at Siserra Butler Baptist Association in Chico, Calif. Jewel Habermehl, who has completed her third year, served at Camp Joy in Brownsville. Charles and Carolyn Dixon, 1993 graduates, will leave in December to serve as career foreign missionaries in Tanzania, Africa.

Another way the missionary influence has prevailed at Clear Creek is through the establishment of a missionary residence on campus. The purpose of the residence is to house foreign missionaries while on furlough. This past semester Clear Creek hosted its first family, Dr. and Mrs. James Ditty from South Africa.

In 1990, Clear Creek also added to its curriculum a missions track. This allows students who feel led into missions to study in their field.

Clear Creek adds bivocational track

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College introduced a bivocational minister's track in 1993, designed to meet the present-day needs of ministry by making job training available simultaneously with ministry training.

The program received approval by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Clear Creek has the only college-

level program of this type among Southern Baptist colleges and participated in the Home Mission Board task force on the training of bivocational ministers.

"This is a very important field of study because 30 percent of all Southern Baptist pastors today are bivocational," said President Bill Whittaker. "Our aim is to train students for a

dual-role ministry and afterward possibly see them placed in pioneer areas as church starters or mission pastors to reach the unchurched."

New scholarships funded

Since 1988, additional scholarships have been funded, adding more than \$85,000 to the endowment at Clear Creek.

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memorialize or honor a pastor or someone else who played an important role in your life," he said.

In the last five years these scholarships have been funded: Kathy Brainard Memorial Scholarship; Archie Oliver Scholarship Trust; Harry and Alva Richardson Scholarship; and the Enis L. Harper Exemplary Christian Life Preaching Award.

Family Life Center still popular spot

Campus families enjoy the Family Life Center as they take a break from studies and work. Students, faculty and staff participate in intramural volleyball and basketball leagues, ceramics, swimming, aerobics and general fitness exercise.

The center provides opportunity for campus residents to meet for special functions, including Family Fun Nights, March Madness, concerts, and the annual shopping spree.

Local churches enjoy bringing children and youth groups to the center on Friday and Saturday nights for fellowship.

Students, RAs, Mission Friends, children's choir and Young Disciples (youth) meet at the center. A local elementary school practices basketball in the gym, and the Tri-county YMCA uses the swimming facilities for handicapped children. Kentucky State Troopers play basketball there.

Student computer lab added

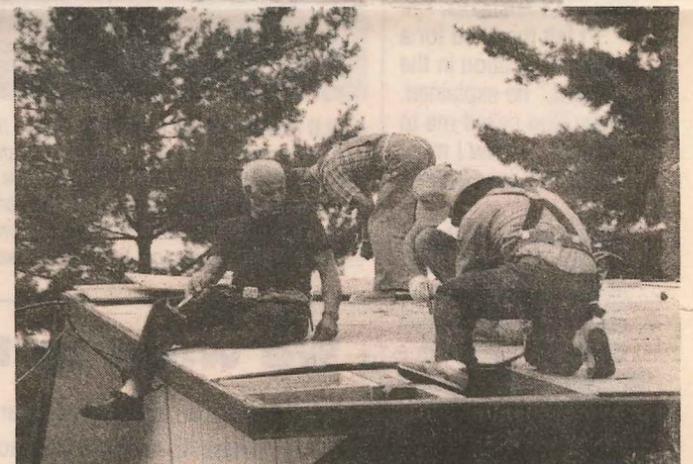
Beginning this fall, students have access to a new computer lab at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. This lab is located on the second floor of the Carolyn Brooks Memorial Library.

A gift from the Zinngrabe Foundation of about \$14,000 made it possible for the school to purchase four computers, two printers, two compact disc readers and various software programs for the lab.

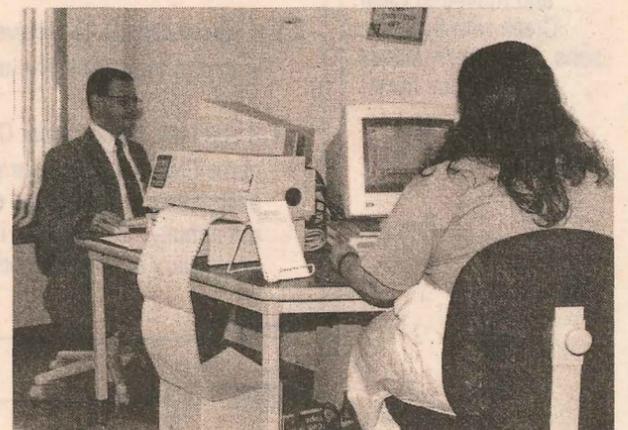
All students, faculty and staff will be encouraged to use this research facility. The lab offers help in Bible study research, including concordances, commentaries and Greek and Hebrew programs. Programs for help in reading, learning to type, and writing also are available. CD-ROM programs enable users to access an encyclopedia or atlas.

The basic word processing program is WordPerfect 5.2 for Windows, which gives the

power tools to make research and writing quick and easy. This popular writer's tool is available from the tool's pull-down menu and works easily to proofread documents for grammar, style and punctuation. Graphics, merging and various other capabilities are available in this program.



CONSTRUCTION HELP Volunteers replace the roof on a stone cottage used for student housing. Volunteer workers play an increasingly important role in renovating campus housing. In 1993, 20 volunteer groups spent from two days to three weeks on campus.



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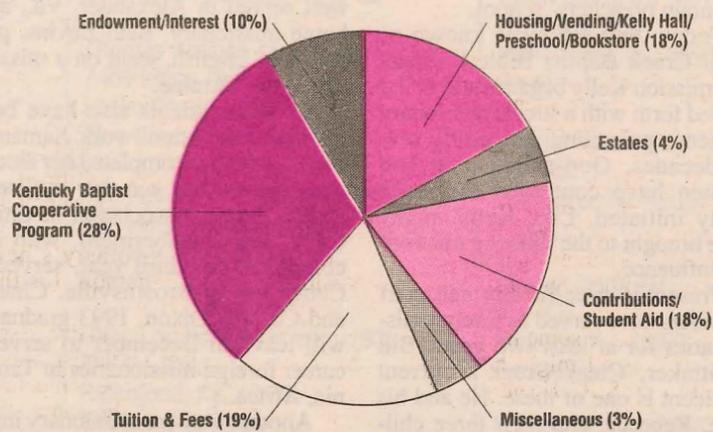
Clear Creek profiles

■ **Student Ray Spicer** is pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Chop Bottom. Last year Spicer baptized 35 people; this year he baptized 25. More than 70 attend Sunday school, and between 90-100 attend worship. Recently Spicer wanted to boost attendance, so he dressed as Noah and walked through Chop Bottom inviting residents to attend church. It soon began to rain, and the building was packed the next Sunday.

■ **Student Doyle Harper** is the son of 1971 graduate Ennis L. Harper. For more than six years, the younger Harper sang tenor with the Dixie Echoes Quartet, based in Pensacola, Fla. "I felt the need for a better education in the word," he explained. "When God called me to preach, I knew I must come to Clear Creek."

■ **Student Jeff Harris** gave up a lucrative career to answer God's call to ministry. He had worked 18 years with a large retail company as a complaint and resolution consultant. He and his wife, Gloria, had become acquainted with Clear Creek through alumni. They sold their home and moved to Clear Creek with their two sons. Mrs. Harris serves as campus nurse.

Where does support come from?



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER One of the most exciting additions to Clear Creek's campus is the new home for the Child Development Center. Directed by Rebecca Whittaker, the center's staff of eight teachers care for children of Clear Creek students while the parents attend classes and work. The center has grown from a half-day program in 1988 with only four teachers to a full-day program now with eight teachers. The facility is licensed by the state and staffed with well-trained, caring teachers.

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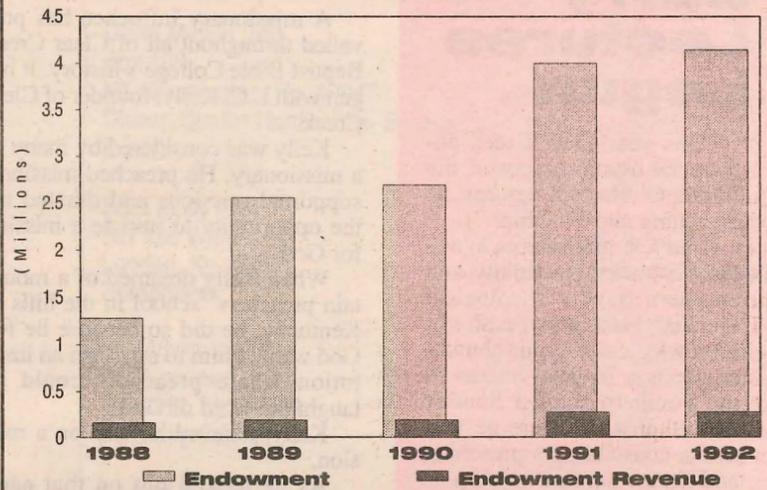
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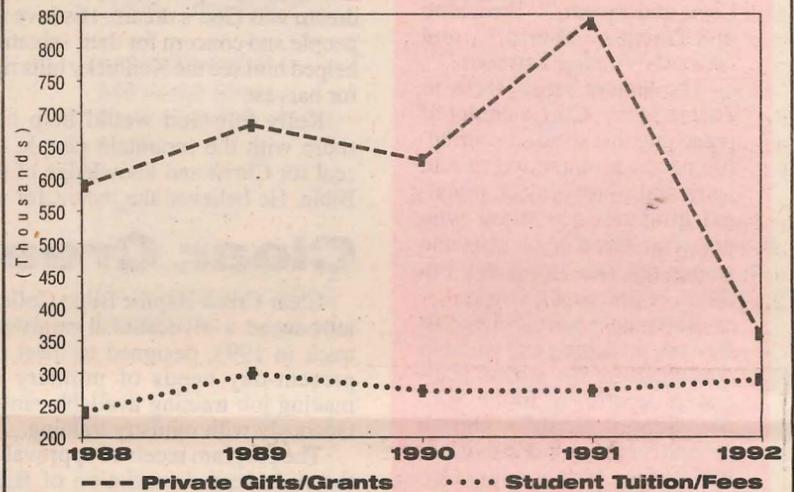
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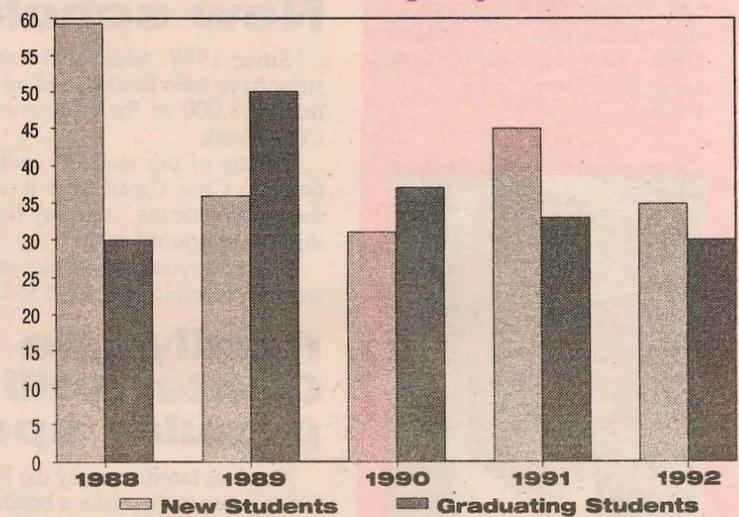
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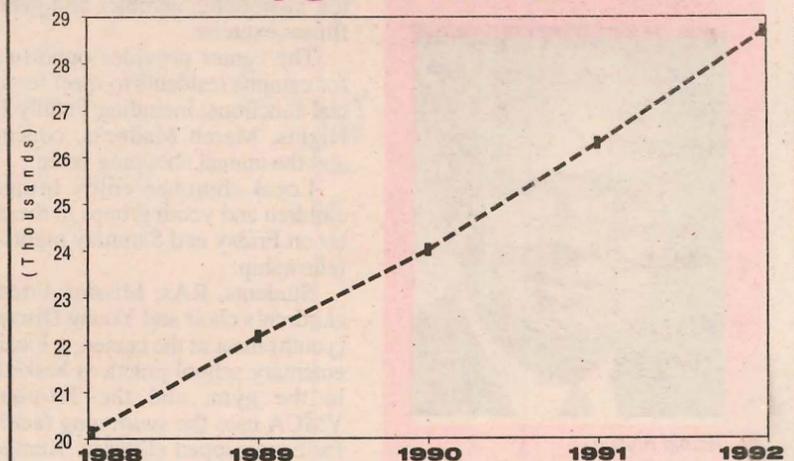
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BAPTISTS

SBC presidents 'build bridges' to independents

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. (ABP)—A recent Bible conference organized to "build bridges" between independent fundamentalist Baptists and "Bible-believing" Southern Baptists was hailed as a historic first step by its organizers.

The conference, held Oct. 12-13 in Rockville, Md., featured independent pastor and televangelist Jerry Falwell and two recent presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention—current president Ed Young of Houston and 1989-90 president Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla.

"Frankly, I never thought I would be cooperating in a Bible conference with these (independent) brothers," said Bob Crowley, pastor of the host congregation, Montrose Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist church in Rockville, Md. "This may be the beginning of a lot of cooperation, and a lot of bridges will be built."

No one was predicting a merger of the Baptist Bible Fellowship—the independent group with which Falwell's church is associated—and the SBC. But several speakers said there is a new openness toward the SBC

among independent Baptists, which may bring some independent churches into the SBC fold.

The Baptist Bible Fellowship, based in Springfield, Mo., is the largest of several groups to splinter from the SBC under the influence of fundamentalist Texas pastor J. Frank Norris, beginning in the 1920s.

Traditionally, the group has railed against purported "liberalism" in SBC schools and objected to the denomination's Cooperative Program method of uniform budget support.

Now, some observers believe, reforms initiated in the SBC's conservative movement since 1979 are causing some of the more progressive independents—particularly those who feel the BBF's loose structure produces too few missionary candidates—to cast a second look toward the SBC.

Their interest is timely for the SBC, which continues to recruit large numbers of new missionaries but has experienced three straight years of decline in Cooperative Program support.

Neither Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, nor Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, commented directly on the issue of independent/Southern

Baptist relations. Last year Young named Vines to chair a task force assigned to "reach out to like-minded local churches" to get them to join the Southern Baptist cause.

Falwell, pastor of the 22,000-member Thomas Road Baptist Church and chancellor of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., has attended SBC meetings regularly in recent years as either a guest speaker or observer.

Over the years, some have speculated that Falwell might be coaxed into joining the SBC. He played down those expectations.

"I'm an independent Baptist," he said. "That's my personality. I couldn't stay in anything long. They'd throw me out if I didn't quit. And it's mainly because I'm a street fighter."

"But at the same time ... I'm a friend of all who are friends of Christ," he continued. "And I praise the Lord for the miracle—and there's no other way to describe it—of what's occurred in the Southern Baptist Convention, and what's happening among the independents all over this country."

Falwell praised host pastor Crowley for his role in SBC life, particular-

ly in leading the transformation of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., into a bastion of conservatism.

He said Southeastern Seminary previously "corrupted the land for so many, many years, putting out preachers to the left of Gorbachev on everything."

He praised the seminary's new president, Paige Patterson, for the school's new direction.

"I never thought I would live to see the day when Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary would be competing with Southeastern for the same students," Falwell said.

And transformations like the one at Southeastern are happening at the SBC's five other seminaries, Falwell said. "It's happening at Southern now. It's happening at New Orleans. It's happening everywhere. And what hasn't happened will."

SBC President Young told the audience he is "a fundamental, independent Southern Baptist." He encouraged a church model that departs from both "hard-nosed fundamentalism," which forces unbelievers to "leap over all our shibboleths," and "a watered-down universalism," without doctrinal requirements.

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Mom, Dad & daughter share common bond in missions

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would not come to the center attended the classes and Bible studies the Kentuckians led, Cobb said.

"That's another instance of seeing, 'Maybe I don't have the gift of evangelism, and maybe I can't preach, but I can share my faith and what God is doing in my life personally,'" Parker added.

Like her mother, Melissa Rucker's missions energies also were focused on a Baptist center this summer. She and 14 other youth and adults from Pleasureville Church worked with about 40 children at the Stewart Baptist Center in Atlanta. The week-long trip was the first mission experience for the youth group.

"It's basically a free day care center," she said of the inner-city facility. "We led vacation Bible school from 9 to 12, and then had crafts for them to do from about 1 to 4."

Rucker, 14, said she enjoyed the trip for several reasons.

"I felt like I had finally done something for God," she said. "I know I could never repay him, but at least I was able to do something" to show gratitude.

Also, the trip affected family dynamics.

"When I came back from the trip, I had this bond with my father," the teen-ager explained. "My father and I had never really talked that much in the past, ... but afterward, we could just sit down and talk and talk and

talk."

"It's been good for the family," her father agreed. "We missed each other while we were gone, but we would come back pumped up."

However, everything about the mission work wasn't easy, the elder Rucker confessed. "The hardest part was stepping out, saying we're not able to afford it, but we're going to do it anyway." Each time, they found a way to make it work.

And once they made the commitments, they stuck to them—even when other pressing matters arose, their pastor noted. "When other (people) might have encountered difficulties and used them as an excuse not to go, the Ruckers went ahead anyway. That's what makes them special."

Tommy Rucker said they are considering using family vacation time in the future for a family mission project. Their other two children, Derek and Jesi, then also would have an opportunity to be involved.

Parker said he thinks the family now has "a greater appreciation for the fact that God can use individuals, no matter what their gifts, to serve him."

And, he added, "They're excited about missions, and they communicate that excitement to the church."

"All you have to do is go on one and you realize the importance of it," Tommy Rucker explained matter-of-factly. "We get a whole lot more than we give. It keeps us going."

Whites Run opposes gambling

CARROLLTON—Whites Run Baptist Association has gone on record opposing gambling and efforts to expand gambling throughout Kentucky.

"Gambling is an evil, depriving individuals and families of needed assets, fostering laziness, diminishing respect for hard work," reported Obie Hunt of

Carrollton, the association's clerk.

"Gambling encourages immorality, including drunkenness and prostitution, as well as providing opportunities for organized crime,"

Hunt added. "Gambling is addictive, leading to financial and social devastation in homes and communities, and is already too prevalent in Kentucky and all our society."

The resolution pledges members of the association's churches—which are located along the Ohio River and Interstate 71, about halfway between Louisville and Cincinnati—will oppose legislation legalizing casino and riverboat gambling through preaching, teaching and exhortation, he said.

The resolution also urges Baptist churches across Kentucky to unite with other churches to fight the expansion of gambling in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

God's Kentucky miracle

We often read about the way Jesus took a boy's small lunch and in miraculous fashion made it grow in such a way that it fed more than 5,000 people. We remark about how great our Lord is but often don't realize that he continues to do similar miracles.

A case in point is the ministry of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children that began nearly 125 years ago. A group of women at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville saw the needs of hurting children orphaned by the Civil War and reached out in Christ's name to help them find hope and healing. At the time, these women were probably looking ahead only to the futures of those individual children. They wanted those boys and girls to have a chance in life. Little did they know that God would grow and expand their faithfulness in such a miraculous way.

We have the luxury of hindsight to see that what those ladies began in such a small way has been used to touch the lives of many thousands during the last 125 years. I can't go into a church in our state without running into someone

whose life has been affected for good by this tender ministry. And what makes this story of God's miracle even more exciting to me is the fact that the work begun by Baptists in Kentucky was the catalyst for Baptist ministries to children throughout the country.

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Curtis C. Mooney

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children plans to celebrate this miraculous heritage with a year-long celebration of Baptist child care work's 125th birthday. We'll begin the celebration at this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention. During the coming year, every Baptist and every church will have special opportunities to celebrate what the Lord has done in the lives of children during the past 125 years and to learn about the opportunities to praise him through service in the years to come.

Hold on to your hat! It's going to be a fun and exciting time of saying "thank you" to God and to Kentucky Baptists! You'll be seeing details soon.

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

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INVITATION: The Search Committee of Rosemont Baptist Church is now accepting applications for the position of senior pastor to fill a vacancy which will be created with the retirement of Dr. Jerome F. Browne on December 26, 1993. Those interested in this ministerial opportunity may obtain an application packet by addressing a letter request to: Rosemont Baptist Church, 556 Rosemont Garden, Lexington, KY 40503, Attn. Search Committee. All inquiries will be held in absolute confidence by the committee unless otherwise expressly authorized by the applicant. It is anticipated that this opportunity will not be available for an extended period of time since a number of applications have already been received.

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ISSUES

Racism not dead, just different, Baptists report

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can, Hispanic, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Ethiopian and Filipino heritage.

The group met at a church facility shared by two Atlanta congregations, one black and one white. The pastors of the two congregations—Christian Fellowship Baptist Church and Second Baptist Church of College Park—led participants in a communion service that emphasized the common bond Christians share in Jesus.

The unique church-sharing arrangement was one of several creative solutions modeled at the conference.

"The Lord has allowed us to keep our identities, yet we work together like hand in glove," explained Emmanuel McCall, pastor of Christian Fellowship Church, the African-American congregation.

Parham said the conference tried to move beyond "the paralysis of analysis" and inspire creative thinking and practical, local involvement by Christians in the fight against racism.

The participants, mostly Southern Baptist clergy, reported on their own initiatives in a variety of settings—urban, rural, church, government.

They told stories of confronting racial violence in rural south Georgia,

forming a multi-racial Baptist association in North Carolina, and battling poverty and inter-racial violence in urban Atlanta.

While most said much progress has been made in race relations, they agreed much work remains to be done, and it's getting harder to do.

"Even well-meaning Christians are giving up on solving racism," said Tucker, who grew up as a Baptist in Alabama and now attends a Congregational church.

Several speakers pointed out Christianity has the antidote for racism—the liberating gospel of Jesus. Yet they lamented a general lack of involvement by churches in the race issue.

"Racism can only thrive where the gospel is ignored," Tucker said.

Tucker quoted former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young of Atlanta, who insists, "Eleven a.m. on Sunday

morning remains the most segregated hour in America."

The ministry of Jesus challenges Christians to confront prejudice, said Bill Leonard, chairman of the religion department at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Leonard led a Bible study on respect, an attitude he said refuses to let stereotypes shape one's views. Citing the story of Jesus' healing of a blind man on the Sabbath, Leonard said Jesus showed respect for the man by treating him "as a human being rather than a statistic or theological object lesson."

On the other hand, he said, the skeptical Pharisees in the story discounted the man's healing, and his self-worth, because the miracle did not fit their preconceived, self-righteous view of God's activity.

"When genuine liberation occurs right in front of them, they prefer the safety of old formulas to the gamble of new grace," Leonard said. "The people who know they can't see get liberated, and the people who think they see everything see nothing."

The story demonstrates God can use anyone—even a blind man—who is willing to admit his or her weakness, Leonard said.

"We need not get it all together to find courage to respect each other in Christ's name. And if we wait until we understand everything, have every question answered, we won't do anything for the gospel."

Atlanta pastor Jim Milner suggested that when Christians focus on meeting urgent human needs, racial differences become unimportant.

"The children are screaming—my children, your children. They're

frightened. They're carrying guns. They're joining gangs for security."

"We're not going to have time to worry about racial differences when all around our children are screaming, they're dying," said Milner, pastor of Christian Love Baptist Church, an African-American congregation.

He noted Christians will be judged by what they do, not by what opinions they hold. Paraphrasing Matthew 25, he said, "The final exam will be: 'I was hungry. I was naked. I was in prison. Where were you?'"

Milner and other speakers noted racism is not limited to whites and blacks. Racial differences exist between other races and within the black community itself, they said. "Even among white Southern Baptists, you folks are so different," said Milner, who was led to the Christian faith by a white pastor.

Henry Jee, pastor of First Korean Baptist Church in Atlanta, said he has found no evidence of racism between blacks and Koreans, despite media attention focused on black vs. Korean violence during the riots after the first Rodney King trial.

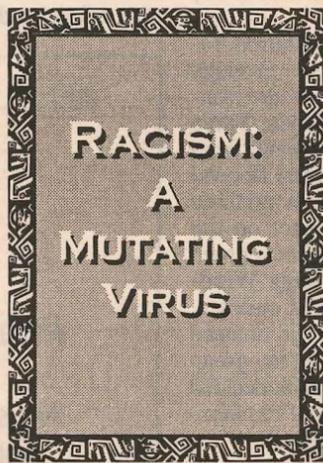
"The only conflict between blacks and Koreans is (over) economic matters," said Jee, a businessman turned pastor.

Blacks and Korean-Americans often share the same neighborhoods, Jee said, and Koreans often operate retail stores in black communities. The resulting economic tensions appear to outsiders to be race-based, said Jee, who studied sociology and race relations at Georgia State University.

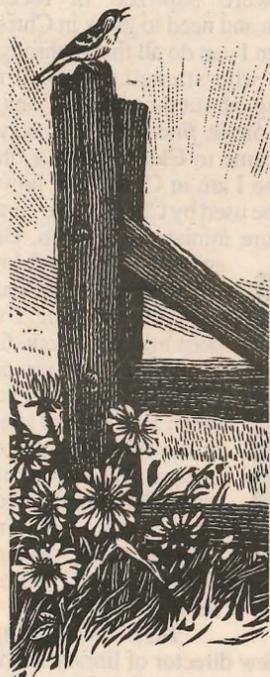
Some black participants voiced disagreement over how best to address racism.

Fred Jeff Smith, a pastor from Baton Rouge, La., said blacks are not limited in their ability to overcome prejudice and succeed.

But other blacks said racism is systemic, and that social barriers must be removed to give minorities a fair chance in life.



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Progress takes more than an annual event

ATLANTA (ABP)—To improve race relations, Baptists must move beyond a once-a-year observance and begin developing ongoing relationships and hands-on ministries, according to Baptist leaders on the issue.

For years, the focus of Baptist attention on racism has been a February observance called "Race Relations Sunday." But the pulpit exchanges and increased awareness that resulted are not enough, according to participants in a race-relations conference Oct. 25-26 in Atlanta.

"Race Relations Sunday is like Groundhog Day, when whites and blacks come out of their hole and look at one another once a year," said Don Sharp, pastor of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago. Real progress on the issue of race will await a deeper commitment from churches and Christians, Sharp and other speakers said. Participants in the two-day meeting summarized their conclusions during the last session. To make real progress on race issues, they said, Baptists must:

- Form ongoing sister-church partnerships among racially and ethnically diverse congregations to meet human needs.
- Urge churches to engage in scriptural confrontation with racism.
- Talk in Sunday school classes about congregants' earliest recollections of racism.
- Use Race Relations Sunday to involve one another in projects and dialogue, rather than simply preaching and teaching about racism and ethnocentrism.

KENTUCKY KERNELS

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board receives 18.5 percent of the money churches give through the Kentucky Baptist Cooperative Program. That means a church which gives \$10,000 through the Cooperative Program gives \$1,850 to the FMB.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BEDFORD**—Pleasant View Church called **Gerald Nuzum** as pastor. Nuzum is a doctoral student at Southern Seminary.

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Jackson Grove Church called **Gene Willett** as pastor Sept. 1. Willett is a native of Morganfield, and previously was pastor of Halls Chapel Church at Bowling Green.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Friendship Church will ordain **Bobby Kirtley** and **Wayne Orange** as deacons Nov. 21.

Campbellsville College has named **Royce Simpson** as assistant professor of psychology. He moves from the University of Alabama, where he was an instructor in psychology and statistical methods.

■ **EUBANK**—Floyd Switch Church called **Gary New** as pastor. He began his ministry Oct. 24.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—Lyle Road Church called **Jerry Ballou** as pastor. He will begin his ministry Nov. 14.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Calvary Church is hosting "Recovering Spiritual

Wholeness During The Holidays," a lecture by **Leo Booth**, an Episcopal priest, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Family Renewal Center. For information call (606) 254-9837.

■ **MAYFIELD**—First Church recently sent 21 youth and seven adults on a mission trip to help with clean-up after the Missouri floods. Three teams worked to remove water from basements and clean several flooded homes. "Working on this mission project had a great impact on the youth, many of whom had never seen such devastation," said **Ingy Winders**, minister of youth and children. "A Sunday school class had donated \$100 for a pizza dinner for the group on the way home. The youth decided to give that \$100 to one of the families they had helped instead."

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From one exciting event to another

How long has it been since you've been to an old-fashioned pep rally? We had one last Thursday for the first time in 12 years, and it was a rouser. The entire school participated at the end of the school day. It was wonderfully organized by the cheerleaders, with each class sitting together and competing against one another in yelling. Our more than 100 freshmen had the best lungs.

Our soccer team ran from the gym to board the bus to go to Somerset for its second game in the district. Our district has been the largest in the state this year, with eight soccer teams. Soon several pep buses and vans filled with cheering spectators followed them. They were rewarded with one of the most exciting and hard-fought soccer games imaginable. The game was tied at end of regulation play and tied again at the end of a 20-minute overtime. It was tied again until a few moments before the end of the second overtime, when our opponents scored.

Thus ended our best soccer season in 19 years. Our record was 13 wins, including holding our opponents scoreless in five of those games. We had eight losses with only two being by more than one point. We had one tie.

Our girls' volleyball team fought its way to the second game of the regional at Versailles. Its defeat ended the best season our volleyball team has ever had. With a 7-4 record its wins included defeating Dunbar and Henry Clay high schools in Lexington.

Oneida hosted the Class A regional boys' and girls' cross-country tournament with 11 teams running.

Our girls' team won the regional championship for the second year in a row with a record of 71-23 as it advances to the state tournament. Two of our top runners are middle schoolers running

on the high school team. Eighth grader Bre Sharp outran every girl except one. Sixth grader Amanda Travis came in fourth in the entire race. Senior Jackie Valdejuli placed fourth, and junior Melissa Pruitt ran 10th in the race.

Our boys' cross-country team won the runner-up trophy in the 11-school race, and also will advance to the state. Its record was 91-13. Sophomores Dennis McDowell ran second, and Jeremy Walls placed seventh of the scores of boys running the grueling course.

While the regional tournament was being held, approximately 30 volunteers from Allen-Monroe Association were busy with carpentry work, painting and craft work.

In the evening our 38th annual yearbook pageant was held. Outside judges chose senior Sarah Perrine out of six students nominated by secret ballot to be the yearbook queen. There were various stages in the competition including individual interviews, a formal dinner, talent competition, etc. Sarah is a straight-A student, athlete, musician, member of the academic team and in the band. Our top student

in our German classes, she won a grant to live and study in Germany summer before last.

We lack only the state tournament to have our fall sports season ended, and our first academic quarter is over. We honor each honor roll student individually. We had 177 on the honor roll, with 63 having an A average.

With endings there are new beginnings. A new academic quarter and the start of basketball practice at all levels, wrestling, swimming and diving. The various cheerleading squads also are hard at work.

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ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

■ **MILL VALLEY, Calif.**—Kentucky Baptists received a thank-you note from **William Crews**, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. Crews thanked Kentuckians for providing the seminary \$122,475 through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget in 1992-93.

■ **MUNFORDVILLE**—Munfordville Church called **Scott O'Rear** as

minister of music and youth Oct. 24. Also, **Dale Melloan** and **Don Daniel** were ordained as deacons Oct. 3.

■ **PARIS**—Silas Church will celebrate a Thanksgiving homecoming Nov. 14. A potluck meal will follow the worship and gospel singing service.

■ **SONORA**—First Church called **Lynn O. Traylor** as minister of youth and evangelism.

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Testimony chapel at Clear Creek

"I graduate in May if I get through this literature class. I never dreamed the Lord would use me like he has. When I got out of high school, I said I would never go back to school. I praise the Lord for Clear Creek. It has helped me so much, but I still have a long way to go." *Jeff Parsons, fourth year, Virginia.*

"Jeff, don't worry about that literature class. They will let you take it again! My mom said,

'We didn't think you would make it.' I'm the first on Dad's side of the family to graduate from college. You can get ministry education in many places, but you can't get ministry training like Clear Creek. When I came, I thought I knew it all, but God has brought me through, and I am thankful for Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." *Mitch Farthing, fourth year, Kentucky.*

"I grew up in a Christian home. When I graduated from high school, Dad gave me \$3,000 for tuition, apartment and expenses to UK. I flunked out of school, mainly because I was a spoiled child. I called home and said, 'Will you forgive me, Dad?' He welcomed me home. Pride is my big problem. I still struggle with myself. I am so thankful to work with the youth at Macedonia Church, Mt. Sterling,

but wondered how I could do this. So many youth ask questions. Thirteen were baptized in recent months and need to grow in Christ. I realize I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I'm praying about home missions." *Randy Stone, first year, Kentucky.*

"I came to Clear Creek to find out who I am in Christ, and how I could be used by Christ. I also came to secure ministry education. De-

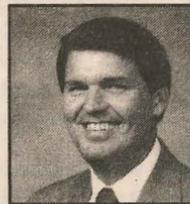
spite my flaws and low self-esteem, I know I am a child of the King. I've been troubled about disrespect in the classroom and disrespect for each other. I am tired of some of the attitudes I see on campus. We just have to quit judging each other. Let's stop playing church and having church." *Jack Helton, third year, Ohio.*

"Mrs. Cummings (our new director of library services) is my role model. Many of us were concerned when Mrs. McCall left because she was so good to pray for us. I am thankful the Lord has brought Mrs. Cummings to take her place. It is great to work for her." *Ann Pope, fourth year, North Carolina.*

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Bill Whittaker

'In His Steps' updated & reprinted

By Jim Lowry
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—"In His Steps," a little book of inspiration and advice for practical living published around the turn of the century, has been updated for Broadman & Holman Publishers by the author's great-grandson.

"What Would Jesus Do?" is a contemporary retelling of Charles Sheldon's classic to bring the examples of everyday problems and crises into a more current perspective.

Garrett Sheldon, the elder Sheldon's great-grandson, is a professor and chairman of the department of social and behavioral sciences at the Clinch Valley College campus of the University of Virginia. He also is the author of books on Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

In the classic original, which has sold 30 million copies, the pastor made apology to a beggar because he had only one cow to care for and didn't need help. The younger Sheldon observes that few pastors today have a great deal of concern for the care and feeding of cattle.

Although the same principles apply, contemporary problems need to be addressed directly, Garrett Sheldon noted, to help youth and adults in the '90s deal with questions related to drugs, sexual immorality and the destruction of the family.

Sheldon said when people face decisions, they need to know where they can turn for help and what resources are available for choosing wisely.

According to Sheldon, one way to start seeking wisdom is to ask the question that serves as the title of the November 1993 update, "What would Jesus do?"

Adults and youth alike, faced with life's challenges and crises, need to turn first to Christ, Sheldon explained. To know how or why they would choose a certain path or decision-making route, individuals

need to know more about Jesus through Bible study and prayer, he said.

Sheldon, 39, experienced a life-changing recommitment three years ago which caused him to consider the priorities of his life and how he could influence others.

As a child, Sheldon said, he remembers hearing stories about his great-grandfather and his book, which the younger Sheldon first read as a teen-ager. His continued association with young adults has led Sheldon to carry a personal burden for the problems faced by college students, while being encouraged by the commitment he sees in students today.

When it was first published, "In His Steps" served as a revival book for Christians. "I hope 'What Would Jesus Do?' can strike the same chord today," Sheldon said. "In their everyday circumstances with family, friends, co-workers, acquaintances and strangers, people need to ask if they exhibit a Christ-like presence."

"What Would Jesus Do?" is set in a fictitious First Church of Ashton, where the pastor works hard on beautiful sermons of great content which are delivered with style.

The needs of a homeless woman bring the pastor and the entire congregation face-to-face with the question of ministry and service. It is not an easy path.

After failing to meet the needs of the woman, the pastor challenges the congregation to "take the pledge to ask what would Jesus do in my place in this decision."

The minister and members of First Church of Ashton determine church is not just rules, tithing and showing up for worship.

"Being a good Christian is a way of life to challenge the world's values of power, wealth and prestige with love, peace, humility and forgiveness," Sheldon said. "It takes a deliberate walk with Christ, with deliberate decisions to love and care for each other."

Church finds unique niche for drive-by evangelism

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. (BP)—Some communities worry about drive-by shootings, but the suburban Atlanta community of Fayetteville, Ga., now has drive-by evangelism.

Once a month, Pastor Kendall Hicks and members of Starr's Mill Baptist Church take refreshments to motorists lined in front of the church at the end of their work day.

"We just wanted to do something to raise the awareness that there is a church in the area and that we're concerned about people," Hicks explained.

The church driveway sits about 100 yards from a stop sign at the end of Georgia Highway 74. Hundreds of cars pass the church after work, and as many as two dozen cars line up at the intersection at a time.

"The afternoon traffic has to stop at the stop sign, giving us a captive audience for about 10 seconds per car," Hicks said.

One Tuesday afternoon in October, Hicks and two members handed out 500 bags of candy with "Eternal Life" tracts in less than an hour. An-

other month, members handed out soft drinks with a Bible verse bookmark.

"We feel like we're modeling Jesus' basic pattern of ministry. He would meet a physical need and then meet a spiritual need," Hicks said.

Members hatched the idea while brainstorming ways to attract the growing number of people driving by. Some motorists were initially suspicious, said volunteer Ris Cowan. When church members handed out cans of Cokes, he said, one driver asked, "What's in it?"

"People aren't used to getting something truly free," Cowan said.

Others offered donations, but workers refused.

"We're trying to keep that message that there are no strings attached," Cowan said. "We don't want people to think all we want is their money."

In addition to boosting awareness, Hicks said he hopes the effort will break down preconceptions residents may have about church members and lead to church growth.

DRIVE-BY EVANGELISM
Pastor Kendall Hicks of Starr's Mill Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga., hands a bag of candy and gospel tract to a motorist stopped in traffic near the church building during afternoon rush hour. (BP photo by David Winfrey)



Traditional two-week VBS alive & well at Florida church

By Jack Brymer
Florida Baptist Witness

LEESBURG, Fla. (BP)—While many churches have all but abandoned the traditional two-week vacation Bible school, First Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fla., gives it priority—and for good reason.

During the church's annual event the last two weeks in June, 1,459 children were enrolled, with 125 of them making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and 50 being baptized.

"Vacation Bible school, Sunday school and apple pie are as Southern Baptist as you can get," said Charles Roesel, pastor of the church for 17 years. "We are continually doing new and creative things to reach people for Christ, but we also try to do the old things unusually well."

"Vacation Bible school is the most effective way to reach people for

Jesus I know."

According to Roesel, one in six of the church's 300-plus annual baptisms for the past five years has come as a result of VBS. But to be effective, he cautions, VBS must be given priority.

For the Leesburg church, that priority is expressed in two distinct areas—budget and personnel.

"I don't ask how much it costs, but how much it is worth," Roesel said, explaining the \$12,000 budget item for the ministry.

Likewise, according to Art Ayris Jr., associate pastor for evangelism and ministry and director of the VBS emphasis, there is total commitment from the staff.

"Everybody plays a part—from the pastor to the secretaries," said Ayris, adding the pastor's secretary had a bus route.

VBS is given such a priority, ac-

ording to Roesel, that the church calendar is cleared for those two weeks and staff members are not allowed to take vacation.

"Mr. Art," as he is called by the children, was quick to point out, however, that the No. 1 commitment to VBS comes from the pastor.

"He is a strong leader," Ayris said of Roesel. "The people of the church respect him and he allows you to prove yourself."

With a clipboard and two-way radio, "Mr. Art" moved through the buildings—which were a beehive of activity housing at the time the population of a small city—observing the 200-plus volunteers.

"We are using every room in the facility, including the choir room," he said, pointing out on a massive chart the 41 departments handling the kindergarten through eighth grade children.

Ayris said he is already concerned about next year since the program was "maxed out" this year. At the moment, he said he is considering dual sessions—regular daytime schedule for kindergarten through fifth grade and a night session for middle and high school kids, plus adults. The adult program would include workshops on such topics as marriage enrichment and would feature a Bible conference.

In addition to the traditional VBS activities, such as recreation, snack time and classroom work, the program featured a Christian film and a worship time in the sanctuary, which included a baptismal service.

The church continued its ministry throughout the summer in other ways, including renting a local theater on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons to show Billy Graham films free of charge.

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