

New Jersey school loses licensing bout with state system

A small New Jersey school founded by radio preacher Carl McIntire lost its final bid to become a degree-granting institution when the U.S. Supreme Court let stand lower rulings upholding state officials' right to license all colleges and universities under their jurisdiction.

Shelton College of Cape May, N.J. failed to convince the high court the New Jersey State Board of Higher Education violated its free exercise of religion by first reviewing, then canceling the school's ability to grant BA degrees. The revocation came after the state agency determined the college was not meeting minimum educational standards.

The 1965 actions were followed by a legal challenge but the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously in 1967 that the higher educational panel properly exercised its authority in the Shelton College dispute.

Following that initial legal skirmish, the college relocated to Cape Canaveral, Fla., where it continued to grant degrees. But in 1979, school officials decided to move the college back to New Jersey and a new round of legal challenges began.

Shelton College attorney, church-state specialist William Bentley Ball, Harrisburg, Pa., argued in a written appeal to the Supreme Court that because the school is pervasively religious state officials have no jurisdiction over its affairs. He asked the justices to recognize the "irrationality" of what he called the "forced destruction of this institution."

In the state's written brief asking the high court not to review the lower decisions, New Jersey attorney general Irwin I. Kimmelman argued "the issuance of a bachelor's degree is not a religious function or practice" and the state's laws governing colleges have no "coercive impact" on an institution's practice of religion.

He also argued "carving out a religious exception to the state's licensure requirements would effectively destroy" the state legislature's intent to regulate all institutions of higher education in New Jersey. (BP)

A. B. Colvin, KBC executive, sets retirement after 27 years

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A. B. Colvin, 67, executive associate for communications of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced his retirement effective June 30.

Colvin is completing service one month short of his 27th anniversary as an employe of the KBC executive board. He is one of only three persons still employed by the board who has served under four executive secretaries — W. C. Boone, Harold G. Sanders, Franklin Owen and William W. Marshall. (Others are Eugene F. Quinn and Doris Yeiser.)

Colvin's resignation was accepted Jan. 22 by the KBC administrative committee.

Born Nov. 10, 1917 at Williamstown, Ky., Colvin holds the BA degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington (1939), and the ThM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville (1942).

His early service included pastoring two Williamstown Baptist congregations simultaneously half-time, from 1940-42 — Bethany and Lawrenceville. In World War II he was a line officer instead of in the chaplaincy by virtue of the prior claim on his services by ROTC.

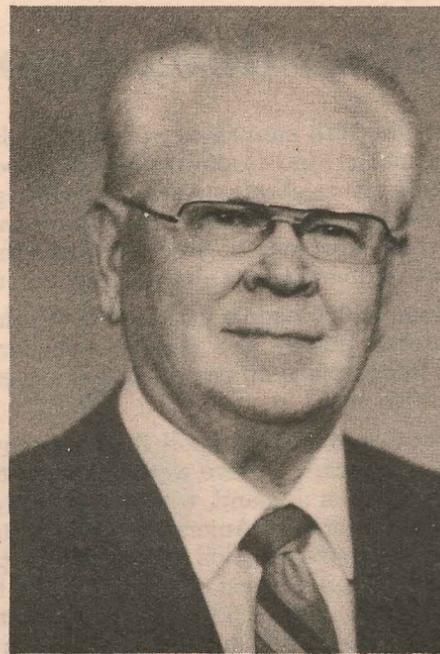
Upon being discharged from the Army in 1946 with the rank of captain, he was called to pastor South Side Baptist Church, Covington. In 1952 he accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Lebanon, from which he moved to the Baptist Building Aug. 1, 1958.

His first assignment was as secretary of what was then called the Missions and Evangelism Department. Franklin Owen once said of him, "His versatility is apparent in the varied categories in which he has served, often developing programs prior to their being permanently assigned to appropriate staff departments."

Some examples of this stand out that were at one time or other a part of the former single Department of Missions and Evangelism directed by Colvin. Evangelism is now a separate department, liaison with National Baptists is now situated in the Minister/Church Support Division, schools of missions was transferred to the Brotherhood Department and survey and enlargement were reassigned to the Sunday School Department.

In 1974, when a divisional structure was established by the executive board, A. B. Colvin was one of three persons picked to head the new divisions. Each was designated "assistant to the executive secretary" and charged with coordinating the work of specific departments.

Colvin, who was director of the Direct Missions Department at the time, became coordinator of the work of missions related departments, later to be named the Missions Division. His original assignment included supervision of these departments: Brotherhood, Cooperative Ministries/Christian Life; Direct Missions and Evangelism, all areas which he knew well. He also carried the side responsibility of consultant for church-minister relations,



which evolved into yet another full time department in 1984.

Last year he became executive associate in the KBC's executive office.

Colvin married Irene Shearer of Lexington Apr. 29, 1942 a week before his graduation from Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of Transylvania College, Lexington. They are parents of two daughters — Mrs. Max (Cassandra) Carr, Austin, Tex., and Mrs. Richard (Cynthia) Weller, Louisville — and each daughter has one child.

At the age of 12 A. B. Colvin joined Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. During a revival meeting five years later he felt his conversion experience had not been complete and went forward again to

give his heart to Christ. When he arrived at the altar he was much surprised to find his father there for the same reason, though he had been a member of the church for 25 years. Colvin said, "Neither of us had seen the other coming since we sat on opposite sides of the house." Each was surprised to meet the other at the front seat.

In a tribute to Colvin on the 20th anniversary of his employment with the executive board in 1978, Franklin Owen said of him:

"A. B. Colvin loves his work because he loves the Lord. He loves people and is consistently finding good deeds to perform, helping people because he is interested in them; he is their friend!

"It is difficult to find Mr. Colvin at his desk because he is usually somewhere between the Appalachian area and the Purchase, or between the Ohio River and the Tennessee border. He could be known as 'Mr. Traveler.' The Impala he drives has nearly 300,000 miles. We look for him to come walking in some day."

In 1982 Colvin disposed of his 1972 Impala with an odometer showing 313,350 miles on it, donating it to Baptist work at Hellier, Ky.

Upon retirement, Colvin's intentions, besides engaging in interim pastorates and pulpit supply work, revival meetings and Bible studies, are to be identified with a Kentucky Baptist institution. An announcement will be made later.

His hobby is auto mechanics. He loves to putter in the yard, and he is a member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, although he is usually preaching somewhere else most Sundays.

Cooperative Program gifts up, SBC worldwide missions aided

Southern Baptists greeted the first quarter of the 1984-85 fiscal year with record levels of giving to their worldwide mission and education programs. October-December gifts to the Cooperative Program were \$27,949,117. That was 9.58 percent more than first quarter contributions in 1983-84 — an increase of more than \$2.4 million.

The receipts are distributed on a percentage basis approved by messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to 20 SBC agencies. One-half of all CP contributions go to the Foreign Mission Board, 19.7 percent goes to the Home Mission Board and another 20.6 percent is shared by the six SBC seminaries.

"The on-going — and deepening — faith Southern Baptist evidence in the ministries funded through the Cooperative Program is gratifying," Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said. "Their gifts bridge the emotional response to the spiritual needs of our world and the physical acts to meet those needs."

The basic operating budget for the national SBC agencies for 1984-85 through the Cooperative Program is

\$118 million. Over the past five years first quarter CP receipts have been 22 to 23 percent of the yearly total. The October-December 1984 figures is 23.7 percent of the \$118 million goal.

The main reason for the excitement, Bennett explained, is Planned Growth In Giving, an ambitious effort to: (1) increase the percentage of giving by individual Southern Baptists to their local church; (2) increase the percentage of giving by local SBC churches to their associations and state conventions, and (3) increase the percentage of giving by state conventions to the national Cooperative Program.

If goals, which have been termed "conservative" by Planned Growth In Giving director Cecil Ray, are met, by the year 2000 Southern Baptists will be giving \$20 billion a year to support mission and educational work at their church, their association, and their state and national conventions. Not coincidentally, 2000 A.D. is also the target year for Southern Baptists to complete Bold Mission Thrust — an effort to make sure every living human being on earth has heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and had an opportunity to respond to it. (BP)

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Abortion debate goes on

We observed a 12th anniversary in America last week, but it was not the kind of anniversary that brought universal joy nor celebration. Twelve years ago, Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decreed abortion on demand the legal right of women in America. Since that day the legalization of abortion has sharply divided our country.

More than 71,000 people gathered in Washington, D. C. to protest the law and they were encouraged by President Reagan who affirmed, "I feel a great sense of solidarity with you."

Meanwhile an ABC News poll Tuesday showed 52 percent of Americans believe women should have the right to abortion on demand, while a Newsweek poll indicates the majority of Americans are having second thoughts and oppose abortion except under strict conditions, such as rape, incest or danger to the health and life of the mother. So much for the polls, the fact remains, abortion on demand is a hot issue in America today.

Even the Christian community is sharply divided over this issue which has seen perhaps as many as 18 million abortions in the past 12 years. The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights held a rally in a Louisville church Tuesday and expressed support, in the name of Christianity, for pro choice.

On the other hand, the Kentucky Baptist Convention has officially spoken on two occasions in opposition to abortion on demand. In 1971 the KBC adopted a recommendation from the executive board which stated, "... the Kentucky Baptist Convention affirms that God is the source of human life; and that existing law in Kentucky, which allows an abortion only to protect and preserve the life of the mother, recognizes the value of life for both the unborn and the mother . . . That abortion be legalized in the case of forcible rape, incest and/or if the mother is legally a mentally defective person." The recommendation was passed "with negative votes registered."

In 1973 the KBC passed a resolution which stated, "whereas any move toward what is generally called 'abortion on demand' is not consistent with traditionally held Christian morality . . . be it resolved that this Kentucky Baptist Convention declares support for a Kentucky statute which will . . . prohibit the wanton waste of human life in the practice of abortion. . . ."

The SBC dealt with abortion as long ago as 1971 in St. Louis. A resolution was adopted at that meeting which stated, "... be it resolved that this convention express the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves." The resolution went on to include rape, incest, fetal deformity and damage to the mother as possible grounds for abortion.

In 1982 the SBC, meeting in New Orleans, adopted a

resolution which stated, "... that we support and will work for appropriate legislation and/or constitutional amendment which will prohibit abortions except to save the physical life of the mother . . ." This same language was included in an abortion resolution adopted by the SBC at Kansas City in 1984.

Thus our Baptist position has been clear since the beginning of this issue. We have said over and over again that we oppose abortion on demand. Yet we have allowed for abortion in cases of rape, incest and circumstances of birth which would threaten the life of the mother.

I have been counselor to people facing decisions about abortion and I know what tragic trauma they suffer. Even in my own life I have walked a nervous pathway on at least one occasion. Not too many years ago we thought Margaret was pregnant, and we had grandchildren. It was horrible to see myself picking up my Social Security check on my way home from a PTA meeting. Yet we never once thought of abortion, nor have I ever felt it right to counsel another to seek abortion. To tell someone to abort a living organism seems a violation of the Christian gospel I have been called to proclaim.

In my view abortion is wrong. Equally wrong are the tactics now being used by anti-abortion people. More than 30 abortion clinics and doctor's offices across America were torched or fire bombed last year.

The violent disruption of a pregnancy and the fire bombing of an abortion clinic are merely symbols of our American psyche. We seem to love violence while speaking against it, and we seem to find ever more sophisticated ways to allow violence if not practice it.

Millions of Americans shouted with delight when the subway vigilante shot down four youths attempting to take money from him. Chicago had a new hero in the old man who killed an attempted mugger. Now we see women, little children, youth and men standing in front of a fire bombed building nodding in approval at the vigilante mentality which has once again destroyed another building.

I believe President Reagan was right when he offered support and encouragement to pro life advocates. He was also right when he declared, "We cannot condone the threatening or taking of human life to protest taking of human life by way of abortion."

We have spoken as Baptists through the various conventions. Our word is a clear vote for the sanctity and preservation of life. Let us be equally as vocal in opposition to those who would use violent means to achieve an end we agree is good. We believe abortion is wrong and have so said. Let us also declare fire bombing, even of abortion clinics, a wrong act and let us condemn all who would resort to such tactics. To seek an end to the legalization of abortion on demand is a noble, even a Christian, end. To achieve that end by any means is a devilish method, and unworthy of those who claim to have the gospel of peace as their message.



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for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3*

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ACTS network adds Long Island affiliate

Virtually all of the half-million cable TV subscribers on Long Island, N. Y., can see the American Christian Television System as a result of a recent affiliate agreement.

Telicare, a non-profit group which provides programming to six cable TV systems on the island adjacent to New York City, will use ACTS' family and Christian entertainment programs an average of 10 hours a day. This will add 417,000 to the number of homes which can receive ACTS, which now totals about 2.5 million households nationwide or more than 6.5 potential viewers.

Not only does the Telicare agreement represent more ACTS viewers, it also reinforces the network's commitment to reach people outside the Bible Belt, said Lloyd Hart, ACTS' national cable affiliate manager. "We are now in 25 states, and some of the more important recent gains have been in areas like the Northeast," Hart said. (BP)

Driver's license case argued at Supreme Court

A Nebraska woman who refused for reasons of conscience to have her photograph made for a driver's license and the state of Nebraska made their arguments to the U. S. Supreme Court in a case pitting competing governmental and individual interests.

Frances J. Quaring, whose attorney insisted before the high court that allowing her photograph to be 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 a Nebraska law requiring the photo.



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Campbellsville college today

A tribute

I want to pray tribute to a special group of people. All of us owe a great debt of gratitude to college trustees.

The Campbellsville trustees (and those for our other Baptist colleges) are elected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, but it was not always so. Earlier, trustees were chosen locally to bear the legal and financial responsibilities for the school as authorized by our articles of incorporation. Local Baptists had formed the corporation to establish a school and had bound themselves together to be responsible (as trustees) for its operation and success.

The trustees carried an awesome responsibility. If the school had financial needs, they bore the burden of providing resources to meet them. Often, by the personal sacrifice of trustees, schools like Campbellsville were sustained. Trustees also influenced friends to join them in providing funds for the

An assistant attorney general for the state, Ruth Anne E. Galter, told the justices Nebraska had the compelling interest of an instant identification for police checks and financial transactions in passing the 1977 law, one of many such statutes throughout the country.

Insisting that exempting those who refuse on religious grounds to comply would create a huge administrative problem, Galter said the real question is "how much of a burden" was placed on Quaring's free exercise of religion.

Quaring's attorney, Thomas C. Lansworth of Des Moines, Ia., argued his client's free exercise of religion was denied by the law's "no exemption" feature and insisted the real question in the case is whether the state's purposes could be achieved by "less restrictive" means. (BP)

RTVC seeks approval for fundraising campaign

The Radio and Television Commission will ask the SBC Executive Committee to authorize a \$12.5 million fundraising campaign to finance the ACTS network through fiscal 1986.

Trustees of the commission unanimously approved the request, as well as two other funding recommendations, during their regular meeting in Ft. Worth, Tex. Commission president Jimmy R. Allen has asked to present the board's proposal to the Executive Committee when it meets in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 18-20.

"There's no doubt in my mind we can make ACTS the most powerful tool for evangelism this country has ever seen as we strengthen the funding process," Allen said. As an example, he pointed to two new contracts for syndication of ACTS programs totaling \$1.1 million as evidence the network is "on the right track."

The fundraising campaign would be

school's operation. As affiliation with the Kentucky Baptist Convention was developed and trustee election was consigned to the convention, some of that sense of personal responsibility for the college support was lost. Sometimes trustees viewed their role from a different perspective.

Yet trustees still give unusual leadership in providing financial support to our colleges. They set the pace. It is imperative that they do so. Almost without exception, when a college like Campbellsville requests funds from a national foundation, we are asked how much support we get from our trustees. If trustees support their college, others will do so also. Without trustee support, other support is more difficult to obtain. This is a fact of life for colleges.

In recent years the Campbellsville trustees have breathed new life into the financial operation of the college. Others follow their example. This is also true for our other colleges. All Baptists are benefited by the sacrificial investments of those who serve and have served as trustees, and we owe them much. I know you will want to join me as I salute them.

conducted over a five-year period. In the meantime, the commission would establish a longer-term line of credit to meet capital production expenses for fiscal years 1984-86.

"This campaign will allow us to strengthen our income flows while the network gains momentum over the next two years," Allen said. By then, income from development, advertising, syndication and satellite fees from churches is expected to make ACTS self-sustaining.

Deported Salvadoran trying to enter Canada

Miguel Castro Garcia, a Baptist pastor deported from El Salvador last October for alleged leftist subversion, apparently is living with "church friends" near Mexico City and seeking a visa to enter Canada, according to a Swedish embassy official.

Castro was arrested Oct. 28 near his church in San Salvador and charged with having ties to Marxist guerrillas. The pastor later denied the allegations and said he was blindfolded and forced to sign a statement confessing guerrilla connections. He was deported Oct. 30, reportedly headed to exile in Sweden, but he entered Mexico under the auspices of the Swedish embassy in Mexico City. (BP)

Bibles distributed among Russian Baptist churches

A shipment of 10,000 Russian-language Bibles dispatched from the United Bible Societies' headquarters in Stuttgart arrived in Moscow Dec. 11 and have already been distributed among the churches of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

"The believers have offered up their thanksgiving to God for this blessed gift," a Baptist spokesperson said.

The Bibles were financed with UBS funds along with European Baptist Federation contributions.

Also in December 1984, the Union printed and distributed some 15,000 hymnals with music, to be used primarily by church choir members. The collection, "an absolutely new hymnbook," was prepared by the union's music commission.

Billy Graham announces plans for 'Amsterdam 86'

Evangelist Billy Graham has announced plans for a second International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists, set for July 12-21, 1986.

The conference, known as Amsterdam 86, is an outgrowth of an earlier Graham sponsored conference, Amsterdam 83, held in July 1983. Among the differences will be number of participants and costs. Some 8000 itinerant evangelists are expected to attend the 1986 conference, while Amsterdam 83 attracted more than 4000 evangelists. The evangelists will come to Amsterdam 86 from about 150 different countries, and according to Graham, will form "the largest gathering of its kind in the history of the church." The cost will be about \$2500 per participant, up from the \$2000 per person cost for the earlier conference.

"What the evangelists experienced at Amsterdam 83 is making a difference for God in their countries, but thousands of others like them were unable to attend," Graham declared. The majority will again come from underdeveloped countries.



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homes for children

Widow's mite

During the Christmas season there came to my desk a simple Christmas card. Inside was five dollars to help with our ministry to children and a few lines that told a touching and beautiful story.

"How I wish this \$5 could be more. (I took it from my grocery money for the month of December.) My only income is my Social Security benefits in the amount of \$380 per month—difficult to manage. It would be impossible if I didn't live in low income housing for the elderly. I have never forgotten my days at the Children's Home (KBHC) in Glendale, Ky. My best wishes to you all!"

The note was signed by a dear lady who lives out of Kentucky, but wanted to share in our ministry. It made me think of that brief but beautiful story in Mark, chapter 12.

The scene is the temple at Jerusalem. Jesus had been teaching in the court of the Gentiles and then moved within the marble wall into the court of the women. In this part were the chests for receiving money gifts. Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed the people as they cast money into the treasury. Jesus always carefully watches what we do with our money.

As Jesus watched that day, he saw much that was good. He saw many come with an offering. Jesus observed liberality. The Bible says, "Many that were rich cast in much." But he saw one who did not cast in much in monetary value. According to the story, "there came a certain poor widow." She was one who had suffered, experienced heartbreaks and felt the pinch of poverty. As she entered the temple, she brought in her hand all she had. She must have felt half ashamed to bring her gift, it was so small. Yet her love for God compelled her to give. She cast into the treasury two mites, the smallest of coins.

As she slipped away, Jesus immortalized her by telling his disciples that her gift was more than "all they which have cast into the treasury." In other words, the widow's two mites, so small in the eyes of the world, was the largest of all in the eyes of God. Her gift was large because to her it was costly. Indeed, it was large because it was all she had.

The \$5 our friend took from her grocery money was a significantly large gift in our eyes as well as in the eyes of God.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Chris S. Barnett accepted the call to pastor Big Bone Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Barnett is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Georgetown College. He plans to continue his training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He formerly was pastor of Berry Baptist Church, Union Association.

Joel Cox began duties as pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Jan. 6.

Tom Branson was called as pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He had been pastor of Zion Brick Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

David Gonnella resigned as pastor of Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Pete Baxter accepted the call as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

James Vincent was called as pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

William Gray began duties as pastor of Martwick Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

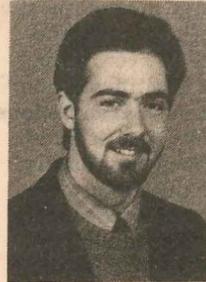
Daniel Walker Grider has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jamestown, Russell County Association.

Grider is a native of Liberty and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Grider was associate pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Delton M. Beall became pastor of Glasgow Baptist Church, Liberty Association, Dec. 30.

Before coming to Glasgow, Beall was associate pastor/minister of evangelism at Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. His other ministerial experience includes pastorates in Texas and Mississippi.

He is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and Southwest-



Goodwin



Jolly

ern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Forrest Harrison resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, effective Dec. 31.

Wayne Stewart is the new pastor of Graham Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

H. G. Sullivan accepted the call as interim pastor of Grand Rivers Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Carl Boyd is the new pastor of Piney Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

James Rennell resigned as director of church development, Long Run Association, to become minister of Christian education and administration, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

Steven F. Huff resigned as associate minister of Burlington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, to join the Sunday School Department staff of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

Huff is a graduate of the University of Evansville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Martha Newell resigned as director of public relations, Long Run Baptist Association.

Jay Casey resigned as pastor of Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept a pastorate in North Carolina.

Joe Doran resigned as pastor of Fairmount Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to pastor a church in Cincinnati, Oh.

Bob Covington has been called as pastor of Moscow Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Covington is a retired missionary, having served in the Bahama Islands, Spain and Holland.

John Bratcher resigned as pastor of Dunbar Hill Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, to become pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Monty Carney is the new pastor of Annville Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Kenneth Kerr resigned as pastor of Allendale Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

James T. Emerson has accepted the call as pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

James Sasser is interim pastor of Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Jeff Cox began duties as pastor of New Liberty Baptist Church, Graves County

Association.

Robert A. Goodwin (see photo), a student at Georgetown College, has been called as youth minister at First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Enterprise Association.

James P. Jolly (see photo) resigned as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, effective Jan. 28, to become new pastor of First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tenn., South Union Association (Kentucky).

While at Friendship, Jolly was also part time campus minister at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

William Carroll resigned as pastor of Mt. Roberts Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

W. Max Anderson was called to pastor Mt. Haven Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Bernard L. Toppings resigned as pastor of Lyttleton Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Robert L. Schreiber has been called as minister of education and outreach at Hall Street Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Schreiber comes to the church from a similar position at Liberty Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill. He is a native of Brownsville, Tex. and a graduate of Sam Houston University, Huntsville, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Harold Calmes resigned as pastor of Wind Cave Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Frank Scott is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association.

Ernest R. Campbell, pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Franklin Association, will begin early retirement Mar. 31.

Campbell will become interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., for three months and then move to Alcolu, S. C.

Eugene I. Enlow, pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, observed his 10th anniversary as pastor of the church.

I. Ferd Graves, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Middletown, is in his 31st year as chaplain of both the Middletown Fire Department and the Middletown Masonic Lodge.

Fred Murphy accepted the call as music director at Trace Creek Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Chester P. Culver began duties as pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Randolph Allen was called as outreach minister of Grace Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

ordinations

Arthur Lee Hardin was ordained to the ministry by Ormsby Heights Baptist Church Jan. 13. He is student ministries director at Ohio University, Athens, Oh.

Douglas Leach was ordained by Hope-

Kentucky's Planned Growth in Giving State Seminars

DATES AND PLACES:

Dates and places for the State Seminars have been determined. The twenty-one Seminars are scheduled to provide one for each 100 churches. Two persons from each church should be enlisted to attend—the pastor and the church chairman for **Planned Growth in Giving**.

We are providing sufficient choices of Seminar dates so as to overcome the problem of schedule conflicts for pastors and laypeople.

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to explain Planned Growth in Giving to church leaders and

- to present materials for use by the churches,
- to train leaders in church leadership in the skills of planning for The Church Event.

SEMINAR FACULTY:

Each Seminar is to have a faculty of four State Convention selected leaders (staff, pastors, laypersons). These selected persons have been enlisted to attend one of the National Seminars as training for leadership responsibilities. A fifth faculty member from Southern Baptist Convention and agencies has been selected.

SEMINAR MATERIALS:

Materials provided to each church representative (Pastor and Church PGG Chairman) will include: The agenda, study guides, name tags, video presentations, a book—"Cooperation, The Baptist Way to a Lost World," and a package of materials for The Church Event.

SCHEDULE & COST:

Seminars begin at 10:00 a.m. on the first day and the fourth session concludes at Noon the second day (local time).

The Kentucky Baptist Convention will cover the cost of lodging and meals during the seminar.

21 PLANNED GROWTH IN GIVING SEMINARS February-May 1985

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| 1. February 11-12 | Severns Valley Baptist, Elizabethtown |
| 2. March 8-9 | Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Aurora |
| 3. March 11-12 | Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland |
| 4. March 11-12 | Corinth Baptist Church, London |
| 5. March 15-16 | First Baptist Church, Pineville |
| 6. March 18-19 | First Baptist Church, Russellville |
| 7. March 18-19 | First Baptist Church, Princeton |
| 8. March 25-26 | Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad |
| 9. March 25-26 | Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow |
| 10. March 29-30 | Third Baptist Church, Owensboro |
| 11. April 15-16 | Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington |
| 12. April 15-16 | Hazard Baptist Church, Hazard |
| 13. April 19-20 | First Baptist Church, Morehead |
| 14. April 22-23 | Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville |
| 15. April 22-23 | Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset |
| 16. April 26-27 | First Baptist Church, Madisonville |
| 17. April 29-30 | Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah |
| 18. May 17-18 | First Baptist Church, Richmond |
| 19. May 20-21 | Florence Baptist Church, Florence |
| 20. May 20-21 | Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville |
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well Baptist Church, Mercer Association. Earl Hatcher, pastor of Hopewell, delivered the ordination sermon.

Leach has been called to pastor Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

He is a graduate of Berea College and a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Charles Gibson, Orville Phillips and Gilmer Thomas were ordained as deacons at Immanuel Baptist Temple, Green Valley Association.

Chuck Hawkins, Steve Roorda, Richard Ross, Paul Stepp, Danny Thompson and Jim Wiest were ordained to the deaconate at Westport Road Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Jan. 13.

James B. Lewis is pastor at Westport Road.

revivals

Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, had eight professions of faith and four additions by baptism during a revival Nov. 5-11.

Bill Patterson of Bogalusa, La., was the guest evangelist. David L. Beeler is pastor of Buffalo.

congregations

First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, Northern Kentucky Association, honored Lucille White on her 80th birthday. Miss White recently resigned as church organist, a position she held for 57 years.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, honored its pastor Ted R. Sisk on his 15th anniversary by establishing the Ted R. Sisk Scholarship Fund at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

The seminary is supported by the Foreign Mission Board.

Walnut Street Baptist Church's Chancel Choir, Long Run Association, won the 1984 Louie Award, an award given by the Louisville communications industry for outstanding programming.

The award was given for the church's presentation of "A Tree for all Ages," a living Christmas tree production. The 1983 production was broadcast nationwide seven times during the 1984

Christmas season over the ACTS network.

Double Springs Baptist Church, Lincoln Association, was recognized as one of the top 500 churches in the state for Church Training and was second in the state for awards in Church Training during the 1984-85 church year.

Clyde W. Rhea is pastor of Double Springs, and Jesse Manning is director of Church Training.

First Baptist Church, Smithland, had 110 in Sunday school Dec. 9, which is its highest attendance in 16 years.

missions

Lee and Debbie Warf of Harrodsburg were among 30 persons appointed by the Home Mission Board in December.

The Warfs are church planter apprentices in Ada, Oh. He was a member of youth/education at Burgin (Ky.) Baptist Church prior to appointment.

He holds degrees from Georgetown College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. William D. Bender, missionary to Nigeria, has arrived in the states for furlough (482 Sandalwood Dr., Lexington, 40505).

The former Novella Chism, she was born in Bagdad and grew up on a farm near Frankfort. She and her late husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Jackson, missionaries to Senegal, have arrived in France for language study (3, rue du General Aunis, 37000 Tours, France).

He was born in Mt. Sterling and she is the former Linda Barnett, born in Shelbyville. Both consider Louisville their home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Takahiro Oue, missionaries to Japan have arrived in the states for furlough (c/o Earl W. Shepard, 567 Sharlemagne Blvd., Elizabethtown, KY 42701).

Born in Kochi, Japan, he came to the United States as a teenager. He lived in several Kentucky towns. The former Lana O'Banion of Kentucky, she was born in Larue County. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

In Blood River, it's (international) student days at Christmas

by Roger Cunningham,
State Correspondent

Traditionally, Christmas has been a time for getting together with the family and opening brightly wrapped packages. Celebrating the birth of Christ has always been a special time. This year some families of Blood River Baptist Association in western Kentucky went a step further by opening their homes and sharing the season with some special guests.

They were participating in Friendship International House (FIH), a Southern Baptist ministry to international students at Christmas. The program offers non-American students attending colleges and universities in the United States the opportunity to share the Christmas season with an American family.

"At Christmas most schools close down and the students go home for the holidays," said Walter Fulkerson. "Most foreign students can't afford to go home so they end up in a motel for a couple of weeks. This program gives them a place to stay and a way to see more of the United States," continued Fulkerson, a member of Elm Grove Baptist Church, Murray, and a bus driver for the group.

The program, under the direction of National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, had 607 students participate nationwide in 1984. There were 31 "houses" throughout the country.

According to Nell Magee, a consultant with National Student Ministries, over 200 students were turned down due to lack of space.

"We really need 45 to 50 locations in order to handle all of the applications. It's a very popular program," Miss Magee said.

The Blood River program, sponsored by the Blood River WMU, had 20 students registered. It was one of three programs of its type in the state. Other houses were in Hopkinsville and Louisville.

"We had students from 10 different countries and 13 different universities in this year's group," Wilmouth Ray, housing coordinator, said. "That's comparable to past years."

The students were made aware of the program through the Baptist Student Union and the foreign student adviser on their campus. Each student completed an application and chose which program he wanted to attend. The application was then sent to National Student Ministries to be processed. Assignments were made on a first come, first served basis.

"My first choice was Los Angeles," Dolores Jiony of Malaysia and a student at Southern Illinois University, said. "I'm glad I ended up here. This is very beautiful country, I like to see as much of the United States as possible. It's a very nice place."

The only expense incurred by the student was transportation to and from Murray. All other expenses were paid by Blood River Association.

The program began Dec. 12 and concluded Jan. 1. Each day was filled with activities and tours of area points of interest.

"We tried to plan tours that would be interesting to the students," Gracie Erwin, program chairman, said.

The tours included visits to a newspaper office, a radio station, a dairy farm and a hospital.

"Everyone was very receptive to our students and gave us very good tours," Mrs. Erwin noted. "I believe the students really enjoyed it."

Being thousands of miles away from home on Christmas day could be very depressing, but the host families did what they could to make students feel at home.

"Each family had gifts under their tree for their student guest," Mrs. Erwin explained. "They treated them like one of their own."

"I got this shirt," Andreas Schlegeler of Germany and a student at the University of Massachusetts, said, proudly displaying his blue and gold shirt with the words 'Murray State University' printed on it. "The families are so very nice. They include us in everything."

Mrs. Erwin, who began working with the Blood River FIH at its beginning in 1978, and her husband, W. A., were hosts to three students this year.

"When I first started working with the foreign students, he (W. A.) allowed me to do it, but he didn't want to have much to do with it. Now he wants to help any chance he can get. It's a good family program," Mrs. Erwin said.

During their stay every effort is made to tell the students about Christ and the plan of salvation.

"Most students are either Hindu, Moslem or Buddhist. We do what we can to tell them about Jesus, but no one is every under any pressure," Mrs. Erwin continued, "They are in Baptist church services during their stay and we also give them a little book about what Baptists believe. Most of the sharing is started by the students asking questions and then someone sitting down and talking with them."

"Over the years I've had to accept the fact that in working with foreign students results usually don't come quick. We sow the seeds and God gives the increase in his good time," Mrs. Erwin said.

One of the main goals of the program is to promote world peace.

"It's a good feeling to see students whose home countries are enemies sit down and talk and become friends," Mrs. Ray said.

"I'm hoping to keep up with as many of these new friends as I can," Soonhew Yap of Malasia and a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said.

"We've become a close group. I hope to come back next year. It's great!"

baptist forum

Whaley praised for lifetime of faith

Bill Marshall's comments in the Jan. 15 edition of Western Recorder reminded me again of the tremendous influence James Whaley had on my life.

I graduated from Georgetown College in January 1958 and accepted my first church staff position, minister of music and education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. During my first year there, we were privileged to have Whaley in our church for a week long Training Union enlargement campaign. The patience and understanding he showed me, a green and terribly inexperienced kid, gave me more encouragement than I could ever describe with words. I felt reasonably competent in the musical portion of my job but the

education area was scary. Whaley became a constant source of information, instruction and inspiration to me.

During the succeeding years as I have served other churches and the Sunday School Board for 16 years, James Whaley and I have continued to cross paths frequently. He has always been a Christian gentleman and true brother in the faith.

Kentucky Baptists have been fortunate to have had him to labor among us for all these years. No one else could fulfill the task in Kenya in a more effective way than James and Wilma Whaley. My prayers and concern will go with them and I know other Kentucky Baptists will share that concern with me.

Dick Ham, Richmond, Ky.

Coal miners plight, mountain life depicted in Whitetree's session

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A poignant look at the life of coal miners in eastern Kentucky became the backdrop of a presentation by Greg Whitetree at Mission 85.

Whitetree has been, for the last 18 months, Christian social ministries director at Marrowbone Baptist Center, Lookout, Ky. in Pike County.

Whitetree asserted that "nearly everybody" who is employed in that area is a coal miner. He termed it one of the "highest risk" jobs in the nation.

According to Whitetree, the miners work deep in the ground, going through long and narrow passageways to dangerous places, carrying protective equipment with them which "it could be fatal to forget" to do a job "I would never do." When they come out from their hard physical labor, all they want to do is to sleep and eat before it's time "to go back (into the mine) again." Thus, not many "feel like going to church very often," he added.

Referring to the miners, Whitetree said, "As they gather money, they spend it, for they may not be here tomorrow."

He allowed that many of the 150 children who are presently enrolled in Big A clubs at the Marrowbone center have no father, for their fathers were killed in mine accidents. Many fathers who are still living are victims of black lung and other mine-related diseases or may be disabled from mine accidents.

He also observed that two out of five of the parents of these children do not read.

"I do not look down on them," he interjected, "for I love them. We reach out to them as best we can."

Whitetree said the center ministered to over 900 persons in vacation Bible schools, day camps and backyard Bible clubs in the summer of 1984. Thirteen persons accepted Christ and numerous other decisions were registered.

Looking further into the lives he touches, Whitetree explained, "Just about everybody in Pike County is taught from birth to respect religion. This does not mean they are Christian," he added, "making it difficult to

help them understand truth.

"They are inoculated against religion. It is so hard for many to understand that they must accept Jesus as their personal savior," he suggested.

Whitetree went on to say he personally isn't shunned by the natives "because people respect religion."

"They may not hear or believe a thing I say," he intoned, "but they will give me the courtesy of listening to me, because of this respect for things religious."

He said he is trying in his work to show a concern for what lies at the heart of most of the people, their children.

Whitetree indicated there is a lot of drug use in the mountains. "Kids are isolated from anything to do," he said. They are bused 15 miles to Millard to school down a winding road. "There are no movies or pizza parlors or shopping nearby, except in Pikeville."

He said teenagers become "road walkers," and congregate in certain places where they exchange drugs and sometimes decide to break in to a home or store.

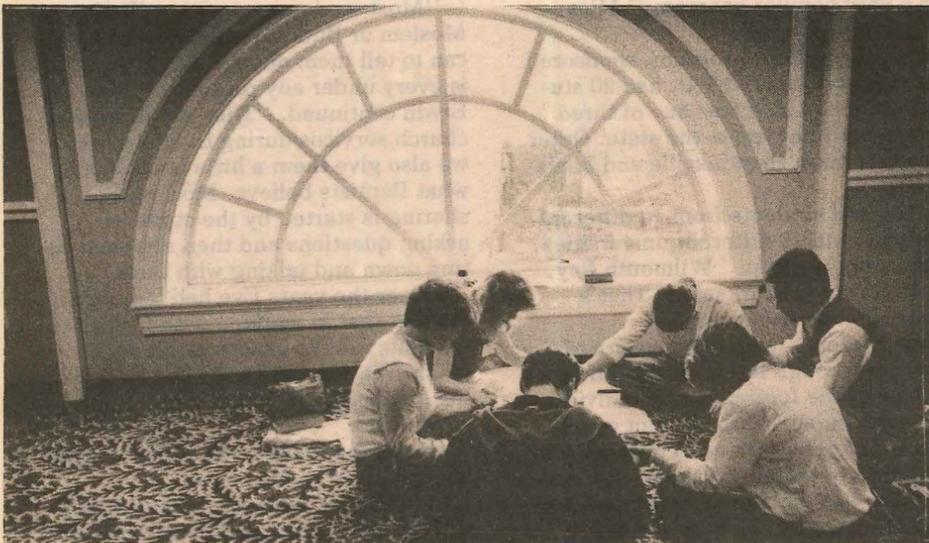
The Marrowbone center offers five Big A clubs per week, divided by grades, a Team Club, Homemaker's Club for mothers, occasional craft fairs and exercise classes.

Whitetree and his wife team direct the center, which means they both serve full time but receive one salary. He said their family is "fully committed" to the area. They use adults and older teens who volunteer to help them carry out the program of activities.

Whitetree's funding base is \$200 per month over and above his salary for all of the work of the center. He said church groups come and pay their own way to help him each year, and three volunteer summer missionaries were present last year.

Whitetree remained following the Mission 85 session in a room filled with students until every question had been satisfied.

The Marrowbone center is supported by the Kentucky Baptist Convention through its Direct Missions Department.



Small groups of students used almost all available space at Opryland Hotel for community encounter groups during Mission 85. In all 35 community encounter groups helped plan for real life home and foreign missions situations.

The groups had three purposes, according to coordinator Milt Hughes.

First, to "give students a chance to share in small groups on a personal level, rather than just sitting in sessions. They also let participants meet students from other religions. Most important, they allowed students to hear actual missions situations and give input."

MISSION 85

On these two pages we present stories and pictures from Mission 85, an introduction to home and foreign missions for college students held Dec. 27-31 in Nashville. More than 4000 Baptist collegians including many from Kentucky participated in this event held every five years. It was sponsored by several boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department and Baptist campus ministers from across the state also participated in the event.

Global Village displays present sights and sounds of missions

If it had anything to do with missions, it probably could be found in Global Village. Students visiting the exhibit area of Mission 85 at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, did not have to search long for something to see or do. Choices were plentiful.

Opportunities for firsthand contact with missionaries proved to be popular. The Foreign Mission Board's "Meet Your Missionary" booth enabled students to talk with missionaries from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Some missionaries dressed in native garb while others brought artifacts from the countries where they serve.

Patsy Price, a senior at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, said Global Village "was just like being on the mission field." She talked with a missionary couple from Japan and about what the people and cultures are like. Other missionaries around the world were available for conversations via two phone lines and contact through a shortwave radio.

Kimberly Henson, a junior at the University of Texas, Austin, used the shortwave radio contact and was excited about talking with a missionary "actually doing the work in another country."

For those who didn't get to talk with missionaries, there were other ways of contact. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsored "Write Around the World." According to booth officials more than 60 letters were written, some of which contained messages from more than one student.

Another popular exhibit was the Home and Foreign Mission Board's Data Bank, which used computers to provide data on current missions opportunities. Students could look for job possibilities in a specific area or country. They were able to find what was open, qualification requirements, a description of the assignment and then receive a printout to keep.

Meghan O'Neill, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a nurse at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, came searching for missions opportunities.

"Data Bank helped me find information about what nursing opportunities are available on mission fields," she said. "Someone coming to Mission

85 open to the Lord's will can find a specific direction for his or her life."

The Foreign Mission Board's Footstep Village was one booth which attempted to help students "map out" their lives. Students were given a souvenir map which asked questions such as "What are your dreams?" and "What will you do after college?"

Global Village offered something for everyone—even connoisseurs of the popular Trivia Pursuit game. The WMU and Brotherhood Commission developed some 200 questions about SBC personalities, geography, history and current missions for Missions Trivia.

Ethan McCarty, a freshman at Jones Junior College, Ellisville, Miss., who played the game, said he "knew more than I thought I would." While geography questions were his strongest point, he confessed personality questions were particularly difficult.

However, he said the game "helped me learn things about missions I didn't



Karin King, from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., tries her hand at rappelling in Global Village.

Students hear— and respond

Inner city missionary says God chooses, uses ordinary people

Home missionary Mildred McWhorter told students attending Mission 85 that God can use them regardless of how ordinary they consider themselves. "What is important is how much you love Jesus and how much you give of yourself, Miss McWhorter told the 4000 students attending the conference at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville.

Miss Whorter, who has been a missionary for 26 years in the inner city of Houston, Tex., recounted for the students numerous incidents when God had protected her in threatening situations and other times when he taught her valuable lessons about love and caring.

When she was beginning to make career decisions, Miss McWhorter said she ignored what God wanted and made all the decisions herself.

"I didn't ask God what he wanted me

to do with my life," she said. "I carried the Bible and never read it. I knew how to pray but never did. And, I was such a professional churchgoer, I could look a preacher right in the face and never hear a word he said.

"I wanted people to know Jesus, but I never told anyone about him," she added.

Then, she said she finally started talking to God and asked where he wanted her to go. If God had told her from the first he wanted her in the inner city of Houston, Miss McWhorter said she likely would still be running—away from God.

"Don't you forget, God has kept his part of the bargain," she reminded the students. "Jesus knows what he's doing, even when it looks like a mess to us. I'm proud God chose me, even though I'm an ordinary person." (BP)



Mildred McWhorter, missionary to inner city Houston, Tex., was surrounded by members of the Oklahoma Baptist University Chorale as she spoke.



Two students share the joy of their commitment to missions with a hug during the New Year's Eve celebration at Mission 85.

Christianized continent by 2000 possible in Africa, says Maroney

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Jimmy K. Maroney, of Richmond, Va., gave insights into life in eastern and southern Africa during Mission 85, with lots of emphasis on Kenya, Kentucky Baptists' partnership country.

Maroney is associate area director for the Foreign Mission Board's eastern and southern Africa territory.

He allowed that "even if we did not have a great commission, we would still be doing missions.

"It is still a part of our desire," he intoned. "Once Christ has invaded your

life, you can't help but tell others."

There are over 500 Southern Baptist missionaries presently serving in eastern and southern Africa.

Maroney called Africa the "most fascinating" continent "you will ever visit or hope to live in," the last "different" place "on the face of the earth."

He said Kenya, at .42, has the highest birth rate in the world, compared to .079 in the United States.

He spoke of Africa's continuing bent toward urbanization, asking: "Could God be responsible for bringing so many people to the cities for us to minister to at a much cheaper rate?" He left the question for students to consider.

While the average age in the U. S. is currently 33.3 years according to Maroney, he said it is only 15.2 years in Africa. The age span goes to about 50 years in Africa south of the Sahara Desert (including Kenya), but only 42-44 years above the Sahara.

Maroney gave some impressive statistics on the growth of religious work in Africa.

Christianity is growing faster on that continent than on North America, he suggested. Baptists there are growing nine times faster than Baptists in the states. There are presently over 200,000 members of Baptist churches in eastern and southern Africa, and another 400,000 in west Africa.

Maroney noted that some authorities believe by the year 2000 Africa south of the Sahara "will be Christianized," yet he observed "missionaries will still be needed" to develop and work with these new Christians.

Today, it is "economic suicide" not to claim Christianity in Africa, Maroney stated, because of Christianity's "popularity." Yet, he said, he does believe "most of the conversions are genuine."

He suggested that the Muslim influence is generally "decreasing," although they (the Muslims) are "populating like everybody else."

"We focus over and over in Africa on churches," Maroney added. "If you don't spend time here, you simply aren't going to be effective as a missionary."

Keeping up with the Joneses means living in two worlds

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Tom and Nancy Jones, missionaries to Kenya since 1969, and two of their three grown children recalled their experiences in a session on "Missionary Family Life" during Mission 85.

All native Georgians, the Joneses told some of the funny things that had happened to them, as well as the more personal, touching, even sometimes frustrating experiences of pulling up and putting down roots thousands of miles away.

Nancy, a registered nurse, assured the group she felt called as a medical missionary as much as she did a wife and mother.

Daughter Sally remembered playing hide and seek with her two brothers, Tom and Andy, under dense forests of tea plants, where a child could literally hide for hours without being detected (and sometimes become lost, too!).

Father Tom reminded the students that the family was "sensitive to the fact we are there (in Kenya) because of the interest and support of Southern Baptists here."

Nancy responded to a student's

question that she had "more trouble getting used to the stores here (in America, when on furlough)" than in "getting used to the stores in Kenya." She said there was less variety and fewer stores in Kenya, but all of that made the decisions tougher here.

The family remembered their "togetherness" in Kenya, where—without American television—they spent many evenings talking together, or entertaining visitors in their home. They "would have missed that" if they had been here, they said.

A student asked Tom Jr. and Sally, "Where is home to you, Atlanta or Nairobi?"

Without batting an eye, Sally replied, "Kenya really is home, for that's where we grew up." Tom Jr. nodded affirmatively.

Nancy assured the crowd that "anyone who follows God's will as a family will feel good" about his calling, whether it's to the foreign mission field or here.

Tom is treasurer of the Baptist mission in Kenya. The family expects to return to that country in mid March following a seven-month furlough.

know before."

A stroll through Global Village could cause one to wonder why there were race cars, and 18-wheeler truck, speedboat and camper sitting in the middle of the exhibit area.

They represented the work of the Home Mission Board's Special Mission Ministries department in raceway ministries, water resort ministries, truck-stop ministries and more.

Nancy Turnbull, a junior at Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla., was interested in the unusual mission areas. "Global Village has been very worthwhile because it gave information about missions which people usually don't consider," she said.

For those who needed a break from all the activities, entertainment was provided by 11 Mexican students who traveled more than 2000 miles in a mini-bus to participate in Mission 85. The colorful group dressed in native Mexican costumes while performing folkloric songs and dances. Lloyd Mann, student director of Baptist Student Ministries in Mexico City and coordinator of the group, said the students' main purpose in attending Mission 85 was "to dialogue with American students about needs in Latin America for missionaries."

A total of eight SBC agencies participated in Global Village which featured more than 40 exhibits. (BP)

baptist news in brief

Hazelwood congregation gives its budget overflow

Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, recently designated all offerings over budget one Sunday to missions giving. Nov. 4, 1984, the church sent all monies over the regular weekly requirement to be used through the Cooperative Program. The offering was \$4228 and \$2096 was sent through the Cooperative Program. Robert Langdon is pastor of Hazelwood.

Kentucky teenager is named to national panel

A Kentucky teenager has been selected to the ninth Acteens National Advisory Panel. Hannah Holtzclaw of Pineville was selected from more than 100 teenage girls nationwide who applied to serve on the six-member panel.



Miss Holtzclaw

Selections are based on scholastic achievement, school and church activities, and accomplishments in Studdert, the individual achievement plan for Acteens. In addition to their applications and written testimonies, candidates had

to be recommended by their pastor and Acteens leader.

Miss Holtzclaw, 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Holtzclaw and is a member of First Baptist Church, Pineville. She has been an Acteen for five years and has achieved the level of Queen Regent in Studdert.

A 12th grader, Miss Holtzclaw's school activities include 4-H, Beta Club, drama, band and choir. She was a 1984 Top Teen and also served on the Kentucky Acteens State Advisory Panel.

"Acteens gives me the opportunity to learn about missions and how missions can be made real in my life. I believe Acteens is how God showed me he wanted me in mission work," said Miss Holtzclaw.

Open Windows surpasses one million circulation

Circulation of Open Windows, a Southern Baptist daily devotional magazine, topped one million in January for the first time.

By mid-January more than 1,004,745 copies of the January-March issue of the quarterly guide had been mailed and the final total will probably be higher, according to Louie Wilkinson, editor of the publication produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

A promotional campaign for the magazine was conducted in the summer and fall of 1984 focusing mainly on churches that did not receive any copies of the magazine. "We're still getting some response to that," Wilkinson said.

But the circulation increase has been a steady climb over the past few years, he said. "We've tried to encourage daily Bible reading throughout the Sunday school program," Wilkinson said explaining the steady increase in Open Windows circulation.

KBC approves first intern for its media department

Beginning his first 20-hour week Feb. 1, 1985, N. Lonnie McNorrill became the Kentucky Baptist Convention's first Media Department intern. McNorrill, 36, is a Christian education student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is also a graduate of Georgia Southern College, Statesboro.



McNorrill

"His studies in mass media and experience in audiovisual production made Lonnie the primary candidate," said Mark Snowden, Media Department director.

McNorrill will serve as both audiovisual associate producer and assistant to Media Department responsibilities. A native of Waynesboro, Ga., he is the husband of JoAnn Delk McNorrill, secretary for the Minister/Church Relations Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Sharp to be recommended as Colorado executive

After being interim for nearly seven months, Charles E. Sharp will be recommended to Colorado Baptists Jan. 29 as executive director-treasurer elect. If elected, he will succeed Glen E. Braswell, who held the post for 22 years before retiring June 30. Sharp, director of church training and church music for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, has been interim director since Braswell's retirement.

Sharp's election would bring one of the more varied ministry backgrounds in the Southern Baptist Convention to the top administrative post in the state missions effort.

He holds an earned PhD from East Texas State University, Commerce, in music and educational administration.

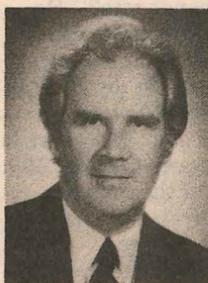
Concurrent with his teaching ministry, he held part time staff positions as minister of music, youth and education in churches in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Alabama. (BP)

Baptist College employees laid off in budget cuts

Baptist College at Charleston recently announced 40 employees will be laid off during the next five months. While the South Carolina Baptist Convention-related institution declined to release the names of terminated personnel, a spokesman said the list included seven faculty and 33 staff members. None of the affected faculty have tenure. The college's board of trustees met in

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Ken Carter



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Bill Marshall

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MONDAY, 2:00 P.M.

Theme: "PHYSICAL NEEDS AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCES"

"The Gospel and Those Who Hunger" (John 6:1-14) Ronald Boswell
 "The Gospel and The Handicapped" (John 9:1-39) Benton Williams
 "The Gospel and Those Who Are Helpless" (John 5:1-24) ... Landrum Leavell

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Theme: "DEALING WITH DIFFICULTY IN WITNESSING"

"The Great Physician" (John 4:46-54) John Bisagno
 "The Frustration of Failure" (Luke 5:1-11) Landrum Leavell
 "The Power for Resurrection" (John 11:1-46) A. L. Patterson

TUESDAY, 9:00 A.M.

Theme: "REACHING THE DOWN AND OUT"

"Reaching the Woman at the Well" (John 4:1-30) Ken Carter
 "Reaching the Maniac of Gadara" (Mark 5:1-20) Benton Williams
 "Reaching the Leprous Man" (Mark 1:40-45) A. L. Patterson

TUESDAY, 2:00 P.M.

Theme: "REACHING THE UP AND OUT"

"Reaching the Intellectuals" (John 3:1-21) Ronald Boswell
 "Reaching the Self-sufficient" (Matt. 19:1-10) Ken Carter
 "Reaching the World Through the Church" (Matt. 27:11-26) ... John Bisagno

TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

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"The Obstacle of the Uninformed" (Matt. 15:21-23) Landrum Leavell
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December and authorized the lay offs and the elimination of several academic programs in an effort to ease a \$860,000 budget deficit. The trustees also voted to eliminate majors in art and guidance and counseling after next semester, as well as the school's English Language Institute, established to teach English to foreign students.

Meanwhile the school has launched a \$1 million fund raising campaign which already has netted \$416,500 in cash. Cash and pledges from the trustees and their families amount to \$292,500.

Baptist College had faced a \$1.5 million deficit in September. The board of trustees declared the school in a state of "financial exigency," allowing it to make immediate budget cuts and to terminate even tenured employees to save the institution from bankruptcy. (BP)

Baptist integration leader Thomas J. Holmes dies

Thomas J. Holmes, 67, died in Atlanta following cardiovascular surgery.

In 1966 Holmes drew international attention when he was dismissed from the pastorate of Tattnall Square Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., over integration of that congregation by a Nigerian student at Mercer.

Holmes wrote a book about that experience entitled *Ashes For Breakfast . . . A Diary of Racism*. It was co-authored by his brother-in-law, Gainer E. Bryan Jr., former editor of the Maryland Baptist. Holmes was named Georgia's author of the year in 1970 for that book.

Holmes was assistant to the president of Mercer University from 1966-80 and alumni director and Christianity professor at Mercer, 1960-65. He held many Georgia Baptist pastorates.

After early retirement in 1980, he was director of development for Christian Council of metropolitan Atlanta and Atlanta Boys' Clubs. At time of his death he was interim pastor of Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga.

He served as a director of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and was a trustee of Mercer. He held many leadership positions in Atlanta Baptist Association and Georgia Baptist Convention. (BP)

Newell inaugurated at Ruschlikon seminary

The seventh president in the 35-year history at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, in his inaugural address Jan. 11, called for the seminary's mission and identity to be catholic, apostolic, reformed and evangelistic.

James Altus Newell based his address on 1 Cor. 13 and told the solemn convocation that being catholic should "embrace God's care for all kinds of persons;" that the apostolic tradition should contain "the historic witness of the church grounded upon biblical authority;" and that being reformed means "we are not simply recipients of the Reformation but participants in the continuing reformation which God wants to bring."

But he insisted the institution should be "unashamedly evangelical." "We exist as a community to be an instrument of God's redemption in the world, to train for ministry, to bear witness and to be witnesses, and to lead others to become Christ's disciples and to grow in faith," he said.

Newell was elected president in July 1984. He formerly was pastor of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala.

Church gives \$4000 in third annual 13th check

For the third consecutive year First Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association, has given a 13th check to the Cooperative Program. The "over and above" check in the amount of \$4000 is the largest 13th check the church has given to date and comes on top of the church's Together We Build program.

The amount brought the church's total gifts to the Cooperative program to 20 percent of the total budget. First Franklin has continued to increase its percentage giving each year.

David W. Crocker is pastor of First Baptist, Franklin.

Hunger gifts surpass record by \$1 million

Southern Baptists in 1984 contributed \$7,166,772 to their denomination's program of worldwide hunger relief, shattering the 1983 record by more than a million dollars. It marked the seventh consecutive year gifts to hunger funds administered by the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards surpassed the previous year's total. In 1983 total world hunger gifts were \$5,996,000.

The Foreign Mission Board reported receipts of \$6,548,901 for 1984, while the Home Mission Board received \$617,871 for domestic hunger. The hunger contributions represent an overall increase of \$1,170,772 or 19.5 percent above the previous record set in 1983. FMB gifts increased \$1,142,865 or 21 percent; HMB giving was up \$27,196 or five percent.

Record giving during November and December, the months following the denomination's observance of World Hunger Day in October, pushed hunger funds at both mission boards beyond the 1983 totals. FMB officials also attributed part of the dramatic increase to extensive news coverage of the Ethiopian hunger crisis by the national news media.

At the Home Mission Board, part of the increase in domestic hunger gifts resulted when a few Baptist state conventions during the year implemented the 80/20 division of undesignated hunger gifts suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention (80 percent to overseas hunger relief and 20 percent to domestic hunger relief). (BP)



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clear creek comment

What I am

I am astonished at how I read 'over' a passage of scripture. Recently these words from Dan. 6 exploded on my consciousness: "Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him" (6:5).

What an outstanding hero of the faith Daniel was. His character shone forth against a background of dark circumstances. He reminds me of Publius Syrus' words, "Character is not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

My reputation is what people think of me, my character is what I am. My reputation is public, my character private. My reputation sees me in the light, my character expresses itself in the dark. As Abraham Lincoln said, my reputation is the shadows, my character is the tree.

Perhaps the truth about Clear Creek Baptist School of which I am most proud is that we send forth men of sterling character who love God and people and hate sin and the devil. At Clear Creek we believe what a man is more important than anything he does. D. L. Moody said, "If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself." Longfellow said: "None but one can harm you, None but yourself who are your greatest foe; He that respects himself is safe from others: He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce."

Our standards are high at Clear Creek, and we invite only those God called servants who exhibit good character to come here to train. We feel the character standard is far more important than the gold standard. "This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." — Shakespeare

A man's character will determine how he relates to his church. His character will be expressed in his dealings with his fellow man. Whether he succeeds or 'burns out' in the ministry will be determined more by his character than by his training. Finally his ability to avoid the wiles and the snare of Satan and strength to resist the devil is found in a noble inner character. At Clear Creek we train men of character. Come visit us and enjoy our fellowship.

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Loaves and fishes

We have set up our own full time drafting department during the past month. Now we can involve about eight times as many of our students in drafting as was possible previously.

For 17 years we have bused many of our students 20 miles round trip per day to the Clay County Vocational School. But they had to work in half-day segments which limited the number of our students who could take part. For this and several other reasons, no more than about six of our students have been able to take drafting at any given time.

With our own drafting department and a teacher with 17 years of drafting experience, we can handle up to 48 beginning and advanced students per day. The time previously spent riding the bus daily can now be used in the classroom.

Carefully buying materials and using several of our men to do the work, most of it on their own time and not during usual working hours, we have equipped a shop at an expenditure of hundreds of dollars instead of thousands.

For example we have made eight sturdy and attractive drafting tables. Normally each would have cost at least \$450 apiece. Our outlay for materials was \$35 each. The copier for blueprints would normally have cost us \$1600. We bought it for \$65 and with an additional outlay of \$50 got it in excellent working order.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

Where there is a will, there is a way. Daily miracles are performed here because our very survival depends on miracles. Oneida's work for 86 years has been a continuing reenactment of the Lord's blessing of the loaves and fishes and feeding the multitude. Jesus did it then. He is doing it today wherever love is shared and faith is exercised!

A year ago we increased the space of our print shop by 80%. Recently to get more efficient use of our space, we rearranged the entire shop adding a third press in the process. It is a used Heidelberg letter press, considered the Cadillac of these presses. Such a press, I'm told, would cost about \$5000. We got it for \$150. During the past year we were thrilled to purchase a computerized used typesetter in excellent condition. We paid \$100. It is a \$6000 machine. Eleven years ago, when we first began our shop, we took \$15,000 in "overage" received through the Co-operative Program and bought equipment valued at \$40,000 at that time.

Another miracle is in the making now. When our dining room-kitchen-grill project is complete, we will have accomplished about twice as much as we set out to do. Not only will we have added 4500 sq. ft. of much needed space, we will have totally renovated an even larger amount of existing space used for 25 years. Also we have built a new sloping roof heavily insulated to replace the flat roof that has caused difficulty since the original building was built.

The three weeks our students were away for Christmas was enough time by 12 hours to do what had to be done while most of our people were away. The timing was providential. Six of our men worked every day except Christmas Day and Sundays during the three weeks. Two of our boys helped them that third week. Most nights they worked quite late.

They finished bricking all the inside of the dining room used for 25 years. Never again will those concrete walls have to be painted. They put in all new ceiling grid and new tile for the first time since 1960 and lowered the ceiling to a height of eight feet in the process. All new light fixtures, recessed unlike before, were installed and we have about twice as much light. Most difficult of all was the laying of a new tile floor similar to that used in fast-food restaurants. With students and staff back using the old dining area, our men have now moved back over to complete the new wing.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 3, 1985

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Help for the frustrated

John 5:2-3, 5-15 Christ went to Jerusalem at the time of a feast of the Jews because it afforded him numerous opportunities for doing much good to many who would be in attendance.

By the market in Jerusalem was a pool called Bethesda. When the pool's waters bubbled up they were reputed to contain medicinal and curative elements but was applicable only to the one who got into the pool first after the troubling of the waters.

On the sabbath that Christ visited Bethesda a gathering of afflicted and frustrated people were assembled at the pool. The invalids gazed at the waters and with each bubbling a flash of hope came to them. Among the gathering was a man who had suffered a disabling infirmity for 38 years but who was incapable of snatching the boon of healing from before his eyes. He was almost in the grip of despair.

Ever the incarnation of mercy, Christ went to the pool to alleviate the suffering of those assembled there. He singled out this poor man and asked him if he would really like to be made well. When the man signified his willingness and desire to be healed, the great physician challenged his faith, saying, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." The man was cured instantaneously.

When the Jews saw the man carrying his pallet on the sabbath they objected,

saying, "It is the sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed." When the man told them his physician had commanded him to do so. As soon as the man's physician, Christ, was disclosed as the one who had effected the cure, the Jews persecuted him and tried to slay him. They reproached and reviled Christ as a sabbath-breaker and a sinful man who was destroying their laws.

In reply to the accusation Christ boldly identified himself as the son of God. He declared he was simply imitating God the father in doing good on the sabbath to both the bodies and the souls of people.

International Series

The light of life

John 9:24-34 The blind man mentioned in this chapter had never been permitted to see the sunlight of a single day, the wonders of nature or the beauties of the world until he received a supernatural, complete and permanent cure at the hand of Christ. The Pharisees sought to discredit Christ's miraculous healing of the blind man by getting his parents to deny that their son had been blind from his birth. When they failed to accomplish their purpose with the parents, the Pharisees submitted the man to an intimidating cross-examination, and then by their false arguments sought to rob Christ of his deity and to brand him as a sinner. The man admitted there was one thing of which he was certain, namely, that "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

Exasperated by the man's unwillingness to change his testimony, the Pharisees still questioned Christ's character and credentials and made bold to declare that Moses, to whom they gave their adherence was superior to Jesus. There was not a doubt in the mind of the healed man that God had placed his sanction on the integrity and deed of Christ by whom the miracle was performed. He was convinced that Christ was in touch with divine power in a way that no other had ever been.

No sooner had the Pharisees cast the man out of the synagogue than Christ sought him out and talked with him. He asked, "Dost thou believe on the son of God?" The man answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" Christ replied: "It is he that talketh with thee." The man immediately believed on Christ as his savior and worshiped him as Lord and master.



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on mission together

The cost of a vision

I am writing this editorial in flight from Dallas to Louisville where 13 of Kentucky Baptists' 27 member Planned Growth In Giving Task Group have just completed an intensive, three-day training seminar, sponsored by the National (SBC) Planned Growth In Giving leadership team. Five of these seminars have been scheduled in strategic locations across our Southern Baptist Convention.

Jesse Stricker and I will participate again with the other half of Kentucky's task group at the seminar in Shocco Springs, Ala., Feb. 4-6.

All task team members thus trained, the first Kentucky seminar will be conducted at Severns Valley Baptist

Church, Feb. 11-12. By May 26, 20 other seminars, strategically located throughout our state will have been completed.

Every Kentucky pastor has been invited, along with one key lay-person from each church, expenses paid, to experience one of these intensive one and one-half day seminars.

The Planned Growth In Giving concept is simple. It asks only that each church member prayerfully consider increasing their percentage of giving each year by some percentage each year until the year 2000 A.D., the target date of Bold Mission Thrust.

For example, some may determine to plan their growth at 1% per year. Others may commit to 3/4 percent or 1/2 percent per year. A 1/2 percent giving-growth for a 4% giver, for example, would raise them to a 6.5% level in 5 years.

Of the eight SBC "pilot" churches who have conducted Planned Growth

In Giving in their churches, all reported spiritual and financial growth.

Each church adapted Planned Growth to fit the type and size of that particular church. Of the eight, the average church's total income grew by 20% in the first year.

Not a slick, Madison Avenue campaign, it's a biblically-based, mission-motivated "movement" to bring Southern Baptists to a deeper level of personal stewardship through a steady, disciplined commitment of resources.

God sent us a renewed vision in 1977 and we Baptists called it "Bold Mission Thrust." We have just now realized the enormous financial implications of that vision—to attempt to provide an opportunity for everyone on earth to hear the gospel at least once by the year 2000 A.D.

Planned Growth In Giving may well be the "way" our Lord will pull us and our resources together to fulfill the vision.

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At Baptist Homes for Children

Temporary shelters offer immediate help

An innovative service of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is that of providing help for youth who need help fast—a ministry that is accomplished at temporary shelters.

Kentucky Baptists can be proud of this work which provides homes for temporary care. A home at Elizabethtown serves boys and another at Dixon serves boys and girls. Each home has a capacity of 10 and serves youth in crisis and provides care while permanent plans are being made. Under the supervision of trained houseparents and family workers, these homes fill a real need during a difficult period in a young person's life.

The heart of temporary shelters is the daily living experience which the youth have in the cottages. Although youth usually are in this phase of care for only a short time, many wonderful results are achieved. The youth develop a strong sense of togetherness. Their lives are stabilized. They soon willingly discuss both their current attitudes and future goals.

Both shelters have been superb successes. Today we look at the Elizabethtown work.

The Elizabethtown Temporary Shelter began serving young men between the ages of 6-18 on Mar. 22, 1982. Since then the shelter staff has worked with over 150 youth from varied backgrounds.

The administrative director of the temporary shelter provides specialized counseling, staff training and emotional support. The director of community services lends expertise in consultation, case review and overall administrative supervision. The houseparents give daily guidance to the youths which enables them to recognize areas of concern and to work together to make sure the temporary shelter is challenging, creative and that it has a strong Christian emphasis.

Once a week the young men come together for a discussion. The group maintains an amazing consistency in spite of the everchanging population. Many of the youths have become involved in school activities, ranging from the wrestling team to clubs. Others have been active in church-sponsored events like basketball, softball, camp-

ing, choir and youth meetings. Several young men also have demonstrated talents in art, music and writing. They enjoy privileges which are directly linked to responsibility.

People in the Elizabethtown community have become loyal supporters of the temporary shelter. Barbers give free haircuts, farmers donate meat, local businesses provide discounts, churches offer free building materials and labor, and physicians offer special care.

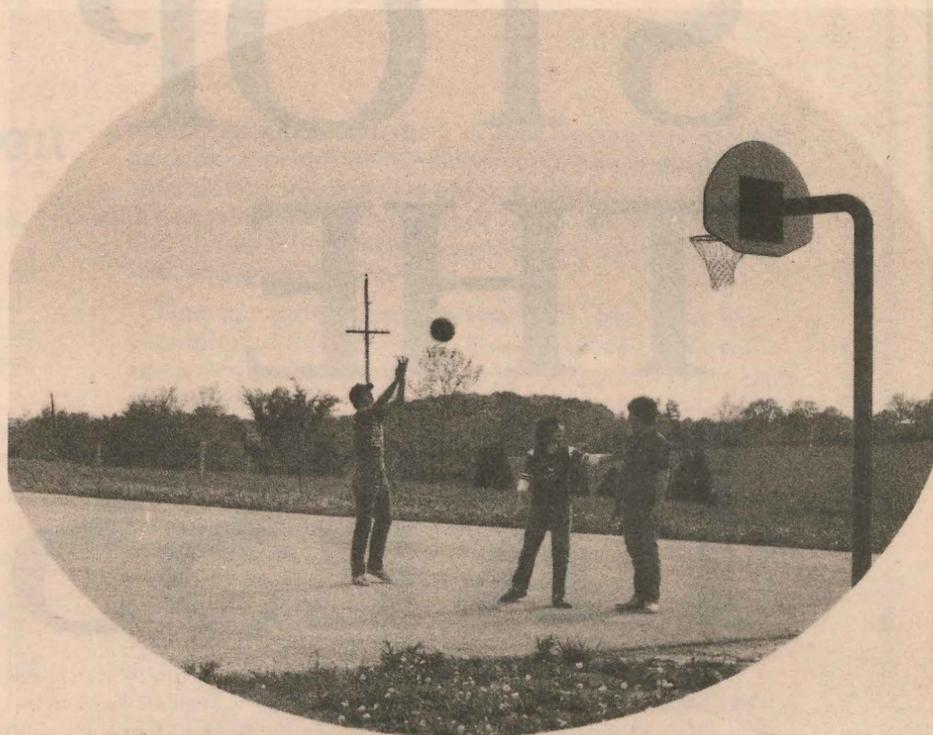
Young people come to us due to an array of reasons. The needs are greater than ever before because of the tremendous impact of the changing socioeconomic order. The relaxation of moral and ethical standards as well as many other pressures have taken their toll on the American family.

Children who need help now can be helped. Assisting these youth to grow into healthy, well adjusted, mature and responsible individuals is the purpose of this ministry. Temporary shelters provide excellent facilities, a positive atmosphere and supervision to enhance the children's development of their inborn, God given talents.

In addition, the emergency shelters work with youth who are later referred to our Glen Dale campus in Glendale and Spring Meadows campus in Middletown. In these cases the shelters serve to screen, evaluate, stabilize behavior, provide recommendations and offer a temporary planning period for youth.

The prayers and help of concerned Kentucky Baptists are the lifeline of this ministry which is changing lives. The young men see the support and respond to this love in a positive way. They attend church services, send special cards of thanks to people who donate their time and services, and volunteer for community mission projects.

The hard work has its rewards. Exciting events cause the staff to know that their efforts, along with the support of Kentucky Baptists, are making a



Togetherhness is enhanced by recreational group participation at the shelter.

positive difference in the lives of these young people.

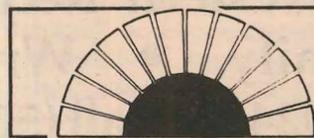
The houseparents are certain they are being used by God as instruments of change. For example, there is the spirit and attitude of a 10-year-old who is willing to listen to the problems of others. Four young men made professions of faith in one revival service.

Another boy said the shelter is the only place where he had done well in the last two years. The community honored three youth for outstanding behavior. Appreciative youth have visited the shelter many months after their stay. The youth even refer to houseparents as "second parents."

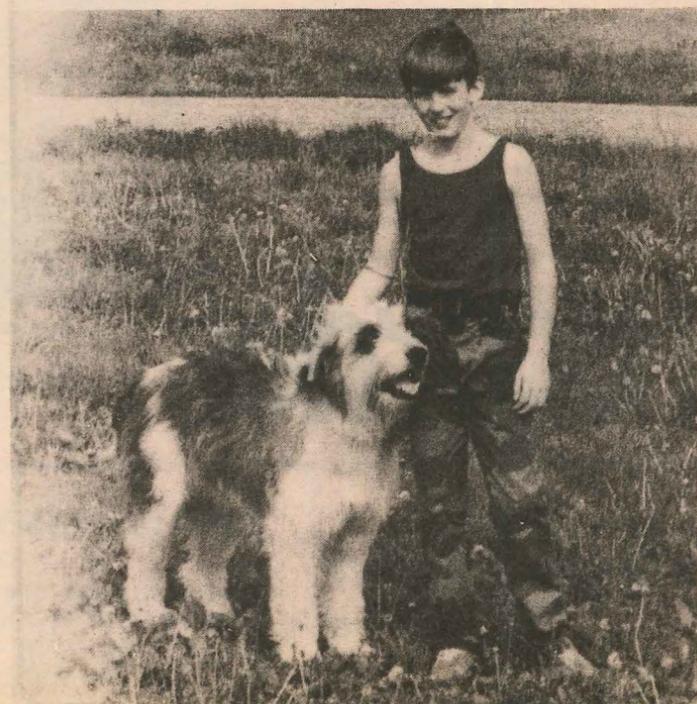
One young man, a high school senior and honor student, spoke for many when he left the following poem at the shelter.

"HOME"

(This is what he expected)
 You believe in good
 No one can conceive it.
 Condemned for life,
 Everyone's a judge!
 For a few minutes of mistake
 Gonna send you to a place worse than
 home,
 Worse than fighting and beating
 Worse than headache and pain.
 Houseparents are mean,
 Work is slavery,
 Kids are junkies or flakes.
 OR SO THEY SAID!
 (This was his later reaction)
 Houseparents are true parents.
 Place is clean.
 Minimum describes the work.
 This place of industrial bathroom
 And set mealtimes
 Have wonderful people
 And hearts that won't quit.
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Shelter youth, above, relax between their many activities. The young man at left enjoys some quiet time to reflect.