

Is 13 Severns Valley's lucky number? Or is 1?

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

For the 13th consecutive year Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has led every church in the state in giving to the Cooperative Program.

In the year ending Aug. 31 Severns Valley contributed \$120,298.25 to the denomination's unified budget effort, or \$38.64 per capita. Last year the church gave \$126,191.44, or \$5,893.19 more than it gave in the year just ended.

Verlin C. Kruschwitz retired Aug. 31, 1980 as pastor after 28 years of service. J. J. Owens is interim pastor of the church.

Borderland Baptist Church, Pike Association, who didn't make even the top 100 list in per capita giving in the state a year ago, moved to the top spot in 1979-80. Its 12 members were led by pastor Lat Crum to send \$2,275.38 to the Cooperative Program. This resulted in \$189.61 per member average gift.

First Baptist Church, Somerset, once again ran a close second to Severns Valley's lead in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program. That church, with Eldred Taylor as pastor, sent \$112,395.30 to the denomination's basic giving plan, up more than \$8,000 over a year earlier. In three years the Somerset congregation has pushed Cooperative Program giving ahead by about \$32,000.

The top 10 in dollar giving, following Severns Valley and Somerset First, was rounded out by these churches in 1979-80:

3. Owensboro First, \$85,415.04, David A. Nelson, pastor.
4. Campbellsville, \$71,390.63, J. Chester Badgett, retiring pastor.
5. Madisonville First, \$68,424.26, Joel F. Drinkard, interim pastor.
6. Harrodsburg, \$67,100.47, William Robert DeFoor, pastor.
7. Lexington Porter Memorial, \$62,129.34, James K. Pierce, pastor.
8. Murray First, \$61,850.61, Bill Whittaker, pastor.
9. Winchester Central, \$59,309.44, Ron Stone, pastor.
10. Hopkinsville Second, \$59,273.03, John R. Christian, pastor.

The Harrodsburg, Murray and Hopkinsville congregations did not appear in the top 10 listing last year. The three appearing in the top 10 last year and their rank in the year just ended are Owensboro Third, 14th; Lexington Immanuel, 16th; and Ashland Unity, 22nd.

In addition to the Borderland Church, the top 10 per capita list is rounded out by these churches in 1979-80:

2. Countryside, Ohio Valley Association, \$4,527.80, 42 members, \$107.80 per capita, J. Wesley Bolin, pastor.
3. Somerset Beacon Hill, \$47,296.27, 586 members, \$80.71 per capita, Douglas Strader, pastor.
4. Faith, Mt. Zion Association, \$482.95, six members, \$80.49 per capita, Graden Sears, pastor.
5. Owensboro Bellevue, \$46,819.62, 645 members, \$72.58 per capita, Gerard E. Howell, pastor.
6. Woodland, Muhlenburg Association, \$11,211.29, 164 members, \$68.36 per capita, E. W. Greenwalt, pastor.
7. Mt. Gilboa, Taylor County Association, \$8,965.64, 135 members, \$66.41 per capita, L. D. Kennedy, pastor.
8. Pleasant Home, Ten Mile Association, \$10,219.66, 156 members, \$65.51 per capita, Emery Gullion, pastor.
9. Louisville Hurstbourne, \$42,477.21, 657 members, \$64.60 per capita, T. L. McSwain, pastor.
10. Good Hope, Taylor County Association, \$11,460.23, 182 members, \$62.96 per capita, Charles England, pastor.

The Borderland, Faith, Mt. Gilboa and Good Hope congregations did not appear in the top 10 listing last year. The three appearing in the top 10 last year and their rank in the year just ended are Mt. Pisgah, Muhlenburg Association, 11th; Friendship, Upper Cumberland Association, 15th; and Magnolia, Severns Valley Association, 19th.

Bill Powell, BFMF group go for Georgia editor's jugular—again; will attempt GBC election sway

by Dan Martin

Directors of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship will decline a Georgia Baptist Convention request that the words "Southern Baptist" be removed from their publication, Southern Baptist Journal.

"Our directors voted not to comply with the request," said William A. Powell Sr., executive vice president of the fellowship and editor of the publication.

"They also asked me to write the Georgia Baptist executive committee telling them our decision and requesting that they instruct the editor of the Christian Index (Jack Harwell) to state in each issue of the publication that he denies the Bible is the infallible word of God," Powell said.

The request for the removal of the words from the Journal logo was officially relayed to him by Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Powell said.

Garrison was instructed last fall by messengers to the 1979 Georgia Baptist Convention to "make a formal announcement to the press stating the Southern Baptist Journal is not affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention" and to formally request removal of the words "Southern Baptist" from the publication.

Powell will send a letter to all members of the executive committee, which includes "between 120 and 130 people," informing them of the decision not to comply with the request and making their own counter request.

"We voted not to comply with their request and the main reason we did so is that one Baptist organization cannot tell another Baptist organization what to do. The Georgia Baptist Convention does not answer to us and we do not answer to them," Powell said.

Although an attempt is being made to force Harwell to include in the Christian Index a statement that "he denies the Bible is the infallible word of God," Powell said no concerted effort will be made at the 1980 Georgia Baptist Convention to get Harwell fired.

Harwell, who has been Christian Index editor 14 years, survived a heated attempt to have him ousted over alleged liberal views toward the infallibility of the Bible at the 1979 meeting in Savannah.

Powell did say "a move is underway to elect a conservative as GBC president who will follow in the tracks of (Adrian) Rogers and (Bailey) Smith. I did not head the move up, nor did I start it, but I will do all I can to help it along," he said.

A movement has been launched to turn out 2000 laymen to elect Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta and a well known religious and political conservative.

The Georgia Baptist Convention meets Nov. 10-12 in Tucker, Ga., an Atlanta suburb.

Powell, a former staffer of the Home Mission Board, also said BFMF directors elected Walter M. Fowler, pastor of Oak Level Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Fla., as president and chairman of the board of directors.

Fowler was elected to replace M. O. Owen of Gastonia, N. C., who resigned in June during a director's meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

The membership of Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is a "relatively small number," he said. "The major function is the publication of Southern Baptist Journal. We are not promoting an organization or trying to build membership. Our task is to try to inform Southern Baptists . . . to alert people of the cancer of liberalism existing in our Southern Baptist Convention colleges and seminaries and portions of the SBC establishment."

Opportunities of the week: a potpourri in Bowling Green

There'll be lots going on among state Baptists meeting in Bowling Green week after next in addition to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's sessions Nov. 11-13. Here are scheduled activities of the week which reached Western Recorder in time to be announced before the convention.

Monday, Nov. 10

1:00 p.m. *Kentucky Baptist Music Association*, First Baptist Church, Franklin (additional sessions at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m. at First Church, Bowling Green)

1:00 p.m. *Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association*, Downing Center, Western Kentucky University (additional session at 7:30 p.m.)

1:30 p.m. *Executive Board*, First Baptist Church
1:30 *Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference*, First Baptist Church (additional sessions at 6:45 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.)

5:00 p.m. *Committee on Nominations Dinner* (place to be announced)

5:30 p.m. *Kentucky Fellowship of Directors of Missions Annual Dinner*, Warren Association Baptist Building, 1435 High St.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

12:00 noon *Youth Directors' Fellowship Luncheon*, Calvary Baptist Church. Cost: \$2. Make reservations in advance with Ron Williams, Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church, 621 E. 12th St., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Make checks payable to First Baptist

Church. Reservations deadline Nov. 7

12:15 p.m. *Annuitants' Luncheon*, Red Carpet Inn
5:00 p.m. *Chaplains' Dinner*, Hillvue Heights Baptist Church (by invitation only)

5:00 p.m. *Ministers' Wives Dinner*, Downing Center, Western Kentucky University. Make reservations in advance with Mrs. Peggy Rinks, Box 218, Tompkinsville, KY 42167

5:30 p.m. *Kentucky Baptist Historical Society Dinner*, Living Hope Baptist Church

Wednesday, Nov. 12

7:00 a.m. *Area Sunday School Coordinators' Breakfast*, Quality Inn (by invitation only)

7:00 a.m. *Georgetown College Alumni Breakfast*, Holiday Inn Midtown

7:30 a.m. *Annual Breakfast for Associational Missionaries sponsored by Board of Child Care*, Holiday Inn Midtown (by invitation only)

7:30 a.m. *Clear Creek Baptist School Alumni Breakfast*, Greenwood Baptist Church

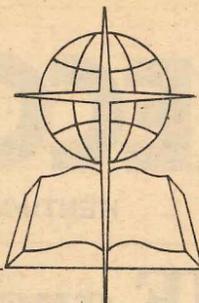
7:30 a.m. *Cumberland College Alumni Breakfast*, Red Carpet Inn

12:15 p.m. *Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon*, Red Carpet Inn. Tickets can be secured from Bill Whittaker, First Baptist Church, Box 189, Murray, KY 42071, \$5 each (\$6 in Bowling Green)

12:15 p.m. *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon*, Calvary Baptist Church

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

A backlash to morality dictators

It was predicted and apparently it is happening. When Jerry Falwell and other right wing evangelical leaders announced their intentions and revealed their methods for defeating certain political candidates and electing others, some observers said such tactics would generate anti-clericalism and ultimately produce a backlash. This backlash is now taking place as more and more voters express resentment for would-be morality dictators.

In a way this is unfortunate because the idea of Christian influence in the political process is altogether biblical and is much needed in this era of moral promiscuity. The exhortations to Christians to become informed on issues and candidates and to cast their ballots in every election are most appropriate.

The trouble comes in the methods employed by these morality zealots. They pose as omniscient in matters of morality and make no room for opinions which differ from theirs. More than that they infer all who do not agree with them are immoral and devoid of true Christianity. This is degrading and insulting to many who have as much moral insight as these self-appointed judges of morality.

Most Americans respect preachers and grant them right to their choices in politics. They don't, however, consider preachers infallible and they don't feel preachers should abuse their high office of preaching the gospel by publicly en-

dorsing political platforms and candidates. They expect preachers to tell them how to live but not how to vote.

Fair-minded persons resent grading office holders solely on how they vote on certain issues. They have no respect for a grading system that gives a clearly immoral man in his personal life a high grade because he voted "right" and a failing grade to a known personally moral man because of how he voted on a few selected issues.

People soon see through religious leaders whose conduct does not square with their claims. They lose respect for one who will tell an outright lie to make a point and for those who call dogmatic indoctrination a briefing on national affairs.

But such an approach by such leaders should not be surprising. They operate this way in all they do. As pastors they call all the shots and dictate all positions and practices of their congregations. Those who disagree with them are silenced or have to get out. The Baptist churches they preside over are more autocratic than many Roman Catholic churches are today.

This approach works with non-reflective hero worshipers who do not want to think for themselves. But it is contrary to the basic nature of man to decide for himself and sooner or later such leadership style results in a backlash.

A heritage to hallow, a faith to keep

One of the most inspiring chapters of early Kentucky Baptist history is the account of how about 40 Baptist families from Orange and Culpepper counties in Virginia ended up settling in the lovely rolling bluegrass land which is now part of Clark County. The decision to come to Kentucky was not easy and the trip was severely difficult but they made it and their heroism and faith were properly taken note of Oct. 19. The occasion was celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Providence Baptist Church near Winchester.

Pastor Jack Hatfield, Mrs. Hatfield and other members of Providence had prepared long and well for the celebration. The 110-year-old sanctuary with original pews was lovely to behold, the 18th and 19th century styles of clothes worn by most members lent an air of authenticity and the picnic dinner including old Kentucky ham cured and cooked for the special occasion made the experience more memorable.

On such occasions one has to wonder if Baptists are as hardy today as those 200 years ago. Imagine giving up the security of Virginia and the comforts of civilization for the rigors of Kentucky winters and the dangers of a wilderness still claimed by hostile Indians. Imagine starting for Kentucky and then waiting three years at Holston near the Virginia-Kentucky border until the Revolutionary War was over and the

ferocity of the Indians abated somewhat.

This was the year 1780 and while waiting these pioneers organized a Baptist church and made it a traveling church as they moved on to Kentucky in 1783. After meeting in one members' house several years they finally raised a log church building on Howard's Creek making peepholes in the logs so some could watch for Indians while others worshiped.

The roll call of early members includes William Bush who selected the land for the settlers, Squire Boone Jr. and Samuel and Mary Boone. The first pastor, Robert Elkin, served 42 years.

It was in the Old Providence meeting house the agreement of Regular and Separate Baptists in Kentucky to merge was ratified in 1801. In 1830 the church survived a split over the doctrines of Alexander Campbell with 65 members leaving.

Only the perseverance of the faithful through the years has saved old Providence from extinction. Strong Baptist congregations in nearby Winchester could easily absorb this faithful flock but that would be a sad loss. We need such shrines for inspiration and the vigor of pastor Hatfield and Providence Baptists in 1980 gives assurance this one will be around many years.

Baptist Forum

A call to prayer

The Pressler-Patterson-Powell mess continues to escalate toward a major theological civil war.

Our Southern Baptist "infighting" poses a serious and immediate threat to Bold Mission Thrust, our foreign mission programs, our home mission programs and our Cooperative Program and all Southern Baptist conventionwide institutions and ministries.

In spite of our flaws, past and present, our Lord has used Southern Baptists and continues to use Southern Baptists for his purposes around the world.

We are not the first generation of disciples of our Lord to fall into Satan's trap of "spiritual exclusiveness." Jesus rebuked the self-centered attitude of spiritual pride when he told John, "He that is not against us is for us." (See Lk. 9:49-50 and Mk. 9:38-41.)

I'm asking you to join me in a monthly time of prayer and fasting for ourselves, our denomination and our worldwide mission purpose.

Conservatives. Moderates. Independents. We must be more spiritually mature than an eye-for-an-eye. We must pray for mercy. The world is watching Southern Baptists. Satan is laughing at us.

Our strategy meetings must focus on winning the world, not winning control of the SBC. We need to pray, talk and work together.

I propose the first Wednesday of every month be set aside by all Southern Baptists to pray and fast for peace among ourselves so we may be able to take the good news to our neighbors and our world.

Will you join me across the miles to pray and fast, Wednesday, Nov. 5, and every first Wednesday until our Lord leads us out of this wilderness?

W. Lee Prince, Memphis, Tenn.

Someone ought to tell her

Mrs. Nevil M. Garrett of Frankfort needs to know that Jerry Falwell is not a Southern Baptist. She must have been misinformed on the matter. I disagree with her contention you owe Falwell an apology.

Earl D. Mercer, Monroe, La.

Warren says 'Y'all come'

Warren Association of Baptists will be hosting the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 11-13. We will be meeting at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green for the regular sessions and Diddle Arena Wednesday night for the Bold Missions Rally.

May I, for our 40 churches and nearly 16,000 members, extend to you a hearty invitation to be with us. Our people are looking forward to your coming and want to do everything they can to make your visit as enjoyable as possible.

Join us for this important meeting of our state.

Francis R. Tallant
Director, Warren Association

Invites are out

I would like to take this opportunity to invite Kentucky Baptists to Bowling Green for our annual convention, Nov. 11-13. Plans are being made by the Warren Association of Baptists to make your visit with us as enjoyable as possible.

Not only are we preparing for a comfortable visit by you, but we are praying that God will lead in all our business meetings and services. Especially are we excited about the Bold Mission Rally on Wednesday evening in Diddle Arena. It is our dream that over 10,000 Kentucky Baptists will be a part of this inspirational service.

The best of Southern hospitality awaits you as you come to the convention and Bold Mission Rally. Welcome!

Bob Browning, Moderator

Baptist News in Brief

Taxes may top \$1 million

Direct intervention by the White House has resulted in a two-month extension of the former Oct. 15 deadline for filing and paying federal income taxes by employes of religious and charitable organizations who earn income overseas.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said: "We really appreciate the efforts of those in Congress and the administration to help us. But all the deadline extension until Dec. 15 amounts to is a stay of execution for missionaries and other overseas workers now forced to pay full taxes in both the United States and the country where they serve.

"A stay of execution is not enough," Parks declared. "We need action. This has been delayed too long. Southern Baptists and others interested in mission work overseas must recognize the seriousness of this and let their elected representatives know how they feel."

Parks added: "If Congress does not remedy the situation when it reconvenes in November it will cost the Foreign Mission Board, which has more than 3000 missionaries in 94 countries, over \$1 million a year, not to mention the millions others will have to pay. It appears this issue has become a political football in an election year," he said.



Hayes



Henderson

WR names Ray Hayes

Ray Hayes has been named advertising sales representative by Western Recorder, effective Oct. 27.

A Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student pursuing the MDiv degree, Hayes, 26, is a 1976 graduate of Campbellville College. He has been employed by Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. since that time in advertising sales in Campbellville.

In announcing Hayes' appointment, Western Recorder associate editor James H. Cox said Trennis Henderson would move from the position of advertising sales representative to staff writer. Henderson succeeds Ray Furr, who graduates from Southern Seminary in December.

Long Run acts on takeover

Baptists in the Louisville area in an annual session of Long Run Baptist Association Oct. 21 adopted a resolution expressing concern for the current "divisive efforts" in the Southern Baptist Convention and encouraged churches to send pastors and other members to the 1981 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to conserve the "integrity of our boards, agencies and institutions."

The resolution was offered on behalf of "concerned pastors" in Long Run Association by Edwin Perry, retired pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. The resolution committee

made one minor change in the original wording of the resolution before submitting it to messengers. Perry spoke for the resolution and no one spoke against it. It was overwhelmingly adopted.

In preliminary statements the resolution called attention to the leadership of God among Southern Baptists which has resulted in calling thousands of missionaries at home and abroad who look to Southern Baptists for spiritual and financial support and the raising of support for all missions through the current bold mission program. Attention was also called to what was termed an organized effort among Southern Baptists to take over control of all boards, agencies and institutions of the convention and some success of those efforts through the power of appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention president.

In addition to encouraging churches to provide financial assistance to send messengers to the 1981 convention to conserve the integrity of Southern Baptist agencies, the resolution appealed to those "engaged in this strategy of takeover" to turn from their course and to seek desired changes through orderly processes of the convention. The resolution also reaffirmed Baptist historic and biblical commitment to world missions, to soul competency, to the lordship of Jesus Christ and to peace and goodwill among all Southern Baptists.

Going to L.A.? Hurry!

Only three of the original 12 hotels in the Southern Baptist Convention block for the annual meeting in Los Angeles have rooms remaining.

The Ambassador, with 65 rooms, the Biltmore, with 500, and the Bonaventure, with 1300, have rooms in the \$60-\$80 range. The Biltmore and the Bonaventure are within 10 blocks of the convention center; the Ambassador is a couple of miles away.

Hotel rooms beyond those that cooperate with the Los Angeles Housing Bureau are available, according to SBC convention manager Tim Hedquist. There are 11,000 hotel rooms in downtown Los Angeles and the SBC has only half of them reserved.

Messengers who want to know alternate housing availability should write for a Housing Accommodations Directory supplied free from the Housing Bureau, Box 71608, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Buchanan down the drain?

A series of legal setbacks has seriously diminished the reelection chances of John Buchanan, R-Ala., the only Southern Baptist minister in Congress.

The most severe blow to Buchanan's bid to win a ninth term as representative of Alabama's sixth district came when the U. S. Supreme Court let stand an order by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans preventing the veteran lawmaker's name from appearing on the ballot as a Whig Party candidate.

Further damaging Buchanan's chances is a ruling by the local board of electors refusing to permit his write-in campaign to distribute stickers with his name printed on them to be used on the ballots.

"As of this moment, we're still in the race," a top campaign official told Baptist Press, but he described Buchanan's write-in chances without use of stickers as "remote."



Directors of the Home Mission Board changed titles of their officers during their fall meeting. The switch caused the president to be renamed chairman of the board. First and second vice presidents were titled first and second vice chairmen. The recording secretary was named secretary of the board, and the assistant recording secretary was titled assistant secretary. Officers and their new titles are [l-r] J. Frank Holladay of Carrollton, Ga., second vice chairman; Howard Cockrum of Knoxville, Tenn., chairman; Edna Shows of Atlanta, Ga., secretary; Cora Gates of Cary, N. C., assistant secretary. Not pictured is Clifton Tennison of West Monroe, La., first vice chairman.

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Congregations

Hillvue Sunday school grows fast
Hillvue Heights Baptist Church, Bowling Green, is among churches conducting intensive campaigns to increase Sunday school attendance.

According to minister of education Emil Turner Hillvue Heights Sunday school attendance since the first of July has increased an average of 90 people per Sunday over the 1979-80 average.

Vine Grove receives constitution
Sunday afternoon Sept. 14 the Fellowship of Vine Grove was constituted as a church with 117 charter members.

Pastors and deacons from Severns Valley Association assembled earlier that day for the examining council. William C. Ray, Severns Valley Baptist Church associate pastor, presided at

the council meeting and the afternoon service.

Raymond Ward, pastor of Rineyville Baptist Church, brought the message. Others on the program were James Royalty, Allen Baugh, Archie Allison and Adrian Lamkin. Lamkin has been pastor of the fellowship three years.

Mervyn Allen was elected moderator of the church in a short business session following the afternoon service.

The congregation shall be known as Southern Baptist Fellowship Church until land is purchased and location of the church determined.

The church has requested recognition of fellowship with the Severns Valley Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Central Grove celebrates homecoming
Several former Central Grove Baptist

Church pastors attended the Freedom Association church's homecoming service Aug. 24.

Issac Hucaby and C. E. Dick delivered messages.

Jay Harmon is pastor.

New Hope holds homecoming festivities
New Hope Baptist Church, Logan County Association, held a homecoming service Sept. 7. Ronnie Price, who grew up in the church, was guest speaker. He is now employed at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville.

A musical program was the afternoon's featured event.

New Bethel dedicates sanctuary
New Bethel Baptist Church, Verona, held a dedication service for its sanctuary and fellowship hall Sunday, Oct. 26.

Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, spoke. Former pastors shared the history of the church.

Bob Phillips is pastor.

Missions focus at Taylor Co. meeting
Messengers from Taylor County Association churches elected L. D. Kennedy, pastor of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, as moderator at their annual meeting. World missions was the focus of attention and emphasis at the meeting.

Jerry Kibbons, director of in-service guidance at Campbellsville College, delivered the annual sermon on "Meeting the Challenge of the Great Commission."

Kibbons urged a revitalizing of pastoral and lay ministries of churches, a reunderstanding of the meaning of discipleship, and a strengthening of stewardship and the teaching of ministry of churches.

"The challenge of the Great Commission cannot be met with a 'business as usual' attitude," he maintained.

For the annual meeting's concluding message Kennedy gave a slide presentation titled "My Short-term Missionary Stint in Brazil."

He called for more members to be-

come involved in volunteer, short-term missionary projects at home and abroad.

Aside from messages, the association voted to continue sponsoring "The Baptist Hour" each Sunday over radio station WCKQ.

Taylor Co. recognizes growth leaders
Donald Gowin, Taylor County associational Sunday school director, recently recognized several churches for numerical or percentage growth in Sunday school enrolment and average attendance.

Fairview Baptist Church, pastored by Don Watson, was honored for making the greatest overall gains in Sunday school.

Revivals

Sherman, Brewer lead at Dry Ridge
Evangelist Jack Sherman and musician Rick Brewer, a team from London, Ky., held a weekend revival Oct. 2-5 at Dry Ridge (Ky.) Baptist Church.

The church reported four rededications, two additions by letter and one profession of faith.

Phillip Majors is pastor.

Charles Jenkins leads Cooper revival
Cooper Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, held a revival the week of Sept. 8-14.

Charles Jenkins was evangelist.

C. E. Dick is pastor.

72 decisions at Lancaster revival
Lancaster Baptist Church held revival services recently with Clyde Chiles, evangelist, and Steve Taylor, music evangelist.

A total of 72 decisions were made: 32 professions of faith, 15 for baptism and four joined by letter.

William G. Humphrey is pastor.

Sand Spring revival reports 30 decisions
Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, experienced revival recently which recorded 29 professions of faith for baptism and one for restoration.

Boyce Evans was evangelist.

Bill Messer is pastor.

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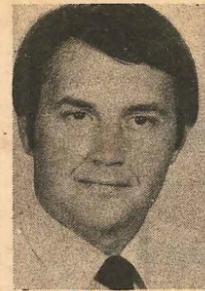
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Monticello First held revival
Sept. 7-12 Monticello First Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, held revival services.

H. Curtis Erwin was evangelist and Jim Cordell was guest music director. L. C. Meadows is pastor.

Two saved at Pleasant Ridge revival
Revival services Sept. 28-Oct. 5 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Greensburg, reported two saved.

James E. Casey Jr., director of missions for Russell Creek Association, was evangelist.

Darrell Vance is pastor.

Personnel

Rennell joins Louisville Parkland
James Earl Rennell, former associate in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is the new pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville. He began work at Parkland Oct. 15.

Rennell has several years' experience as a pastor in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee churches. He began working for the KBC Sunday School Department in 1977. Since March 1979 he has been associated with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Fellowship.

Rennell received BS and MA degrees from Austin Peay State University and graduated from Southern Seminary with a BD degree in 1968. He also attended graduate school at Vanderbilt University where he received a DMin degree.

Active in the armed forces, Rennell serves as chaplain in the U. S. Army National Guard and reserves.

Rennell is married to the former Grace Combs, a native of Perry County, Ky. They have three daughters: Gina Elizabeth, 18, Lisa Dawn, 14, and Julie Annette, 11.

Moman awarded PhD degree
Carl Moman, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was awarded a PhD degree in vocal performance practices by Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Moman received an AB from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and a MA in music education from Washington University. The Momans were at churches in the St. Louis and Kansas

City areas before coming to Kentucky. He was ordained into the ministry in 1972.

Rollin S. Burhans is pastor of the Bowling Green church.

Hoskins goes to Lawrenceburg
Stephen K. Hoskins has accepted the pastorate of Fellowship Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. A graduate of Georgetown College, Hoskins was community development director for Harrodsburg.

Presently attending Southern Seminary, he is married to Nancy Anness of Harrodsburg.

Davidson directs Boyce School in Ohio
Thomas D. Davidson Sr. has accepted the position as associate in the missions department for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Davidson is a native of Kentucky and a former pastor of churches in Falmouth, Cynthiana and Walton, Ky.

He attended Cumberland College, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Oct. 25 Davidson assumed duties as director of the Columbus (Oh.) branch of Boyce Bible School.

He had been director of missions for Steel Valley Association in northeastern Ohio seven years.

Green Ridge calls Tommy Wilhite
Green Ridge Baptist Church, Logan County Association, has called Tommy Wilhite as pastor.

Wilhite, a native of Logan County, is married to the former Mary Laster. They have two children, Judy and Teresa.

Wilhite was ordained to the ministry by Calvary Baptist Church, Elkton.

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Jackie Ferguson new at Barnetts Creek
Jackie Ferguson is new pastor of Barnetts Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Ferguson has been pastor of Rosine, Bells Run, Smallhouse and Fairview churches.

H. Mayfield accepts Adaburg call
Adaburg Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Harold Mayfield of Lewisport as pastor.

He was ordained Aug. 31 by Lewisport Baptist Church.

J. R. Bullock leaves Campground
J. R. Bullock retired effective Oct. 12 from the pastorate of Campground Baptist Church, Somerset. He went there in May 1973.

Both Bullock and his wife Emily are natives of Corbin.

He is available for supply preaching, interim and revival work.

FBC Tompkinsville welcomes Johns
First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, welcomes Mike Johns as minister of

music and youth. He is a graduate of Campbellville College.

Broadway calls Ron Higdon
Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, announces Ronald W. Higdon has accepted the church's call to become pastor effective Nov. 1. Higdon is currently pastor of First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va.

He is a native of Louisville and attended Georgetown College. He received graduate degrees from Southern Seminary and Southeastern Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

A reception is being held Nov. 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. to welcome the Higdon family to Broadway. All members of the church, association and community are cordially invited to attend.

Emmanuel welcomes Don Short
Don Short has assumed the responsibilities as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

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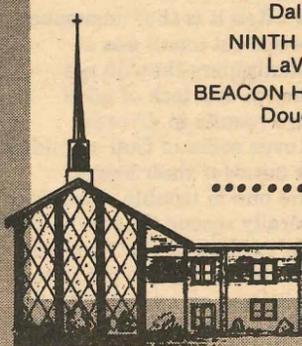
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Christian Education

Campbellsville up 6%

Full time enrolment at Campbellsville College exceeds last year's enrolment by nearly six percent, according to figures released recently by Pat Cowherd, registrar at the college.

"We are delighted to have more students this fall, especially since much of the increase is in full time enrolment," W. R. Davenport, president, said.

"Significant amounts of student financial aid are available and jobs are fairly scarce," he continued. "These factors combine to encourage young people to consider college as a viable option."

Total enrolment of 698 students includes 177 first time freshmen and 70 transfer students. Of that total, 642 students are full time.

Two up at Campbellsville

Promotions in rank of two faculty members have been announced by W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College.

Promoted were Milton A. Rogers and Robert A. Street Jr.

Rogers, a native of Texas, was promoted to professor of biology.

He received the BS degree and PhD degree from the University of Texas, Austin.

Street was promoted to associate professor of Christian studies. He is a native of Memphis, Tenn.

He is a graduate of Union University and holds the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

\$10,000 in SBTS fund

Miss Annice Galphin of Greenville, S. C. has established a memorial scholarship endowment fund named for her parents, Thomas Milledge Galphin and Elizabeth Richenbacker Galphin, with an initial gift of \$10,000.

The principal of this gift will be invested and only the annual income spent. The fund will be open ended so others may make memorial gifts in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Galphin by designating them for the Galphin Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Hospital fields education

Highlands Baptist Hospital, Louisville, will hold a Health Fair at Bashford Manor Mall Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Materials will provide information on childhood vaccinations, pneumococcal pneumonia, tuberculosis and other health concerns.

Free tests such as blood sugar and blood pressure will be administered.

Educational materials on social services, cardiac rehabilitation, enterostomal therapy, cancer care, mental health, pulmonary rehabilitation, dietary helps and pastoral care will also be distributed.

Proceeds from the endowment will be used to provide financial aid to students preparing for the preaching ministry.

Students publish book

Devotionally Yours, Philippians, written by three students at Southern Seminary, will provide devotional material for Southern Baptists' 1981 January Bible Study.

The book is authored by two doctoral candidates, Tom Steagald, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Philpot, and Mike Smith, pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Hanover, Ind., and Bill Owen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, who will enter his first year of doctoral studies next year at Southern Seminary.

Devotionally Yours, Philippians develops nine series of devotionals around the themes of salvation, discipleship, community and joy.

Clarke, MC to merge?

Messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention will consider a proposed merger between Clarke College and Mississippi College when they meet in Jackson Nov. 11-13.

The proposal to merge the two Southern Baptist-affiliated schools has been suggested by Clarke trustees and approved by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and "informally" supported by Mississippi College trustees.

Clarke College, in Newton, has been plagued by financial woes and declining enrolment. This year, however, enrolment topped 200, up from 160 last year.

Sunday School Lessons

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H. C. Chiles

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

WHY DID PEOPLE HATE JESUS?

Luke 4:16-17 Since there were not any regular speakers in the synagogue, the one in charge of the services invited Jesus to read the scriptures, one lesson from the law and the other from the prophets and then to deliver any message he might have for the people.

Luke 4:18-19 When Christ stood up to read, the scroll of Isaiah was handed to him. From Isa. 61 he read the verses which declared God's purpose to send the messiah to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:20-24 With the attention of all riveted upon him, Christ made the explicit and startling declaration Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in him. As they thought about the claims he had made for himself, they became very angry. Although they were compelled to admit the graciousness of his message, they immediately began quibbling about the messenger. They refused to believe what he said because they regarded him only as the son of a local carpenter. Having known him most of his life, they thought of him as just being one of the boys of the town. They demanded he work a miracle if he expected them to believe his claim he was the messiah, but he never worked a miracle to satisfy the curiosity of critics or because somebody demanded he do so. **Luke 4:28-30** Bitterly resentful at Christ's claims of himself, his townspeople resolved they would put him to death. They not only rejected the truth of Christ's words, but him as the truth. They cast him out of Nazareth and intended to throw him over a precipice nearby. But God's purposes could not be thwarted, so Christ miraculously passed through their midst, went his way and disappeared without being harmed.

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GOD'S COVENANT AND PETER

Acts 2:14-17 When Peter heard the critics falsely accuse the followers of Christ of drunkenness he boldly and bravely arose and disproved their charge and vindicated the things which the believers were doing. Transformed by and filled with the Holy Spirit Peter explained the phenomena which these accusers had been witnessing, instead of being the result of drunkenness, were the product of the work of the Holy Spirit, and a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2:28-32. From this incident we learn that when the Holy Spirit indwells and controls the life of any Christian there is no justification for cowardice and fear. When a believer is filled with the Holy Spirit he is truly bold and courageous in speaking for Christ.

Acts 3:18-26 As Peter and John were about to enter Jerusalem they observed a helpless cripple thrusting forth his hand toward them and asking for alms. Wondering what he might receive at their hands, the professional mendicant listened with quickening interest to the words of the apostle: "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk." Stooping, Peter grasped him by the hand and lifted him to his feet.



Ministering to the children of the 80's



Wm. E. Amos, Director

Ky. Baptist Board of Child Care

The sandpipers

Recently I found myself with some quiet time while walking along the beach. I was on the coast of South Carolina holding a revival meeting.

One particular morning I was simply lost in observation of the sandpipers moving swiftly along the water's edge gathering their nourishment from within the sand. It was almost amusing that they would wait until a wave would wash upon the shore and begin to recede, at which time they go to work. It amazed me they were able always to get out of the way before the onrush of the next wave.

As I was standing entranced by this little drama I noticed one sandpiper who was having trouble getting his "lunch" out of the sand before the next wave came. In fact, it wasn't long before what I had feared would happen really did.

He was so intrigued at getting his meal from the sand he wasn't watching as the waves came in, and before he could get out of the way, he was carried out into the surf. With a great deal of struggle and a lot of desperation he was able finally to get out of the boiling surf. I was also intrigued that none of the rest of the sandpipers were able to help him.

I could not help but draw a parallel to child care. How often it is that unsuspecting youth are caught by some of the waves of life and swept out into a sea of circumstance which is way over his head. Just like the sandpipers they do not control the force of the next wave that comes. Sometimes, as in a lack of good family communication, honest love and caring—that often results in divorce, separation or just alienation or rejection—more sweeps over some of God's children than they can cope with and they find themselves swept out over their heads.

However, unlike the sandpipers who could not help the one in trouble, Kentucky Baptists have made it their business to be present to literally rescue those who find themselves drowning in a sea of circumstances they didn't create or can't control. Since 1869 you have stood by to see our "sandpipers" in Kentucky who get in too deep are rescued and given a place of warmth and security and an opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ. Thank God for you who have been to the youth of this state, and for who you are and will continue to be in the years ahead.



Howard Partin, associate professor of biology at Cumberland College, demonstrates some of the equipment donated to the Kentucky Baptist college by retiring London, Ky. physician C. B. Ison. The equipment, including a centrifugal centrifuge, hematocrit centrifuge, spectrometer and urinometer will be used by the Cumberland College biology department in preparing students for premedical and paramedical professions. The students receiving the instruction are [l-r] Debbie Douglas, Corbin; Lisa Griffin, London; and Pat Simpson, Williamsburg.

Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
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A dream . . . to build

Located on the campus of Clear Creek Baptist School is an unusual model of Jerusalem, perhaps the only one of its kind in the world.

In 1972 a dream emerged to build the scale model of the city of Jerusalem. Countless hours of labor were contributed by Robert Fitts and Tommy Holtzclaw, many faithful students and Air Force Captain J. C. Bowling, an electronics engineer. Seven years later the dream became a reality.

Now it's possible to relive the activities of Jesus leading to his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. Imagine seeing the streets where our Lord walked and tracing his footsteps during his last days on earth. Consider how the savior's agony, his trials, death, burial and his triumph can come alive for you.

Picture yourself traveling through Jerusalem to the temple. Walk with Jesus to Calvary, visit the tomb that could not hold him and the Mount of Olives where the Lord gave the Great Commission before ascending to the father.

Many other exciting places are visited on the tour. The model depicts the grand city as it was during the days of our Lord and contains more than 1300 buildings and is built to a scale of one inch equaling 80 feet. Constructed primarily of wood, styrofoam and plaster the city where Jesus spent the last days of his earthly ministry comes to life.

You are guided by strategically located lights and a professionally taped narration along the footsteps of Jesus. Scholarly research and careful construction allows the viewer to receive both educational enlightenment and spiritual uplift.

The accuracy and realism of the model city and the tremendous significance of the events that transpired during Jesus' last week make this tour a must for Christians.

A visit to Clear Creek School to see this unique model of Jerusalem will help pastors prepare sermons about Jesus' last days. It will enable Sunday school teachers to better understand lessons dealing with his life. It would be an interesting excursion for your church's WMU, Royal Ambassadors, Girls' Auxiliaries and Baptist Men's groups.

Our school is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and I would be happy to give you a personal tour of the campus and show you the model. If you would like to come to see us, please call me at (606) 377-2380 or write me at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

I'll be expecting you.

KBC Activities

Here and now

NOVEMBER

- 2-8 Royal Ambassador Week
- 7-9 International Student Conference. Kenlake

Looking ahead

NOVEMBER

- 9 American Bible Society Day. Materials available from American Bible Society, Box 5656, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017
- 10-13 Kentucky Baptist Convention, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Auxiliary meetings on 10th & 11th. See Western Recorder Oct. 8 issue for details
- 16-19 Foreign Mission Study. Books available from Baptist Book Store
- 17-21 January Bible Study Preview. 7 to 9 p.m.
 - 17—Paducah, Oaklawn Baptist Church
 - 18—Madisonville, First Baptist Church
 - 19—Lexington, Grayson Baptist Church
 - 20—Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
 - 21—Florence, Florence Baptist Church
- 23 Child Care Day. Materials for observing from Board of Child Care, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown 40243

Planning ahead

NOVEMBER

- 30-12/7 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER

- 7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Student Day at Christmas

JANUARY

- 5-9 Bible Study Week
- 11 Soul Winning Commitment Day
- 11 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church
- 12 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Lexington, Central Baptist Church
- 19 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Owensboro, Hall Street Baptist Church
- 20 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church
- 23-24 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore
- 25 Baptist Men's Day
- 26 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Mayfield, Northside Baptist Church
- 27 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church
- 30-31 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore

Oneida Journal

A work of faith

Barkley Moore, President
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972



I am responsible for the feeding, housing and disciplining of over 350 teenage boys and girls. Believe me that is a job. I supervise the work of 64 staff members, 57 of whom live on campus. Our campus has extended nearly two blocks in the past four years. I personally show all guests around the campus including every prospective student with whom I normally spend at least two hours.

Oneida is scheduled to receive approximately \$150,000 in Cooperative Program funds this year. How grateful we are for this pledged support. We have little more than this that is certain. But that leaves over \$1 million we must raise from other sources. Our operating budget this past year was nearly \$1,100,000. This was up \$262,000 over the previous year, and we anticipate a similar rise this year.

Oneida has been a faith work from the beginning. No member of the staff has a written contract and the average salary is \$4600 yearly.

We never turn a student away for financial reasons. Yet if we looked at our unpaid bills at any given time we would never accept another student. Scores attend our school receiving room, board, books, attending sports events and movies, while paying nothing or almost nothing. The most any Kentucky child is paying this year is \$150 monthly. That breaks down to \$5 daily, and each child eats three times daily. Of course, we do far more than feed our students.

We do not investigate people. We trust each to be honest with us. Most are. But not everyone. Some take advantage. If a person says he can pay so much, we expect just that. Often, however, we have the child and nothing but a promise for payment ever. Our creditors, however, insist on hard cash. Thus we are under never ending mental and physical strain.

Our operating expenses have increased sixfold in the past eight years while enrolment and staff have tripled. We still do not have a public relations director, no development staff or an alumni director. We have no fundraisers and no recruiters. Recruiters are not needed. The word-of-mouth reputation of our school's work these past 80 years has made us the fastest growing boarding school in the United States. This is particularly remarkable as we are 40 miles from the nearest bus or airport.

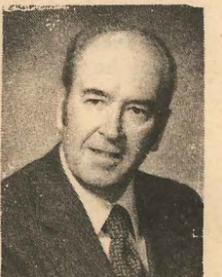
Eight major buildings have been added to our campus in the past five years, as well as several lesser support buildings, two houses, three double-wide trailers and four regular trailers.

Our teacher-student ratio at the time of this writing is 1-11 and for weaker students the ratio is 1-4. Our curriculum has been greatly expanded and our library housed in new facilities has 13,000 volumes. We have 17 differing varsity athletic teams, eight of these for girls. In the past two years we have won two state championships, have been runnerup in two state tournaments and have participated in five other state competitions.

The spiritual emphasis is vigorous with daily chapel attended by all students and staff, Sunday morning and evening services, BSU in its 30th year on our campus, RAs and GAs again after a lapse of some years and scores of young people making professions of faith.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Our labor is not in vain.

Frank Owen



Meetin' time

I was pretty well exhausted from a heavy day at the office in a busy week. Mrs. Owen met me in the driveway as we hurried toward Mercer County in time for the fellowship meal and the evening's annual association meeting.

There stood beautiful old Hopewell Church on top of the next hill, surrounded with automobiles.

"The hill is covered," I said. That's the way rural preachers of North Georgia speak of good crowds at hilltop churches. A friendly Christian face directed me to a scarce parking space on the grass.

My heart leaped with renewed strength. "It's Baptist meetin' time." I love the annual association season. We Baptist Building folk refer to it affectionately as "the potato salad circuit."

Next comes the state convention with the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Nov. 11-13. Big times this year. Don't miss it. It is amazing whom you will have a chance to hear:

The president of World Baptists, our own Kentuckian, Duke K. McCall.

The retiring Executive of this World Baptist Alliance and again our own Kentuckian, Robert S Denny.

The new Executive Secretary of SBC Brotherhood Commission, James H. Smith. Our new SBC Foreign Mission Director, Keith Parks.

Our new SBC Chief Executive, Harold Bennett.

President Morris Norfleet of Morehead State University.

Lieutenant Governor, Martha Layne Collins.

On Wednesday night a huge Bold Mission Rally in Diddle Arena with an exciting program, emphasizing World Missions. This is a wonderful meeting for choir group participation and other bus trip groups from the churches. Wednesday is prayer meeting night. Let's all merge in a big prayer meeting.

It's Baptist Meetin' time in Kentucky. Meetin' time in the associations and then Big Meetin' time at the annual convention. See you in Bowling Green Nov. 11-13 at First Baptist Church and at Western Kentucky University's Diddle Arena Wednesday at 6:40 p.m.

Freedom House

An outreach to the unreached

by Trennis Henderson, Staff Writer

A bewildered teenage runaway, who has been hitchhiking across the country for the past two months, finds his way to the River City Mall in downtown Louisville. His matted hair, ragged clothes and bare feet attest to his travels as he rests in a doorway, his duffel bag by his side. A well-groomed young man approaches the weary youth, strikes up a conversation and invites him to come with him to Freedom House.

Within an hour the young runaway has determined to return home and face his problems. He leaves Freedom House feeling better, looking better and sensing he has a direction in life.

Ron Lentine, who shared his time and concern with this teenager, is a third-year theology student at Southern Seminary. His dream of providing an outreach ministry in the inner-city has

recently turned into reality. The Detroit, Mich. native is the founder and director of Freedom Ministries, an organization which provides a Christian coffee house, recreation center and street witnessing ministry in downtown Louisville.

"Last summer I had an idea about starting up a work like this in the River City area," related Lentine. "I couldn't imagine starting something new while still being a student but I told the Lord that I was ready and open for any opportunity."

A few months later Lentine was approached by a local pastor who had heard of his desire for such a ministry. Several interested pastors began to confirm their support and a building was provided at a rent of one dollar per month.

"Out of the blue came checks," stated Lentine. The doors of the coffee house were opened in February with support coming from several Southern Baptist and Methodist churches in the



Don Rissler [r], an assistant director at Freedom House, invites a passerby to visit the downtown coffee house.

area. Pool tables, ping pong tables, refreshments and other needs were donated to begin the work.

A recent increase in financial support has allowed Lentine to hire three more seminary students as part time staff members. In addition to witnessing to people in the inner-city staff members also conduct weekly Bible studies and provide a referral service to local churches and other ministries such as Teen Challenge and Salvation Army.

"It's not just to tell them about Jesus and give them a tract," remarked Lentine.

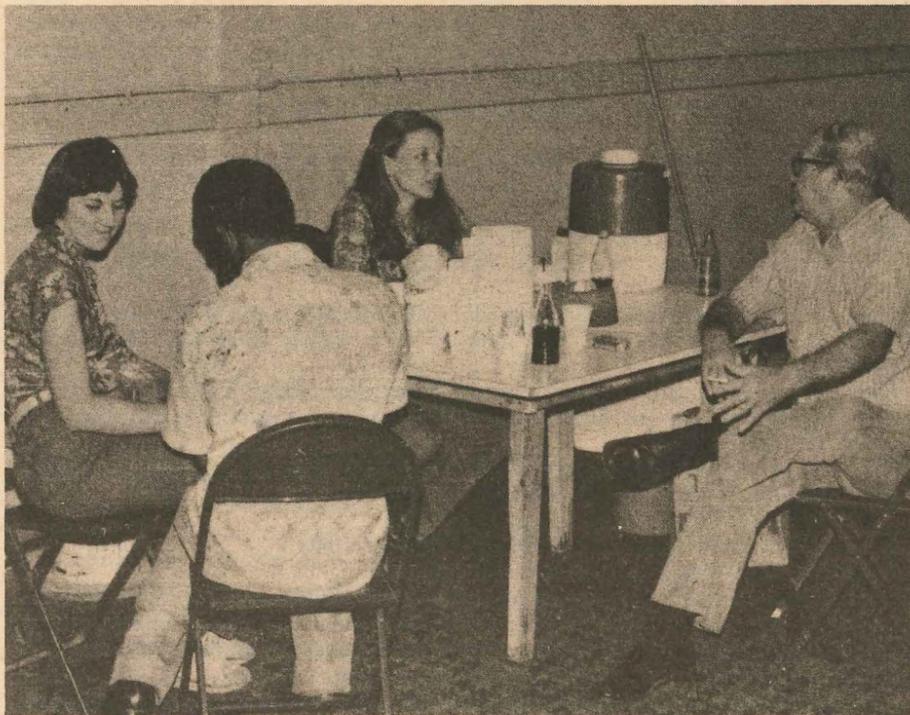
Joe O'Quinn, pastor of Baxter Avenue Baptist Church, one of the churches which works with Freedom House, confirmed Lentine's statement.

"Freedom House has been very successful in confronting the downtown area with the gospel and with caring Christians," explained O'Quinn. "I think of it as an extension of the local church as a ministering arm."

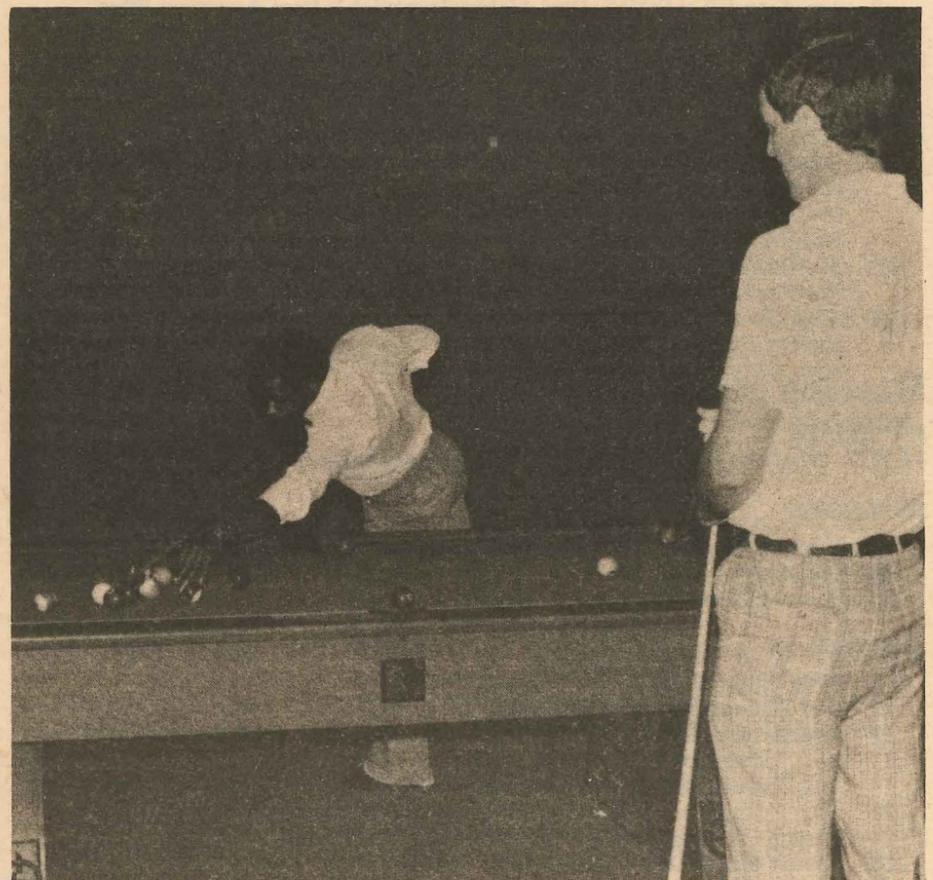
"We want to get a good foundation," stated Don Rissler, one of the ministry's assistant directors. "It's more of a place for nurturing friendships, a place to care for people."

As Freedom Ministries continues to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the downtown area of Louisville its workers look expectantly toward the future.

"It's exciting to see the power of the ministry and I want to see it continue after I'm gone," said Lentine.



Ginger Leslie [l] and DeDe Rissler offer guests free refreshments while providing listening ears at Freedom House.



Freedom House visitors enjoy a game of pool, one of the many activities provided by the growing ministry.