

Trustee specializes in early childhood education — and family worship

Trustee Linda Chandler believes in family worship and she will go to many lengths to help encourage it in families.

As a member of Durham's First Baptist Church, she is one of 98 contributors to *The Family Worship Bible*, published recently by Holman Bible Society. The book, which came out three months ago, is now in its second printing.

"It's a book that allows any kind of family to take it and use it for devotional periods," she said. "Whatever faith they are, it's the best way to study scripture in the home. If more effort were given in this way, I think children would live happier lives and have added strength against strife."

Chandler is a specialist in early childhood education, primarily in curricula for Sunday schools. She conducts workshops for teachers of young children and writes magazine articles and lesson leaflets for Sunday School. In *Living with Preschoolers*,



Linda Chandler (right) works with a family using the *Family Worship Bible*.

published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, she wrote a series for parents about enjoying their children through sharing faith, love, acceptance and honor.

She explains that when talking with families with young children, she talks about how important the Bible can be in their lives. She points out, "The first thing you talk about is the importance of the family unit, which is paramount in a child's life. A child's family plays a very large part in everything."

According to Chandler, it is important to lay the foundations of love, kindness and courtesy early, and to impress on a child the importance of his mind and of education. Communication must start very young, and children must be encouraged to learn to confide in parents and to come to them with problems.

"Establishing tradition is very important," says the trustee.

Chowan loses two friends

Dunn was leading benefactor

One of Chowan College's largest benefactors, Charles Kelly Dunn, Jr., of Littleton, died on April 3 after a long illness. One of the men's residence halls on campus was named Dunn Hall in 1990 in honor of Dunn and in memory of his parents Charles Kelly Dunn, Sr. and Laura Jane Hardison Dunn.

The Chowan Board of Trustees voted to change the name of what was formerly West Hall in honor of Dunn who presented major outright and deferred gifts to the college. The dedication ceremonies included the unveiling of a plaque for Dunn Hall,

and a recognition of Mr. Dunn by Dr. Jerry Jackson, president.

"Charlie Dunn was a leading businessman for many years and he will be missed greatly. We appreciate all the support he has given Chowan College and all he did for people throughout his long and illustrious career in business," said Dr. Jackson.

Charles Kelly Dunn, Jr., from Pamlico County, N.C., entered the business world at the age of 15 years, when he borrowed some money and opened up a hot dog stand in Ayden. He became known as "hot dog

Charlie," and went on to invest and manage thriving businesses including taxi and ambulance services and restaurant businesses in Rocky Mount and Tidewater, Va. Dunn's primary interest became the Guardian Corporation, a diversified company, headquartered in Rocky Mount. The multi-million dollar company owned and operated nursing homes, campgrounds, and extensive holdings in Virginia and North Carolina.

In 1977, Dunn was presented the Better Life Award of the N.C. Health Care Facilities Association. He served as a member of the Chowan

College board of advisors, and was often recognized for his pioneering achievements in the field of health care facility administration.

About his life and achievements, Dunn once remarked, "I've helped a lot of people, and a lot of people have helped me. We can't do anything without each other. I have a lot to be thankful for, and am glad to be of service to Chowan College."

Surviving members of Dunn's family include Leon A. Dunn, Jr., wife, Pattie, their daughter, Genie and son-in-law, Vince Andracchio.

"Dr. Bela" was well-loved



Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, of Murfreesboro, professor emeritus of Chowan College died May 20 at the

age of 93 in Roanoke-Chowan Hospital.

He served as chairman of the department of social science at the college from 1952 until 1963. He was a graduate of the University of Budapest in Hungary and received the master's of theology and the doctoral degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed additional graduate study at the University of Hamburg and at the University of Chicago.

During World War II, his father, Andrew, who had established the Baptist Seminary in Budapest, was killed at the hands of the communists. Dr. Udvarnoki's first wife was killed in a bombing raid in 1944 and his infant daughter died in Hungary in 1945.

From 1936 to 1940, he was president of the Hungarian Baptist Convention. He became a professor at Baptist Seminary in 1931 and was appointed president in 1938.

He married Ruby Daniel of Oxford, N.C., a missionary to Hungary, in 1947. He and his sons, Bela, Jr. and Eugene, were warned not to return to Hungary because of the threat that he would be jailed as a political prisoner if they did.

After Dr. Udvarnoki came to the

United States and settled in Murfreesboro in 1952 with wife, Ruby, he followed the communist takeover and resulting effects on his native country and relatives.

"I didn't believe I would live to see this happen," said Dr. Bela Udvarnoki two years ago about the recent changes in his native country, Hungary, and in Russia.

He had eloquently spoken and written about communist heresy for most of his life and was firm in his conviction that Marxism is dead.

"Who would have thought the Berlin wall would come down!" exclaimed the man who had monitored international relations for decades.

In 1967, he wrote, "beware of smiling communists" and spoke of

the conflict between Marxism and religion. In 1976, speaking before the Murfreesboro Rotary Club (where he was a member and delivered 55 speeches to the same club since 1952 - - a club record) Dr. Udvarnoki warned that a man who is both smart and honest cannot also be communist. Then, in 1987, he predicted the changes that were coming to Russia, saying, "Gorbachev has inherited a fruitless, cumbersome economic system". He spoke of Glasnost and what it would mean for communist countries.

A writer of numerous journal articles, booklets, and papers, both in English and Hungarian, Udvarnoki also was the author of several books in Hungarian. Two of his books titled in translation: "Who Are the Baptists?" and "I Believe, Lord" were smuggled into Hungary.