

## Reagan, Bush address religious broadcasters, call for support of issues, defense policies

President Reagan called on evangelical and fundamentalist broadcasters to lend their support to his economic and defense policies, citing a passage in Luke's gospel to justify his administration's arms buildup as a necessary precondition to peace talks with the Soviet Union.

In a separate appearance before the National Religious Broadcasters annual convention, vice president George Bush hit themes more familiar to the politically conservative audience by condemning abortion and praising school prayer and tuition tax credits.

Reagan, making his fourth consecutive appearance at the NRB meeting, quoted Luke 14:31-32 ("Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace.") as scriptural justification for his long-held policy that only by being stronger than the Russians can the U. S. hope to achieve peace.

After reading the Luke passage, Reagan declared: "I don't think the Lord gave us all this to one day have to negotiate from weakness."

But he also reiterated a theme he frequently has used since his inauguration—that the U. S. is now at a point of sufficient military strength to pursue negotiations with the Soviets.

Only in passing did Reagan mention topics he has hit hard in previous appearances before the same convention. He likened the broadcasters to the apostles Peter and Andrew in being "good and faithful fishermen" and for having "fought the good fight, for prayer in the schools and against abortion and for freedom in the world."

And in a passage that drew sustained applause, the President declared: "When I was reelected in November I didn't figure I was being sent back to the White House to turn back to the policies of the past. I still believe the government is the servant of the people—and not the other way around."

Before Reagan spoke, an invocation by Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley offered thanks

"for answering our prayers to place (Reagan) at the helm of our country." The Atlanta pastor and television preacher also prayed for Reagan's success and safety during his second term.

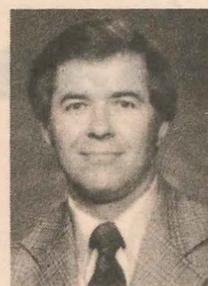
Bush, while praising America's religious pluralism, went on to declare that those opposed to public school prayer and tuition tax credits and favoring abortion have renounced it.

"I can't believe," he said, "that the founding fathers intended that the Constitution prohibit children from opening their school day with voluntary prayer. I cannot believe that they intended that the Constitution would prohibit measures to extend pluralism and tolerance in education—measures like the tuition tax credit. . . . I cannot believe the Constitution . . . could ever sanction the wholesale destruction of innocent human life."

Like Reagan, Bush was applauded loudly when he declared that "compassion at the national level is no substitute for loving our neighbor at the local level." He added: "I believe it's time we looked less to Washington and more to our states and cities and counties and towns, and more, beyond government—more to our churches, our communities of faith." (BP)



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### Partnership update

## Allen West to lead daily Kenya tasks for state's Baptists

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Louisvillian G. Allen West Jr., former executive director of Long Run Baptist Association, has been elected associate project coordinator for Kentucky Baptists' Kentucky-Kenya Partnership.

An announcement of his election by the KBC executive board's administrative committee was made last week.

His appointment is effective Feb. 15.

West, 69, retired from the leadership position with Long Run (metropolitan Louisville area) Baptists Dec. 31, 1980 after 13 years in that post. Earlier the native Georgian served pastorates at Sturgis and Bagdad, Ky. and Nashville, Tenn.

He is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, from which he holds both ThM and ThD degrees.

According to C. Benton Williams, director of the convention's Missions and Church Services Division, Middletown, West will work four days per week coordinating the day-by-day work of the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership. He will be available to speak in churches, associations and state meetings to interpret the partnership. He will also be available for personal conferences to encourage and enlist volunteers to be a part of the partnership.

West will be housed in the KBC's Direct Missions Department. Robert C. Jones, director of that department, will continue to be project coordinator and work with a previously established Kentucky Baptist Convention task group.

The task group includes Jones as chairman and these additional Baptist Building staffers: Jay Brown, director, Evangelism Department; Mrs. Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Women director, Kentucky Baptist Women's Missionary Union; James H. Cox, associate editor, Western Recorder; William L. Kaufman, director, Brotherhood Department; and Marshall Phillips, manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Mrs. Alice Sloan remains as permanent staff secretary with the Kentucky-Kenya Project.

"With the experience that West has working with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and traveling frequently overseas, we feel he will be a great asset to the day-by-day operation of the Kentucky-Kenya Project," said Williams.

West is married and is the father of two children, Mrs. Coy Dillard, Louisville, and George A. West III, Nashville.

## Southern Baptists can call free, receive VIM prayer requests

Southern Baptists can give specific prayer support to laypeople volunteering in missions work by calling special toll free numbers during February. These direct lines to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are being made available in conjunction with the Feb. 24 Southern Baptist Convention Volunteers in Missions Sunday emphasis.

Feb. 9-24, the numbers to call for specific prayer requests concerning volunteers in missions will be: 1-800-554-PRAY for home missions prayer requests and 1-800-446-2725 for foreign missions prayer requests.

Approximately 50,000 Southern Baptists have served on the home and foreign mission fields through the Volunteers in Missions program. Home and foreign missionaries have requested more than 60,000 volunteers in 1985.

Volunteers in Missions Sunday is designed to give churches an opportunity to recognize people in their congregations who have been on volunteer assignments. The day will also highlight world needs and challenge church members to become personally involved in a hands-on missions experience.

## Thailand to limit foreign missionaries

The government interior ministry has indicated plans to limit the number and activities of foreign missionaries in Thailand. The plans don't seem to be leveled directly at the 79 Southern Baptist missionaries there, and it remains unclear how their work will be affected, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials.

The government singled out missionaries of the Mormon Church, who number 200 of the some 3000 foreign missionaries in Thailand. The Mormons often have asked to stay in the country for extended periods, but the Ministry of Interior is considering limiting their stay to no more than three months at a time, a government official said.

Some missionaries have been accused of bringing hilltribe people into Thailand from neighboring Burma and giving them money if they become Christians. Other reports indicate bothersome door-to-door witnessing tactics. The Mormons have publicly denied charges against their missionaries. (BP)

## Ministers' Wives request prayer to restore harmony

A request for "sincere and urgent prayers of all ministers' wives across our convention for the return of harmony within our fellowship," was the thrust of a statement recently released by the 1985 SBC Ministers' Wives Convention officers.

The statement was drafted when the officers met at Woman's Missionary Union national headquarters to plan the 1985 Ministers' Wives Luncheon. The luncheon is held annually in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ministers' wives are asked specifically in the statement to "pray that the upcoming convention meeting in Dallas in June will be one in which the victor will be Jesus Christ himself!"

Following is the complete prayer statement:

*Knowing that 14 million Southern Baptists are looking to our husbands as exemplary leaders in churches, agencies and institutions, we, the officers of the 1985 SBC Ministers' Wives Conference, do hereby request the sincere and urgent prayers of all ministers' wives across our convention for the return of harmony within our fellowship.*

*Realizing that we are all subject to error and pride, we urge prayer for forgiveness, for humility, for unity of purpose and for renewed power to follow the Lord's command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel."*

*Furthermore, we are aware of the tremendous accomplishments of women through the ages when their hearts were bathed in prayer and when their requests were according to God's great will and purpose for his work.*

*We urge wives of SBC ministers to pray that the upcoming convention meeting in Dallas in June will be one in which the victor will be Jesus Christ himself!*

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# sanford's perspectives

## Where is the fire?

When the final figures for 1983-84 are compiled Southern Baptists will learn we have baptized about 6.5 percent fewer people than we did the year before. The Home Mission Board reports this is the third straight year the baptism rate has declined, while population in our country grows about one percent per year. We are simply losing the battle for the salvation of lost people and it appears the fire has gone out.

Our budgets continue to grow. Our organizations continue to grow. Activities sponsored by our churches increase every year. Yet baptisms are declining because, it appears, we have put our strength into something less than the main thing.

It is past time to change course. We must find the spark of evangelism and turn once again to the white harvest field of lost people. Perhaps the place to begin is at the evangelism conference Feb. 25-26 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. Jay Brown, director of evangelism for the KBC, has put together a strong group of people whose combined record in evangelism stands on its own. Perhaps the fire can be lighted this year in the heart of some of us.

I urge lay people to see that the pastor and staff members are provided the means to attend this meeting. It will be a two-day feast on the word of God and could be the best investment of time and money your church makes this year. Your leaders may catch a spark that will ignite all of us to win more people to the Lord this year and stop the downward trend in baptisms.

## Keep your eye on Nashville

The SBC Executive Committee meets in Nashville next week and one of the items of importance to all of us is the report of a study committee investigating charges against Baptist Press.

The charges came about because Paul Pressler accused Baptist Press of unfair reporting last September. Baptist Press released a story alleging Pressler tape recorded a conversation with J. Stafford Durham, a Southern Seminary student, without Durham's knowledge. Part of the tape was released to the Houston Chronicle and Durham brought charges against Pressler to the FCC. The next day Baptist Press also released a statement by Pressler, but by then the furor had started with Pressler crying foul.

As a Baptist editor I have a particularly keen interest in this matter because the outcome of the whole thing will say something about freedom and conformity in our Baptist life. Pressler did tape record a conversation and he released part of that conversation to a secular newspaper. Baptist Press then made that fact known to Baptist state editors and the general Baptist public. Most of

the state papers ran the Baptist Press release as a news item and carried the Pressler statement from Baptist Press alongside it. (WR, 9/25/84)

The fact that Baptist Press is being investigated raises some questions in my mind that will not go away. If Baptist Press is now to be censured for doing its job of reporting news, then what is ahead for any of us? Must Baptist editors soft pedal news about prominent leaders? Must we seek permission from some hierarchical body before we are free to print news items? Must we print only sweetness and light and ignore the ugly things we do to each other?

It will be a sad day for all of us whenever any of us loses the freedom to speak his mind openly. Hindsight indicates Baptist Press could have stayed clear of hot water if a statement from Pressler had been printed alongside the news item. No one will argue if Baptist Press is chided for that. Anything else would smack of censorship. This is perhaps just one more skirmish in the larger battle in the convention, but if Baptist Press loses this one, all Baptists lose.

## Prayer in high places

Last week more than 3000 people gathered in Washington for a national prayer breakfast attended by leaders in the House, the Senate and the White House.

Principal speaker was President Reagan who declared that "in some of the most troubled parts of the world political figures who are old enemies are meeting with each other in a spirit of peace and brotherhood." He said he wished he could be more specific, "but it's working precisely because it is private."

It seems that, at least on the surface, political leaders have set an example Christian leaders would do well to follow. The divisions among politicians are continual, leading to divisive actions that touch all mankind. If prayer among these leaders is used to calm some of the tension, then why not try prayer among our own leaders who are so far apart? It seems a naive suggestion, but the promise of the scriptures is that God answers prayer and provides light for those who seek it. Perhaps the only way we will ever have peace in the SBC is through a mighty prayer crusade that brings all of us closer together. It is apparent our continual bickering and name calling are not going to do anything more than escalate the tension now so thick you can cut it.

In all honesty you look with a bit of a jaundiced eye on political prayer meetings. Yet deep inside you know that prayer is the way to discover the mind and will of God for any situation. If the politicians do open themselves honestly to the will of God, that is good news for all of us. If the politicians can find answers to divisive matters through prayer, why can't we also find answers to the problems which divide us? I believe we can if we are willing to make the effort. Constant, fervent, effectual prayer from now until the Dallas convention would produce an atmosphere of trust now lacking among us. It may be the only way we will ever find the way.



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# Four will report news, features as Western Recorder stringers

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Western Recorder has named four persons to fill vacancies in its network of 16 state correspondents.

These stringers, all active members of local Baptist congregations, will report news and features from assigned territories to the paper.

The stringer program, begun Apr. 1, 1981, is unique to Western Recorder among state Baptist newspapers. In the last four years, scores of personalities have been interviewed, churches featured and news items carried as a result of contributions by the network of correspondents living across the state.

The new stringers are: Mrs. Douglas M. Anderson, Livermore; Robin C. Oldham, Georgetown; Mrs. J. Phillip Shelton, Paducah; and Mrs. D. Michael Spencer, Somerset.

Betty Anderson will represent Blackford, Daviess-McLean and Ohio County Baptist associations.

A native of Trigg County, Mrs. Anderson, 44, is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University. Her husband, a Kuttawa native, is pastor of Livermore (Ky.) Missionary Baptist Church where she teaches an adult women's class, is library assistant, study chairman in Baptist Women and on the area ASSIST team. They are parents of two boys and two girls.

A former English and speech teacher Mrs. Anderson has been employed as a publicity specialist with the State of Kentucky, Frankfort, and as a manuscript assistant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. She has written for Sunday School Board publications.

Mrs. Anderson may be contacted at: Box 474, Livermore, KY 42352, telephone (502) 278-2072.

Robin Oldham will represent Boone's Creek, Bracken, Elkhorn and Franklin Baptist associations.

A native Georgetownian, Oldham, 37, holds BA and MA degrees from Georgetown College and is presently enrolled in the graduate school at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He is a Sunday school teacher and committee member at Georgetown Baptist Church.

Presently employed as assistant to the president of Georgetown College, Oldham earlier was coordinator of communications and admissions counselor there. He has written extensively for both secular and denominational press. Oldham is married to the former Jeana Cook of New Orleans, La. and they have one daughter.

Oldham may be contacted at: 501 Aztec Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324, telephone (502) 863-0106.

Vonnie Shelton will represent Fulton, Graves County, West Kentucky and West Union Baptist associations.

A native of Princeton, Ky., Mrs. Shelton, 42, is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University and has done graduate work at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, and Murray State. Her husband is a Dawson Springs native. They are parents of one son, and are members of First Baptist Church, Paducah, where she teaches a women's Sunday school class.

A former English teacher and secretary, Mrs. Shelton has been an aspiring journalist, having attended several reli-



Mrs. Anderson



Oldham



Mrs. Shelton



Mrs. Spencer

gious writers' conferences. This will be her first experience with sustained writing for publication.

Mrs. Shelton may be contacted at: 525 Oakcrest, Paducah, KY 42001, telephone (502) 554-1195.

Denise Spencer will represent Lincoln County, McCreary County, Mercer, Pulaski, Rockcastle, South District, Tate Creek and Wayne County Baptist associations.

A native of Owensboro, Mrs. Spencer, 28, is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University. Her husband, also an Owensboro native, is youth minister at First Baptist Church, Somerset, where Mrs. Spencer teaches a Sunday school class in the singles department. The Spencers expect their first child in March.

Presently employed as a staff nurse at Humana Hospital Lake Cumberland, Somerset, Mrs. Spencer has served on nursing staffs at Louisville and Owensboro medical institutions. She has also been an aspiring journalist and this will be her initial experience with sustained writing for publication.

Mrs. Spencer may be contacted at: 108 Crawford Ave., Somerset, KY 42501, telephone (606) 678-5987.

The state correspondent program of Western Recorder presently has a vacancy for another applicant who lives in either Greenup or Red River Baptist associations, and who will serve that territory.

In addition, other requirements in-

clude active membership in a local congregation cooperating with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, a basic understanding of relationships between churches, associations and conventions, a demonstrated interest and ability in writing for publication and some time to do it.

Anyone in the Greenup or Red River territory who qualifies and is interested should apply directly to Western Recorder now.

Other current stringers, and their associations, are as follows:

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## Youth discipleship, evangelism event set

A conference on youth discipleship and evangelism will be held Mar. 25-28 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. The conference is sponsored by the youth section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

The four-day event, for workers with youth and youth leaders, will feature training sessions on Disciple Youth I and II, elective courses in youth discipleship and evangelism and evening Bible study sessions.

A special feature of the conference will be a youth rally Tuesday night, Mar. 26, at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. All area youth are invited to participate in the rally which will feature Jay Strack, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Seminary, will be the Bible study leader.

The \$85 registration and program fee should be sent to Youth Section, Church Training Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234.

## Indian church turns flood into blessing

The rains came down and the floods came up, as the children's song says. But Bowen Indian Church in Tulsa, Okla., was "built upon the rock" so it stood firm.

The building suffered, but the "church" is rebuilding from a May 28 flood which rose five feet in the auditorium, warped pews and piled them against the door alongside the pulpit, pushed out walls, soaked the preacher's library, ruined two buses and left mud everywhere.

But pastor Ira Pisachubbee calls the flood a blessing because, in the rebuilding, the church is expanding its facility which had been bursting with people.

The church had grown from 40 in Sunday school when Pisachubbee became pastor in September 1980 to a regular 130-150 attendance. The rebuilt sanctuary will seat nearly 300.

The church is buying surrounding land and is talking about building a new facility.

"If we really want to see something done, this is the time to do it." Pisachubbee told his congregation recently, "I don't ever want us to slow down or stop. I just want us to keep going because there are a lot of people that aren't saved yet that need to be saved."

Pisachubbee thinks big. He was pastor of an Anglo church in Oakhurst for 13 years before coming to Bowen, his first Indian pastorate.

"Many Indian churches feel like they can't do it because they've never tried," says Pisachubbee, a Choctaw. "I've always felt anybody can do anything they want to."

## Former China missionary Josephine Ward dies

Josephine Ward, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary teacher to China and then Taiwan, died Jan. 23 in a Lakeland, Fla. hospital after a sudden illness. She was 87.

Miss Ward retired in 1967 after 45 years of missionary service. After her missionary appointment in 1922, she taught in Baptist schools in Shanghai and Keifeng, China.

## baptist forum

Bread for the World helps procure aid

Robert O'Brien's article "How we can help Africa's starving," (Western Recorder issue of Jan. 15, 1985) is relevant to effective long term aid to these destitute people. As far as I am concerned, he has touched all the bases.

But I would like to point out an organization already doing much that he suggests. I gather that O'Brien writes primarily to Southern Baptists. Bread for the World is an ecumenical lobbying

effort that tracks legislation through the national legislature. BFW is also responsible for bills that zero in on effectiveness and reform so that aid gets to where it is intended. I have been a member of this relevant organization almost since its inception 10 years ago. I can vouch for its integrity. One of our own Southern Baptists, James Dunn, is now its president. I only wish I had a rostrum to promote such an efficient and commendable organ for social justice.

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# homes for children

## They need us now

"Of all created things the loveliest and most divine are children." I recently heard a national news commentator say these words on the evening newscast. He indicated they were the words of a poet. The quote prefaced the showing of pictures which revealed the plight of children in our society.

It is a fact that an alarming number of children are being abducted today. They are being stolen away, misused and abused by adults. Most often they are used in child pornography, prostitution and other methods of sexual abuse. After being used, many of them are murdered and only a few are ever recovered alive. Parents are warned not to let their children far from them in public. And children are being taught not to take up with strangers.

Our children, the potential victims of such horrible atrocities, cannot protect themselves, or even call attention to their plight. Therefore, we adults must pay the price to provide protection for them. Legislators also must be urged to pass stiff laws that will help protect our children.

Among children who are not stolen away are multitudes who live in circumstances that hurt and scar them. These children are caught in the cross fire of family troubles and disintegration. These comprise the host of children who need the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children. Whatever may have happened, circumstances are such that these neglected, dependent children cannot now live in their family situation. The children are not the cause of the problem, but they feel the burden and hurt of it and must have help.

Surely no one would dispute the poet's word about the child being the loveliest of all created things. What is more precious in our eyes than an innocent, dependent, trusting child? And I certainly believe they are the most divine of all created things, because they are human beings made in the image of God. There is the divine spark in each one; therefore, each one is precious and important in the sight of God, with untold potential for good. However, unless properly trained and guided toward our Lord, each one has untold possibility for evil.

I am so thankful Kentucky Baptists care enough to make possible the tremendously important ministry to those who must have an alternative home.

# Race Track Chaplains of America

by Denise George,  
State Correspondent

On Jan. 13-16, race track chaplains from all over the country met at Breckinridge Inn, Louisville, to conduct their annual national convention.

The event included a seminar on stress and evangelism directed by Bill Smith, a Christian counselor in Lexington, personal testimonies of various chaplains, preaching services in area churches and a tour of Churchill Downs.

Why did they decide to meet in Louisville this year?

"This was a first for many of us to be in the Bluegrass state and be able to visit Churchill Downs—a thoroughbred race track steeped in memories and traditions," explained Bill Miller, chaplain at Latonia Race Track, Florence, Ky.

Race Track Chaplaincy of America is a non-denominational organization begun in 1971 at Gulfstream Park Race Track in Florida. It is now based in Ft. Worth, Tex. The founder, Horace "Salty" Roberts, was "determined to bring the gospel of light into the midst of darkness."

The organization has grown to 28 chaplains from many denominations on approximately 50 race tracks throughout the United States. At any given



Retired Kentucky WMU executive director Kathryn Akridge and her husband Bill with other RTCA members at January meeting.

time, they minister to some 1500-2000 people.

A chaplain must be endorsed by his denomination. Salaries come from contributions by organizations, churches and individuals who are interested in the effort. The tracks also supply a portion of the salaries.

The chaplains direct their ministry to the race track industry, but primarily toward those persons employed on the

backside. (The "backside" refers to those persons who work with the horses in training procedures and in preparation for races.)

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## hold annual convention in Louisville

and drug, marriage and family counseling as well as spiritual counseling.

"One on one witnessing for Christ is potentially unlimited as we walk the backside of the race track," states Miller. "We also try to provide emergency aids such as money, food and clothing as the need should arise."

According to Miller's associate, Southern Seminary student Todd Hanson, the chaplains are looking for opportunities to speak and present slide presentations on their unique ministry to the backside. They hope to make others more aware of the need.

What is the race track chaplain's common goal? Miller sums it up:

"To become totally immersed in another's world and problems. The chaplain must become all things to all people in order that by every possible means some might see Jesus."

(Louisville's center for race track ministry is the Horsemen's Christian Center on Fourth Street. Phone: 634-8642.)

Chaplains and council members leave a bus at Horseman's Christian Center.



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## clear creek comment

### As I grow older

When the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery to Jesus, they were tempting him, trying to catch him in a misstatement or a contradiction of Moses' teaching. Our Lord did not fall into their trap and finally responded to their challenge that the law commanded them to stone her by saying, "He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone" (John 8:7).

I think it is significant that scripture records that they went out "beginning at the eldest" (v. 9). There are some things in life that are achieved and appreciated more as we grow older. Oliver Goldsmith said, "I love everything that's old: old friends, old times, old names, old books . . ." I also love old things and as I ponder the fact that I am growing older today I want to share with you my aspirations.

As I grow older, I want to grow in wisdom and maturity. The scripture says, "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding" (Job 12:12). I am keenly aware that I have not yet attained in this area. For example, as president of Clear Creek Baptist School, I should be a wise executive of this great school—but I am reminded every day of my lack in this area. Clear Creek is having its greatest days ever and even greater days lie ahead. However, sometimes I believe that the Lord is blessing us in spite of this poor, weak president and leader, not because of my leadership.

As I grow older, I want to continue to achieve for the Lord and serve him. When Caleb was 85 years old, he said, "Give me this mountain . . . then I shall be able to drive them out"—willing to mount a vigorous effort and to war against the sons of Amak (Joshua 14:12). Dr. Eddleman, Dr. Chiles, Professor Fitts, Dr. Robertson and Dr. Pomeroy encourage us at Clear Creek because they continue to serve the Lord vigorously and lead us. I am convinced that no Christian should ever retire from the Lord's work.

As I grow older, I want to eagerly face each new day and enthusiastically press forward in service of the Lord. As Robert Browning said: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made; Our times are in his hand Who saith 'A whole I planned, Youth shows but half; trust God: see all, nor be afraid!'"

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

## oneida journal

### Hold the fort

"Attached is a check for \$60 to be used for general school purposes. During 1983 my wife and I sent Oneida \$30 a quarter, \$120 per year. Then in 1984 we increased our gifts to \$45 a quarter, \$180 per year.

"We have decided that we can increase our giving to \$60 a quarter during 1985, \$240 a year. We recognize that these are relatively small gifts and hope that more of your supporters will increase their giving. Even a small amount will enable Oneida to continue the very important Christian and educational programs of the school."

This Frankfort friend thrilled us with his letter. Twenty dollars per month is NOT considered a small gift at Oneida.

A dear lady writes from Owensboro: "We shall be praying for Oneida more often for now we have one of the girls of our church at the school. I feel she could not be in any better school no matter what her needs are.

"I wish I could give a bit more but we are in an enlargement time in our own church. In a short few years we find our country church in the midst of seven or eight subdivisions. We feel they are ours to reach.

"I teach the class of ladies who came to visit you in the summer of '83. We really loved the school."

From Piqua, Oh.: "Enclosed is a check for \$50. I will be sending a check for the same amount the first of each month.

"The Lord has greatly blessed my life. When we sold a few shares of stock I told my husband I would like to take

10 percent and give it to the Lord. After praying about it Oneida came clearly to my mind.

"I came from a broken home and my dear mother, now gone to be with the Lord, put me and my two sisters in a boarding school situation. It was hard on my mother to keep us in school because she worked. My father did pay and help with most of my education, but sometimes it was hard for her to get money from him in time to pay our bills. I can certainly feel for the students that can't pay their way. So maybe my checks will help in some small way.

"My father is 89 years old and I pray that he will know the Lord as his personal savior before he dies. I would appreciate your adding him to your long prayer list."

Another lady, who was blessed by the giving of anonymous friends, writes: "Enclosed is a small check. I wish it were larger because the cause is so important. Somebody saw that my needs were met when I went to Berea College in 1938. I think it is wonderful that anybody can have a part in another's education.

"I am retired and my husband retires in June. We hope we can continue healthy enough to come to Oneida on one of your work projects. He is a great artisan: journeyman tool and die, electrician, carpenter, carver. He has his master's (degree) in industrial technology, but you'd never know that when he dons his coveralls.

"Hold the fort! We have told and showed many folks your book *Dawn Comes To The Mountains*. Some of our friends know little of Oneida, but bought the book because of the fabulous pictures of early days in our part of Kentucky. We appreciate the struggles you are enduring for the sake of all those wonderful kids."

Some years ago a dear lady gave us a summer in volunteer service. She tutored in remedial reading each day and played the organ at our daily chapel service. She had a chance to see our program "close-up," warts and all. But she has been a faithful supporter ever since in her prayers and in her giving. In her 80's she recently wrote: "I appreciate so much that Oneida students are required to do a year of Bible study. In my prayers I ask that God will call the best of teachers for that place. You do so much for all the children. But, of course, your daily chapel and your teaching them the word ranks highest I think. May God bless all your work."



**H. C. Chiles**  
Clear Creek Baptist School,  
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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 17, 1985

International Series

### Resurrection and life

During critical illness Lazarus received the best care the loving hearts and tender hands of his sisters Martha and Mary could provide, but his condition did not improve.

**John 11:20-27** As soon as word reached Martha that Christ was approaching her home she went out to meet him. Her statement, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," indicated she had sufficient faith in illness but not in death. She did not see in Christ the same sovereignty over death which he held over disease.

Martha interpreted Christ's declaration, "Thy brother shall rise again," to mean Lazarus would rise on the resurrection day. She and Mary did not know Christ had the power to raise the dead then and there. So Christ uttered those matchless words, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," which have brought untold comfort and assurance to countless sorrowing hearts. How encouraging and comforting it is to every believer to know that he too shall experience physical death but he shall also experience resurrection and live again!

**John 11:38-44** Christ, the bereaved sisters and some friends proceeded to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Christ told the friends to remove the stone from the entrance to the tomb.

Martha remonstrated with her Lord, reminding him Lazarus had been dead for four days and by this time the body would be decomposing; therefore, removing the stone would pollute the air.

The men removed the stone and there lay Lazarus. Christ lifted his voice in thanksgiving to God, after which he called Lazarus to come forth from the tomb and restored him to life. Thus Christ demonstrated he was and is the Lord of life and the one who has power over death and the grave.

Life and Work Series

### Power over life

**John 10:2-4** As night approached each shepherd led his sheep to the door of the sheepfold. After the sheep passed through the door, the shepherd left them in the care of the porter. In the morning the shepherds returned to get their respective flocks. The shepherd called his sheep, was recognized by them and they departed into the pasture.

**John 10:7-11** Christ's great and grand statement, "I am the door," emphasized how essential he is to life, both from the standpoint of an entrance and of an exit. Christ is the door to salvation. He is the only means of entrance into the fold or family of God. He said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Christ is also the door to security. All who enter this door will find protection from the pangs of the past, the perils of the present and the fears of the future. In Christ they are safe forever.

Christ never more fully expressed his mission than in the words, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."  
**John 10:14-18** Christ our savior and Lord, who called himself "the good shepherd," watches over his sheep (God's children) far better than any earthly shepherd watches over his sheep. He knows all of their weaknesses, dangers, cares, temptations and needs, and provides for all their physical, intellectual and spiritual needs. To avoid wandering away from him, Christ's sheep need hearing ears and following feet. Having received the abundant life which Christ provides and gives, it is our delightful privilege to live a more purposeful life on earth and a more joyous life in heaven. To live with God forever will surpass anything known to man.



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## on mission together

### A new generation

On Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m., the chimes from old Dothan First Church organ signaled the walk of my son's bride, with her father, down the center aisle where I stood, together with the rest of the wedding party.

After the declaration of consent, and a kiss from her father, we moved to a higher level where I would have the blessed privilege of marrying my first-born to the first-born of another, now-special family.

Dothan is a long way from Kentucky and Virginia. Those who were there representing "our side" of the family became especially dear. Several had come a long way; snow and ice had prevented a few.

One of my closest friends had re-

minded me earlier, when I asked how he kept from "breaking" during the service, that I should not "reminisce long" and, above all, "don't look at your wife!" I kept his admonition.

In what seemed but a few minutes, it was over, and I could almost hear the silent cheer that Alice was making because I had made it—without cracking.

After a lovely reception, the two made their way off into the chilly night, enroute not only to their special honeymoon location but to a new life together.

The motel room seemed especially empty that night. Our two, precious, bridesmaid daughters, were asleep in the next room with my sister.

About 1 a.m., Alice and I said a special prayer for Steve and Vanessa and turned out the light. I lay awake in the dark for some time. My thoughts included gratitude to God for such a fine Christian mate for our son; for the new support group that together they have

already developed; for such fine parents-in-law for Steve; for their mutual commitment to Christ and for their positive feeling toward his church.

But there were other, less noble thoughts: a self-pitying sense of finality about one part of a long relationship and no experience yet with what others assure is an even richer relationship to come.

Suddenly, without warning, a flow of memories burst forth, and I watched them parade in quick step across my mind. Then, just as suddenly, they were gone, the only remnants a lump in my throat and a dampened pillow.

And now we're home again. School, chores and work make their rightful and healthy demands upon us. No time for lingering long at the well of memories, but nice to know that the well is full when we need a drink.

Time is relentless as God creates new generations. And I, now too soon, am part of the old.

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# Kentucky Acteens Advisory Panel

Nine years ago, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, began a project for Acteens called the National Acteens Advisory Panel. The panel consists of six Acteens from across the Southern Baptist Convention. Their responsibilities include writing for Accent, the Acteens magazine, serving as pages at the WMU, SBC annual meeting and at the Southern Baptist Convention, speaking at the WMU, SBC annual meeting and representing Acteens and WMU in their home state during the year. Kentucky has had two representatives on this council in 1982 and 1983. This year we have our third representative.

The panel has proven to be a positive experience for Acteens on the national level. Therefore, Kentucky WMU has decided to have a state advisory council. Plans for this council began in early 1984. To be considered for the panel a girl must be a Christian, 14 years old or older and in the ninth grade, active in her Acteens organization and a member

of a Southern Baptist church. She must be able to attend three state Acteens events during the year.

During the year the panel will carry out these responsibilities:

1. Work with the state Acteens consultant in planning and carrying out state programs.
2. Attend and speak at the Kentucky WMU annual meeting.
3. Attend and preside at the state Acteens Conference.
4. Attend a week of Acteens camp at Cedar Crest or Jonathan Creek.
5. Attend and speak at a Fall Missions Cometogether.

This state panel is made up of five Acteens from Kentucky. They are selected by a committee on the basis of their participation and leadership in Acteens. The girls will serve for one year and will be involved in speaking, writing and giving program suggestions to the state WMU office.

Meet the 1985 Acteens advisory panel.

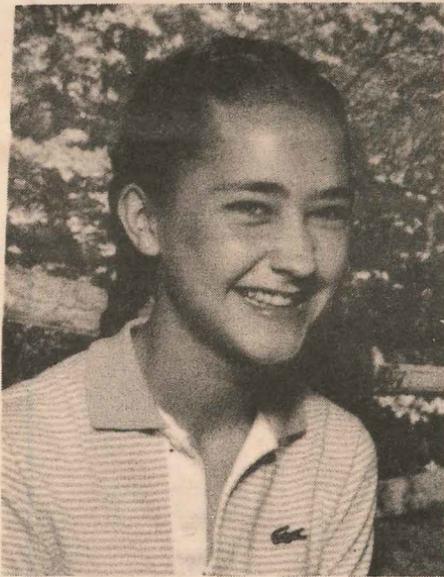


Miss Holtzlaw

**Hannah Holtzlaw**, 17 years old, First Baptist Church and Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has been an Acteen for four years.

"Acteens means the opportunity to learn about missions and how it works and operates. I give credit to Acteens for a lot of my Christian growth."

Hannah has also been selected to serve on the National Acteens Advisory Panel. This panel is selected by the Acteens staff in Birmingham, Ala. She, along with five other Acteens from Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, California and Louisiana will speak at the National WMU Annual Meeting in Dallas and write for Accent magazine.



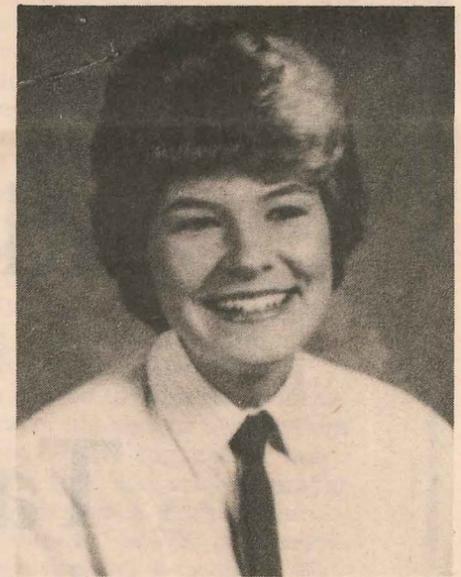
Miss Newton

**Sherri Newton**, 16 years old, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Greensburg, has been an Acteen for four years.

"Acteens has played an important role in my life. It has made me aware of how I can use my talents, great or small, to do mission work where I am."

**Jacquita Baggett**, 16 years old, Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, has been an Acteen for four years.

"Acteens is a very important part of my life. I enjoy . . . learning about missionaries and other countries. Besides the learning part, I also have a good time fellowshiping with girls my own age."



Miss Baggett

**Cathy Bonham**, 14 years old, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, has been an Acteen for two years.

"Acteens is exciting, challenging and fun. Excitement is when a girl comes to VBS because I left a flyer on her doorstep or when a guy on an oil rig near Chile gets a Christmas card I made, his first since he started working on Christmas day six years ago."



Miss Bonham



Miss Burkeen

**Kelli Burkeen**, 16 years old, Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Murray, has been an Acteen for four years.

"I feel each area of Acteens is important to complete a well-rounded background in missions. I find personal witnessing the most meaningful. It provides the opportunity for me to share the wonderful blessings the Lord has given me, on a one-to-one or group basis."