

FOR THE RECORD

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Henry's election breaks 15-year pattern

By Marv Knox
Editor

ORLANDO, Fla.—The Southern Baptist Convention broke 15 years of tradition June 14, refusing to elect a president who carried the banner of its "resurgency" party.

Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, won the presidency with 9,876 votes (55.18 percent), compared to 8,023 (44.82 percent) for Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala.

Wolfe entered the race as the apparent favorite, backed by most of the presidents who have carried SBC conservatives to victory over moderates since 1979.

Henry rode a spiritual hunch to victory, saying later he had sensed God's leadership in his candidacy and a widespread feeling—particularly

among younger pastors—that the convention needs to "move on" from the political skirmishes of its recent past.

But the victor quickly announced his win won't mark a departure from the course the SBC has followed in recent years.

His election marks a "shift in emphasis, not a repudiation" of the conservative movement that has turned the denomination sharply to the right and led to the possible schism of its left flank.

"I'm strongly committed, as I have been, to the conservative position—the inerrancy and infallibility of the word of God," Henry told reporters in a news conference moments after his election was announced. "This campaign hasn't changed that."

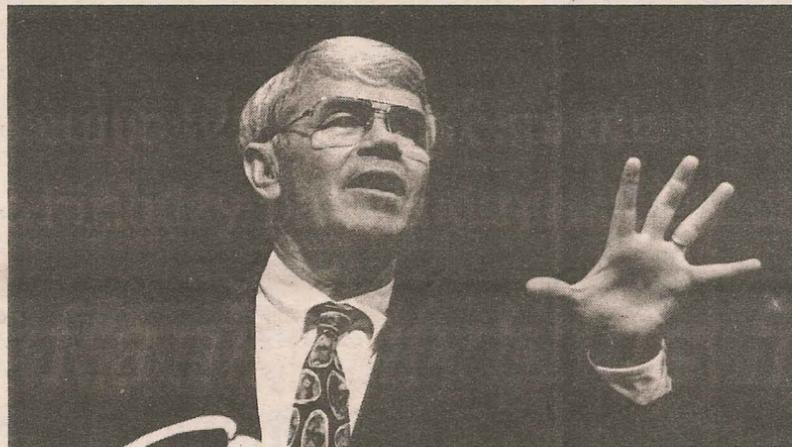
The person who nominated him, Dallas pastor Jack Graham, affirmed

that position in his nominating speech.

"Jim Henry is one of us," claimed Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church. "He won't forsake our conservative realignment and God-blessed resurgence. I asked him, 'Will you appoint people who are not inerrantists?' and Jim answered, 'Not on your life!'"

Those words could have come from Wolfe, and the closeness between the two candidates—and the constituencies they represent—became apparent later in the evening. They participated in a joint victory celebration, planned two days earlier by representatives from both sides, to be held regardless of who won.

"It is imperative that everybody be there from both sides," stressed Dallas evangelist Jay Strack, SBC first vice president. *See Jim Henry's election ..., page 10*



SBC SCENES (Clockwise from top) New SBC President Jim Henry preaches at his church, First Baptist of Orlando, the Sunday before the annual meeting. Baptist children enjoy the international village at Disney's Epcot Center. Outgoing SBC President Ed Young gives his president's address. David Butler, pastor of Sprindale Baptist Church in Louisville, leads messengers in prayer. (BP photos)

SBC agencies ordered to reject money from Fellowship

ORLANDO, Fla.—Agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention may no longer accept contributions channeled through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

That was the decision of messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., last week.

Ironically, the Fellowship last month defeated a proposal at its general assembly that would have curtailed contributions channeled through the Fellowship to SBC entities. A majority of Baptist moderates at the Fellowship meeting said they wanted to keep the door open for churches to contribute both to the Fellowship and the SBC.

But Baptist conservatives at the SBC annual meeting last week didn't feel the same way. They declared that the SBC doesn't want "tainted" money that has been sent through the Fel-

lowship rather than the SBC Executive Committee.

With the vote, messengers went beyond the action of the Executive Committee, which two days earlier merely "encouraged" SBC agencies to refuse the Fellowship funds.

Some observers said the vote will speed a split between Fellowship-supporting churches and the SBC, which many conservatives and moderates view as inevitable. But others said the action changes little, and that moderate churches that still want to support SBC causes will find other ways to deliver the money—and support both the Fellowship and the SBC.

Since its formation three years ago, the Fellowship has taken in about \$28 million and channeled more than \$9 million back to SBC agencies, bypassing the traditional avenue of support, the SBC Cooperative Program

budget administered by the Executive Committee. Many moderates disdain the committee's handling of SBC affairs in recent years.

However, the trend has been toward Fellowship churches sending a greater percentage of their money to Fellowship causes and a smaller percentage to SBC causes.

In 1993, SBC-bound gifts accounted for one-fourth of Fellowship income. That amounted to more than \$2 million which primarily benefitted the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and seminaries. Fellowship funding plans have largely excluded the SBC Executive Committee, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Christian Life Commission.

SBC leaders, as well as messengers who spoke from the floor last week, said churches which give

through the Fellowship are undermining the unity and integrity of the Southern Baptist system of cooperation. Cooperation, they said, means exclusive use of the Cooperative Program unified budget.

During the Orlando meeting, three motions with almost identical wording were introduced to restrict Fellowship funds. In its final form, the motion calls for the SBC to "direct its agencies and institutions to maintain fidelity to the convention, to avoid compromising the integrity of the Cooperative Program and to decline to receive funds through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship."

Craig Kendall of Aurora, Colo., who offered one of the motions, said the Fellowship and SBC have "mutually exclusive" positions on many issues. The Fellowship opposes the. *See SBC agencies ..., page 6*

Catholic-evangelical statement tops resolutions

Orlando by the numbers

The Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting drew 20,364 messengers to Orlando, Fla., June 14-16. Florida Baptists accounted for 17 percent of the total, with 3,500 messengers. That's a significant increase from the 900 Floridians who were messengers to last year's annual meeting in Houston. This year's SBC meeting also attracted about 300 media representatives. That made the ratio of messengers to media representatives 68-to-1.

ORLANDO, Fla.—The Southern Baptist Convention last week defended two of its agency heads who had been criticized for signing a historic pledge of greater cooperation between evangelicals and Catholics.

Messengers meeting in Orlando, Fla., June 14-16, passed a resolution clarifying the "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document released in March and signed by 40 evangelical and Catholic scholars. But messengers rejected an amendment to censure the two SBC leaders who helped develop and endorsed the document.

The document, signed by Larry Lewis, president of the SBC's Home Mission Board, and Richard Land, head of the Christian Life Commission, noted that irreconcilable theological differences exist between Catholics and evangelicals, but urged the two groups to work together on common ground in moral and social concerns.

The document brought mixed reviews. Some observers hailed it as a breakthrough in evangelical-Catholic dialogue. Others dismissed it as a pragmatic coalition of right-wing politicians, cloaked in pious language about Christian unity. Still others warned it compromised too much in its theological affirmations that Catholics and evangelicals are brothers and sisters in Christ and that evangelicals should refrain from "sheep-stealing" among active Catholics.

That controversy found its way to the floor of the SBC in a resolution

recommended by the convention's resolutions committee. The statement, adopted overwhelmingly:

■ Recognizes that born again believers may be found in all Christian denominations.

■ Affirms the benefit of conversation with other religious groups.

■ Calls for cooperative efforts between Christian organizations on moral concerns.

■ Confesses the "historic Baptist doctrine" of salvation through grace alone and denies any view of salvation adding or subtracting from the sole sufficiency of Jesus as redeemer.

■ Affirms the convention's commitment to evangelism and rejects the view of Southern Baptist evangelism as "sheep stealing."

Messengers defeated overwhelmingly an amendment offered by T.C. French, pastor of Jefferson Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La., stating the convention "cannot endorse" the evangelical-Catholic document and "respectfully requesting" agency heads not to lend their support to "ecumenical statements or documents."

HMB President Lewis asked messengers to reject the censure and allow agency heads "the freedom to give the prophetic leadership God would have us to give on all issues."

After the vote, Frank Ruff, liaison to the SBC for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, described the SBC resolution as "significant." While the HMB's interfaith witness department has maintained discussions with the National Conference of

Bishops since 1971, Ruff said he believes this is the first endorsement of that dialogue by the national convention in annual session.

Timothy George, a resolutions committee member and church historian, said the resolution signals a significant shift for the SBC. "Southern Baptists historically have been very reluctant to enter into ecumenical unions," he said.

But in the modern era, things must be understood differently, he said. "I feel much more in common with a born-again Roman Catholic ... than a liberal Baptist who is not sure Jesus was born of a virgin, rose again or is returning."

Other social issues dominated the group of 10 additional resolutions passed at the SBC last week:

■ **Health-care reform.** While health-care reform is a "moral imperative," the resolution says, any plan approved must not fund abortion, distribution of contraceptives through school-based health clinics, rationing of health care on the basis of economic decisions or the violation of physician/patient relationships.

■ **The RU-486 abortion pill.** The resolution condemns "the blatant advocacy of RU-486 by the Clinton administration" and opposes "the testing, approval, marketing and sale of the abortion pill in the United States." It also urges Southern Baptists to support a proposed boycott against RU-486 manufacturer Roussel Uclaf, its parent company Hoechst A G and their American subsidiaries.

■ **AIDS.** This resolution urges Christians "to follow Christ's example of compassion and reach out to those with AIDS and their families."

■ **EEOC guidelines.** Religious harassment guidelines under consideration by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission "pose a grave risk to religious freedom in the workplace," the resolution says. It calls for religion to be deleted from the guidelines and for religious harassment to be addressed in separate guidelines.

■ **Outcome-based education.** This resolution describes "the philosophical underpinnings and goals" of most outcome-based education as "promoting multiculturalism, 'politically correct' social values and New Age philosophy." It opposes "educational experiments" which risk the undermining of Judeo-Christian values, local control and traditional academic standards of excellence.

Other resolutions addressed world hunger, commendation of World War II veterans, affirmation of teens participating in the "True Love Waits" sexual-abstinence campaign, and affirmation of a recent theological study committee report.

Among 32 proposed resolutions submitted by messengers for consideration, the committee declined to take action on such proposals as honoring Russell and Betty Dilday, the role and ordination of women, and a call for a "casual dress code for warm convention cities."

Based on Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

Despite lure of Disney, messengers did serious business

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—The lures of the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney-MGM Studios and Sea World didn't derail Southern Baptists from taking aim at the lures of evil and lax doctrine when they met June 14-16 in Orlando, Fla.

Messengers to the 137th session of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolutions and heard sermons and reports that, in traditional

SBC fashion, targeted the spiritual and moral issues of the day.

Ed Young, in his presidential address, declared Southern Baptists "are not a part of that bigoted, hard, Ayatollah Khomeini, mean-spirited understanding of the word 'fundamentalist.' That's not who we are."

Instead, "we are conservative, evangelical, Southern Baptists who believe in every fundamental of the

faith that is taught in the inerrant word of God," Young said.

Christians are losing the battle for America's soul and "passive preachers" bear much of the responsibility, said Bobby Boyles in the annual convention sermon.

"The problem in this nation," said Boyles, pastor of Eagle Heights Church in Oklahoma City, "is not with the prostitutes, the pimps, the punks, the pushers, but it's with puny, pampered, passive preaching from the pulpits of America. ... Nobody it seems is standing and preaching that the word of God is the word of God and hell is hot and heaven is high and sin is wrong and God and marriage are right. It's time to take a stand."

In miscellaneous action, messengers:

■ Approved the 1994-95 Southern Baptist program allocation budget of \$136.54 million, including an SBC operating budget of \$4.1 million.

■ Revised plans for the SBC sesquicentennial celebration, incorporating it as a major focus of the 1995 SBC meeting in Atlanta.

Among motions referred to various SBC agencies were:

■ That the SBC committee on committees be appointed by the president of each state convention. Currently, the committee is appointed by the SBC president in conference with the vice presidents. Referred to SBC Executive Committee.

■ That new members of the committee on committees, committee on

nominations and committee on order of business not be from the families, churches or places of employment of the respective committee members. Referred to Executive Committee.

■ That churches which do not send messengers to the annual meeting be able to vote for SBC officers. Referred to SBC Executive Committee.

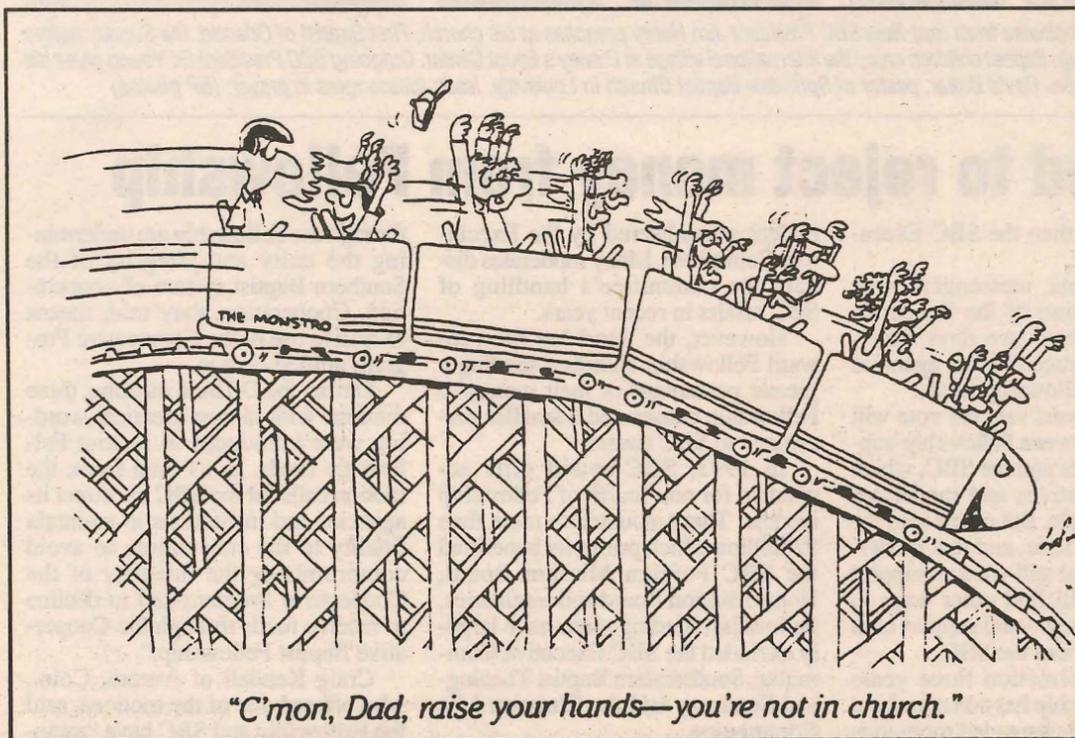
■ That all missionary applicants "give testimony that they believe that the Bible is the divinely inspired word of God and that it is the absolute authority in all matters of faith and practice" and that applicants not be questioned about inerrancy. Referred to SBC Executive Committee.

■ That men be encouraged to be involved in the Promise Keepers men's ministry. Referred to Brotherhood Commission.

■ That a three-year pilot project switch the offering for home missions to Christmas and the offering for foreign missions to Easter. Referred to Home Mission Board.

■ That the document "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" be recanted and that convention officers be barred from signing such documents without prior consultations. Referred to Home Mission Board and Christian Life Commission.

■ That Sunday School Board curriculum include a yearly emphasis on AIDS awareness and ministry opportunities and that pamphlets about AIDS be made available at no cost. Referred to Sunday School Board and Stewardship Commission.



Kentucky All-State Youth Choir sings at Ridgecrest

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

GEORGETOWN—About 80 Kentucky Baptist teen-agers tuned their voices last week for an upbeat concert debut.

The annual Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir, an auditioned group sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention church music department, was invited to sing the opening concert at this year's church music conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina June 18.

"It is an honor to be asked to sing for the opening night," said Jim Cordell, director of the KBC church music department. "This is the fifth year we've had the all-state choir, and this is their first appearance at Ridgecrest."

The invitation was issued by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

In addition to performing their own repertoire of 12 musical selections, the group will premiere a new work by Reagan Courtney, "Cross with Crown of Thorns."

The work represents a new genre, combining music and dramatic readings into a type of "mini worship service," explained Philip Copeland, KBC youth music consultant and organizer of the all-state youth choir.

Although many Kentucky teens have to choose from a smorgasbord of summer activities, a record 130 people auditioned to participate in the Baptist youth choir this year, Cordell said. "There are other music opportunities for young people throughout the state. What makes this week special is the spiritual emphasis."

In June each year, participants in the choir gather for an intense week of rehearsals, worship, recreation and performances.

During the first part of the week, singers rehearse together under a guest conductor. The final days are spent traveling to churches in the vicinity to perform the music they have learned.

This year included the added dimension of singing at Ridgecrest.

"Musically, this year's group is one of the strongest I've heard," said John Dickson, this year's guest conductor.

Dickson is associate professor of church music and chairman of conducting studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He also is minister of music at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville.

Accompanying the choir was Jay Flippin, associate professor of music at Morehead State University and minister of music at First Baptist Church in Morehead.

Dickson said groups like this, composed of excellent singers gathered from across the state, often are amazed by the quality of the collective sound they hear at their first rehearsal.

"The challenge for the director is to move them beyond their own expectations" of the quality they can achieve, he said.

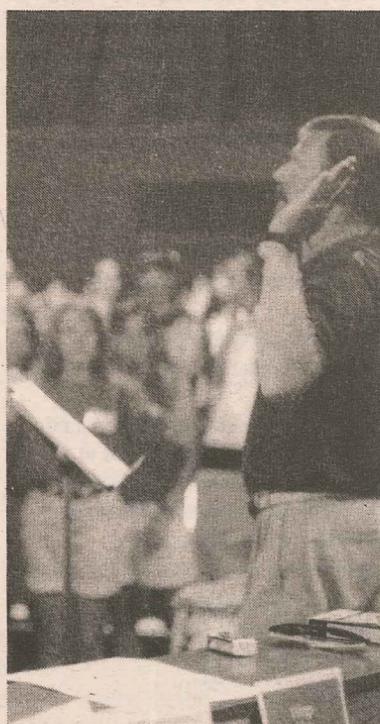
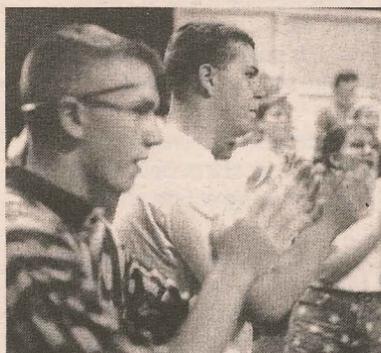
The choir kept a rigorous pace, rehearsing as many as seven hours a day. And Dickson admitted he demanded a lot during rehearsals.

However, several singers said Dickson's boundless energy and enthusiasm kept them going.

"It's really nice to work with such a talented conductor," said Becky Chaffin, 17, of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland. She described Dickson as demanding but also entertaining.

"He makes you feel the music and really get a grasp of what you're singing," added Melissa Leach, 15, of Hartford Baptist Church in Hartford.

Auditions for the group are held at



ON THE BEAT Members of the 1994 Kentucky Baptist All-State Youth Choir adjusted to a quick tempo last week as they prepared to perform full concerts in Kentucky churches and at the church music conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina. ■ **LEFT:** Singers work to memorize and synchronize their performance music. ■ **RIGHT:** Singers emulate conductor John Dickson's demonstration of hand clapping for one of the 12 musical selections.

various locations across the state each February or March.

Those selected for the choir receive their music one month before the retreat, with instructions to learn it as much as possible on their own.

The choir provides other benefits besides quality musical experiences, leaders said.

One of the goals, Cordell explained, is to expose musically-oriented Christian young people to church music vocations. Another is to expose high school youth to the state's three Baptist college campuses.

The location of the retreat alter-

nates between the campuses of Kentucky Baptist's three liberal arts schools: Georgetown College, where they met this year, Campbellsville College and Cumberland College.

Quality experiences and strong friendships draw many choir members back to all-state for a second, third or even fourth year, Cordell said.

Last November during the KBC annual meeting at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, about 100 all-state choir veterans gathered for a reunion, Cordell said. "They came mostly because they had developed good friendships."

Kentucky giving up at end of third quarter

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget is slightly ahead of last year's pace and this year's goal, with three quarters of the year complete.

The Kentucky CP received \$13.04 million as of May 31, at the end of nine months of the budget's fiscal year. That amount is \$283,052 (2.2 percent) ahead of receipts for the same period a year ago.

It also is \$40,297 (0.3 percent) ahead of the pace needed to reach the \$17.3 million annual goal.

Kentucky CP receipts are divided, with 37 percent forwarded to support Southern Baptist Convention causes and 63 percent remaining in the state for KBC causes.

In addition to the KBC's \$8.2 million share of CP receipts, the state convention also has received \$285,814 in funds restricted for Kentucky-only use. The combination of those receipts—\$8.5 million—is \$252,171 (3.1 percent) ahead of comparable receipts a year ago. That amount also is \$59,201 ahead of the budgeted goal.

Kentuckians' quick trip to Orlando leads 12 to Christ

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

BOWLING GREEN—Construction started last week on an addition to Rich Pond Baptist Church in Bowling Green, but the pastor and nine other members were 800 miles away—hoping to enlist multiple additions for another church.

The Kentucky Baptists were among 2,100 people participating in Cross Over Orlando, an evangelistic blitz held the weekend before the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando.

But unlike most Baptists flooding Orlando before the convention, the Bowling Green group was there strictly for missions, not for the convention.

They left Bowling Green at 6 a.m. on Friday, June 10, and were back in their own beds by Sunday night, June 12. The convention didn't start until Tuesday. Sandwiched in between 38 hours of driving, the Kentuckians knocked on about 450 doors in an Orlando suburb and led 12 people to profess faith in Jesus Christ.

They also found a number of prospects for First Baptist Church of Caselberry, Fla.

Pastor Bill Fort was the only clergyman among the Bowling Green group; the other nine were laypeople.

"People say we're crazy, but it really is a lot of fun," Fort explained.

So much fun, he said, that this is the third year his church has participated in the pre-SBC effort.

"Churches, much like people, are given gifts. One of our gifts is missions," Fort said in a telephone interview during which he had to answer other calls because his secretary was gone—away on a mission trip. "People are just champing at the bits to do ministry."

Rich Pond sent 28 people to Brazil during the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership with Brazilian Baptists. And another group was in Russia on a partnership missions trip at the same time as the Orlando project. Meanwhile, another group was in Birmingham leading a mission vacation Bible school.

"The thing about our people is, whenever the Lord says go, they nev-

er say, 'How much is it going to cost?' or, 'How much time will it take?'" Fort explained. "Folks are just willing to go. We always have somebody somewhere doing missions."

Rich Pond averages about 340 in worship attendance and has been in dual Sunday morning services for nearly two years due to a lack of space. The just-started building project should remedy that, Fort said.

But church members were determined not to let construction block their missions excursions.

Overall, at least 641 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during Cross Over Orlando, according to reports from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Baptist volunteers descended on Orlando June 11-12 to witness door-to-door, hold neighborhood block parties, witness on the streets and lead evangelistic rallies.

Volunteers also distributed 4,366 Bibles.

In a unique feature to this year's Cross Over project, hundreds of volunteers let their fingers to the walking on a hot June day to help start three

new churches in the Orlando area.

On Saturday, June 11, calls were made from a 100-line phone bank based at First Baptist Church in Winter Park, Fla. Calls also were made from the offices of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., and Home Mission Board and Georgia Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

Ronnie Reynolds, church starter strategist for Greater Orlando Baptist Association, estimated 75,000 calls were made in the telephone campaign. Based on previous experience in phone campaigns, he expected the calls to result in 5,250 positive responses and 470 people attending the churches' first services.

"This is a way to get in front of a lot of people very quickly and produce an instant crowd," Reynolds said. "Imagine how long it would take to contact all those people by going door to door."

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Overheard in Orlando

"I'm strongly committed, as I have been, to the conservative position—the inerrancy and infallibility of the word of God. This campaign hasn't changed that."

New SBC President Jim Henry

Both candidates for SBC president this year were solid conservatives. "One got 55 percent of the vote and the other got 45 percent. The moderates got no votes."

Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville

"While I am certainly disappointed for Fred, I rejoice we have come to a day in the convention when two solid Bible-believing, soul-winning men of God would be the choice of the convention."

Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., on Fred Wolfe's loss to Jim Henry

"This proof that young people are choosing abstinence is going to make an impact on church leaders, on policy makers, on educators. Young people themselves have said, 'True Love Waits,' and that is what is going to make a difference."

Richard Ross, organizer of True Love Waits, on verification that the sexual-abstinence campaign had surpassed its goal of 100,000 commitments

"We have not deserted our first love. We have instead rededicated ourselves to the cause of missions, avoiding those things which would divide us and siphon off our energies. It's missions which has drawn us together and which is the banner we hold high."

Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of SBC Woman's Missionary Union, responding to the charge that WMU has left its first love, missions.

"If we don't take risks, our conformity will continue to camouflage us ... We can shout what we believe at each other from the mountaintop, but until we risk enough to be what we preach, the world will refuse to listen to the good news we claim to represent."

William Harrington, missionary to Tanzania, speaking at the WMU annual meeting

"The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship bases its appeal for gifts on the claim that it is a legitimate way to give to Southern Baptist causes. If we accept any receipts from them, we legitimize their claim and, in effect, their agenda."

Craig Kendall of Aurora, Colo., speaking in favor of a motion to reject Fellowship funds

"This action is not against the CBF, but against Southern Baptist churches and Southern Baptist people. The way we teach Southern Baptists to give through SBC channels is to rebuild trust, not place new restrictions on giving. No amount of lecturing will make up for lack of trust."

Former Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder, on the declaration that SBC agencies and institutions should not accept money from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

"It's bizarre. They're ready to turn down good money."

Cecil Sherman, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship coordinator, on the SBC's decision to require its agencies and institutions to reject Fellowship funding

"I am not convinced the convention is ready to be inclusive. You can be a conservative Negro, you can be a liberal Negro, but you are still a Negro, especially in this convention."

Joe Ratliff, president of the African American Baptist Fellowship

"He's so much bigger than the SBC."

Ike Reighard, president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, expressing his doubts that Jerry Falwell would join the SBC

"We face a crisis deeper than crime, deeper than the economy and much higher and bigger than political partisanship. ... It is the very stripping of our ideals which leaves men and women unable to believe in anything. The answer to the tears and the fears of mankind is the law and love of God."

Jack Kemp, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, speaking at the SBC Pastors' Conference

"Missions is God's love calling forth our love."

Heather Barron of Lexington, speaking at the WMU annual meeting

"We have churches today who think they have to imitate Broadway and Hollywood to reach a lost world. There's nothing wrong with drama; music is wonderful; plays have their place; but none of these things will be a substitute for a man of God with a fire in his bones preaching hell hot, heaven sweet, sin black, judgment coming and Jesus saves to a world that's lost and needing a Savior."

James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church in Snellville, Ga., speaking at the SBC Pastors' Conference

"I feel much more in common with a born-again Roman Catholic who affirms the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity and humanity of Christ than I do with a liberal Protestant, even a liberal Baptist, who is not sure that Jesus was born of a virgin or raised from the dead or is coming back again."

Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, speaking in favor of a resolution on Catholic-evangelical relations

From Orlando to Texas

The election in Orlando of Jim Henry as president of the Southern Baptist Convention will provide the grist for considerable journalistic reflection. To that I will add my own by means of this column.

Jim's Georgetown College background intersected with numerous Kentucky Baptist pastors, including this writer. There was a "bunch" of future pastors and missionaries at Georgetown during the 1950s. Those connections set well with those of us who recognize the valuable long-term contributions our Kentucky Baptist colleges make.

His election has likely created confusion among SBC leadership, although that confusion may not surface immediately in the public domain.

The winning margin (55-45) dem-

onstrated clearly that the messengers wanted to send a message to current SBC leadership, though just what that message is will be more difficult to accurately decipher. (See Marv Knox's analysis in this issue).

The attendance, approximately 20 percent fewer in number than projected, even in a popular, "fun-place" setting, is probably a further indication that folks are growing weary of the controversy.

Obviously no one can presume to have an accurate picture of the future as a result of this "come-from-being-under" election of Jim Henry.

However, his election has added a new dimension to convention politics for the next year, at least.

While those who put forward Fred Wolfe were careful not to cast Henry in a negative light, by innuendo they implied they weren't sure of whether he would continue their agenda. For-

ty-five percent of the messengers voted against Jim Henry by preference for Wolfe.

For some who did not attend the SBC, joining an ever-increasing exodus of moderate-conservative Southern Baptists, the election of Jim Henry means only more of the same.

But for others—perhaps many others—Jim Henry's election is a "ray of hope" for the ultimate future of the Southern Baptist Convention. I intend to pray for my college friend.

In the meantime, many eyes are turning to the Baptist General Convention of Texas as they continue to deal with the fallout of the Russell Dilday firing, the possible start of a "third" seminary, and what Texas Baptists decide to call future cooperative giving.

With their size and financial strength, they just may have more to say about the shape and direction of the SBC than the SBC itself.

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**FAMILY FORUM:
TEEN-AGERS**

Driving rights

By Wade Rowatt

Q We are having a bit of a disagreement at our home. My 15-year-old will be 16 in August and wants her own car. My wife says "no," but I don't see any harm in getting her a used car.

A "Any harm" is an important phrase. The potential harm could be major. Auto-related deaths head the list of causes of deaths of teen-agers. Add to that the youth seriously injured or crippled for life. Potential harm needs to be taken seriously.

Other concerns need to be considered. The cost of insurance, gas, maintenance and repairs exceeds most adolescents' budgets. If they get a job, that could take away from study time.

The new freedom of having a car overwhelms some teens. They are tempted by their peer groups to go places they might not otherwise. They may be pressured to take risky chances.

Furthermore, teens expect to control all their decisions about when, where and how long they can go out. The family will want clear car guidelines.

On the other hand, many youth drive their own autos and do very well. If your daughter does get a car, see that she completes a good driver's education course.

In general, if students have good grades, they are good drivers. Does your daughter demonstrate sound judgment? Can she make solid decisions about other parts of her life? If so, she most likely will carry those skills into her driving.

Do you have a good working relationship with your daughter? Is she even-tempered and reliable? If you have confidence in her, then this may be a good decision. In general, does she live up to Ephesians 6:1: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right?"

If you see her as a faithful teen, then continue to trust her and bring her into the adult world with a blessing and perhaps a car.

If you do get a car, have clear rules for its use. Write out a type of contract and all sign it. Have a time of prayer of thanksgiving and of asking for God's guidance in this new chapter of your family's life.

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1994 SBC rebuffs past presidents, Fellowship

What do Charles Stanley and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship have in common? The Southern Baptist Convention rebuffed them both last week in Orlando.

Stanley mounted the SBC platform June 14, bringing the presidential nomination from the cadre who controlled convention politics for 15 years—the convention presidents during that period and their closest colleagues. Stanley's nomination speech broke precedent; until last week, none of the past presidents had sullied the office by nominating a potential successor. Sources close to that group said Stanley didn't want to do it this time. But their hand-picked candidate, Fred Wolfe, found himself in a tight race and needed a strong nomination from a certifiable authority. So, "America's Pastor" got the nod.

Moments later, convention messengers marked their ballots and confirmed the past presidents' fears. They lost control of the SBC's top post in a stunningly lopsided defeat. Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, defeated Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., by 10 percentage points. For the first time since conservatives took over the SBC presidency in 1979, the masterminds of the movement were not calling the shots.

Several factors propelled Henry to victory over the past presidents' candidate: The convention met in his town. His church is a leader in financial support to the convention, while Wolfe's church trails the national average in percentage giving. Grassroots conservatives came to Orlando embarrassed and even angered by the firing of President Russell Dilday at Southwestern Seminary, a firing engineered by trustees put in place by the past presidents' political machine. The "young bucks" of the conservative movement threw their support to Henry, charging their elders with holding power too tightly. And some messengers said they were tired of the elitism of the past presidents and the sharp political rhetoric that cascaded throughout the past decade and a half.

Henry became a logical choice to break the past presidents' lock on power. That's because the differences between Henry and the past presidents are stylistic rather than substantial. He's more winsome and approachable than his recent predecessors, with the possible exception of Jimmy Draper. Several observers call him a "kinder, gentler" conservative president. He also thinks and acts younger, a trait that prompted one of his proteges to call him "the youngest old guy (he's 56) I know." Still, Henry's a solid conservative who has supported his party's "resurgence." He represented conservatives on the SBC Peace Committee and has been president of the conservative-controlled Pastors' Conference. He is a biblical inerrantist, and the pastor who nominated him assured the staunchly conservative messengers, "He's one of us."

That's why the messengers' rebuff of the past presidents' old-boy network doesn't run counter to their rebuff of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Moderate Southern Baptists organized the Fellowship in 1991. Disaffected by the convention's rightward shift, they melted their political swords into organizational plowshares, tilling the soil of disenchantment and planting seeds of a new organization. Conservatives called it a com-

petitive denomination, while Fellowshipers claimed they were still-loyal Southern Baptists who had decided to put their energies into programs, not politics. They set up three giving plans, two of which channeled some money to the SBC, and that money became a point of contention.

Just prior to the Orlando meeting, the SBC Executive Committee—which had received less than \$25 of the \$9 million the Fellowship sent to the SBC—voted to "encourage" the other SBC organizations not to receive any more money from the Fellowship. Messengers took that idea a step further, approving a motion commanding the agencies not to take any more of the money. The vote didn't remove any churches from the SBC, since virtually all Fellowship supporters also contribute to SBC causes, but it did sever organizational ties with the Fellowship. (Two ironies: A month ago, the Fellowship turned down a proposal to quit funding part of the SBC, while this month the SBC refused to take the Fellowship's money. And the SBC just passed a resolution affirming dialogue with Catholics, meanwhile severing a relationship with fellow Southern Baptists.)

Henry's upset victory over the past presidents' machine and the convention's split from the Fellowship put Orlando on the SBC map. Its impact will be felt as the ramifications of its decisions become clear.

If Henry can win SBC friends as rapidly as his huge church baptizes new converts, he'll help shore up recent losses to the Fellowship. He's so likable he's bound to draw good-hearted people to him. Like people who want to believe the convention's "pendulum" can swing back to the middle. And like theological conservatives who have been turned off by the conservative party's politics.

To make those gains stick, Henry must back up his words with deeds. He can make appointments that reflect mainstream Southern Baptist participation, not political patronage. If he appoints some theological conservatives who have voted moderate politically, he will take back ground recently conceded to the Fellowship. To do so, he must risk the wrath of conservative party hard-liners.

Much also will depend upon the past presidents and the new generation of leaders who supported Henry. If they fight for power, the battle could be messy and repulsive. Observers who call them "fundamentalists" expect them to continue fighting—even fighting each other, now that they don't have the moderates to kick around. They've resisted that label, and now they can show whether it's justified. If they close ranks and develop a common, compelling, compassionate vision, they can write their own next chapter in history.

The Fellowship's next chapter also is a blank page. If non-aligned Southern Baptists perceive it to be a new competitive denomination, they could reject it outright. But if they believe the vote on Fellowship funds violated local-church autonomy, they may stand up for that important Baptist principle by sticking with the fledgling organization. And if some of them perceive Henry to be nicer than his predecessors but theological and politically just as rigid, they also might sign on with the Fellowship. Time will tell.

Marv Knox

Two major developments marked the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Orlando: A younger generation of conservatives broke ranks with the old-guard cadre of past presidents, handing them their first political defeat in 15 years. And the SBC severed its tenuous relationship with the 3-year-old moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The events of coming months will determine the impact these actions will have on the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination.

Luckily, Disney's rides weren't as scary as the trip to the airport

We went on a ride in Orlando we'll never forget.

We were terrified, intrigued and apprehensive. We found ourselves on a winding, high-speed chase through dangerous foreign territory. We encountered surprises, obstacles and challenges. Monsters stood in our way, but friendly aliens came to our rescue.

Orlando, of course, is the capital of thrills and fantasy. It's home to Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World and Wet 'n' Wild, and it's only a few miles from Cape Canaveral.

Like zillions of other families who journeyed to Orlando for this year's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, our family participated in the city's world-fa-

mous exoticness. We visited the three holy cities of Disney World—the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center and Disney-MGM Studios.

After joining half the world's population at the Magic Kingdom on a steamy Saturday, I've come up with a new sure-fire evangelism campaign.

We station deacons at key locations midway through appallingly long waiting lines. And when the parched and pallid pilgrims pass by, the deacons say: "See, this is what hell will be

like—an eternally boring wait, on your feet, in abysmal heat. Repent today!"

If the call to conversion comes with a cup of cool water, millions of souls will respond. We could baptize them in the pool of Disney's Grand Floridian Hotel and send them home with directions to their nearest church.

But I digress; back to our wild ride. It didn't happen at Disney World; we should've been so lucky.

Our scariest ride took place on the streets of Orlando, 30 minutes before our plane was to leave, shortly after we fol-

lowed our map to the wrong airport.

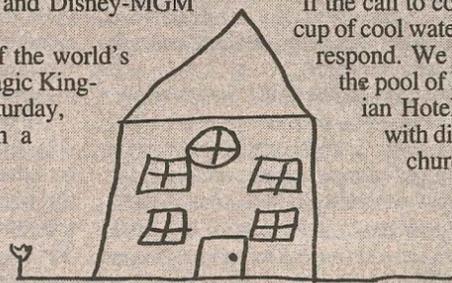
We caught up on our prayer lives as I zipped our rental car through rush-hour traffic, past buses and trucks, around teenagers and blue-haired old ladies.

As I drove, I calculated how to get Joanna and the girls to the terminal on time so we'd only have to buy my extra ticket on another flight home. I considered asking them to block the runway, but figured that only works on TV.

Thanks to a wonderful skycap, a terrific agent at the rental car place and a kindly security guard, we made the plane with moments to spare.

Maybe Disney will let us design the next fright ride: "Your Journey Home."

Marv Knox



down home

SBC agencies ordered to reject Fellowship funds

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SBC stance against abortion and homosexuality and in favor of biblical authority and the virgin birth of Jesus, he said.

Kendall serves as youth minister at Central Baptist Church in Aurora, where Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustee Jerry Johnson is pastor.

"The Cooperative Baptist Fellow-

ship bases its appeal for gifts on the claim that it is a legitimate way to give to Southern Baptist causes," Kendall said. "If we accept any receipts from them, we legitimize their claim and, in effect, their agenda."

But Owen Bozeman, pastor of a Florida church that supports the Cooperative Program and not the Fellowship, argued against the motion, which he said might reflect an un-

Christian spirit.

"Cooperative Baptist Fellowship members are our brothers and sisters in Christ," he said. "Their gifts are Christian gifts."

With the Fellowship sending an ever-smaller portion of its funds to the SBC, Bozeman advised, "Let this funding die a natural death rather than arbitrarily cutting it off." An abrupt change would "severely disrupt" the budgets of SBC agencies, Bozeman said, and a decision about funds should be left to agency trustees.

Some of those agencies said earlier they wanted to take the funds. Others have voted already to decline them. The SBC decision will spare most agency trustees a vote.

One institutional head who already had decided not to count on the Fellowship funds is Al Mohler, president of Southern Seminary in Louisville. Southern's trustees approved a budget in April that for the first time in several years projected no income from the Fellowship.

"We belong to the Southern Baptist Convention, and we are determined to maintain that commitment," Mohler explained last week.

But Fellowship leaders, and at least one SBC agency president, said the new policy will not necessarily reduce funding from Fellowship churches, who instead will find other means to support SBC causes outside the Cooperative Program.

Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin, who supports the new policy, said the Fellowship funds "are not from the CBF, they are from churches committed to foreign missions. I would assume anyone designating gifts to the Foreign Mission Board is doing so in obedience to God's leadership ... and I hope they will continue."

Churches can send funds directly to the agencies or in some cases through state convention offices and

still avoid Cooperative Program channels. However, the Home Mission Board is beginning a study that could penalize state conventions that channel Fellowship funds.

"CBF exists as a funnel through which Baptist monies are poured," said Cindy Johnson of Gaithersburg, Md., a Fellowship officer. "If the SBC closes off the opening, individual Baptists will be ardent in finding another way through the bottleneck."

Johnson, who attended the SBC as a messenger, said Kendall's description of Fellowship views on moral issues "was not reflective of who I am as a CBF member. And I do not think it is possible to make a blanket characterization of the Fellowship."

The SBC vote will not speed the departure of Fellowship churches from the SBC, said Johnson. Despite harsh treatment from SBC leadership, the Fellowship "is not interested in divorcing the Southern Baptist Convention," she said.

Fellowship Coordinator Cecil Sherman said the new policy is intended to hurt the Fellowship's fundraising ability, but he predicted Fellowship faithful will remain firm.

"I don't think this will intimidate churches that already have chosen to go with us," he said. "They've already paid the price."

Sherman described the new policy as "one more encroachment on the autonomy of the local churches."

But supporters of the action—including SBC chief executive Morris Chapman—said it does not interfere with local-church freedom.

There are "adequate channels" for churches to send funds directly to the agencies, Chapman told messengers in his report. "If a church wishes to give to SBC causes, we simply ask them to give through our traditional channels."

Based on Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

HMB to study state links to Fellowship

ORLANDO, Fla.—State Baptist conventions that facilitate the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship could be in for retaliation from the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board.

In a move that surprised even President Larry Lewis, the HMB's trustee executive committee voted June 13 to study how the HMB should cooperate with "state conventions that channel designated funds to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and other non-SBC entities."

The motion to conduct the study was made by Greg Martin of Long Beach, Miss., near the conclusion of the meeting in Orlando, Fla. It passed on a 12-9 vote.

But Lewis moved quickly to quell fears that the HMB was about to change its cooperative funding agreements that support missionaries in all 50 states. "I was not aware this action was coming and did not have any part in initiating it," the president said. "I do not anticipate any change in our relationship with the states. We have enjoyed a good and productive relationship for many years with the state conventions and expect that will continue."

Martin told the executive committee the study would deal only with those states that have decided to be "brokerage firms" for the Fellowship, a group of moderate Southern Baptists. "We need to send a message to those conventions: 'Don't be uncooperative.'"

"I think we need to re-think how we do missions in the states that refuse to be loyal to Southern Baptists," he said. "Should we be in partnership with them in the present way?"

This action comes just five months before Texas Baptists likely will vote on a proposal to change the way their Cooperative Program funds are handled. A proposal currently being developed by a study committee would require Texas churches to designate where they want funds to go beyond Texas—to the national Cooperative Program, to the Fellowship or to some other cause.

The Texas convention is a major recipient of HMB funding, but also is the No. 1 contributor to the national Cooperative Program.

Virginia Baptists already have instituted multiple funding options for churches, including some that channel funds to the Fellowship. Several other state conventions allow "pass-through" contributions to the Fellowship and other causes to count as Cooperative Program gifts.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention currently has one of the strictest definitions of any state convention for what constitutes Cooperative Program giving. Only money given undesignated to the KBC—which is then split on a percentage basis with the SBC—can be counted as Cooperative Program giving.

However, a number of Kentucky churches now give the Kentucky portion of their mission money to the KBC as designated gifts for in-state use only. They then forward the national portion of their mission giving to the Fellowship individually.

A proposal to define Cooperative Program contributions more broadly in Kentucky failed at the 1992 annual meeting of the KBC.

Based on Baptist Press reports

Messengers decline to investigate Dilday's firing

ORLANDO, Fla.—Though fired seminary president Russell Dilday was nowhere near Orlando last week, his name was a frequent topic of conversation during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At least six motions or resolutions about Dilday or the trustees who fired him at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary were offered.

However, messengers declined to investigate Dilday's firing, and SBC President Ed Young ruled out of order two other motions—one calling for the replacement of the seminary's trustee officers and one praising the trustees for doing God's will.

Defeated was a motion for newly elected SBC President Jim Henry to appoint a seven-member committee "to investigate the process used in dismissing Dr. Dilday, with attention being given to the proper use of authority, due process, fairness and any other significant facts." The motion failed on a ballot vote.

Dilday was fired March 9 by trustees who said he was blocking conservative reforms. The firing—the first of an SBC agency head since conser-

vatives seized control of the denomination in 1979—sparked angry reactions and an investigation by two accrediting agencies.

Messengers did pass a resolution encouraging trustees and administrators of all SBC institutions "to demonstrate the attitude of love and service" in their dealings, while acknowledging "the possibility of creative tension, conflict and differences of opinion." An amendment urging seminary trustees to show "heightened sensitivity to the historic balance of power" between trustees and administrators failed.

Young said he ruled the other two Southwestern motions out of order since they would conflict with or be superseded by the motion calling for an investigation. Once that motion was defeated, Young said, the body had expressed its will on the issue.

Debate on the motion featured conservatives on both sides.

Adrian Rogers, past SBC president and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, Tenn., endorsed the investigation, which he said could make clear "what the moti-

vation was" in the trustees' action.

O.S. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, said the convention would be "setting a very dangerous precedent" by approving the investigation and interfering in trustee business.

Dwayne Brooks of Cedar Parks, Texas, said the trustees "did the wrong thing at the wrong time in the wrong way" and need to be held accountable.

Afterward, Cecil Sims, who offered the motion to dismiss the trustee officers, said he was not satisfied with the motion to investigate or the dismissal of his motion.

Although calling trustees into accountability "is not particularly fun," he said, it must be done to preserve the democratic process, said Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention.

Ralph Pulley, the chairman of Southwestern Seminary's trustees who is perceived to be the main instigator of Dilday's firing, was pleased with convention response to the motion. "The vote by the convention was a solid indication of convention sup-

port of the trustee process," he said.

About 650 Southwestern alumni honored Dilday in absentia during their annual luncheon June 15. Attendance at the reunion was down significantly over previous years.

Alumni President Roberta McBride Damon of Richmond, Va., deviated from the printed program "without permission."

She told alumni she tried to get Dilday to attend the meeting, but he declined, saying he did not want to detract attention from the alumni who were to be honored or cause strife.

"Russell Dilday is a man who is a Christian gentleman," Damon said. "He's a fine administrator and conservative theologian. He has brought Southwestern Seminary not only growth and prosperity but also a level of excellence not known before."

Pulley, who was present for the alumni luncheon, said he was not offended by the presentation. "Many of these alumni graduated during his tenure. We expect them to respect and revere him," he said.

Based on Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

■ **Southern Seminary breakfast.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will continue its heritage of preparing local church ministers in an atmosphere of academic excellence, President Al Mohler told alumni and friends June 15.

"We are not a program that is simply for purpose of the intellectual pursuit of issues, even as important as theology and biblical studies are," he said. "We are a school for the training of ministers."

Mohler addressed more than 300 alumni who attended the seminary's Alumni and Friends Reunion Breakfast at Orlando's Clarion Hotel.

"Southern Seminary's responsibility as the mother institution of the Southern Baptist Convention is to lead," Mohler said. "As we look toward the future, we will see this institution assume an entirely restated leadership in a time of great denominational restructuring."

Four graduates were honored as distinguished alumni: Harold Bennett, retired president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee; Winston Crawley, retired vice president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Verlene Farmer, director of the Baptist Student Union at Langston (Okla.) University; and David Nelson, retired pastor of First Baptist Church of Owensboro.

National Alumni Association President Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, introduced Walter (Pete) Nunn, who will assume the Alumni Association presidency Sept. 1. Nunn is pastor of University Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala.

■ **Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.** Sociologist Tony Campolo told participants at the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting that American Christians have transformed Jesus into a collection of their own traits and values.

"What comes across," Campolo he suggested, "is not the biblical Jesus, but a white Anglo Saxon Republican."

Campolo, a professor at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., and one of three speakers at the meeting, offered an analysis of the subtle changes he believes have been made in the biblical Jesus. It has a great deal to do with money, he said.

Christians have changed the hymn book to "10 Percent to Jesus I Surrender," Campolo said. And he asked whether Jesus would drive a BMW. "If Jesus had 60,000 bucks and knew that people were starving," what would he do?"

The Bible contains more than 900 verses that say to sell what you have and give it to the poor, Campolo noted. "You could see that a person without a seminary education might think that's what Jesus meant. All you have to do is not put wealth in front of God."

But not to fear, he said. "We can create a new Jesus that allows us to maintain our wealth and power."

Campolo told the educators that he's getting heat because of an interpretation of his position on homosex-

uality. "I have found it is impossible to show genuine compassion—without approval—without getting shot down," he said. "I have never ever, ever said anything but what Romans 1 says, that same-gender sexual relations are not acceptable and are not allowed within the context of faith."

Newly elected officers of the association include President Michael Harton of Virginia; President-elect Carolyn Jenkins of Nashville and Midwestern Vice President Robert Bragg of Paducah.

■ **African American Fellowship.** Although still struggling with the role of their organization, Southern Baptist African Americans were challenged to close ranks and work together for more inclusiveness within the denomination.

The African American Fellowship drew nearly 300 people for its June 12 worship service at Tangelo Park Baptist Church in Orlando and 110 to its fellowship luncheon and business session at an Orlando hotel June 13.

President Joe Ratliff, pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, said, "I am not convinced the convention is ready to be inclusive. You can be a conservative Negro, you can be a liberal Negro, but you are still a Negro, especially in this convention."

One or two African Americans serving on SBC committees will not make much of an impact, Ratliff said. "Yet out of sight, out of mind."

■ **Convocation of Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors.** The changing role of military chaplaincy dominated discussion at the annual gathering of Southern Baptist chaplains and pastoral counselors.

Cutbacks in the military also means cutbacks in chaplains, speakers said.

This year's meeting was held at the Orlando Naval Training Center, which has been slated for closure.

Huey Perry, director of the Home Mission Board chaplaincy division, was blunt and to the point in his address to the group.

"We need to help our people as they move to a ministry beyond the military," Perry said. "It is extremely important that we work as partners. The HMB can only work one side of the street as we try to place you in civilian chaplaincy. It is incumbent on you to stay in touch with the local church and state conventions. Don't burn any bridges behind you and learn to network."

There currently are 2,331 chaplains endorsed by the HMB. Of that number, 1,016 are in the military, 710 in hospitals and 303 in prisons. The remainder serve mainly in business/industrial settings.

■ **Southern Baptist Hispanic Fellowship.** More than 1,300 people attended the June 11-12 meetings of the National Southern Baptist Hispanic Fellowship.

Jose Borrás, a former Roman Catholic priest and now internationally renowned Southern Baptist writ-

er, teacher and evangelist from Spain, challenged the audience to stay faithful to the teaching of the Bible. Bob Sena, assistant director of the Home Mission Board language missions division, called the participants to a spiritual awakening.

Newly elected officers include Rudy Hernandez, president, international evangelist from Grand Prairie, Texas; Samuel Aleman, first vice president, pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church in Atlanta; Oscar Hermosillo, second vice president, pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church in Boerne, Texas; Rafael De Armas, secretary, pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church in Orlando; Roberto Lopez, treasurer, pastor of Spanish Bethel Baptist Church in Las Vegas; and Jorge Garay, historian, pastor of Pine Hills Spanish Baptist Church in Orlando.

■ **Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.** Speakers addressing the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference called for a halt to denominational squabbling which has characterized the SBC for more than 15 years.

Dan Yeary, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church in Arizona, said divided Southern Baptists "desperately need each other. I am concerned about the denomination which spawned me, encouraged me and equipped me and which now finds itself deeply divided."

President Mark Blankenship called on Southern Baptists to be "Together in Jesus," the theme of the conference. "The world ought to recognize us because of our love. We also ought to live in harmony because of our love" for one another, he said.

Ken Litton, a Southern Baptist music missionary in south Brazil, encouraged the musicians to pray for missions, respond to God's call to go and to give to the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The Hines Sims Award, given annually for outstanding service in the area of church music, was bestowed on James McKinney, retiring dean of the school of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Officers of the group for 1994-95 include President Blankenship and President-elect, Bill Green of Oklahoma City. Jim Cordell of the Kentucky Baptist Convention was elected to serve on the executive council's denominational division.

■ **Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers.** College students of tomorrow will increasingly be characterized by moderate to severe behavior problems, a tendency to commit violent acts without regret, a growing openness to New Age philosophy and a hesitancy to become independent from the family nest, according to Richard Ross.

Ironically, though, the same generation may be the key to a "spiritual revival" in America, Ross told participants in the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers' annual meeting June 11 at Rollins College in Orlando. Ross, youth ministry consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, also serves as a part-time youth minister.

While admitting no one can make completely accurate predictions about the future of a particular generation, Ross offered several "informed guesses" about college students of the second half of the 1990s based on trends he's noticed among today's teen-agers.

■ **Ministers' Wives luncheon.** "What once brought you joy but no longer does?" Anne Graham Lotz asked women gathered for the Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives luncheon.

Addressing the conference theme "Joy in the Journey," Lotz told nearly 1,100 women—twice as many as last year's attendance—how to maintain their joy through hard times.



Lotz used a narrative style to recreate the situation as the Apostle Peter endured persecution for his faith yet maintained his joy.

"If you have nothing else to rejoice about, rejoice about this: You live on this side of the cross. What the Old Testament saints and angels longed for, you possess," she said.

New officers include: President Alice Marshall of Louisville; Vice President Emma Morgan of Griffin, Ga.; Recording Secretary Anita Snell of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Corresponding Secretary Jane Allison of Hattiesburg, Miss.

■ **Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions.** More than 350 directors of missions attending their annual meeting were presented with copies of a document urging the SBC to reject racism and "publicly repent and apologize to all persons of African descent for condoning and perpetuating individual and systemic racism in our lifetime."

Called a "Declaration of Repentance," the document is the result of a meeting of 15 directors of missions and ministers from large urban areas in Atlanta last October. Members of a race reconciliation task force that drafted the document passed out copies during the June 13 meeting. They hope to present the document at next year's SBC annual meeting.

Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, presented a Bible study each day. He said authentic ministry is "remembering who we are, whose we are and who's the judge of our ministry."

T.O. Spicer of Spring River Baptist Association in Missouri was elected president of the association. Other officers include: first vice president, Charles Nunn, Richmond, Va.; second vice president, Larry Rose, Fort Worth, Texas; secretary, Ernest Sandler, Jackson, Miss.; treasurer, John Dent, Walhalla, S.C.; and newsletter editor, Karl Ortis, San Francisco.

MINISTERS' WIVES OFFICERS Alice Marshall (left), wife of Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall, will lead next year's program for Southern Baptist ministers' wives. Other officers include Emma Morgan of Griffin, Ga.; Anita Snell of Jacksonville, Fla.; and former Kentuckian Jane Allison of Hattiesburg, Miss. (BP photo by Bob Matthews)



Campolo

Falwell calls SBC's rightward turn 'miraculous'

ORLANDO—Independent Baptist pastor Jerry Falwell praised Southern Baptists' "conservative resurgence" June 13 but gave no indication that he plans to join the convention.

Speaking before an appreciative audience at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Falwell classified the "spiritual and theological restoration" of the Southern Baptist Convention as "nothing short of miraculous."

"I salute you," said the 60-year-old Falwell. "The spiritual renaissance of the SBC has caught the attention of the world."

But Falwell, who 38 years ago founded Thomas Road Baptist Church in his hometown of Lynchburg, Va., gave no indication he intends to align his church with the SBC.

"I would be shocked if he would," remarked Ike Reighard, this year's Pastors' Conference president, who invited Falwell to speak. "He's so much bigger than the SBC."

Falwell said neither he nor SBC leaders have given "serious consideration" to linking the Thomas Road Church with the SBC. "Our friendship is based on what we believe and what we're trying to accomplish," he told a reporter. "That is not to say it will never occur. It is simply to say it hasn't occurred."

Reighard said only one person wrote him to complain about Falwell being featured on the conference program.

In addition to his duties as pastor at the 22,000 member church, Falwell is chancellor at Liberty University, a four-year liberal arts university with 14,000 students.

In his address, Falwell said 40 percent of the student body at Liberty comes from Southern Baptist churches. Last month's issue of the *Flame*, a university publication, indicated at least seven of Liberty's 35 trustees are prominent Southern Baptist leaders.

Noting he was addressing a "politically incorrect group, male pastors," Falwell said their singular vision should be "to save America and win the world in our generation."

Most preachers spend too little time in prayer, according to Falwell. He exhorted his audience to get up earlier and curtail late night television in order to find more time for prayer.

Falwell also urged pastors to devote more time and attention to their families. "Your greatest authority is tied directly to your family. ... We are ineffective because we are blowing it in our houses."



Falwell

He warned pastors against counseling or spending time alone with women and pled with pastors to speak and act with more open affection for their wives.

Claiming that clergy are being trained as speakers instead of prophets and CEOs instead of pastors, Falwell warned his listeners to speak with candor on social and moral issues. "Homosexuality is moral perversion. Abortion is killing little babies. We've got to say that from the pulpit."

Highlights of other Pastors' Conference speakers include:

■ Tony Evans, pastor of Oakcliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, said a better world could be created by raising up a generation of better people through the church.

Society is in a mess "because Christians have withdrawn from culture. We have turned it over to the sinners. Believers must have a heavenly perspective in a hellish environment. We must bring the Bible back to the culture."

■ Florida State University football

coach Bobby Bowden said trust and commitment are as important in a relationship with Christ as in having a winning football program. "God doesn't need my ability. He just needs my availability."

■ Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark., said pastors must base their convictions on God's ideals rather than opinion polls.

"It is one thing for the White House to look at the most recent poll and determine what to do, but it is another thing for the church houses" to do the same. "People will not be won with compromise."

■ Calvin Miller, professor of communications and ministry studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, said churches "need to come against our world with a strong defining witness" and quit worrying about being so "user-friendly" and showing how much "fun" church is.

■ Larry Wynn, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga., said the No. 1 killer of Baptist churches is the word "tradition." The biggest battles between a pastor and congregation "make no difference in eternity," he said. "Focus on truth rather than tradition."

Also during the conference, W.A. Criswell was honored for his lifetime of service to Southern Baptists. Criswell is former pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas.

Officers elected for the coming year include James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga., president; David McKinley, pastor of First Baptist in Merritt Island, Fla., vice president; and Lee Mabry, pastor of Fortified Hills Baptist Church in Smyrna, Ga., secretary/treasurer.

Based on Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

55 missionaries appointed

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—Fifty-five men and women joined Southern Baptists' foreign missions force June 12 in a historic joint session of the denomination's Pastors' Conference, Foreign Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union.

About 13,000 onlookers gave a standing ovation after FMB trustees had risen in a unanimous vote of approval for the missionaries' appointment.

The evening began with a session of preaching at the Pastors' Conference and converted to a parade of foreign missionaries, worship banners and international flags, bathed in a roving spotlight and popping flash bulbs at the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Fla.

Projected on a large screen, the candidates then gave testimonies to their call and vision for world missions live and on videotape.

FMB trustee Chairman Leon Hyatt of Pineville, La., urged pastors and others to use their influence to provide the prayer, financial support and personnel to send missionaries and keep them on the field.

The FMB needs 914 more missionaries to meet the Bold Mission Thrust goal of 5,000 missionaries overseas by the year 2000, he said.

Likewise, FMB President Jerry Rankin challenged the audience to respond to the world's needs.

"Who will respond to the need for a church planter to Bangladesh that the 110 million Muslims of that destitute corner can know Jesus?" he asked.

"Who will go as a strategy coordinator so that the 65 million people of Vietnam can recognize Jesus at a time they're on the verge of restored diplomatic relations with the United States?"

"Where are those who should respond to the multitude of requests in Russia and the former Soviet republics while the doors remain open?"

Two likely Republican candidates mingle with Baptists

ORLANDO (BP)—Two potential Republican candidates for the nation's presidency made appearances in Orlando during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last week.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle signed copies of his new book in the convention book store, operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board. And Jack Kemp, former secretary of Housing and Urban Development, addressed the Pastors' Conference, held immediately prior to the SBC.

Several hundred Southern Baptists greeted Quayle's arrival at the convention exhibit hall with applause, armed with copies of his book, "Standing Firm," flash cameras and video cameras. For two hours, he signed books with his right hand while shaking hands with his left.

Baptist Book Store spokesman Chris Rodgers said approximately 1,000 copies of Quayle's books were purchased during the signing period.

"I hope to see you in Washington in '96," one man said as Quayle signed his book.

"I hope you run," a woman urged. In an earlier interview with Baptist

Press, Quayle said he is "giving serious thought to running for president in 1996" and expects to make a tentative decision by fall.

The man who was portrayed as an intellectual lightweight as vice president charged that the current president is the one lacking in leadership skills.

"I'm convinced by 1996 this country will need a change. Taxes will be going up. Regulations will be increased. Our foreign policy has been ruined," Quayle said. "We will need a president with moral authority to lead this country."

"I predict in almost every category the current occupant of the White House will be grossly lacking."

A Presbyterian, Quayle said he has much in common with Southern Baptists in believing "the Bible is the word of God and is not to be distorted."

He said the title of his book is a personal description of his commitment to standing firm for "principles, values and what you believe in despite criticism, ridicule or adversity."

On a similar note, Kemp told the Pastors' Conference he felt at home with Southern Baptists because "faith



GRIP AND GRIN For two hours, likely presidential candidate Dan Quayle autographed copies of his new book and shook hands in Orlando during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. (BP photo by Bob Carey)

crosses every boundary and our Judeo-Christian values transcend politics."

Kemp said for the last 30 years secular America has worked to convince society that values of America's Judeo-Christian heritage are "relics of an unenlightened past." He said this suggests "all moral judgments are equal—equally wrong and equally irrelevant."

"We face a crisis deeper than crime, deeper than the economy, and much higher and bigger than political

partisanship," Kemp charged. "It is the strip-mining of our very own ideals which leaves men and women—and particularly our children—unable to believe in anything."

Kemp said the answer to the "tears and the fears of mankind is the law and the love of God."

Politicians are needed who will defend the truths of God, he said. "The laws we write in Washington, D.C., are not ultimately sufficient unless God's laws are written on our hearts."

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Upcoming Events: Russian home missionary support agreement form. Response form for events listed in this month's insert.

If you're a church leader who wonders why you can't get others to accept responsibilities, or if you're a church member who believes you never have opportunity for input, Vernon Cole has an idea for you.

Cole, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church growth and administration division, says some Baptist churches ought to replace their traditional committee structures with a team project approach.

This approach works better in many modern settings, he suggests, because:

- It builds upon church members' spiritual gifts.

- It divides the work of the church into smaller commitments that don't seem as

threatening as serving on a committee for three years.

- It emphasizes ministry over bureaucracy.

- It frees the ministerial staff to be people-oriented rather than project-oriented.

What Cole calls the team project approach is drawn from several current ideas in organizational theory and trends in religion. It focuses the behind-the-scenes work of the church on task-oriented ministry groups rather than on standing committees.

What's more, people volunteer for these ministry groups rather than waiting to be coerced by a desperate nominating committee or committee on committees.

In a nutshell, here's how it might work in your church.

■ Step 1. The church staff, deacons, church council—or whatever group currently is charged with annual planning—projects everything that needs to be accomplished in the coming year. This could include everything from youth camps to Sunday school teaching. Just how broadly this approach would apply depends upon what the church is comfortable doing. But most things other than Sunday school responsibilities should be arranged as short-term assign-

ments—project-oriented rather than program-oriented.

■ Step 2. A ministry fair is scheduled, with everyone in the church invited. All the projects planned for the year are outlined on posters, and attached to each poster are as many index cards as workers needed for those projects. For example, a youth retreat ministry group might need four adults and two youth for its

planning team. Attached to the youth retreat poster would be six index cards—four labeled for adults and two labeled for youth.

■ Step 3. Church members look at all the opportunities for service and then pull the cards where they want to serve. An emphasis on helping peo-

ple identify their spiritual gifts would be helpful in the weeks leading up to the ministry fair, Cole suggests. But help also should be available for people who want to do something new but don't know how to go about it, he adds.

■ Step 4. Each project team is given parameters for its work such as budget and time-frame and then set free to plan and execute the project. In many cases, Cole advises, church members take their newfound responsibilities so seriously that projects come in under budget rather than over budget. Everyone wants to do a good job, he says.

Another advantage is that those who tend to be most critical of mistakes made by church staff will learn new tolerance as they are empowered to serve, Cole believes.

Deciding who will be the chairperson for each group could be handled two ways, Cole says. One way is to enlist a chairperson for each project team in advance. The other way is for each team to choose its own chairperson.

And while this approach will bring new life to most areas of church life, it should not replace a few standing committees, he cautions.

For example, most churches

need finance committees with more stability than this approach allows.

But in most areas, the benefits become readily evident, Cole says. He believes this model:

- Allows the church to equip and empower all people for ministry.

- Answers the problem many churches face with busy two-career families and the reluctance among baby boomers to make long-term commitments.

- Distributes the work load more evenly rather than burden-

ing just a few people with everything.

And for those who are skeptical of departing with tradition, Cole explains that this new approach is biblical.

He points to Proverbs 15:22: "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

For more information about how the team-project approach could work in your church, call Cole at (502) 245-4101 or write him at the KBC, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

How Project Team Ministry Works in One Youth Group

The team project approach has paid good dividends in the youth ministry of Tulip Grove Baptist Church outside Nashville, according to Youth Minister Richard Ross.

Ross is part-time youth minister at the church and a full-time youth ministry consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

In the March 1994 issue of "Youth Ministry Update" published by the Sunday School Board, Ross outlines how he has implemented a version of team projects in Tulip Grove's youth ministry.

Does this concept work in the real world?

Absolutely, he says. "As a part-time youth minister, it allows me to coordinate 13 teams, perform many other functions and still have time to spend with my family. Our 13 events last year each set all-time attendance records. Both youth and adults beam with pride as they see their events reach youth and touch lives."

Ross has applied to his youth ministry program the basic outline Vernon Cole suggests in the adjacent article on this page.

At Tulip Grove, the youth ministry project teams are called "lead teams."

"Many youth ministers cannot consider adding more programming simply because they cannot keep any more plates spinning without some falling," he notes. "That means good ideas may not be implemented simply by virtue of time."

"In our church, when a need

is identified or a new programming opportunity is presented, we simply organize a new lead team. The youth minister is no longer the obstacle to expanding the program."

Ross has used lead teams to manage youth vacation Bible school, DiscipleNow weekends, summer mission trips, retreats and more.

In this case, the youth ministry council sets goals and establishes priorities for each planning cycle. Then the lead teams take over and implement them.

Each team includes two seasoned youth workers who teach youth on a weekly basis, two parents of teens and four teens. One of the experienced youth workers leads the team.

Ross conducts monthly sessions where all 13 lead teams meet in a large room simultaneously. He is free to roam around and offer assistance as needed.

Among many advantages of this approach for youth ministry, Ross specifically cites the additional time youth ministers may find to do important things like personal witnessing, counseling troubled teens, setting a direction for youth ministry and equipping parents of teen-agers.

And Ross sees the approach as biblical.

"According to Ephesians 4:11-12, ministers are called to equip the saints for the work of the ministry," he says. "For too long the saints have been taught that their role is to assist ministers who do the real work of the ministry."

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DIRECT MISSIONS

Mountain Missions Conference

The Mountain Missions Conference offers pastors, missionaries and lay people living in mountainous regions of Kentucky learning opportunities for the whole family August 1-4 at Oneida Baptist Institute. The annual event is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board and Oneida Baptist Institute.

The conference will feature the following:

- Richard Harris, director of the Home Mission Board's Mass Evangelism Department, will preach in evening worship services and will also lead a session on "How to Get Ready for Revival."
- Kenneth Faught, a religion professor at Cumberland College, leads the 1995 Winter Bible Study focusing on Galatians.
- Don Spencer, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Annuity Department, will address the annuitants' program and how to prepare for retirement.
- Ruthe Figart's conference for minister's wives will focus on issues confronting this role.
- Craft classes at Oneida Craft Shop; materials provided
- Music by Son Praise, a student summer missions team
- Conferences for youth and children led by Son Praise



Richard Harris

- Calvin Wilkins, coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Partnership Missions office, will address the Kentucky/Russia Partnership work plus involvement with Utah/Idaho churches.

To register for this free event, contact A. B. Colvin, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Kentucky 40972.

For further information, contact the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, Kentucky 40253-0433.



August 1-4

Oneida Baptist Institute

EVANGELISM

Share your faith

Continuing Witness Training (CWT), a national seminar for pastors and laity which trains leadership in how to share their faith, is scheduled for August 25-27 at Ashland's Unity Baptist Church. Dale Griffith, a Home Mission Board personal witness consultant from Ashland, is the featured leader.

The seminar cost is \$75 per person, which includes three meals and materials. To register, complete the form on EVENTS page 8a. Include your fee with a check made payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

For further information, contact:

Office for Evangelism
Attn: Bill Jagers
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40253-0433
(502) 245-4101, extension 330



Dale Griffith

CWT begins at 1:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, August 25 and concludes at noon on Saturday, August 27.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Many of your church's graduating high school seniors are now preparing for their freshman year in college. That's a scary, but exciting task.

In this EVENTS issue, the KBC's Student Department attempts to offer helpful tips for churches in assisting their youth as they prepare for those first steps in "the real world." Those tips are:

• **This feature**

The shaded box to your right offers helpful tips to churches

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An introduction to Kentucky Baptist campus ministers

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An open letter to pastors from Don Blaylock, plus a student contact form

The church can touch the lives of students whether they go off to school or attend school in the area through Student Touch. Campus visits, phone calls, letters and care packages can make all the difference to a student as they begin their college experience.

• *Begin asking the graduates for their new college addresses during Crossover: Graduates Summer.*

• *Continue to update Students away and the college Sunday School records as the school term continues.*

• *Spotlight a student each week in the church newsletter. Encourage the members of your church to keep in touch by writing encouraging notes to the students.*

• *Plan a campus visit in the first weeks of classes. Treat the students, campus minister and church ministers to dinner or dessert. You may choose to meet at the BSU in order to introduce your students to other Christian students.*

• *Remember the students with a care package at mid-term or prior to exams.*

• *Mail the student a copy of the church newsletter and The Student magazine.*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Introducing your Kentucky Baptist campus ministers

Full time



Jack Birdwhistell
Georgetown College

Jack Birdwhistell, or "Doc" as he is known to his students, is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Doc" has written a book, Kentucky Baptists: 150 Years on Mission Together. "Doc" has served as campus minister at Georgetown since 1979.



Pat Bruner
Berea College

Pat Bruner is a graduate of Berea College and Lexington Theological Seminary. Pat received the 1993 Woman of the Year award from the Berea Chamber of Commerce. Pat has served as Berea's full time campus minister since 1986.



Bill Ellis
Northern Kentucky University

Bill Ellis is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. Bill, once a member of the Son Celebration music team, is now one of the directors. He has served at Northern Kentucky University since 1992.



Wyndee Holbrook
Cumberland College

Wyndee Holbrook is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. She has served as campus minister at Cumberland College since 1985. Wyndee was privileged to attend the Baptist Youth World Conference in Harare, Zimbabwe.



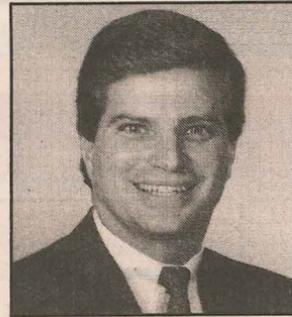
Rick Howerton
Western Kentucky University

Rick Howerton is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary. In 1979 Rick made an album with Gentle Spirit, a contemporary Christian music band. He has served as campus minister at Western Kentucky University since 1991.



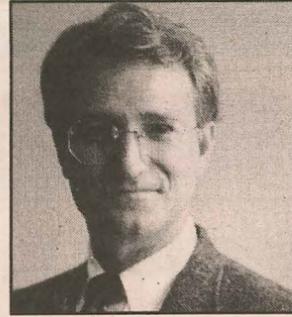
Keith Inman
Murray State University

Keith Inman is a graduate of Murray State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Keith, one of the directors of Son Praise, the state Baptist Student Union revival team, has served at Murray since 1987.



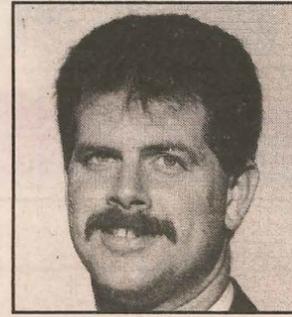
H. K. Kingkade
University of Kentucky

H. K. Kingkade is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. H. K. began work at UK last December. He comes to us following several years of student ministry in Alabama.



Gene Parr
Morehead State University

Gene Parr is a graduate of Asbury College and Southern Seminary. Gene has had articles published in The Student magazine and the MSU Wellness newsletter. He has served at Morehead State University since 1982.



Ed Pavy
Campbellsville College

Ed Pavy, the newest Kentucky Baptist campus minister, began work at Campbellsville College in May. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and Southern Seminary. As a hobby, Ed enjoys making golf clubs.



Angela Perkins
University of Louisville

Angela Perkins is a graduate of the University of Louisville and a Southern Seminary. Angela, once a member of the SonBurst creative ministries team, now directs the team herself. She has served at U of L since 1989.



Mikel Robinson
Kentucky State University

Mikel Robinson, a graduate of Wayland Baptist College and Southern Seminary, has served at KSU since 1978. He currently has the longest tenure of service among the Kentucky Baptist campus ministers.



Bryant Rudolph
Western Area

Bryant Rudolph is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University. Bryant became a Christian while working as a roadie with a rock band. He has served the western area—Owensboro Community College,

Henderson Community College, Madisonville Community College, Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia College—since 1989.



Rick Trexler
Eastern Kentucky University

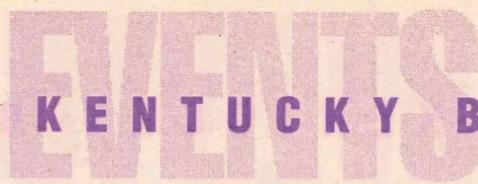
Rick Trexler is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a collection of over 1,000 baseball caps. Rick has served as campus minister at ECU since 1980.

Part time, intern and volunteer campus ministers play an important role, too

- Laura Bevins
Lees College
- Dennis Brotherton
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
- Nancy Cooper
Hazard Community College
- Tony Curnette
Ashland Community College
- LaRaine Dail
Georgetown College
- Bill Dickens
Thomas More College
- Jeff Dixon
Henderson Community College
- Mel Doughty
Paducah Community College
- Hopkinsville Community College
- Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College
- Kevin Hampton
Somerset Community College
- Lindsey Wilson College
- French Harmon
Pikeville College
- Prestonsburg Community College
- Martha Kay Heath
Jefferson Community College
- Southwest
- Cam Holzer-Williams
Midway College
- Mark Howard
University of Louisville Health Sciences
- Michelle Hudson
Western Kentucky University
- Kim Jenkins
Bellarmine College
- Scott Mikels
Murray State University
- Cindy Pelfrey
Brescia College
- Jason Rankin
Morehead State University
- Joan Shaw
Spalding University
- Mike Spencer
Oneida Baptist Institute
- Keith Stillwell
Hopkinsville Community College
- Kevin Thomas
Maysville Community College
- Mark Whitt
University of Louisville
- Elizabeth Zalenski
Sullivan College

KBC Student Department

- Don Blaylock
Director
- Ralph Hopkins
Associate Director
- Tom Smoot
Associate Director



STUDENT MINISTRY



Pastors:
Your help is needed!
Please complete the form
provided below by July 15 and mail to:

Student Work Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, Kentucky 40253-0433

A letter from Don Blaylock, Director, KBC Student Department

June 21, 1994

Dear Pastor:

Once again, it is time for us to ask for your help with a very important project—informing students about the Baptist Student Union.

Each year we write asking you to send us names of students from your church who will be attending universities and colleges in Kentucky. On this page is a form with space for you to list the names, home addresses, colleges and classification of your church's students attending college this fall. We would appreciate receiving your completed list by July 15. The Student Department will then contact these college-bound students at their home addresses before the new school year begins.

Every student for whom we receive full information will be contacted. Our department sends students' names to the campus ministers at their respective schools which is followed up by contacts concerning BSU information prior to the beginning of school.

Last year over 20,000 students were involved in one or more BSU programs and, yet, there are still thousands to be reached. Please continue to help us in this great endeavor.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. Without your help, many students would not be reached for Jesus Christ and His church.

Sincerely,

Don Blaylock

Don Blaylock
 Director
 Student Work Department
 Kentucky Baptist Convention

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FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

An appreciation letter for Flexible Curriculum

The following letter was received by Jewell Nelson, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department.

Dear Jewell,

Greetings from Harrodsburg! I am writing to let you know that we are using the "David" Flexible Curriculum in our weekly after-school program. We meet on Tuesdays for TGIT (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) from 3:00-6:00 p.m. I am finding the materials you have developed to be very helpful. The variety of ideas (art, music, writing, Bible learning, etc.) are great for keeping the afternoons different and interesting. It also has spurred my own creativity. I have enclosed a song version of the story of David and Goliath (to the tune of the television show, "The Beverly Hillbillies") which came to mind as I was using the "David" Flexible Curriculum recently.

I just wanted to say thank you for providing this resource. I will look forward to using the other character studies in the Flexible Curriculum series after Christmas. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Minister of Youth
Harrodsburg Baptist Church

The Ballad of King Dave

Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named Dave,
From the bears and the lions his sheep did save,
When he was in middle school he got into a fight,
With a nine foot two inch bully named Goliath.
(Giant that is, tough dude, big sword)

Well all of God's soldiers were afraid up on the hill,
They didn't want to fight the giant but David said I will!
He pulled out his slingshot and picked up a stone,
Walked up to Goliath, said "let's get it on."

Well the first thing that happened was the giant had a laugh.
He looked down at Dave and said, "I'll cut you in half!"
Dave said "just try it wimp, the Lord is on my side."
Then he shot the stone from his sling and Big Goliath died.
(checked out, took a hike)

Well Dave became a hero and the Lord made him king,
He wrote some songs called Psalms that his people loved to sing.

And later on in history one of David's kin,
Was sent by God into the world to save us from our sin.
(Jesus that is, Son of God, Lord of all)

I hope you like my story 'bout the man named Dave,
He's got a lot to teach us 'bout following God's way.
So think about his story and follow his advice,
Choose to follow Jesus and trust him with your life.

Bell ministry with special needs population

The following is a summary from an address given to the National Handbell Symposium at the Baptist Sunday School Board by Dr. Gerald Chafin, minister of music, at Louisville's Parkwood Baptist Church.



Ministry with handbells or handchimes gives churches an incomparable opportunity to reach out to special populations. Certainly, a church bell or chime choir could provide a concert for a special group in your area. However, a great ministry could result from forming a bell/chime choir just for a special group. Bells have been used with the physically handicapped, the mentally handicapped and in geriatrics.

Several important factors must be considered in beginning a special bell/chime choir. These include rehearsal time and location, transportation, number of participants, assistants needed, and the greatest challenge for the director: Notating music for the choir to play.

Special bell/chime choirs should read from charts using letter names of the notes in different colors. The director arranges melodies which, after careful rehearsal, could be accompanied by piano. The chart provides the participants a single focal point which they can read while the director points to the letters.

Indeed, the experience of playing bells/chimes is ministry to special people and to those who teach *and* hear them.

Contact Pamela Thrift, consultant, at (502) 245-4101 for more information concerning special education.

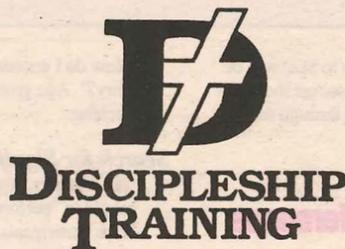
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Offer hope to persons in distress

Storms of many kinds wreck havoc among both your church members and people in your church field. Your church can obtain tremendous resources to help these hurting people. They include:

- LIFE Support Leader's Handbook**
Includes how to organize the ministry and develop leadership, group dynamics, mechanics of how a group functions, dealing with challenging situations and making referrals.
- Making Peace with Your Past**
Many adults are hurting because of past hurts. This resource leads adults to uncover and understand how their past affects their lives today. Leader's Guide also available.
- Search for Significance**
Many Christians unknowingly base their self esteem on how they will perform certain tasks and not on the forgiveness and unconditional love for Christ. Includes help for "approval addicts," self blamers," the "perpetually shamed" and those caught in "performance traps." Leader's Guide also available.

- Untangling Relationships: A Christian Perspective on Codependency**
Designed for both individual and discovery groups study. It will help individuals to understand what causes a person to become a compulsive fixer and to also learn Biblical guidance that shows persons how, they, with God help, can break free of their destructive patterns of trying to help everyone and fix everything. Leader's Guide also available.
- Conquering Codependency: A Christ-Centered 12 Step Process**
For a support group of individuals who struggle with the painful problems of codependency. Leader's Guide also available.



Does Your Church Have a Strong



- Conquering Eating Disorders: A Christ-Centered 12 Step Process**
An effective, proven program for persons who use food as relief agent from emotional pain or who suffer from anorexia, bulimia or compulsive-addictive patterns. Leader's Guide also available.

For additional information on these valuable resources, fill out the form on EVENTS page 8a or call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Discipleship Training Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 335.

CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

Serving Today's People . . . Super Saturday Conferences 1994

Each Super Saturday Conference will offer *Leadership Conferences* to provide church leaders, teachers and workers in-depth instruction and training in their particular area of responsibility and age group. *Interest Conferences* for awareness and information will also be offered. These 55 minute conferences provide multi-responsibility leaders extra training with a key age group. Other church leaders may find the interest conference a valuable supplement to plans for new ministries or programs. Both the *Leadership Conferences* and *Interest Conferences* will strengthen and develop the vital skills it takes to meet the needs of "today's people."

Super Saturday conferences are coordinated by several departments through the Church Growth & Administration division and offered at six regional locations throughout Kentucky, three during August and three held in September. Choose a Super Saturday near you. Begin plans to bring your leadership to this one-day training event of the year.

Leadership Conferences

Church Music

(Full-time music ministers are encouraged to attend the pastor/staff conference)

Worship Styles and Available Resources: An overview of five different worship styles currently being practiced in SBC churches with resources for each.

Teaching Your Preschool Music

Activities: Methods, materials and musical activities for effectively teaching children ages 4-5.

Teaching Your Younger Children's Choir:

Methods, materials and musical activities for effectively teaching children in grades 1-3.

Teaching Your Older Children's/Combination Choir:

Methods, materials and musical activities for effectively teaching children in grades 4-6 and grades 1-6.

Discipleship Training

Adults: A study of *Today's Adults* will help leaders know and understand characteristics of adult life and developmental and ethical issues that adults confront in selected areas of their lives. Leaders will learn how Discipleship Training materials meet some of the needs of today's adults.

Youth: A study of *Today's Youth* will assist leaders to become effective guides and trustworthy leaders for the journey from childhood to adulthood. Leaders will gain insight into such topics as: Profile of modern youth, understanding new adolescents, understanding middle adolescents, understanding older adolescents and how Youth Discipleship Training materials can assist in the process.

Children: A study of *Today's Children* will assist leaders to understand the needs of children today, the world they live in, the stress that affects children, and tools that can be helpful in guiding children to grow toward becoming Christian adults who make constructive contributions to family, church, and society.

Preschool: A study of *Today's Preschoolers* will assist leaders to provide positive growing experiences for preschoolers. Leaders will also learn how the

changing world begins to impact a preschooler's physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development.

Pastors, Staff, DOMs

Church Growth is More than Numbers: An examination of ways to measure growth in ministries, systems, maturity, and numbers. Evaluation tools will be shared by which each church can measure all aspects of growth.

Sunday School

Directors/General Officers: Today's Sunday School offers great opportunities and challenges: reaching new members, teaching effectively, helping Christians grow. Sunday School directors, staff, pastors and other key leaders will experience the latest information in leading your church to grow through the Sunday School. Special attention will be given to the new

Today's Adults, Youth, Children, Preschool series as well as the wide-spread improvement in the Sunday School literature for fall of '94. Learn to plan and implement a growth strategy for your church through proven Sunday School methods, resources and experiences.

Adults: Discover and experience improved ways of understanding adults in our contemporary society. Special emphasis will be given to meeting the needs of the five stages of adulthood. Learn the keys to reaching and teaching Seniors, Boomers, Busters, College and Singles!

Youth: Computers, CD's, Music videos: The world of today's youth is full of changes, challenges, and opportunities. Today's Youth: A Profile for Teachers and Leaders, will equip us to meet the needs of adolescents. Learn how to help youth (and parents!)

navigate the stages of adolescent growth while experiencing new ways to reach youth for Christ and Bible study!

Children: Learn how to identify the needs of children; how they develop; the world they live in; and principles for healthy growth.

Preschool: Learn about the Preschool child's development: physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, spiritually and morally.

Special Education:

Your church can minister to the many families with special needs. Learn how the Sunday School can be a vital part of that ministry.

Church Media Library

"Witnessing with Media:" (Ears to Hear and Eyes to See) will be taught by trained CML leaders. Discover the evangelistic impact the local church has through the church media library.

Special Interest Conferences

Adult Music Reading Session: Preview various styles and difficulty of music for use with Adult Choirs. For all adult choir directors.

Bible Drills: Are you interested in reaching children grades 4-6, or youth grades 7-9 in Bible Drills? This session will help you know what it takes to begin Bi-

ble Drills in your church, and you will learn some of the ways that are useful in motivating children and youth to participate in Bible Drills.

Children's Music Reading Session: Preview various styles and difficulty of music for use with Children's Choirs. This conference is for all children's choir directors (selections are for grades 1-6).

Churches Responding to Needs of Families:

How will your church respond to the needs of families today? Attend this conference and discover resources and programs which can meet needs of families in your church and community.

Flexible Curriculum: Get acquainted with a Bible-centered curriculum that can be used at those times when there seems to be nothing to use with school age children.

Great Challenge Budget: This is a program designed to offer a positive challenge to Christian giving. It gives opportunity for members to help decide the direction of ministries in their church, and to indicate their financial support of the church's ministries. The genius of the program is membership involvement.

Here's Hope: The 1995 call for Southern Baptists: "With His help, I will attempt to share the gospel each day for 60 days, January 9-March 9." The challenge for most of us is: "How can I overcome the WIMP factor in sharing my faith?" This may help.

How to Incorporate Music Into Your Teaching:

Learn how to creatively use music with children in your teaching. Emphasis will be on songs, chant, instruments, autoharp and movement. This class is for all music, discipleship training and Sunday School leaders.

Life Support Leader's Handbook:

This book is designed for every leader and facilitator of LIFE Support groups. It includes how to organize the ministry and develop leadership, group dynamics, mechanics of how groups function, dealing with challenging situations, and making referrals.

Money Management:

'Live Wisely' is a personal and/or family money management program that can help a person learn how to keep from worrying about their bank balance, have a happier family, stop paying interest to other people, make their money work for them, pay cash for automobiles, have an adequate retirement income, and many other benefits.

Problem Solving Plus:

Experienced librarians help trouble-shoot and assist by answering questions like:

"How do I encourage church members to use the library?" Age group teachers discover resources for teaching.

Search for Significance: For "approval addicts," "self blamers," the "perpetually shamed," and those caught in "performance traps." This interactive book helps participants build their self-worth on the forgiveness and unconditional love of Christ.

Sunday School Directors/Pastors: Position your church for growth through the Sunday School. First, receive a fast-paced overview of the new Today's ... series. Secondly, learn about the dramatic changes in the Sunday School literature for this fall and ideas for planning 1994-95.

Teaching the Adult's NEW Sunday School Curriculum: Various age group-specific conferences will equip you for effective teaching in the 90's. You will receive step by step instructions for preparation, teaching, and application. Learn how the tremendous changes in the new Sunday School literature will meet the needs of your members and prospects and enhance your ministry to adults through the Sunday School.

Teaching the Children's NEW Sunday School Curriculum: Explore the new children's curriculum and discover exciting ways to teach it.

Teaching the NEW Sunday School Curriculum for Preschoolers: Explore the new improvements in Preschool Sunday School curriculum.

Teaching the NEW Sunday School Curriculum for Youth: Youth respond to active teaching/learning events. Learn how to use today's new resources to enhance your Sunday School teaching. A complete overview of the dramatically improved materials will be given and you will experience the latest in how to reach and teach today's youth.

TeamKID: Want to reach more kids in a way that is fun, flexible, and Biblically based? If the answer is 'yes' then TeamKid may be just what you need. TeamKID: Kids in Discipleship, a discipleship club for children grades 1 through 6, is designed to help you reach kids.

True Love Waits: True Love Waits promotes sexual abstinence among teenagers until marriage. Attend this conference and receive material which will help you implement this program in your church. Books in the Christian Sex Education series will also be previewed.

Untangling Relationships: A Christian Perspective on Codependency: This book helps those persons who are codependents or those who live and work with codependents to understand better the painful effects of codependency. It will deal with such things as understanding what causes a person to become a compulsive fixer, and why codependency creates tangled relationships.

Using Instruments in Worship: Practical ways of using individual instrumentalists, small instrumental groupings and instrumental ensembles in worship.

Weekday Programs for Preschoolers: How to start, and/or improve, Mothers' Day Out; Day Care and other weekday programs in your church.

Wise Counsel: Practical training for lay leaders to learn basic counseling skills for use in daily situations. It includes a basic 10-step counseling model that helps participants learn to counsel families, singles, youth, senior adults, and those in crisis.

Registration

Pre-registration is \$8.00 per person and should be received by the Church Growth & Administration office one week prior to the conference date. Registration and payment on the day of the conference is \$10.00 per person. The registration fee includes a boxed lunch and all conference materials. Each participant who registers will receive a \$2.00 coupon redeemable at the Super Saturday Book Store on the day of the conference.

For more information call 502/245-4101 and say, "Super Saturday!"

ANNUITY

Money matters for ministers and churches

Question: *Our church's insurance carrier just notified us they would be unable to continue carrying worker's comp insurance for us. Can the Annuity Board help?*

Answer: While worker's compensation coverage cannot be written on a stand alone basis, the Annuity Board's property and liability coverage for Southern Baptist churches does not include this coverage. The Annuity Board's endorsed property and casualty carrier, Preferred Risk Mutual states that Kentucky continues to be a healthy market for all insurance lines, including worker's comp. If you are having difficulty in obtaining any lines of property and casualty insurance, call this Preferred Risk toll free number regarding the SBC plan: 1-800-321-5754.

Question: *When will the results of the new compensation study be available?*

Answer: We have just completed receiving survey forms concerning compensation of ministers in KBC churches.

(Ministers who have not returned theirs may still do so by the end of July to be included in the survey results.) The survey report should be compiled, printed and available to KBC churches by mid-August.

Question: *Several ministers in our area have recently received letters from the Internal Revenue Service. What's going on?*

Answer: Ministers are a part of the market segment specialization program conducted by the IRS. Ministers have been targeted for special attention. They are primarily checking for three things:

- Employee status for income tax purposes
- Housing is included for Social Security
- Self-employment income is reported on Schedule C.

If you receive one of these letters, call Don Spencer, director, Annuity Department, KBC, at (502) 245-4101, extension 253.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Improve your marriage

"Husbands and Wives: The Best of Friends" is this year's theme for the weekend Fall Festival of Marriage retreat scheduled for September 23-25 at Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Participating couples may choose from numerous workshop topics which include: intimacy, communication, romance, sexuality, finances, conflict resolution, parenting, crisis emotions and understanding differences.

The weekend begins with registration at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday's schedule includes workshops, general sessions, a mini-concert and dramatic presentation. A free afternoon agenda provides couples date times. The highlight that evening is a candlelight renewal of vows. Sunday morning workshops conclude with a final general session ending at 12:30 p.m.

For further information or brochures, call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry Department at (502) 244-4101, extension 250.



Location: Southern Baptist Seminary
Louisville
Lodging: A list of hotels near SBTS will be mailed to you when you register.
Keynote: Dan Griffin
Pastor
Christ Fellowship Church
Arlington, TX

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Eliza is coming!

September 11-18
Eliza Broadus Offering and
Week of Prayer for State Missions

1994 Theme: Dare to be a Disciple
Kentucky Goal: \$775,000

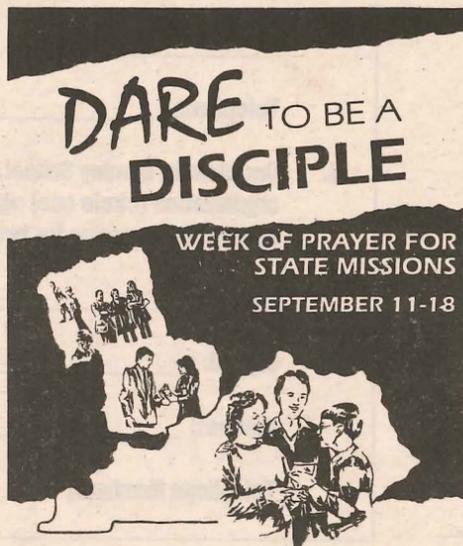
Each July Kentucky Baptist churches receive sample state missions packet from Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. The packet includes a poster, a bulletin insert, an Eliza Broadus Offering envelope and copies of each age-level program. Also provided is a card for ordering extras of all materials.

Eliza Broadus, a missions pioneer who helped lay the groundwork for a Southern Baptist auxiliary for women interested in missions, was also instrumental in organizing WMU at the state level. She served 32 years as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union. She was the daughter of Dr. John A. Broadus, a pastor, professor and second president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Eliza Broadus Offering and Week of Prayer for State Missions is essential to the work of Kentucky Baptists. The offering provides assistance in such areas as the international student retreat,

disaster relief, missions camps at Cedar Crest, Rabro and Jonathan Creek, racetrack ministries at Churchill Downs, the music program at Oneida and much more.

If your church has WMU, the packet will be sent to your WMU director; if not, it will be sent to the church or the pastor. For more information, call the state WMU office at (502) 245-4101.



CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY

Sensational summer

June is bustin' out all over

Cedarmore is a whirlwind of activity this month. Camps and other events brings lots of guests to the assembly campus.

Although it is several months away, it is not too early to begin planning for a fall retreat or special event. Cedarmore offers a great get-a-way. By reserving your Cedarmore accommodations now, you will have better assurance if receiving your housing preference.

What a problem to have— Youth Weeks anticipate record attendance

About 300 youth attend Discovery '94 each week. Royal Ambassador and Girls in Action camps are also experiencing good participation. Cedarmore may have the best summer attendance in years.

If interested in receiving information about next summer's Youth Weeks, please contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department at (502) 245-4101.



Volunteer help still needed

Inclement weather cancelled some necessary work days this past winter and spring. Many projects remain on campus as a result of the winter of '94.

If your church or group is interested in participating in a work project, contact Harold Barnes, manager, Cedarmore Assembly.

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
P. O. Box 37
Bagdad, KY 40003

EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

OTHER EVENTS

Office for Evangelism

Here's Hope motivational rallies (last session of annual associational meetings) begins in July and continues through this October.

Sunday School

Flexible Curriculum (For ages 6-12) is available through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department. This curriculum is Bible-centered with creative teaching for summer activities at home, church and elsewhere. Call (502) 245-4101 for more details.

Church Music

These Keyboard Clinics have been cancelled:
 July 30, First Church, Madisonville;
 August 6, Calvary Church, Lexington;
 August 13, First Church, London

KBC

1994 annual meeting
 Frankfort Civic Center
 Accommodation listings ads will be published in the Western Recorder late this summer and this fall.

Upcoming Events

JUNE

Emphasis:
 Annuity Board ministries
 Baptist heritage
 Conferences at
 Ridgecrest, Glorieta,
 Cedarmore and
 Jonathan Creek

Office for Evangelism

• YouthFest '94
 State Youth Evangelism Conference
 Frankfort
 Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center

WMU

• June 25-July 1
 Jericho Week
 Ridgecrest

• June 27-July 1
 GA camp
 Cedar Crest

• June 27
 GA camp
 Jonathan Creek

JULY

Emphasis:
 Christian literature--state papers, denominational publications and missionary magazines
 Conferences at
 Ridgecrest, Glorieta,
 Cedarmore and
 Jonathan Creek

July 3 - Christian Citizenship Sunday

Independence Day is July 4.

Brotherhood

• July 29-30
 Brotherhood Steering Committee meeting
 Hopkinsville

• July 30-August 5
 Jericho Week
 Glorieta

• July 31-August 7
 Kentucky World Changers
 Hopkinsville

Church Music

• July 9-15
 Church Music Leadership Week
 Glorieta

• July 18-22
 Children's Music Camp
 Cedarmore

Discipleship Training

• July 2-8
 Discipleship Training Week
 Glorieta

• July 16-20
 Discipleship Training Week
 Ridgecrest

WMU

• July 6-7
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

• July 11-15
 GA/Acteens camp
 Cedar Crest

• July 16-22
 WMU Week at
 Glorieta

• July 18-22
 Acteens Camp
 Cedar Crest

• July 22-23
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

• July 25-29
 GA Camp
 Cedar Crest

• July 29-30
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

• July 30
 Baptist Nursing Fellowship
 Summer Luncheon
 Somerset

July 30-August 5
 Jericho Week
 Glorieta

Church Growth

SUPER SATURDAYS

• August 13
 Madisonville
 First Baptist Church
 • August 20
 Florence
 Florence Baptist
 • August 27
 Lexington
 Immanuel Baptist

Evangelism

• August 25-27
 Continuing Witness Training Conference
 Ashland
 Unity Baptist

• August 29
 Conference on Cults
 Louisville
 Chapel Park
 • August 30
 Conference on Cults
 Radcliff
 Stithton Baptist

Student

• August 13-19
 Student Week at
 Ridgecrest

• August 14
 On-to-College Day

AUGUST

Emphasis:
 Assembly Conferences
 On-to-College Day

A partial calendar listing

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

To receive information or to register, check the appropriate boxes and mail the provided form below to: Communications Office, Attn.: Denise H. Withers, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433.

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

To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
 Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
 Discipleship Training: New DT start/ \$100 worth of free materials
 Discipleship Training: LIFE Support

- Evangelism: CWT
 Church Growth: Super Saturdays
 Sunday School: Flexible Curriculum

To Register

- Evangelism: CWT (\$75 p/person)

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Office _____ Home _____
 Church _____ Association _____
 Leadership Position _____
 Registration fee (if applicable) \$ _____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

RUSSIAN HOME MISSIONARY SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Clip and return to Partnership Missions office, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433.

1. Name of your church _____
2. Address _____
3. Telephone Number () _____
4. Pastor's Name _____
5. Your Name and Address _____
 _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____
6. Our church, Sunday School, WMU, Brotherhood or other organization (circle one) agrees to support a Russian home missionary or pastor for two years at \$200 per month.
 Date: _____
 Signed: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone Number: () _____

WMU won't be deterred by 'giants,' O'Brien declares

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—Misperceptions and other "giants in the land" won't prevent Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union from moving into a new century of greater involvement, Dellanna O'Brien told a national gathering of WMU members last week.

O'Brien, national WMU executive director, gave the challenge in her report during WMU's annual meeting, held June 12-13 in Orlando, Fla.

She based her "giants" analogy on the biblical account of the Israelites failing to enter the promised land for fear of "giants in the land."

As WMU leads women into a promised land of more innovative missions approaches for a new century, it "stands at a moment of decision" to follow God's lead or fall short, she said.

Among the modern-day giants towering over WMU are misperceptions about the organization, a world

full of paralyzing needs and options which compete for women's time and energy, O'Brien said.

She addressed the "misperceptions" about WMU head-on, saying some are being spread by critics "to discredit WMU's purposes and work."

Specifically, O'Brien said WMU has not forsaken missions for politics, is not a radical feminist organization and is not dying.

"No, we have not deserted our first love," she said. "We have instead re-dedicated ourselves to the cause of missions, avoiding those things which would divide us and siphon off our energies. It's missions which has drawn us together and which is the banner we hold high," she declared.

"Woman's Missionary Union exists to enable churches and believers to participate in introducing all persons in the world to Christ."

WMU is obviously an organiza-

tion of and for women, she continued. "But the purpose for which we exist is the cause of the crucified Christ and his passion for a lost world"—not the advancement of a feminist agenda.

"We care deeply for the women in our world who suffer. We commit ourselves to bring lost women to Christ. We will continue to teach little girls that God, because of his love for them, died for their salvation, gifted them uniquely to be his followers and calls them to his service."

Further, O'Brien said low attendance at denominational meetings by young women—who have jobs and families—isn't a sign of impending death.

"In the 24 years since Baptist Young Women was formed, there's been a steady increase." Membership in BYW, the WMU-sponsored missions organization for women ages 18-34, has more than doubled since 1970, she said.

doing, we're coming home," added his wife, Beth. "We couldn't make it without you."

William Harrington, a medical missionary in Tanzania, reminded the WMU audience of the divine power that allows missionaries to endure the heartaches they encounter daily.

"Most of us recognize that we have faced difficulties which are greater than our human ability to overcome them, but repeatedly we have seen the faithfulness of God redeem many disastrous situations," Harrington said. "It's awesome to realize that the creator of the universe has intervened in your work."

Christians aren't visible in the world until they begin living out their faith in love, he said.

"If we don't take risks, our conformity will continue to camouflage us, and we Christians will remain invisible. We can shout what we believe at each other or from the mountaintop, but until we risk enough to be what we preach, the world will refuse to listen to the good news we claim to represent."

WMU speakers testify to reach of God's love

ORLANDO (BP)—Meeting the needs of people in pain will not leave Christians scarred but rather grafted into new growth from God, speakers said during the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union last week.

Love stretches as far as it can and "then flings it on over" like a person doing a cartwheel, said Barbara Joiner, a WMU writer and speaker from Columbiana, Ala., who delivered theme interpretations each session. The theme of this year's meeting was "Growing in Love."

"Missions is God's love calling forth our love," said Heather Barron, a Kentucky Baptist active in missions efforts in Lexington.

And God's love allows Christians to follow Christ's example of making friends with outcasts and feeding the hungry—from Appalachia in the United States to the starving masses of Somalia, she added.

Home missionary Diane Lewis of Benton, Ark., said she learned a lesson in sacrifice when poverty-stricken people she works with in Arkansas responded with gifts of their own

when they learned about starvation in Somalia.

The women scrimped and saved to collect \$30.88 to contribute to Southern Baptist hunger relief.

That money, part of \$2 million Southern Baptists have used to combat hunger, has made a difference in Somalia, said Kentucky native Ken Perkins, strategy coordinator for Baptist work in Somalia.

Thousands have died, Perkins said, recounting the story of a 9-pound, 3-year-old Somali girl he found near death on bare bed springs in a makeshift hospital.

Moved to tears, he gently caressed her cheek and "from somewhere down deep" she summoned a smile. She was dead the next day.

"We have cried like babies in the midst of hunger, pain and death for the past three years," Perkins said. "But I want to let 50,000 people you have kept alive say thank you," Perkins added with emotion as he thanked the women for their prayers and support.

"If you stop doing what you're

WMU going coed

ORLANDO, Fla.—Woman's Missionary Union isn't just for women any more.

WMU's executive board voted June 11 to provide coeducational missions options for adults, youth and children.

Throughout its 106-year history, WMU has been a women's organization, although offering some programming for younger children. Its counterpart, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, has concentrated on missions education programs for men and boys.

But that all changed a few years ago, when the Brotherhood Commission developed a coeducational missions program for youth called World Changers.

Now WMU will offer more options with development of Adults on Mission, Youth on Mission and Children in Action.

"This is a day when options are in order. We're simply trying to provide more options for churches to get their people involved in missions," said Dellanna O'Brien, WMU executive director.

"We do not need to move into coed missions organizations because of what the Brotherhood Commission or any other agency is doing. We need to do it because of the leadership of God and to meet the needs of WMU," said Evelyn Blount, executive director of South Carolina WMU.

O'Brien stressed WMU's primary focus still will be to provide quality missions education for women, girls and preschoolers. She said plans are not yet finalized concerning staff needs for the new coed programs but said it is anticipated local church WMU officers will expand their duties to cover coed options, including organizations, churchwide projects and events.



WMU SCENES ■ Left: Daniel Otukwu, a Nigerian who lives in Orlando, heard about plans for the international missions fair planned for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, so he showed up—in his native costume. Here he visits with Don Reese, a missionary to Nigeria. ■ Top: Two Kentuckians served as pages during the WMU and SBC meetings: Melissa Bryant and Jennie Bell. ■ Above: Alma Hunt, former national executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, visits with Girls in Action member JaNan Gross of Birmingham. (BP photos by Bob Carey and Marv Knox)



Jim Henry's election breaks 15-year SBC pattern

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vice president and part of the younger contingent of denominational leaders who backed Henry.

But by breaking the lock of control exerted by past SBC presidents, Henry's election marks a transition for the convention.

Many messengers expressed confidence in conservative gains but also a need to begin a new chapter in the convention's life.

"This might be a new day for us—time to move on to Kingdom business," one messenger said of the era marked by Henry's election.

During the preceding decade and a half, conservatives solidified control of the presidency. Through that powerful office, they also extended con-

trol over all the convention's agencies. Only three of 19 agency heads have not been replaced during the conservatives' reign; one of those was fired, and the other two have announced their retirements.

With that work accomplished, Henry said, a majority of messengers were ready for change.

"We're moving from revolution to reformation," added Graham, explaining the difference between the major restructuring of the convention that has taken place under the conservatives' leadership and the changes to come under Henry and his supporters.

That may mean Southern Baptists estranged by the conservatives' political tactics might feel welcomed back into the fold, Henry said. But it does

not necessarily mean those who are theologically comfortable with the moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will qualify for inclusion.

"There are people who have voted moderate but are conservative theologically," he said. "They have felt some positions we (conservatives) have taken they did not agree with politically, and some also questioned our commitment to missions."

These people will have no problem affirming Henry's vision of the SBC, he predicted.

But he gave a qualified answer regarding openness to individuals and churches that have affiliated with the Fellowship.

"If people are committed to inerrancy, the Cooperative Program (the SBC's unified budget), evangelism and missions, if they have gone away and want to come back, we ought to talk to them. But they've got to come in where the mainstream of Southern Baptists are."

He seemed to rule out dual alignment between the SBC and the Fellowship, noting he would expect his appointments to maintain fidelity to the Cooperative Program alone.

Observers attribute Henry's surprise victory to at least five factors:

■ Home-field advantage. The annual meeting was held in Orlando, where Henry has been pastor for almost 17 years. He currently sits on the Florida Baptist State Board of Missions and is a popular speaker throughout the area.

■ Generation gap. Henry, 56 and the same age as Wolfe, noted he had talked to many younger pastors who had become somewhat disaffected by the tight control of denominational power exerted by an aging pantheon

of power brokers. Henry was nominated by Graham in their late 30s to mid-40s. Wolfe was nominated by Charles Stanley, one of the conservative patriachs.

■ Anti-elitism. Some messengers rejected the closed system of determining how the mantle of leadership had been passed since 1979. Given a choice between two conservative candidates, they voted against the hand-picked successor of the group of past presidents.

■ Southwestern Seminary. Many Southern Baptists, including scores of Texas Baptists like Graham, first publicly broke ranks with the conservative power base when trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary fired President Russell Dilday March 9. Some said Dilday never should have been fired. Others disagreed with the way the conservative trustees handled the firing. Dilday, now viewed by many as a martyr, endorsed Henry's candidacy.

■ Cooperative Program. "We want somebody who practices what he preaches. It's time for some conservatives to belly up," explained Jay Strack, a vocational evangelist who is among the younger group of conservative leaders. Henry's church contributes 14 percent of undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program and is the top dollar-giver across the SBC. Wolfe's church currently gives about 5 percent of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program.

Henry is a former Kentuckian and graduate of Georgetown College. His wife, Jeanette, is a native of Cave City.

Greg Warner of Associated Baptist Press contributed to this story



NEW OFFICERS The three top officers of the Southern Baptist Convention join hands in prayer in Orlando last week. They are President Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando; First Vice President Simon Tsoi, pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz.; and Second Vice President Gary Frost, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio. Other officers re-elected in Orlando are Registration Secretary Lee Porter of Panama City, Fla., and Recording Secretary David Atchison of Arkansas. (BP photo by Morris Abernathy)

Kentucky native Jeanette Henry values commitment

By Barbara Denman
Florida Baptist Convention

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—Coming of age in the late 1950s in Kentucky, a woman who felt led into full-time Christian service usually had one of two choices: marry a minister or become a missionary.

Each had drawbacks. A missionary could be sent to Africa. And in the '50s, many expectations were heaped on ministers' wives. They did not wear shorts or slacks. Their children would always be different from the other kids.

"I wasn't sure that was what I wanted," said Jeanette Henry, who was raised on a tobacco farm in Cave City. "I had always felt a sensitivity to what the Lord wanted me to do, but I didn't feel called to full-time Christian service."

And her Southern Baptist father instilled in her that a commitment must be kept. "I wanted the Lord's will for my life, but I did not want to make a commitment I couldn't keep," she explained.

So when she began to sense that Jim Henry would deter from his plans to pursue a political career to enter the ministry, she wasn't sure she wanted to follow.

But on the night she made a com-

mitment to full-time service while in school at Georgetown College, "I knew it not marry me I would marry Jim or not marry him. I was willing to do whatever God wanted me to do."

She was unaware that that night Jim Henry, teaching school in Panama City, Fla., answered a similar call.

And as far as her apprehensions, "The Lord has taken care of all those things," she said.

The past 35 years as the wife of Jim Henry, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, have been for Jeanette Henry "an adventure beyond our expectations."

And now that he is, in a sense, back in politics, Jeanette Henry expects the next two years to be a continuation of that adventure.

As he travels in his new assignments, she plans to travel with him, since traveling is a special hobby they enjoy. "There's a little bit of jet fuel in my veins," she admitted.

"The next years won't change what I'll do. Basically I'll look after Jim. I've always traveled with him. We do everything together."

That means she will handle the details of the trips—tickets and packing—and on the return trip she will have the baggage waiting while he makes sure everyone's been told good-bye.

"Jim is more people-oriented, while I have to work at it harder," she explained.

But it is her organizational skills that allow Jim Henry to function with ease.

Her take-charge approach was evident on one such occasion when he was pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville. The demands of the growing church often took him away from his young family.

So one day she called the pastor's secretary and made an appointment with the pastor. When she arrived at his office, she began "Brother Jim, this is wonderful, but"

"Jim didn't realize. At that point we just began to make a conscious effort to make sure we had more time together," she recalled.

One of their efforts was Friday family nights. "Jim is a wonderful daddy. Jim's the fun one who played all the games. I was the one who stayed in the kitchen getting everything ready."

His ministry may have kept him away from home, but "Jim always made every effort to be at any event in their lives. They always knew the telephone lines were open, no matter what," Jeanette Henry said.

The Henry family includes two daughters and a son: Kitty of Nash-

ville, who sings and writes folk songs and is married to Stanley Campbell, a hospital chaplain; Betsy of Orlando, married to Danny Betts of the David Ring Evangelistic Association and mother of three boys, Caleb, Seth and Asa; and Jim Henry II, a manager at Opryland Hotel in Nashville and father of two boys, James (Trey) III, and Will.

An especially meaningful event in the lives of the Henrys will take place in July. Grandfather "Jim Jim" will baptize grandson Caleb.

Not surprisingly, one of the things Jeanette Henry admires most about her children is that they "keep their commitments. They are dependable, they all love the Lord and they are wonderful to their parents and grandparents."

Her own place of ministry can be found in her giftedness for teaching and discipling women. She has taught a Sunday school class for "30-something" couples at First Baptist in Orlando for 17 years, long enough to see children grow up and marry.

With all the moral dangers facing today's parents, she encourages these adults to "be who they are. Don't do things because the culture said it's OK. Parents have to take stands and make decisions because God's word is so much a part of their lives."

'True Love Waits' exceeds goal of 100,000 pledges

By Chip Alford
SBC Sunday School Board

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)— "True Love Waits" has gone over the top.

As of June 14, organizers of the nationwide sexual abstinence campaign had collected and counted 102,105 signed pledge cards from Southern Baptist young people from across America. The campaign goal was 100,000 signed pledge cards.

Teens who signed the cards have promised to abstain from sex until marriage. Most of the cards were placed inside plastic holders that were staked into the ground June 14 outside the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Fla.

"I think it is one thing for adults to say that they think teen-agers might make a commitment to abstinence. I think it is quite another thing to have physical proof that teen-agers made that commitment," said campaign spokesman Richard Ross.

"I am convinced that this proof that young people are choosing abstinence is going to make an impact on church leaders, on policy makers, on educators," he added. "Young people themselves have said 'True Love Waits' and that is what is going to make a difference."

Despite the sweltering heat, high school student Patricia Zamarron from Oklahoma City said she was excited to help put up the display and about the impact it could have on the nation.

"We're out here to make a statement, and it's up to the other young teen-agers to listen to and acknowledge what we have to say. And I believe every teen-ager out here is smart enough to know true love waits for themselves, their family, their future spouse—for respect."

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and now endorsed by 25 other denominations and Christian organizations, True Love Waits was launched last year at a nationwide youth conference in Nashville. Through Bible studies, music, a series of Christian sex education resources and other materials, the campaign is designed to encourage young people to abstain from sex until marriage.

That's a message Brad Branson was happy to share with his youth group at Thomasville Road Baptist in Tallahassee, Fla. Seventy-one teens from his church made the commitment and five made the trip to Orlando to help put up the display.

"I think it is a great statement to

America, and it is going to be even greater when other denominations join us next month in July. It's going to be an awesome sight," Branson said, referring to the national True Love Waits celebration planned July 29 in Washington. At that event, pledge cards from all participating denominations and Christian groups will be displayed on the Washington Mall near the U.S. Capitol.

Even the Washington event won't signal the end of True Love Waits, though. Messengers to last week's Southern Baptist Convention voted June 15 to make the campaign's mes-

sage an annual emphasis. February will now be designated as "True Love Waits" month.

As teens continued to work on the Orlando display in the sweltering heat, Scoot Ward, a member of the Tallahassee youth group, summed up the feelings of many of the participants.

"I was really glad I made this decision because I think it is what God wanted me to do. I think everyone should stay pure until they marry. They'd be a whole lot happier. Maybe this display will encourage some people to think about that."



VIVID DISPLAY During last week's Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, Baptist teens displayed more than 100,000 pledge cards signed as part of the "True Love Waits" sexual abstinence campaign. Dozens of teens who are participating in "True Love Waits" flooded the stage during the Sunday School Board's report. (BP photos)

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Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood have accepted the responsibility of collecting items to be placed in the gift bags.

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SBC messengers elect Kentuckians to leadership posts

By Marv Knox
Editor

ORLANDO, Fla.—Southern Baptist Convention messengers elected 10 Kentuckians—four of them from Graves County Baptist Association—to positions of leadership within the SBC last week.

Three of the four Graves Coun-

tians are affiliated with Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, and the other is a pastor in Mayfield, where the school is located. A fifth Kentuckian elected last week is pastor of a church that historically has been the strongest financial supporter of Mid-Continent.

Those elected with ties to Mid-Continent include:

■ Lillian Butler, wife of Mid-Continent President LaVerne Butler and a member of Northside Baptist Church in Mayfield, replaced her daughter, Sandra Butler Hodge, a member of First Baptist Church of Princeton, on the SBC order of business committee.

■ Bobby Swift, dean of continuing education at Mid-Continent and a member Liberty Baptist Church in Hickory, replaced the Butlers' daughter-in-law, Gayle Butler, a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Louisville, on the board of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

■ Charles Cloyd, an associate professor at Mid-Continent and a member of Hickory Baptist Church in Hickory, replaced Alsie Banks of Zachary, La., on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission.

■ Robert Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mayfield, replaced Emery Farris of Pineville on the Stewardship Commission.

■ C.C. Brasher, pastor of Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton, replaced Dewey Keyes, pastor of East Rhudes Creek Baptist Church near

Glendale, on the Executive Committee.

The five other Kentuckians elected to SBC posts last week include:

■ B.H. Haile, a layperson from Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, replaced Linda Principe, a layperson and member of First Baptist Church of Brandenburg, as a trustee of the Home Mission Board.

■ James Hyman, a layperson from Bashford Manor Baptist Church in Louisville, replaced John Michael, a layperson and member of Springdale Baptist Church in Louisville, on the board of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

■ Lee Molloy, a layperson from Reidland Baptist Church in Paducah, replaced Bill Hall, retired pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Danville, on the Foreign Mission Board.

■ Mike Routt, pastor of Eastern Gate Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, was elected to the committee on nominations.

■ James Ball, a layperson from Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, also was elected to the committee on nominations.

The committee on nominations selects trustees for SBC agencies, institutions and committees.

Seven Kentucky Baptists—including two from the same church—were re-elected to leadership positions on SBC boards, institutions and committees. They are:

■ Hayward Casey, pastor of Browder Baptist Church in Browder,

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

■ Emma Day, a layperson from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Home Mission Board.

■ Michael Harris, a layperson from Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Southern Seminary.

■ Stanley Willett, a layperson from Rockford Lane Baptist Church in Louisville, Southern Seminary.

■ Roger Williams, pastor of Bond Baptist Church in Annville, Sunday School Board.

■ Claude Witt, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky and a member of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville, Christian Life Commission.

■ Doris Yeiser, archivist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a member of Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville, Historical Commission.

Fifteen of the 17 nominations were made by the SBC committee on nominations. Kentuckians who served on that committee are Bob Brooks, pastor of First Baptist Church in Louisa, and Yvonne Yates, registrar at Mid-Continent College.

The Kentucky representatives on the incoming committee on nominations were nominated by the committee on committees. Kentuckians who worked on that committee are Robert Allen, a staff member at Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, and Lee Thompson, a member of First Baptist Church in Louisa.

Paducah woman testifies at SBC

ORLANDO, Fla.—Thirty years ago, as a young single woman, Karen Thomas began a career as a New York stage performer. But her dreams were dashed and her life lost meaning after she unexpectedly became pregnant.

Now a crisis pregnancy counselor in Paducah, Thomas told her story to interpret the theme of last week's Southern Baptist Convention.

She went to have an abortion, she said, but an inner voice told her bear the child and place him for adoption. She did just that, but never could stop grieving over the child she never knew.

Finally, at the age of 38, "Jesus changed me and put me on his path," Thomas said. "It finally occurred to me that I only had a knowledge of God and no relationship with his Son. I began to search for a whole and complete life."

She since has located her son, and they now see each other frequently. And one of her most fervent prayers has been answered, she said: Her son is a Christian.

"Miracles do happen when faith is practiced," she declared. "When I gave total submission to God's plan for my life, my Heavenly Father restored to me my precious son.

That God shines his light on ordinary people remains, to me, the ultimate mystery of our faith."

Executive Committee re-elects officers

ORLANDO, Fla.—Fred Wolfe lost his bid to become president of the Southern Baptist Convention last week, but that allowed him to be re-elected to a second term as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

During their organizational meeting June 15, the Executive Committee re-elected all three of the body's officers: Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; Vice Chairman Eldridge Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sallisaw, Okla.; and Recording Secretary T.C. Pinckney, a layman from Alexandria, Va.

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6 Kentuckians work behind the scenes

ORLANDO, Fla.—Six Kentucky Baptists helped stage the mammoth Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orange County Convention Center last week.

Jennie Bell of First Baptist Church of Murray and Melissa Bryant of Graefenburg Baptist Church in Waddy, Acteens national advisory panelists, were pages at both the SBC and Woman's Missionary Union annual meetings.

Paul Blizzard, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church in Paducah, was a member of the tellers committee. That committee counts ballots during the meeting's votes and

elections.

David Dockery, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, served on the resolutions committee. That committee drafted resolutions that were considered by messengers to the meeting.

Mike Routt, pastor of Eastern Gate Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, and Kent Workman, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, worked on the credentials committee. The credentials committee certified the viability of messengers' petitions to participate in the meeting.

Blackaby: God works through men

ORLANDO, Fla.—One of Southern Baptists' most prominent advocates for spiritual renewal told the national Brotherhood breakfast June 15 that God's greatest preparation for revival is "what he does among men."

"It could be said that as Brotherhood goes, so goes the convention," said Henry Blackaby, an inter-agency prayer leader and author of the "Experiencing God" seminars and books.

"I'm not trying to be cute," he said. "I'm reading the Scriptures.

"God is stirring," he added. "I can hardly touch a life today that does not reckon that he is on mission for God. Everywhere I go, I keep hearing of

men volunteering for missions."

Basing his remarks on Daniel 3, Blackaby compared today's Baptist men to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to bow and worship the image created by Nebuchadnezzar.

"These men stood and said, 'Our God is able.'"

Likewise, Blackaby said, "Wherever Baptist men go, there is another there with them."

He urged Baptist men to "pause long enough to spend time in the word of God," allowing them to discern more readily "what God is doing in the world" and what their role should be.

Kentuckians were visible on programs during SBC events

ORLANDO, Fla.—Southern Baptists shined spotlights on several Kentuckians during conferences related to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting last week.

At least seven people with Kentucky ties received awards, were elected to leadership positions or presided at meetings. They are:

■ Merwyn Borders, a Kentucky native and longtime home missionary in New England who currently is director of missions for Green Mountain Baptist Association in Vermont, received the Town and Country Church Planting Award from the Home Mission Board.

■ Robert Bragg, minister of education at First Baptist Church of Paducah, was elected midwestern vice president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

■ Howard Cobble, pastor of Sevens Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, presided over the Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends luncheon as president of the Louisville school's national alumni association.

■ Jim Cordell, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department, was elected to the executive council of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

■ Winston Crawley, a Kentucky native and retired vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, received a distinguished alumnus award from Southern Seminary.

■ Alice Marshall, a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville and wife of Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, assumed the presidency of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives.

■ David Nelson, retired pastor of First Baptist Church of Owensboro, received a distinguished alumnus award from Southern Seminary.

Mohler to preach at '95 convention

ORLANDO, Fla.—Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has been elected to preach the convention sermon when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Atlanta next year.

John Greever, pastor of Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Indianapolis, was elected alternate for the convention sermon.

John Glover, music minister at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, will be the convention music director.

The men were nominated by the SBC committee on order of business and elected by messengers to this year's convention by acclamation.

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KENTUCKY KERNELS

New Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry is a former Kentuckian and 1956 graduate of Georgetown College. At Georgetown, he was vice president of the sophomore class, served as secretary-treasurer of the Inter-Greek Council, wrote for the campus newspaper and yearbook and served on the Baptist Student Union council.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Pleasant Hill Church called **Dwayne Howell** as pastor. He will begin his new ministry July 11.

■ **EDDYVILLE**—First Church ordained **Billy Ray Stone** and installed **George Martin** as deacons.

■ **FRANKFORT**—**Herman Rowlett Sr.**, 85, formerly of Louisville, died May 15. He was pastor of several churches in Louisville: East Audubon Church, Twenty-Third and Broadway Church, Fourth Avenue Church; he also served Lebanon Church in Lebanon. Rowlett also served on the board of childcare for several years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pauline, and a son, Herman Jr.

■ **FRANKLIN**—Blackjack Church dedicated its new sanctuary May 22. **Winston Roberts** is pastor of the 127-year-old church.

■ **GRAVEL SWITCH**—Beech Fork Church will celebrate its 175th anniversary July 24. Former pastors and members are requested to contact the church at 8282 Danville Highway, Gravel Switch, Ky. 40328.

■ **HUSTONVILLE**—Mount Salem Church called **John Keefe** as pastor.

■ **LEBANON**—Lebanon Church called **Wesley Noss** as pastor June 5. He previously was minister to college students at Park Cities Church in Dallas.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Cane Run Church called **Charles Barrineau** as pastor.

He previously was pastor at New Columbus Church in Corinth.

■ **MAYFIELD**—First Church will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary July 17. Friends and former members are invited to the all-day event.

■ **PROVIDENCE**—Shady Grove Missionary Church will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary Sept. 18. Former pastors and members are invited.

■ **RICHMOND**—**Betty Sharp Bivins**, 62, died June 4 after a long illness. She was a supervisor of students with the education department at Eastern Kentucky University and member of First Baptist Church. She was the mother of Benny Bivins, minister of music at Mason Baptist Church in Williamstown. She is survived by her husband, Claude; two sons; five sisters; and four brothers.

■ **UTICA**—Glenville Church held a note-burning service May 29. The indebtedness on the sanctuary, built in 1984, was liquidated in April. **Ray Cummins** is pastor.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Steve and Cathy Blanchard**, missionaries to Korea, will return to the States on furlough this summer. After Aug. 15, they can be reached for speaking engagements at 1102 Sir Lancelot Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40222, or (502) 426-2309.

Cumberland grads all in family

LONDON—She never enrolled in Cumberland College as a student, but 94-year-old Ersie Dees has attended the school's annual commencement six times.

Last month, Rachele Varble became Dees' sixth grandchild to graduate from Cumberland, one of Kentucky Baptist's three liberal arts colleges.

Dees has supported each of those grandchildren by attending graduation at the Williamsburg campus, about 30 miles from her home in London.

Dees' own mind remains "sharp as a tack," said Gilberta Hurst, one of Dees' daughters and the mother of two Cumberland graduates. "She reads all the time and goes to church all the time. We stand amazed at how the Lord has blessed her with good health."

Dees is a longtime member of Liberty Baptist Church in London.

Three of the six Dees family graduates now serve in ministry capacities, Hurst explained.

Daryl Varble, 1977 graduate, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Whitley City. In July, he will receive the doctor of ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies in Jacksonville, Fla.

Marlon Hurst, 1990 graduate, is minister of music and youth at First Christian Church in London. Previously he served in a similar capacity at Calvary Baptist Church in London.

Brian Varble, 1990 graduate of

Cumberland and 1994 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has been called as minister of youth and education at a Baptist church in Florida, Hurst said.

Other graduates in the family include James E. Dees, '77, who is in the computer business in Kings Mills, Ohio, and David Hurst, '93, an insurance agent in London. Rachele Varble hopes to enter premedical school in the fall.

Two grandchildren chose options other than college after they finished high school.

Two granddaughters-in-law, Tammy Varble, a 1991 graduate, and Jennifer Hurst, a current student, add to the family's ties to Cumberland College.

Of Dees' nine great-grandchildren, Hurst said she doesn't know if any will attend Cumberland: "Only one is even close to college age, and she hasn't decided yet."



ALL IN THE FAMILY Ersie Dees (center) has seen six grandchildren graduate from Cumberland College. Among them are Rachele Varble, Brian Varble, Marlon Hurst, David Hurst and Daryl Varble.

July 2: Our greatest day

Barkley Moore believed July 2, 1994, would be the greatest day Oneida Baptist Institute had ever known. Until his last day, he worked diligently to make it such a day. At Oneida today, we are believing as he and working as diligently as he to make July 2 our greatest day.

Homecoming at Oneida has been observed in the autumn and in the spring of the year. For the first time we are observing it on the day Moore had become convinced—by communication with alumni and friends—was the best day for it.

The program for the entire day is dedicated to the memory of Barkley Moore, and in honor of the entire Moore family. There will never be another day with such a tremendous emphasis on the life and work of Barkley Moore.

We sincerely believe you will be forever grateful that you were here, or that you will always regret having missed this day at Oneida.

Members of the various years will have ample time to meet and visit friends of "other years." All kinds of souvenirs, the three favorite books from Oneida press: "Mountain Rising"; "Dawn Comes to the Mountains"; and "Beyond Goose Creek: River of No Return," and many other items will be available at the Burns Museum/Atto Craft House.

Several items of historical or nostalgic interest and value will be free for the asking. In the library, the video, "Oneida: A Special Place," will be running continuously. Anderson Hall will be open all day, with refreshments as you may desire.

You will be able to walk across the "Greatest Swinging Bridge" on a Kentucky river tributary to see one of the most modern swine complexes

to be found anywhere, as well as the two greenhouses and other agricultural projects. If you have been away very long, you will see many new apartment complex structures and numerous other buildings constructed since you were last here.

At noon, you will be invited to hearty portions of the best barbecue in Dixie, produced and prepared by our own people.

In the afternoon, you will follow the crowd to a most inspiring program in the chapel. Fellow students, working partners of the early and later

years of Moore's leadership, great music, the induction of five new members into the athletic hall of fame and other dedications to Moore will make your trip a double blessing to you and your friends.

The program will be followed by a memorial dedication out on the campus. Everyone who ever knew Barkley Moore and who can be present for this part of the day's program will join me in declaring it to be beyond their ability to describe with words. You must be here to experience it; you need to go all-out to be with us.

An early evening cookout with homemade hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings will precede the traditional hymn sing at Oneida Baptist Church.

The end of Homecoming '94 will see more people still lingering for awhile longer and finally leaving with the deepest emotional experience they may ever know or remember. They will know that the spirit of Barkley Moore has been present and that his yearning for the greatest day of all has been enjoyed by everyone.

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A.B. Colvin is administrator of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

THIS IS ONEIDA



A.B. Colvin

VBS at Clear Creek Springs

Jenny Newland came from Campbellsville in 1927 to conduct the first vacation Bible school at Clear Creek Springs—117 enrolled. The L&N provided daily train service from Chenoa. You can imagine the excitement of the children on that 12-mile trip through the hills. The school had four departments and used VBS books published by the Sunday School Board. Seventy-five Bibles were given to the children in junior and intermediate departments.

Business manager Helen Royalty wrote: "Conscientious, faithful work was done by the teachers, all prayerfully working with the view of leading each child to Christ. The school motto was 'I will keep a clean body, speak clean

words, think clean thoughts, live a clean life, God being my helper.'" During the school, Pineville citizens gave the children an outing which included an automobile ride, ice cream and a picture show. It was the first automobile ride for many of the children.

On commencement day, a large group of parents attended. Many of the children and families had never heard about Christ and his love.

Since the Alice Rains Auditorium was still under construction,

VBS was held in a room in the girls' dorm, Spruce Hall, and on the porches of the boys' dorm, Holly Hall.

In 1928, Newland kept her promise and conducted the second VBS. Broadway Baptist Church of Louisville donated \$200 to pay for children's train tickets from several surrounding communities. One worker remembers the thrilling

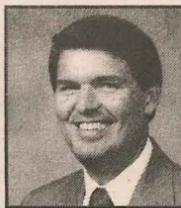
sight of seeing the train pull up and unload about 150 children who marched two-by-two across the lawn to the auditorium. Three volunteers from Campbellsville and two from Louisville joined Newland to work with the children.

In 1943, Newland reported since 1926 she had conducted 75 VBSs, reaching 10,000 with 304 professions of faith. Most of these had a pastor-helper who brought evangelistic messages at night. "Never has the mountain field been whiter unto harvest until now."

Many of these children now labor in Kentucky Baptist churches. It would be great to hear from some of them during this VBS season.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

FMB exhibit carried messengers around the world

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—It was just two old friends chatting.

One stood in a red British-style phone booth in the middle of the Southern Baptist Convention's exhibition hall in Orlando, Fla. The other was at home in Wales.

Their conversation symbolized the Foreign Mission Board's leap into interactive missions understanding.

Jane McKinney, a member of Downtown Baptist Church in Orlando, made the free phone call to her friend, Lucy Pat Curl, who along with her husband is a music missionary in Wales.

The booth was used in the FMB's exhibit to provide SBC messengers 10 hours a day of long-distance telephone contact with missionaries around the world.

Outside the booth, messengers could select names from a phone directory of all the 4,000 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serving around the world.

Each person could have up to five free minutes on the phone with whomever they wanted to talk—after being reminded that in certain areas of the world the missionaries would be sound asleep.

During her call, McKinney said she reminded Curl that the 50 children's choir robes Downtown Church's WMU are sewing will be on the way to Wales in late summer. The two women knew one another when Bill Curl and McKinney were both on the staff of First Baptist Church in

Orlando.

Adjacent to the phone booth was a small television studio where messengers interviewed missionaries.

Nine-year-old Leigh Ann Wedding of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Utica interviewed Brenda Martin, furloughing missionary to Taiwan. Leigh Ann asked what people could pray for in the work in Taiwan and whether there are GAs and RAs.

Martin said people don't drive safely in Taiwan and that "Satan doesn't want us to start churches and witness to people."

Martin and her husband also have two children they will be leaving in college when they go back to Taiwan after furlough. And there are no RAs or GAs in Taiwan, she said, but instead there are Sunbeams.

The 10-minute interviews were taped onto the tail-end of copies of the Foreign Mission Update video pro-

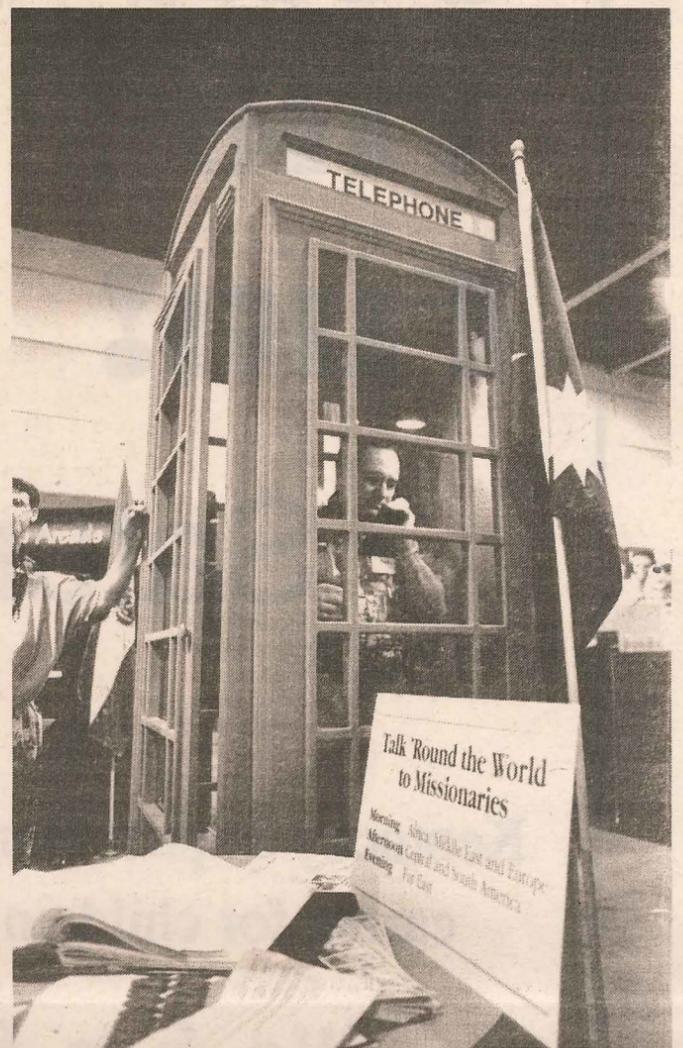
gram and given to the interviewers for use in their home churches.

Terry McMahon, associate director of audiovisual productions for the FMB, said the response was unbelievable, with people begging to be fit into the schedule.

Don Sewell, director of special projects in the FMB's public affairs office, said the whole exhibit played off interactive activities. In addition to the phone booth, for which he said he is getting a price break from MCI, and the videotaping, there were interactive computers in a video arcade. These told about conditions and work in foreign missions countries and what it takes to become a missionary.

And passers-by could have their photograph taken with furloughing missionaries on a bridge.

Visitors to the exhibit also were encouraged to contribute to world hunger.



Theme interpreters testified they know 'God is able'

ORLANDO, Fla.—Between conducting business and hearing agency reports, messengers to last week's Southern Baptist Convention heard stirring testimonies of God's work in the lives of average people.

The testimonies about battling cancer, depression and divorce were given as interpretations of the convention theme, "For I Know—He Is Able."

While battling cancer, Jack Smith said he found a sense of peace unlike anything he'd ever known after he turned the outcome of his illness over to God.

Smith, associate director of personal evangelism at the SBC Home Mission Board, said an exam just after Christmas 1991 showed he had prostate cancer.

"Folks, I went before the Lord then, and I had a prayer experience that was unlike any I had ever had," Smith recalled. During the prayer, he began to try to bargain with God and said, "I pray. I talk to you every day."

Smith said he sensed an answer from God: "Do you feel like your prayer life is so exemplary that you ought to be spared from cancer?"

"No, I sure don't pray like I ought to," Smith responded, "but I do love the Bible. I love your word and I like to study it and preach it."

Again he sensed God's response: "Do you feel your Bible study habits are so disciplined I ought to make an exception for you?"

"No, I don't study my Bible like I used to," Smith responded.

"When he got through with me, I didn't have one reason in the world why I ought to be allowed to live," Smith said. "But I asked if I could be healed."

"Then I remembered when Jesus came to that place in his life when he said, 'Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not my will, but thine be done.'"

Smith admitted he struggled to be able to say that, "but as soon as I did, there flowed over me a peace that I cannot explain. The Lord's presence was just so real to me."

Rachell Hood-Phillips, a vice president with Burger King Corp. in Miami, told how her faith in God led to the restoration of her marriage.

Her divorce had just been finalized when she moved from Chicago to Miami with her 2-year-old daughter to accept a position at Burger King's world headquarters.

"I had no family there. I had no friends," she said. "I was drowning in debt and despair. I was physically, emotionally and spiritually destitute after five years of a very, very bad marriage."

Hood-Phillips remembered feeling she was losing her grip on life.

"I cried out: 'Jesus, if you're real, please help me now because I can't hold on much longer.'"

God's response was immediate, she said. "Since that prayer, my life has never been the same."

She soon found a church home at Wayside Baptist Church in Miami. The congregation, she said, "loved

me unconditionally. They disciplined me and helped me grow in my faith. They poured their lives into mine."

During a quiet time of Bible study one day, she became convicted that divorce was a sin in the eyes of God.

"I closed my Bible, got down on my knees and asked God to forgive me of the sin of divorce," she recalled. "I prayed, 'If it's your will that my husband and I should be reconciled, Lord, your will be done.'"

Shortly after that prayer, she and her ex-husband began to talk again and Hood-Phillips said all the obstacles to their reconciliation began to fall away. Eventually, they remarried.

Remarried now for eight years, Hood-Phillips said her husband recently asked her to pray for the salvation of 20 of his friends.

"I tell you, God is able," she affirmed. "He is able to do exceedingly more than we could ever ask or imagine. I know, because he did it for me."

Pam Veteto, a homemaker from Batesville, Ark., told how God had filled the painful void left by the death of her 8-year-old daughter.

Shauna Veteto died in 1985 after surgery for a brain aneurism.

She had professed faith in Jesus Christ at age 6, and at age 7 told her parents she thought God was calling her to be a missionary.

"As a proud mother, I was so excited," her mother said. "I could just envision God raising up another Lotie Moon in her."

After the aneurism was discovered, "We had faith each day that the

physicians would tell us they did not know how, but somehow Shauna had been cured; the aneurism was gone. This, however, never happened," Veteto said.

"I begged God to let my little girl live. However, this was not God's will."

After Shauna died, her mother said she felt "alone, cheated and completely deserted."

"I prayed constantly for comfort and peace, for relief from the pain, but I could not get any relief from God," she said. "I told God if I could just feel him, if I thought he was even listening, if I thought he even cared, maybe I could get through this nightmare."

"It seemed as if God was silent, as if he had completely turned his back on me."

Finally, she told God she was giving up. "I would not ask anything of him any more, and I expected him not to ask anything of me."

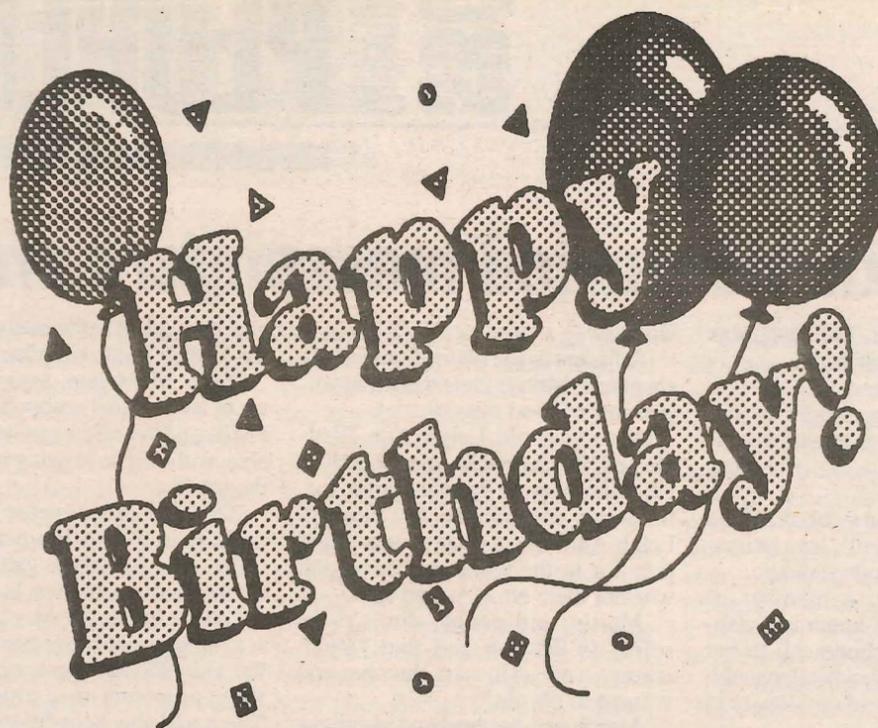
But in her hour of deepest despair, Veteto said, "I started feeling God's Spirit for the first time since Shauna's death. I really knew he loved me and would not leave me alone."

With time, the "huge void" in her life was filled by becoming a foster parent, she said. In the last eight years, more than 80 needy children have stayed with Veteto and her husband.

"I still believe in a God of miracles," she said. "God has taken a huge void and filled it with so many smiles, kisses and 'I love you's,' sometimes I think the void is about full and even overflowing."

AROUND THE WORLD Joe Smith (above), pastor of First Baptist Church in Norwood, N.C., talks to missionary Tom Canady in Honduras from a special telephone booth at the Foreign Mission Board exhibit during last week's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. The FMB's interactive exhibit, titled "Bridge to the World," is shown in the lower right portion of the photo at left. (BP photos by Van Payne)

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