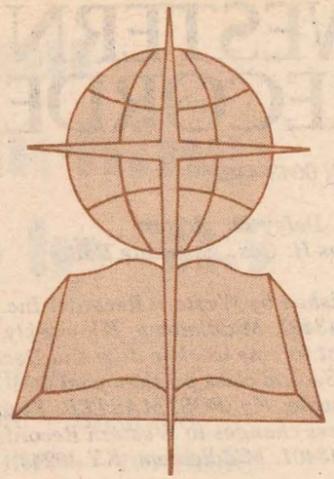


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## Like a mighty army, KBC personnel equip bold mission leaders

by Gregory L. Hancock,  
State Correspondent

The community of Liberty is still buzzing about the influx of 200 Jehovah's Witnesses who dropped in to build a church over the weekend.

But less than a block away from the nationally publicized building site no network news covered a meeting that will ultimately lead to the greatest evangelistic endeavor the Christian world has ever known.

In a Sunday school classroom of Liberty's First Baptist Church a small group of Casey County pastors heard Wally Miller, Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department associate, outline strategy for Kentucky's part in this year's Bold Mission Thrust church growth campaign. The meeting, one of a scheduled 66 throughout the state, represented the first half of a conference/workshop approach to church growth training.

These meetings began in August in Pulaski Association following a brief series of test sessions last spring. They continue through November with the final assembly at First Church, Albany, in Freedom Association. (For partial schedule, see page 3.)

C. Vernon Cole, director of the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said the purpose of the meetings is "to help people understand what the scriptures say about church growth.

"I hope we can convince people their church can grow—that what we're talk-

ing about isn't just for the 'big' churches or the city churches but for all churches.

"If I could put our purposes in a nutshell," Cole continued, "I would say, first, we want to create an awareness of growth possibilities in all churches. Second, we want to help leaders in our churches develop an attitude leading to growth. Third, we want to help all Christians become committed to and involved in growth within the context of their local church."

The importance of these workshops is underscored by the fact a battalion of KBC personnel, campus ministers, WMU staff and pastors has been enlisted to present the program. The associational workshop includes five seminars—one for pastors and staff, for Sunday school directors and outreach leaders, for missions committee, WMU and Brotherhood leaders, for deacons, Church Training and evangelism leaders and for church finance personnel.

The seminars are interrelated in order to help a church comprehensively understand and approach the task of growing.

Speaking at Casey County, Wally Miller observed, "In order for a church to grow it has to be four things. Anything less than all four will result in stunting.

"A church has to be evangelistic. It has to be faithful 100 percent to the great commission of Jesus Christ. I'm not talking about pastoral or staff evangelism. I'm talking about every church member being a witness for Christ.

"A church has to be involved in discipleship. When we win the lost we need to be able to provide avenues of education and growth that lead into personal ministry.

"A church has to be committed to fellowship. I mean Christian fellowship, not merely social or recreational fellowship. The early believers came to be called Christians because when they got together observers could look at them and see Christ.

"A church has to be engaged in missions. Missions is the process of increasing the number of congregations. When the Bible talks about growth it talks about groups of believers being drawn together."

Miller concluded the conference insisting, "We cannot reach people for Christ with business as usual. Jesus was aggressive in his ministry. He was dynamic and personally committed to the gospel task.

"The church exists to continue the work of Christ and we have no reason to believe that can be accomplished without extraordinary effort."



A portion of the crowd at this year's Starlite Crusade in Iroquois Amphitheatre.

## Starlite Crusade

### A shining example of churches working together in evangelism

by Denise George,  
State Correspondent

Something happened in Louisville last month that changed the lives of 45 people and will, no doubt, continue to change the lives of countless others in the near future.

Aug. 22-25 the Starlite Crusade for Christ held its third annual revival at Iroquois Amphitheatre.

The approximately 2500 seats filled quickly on most nights, sending many more to sit on the grass on beach towels and in lawn chairs brought from home.

John R. Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., preached evangelistic messages to the crowd of babies, children, youth, adults and elderly.

The Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention videotaped the services to air on the future "Invitation to Life" series, in conjunction with the American Christian Television System (ACTS network).

Jimmy Allen, president of the RTVC, hoped the open air revival would be a "genuine spiritual gathering of people who come to know Christ," and that when aired on nationwide television will be a "tool for the local churches to use for evangelism."

Thousands, clad in blue jeans and Sunday dress alike, relaxed and enjoyed the music provided by music evangelist Larry Black of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; pianist Rick Sparks of Farndale Baptist Church, Louisville; organist Rick Land of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; and soloist Geoff Benward of Houston, Tex.

According to Allen, Bisagno was chosen as evangelist because "the Father has given him a gift of inviting people to accept Christ."

Sunday evening, Duke K. McCall, chancellor of Southern Seminary and president of Baptist World Alliance, gave the benediction. Wednesday evening, Southern Seminary's president,

Roy Lee Honeycutt, gave his personal testimony.

According to Dean Moore, pastor of Beechland Baptist Church, Louisville, "27 people accepted Christ and there were 45 total decisions." Moore considers the crusade a success.

"We were thrilled to see 1800 to 2000 people sitting in the rain for two of the nights."

The Starlite Crusade is an annual event in Louisville. Eugene Enlow, pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, and chairman for the Starlite Crusade, recalls it "began five years ago with six churches in south Louisville participating. This number increased to 16 churches and now 24 churches participate."

The participating churches, all in Long Run Association, provided the 200-member choir and more than 70 counselors. They also contributed to the budget of \$6000 needed to finance the crusade.

Enlow sees the purpose of the meetings as threefold: "People saved is the first priority," he claims. Second and third are "spiritual enrichment to churches and individuals who participate and spiritual revival to our city."

For churches throughout Kentucky who want to hold large scale revivals in their cities, Enlow suggests a group of churches organize "who would commit themselves to work together," with a "burden and concern for the city to lead them to Christ," and "to pray and set up plans and then follow through."

Indeed, extensive preparation went into this crusade. And the results of the hard work were clearly visible—life changing decisions were made and lives were enriched. But it didn't end with the last meeting of the crusade. Through the Radio-Television Commission the evangelistic messages will live on, perhaps reaching hundreds of thousands more.

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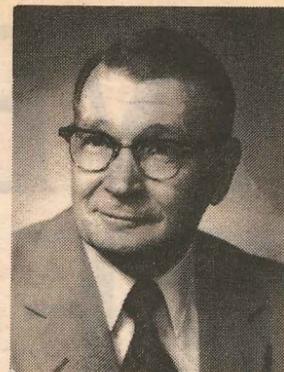
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was once for all delivered to the saints.  
—Jude 3



C. R. Daley

## DALEY OBSERVATIONS

### Baptist churches attract outstanding young Kentuckians

New accounts seldom inspire much optimism and hope these days but occasionally a news report is inspiring. An example is the recent story on the 10 Kentucky teenagers who were selected this year as Outstanding Young Kentuckians. This recognition is jointly sponsored each year by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Jaycees.

The selection of only 10 must have been difficult because there are hundreds of outstanding young Kentuckians in all areas of the state. Ways should be found to recognize and to encourage all of them because they hold the key to the future of Kentucky.

These 10 outstanding young Kentuckians were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, personal activities, social activities, civic and religious involvement and personal insight. This assured they would be well rounded as well as outstanding in one special area.

Hopefully it is not undue pride but the fact that eight of the 10 are members and workers in Baptist churches made me proud. Who says that modern day Baptist churches don't attract and help develop outstanding young people?

What does the fact that eight of the 10 outstanding young Kentuckians for 1982 are Baptists mean? First of all, it says, as the sponsors rightly recognize, that religion and church involvement are a vital part of any young person's life and development. Thank God there is a deep and strong spiritual element in American life and may it ever be so!

It means also that there are many Baptists and Baptist churches in Kentucky. It would be difficult to find a place to live in Kentucky where a Baptist church is not accessible and, out of any representative group of church-attending Kentuckians, a large percentage would be Baptists. Our sheer numbers almost guarantee Baptists will be well represented in any selected group of young people.

The high percentage of these outstanding young Kentuckians being Baptists must also mean Baptist churches have challenging youth programs. This even goes for Baptist churches in the open country. Sunday school, music, youth evangelism, missionary education and

other young programs in Baptist churches offer unlimited opportunities to young people to develop their spiritual gifts and to grow into leaders.

Congratulations are in order for Patrick O. Daugherty of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church; Edward Lee Joslin of Dallasburg Baptist Church; Teresa Bolvard of Crescent Springs Baptist Church; Connie Frances Goins of St. John Baptist Church; James S. Goff II of First Baptist Church, Leitchfield; Timothy Allen Self of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; Sarah Anne Hutchinson of Beacon Hill Baptist Church; and Joe Welty of First Baptist Church, Carrollton.

Congratulations also to Joy Ellen Jeffries of Point Pleasant Christian Church and to J. Phillip Williams Jr. of Harrodsburg Christian Church.

### Kentucky is a hunting ground for outstanding pastors

Two outstanding young pastors are leaving strong churches in Kentucky for pastorates in Tennessee and Alabama. David Drumel has left Third Baptist in Owensboro to lead the Union Avenue congregation in Memphis and J. Altus Newell has left the St. Matthews pastorate in Louisville to be pastor of First Baptist Church in Opelika, Ala.

While we rejoice in the good fortune of these congregations in Tennessee and Alabama, we deeply regret the loss of the ministries of Drumel and Newell to the communities of Owensboro and Louisville and to the Kentucky Baptist fellowship. Both these men have gifts and commitment which have already put them in leadership roles among Kentucky Baptists.

Kentucky is a training ground for many outstanding Baptist pastors and church staff members. They serve Kentucky churches while they are being trained at Southern Seminary and many remain in these churches after seminary training.

The atmosphere in Kentucky is conducive for producing outstanding ministers. The enlightened conservatism which characterizes our theological stance and the spirit of openness which encourages freedom of expression and a progressive attitude toward social issues help to produce the type of ministers churches look for.

### The mission task never ends in Kentucky

Our readers are urged to consider carefully the state mission material on pages 5-8 of this issue. It tells the story that Kentucky Baptists need to know as they decide on their part in the 1982 Eliza Broadus offering.

It's always easier to visualize mission needs in faraway places than close at home. The Kentucky wilderness was truly a mission field 200 years ago and, in spite of noble efforts to evangelize every generation since then, it remains a mission field. The birth rate in some parts of Kentucky far exceeds the rebirth rate and there are adults and children in remote areas of our

Consequently Kentucky is a happy hunting ground for Baptist search committees. We are not shocked, then, when top young ministers in Kentucky move though we are reluctant to give them up.

There is some consolation, however. A steady stream of talented and committed young ministers come through our schools and the seminary and are available to Kentucky Baptist churches. The Lord's generosity to us in this respect ought to inspire generosity on our part in sharing ministers with other states.

Third Church, Owensboro, and St. Matthews, Louisville, will find other outstanding pastors under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Pray for these and other Kentucky congregations seeking pastors and staff members.

### Ministers, beware of questionable propositions

Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing is an admonition for preachers as well as others. There are always those out to make a fast buck, ethically or otherwise, and they are not above making ministers their prey.

An offer now being made to ministers through the mails has every mark of being a rip off. It comes from an organization based in Texas and it appeals to the selfish and baser side of humans. The company says ministers now paying Social Security tax don't have to

state with no neighborhood Sunday school nor worship opportunities.

But state missions is something in addition to starting Sunday schools and preaching points in unchurched communities. It is also the training of Kentucky young people for carrying the gospel to all parts of the world as well as to grow into effective local and state Baptist leaders for coming generations.

We never have to worry about the promotion of special mission offerings. Our Baptist women see to that. Maybe the Lord has planned it that way because these offerings are so important and women are so effective in their efforts. Let us all express our appreciation for their efforts and our devotion to the Lord by seeing that they meet the 1982 goal of \$415,000 for Kentucky Baptists.

pay and can get out of paying by filing a proper form. More than that the company on the ministers' behalf will file for a refund of Social Security taxes paid in 1979, 1980, 1981. The company also wants to prepare the minister's income tax return for 1982 in order to get a refund for this year.

Now comes the stinger. The company will do all of this for the minister for a fee. The fee is a half of all money refunded but with a minimum charge of \$450 for the past three years and apparently another \$450 for this year.

The company even suggests that the minister let it invest his share of the expected refund and also offers to assist the minister in filling out his return every year after 1982 for \$150 a year.

A minister in the Social Security plan is fortunate in spite of present Social Security woes. From present appearances he will need all the retirement benefits he can build up with Social Security, ministers annuity, IRA and everything else.

Those tempted to become involved in such a scheme as the Texas company proposes had better first check with their own conscience. If still inclined, they should confer with a lawyer, the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service. Counsel with Southern Baptist Annuity Board officials would also be advisable.

The name of this company is not being used in this article as a precautionary measure but anyone wanting the full identification and a copy of the proposition can have it by contacting this editor.

## Church Training leadership workshops

Association; Workshop Date, City, Church, Time	P/S Conf.
Henry County; Sept. 9, Pleasureville, Pleasureville Church, 7 p.m.	8-22
Lincoln; Sept. 13, Waynesburg, Pleasant View Church, 7	8-27
Long Run #1; Sept. 13, Louisville, Hillview Church, 7	8-30
Long Run #2; Sept. 13, Louisville, Audubon Church, 7	
Long Run #1; Sept. 14, Louisville, Beechwood Church, 7	
Long Run #2; Sept. 14, Louisville, Green Acres Church, 7	
McCreary; Sept. 14, Whitley City, First Baptist Church, 7	8-23
Grayson; Sept. 16, Leitchfield, First Baptist Church, 7	9-05
Pine Mountain; Sept. 16, Jenkins, First Baptist Church, 7	9-02
Tates Creek; Sept. 20, Berea, Berea Baptist Church, 7	9-23
Nelson; Sept. 20, Bardstown, Bardstown Church, 7:30	9-09
Ohio County; Sept. 20, Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam Church, 7	9-09
Bracken; Sept. 20, Flemingsburg, Flemingsburg Church, 7:15	8-30
Central; Sept. 21	
Laurel River; Sept. 21, East Bernstadt, East Bernstadt Church, 7	9-09
Russell County; Sept. 21, Jamestown, First Baptist Church, 7	9-10
Liberty; Sept. 23, Glasgow, Calvary Baptist Church, 7	9-02
Mercer; Sept. 23, Harrodsburg, Pioneer Baptist Church, 7:30	9-09
Russell Creek; Sept. 24, Summersville, Summersville Church, 7	9-10
Casey County; Sept. 27, Liberty, First Baptist Church	8-24
West Kentucky-Fulton; Sept. 27, Clinton, First Baptist Church, 7:15	9-14
Rockcastle; Sept. 27, Mt. Vernon, First Baptist Church, 7	9-13
Bell; Sept. 28, Pineville, First Baptist Church, 7	9-13
Greenup; Sept. 28, Worthington, First Baptist Church, 7	9-14
Blood River; Sept. 30, Murray, First Baptist Church, 7	9-16
Union; Sept. 30, Cynthiana, Oakwood Avenue Church, 7	9-16
Elkhorn; Oct. 1, Versailles, Versailles Church, 7	9-16
Gasper River; Oct. 4, Monticello, Monticello Church,	9-23
Muhlenberg; Oct. 5, Central City, First Baptist Church, 7	9-28
Ten Mile; Oct. 11, Warsaw, Warsaw Church, 7:30	9-27
Enterprise; Oct. 12, Paintsville, First Baptist Church, 7	9-21
Wayne; Oct. 12, Monticello, First Baptist Church, 7	10-02
Lynn Camp-North Concord; Oct. 14	9-27
Crittenden; Oct. 15, Dry Ridge, Dry Ridge Church	10-4
Upper Cumberland; Oct. 15, Lowell, First Baptist Church, 7	10-4
Boones Creek; Oct. 15, Trapp, Corinth Church, 7	10-1
Lynn; Oct. 18, Munfordville, Munfordville Church, 7	10-4
Owen County; Oct. 18, Owenton, First Baptist Church, 7:30	10-4
Red River; Oct. 19, Campton, Campton Baptist Church, 7	9-28
Shelby; Oct. 21	10-7
Taylor; Oct. 21, Campbellsville, Campbellsville Church, 7	9-30
Mount Zion; Oct. 21, Corbin, First Baptist Church, 7	10-7
Ohio Valley; Oct. 25, Sturgis, First Baptist Church, 7	10-18
Pike #1; Oct. 25, Belfry, First Baptist Church, 7	10-5

(Other dates to follow)

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# Christian Education

## Educators at Southern

Southern Baptist religious educators from throughout the eastern half of the United States will gather in Louisville Oct. 25-28 for a meeting of the Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association.

The four-day conference, hosted by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, features daily addresses by James W. Fowler, an authority in the area of faith development.

Fowler, professor of theology and human development at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the annual Norton Lectures at Southern Seminary.

Mini-conferences will be offered on topics such as time management, coping with stress, ministries with children, youth and adults, staff relations, personal devotion and self assessment. Most of the seminars will be taught by members of the Southern Seminary faculty.

No registration fee will be charged for the conference. For further information contact R. Michael Harton at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

## Carlton leaves G'town

J. Richard Carlton, director of development at Georgetown College for three years, has resigned to accept the position of a fund raising consultant with a Ft. Worth, Tex., firm announced Georgetown's president Ben M. Elrod recently.

Carlton, before his assignment as the college's chief development officer, was director of alumni affairs for four years.

During his time as alumni administrator he led in broadening the support by the college's former students.

He has been a central figure in Georgetown's decade of progress campaign which is running ahead of schedule.

The campaign, according to a recent report, was nearing the \$4.5 million figure toward a goal of \$6.5 million. This total represents already the highest capital campaign success in the school's 153 year history.

Carlton will join the firm of Cargill Associates Inc. where he will be given assignments to service college development programs at locations across the country.

# KBC ACTIVITIES

## SEPTEMBER

10-11 WMU Leadership Conferences. Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations

12 Single Adult Day. Suggestions for observing are in Family Life 1981-82 Planbook

12-19 State Mission Week of Prayer and Eliza Broadus Offering. Program and promotional materials available from WMU, KBC

18 WMU Area Meeting. Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church

23-25 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 23rd to 1 p.m. on 25th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges

25 WMU Area Meeting. Greenville, First Baptist Church

25 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

26-Oct. 3 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday School publications



## OCTOBER

4-5 Haworth Conference. Cedarmore. Information from Baptist Homes for Children or Christian Life Relations Department, KBC

7-8 Brotherhood Convention. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church

8-9 State Pioneer Congress. Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church

8-10 BSU State Convention. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church

10 World Hunger Day. Information from Christian Life Relations Department, KBC

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Some Brethren have suggested that the seriousness of my responsibilities in this office may have reduced my story telling more than need be. Well, here are two:

My 93 year old Father has a tremendous sense of humor. He used to be somewhat a prankster and I could tell some pretty good ones for which he has been given credit.

I remember a fourth of July picnic in a town where Father was pastor. People were gathered "from all over the United States and parts of Arkansas," (as people in Missouri used to describe a large crowd). Picnics drew people from all around in those days. Entertainment attractions were scarce.

Father made arrangements to introduce two friends who were strangers to each other. He told each of them that the other was hard of hearing and sensitive about it. "It will be helpful if you will just talk loudly to him from the start," Father said.

Well you can imagine when they met. They shouted in each other's faces until they finally got wise to the joke. By that time Father had slipped away to other

environs.

In another of Father's pastorates, two elderly gentlemen were known as Uncle Chid and Uncle Charlie. They sat on opposite sides of the church house. Both of them upon sitting down for the sermon had a tendency to relapse into the arms of nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep.

Just for fun, Father spoke confidentially to each of them about the other's failing, suggesting to each that he might sit by the other and nudge him occasionally, especially if he snored a bit, which it seems had occurred, causing mild amusement.

Well the next Sunday morning you can imagine each of them standing at the church door, waiting to follow the other to his seat—each wondering why the other didn't go on in and sit down.

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## International Series GOD MAKES A COVENANT

Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, united his forces with those of three other kings in a league of conquest and their military prowess seemed irresistible. Five other kings and their forces went forth to fight them but were defeated. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were sacked and Lot was taken prisoner.

Abram and his 318 armed servants made a surprise attack one night and won a signal victory, slew Chedorlaomer, rescued Lot and recovered the booty which had been taken from Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Genesis 15:1-6** Abram expected the followers of Chedorlaomer, who had been frustrated by the surprise attack, to return and avenge their misfortune and embarrassment of defeat at the hands of the insignificant forces who had caused them to flee. Alarmed and apprehensive Abram received a special word of encouragement and reassurance from the Lord in the statement: "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." God intended those tender and gracious words as a means of quieting the troubled and anxious heart of the one whom he was pleased to call his "friend."

God told Abram to look toward heaven and observe the multiplicity of the stars and declared his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Abram was fully convinced what God had promised to do he was both able and willing to perform in God's time. **Genesis 15:12-18** The supernatural slumber which came to Abram prepared him for the revelation which God was going to make to him with reference to the sojourn of his descendants in Egypt and their privation there, con-

sisting of exile, bondage and affliction. In all, Abram's descendants dwelt in Egypt 430 years before their deliverance through God's help and enablement. Following the remarkable revelation there came from God the divine assurance through the words of the covenant. Man's part in the covenant was simply that of the recipient.

## Life and Work Series GIDEON—FAITH THAT GROWS

Repeatedly the Israelites did evil in the sight of God. In order to bring them to their senses and to cause them to repent of their sins, God permitted the Midianites to overrun their land, to steal their flocks and crops and to bring them into captivity for the purpose of discipline. When they cried unto the Lord and repented of their sins he delivered them from bondage.

**Judges 6:12-16, 25, 27** In the midnight hour of Israel's hope God called brave and heroic Gideon to command the armies of Israel in driving out the Midianites. He was hesitant about assuming the responsibility but when he was convinced God had given him this definite assignment he knew God would give him the necessary strength to perform the task.

If the Israelites were to enjoy God's

favor and serve him acceptably, it was mandatory Baal-worship be eradicated. God commanded Gideon to destroy the altar of Baal and erect in its place an altar to Jehovah. Courageously and heroically Gideon did as God had commanded and offered a burnt sacrifice thereon. Before Gideon and his men could be used effectively in God's service it was necessary that God be given his rightful place in their lives.

Gideon dedicated himself to the doing of God's will in the strength and under the direction of God. Like this patriarch we should devote ourselves without reservation to the discovery of God's will for us and also to the doing of it.

**Judges 7:19, 22** To prevent Gideon's army from taking unto themselves all the credit for the forthcoming victory and boasting of what they had done God reduced the army from 32,000 to 300 men and then he took their weapons away before he would let them go into battle. To each of the 300 was given a trumpet, a pitcher and a lamp inside the pitcher. At a given signal each soldier was to smash his earthen vessel on the rocky ground, blow his trumpet and hold up his lamp, while shouting: "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Those men were united, obedient, courageous, dependable, enthusiastic and triumphant.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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In appreciation of her faithful service to Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union, the state mission offering was named for Eliza Somerville Broadus in 1976.

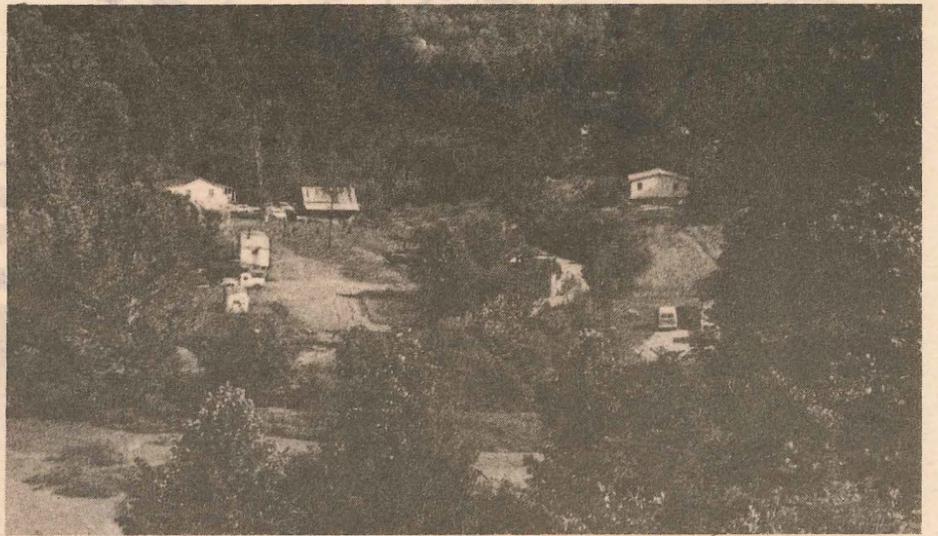
The daughter of John A. Broadus, president of Southern Seminary, 1889-95, Miss Broadus came to Kentucky from Greenville, S. C. in 1877 involving herself immediately in missionary society work at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Kentucky formed a central committee to promote missionary societies in 1878, and Miss Broadus was elected to represent Walnut Street's society. She continued to work on this committee, later called the executive committee for 50 years. She was committee chairman 32 years and vice chairman nine years.

In 1888, when Woman's Missionary Union was organized in Richmond, Va., Miss Broadus was elected vice president from Kentucky. She helped begin a school to prepare young women for Christian work which became the WMU Training School in 1907.

Miss Broadus led the Kentucky WMU to promote an annual offering for state missions in 1913 to be taken in churches.

The effort has collected more than \$1.3 million dollars since it was named for Eliza Broadus in 1976 with this year's goal \$415,000. The theme for the 1982 state missions offering and week of prayer, Sept. 12-19, is "My World Today."



## WMU invests \$96,975 in mission work, education

The Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union anticipates an activities budget of \$96,975 from the Eliza Broadus offering this year.

Every age level retreat, conference, workshop and camp sponsored by the WMU is made possible through this offering, according to Kathryn Akridge, state WMU executive director.

The largest single allocation stemming from the WMU Eliza Broadus budget is the \$30,000 investment for the Cedar Crest (Girls in Action/Acteens) Camp and Counselors' workshop at Cedarmore. Expenses include staff salaries, food and lodging, missionaries' travel reimbursement, food, lodging, honoraria and materials.

Other age level activities funded are: retreats for Baptist Young Women and campus BYW members, a retreat for Baptist Women directors, five GA mission fairs, a youth missions retreat at Cedarmore for 12-17-year-old boys and girls and a conference for Acteens in Louisville.

The Eliza Broadus offering is also used to fund leadership conferences at Cedarmore, Jonathan Creek and Clear Creek for church leaders as well as leadership training conferences for associational leaders at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek.

"The mission information, inspiration and training the Kentucky WMU seeks to provide WMUers is dependent on the Eliza Broadus offering," Mrs. Akridge insists.

The offering makes possible what Mrs. Akridge calls "missionary nurture projects." These include a \$100 gift to Kentucky born foreign mission appointees to invest in equipment, a \$25 Christmas gift to Kentucky-born women foreign missionaries, a \$50 gift twice a year to home and foreign missionaries' children in Kentucky colleges and \$300 scholarships granted to state missionaries' children each semester. Western Recorder is sent overseas to all Kentucky missionaries requesting it.

The offering provides \$1500 to pay one-half the salaries of two missionaries who

work with black women in connection with National Baptist Convention churches in Kentucky

Also provided are funds for international friendship clubs in Lexington and Louisville in which classes in cooking, crafts, English and Bible study are offered. Mrs. Phronsie Quinn, who directs the Louisville friendship club, says the organization gives opportunity to "present the Christian ideals mainly through personal friendship. We have many opportunities for witnessing," Mrs. Quinn concludes.

The offering contributes \$300 to make possible a missions department at Simmons University Bible College, Louisville. Other scholarships the fund provides are: \$100 a year to each of the 12 campus BYW presidents and two-thirds cost of internationals or deaf persons attending the WMU Week at Ridgecrest.

A conference for young black Baptist women is made possible through a \$500 grant from this offering.

The nursery at Clear Creek Baptist School receives \$2500 annually as does the music department at Oneida Baptist Institute. A \$750 grant to Oneida helps defray costs of the annual mountain missions conference.



## Direct Missions supports missionaries statewide

The state Direct Missions Department expects to receive \$86,000 from the proposed \$415,000 Eliza Broadus offering to go into the general budget and assist with approximately one-fourth the salaries of district, associational, county and local missionaries.

The missions department invests \$8000 in mountain pastors' transportation. According to Robert Jones, state missions director, "The missions department is able to assist numerous pastors of small churches to travel to and from school to their fields of service."

Jones cited the example of Byron Ellington, a student at Clear Creek who is pastor of Dorton Baptist Mission in Pike County, a mission of First Baptist Church, Jenkins. "It is a long torturous, twisting road from Pineville to Jenkins and there simply are no well trained pastors available to provide leadership for missions like Dorton. Through the state missions offering our department is able to assist."

Student summer missionaries appointed by the Direct Missions Department will have travel expenses and salary paid by a

\$7500 allocation from the offering. Jones believes this is an excellent investment because, "These young people trying to discover God's will for their lives and many of them will ultimately wind up on a mission field either here in the homeland or abroad. Many former student missionaries now serve all across our world with state, home and foreign mission boards, as well as pastoring local churches."

Student summer missionaries serve in the inner city, in recreation programs, backyard Bible clubs, vacation Bible schools, camps, resort areas and many other ways. This summer 12 students were appointed by the state missions office to work throughout Kentucky.

The Direct Missions Department receives \$55,000 from the offering to offer needy churches up to \$2000 each for church building grants.

Faith Baptist Chapel is a recent recipient of this grant. It is a mission of West Liberty Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist church in Morgan County. West Liberty had recently become self-supporting, having about 70 in Sunday school, when it asked 20 members to start the mission.

Faith received the \$2000 grant and now has a brick building with an auditorium, classrooms in the basement and adequate building space for the future.

"They have not finished their building but the \$2000 grant made a substantial contribution toward getting into their building," Jones concluded.

Twenty-two thousand dollars has been allocated to support language missions in Kentucky. It provides assistance to Bruce Cobb who works at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, with Thais and Cambodians; Long Pham, working at Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville, with his native Vietnamese; Gary and Connie Bunch, using Louisville's Buechel Park Baptist Church as a base for working with Russians; and Mrs. Paul Ahn, who provides English classes for wives of service men at Ft. Knox and assists in other ways including visitation and Bible study.

Money for language missions also provides training sessions for interpreters for the deaf. According to Jones, Kentucky now has "at least 30 congregations that have ministries to the deaf."

Clockwise from top left: Funds from the Eliza Broadus offering make it possible for district, associational, county and local missionaries to reach remote areas, especially in the east Kentucky mountains, like the one pictured. The state missions offering also defrays some of the costs of mountain pastors' transportation. Student summer missionaries, sent out by the state Direct Missions Department to work in mission sites throughout Kentucky including camps, inner cities and resort areas, have salaries and transportation paid by Eliza Broadus funds. The offering assists the Cumberland College Baptist Student Union's Love-in-Action program in which college students minister to needy people in remote mountain communities. The Student Department also sponsors an annual international retreat which provides opportunity for fellowship and cultural exchange as well as witnessing. The funds are also invested to secure a copy of the Bible for all international students in Kentucky in their own language. Every age level retreat, conference, workshop and camp, sponsored by the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, is made possible by the state missions offering. The programs, which teach about missions, are usually held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

### Student Work enables collegians to minister

The state Student Department receives \$26,100 which it allocates to several areas including international student ministry, debriefing of summer missionaries, Baptist Student Union retreats and evangelism outreach.

Each year during the first weekend in November the Student Department sponsors an international student ministry at a Kentucky state park. Approximately 200 students from 35 nations were represented at Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, last year. "It is a time of fellowship and cultural exchange as well as a time when Christian faith is presented," explains Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the Student Department.

Demonstrating the need for the conference, Hopkins cited the testimony of an international student at Eastern



The students clean up, paint and repair homes of indigent people as well as maintain day camps. The students are assigned to a particular location and many of them visit it weekly.

Two thousand dollars are contributed to bolster students' mission education. The money helps provide subscriptions for BSU centers to foreign and home missions magazines, campus mission emphasis weeks and transportation to Cedarmore's and Southern Seminary's student mission conferences, according to Hopkins.

"We try to provide scriptures to every international student in Kentucky in their own language," Hopkins enthused. The offering provides \$1000 assistance for that outreach program.

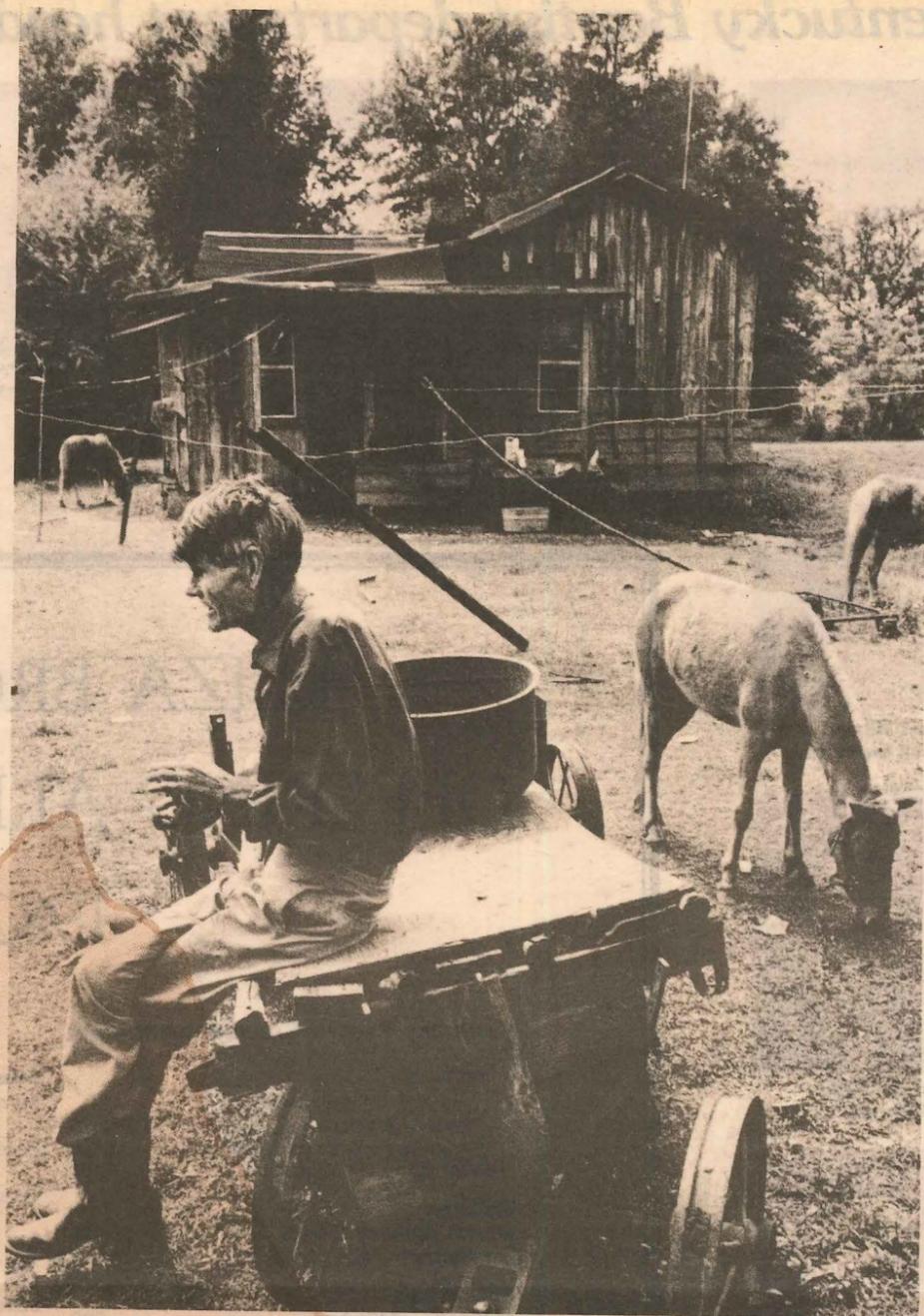
A \$1500 contribution is made to help take Kentucky students to student week at Ridgecrest while another \$1500 from the offering helps train volunteer and part time campus ministers.

### Three KBC departments bolster education efforts

First year Baptist students attending Georgetown, Campbellsville or Cumberland Colleges can receive \$400 per semester through a matching funds program made possible by a \$15,000 grant from the offering.

The fund, administered through the state Stewardship Department, will provide \$200 per semester if the student's church will match the \$200. Thus students may receive up to \$800 their freshman year.

Kathy Noland, a student at Georgetown College from Elizabethtown, received the scholarship last year when her home church, Seaverns Valley Baptist Church, matched funds.



One of the more than 150 recipients last year she says, "I always knew it was there so I didn't have to worry so much about the money."

The Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will receive \$800 from the fund to supplement its work in seminary extension. All pastors who have not completed college are eligible to have the Church Services Division assume one-half the cost of any seminary extension work, according to James Whaley, director of the division.

This year 11 seminary extension centers were operated around the state offering courses to benefit pastors and

laymen. Seminary extension is also available through correspondence.

The Eliza Broadus offering provides \$300 annually to assist a program for the mentally retarded through the state Sunday School Department.

"This fund is used to provide conferences for workers in churches who minister to the mentally retarded both in vacation Bible school and Sunday school," according to Fred Halbrooks, director of Kentucky's Sunday School Department.

Halbrooks adds "this year part of the fund is being used to make a survey of the needs of the churches related to this ministry."

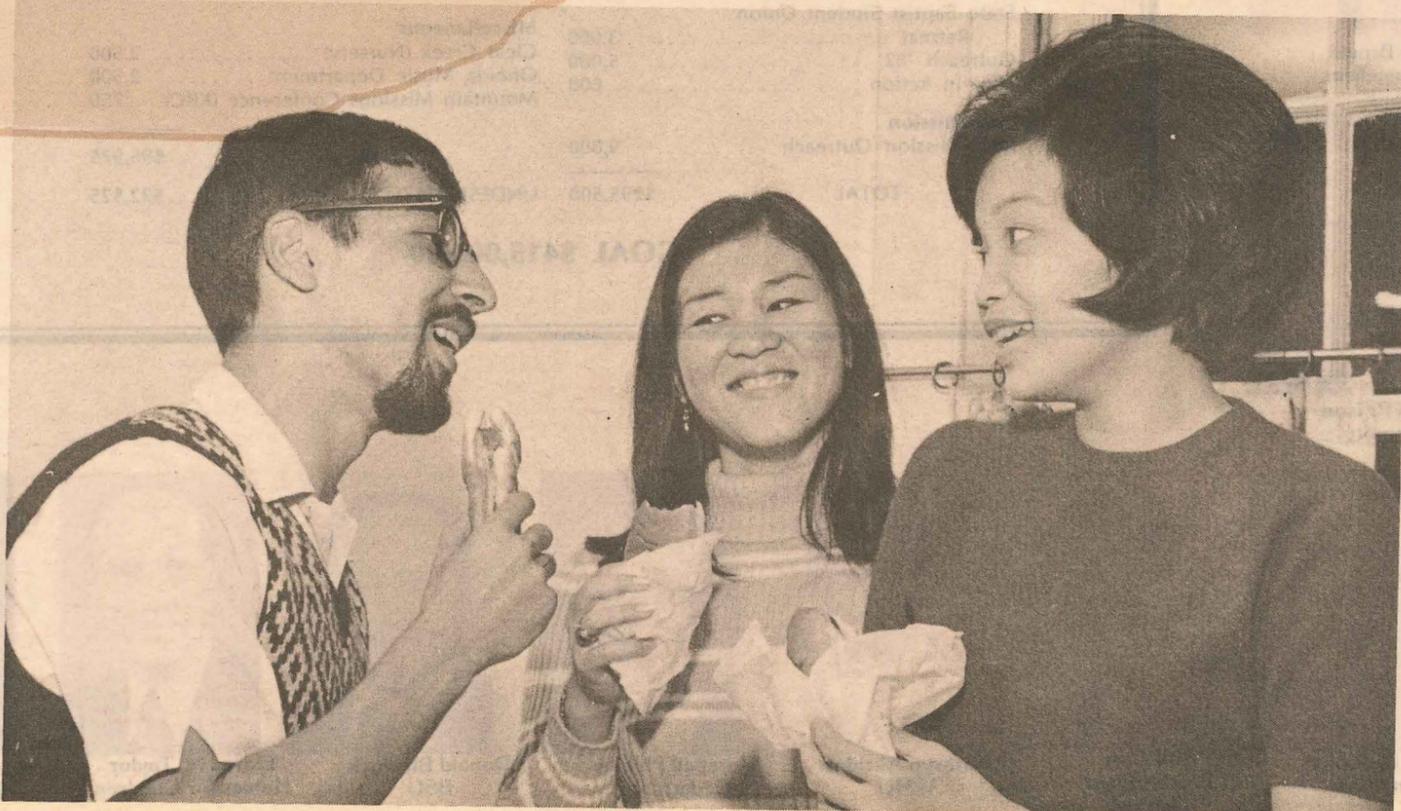
Kentucky University. "(The student) said, while he was not a Christian, because of the love and friendship he had experienced during that weekend, he would reexamine his faith in light of Christianity and called upon all the internationals to do the same."

The 1982 conference will be at Lake Cumberland State Park, Jamestown, Nov. 5-7.

Slated for travel expenses for BSU summer missionaries to the debriefing at Cedarmore is \$1500. Hopkins maintains the debriefing is "a time of sharing their experiences and leading them in ways to incorporate those experiences as they reenter college and daily life routines at home." At the debriefing the summer missionaries also learn to share their mission experiences with their churches and campuses. According to Hopkins, "they continue to be missionaries for Christ in their old environments."

The Student Department used \$5000 for Outreach '82 to assist the BSUs in evangelistic and enlistment activities.

Love-in-Action, a project of Cumberland College's BSU, receives \$600 from the offering. Through this program Cumberland students minister to needy people in remote areas of the mountains.



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## ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING ALLOCATIONS 1982

### Kentucky Baptist Convention Budget

<b>Missionaries</b>	
Salaries and Benefits (State Missionaries) .....	\$ 86,000
Furloughing Missionary Update .....	2,000
Student Summer Workers .....	7,500
<b>Buildings</b>	
Church Building Grants .....	55,000
Cedarmore .....	50,000
<b>Scholarships</b>	
Seminary Extension .....	800
Matching Fund .....	15,000
<b>Interracial Work</b>	
Fellowship Center Workers, Louisville .....	8,000
Language Missions .....	22,000
<b>Conferences</b>	
Senior Adult .....	2,500
Teachers of Mentally Retarded .....	300
Communications Conference .....	2,500
<b>Student Work</b>	
Bibles for Internationals .....	1,000
International Conferences .....	13,000
Mountain Pastors' Travel .....	8,000
Volunteers College Student Workers Conference .....	1,500
Student Mission Education .....	2,000
State Baptist Student Union Retreat .....	3,000
Outreach '82 .....	5,000
Love in Action .....	600

**Bold Mission**  
Bold Mission Outreach .....

9,800

TOTAL \$295,500

### Kentucky WMU Budget

<b>Missionaries and Family Nurture</b>	
Foreign Missions Appointees (Kentucky born) .....	\$ 3,000
Foreign Missionaries Christmas gift (Kentucky born women) .....	4,000
Western Recorder to Foreign Missionaries .....	1,000
MK Fund (Two \$50 gifts per year) ..	500
MK Retreats .....	1,600
<b>Scholarships</b>	
State Missionaries' Children .....	4,000
Camperships .....	500
College BYW Presidents .....	1,200
Internationals and Deaf .....	600
<b>Interracial Work</b>	
Black Women Field Workers .....	1,500
International Friendship Clubs .....	2,000
Simmons Missions Department .....	300
Young Black Women's Conference ..	500
<b>Activities</b>	
State Missions Week of Prayer Material .....	15,000
WMU Activities .....	13,100
Age-level Activities .....	10,425
Cedar Crest Camp and Workshop ..	30,000
New WMU Directors' Transportation to Annual Meeting .....	2,000
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Clear Creek (Nursery) .....	2,500
Oneida Music Department .....	2,500
Mountain Missions Conference (KBC) ..	750

TOTAL \$96,975

UNDESIGNATED \$22,525

**GOAL \$415,000.00**

# Christian Education

## Head joins Cumberland

Cumberland College president James Taylor recently announced the appointment of K. Maynard Head as assistant to the president. In this capacity Head

will work in Cumberland's development and church relations programs.

Head, formerly director of development at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, is the author of the weekly, human interest newspaper column Mountain Moments, which has been published in approximately 300 newspapers in 18 states and two foreign countries. A book based on the column is to be released soon by Pine Mountain Press Inc., near Milwaukee, Wis. Head is also the author of *Write Your Own Success Story*, published this year by Westwind Ltd., Los Angeles, Cal.

Articles by Head have been published in *Christianity Today*, *Kiwanis*

*International Magazine*, *Canadian Author & Bookman*, *Church Administration*, *The Deacon* and numerous other periodicals and denominational papers.

A 1968 graduate of Cumberland College, Head has been in the Baptist ministry since 1965 and has conducted nearly 100 revivals in various churches in several states.

Head is married to the former Joyce Earls and is the father of two sons, David, 20, and Mike, 17.

## Print exhibition at G'town

Georgetown College will present a selection of contemporary graphics from

the collection of Ashland Oil, Inc. beginning Sunday, Sept. 5, with a reception at 6 p.m. in the college gallery on Mulberry Street.

A display of 50 prints highlighting the four primary forms of print making will be shown at the college through Thursday, Sept. 30.

The prints will represent the four printing methods of relief, stencil, planography and intaglio. Such well-known printmakers as Baskin, Jenkins, Motherwell and Gottleib will be featured in the Ashland Oil display.

The college gallery is open from 12:30-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment, (502) 863-8154.

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## CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President  
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### OH WHAT LOVE!

The Dallas Morning News, dated Mar. 29, 1960, carried a story which graphically illustrates forgiving love.

At 9 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 25, 1958, a Korean exchange student, named In Ho Oh, left his Philadelphia apartment and went to the corner to mail a letter addressed to his parents in Pusan. He dropped it in the mail box and, as he turned, stepped into the path of 11 teenage boys.

Without a word they beat him with a blackjack, a lead pipe and their fists. They took his wallet and ran.

He died before an ambulance arrived. His face was beaten beyond recognition and police were unable to identify him except that he appeared Oriental. They went to an Oriental family in the apartment building across the street. They were the youth's aunt and uncle.

By intensive methods the Philadelphia police rounded up all 11 boys within 42 hours. After initial denials some broke down and confessed.

All of Philadelphia cried out for vengeance. The district attorney got authority to try the boys as adults so the ones found guilty could receive the death penalty.

Then a letter from the parents of In Ho Oh and 20 other relatives in Korea made everyone stop. In part it said, "Our family has met and decided to petition that the most generous treatment possible within the laws of your government be given to those who have committed this criminal action. . . . To give evidence of our sincere hope, we have decided to save money to start a fund to be used for the religious, educational, vocational and social guidance of the boys when they are released. We express our hope with a spirit received from the gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ who died for our sins."

Why had they not called for stiff retribution? They had experienced the love of Jesus. Oh what love!

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." We in turn are attempting to extend that love to those who hurt.

### AFTER MY DECEASE

I like the apostle Peter. He rushed in where angels fear to tread and discussed subjects which made other people fear.

One such subject is death. Many people shun it, dread it or ignore it. Not Peter. He spoke plainly of his death and its significance. In 2 Pet. 1:15 he expressed a desire that Christian people might "have these things in remembrance after my decease." It is as if Peter were saying, "I want to have an impact for the cause of Christ long after I am gone." Simon Peter's wish was fulfilled. His testimony for our Lord influences lives for Christ to this day.

I wonder if my life will continue to count for Christ after I am gone. I hope it will through my family. Marilyn and I pray our 13- and 11-year-old sons will live for God as a continuation of the Simpson family's dedication. We hope

our seven-year-old daughter will serve the Lord all the days of her life also.

My life can count for the Lord through my service. I am sure God will continue to bless all of my life for him even after I am gone. Every "cup of water," every sacrifice and every life touched for Jesus will continue to bear fruit for our Lord.

I will definitely make my life count after I am gone by the planning of my estate. While my family doesn't possess much of "the substance of the earth," I am determined my support of God's work will continue after I am gone. Through a will I can dictate where my money goes after I am gone.

We are doing the Lord's work at Clear Creek and we would welcome your interest in remembering us in your will. It will be one way you will be remembered after your decease.

### PREPARATION FOR 21st CENTURY

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We have a beautiful computer lab filled with students 14 hours daily. Our computer lab is located next door to the library, staffed by two full time librarians and kept open until 9 p.m. nightly and open weekend afternoons as well. The computer lab is opened at 8 a.m. and doesn't close until 10 p.m.

The air conditioned, carpeted lab is very spacious, tastefully painted with green plants about. It is presently equipped with seven Apple II + microcomputers with three printers. Also an

Atari computer has been ordered and some other equipment.

We have over 30 differing programs in math, science, music, social studies, reading, spelling, etc. It appears that Oneida will be chosen as one of the test centers of the nation for new "software" (programs). If this happens, we will receive thousands of dollars' worth of programs free or at greatly reduced cost.

There are 40 million elementary and high school students this fall in the U. S. About one-tenth of these are training with computers, and we are pleased our young people are in that vanguard.

We have always believed that a Christian school should be of even higher quality than the public school system. Quality is quality. Shoddy is shoddy. Attaching the name of Christ to an inferior program does not improve the program. Rather it dishonors the name of our Lord. Christian shoddy is still shoddy. At Oneida we try to bring honor to our master by the quality of our work and the product.

Thus we have entered upon a quality computer program. I read four months ago a statement that shocked me. It said: "Those who do not know how to use computers 10 years from now will be as one who can neither read nor write." With study and thought and

prayer, my staff and I came to the realization that our young people would need some level of computer expertise to survive in the next several decades. Also, computer programming will help our students in the job market. Experts in the field tell us that 50 hours of computer experience will mean a \$1000 advantage in first year job income.

We decided not one more class would graduate from our school without computer training. In the week after school was out in May, my faculty made a day-long trip to study one of the college computer programs. A working committee of about seven was up until 2 a.m. several nights, representatives of differing computer companies were invited to help educate us and sell us on their product, and members of our staff traveled to Oak Ridge, Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville gathering information. We made our decisions, ordered over \$25,000 worth of equipment on faith without a penny in hand or promised. By the time the equipment had arrived, the great God we serve had provided the money through his people.

Any program is only as good as the people who direct and take part. Buildings and equipment do not make schools or churches. People do. We have two fine men working with our computer program full time. We will

tell you of them in another article.

Over 200 of our students used the computer lab in its first week of operation. The beauty of the program is that students learn by doing and there is immediate feedback. Also, the computer is very patient. The student can work as quickly or as slowly as his own ability and need dictate.

## ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore,  
President,  
Oneida Baptist  
Institute,  
Oneida, KY 40972

The Women's Advisory Board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is sponsoring the second annual "Food Roundup" during September. The Roundup consists of bringing food for the young people in our children's homes to regional pick-up points. From these designated pick-up points, the food will be collected and distributed to Spring Meadows Children's Home, Glen Dale Children's Home, the Temporary Shelters in Elizabethtown and Louisville, and the Home for Unwed Mothers. Food will be collected during the entire month of September.

Last year's Food Roundup was a tremendous success, and several thousand dollars' worth of food was donated by individuals, churches, and other groups throughout the state. Glen Dale Director Buckley Carlin said, "The food from the Roundup enabled us to stay within our food budget last year." The Director of Spring Meadows, Jesse Hatfield, said, "I don't know how we would have made it without the Food Roundup." Edna Woofter, Director of the Temporary Shelters and the Maternity Home, said, "Not only did the Food Roundup enable us to stay within our budget, but our faith in the 1982 Roundup eliminated the necessity for increasing the food budget for the coming year."

In order to facilitate collection, the food needs to be packed in boxes with tops in order that it might be stacked. Those wishing to share in this ministry should deliver the food to the closest regional pick-up point by September 30. Because of government licensing regulations, *no home processed or home canned foods can be accepted.* Financial contributions designated for this specific purpose will also be very helpful.

Any questions regarding the Food Roundup should be directed to Harold Holderman, Assistant to Director of Development, Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. (Toll-free telephone number: 1-800-292-9440.) Contributions for the Food Roundup should be mailed to this address and should be designated as being for the Food Roundup.

*Suggested foods:* canned vegetables and fruits; flour; corn meal; sugar; apple butter; jams; jelly; honey; syrups; molasses; cake mixes; pie and cookie mixes; brownies; fillings; puddings; jello; soup (canned or mixes); canned meats; dried beans (pinto, navy, great northern, butter beans); potatoes; sweet potatoes; onions; shortenings (lard, oils); fruit juices; mustard; catsup; sauces (meat, steak, tomato); pickles; relishes; peanut butter; salad dressings of all kinds; seasonings (salt, pepper, and all kinds); coffee; tea; other drink mixes; apples; cereals; rice; spaghetti; macaroni; other staples that will keep; beef or pork, either for our own processing or already processed in a government-approved processing plant. (You may prefer to send money rather than purchasing food.)

*Designated Food Pick-Up Sites:*

**SOUTHWESTERN REGION:**

West Union Associational Office, Paducah  
 First Baptist Church, Mayfield  
 Caldwell Associational Office, Princeton  
 Christian County Associational Office, Hopkinsville  
 First Baptist Church, Murray

**WESTERN REGION:**

Green Valley Associational Office, Henderson  
 Little Bethel Associational Office, Madisonville  
 Daviess-McLean Associational Office, Owensboro  
 Ohio County Associational Office, Beaver Dam

**SOUTHERN REGION:**

Logan/Bethel Associational Office, Russellville  
 First Baptist Church, Bowling Green  
 Warren Associational Office, Bowling Green  
 Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:**

First Baptist Church, Somerset  
 First Baptist Church, Danville  
 Greensburg Baptist Church, Greensburg

**CENTRAL REGION:**

Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale  
 Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown

**SOUTHEASTERN REGION:**

First Baptist Church, Corbin  
 First Baptist Church, Hazard  
 Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg  
 Corinth Baptist Church, London  
 Barbourville Baptist Church, Barbourville

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION:**

Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger  
 Central Baptist Church, Lexington

**NORTHEASTERN REGION:**

Unity Baptist Church, Ashland  
 First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg  
 First Baptist Church, Pikeville  
 Stanton Baptist Church, Stanton

**Caught in the act of being faithful, Draper stands tall**

Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Draper appeared a reluctant groomsman at a marriage of religion and politics performed by fundamentalist, independent pastor John Hagee Aug. 28 at a "Night to Honor Israel" rally in Dallas, Tex.

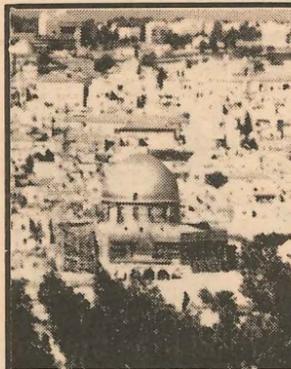
Hagee, pastor of the affluent, independent Church of Castle Hills in northwest San Antonio, Tex., presented Draper as "one of America's foremost religious leaders" and presented a plaque recognizing Draper's Godly leadership in bringing together Jews and Christians in America.

Draper, however, disclaimed Hagee's intimation that Draper spoke for 13 million Southern Baptists, saying "I can only speak for myself."

Conscious of Baptist-Jewish tensions the past two years Draper delicately picked his way through a statement supporting Israel and reaffirming the Arabs as nations blessed of God.

"In some quarters my presence will be seen as supporting everything that happens in Israel," Draper said in retrospect.

He said he felt he would refuse any future request to participate in similar events but that once he realized the rally's political implications, "backing out at the last minute would have sent the wrong message to American Jews."



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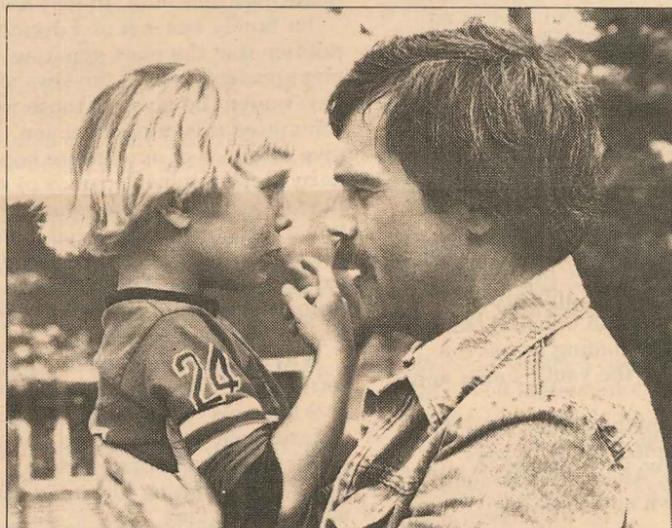
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The 1981 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was the highest offering ever received, amounting to \$18,539,913. Kentucky Baptists gave a record total of \$678,842.

We also express our appreciation to the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood—nationwide, statewide, in associations and in local churches—for supporting and promoting this offering. But more important, for exemplifying that spirit of sacrificial giving.

These ten Kentucky churches gave the highest total amount to the 1981 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:\*

- |                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. St. Matthews Baptist Church   | Louisville    |
| 2. First Baptist Church          | Paducah       |
| 3. Walnut Street Baptist Church  | Louisville    |
| 4. Immanuel Baptist Church       | Lexington     |
| 5. First Baptist Church          | Frankfort     |
| 6. First Baptist Church          | Bowling Green |
| 7. First Baptist Church          | Somerset      |
| 8. First Baptist Church          | Madisonville  |
| 9. Severns Valley Baptist Church | Elizabethtown |
| 10. First Baptist Church         | Shelbyville   |

These ten Kentucky churches with 25 or more resident members showed the highest per capita giving:\*

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| 1. Clifton Heights Baptist Church  | Louisville      |
| 2. West Van Lear Baptist Church    | West Van Lear   |
| 3. Laurel River Baptist Church     | London          |
| 4. Clearfork Baptist Church        | Russell Springs |
| 5. Creston Baptist Church          | Creston         |
| 6. Cane Valley Baptist Church      | Columbia        |
| 7. Glencoe Baptist Church          | Glencoe         |
| 8. Countryside Baptist Church      | Morganfield     |
| 9. Hurricane Baptist Church        | Cadiz           |
| 10. Petrey Memorial Baptist Church | Hazard          |

You still have a chance to ease someone's pain. Funds are still being received for the 1982 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

\*Figures based on Church Uniform Letters and state convention records.

# Bivocational

## Part time pastor Colburn sends message full time

by Mary Kinney Branson, State Correspondent

Centertown post office is a hub of activity. For many residents of the town of 300 population, the daily trip to the post office is the focal point of their day.

"I love the close contact with the people and the friendly atmosphere," says postmaster Courtland (Joe) Colburn. "Since coming here June 26 I have learned what mail each family expects. Sometimes someone comes to the post office looking for a certain letter and is disappointed that it hasn't arrived. Later in the day, when I sort the incoming mail and discover the letter, I can't wait 'til the next day to give it to them."

Colburn obviously enjoys his work as postmaster. Having been a postal clerk for the past 16 years, he had applied for the postmaster position in several small towns in the area.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a long time," says Colburn.

Serving as postmaster is a full time job, requiring long hours, lots of paperwork and varied responsibilities.

"When I worked as a postal clerk at the Owensboro post office I had only my one specific job to do," comments Colburn. "Here in Centertown, the entire post office is my responsibility."

"I have one rural mail carrier and a substitute for Saturdays. Other than that, it's all up to me. Last night, my teenage daughter and I mopped the floors."

Colburn's job at the post office is not his only demanding role. For the past four years Colburn has been pastor of Old Buck Creek Baptist Church in Nuchols, about five miles from Livermore.

"Our church is small," says Colburn. "We have 37 enrolled in Sunday school. But it's much like a family. Although I sometimes long for a full time church, I feel God has called me to be a bivocational pastor."

Do Colburn's two vocations ever conflict? Quite the opposite, emphasizes Colburn enthusiastically.

"I think my congregation is proud of my work as postmaster," explains Colburn. "I'm always available for weddings and funerals because of the post office's liberal policy for annual leave. I'm allowed 165 hours of vacation and personal leave each year. I can take it all at once or, in my case, a few hours at a time. I have a lady to replace me whenever I must be absent."

"Although it's a 30-minute drive from Centertown to Nuchols, I'm available to my congregation. I encourage them to call me whenever a need arises."

"I think my experience as pastor helps me in my postal work, too," observes Colburn. "I am in contact with the people here. I know them by their first names and they know I'm a pastor. I don't have to ask them about their problems. They tell me. I'm as concerned about the people of Centertown as I am about those in Nuchols."

"When I find someone here is in the hospital, I visit them just like I would someone in my congregation. The people have been surprised at this but,

actually, I'm just fulfilling both my roles."

Colburn is constantly aware he is a pastor. He tries to exemplify the best in pastoral behavior.

"I make an effort to be pleasant and to smile, even when I have problems of my own," he states.

Life is hectic for Colburn, who is also father of five children ranging from 1st to 10th grade.

"I'm in the Army Reserve, so weekends can get awfully rushed," he laughs. "Sometimes I have to change out of my Army uniform and into a suit to preach, then back into my uniform."

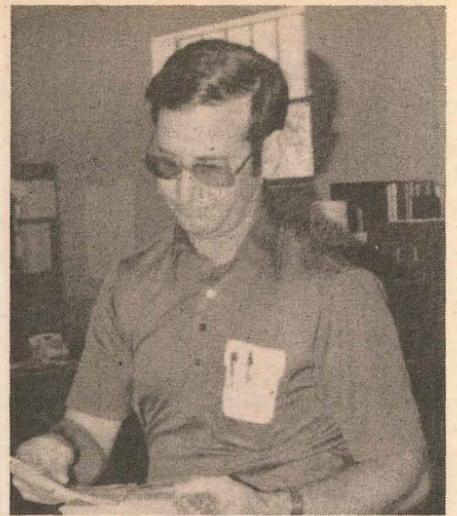
"Actually, life seems a little more relaxed now that I'm postmaster instead of postal clerk," relates Colburn. "I used to work until nine o'clock, but now I'm often home a little after four. My wife (Brenda, an area accounting supervisor in Owensboro) says she's amazed to look across the supper table and see

me there each evening. She's had home repair projects stacked up for me for years. Now she says she expects me to complete them all!"

The Colburns recently bought a home in Centertown. It is a postal requirement that the postmaster move to the town where he serves within one year. The move, however, was not a difficult decision for the Colburns.

"Centertown is such a friendly community that we're glad to be part of it," stresses Colburn. "The people here are of various denominations, but most are dedicated Christians. During my first few weeks here I received invitations to every church in town. When I told people I was a pastor, they invited me to visit their churches if our services were ever canceled."

"Centertown is changing because of the D. B. Wilson Power Plant presently being built nearby. We have people here from Germany, Japan and nearly



every part of the United States. Since they are so far from friends and family, the post office is an especially important place to them. In fact, nearly everyone enjoys getting mail."

Colburn enjoys receiving mail himself and sometimes gets some pretty strange mail from his friends at the Owensboro post office where he worked before coming to Centertown.

"Those guys at the Owensboro post office love to tease," laughs Colburn, as he holds up a huge spool of twine, on which 'Hi Joe' is written in bold, black letters. "Sometimes they send me packages completely covered with rubber bands, or tiny messages tucked in with bundles of mail. They let me know, in their own way, that they're still thinking about me."

It seems Joe Colburn makes friends wherever he goes.

## Bell County churches building, expanding

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

"It has taken many years of prayerful concern and hard work to get us to this day and we praise God for it," said Bob Brooks, pastor of Jenson Baptist Church, at a recent dedication service for the new church building.

November 1980 Brooks, a native of Bell County, assumed the pastorate and a problematic building situation. The walls were falling apart, there was no running water or bathroom facilities, parking was limited to 15 cars and only three classrooms were available.

There was no land available for a new building and no money to build it.

"I knew God had more for these

people and this community, so I began to pray and challenge the people. We were just going to have to trust God, give cheerfully, pray and visit in the community," he explained.

A spot of land miraculously became available but to the small congregation the chances of purchasing it were remote. Prayer meetings began and the answer came.

The land was offered for \$7000. By this time the building fund had grown to \$2000. During the business session when the church voted to buy the property a man stood in the audience and said, "The property is paid for."

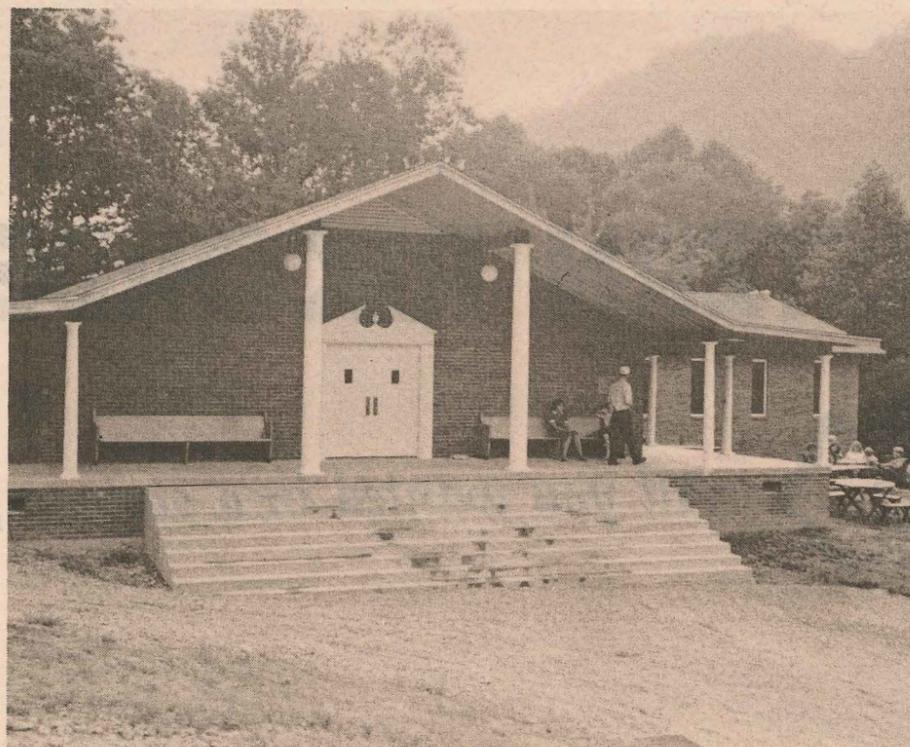
The Sunday school attendance is now averaging in the 80s with 15 men going to prayer before the morning service. The building's interior is carpeted and

new pews have been added, a new piano and lovely baptismal scene painting grace the auditorium. The modern facilities include a nursery and a fellowship hall. The new quarters will comfortably seat 300 people and adequate parking is available.

Plans are to finish the landscaping, enclose a playground for children and add wrought iron railings on the front and a steeple on top of the church. The building has been structured so that additions can be made on it when additional space is needed, the pastor commented.

Also in Bell County, Blackmont Baptist Church has broken ground for a new building. Dunlap Baptist Church has begun building a new sanctuary.

Bethlehem Baptist Church was in the top 100 in baptisms this year and pastor Pat Garland believes this was possible through the diligent work of a dedicated Sunday school director and the challenge he has given. In recent months the church has built a new parsonage for the pastor's family. And Harmony Baptist Church has a much needed new building under roof.



Jenson Baptist Church's new facility



James Wright (l), associate pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, discusses church growth with J. C. Engle, Bethlehem's Sunday school director.

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