



For 1984-85 fiscal year

Severns Valley, Sutton churches top budget giving

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

For the 18th consecutive year Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, is the undisputed leader among state Baptist congregations in giving to the denomination's worldwide mission budget, the Cooperative Program.

With gifts of \$245,950, the E'town congregation is at least \$99,565 ahead of any other church in the state in support of the unified budgeting plan.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of the 2940-member E'town church.

In five years, Severns Valley's gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased \$125,652, up from \$120,298 in the fiscal year 1979-80. This represents a growth rate of more than 104 percent in only five years.

A year ago, Severns Valley sent \$196,732 of its offering plate receipts to the Cooperative Program, and \$160,712 the year before that. This means the congregation has increased its gifts by 25 percent in one year and 53 percent in two years.

15 people make a difference

In per capita giving, for the first time Sutton Baptist Church, Pike Association, has moved into first place. It was in second place a year ago.

The 15-member Sutton Church, pastored by Edward L. Gardner, gave \$2019 to the Cooperative Program in the year just ended, or \$134.61 per capita. Its gifts are at least \$29.05 ahead of any other congregation's per capita giving record in the state.

1983-84's receipts from Sutton totaled \$114.44. It has improved its giving total by more than \$20 per member in the last year.

Great expectations

There are some predictables and a few surprises in the lists of top 10 churches in both dollar and per capita giving in the state in the year just closed, too. The annual giving report of top 100 churches was released last week by the

KBC Stewardship Department and was prepared by the KBC Accounting Services Department.

Among the "expected," nine of the congregations in the top 10 in the state in dollar giving in 1983-84 are "repeats" on the same list in 1984-85. Six of the nine gave more to the Cooperative Program in the last year than the previous one, while three of these congregations gave less.

A 10th church, First, Madisonville, which had ranked 12th a year earlier, claimed seventh spot in the top 10 list this year.

Of the other nine in this elite grouping, churches occupying the first, second, third and eighth spots a year ago remained in those same positions this year.

First, Paducah, significantly improved its dollar gift ranking by jumping from ninth to fourth spot. Immanuel, Lexington, which had been seventh a year earlier, moved into fifth place on this list.

The other three churches in the top 10 a year ago fell below their ranking then but were still high enough to remain in the top 10.

Surprise! surprise!

The per capita listing, meanwhile, contains several surprises.

While six congregations included in the top 10 a year ago remain there this year, four new ones were added to this significant grouping of congregations.

The church in first place for three consecutive years fell to 67th place in the year just ended. This church's membership increased from 115 to 156 during the year, a growth rate of more than 35 percent. Its Cooperative Program giving was cut by more than 50 percent, however.

A second congregation in the top 10 a year ago fell all the way out of the top 100 churches in the year just ended.

One congregation—Severns Valley, E'town—is named in both top 10 lists.

While Severns Valley is first in dollar giving, it is also eighth in per capita giving, up from 23rd place a year earlier.

Associational leaders

Among the top 10 dollar givers, nine associations are represented.

Elkhorn Association, with both Immanuel and Porter Memorial churches named on this coveted list, is the only association with more than one congregation included.

Other associations with churches in the top 10 dollar giving group include Severns Valley, Pulaski, Daviess-McLean, West Union, Taylor County, Little Bethel, Mercer and Boones Creek.

Among per capita leaders, eight associations are represented.

Pike (with Sutton and First, Belfry) and Taylor County (with Good Hope and Mt. Gilboa) associations each have more than one congregation included in the top 10.

Other associations with churches in the top 10 per capita giving group include Blood River, Muhlenberg, Pulaski, Little Bethel, Severns Valley and Blackford.

Top 10, dollar giving

The top 10 dollar givers are listed here with information in the following sequence: rank, church, city, pastor, Cooperative Program gifts, membership total in parentheses, association. The Accounting Services Department does not report cents given with dollar amounts. Any discrepancies should be reported to that office.

1. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$245,950, (2940), Severns Valley.
2. First, Somerset, Robert Franklin Browning, \$146,385, (1919), Pulaski.
3. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$136,355, (2545), Daviess-McLean.
4. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$128,800, (2796), West Union.
5. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$120,982, (3402), Elkhorn.
6. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$118,939, (2169), Taylor County.
7. First, Madisonville, H. Garrison Coltharp, \$109,562, (3021), Little Bethel.
8. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$106,224, (2007), Mercer.
9. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$101,762, (1853), Boones Creek.
10. Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, \$100,263, (2927), Elkhorn.

Top 10, per capita giving

The top 10 in this grouping are identified by association and, if known, also by city.

1. Sutton, Edward L. Gardner, \$134.61, (15), Pike.
2. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$105.56, (496), Blood River.
3. Woodland, E. W. Greenwalt, \$103.17, (222), Muhlenberg.
4. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Sam Crawford, \$94.31, (841), Pulaski.
5. Good Hope, George Gaddie, \$92.73, (185), Taylor County.
6. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$86.12, (620), Little Bethel.
7. First, Belfry, James Watt Jr., \$84.48, (599), Pike.
8. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$83.65, (2940), Severns Valley.
9. Pellville, Arthur R. Morris Jr., \$81.55, (298), Blackford.
10. Mt. Gilboa, Roger Alford, \$76.70, (158), Taylor County.

Nos. 11-100, dollar giving

11. First Murray, Greg E. Earwood, \$95,081, (1878), Blood River.
12. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$94,646, (1975), Daviess-McLean.
13. First, Bowling Green, Richard W. Bridges, \$93,825, (3046), Warren.
14. Second, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, \$93,715, (2358), Christian.
15. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$90,418, (2236), Mt. Zion.
16. Hurstbourne, Louisville, T. L. McSwain, \$89,020, (1288), Long Run.
17. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vassar Jr., \$86,545, (1611), Shelby County.
18. Beacon Hill, Pulaski, Sam Crawford, \$79,320, (841), Pulaski.
19. Calvary, Lexington, J. Dan Cooper, \$77,034, (2606), Elkhorn.
20. First, Mayfield, Roger Willmore, \$73,736, (1633), Graves County.
21. Highview, Louisville, William L. Hancock, \$70,162, (4344), Long Run.
22. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$69,683, (1104), Muhlenberg.
23. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$68,378, (1247), Ohio County.
24. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$66,587, (1600), Greenup.
25. Broadway, Ronald W. Higdon, \$66,334, (1351), Long Run.
26. Valley View, T. Howell Upchurch, \$64,525, (2265), Long Run.
27. Glasgow, Delton M. Beal, \$63,333, (2166), Liberty.
28. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$59,702, (1282), Muhlenberg.
29. Florence, Timothy Alexander, \$59,653, (1648), Northern Kentucky.
30. First, Hopkinsville, Ralph Wayne Hodge, \$59,443, (1978), Christian.
31. Burgin, \$58,267, (847), Mercer.
32. Buena Vista, Jewell Ray Pruitt, \$57,464, (1088), Daviess-McLean.
33. First, Franklin, David W. Crocker, \$56,561, (1630), Simpson.
34. Shively, Bruce H. Hodge, \$56,086, (2334), Long Run.
35. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$55,883, (1012), Grayson.
36. Bellevue, Gerard E. Howell, \$55,084, (749), Daviess-McLean.
37. Erlanger, William E. Crosby, \$54,440, (1435), Northern Kentucky.
38. Eastwood, James W. Haskell, \$54,078, (939), Warren.
39. Lone Oak, Willis W. Henson, \$53,827, (1941), West Union.
40. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$53,397, (620), Little Bethel.
41. Highland, Paul D. Duke, \$52,695, (1350), Long Run.
42. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$52,379, (1070), Bethel.
43. First, Pikeville, Glenn W. Mollette, \$52,377, (1155), Pike.
44. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$52,360, (496), Blood River.
45. First, Belfry, James Watt Jr., \$50,606, (599), Pike.
46. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$49,588, (683), Muhlenberg.
47. First, Lawrenceburg, Bob C. Jones, \$49,426, (1159), Anderson.
48. Immanuel, Malcolm C. Lunceford, \$49,045, (733), Franklin.
49. Walnut Street, \$49,033, (6291), Long Run.
50. Crescent Hill, Harold Stephen Shoemaker, \$48,875, (1549), Long Run.
51. First, Richmond, Curtis H. Warf, \$48,414, (1163), Tates Creek.
52. Lyndon, Hugh B. Goldsby, \$47,548, (1223), Long Run.
53. Westport Road, James B. Lewis, \$47,094, (1075), Long Run.
54. Farmdale, William J. Sullivan, \$47,090, (1578), Long Run.
55. Lexington Avenue, Danville, Robert Gayle Baker, \$47,089, (1405), South District.
56. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$45,943, (601), Ohio Valley.
57. First, Princeton, Bill Tichenor, \$45,595, (1468), Caldwell-Lyon.
58. Hall Street, C. Richard Dendler, \$45,531, (1363), Daviess-McLean.
59. Burlington, Paul J. Godsey, \$45,082, (990), Northern Kentucky.
60. Versailles, Henry D. Johns, \$44,751, (1277), Elkhorn.

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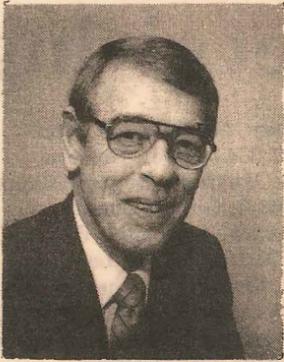
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Executive Committee actions

Recent actions by the SBC Executive Committee leave some serious questions unanswered, and some very important issues unresolved.

In addressing the threatened lawsuit by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crowder, the Executive Committee said they affirmed the actions of the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention which accepted the appointments and nominations for the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards.

If the Executive Committee can affirm a decision of the SBC, the question logically follows, can they also disaffirm convention action?

If the Executive Committee can disaffirm convention decisions then this concept opens some awesome possibilities for the future and would make the Executive Committee not only the convention ad interim, but would give veto power to a handful of people. Surely this is not the intent of the bylaws nor the constitution of the convention.

For example, the SBC not only approves a budget for the year, but also approves the distribution of that budget to agencies, commissions and committees of the convention. If the Executive Committee has power to disaffirm actions taken by the SBC then the possibility exists that the Executive Committee could distribute Cooperative Program funds anyway it sees fit, thus circumventing the will of the convention.

Another matter of concern is the Executive Committee's refusal to take action on several referrals made by the Dallas convention. No doubt the reason for refusal to act is tied to a deep desire on the part of most Southern Baptists to keep the waters calm while the Peace Committee works on our problems.

However, we cannot stop working nor can we stop seeking improvement in convention life during the Peace Committee's deliberations. There are important issues which need specific action which has been delayed too long already.

For example, the Executive Committee refused to recommend any changes in existing bylaws, except to change the titles of executive staff members required by Tennessee law. One such recommendation sought to change the number of trustees from any one church who could serve on a convention agency board. A referral made to the Executive Committee called for not more than one trustee from the same church on any board, institution or committee. The Executive Committee refused to make such a recommendation and thus leaves unchallenged the obvious unfairness of our present system which has put several people from the same church on some of our trustee groups. The simple fairness of this referred amendment should appeal to most Southern Baptists, but the Executive Committee did not see it that way.

In my opinion all of this says we are not in the mood to challenge nor correct some obvious weak points in our structure. The bylaw which permits the

SBC president to appoint the Committee on Committees vests tremendous power in the presidency. A referral to change this bylaw so that the president and the vice presidents would constitute a committee to make these appointments was rejected by the Executive Committee. Such a recommendation, if accepted by the SBC, would at least take the power out of the hands of one man and perhaps stop the stacking of boards.

Another referred amendment, made by Russell Bennett, director of missions for Long Run Association, Kentucky, would have required the appointment of members to the Committee on Committees from a list presented by each state convention president. This amendment, and others like it, has explosive potential. It would be an action which would strip the president of his control over the selection of trustees. Reaction would be swift, vocal and most probably negative from certain quarters in our convention. Yet some way must be found to reduce the power to control the SBC trustee appointment process. That power now resides solely with the president, and that has been the battle ground for several years.

The matters referred to the Executive Committee are serious concerns which ultimately must be faced and resolved if we are to have any semblance of peace among us. Perhaps the timing is bad, but when is it ever a good time to defuse a bomb? Someone, sometime, somewhere must find the courage to act.

It is obvious the Executive Committee did not think they were the ones, nor this the time, for such potentially explosive action. They may be absolutely correct in their assumption, but who and when must be answered soon or we will see no end to the rupture in our convention.

Miracle cure gone

This editor was in revival services last week at Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, and received a gift from Rose Cook, secretary at Dawson, which has been an eye-opener.

Mrs. Cook gave me a copy of the Nov. 29, 1900 edition of Western Recorder which hailed a miracle cure available free to readers of the paper.

The miracle cure was Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, sure to cure "neuralgia, nervousness, headache, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, a dragging or dull ache in the back, sleeplessness, dizziness, irregular heart, breathlessness, sallow, unhealthy complexion." The cure was available at "drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle," but free to those who subscribed to Western Recorder.

Western Recorder can no longer offer such amazing remedies to readers, but we offer a bargain nonetheless. For only 10 cents a week on a church budget plan you can have the paper delivered to your door 50 weeks a year. That may not be a cure for anything but it can open eyes to the great work of Kentucky and Southern Baptists. That is a bargain worth having.

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Profiles from my old Kentucky home

FRANCES YORK

Frances York is a petite lady who goes quietly about doing good.

She is not much younger than the widows she takes care of, including shopping, taking them to the doctor, and being on call when emergencies arise. Recently she spent most of the night with one of the "girls" whom doctors feared would not survive a heart attack.

She was also an encourager when the neighborhood was wiped out by flood waters of the nearby Cumberland River. And that is not all she does.

For the past 25 years Frances has been clerk for West Pineville Baptist Church. She was Sunday school director, a teacher in Sunday school and Church Training, and a leader in mission activities.

She has been very generous toward the students of the local theological school because of the love for her church and its many student pastors.



In early August 1981, an old car, loaded with all of a family's belongings, arrived at Clear Creek School. Han Cho, a Korean from California, had spent more than a month praying and fasting, and was sure the Lord wanted him to come to the mountain school.

The only problem was that the school administrators did not know he was coming and there was no available housing. School had started and the young man, his wife and baby boy were a long way from home with no place to go.

Frances York and her husband, Everett, invited the family home with them until housing was available on campus.

Whether it is selecting groceries, waiting on the needs of a loved one, or helping a ministerial student, no doubt Frances York has proven to be a Good Samaritan in Wallsend.

THE GREENES

"There is a song in their hearts" is a vivid description of Bradley and Shirley Greene of Laurel River Baptist Association.

Bradley recalls his upbringing in a home where his parents lived and taught the Bible. His father has not missed Sunday school or church in more than two decades.

Shirley also has a background of Christian training. She is from a musically talented family and began piano lessons as a child to enhance her God-given talents. She is a fourth generation descendant of the historic Swiss Colony family that settled the Bernstadt community near London.

After their marriage in 1960, two daughters and a miracle of healing in Shirley's life, they have combined their efforts to spread the gospel through music.

Bradley is a deacon, Sunday school teacher and music director of East Pittsburg Baptist Church.



Shirley is pianist, youth leader, Sunday school secretary and director of the children's choir.

Both contribute to the community for funerals and other areas of service and have visited and sung in congregations throughout the state.

When the Joe Mobley Evangelistic Association was formed 10 years ago they became active workers. Brad is vice president of the board of directors and works with the tape ministry. Shirley is secretary-treasurer for the association and is responsible for the monthly newsletter.

Yet she finds time to act as chaperone for the Laurel County High School band in which both her daughters are members.

Bradley has given vacation time for several years to attend summer classes at Clear Creek School to better equip himself for his ministry.

As they share throughout the state their love goes out.

C. M. STEVENS

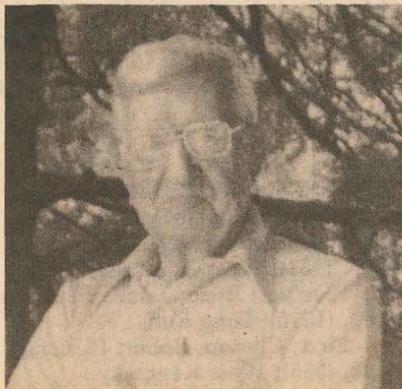
C. M. Stevens of Harlan is 76 years of age but one of the most active gentlemen in the mountains.

He is highly regarded by the dry forces of the county and not so highly regarded by the opposite. His efforts have been credited with keeping the county "dry" through several campaigns to change the situation.

Born in Madisonville, Ky. in February 1909, he accepted Christ as savior at age 12. Following business college he moved to Harlan County in 1927 to seek his fortune in the booming coal industry at Coxton Mining Camp. He also became active in the work of the Baptist church and was Sunday school superintendent a number of years.

In 1931 he began teaching Sunday school and has continued until now. He started teaching boys and girls, but for the past 39 years he has been working with adults.

Except for a short time when his



work transferred him to Floyd County, Ky., the past 58 years have been spent in Harlan County.

Stevens has served on various committees in state Baptist work. He is presently on the nominating committee.

He is active in the Gideon International Bible Society and a past treasurer of the group.

A Boy Scout worker for years, he was presented the highest award given by that organization, "The Silver Beaver Award," for his efforts to revitalize scouting in Harlan. Since 1950 he has been committee chairman or institutional representative of his own Harlan Baptist Church troop and pack.

Sometimes called "Mr. Community Betterment," he is active in the Harlan Kiwanis Club and currently is secretary-treasurer.

C. M. and his wife Eva will celebrate their 56th anniversary in December.

EARL LOVITT

He reads and writes the Bible for a hobby.

"If you can learn from reading, you can learn more if you write it down," states Earl Lovitt of Corbin who recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

In 1981 he had a dream of reading the New Testament in his own handwriting. The task was begun June 15, 1981 and completed July 30, 1982.

His present goal is to read the entire New Testament in one 12-hour day. Pending cataract surgery has slowed but not stopped his reading and writing.

Lovitt is a former educator, mining commissary operator and automobile dealer. But working for the Lord is his favorite.

A deacon and Sunday school teacher in Corbin's Central Baptist Church, he is a busy man and feels he cannot afford to miss a service. According to Lovitt, "no one can."



When asked the secret to the growth of his Sunday school class and the church, he said, "If one of my pupils is sick, I visit him. If one is absent from services, I like to find out the reason why."

"That is the way it should be with all workers. That is what makes a great church," he beamed.

In 1972 Lovitt came to Corbin from Williamsburg's First Baptist Church and became teacher of the Berean Class for adult men. Twenty-seven members were present then. Earl has attended the funeral of 23 of these men, yet has an average of 13 each week.

He visits the local hospital often and is a volunteer at nursing homes. He is an avid fisherman, hunter and golfer. The cold snowy months find him painting pictures of birds.

Each summer Lovitt is master of ceremonies for the Bon Jellico Reunion, an affair that numbers more than 300 and draws former residents from as far away as Texas. He writes letters, makes telephone calls and does the planning to see that it is a successful day.

He has been accused of refusing to grow old by his pastor, but solemnly declares that he attributes his 80 years of good health to the fact he was brought up in a Christian home where everyone went to church.



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homes for children

making hay - eldred

A pastor and layman appeared at my office and requested a few minutes of my time. They were pastor Willis McCracken and Bill Burden from Pond Run Baptist Church, Echols, Ky., in Ohio County.

In just a few minutes they were telling me of their desire to be more deeply involved in helping our ministry to children. Their church, with less than 200 members, gives about a thousand dollars each year through the Thanksgiving offering for Baptist Homes for Children. However, these men indicated they were looking for other ways for their people to be personally involved.

It so happened that Buckley Carlin, director of Glen Dale, was in the building at the time. I asked him to come in to enter into our discussion. We talked about the September Food Round-up, which is so much help to us. My guests wondered about growing corn for our freezers next year. They suggested that when the corn was ready for freezing we could bring some of our young people to help and let them visit in the homes of church members. Then the two men left with the understanding that they would talk more with their people and Carlin.

In talking with Glen Dale director Carlin they learned about the 4-H program and the animals cared for by the children at Glen Dale. Then things began to happen. Carl Williams, a church member, had a field of hay he would give. Church members helped cut and bale the hay. Staff and youth with a borrowed truck went to Ohio County, loaded the hay and hauled it to Glen Dale—1600 bales in all. Neil Baggerly, another member, had corn to give. The youth went back again and got about 100 bushels of corn for their animals.

The real value of this experience was in the youth and Pond Run church members getting to know each other. Women in the church prepared food for the workers, and the youth enjoyed it immensely. Each time they came to eat there was even homemade ice cream. At a prayer meeting in one of the homes some of the Glen Dale boys gave testimonies.

The Pond Run folk kept saying how much the experience had done to bring the church members closer together and what a blessing it had been to them. They are planning for more of this kind of involvement. I can't express how much this kind of love and support means to staff and children in our care.

Honor roll goes on in budget giving

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61. First, Danville, Albert J. Gisler, \$44,178, (1742), South District.
62. First, Whitesburg, Thomas Stokes, \$44,040, (1616) Three Forks.
63. Mt. Pisgah, \$42,824, (569), Muhlenberg.
64. Horse Creek, \$42,189, (740), Booneville.
65. DeHaven Memorial, William Day, \$42,153, (1334), Sulphur Fork.
66. Gardenside, James Edward Heard, \$41,838, (1471), Elkhorn.
67. First, Henderson, David Bratcher, \$41,178, (1427), Green Valley.
68. Latonia, Gregory L. Hancock, \$40,970, (1486), Northern Kentucky.
69. Oaklawn, Earnest A. Carpenter, \$40,810, (678), West Union.
70. Unity, Harold Cathey, \$40,481, (2309), Greenup.
71. Deer Park, \$40,308, (951), Long Run.
72. First, London, J. William Jones, \$40,252, (1327), Laurel River.
73. Harlan, Roy Carlton, \$40,179, (1132).
74. Macedonia, Denzel L. Dukes, \$38,561, (672), Daviess-McLean.
75. First, Corbin, John T. Dunaway, \$38,079, (1375), Mt. Zion.
76. Ralph Avenue, Robert L. Hill, \$37,174, (979), Long Run.
77. Marion, Ray Eugene Cummins, \$36,890, (693), Ohio River.
78. First, Paris, \$36,870, (669), Elkhorn.
79. First, Mt. Washington, Verlin Kruschwitz, \$36,833, (1404), Nelson.
80. Georgetown, Richard L. Allison, \$36,373, (1287), Elkhorn.
81. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$36,012, (756), Graves County.
82. First, Williamsburg, Harold S. Mauney, \$35,173, (1543), Mt. Zion.
83. St. Matthews, William Powell Tuck, \$35,140, (2943), Long Run.
84. Winchester, Harold Ray England, \$35,115, (1085), Elkhorn.
85. Second, Madisonville, Trueman G. Davis, \$34,979, (685), Little Bethel.
86. Immanuel, William P. Cubine, \$34,954, (1154), West Union.
87. First, Benton, Herschel Darrell Morgan, \$34,641, (708), Blood River.
88. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$34,564, (496), Mercer.
89. Rosemont, Jerome F. Browne, \$34,544, (1413), Elkhorn.
90. Scottsville, Ronald Bradley, \$34,237, (863), Allen.
91. Northside, David Lee Royalty, \$34,097, (814), Caldwell-Lyon.
92. Beechmont, Eugene I. Enlow, \$32,500, (1536), Long Run.
93. First, Hazard, Ben A. Baird, \$31,981, (1219), Three Forks.
94. Oakland Avenue, Phillip Potter, \$31,900, (823), Greenup.
95. Lewisport, Warren G. Robards, \$31,525, (642), Blackford.
96. Stithton, Gene Bronston Wagoner, \$31,499, (1660), Severns Valley.
97. Stanford, Larry S. Burcham, \$31,223, (793).
98. Hawesville, Philip D. Basinger, \$30,998, (879), Blackford.
99. Lancaster, William G. Humphrey, \$30,786, (997), South District.
100. High Street, Sammie Adkins, \$29,649, (937), Pulaski.
13. Mt. Pisgah, \$75.26, (569), Muhlenberg.
14. Bellevue, Gerard E. Howell, \$73.54, (749), Daviess-McLean.
15. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$72.60, (683), Muhlenberg.
16. Highland Hills, John W. Kruschwitz, \$72.18, 280, Northern Kentucky.
17. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$69.68, (496), Mercer.
18. Hurstbourne, T. L. McSwain, \$69.11, (1288), Long Run.
19. Burgin, \$68.79, (847), Mercer. Mercer.
20. Immanuel, Malcolm C. Luncford, \$66.91, (733), Franklin.
21. West Fork, Clifton J. Dexter, \$66.70, (231), Blood River.
22. Magnolia, James E. Hill, \$65.77, (333), Severns Valley.
23. Crestview Hills, Jerel Treas, \$63.38, (83), Northern Kentucky.
24. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$63.11, (1104), Muhlenberg.
25. First, Jenkins, \$62.48, (205), Pike.
26. Locust Grove, Jack Jones, \$60.72, (174), Blood River.
27. Oaklawn, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$60.19, (678), West Union.
28. Eastwood, James W. Haskell, \$57.59, (939), Warren.
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81. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$46.57, (1282), Muhlenberg.
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97. Shiloh, Herschel Jennings, \$44.25, (138), West Kentucky.
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clear creek comment

Trees

The mountains never bloom in beauty and majesty more than they do in October in southeastern Kentucky. Each hill is alive with and blazing glory. Autumn is my favorite time of the year. The air is crisp and clear. The weather is a perfect blend of cool and warm. And then there are the trees.

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Trees are important to me as a Christian. The test Adam failed in Eden involved a tree and Revelation tells us that the tree of life will be in the midst of heaven. The ninth chapter of Judges tells of a parable involving trees trying to find a king to rule over them.

Our Lord both told about a fig tree, cursed a fig tree and was crucified on a "tree." Trees are important to me and I can learn from the integral role they play in our lives on this earth.

God makes trees. They are a part of our Lord's provisions for us through nature. Joyce Kilmer penned the immortal lines:

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree . . . Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Trees also provide a contrast to man's attempts to change our earth through "civilization." I am earth against outdoor advertising (in fact Clear Creek is promoted on a billboard or two), but I enjoy Ogden Nash's humorous satire:

"I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree. Indeed, unless the billboards fall I'll never see a tree at all!"

Finally, trees teach us about eternal truth, enduring values and God's providential march through history. The slow and silent growth of a tree parallels God's quiet and unobserved hand at work in our world. All of the most magnificent attempts of men to make an impact on history and change his world are insignificant and unimportant to comparison to God's continuing work in the world.

Thursday, Oct. 24 we begin our fall trustees' meeting at Clear Creek. All that we prayerfully consider and discuss will be looked at in the light of God's will for his world. We want our Lord's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We covet your prayers for this most worthy ministry of Kentucky Baptists. Come visit us at Clear Creek. We'll walk all over our campus, talk and share fellowship . . . and look at the TREES!

Ex-Floridian is named Florida paper associate

Greg Warner, news coordinator for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for five years, has been elected associate editor of the Florida Baptist Witness effective Oct. 1.

The New York native grew up in the Lakeland, Fla., area, graduated magna cum laude from Florida Southern College (1976) in Lakeland with a BA degree in communications and earned the MDiv degree (1980) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and the MA degree in journalism from North Texas State University (1985).

During his college years Warner

worked as a part time sports reporter for the Lakeland Ledger and was editor-in-chief of The Southern, campus newspaper of Florida Southern College.

Warner married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Lynn Busing, in 1976. She holds bachelor and masters degrees from Texas Christian University and is a speech pathologist. The couple have a two-year-old son, Dane. (BP)

Video magazine planned by Southern Seminary

Doing the Word, a video magazine produced by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will premiere on the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN) Oct. 15 at noon

EDT and at 10:45 a.m. EDT Oct. 21.

The 15-minute program will spotlight persons and programs at Southern Seminary, according to Julie Seckman, seminary video production coordinator.

The purpose of the program, Miss Seckman said, is to inform Southern Baptists of what is happening at their oldest institution.

Cohosts for the program are Wyndee Ezell Holbrook, a student from Louisville, and Jim Somerville, a student from Georgetown.

Original music for the video has been composed by Phil Landgrave, professor of church music. Production assistants, who also receive seminary credit for participation, are Earlington, Ky. native Chris Egbert and Savannah, Ga. native Jimmy Knott.

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baptist news in brief

Pastor's wife to be state correspondent

Western Recorder has announced the appointment of Harriette S. Petersen of Webster as a regional state correspondent. She will report from Anderson, Breckinridge, Nelson, Salem and Severns Valley associations.



Mrs. Petersen

The wife of Bob Petersen, pastor of Raymond Baptist Church, Salem Association, Harriette is a native Virginian. The Petersens are parents of two children, Holly Marie, 16, and Chad Robert, 14.

At Raymond Baptist Church Harriette Petersen, 37, is volunteer youth director, a youth Sunday school teacher and nursery coordinator.

She has written a number of articles which have been published in religious periodicals, including Decision Magazine, The Upper Room, Living with Teenagers and Daily Meditation.

She may be contacted at Rte. 1, Box 102-A, Webster, KY 40176, telephone (502) 547-3861.

Louisville hunger walk planned for Oct. 13

The annual Hunger Walk, sponsored by Louisville United Against Hunger, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13. Registration for the 10 km (6.2 miles) walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. in front of the administration building at the 3rd Street entrance to the University of Louisville Belknap Campus. The route will follow 2nd Street and Main Street to the Belvedere and return to the University of Louisville on 3rd Street.

Walkers or joggers are encouraged to get sponsors to pledge money for each kilometer walked and bring that information to the walk.

Half the funds raised will stay in our

community to be used by Dare to Care, Inc., this area's emergency food program. (Walkers are asked to bring canned goods this year for Dare to Care.) Over 80,000 hungry people will receive food from one of Dare to Care's 21 distribution centers this year.

The other half of the funds will go to Kenya, Africa, for a comprehensive rural community development project. The agricultural program will generate additional income and improve nutrition through activities such as fish farming, poultry, beekeeping and dairy cattle. The economic program will provide training and loans to enable participants to earn a living without dependence on scarce and overused land. The environmental program will prevent further destruction of the environment with soil conservation and tree planting.

Last year over 800 persons walked to show their concern for the hungry. Nearly \$15,000 was raised. More information about the walk is available by calling Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, 458-4076.

Panel won't touch dispute, plaintiff sad

A legal complaint by a Birmingham, Ala., layman and his wife that their rights were violated during the 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been denied by the SBC's Executive Committee.

During its September meeting the committee voted in executive session to "affirm" the actions of the 1985 annual meeting, denying the claim of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Crowder, members of Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, and messengers to the annual meeting.

Following the action the Crowders said they and "other Southern Baptists with whom they are acting" will "have nothing to say until we see what they (the Executive Committee) have said."

Crowder told Baptist Press, "I am heartbroken that the Executive Committee failed to face up to their duty and responsibility. It was their duty and their responsibility to cope with this

matter. I am heartbroken with the way they coped with it."

Crowder claims the current Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees of the SBC was illegally elected. Crowder asked the Executive Committee to "take prompt and effective action . . . to remedy the violations . . . and to assure similar violations of the bylaws are not repeated in the future."

Their specific complaint revolves around a ruling by SBC president Charles F. Stanley of Atlanta, Ga., who ruled out-of-order an effort to amend the report of the 1985 Committee on Committees which nominated the Committee on Boards. (BP)

BSSB firing, Reagan, TV evangelists criticized

Former President Jimmy Carter's press secretary told participants at a religious liberty conference the Reagan administration and electronic preachers are largely responsible for the decline of separation of church and state in America.

Jody Powell, now a syndicated columnist and commentator for ABC News, also criticized a recent Baptist Sunday School Board action forcing the resignation of an editor over what he said was publication of a controversial article advocating separation of church and state.

Recalling he learned about religious liberty and separation of church and state in Baptist Training Union in First Baptist Church, Vienna, Ga., Powell said he "could not believe" news of the dismissal of W. Howard Bramlette, editor of The Student magazine for the last 10 years.

Powell also attributed Bramlette's firing to negative reaction to an earlier issue of The Student featuring articles about and by ordained women. That issue, Powell said, might have been "the final straw" for Bramlette, described as "this poor, benighted heretic."

But most of Powell's artillery was reserved for Reagan and his aides, along with radio and television preachers. "Any casual reading of these newspapers these days tells us that from the President of the United States to the secretary of education to the attorney general to hundreds of radio and television preachers, that doctrine (separation of church and state) has come in for a real thrashing," he declared.

Speaking at the annual awards banquet of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the Georgia native said he learned growing up "to be just a mite suspicious of politicians

who quoted more scriptures than they had read." And in a thinly veiled reference to President Reagan's church attendance habits, he added, "I've lately learned to become a tad suspicious of politicians who spend more time speaking to preachers at their conventions than listening to them in the church." (BP)

Baptist Nursing group to meet in Memphis

A Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF) meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., in conjunction with the Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship meeting. "Labourers Together with God" will be the meeting theme.

"This meeting is important because members can fellowship with other nurses and hear how they are involved in the community where they live," said June Whitlow, association executive director for WMU and BNF executive director.

The BNF will meet Nov. 1 to elect national officers and hold a forum with missionary nurses from at least five countries.

Members will also participate in the meetings and activities of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship.

This meeting is open to all Baptist nurses and nursing students. For more information write June Whitlow, Baptist Nursing Fellowship, Box C-10, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010.

'Challenge of Tomorrow' is Eastern Baptist theme

"Beyond 85: Challenge of Tomorrow" is the theme for the 40th annual meeting of the Eastern Baptist Religious Association in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 28-30.

Ted Ward, nationally recognized futurist, will address the gathering on "Future Trends and Needs." Ward is professor of education at Michigan State University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Carolyn Koons from Los Angeles will lead sessions on "How To Be a Creative Leader" to prepare for the challenge of tomorrow.

Other program topics include "Placement/Support of Ministers in Education," "Professional Development," "Life After Work," "Managing Self and Others," and theme interpretations by Ragan Courtney.

Complete program and registration information is available from Hoyt Wilson, Box 9265, Birmingham, AL 35213.

Southern Seminary plans prospect preview

A fall student preview conference is planned Nov. 21-22, 1985 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The purpose of the conference is to introduce persons called to ministry to the opportunities at Southern Seminary.

The program includes classroom visits, discussions about degree programs, vocation seminars, several meals and a worship service.

Interested persons may contact Southern Seminary for information.

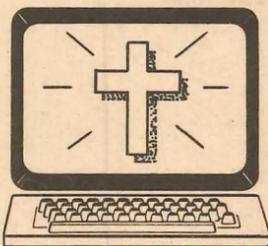
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10,000 O'boro youth hear addiction afflictions

by Jack D. Sanford, *Editor*

Jerry Johnston, evangelist from Shawnee, Okla., recently concluded an evangelistic crusade in Owensboro which resulted in 168 professions of faith in Christ.

Donald Zuberer, pastor of the crusade-sponsoring Yellow Creek Baptist Church, reported amazing success in reaching youth during the crusade. Every middle and high school in Daviess County, except Owensboro High School, was open to the crusade team. Zuberer estimates that more than 10,000 students heard Johnston speak on the horrors of alcohol and drug addiction.

The 26-year-old Johnston is a former drug addict who now seeks to turn youth from the alcohol/drug scene to life in Christ. He has spoken to more than two million young people in 2000 schools across America.

The climax of the Yellow Creek crusade came on the closing night with 2200 people in attendance at the Owensboro Sports Center. People from across the tri-state area crowded the arena including alcoholics, drug addicts and former prisoners. Many professions of faith were made by adults as well as youth.

Zuberer said the effort has given Yellow Creek members a new view of evangelism by demonstrating the local church can reach an entire community if the people are willing to pay the price of preparation, planning, prayer and work. Part of that work was a giant pizza party, underwritten by the church, for 1000 youth on the final night of the crusade.

Zuberer also declared the crusade demonstrates there are ways to reach youth in the drug culture through the straightforward call of the gospel. This was demonstrated time after time as young people in the schools, shaken by Johnston's message, wept as they sought counsel, professed faith in Christ and asked for help with their problems.

The Yellow Creek congregation plans to follow up on the crusade through personal visits, referrals to other pastors and extensive counseling of those who made professions of faith in Christ.

191 decisions, 53 saved at Fulton First crusade

by Jack D. Sanford, *Editor*

Revival fires swept through Fulton, Ky. last month as Henry Linginfelter and Dick Barrett conducted evangelistic services at First Baptist Church, Fulton. The Linginfelter team had a like experience in Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, last year.

Scott Brewer, pastor of the Fulton church, reported 191 decisions during the revival effort, including 53 professions of faith in Christ. To date, Brewer has baptized more than 31 of those who made professions of faith.

Brewer said several non-Baptist churches in the area had members who made decisions. One of the local Methodist churches used the Fulton Baptist baptistry to immerse Methodist who were saved during the revival.

Brewer attributed the success of the meeting to the hard work of the Fulton Baptist people and the spiritual depth of the evangelistic team. "The people

of our church worked hard," Brewer said, "and the Lord richly blessed the effort."

St. Matthews Church dedicates sanctuary

Members of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, held a service of dedication for their new sanctuary building on Sunday, Sept. 22.

This congregation of 2000 community residents has persevered in their rebuilding efforts since January 1982 when their sanctuary was destroyed by fire.

The new brick sanctuary will seat 1400 people in a fan-shaped arrangement of wooden pews. Louisville Art Glass Studio fabricated and installed three large, colorful windows which communicate the themes of Creation, Redemption, and the Holy Spirit. The M. P. Moeller Pipe Organ Company has custom built a 53-rank, three manual organ containing over 3000 pipes.

William Powell Tuck, pastor, and the congregation of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, welcome your attendance.

WMU exec speaks out for women at seminary

"There are brethren who are responding with a scowl, growl, and howl at this outrage."

That quote from a state Baptist paper editor referred to the 1916 WMU Training School report to the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Catherine Allen. For the first time, women had spoken at the convention, as the Home Mission Board daringly arranged for two women to promote fund raising for the school during its report.

Mrs. Allen, associate executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, recently spoke of the significance of the WMU Training School and the Carver School of Missions at an alumnae reunion held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Nearly 200 former students gathered for a time of remembrance and renewal.

Using anecdotes and statistics, Mrs. Allen pointed to the important role the training school played in academic innovations in missions, social work, and religious education.

The training school "took that terrible spectre known as the social gospel and repackaged it in evangelistic terms acceptable enough to survive in the fiery furnace, even flourish in the SBC." The school's settlement house in Louisville became the model for Good Will centers all over the south, opening up both professional and lay branches of social work for women.

Referring to the current controversy over women in ministry, Mrs. Allen called for a redefinition of the term minister. She asked, "Can the concept of servanthood ever again be reclaimed as the primary motivation in leadership and in ministry?" This concept, she claimed, pervaded the training school, "but has generally been lost in our denomination."



Campbellsville College enrolment reaches 656

The enrolment for the fall 1985 semester at Campbellsville College is a total of 656 students, with an increase of nine percent in full time students.

The statistics, released from the office of registrar Wm. Thomas Biggs, include 585 full time students and 71 part time students.

"New programs such as tutorial and mentor programs probably have added to our success with returning students," said P. Mitchell Brumback, director of admissions.

Georgetown enrollment climbs nine percent

Georgetown College had a nine percent gain in its 1985-86 freshman class, according to president W. Morgan Patterson. The freshman student total is up to 279 from 256 last year.

"Georgetown College is engaged in more intensive recruitment both here in Kentucky and throughout the north-eastern quadrant of the country. We have added personnel to extend our efforts into new areas," the president said.

Georgetown College is experiencing its largest overall enrolment since 1971, according to officials. The graduate and undergraduate total is 1313 compared with 1298 in 1984.

State WMU exec says Baptist Women care

If asked the question, "Who cares?" Dolores Scott "Dee" Gilliland would answer that God cares and Baptist Women care. Mrs. Gilliland, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) executive director/treasurer for Kentucky, emphasized the role WMU plays in the world during convocation Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Campbellsville College.

According to Mrs. Gilliland, Baptist Women are concerned Christian women who show it "through their sharing and their doing."

Kentucky has 59,000 members in WMU, with Baptist Women being the core group, she said.

She pointed out several priorities of WMU, starting with knowing about needs of people; praying intelligently because of awareness through missions teaching; teaching the entire church (in cooperation with Brotherhood); and overall preparing people for the mission field.

Belmont College may house seminary classes

Belmont College, Nashville, is being considered as an off-campus center for the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminaries. Expressed public interest will be a deciding factor in the establishment of a seminary studies program at the college.

Proposed curriculum would include courses designed to meet requirements for the MDiv, MRE and MCM degrees. Staff would include adjunct professors and faculty from one or more of the sponsoring seminaries.

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personnel

Mark D. Johnson (see photo) began duties as minister of youth and recreation at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Johnson is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been a recreation assistant at Crescent Hill the past two and one-half years.

H. Stephen Shoemaker is pastor of Crescent Hill.

David W. Green (see photo) became pastor of Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Green is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has received post graduate training in pastoral care and counseling at Baptist Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala.

He had been an associate pastor, chaplain and youth director before returning to Louisville.

Harry Conley accepted the call as pastor of Patterson Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

Gene Miller began duties as pastor of Kentucky Hill Baptist Church, South Union Association.

ordinations

Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, will ordain Mike Morgan as a deacon and have a deacon installation service Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark F. Boes is pastor.

Sorgho Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, ordained Lucian Daugherty and his son Curtis as deacons Aug. 11.

Ken Morgan is pastor.

congregations

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Glencoe, will celebrate homecoming Oct. 13. Henry Walters, a former pastor, will be the speaker. Old fashion day will be observed and dinner-on-the-grounds will be served. Homecoming activities begin at noon.

Rodney Anderson is pastor.

Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, West Union Association, hosted a commissioning service Aug. 18 for five pastors who did evangelistic work in Haiti Aug. 19-25. Tom Lewis, director of missions

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When: **SEPT. 1, 1985 to AUG. 31, 1990**



Benton Williams
Director, Missions and Church Services Division

"Mission Kentucky" —

The planning that has gone into this document has taken hundreds of hours of time to produce. There have been more than 600 pastors, lay men and women, directors of missions, associational leaders, ministers of education, ministers of music, Kentucky Baptist Convention staff and convention leaders involved.

Our purpose has been to discover the needs of Kentucky Baptist Convention and through the long range planning process, think clearly and logically about our purpose, objectives, goals and action plans. "Mission Kentucky" plan has been bathed in prayer and commitment to our Lord.

"Mission Kentucky" Goals

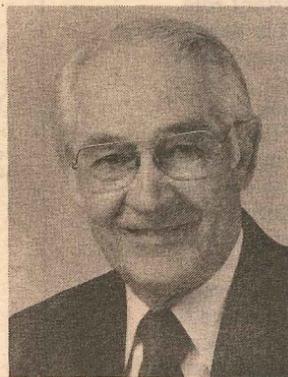
REACH PEOPLE

1. We plan to win to Christ and to baptize 129,600 by 1990.
2. Start 400 new churches and missions by 1990.
3. Increase enrollment by 25,000 persons in Bible study by 1990.

DEVELOP BELIEVERS

1. Enlist every church in intercessory prayer.
2. Enrol 12,000 new members in Church Training by 1990.
3. Increase by 200 the number of Kingdom workers for vocational ministries by 1990.
4. Enlist 2,000 churches in stewardship.

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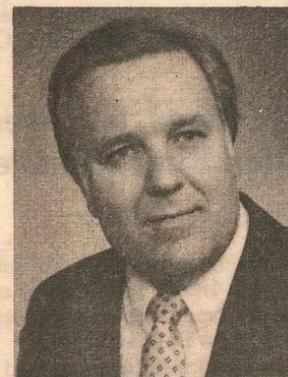
Bill Kaufman
Brotherhood

PURPOSE: To help churches involve men and boys in missions



Eugene Quinn
Music

PURPOSE: To help to establish, conduct, improve, enlarge church music programs.



Doug Strader
Church Training, Church Recreation & Special Mins.

PURPOSE: To help Christians grow in discipleship; knowledge of doctrine; develop church leaders.



Robert C. Johnson
Direct Missions

PURPOSE: To assist in church associations, agencies, fill opportunities expand the Great Commission.

to 1990

KENTUCKY



Kentucky" Strategy

Kentucky" 1985-1990 strategy sharply focuses on the Southern Baptist Convention Bold Mission Thrust of reaching the gospel with every person on earth by the year 2000.

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Our objectives:

1. To increase the awareness of and involvement by Kentucky Baptists in the total world mission of God.
2. To increase at a more rapid pace the development of new churches, missions and preaching places in Kentucky.
3. To lead Kentucky Baptists in evangelizing our state by presenting the gospel to all persons and by giving an opportunity to respond.
4. To lead Kentucky Baptist churches to accelerate efforts to teach God's Word by enrolling people in Sunday School and Bible studies.
5. To lead churches to emphasize the Biblical imperative to equip the saints by developing believers in prayer, discipleship, stewardship, ministry and by calling out the called.

STRENGTHEN MISSIONS

in intercessory prayer activities by 1990.
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STRENGTHEN MISSIONS

1. Enrol 675,000 in missions education annually by 1990.
2. Enlist 2,000 people in career/short term missions at home/overseas by 1990.
3. Encourage and support 1,000 churches to increase Cooperative Program gifts 1% of undesignated gifts per year to 1990 (Church Training and Stewardship Department goals).

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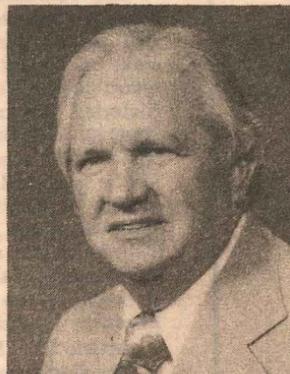
Robert C. Jones
Direct Missions



Jay Brown
Evangelism



Don Blaylock
Student



Fred Halbrooks
Sunday School

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PURPOSE: To inspire, moti-
vate and train Christians in
evangelism.

PURPOSE: To reach students
for Christ; to encourage a
local church ministry.

PURPOSE: To assist churches
to establish, enlarge, improve
and extend Bible teaching
and evangelism.

for West Union Association, and John East, director of missions for Ohio River Association, presided.

Participating in the missions trip were George Fournier, pastor of Second Baptist Marion; Kenneth A. Brown, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah; Seldon (Bud) Collins, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist, Paducah; Ron Long, pastor of Fellowship Baptist, South Chicago Heights, Ill.; and Clifford Carpenter, pastor of Windham (Oh.) Baptist Church.

The team reported 4119 attended the meetings, 143 made professions of faith and 256 made other decisions. They also distributed 240 Bibles and 57 hymnals.

Calhoun Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, observed its 135th anniversary and homecoming Sept. 15. Isaac B. McDonald, former pastor of the church, delivered the morning message.

Denzil Probus is interim pastor of Calhoun.

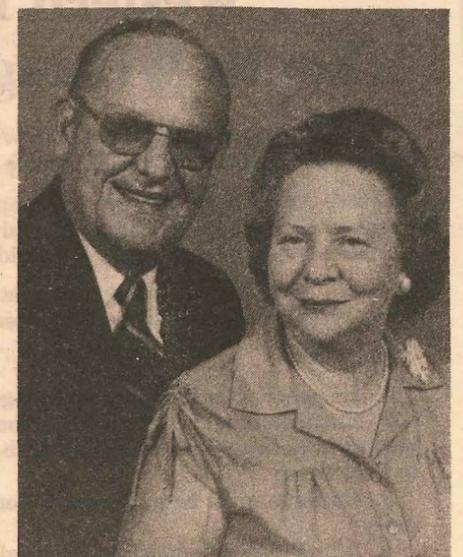
Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Oct. 6. Lunch will be served following the morning worship service. A celebration service will be held at 2 p.m.

Wilburn Abbott, who pastored the church during its first 26 years, will deliver the morning message. Phillip A. Cooley is the current pastor.

Lebanon Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, will celebrate its 125th anniversary Oct. 13. A. B. Colvin, pastor of the church from 1952-58, will speak at the morning service.

The church will honor those who have been members of the congregation for 50 years or longer. The church has 23 who became members of the church at least 50 years ago.

missions



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepard

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepard (see photo), former missionary associates to Portugal, are available to speak in Baptist churches. Shepard taught at seminary and pastored three churches while on the mission field.

Mrs. Shepard, the former Charlotte Green, taught English in the seminary and was a church organist while in Portugal.

The Shepards can be reached at 3700 Nanz Ave., Louisville, KY 40207, telephone (502) 897-0079.

Recommendations of the executive board, KBC

In keeping with the constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and according to ARTICLE VIII, "At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter." (The convention meets Nov. 12-14, 1985 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.)

I. Recommendation on 1986-87 Cooperative Program budget and percentages as follows:

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These should now be recommended for 1986-87.

The following recommendation, approved by the convention at Louisville Nov. 11-13, 1984 set the 1985-86 Cooperative Program goals and percentages as follows:

	1984-85 Budget	1985-86 Budget	1986-87 Budget
A. Cooperative Program Goal			
1. Operational Budget	14,445,000	15,600,600	16,380,730
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	5,236,313 (36.25%)	5,752,721 (36.875%)	6,142,736 (37.5%)
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	9,208,687 (63.75%)	9,847,879 (63.125%)	10,237,894 (62.5%)
2. Bold Mission Challenge	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	481,000 (37.00%)	481,000 (37.00%)	487,500 (37.5%)
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	819,000 (63.00%)	819,000 (63.00%)	812,500 (62.5%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	15,745,000	16,900,600	17,680,630
B. Other Estimated Income	1,263,157	1,288,996	1,319,370
C. Total Budget Goal	17,008,157	18,189,596	19,000,000

* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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*** If receipts had exceeded \$13,000,000, the distribution would have been 35.5% SBC/64.5% KBC; if \$14,000,000, then 36% SBC/64% KBC.

II. General recommendations to the convention for the 1986-87 budget:

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 19, 1987, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) The annual Thanksgiving Offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus Offer-

ing for State Missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief Offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the executive board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offering aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.

9. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe State Missions Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

III. Constitution of Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and Constitution of Kentucky Baptist Historical Society:

The executive board recommends to the Kentucky Baptist Convention that the constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and the Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society herein presented be approved effective immediately, and further, that these documents supersede any and all previous actions related to the organization of each.

A. Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission

Article I. Name.

The name of this body is the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission, an agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The depository of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection shall be designed by the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of the commission shall be: (a) the gathering, preserving, and servicing of materials of historical interest to the Kentucky Baptist Convention; and engaging in the dissemination of such historical information as may be deemed wise; (b) the giving of assistance and encouragement to churches, associations, agencies, and institutions of the Convention in gathering, preserving, and using their historical information and records; and sharing copies of such records with the Commission for its archives; (c) the cooperating with the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and other Baptist historical groups; (d) to relate to the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society which is an auxiliary of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

Article III. Membership.

The membership shall consist of twelve (12) commissioners elected by the convention, one (1) from each of the eight regions (insofar as possible, one (1) at-large member, and three (3) permanent members: the curator of the Collection, the Kentucky member of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and the president of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. The nine (9) members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for election to three-year staggered terms, and be rotated in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Article IV. Officers.

The officers of the Commission shall consist of a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer. Such officers shall be elected annually by the Commission at its first meeting following the November meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The officers shall constitute the executive committee which shall (a) make budget recommendations to the Commission, (b) plan the semiannual meetings, and (c) act in behalf of the Commission between its meetings.

Article V. Collection and Curator.

The Commission shall supervise the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection, which will be housed at the designated depository. It shall do so through the Curator of the Collection, who shall be the Librarian of the institution so designated as the depository. The Curator will make an annual report to the Commission, which will become a part of the Commission's report to the Convention. Other personnel employed to work with the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection, such as archivists, secretaries, and/or others, would do so under the approval, direction, and supervision of the Curator. Such personnel may serve with or without pay with the concurrence of the Curator and the Commission. The policies of the Collection will be in accord with the overall policies of the institution designated as the depository, and subject to modification upon written notice to the members of the Commission and by approval of the majority of the Commission. The Curator's staff will be responsible for identifying and marking all materials placed in the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection. Modification of this plan and operating procedure shall be subject to agreement, at the time of need, by the Curator and by a majority of the Commission, acting on behalf of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Article VI. Meetings.

The Commission shall meet at least semiannually with its first meeting in December, and the date of its other meeting(s) shall be set at the discretion of the Commission.

Article VII. Committees.

The Commission shall create such committees as it deems appropriate to carry out its purpose.

Article VIII. Finances.

The Commission shall make annual budget requests for expenses through the regular channels of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, through the office of the Business Division Director, shall serve as the custodian of the funds of the Commission. The Commission shall not create any liability or indebtedness. In the event the Commission ceases to exist, all assets, including the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection, shall become the property of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority.

The parliamentary authority of the Commission shall be Roberts Rules of Order (latest revised edition) except and unless the Commission shall make special rules to the contrary.

Article X. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a voted of two-thirds of the members present when the vote is taken, provided that: (a) any amendment shall be presented to all members in writing 30 days prior to the meeting in which it is voted, and (b) any amendment must also be approved by the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Western Recorder Youth Writing Competition

To encourage youth participation in Western Recorder, a second Youth Writing Competition for young people will be conducted.

To enter the 1985 Youth Writing Competition it is necessary to write 500 words or less about a moving personal experience in which faith in Jesus Christ had an important part. It should be an actual personal experience.

Western Recorder wants to know what young people are thinking and doing. The article should reveal the real person of the author.

Official rules:

1. Entrants must be between the ages of 15 and 22.
2. Entrants must write a first person story telling of some true personal moving experience in which their faith in Jesus Christ made a difference in their lives.
3. Entrants must be members of Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky.
4. All manuscripts must be the original work of the person submitting the entry and must be written in English.
5. Manuscripts must be typed, double spaced, with an absolute maximum of 500 words.
6. Manuscripts must be mailed to: Youth Writing Competition, Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, Oct. 19, 1985, and include name of author, home address, telephone number, birth date, parents' or guardian's name and author's church membership. Winners will be notified by mail prior to announcement in Western Recorder.
7. Manuscripts become the property of Western Recorder and none will be returned.
8. Authors of the top five manuscripts, as judged by the editors of Western Recorder, will receive cash awards of \$50.00 each.
9. Western Recorder also reserves the right to declare no winner.
10. Western Recorder employees, interns, stringers and directors and their families, and previous winners of this competition are ineligible to participate in this competition.

B. Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society.

Article II. Purpose.

The purpose of the Society shall be to encourage the writing/publication and preservation of histories related to Kentucky Baptists and to provide a forum for the presentation of such histories as deemed appropriate. Any and all collected materials shall be deposited in the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection under the supervision of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

Article III. Commission Auxiliary.

The Society shall be an auxiliary of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and shall make a report to the Commission each year. The Society shall operate within the authority of the Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention through the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

Article IV. Membership.

Members of churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall be eligible for regular membership in the Society. The following categories of regular membership shall be recognized: (a) individual, (b) family, and (c) life. All dues shall be paid annually except those choosing life memberships. Interested persons who are not members of churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and institutions, shall be eligible for Associate Membership. Associate Members shall have all the privileges of regular membership, except they may not vote or hold office in the Society. All Associate Members shall pay annual dues. All membership dues shall be determined by the Society.

Article V. Officers.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer. These officers must be members of the Society. The president and vice president shall be elected for a period of one year. They may not serve more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms, after which they may not hold the same office until at least one year has passed. The office of secretary-treasurer shall be held by the director of the Business Division of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily associated with the offices of president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. The president of the Society shall make an annual report to the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission. The secretary-treasurer shall submit a written report to the president to be incorporated in the report to the Commission. The vice president shall be responsible for the planning of the program at the meetings of the Society. In the event of death or resignation of an officer, the choice of a successor shall be made by the current Nominating Committee of the Society. The Curator of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Collection shall serve as an ex officio officer.

Article VI. Committees.

The standing committees of the Society shall be the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Membership Committee. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the Society and three (3) members at-large, representing the east, west, and central parts of the state. These members at-large shall be nominated by the nominating committee of the Society and elected at the annual meeting of the Society. The nominating committee and the membership committee shall be appointed annually by the president and vice president. Other committees shall be created by the president as needed. A quorum shall consist of those committee members attending a called session after all have been notified in writing five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Article VII. Meetings.

There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Society to which the entire membership is invited. Additional meetings may be held at any time and place during the year according to the wishes of the Society, or upon the call of the executive committee.

Article VIII. Publications.

The Society shall publish at least one issue of The Kentucky Baptist Heritage annually and any other materials as determined by the Executive Committee. The editor shall be selected by the executive committee following the annual meeting, or as a vacancy might require.

Article IX. Finances.

The Society shall receive dues from its members in accordance with Article IV, Membership. The Society from time to time may receive funding assistance from the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission as the Commission deems appropriate. The executive committee shall have charge of all the business of the Society between meetings, and shall have the authority to expend funds as necessary. The executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention through the office of the Business Division director shall serve as the custodian of the funds of the Society. The Society shall not create any liability or indebtedness. In the event the Society ceases to exist, all assets shall become the property of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

Article X. Amendments.

Proposed amendments to this constitution must be presented in writing to the executive committee prior to the annual meeting of the Society. The executive committee will present all proposed amendments to the Society during the business session of the annual meeting. Adoption of amendments will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, and approval by the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, upon recommendation by the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

IV. Endowment Campaign for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children

The Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children requested the agencies committee, administrative committee and the executive board to review their proposed endowment campaign to raise approximately \$3,000,000 for permanent endowment after certain conditions are met. The procedure of the feasibility study is listed here:

1. Secure the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission to do a feasibility study to determine if such an undertaking is feasible, and if so, to recommend the goal.
2. The Stewardship Commission would conduct the study and report their findings with recommendations by October 1985.
3. If the feasibility study provides positive findings, the executive board will recommend to the Kentucky Baptist Convention the approval of the request by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children to conduct an endowment campaign.

The executive board meeting in May approved the feasibility study which at this time is not complete.

Provided the findings are favorable, the executive board will look with favor upon the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children proposal to conduct the endowment campaign to raise \$3,000,000 for permanent endowment in the following manner:

1. Engage the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to conduct the campaign.
2. Plan to launch the campaign in the spring (March or April) 1986, and complete the campaign in 12 months.
3. Commitments received in the campaign would cover three to five years.
4. This campaign will not ask the churches for another special offering or to place the campaign in church budgets.
5. This campaign does need the positive support of our Kentucky Baptist leaders with access to the churches to tell our story and needs so as to gain support and gifts from individuals.
6. The money received in the proposed campaign would go into permanent endowment being used for our ministry.



**KENTUCKY
BAPTIST
CONVENTION
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EVENTS**

AT CEDARMORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Date — Event	Sponsor
Oct. 4-5 — Young Black Women Retreat	WMU
Oct. 7-8 — Haworth Conference	Fam. Min./Church Admin.
Oct. 11-12 — Baptist Women/Husbands	WMU
Oct. 18-19 — Baptist Young Women Retreat	WMU
Oct. 24-25 — Pastoral Ministry Training	Fam. Min./ Church Admin.
Oct. 25-26 — Associational Officers Briefing	KBC

AT JONATHAN CREEK

Date — Event	Sponsor
Oct. 18-19 — Baptist Women's Retreat	WMU
Oct. 30-Nov. 1 — Associational Pastoral Ministries	Fam. Min./ Church Admin.
Nov. 1-2 — Associational Officer's Briefing	KBC



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*After 100 years***Clay County church continues ministry in rural community**by Beth Wyatt, *State Correspondent*

Settled in between two hills runs Sacer Branch and along those banks the work of New Zion Baptist Church has been going on for years.

A lot of water has gone under the old wooden bridge just in front of the third building that the Booneville Association church has called home since a group of Clay County families came across the hill from El's Branch Church and organized New Zion in 1885.

Now 100 years later more than 100 people gathered Sept. 1, in the old Sacer School to enjoy a potluck dinner commemorating 100 years of Bible preaching and teaching in this community.

The old Sacer School was the second building New Zion called home as the church began just a few yards up the creek. 1885 was a year that no one would question the use of a school building for a church. In fact, when the second Sacer School was built in 1914 it was also being used as the church home.

In the 1930s the congregation of New Zion decided it needed a new building of their own and the present church was erected. Turnabout was fair play in this early time of the church/education relationship when the Sacer School filled to capacity the church was used as an extra school room.

During the early years of the church, the Sacer Road was part of the main road between Manchester (county seat of Clay) and Booneville (county seat of Owsley), and Sacer was one of the flourishing, growing communities along this route.



Built in the 1930s, this building is the third home of New Zion Baptist Church. The church had met in Sacer School building before it moved to this building.

But with the modernization of roads and the building of Highway 11, Sacer was bypassed, leaving the community with less traffic but also with a gravel

road instead of pavement.

A Sunday school was organized in 1912 under the leadership of John Combs and continued to grow through

the 1920s and 1930s. After being discontinued for a period of time, Sunday school was reorganized in early 1950 and continues to be conducted in small study groups today.

The church went from part time to regular meetings in 1960 during the pastorate of John Henry Herd.

Since 1970 an annual homecoming has been the traditional way to spend the first Sunday in September.

But 1985 was even more special with the 100 year celebration. The day began with a Sunday school record attendance of 60 and continued with the worship service. Following the worship service the group met across the road in the "old school building" and enjoyed a bountiful lunch together.

After the meal, the celebration continued at the church with singing throughout the afternoon as the church family began its second century of worshipping Jesus Christ.

Roy All is pastor of New Zion. He returned to his home community from Pulaski County in October 1980. Although he is a bivocational pastor who teaches English at Clay County High School, the church has the advantage of having a pastor live nearby the church and available to the community in time of need. New Zion is a member of Booneville Baptist Association and actively supports the Cooperative Program, the association and special offerings for foreign and home missions.

During the past 100 years, a lot of water has flowed down Sacer Branch where the church used to baptize. Yet New Zion gives every indication it is ready to serve God another 100 years.

Northern Kentucky Association televises annual meeting

by W. Mark Snowden

The man in the gray suit with the microphone and the ID badge stands in the aisle talking quietly while several hundred people in the pews around him sing, "This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long."

He is facing camera one, where a little red light tells him he is on the air. The singers can't hear him and most do not even see him but he is announcing the opening of the 182nd annual meeting of Northern Kentucky Association.

The man in the gray suit is Gregory Hancock, pastor of Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, where Northern Kentucky Association is making history as the first association in Kentucky to televise its annual meeting. He finishes the introduction and turns to face the pulpit as the final chorus of the hymn rings out. The light on camera one goes out and another light on camera two goes on as George Munro, interim director of missions for the association, smiles and welcomes the messengers from the association's 62 sister

churches.

Back in the control room, Tom Wilson, director of television ministries for Latonia Church, carefully monitors the images on the screens in front of him and speaks into his headset to direct his technicians. They want this production to be absolutely top quality so it can be used as a reference in future negotiations with Storer Cable Company. These negotiations could result in putting ACTS on cable in Kenton, Boone and Campbell counties.

Storer has refused to carry ACTS (American Christian Television Service) for northern Kentucky, even though there are several blank channels in their offering. Cindy Kraft, director of programming for the cable company, says Storer already carries the Christian Television Network which features "700 Club," "Jimmy Swaggart" and "The Old Fashioned Gospel Hour" and offers a "religious access" channel to local denominational groups wishing to produce their own material. Storer management feels another religious channel or network is not needed.

But there are more than 30,000 Southern Baptists in northern Kentucky, and they are not yet willing to concede the fight for ACTS. At the annual meeting, local ACTS chairman John Strucke, a layman from Hickory Grove Baptist Church, will show messengers how to lobby for the new network by marking their monthly cable bills, "Please add A.C.T.S."

Hancock and the Latonia congregation have a backup plan, however, in the event such lobbying is not successful. They have filed for one of approximately 1500 Federal Communications Commission low-power broadcast licenses available to private parties. They already have the support of several churches and extra-denominational groups in the Latonia area of Covington, and, if approved for the FCC license, they intend to broadcast ACTS as their primary network.

"Once we are on the air with ACTS and whatever local programming we can muster," Hancock explains, "we can approach the local cable company through the more effective route of its

pocketbook. People won't need cable to receive our broadcasts so, if suddenly 30,000 cable subscribers write in to say, 'Cancel my subscription. I'm getting what I want to see without cable,' I think Storer will start to listen. I think they'll say, 'Maybe we ought to give these guys a space'."

Moderator Eddie Brown guides the association through the annual maze of reports, messages and elections. He introduces featured speakers and guest musicians. He reminds persons speaking from the floor during business sessions to move to the microphones made available to them.

While it is possible future associational meetings will be televised in Northern Kentucky, no projections have been made regarding when or where that might happen. Not every host church has facilities for broadcast-quality production and, until they do, Northern Kentucky Baptists who can't attend will probably have to rely on the tried and true "messenger" system to find out what went on at the annual meeting.

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Baptist Church, Owensboro; Smithfield Baptist Church, Smithfield; Central Baptist Church, Winchester; Piedmont Baptist Church, Marietta, (Ga.); Fairburn Baptist Church, Union City, (Ga.); Cleary Baptist Church, Florence, (Miss.); Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, (N.C.); Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia, (S.C.); and First Baptist Church, Waverly, (Tn.).

Appalachian Ministries also conducted Vacation Bible Schools and recreation programs in eight communities. Forty children were also taken to summer camp in Kentucky through a scholarship program provided by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Thirty-five (35) volunteers from two (2) states assisted in the program.

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"I'm just proud."

"Tickled pink."

"Good."

"Privileged."

"This is a dream come true."

"It's a miracle from the Lord."

The Bible tells us, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

That is what Mountain Outreach is all about.

As September's early morning chills warn us of the approaching harsh winter here in the ruggedly beautiful mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, five families snuggle peacefully into the new homes that they did not have last winter.

No longer will these 24 people have to exist in substandard homes open to rain, snow, cold, and the harshness of the extremes of mountain winters.

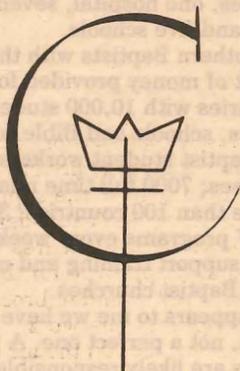
Because of the Mountain Outreach Program of Cumberland College, these families can be warm and secure in well-insulated and safely wired homes and some of them will enjoy indoor plumbing for the first time.

But, Mountain Outreach is not a handout; instead, it is a helping hand. An agreement for responsibility of upkeep and payment of the no-interest loan for the cost of materials is signed. Proof of land ownership must be provided before the contract is signed. Payments may be as low as ten dollars (\$10) per month.

Volunteers from six states provided their time, talents, work, and money to construct the homes. Churches which sent volunteer groups are: Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Cadiz; Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville; Yellow Creek

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

"It's a miracle from the Lord."



Dr. Taylor: Please tell me more about Cumberland College and its Outreach programs.

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oneida journal

Charlie, Snoopy, Linus

Our Oneida Choir will give their first major concert on Homecoming Day, Saturday, Oct. 5. That is this coming weekend!

The choir will sing at 4 p.m. in Davidson Chapel. The performance will be dedicated to the memory of Julius Hacker and J. D. Embry.

Julius graduated from Oneida in the 1933 class and died just a few months before the 50th anniversary reunion of his class. His father moved his family near the village of Oneida in the 1920s in order that all of them might attend Oneida and still be at home. Four of the children graduated in the 1926 class. Others graduated in differing years. The youngest, Joe, graduated in 1945 and has been a professor of business at Union College for well over a quarter of a century. Previously Joe taught business at Oneida.

Julius was also a lifelong teacher, retiring at Scottsville. He taught at Oneida in the early 1950s, an outstanding man, an outstanding Christian, a wonderful teacher. His wife preceded him in death. They willed their estate to Oneida, approximately \$75,000. This is the largest amount ever willed by an alumnus to OBI.

In recognition of his lifelong involvement with, support and love for the school, our board of trustees has voted to dedicate and name the new dining room complex in honor of Julius.

J. D. Embry was the father of four sons. He and his wife, Martha, moved to our campus in 1979, a year after their youngest son came to live in the dorm

as an eighth grader. That boy graduated in 1983 and is now in his third year at the University of Louisville. Another son is a bank vice president and mayor of Hawesville. Embry was a burly river man, working on a river boat between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. He was on the boat a month and then at Oneida a month. He would work very hard in maintenance, painting, whatever was to be done. I've seen him work all night long many times. He never took a cent of salary from us. The day the students were returning a year ago to begin school, he returned to the river. There he died two weeks later of a heart attack, age 55. His wife still works here, teaching all day, hostess of the guest house, a wonderful musician.

Our board has voted to name our new 60-seat grill in honor of Mr. Embry. He never dreamed of such an honor, nor did Julius, but both are so deserving. They were humble servants. They were princes.

The choir concert dedication will be followed by a great dinner in the new facilities.

Then at 8 p.m., our drama group, regional champs five of the past seven years, will present "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown!" For weeks Charlie, Lucy, Peppermint Patty, Linus, Schroeder and Snoopy have been hard at practice!

For a delightful day, beautiful weather in these mountains as the leaves are transformed into a riot of color, you might make your way here to take part in our homecoming. Each reader of this article is invited.

Registration will begin at 9:30. An art exhibit will be on display all day in the library, and refreshments will be served there as well as in the Anderson Hall, Oneida's oldest building. The Burns Museum and beautiful craft house, chockfull of beautiful articles our students and local people have made, will also be open all day.

There will be a cross-country meet at 10 a.m. involving ourselves, Bell County, Whitley County, Riverside and Cordia. Our boys varsity is undefeated thus far, 8-0, and we have been the regional cross-country champs the past two years.

Lunch will be served at noon under the campus trees. At 1 p.m. our undefeated soccer team will take the field against Somerset, and our volleyball team will go against Morehead in the gym.

At 2:45 p.m. a reception will be held at Anderson Hall where parents and friends may meet our faculty.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 6, 1985

International Series

A divided church

1 Corinthians 1:10-15 Paul received a reliable report that Satan had beguiled members of the church at Corinth into indulging in wranglings and divisions. The divisions centered around the question of whom was the greatest preacher. One group contended that Paul was the greatest preacher, a contention which greatly embarrassed the apostle. Another group went into ecstasies over Apollos, who held them spellbound with his oratory. Another faction rallied around Simon Peter. Another party professed attachment to Christ alone, thinking they were more holy than all others.

Paul rebuked all these factions. He ridiculed the idea of their undue exaltation of him. Paul reminded the Corinthians that Christ was the one who had been crucified for them, therefore he was the only rightful one for them to worship and serve. Fellowship with and obedience to Christ is the secret of a radiant personality, a basic element in ascertaining the will of God, the secret of effective service, and the secret of the overcoming life.

1 Corinthians 3:5-15 Such divisions as in the church at Corinth are never prompted by the Lord, but are always caused by carnal people who are influenced by Satan. Paul sought to correct

their carnality by showing them that God uses men as instruments. These ministers are compared to husbandmen who plant the seed, water them and then wait for the increase which God gives.

Paul also likened Christians to God's building. Christ is the one and only adequate foundation. On this foundation we must build. Those who build with imperishable materials will win the approval of Christ and will receive appropriate rewards.

Life and Work Series

God's reliability

Genesis 8:20-22 After the floodwaters had subsided, God commanded Noah to come forth from the ark bringing his family and every living creature with him. Noah promptly built an altar to God, mute evidence of his profound gratitude to God for the safe and complete deliverance of him and the members of his family.

From the clean beasts and fowls that had been preserved in the ark, sacrifices were made upon the altar. From that altar there ascended a sweet savour signifying that the burnt offerings were acceptable to God. Ere the smoke had cleared away, God pledged that never again would he smite every living thing as he had done in the flood.

Genesis 9:11-16 God ratified this promise with the giving of the rainbow. How comforting and reassuring God's covenant or promise must have been! Noah had seen the rainbow many times, but thereafter he saw more in it than just the radiant beauty of its seven prismatic colors.

The appearance of the rainbow tells its observers that, however dark the cloud may be, the sun is still shining. Not only does the rainbow prevent man from yielding to despair, but it reminds him anew of God's love.

The cross of Calvary is God's pledge to those who trust or receive Christ that the father will never condemn them for their sins because Christ bore the penalty for them. The rainbow is a symbol of God's protection of his people. Regardless of circumstances they may encounter or tragedies they may face, God's children can and should trust in his reliability.



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on mission together

More for the dollar

Not all state convention executive secretaries write a weekly column for their state paper. Among those who do, Don Moore, my Arkansas counterpart, is one whose column I especially appreciate.

I hope the Kentucky Baptist reader will find this as helpful as did, I suspect, our Arkansas Baptist neighbors.

"What God does with Southern Baptists and their cooperative approach to world missions! When you compare what we have been able to do with the same amount of money others have to do their ministries, you can see how remarkable a thing it really is. In 1983 Oral Roberts, the Armstrongs, PTL

Club, Jerry Falwell, 700 Club, Rex Humbard and Robert Schuler took in \$293 million. These seven men received about the same amount of money that the Southern Baptist Convention did, including the Cooperative Program and mission offerings.

"These ministries supported two churches, one hospital, seven TV programs and five schools.

"Southern Baptists with the same amount of money provided for: six seminaries with 10,000 students; 67 colleges, schools and Bible schools; 1100 Baptist student workers on 1100 campuses; 7000 full time missionaries in more than 100 countries; 32 radio and TV programs every week; plus providing support training and material for 37,000 Baptist churches.

"It appears to me we have a better system, not a perfect one. A few reasons are likely responsible. First, the people who give the money in Southern Baptist life control its expenditure. From the local church to the

Southern Baptist Convention, our funds are controlled by those who give them. The pastor and employees do not determine where or how funds are channeled. Neither do state, associational or SBC employees determine this. People elected from the churches who give the money determine this.

"Second, a full accounting has to be given to the people who support the various aspects of our Baptist work. The control and accountability factor maximizes the use of Southern Baptist dollars.

"A third remarkable feature of our approach is that the support we give is voluntary. We are not forced to work together by legal structures, nor are we forced together by creedal command. We are simply called to do such big things that we cannot hope to do it alone and, therefore, volunteer to work with others in doing it. Thank God we can keep our freedom and keep our mission through voluntary cooperation. It's a great way."

Nah Yuun Ho's answer

Growing ginkgo trees for foreign missions

by Erich Bridges

You might call Nah Yuun Ho the Johnny Appleseed of Korean foreign missions.

Nah plants trees. Ginkgo trees. The little Baptist church he leads is surrounded by almost 8000 of them. And Nah wants to buy land adjacent to the church to plant more.

What's the connection between ginkgo trees and foreign missions? Money. Ginkgo seeds are a hot item among Koreans and Europeans (especially Germans) for medicinal purposes. Ginkgo advocates claim the seeds lower high blood pressure and build resistance to various diseases. Nah and his congregation sell their harvest and put the profits in a special mission fund. Their ultimate goal: to support two Korean Baptist foreign missionaries.

"I really believe in growing a church, a pastor must have a vision and a strategy," Nah explains. "When a church is founded, there must be a strategy. We are founding this church to proclaim the gospel here, of course, but also to proclaim the gospel in the lands and regions beyond."

Nah has no shortage of vision. He's one of the few rural Korean pastors who acts on the conviction foreign missions isn't just for large, wealthy churches in the cities. But many of the more than 1000 Baptist pastors in South Korea earnestly agree the time has come for sending Korean missionaries throughout Asia and points beyond.

The Baptist seminary in Taejon, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world, is producing more graduates than Korean church staffs can absorb.

"Where are all those people going to go?" asks Don Jones, Southern Baptist mission administrator in South Korea.

"We are founding this church to proclaim the gospel here, of course, but also to proclaim the gospel in lands and regions beyond."

"My personal feeling is that we're seeing God calling out a great number of young people and he must have a plan to send them somewhere, so Korean Baptists have to get ready to send them."

More than 20 Korean mission agencies supported some 500 missionaries around the world by 1980, according to Evangelical Missions Information Service.

Korean foreign missionaries have encountered their share of problems, too. Good mission education is hard to find in South Korea. Once on the mission field, Korean missionaries often must master English, the international tongue, in order to study the language

of the people they want to serve.

The challenge is turning potential into reality. "Koreans have the heart for missions and the mind for it," says Han Ki Man, pastor of Seoul's fast-growing Yoido Baptist Church. "But we don't have the experience."

Han and his congregation of some 6000 help support two Korean Baptist missionaries now working in Paraguay and American Samoa. Large urban churches like Yoido participate in sev-

Korean Baptist pastor Nah Yuun Ho inspects his field of 8000 ginkgo trees. Nah and his congregation sell their harvest and use the profits to support two Korean Baptist foreign missionaries on overseas fields.



eral small Baptist foreign mission societies. But Baptists nationwide have no single channel, no Foreign Mission Board or Cooperative Program, through which to send and support missionaries.

But problems haven't dampened Korean enthusiasm for missions. As custodians of perhaps the fastest-growing Christian movement in the Far East, the Koreans see themselves as God's instruments for finishing the evangelization of Asia.

China, the giant next door, holds special attraction. Manchuria in the north claims some 1.5 million ethnic Koreans living in Jilin Province. South Korean Christians know China is closed to missionaries. But they await their opportunity.

At a major Baptist consultation on global evangelization strategy held at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center in June, Yoido pastor Han asked Southern Baptists to consider sending missionaries to train Korean missionaries for foreign fields.

No Chang U, also known as Stephen No, heads the Baptist Church Development Board in Seoul. He believes what Korean Baptists need most, if they want a foreign mission program that will fulfill their potential, is internal cooperation.

Whether that will mean an effort modeled on Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program, or an entirely Korean strategy, remains to be seen. But if it effectively harnesses the energy and vision of Baptists like Nah Yuun Ho, the Johnny Appleseed of missions, it's bound to succeed. (BP)

All-star shares faith in Chile

by Art Toalston

Carlos Rios had plenty of baseball tales to tell when he went to Chile last year.

This year he knows better. "They don't even know what a baseball or a bat is," he says. In Chile, soccer is the all-important sport.

But Rios, International League all-star shortstop, didn't go to Chile just to tell anecdotes. He and his wife, Martha, were among 60 Southern Baptist volunteers for a partnership evangelism campaign. They plan to go to Chile again in October with another Foreign Mission Board-sponsored team of lay people and pastors.

Before last year's trip, Rios knew "that the Lord can really use me in many ways through baseball, but I never knew that he could use me out of baseball." In Chile, he experienced anew "the power of Jesus Christ . . . Christ was there with me."

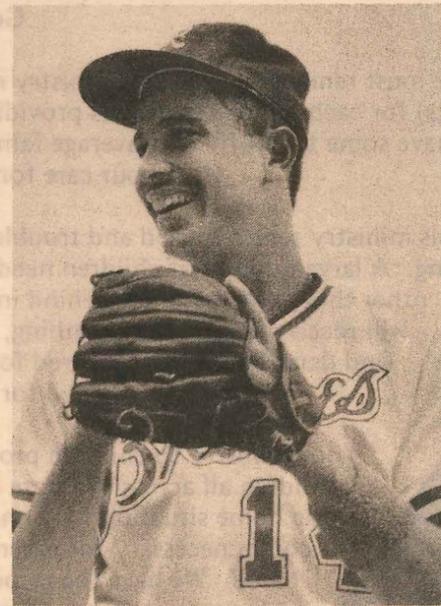
"Ever since I came back from that trip, there has been a tremendous change in my life—a blessing, a joy, a satisfaction, a burden for missionaries, for people outside the United States."

Rios, 25, plays for the Richmond Braves, top farm club of the Atlanta Braves. The San Juan, Puerto Rico, native entered professional baseball at the age of 17. He has been a Christian since 1982 and has shared his faith in numerous churches, but the trip to Chile required his first substantive preaching efforts.

He preached in 10 evening services at the 40-member Second Baptist Church in the small town of Los Angeles, Chile, and his wife sang. A third volunteer also worked at the church, Jim Aloway, a U. S. Marine from Summerville, S. C. Beyond leading the evangelistic services, the trio joined church members in visitation each morning and afternoon.

In preparing for the trip, Rios realized that "he (God) was going to have to show me his power through

writing sermons (and) being able to be a good witness for him. There was no way I could have done these things by my own strength. I just turned every-



Carlos Rios

thing over to the Lord, just totally said, 'Lord, this is what I got. Make the very best out of it for your glory and your honor'."

Rios didn't think his first sermon in Spanish went over well, but a pastor-volunteer reminded him, "Our job is to just spread the good news, spread the seed, and the Lord is going to do the growing. Just trust in the Lord and you'll see."

Forty people later made decisions for Christ through the small church's evangelism and, for Rios, "It was a tremendous feeling to know that they were being written into the book of life and that I had something to do with that."

In one day of visitation, for example, wayward sons in two families returned to faith. The parents' rejoicing each time was, "You don't know how

long we've been praying for this."

Rios now wants others to grasp Christ's power more fully. "If people would realize that (power) a little more, we wouldn't have as many sleepy Christians as we have in the churches today. Some of us have Jesus Christ still tied up on a cross, and we doubt. When we bring doubt to him, we bring doubt to ourselves, and we limit ourselves from things we can do."

Christ's power also helped Rios face death soon after returning from Chile. In the midst of winter baseball in Puerto Rico, massive swelling hit his left arm. A doctor found a four inch blood clot and was astounded Rios was still alive. Surgery was immediate. Two days later, Rios faced another lengthy surgery for bleeding in one of his lungs. Then he came down with pneumonia and was placed in intensive care.

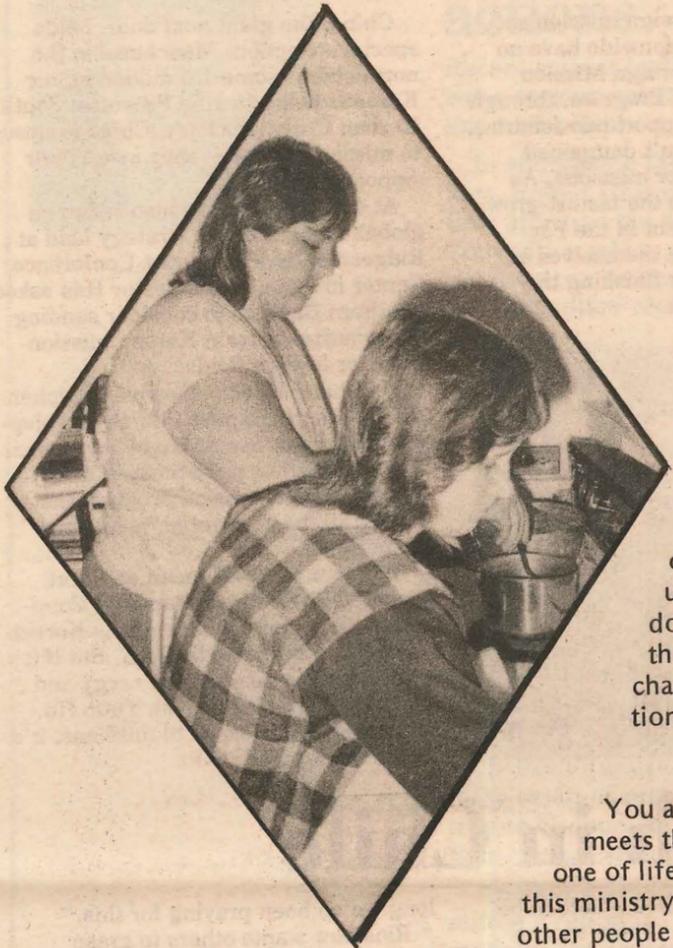
"I knew that if I died at that particular point I was going to go to heaven. There was no doubt in my mind because Christ was really alive in my heart. That trip helped so much."

Still, he voiced a simple prayer, "Your will has got to be done. . . . I want to see my son (his wife was expecting their first child). . . . There's a lot of things I want to do for you. I want to serve you more." The next morning doctors "could not believe how well I recovered."

Rios plans to continue in baseball "as long as the Lord directs me to play. I have fun playing the game, sure, but I have more fun representing Christ through baseball."

He realizes "baseball doesn't last forever." In looking to the future, he says, "we're open and we're letting Christ put the pieces together." Rios and his wife may enter church work or venture into foreign missions, but he is convinced "you can be a baseball player, a carpenter, a painter—it doesn't matter. There is something you can do for Christ no matter what you are." (BP)

POLISHING DIAMONDS



The care of dependent, neglected and homeless children is the central mission of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

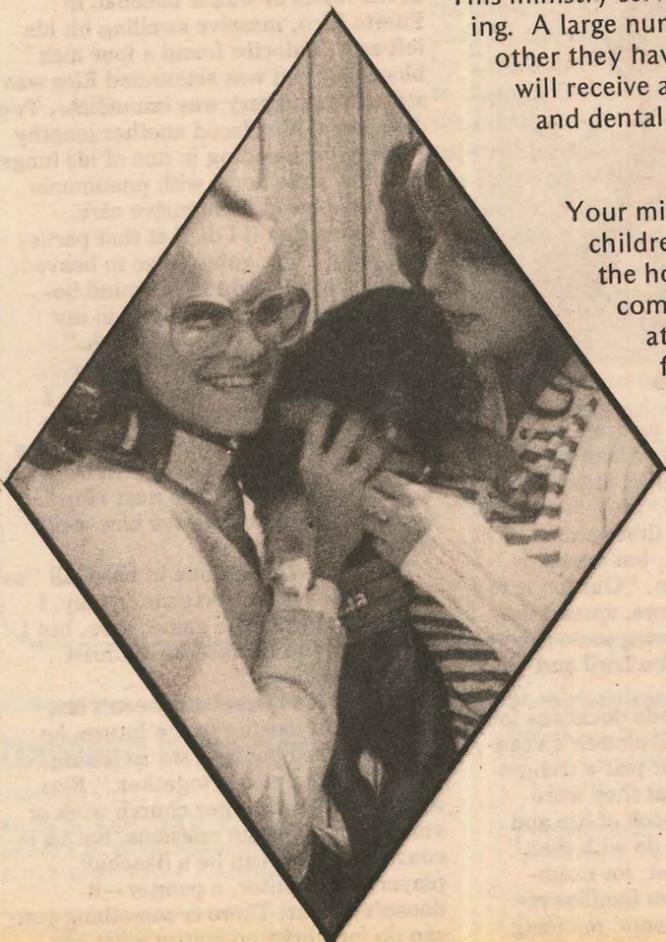
Our ministry for children is viewed as a ministry of the church—the church responding to God's call to serve the needs of mankind. "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me." The distinctive difference of this ministry over against any other is that it is a channel through which all churches of our convention can express Christian compassion for homeless children.



You and your church's relationship with a ministry that meets the needs of special children with special problems is one of life's greatest opportunities. Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas placed this ministry in perspective when he wrote, "One does not care about other people because one is better or wiser or more adjusted than they (meaning children). One cares because they are people, and in the Judeo-Christian tradition this stems from a recognition that everyone is a creation of God."

One must remember that this ministry must provide surrogate parents (substitute parents) for each cottage as well as providing relief parents so the regular houseparents can have some time off. The average family does not provide in their budget for 24-hour care for their children.

This ministry serves abused and troubled children that require ongoing counseling. A large number of children need tutoring because for one reason or another they have fallen far behind in schoolwork. Every child under care will receive ample food, clothing, and school supplies. Every medical and dental need will be cared for. Recreation and camping is provided for each child.



Your ministry to children provides counseling to families and children all across the state of Kentucky. We seek to heal the home situation for hundreds of families before it becomes necessary for parents and children to be separated. We have the responsibility to provide staff for casework, adoption, and foster home studies—and to counsel with unwed mothers and provide foster homes for those who cannot remain at home. We provide training for houseparents, foster parents and adoptive parents.

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