



Ten Mile Association

Pleasant Home is first in per capita givers—again

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A review of the state's top 50 per capita givers to the Cooperative Program for the Kentucky Baptist Convention fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1984 indicates few surprises.

For instance, of those churches in the top 25 in per capita giving in 1983, it's no surprise 18 of those made it to the same list in 1984.

Nor is it any surprise that 16 of those 18 have a higher per capita giving record this year than last year.

It's also little surprise that 18 congregations appearing on the top 50 per capita list this year also appear on the top 50 dollar giving list as announced on page 1 of last week's Western Recorder.

Is the best surprise, then, no surprise?

Well there are a few surprises on the top 50 per capita giving list, but they are all pleasant ones.

For the third consecutive year, Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, has been first in the state in per capita giving to the Co-

operative Program. While the church's 130 members gave \$106.10 in 1983, in 1984 their 115 members gave \$134.68 each to the Cooperative Program.

Perhaps even more significant than this, however, is the fact that Sutton Baptist Mission—not yet a fully constituted Southern Baptist church—is in second place with a per capita giving record by its 15 members of \$114.44. This Pike County congregation is a mission of Grace Baptist Church. Presently without a pastor, Sutton was led to such great giving by Clear Creek Baptist School student and former pastor John Maples.

Twenty-seven of the state's 70 Baptist associations are represented in the top 50 per capita list. Four of these associations—Blood River, Muhlenberg, Ohio Valley and Taylor County—each have four congregations on the list. Two other associations—Davies-McLean and Severns Valley—have as many as three congregations on this list.

In one association (Booneville), two churches pastored by the same man—Dennis Rush—both appear on the top 50 per capita list. And one of those has

only four members!

Finally, all four of the top dollar givers to the Cooperative Program in the state in the last fiscal year also appear within the top 50 in per capita givers for the same year.

The following list of the top 50 includes rank, church, city, pastor, per capita gift, number of church members listed in parentheses and association.

1. Pleasant Home, Emery Gullion, \$134.68, (115), Ten Mile.
2. Sutton Mission, vacant, \$114.44, (15), Pike.
3. Beacon Hill, Somerset, \$101.48, (786), Pulaski County.
4. West Fork, Clifton J. Dexter, \$95.54, (148), Blood River.
5. Mt. Pisgah, Archie Oliver, \$95.15, (557), Muhlenberg.
6. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$89.37, (548), Blood River.
7. Mt. Gilboa, L. D. Kennedy, \$88.60, (150), Taylor County.
8. Brooksville, J. Kenneth Allaby, \$86.75, (175), Union.
9. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$84.20, (596), Little Bethel.
10. Good Hope, George Gaddie, \$83.87, (184) Taylor County.

11. Highland Hills, John W. Kruschwitz, \$81.43, (288), Northern Kentucky.

12. First, Somerset, Robert F. Browning, \$80.24, (1913), Pulaski County.

13. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$77.62, (1186), Greenup.

14. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$76.89, (592), Ohio Valley.

15. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howard, \$75.96, (747), Davies-McLean.

16. Pellville, Arthur R. Morris Jr., \$75.83, (281), Blackford.

17. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm G. Lunceford, \$74.55, (711), Franklin.

18. Woodland, E. W. Greenwalt, \$74.47, (216), Muhlenberg.

19. Hurstbourne, Louisville, T. L. McSwain, \$70.39, (1189), Long Run.

20. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$68.24, (496), Mercer.

21. First, Jenkins, Anthony B. Carson, \$67.80, (205), Pine Mountain.

22. Magnolia, vacant, \$65.07, (320), Severns Valley.

23. Severns Valley, J. Howard Cobble, \$63.17, (3114), Severns Valley.

24. Deane, Kenneth B. Gooch, \$61.49, (42), Pine Mountain.

25. Fordsville, W. Leroy Dillehay, \$61.21, (331), Ohio County.

26. First, Belfry, James Watt Jr., \$60.89, (599), Pike.

27. Cuba, Charles C. Nelson, \$60.74, (305), Graves County.

28. Concord, Mark Payton, \$60.71, (164), Ohio County.

29. Living Hope, George W. Compton Jr., \$60.50, (316), Warren.

30. Second, Greenville, Jackie Geurin, \$59.33, (679), Muhlenberg.

31. Elkhorn, James W. Collison Jr., \$59.19, (335), Taylor County.

32. Locust Grove, Jack Jones, \$58.70, (180), Blood River.

33. First, Baxter, Alfred R. Hoe, \$58.61, (60), Upper Cumberland.

34. Countryside, vacant, \$57.07, (58), Ohio Valley.

35. Burgin, Stephen L. Hadden, \$56.47, (847), Mercer.

36. Franklin Crossroads, Lawrence H. Phipps, \$55.80, (395), Severns Valley.

37. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$55.73, (2120), Taylor County.

38. Grangertown, Donald J. Collins, \$55.59, (450), Ohio Valley.

39. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$54.89, (1001), Grayson County.

40. Buena Vista, Owensboro, Jewel Ray Pruitt, \$54.08, (1078), Davies-McLean.

41. Horse Creek, Dennis Rush, \$53.26, (742), Booneville.

42. Salem, Dennis Cochran, \$53.07, (307), Ohio River.

43. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$52.88, (2555), Davies-McLean.

44. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$52.85, (1082), Muhlenberg.

45. Lily Grove, Dennis Rush, \$52.50, (4), Booneville.

46. Oaklawn, Paducah, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$52.42, (675), West Union.

47. First, Sebree, Bob C. Hardison, \$52.02, (464), Green Valley.

48. Lewisport, Warren G. Robards, \$51.82, (623), Blackford.

49. First, Calvert City, Larry D. Nichols, \$51.67, (631), Blood River.

50. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$51.38, (731), Graves County.

\$66,000 goal, 4th team for summer missions

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Adoption of a \$66,000 statewide summer missions budget and creation of a fourth student summer missions in-state team were primary business transactions during the 1984 Kentucky Baptist student convention Sept. 28-30 at Madisonville.

The budget was adopted after considerable discussion, principally surrounding expense and travel allowances for six students to serve in Kenya for 10 weeks in the summer of 1985.

In the past, students have been selected for several countries rather than only one nation for a given year. When a student who served overseas questioned the policy for 1985, state Student Department director Donald L. Blaylock rose to respond.

He explained that all of the staff departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention were attempting to cooperate with the executive board of the convention in "trying to reach Kenya for Christ." He related that the convention had voted to enter a three-year partnership plan with that east African nation, effective Jan. 1, 1984, and "this is a part of the Student Department's response."

In the discussion, it was pointed out that approximately 63 student summer missions positions will be funded by the budget goal. In addition to the six to serve in Kenya, there will be 21 students serving on in-state teams in Kentucky, approximately 15 additional positions across Kentucky and the remainder throughout the United States.

The budget was then adopted with minor opposition.

The \$66,000 goal includes \$56,000 to be raised by members of BSUs across the state and another \$10,000 collected as honoraria by in-state teams and from special BSU offerings.

The new in-state team in 1985, as yet

unnamed, will be a revival group coordinated by Dan Flanagan, campus minister at Campbellsville [Ky.] College. The five-member team will include student positions for a preacher, song leader, soloist/organist, pianist and recreation leader. Three existing teams already specialize in music, drama and creative ministries.

A 10-member BSU advisory committee brought the summer missions recommendations to the student convention. Chaired by Tom Smoot, campus minister at the University of Louisville, the committee included Morehead (Ky.) State University campus minister Gene Parr, Blaylock, associate Student Department director Ralph Hopkins, and these students—Alan Pack, Western Kentucky University; Michael Revlett, Morehead State University; Jeff Causey, Georgetown College; Becky Durham, Elizabethtown Community College; Angela Perkins, University of Louisville; and John Smith, Campbellsville College.

Bill Ellis, an Eastern Kentucky University student and state BSU president, presided over the convention business session in Madisonville.

On Saturday evening of the convention, students paused to honor the retiring state Woman's Missionary Union executive director, Kathryn Akridge, for her "lifetime of contributions to Baptist student work." Blaylock recounted Mrs. Akridge's intense interest in student mission projects, presenting her with an engraved serving tray.

A former BSU director herself, Mrs. Akridge responded, "I suppose I never really left student work for it's a part of WMU." She called the campuses of America "the biggest mission field" in the world. She concluded adding, "It is appropriate that I spend the last night of my career as a denominational worker here with you for this is where my heart is." She reminded the students that, while methods of presenting the gospel are changing, "the message

is still the same."

In his address later that evening R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, cautioned that there's "no good" in putting "supreme value" in something "that won't outlast you."

Those who claim "if you love God and work hard" you'll end up with lots of money have "a false theology," Parks exclaimed.

"You are not to gather unto yourselves once you become a follower of Jesus Christ, but to scatter yourselves in his name," he went on. "All of us, if we're honest, will seek first the kingdom of God, and not riches, or fame or fortune."

In a Sunday morning address during the weekend convention, host pastor Gary Coltharp declared that knowing God's will for one's life "is possible." He told students they didn't have to be "spiritual giants" in order to find God's plan for them. Even the "meek-est, quietest person you know" can do it.

God "appointed you to live in his will," Coltharp went on. He has "destined" you to do it, and as you do it, you "praise and honor" him. He also suggested that we are "commanded" to understand God's will.

At his conclusion, Coltharp intoned, "Keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on keeping on in pursuit of God's will for your life. When you discover it, you'll find real fulfillment in him."

In the convention's keynote address on opening night, KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall admonished that "the gospel offers reconciliation."

The message of the gospel, he said, is, "I love you, I'll help you, drop the baggage you're carrying and let's go on through life together, and let's gather others to go with us."

He urged the students to adopt a philosophy that "my real mission for God is where I am, with the people around me right now."

sanford's perspective

Southern and Boyce

One of the joys of life as editor of Western Recorder is the opportunity to share life and thought with other pilgrims in different circumstances. Such has been the case with me these past few weeks.

I have had the awesome responsibility and joyous opportunity to speak in the chapel services at Southern Seminary and Boyce Bible School.

In both these environments I discovered again what many of us have known for years. Our schools are peopled by men and women of deep faith in God who are fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit and profoundly in love with the Bible as the divinely inspired textbook for life.

I am grateful to God that Southern Baptists have seen fit to provide and staff schools for those whom the Lord has called to serve the churches. The faculty and staff at both Southern and Boyce represent the best among us in scholarship, faith, devotion to God and practical Christian living. There is no place in Southern Baptist life where you will find persons more "on mission for Christ" than among the students in our schools.

This is not to say our schools are perfect. In fact everyone associated with any of our Baptist institutions would be among the first to say there is room for growth and improvement. Perhaps there are students in our schools who should not be there. There may be faculty and staff members better suited for service elsewhere. This is merely the way it is in all Baptist entities, including our churches. There are misfits among us everywhere, but that does not give reason for criticism, but rather offers us all an opportunity for redemptive ministry as we seek to lift up those in need.

In spite of the faults we know exist in our schools, they deserve our prayerful support, not harping criticism. They need our conscientious help in forging an even mightier force for godliness and gospel proclamation.

In these troubled times among Southern Baptists all of us would profit, and our cause would be advanced, if we spent as much time and fervor in prayer for the schools as we spend in criticism. They deserve better from us and my prayer is that all of us will do our part to lift up our brothers and sisters whom God has called to serve him through these great schools.

If there are errors of doctrine in any school, then specific charges made to duly elected trustees is the way to remedy the situation. If there are professors who do not stand in support of the gospel, and that is unlikely in a Baptist school, then proper channels for dealing with that situation are available to every Baptist. Let us not be weary in fighting heresy and non-Baptistic practice. But let us fight the heresy, not one another, and let us all insist that fairness be the order of the day in dealing with any of our Baptist institutions. They are not perfect, but they are ours and we must help preserve and strengthen them, not destroy them.

A Sharp man

One of Kentucky's leading pastors retired Sept. 30. C. Carman Sharp stepped down as pastor of Deer Park

Baptist Church, Louisville, after 23 years as under-shepherd of this congregation.

Sharp was born in Tennessee but grew up in Corinth, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. After his graduation from Southern he was pastor at Bardstow, Ky. and Clarksville, Miss. before accepting the Deer Park pulpit in February 1961.

During his tenure at Deer Park, Sharp made significant contributions to ministry in the community. He was a driving force in organizing the Highland Community Ministries (HCM). This group of area churches came together in response to need in the Highlands area of Louisville. Play and study time were made available to children who went home from school to unsupervised environments. The HCM, more than 25 churches strong now, has an executive director and a full range of programs and services to the neighborhood surrounding the Deer Park church.

Sharp will be remembered by all Christians in many parts of the world for his strong efforts to raise the consciousness of Christians to the task of peacemaking in our troubled world. Many of his friends agree that Sharp's most lasting work will prove to be his efforts as a peacemaker.

Western Recorder joins scores of others all over Kentucky in wishing Carman and Mrs. Sharp God's blessings in retirement. As the new editor I want to add a personal word of prayerful goodwill to a man whom I have known and admired for many years. I came on the board of directors of Western Recorder to serve with Carman more than 20 years ago. His reasoned approach to problem solving was an inspiration to me and a steadying influence in the management of the state paper.

To our friend and colleague we say thanks for a life of service to Christ well invested in the work and ministry of the local church. May all your days be bright with God's love and grace.

KBC messengers

The Kentucky Baptist Convention meets Nov. 13-15, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. In order to attend as a messenger you must have an official messenger card. These cards are available from the executive office of the KBC and should be requested now.

The constitution of the KBC specifies the following regarding messengers: (1) two messengers from each church having 100 members or less . . . (2) one additional messenger . . . for each additional 250 members, or for each \$250 contributed to the Cooperative Program . . . but no church shall be allowed more than 10 messengers. Even these requirements are predicated upon a church being in "friendly cooperation with this convention."

If you want to attend the convention as a voting messenger you must have an official messenger card correctly completed. Write Doris Yeiser in the executive office and request the number of cards for which your church is eligible. The convention meets in six weeks and without a card you will have no ballots and no votes. Hurry, before it's too late.



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

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Kentucky church discovers new way to minister

Be a clown, be a clown, be a clown!

A Vine Grove congregation has taken quite seriously the suggestion of "a ministry in laughter."

The result has been a witness to a thousand people outside their four walls in one summer season.

by Denise George,
State Correspondent

"Like the song says, 'Everyone loves a clown,'" admits Chuck Summers, pastor of Rock Haven Baptist Church, Vine Grove. "I think a clown can open a lot of doors that normally we couldn't get in."

Indeed, Rock Haven puts the words to the popular song in action.

Meeting in the pavilion in the center of Otter Creek Park, they have reached more than 1000 people with their weekly Saturday evening clown ministry.

Directed by Steve Keys, the dozen or so clowns—all members of the church—range in age from 5 to 42 years. They include three children, three or four teenagers, young and middle-aged adults. The messages they pantomime reflect on friendship, sharing, prayer and other topics. They end each skit with a song in a sign language.

Summers' wife, Bonita, who has a special concern for the hearing impaired, and who participates as a clown, tells about one clown show in which two deaf people attended.

"I didn't realize they were there until we finished the show," she remarked. "Afterwards I spent 10 or 15 minutes talking with them (in sign language). Since most of the show was in pantomime they were able to get just as much out of it as a hearing person."

The clowns have also participated in parades and youth conferences, as well as the church's vacation Bible school.

Why has the clown approach proved to be a successful way to minister?

Summers explains: "We feel there is a ministry in laughter. We automatically get accessibility. If we went out in our suits and ties I don't think we'd draw much of a crowd. But all we have to do is say 'clown show' and we'll have 85-100 people gathered around us."

The clown shows last 45 minutes. Afterwards, the clowns encourage the campers to stay around and talk.

What do the clowns gain from producing the shows?

"A lot of happiness more than any-

thing else," admits Mrs. Summers.

"We always have prayer and a time of sharing before the show. It has helped us to grow as a group, and to build each other up."

Rock Haven's park ministry also includes an early Sunday morning interdenominational chapel service. Meeting in the park's 67-year-old Rock Haven chapel (formerly owned by the church), campers—on vacation and away from their own churches—can attend worship services.

"We realize people don't like to be away from their church and wish there was some place to worship," states Summers. "We had several denominations—Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, quite a variety of people—come through, and they seemed to appreciate it."

Twice during the summer members of Rock Haven held a craft show for the campers. Crafts included quilting, painting, photography and other art forms. The show gave them "a certain amount of visibility" and presented an "opportunity to emphasize the chapel service."

The members also experimented with a "Pickin' and Grinnin'" get-together. More than 50 campers came to fellowship and to hear gospel and country music. They will continue this ministry into the fall.

Summers believes the park ministry is good for the church. "It gives us a concept of ministry and mission and involvement," he allows. He encourages pastors who have churches near parks and who are interested in a clown ministry to read books about the subject, to attend workshops and to talk with others already involved in this type of ministry.

What did Rock Haven's park ministry accomplish this summer?

"We took our commitment to share the good news of Christ, and the joy that he gives, with others," Summers reflects. "We are fortunate to be in an area like Otter Park. It has been a unique opportunity for us to have literally thousands of people come through every week. We can reach a thousand people each summer and share a little bit of joy and the good news of Jesus."



Rock Haven Baptist Church's clown troupe has found a way to open new doors of ministry. Each Saturday evening the dozen or so clowns pantomime messages about friendship, sharing, prayer and other topics. The clowns are part of the church's park ministry at Otter Creek, which also includes a Sunday morning interdenominational worship service for campers in the park.



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campbellsville college today

Montgomery library . . . a bright day

It was a grand autumn day as students, faculty, the trustees and friends gathered before a splendid new structure and joined in dedicating the Montgomery Library. As the history of Campbellsville College is recorded, Sept. 18, 1984 will stand as a bright day. Honoring trustee Edwin Montgomery and Mrs. Montgomery for their generous gifts in support of the building project, the name was fittingly approved by the trustees.

I have just read an address by the president of a Baptist college in Florida as he challenged their family of friends to raise gift support for Stetson of 200 million dollars by the year 2000. Of it, 65 million would be used for operations, 35 million for physical facilities and 100 million for endowment. He concluded his address with the confident words, "These are very ambitious and even risky challenge objectives, but they are not at all beyond our doing.

Indeed, we cannot afford to do less. We will begin the development of this new strategy and these challenge objectives immediately . . ."

For some, even the reference to such an ambitious goal, as a comparison for Campbellsville, will seem unrealistic. Our goals have not been set so high. Many volunteers have worked hard to motivate some three million dollars for Campbellsville in the past few years. I am convinced, however, that a new era is ahead for Campbellsville in capital funds support. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have opened a door to that era.

On behalf of every student now enrolled and yet to come, I express sincere gratitude to the Montgomery family for their vision, commitment and stewardship. I know you will join me in paying tribute to them.

It is imperative that Campbellsville and all our Baptist colleges develop stronger programs of financial support. Such support is essential for adequacy in the years ahead. We dare not leave less of a heritage in education than has been left for us.

baptist news in brief



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homes for children

The auditors are here!

The auditors have come to prepare the annual audit. Papers and reports are spread out before them and they are examining everything carefully. An audit has several very fine purposes. For one thing it is protection for those who receive funds and sign checks spending these funds. However, on the other side, an audit report is proof to individual donors, churches and the Kentucky Baptist Convention that money entrusted to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has been used for its intended purpose. An audit guarantees proper accounting.

When the auditors come, it means another fiscal year has closed and we are now into a new year. (Our books close on Aug. 31.) To operate Baptist Homes for Children is a business—a big business, a demanding business. But it is more than a business; it is a ministry. As a ministry, you consider success not in terms of financial profits but in terms of the betterment of the lives of boys and girls.

In the business world, good business management is designed to produce profits. Therefore, the more business the larger the profits. However, in the world of child care it is different. The better care given to children and the more children served, the more the cost. So the better we care for children the less money we have and the more we need. In light of this fact, your Baptist Homes for Children is doing an excellent job in ministry, because we surely have to stretch every dollar to meet expenses.

However, I am delighted to report our program of ministry is alive and well, bearing fruit in the lives of children and youth who need us in a special way. Even after the audit, I will not be able to report any monetary profits. But right now I can tell you that our ministry is making a positive impact on the youth in our care. During the past year, we have responded to inquiries from 717 families involving 783 children, and we have actually provided care for 384 different children from 362 families. Twenty-seven youth made professions of faith while living with us this last year.

The needs of children and families with problems have changed greatly and we constantly update the programs to meet those needs. However, our purpose is "to provide a Christ-centered ministry, within available resources, to troubled children and families by caring for their physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual needs."

Can gays do their thing in school? court asked

The U. S. Supreme Court announced Oct. 1 it will decide if an Oklahoma law forbidding homosexual school teachers from engaging in "public homosexual conduct" violates their free speech rights.

In a separate action, the high court also agreed to review a Washington law that includes the term "lust" in its definition of obscenity.

In the homosexual rights case, the court must untangle a decision by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals that upheld a portion of the Oklahoma law regulating public behavior by homosexual schoolteachers while striking down another provision.

The appeals court ruled that a section of the law forbidding teachers from engaging in "public homosexual activity"—defined as sexual acts committed with persons of the same sex indiscreetly and not in private—does not violate the privacy of the teachers.

At the same time, however, the lower court struck down another portion of the law prohibiting teachers from engaging in "public homosexual conduct," defined as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity." That section of the law, the panel held, violates teachers' free speech rights.

The case was appealed to the nation's high court by the Oklahoma City Board of Education, which seeks a reversal of that part of the circuit court's ruling.

High court bombarded with religious petitions

Returning to the bench Oct. 1 for its new term, the U. S. Supreme Court agreed to review yet another religion case, bringing to four the number of major church-state disputes it intends to resolve by next summer.

High court justices announced they will decide if a Nebraska woman is entitled to a valid driver's license in spite of her refusal on religious grounds to be photographed as required by state law.

Frances J. Quaring, who insists that having her photograph made would violate the second of the 10 commandments ("Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing . . ."), was denied a driver's license under provisions of a Nebraska law which requires a photograph. Mrs. Quaring, who holds no church membership, won her case in a federal court of appeals which ruled the requirement violated her free exercise of religion.

Besides the driver's license case, the high court had agreed earlier this year to review an Alabama law providing for silent prayer in public school classrooms, a Grand Rapids, Mich., practice of sending public school teachers into parochial school classrooms to provide specialized instruction and a Connecticut law requiring private employers to give their workers a day off each week as requested for religious observances.

Clarksdale (Miss.) Baptist Church lost its bid to have the high court set aside a permanent injunction prohibiting the Internal Revenue Service from granting tax-exempt status to the church's Christian school. Private and parochial schools throughout Mississippi that have been determined to be racially discriminatory have been denied tax exemption under a federal

district court order. But they have argued that the First Amendment's free exercise of religion should supercede the government's interest in eradicating race discrimination.

The justices will not review a Miami Beach ordinance prohibiting the establishment of churches and synagogues in single family dwellings. Refusal to deal with the matter leaves in place a ruling by a federal appeals court that the city's zoning restrictions superceded a Jewish homeowner's free exercise right of establishing a synagogue in his basement.

Also left standing was a ruling of a New York panel upholding a trial court that forbade members of the Life Science Church from selling ministers' credentials, setting up an unlawful "pyramid" scheme and engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

Also rejected was an appeal by Don H. Sly, a self-appointed minister of his own church, the Universal Church of Jesus Christ Inc. After the state of Tennessee revoked his debt collector's license in 1974, Sly founded his church, along with an unincorporated "Bureau of Collections" purportedly to "mediate" debts between consumers and creditors. But the Federal Trade Commission, reacting to charges of abuse against Sly for his collection methods, obtained a court order forbidding the practices.

Ex-Louisvillian A. C. Miller dead at 92

Acker C. Miller, 92, second executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, died Sept. 22 in Dallas.

Miller was known to thousands of Southern Baptists for his pioneering work in the area of race relations during the early years of the American civil rights movement. He became director of the SBC's five-year-old Social Service Commission in 1952, following Hugh Brimm. The next year the office was moved from Louisville to Nashville and the name of the organization changed to the Christian Life Commission.

Miller retired in 1960 to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Sedona, Ariz. After "retiring again," he and his wife, Margaret, joined the faculty at Fruitland Bible Institute, Hendersonville, N. C., in 1965. They returned to their home in Dallas in 1968, but went back to Fruitland in 1976. Mrs. Miller died in 1981 and Miller retired for the final time in August 1982.

Senate kills bill which barred discrimination

Unable to break a procedural logjam erected by opponents of the Civil Rights Act of 1984, the U. S. Senate killed the measure planned to clarify the scope of federal laws barring discrimination based on age, sex, handicap or minority status. By a vote of 53-45, the Senate tabled the measure which had passed the House of Representatives by a lopsided 375-32 vote and had 63 co-sponsors in the Senate. But opponents of the measure, led by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, successfully used Senate procedures to prevent an up-or-down vote on the amendment.

The Civil Rights Act of 1984 planned to overturn the Supreme Court's 1984 ruling in the Grove City College case which held that only the particular program or activity of an institution receiving federal funds was subject to federal

antidiscrimination statutes.

Hatch and other opponents, however, insisted the proposal would represent a major expansion of antidiscrimination coverage. Hatch considered the bill's definition of "recipient" too broad, a concern also expressed in a 1984 Southern Baptist Convention resolution adopted in Kansas City.

The Kansas City resolution asked Congress "to give immediate attention to either redefining the term 'recipients' in the act itself or making certain that the legislative history of the act clearly exempts exclusively religious organizations, religious schools and institutions from being defined as recipients of federal financial assistance under the act."

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn declared: "There are constitutionally valid reasons why churches and those organizations integral to their religious mission may find it necessary, as a requirement of sincerely held religious beliefs, to discriminate against people in their hiring practices."

Article writing to honor SBC journalist Fields

A Western Recorder incentive writing competition among the paper's 15 state correspondents will recognize one of Southern Baptists' premier denominational journalists, editor Jack D. Sanford announced this week.



Fields

The competition, established to signify excellence in writing, will be known as "The Wilmer C. Fields Award," in honor of the public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention for the last quarter century.

In making the announcement, Sanford observed that Fields "has created an environment of recognition for Southern Baptists among the secular press never previously enjoyed by the denomination." He called it "appropriate to honor this one who has been a guiding hand for so much development in SBC communications across this quarter century."

The competition, to be conducted annually among Western Recorder's statewide stringers, includes three cash awards to those writers submitting material judged by an impartial panel outside the paper's staff to be "exceptional" on a list of 10 qualifications. Awards will be announced each May, beginning in 1985. (Names of stringers appeared in the Sept. 11 edition.)

Fields, 62, has been assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, since the summer of 1959. For three years before that, he was editor of Mississippi's Baptist Record, having come from several pastorates.

A native of Louisiana, Fields is a graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville, and holds ThM and ThD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been national alumni president for the latter institution.

Married to the former Rebecca Elizabeth Hagan of Ft. Thomas, Ky., he is the father of three children.

Fields is the author of two books, has contributed to several others, was editor of The Baptist Program from 1959-72 and has been director of Baptist Press since 1959.

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Missionary service is 'worth it all'

When the possibility of becoming a missionary first crossed my mind, I immediately canceled the idea because I knew I'd have to give up some things. I did not want to give up anything: not my possessions, not my lovely E'town, not my good neighbors, not my interesting job as a junior high school music teacher, not the fun and fellowship of our close friends and certainly not the comfortable life Richard and I had built for ourselves after almost four years in Elizabethtown, Ky. I was not willing to part with anything—most of all, my way.

After two years of arguing with God, the tug of the Lord's patient call finally broke through all these barriers and I consented to at least start the process for overseas service.

That decision was made from an airplane seat. In my struggle with God about what I did not want to give up, I had let my couch become the symbol of all my wants and wishes—the symbol of my good life. It was practically new and I thought I would have to sell it if I went into missions, as well as everything else. I kept telling God, if he thought I was going to sell something I had worked so long and hard to get, he was crazy. Up in that airplane, I could see out over a lovely green lawned suburb. As I looked at all those houses, I realized each one had at least one couch in it. Those couches did not seem so important at that vantage point: God's vantage point. Somehow in that moment, my couch lost its importance and so did my way and will. With the realization of how really insignificant I was in the world, I experienced a deep need to be significant for God. I decided I wanted to make a real contribution to his plan for the world rather than following my small plans for myself. It had come down to letting go of myself and taking hold of his hand.

The day the moving van pulled into our driveway was not a sad one after all. I never had to sell a thing. The movers were carrying things out to the truck one by one. As they came through the door with my couch, they had to

turn it on its side and I saw the rough underside of the couch for the first time. How bare and rough the wood cross pieces looked; how stark the springs and padding. From that view my couch did not look like very much at all.

Today I realize how great a mistake I was so close to making. A new church was started in April before we left in May. It had 16 charter members, 10 of them were new Christians baptized by my husband, Richard. In that simple ceremony of signing the constitution, we saw two years of our life's work culminated. Thanks to the vantage point of an airplane seat, my hands will not be empty after my "possessions" have passed through the refiner's fire in eternity. I'm glad I gave my couch to God—he returned to me so much more.

Carmela R. Bartels

Mrs. Bartels and her husband, Richard, are on furlough after four years service in Cotonou, Benin.

Ambassador deserves court challenge

I have been reflecting on a recent Baptist Press report that "avoiding the appearance of opposing President Reagan during his reelection campaign" may have been involved in a decision that Southern Baptists defer involvement in a court challenge of the constitutionality of an ambassador to the Holy See.

Why should we think that President Reagan, if reelected, would be more amenable to a court challenge than he is now? If he is reelected, should Southern Baptists again defer court action lest it have the appearance of opposing his administration?

How committed to the preservation of First Amendment values are Southern Baptists if we put changing politics ahead of these values which our forefathers fought to advance? If we prefer political fortune over constitutional principles?

Law and fact explain naming President Reagan as a defendant. As for

law, the U. S. Constitution provides that the President "shall nominate and, by and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors" (II.2) and "shall receive ambassadors" (II.3). The constitutional question is whether this presidential power extends to ambassadors to churches, as in the case of the Holy See.

As for fact, President Reagan is the first president in American history to send an ambassador to, and to receive an ambassador or papal nuncio from, the Holy See since it lost civil control over 16,000 square miles and 3,000,000 inhabitants across Italy's mid-section

114 years ago.

What will history say about Southern Baptists in 1984—that they talk a good game about church-state separation but really prefer politics over First Amendment principles? I wonder if the Executive Committee could protect the good name that history has given Baptists respecting church-state separation, by employing some procedure to insure Southern Baptists' early representation in the suit filed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State on Sept. 19.

Hugh Wamble, Kansas City, Mo.

viewpoint

When cleverly disguised

When cleverly disguised, a sinful cause
May briefly win our gullible applause.
Our baser passions are easily roused
When fed slogans where emotion is housed.
Our Christian virtues, not so exciting,
We abandon at the other's inviting.

Unscrupulous leaders always abound
Wherever God's work and people are found.
The real victim of our unholy strife,
Which sadly dominates convention life,
Is not "liberalism" as some insist
To be rampant and raging in our midst.

Early a victim of our Godless "game,"
Mortally wounded, HONOR yields to shame.
By falsehood, rumor and slanderous stroke,
A lifetime of faithfulness, they revoke.
Incredibly vicious, these "pious" men,
Who indite, try, and convict with the pen.

A second casualty staggers and reels
With pettiness pursuing at its heels.
MISSIONS, once urgently undertaken,
For divisive issues are forsaken.
Mission work, not minute doctrinal stands,
Has taken the Gospel to distant lands.
This basic preempted, left in tatters,
While we pursue political matters.

FREEDOM dies, a final fatality,
Lest we return to spirituality.
When uniform doctrine becomes a goal,
Our heritage must change to pay its toll.
Too dear a price is freedom's surrender,
A gift from God, a legacy tender.

Absurd, diversity should be renounced;
Tragic, confirmity should be pronounced.
In freedom's atmosphere our work has thrived,
While under stifling creed, we scarce survive.
Rigid, prejudiced, suspicious and set,
The antithesis of the Christ I've met.
Which brothers would arrogantly presume
The role of inquisitor to assume?
An errorless creed, although none is known,
Creates a bondage where all saints will groan.

Such is the climate in our recent past,
Where parties come first, and the Lord comes last.
Too long our casualties, unattended;
Too long our heritage, undefended.
To avoid the ruin of our convention,
The time is right to end this contention.
Diverted attention must be regained,
Disrupted fellowship must be maintained.
For those involved in a crisis so dire,
Sackcloth and ashes seem proper attire.

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Gene Garrison invites Paige Patterson to preach

Paige Patterson, one of the primary leaders of the most conservative faction in the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach Oct. 14 at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., where Gene Garrison, a leader of the moderates, is pastor.

Garrison, grieved at division among Southern Baptists, invited Patterson to preach when he saw the president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies would be in Oklahoma City to address the Capital Association Pastors Conference Oct. 15.

Patterson will end a revival meeting in Bowling Green, Ky., two days early to make the appointment at First Baptist.

Patterson will "preach the gospel of Jesus Christ" during the evening service beginning at 7 p.m., Garrison said. He emphasized there will be no debate, no panels and no discussion of denominational politics while Patterson is a guest of the church.

The invitation was "characteristic of Gene" with whom he has been friends "lots of years," Patterson said. "I think really one of the most difficult things for people to understand is that we can differ substantively over issues, rather strongly, and still be perfectly good friends."

Literature price increase delayed by BSSB trustees

A church literature price increase scheduled for April 1985 was delayed three months to July 1985 by members of the Baptist Sunday School Board trustee executive committee in their monthly meeting in Nashville Sept. 27.

The postponement of the scheduled five percent literature price increase was made possible by excellent sales in 1983-84 and will result in a savings to churches of approximately \$700,000, according to James Clark, executive vice president. The delay marks the fourth time in the board's history, and the second consecutive year, that literature price increases have been delayed.

"There is a commitment on the part of the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide the finest possible literature at the most economical price and to pass any savings along to the churches," said Elder.

Teenager's funeral becomes revival service

Twenty-six young people made professions of faith following the funeral for 14-year-old Larry Ross Carlile Sept. 12. A tape recorded Bible study given recently by Carlile at a Royal Ambassador meeting was played during the service at Howard Memorial Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

In the Bible study, Carlile said: "A lot of y'all would probably say, 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em,'" but "if Jesus would have said that . . . we would be nowhere now. We wouldn't have a Bible, we wouldn't have a church, we wouldn't have nothing. But he went ahead and paid that price. So I think if he can do it, we could all do it."

More than 700 family members, friends and schoolmates attended the funeral of the Del Crest Junior High School student killed in a car-motorcycle accident.

John Reasoner, Howard Memorial assistant pastor, said the response to the invitation given at the close of the funeral was a direct answer to prayer. "Our pastor, Rick Goodman, and I had been praying that God would use this tragedy to prove he can make all things work together for good by bringing unsaved young people to Christ. We've seen him do exactly that and we're expecting several more decisions in the near future."

Churches must choose exemption by Oct. 31

Churches choosing not to participate in Social Security on behalf of their lay employees must file for an irrevocable exemption with the Internal Revenue Service by Oct. 31, according to the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Under the Tax Reform Act of 1984 passed in late July, churches may make a one-time, irrevocable decision not to participate on behalf of their non-ordained employees in Social Security. The law overturns legislation that required churches to include all of their nonministerial employees in Social Security effective Jan. 1, 1984.

Harold Richardson, treasurer of the Annuity Board and a certified public accountant, said churches choosing the exemption may actually be giving their lay employees a salary cut.

"Churches opting out of Social Security will force their employees to be classified as self-employed which means they must pay 11.3 percent of their 1984 gross salaries in self-employment taxes," said Richardson.

Churches choosing the exemption must file Form 8274 with the IRS by Oct. 31. All churches established after this deadline will have 90 days from its founding date to apply for the exemption.

Man killed in Beirut Baptist pastor's son

Michael Ray Wagner, one of the two Americans killed Sept. 20 in the car bomb attack at the U. S. Embassy Annex in Beirut, was the son of North Carolina Baptist pastor Donald Wagner of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Wagner, 30, was a petty officer first class in the Navy. He grew up in Pilot, a small Franklin County community. He attended Bunn High School and studied business at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N. C. He joined the Navy in 1977 and volunteered for duty in Beirut in November 1983.

Sehested moving from hunger to peace cause

Ken Sehested, director of education for SEEDS, a hunger ministry of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., has been named the first executive director for Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

Sehested, 33, has worked with SEEDS for the past six years. He was named to the fledgling Fellowship's post during a September meeting of the organization's executive committee.

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America was created at a Louisville meeting of Southern and American Baptists in March 1984. The Fellowship's national office will be housed at Oakhurst Baptist Church, which also provides office space for SEEDS and

SBC Today, a national autonomous paper of news and opinion for Southern Baptists.

The organization seeks to be a network and catalyst for peacemaking witness and ministry for Baptists of various traditions in North America, said Sehested. He added the Fellowship will help link together Baptists throughout North America who are concerned with peace and justice issues. The Fellowship will address concerns of world

militarism, said Sehested. The Fellowship will encourage Baptists to support the nuclear freeze proposal as a first step toward nuclear disarmament, but its work won't be limited to that particular issue, Sehested said.

Sehested attended Baylor University and is a graduate of New York University and Union Theological Seminary. He is the husband of Nancy Hastings Sehested, associate minister of Oakhurst Baptist Church.

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Reader questions 'editorial policy'

The lead article of the Sept. 18, 1984 issue of Western Recorder reaffirms my commitment to the defunding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. It also raises serious questions about the editorial philosophy of Western Recorder.

If, in fact, it is a "pernicious notion that only one brand of religion meets with God's approval," then what I have been teaching my children, my Sunday school classes and anyone with whom I have shared the gospel of Jesus Christ is all wrong! Do we as Baptists not believe there is one way and only one way whereby a person must be saved? Is this not a claim as to the meeting of God's approval?

Personally, I feel extremely uncomfortable having myself allied with such organizations as the American Jewish Council, the Synagogue Council of America and even (good grief!) the National Council of Churches. I would much prefer that our dialog with these organizations be within the context of Matt. 28:18-20 and not for establishing such an "ecumenical" blasphemy as the statement quoted in your article.

The substance of the article (i.e. the opposition of the interjection of religion into the political debate) notwithstanding, we have presented in your article a very appropriate illustration of the old political axiom that "politics makes strange bedfellows." It would do us well to review Rev. 2:18-22 and very closely examine our political/spiritual

bedfellows!

David A. Mann, Middletown

Editor's Note: The policy of Western Recorder is to print the news. The article mentioned by Mr. Mann carried no editorial comment. To question our editorial policy because we print the news seems unfair and unwarranted.

Discarded literature should be used

I have been wondering if there is somewhere our discarded literature could be used?

In our church, the quarterlies and other material is all thrown into waste baskets at end of the quarter. Could there be a central place in each city to take literature to be distributed from there, to wherever needed, or could a church "adopt" a mission to give literature or whatever is needed? Even though it is "outdated" it is still good reading.

I know postage is prohibitive, but perhaps a group could take a trip, once per year, taking "good news" to some mission, or church.

Perhaps you could give some suggestions as to where these could be used.

Feel sure it would be appreciated.

Bea Hall, Louisville

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Tanzanian baptisms, growth keep soaring

Baptisms and church growth continue to soar in the ministry of Southern Baptist missionaries Doug and Evelyn Knapp in Kyela, Tanzania, according to new figures for the 1984 church year ending Aug. 31. Although full overseas statistics aren't yet available, the advances in Kyela may well rank first in church association growth among Southern Baptist foreign mission fields.

Church membership in the Kyela district jumped 40 percent this year to 19,985. Sunday school enrolment soared almost 35 percent to nearly 7300 and baptisms rose 15 percent from 5339 to 6139 in the Kyela Baptist Association.

Last year Knapp, an agricultural evangelist with 21 years' experience in the East African nation, personally baptized more than 4000 of the 5339 candidates. He immersed some 3850 of the 6139 new believers this year before leaving for furlough in the United States. African preachers trained by Knapp baptized the others.

Kyela churches have multiplied five-fold since 1975, when the Knapps began work, and have gone up each year in baptisms, recording more than 17,875 since 1978 under the Knapp's leadership.

The most explosive growth has come since 1982 when Knapp and a team of preachers from the United States led a three-week crusade which saturated the area and resulted in 7505 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Another evangelistic effort earlier this year produced 4119 professions.

Arizona evangelism head Irving Childress dies

Irving Childress, director of the evangelism/missions division of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, died Sept. 22 following a brief illness.

After entering a Scottsdale hospital Aug. 21, Childress, who was 58, was placed in intensive care Aug. 23. Doctors have not determined the cause of the illness.

Childress became director of the ASBC evangelism/missions division in March 1983.

Prior to that he had been the state director of evangelism for 17 years, state director of stewardship (1966-68) and Baptist Student Union director (1968-70).

He was also editor of the Baptist Beacon from late 1970-73.

Before joining the state convention staff, the Virginia native was director of missions for Catalina Baptist Association in Tucson, Ariz., for six years. He

also was pastor of two Arizona congregations as well as two churches in Kentucky.

Childress was a graduate of Pikeville (Ky.) College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Elder: state Baptist papers play crucial role

A recent workshop with Southern Baptist state paper editors strengthened the conviction of the president of the Baptist Sunday School Board that state papers play a "dramatically significant" role in denominational life. BSSB president Lloyd Elder convened the two-day workshop to share information about board programs as well as to conduct problem-solving sessions on communications strategies and revitalization of the denomination.

Elder said he believes the Southern Baptist Convention "is in a time of maturity when we must face the issues of uniqueness and change. The great crisis facing the denomination is primarily a crisis of change."

"Some things in the Southern Baptist Convention must not change," Elder told the editors. "Other things ought to change. One of the greatest avenues for denominational renewal is communication. A role of communicators is to guide the denomination toward a

renewed vitality by sharing information and trust."

Group of Indonesians makes love 'concrete'

In the predominantly Moslem village of Jurang Porong, eight Indonesians who have watched Christianity in action the past two years have committed themselves to Jesus Christ.

For several years about a dozen men in Jurang Porong had met regularly for worship and Bible study, but little growth had taken place and no women had joined. So in 1982 members of the group decided to mobilize their love to help the community.

With help from Southern Baptist missionaries Fred Beck of Florida and Bobby Jones of Oklahoma—and \$3000 in Southern Baptist hunger and relief funds—the men designed and built a concrete cistern to catch water during the rainy season. Now women no longer need to tote 20-gallon buckets of water three miles up the mountain from a stream.

During the past year the cistern has provided the village a steady supply of water and has stood as a "concrete" example of Christian love and concern. The small group of believers has begun to grow—five new members are women who watched Christianity in action.

Peter Rhea Jones proposes SBC 'Manifesto on Equality'

An Atlanta Baptist pastor proposed a Southern Baptist Convention "Manifesto on Equality" to counteract a resolution adopted by the SBC last June which he claimed "denigrated every woman on the planet."

Peter Rhea Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., suggested the manifesto during an address to about 85 Baptists attending a seminar at First Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

Jones and three other speakers urged participants to organize effectively and go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas prepared to voice their views on the role of women in the church and convention.

Jones said such a "Manifesto on Equality" should be based on the writings of the apostle Paul who said in Gal. 3:28 that "there is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; there is neither male nor female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."

He compared the current debate to that on slavery before and after the Civil War. There were hundreds of Southern Baptists pastors who took specific verses in the Bible out of context and used them to argue that God approves of slavery, Jones said.

He called for a healthy debate on ordination in the Southern Baptist Convention, expressing hope Baptists will study the Bible rather than using only a few verses to prove their point. The debate, he added, should not just deal with the ordination question, but the role of women in the church.

Jones said the SBC-adopted resolution, which cites a dozen scriptures, "pivots" on 1 Tim. 2:12-13. He claimed this scripture was ripped out of context and "plopped" into today's debate on women's ordination, even though it does not say a word about ordination.

A former New Testament professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,

Louisville, Jones said debate on the issue in the SBC could be healthy, provided polarization is avoided, by helping Baptists understand the whole biblical revelation on the role of women.

At the seminar, Molly Marshall-Green, assistant professor of theology at Southern Seminary, said there is a new wind blowing within the Southern Baptist Convention in which women are seeing with new vision the call of God to be ministers. Such vision, she said, must be accompanied by courage and determined initiative. "The great sin of women today might be to think too little of themselves."

Anne Neil, former SBC missionary to Nigeria and Ghana now teaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., traced her own pilgrimage in ministry, urging women to be like Jesus and seek to be servants of the church. She said, "God forbid that we (women) fall into the trap of trying to get ahead of others instead of trying to serve others."

Carolyn Blevins, assistant professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., traced the history of the role of women in the Southern Baptist Convention, pointing out the key role women have played in missions. Women, however, have held very few key leadership roles in the denomination, she said. No woman has ever been elected president of the convention and only two have been elected as a vice president, she said.

In a closing summary during the seminar, June McEwen of Chattanooga, one of the organizers of Christians on Pilgrimage, said the time has passed for women to rely on patience and longsuffering, but now women must speak up for equality in the denomination.

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Behind closed doors

Life doesn't end for the people behind bars — the needs are great, the pressures unbearable

by Robin Luthanen, State Correspondent

He walks quietly through the dimly lit hallway, a walkie-talkie in hand. His dress shirt is open at the throat, and his identification card, clipped to his suit vest pocket, is almost hidden by the official-looking gold badge with its white cross displayed on a black background.

In an average day Larry P. Vance may deliver four or five death notices, counsel two or three couples with marriage problems and possibly deal with a teenager's attempted suicide. Many of those he talks with are in prison cells.

Vance's call to God's service came as a missionary for society's misfits, a pastor for prisoners, a jail chaplain.

"I can sure say he has been a help to me," says one inmate, who asked that her name not be published. "I do not think anyone who has not been in a situation like this can appreciate what it would be like in here. You tend to lose touch with reality.

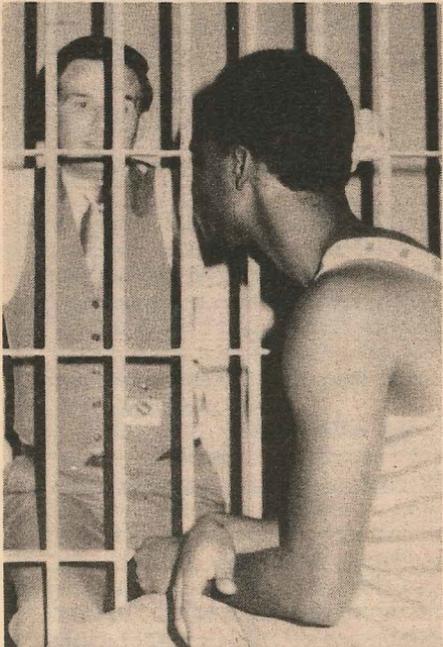
"One of the nice things he has done is to keep me from going crazy. It gives you a relief, and it gives you a little hope," she continues.

Larry P. Vance, 38, has worked as chaplain at the Hardin County Detention Center in Elizabethtown since 1977. He has no doubts about his calling to this service.

"I know my calling and my calling is this ministry," he says.

"It certainly is not a glamorous ministry. Outcasts from society also are in most cases outcasts from the church. I have my enemies that would love to see this ministry stopped. But God is in control. That reassures you in your calling."

When Vance first accepted God's call in his life he was an eight-year-old boy in Buffalo Baptist Church in nearby LaRue County. However, his teenage years reflected a troubled period in his



Bars don't keep chaplain Larry Vance from witnessing about Christ's love to a prisoner at the Hardin County Detention Center.

life, and as a junior he dropped out of Elizabethtown High School in 1963 to join the U. S. Marine Corps.

He says it was during his years of military service, which included stints of combat duty in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, that he "grew up." In the Marines, he finished high school, matured and shortly after he left the service married his wife of 17 years, Faye. Several years later, while a partner in a successful carpet store business, he accepted God's call to the ministry.

"Verlin Kruschwitz, then pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, introduced me to Boyce Bible School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1977," he says, explaining this branch of the seminary served students who had never received a college degree. Saying that Boyce is a "loving, dedicated" school, he adds that college required hard work and study.

After his graduation in 1979 he entered chaplaincy training at Central State Hospital and the Kentucky State Reformatory and by the end of 1982 completed his degree in Clinical Pastoral Education.

(In the carpet business) "I was ready to dedicate the gift of making money to God, but I would not trade my education from Boyce Bible School for all the carpet stores in the world," Vance adds. "I would not choose it any differently."

The full time jail minister also enjoys a unique position within the framework of the detention center. With his status as a state correctional chaplain he has ready access to inmates. But because no state or government aid is allowed into the ministry he is more accepted by the inmates which he serves.

"The inmates love it," he says with a smile. "They do not see me as a part of the administration." The prayers and donations of individuals, churches, the Severns Valley Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention support this ministry, he says.

Vance is not alone in his ministry efforts, which include both the local detention center and weekly work at LaGrange Reformatory.

Working with him in Elizabethtown is the all volunteer Hardin-LaRue Jail Ministry, which was founded informally in 1977. This group counsels and witnesses to inmates and is lauded for its work with juveniles. These volunteers often cite Matt. 25:34-40, which says in part: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee in prison and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Vance also credits much of the supportive atmosphere in the jail ministry with the attitude of Hardin County jailer Louis Lawson, who also wants to see the prisoners touched by Christ.

"When a Christian jailer is running a jail you are seeing a system that works. You do not just lock them up and throw them away. You deal with them," Vance says.

One way of dealing with inmates is through family contacts and visitation. Vance works not only with inmates, but with families, especially focusing on children of inmates.

"Daddy is a criminal but daddy is still a daddy," Vance says. "Keep the family unit as close as you can. Help keep the kids from hating the administration.

"I have gotten down many times to hug them," Vance says of the children, some as young as three-month-old babies, some as old as teenagers in T-shirts and old blue jeans. "Kids come down here on contact visits in my office and I allow them to talk, to share."

Youth are one of Vance's big concerns. He has seen many teenagers pass through the detention center. To help prevent others from making the mistakes that result in confinement, he has developed a Youth Criminal Awareness Program, a 15-minute slide show depicting jail and prison life.

"They are seeing some strong stuff here," he says of the slide presentation. "I stay with it and debrief them. It's strong, but I want it to be. Our hope is that it will hit those kids before they make the choice to thwart society's laws and become criminals."

For those who have already made that "other" choice, Vance presents the gospel through crisis counseling, scripture application and Bible stories.

"I never carry a Bible," Vance says, explaining the presence of a Bible can make inmates too uneasy to pay attention to his message about God's love. He says he depends on scripture memorization in his witnessing to inmates.

"Apply the Word of God where it is needed. You work the scripture into their problem," Vance says. "The men love it. I love to tell the stories of the Bible and they listen."

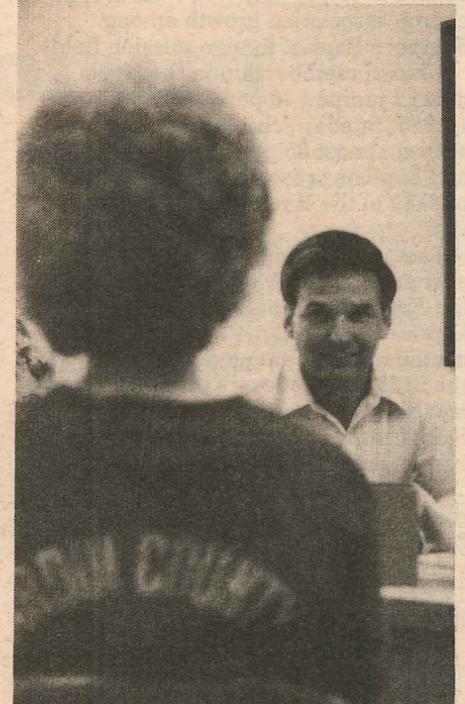
Vance listens, too. He listens as inmates tell him of living nightmares—stabblings, beatings, murders. The stress is powerful. His relaxation away from the stress of his work is two-fold, preaching and family.

Although his chaplaincy work is full time, Vance acts as interim preacher at various churches of various denominations in the area. Currently he is interim pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in White City, located near Hodgenville in LaRue County. Other than Southern Baptist churches, he also has preached to Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal congregations.

"God has given me the ability to preach. I am excited when I get into the pulpit because I know the answer is Christ and I can present the gospel. It is relaxing."

For Vance, spending time with his wife and his son, Jason, also is relaxing.

"We are very close," he says. "We all love the same things. I think that



Chaplain Larry Vance counsels a female prisoner in his basement office at the Hardin County Detention Center.

really keeps me from exploding with it (the stress). God gives you the strength to handle it, and I have a strong wife. She is very supportive."

God's strength is critical in his chaplaincy work, Vance indicates.

He counsels those interested in this much needed area of ministry to make sure their calling is from God. He adds it is important for those wanting to work with inmates to become experienced with people in prisons and to pursue educational goals.

"This ministry takes something . . . you deal with the hard core type of individual here," Vance says. "You must have a certain style of presenting the gospel.

"I am very insistent on education," he adds. "We can all start out uneducated but it is our fault if we stay that way."

Once, in the showroom of a carpet store in Radcliff, Vance knelt and prayed, "God, if you are calling me to preach, then I will give up everything." He surrendered a successful business and comfortable lifestyle for long, sometimes unpredictable hours dealing with society's outcasts.

He smiles and quietly says, "I would not choose it any differently."

A chaplain that never carries a Bible? When you minister to society's outcasts, like Larry Vance does, you can't do the expected thing and succeed.

Keeping up with the Joneses

Northern Kentucky Baptists bid adieu to one who put them on their feet again

by Suzanne Darland,
State Correspondent

The 181st annual meeting of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association was given over almost entirely to a tribute to retiring executive director-treasurer George A. Jones.

But it was only fitting, several said. In his 14-year tenure, Jones is credited with bringing the heavily in debt association to sound financial footing and a position of prominence in the state.

"Good leadership requires that he not only started these projects, but carried them to completion," announced W. V. Pierce, chairman of the board of Baptist Convalescent Center, administered by the association.

A host of well-wishers, including members of churches he pastored more than 30 years ago, feted Jones at the Sept. 11 session of the annual meeting.

His four children celebrated the evening with him as well, gifting him and his wife, Evelyn, with Bibles and scrapbooks of letters from friends.

And associational moderator Harold Moore presented the Joneses with a check for \$14,500, collected from churches and individuals.

In an interview, Jones said when he first came to the association in 1970 it had an operating budget of \$63,000. But an overwhelming debt of more than \$300,000 on the Baptist Convalescent Center threatened the center and the association.

It was "a bankrupted association," Jones intoned. "But we went to the churches and they rallied. It (the home) was put on good footing financially and operationally."

He takes credit for establishing an associational endowment fund, income from which is used for the center's patients who are not able to provide their own monetary support.

"It's over \$100,000 now and growing steadily," Jones said.

Jones is also acknowledged to have masterminded the association's campground, Bullittsburg, a 175-acre retreat center and meeting place in northern Boone County.

"We knew for a long time we needed a new assembly ground," said Lee Hopkins, administrator of the convalescent center.

"And God sent us George Jones to meet that need."

The association had been using Bethel camp, "13 acres when the river was up, eight more when the river was down," chuckled Jones.

He secured Bullittsburg's land from brothers James A. and Gaines Stevens as a gift. It now has a picnic shelter, snack stand, six cottages and a multi-purpose building. This summer a swimming pool was built.

But Jones doesn't think of Bullittsburg as his big coup. He prefers instead to boast of helping establish a branch of Boyce Bible School in northern Kentucky, where he has taught each semester for the nine years of its existence.

And he's proud of the Baptist Student Center at Northern Kentucky University where he was its first director.



George Jones [r], retiring executive director-treasurer of Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, along with his wife Evelyn, accepts the gratitude of moderator Harold Moore and a check for \$14,500 collected from appreciative churches and individuals.

"I put it together," he said.

Jones points with pride to the association's budget of \$175,000 this year and to the fact that it paid \$225,000 cash to build the Bullittsburg multi-purpose building several years ago.

"Whatever we do we pay cash now," he explained.

But he thinks his greatest achievement as associational director is less tangible.

"There's an esprit de corps in this entity called Northern Kentucky Baptist Association," Jones said, and that "wasn't always so."

"No, that's not it," he added.

"I think encouraging the involvement of hundreds of lay persons will be my most lasting contribution."

He said the association "had been largely clergy-owned and operated."

"I personally enlisted lay persons, and approached it as a pastor would."

And if Jones enlisted a group of men, say, to build an equipment shed at Bullittsburg as he did last fall, the associational director would be there in jeans working beside them. Several times during the annual meeting speakers referred to Jones' propensity to ride a bush hog at Bullittsburg during his free time.

Jones conceded that was often the case.

"I like outside work. I'm physically stronger than when I was 20. I take no medicines, and push myself to stay strong."

But Jones does have some regrets about his time as the association's head. He wishes his dream for a retirement village had been a reality, and he wishes some of the smaller, struggling churches in the association had merged as he suggested when he first came.

But high interest rates dashed plans for 120 apartments and a central building with dining, recreation and conference rooms for senior adults who need minimal care. Now Jones and his wife live in one of the eight apartments built on property near the interchange of I-75 and 275.

The retirement village and suggestions that churches merge raised the ire of some area pastors. Jones ruffled a few more feathers when he oversaw the closing of a Home Mission Board "goodwill center" in Newport and instead advocated individual churches taking on inner city ministries. The association provides more than \$15,000 annually to aid in this endeavor.

But "I tried to have policies and principles to follow and not bother with personalities," Jones justified. "I'm

not offended with people ever. I don't get hurt."

And if there are any residual bad feelings toward Jones, they didn't surface during the annual meeting.

"The words 'we love you' and 'God bless you' seem to be so limited on this occasion," lauded Wilton Shelton, president of the association's pastor's conference.

"If we ever did anything to disappoint you, we hope it's forgiven," quipped Hopkins at one point. "And if you've done anything to disappoint us, on behalf of the whole, it's forgiven."

Jones said he accepted the position at the association 14 years ago as a "wider area of opportunity than the local church." He had received his PhD degree in preaching from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1953 and had pastored churches in Shepherdsville and Bardstown Junction as a student, then First Baptist, Lawrenceburg and The Baptist Church of Beaufort, S. C., a 2000-member church.

He also served two years as an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

His retirement, at age 64, is also prompted by looking outward.

"For a number of years Evelyn and I have wanted to get involved with the Foreign Mission Board," he explained. They plan to begin a multi-year stint as missions volunteers in April, possibly teaching seminary in Singapore.

In the meantime, Jones will be teaching a January term course on Jeremiah at Southern Seminary. His retirement is effective Dec. 31.

He's also been asked to edit a genealogical history of Henderson County, N. C., where he traces his family back to 1790.

"Genealogy and history are my hobbies," he said. "I'd rather do that than play golf."

Indeed, a member of the Lawrenceburg church where he pastored indicated he wasn't in that town long before he knew everyone's name "and knew more about their ancestors than they did."

He's been president of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society since 1978, and the current issue of its publication, "Heritage," is dedicated to Jones.

"A great leader," said Hopkins at the annual meeting, "not only plows the ground, but when he leaves the point is still in the ground."

"And ahead there is land yet to be cultivated."



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clear creek comment

Clear Creek - still important

Clear Creek Baptist School and the area where it is located has an interesting history. The region around the school is known as Clear Creek Springs because of the springs of water which are abundant here. People have long been aware that the water contains properties beneficial to heal them. The residents of the area often visit the springs to carry back containers of the water.

The first sessions of our school were conducted near the springs with students living and studying in tents. These sessions were naturally held during the warm months. The school was later named Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, but in 1958 it was changed to the more descriptive Clear Creek Baptist School.

One of the first permanent structures on the campus was the Alice Rains Auditorium, which was perhaps the largest auditorium in the area. Many famous personalities from all over the United States preached there, including Robert G. Lee, who pastored Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and was a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Homer Rodeheaver and other greats sang in summer meetings.

When Kelly Hall was constructed during the late 1930s and early 1940s most of the school's activities were moved there. It was built of native stones taken from the two creeks which flow through the campus. It is told that L. C. Kelly sometimes jokingly asked students to pray for a rain to wash more stones down the creek. Clear Creek continues to minister for Christ because of friends like you. How can you help our ministry at Clear Creek?

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Clear Creek Baptist School is important in the work of the kingdom of God. We often state, "Clear Creek School will be needed as long as the Bible is needed." God placed us here way back in 1926 and our school will be here preparing men and women for ministry until the Lord returns.

oneida journal

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Love begets love

Recently a letter came from LaGrange Penitentiary. It was from a man I had never heard of. He wrote, "I pray that upon receiving this short but sincere letter it finds all of you in good health and happy in Christ Jesus our Lord. A brother in Christ has blessed me with your poem 'The Bridge Builders.' It gave me a true blessing to find what you are doing to help our young people.

"I intend to do that in the future. I pray my testimony will prevent some other young man or woman from falling a victim of Satan as I have. Yes, I served him so well. I'm in prison serving a 30 year sentence.

"But this has surely been a blessing for me. I've found Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

"Bro. Moore, money in prison is very hard to come by. I have very little of it. Please forgive me for not sending a larger amount. I'm enclosing \$3. But I will try to make the institute rich through prayer. Surely the Lord will bless you and those young people. Keep up the good work."

How this letter blessed me! How wonderful is God's love and grace. It is awesome to think how often we touch another's life unconsciously. Love begets love. We love God because he first loved us. We can love one another, even a stranger, when we belong to God for God is love. We cannot have God within us without loving those about us.

The letter is wonderful. The gift is magnificent. Three dollars from this prisoner is as blessed as the widow's mite that inspired our Lord.

But that is not all. He enclosed a poem. I don't know if he wrote it or someone else. But there is a wonderful message in it.

"God hears the very smallest prayer
Nor sends a cross too great to bear.
And though we stumble now and then
He always picks us up again.
There is no moment day or night
When we are hidden from his sight.
No wall too high nor door too stout

To keep his loving care without.
His ways are wiser than our own.
His strength remains when ours is gone
We must not doubt or question why
He sends the answers by and by.
And this I know within my heart
All darkness fades and shadows part
And that sometime, somehow,
somewhere
God sees—and answers—every
prayer."

Letters from the relatives of our students and former students often give a lift to our day. From Indianapolis: "Enclosed is a contribution for the continuation of your good work. Our grandson is with his daddy and working. We have had no problems and he was promoted in school. I am in favor of your work program as that was an important factor in him having a job."

From grandparents who are faithful members of the Disciples of Christ: "Enclosed find \$500, a token of our appreciation, for what your school has done for our grandson. I continuously 'sing the praises of Oneida Baptist Institute' to others."

"Please find enclosed a check for \$30 in appreciation for the help your staff gave our boy. We believe his life would have been ruined had it not been for OBI." This about a boy from Ohio whose family is of Kentucky origin.

"My twin sister died while her son was at your school. I am so proud of him. He is nice looking and a good boy. She would be proud also. You all stay in my heart and in my prayers. Hope this little bit will help in some way. My daughter was also with you a couple of months. She is doing much better now. Keep her in your prayers also." Her \$100 is more than a "bit." But we are also grateful for \$1. There is no gift to Oneida too large to be unneeded or too small to be unappreciated!

Another mother writes of her daughter: "Would you please send her records to her present school. Thank you very much for the help you were to both us and her. We think you have a wonderful system of education and are great people."

"I am certainly pleased with the progress of my child. Thank you very much for your patience. And interest. God is working. I received the grades. They show a great improvement. On my recent visit, I enjoyed talking with several of the students and your staff. The school is wonderful."

All of our letters are not like these. But ones like these give us new courage.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 14, 1984

International Series

Motives for moral living

Philippians 2:1-13 Each of the grounds of appeal on which Paul's exhortation to unity was based is in the form of a conditional clause which assumes in each instance that the condition is true. The grounds on which this exhortation are based are the stimulus in Christ, the incentive of love, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and compassion in the heart.

Paul informed the Philippians their unity of thought, purpose, disposition and affection would be a source of great joy to him. He challenged them to refrain from permitting anything to destroy the harmony of their splendid church. He wanted them to know a Christian is never justified in living for his own selfish interests to the exclusion of the interests of others. Paul urged his readers to cultivate the qualities of humility and unselfishness and to avoid strife and vain glory, which disrupts the fellowship, prevents the usefulness of the churches and dishonors the Lord.

Those who have the mind of Christ are disposed to think, speak and act as he did. That is the privilege and duty of every Christian. This kind of living pleases him because it is characterized by eminent humility, sublime benevolence and supreme devotion.

These verses tell us about the pre-existence of Christ, his deity, incarnation, humiliation, exaltation and Lord-

ship. In the light of these facts, Christ should be the object of our admiration, reverence, adoration, worship and service.

Verse 12 emphasizes the human responsibility and verse 13 emphasizes the divine enablement. The Lord gives the Christian the desire to do his will and then provides the power to do it. There is a divine gift in the will to do and a divine gift in the power to do.

Life and Work Series

We have God's Spirit

Romans 8:11-18 When the Holy Spirit takes up abode in the heart of a believer that person is no longer under the control of the flesh or devoted to the gratification of fleshly lusts. The Christian should hold in check the fleshly inclinations to the wrong manner of life, rely upon the Holy Spirit for enabling power and walk humbly before God in the sight of men. The Holy Spirit leads God's children away from a sinful course, from dependence on themselves and into paths of service. As Christians yield themselves to the direction of the Holy Spirit their lives portray peace, joy, gratitude, humility, power and fruitfulness. It is truly marvelous that the Holy Spirit can transform the child of God and enable him to perform deeds which please and honor the Father. The indwelling Holy Spirit enables the Christian to have victory over temptation and to produce fruit to the glory of God. Out of hearts of love Christians should follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit into the fields of Christian service. By their actions they can and should prove their gratitude for the fact that they are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. The Holy Spirit keeps alive in Christians the expectation and anticipation of the highest glory which will follow the resurrection.

Romans 8:26-28 It is truly wonderful to know that the Holy Spirit helps us as believers by interceding for us in the realm where we sorely need assistance, namely, in knowing what we should ask God to do for us. How grateful we should be that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us and assists us when we need help in our weaknesses! In fulfillment of the promise of Christ, the Holy Spirit indwells us as believers, assuring us of our salvation, enabling us to overcome fear, helping us in prayer, guiding us in the study of God's word, directing us in the Lord's work, comforting us in the time of sorrow and empowering us to live righteously and to witness effectively.



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on mission together

The birthday party

On Oct. 12, our youngest child, Shawn, will celebrate her 16th birthday.

As Alice shared with me some of Shawn's plans for celebrating the occasion, my memories of her birthdays took me back to Beirut, Lebanon in 1975.

For her seventh birthday, we had planned a festive party for, as I recall, about 16 children, mostly from American Community School.

There had been a lull in the fighting that had erupted there in April of that year; fighting which had already touched the neighborhood where our Baptist School is located and where we lived.

The children had grown accustomed

to sleeping together in a room we had rearranged following an explosion in an adjacent building which had blown out the window panes into the faces of our sleeping older children, gratefully without injury. Without thinking, Stephen later turned on the hall lights which signaled an uninvited burst of automatic rifle fire against our building. A fire bomb on another night had destroyed a modest shop on the corner across the street.

The American Community School was closed, and many Americans had already left Beirut. Embassy and business people were holding on, hoping for a change which never came.

The lull had encouraged us to have the party. Invitations were sent mostly by phone and word of mouth, and it was set for 2 p.m.

The table was bedecked with all the goodies of a traditional American birthday party. Balloons were taped to the

ceiling; little favors and jelly beans adorned the paper plates around the table.

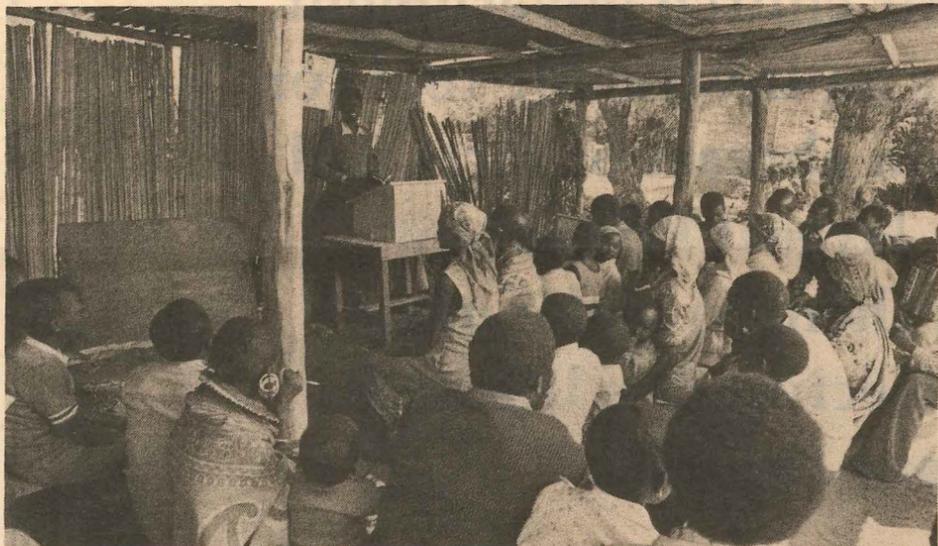
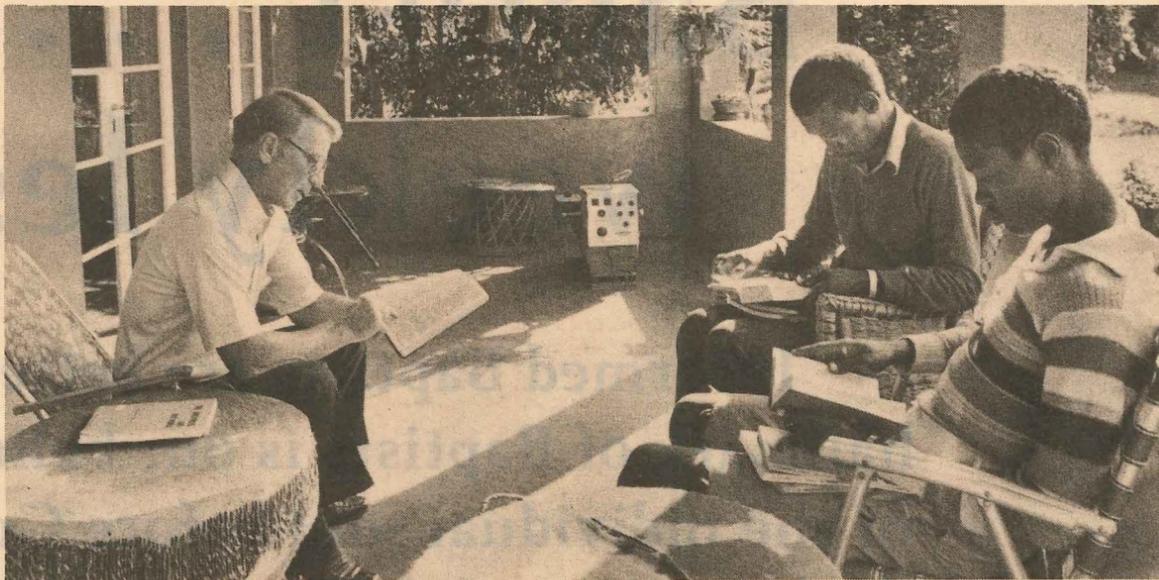
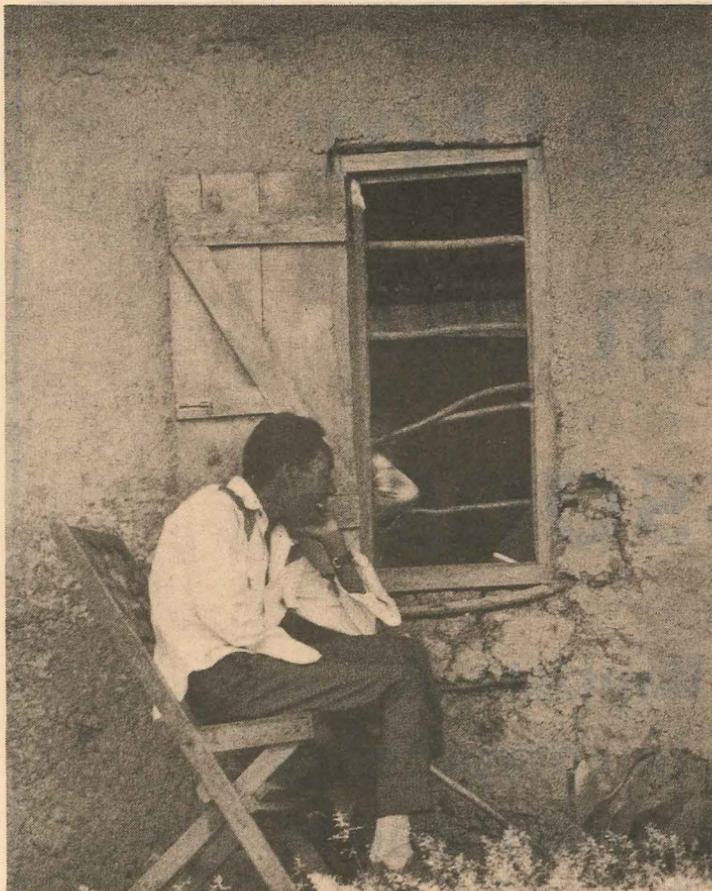
Two o'clock came. Nobody arrived. Shawn ran from the living room to the balcony to look for her friends time and again. I remember praying, "O God, help somebody to come."

At about 2:20, a United Nations officer pulled into the drive with his wife and child. In a few minutes, a Lebanese friend's child, Sami, arrived.

Around the table of 16 little plates we gathered; our family, missionaries Jim and Leola Ragland, and two precious children, whose presence on that day was a greater gift to Shawn than all the presents she opened. And in that gift, there was the assuring reality of a divine presence at the table with us. He had not only come to the party, but he had brought two little guests with him!

Two weeks later, Oct. 26, we left Beirut for Munich, never to return.

Kenyans continue to respond



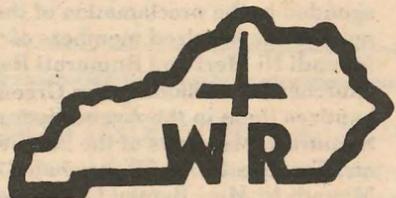
The people of Kenya continue to respond to the care and commitment of Southern Baptist missionaries there. [Clockwise from top left] Many worship services fill to capacity in Kenya. One man must listen outside the Kaimiri Baptist Church during the Sunday morning service because the church is full. Missionary Jim Green [l] teaches a theological education by extension class to students Jeremiah Loroo [r] and Patrick Tianta at his home in Rumuruti. Women from Kimiri Baptist Church in the Maragua area [about one hour from Nairobi] enjoy the walk with missionary Nancy Jones as they go to visit nearby church members. Kenyans who responded to the proclamation of the gospel become baptized members of Maundi Ni Meri and Rumuruti Baptist churches as missionary Jim Green baptizes them in the Ayam River near Rumuruti. Members of the Samburu and Turkana tribes fill the chapel of Maundi Ni Meri Baptist Church in Rumuruti, outside missionary Jim Green's home. Pastor Patrick Tianta leads the service.

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Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
ALLEN ASSOCIATION			
Bays Fork	2,780	3,660	477
Bethel	58	29	125
Bethlehem	—	—	100
Big Spring	54	—	—
Dover	50	50	100
Hanging Fork	—	—	279
Harmony	297	—	962
Holland	1,005	874	50
Hopewell	43	—	100
Liberty	2,289	2,842	904
Mt. Gilead	—	—	100
New Bethel	—	—	—
New Hope	1,271	1,032	563
New Middle Fork	—	100	572
New Salem	—	—	—
Rough Creek	290	322	371
Scottdale	23,921	30,726	6,430
Trammell Fork	214	188	100
White Plains	1,396	1,329	405
TOTAL	33,671	41,155	11,642

ANDERSON ASSOCIATION			
Alton	3,352	3,380	1,864
Ballard	1,102	1,391	290
Fellowship	495	540	234
Friendship	—	—	105
Glensboro	1,285	1,080	959
Goshen	535	548	133
Lawrenceburg 1st	44,676	44,413	6,987
Mt Pleasant	1,331	1,657	125
Pleasant Grove	343	—	—
Sand Spring	26,370	31,348	5,766
Tyrone	915	1,124	338
Van Buren	—	25	217
TOTAL	80,406	85,509	17,123

BELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION			
Arjay	—	—	205
Bennetts Fork	180	180	150
Bethlehem	504	944	—
Binghamtown	1,857	2,116	—
Blue Ridge	—	—	—
Callaway	1,265	1,114	324
Antioch	—	—	—
Clear Fork	—	—	—
Dunlap	200	216	—
East Cumberland Ave.	4,527	6,242	2,291
East Jellico	1,673	1,581	1,101
East Pineville	—	—	—
Ferndale Southern	—	291	61
Pineville First	9,125	15,516	15,459
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Hosman	2,935	2,696	304
Insull	—	—	100
Jenson	109	—	38
Kettle Island	65	—	—
Meldrun	—	—	—
Mill Creek	—	—	701
Millers Chapel	—	—	—
Moss Chapel	300	298	130
Mt Mary	—	—	—
New Vine	—	—	—
Newtown	—	54	—
North Side	—	200	400
Oakdale	—	—	—
New Testament	—	—	—
Old Cannon Creek	—	—	—
Old Salem 1	—	—	—
Old Salem 2	—	—	90
Old Straight Creek	—	—	—
Old Yellow Creek	20,142	18,298	5,262
Pathfork	854	600	173
Pleasant Grove Missionary	—	—	—
Red Oak	—	—	100
Richardson Chapel	—	—	—
Riverside	3,439	3,612	2,084
Riverview	610	651	1,600
Southside	1,932	1,788	1,941
Mt. Hebron	704	271	—
Stoney Fork	307	872	100
Tracy Branch	—	—	—
Tugglesville	638	412	—
Varilla	—	—	155
Wasioto	300	325	1,160
West Cumberland Ave	1,297	1,123	473
West Pineville	2,807	1,923	700
TOTAL	56,809	62,291	35,778

BETHEL ASSOCIATION			
Adairville	13,628	15,193	3,591
Auburn	25,356	16,092	3,792
Calvary	8,796	7,585	3,854
Dripping Springs	5,801	6,496	2,445
Elkton	14,365	14,706	9,481
Russellville First	56,069	58,150	14,904
Forest Grove	3,434	2,897	693
Bethel	—	—	—
Guthrie	8,272	8,689	1,940
Keysburg	1,583	2,079	42
Mt Gilead	3,117	3,720	1,307
Mt Zion	903	777	647
New Union	10,729	11,052	3,842
Post Oak	16,130	16,684	4,666
Russellville Second	20,026	17,595	4,064
Sharon Grove	2,118	3,297	836
Spring Valley	1,164	839	226
Tiny Town	1,183	752	472
Trenton	11,111	10,880	3,538
Walnut Grove	9,530	9,442	2,510
Whippoorwill	3,045	4,327	1,408
Woodburn Heights	9,151	9,012	1,646
Woodlawn Missionary	7,911	4,039	2,339
TOTAL	223,431	224,311	68,252

BLACKFORD ASSOCIATION			
Blackford	10,817	10,577	3,029
Central	208	864	—
Chestnut Grove	2,031	3,246	2,150
Dawson Memorial	561	620	127
First Ort	1,445	1,529	1,211
Friendship	—	—	—
Hawesville	31,602	28,622	8,130
Lewisport	25,080	32,284	6,845
Mt Eden	2,256	2,295	157
Newton Springs	2,127	429	—
Old Panther Creek	2,006	1,982	2,522
Patesville	1,809	555	436
Pellville	19,801	21,309	4,815
Roseville	26	26	50
Union	4,259	3,992	1,012
West Point	868	320	790
TOTAL	104,182	108,655	31,278

BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION			
Altona	5,932	9,191	4,617
Bethel	11,203	11,705	3,474
Bethlehem	1,017	751	258
Blood River	1,507	1,381	264
Briensburg	40,597	48,976	14,026
Calvert City First	28,100	32,606	5,528
Calvary	132	156	312
Cherry Corner	13,098	11,839	1,617
Coldwater	125	—	81
Dexter	2,226	2,048	237
Elm Grove	16,159	14,395	2,952
Ferguson Springs	50	100	150
Murray First	79,781	81,929	26,453
1st Benton Missionary	17,270	22,385	6,102
Flint	7,190	7,446	1,162
Benton First	27,946	31,511	4,229
Gilbertsville	5,883	7,513	1,112
Grace	7,276	8,013	3,413
Hamlet	4,213	4,397	279
Hardin	842	3,722	957
Hazel	17,437	16,819	2,537
Kirksey	3,691	5,526	604
Lakeview	3,224	2,908	576
Ledbetter	803	709	605
Locust Grove	9,837	10,566	2,055
Lighthouse	45	45	—
Memorial	18,344	21,315	2,392
New Bethel	2,708	2,179	6,545
New Harmony	18,160	19,492	710
New Providence	—	—	—
New Mt Carmel	1,739	2,293	2,260
New Zion	3,668	4,856	1,144
Walnut Street	1,953	3,278	—
Oak Grove	1,299	855	145
Hill Top	260	249	375
Olive	13,466	12,390	1,847
Owens Chapel	900	1,219	100
Plain Gospel	—	30	—
Pleasant Hope	—	563	—
Poplar Springs	4,130	3,777	3,131
Pleasant Valley	660	660	175
Salem	8,850	10,864	1,072
Scotts Grove	1,803	2,047	2,604
Sharpe	2,912	3,831	640
Sinking Spring	1,200	1,316	1,779
South Marshall	240	240	50
Spring Creek	1,000	1,000	352
Sugar Creek	800	800	421
Union Ridge	4,943	1,853	1,465
Vanzora	2,217	4,251	559
West Side	2,092	2,367	6,450
West Fork	11,909	14,141	16,107
Zions Cause	5,870	6,027	534
Northside	4,103	5,187	891
TOTAL	420,837	463,173	135,927

BOONES CREEK ASSOCIATION			
Arbuckle	4,861	5,338	3,722
Beech Grove	754	579	105
Boones Creek	12,013	11,703	6,825
Calvary	4,852	5,091	1,047
Central	107,804	102,309	20,490
Clay City	—	—	—
Corinth	7,802	7,864	1,440
Cow Creek	1,505	2,034	250
Emmanuel	1,194	1,074	200
Ephesus	10,531	9,356	1,675
Faith	132	132	23
Irvine First	1,200	1,200	607
Friendship	4,268	5,239	785
Greenbriar	52	3	150
Heidelberg	356	365	—
Howards Mill	2,208	1,677	1,823
Ivory Hill	855	837	550
Jeffersonville	2,989	2,929	982
Kiddville	795	795	304

Macedonia	2,412	3,106	941
Mt Olive	701	1,015	100
Northside	6,394	7,059	1,146
Onelia	1,434	1,488	417
Powells Valley	509	402	359
Providence CC	2,491	2,750	167
Providence E C	2,010	2,589	926
Reid Village	834	589	128
Salem	897	1,040	647
Spring Street	600	876	443
Thomas	1,272	1,333	115
Valley View Mission	426	496	—
Williams Memorial	1,781	2,046	719
TOTAL	185,544	183,326	47,092

BOONEVILLE ASSOCIATION			
Big Creek	1,423	1,643	1,738
Booneville First	2,243	2,381	1,732
Crane Creek	102	255	554
Garrard	—	340	100
Gray Fork	—	—	—
Horse Creek	31,499	39,524	16,000
Hopewell	—	—	—
Island Creek	4,216	5,024	2,488
Lerose	261	179	48
Lily Grove	125	210	50
Lytleton	200	200	7,631
Macedonia	1,856	3,010	1,780
Manchester	9,678	12,578	8,022
Muddy Gap	—	—	—
New Home	585	72	275
New Prospect	1,698	1,441	296
New Zion	290	251	237
Oneida	1,760	3,600	1,615
Pleasant Point	420	420	100
Pleasant Run	4,484	4,050	1,541
Second Black Water	726	864	60
Vincent	30	60	25
White Hall	128	136	460
Zion	60	136	460
TOTAL	61,791	76,245	44,758

BRACKEN ASSOCIATION			
Aberdeen	4,442	5,017	1,261

Calvary	54,382	58,714	35,457
Calvary	270	—	—
Cane Run	6,587	7,864	844
Central Lexington	11,666	9,098	3,766
Central Paris	14,012	16,212	8,851
Chevy Chase	17,013	21,323	2,538
Clear Creek	2,597	2,198	1,519
Clover Bottom	1,537	1,402	641
Crosswoods	3,902	3,834	817
Davids Fork	9,387	8,101	1,434
Dry Run	—	—	110
Durbin Memorial	2,208	2,119	2,483
East Hickman	4,938	4,277	1,600
Eastland Park	2,313	1,088	542
Edgewood	10,827	11,278	5,328
Faith	5,591	5,255	2,802
Lexington First	257	1,481	2,395
Paris First	39,986	43,038	10,624
Winchester First	30,258	36,469	18,536
Mt Sterling First	16,852	25,267	5,257
Gano Avenue	12,859	10,685	3,251
Gardenside	32,071	35,657	9,293
Georgetown	32,414	33,409	11,081
Glens Creek	6,589	7,330	207
Grace	14,321	18,340	7,003
Great Crossing	10,991	11,604	1,469
North View	8,947	9,428	1,984
Highlands	2,638	5,870	2,266
Hillcrest	10,660	12,323	3,389
Hillsboro	8,545	8,678	4,386
Immanuel	97,688	100,489	47,413
Lawrenceburg Community	—	—	267
Living Word	—	—	—
Long Lick	5,516	4,499	342
Lyle Road	440	480	—
Main Street	—	—	—
Midway	8,208	6,354	1,608
Millersburg	267	860	207
Millville	6,156	5,604	3,051
Mt Freedom	5,851	5,445	2,268
Mt Pleasant	6,025	6,276	2,699
Mt Vernon	2,081	2,129	329
New Hope	1,933	1,967	722
Nicholasville	6,750	3,000	9,067
Parkway	10,863	13,936	7,615
Pinckard	3,960	3,846	1,180
Porter Memorial	92,622	104,004	15,713
Riverview	—	—	—
Rosemont	25,896	30,374	11,586
Royal Springs	442	841	1,113
Russell Cave	6,500	6,648	1,921
Sadleville	113	—	—
Seventh Street	784	854	—
Silas	562	467	716
South Elkhorn	26,384	28,932	9,005
Southern Heights	12,150	10,345	3,838
Southside	2,797	1,843	—
Spears Mills	1,037	1,175	141
Springdale	—	—	—
Stamping Ground	5,299	4,581	4,484
Stonewall	—	—	50
Tatesbrook	—	1,350	296
Trinity	2,261	2,750	2,979
Versailles	41,925	41,163	11,375
White Sulphur	750	493	—
Woodhill	25	—	—
Woodland Avenue	1,671	300	500
TOTAL	778,787	827,187	294,400

ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Allen First	2,285	2,650	799
Topmost	50	45	50
Benedict	1,102	1,023	—
Garrett	677	151	—
Fitzpatrick	4,327	6,168	—
Home Branch Mission	90	36	—
Inez First	14,825	16,960	8,078
Prestonsburg First	6,552	10,261	3,230
Ivyton	265	180	—
Jacks Creek	—	—	—
Pine Grove	691	197	—
Lancer	294	567	—
Liberty	482	842	683
Licking River	1,656	1,600	100
Martin First	3,650	2,865	1,272
Maytown First	1,400	1,200	50
McDowell First	2,181	2,432	175
Paintsville First	14,450	14,400	8,250
Salyersville First	400	—	989
Warfield	1,567	3,754	2,294
West Van Lear	403	505	991
Wheelwright First	—	—	—
TOTAL	57,352	65,843	26,964

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION

Faith	2,618	2,130	300
Immanuel	39,891	53,006	5,453
Bellepoint	4,450	5,455	2,227
Bethel	2,950	2,067	1,891
Buck Run	8,300	9,593	3,729
Calvary	3,499	4,036	48
Camp Pleasant	—	—	—
Cedar Grove	2,239	1,053	806
First Corinthian	—	—	—
Crestwood	23,408	25,434	4,859
East Frankfort	8,420	5,428	1,549
Evergreen	6,692	7,247	2,252
Frankfort First	27,466	18,336	15,492
Forks of Elkhorn	3,208	4,114	995
Farmdale	1,789	338	197
Hillcrest	6,972	7,766	1,997
Lebanon	2,122	1,192	623
Memorial	14,596	23,990	3,980
Mt Carmel	93	265	50
Mt Vernon	—	—	—
North Benson	3,864	2,774	998
North Fork	8,120	10,418	2,369
North Frankfort	920	830	125
Pleasant Ridge	2,355	2,169	559
Providence	9,854	10,120	2,338
St John	2,399	3,853	590
Swallowfield	618	832	630
Thornhill	15,877	15,399	2,120
Trinity	—	300	—
Westview	2,776	1,776	189
TOTAL	205,054	219,933	57,324

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION

Albany	11,000	13,000	7,272
Branhans Grove	180	240	287
Burkesville	6,506	6,518	2,360
Cave Springs	951	2,036	488
Central Grove	1,350	1,026	130
Fairland	20	—	—
Grace Union	—	—	—
Green Grove Missionary	185	121	78
New Sulphur	—	—	—
Pikeview	212	100	80
Stony Point	609	—	265
TOTAL	21,014	23,042	10,962

FULTON ASSOCIATION

Cayce Missionary	1,100	1,200	2,653
Crutchfield	2,022	2,671	788
Davids Chapel	349	567	300
Hickman East	2,263	1,040	1,140
Fulton First	22,316	25,672	7,376
Hickman First	4,135	5,087	1,415
Liberty	2,000	2,130	1,094
Mt Carmel	240	240	842
Poplar Grove	375	175	204
Riceville	400	600	1,239
Sassafras Ridge	1,551	1,386	569
West (Hickman)	11,550	12,678	11,265
TOTAL	48,304	53,448	28,937

GASPER RIVER ASSOCIATION

Aberdeen	1,950	2,753	1,757
Barnetts Lick	1,185	1,401	148
Bethel	327	323	418
Big Muddy	2,160	—	1,264
Brooklyn	97	348	21
Carve Rock	355	494	43
Chapel Union	100	100	100
Huntsville	—	—	3,200

Monticello	1,801	1,551	1,181
Morgantown First	12,470	14,756	5,783
Mt Liberty	80	120	50
Mt Olivet	1,365	1,185	499
Mt Vernon	995	899	685
New Harmony	985	424	177
New Liberty	1,681	989	322
New Midway	100	100	49
Pleasant Grove	240	240	288
Quality	1,002	1,039	53
Richland	2,284	2,559	418
Rochester	1,678	1,545	1,445
Rock Spring	—	—	—
Salem	—	880	1,134
Sandy Creek	2,545	2,656	1,273
Union Missionary	1,027	1,152	238
Woodbury	—	—	50
TOTAL	34,434	35,523	20,564

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION

Grandview	—	—	—
Hanging Rock	—	—	210
Broadway	—	—	—
Hopewell	—	—	—
Little Flock	—	—	300
Meeting Creek	—	—	25
Millwood	80	110	586
Pilgrim	700	500	200
Pleasant View	36	—	160
Sulphur Wells	—	—	—
TOTAL	816	610	1,481

GRAVES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Baltimore	240	240	100
Fairview Missionary	—	—	—
Bell City	321	656	200
Bethany	935	982	445
Chapel Hill	—	—	—
Clarks River	5,846	5,142	3,143
Cuba	13,545	18,527	3,696
Dublin	—	—	1,000
Enon	1,200	1,100	525
Farmington	6,188	6,041	2,635
Fellowship	513	117	—
Mayfield First	88,843	72,752	20,325
Emmanuel	496	248	—
Hardmoney	1,200	1,400	1,640
Hickory	3,615	3,640	7,338
High Point	38,539	37,564	9,268
Liberty	11,281	9,843	3,710
Little Bethel	—	—	1,487
Little Obion	—	—	100
Lynnville	—	200	—
Melber	823	830	3,276
Millers Chapel	277	—	—
Mt Haven Missionary	318	454	42
Mt Pisgah	—	549	—
Mt Olivet	236	825	1,879
New Concord	450	700	100
New Home	917	904	430
New Hope Missionary	—	—	323
New Liberty	774	643	293
Northside	4,495	632	16,992
Oak Grove	220	240	98
Pilot Oak	2,102	2,072	281
Pleasant Grove	553	600	119
Pryorsburg Missionary	498	569	652
Sand Hill	690	958	337
Sedalia	10,863	8,737	3,930
Sharon	6,554	6,457	2,327
South First Street	—	—	51
Trace Creek	720	906	471
Viola	545	335	37
Water Valley	3,326	2,943	614
West Broadway	134	72	2,147
Wingo	7,744	7,929	3,843
TOTAL	214,915	196,066	94,117

GRAYSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Big Clifty	500	—	15
Caneville	6,147	9,595	2,115
Clarkson	3,852	4,248	1,294
Leitchfield First	46,758	54,951	10,354
Holly	340	605	690
Liberty	3,715	2,249	804
Little Clifty	7,746	7,567	2,714
New Hope	210	210	166
Pleasant Run	500	321	19
Shrewsbury	970	1,049	100
TOTAL	70,776	81,406	18,273

GREEN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Advance	2,081	3,123	895
Airline	10,367	17,390	1,876
Audubon	7,531	6,410	3,244
Bellfield	7,528	8,615	4,903
Bethel	3,073	3,315	473
Cairo Missionary	183	202	51
Calvary Missionary	5,817	5,992	6,807
Cash Creek	7,386	7,793	2,466
Cherry Hill	504	575	246
Corydon Missionary	1,248	1,368	4,701
Dupee	120	208	80
Eastview	3,369	1,960	147
Finley	5,522	5,039	984
Henderson First	35,789	41,735	11,070
Geneva	2,281	2,136	119
Greater Norris Chapel	—	—	—
Hyland	9,367	15,716	6,884
Immanuel	16,036	16,168	7,505
Lawndale	1,910	2,402	178
Mt Pleasant Missionary	2,841	2,981	547
Pole	4,841	4,841	2,844
Rangers Landing	694	830	665
Robards Missionary	4,360	5,333	4,160
Sebree First	21,633	24,138	6,175
Spottsville Missionary	5,642	4,282	839
Watson Lane	1,680	1,180	267
Zion	19,485	22,888	2,466
TOTAL	181,396	206,628	70,601

GREENUP ASSOCIATION

Ashland	300	300	200
Barretts Creek	811	811	1,985
Belmont Missionary	1,695	1,461	112
Blackburn Avenue	2,455	2,447	20
Burnaugh	3,286	4,053	2,056
Cannonsburg First	12,321	8,281	3,311
Oakland Avenue	34,100	34,000	16,440
Central	6,409	3,659	1,331
Chadwicks Creek	929	1,445	228
Cherryville	905	783	978
Crane Creek Msnary	1,376	2,209	300
Danleyton	1,220	1,370	106
Denton	—	—	—
Elizabeth Jarrell	—	—	740
Emily Northup	—	—	150
Emmanuel	—	—	110
Everman Creek Msnary	1,025	528	716
Fairview	6,082	4,397	1,924
Faith	360	469	—
Ashland First	53,687	92,066	21,020
First	7,743	10,477	1,466
Greenup First	3,555	3,695	2,850
Louisa First	11,119	11,241	6,205
Olive Hill First	4,447	5,603	2,312
Raceland First	1,837	2,099	3,289
Sandy Hook First	1,088	1,084	15
South Shore First	2,703	3,504	890
Worthington First	6,604	3,646	2,396
Wurtland Missionary	1,198	1,312	697
Flatwoods First	7,341	7,999	2,465
Garrison First	—	—	42

Hazelwood	5,100	5,823	810
Highland	39,384	41,273	14,117
Highland Park Second	707	977	88
Highland Park First	12,695	13,676	3,273
Highview	26,600	35,000	23,284
Hillside	4,051	4,126	4,469
Hillview	5,940	4,173	1,920
Hopewell	4,200	4,337	876
Hurstbourne	69,349	83,704	15,797
Immanuel	3,990	3,202	1,546
Korean	—	—	—
Kenwood	3,295	1,608	1,791
Keys Ferry	112	1,436	240
Kings	15,851	16,754	7,001
Milton Avenue	560	616	—
Kosmosdale	900	1,500	—
Bicknell	—	—	57
Lake Dreamland	1,915	1,820	844
Hillcrest	2,220	2,266	790
Lees Lane	6,820	7,761	4,324
Little Flock	19,383	21,174	4,071
Long Run	1,561	1,270	186
Lyndon	39,792	45,664	11,846
Lynn Acres	13,168	14,642	3,254
Memory Lane	—	—	—
Manly Memorial	153	226	243
Maple Grove	12,648	12,826	6,124
Melbourne Heights	21,822	25,056	8,853
Meadow Hill	7,706	7,307	1,077
Midlane Park	1,745	2,207	6,045
Minors Lane	3,410	3,135	506
Morningside	436	1,518	544
Mt Hermon	—	—	—
Mount Elmira	664	531	200
North 42nd Street	529	—	—
New Hope	—	—	—
New Salem	7,259	6,408	1,594
Ninth & O	24,000	24,000	18,948
Oak Grove	—	—	30
Oakdale	337	394	148
Okolona	1,650	1,650	541
Ormsby Heights	8,466	8,912	4,610
Parkland	10,573	10,225	4,506
Parkwood	4,916	6,141	1,432
Penile	3,092	3,594	761
Pleasant Grove	5,671	4,887	814
Plum Creek	6,385	6,964	1,091
Poplar Level	3,180	2,785	1,358
Portland Avenue	2,124	2,651	326
Ralph Avenue	33,032	37,558	12,095
Ridgeview	—	261	—
Ridgewood	5,107	1,805	1,548
Riverside	160	300	107
Rockford Lane	16,056	11,850	5,962
Rutledge Road	556	7,663	144
Shively	52,550	50,239	8,158
Shively Heights	18,908	18,005	2,487
New Cut Road	675	673	—
South Jefferson	15,068	21,117	5,127
Yorktown	600	1,300	697
Southside	14,496	15,669	4,881
St Matthews	64,011	32,500	22,175
Summitt Hills	1,623	2,187	547
Sunnyside	2,379	1,909	1,320
Third Avenue	3,493	3,866	4,729
Thixton Lane	812	929	560
Valley Station	22,277	23,014	3,834
Valley View	53,371	59,345	9,285
Van Buren	1,584	1,820	1,169
Victory Memorial	11,330	11,448	6,004
Vine Street	900	700	493
Walnut Street	60,969	61,112	29,715
West Broadway	10,543	9,541	8,641
New Life	305	214	267
West Side Portland	214	198	—
Westport Road	39,038	45,011	6,446
Woodland	9,705	7,621	3,226
TOTAL	1,378,078	1,409,930	525,576

MONROE ASSOCIATION			
Akersville	338	477	319
Fountain Run First	820	921	583
Garnial	5,390	5,682	1,510
Indian Creek	2,943	2,980	832
Mill Creek	1,349	1,214	106
Monroe	264	322	79
Oak Grove	65	129	446
Peters Creek	70	86	695
Rock Bridge	391	429	175
Temple Hill Missionary	9,651	9,617	4,376
Tompkinsville First	7,634	6,187	1,818
TOTAL	28,919	28,046	10,941
MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION			
Antioch	330	97	126
Bacon Creek Msnary	1,673	1,68	8432
Bethlehem	108	183	633
Buffalo	—	—	200
Cedar Gap	—	—	252
Central	66,265	79,239	14,535
Chapel Grove	516	795	100
Twentieth Street	1,091	1,207	18
Corinth Missionary	—	—	701
Corn Creek	65	—	—
Faber Missionary	441	261	100
Faith	540	644	50
Corbin First	27,384	27,702	8,803
Williamsburg First	26,205	26,687	9,779
Flat Creek	—	—	—
Frankfort	—	50	—
Goldbug	—	91	222
Good Hope Missionary	3,301	4,507	954
Greenland	4,805	5,353	4,567
Highland Park	—	—	25
Hopewell	93	—	—
Mount Zion	—	—	—
Level Green	288	288	64
Main Street	16,540	16,688	3,664
Meadow Creek	—	—	200
Meadow Grove	25	40	—
Mt Pisgah	87	—	200
New Mount Zion	36	—	153
Oak Grove	409	437	194
Park Hill	2,366	2,441	850
Pleasant Grove	619	753	102
Rockhold First	103	76	171
Sandstone	—	117	72
Southside	837	1,221	31
Tidal Wave	—	—	100
Watson Chapel	110	0	100
Corbin West	6,064	7,822	4,829
White Oak Mission	701	105	—
Wofford Missionary	874	853	640
Woodbine Missionary	1,363	782	428
TOTAL	163,250	180,117	53,613
MUHLENBERG ASSOCIATION			
Beech Creek	1,908	1,735	279
Beechmont Msnary	6,123	4,995	3,152
Bethlehem	13,793	11,692	3,395
Browder Missionary	2,129	2,170	205
Calvary	6,670	6,395	1,048
Carter Creek	1,200	785	691
Cedar Grove	1,200	1,100	1,262
Central City First	46,706	52,822	7,467
Cherry Hill	5,880	5,967	538
Cave Springs	974	915	280
Drakesboro First	10,040	9,923	2,668
Dunmor Missionary	5,572	6,051	3,113
East Union	9,638	10,079	1,891
Ebenezer Missionary	5,583	5,225	712
Greenview First	62,864	57,193	12,657
Forest Grove	1,037	750	100
Forest Oak	1,473	2,197	40
Friendship	15,101	7,794	1,828
Graham	4,913	4,449	1,038
Hazel Creek	4,343	6,035	2,172
Macedonia	810	796	129
Martwick Missionary	3,891	4,438	440
Mercer	1,827	1,693	1,011
Mt Pisgah	49,716	53,003	11,430
Nelson Creek Msnary	7,341	6,458	4,438
New Cypress Msnary	12,316	11,285	4,566
New Harmony	7,375	6,884	1,808
New Hebron Msnary	2,062	2,214	230
New Hope	1,315	1,256	87
New Prospect	—	—	—
Oak Grove Missionary	3,341	3,107	1,188
New Paradise Msnary	—	5,328	1,416
Penrod	4,189	2,734	1,350
Pleasant Hill	120	280	—
Powderly	2,353	1,755	550
Riverside Missionary	413	435	—
Roland Memorial	10,330	13,321	1,879
Greenville Second	43,662	40,286	9,625
So. Carrollton Mission	1,224	1,401	91
Temple	9,568	5,609	1,389
Unity	1,322	1,460	188
Vernal Grove	2,783	1,859	637
Woodland	15,205	16,086	2,551
Woodson	2,739	2,664	898
TOTAL	387,466	382,643	90,455
NELSON ASSOCIATION			
Bardstown	18,317	23,085	7,004
Bardstown Junction	2,717	598	644
Beech Grove	113	638	26
Belmont	1,268	233	1,188
Bethany	3,056	3,630	494
Bloomfield	10,537	14,136	3,933
Bullitt Lick	18,666	19,368	1,531
Calvary	—	—	—
First Cedar Creek	7,559	8,416	1,286
Cedar Grove	10,465	11,102	1,902
Chaplin	15,203	16,198	1,970
Hobbs	25	20	—
Chaplin Fork	1,603	2,131	1,289
Clermont	—	70	—
Coxs Creek	7,358	6,416	1,686
Lebanon Junction First	9,231	8,350	2,962
Mt Washington First	30,666	33,833	16,385
Shepherdsville First	18,086	19,427	6,307
Immanuel	1,112	1,163	332
Little Union	3,735	4,471	2,217
Mill Creek	4,129	5,188	1,303
Mount Carmel	5,226	5,623	2,185
Mount Eden	29	58	—
Mount Moriah	2,726	2,863	720
New Haven	—	599	386
New Salem	14,959	14,729	2,090
Pleasant Grove	16,245	15,495	11,059
River View	5,067	7,061	2,444
Rolling Fork	2,528	2,892	544
Shepherdsville	1,747	1,880	345
Trinity	1,345	816	330
Victory	3,000	3,300	1,033
Vine Hill	2,196	804	793
Wakefield	873	797	422
Wicklind	2,061	2,491	1,738
TOTAL	221,862	237,696	76,455
NORTHERN KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION			
Amity	1,109	1,434	35
Ashland Avenue	13,492	13,912	4,245
Beaver Lick	—	—	7,697
Bellevue	4,613	5,175	158
Big Bone	1,896	2,044	1,207
Bullittsburg	4,464	3,852	10,851
Burlington	38,441	42,551	12,234
Oakland Avenue	1,135	1,120	175
Creasant Springs	21,393	20,454	1,938
Decoursey	4,330	4,505	2,000
East Bend	357	378	602
East Dayton	351	434	291
Elsmere	4,839	4,410	664
Erlanger	49,664	52,059	17,489
Fairlane	6,717	6,184	1,146
Bellevue First	17,083	11,696	5,950
Cold Springs First	13,199	15,462	2,521
Covington First	999	1,153	950
First Covington	240	220	—
Dayton First	2,637	2,372	1,041
Ft Thomas First	13,542	12,930	3,154
Highland Heights First	13,166	13,321	2,631
Ludlow First	16,480	18,903	3,840

Newport First	4,620	2,789	2,317
First Twelve Mile	4,273	5,470	734
Walton First	11,715	11,379	4,103
Flagg Spring	120	120	67
Florence	54,605	63,532	11,438
Fort Mitchell	11,334	12,637	3,951
Grace	4,100	4,270	1,479
Grants Lick	12,278	14,209	1,868
Greenview	21,042	20,582	1,612
Hebron	4,697	5,981	2,809
Hickory Grove	11,026	10,885	3,235
Highland Hills	17,770	23,452	4,605
Immanuel	124	744	1,437
Kentoo	4,124	4,757	1,277
Kenton	2,832	3,299	848
Latoria	40,813	47,503	12,871
Licking Valley	965	1,653	824
Macedonia	—	—	—
Madison Avenue	11,679	13,065	3,634
Main Street	2,902	3,844	1,584
Mentor	2,918	2,379	1,174
New Bank Lick	4,960	5,107	1,608
Oak Island	2,323	1,982	451
Oak Ridge	11,499	10,466	4,162
Persimmon Grove	—	276	1,221
Petersburg	2,191	2,652	600
Piner	1,568	802	817
Pleasant Ridge	3,668	2,384	859
Rosedale	2,540	2,909	1,168
Sand Run	2,789	3,263	588
Second Twelve Mile	4,627	4,717	2,242
Silver Grove First	936	832	236
South Side	1,830	3,015	1,293
Trinity	8,655	8,163	2,830
Union	6,779	7,574	2,727
Visalia	420	405	50
West Covington	600	370	75
Wilmington	7,994	5,624	1,202
TOTAL	517,486	547,664	164,845
NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION			
Apple Grove	207	63	600
Artemus First	4,701	6,688	300
Barbourville First	27,646	32,163	10,910
Beech Spring	—	—	—
Big Brush Creek	—	—	—
Calvary	—	—	—
Callihan	545	278	—
Centennial	—	—	—
Coles Branch	—	—	—
Concord	1,230	1,850	102
Coalport	—	—	—
Davis Chapel	—	—	—
Dewitt	1,061	1,689	1,542
Ebenezer	—	—	—
Fellowship	—	—	—
Dripping Springs	—	—	25
Greasy Creek	60	60	47
Green Road	358	392	—
Highland Park	4,228	4,642	1,203
East Barbourville	3,916	4,725	1,500
Horn Branch	—	—	—
Liberty	—	—	—
Locust Grove	160	—	1,174
Northside	2,061	390	103
Old Flat Lick	640	411	62
Pine	—	—	—
Poplar Grove	—	—	—
River	65	168	34
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Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
ROCKCASTLE ASSOCIATION			
Brindle Ridge	—	—	300
Brodhead	6,802	5,781	1,178
Clear Creek	—	—	—
Conway	120	—	—
Fairview Missionary	194	1,285	430
Mt Vernon First	8,272	8,800	5,360
Flat Rock	180	180	100
Freedom	3,893	3,683	2,577
Livingston	—	—	200
Macedonia	373	—	200
Maretburg	—	1,336	1,127
Mt Pleasant	2,135	2,536	700
Mount Zion	406	377	135
Northside	4,264	4,718	652
Ottawa	3,247	3,122	572
First Pine Hill	166	181	526
Pleasant Run	90	30	—
Poplar Grove	1,460	1,597	63
Round Stone	44	—	690
Sand Hill	—	—	—
Scaffold Cane	761	1,372	150
Valley	59	—	—
TOTAL	32,472	35,002	14,964

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
RUSSELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION			
Clear Springs	110	120	590
Clearfork	1,200	1,200	1,683
First Bpt Msn	—	—	—
Fairview	2,831	3,125	1,050
Friendship	528	528	618
Indian Hill	50	110	—
Jamestown First	4,317	4,875	1,578
Liberty	2,703	2,498	2,074
Mount Olive	685	1,008	727
Mount Vernon	943	1,202	329
Oak Grove	50	118	886
Pleasant Hill	67	85	—
Pleasant View	50	—	40
Poplar Grove	2,186	2,235	804
Providence	320	—	80
Russell Springs First	12,345	9,487	8,922
Sano	465	581	853
Welfare	490	528	649
White Oak	213	258	90
Windsor First	334	592	260
TOTAL	29,891	28,557	21,237

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
RUSSELL CREEK ASSOCIATION			
Bethany	301	379	243
Beech Grove	5,193	4,948	1,303
Bethlehem	1,088	2,133	—
Big Creek	—	—	—
Brush Creek	200	200	—
Cane Valley	592	546	797
Charity	420	357	178
Columbia	15,100	10,875	5,293
Dunbar Hill	270	282	86
East Fork	—	—	—
Fry	276	183	274
Gradyville	60	—	25
Greasy Creek	4,863	5,973	778
Greensburg	24,195	21,072	7,314
Harrods Fork	71	99	128
Leatherwood	—	100	190
Macedonia	1,719	1,758	63
Mount Gilead	1,531	1,349	647
New Hope	—	—	—
New Salem	2,374	2,196	1,260
Pierces Chapel	120	120	550
Pink Ridge	—	—	116
Pleasant Ridge	801	795	97
Pleasant Valley	125	126	40
Plum Point	1,150	1,096	178
Prices Creek	—	—	—
Red Lick	—	—	—
Russell Creek Missionary	—	—	—
South Greensburg	3,628	3,448	2,025
Society Hill	—	—	—
Sparkyville	165	165	50
Sulphur Springs	—	—	32
Summersville	6,756	6,457	1,321
Russell Heights	352	558	81
Trammel Creek	5,566	6,535	640
Wells Chapel	—	—	—
TOTAL	76,925	71,759	23,714

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SALEM ASSOCIATION			
Big Spring	115	151	140
Blue River Island	15	15	55
Buck Grove	21,446	22,218	4,419
Cold Spring	1,958	1,678	232
Ekron	4,195	4,673	2,052
Guston	6,000	6,000	1,088
Hill Grove	1,977	2,287	583
Muldrough	5,149	6,507	2,385
New Brandenburg	1,698	1,554	705
New Highland	23	913	705
New Salem	2,926	3,531	1,906
Payneville	3,328	2,607	425
Brandenburg First	12,310	11,939	10,139
Irvington	3,051	3,570	2,220
Raymond	4,803	5,301	1,187
Rock Haven Community	2,980	3,311	1,329
Salem	2,166	2,812	10,700
West Point	2,075	1,954	519
Wolf Creek	1,350	1,314	91
TOTAL	76,572	82,343	40,887

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SEVERNS VALLEY ASSOCIATION			
Barren Run	3,439	3,177	5,653
Blue Ball	1,001	1,182	688
Buffalo	18,505	19,853	5,957
Calvary	270	52	—
Cecilia	14,573	14,202	3,717
East View	40	134	520
Hodgenville First	32,250	34,250	7,480
Franklin Crossroads	26,219	22,044	3,706
Gilead	15,682	16,968	2,343
Immanuel	20,733	22,084	4,310
1st Korean	2,659	2,610	1,785
Locust Grove	2,181	2,662	1,192
Koinonia	179	225	177
Magnolia	19,040	20,824	3,819
Middle Creek	3,239	3,513	2,494
Mill Creek	22,811	20,628	7,924
Mount Zion	5,254	6,877	3,931
New Hope	2,224	—	30
Nolynn	1,888	1,752	657
Ovesen Heights	3,679	3,761	1,857
Pleasant Grove	2,722	4,280	1,884
Red Hill	1,220	1,427	280
East Rhodus Creek	2,359	2,126	1,059
Rineyville	4,216	4,457	1,612
Round Top	2,166	2,972	788
Severns Valley	160,711	196,732	62,294
Sonora First	14,130	15,642	3,980
Stephensburg First	—	—	455
Stithton	24,400	28,258	3,583
Central Avenue	10,326	5,496	2,244
Tunnel Hill	8,505	12,669	630
Valley Creek	5,718	5,741	3,129
Valley View	5,087	7,660	1,116
Vertrees	741	529	472
Vine Grove	6,463	9,741	2,741
White Mills	1,820	1,890	150
Youngers Creek	7,734	9,143	3,751
TOTAL	453,997	505,541	148,474

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SHELBY COUNTY ASSOCIATION			
Bagdad	12,616	11,524	1,504
Beech Ridge	4,415	4,550	1,928
Bethlehem	2,058	53	1,462
Buffalo Lick	2,864	3,215	900
Burks Branch	4,920	5,050	1,547
Christiansburg	1,243	1,619	1,385
Clay Village	8,300	9,554	2,386
Cropper	3,014	3,404	264
Dover	2,796	2,552	1,232
Elmberg	405	422	621

Finchville	3,702	4,841	3,679
Shelbyville First	54,022	63,486	29,675
Grafenburg	14,184	14,457	3,003
Hempbridge	4,296	4,254	3,007
Highland	12,431	10,871	2,146
Indian Fork	2,544	2,601	594
Little Mount	417	484	906
Mount Moriah	5,033	4,824	979
Mount Vernon	2,714	2,774	1,712
Mount Pleasant	1,543	1,500	818
New Life	875	710	359
Pigeon Fork	2,560	2,800	2,851
Salem	8,485	8,125	2,093
Simpsonville	9,972	10,746	3,074
Waddy	805	1,400	2,436
TOTAL	166,224	175,824	70,571

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SIMPSON ASSOCIATION			
Barbe	—	—	5,103
Black Jack	565	901	596
Cedar Grove	1,378	1,934	103
Franklin First	56,233	57,244	17,488
Lake Spring	4,124	4,012	2,075
Middleton	7,998	8,389	2,383
New Hope	3,292	3,460	1,792
Providence	4,137	3,128	2,178
Shady Grove	600	750	250
Sulphur Spring	14,856	14,309	5,359
Calvary	9,986	12,370	4,489
TOTAL	103,174	106,501	41,820

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION			
Beech Fork	604	615	167
Beech Grove	3,516	4,239	2,111
Forks of Dix River	7,501	8,462	1,435
Calvary	18,349	23,626	8,438
Doctors Fork	5,574	5,673	1,040
Bryantville First	—	—	—
Danville First	32,444	29,699	19,854
Friendship	90	97	100
Gethsemane	16,595	16,840	3,210
Gravel Switch	928	913	200
Hedgeville	1,860	1,654	612
Hyattsville	6,937	5,999	1,493
Immanuel	2,205	2,297	1,366
Junction City First	11,017	12,477	807
Lancaster	28,546	31,413	8,568
Lexington Avenue	47,965	46,912	14,309
Mitchellsburg	903	1,011	1,188
Mount Freeman	697	902	—
North Rolling Fork	1,316	2,099	890
Parksville	2,672	2,693	785
Perryville	17,909	17,851	4,703
Pleasant Hill	2,582	2,109	222
Pleasant Run	196	68	51
Salt River	720	720	2,363
Southern Avenue	250	683	—
Willow Grove	5,554	6,130	844
TOTAL	216,940	225,242	74,765

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SOUTH UNION ASSOCIATION			
Big Cane Creek	—	215	—
Clay Hill	72	50	50
Crouches Creek	450	—	—
Fairview	313	197	100
Gum Fork	—	—	—
High Cliff	123	120	33
Kentucky Hill	320	440	—
Jellico Creek	385	544	40
Mount Ash	106	—	240
North End	—	—	—
Oswego	270	521	381
Patterson Creek	—	—	—
Piney Grove	120	—	—
Pleasant Hill	447	390	112
Pleasant View	1,877	1,831	221
Red Bird	867	670	90
Ryans Creek	821	548	111
Sulphur Springs United	—	—	—
Tannery Hollow	—	50	—
Wolf Creek	1,733	3,080	590
Youngs Creek Missionary	267	441	34
TOTAL	8,174	9,100	2,004

Church Name	'83 CP	'84 CP	Other
SULPHUR FORK ASSOCIATION			
Antioch	1,233	1,321	616
Ballardsville	13,047	17,414	12,639
Bedford	5,692	6,378	3,314
Buckner	4,868	5,658	871
Corn Creek	1,985	1,713	472
Covington	1,204	1,028	201
Crestwood	22,466	22,949	6,255
DeHaven Memorial	55,556	45,047	10,690
Eighteen Mile	491	456	474
Goshen	3,251	3,585	—
Harrods Creek	3,442	4,522	1,676
LaGrange Heights	100	—	125
Liberty	1,027	1,179	317
Milton			