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**GETTING READY** Jim Smith (left), director of missions for Enterprise Baptist Association, and Carl Boyd, director of missions for Pike Baptist Association, blow up balloons in preparation for this weekend's Big Sandy area celebration of the 125th anniversary of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Area Baptists have planned a day of family activities for the birthday party Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held on the grounds of First Baptist Church in Pikeville, located at Fourth Street and Scott Avenue.

## Fellowship debates funding for education

By Greg Warner  
Associated Baptist Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. (ABP)—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship won't end all funding of Southern Baptist seminaries but will encourage participating churches to direct their contributions toward Fellowship-endorsed theological schools.

Angered by the March 9 firing of popular Southern Baptist seminary president Russell Dilday, Fellowship members at their annual meeting debated but defeated a motion to exclude all Southern Baptist seminaries from all Fellowship funding plans.

Although the proposal was endorsed by the group's administrative committee, only about a third of those voting May 7 approved the plan—far short of the two-thirds necessary for enactment.

However, a less stringent proposal was immediately passed. It suggested

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## Amazing! Grace said at many American tables

PRINCETON, N.J. (RNS)—Saying a prayer before meals remains a common practice in American households, according to a recent Gallup poll conducted for Life magazine.

Of the 90 percent of Americans who say they pray at all, only 14 percent never offer a prayer of thanksgiving before a meal.

About 29 percent always give thanks before meals; another 22 percent do so frequently; and 34 percent do so occasionally, the nationwide telephone poll found.

The presence of children in the household appears to have no effect upon how often prayers are offered before meals, according to pollster George Gallup Jr.

The proportions of those saying grace always or frequently were the same for both houses with children under age 18 (52 percent) and those without (51 percent).

Those most likely to always say grace include people 50 and older, non-whites, and residents of the South and Midwest.

Protestants also are more likely than Roman Catholics to give thanks before meals, the poll found.

Although mealtime prayers may be common, they are not the most frequently uttered prayers by Americans, Gallup reported.

"When people who pray were asked which prayers they say most often, only 2 percent named the act of giving thanks before meals," he said.

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## World Day of Prayer focuses on Hazara

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—In 1921, a missionary in Iran pulled a handful of grass from Afghan soil and turned it into a prayer network that seized the hearts of Christians worldwide.

Missionary William Miller swam across the Helmand River, which divides Iran from Afghanistan, and pulled the grass from the Afghan side before swimming back to Iran. He took the blades of grass and enclosed them in a letter to a Christian friend, urging him to pray for Afghanistan.

"Here are some of the first fruits of Afghanistan," Miller wrote.

Miller also gave some of the grass to Christy Wilson, who later would follow God's call to missions in Afghanistan. Today Wilson is a respected scholar on Afghanistan, having worked in the country 22 years as a tentmaker and having written five books on the nation.

"Miller started Christians praying for Afghanistan, which has lasted for more than 70 years," Wilson said. "God is still working there, but we need more prayer for the many people groups of Afghanistan, like the Hazara."

The 1994 Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization focuses on the Hazara people of Afghanistan. From 6 p.m. May 20 to 6 p.m. May 21, Southern Baptists will join other "Great Commission" Christians in praying and fasting for the Hazara, an unreached people who live mostly in the central mountains of Afghanistan.

At most, only about 500 Christians live among the world's 2.5 million Hazara. Most people in Afghanistan are Sunni Muslim, but the Hazara are part of the Shiite sect, the branch of Islam that prevails in Iran.

The Hazara also differ from other Afghans in their cultural heritage. Some historians believe the Hazara are descendants of Genghis Khan's conquerors, who overran Afghanistan in the 13th century.

Today, the Hazara live tough lives as mountain farmers, shepherds and goatherds in the central highlands of the Hindu Kush mountains. Because of their Mongolian appearance and religious differences with most Afghans, the Hazara generally suffer discrimination.

Christians working among the

Hazara offer specific requests:

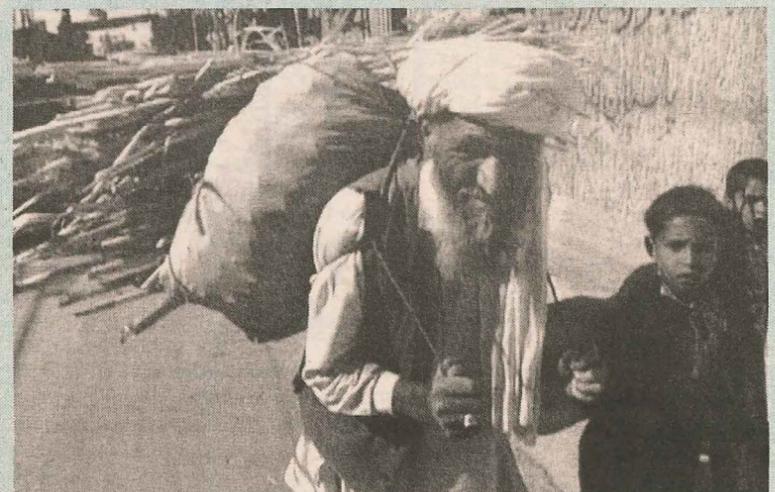
■ Pray for Christians who live and work among the Hazara that they might learn the language in order to spread the gospel.

■ Pray for Christian workers' health and for strong spiritual discipline.

■ Pray for Christian workers who are now translating the Gospel of Luke into the Hazara language.

■ Pray for protection and divine guidance for Christian workers who are preparing radio broadcasts so the Hazara people can have an opportunity to learn of Jesus for the first time.

An information packet on the Hazara people is available from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by calling (800) 866-FMB1.



**DAY OF PRAYER** The Hazara people of Afghanistan, some of whom are shown in this photo taken at a refugee village in Pakistan, are the focus of this year's Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization. (BP photo)

# BAPTISTS

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **The new women's ministry** of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will move from being staffed by a part-time consultant to a full-time director.

Denise George, a Birmingham, Ala.-based speaker and writer, resigned her part-time enrichment specialist to allow a full-time consultant to direct the ministry, the board reported. George said she was not interested in moving to Nashville and supports the change to a full-time position.

■ **Charles Johnson** will retire as director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's National Student Ministry July 1. Johnson, 60, has directed since 1982.

■ **Mary Ellen Price**, an account executive with a Nashville public relations firm, has been named director of communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Her work will emphasize public relations and marketing projects as part of the seminary's overall communications effort.

## Fellowship's council adds more staff, ponders identity

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship continued to expand its staff while seeking to clearly define its identity during the May 3-4 meeting of the group's Coordinating Council.

The Coordinating Council—composed of about 80 representatives from cooperating state and regional affiliates—conducted business for two days prior to this year's general assembly in Greensboro, N.C. Council members approved the creation of two new professional staff positions, in addition to the six already existing in the Fellowship's headquarters.

One of the new positions will be a regional representative relating to the states west of the Mississippi River. The other will be a Christian education coordinator.

Fellowship Coordinator Cecil Sherman said the regional representative is necessary to balance the attention the Fellowship's Atlanta-based staff devotes particularly to Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana and Arkansas. The representative also will work in Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The Fellowship is growing faster east of the Mississippi River than west of the river, Sherman said. However, even though less than one-

fourth of Fellowship-supporting churches are located in the West, one-third of the contributions come from those western churches.

Sherman said he wants to move quickly in establishing this position, probably by July 1. Although not precipitated by the firing of Russell Dilday as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, dismay over the firing provides a good impetus for devoting more attention to the west quickly, he said.

While admitting it is an unusual procedure he doesn't want to make a pattern, Sherman said he already has identified someone for the position.

Associated Baptist Press learned the candidate is Bill Bruster, pastor of First Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas. Bruster acknowledged he had been approached about the job but has not made any decision.

Leaders of the council's theological education group also reported they may propose adding a staff position within the next year.

"There is no future for us without theological education," said Walter Shurden, co-chair of the theological education ministry group.

Sherman echoed that sentiment, saying "theological education is becoming a tremendous need."

The Fellowship faces a unique challenge in this regard, however, because the organization has shunned starting institutions and

agencies that it owns and controls. Instead, the Fellowship has determined to give support to like-minded institutions.

But the Fellowship must strongly influence the availability of quality theological education, Sherman said. "If we don't have schools that turn out people who understand what it means to be a Baptist as we do, we will eventually be extinct."

Sherman said he will propose the collection of a one-time offering for theological education, which would be used to provide seed money for a variety of existing and forming theological schools.

Missions is the one area the Fellowship has some direct control over, Sherman said, because the group now appoints its own missionaries.

"Missions was and is our largest investment," he said. "This is our unique, our singular service. This is what we do for the churches that they can't do for themselves."

Beyond that clear identification, however, the coordinating council continued to struggle with defining the identity of the 3-year-old organization of Southern Baptist moderates.

The council spent considerable time discussing a draft proposal of a document which will outline the Fellowship's mission statement, vision for the future and a set of core values.

## SBC conservative leaders meet in Atlanta

ATLANTA (ABP)—Top leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention's conservative movement, including four former SBC presidents, held a private meeting in Atlanta April 21 apparently aimed at damage control.

Although few of the participants would talk about the meeting afterward, they were overheard discussing the SBC presidential candidacy of Jim Henry and turmoil at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—two events some fear could destabilize conservative control of the SBC.

At least 15 leaders of the conservative movement were seen leaving the meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel downtown, including former presidents Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., who presided at the six-hour meeting, Charles Stanley and Bailey Smith of Atlanta and Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla.

Also at the meeting were Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler, credited with spearheading the SBC's conservative movement.

Others included Dallas pastors O. S. Hawkins of First Baptist Church and Jack Graham of Prestonwood

Baptist Church; Georgia pastors Ike Reighard of New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, James Merritt of First Baptist Church of Snellville and Richard Lee of Rehoboth Baptist Church in Atlanta.

"We were talking about some of the issues that are out there," offered Reighard. Those issues included Henry's candidacy and fallout from the March 9 firing of Russell Dilday as president of Southwestern Seminary, Reighard said.

Some observers predict a backlash against the SBC's conservative leaders, who are supporting Alabama pastor Fred Wolfe in the June presidential election.

"There is some disappointment because Jim announced after Fred did," explained Smith, an Atlanta evangelist and SBC president from 1980 to 1982.

The Southwestern firing, which unleashed a barrage of protest from the pews, poses a serious threat to the conservative movement, Smith said. "Anybody who is not (convinced of that) has got their head in the sand."

Smith said sympathy for Dilday likely will translate into votes for Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., host city to the June SBC meeting.

Although SBC leaders don't doubt Henry's conservative credentials, some fear he will open the door too widely to moderate Baptists, who have been all but pushed out of convention life. "Among some there is the concern that he would appoint the wrong people," Smith said.

A visioning and growth task force has been developing these documents. Based on discussion from the coordinating council, the task force will rework the documents and make another presentation sometime within the next year.

Among the many positives and negatives expressed about the draft documents, council members expressed the most satisfaction with the proposed core values. These seven values express the passion and convictions that launched the Fellowship, several speakers declared.

The seven core values, as proposed in the draft, say the Fellowship will:

■ Exist primarily to serve local Baptist churches.

■ Be "people-inclusive" and not intervene in God's work by imposing "arbitrarily derived human standards of acceptability."

■ Value diversity.

■ Disperse governing power among the constituents so that "no person or group of persons shall possess nominative or appointive powers that could prove harmful to our form of governance or destroy trust."

■ Value innovation and creativity.

■ Rely primarily on partnerships, networks and alliances rather than creating institutions to develop and deliver resources to local churches.

■ Be "lean and efficient, yet robust and effective."

## Kentuckians named to SBC committees

HOUSTON (BP)—Three Kentuckians have been named by President Ed Young to serve on committees during this year's meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

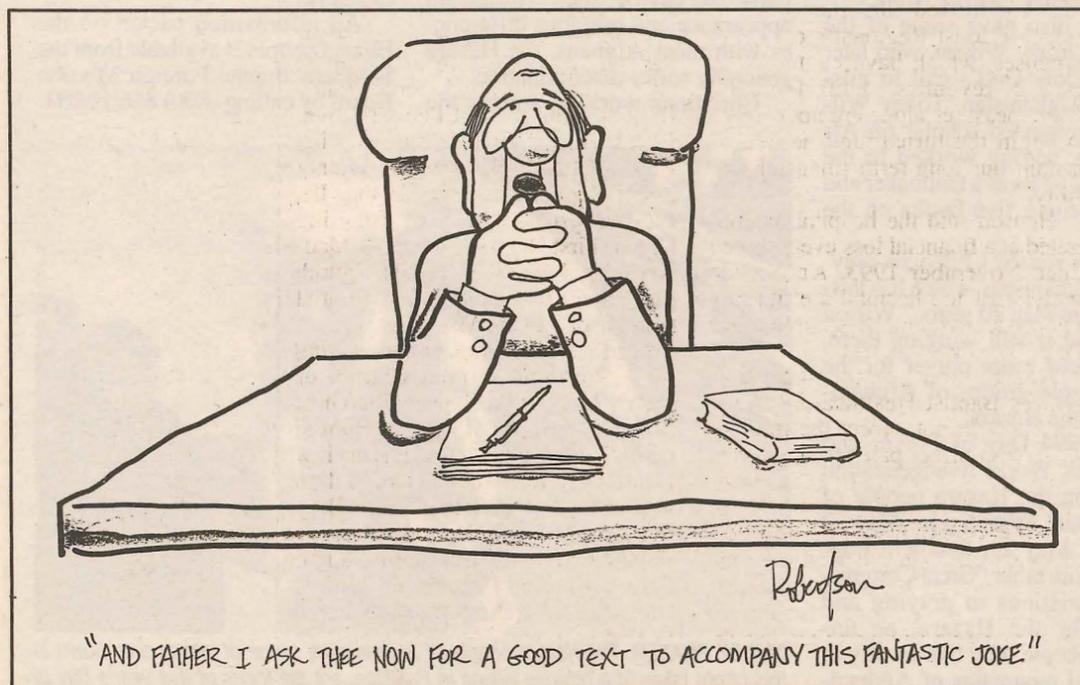
Mike Routt, pastor of Eastern Gate Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, and Kent Workman, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, were named to the credentials committee. This committee will be chaired by Danny Strickland, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla.

The credentials committee is charged with verifying the authenticity of messenger registration credentials and arbitrating disputes arising over the seating of messengers.

Paul Blizard, pastor of Redland Baptist Church in Paducah, was named to the tellers committee. This committee will be chaired by Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

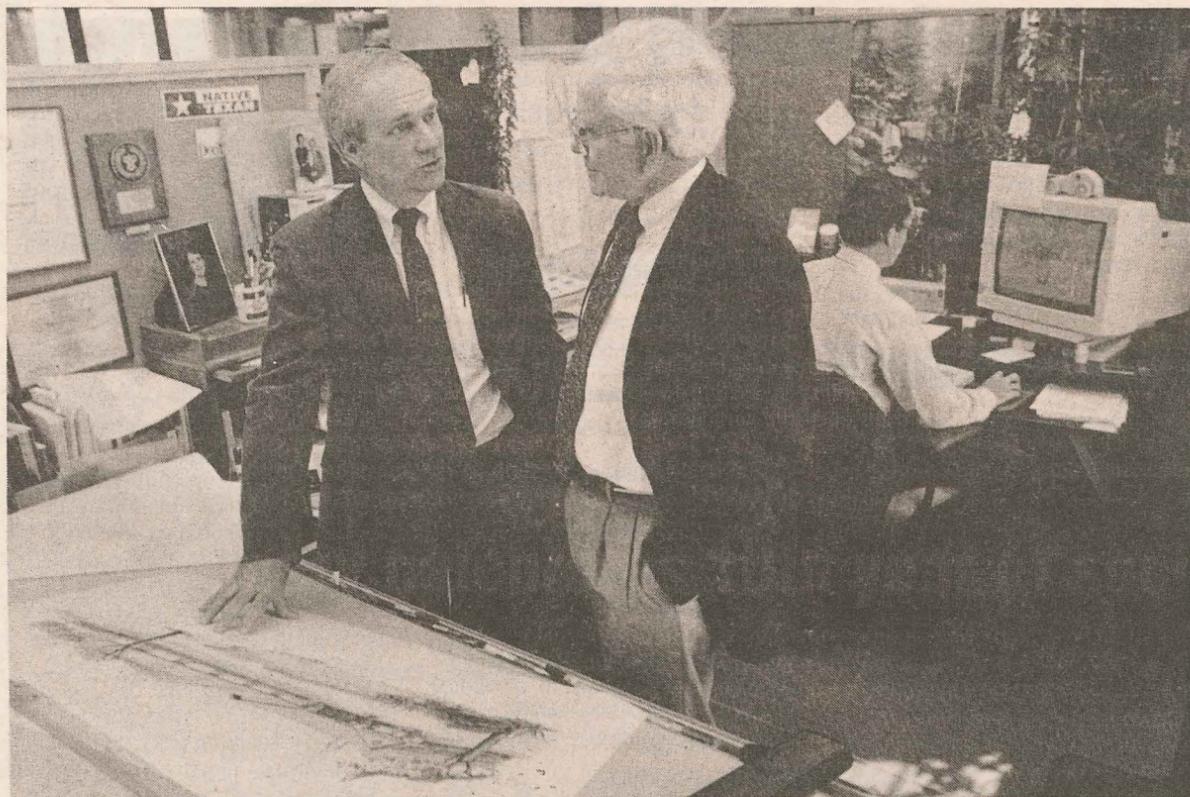
Young also named four parliamentarians. Chief parliamentarian will be Barry McCarty, pastor of the Lakota Christian Church in Cincinnati and adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky University.

Assisting McCarty will be Joe Reynolds of Houston, Jimmy Jackson of Huntsville, Ala., and John Sullivan of Jacksonville, Fla.



"AND FATHER I ASK THEE NOW FOR A GOOD TEXT TO ACCOMPANY THIS FANTASTIC JOKE."

# KENTUCKY



**DRAWING NEW PLANS** Kentuckian Davis Byrd (left) has been named director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church architectural services unit. He succeeds Gwen McCormick (right), who is retiring. Byrd has been master planner in the architectural services unit, which assists Baptist churches of all sizes with first-unit construction, renovations and master planning. Byrd is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and until last year was a partner in the Louisville architectural firm of Danzinger-Byrd. He previously was director of facilities planning and management at Southern Seminary. (Photo by Jim Veneman)

## College makes givers of takers, Cox says

CAMPBELLSVILLE—The best college education converts a student from a taker to a giver, Gary Cox told 172 graduates of Campbellsville College May 7.

Cox, executive director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, delivered the commencement address during ceremonies in the Powell Athletic Center on campus.

This was the college's second-largest graduating class.

Cox said his position causes him to hear many descriptions of the value of a college education: creating leaders for tomorrow, preparing peo-

ple for productive lives, increasing earning capacities and broadening intellectual horizons.

"All of these are true, and they are important outcomes of a good college education," he said. "But there is one thing that the best college education does to us that we seldom think about, and may not even be aware of.

"The best college education takes a young man or young woman who is basically a taker at life's table and turns him or her into a giver."

A college degree may assure the graduate of a good job, good pay-

check and "a straight path to a leadership position," he admitted. "But for real success, for reaching the heights in job and paycheck and leadership, you've got to be a person who gives to others."

Earlier in the day, Bob Browning, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset, delivered the college's baccalaureate address at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Browning told the graduates that God requires three things of all people: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

## BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Alzheimer's seminar set.** A free symposium for caregivers, health professionals and anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's Disease will be offered Saturday, May 21, at Baptist Hospital East, from 8 a.m. until noon. The session will be led by Darlene Boyd, a registered nurse and geriatric care specialist from Tampa Bay, Fla. For details, call (502) 897-8131.

■ **Shorroshes named.** Shaun and Amal Shorrosh have been appointed to mission service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will live in Egypt, where he will start and develop churches. He formerly lived in Oneida and is a graduate of Cumberland College.

■ **Georgetown sets commencement.** Georgetown College will hold its 165th commencement Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. on Giddings Lawn. Virginia Fox, executive director of Kentucky Educational Television, will be the keynote speaker. Jennifer Reber, an accounting major from Clinton, will be the senior class speaker.

■ **Morgan honored.** Chris Morgan, a linebacker for the Campbellsville College football team, has been named 1994 College Male Athlete of the Year by the Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

■ **Mooney honored.** Curtis Mooney, president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, has been selected to participate in the 1994 class of Leadership Kentucky. This statewide educational program honors individuals who have demonstrated significant leadership ability and contributions to their own community.

■ **Flood workers honored.** The United States Senate has recognized the efforts of Campbellsville College's Baptist Student Union for aiding flood victims in Winfield, Mo., during this year's spring break. Sen. Mitch McConnell said the Campbellsville students and staff who participated in the clean-up ministry help residents regain hope.

## HMB names top churches giving to Annie in '93

ATLANTA—Kentucky churches gave \$1.24 million to the 1993 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, according to data recently released by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

That figure is \$84,710 less than Kentucky churches gave in 1992, the HMB said.

Top churches in total giving for the state in 1993 were First Baptist Church of Paducah, Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, First Baptist Church of Murray, First Baptist Church of Somerset, Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, First Baptist Church of Madisonville, Lancaster Baptist Church in Lancaster and Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington.

Top churches in per capita giving were Wallonia Baptist Church of Cadiz, Macedonia Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, Sorgho Baptist Church of Owensboro, Riverview Baptist Church of Calvin, Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Aflex Baptist Church in Aflex, Bullitsburg Baptist Church of Burlington, Sugar Grove Baptist Church of Utica, Hampton Missionary Baptist Church in Hampton and Mallard Point Baptist Church in Georgetown.

## Two degrees added

CAMPBELLSVILLE—Two new degree programs were approved by trustees of Campbellsville College April 22.

The Baptist college will begin offering the bachelor of social work degree and bachelor of science degree with a focus in Christian ministries.

"These degree programs will enable Campbellsville College to effectively deliver academic programs to students who are seeking ways to minister to the world, whether it be in social work or in our churches," said President Ken Winters.

"We believe it is our institution's uppermost challenge and opportunity to offer our students degree programs that will enable them to be involved in Christian service no matter what their chosen field of study might be."

## Corbin hospital reduces staff

CORBIN—Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin last week announced plans to reduce its workforce by 120 to 125 employees by June 1.

The staff reduction began May 4, with the elimination of 20 positions, primarily management jobs, said John Henson, chief operating officer. A new management structure is being implemented as a proactive step to position the hospital for further change in the health-care industry, he added.

"We sincerely regret having to take this painful action," Henson said. "We are deeply concerned for the affected employees, and we are planning to do everything we can as an organization to help them."

Displaced employees will receive severance pay based on tenure and professional outplacement assistance, along with other benefits.

"A staff reduction is always the option of last resort," Henson added.

"We looked for other ways to reduce Baptist Regional's operating expenses, which have continued to exceed revenues. Unfortunately, those measures alone are not enough to begin the turnaround needed to sustain our long-term financial viability."

Henson said the hospital has operated at a financial loss every month since November 1993. An outside analysis of the hospital's efficiency and productivity has been used to set the new course, he said.

Henson and Ed Vaughn, president of Baptist Healthcare System, said they do not expect the staff reduction to affect patient care or the hospital's long-standing commitment to the community.

"Our situation is not unique," Vaughn said. "Hospitals all over the country are having to make adjustments because the forces for reform are demanding change in the health-care industry."

# OPINION

## WESTERN RECORDER

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

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## Support homefront

Kentucky Baptists' response to the new opportunities in Russia speaks highly of their commitment to missions. Their zeal helps provide for medical, dental, construction and educational resources to Christians in Russia with the support of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Kentucky-Russia partnership.

But there also are Russians in Kentucky. And Hispanics; and Asians; and Arabs; and people from many other countries of the world who call our state home. Sociologists and demographers predict the United States will be a multi-cultural society within a few years. It might take longer for Kentucky to get there, but don't bet on it.

Many churches, associations and individuals throughout the convention take this challenge seriously. Migrant ministries and non-Anglo ethnic congregations are already a vital part of the Kentucky Baptist landscape. But language missions still lack a full commitment from part of the KBC. An overworked direct missions staff and part-time consultants with limited resources cannot provide the type of specialized guidance needed to reach out to people with different languages and cultures. Traditional church-planting and ministry ap-

proaches do not work in most cases. Like in Russia, the needs of the immigrants and refugees are unique, requiring aggressive and creative programs.

Those who work with Russians and other cultural groups in Kentucky deserve the same kind of support from the convention as their counterparts overseas.

Tony Aja  
Louisville

## Avoidable division

If there is one thing we can say about Baptists today, they are certainly divided. We're like two neighbors who have a common tree that stands on the fence line, each side fussing about the leaves blowing in each others' yards. Maybe it is time to cut the tree down as a last resort.

The truth of the matter is there's enough fault to go around for everyone. This whole thing could have been avoided to start with. For years, conservative Baptists called for our seminaries to come back toward the middle. They were left of center and some far left. The response of those in control was taken at best. For years, conservative Baptists sent their money into the Cooperative Program, supporting schools that were teaching things they abhorred, but they stuck

with the ship. Now the ship has a new commander and it is heading far right. It could have all been avoided.

I don't like far left or far right either, but given the choice between the two, I'll take the latter.

Bill Rhodus  
Nancy

## Humiliating actions

Following the accounts of the debacle at Southwestern Seminary leads me to believe that Southern Baptists have once again been humiliated by the actions of their appointed "leaders."

Our denomination is in the hands of self-consumed politicians who would like to convince us they are "led by the Spirit." They are unable to see past their own striving for control.

I, as a Kentucky Baptist, am embarrassed that Kentucky's representative on the board affirmed the board's action and was unable to recognize that Dr. Russell Dilday had been mistreated and Southern Baptists ill-served.

Those of us who continue to support with our silence such irresponsible and controlling behavior "will deserve the kind of leaders that are going to be coming out of our seminaries," as Ken Chafin so aptly phrased it.

Fannie Louise Maddux  
Pembroke

## Are we successful?

True success does not always mean that we have the biggest, the best or the most. Some people in the Bible often were not popular nor did they achieve great fame in their day.

Life can be cruel and unfair. Things do not always go as planned. Circumstances change and thus change our lives and plans.

As we look at those whom God said were successful, let us look at some outstanding features about these

individuals:

■ They were focused on God. Joseph said of his life and his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20).

■ They focused on the future and forgave the past. Joseph could have gotten even, yet he chose to forgive and forget.

■ They focused on fruitful work. God's great command to humanity was to bear fruit. This is especially true for Christians. Are you bearing

good fruit, leading people to God?

The success of these people was evidenced in their ability to place their trust in God and to forgive those who offended them. Joseph could have held a grudge, but what good would that have done? Jesus could have complained about his rejection and persecution, but he chose to forgive them and us for our sins.

Are you successful? You are if God can say of you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, ... enter into the joy of the Lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Milford Stanley, pastor  
Central Baptist Church  
Maysville

## BAPTIST FORUM

## MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

## What was no longer is

History has a way of helping us look at ourselves through the mirror of the past. We may not always take pleasure in what we see there.

The following resolution was passed during the 1917 annual meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (now the Kentucky Baptist Convention):

"That whereas, the question of admitting women messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention was agitated at the recent session of that body; and

"Whereas, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, its membership was limited to men and has contributed for more than 70 years of its existence; and

"Whereas, when Kentucky Baptists became identified with the Southern Baptist Convention, it was clearly and distinctly understood that the membership of said body was restricted to men.

"Whereas, our noble Christian women, who excel us in Kingdom service do not, as a body, desire, nor have they requested membership in said convention, and believing that such membership will hinder the great and blessed work of the women,

"Whereas, to change the terms of membership the convention would be in the nature of an ex post facto law, and contrary to the conviction of thousands of Southern Baptists.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly of Baptists in Kentucky do hereby and herein prayerfully petition the Southern Baptist Convention that no change be made in the existing terms of membership, thus resisting an innovation and respecting the rights and consciences of multitudes of our people."

Nevertheless, on May 16, 1918, meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., the Southern Baptist Convention voted overwhelmingly to amend the consti-



## Could it be ADD?

By Jewell Nelson

Q We have a very active child in our second-grade department. Help!

A For too long children with an Attention Deficit Disorder have been labeled as behavior problems. Or parents have been labeled as poor disciplinarians.

These children have been punished, isolated, labeled and sometimes destroyed emotionally. Now there is help.

Every active child does not have an Attention Deficit Disorder! Other factors can cause a child to be overly active.

It is essential that a medical professional do the diagnosis. Medication is often prescribed. Sometimes parents withhold medication on weekends.

Have a relaxed meeting with the second-grader's parents. Be very positive and affirming. Ask about the child's history and how you can best meet the child's needs. Suggest that the child be checked for ADD. The child already may be diagnosed as ADD and be on medication during the week. A suggestion that the child get medication before Sunday school may be received positively by the parents.

Positive guidance is good for a child with an Attention Deficit Disorder, as it is for any child.

Dr. Jane N. Hannah of Vanderbilt University Medical Center offers some guidelines for working with children with high activity:

■ Use learning centers within the classroom. (So children may move from center to center to complete assignments.)

■ Provide outlets for energy release by giving jobs that require motor activity.

■ Provide the child with opportunities for active "hands-on" learning.

■ Allow the child to stand when completing an assignment.

■ When providing a reward to the ADD child, build in activity-oriented rewards (cleaning boards or fish tank, watering plants etc.).

■ Accept and love the child as he is, a very active and moving child. It may require more effort for him to remain "still" than to move around while completing his work.

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.

## Liberate Sundays & Wednesdays from schools

A group of Kentucky Baptists is waging a battle to save Sundays and Wednesday nights from the grasp of their schools.

Ohio River Baptist Association—representing 40 churches in Livingston and Crittenden counties in western Kentucky—has asked local school officials to “re-establish policies which would not create a conflict with the long-established worship times of the local church.”

A letter approved by the association’s executive board asks school superintendents, principals and board members to eliminate school functions after 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and to limit school activities on Sundays to 2-5 p.m.

“Our main purpose for bringing this matter to your attention is that our children are expressing great anxiety, since they are being penalized for their lack of participation,” the letter states. “And we do not feel it necessary to place that kind of pressure on our young people. We are not requesting anything new, but just a time-honored agreement which until a few years ago had not been questioned.”

Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Dennis Lacy already issued a memo to his administrators. It says: “Do not schedule activities that would interfere with church services ... particularly Wednesdays and Sundays. If an event, for some unknown reason, interferes with church activities, those students who want to attend church services will be excused with no punishment (or) reprimand.”

While they may not be liable technically, schools that require students to participate in activities on Wednesday nights and Sundays seem to violate the spirit of the free exercise clause of the First Amendment. Of course, extra-curricular activities usually are not mandatory. But under the pressures of school participation, few can tell the difference. Students who opt out of basketball tournaments and debate practices often suffer harsh penalties, such as ostracism and consignment to the end of the bench. That’s not fair to the students, their families, their churches and, ultimately, to the schools.

Hooray for Ohio River Baptists! May the 77 other associations affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention go and do likewise. Our students need to be rescued from the rock of church and the hard spot of school. Schools can afford to give up a day and an evening.

Marv Knox

## Read those labels & live well

Heart and blood-vessel diseases needlessly claim the lives of more than 15,000 Kentuckians every year, reports Jerry Lacy, a Louisville physician and president of the state chapter of the American Heart Association.

“The formula for good health is simple,” Lacy asserts. “Don’t smoke. Keep your blood pressure in the normal range. Get 30 to 60 minutes of exercise three or four times a week. And keep your blood cholesterol low by eating foods low in fat and cholesterol.”

Beginning this week, the Heart Association and the Food and Drug Administration are launching a year-long effort to help Americans eat healthier diets by learning to use new FDA-required labels on food.

“Titled ‘Nutrition Facts,’ the new labels show how much total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, dietary fiber, sugars and protein each serving of the food contains,” Lacy says. “With these new labels, figuring a heart-healthy menu is a cinch.”

The labels also show the daily percentages of each food component (fat, sodium, etc.) a serving contains, so even non-rocket-scientists can keep score.

Reading labels may be a bother to many Kentucky Baptists. But as people who believe our bodies are God’s temples, we have a responsibility for their upkeep. Read and heed.

Marv Knox

## Angels without wings: Helping others through tough times

I have come in contact with angels in my lifetime. Not the stereotype of a figure with wings and a halo, but real people. Angels are ordinary people God uses in extraordinary ways.

At times, I felt like my life was falling apart. God seemed like a total stranger. “Why pray and have faith?” I thought. “It doesn’t do any good.”

I felt like an obstacle was in my way which I could not go around. The obstacle seemed like a permanent part of my life, because I did not have the

strength to overcome it. I was miserable with this obstacle, but it was a kind of security, since I was afraid of what lay on the other side. This obstacle

became the most secure thing in my life, because when I woke up each morning, it was always there. I put my entire being and existence into overcoming this obstacle. Some days I felt like I had won. Just one mistake, however, was all that it took to put me behind it again.

God says: “Every test that you have experienced is the kind that nor-

mally comes to people. But I will keep my promise and not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, I will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God has sent special friends to serve as angels in my life at particular points in time. I believe they were angels, because they presented me the exact influence that I needed; always being supportive in helping me overcome my obstacles. These angels provided a source of strength which

helped me endure the pain, overcome it and then reflect back on the things I had learned.

God wants to use each of us as angels, since they help people get through crises. You and I can be angels if we are open to the Holy Spirit and sensitive to others’ needs. God wants each of us to help strengthen one another. That way, we can all mature and enjoy so much more of the beauty and meaning life has to offer.

R. David Johnson  
Lexington

### VIEWPOINT

## Don’t plan on a mess of peas & carrots when you get up to heaven

Mortals usually define heaven by what they think will be on hand when they get there. You know the usual list. The Lord and St. Peter, of course. Pearly gates and streets of gold, long-gone kinfolks and angels playing harps. Good stuff, and perfect too.

But as a wishful thinker, I’ve been drawing up a list of what won’t be in heaven. The absence of some things may have as much to do with heavenly bliss as chocolate-covered strawberries and custom-made wings. Here’s my “Top 7 List of Things You Won’t Find in Heaven”:

7. Peas and carrots. Kids hate them, and “wailing and gnashing of teeth” has been reserved for reprobates in the Other Place. So, how could peas and carrots exist in a

place any self-respecting 5-year-old would call Paradise? Unless, of course, children can’t make the heavenly roster, which would change this list radically and pose a whole set of theological problems we can’t resolve in 65 lines.

6. Rainy Saturdays.

Is anything more frustrating than a slow, gray drizzle on the weekend? Noah may irrigate the heavenly lawn, but I don’t expect any holy softball games will get rained out.

5. Bran cereal. Nobody knows what our

heavenly bodies will look like, but I’m convinced we won’t have to worry about cholesterol and fiber. When we all get to heaven, we will have done enough bran-cereal penance already.

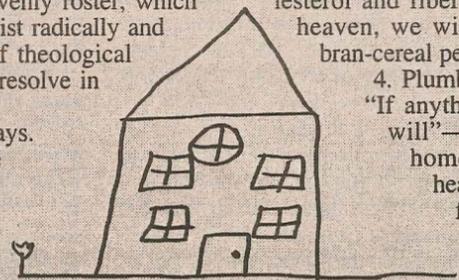
4. Plumbing. Murphy’s law—“If anything can go wrong, it will”—was written about home plumbing. Since heaven is a place of perfection, we obviously won’t have plumbing there. (Which also poses a question about our heavenly bodies, but I’m sure that will be covered in the Sublime Orientation.)

3. Pollen. Anybody whose sinuses have ached through spring knows pollen can’t get into heaven. God will make heavenly daffodils and petunias grow spontaneously, so as to tread lightly on saintly noses.

2. Bedtime. Sleep may be necessary for earthly bodies, but bedtimes provide equal torment for parents and children alike. So, either (a) kids run on batteries in heaven, (b) they don’t make it to heaven or (c) angelic nannies do the nightly duty.

1. Clocks. In this life, they just keep ticking, stealing time, the scarcest commodity in our earthly domain. In heaven, eternity will replace time, and we’ll have plenty of “time” to do everything that needs to be done, like eat ice cream.

Marv Knox



down home

**Students shouldn’t be forced to choose between church and school activities. Schools already own the rest of the week; they can give Sundays and Wednesday nights to the churches.**

**“Angels are ordinary people God uses in extraordinary ways.”**

## 'What do Fellowship leaders believe?'

### CHALLENGE

By O.S. Hawkins, pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Dallas

I have purposefully waited until the dust has settled a bit before addressing the denominational issues regarding Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

First, let me affirm that First Baptist Church in Dallas is a Southern Baptist church in the most historic sense of the word. We are unapologetically committed to the cooperative way of approaching missions through our mission boards. The scores of our people on fields all over the world today and the hundreds of others in the coming decade who will go out from our local congregation and Criswell College attest to this. We are a Southern Baptist church. Throughout this century, we have been the flagship of our Southern Baptist Zion.

Therefore, when a group like the Fellowship siphons monies from our cooperative mission efforts; when it wants to be called "Southern Baptist," yet sets up its own mission board; and when it is one of the biggest supporters of a new seminary designed to compete with our seminaries, it is time for a "certain sound" to ring out

### RESPONSE

By Cecil Sherman  
Coordinator  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

This is a time to put some things in perspective. I do not expect to communicate with some people. No one could. But many thoughtful, reasonable people will read and consider, and it is to that audience that I write.

Here are points to ponder:

1. More than a decade ago, in Hamburg, Germany, a teacher in a Baptist seminary was fired for not believing in the virgin birth.

2. The faculty at Ruschlikon Seminary protested the firing; they thought it severe. Yet the Ruschlikon faculty signed a statement saying all of them did believe in the virgin birth.

3. James Hefley asked what I thought about the matter in 1982 or '83. I said:

■ I did and do believe in the virgin birth. There has been no time when I did not believe in the virgin birth.

■ The question was hypothetical. I said I thought other things should be taken into account than just the doctrine of the virgin birth.

■ Then I turned the idea in my mind like this: Mark and John do not mention the virgin birth. Paul in his 13 epistles does not mention it. Paul was the church's first systematic theologian; surely he would have mentioned all crucial doctrines.

■ I could have gone on. There are more verses about speaking in tongues than the virgin birth, as many verses about being good to your

from Dallas.

Dr. Wayne Allen is the respected and committed pastor of First Baptist Church in Carrollton, Texas. He is a member of the board of trustees of Southwestern Seminary and opposed the majority vote to dismiss Dr. Russell Dilday as president. Dr. Allen encourages pastors to "continue giving through the Cooperative Program, or if the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship theology is a person's convention, then be honest and join their ranks." He goes on to ask "fellow pastors to examine the theology of the CBF, and if their theology is more akin to your conviction, then join the moderate-backed Fellowship. If your theology is more akin to the SBC, then continue to support it and expect them to be accountable for their actions." Amen to Wayne Allen.

I call on the (Texas) Baptist Standard to do just as Dr. Allen has suggested; examine the theology of the CBF. Give Baptists the truth. Obviously, the place to begin is with its leader, for after awhile any entity begins to take on the personality of its leadership.

A good place to begin might be a Christianity Today article which quotes CBF head Cecil Sherman as saying,

"A teacher who might also be led by Scripture not to believe in the virgin birth

slaves as the virgin birth. On this could go.

■ The Church of Christ requires water baptism for salvation. They cite a couple of verses. Baptists dismiss them; the weight of Scripture does not support them.

4. My views are based on a principle of interpretation taught to me in Southwestern Seminary in the '50s. Big doctrines have a broad Bible base; they are mentioned again and again. The ideas are refined and turned and finally defined. This makes big theology. Doctrines rarely mentioned in the Bible are true, but they are not so important as the others. The Bible—and the life and teachings of Christ—become the standards by which we measure the very important from the less important. One form of heresy is majoring on minor issues.

5. James Hefley wove my statements into a 1983 piece he did for Christianity Today. And now, "out of the blue," O.S. Hawkins comes with this quotation and wants to measure the theology of the CBF leadership. What does this mean?

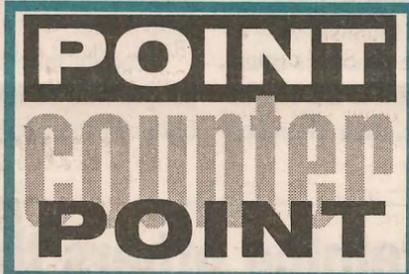
■ This is a diversion. O.S. Hawkins' friends fired Russell Dilday, and most good Baptists are angry. It is time to divert Baptists from what has happened at Southwestern by resorting again to the "liberalism" ploy. So this is an attempt to shift the ground, control the agenda and pin the "liberalism" tag on Cecil Sherman and CBF. If Baptists buy this, they are pretty gullible.

■ Note: I believe the virgin birth. I am being made liberal because I said

should not be fired." He says the virgin birth was in two gospels but not the other two. Then he asks, "Did Mark and John make a mistake by forgetting to list it? If the virgin birth is desperately important, Mark and John must have erred."

When and if our Baptist papers would provide information on the theology of some of the leadership of the moderate movement, Southern Baptists would discover that the issues might well be as much about purity and theology as they are about power and philosophy! Friend, how can one be led by Scripture not to believe in the virgin birth? And how can any Southern Baptist leader, in the most historic sense of the word, question the importance of the virgin birth? If the Lord Jesus was not virgin born, he was not sinless. If he was not sinless, he could not have died for our sins. He would have had to die for his own. If he did not die for our sins, there is no atonement. If there is no atonement, there is no new birth. And if there is no new birth, there is no gospel, no good news!

I appeal to state papers to "tell the truth and trust the people" to decide whether to support the CBF or the SBC. The time has come for an examination of the theology of the leadership of the CBF and the SBC, and then let our individu-



al churches choose this day with whom they will serve.

Wayne Allen's call to examine theology may be the wisest and most profitable venture for the future of the SBC. When the rank and file Southern Baptist laypersons begin to see this issue, it will expedite the inevitable; that is, church action on the local level to either stay with our SBC or go with the more liberal CBF.

This article is not meant to be an attack on anyone or any entity, but simply an appeal to honestly find out the facts and call each local congregation to support one denomination or the other. I have dear and lifelong friends on both sides of the issue; however, the time has come to face reality. We have significant and legitimate differences. We should be honest with one another, and if need be, by local congregational action, we should go our separate ways with each other's blessing. Those conservative congregations who choose to stay with the SBC should be able to expect wider representation on the national level than they have previously enjoyed.

Much of our leadership in the convention and most all of our agency heads are deeply concerned about the CBF's challenge to our cooperative mission enterprises. With all of our shortcomings and struggles, our Southern Baptist Convention is still the greatest mission-sending denomination in all of church history, and I am personally grateful not only of our rich heritage but for our promising future.

Leadership. Does this make us liberal? One group will say yes. I don't think so. You must make up your mind.

If you think this kind of material makes me liberal, you probably will back away from the Fellowship. But that puts you in a predicament. Then you have to hurry to the arms of people who have secret meetings, often don't tell the truth, fire good people and do all these things in the name of "believing the Bible."

I regret this kind of piece. I know this will not put the matter to rest. Mean people with political agendas will continue to say, "Cecil Sherman doesn't believe in the virgin birth." These people don't want truth; they want to discredit the Fellowship and commend their political/theological movement to Baptists. But this is not what the gospel is all about. When there is a lost and dying world out there, when there are people dying for want of love or food, when a secular world laughs at our preoccupation with such, when the want of love and mercy and kindness and forgiveness is all about us, then we go off into a swamp. Some folks want to argue about a guy who is uncertain—not about the virgin birth but about the hypothetical question of whether or not he would fire a professor who did not believe in the virgin birth. What a way to run a denomination!

On one point I agree with O.S. Hawkins completely. He wants Baptists to compare the SBC and the Fellowship. I do too. You can see by the frankness of this article that I trust Baptists. I've trusted myself and CBF to full disclosure. But if you discredit the Fellowship on this count, you need to rethink your priorities.

at one time I was not sure we ought to fire every professor who doesn't.

■ I am trying to let the Bible set the agenda. Things often mentioned in the Bible ought to be tests of fellowship. Things mentioned rarely should not be made tests of fellowship.

6. Is the Fellowship leadership liberal? Not surprisingly, it depends on with whom you are speaking.

■ Some people have a vested interest in making CBF leadership appear liberal. So O.S. Hawkins and Morris Chapman will tell you I am liberal. They are now going out of their way to make Russell Dilday liberal.

■ We are into a perceptual game. It is like the people who spend their time digging up dirt on their political enemies. They are not so much after truth, but a tar job on someone they want to discredit. So they dig up a quotation from more than 10 years ago to distract Southern Baptists. I don't have to deny the virgin birth; they just have to raise a question and they've "gotcha."

■ Do Fellowship people believe some things differently from present SBC leadership? We do. We believe preachers are outside the Baptist way when they are "rulers of their churches." We believe God sometimes calls women to ministry tasks, and judging by the life and work of many women, evidently God has touched their lives, called them, used them. We do believe the Baptist idea on church and state, and we think that idea should be strictly enforced. We believe the Bible from cover to cover, but we use it quite differently from present SBC

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# BAPTISTS

## Fellowship debates theological education funding

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that churches dissatisfied with Southern Baptist handling of theological education redirect their Fellowship contributions to the group's Vision 2000 budget, which already excludes all six Southern Baptist seminaries in favor of the moderate organization's own efforts in theological education.

The debate over seminary funding was the only disputed matter in an otherwise quiet Fellowship meeting, which registered 4,337 participants and attracted 6,000 people to the largest session—fewer than expected.

During the May 5-7 meeting in Greensboro, N.C., the Fellowship appointed 10 new missionaries, adopted a six-month budget and heard reports on its various areas of ministry.

Members also worshiped and attended workshops on 104 topics, ranging from self-care for ministers to hospitality evangelism, from desktop publishing to "sister images" in the Bible. An extended pre-assembly institute examined Christian responses to homosexuality.

The Fellowship was formed in 1990 by Southern Baptist moderates after their unsuccessful 15-year effort to wrest control of the Southern Baptist Convention from conservatives. The loose-knit organization sponsors its own missions program and supports a variety of other ministries, but also allows participating churches and individuals to send funds to traditional Southern Baptist causes.

Money for the SBC's seminaries is included in two of the Fellowship's three funding plans. Last year, Fellowship members sent \$492,037 to the SBC's seminaries, all of which are now controlled by conservatives. Another \$268,004 was sent to two new seminaries created by moderates—Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Va.) and Truett Seminary at Baylor University.

The school receiving the largest share of Fellowship funds last year (\$164,871) was Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, an SBC school in Texas where president Russell Dilday recently was fired in a dispute with conservative trustees.

Many Fellowship members wanted to respond to the firing in some way. "Because of what happened to Russell Dilday, the hour is now," said Gary Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Mo., who first proposed the action to defund all SBC seminaries.

Nancy Ammerman of Atlanta also argued for the change, noting churches and individuals still could designate money for the SBC schools.

But others argued the Fellowship should not set policy in reaction to SBC actions.

"By withdrawing our support, we are becoming (like) the Southern Baptist Convention by using money as a political tool," said Charles McAdams of Louisville, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, an SBC school.

Removing the SBC seminaries from the budgets, some said, would discourage churches from participating in the Fellowship.

Although many top SBC leaders have encouraged Fellowship support-

ers to leave the convention, there was no talk of a split during the annual assembly. However, two Fellowship leaders did talk of the relationship between the Fellowship and the SBC.

Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, retired executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, described her journey from lifelong SBC leader to Fellowship moderator—the group's highest elected position, a role she assumed during the assembly.

Fellowship members are not required to desert their denominational past, she said. "The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship must reclaim our past..."

Fellowship Coordinator Cecil Sherman, the group's chief executive, offered four warnings to members during his report.

"Beware of a missions/theological education polarization," he said. Voices within the Fellowship argue forcefully for more emphasis on either missions or theological training, he said, but both are needed.

"Beware the 'CBF is liberal' label," he continued. "You are going to hear more of it in the months ahead. Some people have a vested interest in making us appear liberal."

Third, he said, "Beware the pious dodge of neutrality." Referring to middle-of-the-road Baptists who try not to take sides in the SBC dispute, Sherman explained, "I can understand the people on the other side better than I can understand them."

Finally, he said, "Beware the at-ease-in-Zion attitude in CBF. CBF is getting out of diapers, but ... we have journey to go, we have work to do."

Organizers were disappointed in the attendance in Greensboro, the first Fellowship assembly held in the Atlantic Coast region. Although the area is a stronghold of Fellowship membership, neither registration nor attendance could top last year's meeting in Birmingham, Ala., which registered 5,100 people and attracted about 7,000 to the largest session.

A delay in publicizing the meeting probably hurt, organizers said.

The \$8.9 million budget adopted at the meeting is for the first six months of 1995, when the Fellowship will shift to a July-to-June budget cycle. The budget anticipates about 63 percent of receipts will go to Fellowship ministries, while about 37 percent will go to SBC causes.

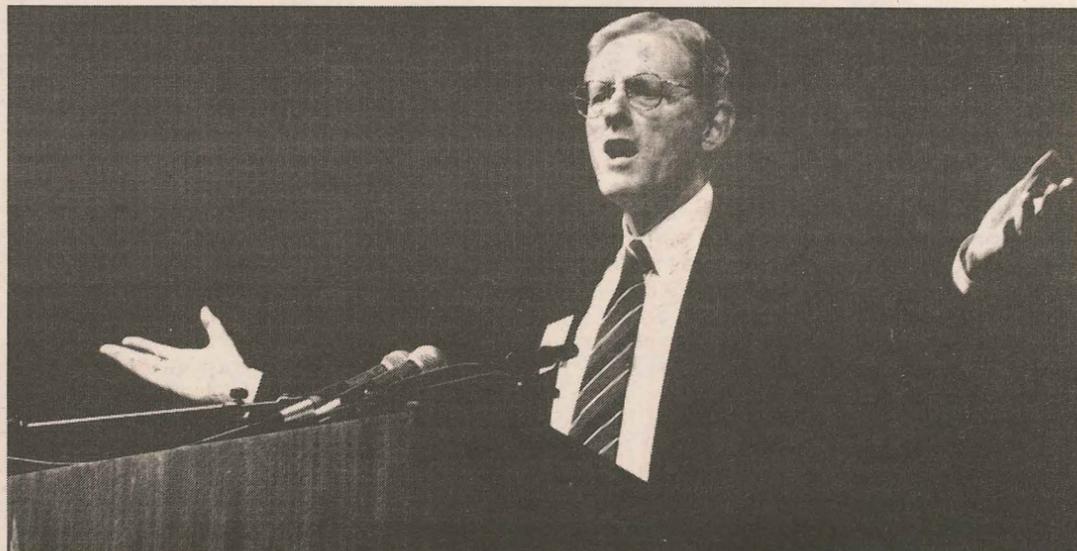
The largest portion of the budget—\$4.2 million—will fund the Fellowship's global missions program.

Also at the meeting:

■ Patrick Anderson, professor of criminology at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, was chosen moderator-elect to follow Crumpler.

■ Several changes were made in the bylaws governing representation on the Coordinating Council, the Fellowship's top committee, including one change that increases representation of racial and ethnic groups.

■ Ralph Elliott, fired from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1962 after refusing to withdraw his controversial book, "The Message of Genesis," was presented the Whitsitt Courage Award from the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society.



FELLOWSHIP SPEAKERS ■ Top: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinator Cecil Sherman addresses the assembly. ■ Left: Phil Christopher, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Louisville, leads a prayer. ■ Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco, preaches. ■ Outgoing Moderator Hardy Clemons gives his report.

## Speakers emphasize past blessing, present challenge, future promise

By Marv Knox  
Editor

GREENSBORO, N.C.—God's previous blessing, present challenge and future promise define the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's identity and mission, preachers proclaimed during the Fellowship's 1994 general assembly.

Modern-day Baptists—especially members of the 3-year-old Fellowship, which emerged out of moderate opposition to the Southern Baptist Convention's rightward shift—can be compared to the ancient Hebrew people, said Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco.

The weary Hebrews spent five decades in captive exile, faithfully retelling the stories of their glory years, when the prophet Isaiah chastised them, recalled Pennington-Russell.

The prophet criticized them, "not for lack of hope or lack of faith, but for lack of imagination," she said. "They rehearsed the old stories so long they left no possibility God might visit them in a new way."

Looking back is not necessarily bad, she declared. "But we don't set up house there. We don't live in the past, because God does not live in the past."

"God is wonderfully, powerfully present. And what was good for you 10, 20 years ago, or what was good for a church or even a denomination 20 years ago, may not be what is needed most today from the hand of God."

Now is the time to explore God's exciting purposes, stressed Hardy Clemons, the Fellowship's outgoing moderator and pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C.

Fellowship Baptists live in a "time in parentheses," Clemons said, explaining they live between two distinct eras in Baptist history.

"We are called to be the people of this particular parenthesis," he said.

Fellowship Baptists have been called by many names, he said. They have labeled themselves "moderates," "progressives" and similar titles. And their critics have called them "liberals," "atheists," "rattlesnakes," "skunks" and more.

"Whatever flag we fly, we are seeking to be the ancient church in a new context," he reported. "Whatever else we are, we must be the people of God" who "take the Bible and faith seriously and follow God rather than man-made religion."

The Fellowship's primary goal is to be "people who respond as disciples and who seek to become like Jesus Christ," Clemons stressed.

Another vital goal is to "build strong churches who serve and worship God," which is the most important task Christians do, he added.

All this requires stretching beyond the moment and looking to the future, becoming "people of eternity," Clemons said. "We are called to plant some trees we will never sit under. We are called to plant some trees whose fruit we will never eat."

Such fruit—or the evidence of the Fellowship's labors—will validate its existence, according to William Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., and founder of the National Black Pastors' Conference.

He reminded Fellowship participants of the story of the apostles Peter and John, who healed a crippled man, subsequently were accused of wrongdoing by the religious authorities and later were acquitted when the healed man appeared with them in court.

Comparing the apostles' healing ministry and its consequences to the ministries of the Fellowship, Jones warned: "Excellency of work always draws fire and criticism. ... Nobody will be concerned about this Fellowship unless you decide to emulate the Master."

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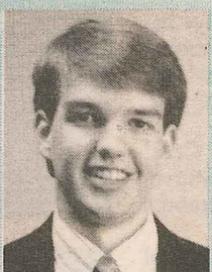
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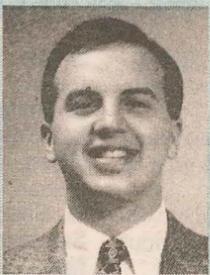
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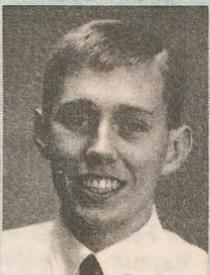
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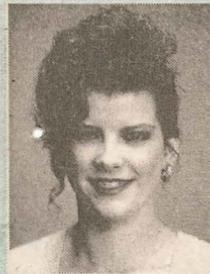
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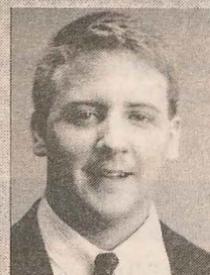


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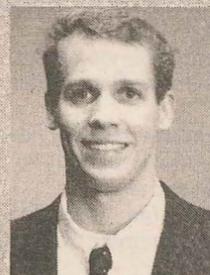
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# BAPTISTS

## SBC PREVIEW ORLANDO 1994

### Many convention week activities planned for Orlando

#### What to know if you go

- **Location:** Orlando, Fla., home of Disney World, Epcot Center, Universal Studios and numerous other tourist attractions.
- **Dates:** Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting is June 14-16. Various related meetings are scheduled before and during the SBC.
- **Facility:** Orange County Convention/Civic Center.
- **Seating:** Limited in main hall, but overflow rooms will be available.
- **Parking:** Lots adjacent to the convention center have 3,500 spaces, available for \$3 per day. On-site parking to accommodate 1,700 vehicles will cost \$4 per day.
- **Shuttle:** A limited shuttle service from hotels along International Drive will run from Monday morning through Thursday at a cost of \$1 per trip.
- **Attendance projection:** 23,000 to 25,000 messengers, plus guests.
- **Messenger registration:** All messengers must be duly elected by their churches and arrive with messenger registration cards. Churches may obtain cards from the Kentucky Baptist Convention offices in Louisville.
- **Resolutions:** Proposed resolutions should be mailed in advance to the resolutions committee, in care of the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

■ **Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.** Orange County Convention Center. Begins at 8:15 a.m. June 14; ends at noon June 16.

■ **Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.** Orange County Convention Center. June 12-13.

■ **Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting.** First Baptist Church of Orlando. June 12-13.

■ **Cross Over Orlando.** Pre-convention evangelistic emphasis. Various locations. June 11-12.

■ **Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.** Hyatt Orlando. June 11-13.

■ **Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.** College Park Baptist Church of Orlando. June 12-13.

■ **Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions.** Orlando Marriott. June 12-13.

■ **National Hispanic Fellowship Meeting.** First Baptist Church of Pine Hills in Orlando. June 11-12.

■ **National African American Fellowship.** Tangelo Park Baptist Church of Orlando. June 12.

■ **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends luncheon.** Clarion Hotel. 12:30 p.m. June 15.

■ **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends breakfast.** First Baptist Church of Orlando. 7:15 a.m. June 15.

■ **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends luncheon.** Peabody Hotel. Noon June 15.

■ **Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends luncheon.** Orange County Convention Center. 12:15 p.m. June 15.

■ **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends breakfast.** Peabody Hotel. 7:30 a.m. June 15.

■ **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends luncheon.** Orange County Convention Center. Noon June 15.

■ **Chinese Baptist Fellowship.** Harley Hotel. June 11-13.

■ **Filipino Baptist Fellowship.** Neptune Road Baptist Church of Kissimmee. June 16.

■ **Messianic Southern Baptist Fellowship.** Orange County Convention Center overflow room. June 13.

■ **Southern Baptist Research Fellowship.** Howard Johnson University Hotel. June 11.

■ **Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers.** Rollins College. June 10-12.

■ **Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists.** Orange County Convention Center. June 15.

■ **Southern Baptist chaplains meeting.** Orlando Navy Training Center. June 13.

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#### SBC program highlights

■ **Major addresses:** President's address by Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston, Tuesday morning; convention sermon by Bobby Boyles, pastor of Eagle Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Wednesday morning; closing message by Frederick Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Detroit, Thursday morning.

■ **Major emphases:** Sunday School Board presentation, Tuesday evening; seminary presentation, Wednesday morning; missions presentation, Wednesday evening.

■ **Elections:** First time for election of officers is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. Other election ballots will follow on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, if needed.

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# BAPTISTS

## Kentuckians will take spotlight during annual events

Kentuckians will take the platform several times during this year's annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as during related meetings held before and during the convention.

Here's a preview of where some Kentuckians will be serving:

■ **David Butler**, pastor of Springdale Baptist Church in Louisville, will pray during the SBC's Tuesday evening session.

■ **Al Mohler**, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, will present the seminary's report during the SBC's Wednesday morning session.

Mohler also will lead Bible studies for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions.

■ **Karen Thomas**, a crisis pregnancy counselor from Paducah, will give a theme testimony during the SBC's Thursday morning session.

■ **Etta Butcher** of Franklin will give a testimony during the Sunday afternoon session of Woman's Missionary Union's annual meeting.

■ **Heather Barron** of Lexington will give a testimony during WMU's Monday morning session.

■ **Jennie Kaye Bell** of Murray and **Melissa Kay Bryant** of Shelbyville

will be recognized during the WMU meeting as National Acteens Panelists.

■ **Ken and Beth Perkins**, Kentucky missionaries to Somalia, will speak during WMU's Monday morning session.

■ **Alice Marshall**, wife of Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall, will pray during WMU's Monday evening session.

■ **David D'Amico**, professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, will speak to the National Hispanic Fellowship meeting.

■ **David Nelson**, retired pastor of

First Baptist Church in Owensboro, will be among four people honored as distinguished alumni of Southern Seminary during the seminary's alumni and friends reunion.

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### Pastors' Conference highlights

■ **Messages:** Ted Traylor, pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.; Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sprindale, Ark.; Calvin Miller, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga.; Tom Eliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla.; Jay Strack, vocational evangelist; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.; Tony Evans, pastor of Oakcliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas; Zig Ziglar, motivational speaker; Bobby Bowden, head football coach at Florida State University; John Maxwell, Injoy Ministries, El Cajon, Calif.; Larry Wynn, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga.;

James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga.; Jerry Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla.; Jerry Falwell, president of Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.; Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., and candidate for SBC president; Jack Kemp, co-director of Empower America, Washington, D.C.; Clebe McClary, Pawley's Island, S.C.; Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

■ **Special features:** Foreign missionary commissioning service, led by Jerry Rankin, Foreign Mission Board president; 50-year recognition of W.A. Criswell, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

### WMU highlights

■ **Keynote speakers:** Susan Broadwell, missionary in Tampa, Fla.; Barbara Joiner, author and speaker from Columbiana, Ala.; Diana Lewis, missionary in Benton, Ark.; Patricia Stooksbury, foreign missionary; Ken and Beth Perkins, Kentucky natives and missionaries to Somalia; Heriberto Becerra, missionary in Fairview, N.J.; William Cashion, missionary in Venezuela; William Harrington, missionary in Tanzania; Michael Williams, missionary in Orange, N.J.

■ **Special events:** International Missions Fair, June 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The fair is free, but tickets for the meal must be purchased in advance from WMU headquarters.

### Cross Over volunteers needed

ATLANTA (BP)—Cross Over Orlando "promises to be one of the most challenging and exciting Cross Overs yet," said Home Mission Board President Larry Lewis.

This year, 173 churches and 1,200 volunteers are expected to participate in the door-to-door evangelistic emphasis prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. A two-day telephone campaign also will be used to recruit prospects for three church starts.

Since being introduced with door-to-door visitation in 1989, Cross Over activities have grown to include rallies, street evangelism with creative arts, block parties and church-starting efforts.

Block parties, added to the Cross Over agenda in 1992, have become one of the most popular events. Block parties typically attract crowds with free entertainment and food. Volunteers share the plan of salvation with people who attend.

This year, 19 block parties are planned in six central Florida associations. Each party reflects the creativity of local organizers as well as the area's ethnic diversity, said Bobby Sunderland of the HMB evangelism section.

For example, First Baptist Church of Sanford will sponsor a children's party. Volunteers will drive ice cream trucks through neighborhoods, giving children coupons for free ice cream. Coupons can be redeemed at the block party.

First Baptist Church of Cocoa Beach is planning a beach party, and other churches will hold block parties in a mobile home park and a housing project.

Several churches sponsoring block parties are African American congregations, and six Haitian churches are working together to sponsor a block party, Sunderland said. Other parties are planned in Hispanic and Jamaican communities.

To volunteer for door-to-door visitation, street evangelism or block parties, contact Sunderland at (404) 898-7688.

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# ISSUES

## SBC hunger convocation cancelled

NASHVILLE (ABP)—A national convocation on hunger at Ridgecrest, N.C., has been canceled because of apparent lack of interest.

The conference, scheduled May 13-15, was to be sponsored jointly by the various Southern Baptist Convention entities which emphasize hunger relief.

Planners hoped it would kick off a renewed effort to highlight, coordinate and identify future strategies for hunger ministries.

Promotional materials predicted the convocation, which had been canceled once before, would lay to rest the "unfounded rumors" that "the new conservative leadership in the convention is not interested in the world's hungry."

After mailing more than 100,000 brochures, the organizers received "less than a dozen" paid registrations, said Ben Mitchell, a staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and ad hoc chairperson of the planning committee.

Mitchell, director of biomedical and life issues for the Nashville-based CLC, said he is "puzzled" by the poor response. "I'm hopeful this poor showing doesn't indicate a lack of interest in the hunger issue."

"We're all puzzled," added Louis Moore, the CLC's director of media and product development.

Recent seminars sponsored by the SBC's official social-concerns agency on other topics "are drawing in the hundreds and are doing quite well," he said.

Asked if the poor response might indicate

that conservative Southern Baptists do care less about hunger than moderate Baptists, Moore responded that the meeting was not targeted to conservatives.

Nathan Porter, longtime hunger consultant for the Home Mission Board and that agency's representative on the ad hoc committee, blamed late publicity. Southern Baptists "simply did not learn about this convocation in time to attend."

Moore, however, said he believes the publicity was adequate.

John Cheyne, who recently retired as the Foreign Mission Board's human-needs coordinator, blamed undercoverage by media and the Southern Baptist controversy for taking hunger out of the spotlight.

News media reports have focused on wars and political unrest abroad, while ignoring an assessment by the World Health Organization that drought in Ethiopia and eastern and southern Africa is worse now than in 1984-85, Cheyne said.

The SBC's track record on hunger giving is "as commendable as any denomination," Cheyne said, but he added he fears the convention's constituents are being distracted by denominational squabbling.

Robert Parham, who formerly directed the CLC's hunger concerns and now is executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics, a moderate alternative to the CLC, said hunger is a casualty in the change of leadership in the SBC.

Moderates "deeply distrust the leadership of the Christian Life Commission and decline participation in their programming," he said. Meanwhile, "fundamentalists have historically demonstrated little interest in hunger issues."

However, Moore countered that CLC-produced hunger materials continue to sell well.

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## Researcher says lists of school problems contrived

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Ever hear the one about the survey comparing top problems facing public school teachers in 1940 and today?

According to this report, simple school problems such as gum chewing, talking and running in the halls have been replaced by drug abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape and robbery.

Various versions of this list have been cited by leading figures of the Religious Right, as well as prominent news media figures, as evidence of the decline in American public education. It has been repeated by William Bennett, Joycelyn Elders, Ross Perot, Tom Selleck, Dear Abby, Ann Landers, Rush Limbaugh, Tim LaHaye, Sen. John Glenn, George Will, The Wall Street Journal, CBS News and Newsweek.

But the comparative survey is a hoax, says Barry O'Neill, associate professor in the school of organization and management at Yale University. In a copyrighted article published in The New York Times Magazine, O'Neill outlines how he traced the oft-repeated data to its original source.

That source appears to be Cullen Davis, a Texas millionaire who gained national prominence in the late 1970s when he was charged and later acquitted of killing his stepdaughter and the lover of his estranged wife.

Soon after that sensational trial, Davis turned to Christianity and became associated with Texas televangelist James Robison.

O'Neill says Davis "constructed the lists and passed them around to other fundamentalists" sometime around 1982. "They weren't done from a scientific survey," Davis admitted, according to O'Neill's article.

Based on further research, O'Neill asserts that Davis actually copied his original lists from two different places. As Davis' lists circulated far and wide, they often were changed by others to fit the occasion, O'Neill says.

The list of 1940s problems—such as gum chewing, running in the halls and talking—appears to have been pulled from a 1943 list in a Texas teachers' magazine, O'Neill says, "and fits with dozens of old research reports collecting teachers' most common classroom problems."

The list of modern-day problems, however, can be traced to a survey by the National Center for Education Statistics, which asked principals whether certain crimes had occurred in their schools in the 1974-75 school year. O'Neill says the list of possible crimes on the questionnaire—which are not the results of any scientific survey—became Davis' list of most-common problems in public schools.

"Davis' modern list is made up not of survey answers but of the questions," O'Neill concludes.

According to O'Neill, Davis explains the origin of the list this way: "How did I know what the offenses in the schools were in 1940? I was there. How do I know what they are now? I read the newspapers."

The original list Davis created contained 20 problems plaguing public schools today. However, that list later was pared to seven by others who passed it on.

Davis' original 20 ills were rape, robbery, assault, personal theft, burglary, drug abuse, arson, bombings, alcohol abuse, carrying of weapons, absenteeism, vandalism, murder, extortion, gang warfare, pregnancies, abortions, suicide, venereal disease, and lying and cheating.

Despite the fact that some of those crimes obviously are not occurring on a wide scale—bombings, for example—Davis' list gained more credibility each time it was repeated. After time, O'Neill asserts, even the skeptical media had heard the data repeated so often they blindly assumed it was authentic.

O'Neill concludes that the lists have been attractive to Americans because they constitute a "collective moan of anxiety over the gap between ideals and reality" in modern American life.

"In their nostalgic contrast of then and now, the school lists constitute a jeremiad," he writes. "On their face they are criticizing schools, but their real target ... is society in general."

Blaming public schools for these problems may be illogical, he notes, "but it is rhetorically right, since responsibility for schools falls on all Americans."

**An oft-quoted list of horrors facing modern schools apparently is not the result of any scientific survey, even though it has been repeated by the likes of The Wall Street Journal and CBS News**



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However, listening to someone talk about their religious beliefs is less annoying than telephone sales calls. Eighty-five percent of those surveyed said they are annoyed by telephone sales calls.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BAGDAD**—Indian Fork Church called **Ray Sullivan** of Waycross, Ga., as pastor.  
 ■ **CARROLLTON**—**Lois Jane Huddleston**, poplar gospel singer, will perform at First Church May 15 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (502) 732-4396. Also, First Church held revival services April 17-21, with **Ronald Shaver**, pastor of Little Flock Church, and **Mark Swadly**, minister of music, as evangelists.  
 ■ **CENTERTOWN**—Central Grove Church called **Robert Tucker**

of Morganfield as pastor.  
 ■ **CRESTWOOD**—Ballardsville Church will ordain **Paula Peek** to the ministry May 22.  
 Crestwood Church called **Greg Hancock** as interim pastor.  
 ■ **EDDYVILLE**—**Gates Bowman**, pastor of First Church, celebrates his 40th year in the ministry. He has served as pastor of several churches in Kentucky.  
 ■ **FARMINGTON**—**Harry Yates**, pastor of Farmington Church for 35 years, will retire June 1. An apprecia-

tion tea will be given in his honor May 15, 2-5 p.m.

■ **FORDSVILLE**—**Mike Rust** resigned as pastor of Zion Church.

■ **FRANKLIN**—Blackjack Church will dedicate its new sanctuary May 22 at 3 p.m.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**Leona and Sherman Towell** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at Carlisle Avenue Church May 29, 2-4 p.m. He is retired from Parkwood Church.

Hurstbourne Church will host a personality discovery workshop May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Becky Justice at (502) 426-2793.

■ **McHENRY**—Independence Church called **Billy Morris** as pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—**Grover Waller** celebrated his 32nd anniversary as minister of music at First Church April 24. He and his wife, June, who is organist at the church, plan to retire June 1.

■ **PENDLETON**—**Steve Booth** resigned as youth minister at Sligo Church May 1.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—Dover Church called **Jay Stewart** as pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Central Church called **Rick Hatley** as associate pastor/education. Hatley previously served at Central Church in Corbin but most recently has been on staff with the West Virginia Southern Baptist Convention.

## Southern Seminary celebrates 10th year of social work

**LOUISVILLE**—Since its founding a decade ago, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's church social work school has helped define church social work for Southern Baptists and other Christians, according to the seminary's social work dean.

"Our graduates are around the world allowing God to work through them as instruments of the kingdom and bringing about social justice and caring about the least of these my brothers and sisters," said Diana Garland, dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work. Garland was one of the speakers at a recent celebration of the school's 10th anniversary, which drew about 115 alumni and other supporters.

Church social work was relatively undeveloped as a specialization within the social work profession until the formation of the church social work school, noted Garland, dean since 1993 and a Southern professor since 1980.

"We were essentially creating something that had not existed conceptually before, although certainly people were ministering as church social workers," Garland explained. "There was no literature, however, and little that defined the church as a context for social work."

Today, Southern is the nation's only seminary offering an accredited master of social work degree.

Anne Davis, founding dean of the

church social work school, said she had dreamed of a separate social work school since joining the seminary faculty in 1970.

"I've seen a dream come true," she said. Davis, who continues to teach on the faculty, told those present she hopes they also can "find something worth investing your life in for 25 years."

For several years, social work courses were taught in the seminary's curriculum as part of the school of religious education. The roots of Southern Baptist social work education, however, stretch back to 1907 when the Woman's Missionary Union Training School was founded in Louisville.

The training school was renamed the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in 1953, and in 1963 the school merged with the seminary.

In an address on the training school's history, Laine Scales, a professor at Palm Beach Atlantic College, maintained that the present Carver school continues the heritage of the WMU-sponsored institution.

In coming years, the Carver school will offer specializations in areas such as children and family services, gerontology, rural social work and international social work, Garland said. Additionally, the school plans to publish a journal on church social work and to offer a doctoral degree in social work.

## Chess team goes to state tournament

Chess has been part of OBI's academic team for several years, but the past two, a separate Chess Club has been active. The team has approximately 25 players and has participated in 16 tournaments, some as far away as Huntsville, Ala.

On Feb. 12 our team participated in the Bluegrass Chess Championship Tournament. Many of our students won trophies, and our highest-rated player, Ace Choate, moved up to a new division. Ace is now in the under 1,200 division and came in first place!

The team then traveled to the Morgan County Scholastic Tournament the next weekend and brought back the second-place trophy for junior high.

On March 5 our players went to the Quad Regional competition. Kentucky is divided into four regions for chess tournaments. Our high school team placed fourth in the region while our junior high team came in third. This qualified both to advance to the state tournament for the second straight year.

The state tournament was held in Lexington on March 26. Eight of our boys competed. Our high school players were Jason Young, Chris Garner, Mike Summers and Chris Byers. Our junior high team included Ace Choate, Wes Halprin, Aaron Colontino and Ty Godbold.

The team's last tournament was at Prestonsburg High School. The junior high team placed first and our boys took four of five individual awards. Wes Halprin earned OBI's first perfect score with four wins and no losses on the day! Ace Choate placed second overall. Aaron Colontino came in third, while Ty Godbold won fourth place.

Michael Spencer is coaching our chess team

for his second year. He also is our chaplain, boys' counselor and Baptist Student Union sponsor. He teaches geography and advanced Bible as well.

Since Oneida is a boarding school, chess players can practice more often than other teams. Spencer's office computer is used by the team to practice against sophisticated computer opponents.

Chess is not just for the extra-smart student. It is a rewarding activity for any student who works hard at becoming competitive. It builds a sense of

accomplishment far in excess of the time invested. Several parents have marveled that their children can sit for two hours staring at a chess board when they couldn't sit still in class for five minutes. Chess really does improve concentration, logical thinking and attention span. It teaches lots of valuable lessons about choices made in life and the consequences that follow. Hardly a week goes by without a player making a wise comparison between chess and life.

Barkley Moore left us with a special motivation for the hours spent in practice and competition. He once said he has always dreamed of having "a cracker-jack chess team." We would love for some of these boys who knew Moore well to deliver a couple of championship trophies for OBI.

On a different subject: You are cordially invited to join us Sunday, May 15, as 69 of our finest young people receive their high school diplomas. Many awards for outstanding accomplishments will be given to students from all grades. Special recognition will be given to staff and faculty members.

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### THIS IS ONEIDA



A.B. Colvin

## "You're different!"

Last week Lincoln County native Curtis Brock graduated from Clear Creek. In a few days his daughter, Kristi, graduates from high school.

For four and a half years Brock has managed responsibilities with family, church and part-time work while commuting to campus.

At two weeks of age he started attending Crab Orchard Baptist. "I

grew up with Christian parents and good Sunday school teachers. Grace Edmiston was instrumental in telling me to listen to the still small voice I would hear." At age 16 he became volunteer song leader, a position he held for 19 years.

In 1973 Brock married Kathy Jo Phillippe. Although he was doing everything in the church he thought he could, dissatisfaction remained. Brock joined Pleasant View Church and surrendered to the ministry in 1988. He came to Clear Creek the following year.

The Lord used insurance sales to prepare him to meet people and to help pull him out of his shell. It also gave him unique opportunities for helping people.

Brock has been pastor of South Fork Church almost three years. "They are very supportive. They have provided freedom to preach

and are always excited to hear me share what I've learned at Clear Creek. I tell them they have received a free college education."

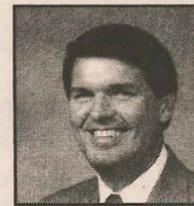
For 18 months Brock had a ministry outlet as announcer for Christian radio WDFB, Junction City. Since August 1993 he has provided secretarial work for Lincoln County Association and served as associational clerk.

Brock hopes to attend Monday classes at the seminary and eventually complete a degree in Christian education. Like some of our graduates, he dreams of returning someday to Clear Creek to teach.

One area of personal growth Brock experienced while in school concerned his "very short temper. God helped me through this by letting me see myself. I had preached a lot about anger. On one occasion I was very disgruntled and angry about school schedule. As I looked in the mirror, I saw fire in my eyes. It was scary. That night I told the Lord to take this away. I surrendered my anger to him. When I returned to campus, students asked what had happened. They commented, 'You're different!'"

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Bill Whittaker

## Simple tract has left tracks through family's history

ALBANY, Ore. (BP)—Elaine was nervous. Afraid, really.

For weeks she had put off this moment and, now that it had come, she realized more acutely than ever that her future would be determined in the next 15 to 20 minutes.

Elaine was in love with a non-Christian. And she had resolved that she, a Southern Baptist since childhood, could not marry a non-Christian.

As she and Ed pulled up in front of his apartment, Elaine took out the little, well-worn "Eternal Life" booklet she'd read dozens of times. "Ed," she said hesitantly, "there's something real important we must talk about."

Elaine had met Ed Cardwell almost a year before—only two weeks after moving to Albany, Ore., in 1981. He was just back from military service; she worked for a computer firm. Soon they were talking—casually—about getting married.

"But I didn't think it would last unless we were both Christians," Elaine recalls. So there she was that early evening trying to explain to Ed "about being unequally yoked," and it just wasn't working.

Ed had been raised in a family with strong moral values but no church affiliation. The words Elaine was using were as foreign to him as Swahili. Fi-

nally, desperately, Elaine said, "I have this booklet that will make it a lot easier."

The "Eternal Life" booklet did just that.

As Elaine walked Ed through the simple words that describe the profound act of faith that is commitment in Christ, Ed became convinced this was something he wanted in his life. "I already knew there was something different about Elaine—something special. We'd talked about church and religion a few times, but she hadn't preached to me.

"Now, the way she went about it, she did a very good job. She was nervous, but what she said made sense."

When Elaine asked Ed if he felt he could pray the prayer of salvation, Ed said yes. Elaine was surprised.

"This is really serious," she told Ed. "This will change your life."

"I know," Ed replied. "I'm ready."

"I never did plan out what I'd do if Ed said no," Elaine recalled.

More than 10 years later, the yes seems louder and clearer than ever before. The Cardwells have three children. Ed is an industrial supplies salesman; Elaine, part-time secretary at the church and full-time homemaker.

And both are witnessing about their Christian faith more actively

than ever. The original little "Eternal Life" booklet published by the Atlanta-based Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has long since been enriched by newer approaches, but it remains the backbone of their efforts to communicate the gospel message.

It was, in fact, the key to Ed's most difficult—and most rewarding—witnessing experience. After they were married, Elaine and Ed dropped into a pattern of irregular church attendance. Elaine "felt miserable about it," but they were both busy, life was good and it was easy "to drift away."

Then Ed, at age 29, was diagnosed as having cancer. Surgery and radiation treatments cured him. But the experience reminded him of the importance of having God as a focal point of life.

"Something like that will wake you up," he said, smiling.

The couple—through the witness of a friend—discovered Calvary Baptist Church, a small Southern Baptist congregation not far from their home, and started attending regularly. The couple taught in Sunday school. Ed became a deacon. The more they became involved, the more Ed felt compelled to talk to his parents about the Christian faith.

One day, as he left for work, he told Elaine, "I'm going by Mom and

Dad's; I may be late getting home."

Worried about their salvation, yet not wanting to offend, "I wasn't sure how far I'd go. I just planned to point out the changes Christ had made in my life. I gave my testimony and then got the 'Eternal Life' booklet out and said, 'I'd like to know what you think.'"

When Ed finished, Dave and Marie Cardwell smiled and said they would become Christians. "It was like a double take," Ed says. "I said, 'Really?!'"

"Yes," they said.

Before and since, Ed has had the "exciting experience of helping someone come to know the Lord." He insists he has been "just in the right place at the right time. You don't really lead people to the Lord—the Lord is doing it."

Yet he added quickly, "Once you have that experience, you keep wanting to do that—it's like a hunger. Not every witnessing episode results in a profession of faith, but it's exciting when it happens."

And never so exciting, he concludes, as on the spring evening when he used the wrinkled "Eternal Life" booklet to help his parents discover new life in Christ.

"It's really something when someone you love comes to the Lord."

## Minette Drumwright knows power of prayer in missions

By Don Martin  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—With her eyes open and head up, Minette Drumwright began praying for China as she climbed to one of the highest points of the Great Wall.

"We couldn't make any public Christian indications (in that sensitive setting). We needed to pray conversationally, as though our Lord were right there as a literal part of our discussion, because he was and is," said Drumwright, who retired March 31 as director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's international prayer strategy office.

She and 17 other Southern Baptists prayed for China's lost people as they walked on the wall's hand-chiseled steps, worn smooth by millions of others drawn to the awesome site. The group, casting aside normal protocol for prayer, focused wide-eyed on the Asian nation of more than 1.2 billion people and even on individuals they passed along the stone walkway.

"We went to World A to be a part of challenging Satan's power and the darkness he creates," Drumwright said, recalling the 21-day "prayer pilgrimage" last year. It took the group to several countries in World A—that part of the globe that has had little or no exposure to the gospel—including Uzbekistan and Mongolia.

Drumwright considers the time on the Great Wall as one of the high points in her leadership of the mission prayer effort.

"Volunteers go to the mission field for different reasons," she said at a recent prayer conference. "Some go to dig wells, some go to do medical

projects, some go to teach and many go for partnership evangelism. This (prayer pilgrimage) group went to do the most crucial work of prayer and intercession, to employ prayer as a strategy."

Viewing prayer as the ultimate missions strategy has been a cornerstone of her work.

Drumwright brought this conviction to the prayer office when she became its leader in 1985, after working in Richmond, Va., as assistant to the Foreign Mission Board's executive vice president for nearly three years.

Drumwright, a native of San Antonio, Texas, is the widow of the late Huber Drumwright, who died in 1981.

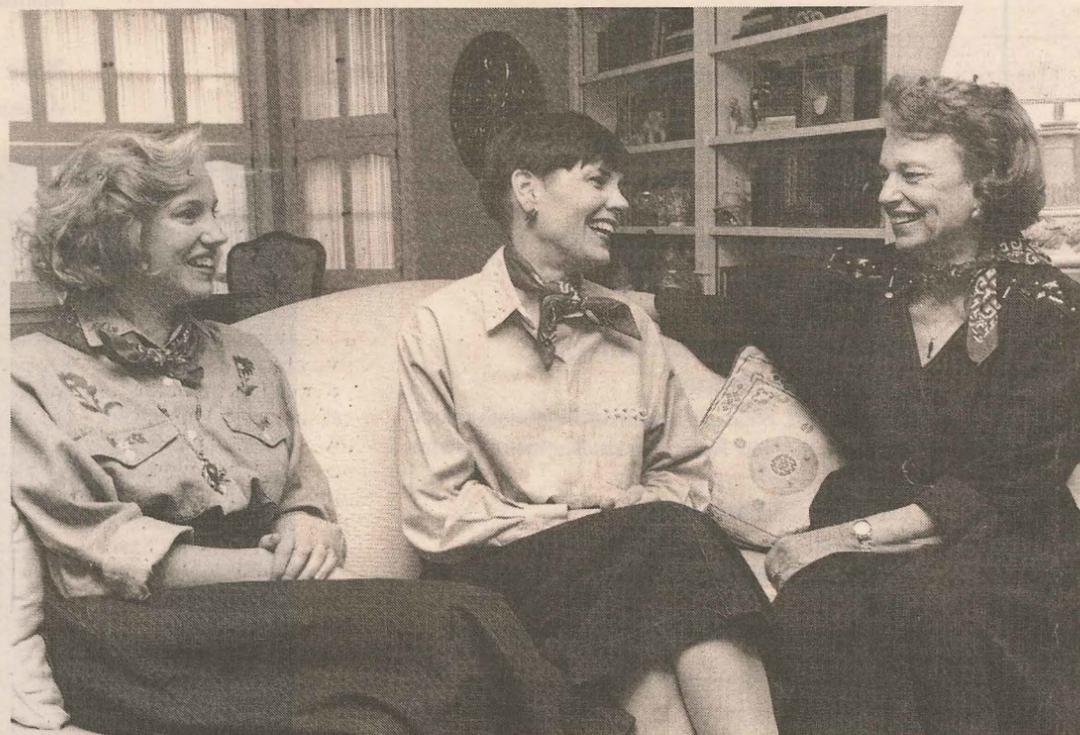
Her husband had been dean of the school of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and was executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the time of his death.

"When I came to the Foreign Mission Board in '82, I was still reeling from the trauma of my husband's death and struggling with how to 'do life' without his life, love and laughter," she said at a board gathering to recognize her retirement.

"I came here in brokenness, with no comprehension of the joy that lay ahead.

"The Lord and the Foreign Mission Board gave me the most wonderful gift ... by giving me this work to do," she added.

Drumwright's work included the launching of the board's toll-free missions PrayerLine, which now averages more than 10,000 calls a month. A new text telephone line for hearing-impaired callers soon will be added,



she announced.

Experience has taught Drumwright and FMB leaders that prayer works in missions.

"There's no question that the scope of prayer support generated by this kind of emphasis has a direct link with the significant results we're experiencing around the world," said FMB President Jerry Rankin.

Drumwright's retirement plans include part-time seminary teaching and possibly one or more short-term missions assignments. And, she quickly added, she plans "to experience the adventure of grandmothering" at a new level with her three

granddaughters.

Not one to drop an important venture merely for the sake of retirement, Drumwright also will lead two more prayer pilgrimages in the coming months—one in Latin America and another in North Africa.

"My retirement doesn't change the emphasis of prayer in my life," she said. "It's really sobering how much importance God puts on prayer and on our role in how he accomplishes his will and his work.

"I came to work at the board believing any ministry begins, ends and proceeds with prayer, and that certainly has not changed."

**FAMILY MATTERS** Minette Drumwright (right), retiring director of the prayer office at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, talks at home with her two daughters, Meme Perry (center) and Debra Underwood. (BP photo by Sandy King)

## Scholars Developing Scholars In A Christian Environment

**I**n the distinctive tradition of scholars developing scholars, committed to our heritage of Christian discernment, Georgetown College is proud to salute all our May graduates.

Here's a sampling of students who will be continuing their education at some of the nation's top graduate schools.



### **Baylor University**

Robin Arehart, history/philosophy major

### **Cleveland Institute of Music**

Jane Ellen Tilford, music major

### **Eastern Kentucky University**

Kristi Padgett, psychology major

### **Indiana University**

Brooke Barnett, English major

### **Miami University (Ohio)**

Stephen Gullette, English major

### **Mississippi State University**

Alicestyne Adams, sociology major

### **Northern Kentucky University**

#### **Chase Law School**

Tara Gilbert, business administration/math major  
Kathleen Swiger, American studies/history major

### **Ohio State University**

Matt Collinsworth, English major  
Catherine Jones, English major

### **Southwestern Theological Seminary**

Kevin Hall, religion major

### **United States Naval**

#### **Nuclear Submarine Program**

Stephen Estep, chemistry major

### **University of Chicago**

John Patrick Hanly, English major

### **University of Kentucky**

Sue Mattox, chemistry major  
Christopher Olds, business administration/economics major  
Tracey Pate, psychology major

### **University of Kentucky Law School**

Amy Cabbage, history/philosophy major  
Amy Dean, business administration/political science major

### **University of Kentucky Medical School**

William Lewis, biology major

### **University of Louisville**

Aaron Hostettler, business administration/economics major  
Amy Luscher, English major

### **University of Louisville Medical School**

Byron Crider, biology/chemistry major  
Kathy Sanders, biology/chemistry major

### **University of Maryland**

Wei Zhang, business administration/economics major

### **University of Ohio**

Elizabeth Harkins, business administration/economics major

### **Vanderbilt University Medical School**

Matthew Wilson, chemistry major

### **Yale Theological School**

Allison Adcock, English major



*Academic Dean Charles Boehms presents the prestigious Georgetown College 1994 Dean's Honor Award to John Patrick Hanly, Amy Cabbage and Wei Zhang.*

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