



State Baptist men set convention at Owensboro

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Laity Involved through Prayer" will be theme of the 1986 Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention Oct. 2-3.

Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, will host the annual event.

Doug Strader, director of the state convention's Church Training and Special Ministries Department, Middletown, will be featured in three 30-minute presentations during the convention on the "Doctrine of the Laity."

Other principal speakers include H. Mac Johnson Jr., Brotherhood Department director, Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery; Donald P. Bratcher, pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Owensboro; and Cameron Byler, director of Baptist Men, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Other program highlights include a business session, nine simultaneous small group fellowship meetings, a



Strader



Johnson



Bratcher



Byler

catfish dinner and the testimony of a state Royal Ambassador Speakout winner.

Topics for the nine Baptist Men's fellowship groups included: lay revivals, disaster relief, Kenya Partnership, laity abroad, lay renewal, Baptist builders, Royal Ambassadors, Baptist Men, stewardship speakers.

Worship periods will be led by Baptist Men of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland; Yellow Creek Baptist Church,

Owensboro; Mt. Washington (Ky.) Baptist Church; and Corinth Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Music will be under the direction of Charles Douglas, minister of music at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro. Paul Welch is host pastor.

Other program personalities include C. A. Easterling, Bob Simpkins, G. Allen West, Ray Acree, Bill Kaufman, William D. Jagers, Rob Carr, G. T. Cowan, Bailey Sadler and Mike Mel-

loan.

Presiding at this convention will be state Brotherhood president Russell Adkisson, Brandenburg layman. Other officers include Glen Canada, first vice president, Campbellsville; Paul Wayne Neal, second vice president, Stanton; and Randall Rogers, recording secretary, Greensburg.

The initial session of the Brotherhood Convention is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. The final session ends at 9 p.m. the following evening.

Reservations for the catfish dinner at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 at the host church are \$2 and must be made in advance. They may be made by contacting Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St., Owensboro, KY 42301, telephone (502) 683-0269.

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Needs meets: more interest than 'wildest dreams'

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Four human needs awareness conferences across Kentucky Aug. 11-19 drew 330 people from 98 churches. They were a first for Kentucky Baptists and possibly for the Southern Baptist Convention, too.

According to Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission, "Kentucky is the only state to conduct these conferences and will serve as a role model for the rest of the SBC."

Sessions included "What Southern Baptists are doing about hunger at home and abroad and what churches can do to meet local human needs," "How to find local resources to meet human needs," "How to begin a clothes closet and food pantry," "How to use Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood in meeting human needs" and "What is Christian social minis-

tries in the local church?"

The awareness conferences were at Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; Highview Baptist, Louisville; First Baptist, Pikeville; and Beacon Hill Baptist, Somerset.

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"The purpose of the awareness conferences was to provide basic, practical information on meeting human needs to the local churches," Strader explained. "Most of those attending were lay people—Brotherhood and WMU leadership from across the state—seeking ways to become more involved in the life of their churches. Many are already doing ministry projects in their communities."

Parham of the CLC was especially complimentary of the Kentucky human needs awareness program. "This conference offers one of the best formats to raise the level of awareness and educate Southern Baptists about human suffering.

"If every state convention could do

similar conferences the amount of giving to hunger relief and participation in meeting human needs would increase dramatically. A great number of people would also have their needs met by local churches, and the level of commitment of Southern Baptists to missions would rise significantly," he commented.

Keynote speaker for the conference was A. Harold Pike, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Covington, Ky. Pike has been highly involved in a variety of ministries with the inner city church 20 years.

Using the story of the Good Samaritan, he entreated the participants to become involved in the lives of others, to involve their churches in the lives of others and to keep the work going once it begins.

"The thing that thrilled me most was the sense of expectation of those attending," Pike revealed. "Many of them came saying, 'What little bit we've done has whetted our appetite to do more. What else can we do?'"

"The directors of missions and local pastors did tremendous ground work promoting interest in meeting the needs of the poor, hungry, sick, lonely and unclothed in our communities," he said.

He also commented that the number of people attending indicates these Kentucky churches are aware of the needs around them and ready to work.

Pike has a deep conviction that churches need to combine evangelism and social work in their ministry programs. "The church building should be used seven days a week, day and night, as good stewardship of the Lord's house and his blessings." South Side is presently involved in a day care program for 178 children,

delivers food to 12 families each week, provides clothes and school supplies for underprivileged kids, sponsors a Big A Bible Club for children and youth after school, conducts a single parent ministry to 65 adults and draws more than 300 children to vacation Bible schools it holds in three community parks.

"Matthew 25 claims, if you've done it unto the least of these, you've done it unto me," Pike explains. "Any time you see the need and do something, you've helped Christ. Any time you see the need and fail to act, you've failed Christ."

Other conference leaders were Mrs. Pat Bailey, a Southern Seminary Christian social work instructor; David Acree, director of missions, Pulaski Association; Nathan Porter, consultant for the Home Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Department; Jim Holiday, pastor of East Baptist Center, Louisville; Cindy Weber, associate at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville; and state WMU and Brotherhood personnel.

The idea for the conferences, according to Strader, originated from an assignment given to the Special Ministries Department by William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC. "The assignment began as developing a learning module for Kentucky churches on hunger, but broadened to include all human needs.

"The only way we knew to do this was to bring together experts in the fields from across the convention to tell how they were meeting these needs," he allowed.

The ultimate goal for the department is still to develop a module, similar to Church Training equipping centers, that will assist churches in determining the human needs in the immediate area, then find local resources to meet those needs.

The Special Ministries Department, KBC, will offer four human needs awareness conferences each year in August for the next four years. Next year's sites are Paducah, Bowling Green, Whitesburg and Lexington.

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Jack D. Sanford

Hunger continues, but gifts are down

A year ago we saw those gaunt faces, shriveled bodies and vacant eyes with regularity. At times it was more than we could take and we switched channels, only to see the same thing on another network.

But the spectre of hungry adults and dying children no longer fills the television screen during the evening news. Reports in newspapers and magazines are not as graphic nor as extensive as they were only last summer. The result is a sharp drop in gifts by Southern Baptists to the hungry people of the world.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released figures reflecting gifts for world hunger through June 1986. They show a drop of more than 40 percent for the same period in 1985.

Yet hunger goes on without letup. Children still suffer. Adults still die. Bodies are still shrunken, eyes still vacant.

Have we forgotten the hungry because we no longer see them or hear of them in the press? Are we so conditioned to react to what is visually thrown at us on television that we no longer have the capacity to act out of Christian concern for people in need even though the television is

silent? Are we so media-oriented we must be prodded by television to act?

Oct. 12 will be designated World Hunger Day in many Southern Baptist churches and it will be a day when Christian compassion expresses itself in tangible gifts to help people in need.

The Sunday school department my wife and I are in has asked all members of the department to do without dessert one day each week for 14 weeks and give the money to world hunger. That is a small price to pay for help to needy people, but it is one way to get at the problem.

It is a great idea, though we do not usually eat dessert. However, we have decided our family will make a contribution to our church for distribution to the world's hungry people. Our gift will be above and in addition to our tithe.

Our small offering may not be much, but when multiplied by the gifts of hundreds of thousands of other Southern Baptists, it could once again make an impact for good in a world desperate for expressions of love and care.

Perhaps some of you too will take a few dollars from your "dessert fund" and make a worthy contribution to help some child have a better life.

A giant goes home

The announcement of the death of Vance Havner leaves a vacuum for many preachers across the nation and around the world. Vance Havner was a prince among preachers with a "down home" way of declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ in language a child could understand.

My first introduction to this great man of God was as a college freshman. A fellow student from North Carolina told me about Havner's great ministry of evangelism and stirred me to search the library for books by the sage of the mountains. To this day I still read after him and discover some new way to tell the old story every time I turn a page.

What was so striking about Vance Havner was his way of taking a very common experience or observation and making it a God-sent vehicle for opening doors of exposition and application of the scriptures. When he preached, he held one captive and caused all who heard him to thank

God for this man of simple yet profound faith who was so gifted. Common persons and great scholars both found in this man a fellow pilgrim who spoke eloquently to their own situation in life.

One particular quote which I cherish because it is so commonplace yet so true is this, "Some fights are lost even though we win. A bulldog can whip a skunk but it just isn't worth it." You can almost smell the foul odor of skunk in that pithy expression and how that odor taints the bulldog.

He once said, "Too many saints go up like rockets and come down like rocks. They prefer to be flashy comets instead of faithful stars."

To a "faithful star" we say farewell and thanks for the inspiration and challenge of a life given to Christ. May the Lord give us more such giants to help us on our way.

Celebration 87

Jan. 1, 1987 begins a year-long celebration in Kentucky of the 150th year of the founding of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The climax will come in November at the annual meeting in Louisville.

During the year Western Recorder will present memorable moments from the past history of our great work in our great state. Perhaps some of you would like to share some memorabilia with us.

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in "the good old days."

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Church drama allows others to 'preach' says Southern Seminary professor

Drama is a way young people or the WMU or anyone can have the opportunity to preach, much in the way you 'preach' through musicals and cantatas...

by Mike Duduit

As far as Bob Hughes is concerned, the stage is his pulpit.

As assistant professor of communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Hughes is one of several faculty members pioneering a renewed emphasis on Christian drama. For him, drama is a form of preaching that should be encouraged in churches.

"Drama is yet another way to share the gospel. It is a preaching tool, and shouldn't be relegated to a recreational activity," insists Hughes.

Hughes also says drama is a way to involve people in the ministry of the church.

"It is a way that young people or the Woman's Missionary Union or anyone in the church can have an opportunity to preach, much in the way you 'preach' through the Christmas musical or Easter cantata," the seminary professor explains. He adds: "I've seen so many young people get involved in drama in church and go from there to greater involvement in ministry."

That concern is rooted in his own experience as a preacher's kid in California, where his father served many years as executive secretary of the state's Southern Baptist conven-

tion. As a nine-year-old, he saw the play "Green Pastures" (a humorous recasting of Biblical stories) on television, and it had a profound effect.

"It gripped me with spiritual value in a way I'd not been gripped by preaching," Hughes recalls. "A lot of my career traces back to that experience."

Hughes' first publication was a play called "The Stone Congregation," written while he was a college sophomore. Today he sees writing as his major contribution to Christian drama—and as the area of greatest need.

"The biggest problem we have as play producers in churches is so much of the material is so bad, and what is good has been done a lot so people have already seen it," he asserts.

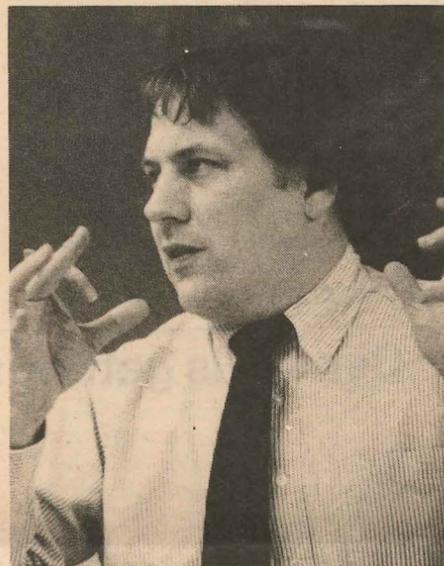
His first collection, **Plays That'll Preach**, was recently published by Broadman Press, and Hughes is discussing a second volume with the publisher.

Other Southern Seminary faculty members involved in drama on campus include Ragan Courtney, assistant professor of Christian drama; Mozelle Sherman, professor of church music drama; Raymond Bailey, professor of preaching; and William Hendricks, professor of Christian theology. These professors have an opportunity to test their productions with a ready group of seminarians.

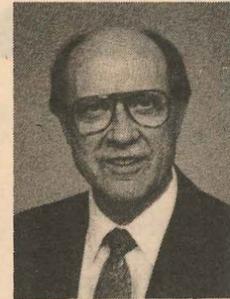
This year, for example, plays scheduled to be produced on campus include "Lovely Moon Lady," a musical by Courtney based on the life of

missionary Lottie Moon, and "The Sons of Noah," a drama by Hendricks. Chapel services this year will also include a series of monologue sermons by seminary faculty entitled "Heroes of the Faith."

Hughes believes drama deserves a place in the seminary curriculum because of its value in worship. "It stimulates interest and adds variety to the worship program in a local church," says Hughes, who adds, "In producing plays here we are training for ministry."



Bob Hughes, professor of communications at Southern Seminary, teaches students effective use of Christian media and drama.



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Some face school days with excitement and joy, while others face them with dread and fear. Dread and fear may come because of past failures and the unknown which lies ahead. The excitement and joy is felt because of new opportunities, a chance to make a new beginning. Many parents have mixed emotions about the beginning of school days because of added expenses for school clothes, supplies and fees.

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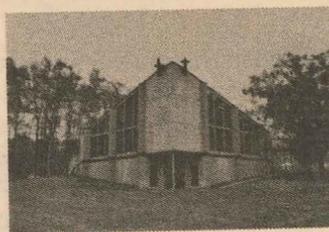
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baptist news in brief

Hunger relief gifts drop sharply in 1986

Southern Baptist gifts to their denomination's program of worldwide hunger relief have declined sharply compared to the record pace set in 1985. Figures from the Foreign Mission Board show gifts to overseas hunger relief during the first half of 1986 lagged 40 percent behind the six-month total for 1985.

Through June, the Foreign Mission Board had received \$3,364,060 for overseas hunger relief, compared to \$5,519,454 in the first half of 1985. In contrast, gifts through June to domestic hunger through the Home Mission Board were slightly ahead of last year—\$513,025 in 1986, compared to \$484,813 in 1985.

In 1985, Southern Baptists contributed a record \$11.8 million for combined overseas and domestic hunger ministries, shattering the previous 1984 record by more than \$4.6 million.

John Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board senior consultant for Parham needs ministries, and Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, emphasized if giving in 1986 remains above the 1984 level, it will reflect a long-term commitment among Southern Baptists to hunger relief. (BP)

RAs learn, do missions at national congress

Some 1400 Royal Ambassadors from 26 states both learned about and did missions during the seventh National Pioneer Royal Ambassador Congress Aug. 4-7.

The congress, which had a theme of "Dare to Care," featured studies about world missions, athletic competitions which raised \$6600 for world hunger relief and mission action projects in the Memphis area. A national congress for high school age young men is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission every six years.

Eight missionaries representing SBC's Foreign and Home Mission Boards gave testimonies during daily plenary sessions. The worship leader for each of these services was Franklin Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

The Royal Ambassadors were entertained by comedian Jerry Clower, world yo-yo champion Bunny Martin, and AAU champion power lifter Paul Wrenn. Music was provided by the group Truth, pianist Ken Medema and vocal soloists Gelene Ayers, Angie Lewis and Terri Lynn. (BP)

Americans can defeat obscenity, Sears says

Americans can wipe out obscenity in two years, the Southern Baptist who headed up the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography contends.

"Over-the-counter sales and large multi-state distribution of obscene material can be eliminated from this country in the next two years," says Alan Sears, executive director of the commission, which released its 1960-

page report this summer. He insists his "incredibly realistic" prediction can become reality if officials vigorously enforce present laws.

"We could make a substantial attack" on the pornography industry, Sears notes. "When you drive (an illegal activity) underground, you don't get rid of it, but you sure do make it smaller. Anybody who wants to use the analogy that driving something underground doesn't reduce its business doesn't know much about the heroin business and some of these other businesses that criminal enterprises engage in."

A member of Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, Sears was an assistant U. S. attorney with a reputation for prosecuting producers and peddlers of obscenity when he accepted the job with the pornography commission in March 1985.

The commission had two assignments—to determine if pornography produces antisocial effects and to recommend actions for reducing pornography. It "found that certain types of pornography were indeed harmful"

and offered 92 recommendations for action which involve state, federal and local prosecutors, judges, legislators and citizens at large.

"The commission is very realistic," Sears notes. "It doesn't believe the elimination of pornography would create a perfect world, but it believes it would create a better one—one in which fewer children are molested, fewer women are raped and many other negative social aspects are minimized." (BP)

BSSB trustees frown at Facts and Trends

Citing the request of the Peace Committee to avoid stirring the fires of controversy, trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board expressed disapproval of an article appearing in the July/August issue of a board publication.

The article, an excerpt of an address given on the board's Anniversary Day in May by James L. Sullivan, a former president of the board and the South-

ern Baptist Convention, outlined his personal perspective on current controversy in the denomination. The publication, "Facts and Trends," is a newsletter mailed monthly to approximately 57,000 church staff persons and state and SBC leaders.

A statement by Bill Anderson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla., also noted the position taken in the article does not reflect the position of the trustees. It further requests that BSSB editorial personnel honor the Peace Committee's request for a moratorium on activities that could further fuel the current crisis in the denomination.

Anderson presented his motion as a substitute for one introduced the first day by Joe Knott of Raleigh, N. C. and tabled by a vote of 40 to 33.

The Knott motion would have instructed Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder to apologize in "Facts and Trends" for the publication of the Sullivan article and to prepare and submit for trustee approval guidelines for persons speaking at the board. The motion also would have required the board to send a book by James Hefley, "The Truth in Crisis," to every person on the newsletter's mailing list. (BP)

Kentucky Baptists hold Kenya missions rallies

Kentucky Baptists can learn about becoming Kenya missions volunteers in one of several rallies sponsored by the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Five Kenya Rallies have already taken place this month, eight more are scheduled: Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.; Paducah Association Building, Paducah, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.; Holiday Inn, Madisonville, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.; Corinth Church, London, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.; First Church, Wurtland, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.; First Church, Cold Springs, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.; First Church, Paintsville, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.; and Farmdale Church, Louisville, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Intended to increase awareness of the Kentucky/Kenya Partnership, the rallies feature local volunteers showing slides and giving testimonies to their experiences in Kenya. State leaders hope lay persons will consider becoming missions volunteers and traveling to Kenya next year in response to the rallies.

The Kentucky Baptist partnership with Kenya began in 1985 and will extend through 1987. Six hundred volunteers have been requested for 1987. (KBC)

Housing forms mailed for St. Louis meeting

Housing request forms for the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention are being mailed to state convention offices and should be available shortly after Labor Day, according to Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager.

The forms, similar to ones used to reserve rooms in the convention city for the past seven years, also will be printed in the September issue of The Baptist Program.

Central is getting ready for a pastor



Central Church, Lexington, doesn't have a pastor, right now. They hope they will have one in the very near future.

But while Central is without a pastor, the church is busy making sure the new man they call will have one less thing to worry about as he adapts to a new field of service.

Central Church has adopted the new expanded Church Annuity Plan for their entire staff, ministers and non-ministerial staff. All will have supplemental life and disability protection as well as retirement security.

Because Central didn't have a pastor to guide them into the expanded Church Annuity Plan, the personnel committee assumed responsibility for the move. They contacted Don Spencer in the Annuity Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Don traveled to Lexington, and helped the committee evaluate their entire staff package.

John Bronaugh, chairman of Central's personnel committee, says, "We decided a long time ago we wouldn't leave this as an option. We want to take care of our ministers and we see this as the best way to do it!"

If your church is without a pastor, wouldn't this be a good time to get ready for the new man? If your church has a good pastor and wants to take care of him, shouldn't his benefit package be updated?

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Hedquist added St. Louis has about 15,000 hotel rooms, somewhat less than the 23,000 available in Dallas and Atlanta. Of the 11,000 not in the convention block, Hedquist estimated about half already have been reserved by individuals, travel agents or special interest groups.

Hedquist explained the housing request forms must be mailed to the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission (CVC), 10 S. Broadway, Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63102, on Oct. 1. Forms postmarked earlier than Oct. 1 will be considered last, Hedquist said.

"The forms will be opened Oct. 15 by CVC employees. This gives time for all the forms to arrive from across the country. Only the date will be considered, so it is of no advantage to have the envelope postmarked at 12:01 a.m.," Hedquist said. "The forms are opened by city employees who know nothing about us so no favoritism can be shown."

Hotels available through the convention block, with single and double costs, include: Adams Mark, convention hotel, \$88, \$98; Best Western-St. Louisian, \$46, \$54; The Chase, \$70 for either single or double; Clarion, WMU headquarters and meeting place, \$75, \$85; Days Inn at the Arch, \$52, \$62;

Embassy Suites, \$90, \$96; Forest Park, \$75 for either single or double; Marriott Pavilion, \$89, \$90; Mayfair, \$59 for either single or double; Radisson, \$63, \$68; Red Bird Inn, \$50, \$55; Sheraton St. Louis, \$77, \$91. (BP)

World Baptist leaders visit Christians in China

Nearly 200 Baptist leaders from 21 nations have returned from a midsummer "listening expedition" to China.

The leaders, including many from the Southern Baptist Convention, were participants in the Baptist World Alliance Friendship Tour. They joined Chinese Christians for a conference in Nanjing which may have been the largest gathering of foreign Christians in China since 1949.

Chinese pastors, theologians and seminary students gave most of the addresses, Bible studies and testimonies of the conference. Nearly every speaker closed by asking the visitors to "pray for us."

Bishop Ding Guangxun, president of the China Christian Council, put the latest total of open Protestant churches in China at more than 4000, with more new congregations starting daily. (BP)

Kentucky tops SBC list of training programs

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptists top the list of Southern Baptist churches starting a Church Training program during the April-June quarter, recording 14 new programs for the period and 17 for the year, according to Douglas Strader, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department.

This recognition is a first for Kentucky Baptists, officially coming from Steve Williams, growth consultant of the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Texas, Georgia and North Carolina all have been among the most recent states to consistently dominate the list of new training programs.

Strader attributes this jump in Church Training programs to new start consultations led by Jim Clontz, his associate, and himself. "One of our goals this year is to start 25 new Church Training programs in Kentucky congregations with an increase in enrolment of 1000 members.

"To accomplish this objective we made contacts with associational directors of missions and made appointments to talk with the pastors where no Church Training programs existed," Strader claims.

"Then, we would look with that pastor at the church's particular needs for discipleship and say, 'Here's what we can do to help meet those needs,'" he explains.

During the past year Strader and Clontz have contacted and visited 26 pastors introducing new discipleship programs, such as Masterlife, Equipping Center modules, Survival Kits, quarterly periodicals and Baptist doctrine study books.

Presently, only 48 percent of Kentucky Baptist churches conduct any type of Church Training program. But, Strader is encouraged by the recent growth trend, "The purpose of Church Training is to reach people and train them as disciples of Christ," he says. "The Great Commission's imperative is to go make disciples and this is difficult for churches to do without some form of a discipleship training program."

Part of the problem of why only half of the Baptist churches in Kentucky have training programs, according to Clontz, is "lack of awareness of new materials and resources to meet specific needs in the church, and the lack of how Church Training can assist the church."

Strader and Clontz conduct eight regional workshops annually to train local leadership with the new Church Training materials. Their next workshop is planned for Sept. 13 at Jonathan Creek.

During the next few months is the best time to start a new program, says Strader, because up to \$75 worth of literature and material can be obtained free by contacting the Sunday School Board, Nashville. These materials provide a better understanding of Baptist beliefs and distinctives, assimilation of new members, dedication and competency among church elected leaders, training in witnessing skills and improvement of family relationships.

Strader stresses, "We encourage all churches to begin a discipleship training program. The Church Training Department, Middletown, is eager and willing to visit any Kentucky church to begin or improve programs.

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Eliza Broadus works "while it is day"

"While it is Day" is the theme of the 1986 Week of Prayer for State Missions. Woman's Missionary Unions across Kentucky Sept. 7-14 will emphasize the need to be working now because "night comes when no man can work."

The Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions enables Kentucky Baptists to continue their work across the state. The 1986 goal of \$500,000 will aid vital ministries such as Luther Lockett Correctional Complex, Marrowbone Baptist Center, "Mission Kentucky," Jonathan Creek Assembly and cleftRock, Mt. Vernon.

Luther Lockett Correctional Complex in LaGrange is a modern state prison, operated by Kentucky's Bureau of Corrections. Approximately 650 adult male felons are housed in five unit areas.

Kentucky Baptists are trying to meet the social and spiritual needs of the inmates and the staff of 200 at this prison facility through supporting the work of Darryl Tiller. He is Kentucky's only state-employed chaplain and is responsible for coordinating ministry programs at Luther Lockett.

Tiller has found help from numerous local Southern Baptist churches. In addition, the Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and the Kentucky Baptist Convention jointly support his student associate.

Lockett is an accredited training ground for future ministers and chaplains enrolled in the Clinical Pastoral Counseling program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. The Eliza Broadus Offering also funds two or three Baptist students in the seminary's CPE program.

The Marrowbone Baptist Center started as a ministry to children. But under the supervision of missionaries Greg and Alice Whitetree, the work has spread to families, providing clothing, food and counseling.

During the school year, Marrowbone sponsors Big A Bible Clubs for children and a variety of youth organizations. These clubs, which reach more than 200 community children and youth, not only provide social activities but also promote Bible study and church attendance.

The summer is filled with backyard Bible clubs, vacation Bible schools, day camps and Royal Ambassador camp. Workers seek to share Christ through organized recreational experiences and a safe place to play—free from mental, verbal and physical abuse.

Marrowbone has a basketball court, a hard-top playing surface, a picnic area and playground equipment. These facilities as well as a van were provided

by funds from the Eliza Broadus Offering.

Your state missions offering also helps with the "Mission Kentucky" 1985-90 strategy for state evangelism. This program is a coordinated effort of starting churches, enrolling more people in Sunday school and developing believers in prayer, discipleship and stewardship.

From 1970-1980, Kentucky netted only 10 new churches—far short of the amount needed to reach the estimated 900,000 unchurched people in the state.

The Home Mission Board has determined that Fayette, Floyd, Pike and Warren are four counties that have the greatest need and potential for starting churches. New churches grow faster than older churches because after the first 10 years most churches level off.

The Eliza Broadus Offering helps provide building funds for these churches, enabling Southern Baptists to reach the lost and disciple new Christians.

On 120 acres of wooded land on the beautiful Kentucky Lake sits Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, also supported by the annual state missions offering.

The assembly hosts a variety of activities sponsored by the KBC as well as many individual Baptist churches. Some of these activities are overnight retreats, seminars and workshops, marriage enrichment retreats, deacon and wife retreats, Royal Ambassador camps, youth weeks and many WMU events.

Jonathan Creek is also the site of four weeks of GA/Acteens camps during the summer months, providing shoreline and dock fishing, a swimming pool and hiking along the shore of Kentucky Lake.

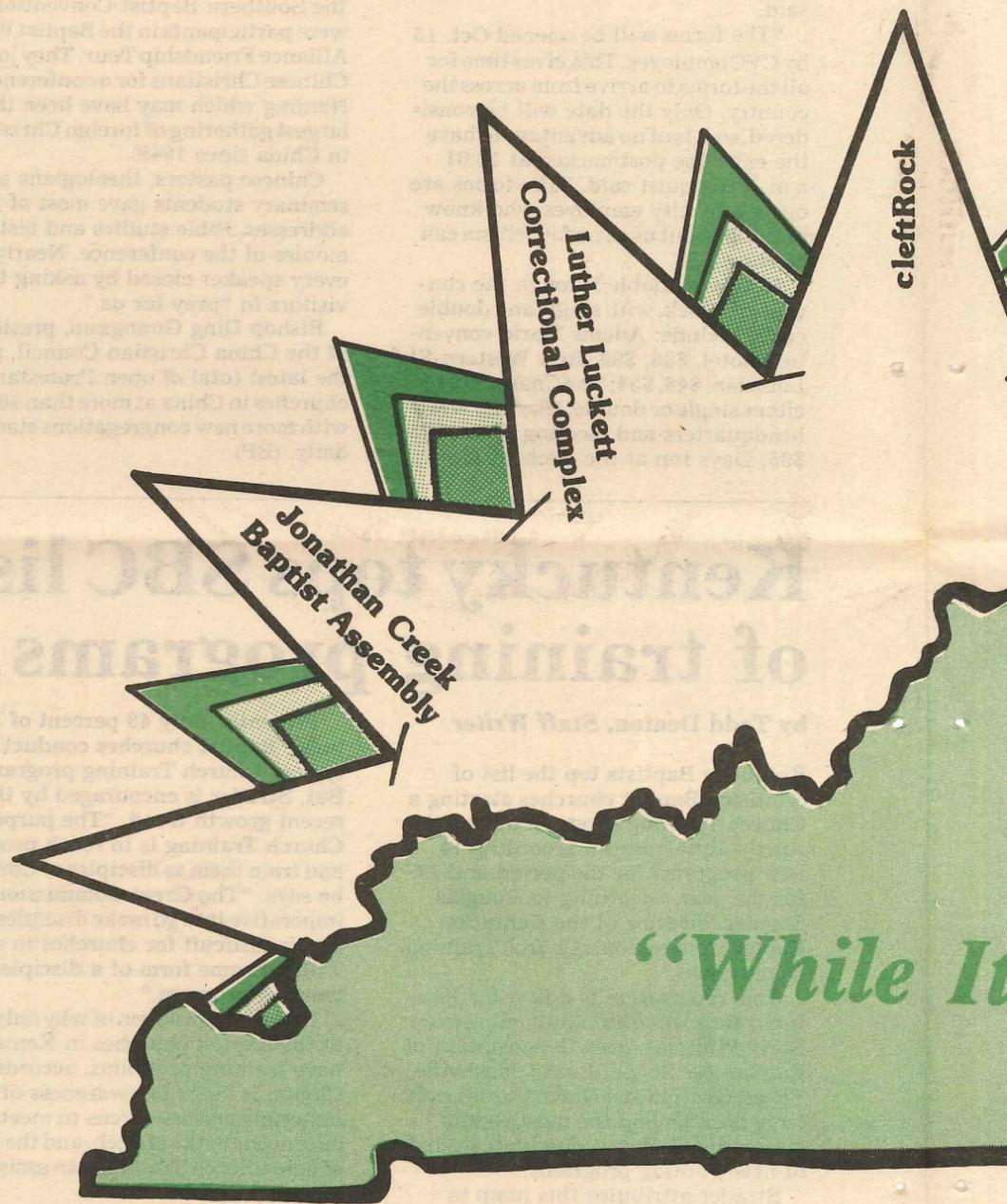
The assembly's facilities include a dormitory that sleeps 120 people, a motel with 48 bedrooms, a 136-seat dining hall, and a chapel that holds a congregation of 200.

A fifth vital ministry aided by the Eliza Broadus Offering is at cleftRock, Mt. Vernon.

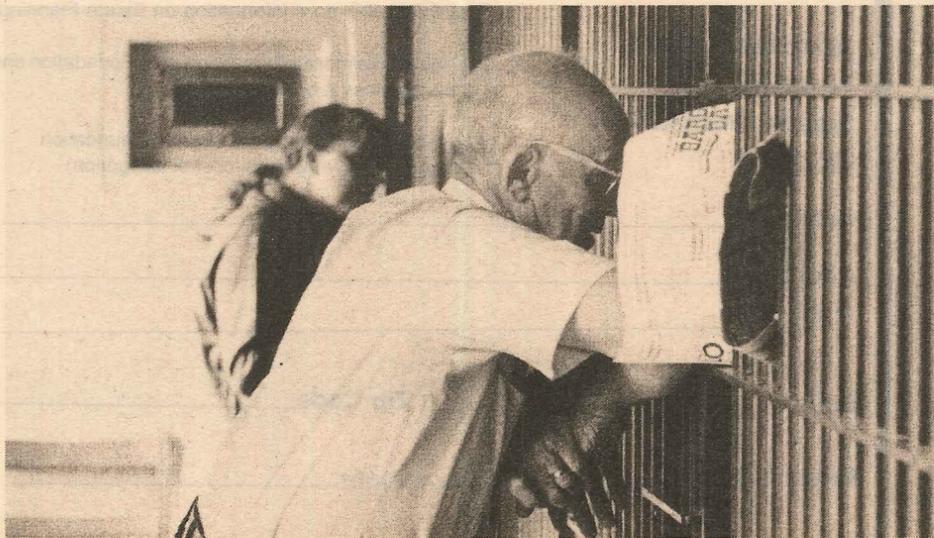
CleftRock conducts an annual, week-long retreat for missionary kids during the week after Christmas at the home of Bob and Eddie Fields. This ministry is often the vital link that enables the children of foreign missionaries to readjust to the American culture when they arrive in the states.

Missionary family members struggle not just with the spoken language, but also with adapting to customs. The cleftRock home becomes an orientation center for more than 40 missionary kids each year who come to juggle values and concepts of the call to the ministry.

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The Eliza Broadus Offering supports the "Mission Kentucky" 1985-1990 strategy by helping many small mountain missions in Kentucky finance their first buildings.

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Gifts to the annual WMU offering for state missions provide funds and resources for Kentucky prison ministries, like the one at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in LaGrange.

Eliza Broadus Offering 1986-87

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION BUDGET ALLOCATION

Missionaries	
Salaries and Benefits (state missionaries)	\$94,500
Student Summer Workers	7,500
Mountain Pastors' Travel	8,000
Buildings	
Church Building Grants	58,000
Camps and Assemblies Major Repairs and Renewals	60,000
Scholarships	
Seminary Extension	700
Matching Scholarships	30,000
Interracial Work	
Fellowship Center Workers	9,400
Language Missions	26,500
Conferences	
Senior Adults	2,500
Special Ministries: Retarded, Deaf, etc	300
Student Work	
Bibles for Internationals	500
International Student Ministry	14,000
Evangelism Outreach '86	5,000
Volunteer College Student Workers' Conference	1,200
Student Mission Education	2,500
Orientation and Debriefing of Summer Missionaries	1,500
Pre-School College Student Retreat	2,100
Community College Area Retreats	1,000
Love-in-Action	800
Special Projects	
"Mission Kentucky"	25,000
Disaster Relief	5,000
TOTAL	\$356,000

KENTUCKY WMU ACTIVITIES BUDGET ALLOCATION

Missionaries and Family Nurture	
Western Recorder to foreign missionaries	\$1,000
Foreign Missionaries Gifts	500
MK Retreats	1,000
Furloughing Missionaries Dinner, KBC	750
Scholarships	
Campus BYW Presidents	1,300
Deaf Work	400
Interracial Work	
Field Workers	1,500
Simmons Mission Department	500
International Friendship Clubs	5,000
Ethnic Women's Work	600
Activities	
State Missions Week of Prayer Material	15,000
WMU Activities	20,850
Age-level Activities	11,550
Cedar Crest Camp and Workshop	29,000
Jonathan Creek Camp	12,000
Miscellaneous	
Clear Creek (Nursery)	2,500
Oneida Baptist School	2,500
Mountain Missions Conference, Oneida	750
Marrowbone Center Van	5,000
Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (Seminary Interns)	5,000
Race Track Ministry, Long Run	3,600
Resort Ministries, Land Between the Lakes Area	330
Undesignated	23,370
TOTAL	\$144,000



Leon Simpson
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clear creek comment

The new Clear Creek

One of the most majestic statements in all the word of God is spoken by our Lord in Revelation 21:5, **Behold, I make all things new!** Not only at the end of time, but all throughout history God has always been in the renewing business. Paul expressed the Christian life as, "though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."

Some people are against everything that is new. They are 'aginners' (mountain talk) and agree with the writer of Ecclesiastes, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9)

But our Lord believes in new things. Our salvation is new and we have a new name written down in glory. We are a new creation in Christ and belong to a new race of people (the church). God's promises are new and God's blessings are new every morning. We have a new home and someday "I'll have a new body, praise the Lord, I'll have a new life."

At Clear Creek we believe in new things. Although our allegiance to the word of God is eternal and our love for the Lord and for his people will not change, some things do change and improve at Clear Creek. Let me mention two or three things at Clear Creek.

Kelly Hall has never looked better! We want you to come and visit Clear Creek and eat and sleep in Kelly Hall. It is a hospitable and commodious place for refreshment of visitors and our Clear Creek family.

Our new **Family Life Center** is not completed, but looks so beautiful. It will serve our families at Clear Creek and Kentucky Baptists so wonderfully in years to come.

Our **evening school** is new. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings courses will be offered to serve our Kentucky Baptist churches and dear Christians who wish to prepare themselves the better to serve our risen Lord.

Our **three-day, two-day schedule of classes** is new. A pastor (or any other servant of the Lord) can continue his ministry where he is and keep his family rooted at home while earning 12-18 hours per semester toward an accredited degree at Clear Creek.

Yes, there is a 'new Clear Creek.' We are improving everyday in our pilgrimage to the land where our Lord will make all things new!

Owensboro church makes history Black mission constitutes into SBC church

by Betty Anderson,
State Correspondent

Saying "It is time for us to rise up and walk," Raynarldo Henderson, pastor of Cedar Street Missionary Baptist Church, Owensboro, responded to the sermon during the constituting of the black church, July 20.

Taking part in the ceremonies were representatives from Temple Baptist Church, the sponsor of Cedar Street Baptist Chapel; from the Daviess-McLean Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention; and from the Green River Valley District Association and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

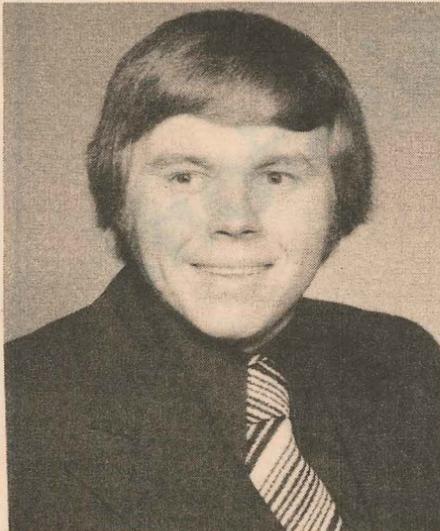
Mike Crain, pastor of Temple, believes history has been made in Kentucky—a white mother church sponsoring a black mission that constituted into a church.

Cedar Street has decided to become dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and one of three major black national conventions. These conventions are represented in Kentucky by the General Association of Baptists.

History has been made in Kentucky—a white mother church sponsoring a black mission that constituted into a church.

Lincoln Bingham, General Association's superintendent of missions, has been instrumental in the development of Cedar Street. He is also the consultant for cooperative ministries, KBC, and pastor of West End Baptist Church, Louisville. Bingham, in bringing the message for the constitutional service, chose his text from John 5:1-9, the account of the invalid man at the pool of Bethesda.

"The blind, halt and withered at



Mike Crain, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

the pool are a picture of mankind. But God provided an opportunity for the man to be made whole." Bingham assured the congregation, "God is no respecter of persons. It doesn't matter if you live on the avenue or in the alley."

Bingham likened Cedar Street to the invalid man. "But Cedar Street could not say, 'Sir, I have no one to help me.' Temple Baptist Church and Daviess-McLean Baptist Association responded to the cry for help four years ago."

Twelve people met in late 1980 to discuss beginning a new work in the vacant church building at the intersection of Ninth and Cedar streets. After two years the six left in the group decided to ask for help from the KBC. At this point leaders from the white and black local and state organizations discussed the situation. Ronnie Forrest, who was at that time moderator of Daviess-McLean Association and pastor of Temple just a few blocks away on Ninth Street, decided to ask his church to be the sponsor. That fall, Temple donated \$3000; Daviess-McLean appropriated an interest free

loan of \$5000; and Cedar Street raised \$2000. The KBC then granted \$10,000 toward the total purchase price of \$40,000.

With 22 members, the group moved into their building Dec. 5, 1982. In meeting with Bingham, the church decided to call one of his associates from West End, Willard Hunt, first as interim and then as pastor. Hunt resigned in December 1984. West End continued to give preaching assistance. In March 1985, Henderson, an associate at West End and a student at Southern Seminary, was called as pastor. A graduate of Judson, Henderson is from the Chicago area. He is

Cedar Street has decided to become dually aligned with the SBC and the General Association of Baptists.

excited about the future of Cedar Street. Of the 65 members 34 have joined during his pastorate.

Services at the church include Sunday school, morning and evening worship, and a mid-week study. Last summer Cedar Street had its first vacation Bible school. The new church intends to follow Southern Baptist programs, but also wants to keep some of the worship forms of the black church.

Bringing greetings from the KBC, William Rogers, director of the Minister/Church Support Division, said Cedar Street "has the potential to be a model for other church starts in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Argatha Jackson, charter member, in welcoming guests to the constitutional service, gave "thanks for the cooperation of our Christian friends." Both the church choir and the youth choir from West End provided special music for the occasion.

Ohio River at home in new headquarters

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

It took more than 100 years, but it happened. Ohio River Association is at home in its new headquarters—a Baptist Center, shining, efficient, and debt free. There is plenty of parking space and room for expansion.

Sharing space with a church is a thing of the past. And the director of missions doesn't have to give up a room in his home for the office.

The idea for an associational headquarters building began with a Woman's Missionary Union meeting more than 10 years ago.

Bailey Sadler, DOM at the time, presented the need for an office at a quarterly meeting. The seed was planted.

A few months later, the women realized their director, Marca Lee Clarke, had not turned in an expense account during her three year tenure. They wanted to give her \$25 as reimbursement.

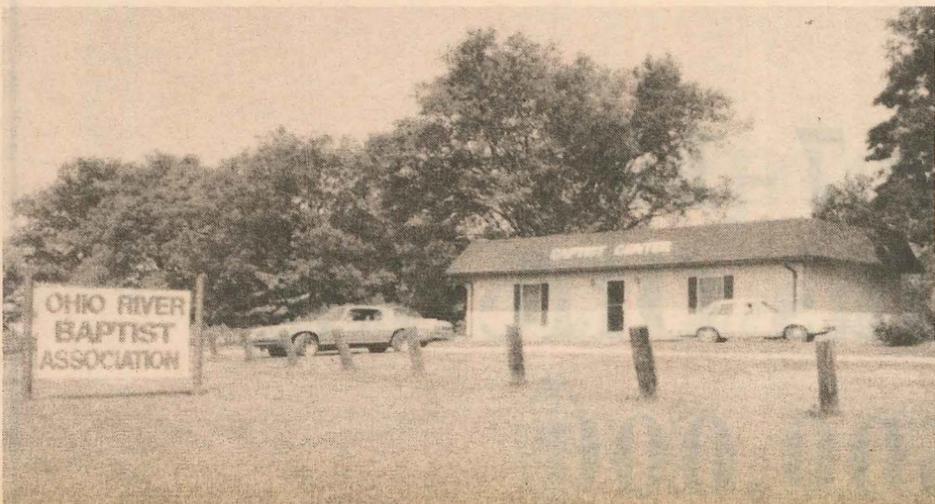
Mrs. Clark had a better idea. The WMU would keep the \$25 and start a

building fund. Sadler said he would personally match the amount.

The dream grew; so did the fund. When the association made the decision to purchase suitable property in Salem, the center of the association, the WMU was ready with a contribution of almost \$7000.

The entire association caught the enthusiasm of the women, because \$40,000 was paid off in less than two years.

The current DOM, John East, said, "I believe God directed the churches to give. The WMU dream has become a reality."



Ohio River Association recently moved into its new headquarters in Salem.

Russ Adkisson...not just another painter

“What can one man do to win the world?”

by Linda I. Johns

Why did the paint salesman go to South Korea?

To lead a revival, of course!

Surprised? Well then you don't know the current state Brotherhood president, Russ Adkisson of Brandenburg.

The process, which led Russ Adkisson from a farm in western Kentucky to selling paint in Brandenburg to preaching in South Korea as well as many areas in Kentucky and the rest of the United States, began about 37 years ago in a pastors and laymen's conference in Cedarmore.

Adkisson realized the others at the meeting were active soul winners and he was not. "I started to pray right then that God would let me lead others to Christ," recalled Adkisson. And indeed, God has answered that prayer in ways Russ Adkisson never dreamed.

Since then Adkisson has led revivals in over 30 states. In Hawaii, he and his wife spent a week in lay revivals and over 300 were saved. Salem Association still helps support a church in Greenbush, Oh. as a result of one of Adkisson's revival efforts. In October he plans to return to Minnesota to a congregation he has worked with before for a lay revival. Originally this group held meetings in a store, but now this growing congregation has the property for a church and hopes to have a building soon.

Adkisson has been the coordinator for many lay revivals over Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky. He personally does about one revival per month although he is quick to add he really could handle two a month. He usually sees eight to 25 decisions for Christ

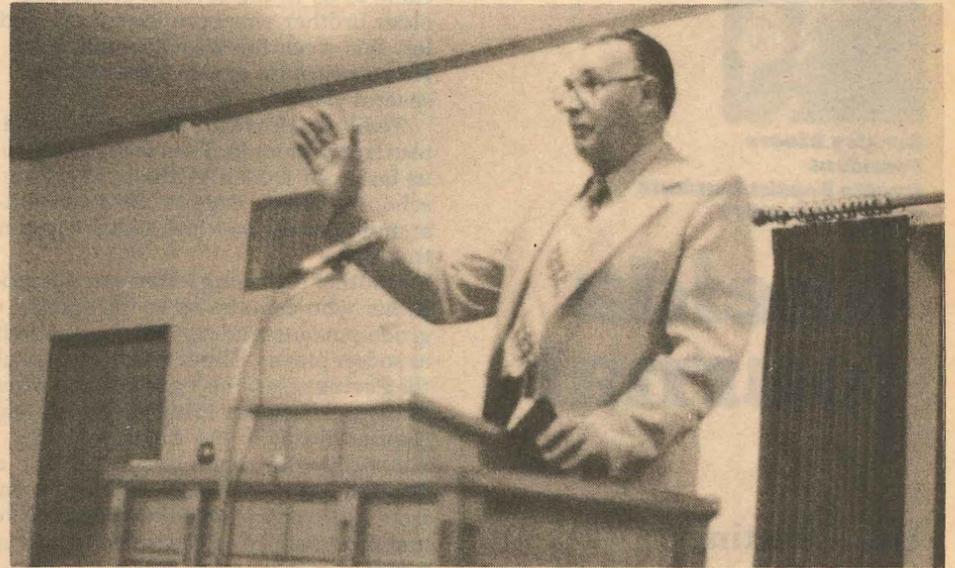
per revival. "It's hard to keep from saying I, but God does it," states Adkisson.

One of Adkisson's most exciting revival efforts was in 1975 when he headed up a lay revival team in South Korea. There were over 200 decisions made, and 69 of those accepted Christ. Ninety percent of these converts are active in church because of the extensive follow-up procedures Adkisson promotes.

Adkisson's teams follow a three-fold follow-up plan he has seen produce tremendous results. It includes: 1) a letter including a work-form sent by the lay team within a week of the decision, 2) a visit paid a week later to check on progress on the form, and 3) a second shorter form left at the time of the check-up visit. But even this follow-up doesn't work unless the church members invite the community into the church and encourage converts to come. "We Baptists need to get busy!" declared Adkisson, who knows first hand what good follow-up can do.

Adkisson realizes some church members may feel they don't know how to witness, but he is more than willing to train interested people. He has brought teachers into his own church to lead conferences on witnessing. "If people want to visit, their pastor will teach them, or he can have someone come in and do it. I'm a poor teacher, but I'll even come and do it," offered Adkisson.

Russ Adkisson is a firm believer in equipping the local church to witness and then to nurture those won to the Lord. "I promoted the evangelism conference for a year," he laughed.



Russ Adkisson went from selling a farm in western Kentucky to selling paint in Brandenburg to leading lay revivals in South Korea and all across the U. S. Adkisson is now state Brotherhood president.

Another favorite outreach and follow-up tool is the Deacon Family Ministry. "It's a beautiful thing, especially with a yokeman or assistant," said Adkisson. But he admonishes the church, "Train your deacons!"

Adkisson feels one of the most important things a Brotherhood can do in the church is to get the men out witnessing. "If you get the men out, the ladies will follow, then the young people. Young people are terrific witnesses," he remarked. "Some people say, 'God didn't call me to do this.' God didn't call; he commanded it in Matthew," declared Adkisson.

This desire to help other men learn how to witness is the reason Adkisson accepted the office of state Brotherhood president. "With my experience, I might lead other men to take their Bibles and go out and win others," reasoned Adkisson. He certainly didn't do it out of boredom, for he "had plenty to do without it."

What does Adkisson do when he is not leading revivals? Officially, he has a job as a paint salesman in Brandenburg, but his other job as lay evangelist continues. "At the first of the year, I asked God to let me witness to 52 people on the job," recalled Adkisson,

who testifies he has never lost an account because of his witnessing or because of the time he spends on revivals. As a matter of fact, he believes business even picks up when he is out doing revivals.

Adkisson believes in being an example at home as well as when away. "If church members see businessmen, store clerks witnessing, they'll think, 'I can do it, too.'"

Adkisson described his own witnessing this way: "I've attended lots of classes and watched others. No two do it alike. I use only a few Bible verses but give a complete picture. And I end up with Philip and the baptism. I don't just get them to say a sentence prayer; I tell them they need to get in a church and work, too."

As a result of Adkisson's burning desire to be a witness and to train other men to do the same, there are currently 12 men in Salem Association ready to lead lay revivals. There are 10 men in Adkisson's home church, Brandenburg First Baptist, ready to visit and witness any time.

So if you thought all the Brotherhood did was eat, talk to Russ Adkisson. He'll show you what one man can do to win the world.



Miss Arthur



Miss Clements



Miss Goldsmith



Miss Lassiter



Miss Litteral



Miss Richards



Miss Roberts



Miss Walter

8 Acteens receive state WMU scholarships

Eight senior Acteens recently were named recipients of annual scholarships awarded by the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, Middletown.

This year's recipients were Angie Arthur, Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg; Cara Beth Clements, First Baptist, Morganfield; Patti Goldsmith, Bethlehem Baptist, Louisville; Sherry Lassiter, New Palestine Baptist, Crofton; Michelle Litteral, First Baptist, Corbin; Terri Ann Richards, Eilers Memorial Bap-

tist, Harrodsburg; Karen Roberts, Oak Grove Baptist, Russellville; and Stephanie Walter, Immanuel Baptist, Frankfort.

Requirements for the \$700 scholarships are based on Christian commitment; active involvement in Acteens; completion of three levels in Studiact, the Acteens advancement program; and a 2.7 grade point average in school work.

The scholarships are provided through the Snider-Creal Scholarship Fund and are only for one year.

Brotherhood organizes Baptist builders

Kentucky Baptist laymen who have building skills will soon be able to join efforts in using their talents to serve God. The Brotherhood Department, KBC, has begun organizing Kentucky Baptist Builders, which will consist of lay volunteers under the leadership of a coordinator who can assign, supervise and oversee projects.

As associations and churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention request aid, Kentucky Baptist Builders will provide volunteers for construction of church buildings and for help in times of disaster. They will also assist the Kentucky Baptist Convention in fulfilling the "Mission Kentucky" strategy by erecting missions and new church buildings.

Those with experience as builders, contractors or supervisors who are interested in the organization or in coordinator positions may call the Brotherhood Department, KBC, (245-

4101) and talk to William L. Kaufman, director of Brotherhood or may write: P. O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243. Retired persons can be especially valuable due to the extra time they may be able to give and to their years of experience.

Associations will receive brochures to be used for enlisting volunteers. The forms will be placed into a file which will help in choosing people for future projects. Because a variety of building opportunities will arise at different times and places, the Brotherhood will need several hundred volunteers.

Kaufman writes, "It is our prayer this program will open doors of opportunity for service, ministry, witness and rich fellowship to many of our Kentucky Baptist men who have a desire to see missions advance and the kingdom enlarged. We invite your participation in and prayers for the success of the Kentucky Baptist Builders." (KBC)



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oneida journal

Head butting

Fifty-five young men have answered the call of soccer coach Tom Jenkin as another season and a new school year begin.

Senior Jon has lived most of his life in New York but his home is now Montana. He is a third generation Oneidian. His grandfather came here in 1913. His father graduated in 1954.

Matt first came to us in summer school 1984 from Hamilton, Oh. His father is an orthodontist there. Matt wrote before coming this year as a junior: "I want to bring my grades up, play sports and excell at all I do. I know I could do all these elsewhere, but I really like to do it at Oneida."

Freshman Shawn comes from Pulaski County and is a second generation Oneidian. Shawn is enthusiastic about learning the game of soccer and is also an excellent student and basketball player.

Mark is a sophomore and is the son of Ron Deering, long time head librarian of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mark had several roles in drama last year.

Eric came to us last year in the eighth grade from Dayton, Oh. He is an only child and is learning the joy of having brothers and sisters in our boarding school setting. His father is a mental health specialist and his mother a school principal.

Jason is a second year soccer player and a sophomore. He comes from Knox

County and his pastor Orville Hickey of Grays Baptist Church.

Solomon has been on our soccer team longer than anyone. A native of Ethiopia, he was raised in the Senegal where his father worked for the United Nations Economic Commission. He came to us in the seventh grade. His older brother was here four years and left this week for West Virginia Tech. He was captain of our team the past several years.

Teddy and Fasil are both seniors and also from Ethiopia. They transferred to us last year from a Catholic boarding school in North Dakota. Both are outstanding young men and are co-captains this year.

Another returning letterman is junior Elmer who came to us in the eighth grade. An outstanding Christian as well as soccer player, Elmer could only speak the Portuguese of his native Brazil when he came. His father Eduardo is a lifelong Baptist pastor in the Amazon Valley.

A fifth returning letterman is Tan of Thailand. He came last year transferring from a Christian school in Bangkok he had attended three years. He is now a junior.

Andrew is now a senior. He came to us last year from Zimbabwe. There he was a member of a Baptist church pastored by his father, and a brother has been director of the youth work for their national convention.

From Zambia we have junior Chando who came to us last year. Both his older brothers are OBI graduates. Their father has a doctorate from UCLA and teaches music in their national university as well as serving as minister of music in the International Baptist Church of their capital city. Chando is another one active in drama as well as sports.

A very promising soccer player is a new sophomore from Japan, Hitoshi. An excellent player for the past several years has been Leuxay, who fled his native Laos some years ago after the communist take over there.

Managers include sophomore Mike from Ashland, senior Doug from nearby whose mother and many other relatives have attended OBI, and sophomore David, whose father writes for the KET network and senior Mike whose father is a professor at Asbury.

All a kid needs to play soccer is a ball, a pair of shorts and shoes. Filled with constant action and excitement, there are 90 minutes of play with a 15-minute halftime. One never touches the ball with one's hands but rather kicks it or butts it with one's head. Twenty-two play at a time, 11 to a team.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUGUST 31, 1986

Life and Work Series Attitudes toward aging

Prov. 16:31 If we are wise, we will cultivate the attitude of accepting the process of aging. Since long life is an evidence of God's blessing, so the white head is to be displayed with honor and dignity. It is the duty of the aging to impart to the younger the fruit of their long experience and to demonstrate to them that old age can be honorable and happy.

Lev. 19:32 Since godly living and old age represent true wisdom, indicate years spent in helpfulness to others, and suggest nearness to eternity, God has commanded us to respect, reverence and honor them.

Isa. 46:4 Having had delightful fellowship with the Lord and been the recipients of numerous blessings, the aging have so many good experiences to talk about. If those who are younger can observe in them cheerfulness and happiness, they will be convinced it is worthwhile to be a Christian and will want to imitate them.

Ps. 71:17-18 Out of genuine gratitude for what God had done for him, the psalmist faithfully told others about God's wondrous works. As he thought of God's abundant and rich gifts to him, he wanted to edify his associates and to honor his God.

Ps. 92:12-14 If you would enjoy the greatest happiness in your declining years, you should make kindness and

love the law of your lips and your life, accomplish some satisfying and permanent results, and lay up some treasure which cannot be taken from you. Instead of getting to the place in life where you imagine you have done your share for the Lord, continue to bear fruit to the end.

Tim. 5:1-4, 8 Paul advocated the continuation of the support of widows who were left without funds to secure the necessities of life. Children and grandchildren are responsible for providing for their needy loved ones. Those who ignore their responsibility in this realm, by relegating it to a church, exhibit their lack of true piety, fail to do their duty, dishonor Christ greatly, and come far short of the standard of multitudes of heathen.

International Series

God's rule will come

Dan. 8:1 Some two years had elapsed between Daniel's first and second visions. This verse informs us the second vision was vouchsafed to Daniel "in the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar."

Dan. 8:15-18 Inasmuch as Daniel did not understand the meaning of the vision from God, he promptly searched for the information. God sent the angel Gabriel to convey to the prophet the information. When Gabriel drew near to where Daniel was standing, the prophet became very fearful and was overwhelmed emotionally, whereupon he fell prostrate on his face. Gabriel indicated that Daniel's vision had to do with "the time of the end."

Dan. 8:19-26 Very likely "the indignation" to which Gabriel referred had to do with God's anger which had been aroused by the willful and inexcusable disobedience of his people. According to Gabriel, the ram with two horns represented the Medo-Persian Empire, which was on the verge of replacing Babylon as the dominant power. The goat represented the rise of Greece where Alexander the Great was emperor. Following his death, the empire was divided among four of his generals. The vision would not be fulfilled in the immediate future, but in God's time his purposes would be accomplished.

This lesson reminds us human nature anxiously desires to know much about the future. Why is it that the future is shut out from our view? Since part of the future will be bright, and part of it will be dimmed with sorrow, it is best God has concealed it from us. What he will do for us will be right and best; therefore, let us make it count for the most for him and for others.



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on mission together

Words, words, words

"The bone-chilling scream split the warm summer night in two, the first half being before the scream when it was fairly balmy and calm and pleasant, the second half still balmy and quite pleasant for those who hadn't heard the scream at all, but not calm or balmy or even very nice for those who did hear the scream, discounting the little period of time during the actual scream itself when your ears might have been hearing it but your brain wasn't reacting yet to let you know."

The above won out over 20,000 other entries in the "Worst Opening Line of the Worst Imaginable Mystery Novel" contest sponsored by San Jose State University in California.

Sometimes I feel that way about us as Southern Baptists. We have a seemingly inextinguishable capacity to produce words.

M. Theron Rankin, the Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary just prior to Baker James Cauthen said:

"Southern Baptists' greatest sin is that we **don't do** about what we say we **ought** to do."

When it comes to trying to help needy people in our state, Kentucky Baptists have decided to act more and talk less.

On the very day thousands of Americans were "holding hands across America," a small group of leaders from our state and selected SBC agencies were meeting to put action to concerns for meeting human needs.

"Hands across America" provided a significant but brief sensitizing to the hunger and poverty problem in America. But, like a moving drama, sermon or film, an "event" is limited in its long-range implications.

Kentucky Baptists have determined both by **heartfelt intention** and structure to help churches develop local, hands-on ministries to the poor and needy.

To accomplish this, the Church Training Department has been given this task. Doug Strader and James

Clontz are already heavily involved in this ministry.

During the past two weeks, four area conferences were conducted in Louisville, Hopkinsville, Pikeville and Somerset. An attendance total of 329, representing 34 associations, and 98 churches validates many church members have both a desire and willingness to become involved in a Christian ministry to the thousands in our state who suffer with the growing disease of poverty.

Baptists might be better advised to recognize the catastrophe of poverty, which is **here** and **now**, and share with these in the caring name of Christ.

Baptist churches who are **serious** about a concern for the poor and need some assistance in organizing may want to contact our Church Training staff. They can also point the interested to one of the several churches in our state which have been "acting" in this area long before many of us even knew there was a need.

baptist news in brief

Eight honored during Home Missions Week

Eight individuals from across the nation were honored by the Home Mission Board during Home Missions Week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Don Hammer, associate professor of ministries studies at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named PACT Consultant of the Year for his work with struggling urban congregations. Instrumental in PACT's formative years, Hammer wrote the major resource pieces and trained the program's first consultants.

Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo. was a struggling urban congregation when it commissioned a PACT study in 1982. In the following three years, under the direction of new pastor Jeff Barnes, the second recipient of a PACT award, the 15-year-old congregation increased its Sunday school attendance by 60 percent and its worship attendance by 100 percent.

William R. Wehmeyer of Portageville, Mo., director of missions for New Madrid Association, was honored as director of missions for rural-urban areas in the western United States. W. T. Updike of Stone Mountain, Ga., director of missions for Lawrenceville Association, was chosen best director of missions for metropolitan areas in the eastern part of the nation.

Marilynn Prickett, widow of the late home missionary, was given the first Ken Prickett award in recognition of her work as director of Christian social ministries for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. She then presented the second award to Pete Petty of Little Rock, Ark., state director of special mission ministries.

Texas pastor David Guel, an American Hispanic, was named Language Missions Pastor of the Year. At his own expense, he began holding services in 1980 which first attracted a dozen Hispanics. After six years, his ministry has grown to an average attendance of 250. The congregation, Manchester Baptist Church, now sponsors two additional missions.

The final honor, the Second Mile Award, was presented to 81-year-old David C. Bandy of Longview, Wash. Although retired, Bandy has served for the past eight years as director of missions for Southwest Association in Washington. (BP)

Audit shows major loss for Colorado Baptists

Losses incurred by the struggling Colorado Baptist Foundation total \$1.2 million, according to a Colorado Baptist General Convention audit released this summer.

The audit examined financial records of the foundation and the Colorado Baptist Loan Corporation, separate corporations jointly operated by Colorado Southern Baptists for the purpose of raising money and loaning it to Southern Baptist churches in the state.

Foundation losses began as early as 1981 and occurred until they became apparent in February 1985, when the foundation's assets were frozen, Charles E. Sharp, executive director of the convention, told Baptist Press. The losses were the result of poor

return on the "over-the-counter" stock investments, he said. Over-the-counter stocks are those not listed by the major stock exchanges.

Investments in the over-the-counter stocks were part of a money-raising effort on the part of the foundation, he explained: "The approach was investments by individuals in 'demand loan' accounts. These accounts paid interest to the investors and then the monies were loaned to churches in Colorado at a slightly higher interest rate."

The Home Mission Board's church loan division has granted a \$600,000 loan "to meet the initial obligations from demand loan account holders," Sharp said, adding the loan is being repaid with funds from the liquidated foundation assets.

"Assets have been liquidated, operations of these two organizations have been stopped, payments are being made to demand loan holders and work is being done to meet obligations on the bond issues in the Church Loan Corporation," he said. "The final suggestion made by the Home Mission Board and the Executive Committee...is a major fund-raising campaign."

"How it impacts us is that for a period of about two or three years, we're going to have to hold the line on new convention programs, not add any new staff and hold programs at the current level of spending," Sharp explained. (BP)

Florida WMU camp holds 40th reunion

All former camp staffers and campers over 20 years of age are invited to the 40-year reunion celebration for WMU camping in Florida Aug. 29-30, 1986, at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly.

The program begins at 6 p.m. Friday with supper and closes after lunch Saturday. Participants are urged to bring slides, programs, booklets and other memorabilia.

Registration forms are available from the WMU Department, 1230 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Australian Baptists seek help from U. S.

Baptists in Australia have pledged themselves to a new level of teamwork to spread the gospel throughout their nation by the year 2000.

And for the first time they are asking Southern Baptist missionaries to help them.

"Crossover Australia," the evangelistic vision first considered by Baptists at a nationwide assembly in 1984, has ushered in a new era of cooperation between the six independent Baptist unions, which usually run their affairs separately. It also has led indirectly to closer ties between Australian and Southern Baptists.

Historically, Australians have shied away from seeking the help of Southern Baptist missionaries. But in the past two years they have asked for and received four missionary couples to help them start new churches. A fifth couple was appointed in June. Other Southern Baptists—a volunteer youth worker and three journeymen—also have been assigned to Australia.

Australian Baptists themselves

maintain about 185 missionaries, most of whom work in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Out of a national population of nearly 16 million, Baptists in Australia number about 56,000 in some 700 churches. But because many Australian Christians practice their faith only nominally, Baptist congregations are generally some of the strongest in their communities.

Australian Baptist churches, however, are just now rediscovering outreach, Harry Monro, coordinator for the Crossover Australia campaign, said. In Victoria, one of Australia's six states, Monro and others are sharpening an emphasis on church starting. Last year Victorian Baptists committed themselves to starting 76 new churches and leading 10,000 people to faith in Christ by the end of the century. (BP)

Ala. Baptist receives police chaplain award

John Rasberry, chaplain to employes and families of the Mobile, Ala., County Sheriff's Department, was awarded the John A. Price Excellence in Chaplaincy award by the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

Rasberry, a former U. S. Air Force chaplain, was selected as 1986 Career Chaplain of the Year by the non-denominational conference. He received the award at the annual meeting of police chaplains.

The non-profit group, which promotes the professionalism of police chaplaincy, gives two awards each year: the career chaplain and the volunteer chaplain of the year. This is the second year a Southern Baptist received the career chaplain of the year award. (BP)

WMU needed to reach Bold Mission Goal

Unless Southern Baptists are willing to "make whatever changes are necessary," Bold Mission Thrust will never be accomplished, a Foreign Mission Board official said during Woman's Missionary Union week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Minette Drumwright, special assistant to the president at the board, urged the women to "be heard" in the churches to affect change. If they are not heard, the likelihood is slim the Bold Mission Thrust goal of spreading the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000 will be reached, she said.

"The role of Woman's Missionary Union in foreign missions is indeed intensified in these days," she insisted. "Foreign missions needs WMU more than ever before to get through to the people in the churches with the missions challenge in all of its aspects, in all of its urgency."

"In these days of deep division in our convention, I keep having a haunting thought women need to be heard," she related. "Unity is not the absence of difference. Unity is the absence of division. Women need to call for and insist on unity and focus on the lost world."

Southern Baptists need to nurture a deep respect for the "indigenous principle," Mrs. Drumwright explained. "We do not go to the uttermost parts of the earth to estab-

lish Southern Baptist churches. We go to share the simple essence of Jesus Christ. Then, as believers come into being, we seek to avoid imposing our cultural patterns on them."

Partnership also must become a way of life for Southern Baptists, she said. Partnerships between missionaries and national Christians, between Southern Baptists and national Baptist conventions and unions, between state conventions and countries overseas and between Baptists and other evangelical groups must take place for world evangelism to be successful, she said. (BP)

Rose will specialize during retirement

After a career of supporting the ministry efforts of program leaders, Morton Rose is looking forward to direct involvement with church staff members as he begins his retirement in October.

Rose, who is retiring Oct. 1 after 19 years at the Baptist Sunday School Board, will begin the Renew and Redirect ministry in cooperation with Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Tex., at a conference center near the church. Rose has been vice president for church programs at the board since 1979.

Prior to beginning the Renew and Redirect ministry, Rose plans to move temporarily to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., where he will teach church administration courses during the 1986-87 year.

Included in his responsibilities have been Sunday school, church training, church administration, conference centers, family ministry, student ministries, music, media libraries, recreation, architecture and church programs and services.

Rose is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, and holds the BD, MRE and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was chairman of the coordinating committee of the Interagency Council from 1974-82 when Bold Mission Thrust was developed. (BP)

HMB honors Yun Yong for seamen's ministry

Yun Yong, director of Seamen's ministry for South Jersey and Greater Philadelphia Baptist associations, was honored by the SBC Home Mission Board for his contribution to ministry among international seamen.

Yong began a volunteer ministry among seamen in 1965 and later left his position as director of the Department of Medical Arts at Temple University Medical School to become a missionary associate in 1976.

Before his missionary appointment, Yong worked with seamen in Camden, N. J.; Cherry Hill, N. J.; and Philadelphia. (BP)



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Doctor George Robertson is an Obstetrician at Baptist Hospital East. "I grew up in Paducah. My father is a retired surgeon, my brother an Emergency Medicine doctor at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah and I ended up here in Louisville.

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Rose Lewis, RN
WomanCare Plaza
Central Baptist Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky

Rose Lewis, RN is responsible for in-service and continuing education for the new WomanCare Plaza at Central Baptist Hospital.

"I'm excited about the WomanCare Plaza; it's a concept that enables women to meet all of their needs on one unit. Everything is focused on women; even the decor of the unit was especially planned with women in mind. All procedures are done on the unit with careful attention given to privacy and sensitivity of diagnosis.

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Brian Williams
Patient
Central Baptist Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky

Brian Williams, a senior defensive end with the University of Kentucky, was a patient at Central Baptist Hospital. "From the moment I was hit, I just knew I would never play football again! The team physician took one look at my knee and sent me straight to Central Baptist Hospital. That afternoon I had arthroscopic surgery.

"The doctors and nurses were great to me; when I woke up, they were holding my hand and assuring me that my surgery went well. The very next day I was doing light exercises in the Physical Therapy Department and by the next Saturday, I was able to play in the game!

"As a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, I know that God deserves the glory, but I will always believe that God worked through my new friends at Central Baptist Hospital to repair my knee. The people at Central Baptist Hospital are very special to me for this reason."



Carol Gardner
Critical Care Clinical Specialist
Western Baptist Hospital
Paducah, Kentucky

As a Critical Care Clinical Specialist at Western Baptist Hospital, Carol Gardner is directly involved in the welfare of critically ill patients. "If there is a more contented person, I don't know who it would be. My job is so fulfilling. I coordinate the Orientation and Continued Education for the staff in ICU and CCU.

"To learn a new procedure and in turn teach that procedure to the staff, then to see a staff member implement that procedure while assisting a patient will simply bring tears to your eyes. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is to personally work with the staff as they minister to the patients. There's a rapport between them that words cannot describe.

"Our staff really loves the patients, they treat them like their own family. Once you've worked in ICU or CCU, you wouldn't work anyplace else."

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