



## Brotherhood agenda set for Florence Oct. 6-8

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Program leaders for the annual Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood convention at Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church have been announced by the KBC Brotherhood Department, Middletown.

According to Bill Kaufman, director, Baptist Men will meet Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 7 at 9 p.m.

The annual Pioneer Congress will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. It will signify the 75th anniversary of Royal Ambassador work among Southern Baptist boys and young men.

"Missions—Only Beginning" is theme of the three-day convention. Paul Duke, pastor of Louisville's Highland Baptist Church, will preach on the theme.

Other principal speakers include J. Edwin Bullock, coordinator of short

term enlistment, Volunteer Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and Harold W. Wilcox, assistant director, Christian Social Ministries Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Music will be under the leadership of Bob Hickman, minister of music at the host church.

In addition to Kaufman, other KBC staff personnel on the program include Rob Carr, associate director, Brotherhood Department; C. Vernon Cole, director, Church Training Department; and William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer.

Marshall will be the concluding inspirational speaker during the Baptist Men's session Friday night. He will be honored along with new state Brotherhood officers at a reception that evening.

Forrest R. Sawyer and Mrs. Kathryn Akridge, both of Middletown, will be recognized during the Pioneer Congress for their contributions to Royal Ambassador work. Sawyer is a former state Brotherhood director and Mrs. Akridge is currently executive director of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Presiding over the sessions at Florence will be state Brotherhood president Matt W. Sugg of Morganfield; C. A. Easterling of Somerset, first vice president; and James Traylor, state Royal Ambassador president, of Flatwoods. New officers will be elected in Florence.

Additional program personnel includes host pastor Gary Watkins and Frank Black, director of Men's Ministries, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

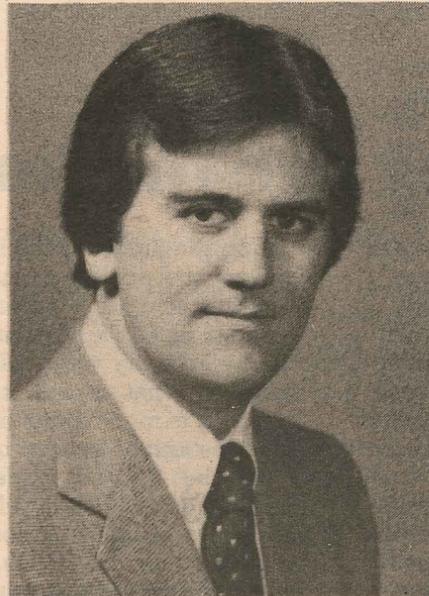
Kaufman said the agenda includes emphasis upon mission activities through group dialog with persons who have been involved in prison ministry, Kentucky-Ohio Partnership, disaster relief, lay renewal and revivals, construction projects, Medical-Dental Fellowship, overseas projects and Associational Emphasis Week.

Training for churches launching Baptist Men or Royal Ambassador organizations will be offered by the state Brotherhood Department.

The Brotherhood steering committee will propose five objectives for 1984 in the business session in Florence, according to Kaufman. Included are:

1. **Awareness:** To increase awareness of Brotherhood and sensitivity to missions involvement.
2. **Enlistment:** To enlist new leadership and begin new Baptist Men units and RA chapters.
3. **Leadership training:** To train local church and associational leadership in all areas of Brotherhood work.
4. **Disaster relief:** To begin a disaster relief program in Kentucky.
5. **Mission action projects:** To stress new work, growth in discipleship and strengthening families through mission action and participation in Kentucky-Ohio Partnership and overseas partnership projects.

Kaufman said a list of motels in the Florence area with addresses and rates is available from the KBC Brotherhood Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.



Snowden

## Media post created at Middletown as FMB staffer tapped

Kentucky native and Foreign Mission Board staff producer W. Mark Snowden will join the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board staff in Middletown Nov. 1.

Snowden, who was born in Louisville but grew up in Winchester, was elected last week to fill the newly created position of media director at the KBC.

The 26-year-old Snowden attended Georgetown College 1975-77, graduating from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, with a BA degree in broadcasting in 1979. For 17 months he was a production technician with the Kentucky Educational Television network. He has served in his present capacity in Richmond, Va. since November 1980.

A 1978 summer missionary to Mexico, Snowden is married to the former Mary Leigh Gilkison of Winchester, Ky. She holds a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and is a secretary in the office of the executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Association in Virginia. The Snowdens have no children.

The new position at the KBC which Snowden will fill is in the Church Services Division. The media director will be responsible for developing, coordinating and directing all media activities related to ACTS, the American Christian Television System of the Southern Baptist Radio & TV Commission; Baptist Tel-Net of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and VTS, a Video Tape Service to churches.

## State missions Sept. 7

A four-page wraparound section on state missions will be published on the outside of Western Recorder's Sept. 7 edition. The pull-off and save supplement highlights Kentucky Baptists' varied ministries through programs and institutions across the state.

Theme of the 1983 Week of Prayer for State Missions Sept. 11-18 is "Building Bridges." The Eliza Broadus Offering goal, supported by the state Woman's Missionary Union, is \$495,000.

## Jonathan Creek now belongs to all Kentucky Baptists

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora, Ky.—for the last three decades owned by Baptists of 11 west Kentucky associations—was formally transferred to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Saturday afternoon (Aug. 27) in a commitment service attended by about 200 persons.

As a part of the service, ground was broken for two new facilities to be added to the 120-acre campus, an adult-youth hotel and a conference center. Completion of both projects, to cost up to \$1.8 million, is expected in 1984.

In the service, presided over by John Dyke, chairman of the board of Jonathan Creek, Franklin Owen, former KBC executive secretary-treasurer, recounted the growth of the area and how the need developed for a second state assembly. It was the Jonathan Creek board who, early last year, began explorations with convention leaders about the possibility of transferring ownership of the assembly.

Symbolizing receipt of the property on behalf of Kentucky Baptists was William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC, who called it "a gift to be treasured."

He said all Kentucky Baptists would now pour in resources in order for "more people to be committed" to the purposes of Jonathan Creek.

"We all anticipate God doing great things through the foundations that were laid by those of you who were here," he concluded. "May God bless you and us as we work together in whatever time we have together."

Several persons participated in actual groundbreaking ceremonies for the new facilities.

A surprise portion of the program came when George and Estelle Gray, Jonathan Creek manager and his wife, were presented a \$2500 cash gift from the 11 western associations. Gray has been manager since 1972.

## State conventions send aid to Texas for disaster victims

Disaster relief units from five Baptist state conventions moved into four coastal areas of Texas Aug. 19 to respond to victims of Hurricane Alicia.

Units from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma set up the morning of Aug. 19 to serve meals to persons in areas where there was no available electrical power. That afternoon Mississippi's Disaster Relief Unit was on its way to set up in Baytown.

The disaster relief units from Texas and Louisiana were stationed on Galveston Island to begin feeding those persons who remained and those who were returning to begin the cleanup process.

The Arkansas unit set up at LaPorte and the Oklahoma units at Seabrook and Kemah.

Even though damage is expected to top the \$1 billion mark, loss of property to Baptist churches and institutions in the area was minimal according to initial reports.



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# daley observations

## Church rule by the majority can be dangerous

Church government by congregational vote is a highly prized Baptist possession. We question and debate many other Baptist beliefs but not this one. I know of no Baptist church which has ever turned its control over to any individual or any group other than the members themselves. Individuals or groups who would usurp control of a Baptist church are generally soon put in their place.

We have good reason for practicing congregational church control. In New Testament churches congregational members decided the issues before them because they believed every believer had the same access to the truth from God as did the elders, prophets and apostles though these were recognized and respected as leaders. They believed Christ's assignment to preach the gospel to every nation was as much the responsibility of regular members of the congregation as the leaders so every member should help decide every policy and action of the church.

Though it is biblical and therefore right for every person to participate in church government, this practice has very dangerous possibili-

ties. In the hands of the insincere, the uninformed, the worldly or the self centered it can bring havoc upon a church.

The truth is we have made a Baptist idol out of rule by majority vote and idol worship is ungodly. What we now have in many Baptist churches is more the political model than the New Testament pattern of church control.

The church is not actually a democracy but a Christocracy—not the rule of people but the rule of Christ through transformed people. So when we vote on church issues, the right way to vote is not necessarily what we want but what Christ wants and these are not always the same.

In a Baptist church how the majority votes is not necessarily the will of Christ. History proves the majority is often wrong and the minority is right.

When, then, is congregational control safe? It is safe only when it is linked with another Baptist belief—the Lordship of Christ in redeemed lives. In every issue the church faces every member should ask not what he or she wants but what Christ wants and then vote accordingly.

The church belongs to Christ—it is his bride, his body. He promised Peter he would build his church and he has never handed its rule over to a pope, a college of bishops, a presbytery or even to Baptist deacons. He means to rule his church through all those he has redeemed and to whom he has given the Holy Spirit as a guide.

We have no excuse for not knowing what Christ wants. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach us all things and he keeps his promise.

Why, then, are there so many divided votes in Baptist business meetings? On any issue is not one position nearer the will of Christ than any other position. Does not every member have access to the mind of Christ through the Holy Spirit? Would Christ lead part of the congregation to vote one way and the rest of the congregation another way? Ideally, every vote in a Baptist church should be a unanimous vote.

Let us continue to prize the right of all church members to decide all issues in the church. Let us never, however, claim this right without linking it to the Lordship of Christ in our lives.

## Youth's church dropout is a common problem

Many faithful Baptist parents are disappointed over the attitudes of one or more of their children toward their church. These children were taken to all worship and other church activities from infancy but as teenagers they began to demonstrate boredom with church and in their 20's many dropped out completely.

We always search for reasons. Some wonder if Baptists experience more dropouts because of our emphasis upon individual freedom and voluntariness in religion. We sometimes envy more authoritarian religion like Roman Catholicism because members can be required to be faithful in order to receive mass.

The truth is we don't need to envy Catholics. A very honest report recently published in a national Catholic magazine reveals the rate of dropouts among Catholic youth is as high or higher than it is among other denominations.

The survey showed that 42 percent of all Catholics drop out of church at some time in their lives. Of the dropouts, 33 percent leave the church by age 20 and 54 percent by age 25.

Based upon another study, a Catholic sociologist concluded that a substantial majority of baptized Catholics under 30 are no longer Catholics "in any traditional sense of the word."

"Either they have left the church completely or they reject most traditional Catholic propositions and practices," said the sociologist.

Only 13 percent of Catholics under 30 receive communion every week and 40 percent under 30 attend church less than once a month.

Catholic youth, like more and more Baptist young people, are questioning traditional church teachings. Three-fourths Catholic youth approve premarital sex, four-fifths approve of remarriage

after divorce and nine-tenths approve artificial birth control which is against the official teachings of the church.

Why are these young Catholics leaving the church? The Catholic study says most say they become disenchanted with the church. Reasons include the knowledge explosion, influence of television, family tension, religiously mixed marriages, parental attitudes and dissatisfaction with the church.

I know of no such comprehensive studies made by Southern Baptists of the dropout rate and the rejection of traditional beliefs by Baptist young people. Maybe we don't make surveys because we don't want to know the facts.

If we made such reliable studies, the findings would not likely differ much from those found by Catholic researchers. The attitudes and actions of American young people are about the same no matter to what churches they belong.

Not only is this diagnosis of attitude of Catholic and Baptist young people about the same but the remedies Catholics suggest sound familiar. They say keeping young people close to the church will require good sermons, understanding priests and relevant parish youth activities.

The language sounds a little different but it's the same solution we talk about. How long since you heard some Baptist say in order to keep the youth in church we must have relevant preaching related to life situations, a pastor who can identify with young people and a good program of youth activities including recreation.

The one consoling revelation of these Catholic studies is that many of the dropouts return to the church later because they marry a mate devoted to the church, they want their children reared in

church and without church they have a sense of void in their lives.

Some Baptist dropouts return for the same or similar reasons. We should not be comforted, however, by the fact that some return. Rather we should be challenged to find ways to prevent youth dropouts.

The first place to start is for adults to find a truly meaningful church life instead of one that produces disenchantment and cynicism on the part of our children.

### guest editorial

## Some marks of a healthy church

by John Roberts  
Editor, Baptist Courier, South Carolina

Is yours a healthy church? Lyle Schaller provides an interesting checklist. It can help you determine if your church is enjoying good health or is showing danger signals.

A healthy church supports missions. This includes the Cooperative Program, mission offerings, local missions. Around 20 percent is a good figure. It has many new members, at least half its people having joined in the past 12-15 years. And it includes the new members in places of leadership. A sure sign of church sickness is everything being run by the "old guard." Finally, a healthy church does not boast of being better than its neighbors.

Good preaching, good choir, and good Sunday school are traditional marks of a healthy church. And they have merit. But look again at these additional measurements.

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# baptist news in brief

## Baptists working to aid suffering in America

Until a few years ago, Southern Baptists thought of hunger as a problem to be confined to unpronounceable places on the other side of the globe. But in 1982 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention decided to split incoming hunger funds 80/20 between the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

Director of Christian social ministries Paul Adkins has the unenviable job of allocating the Home Mission Board's designated funds for hunger relief in the United States.

The money goes very quickly and making decisions about who will receive it is extremely hard. Requests for funds come daily from home missionaries, directors of missions, pastors and others who know of hunger needs.

"Let one point be clear," said Adkins. "The money is sent to the field as rapidly as possible. Not one red cent leaves the fund either for interest or administrative costs—here or in the field. The money is given for the hungry and that's where it all goes."

## Baptists dispatch aid to South American victims

Months of rain and flooding have cut a swath of destruction and human suffering through South America that Southern Baptist missionaries and local Baptists are struggling to relieve.

The flooding killed more than 100 southern Brazilians, drove some 350,000 from their homes in July, left just as many Argentines homeless, caused the deaths of nearly 1000 Peruvians over six months and wreaked havoc in Paraguay, Ecuador, Bolivia and Uruguay.

Many scientists and meteorologists are blaming the destruction on "El Nino"—"The Christ Child"—a normal-

ly gentle Pacific Ocean current that has turned savage this year. Some say last year's El Chichon volcano eruption in Mexico caused the freakish change in the current's impact on weather.

The Foreign Mission Board has dispatched more than \$634,000 to the seven countries for purchase and distribution of food, clothing, medicine and other supplies. Funds also have financed temporary shelters and church repairs.

## July giving sets record but falls short of needs

Southern Baptists gave to the national programs of the Cooperative Program at a record pace in July but the yearly contributions are still short of the challenge budget needs.

The mission and education programs of the Southern Baptist unified giving program received \$8,759,367 from the 34 state Baptist conventions in July, an increase of 8.58 percent over July 1982.

The yearly total of \$84,936,366 is 9.16 percent above the same period during the 1981-82 fiscal year. Should that per-

centage hold the final two months of the fiscal year, the national programs would receive \$101,923,639.

That would easily oversubscribe the \$100 million basic operating and capital needs budget but would be approximately \$4 million short of the "Challenge Budget" of \$106 million.

## Hee Haw to honor Nutt

A September broadcast of "Hee Haw," the country entertainment show, will feature a tribute to Grady Nutt, the show's "Prime Minister of Humor" who died in a plane crash Nov. 23, 1982.

Darrell Adams, a Southern Baptist singer/songwriter from Louisville, Ky., will perform "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" on the Sept. 17 broadcast of the show in memory of two "Hee Haw"

cast members who died during the past year: Nutt and Jimmy Riddle.

Adams sang the same song at a memorial service for Nutt in Louisville following the performer's death and was invited to sing on the show's season opener by a "Hee Haw" producer.

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## personnel

Jim Morrison has accepted the call as associate pastor and church administrator at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, effective Sept. 1.

He goes there from First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. where he held a similar position. Prior to serving there, Morrison was pastor three years at Ludlow Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Morrison replaces Robert Young at Walnut Street who left earlier this year to accept a position at Park City Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Morrison, 34, holds his BS in marketing and MBA from Jacksonville (Ala.) State University as well as his MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is presently a DMin student at Southern Seminary focusing on pastoral ministry.

He and his wife Jerolyn have two children.

Charles Teague has resigned as pastor of Pleasureville Baptist Church, Henry County Association, to accept the pastorate of Country and Town Baptist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa. He has been at Pleasureville three years.

Teague holds his MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his LLD from Cornell University. He and his wife, the former Leah Hallcom of Dallas, Tex., have two sons, Andrew and Aaron.

Jimmy Gentry Jr. is now pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, Warren Association. He formerly was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and associate minister at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, both of Warren Association.

Greg Wallace is serving as youth director for the summer at Rich Pond Baptist Church, Warren Association. He is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ron Williams is pastor at Rich Pond.

Tom Baker is now on the field as minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association. He goes there from Eldorado, Ark. Richard Bridges is pastor at First Baptist, Bowling Green.

Roy H. Sweatt has been called as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Warren Association. Sweatt is also a service mechanic at Western Kentucky Gas Company and attends Hopkinsville Bible College. He and his wife have two children, Regina, 14, and Kenneth, 17.

Thomas R. Moore has begun work as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Pike Association. He went there from Sharon Baptist Church, Graves County Association. He and his wife Linda have three children, Tommy, 15, Kelli, 13, and Mary, 7.

Harold W. Cayce became pastor at Dixon Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, June 5. He is a graduate of Murray State University and presently a student at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. His wife is the former Elizabeth Franklin of Princeton, Ky. and they have two children, Whitney Jo, 9, and John William, 7.

William Shoulta has accepted the pastorate of Providence First Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association. He goes there from Long Run Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Shoulta is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mur-



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ray State University. He and his wife, the former Jill Thompson, are both natives of Paducah.

Tim Johnson resigned after nearly eight years as pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Warren Association, to accept a position as head of the Bowling Green Business School extension in Glasgow.

Jayhew Miller Squires has been named pastor of New Highland Baptist Church, Salem Association.

Kenneth Faught has resigned as pastor of Cumberland Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association, to accept the pastorate of East Dayton (Oh.) Baptist Church.

D. M. Aldridge, former president of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, spoke Aug. 7 at Gilbert's Creek Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association. Aldridge and his wife are serving as volunteer missionaries in Lusaka, Zambia.

Charles Simmons has accepted the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church, Blood River Association. He goes there after 10 years at nearby Pilot Oak Baptist Church.

James Banton has resigned as pastor at Rocky Hill Baptist Church, Warren Association, after 25 years service there.

Earl Burnside has been called as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Bob Langlois has resigned as pastor of Brookview Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

## ordinations

David DeFoor was ordained to the ministry by Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, July 31.

A native of South Carolina, DeFoor is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jim Butler was ordained to the ministry July 31 by First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

Butler, a student at Cumberland College, is pastor at Walker's Chapel Baptist Church, Parkers Lake.

Benny McDowell and George Pickerell were ordained as deacons Aug. 7 by the Nolynn Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

David Miller was ordained for ministry Aug. 7 by the Fairmount Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

## congregations

Bushy Creek Mission, Pike Association, observed its first anniversary July 16. The mission has grown from 18 charter members to 37 during the year. John

George Blackburn is pastor and Meta Baptist Church, Pike Association, is the mother church.

Mason Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary July 31 with more than 250 members and guests attending, including nine former pastors and two licensed ministers from the church.

Revival services were held prior to the centennial services with Conrad Hefner of Immanuel Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, as speaker. Three decisions were recorded.

Ronnie Angell is pastor at Mason.

Finchville Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, held a deacon retreat Aug. 1-2 at Kavanaugh Retreat Center in Crestwood, Ky. C. Vernon Cole, Kentucky Baptist Convention director of deacon ministries, led the retreat covering the topics long range planning, deacon family ministry and procedures for deacon rotation.

David Leslie Hollan is pastor at Finchville.

Ohio River Baptist Association reports 88 people from 16 churches attended its association WMU Meeting July 28 at Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Officers for 1983-84 were installed and guest speaker was John L. East III, new director of missions at the association.

## revivals

Foxport Baptist Church, Bracken Association, reports several decisions during its recent revival.

Richland Baptist Church, Owen County Association, held revival services Aug. 8-14 with A. B. Colvin, assistant to executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, as evangelist. Lloyd A. Sutton, minister of music and youth at Boones Creek Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, was song leader. Paul Howard is pastor at Richland.

Middleton Baptist Church, Simpson Association, reports 19 professions of faith and numerous other decisions during a recent laymen led revival.

Those leading the services included Charles and Thelma Baird, Adairville; Russell and Lois Blowers, Louisville; Bob and Minnie Mills, Owenton; Dorothy Gardner, Magnolia; Bill Haycraft, Louisville; Bill and Sammie Selectman, Crossville, Tenn.; and Carlos Hammonds and Steve McNutt, Athens, Tenn.

Michael Crain is pastor at Middleton.

New Salem Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services recently reporting one profession of faith and one addition by baptism.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Allen Association, report two professions of faith and two additions by baptism and two by letter during revival services there recently.

Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Booneville Association, recorded two professions of faith during revival services recently. Robert Martin, missionary to Liberia, was the speaker.

Homecoming services were held July 24 with Martin and former pastors at the church attending. Robert Wyatt is pastor at Pleasant Point.

Akersville Baptist Church, Monroe As-

sociation, report seven professions of faith and seven additions by baptism and three by statement during revival services July 24-Aug. 3.

Jerry Anderson was evangelist. Garnet Martin is pastor.

## missions

Two Ohio church groups have reciprocated the Kentucky-Ohio Church Partnership project by carrying on mission activities within the commonwealth.

Parma (Oh.) Baptist Church, Greater Cleveland Association, sent 24 young people and seven adults to hold vacation Bible schools in inner city Louisville as well as performing at two churches there.

Also, youth from Heath (Oh.) Baptist Church, Capital City Association, held vacation Bible school at Emlyn (Ky.) Baptist Church, East Union Association, where they enrolled 87 and recorded 16 professions of faith.

A crusade team made up of 13 pastors and eight lay-people from western Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama returned July 19 from Trinidad, West Indies, where it conducted vacation Bible schools and held evangelistic services.

The team maintained a 1725 daily average attendance in its 13 VBS's and had 13,500 attend services in 20 of the island's churches. There were 547 conversions reported and 448 rededications.

One of the trip's highlights was a cornerstone laying at Salvador Youth Camp now under construction by Trinidad Baptists, reported Calvin Wilkens, pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association, and codirector of the trip with Charles G. Simmons, pastor of Pilot Oak Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

This was Wilken's 14th crusade to the Caribbean islands. Other Kentuckians joining him and Simmons were Mrs. Mabel E. Blalock, Murray; Charlie C. Brasher, Benton; F. Wayne Carter, Murray; Lowell Gene Childress, Providence; J. R. Craig, Elkton; Ricky Cunningham, Hardin; John W. Dyke, Benton; Jewel Duane Holland, Kevil; Steven Lee Jones, Murray; Thomas Adrian Jones, Grand Rivers; Jerry Lambrich, Philpot; Harold E. Lassiter, Crofton; Omer Ray Morgan, Melber; Wayne C. Newby, Hopkinsville; Enoch Robertson, Paducah; Randy Keith Shelton, Hardin; and Kerry Lee Vasseur, Murray.



Mayfield Baptist Church, Graves County Association, transported and erected an 18-foot steeple on Pine Grove Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, during a mission trip there July 29-30. The trip makes the third by Mayfield First to the Hi Hat, Ky. church. The pairing, according to FBC pastor Guy Futral Jr., came after an interest survey conducted by the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, revealed the need at Pine Grove. Don Bullock is pastor at the eastern Kentucky church.



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# sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

## Life and Work Series FROM TRAGEDY TO FULFILLMENT

**Ruth 1:1** To escape a terrible famine in their land, Elimelech and Naomi and their sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left the land in which God had placed them and migrated to Moab which was inhabited by pagans. After leading his family in paths of disobedience to God, Elimelech died. In the course of events Mahlon married Ruth and Chilion married Orpah, both of whom were Moabites, which was something that God had forbidden. God punished them for their disobedience, and within 10 years the brothers died.

**Ruth 1:8, 16-17, 22** Craving fellowship with her own people in the hours of her loneliness and trials, Naomi decided she would go home, and her devoted daughters-in-law started on the journey with her. Near the border between Judah and Moab, Naomi urged them to return to their homes for the sake of their welfare. Orpah yielded to her entreaties and disappeared from the pages of history. With words of pathos, beauty and wholehearted devotion, Ruth clearly announced her choice and turned her back on her country, people and former gods, and in self-surrender bound herself to Naomi, to her way of life, to her people and to her God.

Upon their arrival in Bethlehem, Ruth became anxious to earn her livelihood. She voluntarily assumed the position of the widow, the orphan and the very poor, and went to glean in the field of Boaz, a wealthy member of the family of Elimelech.

**Ruth 2:5-7; 3:11; 4:13, 17b** Observing Ruth among the gleaners in his field, and impressed by the manner in which she did her work, Boaz asked his servants, "Whose damsel is this?" When he was informed as to her identity, Boaz approached Ruth and told her not to glean in the field of anybody else. To reward Ruth for her fidelity and sacrifice, and to make sure that she and Naomi would have sufficient grain, Boaz instructed other gleaners to drop extra sheaves in Ruth's path.

In the meantime Boaz became the redeemer of Ruth. She in turn became his wife. To that union a son was born, to whom they gave the name Obed. Obed became the father of Jesse, who became the father of David, of whose line Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Because of her great fidelity and deep devotion, Ruth was rewarded with a favored position, happy life and a glorious lineage—for she was an ancestress of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, the one who was an alien became a chosen vessel for the accomplishment of the glorious purpose of God. Through this alien God blessed the nation and the world. Rest assured that God will bless and use any or all of his children who strive to please and honor him. How can a life have greater fulfillment than did that of Ruth?

## International Series GOD OF CREATION

**Genesis 1:1** This sublime statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," places us in the presence of the living, personal and

omnipotent being who is the source of all true blessedness. "Create" means "to bring into existence that which had no previous existence," or "to make something out of nothing."

**Psalms 19:1-6** Gazing into the heavens the psalmist recognized they were the work of God and he gloried in them. The heavens are a continuous declaration and strong testimony of the existence of God and of his creative power. They will never leave God without a witness.

The psalmist wrote of the sun as coming forth joyously in the morning proclaiming the splendor, power, beneficence and glory of God as it crossed the sky during the day and returned at night.

**Acts 17:24-28** While making a tour of observation through the city of Athens,

Paul was shocked by what he saw, especially by the multiplicity of man-made gods, of which it was said that there were more than 30,000 in existence there. Stirred with abhorrence that this great center of culture was given to idolatry, Paul set himself to the task of exposing the emptiness of their idol worship and the worthlessness of their numerous altars.

**Romans 1:20** Since the marks of divine craftsmanship are on all that God has made, many evidences of his power have been visible to men since their appearance on the earth. Inasmuch as God has made us and all that is around us, he certainly has different claims upon us—creation, preservation and redemption. Each of us was created by God's power, lives on God's earth, is dependent on God's mercy, and should be governed daily by his will.



## on mission together

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### BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

When we returned from the Middle East to join the FMB staff in 1976 I assumed that my days of extensive traveling were over. With children ages 14, 13 and eight it was an appropriate time to hang up my traveling shoes. Seven years have now passed and two of the three children are about to fly the nest.

In the providence of God's leadership, I'm picking up my traveling shoes again, already having racked up 10,000 miles on the convention car, most of them clocked the last four months. Kentucky's interstate system is second to none and when I'm pushed for time I usually track in on one of them. But I prefer the back roads—the old roads where can be found the shady lanes and country stores; the little churches and roadside cemeteries; where folks have room to stretch and land to till; where sunrise and sunset are daily events to be celebrated by crowing roosters and singing birds. I really don't know if I would have been a good farmer but I surely do enjoy the outdoors. Driving through Kentucky, I'm not surprised that statisticians report Kentucky as

having the highest resident proportion of native population.

Jokesters may quip: "it's because Kentuckians are too dumb to know that there is anything better." But we know better, don't we?

I have lived in and visited many places in this world and now we're back in a small Kentucky town. I can celebrate that because my roots lie deep in Kentucky soil. But the 20 years of association with foreign missions has changed my earlier perception of the world. It is a much larger and more complex world than I knew as a Kentucky boy. There is far too much hunger and hurt and fear and anger and death and far too little hope!

One of every five Kentuckians is a Southern Baptist—and if our reason for existence as a people of God is to bring blessing to the world through Christ, we still have plenty of work to do! And we have more resources to do it than we have ever had.

So, if you happen to meet me out on one of the back roads, I'm really not lost, I'm just out listening to and talking with Kentucky Baptists about how we all can better play our part in God's plan—Kentucky style!

## Meet Cumberland College Student...



**Marlene Dick**

The easy smile and air of self-confidence radiating from Marlene Dick seems to draw people to her. Christian love is evident in her day to day relationships with others.

Marlene is a Cumberland College senior, majoring in Elementary Education. Marlene says of her chosen profession, "I enjoy working with children. I enjoy laughing with them."

She has found laughing and friendliness abundant on Cumberland College's campus. "I love the friendliness and peoples' smiles have often helped pick me up on not so good days."

Cumberland College's small friendly campus has been an important facet of Marlene's life during the past four years. The Christian atmosphere and activities have helped to uplift and strengthen her faith in God. "A good friend recommended Cumberland College to me. She is such a fine person, I wanted to meet others like her. I love the Christian activities Cumberland College offers."

Marlene is especially active in the youth group of her church. The daughter of a Baptist Minister, Marlene strives to do her best in working for the Lord. Her desire to gain an education is matched only by her desire to apply that education toward helping children become the best they can possibly become.

Cumberland College wants more students who, like Marlene, have the desire to learn and the desire to help others.

Dr. Taylor,  
Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Marlene.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769.)



## homes for children

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### BACK TO SCHOOL

During recent days a lot of activity has been directed toward the opening of school. For several days teachers and school officials have been preparing for the first days back in the classroom. Families have been trying to squeeze in the last few days of vacation before children return to school and its rather restricted schedule. Businesses have been advertising clothing and school supplies. Advertisements are designed to lure children and parents to purchase the right clothes and ample supplies before the first day of school.

All of the preparation for the opening of school has mixed feelings. Children dread the grind of study and a structured schedule, but are excited about getting back with friends and the fun activities which school provides. Parents have problems with the high cost of clothes for the children and the amount of money it takes for incidental expenses just to get children back in school.

While this cost may not be a burden for some, many parents have to plan carefully and do without some things in order to provide the back-to-school costs. Still others find the costs beyond

their reach, and children start back to school without adequate provision.

Baptist Homes for Children is in the business of parenting dependent, neglected children. Therefore, during this time, the staff has been busy helping the children in our care be ready for going back to school. This is a demanding task which requires time, energy, and wisdom on the part of the staff as well as a great deal of money. You see, we minister to children who have come out of troubled circumstances. Therefore, it is important that those in our care feel as good as possible about starting back to school.

If a child's eyes need examining and proper glasses provided, we will have it done. We want them to have the necessary school supplies, good shoes, proper clothes, and a good winter coat. All of this takes a lot of money for two or three children in a family. But we will have more than 120 children going back to school.

How do we meet this added expense? Many friends of our ministry help with an extra gift at this time of year. Gifts of \$5, \$10, \$100, \$500 and even \$1000 come from all across Kentucky to help us get started back to school. Pray for us and help if you can during these back-to-school days.



## clear creek comments

**Leon Simpson, President**  
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### STARTING LIFE ANEW

These past few days have been exciting ones at Clear Creek. We have been engaged in registering our students and beginning a new semester of study for the ministry of our Lord. Dozens of new students have moved to our campus with their families to begin preparing for full time service. These strangers have moved into our midst to start a new life.

All of us at times would like to start life over again.

"I wish there were some wonderful place, called the Land of Beginning Again; Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches, And all of our poor selfish grief Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, And never put on again."

Louisa Fletcher

How wonderful it is to experience a time of revival, renewal and spiritual

refreshment. I am convinced God does not want his children to live life on a lower plane, unhappy, miserable and wretched. The Lord wants us to get our eyes off ourselves, our sins and our circumstances and begin our lives anew daily with Jesus.

We may feel old, weak, tired, limited, inferior, frustrated, unhappy or handicapped. However, we have a great and sovereign God who is not limited. He brings fresh grace to us daily and has divine help available for our every need. He wants us to experience new life.

So from all of us at Clear Creek to your heart, let us exhort you not to look backward, inward or around. We must look up and go forward. Remember God is not through with you until he is through with you.

Come visit us at Clear Creek and experience new life with us.



## oneida journal

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

### INTO THE BIG DAN

Yes, things are happening on Little Bullskin Creek, six miles to the east of our campus where the waters of Goose Creek and Red Bird Creek and Bullskin mingle to form the South Fork of the Kentucky River.

As we told you last week, a beautiful brick building for staff housing has been completed in the past several months, started totally on faith. A two story concrete block building is going up the same way now. The first level will be a storage building for a tractor, tools, and other equipment needed to work the 80 acres unused for so long. The second level of the building will have a large apartment and a stone fireplace and a deck facing the rising sun over the nearby mountain from the top of which can be viewed five mountain ranges.

God willing, we hope to have at least two more staff houses built in the next 12 months. We expect to get many

acres cleared and into corn, hay and vegetables with the help of our boys. Of course, the principal crop that we have, and the reason for our farming, is to help raise boys to know the joy and dignity of labor and of responsibility.

We dream of a large bunkhouse in Big Dan Hollow. That is the ancestral home of our founder, whose father left there before the civil war to go to West Virginia to escape the curse of the mountain feuds. We want to build that building with a large stone fireplace and locate it near an old well dug and cased with handhewn stones nearly 150 years ago. There we will have retreats. We will sing. We will pray. We will organize "wild flower weekends." There are so many possibilities.

God accomplishes his work through his servants. Will you be faithful? Have you seen our vision? Will you be an instrument in the furtherance of this dream as we walk by faith? Will you pray? Will you give?

In recent months we have moved our

Day Care Center for faculty children to Britton Hall. We have carpeted, painted and air-conditioned several rooms there and put a chain-link fence around the yard to provide a safe play area. The director of the program has her apartment above the center.

In our continuing crunch and need for staff housing, we have purchased two more specially built mobile homes. We have moved our assistant farm manager and his wife, who is our bookkeeper, to our farm near the farm manager's home. Where they previously lived will be occupied by other staff. A new maintenance man and his wife, who is teaching, occupy the other home.

Some of our staff taking time off from their normal duties totally repainted our girls' dorm this summer. Also, they repainted the kitchen, dining hall, girls' lobby and lounge. New floor tile was put down in the latter area by volunteers as well as by some of our staff. New outside doors were purchased for this large dorm housing 180 girls and seven staff. The doors were badly needed but cost \$6000.

Three volunteer couples who come every summer to work for a week totally repainted all the theater type seating of our gym, the railings, etc. Our two basketball coaches repainted three classrooms and the gym floor. An Ohio electrician who has donated thousands of dollars to us in electrical work did some important volunteer work in the gym, day care center and one of the faculty

homes.

Our swimming coach and some of our students repainted our heated indoor pool.

Other volunteers did important plumbing work this summer, built decks for some of our mobile homes, and tore down a very large old barn for us so we could use the lumber elsewhere. So many things were accomplished.

It has been a wonderful year for green beans. Many are now in our walk-in freezers, raised by our campus boys and "put away" by our women folk.

Also during the summer, sometimes working 24 hour days and at least 18 hours each day, we managed to get all of our mailing lists transferred from metal plates to our computer.

Also, in recent months, we have seen the dream and efforts of many years culminate in the microfilming of thousands of pieces of Oneida correspondence dating back to the first World War, all extant Mountaineer's published since October 1915, and much other historical data.

We recently sold the last of 3000 copies of "Dawn Comes To The Mountains" published two years ago. In the next year, we will republish that important work in a hardbound edition. Work is proceeding on a 350 page hardbound volume being published by our own Oneida Press, called "Mountain Rising."

## bluegrass billboard

### SEPTEMBER

3 Sunday School Conference. Cedar-moore. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4-10 Brotherhood Leadership Week. Material in January Brotherhood Build-er/Baptist Men's Handbook, 1982-83

5 Labor Day  
9 and 10 WMU Leadership Conference. Drive-in. Jonathan Creek. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Same program each day. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations  
11 Single Adult Day. Suggestions in Family Life Planbook 1982-83. Order Single Adult Day Kit from BSSB, Nashville  
11-17 State Mission Week of Prayer and Eliza Broadus Offering. Program and promotional materials available from WMU, KBC  
15-17 Growing an Evangelistic Church

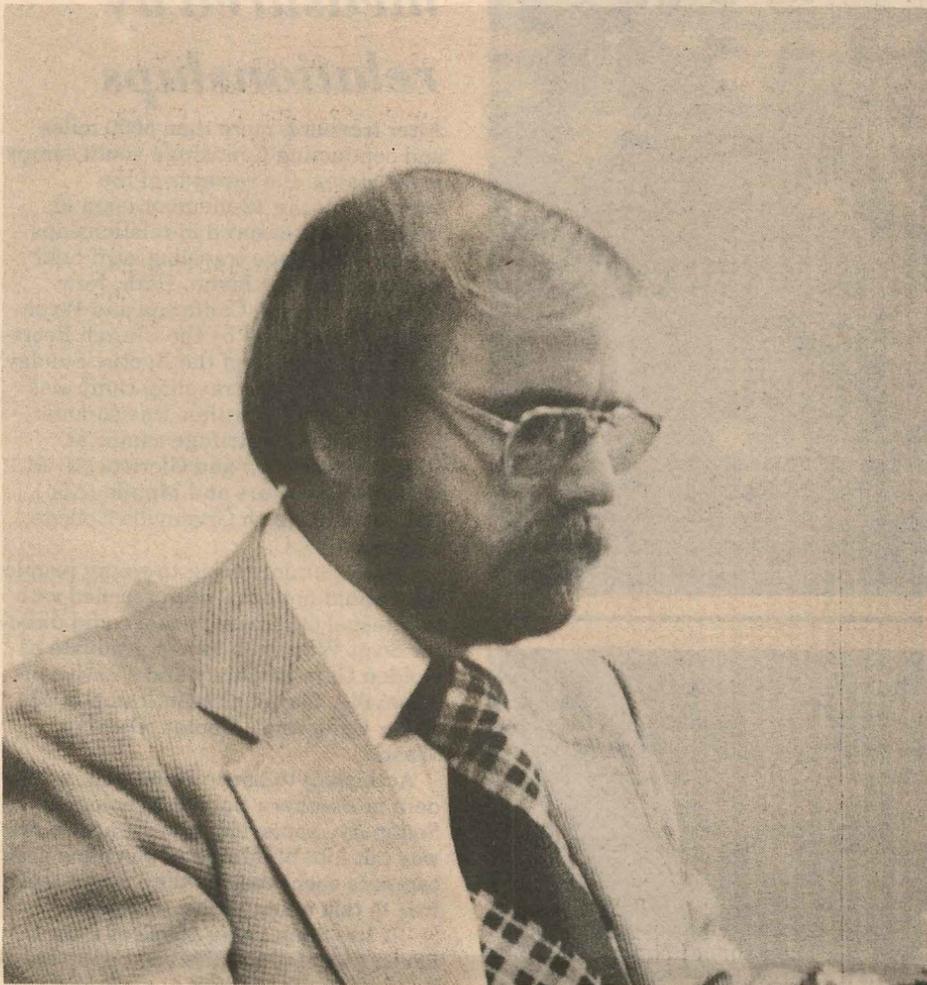
Seminar. Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church. 9:30 a.m. on 15th through 4 p.m. on 17th. For pastor and staff

22-24 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 22nd to 1 p.m. on 24th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges. Sponsor: Church Music Dept., KBC

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

## Reaching the unchurched

# Minister sees column as 'tool' for gospel



K. Maynard Head

by Darrell R. Monroe, Staff Writer

When K. Maynard Head, assistant to the president, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and pastor of Mossy Gap Baptist Church, East Union Association, began his weekly newspaper column, "Mountain Moments," he didn't expect it to catapult into more than 200 other papers in 17 states and two books. But it did.

"I began the column in January 1975," Head declared, "as a vehicle to get the message of Christ to the unchurched."

"Several years ago I tried to find ways to evangelize the person who did not attend church or read religious books and articles," Head stated.

That spurred him to study newspapers searching for what type of column material frequently appeared, he continued.

What he found missing, he said, was a human interest column with a moral punch line.

Once sold on the idea, Head said he began writing samples from which he and his editor selected the name "Mountain Moments."

Since then Head says he has received more than 8000 letters from readers. "I answer each one personally," he noted.

Adding to his column's popularity are its bits of nostalgia, human interest stories and amusing anecdotes from the past and present his readers relate to.

"I keep the column simple and avoid theological subjects and preaching," he added.

Head does, however, aim to let the reader know there's something deeper than just the subject being discussed involved in his writing.

Despite its success, Head still sees his column as simply a tool for ministry. "A minister has the most important product in the world to sell," he states, "so why not use the newspaper column to share your faith?"

Head, a native of Middlesboro in Bell County, is a graduate of Cumberland College. He has also studied at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville; Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.; and University of Kentucky, Lexington.

In addition to pastoring, he has been director of development and guest instructor at Clear Creek Baptist School, and been a professor of communications at Lincoln Memorial University and a guest instructor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Head is a frequent speaker and seminar leader for schools, clubs, churches and civic groups. His writings have been printed in several publications including Christianity Today and Pulpit Helps and he has authored two books, *Mountain Moments: A Collection of Selected Columns* (1976) and *Brogans, Clothespins, and a Twist of Tobacco* to be released by Pine Mountain Press, Inc., West Allis, Wis., later this year.

He and his wife Joyce have two sons, David, 21, and Mike, 18, both students at Cumberland College.

Following are reprints of K. Maynard Head's weekly column, "Mountain Moments" which appears in more than 200 newspapers in 17 states. Head is pastor of Mossy Gap Baptist Church, East Union Association, and assistant to the president at Cumberland College, Williamsburg. He is also author of two books and a number of magazine articles.



### LITTLE GREEN APPLES AND A BELLYACHE

Outside the office where I work at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky. is a large apple tree. It is so large, in fact, it reaches beyond the second story windows. This year the tree was filled with small apples, of the greenish-yellowish variety.

I was hesitant to pluck one of the apples, but one day I decided to be brave and have one of them. While enjoying the fruit, I thought of a "little green apple" many years ago.

My mother often warned her children to not overeat, especially when it came to sweets. Perhaps this concern of hers was more due to the conditioning to which she had grown accustomed while growing up during the depression, but it was still good advice.

One day my brother and I were

taking a short cut home through a neighbor's farm and stopped to relax under a tree. While we lay on the ground catching our wind, I looked up and saw some of the prettiest little apples I had ever seen. Quickly, I pointed them out to Leroy and we picked a few to eat. We were afraid of being caught by the farmer, so we thought it best to eat all we wanted while resting behind the tree.

When we got home, my stomach began to hurt. It was hurting worse than I had ever known. I had had my appendix removed a couple of years earlier so I knew it wasn't that, but I couldn't figure out why it hurt so bad. Mom also tried to figure it out and every time she asked if we had been eating anything, I remembered the apples.

I knew I shouldn't have taken those apples, but I certainly didn't want her to know I had broken the commandment on stealing. So I just suffered.

Somehow, I think Mom must have known what was going on and was trying to teach us a lesson. She kept asking us if we had eaten anything to cause our stomachs to hurt, and when she did, I felt guilty.

After suffering with the stomach full of little green apples for most of the evening, I finally admitted to Mom that Lee and I had gorged ourselves on apples.

Mom just smiled and said, "Well, I guess you'll have to suffer for what you did. You know that taking something that belongs to someone else is wrong and this is your punishment."

Well, punishment or not, I sure avoided that apple tree for the rest of my life—and I learned a lesson that remains with me even till now.

Perhaps there's a moral here for you.

### KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS!

It has been said so often that the expression is almost worn out, but it is true, nonetheless. I am talking about the remark, "We are what we think we are."

For most of my life, I have been a dreamer. This does not mean that I sit around all the time hoping for things, wishing for things, without trying to achieve them.

For example, when I was a child, my family lived in a four room house which at first had no electricity, no running water and was heated by an old coal heating stove situated in one corner of the "front" room. The roof on the old house leaked every time it rained, the wind came through the windows in the winter and in summer the house was so hot it was unbearable until late at night. We lived on a dirt road and the dust on hot days was stifling. We were poor, but we didn't think we were!

My father couldn't drive, so we didn't have an automobile. He caught a bus to and from work each day. The remainder of the time we sat at home. I often watched the cars going by the house and wished that some day I could own one of them. When I saw a beautiful house, I wished to have one similar when I became an adult.

In a way, I was dreaming, but the way to make the dreams possible is to work toward achieving them. I set my sights high and am still setting them high today. Although I may never achieve some of my dreams, the ambition is there.

Lest you think I am a materialist, let me clarify what I have been saying. The dreams I had as a child were the dreams of a child. Now that I am grow-

ing older I have the dreams of a person my age, although the child in me occasionally slips out.

I have come to realize that possessions do not bring happiness but there are certain necessities of life. The extent of the luxury of those necessary items is where many people get hung up. For one thing, a car is a means of transportation and an expensive automobile will only get you to your destination in more comfort and style. The name of the game, however, is to get from here to there. At times, how you do it is unimportant!

The things I dream for now are good health and happiness. I feel I can do without some of the things I once wanted. My sons and I talk a lot. I listen to them tell me what they would like to have in this life and I see myself in them. Frequently I try to explain to them that life is constantly changing and in order to be happy, they must change with the times—to a degree. To use one of their expressions: You must go with the flow.

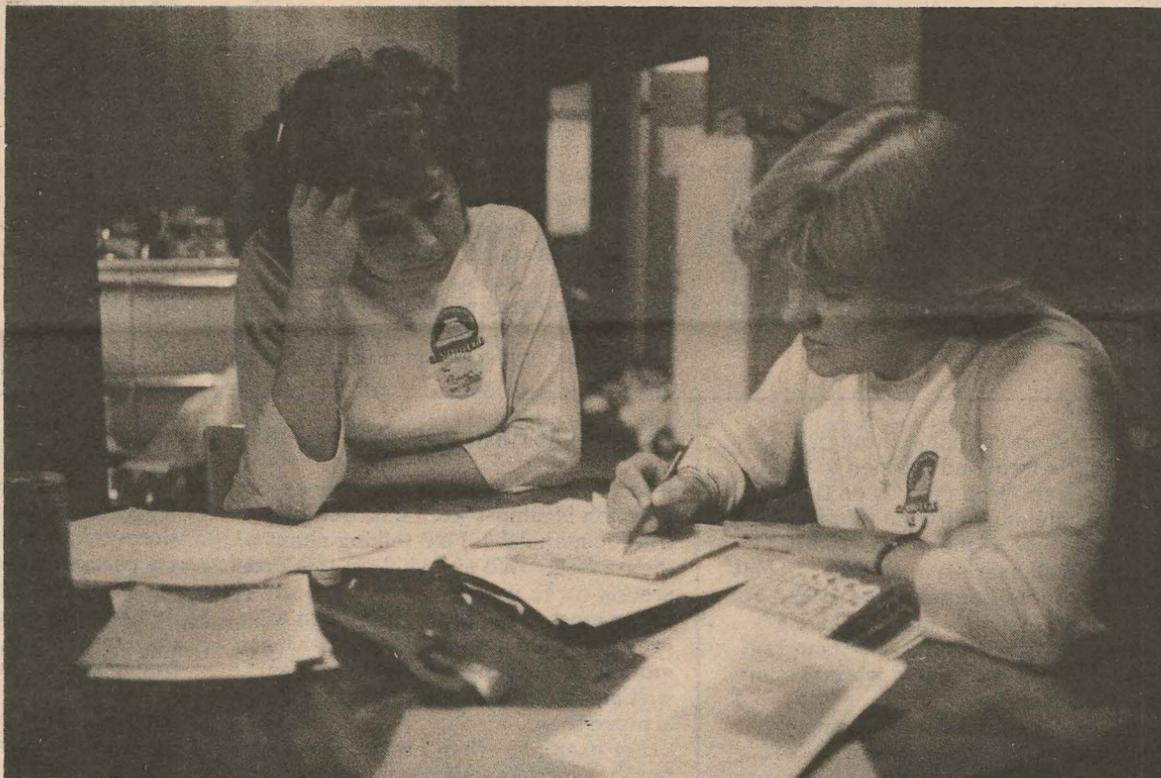
If there is anything I could leave with my sons, I would like for them to realize that they must first of all like themselves. If they do not have good feelings about who they are and what they are doing, all else is vain.

They must get in touch with their creator and come to grips with the universe. When that is done, good health and happiness seem to be by-products. This does not rule out the possibility of poor health and sadness, but in that frame of mind, even those obstacles can be overcome.

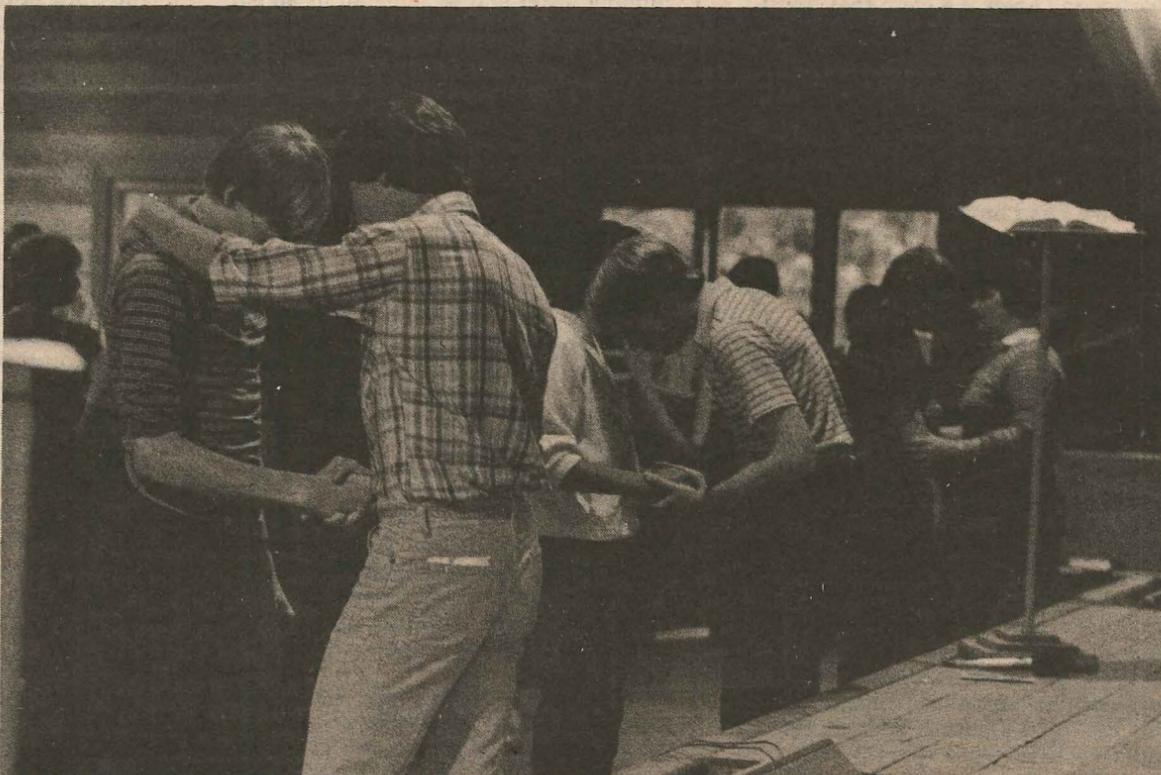
So now when we talk, I say to the boys, "Keep reaching for the stars." When I say that to them, I am praying that they will keep their feet on the ground!



Flexibility was one of the keys to a successful summer. Staffer Conrad Bryant, a seminary student from Los Alamos, N. M., holds his class outdoors.



Miriam Romo [l] and Char Martin [r] spend time planning their class on missions.



One of the most important parts of the week-long camp was the decision times at the end of the evening worship services.

## Traveling team's rewards measured by relationships

After traveling more than 5000 miles and conducting Centrifuge youth camps in six states, the rewards of the summer for the 12-member team of leaders are measured in relationships.

The Centrifuge traveling staff held six-day camps in Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Washington. Sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the traveling camp was offered for the first time this summer, in addition to Centrifuge camps at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) conference centers and Mobile (Ala.) College and North Greenville College, Tigerville, S. C.

"We are ministering to young people who would not have been reached with the gospel otherwise," said camp director Scott Werner, a recent graduate of Golden Gate Seminary and a native of Nashville, during a recent camp at Mt. Baker Conference Center, Deming, Wash.

According to Lance Howerton, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, a lot of hard work was put into building relationships with campers each week so they would feel free to talk about their problems.

"It has been tiring physically but I haven't wanted to miss any opportunity to talk with the kids," explained Merrie Allen, a three-year Centrifuge staffer from Six Mile, S. C.

Because of the intensive schedule the team found they had to get along. "We are family—we have to be," said Char Martin, a student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. "I have really learned to love by accepting the other team members for who they are."

In addition to the rewards, a summer on the road does produce some hardships. "There is a real lack of time for yourself," explained Martin.

Privacy for the team was at a premium because at many of the camps the staff had mattresses on the floor in two rooms—one for women and one for men.

"You have to claim your space," said Laura Moak, a seminary student from McComb, Miss.

According to Guy McGraw, a seminary student from Mill Valley, Cal., the biggest frustration was having to pack every week and go to a new location.

Howerton echoed McGraw's feelings. "Just as soon as you get comfortable you have to pack up and move," he said.

One of the lessons the team learned this summer was to be flexible. "One week you may have your Bible study under a tree and the next week in a small room. Being flexible helps your creativity. Sometimes you just have to tack a poster to a tree," said Miss Moak with a smile.

Personal growth was another reward the team received this summer. "It has been hard to be away from loved ones but it has stretched me and I wouldn't trade it for the world," said Becky Sue Rodgers, a teacher from Knoxville, Tenn.

"It has been a good summer," said Miss Allen. "I've never had such a good time and known I was doing the Lord's will."