



Moral training planned for Pikeville schools

A curriculum for moral training in Pikeville city schools will be drawn up by the board of education and submitted to the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union for comments and suggestions.

The action comes after a conference on Aug. 23 that involved KCLU attorney David Friedman, board representatives and U. S. District Judge G. Wix Unthank.

The conference was set after a preliminary injunction issued by Unthank in June that prohibits the telling of Bible stories in city classrooms by teachers from the Southland Bible Institute.

John Waddell, superintendent of the

Pikeville Independent Schools, testified prior to the injunction that the classes fulfilled a state requirement for moral guidance or training for students.

Unthank scheduled the conference to discuss the state requirement even though he earlier ruled that the schools should stop allowing the teacher into city classrooms pending a trial on the matter next May.

A Pikeville woman, Deborah Lucas, filed suit on behalf of daughter Seger Leanne, protesting Bible stories being told to Pikeville elementary students.

Waddell said the practice had been going on for more than 40 years.

The suit claims telling the stories

violated the plaintiff's rights under the First and 14th Amendments.

Waddell said the school board will take 90 days to prepare a curriculum for "moral training." He said the process will involve input from the community, the student body, instructors and administrators.

It will include "character, manners, patriotism (and) morality . . . that would not exclude Bible classes. We don't want to rush it," he said.

Waddell stated that the package will be submitted to Friedman upon its completion.

Southland teachers also enter classrooms in the Pike County School District, but Unthank has not ruled whether he will treat the litigation as a class-action suit.

HMB staffer dies of cancer in California

James L. Barber, assistant director of the Christian social ministries department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died Aug. 17 of cancer.

Barber, who would have been 56 Aug. 21, also directed youth and family services and was executive secretary to Southern Baptist association of ministries with the aging for the HMB. He had held the three-fold post since 1972, making his office in San Francisco, Cal., since 1979.

In 1963, Barber founded Buckner Marriage and Family Counseling Center in Dallas, Tex. He served as the center's first clinical director and administrator from 1963 until he joined the HMB staff.

Prior to beginning the Buckner center, Barber was a staff counselor for two counseling centers in Ft. Worth, Tex. He also was pastor of two California churches and one Arizona con-



Duduit



Oldham

Newsmakers

J. Michael Duduit [1], a former news director at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is returning to that institution Sept. 10 to succeed Robin Oldham as director of communications. Oldham, who had been assistant to the present at Georgetown [Ky.] College until Feb. 1 of this year, returns to that post. Duduit, 30, recently completed the PhD degree at Florida State University and is presently associate pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tallahassee. The Florida native also holds degrees from Stetson University and Southern Seminary. Oldham, 37, is a native of Scott County and a graduate of Georgetown College.

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Barber, a native of Headrick, Okla., was a graduate of Grand Canyon College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Barber performed clinical study at the U. S. Public Health Hospital in Ft. Worth and Topeka State Hospital and the Menninger School of Psychiatry, both in Topeka, Kan.

Memorial services for Barber were held Aug. 20 in San Francisco. He is survived by two sisters, both of Tennessee.

Missionary dies in Switzerland

E. Augustus "Gus" Verdery, 61, first term missionary professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, died Aug. 17 in Zurich. Doctors diagnosed his illness as periarteritis nodosa, an inflammatory disease of the blood vessels.

Before he and wife Eleanor were appointed missionary associates in December 1982, Verdery logged 30 years as director of the department of pastoral services at Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta.

In Switzerland he taught in the area of pastoral care and counseling and practiced what he taught. "He did a lot of personal counseling," said Isam Balenger, Foreign Mission Board director for Europe and the Middle East. "People really valued him for that."

During his 15 months overseas, Verdery spoke frequently at missionary and pastors' conferences in Europe. Earlier this year he participated in a pastors' conference in Poland.

Verdery was an assistant professor and director of religious activities at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; adjunct professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.; and visiting professor at Chandler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He held the associate of arts degree from Mars Hill (N. C.) College; the bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University; and the bachelor of divinity, master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. While a student he was pastor of several churches in Georgia and Kentucky.

The Harlem, Ga., native is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Reynolds of Lexington, Ky.; a brother, Holcombe, Harlem; and a sister, Caroline (Mrs. William) Galloway, Decatur, Ga.

Green Acres, Louisville, to host Brotherhood Convention, Oct. 4-6

"Strengthening Families through Missions" will be the theme of the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention slated for Oct. 4-6 at Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville.

The theme was selected to follow the 1984-85 Brotherhood Commission focus on families being strengthened through mission involvement at all age levels

and in all areas of the church.

Leaders for this year's convention are: Bill Hancock, pastor, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, and member, board of directors of the Foreign Mission Board; Willis W. Henson, pastor, Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, and president, KBC executive board; James E. Jones, pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville; Marshall Phillips, director, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, and former missionary to Kenya; Nathan Porter, consultant on hunger, Home Mission Board; and Benton Williams, director of the Missions and Church Services Department, KBC.

Issues scheduled to be addressed include "Men and Hunger," "The Role of Men in Missions within the Family," "The Missions Ministry of the Family," and "The Family of God and Mission."

Among the special features of the convention will be a showing of "Give Us This Day," a film on the scope and

severity of hunger in the U.S. and the world and how Southern Baptists relate to the problem; a slide presentation on the work of the Mountain Outreach Project of Cumberland College, which involves students and Baptist Men volunteers and helps families with construction and food and clothing needs in the Appalachia area; and a special report by Marshall Phillips on the work being done by Kentucky Baptists with Kenya Baptist partners.

In dialogue sessions slated for the morning of Oct. 5, participants can focus on specific areas of concern like world hunger, the KBC/Kenya Partnership, Mountain Outreach, disaster relief, prayer seminars and lay revivals as well as general interest topics. These sessions will be led by convention leadership and KBC Brotherhood personnel.

Worship times will be led by laymen from Highview Baptist Church and Long Run Baptist Association, Severns Valley Baptist Association and South

Central Association. Special music will be provided by the Hims of Melody, an all men's choir from Lawrenceburg Baptist Church.

The Royal Ambassador/Pioneer Conclave will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m., Oct. 6 and will stress world hunger relief by using drama, puppetry and testimonials. Rob Carr, associate director of the Brotherhood Department, KBC, and Jeff Brown, state RA president, will preside.

The convention will begin with the opening session at 7 p.m., Oct. 4 and end following the RA/Pioneer Conclave.

Green Acres Church is located at 6189 Poplar Level Road, Louisville. Daniel P. Powell is pastor.

Bill Kaufman, director of the Brotherhood Department, KBC, has a list of available hotel and motel accommodations for interested persons. One may be obtained by writing or calling the Brotherhood Department, KBC, Box 43433, Middletown 40243, 502-245-4101.

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Staff compensation

The time is approaching when churches begin to look at the budget for the coming year. It is a time of soul searching for many congregations because they know that the pay scale for their ministers is not what it should be. It is a matter of record that church staff salaries are among the lowest in the country for competently trained people.

A recent editorial in the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger by editor Richard McCartney says it well. I want to use his words as this week's editorial.

FAIR SALARY FOR CHURCH STAFF

"What is a fair salary for a church staff member? I must confess that I don't know. Generally it's higher than some church members think, but I doubt that I could state flatly what is fair for your church to pay those who serve you. I do have something to say on the subject, though.

"If your staff members have been with the church five years or longer, the chances are they aren't as well paid as you think. I'll admit that some churches keep pace with changing economic circumstances, but most do not. Think back to the time you called your pastor.

"Most churches are shocked when they start interviewing potential pastors and other staff. If the person being replaced had served five years or more, the committee often has to come to the church with a request for a substantially increased salary and benefit package. They discover that they have less to offer a new staff member than they thought. How does such a thing occur?

"Generally churches don't have a clearly defined policy on staff salaries. Since most staff people are reluctant to make demands about money, increases over the years may not keep up with the growing costs of maintaining a family. Church members approve whatever the personnel and finance committees recommend for staff salaries with very little consideration of merit and cost of living.

"Whether we recognize it or not, there is a contract between a church and its staff. The contract consists of an understanding that members of the staff will perform the duties for which they have been called, and that the church will provide for the financial and spiritual support to enable them to perform. As the time of budget adoption approaches, I'd like to make a recommendation. I propose that the personnel committee, if the church has one, meet with each member of the staff to discuss their role and what the church needs to do to make their work more effective. Members of the committee should review salaries in the light of others with similar education and responsibilities. People such as school administrators and business executives are good ones to compare with.

"Changes in cost of living over the years since the staff member came should be calculated and compared with percentage of salary increase in the same period. If

salaries have not kept pace, staff members are falling behind. They may be earning less in real dollars than when they came.

"Merit also should be considered. Longevity should make a person more valuable to the church as he or she learns the needs of members and is able to respond more effectively to them

"At the very least, a study of church salaries could avoid the shock that comes when a search committee discovers they have allowed staff salaries to fall below churches with far fewer members. At best, the study may help a church adequately care for the needs of a treasured staff."

McCartney has put his finger on a sore spot, and it is the business of the church to see that the people who serve their needs are adequately compensated. No person should work year after year in the ministry of the Lord and be always at the bottom of the pay scale. It is past time the churches addressed this matter with courage and generosity.

A Presidential error

Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United (see page 10 this issue), has issued a stinging indictment of the Reagan administration for transporting a Roman Catholic archbishop to a religious service on a U. S. Air Force jet. Maddox minces no words and has expressed the indignation many people feel regarding the increasing involvement between government and religion.

Perhaps it was only a gesture of friendship from the President to the archbishop, but the President is open to sharp, justifiable criticism whenever he uses government services to serve the needs of any particular religious group.

If the President had bought the archbishop a ticket from his personal funds that would have been more acceptable. But to make available an Air Force plane to anyone, let alone the Vatican ambassador, demands a loud, clear denunciation from all Americans, especially all Baptists.

The President's largess is wrong on two counts: (1) it is dangerously close to compromising the separation clause in the Constitution, and (2) it is a waste of tax dollars at a time when budget deficits make tax increases an absolute certainty.

President Reagan is surely in a no-win situation whenever he permits his judgment to be swayed by such flagrant disregard for propriety.

Any statement critical of an elected official will be viewed by some people as a partisan political remark. Such is not my intention in this instance. I would say the same thing regardless of who occupied the White House. To fly a papal representative to a religious service on a government aircraft at taxpayer expense is wrong by any President, Republican or Democrat.



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christian education

Campbellsville College gets two new professors

A Texas professor has accepted a teaching position with Campbellsville College in the social sciences division.

Billy B. Hathorn, Lubbock, Tex., assistant professor of history at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, is the new assistant professor of history at Campbellsville. He replaced Gilbert R. Tredway who retired and began teaching in the fall semester.

Hathorn received his PhD in American history from Texas A&M in 1983. He received his master of arts in history from Northwestern State University at Natchitoches, La., in 1980 and his bachelor of arts in history at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston in 1970.

Joe Darrol Foster, from Washington County, who taught at St. Catherine College since 1980, is a new instructor in business and economics at Campbellsville.

He holds the master of business administration degree from the University of Louisville Graduate School in Business and the bachelor of arts degree in business and economics from Kentucky Southern College, now the University of

Louisville Shelby Campus.

At St. Catherine, Foster was head of the economics department. He has been a partner and manager of Foster's Kelly Lumber Company in Springfield since 1970.

Faculty member's exhibit on display Aug. 28-Sept. 21

Linda Cundiff, assistant professor of art at Campbellsville College, will display art work during the first annual faculty exhibit this fall term at Campbellsville College.

Miss Cundiff's work will consist of drawings, pastels and oil paintings and will be displayed in the fine arts center gallery Aug. 28-Sept. 21.

The majority of the work was completed this year, explained Miss Cundiff. She said many of the pieces are derived from flower forms and are "an extension of gardening and flower raising activities the last few years."

Miss Cundiff won a first place award in the graphics-pastel category at this year's Kentucky State Fair. A drawing earned second place in the graphics-drawing category, also at the fair in Louisville.

Miss Cundiff has taught at Campbellsville College since 1982. She received her master of fine arts degree in 1978 from Ohio University and her master of arts in 1975 from Murray State University. Her bachelor of arts was earned at Campbellsville College in 1972.

Graduate classes to be offered at Cumberland

Fourteen graduate classes are being offered during fall semester by Cumberland College, according to president Jim Taylor.

Registration will be held Aug. 29 in Gatliff Gymnasium and Sept. 1 in Gatliff Auditorium from 9 a.m.-noon. The last day to register and enter a class will be Sept. 5.

Graduate classes being offered during the fall semester are: evaluation and guidance, instructional media and materials, advanced human development and behavior, history and philosophy of education, supervision of student teachers in elementary/secondary schools and the disadvantaged child in early childhood education.

Other classes are seminar: methodology of teaching, dealing in discipline, reading foundations, basic sign language, special education evaluation, special education curriculum design, science, principles, applications and implications and fine arts: creative arts in elementary education.

Educators reaffirm Christian commitment

In light of recent criticisms of educational institutions, some 150 Southern Baptist college and seminary administrators approved a resolution reaffirming their commitment to the "historical

role of intellectual inquiry within a framework of Christian principles and Baptist doctrine."

Action took place during the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The presidents and deans also expressed in the resolution their appreciation to the Southern Baptist Convention, state Baptist conventions and churches for "past, current and continued support of Baptist institutions at which a biblically based intellectual inquiry is not only permitted but encouraged."

J. Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., addressed the educators on leadership. The largest single issue facing any institution, he said, is identity or mission, not survival. "The first task of leadership is to employ and articulate a sense of purpose for the school," Kingsley said.

Kingsley called for Southern Baptist educators to remain true to their schools' historic heritage of caring for the individual and having a concern for molding Christian character. "We dare not sell this birthright for a mess of cultural pottage by trying to become just like the secular institutions," he warned.

Kingsley said educators must lead their institutions to their own identity as places "where people matter, where truth is central, where God is honored and where even the highest quality we can muster is still not good enough."

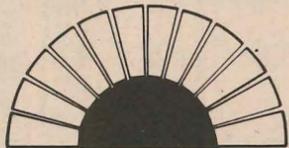
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An unfinished task

Though it is goodbye to the office for Kathryn Jasper Akridge, her work is not completed

by Kim Whitehead, Staff Writer

For many, retirement means leaving behind an active work life and going on to the "golden years" of sedentary existence.

But not for Kathryn Jasper Akridge.

When the executive director of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky cleans out her office in September, it will be to take her work elsewhere.

"I just have the feeling it is time to retire," she commented, "because there are so many other things I want to do."

Among those "other things" are mission work, teaching in conferences and working as WMU director for her home church, Hurstbourne Baptist in Louisville, with the added benefit of the relaxation of retirement when she chooses it.

"I'm retiring from my employment, but not from my task," she said.

When Kathryn Jasper accepted the offer to become Kentucky's state WMU director in 1971 she had always been a member of some phase of the WMU church program and had attended some annual WMU conventions, but nothing more. She had never considered that she herself might be suited to do professionally the work of the largest women's organization in the world.

"When they first contacted me about the executive director position I said, 'Oh, how nice,' and pitched the letter aside," she remembered.

She had earlier been offered a job with Kentucky WMU as youth secretary. But Kathryn knew nothing about one of the job duties, being in charge of camp activities, and that caused her not to accept the job and never to think twice about doing work with WMU.

"But, three days later," she recalled of the second job offer, "I picked up the letter again and read how they said they felt led to me. I decided the least I could do would be to give some consideration and prayer to the matter."

She said soon after that she began to have an increasingly deeper interest that eventually evolved into concern for the work involved in the position.

"I began to see that, though I had not been directly involved in WMU, everything I had done had been preparation for accepting the position," she remarked.

The daughter of a doctor/preacher who spent his ministry in small mountain towns like the mining community of Verda, the young Kathryn earned a BS degree in elementary education from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond and went on to complete a MRE degree at the Carver School of Missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

From there, she worked as BSU director for two years at her alma mater and then filled the same capacity at Mississippi College for Women in Columbus, 1951-57, and the Jackson, Miss. area, 1957-59. She next became youth director at First Baptist Church, Owensboro, before accepting a position as director of activities and admissions at the school of nursing at Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Tex. She left that position to return to Kentucky in 1970.

"My past experience and the willingness of the state WMU executive board made the transition easy for me," she

recalled.

"Besides, everyone was in the process of changing and learning, not just me," she said of her change of office.

When she came to Kentucky, WMU was making conventionwide organizational changes that resulted in new program structures along with name changes like Sunbeams to Mission Friends, Girls Auxiliary to Girls in Action, etc.

"WMU was, as always, changing with society," she said, "but always sticking to its purpose."

Many other changes have occurred since that time over 10 years ago and Kathryn has formed concrete ideas about the work of WMU and her part in it.

"I believe WMU is the heartbeat of the church's intent to carry out the Great Commission," she said.

"WMU is becoming a greater influence in the church because of the

churchwide activities we are planning," she continued. "That influence has got to permeate the whole church."

She went on to say, though, that more and more people must be involved if the total program of WMU is going to affect the church to become involved in missions.

She pointed to WMU's current plan called "Vision '88," which involves every state making plans to multiply its enrolment in the next four years. Kentucky's present membership in WMU organizations is 89,000; the goal for 1988 is 100,000.

"Our opportunity to do something for missions is greater than ever before simply because we have the number of potential members," she observed. "Still, we have enrolled only about 1/6 of those potential members."

The past years, especially those in Kentucky, taught Kathryn Jasper much

about herself.

"There has been a steady growth that has come from finally having a worldwide perspective," she commented.

"I've sought to give the best at whatever level I arrived at, in whatever position the Lord directed me to," she continued.

"As I look back, I can see that I was always happy," she said, "and I'm sure that the greatest reason for my fulfillment was the responsibility that came my way."

That happiness gained a new dimension when Kathryn Jasper became Kathryn Akridge on June 10, 1982.

Marrying William Akridge, a retired chemist, made her consider the possibility of early retirement in order to spend more leisure time with him but also to include him in her work more effectively.

"William became my chauffeur, going to meetings with me all the time," she said. "He had a crash course in WMU."

Now, the idea of working with him as a husband-wife volunteer team in some mission effort, whether the Kentucky-Kenya partnership, through Missions Service Corps or otherwise, holds strong appeal for Mrs. Akridge.

She is also excited about the time they will now be able to spend in travel.

The couple plans to go to New England this fall and "follow the color back down to Kentucky" as the trees change with the season, she said.

Her husband's son lives in Alaska. Mr. Akridge has traveled there to do salmon fishing and plans to go back soon.

"I'm going to give fishing a fling, I think," she remarked, "because he does."

"I'm also going to do needlepoint," Mrs. Akridge added, "because the only time I've had for it before was while waiting for meetings to begin."

The most enjoyable part of her job as executive director, Mrs. Akridge remembered, has been working with associational and church leaders and seeing the development of their interest and concern.

She hopes to continue that work within her own church community now, even though she is leaving the official trappings behind.

As WMU director at her home church in Louisville, she looks forward "to doing on a local level what I have always felt and said everyone should be doing."

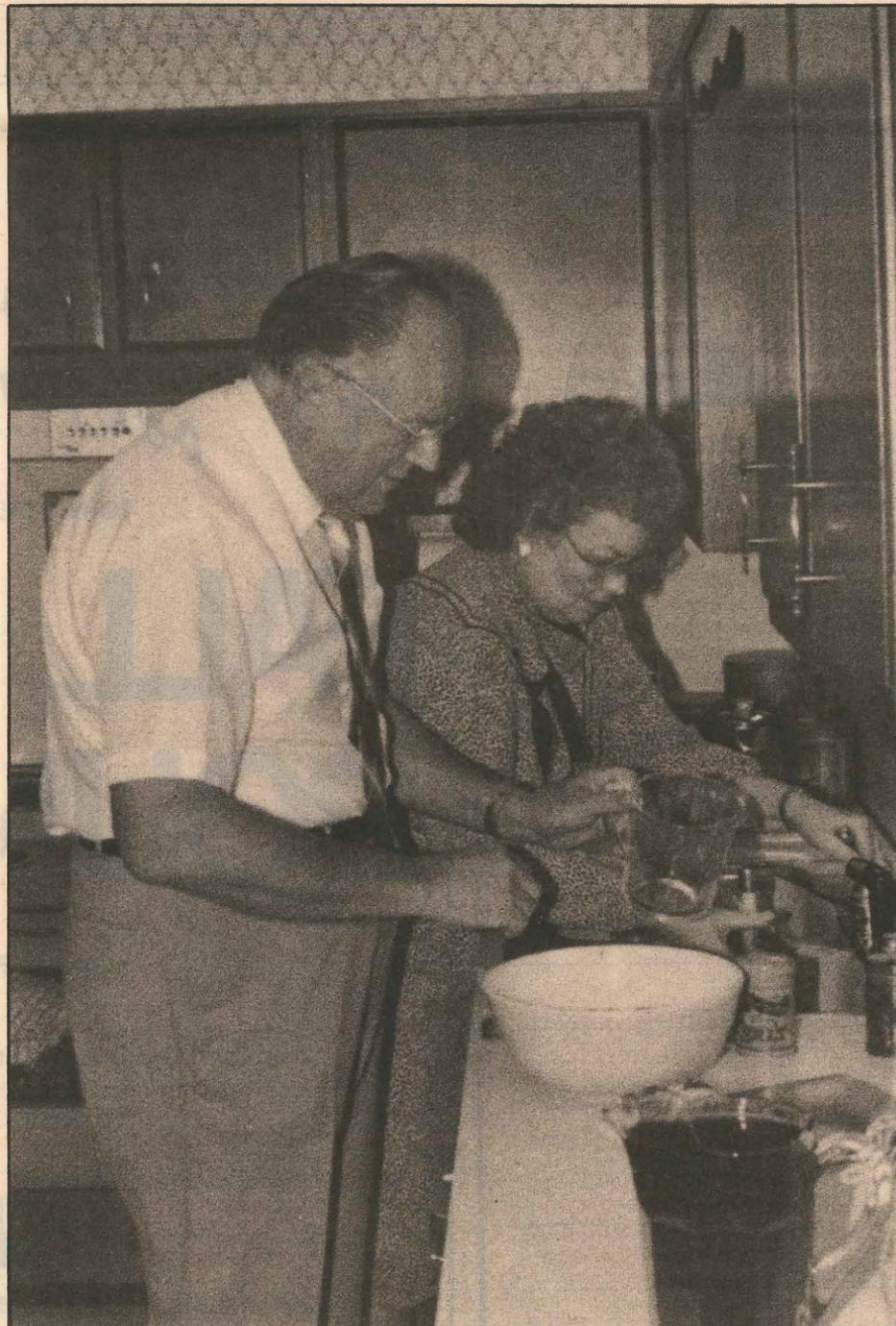
And what will a woman who has given all her energy and time in the last 14 years to strengthening Kentucky's WMU say to the members of her church's WMU circle?

She will concentrate on the future, she said.

"I will tell them that they have the best opportunity for contributing to missions by enlisting other persons," she stated. "By enlisting others, we are able to do more than we ever dreamed of alone."

Practicing for her exhortations of WMUers at Hurstbourne, she said, "Who knows? The person you enlist may be the most enthusiastic and biggest-hearted member of all."

Hopefully WMU will find those eager, caring people. But they, Kathryn Jasper Akridge chief among them, don't come along too often.



After her retirement as executive director of Kentucky WMU, Kathryn Jasper Akridge and her husband, William Akridge, will have a lot more time together for things like cooking, fishing and traveling. They are shown doing some kitchen duty.

At national meeting

Kentucky WMUs honored for achievements

Eighty-eight Southern Baptist churches and 11 associations in Kentucky were recognized for their achievements recently during the Woman's Missionary Union national annual meeting.

Named as distinguished church WMUs were: Adairville, Adairville; Liberty Avenue, Berea; Mt. Pisgah, Bremen; Bronston, Quinton; Bronston; Burnside First, Burnside; Mt. Vernon, Calhoun; Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville; Carlisle First, Carlisle; Coldwater, Coldwater; Cornishville, Cornishville; Crittenden, Crittenden; New Palestine, Crofton; Oakwood, Cynthiana; Valley Creek, Elizabethtown; Erlanger, Erlanger; Eubank, Eubank; Trinity Southern, Falmouth; Mt. Pisgah, Faubush; Immanuel, Frankfort; Fairview, Franklin; Georgetown, Georgetown; Greensburg, Greensburg; Sunshine, Harlan; Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg; Henderson First, Immanuel Temple, Henderson; Hickory, Liberty, Hickory; Edgewood, Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville; Island, Island; Lewisport First, Lewisport; Calvary, Grace, Hillcrest, Immanuel, Lexington;

London First, Swiss Colony, London; Cloverleaf, Highland, Highland Park, Hillcrest, Hurstbourne, Ninth and O, Walnut Street, Louisville; Madisonville First, Madisonville; Pleasant Run, Manchester; Emmanuel, Marion, Marion; New Hope Missionary, May-

field; Melber, Melber; Morgantown First, Morgantown; Mt. Washington Murray, Mt. Washington; Poplar Spring, Murray; Olive Hill First, Olive Hill; Bellevue, Buena Vista, Crabtree, Owensboro; Oaklawn, Paducah; Donaldson, Northside, Princeton; Pleasant Valley Missionary, Providence; Rineyville, Rineyville; Providence Knob, Rockfield; Liberty, Russell Springs; Post Oak, Russellville; Sebree First, Sebree; Salem, Shelbyville First, Shelbyville; Pleasant Grove, Shepherdsville; Duke Memorial, High Street, Somerset First, Somerset; Grangertown, Sturgis; Kings, Little Union, Taylorsville; Upton, Upton; Pleasant Ridge, Utica; Cardinal Hill, Valley Station; Graefenburg, Hempridge, Waddy; Paint Lick, Warsaw, Warsaw; Concord, White Plains; Williamsburg First, Williamsburg; Wooten First, Wooten; Walton First, Walton.

Distinguished associations cited were: Boone's Creek, Christian, Crittenden, Elkhorn, Graves County, Little Bethel, Little River, Long Run, Ohio River, Pulaski, Upper Cumberland.

Leaders stress ministering to needs

In other WMU news, more than 80 missionaries and conference leaders stressed the necessity of ministering to

needs in the community and marketplace as they interpreted the WMU week's theme, *By Love Compelled*, at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Compelled by God's love, Woman's Missionary Union members and leaders are seeking a way to express missions concern and missions love in this day, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, told the crowd of almost 1200.

Miss Weatherford noted that the emphasis on compelling love translates into two objectives for WMU: to seek to involve every church member in a lifestyle of personal ministry and witness and to seek to minister in urban areas.

The importance of increased giving to the Cooperative Program (CP) was an additional emphasis of the week. The missions minded audience answered the pleas for CP awareness with an offering of more than \$2490. Conference center records show the offering as the largest collected to date this summer.

Ministering to the hungry, to resort areas, through student work and lifestyle witnessing were among the challenges presented by the week's speakers.

"You are the arms of the savior reaching out to those in need," Gerald Palmer, vice president of the HMB Missions Section, told the Sunday

morning worshippers.

Judi Folds, missionary to Japan, questioned the women about their use of their time and facilities in taking advantage of weekday ministry opportunities. She also reminded the group to develop friendships in order to present the love of Christ.

Addressing current issues, Nathan Porter, a Home Mission Board national consultant for disaster relief and domestic hunger, also questioned participants on their knowledge of hunger in the U.S. He noted that women and children are the people suffering most in the U.S. because of poverty and hunger.

He drew spontaneous applause with his remarks on the lack of consistency in male/female pay scales even within the church.

"How can we as women or men who believe in Christ call for and expect social justice in the world when we do not call for it in our own churches?" he asked.

Another highlight of the week came when Harlan Spurgeon, Foreign Mission Board's vice president for human resources, spoke of his recent trip to China. He quoted Chinese Christians who referred to the policy change allowing Christians openness to worship without persecution as the "daybreak after a long dark period."

Campaign for Camp Joy a success

by Charlene Tallant

On July 27, the Camp Joy executive board and campaign committees gathered for a banquet to celebrate having raised the \$50,000 required to receive matching funds from an anonymous donor.

And they had ample reason to celebrate with contributions to date totaling \$81,601.63.

After speaking of the joy Camp Joy has brought campers, among them himself and his children, John Chapman said, "This fund raising campaign may be the best thing that has happened to the camp because it has pushed us to do something about the way we feel."

Chapman, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, was chairman of the campaign.

Located in Brownsville, Camp Joy was started in 1953 by 11 associations in the south central area of Kentucky. It was first opened for year-round activities in January 1974, with its first full time manager, Ronnie Wallace.

Since then, youth, adult and music groups have held conferences at the camp, located in Edmonson County. Missionary organizations use Camp Joy as a retreat training center and Achteens, GA and Royal Ambassador camps are held each summer.

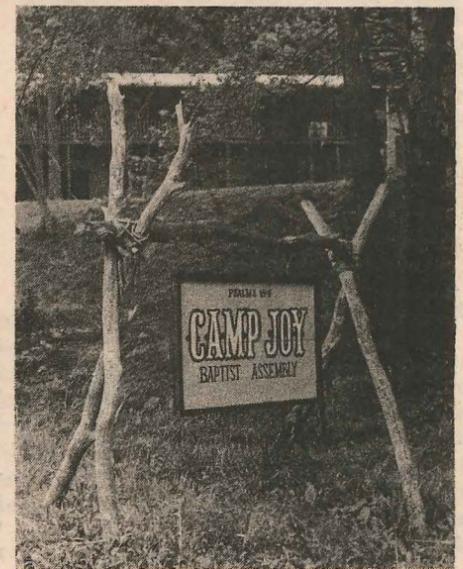
Randy and JoNetta Weaver became the directors of Camp Joy in 1979. Under their leadership, the camp has begun to operate in the black, registration for camps and conferences has increased, facilities have been improved and housing has been provided for the

director.

Money raised in the campaign will be used to renovate camp facilities, among them the Breedlove building which houses the dining room.

Karen Tucker of Big Clifty was a staffer at Camp Joy in 1982 and 1983. After singing at the celebration banquet, she said, "I would not trade my two years of experience of working at Camp Joy for anything in this world, because there I learned that God uses ordinary people like you and me to spread his love."

"I remember the many people I have met," she concluded, "all the hours of hard work that goes into getting the camp ready for use and, most of all, the lives that have been changed through the camp's ministry."



Camp Joy, located in Brownsville, is home away from home for hundreds of children and adults who attend conferences and camps at the assembly.



Camp Joy boasted one building when it opened in 1953 and it served as backdrop for this picture of those who attended the assembly that first year. Among those pictured is David Coleman, a Southern Baptist missionary along with wife Linda in Zimbabwe for the last 16 years. Mrs. Louis Buckley, still a member of the Camp Joy

executive board, is in the group, as is Mrs. Breedlove, for whom the original building was eventually named. The building, still standing, will be renovated with the proceeds from the executive board's recent successful fundraising campaign.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Robert E. Farmer was called as minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, effective Aug. 14.

A native of Auger, Farmer holds a degree in recreation and park administration from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was previously minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association, and recreation assistant at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

John T. Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, was honored by the congregation for his 15 years in the position with a special reception Aug. 5.

Barry Green is now minister of music at Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Carlton Thompson resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, to become minister of music at Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Jim Fields resigned as minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association, to become minister of education at Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn.

A graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Oh., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fields held two pastorates and was director of Sunday school outreach at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, while a student. He later was associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne County Association.

He and wife Sharon have three children, Matthew James, Lisa Jo and Daniel Stephen.

Frank DeClue assumed duties as pastor of Advance Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, July 29.

James Carpenter resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarkson, Grayson Association, to become pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He assumed his new duties Aug. 26, homecoming day for the congregation.

H. B. Kuhnle, Lexington, was in-

terim pastor of the church since October 1983.

Barry Harkness was called as full time pastor of Long Run Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective July 15.

Jerry Tapley began work as associate pastor/minister of youth at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, July 21.

Dana Hakes was called as minister of youth at Parkland Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Aug. 5.

Paul Sansom was called as interim minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association.

A native of Russellville, he is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and former minister of music at Sulphur Spring Baptist Church, Simpson Association.

His wife, Shawn, will teach at Russellville High School this fall.

Keith Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association, was honored with a surprise fellowship gathering in recognition of his seven years as pastor of the congregation July 1.

He and wife Brenda have two sons, Chris and Brian.

Carl Loy, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Russell County Association, and Pierces Chapel Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, was honored with a reception at the Adair County public library, Columbia, Aug. 17, in recognition of the publication of his first book, *They Followed the Christ*. The book includes biographical sketches demonstrating how Christ was in the lives of Old Testament characters.

Loy, who completes 57 years in the ministry this month, is the author of previously published tracts, articles, sermons and songs. He has previously held nine Kentucky pastorates.

Bob Ross, former mission pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates and revival meetings. He can be reached at 2100 Clays Mill Road, Lexington.

Jack C. Duvall resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association, to become minister of senior adults at Columbia

Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.

Neal Jones, a native of Jefferson town, has been pastor of Columbia 16 years.

In accepting the position, Duvall becomes the first full time minister of senior adults in Virginia.

Arlis C. Hinson Jr., administrator of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was elected a member of the Ecumenical Council of the National Association of Church Business Administration during its 28th national convention in Charlotte, N. C. He previously served as secretary for two years.

A native of Mississippi, he was formerly manager of Cedars Baptist Assembly, Bagdad. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Harold B. Kuhnle and his wife Catherine celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Lexington Aug. 25.

Kuhnle retired as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, in 1969. Prior to that ministry he was pastor at First Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association; Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association; and Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association. He served two terms as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and was trustee for both Louisville and Lexington Baptist hospitals. He is currently chaplain of Community Hospice, Lexington.

The Kuhnles have three children and four grandchildren.

Donald A. Atkinson, editor of adult Life and Work Sunday school materials in the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department, was named a new adult consultant in the board's church training department.

Atkinson went to the board in May 1983 from the pastorate of Fern Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He previously pastored churches in Swainsboro and Macon, Ga.

Donald Scoggins, a third year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was called to pastor Valley View Baptist Mission, Irvine. He is a native of Cleveland, Tenn.

Bruce Alvice accepted the call to pastor Young Grove Baptist Church, North Concord Association. A second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, he and wife Barbara are natives of Olmstead. They have two children, Toni and Daniel.

Wesley O. Hanson, pastor of Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio Association, from 1957-83, was recently honored with a special reception at the church.

The Sunday evening worship service prior to the reception featured Kentucky Baptist Student Union students who recently returned from missionary assignments in South America. Janet Hanson, daughter of Hanson and wife Gloria, was one of them.

Mark A. Hamm is the current pastor of Hartford.

Kevin Lee is now pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Central Association. Originally from Shepherdsville, he is a graduate of Campbellsville College and will enrol at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in January 1985. His wife, Dianna, formerly of Lebanon Junction, is a senior at Campbellsville College.

Lyndle J. Taylor assumed duties as pastor of Marrowbone Baptist Church, Pike Association, Aug. 12.

A 1968 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Taylor has pastored in Kentucky, Illinois and Wisconsin during his 22-year ministry. He left the pastorate of Buelah Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn. to accept the position.

Dean Robinson resigned as pastor of Faith First Baptist Church, Pike Association, effective Aug. 12. He and wife Doris will move to Floyd County where they will both teach school.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Rains, missionaries to Bangladesh, have returned to the field following a medical leave (address: Box 99, Ramna, Dhaka 2, Bangladesh). Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he considers Mayfield his home town. She is the former Betty Cope of Birmingham, Ala. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Calvary Baptist Church, South District Association, sent a nine-member team to assist Abundant Life Baptist Chapel, Chillicothe, Oh., in vacation Bible school this summer.

A team had traveled to Chillicothe the last two summers to assist members in conducting backyard Bible clubs, but this year they helped them establish a "full-fledged" vacation Bible school, according to associate pastor Steve Fegenbush. Two professions of faith and one baptism were reported from the average attendance of 52.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Robertson, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have a change of address (address: 01 BP 3722, Abidjan 01, Ivory Coast). He was born in Owensboro and lived in Louisiana and Texas while growing up. She is the former Carol Johnson of New Orleans, La. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977.

Billie V. Scaggs, missionary to Liberia, arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1700 Jackson Keller Rd., Apt. 1803, San Antonio, Tex. 78216). She was born in Ashland and also lived in Greenup County. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Mack Shults, missionaries to Brazil, have made a change of furlough address (Rte. 7, Box 658, Murray 42071). He is a native of Cleveland, Tenn. and she is the former Audrey Minor of Jonesville, Va. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

Beverly Askew, journeyman to Brazil, has completed her two-year term of service as a secretary in the mission office in Recife and returned to the states (address: Rte. 1, Oak Grove 42262). A native of Hopkinsville, she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, missionaries to Spain, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 602 Willow Brook, Louisville 40243). Both natives of Kentucky, he was born in Louisville and grew up in Okolona and she was born in Pikeville and grew up in Stanford. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

James and Betsy Furr were among 69 persons named missionaries, mission-



Kentucky native Joan Sutton [center] and her husband Boyd, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, are shown receiving 25-year service pins from fellow missionary Zelma Hallock during the recent annual South Brazil Mission meeting. A native of Louisville, she serves in Porto Alegre where the Suttons do music promotion work. He is a native of Virginia but served as education director of St. Matthews Church in Louisville, before being appointed by the FMB.



Mr. and Mrs. Furr

ary associates or recipients of pastoral assistance by the board of directors of the Home Mission Board during their August meeting.

Furr was named missionary associate after being named director of missions and ministries for Long Run Association in Louisville in April. Formerly, he was assistant to the executive director of the

association; consultant to churches in changing communities for Long Run, 1981-84; and consultant for refugee ministries for the Home Mission Board in Kansas City, Mo., 1979-81. He has been campus supervisor of the supervised experience in ministry program for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, since 1981.

Wife Betsy is magazine editor of National Show Horse Registry, Louisville. Both are graduates of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex. He is also a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.

congregations

Whispering Meadows Baptist Church was formally constituted in special services Aug. 19.

The church began as a mission of First Baptist Church, Morganfield, Ohio Valley Association, over 20 years ago at Waverly. The location was moved to Whispering Meadows in 1973.

Tim Burdon is pastor of the new con-

gregation. Stephen E. Thompson is pastor of Morganfield.

Rineyville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held a dedication service for its new education and Christian activities building July 29. The church also celebrated becoming debt free with a noteburning.

Raymond Ward is pastor of Rineyville.

Crestwood Baptist Church dedicated its new sanctuary July 15. Former pastor Jack Prince delivered the message.

Tom Kinman is pastor of Crestwood.

Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Boones Creek Association, celebrated the retirement of indebtedness on its family life center Aug. 5. The \$1,000,000 facility was constructed at a cost of \$725,000 through the Together We Build program.

Dan Francis is pastor of Central.

Auburn Baptist Church, Bethel Association, conducted vacation Bible school at Auburn Nursing Center for the

fourth summer this year. The church's two oldest members were among the center residents who participated. They are Nellie Andrew, 92, and Bell Childress, 101.

Terrance Freeman is pastor of Auburn.

First Baptist Church, Maysville, Bracken Association, will observe homecoming Sept. 2 with regular morning services, dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be former pastor Jim England who is currently pastor of Salem Avenue Baptist Church, Rolla, Mo.

Joe Coleman is pastor of Maysville.

Glenville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, dedicated its new \$325,000 sanctuary on the church's 119th anniversary July 29. Truman Cochran, former member and now pastor of Gregory Baptist Church, Gregory, Mich., delivered the morning message. Wendell Sandefers, former pastor and current pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Muhlenburg Association, brought the dedicatory message.

Reminiscing abounds as Sulphur Spring celebrates 150 years

When Sulphur Spring Baptist Church in Simpson Association, once the largest open country church in Kentucky, celebrated 150 years as a congregation on Aug. 5, the conversation was alive with stories of "how it all began."

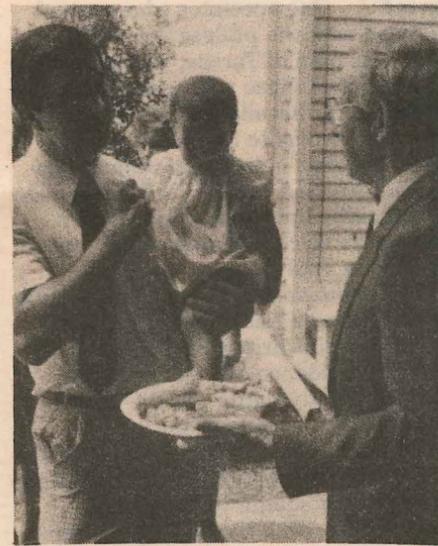
They told the story of how, in 1883, after pastor O. H. Morrow began advocating temperance and destroyed his own still, the Baptist Church of Christ at Sulphur Spring took a vote on whether or not the congregation would allow its members to join a temperance society. The majority said no and the remaining 20 took leave of the church to form Sulphur Spring Baptist Church.

They also talked of how, by 1835, membership had only reached 33 and, in 1838, one week of revival ended with one man having been converted. The older members voted against continuing, disagreeing with a "protracted meeting." But Morrow, still pastor, insisted and in one week almost 100 were converted and 90 became members.

The church, instrumental over the years in establishing nine churches in the area, has a present membership of 331 and gives 25 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program annually.



Celebrating 150 years at Sulphur Spring Baptist Church brought several former pastors and members as well as some new members together. On Aug. 3, a reception was held for former pastors and they later found time for reminiscing [upper left]. Pictured left to right are Luther Joe Thompson, professor of preaching, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Carl Price, pastor, Lakewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; and David Dean, pastor, Sudbury Baptist Church, Boston, Mass. Former four-time interim pastor James Barry, consultant in worship and preaching for the Sunday School



Board, chatted with new church member Tony Thurmond [center] while daughter Jaclyn Thurmond, 14 mos., eyed the food served at the church's special dinner on the grounds Aug. 5. That day, former members traveled back to Sulphur Spring [upper right] like [left to right] Margaret M. Claborn, now a member of Orlinda Baptist Church, Orlinda, Tenn., and Ruby F. Baird of First Baptist Church, Franklin, who visited with Ruth Randolph, a member of Sulphur Spring for the past 66 years.



Franklin Paschall [left], retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, delivered the morning sermon Sunday, Aug. 5 and then shared lunch with Sulphur Spring pastor Joel Jones [right]. The Sunday morning service was the highlight of the weekend, which also included a candlelight ceremony and reception Aug. 4 and the musical, "The Church Alive," by the church choir Sunday afternoon.



The Sulphur Spring congregation paid special recognition to former members now in full time ministry during its sesquicentennial celebration. Pictured left to right are former members Jeff Randolph, minister of music, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.; Joe Evans, pastor, Orlinda Baptist Church, Orlinda, Tenn.; Evelyn Campbell Hill, former Southern Baptist missionary to Portugal; and Kevin Kinnard, minister of music, Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn.



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Needed: a miracle

on mission together

At this writing, we are eight days from the end of our KBC fiscal year. Because each of the remaining days must average \$47,250 to reach the 1983-84 operating budget, it is unlikely that we will. If by a small miracle we should, we would have experienced only a five percent growth over last year, one percent more than the four percent cost of living increase projected for this year in the USA.

In short, it has been a "no growth" year in buying power so far as overall Cooperative Program gifts are concerned. (I'll have some specific observations when the final reports are available for analysis.)

The reality makes all the more relevant the meeting last week of Kentucky's Planned Growth in Giving task force.

Even though many churches make valiant efforts to increase mission giving, the level of individual Baptist giving to the local church is stuck. And it has been stuck for about 30 years throughout the SBC at an average of around two percent of each member's income given to the church.

The vision of "Planned Growth in Giving" is aimed at taking all Southern Baptists to a new level of giving—beginning at the local church . . . not in gigantic, unreasonable steps, but in little ones over 15 years, motivated by a renewal of personal commitment to use of our resources to bless others more than ourselves.

I still believe in miracles. And I still believe that people can change. It will take a miracle to change us . . . but God is up to it.



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and rushed him out of the city to stone him to death. As the stones struck him Stephen prayed for those who were taking his life, saying, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." His attitude, like that of Christ on the cross, was one of pity, love and forgiveness.

Acts 8:1 One spectator who seemed pleased with the pitiless fury of the mob was Saul of Tarsus, who guarded the cloaks of those who assaulted Stephen. By his silence Saul gave his hearty approval to Stephen's martyrdom. Stephen's demonstration of how a real Christian can die for Christ made an indelible impression upon Saul's mind. His voice in prayer never ceased to echo in Saul's ears.

The enemies of Christ and his followers launched a fierce campaign to exterminate all Christians, but the overruling providence of God used their persecution to scatter the Christians in order that the precious seed of his word might be sown more widely. Time and again persecution has promoted the very thing it sought to destroy.

Acts 9:3-8 With his fury against the Christians unabated, Saul approached Damascus, a light blinded him and he fell to the ground. Stunned by the glory of God, Saul inquired, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His question indicated that his opposition to Christ had collapsed and he was ready to accept the will of the Lord.

Christ told Saul to go into Damascus and the desired information would be

given to him. Attendants led him into the city where he rested in the house of Judas for three days during which he remained sightless. His surrender to the Lord was instantaneous and complete and the Lord completely transformed him.

Galatians 1:11-17 Paul gave members of the churches in Galatia instructions which they needed. Judaizers had gone into these churches and argued that Paul was not a true apostle. They contended that the gospel which Paul had been preaching was of human devising. Paul emphatically denied this. He declared it had come to him through supernatural revelation.

Paul asked his readers to not give heed to those who come with any message contrary to the gospel of Christ as recorded in the word of God. In defense of the gospel Paul gave a detailed description of his experience of salvation, his call from Christ to become a preacher for him and his reception of the divine revelation from the Lord.

Life and Work Series

Serving is our task

Matthew 21:33-39 In this parable Christ employed familiar imagery to illustrate God's goodness. A certain man owned a tract of fertile land. On it he planted a vineyard with the choicest

vine. For its protection he fenced it. For the benefit of watchmen he erected a tower. Expecting fruit the owner dug a pit and erected a winepress. He then left it with others and withdrew from it.

In due season the owner sent servants for his share, but the husbandmen mistreated and abused them. When he sent a larger group of servants they received similar treatment. Finally, he sent his son, whereupon they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard and slew him.

This householder represents God, the creator and owner of all things. The vineyard represents the nation of Israel. The husbandmen represent the rulers and leaders of Israel. The servants represent the prophets and teachers whom God sent to warn the Israelites of their disobedience and wickedness. The son represents the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:40-41 Fascinated by the parable, the leaders declared that justice demanded that the vineyard should be taken from such tenants and given to someone else. Before 40 years had elapsed, Jerusalem was destroyed, the temple was burned and laid in ruins and the Jews were scattered over the face of the earth.

Matthew 21:42-43 To reject Christ is to spurn an adequate provision for every need, a perfect solution for every problem, a genuine comfort in every trial and sufficient strength for every weakness. Rejection of Christ is never justifiable and is always perilous.

sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 2, 1984

International Series

Paul's conversion

Acts 7:59-60 When Stephen delivered his eloquent and masterful address concerning the person, life and ministry of Christ, certain enemies of the savior resolved that they would silence him by force. The furious mob surged like angry beasts upon helpless Stephen



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campbellsville college today

We were constantly reminded that their achievements could not have been possible without the tremendous financial support to provide facilities, time and personnel for the years of training. Individuals and businesses gave the needed money. This was indeed a noteworthy achievement.

Other groups of American youth are preparing to gather in their housing villages to utilize their training facilities and to work with their mentors as they prepare to take on the competition. No, these are not our athletes for the Olympic Games of 1988. I'm referring to the students returning to Campbellsville College and the other Baptist campuses of Kentucky and the nation. Just as for the Olympic athletes, to a large degree the success of the training and preparation for our Baptist college students will be influenced by the financial investment in their programs.

I want to thank every Baptist church and every person everywhere whose contributions to Campbellsville College have made it possible for us to provide these Christian education opportunities for our students. My heart aches, however, to see the funding for utilities, programs and personnel at this Baptist college match that for Olympic preparations. This is a worthy challenge for Kentucky Baptists.

We report 750,000 members of Kentucky churches. An investment of 10 cents per week from each of us over a four-year period would fund an endowment of over 15 million dollars. Our people differ in their financial ability, but it is probable that a goal of 10 cents per week per member is not beyond the realm of possibility for Kentucky Baptists when we consider the other things for which we spend our money. This may be a matter of values.

Olympic games and other values

Americans of all ages were glued to television sets by the hours a few weeks ago as we followed the Olympic Games. Tears, joy, burst of pride and patriotism mingled from millions as the flower of American youth performed for the world to see.



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clear creek comment

After my decease

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

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 Peter 1:15 he expressed a desire that Christian people might "have these things in remembrance after my decease." It is as

if Peter was 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 present day.

I wonder if my life will continue to count for Christ after I am gone. I hope that it will through my family. Marilyn and I pray that our 15- and 13-year-old sons will live for God as a continuation of the Simpson family's dedication. We hope that our nine-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 that 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 pos-

sess much of "the substance of the earth," I am determined that 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.

One of my major investments in life is at Clear Creek Baptist School. I have committed my time, my energies, my talents and even my life toward leading this great school. Everyday I thank the Lord again for calling me and my family to Clear Creek.

However, through the provisions of my will, I will be supporting Clear Creek Baptist School long after I have retired and long after I have died. My commitment to Clear Creek will continue even after this earthly life ends because I have included Clear Creek in my will.

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.



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oneida journal

A week of magic

One of the rewards of our labor and daily struggle at Oneida is hearing from parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents of students whose lives we have touched.

A good sample of such a letter is the following from a distant city: "I have often wondered how you folks at Oneida can keep a reasonable amount of patience, much less your sanity! I assume that a good percentage of your student body is not at Oneida because they are angels.

"I know I sent a 'potential' to you that had misplaced his halo and his wings were not working at all!

"I have seen a week of magic with Jack while he was home for vacation. I see a big change in him. I now know that he is not only trying but is having some success in directing his life in a

positive way.

"Oneida provided the opportunity for Jack to make these changes, and it is to your credit that this is happening.

"He was very cooperative and worked hard to help me in the house, and it would take three more pages to list all the fix-it projects Jack accomplished. He helped my dad put bales of hay up in a barn. He told dad that he was an 'old hand' at hay baling because he learned that at Oneida.

"It probably is not proper for me to discuss another student, but it points out that Oneida, in some cases, not only redirects young minds' way of thinking, but saves their lives, spiritually and physically.

"I did not know Maynard or his family prior to his coming to Oneida. He was referred through a mutual friend. Anyhow, I told him to do me, Jack and Oneida a favor and refer only good kids. The doctor replied to me that he considered Oneida to be the last resort to save this boy's life. So many things had been done with little success. He said that statistically Maynard would be dead from an overdose or suicide before he reached age 16. I have trouble relating to this because I don't understand why.

"Anyway at the bus station I saw Maynard with his hair cut, a smile on his face, and though he wasn't jumping up and down saying he could hardly wait to get back to Oneida, when the bus pulled up two kids quickly gathered

up all their treasures to hop on the bus. I feel my Jack already knows that Oneida will provide the opportunity to get his act together. I have the feeling Maynard suspects the answer for him is down at Oneida, Ky. but he isn't about to admit it yet!

"We adults need positive feedback too. That's why I am writing you. You are all giving of yourselves to provide something special, a different way of life to youngsters. THANKS."

A mother writes of her children: "I believe that one year at Oneida has been more beneficial to them than three years in public school. I believe a good education is the most important thing in a child's life. You cannot go very far without it.

"I don't wish my children to have to do manual labor the rest of their lives as I am doing. They have also learned some very important values at your school and for that I thank you very much.

"I will get my account with you paid as soon as possible. Of course, what I owe you cannot be paid in money. Money cannot pay for the things my children have learned and experienced in the past year."

"A Catholic mother writes sending a \$50 donation: "I will never be able to thank you enough for helping our child and us last year. May God bless you always for this."

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What really matters?



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homes for children

On vacation last month my wife and I led a tour group to Germany and Britain. Among many interesting experiences, we visited several castles in the Bavarian Alps. Our visit to the Linderhof Castle built by King Ludwig II really raised the question, "What really matters?"

As one approaches the castle, the valley leading to it has few inhabitants. The reason, we are told, is that King Ludwig II drove them out. He didn't

like people and did not want to see them as he came and went. To get far away, he built the castle high upon the mountain. Even then, there were servants and people who came and went as they dealt with affairs of state. So, to get farther away, he built an elaborate cave with a lake inside where he could retreat still farther into his dream world of unreality. The king always dined alone and did not even want servants around. So the dining table was placed so it could be lowered through a trap door, set and prepared by servants, and then raised into the king's presence where he dined alone.

Although he did not care about people, the castle is a showcase of elaborate, costly, ornate rococo style mirrors and gilt wood carvings, bronze and porcelain statues, elaborate tapestries, silk hangings and numerous paintings—all designed to impress people. As I walked through the Linderhof Castle, I marveled at the art work and craftsmanship. I was over-

whelmed by the wealth and extravagance. Then I was saddened that all that wealth stands there doing nothing, benefiting no one. How sad that Ludwig II did not like people but loved things. He must have been a very unhappy man.

So, what really matters? Is it people or property? The writer of Ecclesiastes concludes the matter well: "Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Jesus said it best: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

When one loves only things, all is lost. But when one loves God and people, then things have a valuable place in benefiting others. I am glad so many of you love children and share your material gifts to bless children. Here at Baptist Homes we translate your gifts into necessary care and dedicated staff who love, lead and care for children in Christ's name.

baptist news in brief

West German church seeks to fill pastorate

Grace Baptist Church, Heidelberg, West Germany, is currently without a pastor and, according to search committee chairman Kent Gibbs, the position must be filled by May 1985.

A member of the (English speaking) European Baptist Convention, Grace Baptist ministers to approximately 20,000 U. S. military and civilian personnel in Heidelberg.

Though the congregation is 22 years old and experiences a turnover of 20-30 percent of its membership each year, it has an average Sunday morning attendance of 140 and a full program of Sunday school, Church Training, music, youth activities and WMU programs.

Interested persons may send biographical data and/or recommendations to Kent Gibbs, P.O. Box 311, APO New York 09403.

I. Grundy Janes to be missionary-in-residence

Missionary I. Grundy Janes Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Chile since 1966, will be serving in Kentucky during his furlough as missionary-in-residence for the Promotion and Stewardship Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Janes

Janes arrived in Kentucky this month to give primary emphasis to the Cooperative Program, making himself available to speak in churches and associations throughout Kentucky.

The Janes' will retain their relationship with the Foreign Mission Board but, through working agreements with

the state convention, they will relate to Kentucky Baptists during their furlough.

Janes is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was assistant principal of a high school in Lexington and taught in a junior high school in Louisville. He also served as a summer missionary in Kansas, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He now serves in Temuco, Chile as a director and manager at Baptist Academy, a primary and secondary school.

He is married to Kentucky native Jean Bell Janes. She was born in Louisville and lived in Owensboro.

They will be residing at the St. Matthews Baptist Church missionary residence, Louisville.

To make arrangements for speaking engagements with Janes, interested churches should contact the Stewardship Department of the KBC, Box 43433, Middletown 40243, 502-245-4101.

Americans United objects to use of government jet

Americans United for Separation of Church and State strongly protested the use of a U. S. Air Force jet to transport Vatican ambassador Pio Laghi from a meeting with President Reagan in Santa Barbara, Cal., to a religious service in the Virgin Islands.

Following an Aug. 1 meeting with the President at Reagan's California ranch, archbishop Laghi was borne by direct flight from the west coast to St. Thomas for the Aug. 3 ordination of Virgin Islands coadjutor bishop Sean O'Malley.

"The use of a government plane and government personnel to fly a church official to a church service is an egregious violation of the principle of

church-state separation," said Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United. "This demonstrates yet again the insensitivity of the Reagan administration toward this vital constitutional principle."

"Such political abuse of religion is deplorable," he continued, "but paying the archbishop's transportation to a church function carries the affair into the realm of unconstitutionality."

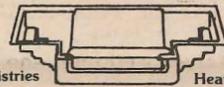
"We urge the administration to account for any costs related to the archbishop's trip and to pay those costs with campaign funds or other private resources," Maddox said. "At a time when the federal budget is some \$175 billion in the red, the taxpayers of this nation should not be expected to subsidize the staging of political theatrics."

HMB report offers new view of typical church

The typical 1983 Southern Baptist church had 237 total members, an enrollment of 116 people in Sunday school (average weekly attendance of 65) and six baptisms, according to a recently published report by researchers at the Home Mission Board.

Phillip B. Jones, director of HMB's planning and services research department, and Julie McKelvie, research assistant/programer analyst, painted the picture of the typical SBC church from statistics from the denomination's uniform church letter.

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Workshops for children's workers

Eight children's leadership workshops, jointly sponsored by the Sunday School, Church Training and Church Music Departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, have been scheduled around the state for Sept. 13-18.

The workshops are structured to aid leaders, particularly in Sunday school, Church Training, music and recreation, in working with children grades one through six.

Dates and locations for the workshops are: Sept. 13, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, and First Baptist Church, Somerset; Sept. 14, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and Florence Baptist Church, Florence; Sept. 17, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah; and Sept. 18, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, and First Baptist Church, Paintsville.

Each workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:25 p.m.

Seven awareness centers will be featured in the workshops, allowing workers to experience for themselves optional resources available for working with children. They will focus on Bible drills, vacation Bible schools, musical instruments, new Sunday school literature available, basic church music literature for children's choirs, day camping and "Helping a Child Understand Salvation," an equipping center module.

Participants will also choose from seven conferences to be conducted in

two periods during each workshop. Five of them will concentrate on children's work in either Sunday school, Church Training, music or recreation. These will discuss basic children's Sunday school work, led by Mrs. R. L. Blaine, Margaret Bowen, Pat Durham, Nancy Randall, Laurie Taylor and Louise Woolums; basic children's Church Training, led by Trace McCann and Lena Romans; basics in children's choirs, led by Martha Ruth Moore and Bruce Richardson; using music in Sunday school and Church Training, led by Pat Cole, Linda McKinley and Rebecca Powell; and recreation with children, led by Cynthia Floyd, Tom Baker and Allen Wilson.

In addition, two conferences will feature advanced teaching techniques, on fresh teaching approaches, and principles of working with children, on the mental and spiritual development of children. Both will be led by Anne Smith and William E. Young, supervisor of the preschool/children's section, Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board.

Registration for any of the workshops can be made by sending name, address, phone number and church, along with the location of the workshop to be attended, to the Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown 40243, or calling 502-245-4101.

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Oldest missionary celebrates 100th birthday

by Mary Jane Welch

Julia Lowe's mother feared her daughter wouldn't live through the voyage to China in 1908. She not only lived, but as an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 10.

Her mother also feared Mrs. Lowe would have a baby in China. She had four, and she gathered with her three daughters, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and other relatives, totaling more than 40, to celebrate the day after her birthday. Her son, Jackson, died a few months ago.

George Hays, the Foreign Mission Board's director for East Asia, and his wife joined the crowd to present the board's oldest missionary a plaque, a framed photograph of Mrs. Lowe made shortly before her birthday and a single red rose, "for the first century."

After his presentation, family members brought in a birthday cake saying "Mama," with three candles, which her great-grandchildren blew out for her.

Mrs. Lowe retired before some of today's missionaries were born and remembers younger emeritus missionaries, such as Cornelia Leavell, former missionary to Hong Kong, and Mary Lucile Saunders, former missionary to the Philippines, as the children of her fellow China missionaries.

Although she hasn't been on the mission field in more than 40 years, she still prays daily for missionaries and she is active in the Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church in nearby Washington. In fact, she's associate teacher of her Sunday school class, which includes

Reba Campbell, the daughter with whom she lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

But her church membership is still with First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., where she lived until her children decided she should no longer live by herself. She lived in Nashville longer than any other place in her life and wants people "to know I love Tennessee still."

Mrs. Lowe uses a walker to get around with the help of her daughters, who love to brag on her age. In a shopping mall in Montgomery, Ala., one young man was especially eager to get the answer to the question everyone asks: "What do you have to do to live such a long life?"

"I told him never in my life had I had a glass of any kind of alcoholic beverage, and I have never smoked a cigarette. But I said, 'That's not what has given me the long life. It is God that does it,'" she says. "That's what I tell everybody. It's the Lord. It's because it's his will. I belong to him."

Although she's reluctant to talk about her early background—she seems to feel nothing before China rates mention—Julia Lowe admits she's a native New Yorker, a northern Methodist who fell in love with a Southern Baptist she met at a Bible conference. Less than a month after their wedding, she and Clifford Lowe sailed for China.

Thus began one of the happiest experiences she's ever had—to be able to tell the Chinese people "there is a living God who loved them and a savior who died to save them."

They landed in Hong Kong on Dec. 24, 1908, "a marvelous Christmas

present," she says. From there they went to Macao, where they were thrilled to get their first glimpse of the little Baptist church during its Christmas service. "Of course, we didn't understand a word of the service," says Mrs. Lowe, "but we understood the smiles of the people."

The Lowes went out as missionaries for an independent Baptist society, but within two years the society merged with the Southern Baptist mission and the Lowes headed to Wuchow as Southern Baptist missionaries. The years that followed raise doubts about current beliefs that stress erodes health and longevity. During the next 30-plus years, Julia Lowe lived in a country touched by two world wars and the ferment of multiple revolutions which eventually ended in Communist takeover in 1949.

From Wuchow, the couple moved to Kweilin to start Southern Baptist mission work there, and then to Shanghai to help with publication and radio ministries. More missionaries joined them; churches, schools and medical work grew. Mrs. Lowe started a girls' school with eight girls and a couple of women. They rented a house on the city's main street for a bookstore and church. A woman in Knoxville, Tenn., asked her father for her inheritance early so the Kweilin missionaries could purchase a chapel across the street from the bookstore.

During much of their time in China, Lowe held street evangelistic meetings most evenings. Mrs. Lowe especially remembers one of the Chinese preachers who worked with him in those services. Liu Huantin was a man who

"just went around talking about Jesus to people and led many people to Christ." But he was also a short man and had to stand in his sock feet in a chair when he preached.

After 18 years in Kweilin, the Lowes moved to Shanghai, where Lowe worked with publications and then became manager of a Christian radio station. Mrs. Lowe taught at Eliza Yates Girls' School. They were on vacation in Tsingtao when the Japanese invaded Shanghai.

When Lowe returned to the city to check on their home, the Japanese first refused to let him visit it. When he finally did, he learned that the home had been bombed and all the furniture taken except Mrs. Lowe's sewing machine cabinet. Even the sewing machine had been removed. The Japanese soldier accompanying him asked as they approached the house, "Your house?" Lowe said yes. "I sorry," said the Japanese soldier.

The Lowes moved to a house in another section of the occupied city, refurnished it and returned to America. "We came home on furlough in 1940 expecting fully to go back. I had dishes in the dish closet and pictures on the wall, but we never did get back," says Mrs. Lowe.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor just before they were slated to return. By the time hostilities ended Lowe was too close to retirement age to justify the expense of their return. They did "deputation" work, speaking in churches and Baptist meetings until their official retirement in 1948.

Preschoolers, children learn at Ridgecrest



Eight-month-old Adam Phelps, Huntsville, Ala., is introduced to the autoharp by Sandra Bushey, a worker in the preschool one department from Euless, Tex. The preschool classes provide a variety of experiences that focus on positive aspects of attending Sunday school.

While parents attend Sunday school leadership sessions at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, children also are actively involved in learning experiences. For the children, Ridgecrest offers more than a sandbox and a playground.

The children's and preschool sections of the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department plan instruction periods that include activities used in Sunday school lesson plans. The classes are useful to show workers attending adult sessions some of the techniques that may be used in Sunday school.

Workers in the children's and preschool departments at Ridgecrest also work in those areas in their home churches.



Based on the smell, Allen Jones, Ringgold, Ga., tries to guess the object hidden in the cup. Emily Perry, Canton, Ga., center, eagerly anticipates his answer as Jane Plummer, Forrest City, Ark., leads the children in the sensory experience.



In a large group time, June Holland, Arnold, Md., gives third and fourth graders clues for a Bible verse scramble. Large group sessions are used in conjunction with small group activity periods in Bible learning.

Children's Homes help the hurting

A ministry . . .

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, anchored by the Christian commitment and stewardship of Baptists throughout this state, has been carrying on its ministry of love for 115 years.

This missionary work is cherished by Kentucky Baptists. Of course, that really is no surprise because of what Jesus did and said about children and families. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus showed divine compassion for all people, but he demonstrated a special tenderness toward children.

From our beginning Kentucky Baptists have provided financial support. The Thanksgiving Offering is the oldest of our special offerings in the state. We now are the oldest continuously operated children's home in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our facilities include two campuses where long-term care is provided—Spring Meadows in Middletown and Glen Dale in Glendale, Ky. There are six cottages on each campus and every cottage is designed to house 10 youth and the houseparents.

The agency also has two temporary

servicing children of the eighties . . .

Much has been written about child care—child care in the 60's, the 70's and now the 80's. Is child care needed in the 80's? Who needs it? What are the needs? What is Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children doing to meet the needs?

The 65 calls for assistance that come to our regional offices each month document the need. These calls come from family members, pastors, doctors and social workers. They come as a result of family breakdown because of mental illness, desertion, alcoholism, neglect, abuse or a combination of any of these factors.

Some of these young people who come to us have never known what it is to be loved. Some have been overdisciplined. Some have had no discipline or supervision at all. Some have suffered numerous rejections and failures and lack self esteem. Some are filled with guilt and some have suspicion of all adults. Others are hostile or withdrawn. Many problems are not of the youth's own making but may be the result of inadequate parenting. It is not unusual for youth to have severe school-related problems as a result of emotional, behavioral or learning disorders. In other situations, rebellious youth may be beyond the control of their parents. No race, religion, social or financial status is immune to such problems. All are in need of a stabilizing force in their lives. We seek not only to be that stabilizing force but to be a motivator for change and growth to both the youth who is removed from the home and the family from which the youth is separated.

Kentucky Baptists serve youth and their families through a continuum of services from short term counseling to long term residential care.

Problems may be resolved through family counseling sessions with regional coordinators who are located in Louisville, Madisonville and Winchester, thereby eliminating the need for placement outside the home.

shelters at Elizabethtown and Dixon, Ky. These emergency homes can care for youth on short notice and keep them up to 30 days. During that time, we plan more permanently for them.

Foster homes are used across the state to minister to preschool children and teenagers who cannot accept group living on one of our campuses.

For girls we are expecting a child out of wedlock, we have our Unwed Mother's Home in Louisville. We also continue to provide an adoption program.

Kentucky Baptists can be proud of this ministry which cares for more than 400 boys and girls annually. Our work is especially effective because the spiritual aspect permeates our care for children.

Our ministry, which is needed even more today, is truly redemptive in its purpose. With excellent facilities, a positive atmosphere and a skilled and dedicated staff, we believe that each child has God-given talents and can know the good life only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are only able to continue through the generosity of caring Baptists and by the grace of God. We walk by faith.



Phyllis Durbin [44] topped off her residence at Baptist Homes for Children by earning an athletic scholarship to Campbellsville College.

. . . succeeds.

Campus residents share common backgrounds of disrupted family living and a longing for a better life. Many are held in school and have a poor self-image. Children are accepted without regard for their past and are expected to demonstrate growth. Their growth is measured by weekly evaluations based on use of the Homes' resources and acceptance of responsibility. Each cottage is a strong resource group much like a family, but corrective and educational in nature.

Staff utilize individual and group techniques to guide the cottage groups and there is strong emphasis on real "involvement." Every child needs to love and be loved and to feel worthwhile to himself and others. We provide a variety of opportunities for this to happen through intramural sports and work on campus and farm with caring adults. Structured living and discipline are a part of daily life. A Christian lifestyle is taught and modeled by staff. Gradually, residents come to recognize themselves as persons of worth and value. We see them first develop a better relationship with earthly fathers, then a better relationship with their heavenly Father. Our goal is to bring each child into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Children are supported by campus tutoring, but attend local public schools. A variety of projects are offered, with participation and cooperation stressed more than winning. Many children excel annually at county and state fairs. One young lady recently said, "When somebody from here wins, I think it is good. It's like one of your family winning."

Campus is a place where a child can get in touch with himself and sort out priorities. Many discover they are very talented. Campus is also a spiritual place where children get in touch with God. They find joy through worship and service. Campus becomes a new start. This child care ministry is the church at work today in the lives of troubled young people and their families.



Skip Snyder, coordinator of Christian education at Glen Dale, discusses one's relationship with others and God during Bible study at summer camp.

Other youth need short term care while future plans can be formulated for them. Baptist Homes for Children has two temporary shelters to meet this need. One is located in Dixon and one in Elizabethtown. A total of 140 have been served in these facilities this year. Thirty of these young people were placed on one of our two campuses.

Foster family placement is provided for preschoolers and other aged youth who need the closeness of a family rather than the distance which group living provides.

The maternity/adoption program has benefited many young unmarried

mothers. Some families cannot deal with their daughter's situation alone and need a skilled listener to help them with acceptance of the reality. The resolution sometimes results in the girls moving to our maternity home for the duration of the pregnancy. About 50 percent of the young women we work with place their babies for adoption. The list of parents awaiting an infant is long, averaging a waiting period of about five years.

The evidence that youth and families can be rehabilitated gives us justification for Christian ministry to children and families in the 80's.