

Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff, celebrated its 100th anniversary in early January with the dedication of a new 30,000 square foot sanctuary that seats 1400 people.

## Stithton celebrates 100 years, dedicates new sanctuary

by Jack Sanford, Editor

On January 9, 1887 Stithton Baptist Church was organized in a community that no longer exists but is now part of Fort Knox. The 100th anniversary of that founding was celebrated in early January along with dedication of a new worship facility.

The church was originally located in the town of Stithton but had to move when the town was incorporated into Fort Knox in 1917. The Army established a training base in north Hardin County during World War I and forced the evacuation of many families including the congregation of the Stithton church.

Another move by the church was necessary in 1942 when Fort Knox was expanded during World War II. The church moved to Radcliff and built a new building in 1948. The congregation soon outgrew the building and a new sanctuary was constructed in 1961.

The new structure, which was dedicated January 11, is a modern building seating 1400 people with approximately 30,000 square feet of floor space. Massive laminated beams span more than 100 feet to support the roof which soars more than 30 feet above the worship area. A balcony seating 300 people sur-

rounds the carpeted worship center. Total cost of the new building, including furnishings, was \$1.7 million.

Gene Waggoner, who has been pastor at Stithton 25 years, commented on the steadfastness of the congregation in the midst of many moves. He stated he was impressed that "they stayed together even when they didn't have a church building. In spite of the constant turnover, they stayed with it." Last year the church reported 1693 members with a total annual budget of \$352,845.

The dedication ceremony included written messages of congratulation from President Ronald Reagan, Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins, Fort Knox Commanding General Thomas Tait, Fort Knox Staff Chaplain Charles Hosutt, Radcliff Mayor Joseph Hutcherson, Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Secretary William Marshall, and Severns Valley DOM Allen Baugh.

Program personalities who participated in the afternoon ceremony included Building Committee Chairman Terry Bennett, former pastor W. R. Cook, Celebration Committee member Marion Logsdon, the Eastern Kentucky University Baptist Student Union Choir, architect William Malifald, Jenkins-Essex Construction representative Edward Wetterer and pastor Gene Waggoner.

The congregation now plans to renovate the old sanctuary and convert it for use as office space, with a reception area and work area. Sunday school classrooms will be added to the second floor.

## Glen Dale rallies to aid Kenya-bound friend

by Robin Oldham

For as long as he can remember, Juney Fields has had a deep appreciation for Glen Dale Children's Home. Several weeks ago his relationship became more meaningful.

Fields' relationship with the children's home goes back more than 30 years when Fields moved with his family from their home in Louisville to the Glendale community. The young boy soon learned about the Baptist children's home in his new town and began what was to become a lifelong involvement with that ministry.

Having made a profession of faith in Christ at age 11, Fields was active in church and a number of church-related activities. At times, he attended a small, struggling Baptist mission where too many services saw only two persons present—Fields and the pastor.

Fields' deepening relationship with Christ grew dramatically following his marriage as he and his wife continued to hunger for more of the Lord in their lives. All the while, God was leading Fields in unmistakable ways.

Early adulthood brought considerable success in the construction business for Fields. The future looked bright for him until the mid-1970s when the nation's economy turned sour. During that difficult time, many construction firms, including Fields', experienced severe economic depression. His once booming business became critically weak. Still, Fields' hope in God grew stronger.

His increasing faith had been strengthened by three mission tours earlier in the 1970s. In 1975 he was one of two men from Severns Valley Association invited to lead church and school construction projects in hurricane-ravaged Honduras. Three years later, he went on a second mission tour; this time to Guatemala where he helped victims of a devastating earthquake. Later, in December 1978, Fields participated in a state mission project in eastern Kentucky. With each experience, his love for missions increased.

Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Kenya opened yet another door for Fields. As a member of East Rhodes Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Fields was moved deeply after hearing his pastor Dewey Keys' account of his mission trip to Kenya. "My pastor told me, 'You must go, too, Juney.'" After much prayer, Fields made a decision to accept his pastor's challenge.

As plans unfolded, Fields felt increasingly certain that his decision about the mission trip was the correct one. He was faced with one remaining hurdle, however: a lack of money. As a result, during a recent devotion time at Glen Dale Children's Home, Fields shared his concern with the staff. Buckley Carlin, director of the Glen Dale home, notes the staff saw Fields' need as an opportunity to help a brother in Christ.

Carlin says, "Here was a man who has devoted much of his life to our ministry and now, we at Glen Dale had a golden opportunity to assist him while helping send the message of Jesus' love across the world.

"Juney Fields is a great role model," says Carlin. "Any time we need help he is here ready to lend a hand."

Wanting to be part of Fields' Kenya

experience, Glen Dale youth and staff raised money for the trip by chopping and hauling wood to sell to citizens in the Glendale area. Using a borrowed truck, the group raised more than \$250 for Fields' trip.

Fields was overwhelmed by the love and support shown him by the Glen Dale young people and staff. Before leaving in early January for his 2½ week mission tour, he said, "These outstanding friends are part of our mission to Kenya. It is because they care enough to give of themselves that I am able to go."

"I am certain such unselfish love pleases the Lord and will be used by him to touch souls for Christ. I have always appreciated Baptist Homes for Children. Now my love for and dedication to this ministry is stronger than ever."



Fields

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Jack D. Sanford

# sanford's perspectives

## Do We Need the Genesis Commission?

Announcement that a group of Southern Baptists organized what they call the Genesis Commission prompted deep thought and raised serious questions about the foreign mission program of Southern Baptists.

The first question: do we need another foreign mission board? Immediately I thought of the present Foreign Mission Board's ministry in 107 countries of the world. Through the FMB Southern Baptists have the greatest, most comprehensive foreign mission effort on the face of the earth and the need for another board seems unlikely.

Second, the stated purpose of the Genesis Commission is to plant churches on foreign soil. We must ask if this is necessary, for it implies the SBC FMB does not have as its major function the planting of churches.

Not so, according to Keith Parks, president of the FMB. Parks has said "evangelism that results in churches" is the main emphasis of the FMB. As evidence of the truth of his words, the record shows that last year SBC missionaries were part of an effort which saw 158,626 planted and baptized into churches which have been planted and nurtured by SBC missionaries. Such churches, as well as preaching points, are in every country where we have missionaries, to give us a total of more than 33,000 churches in those countries.

Support for the present mission program of Southern Baptists comes through the Cooperative Program and gifts such as the Lottie Moon offering. If the Genesis Commission is to finance this new effort, where will they get the money? They say they already have "around \$2 million . . . maybe a little more." But is this enough?

The money needed to do work in the future will no doubt come from Baptist church members and

this will undoubtedly dilute the support now given the FMB through the Cooperative Program.

Richard McCartney, writing in the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, asked the question all of us must ask when he said, "Are we willing to jeopardize the most effective missionary program in the world to fund an independent agency with no accountability to Southern Baptists?"

Are we? That is the question which must be answered. If we are willing to fund such a venture in foreign missions, will we also be called upon to fund like ventures in theological education to replace our present seminaries? Will there be a movement to establish a new entity for home missions? Will we see a movement to establish another publishing house to supplement the Sunday School Board?

Southern Baptists have a great foreign mission program and an equally great home mission program. We have adequate theological seminaries and an unsurpassed publishing house. All of these ventures are supported by the cooperative effort of millions of Southern Baptists. It is time we worked together more diligently to make these operations even better, rather than striking off independently to create new, costly ventures which have the potential to separate us.

To duplicate and thus weaken a good thing appears unnecessary and that is potentially what the Genesis Commission would do to the FMB.

No one questions the Genesis Commission's heartfelt desire to win people to Christ and establish churches across the world. A better way to do this is to increase financial and prayer support for the FMB we now have.

Do we need the Genesis Commission? Not in the opinion of this writer.

## Mid-Winter Bible Study

The annual mid-winter Bible study among Southern Baptists is under way in thousands of churches and it is a time of concentration on the practical Epistle of James.

I have been teaching James at Harrod's Creek Baptist Church in Harrod's Creek, where David Livingston is pastor. This church, founded in 1797, is a vibrant fellowship of good people who have a deep love for scripture and are careful students of the Bible.

In our search for God's message to us we lingered over the statement James made in chapter one, verse 22, ". . . be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." All of us realized immediately this is the foundation for Christian living and witnessing in any age.

We came to the conviction that not since these words were spoken has the world been as ripe for "doers of the word." We have many hearers, but doers are harder to find and this is tragic since the need for doers is apparent to even the most myopic among us.

In Kentucky there are many people distressed because of poor economics in agriculture, manufacturing and mining. The economic stress we have in our state makes some positive word and

some positive action necessary if hope and confidence is to be restored to our people.

There is probably not a single school district in Kentucky which is free from some kind of drug-related problem. Parents, educators and students are distressed and perplexed as they try to find some positive way to handle this troublesome situation.

In the present climate of economic distress and social disorder it is imperative Christians not only have a word from the Lord, but that they live out that word in deeds done in the marketplace each day.

That is the message of James for his day and the word of the Lord for our day. We must find ways to live out the hope and joy revealed in scripture. Only as we live the word and become doers of the word will we be able to turn the tide of distress and help people who struggle against the forces of darkness.

"Be ye doers of the word . . ." is the command of the Lord to each of us. We must hear and obey or lose the opportunity to win a lost and dying world to Christ. The time is now and the responsibility rests with each of us who claims Christ as Lord of life and savior of all who believe.

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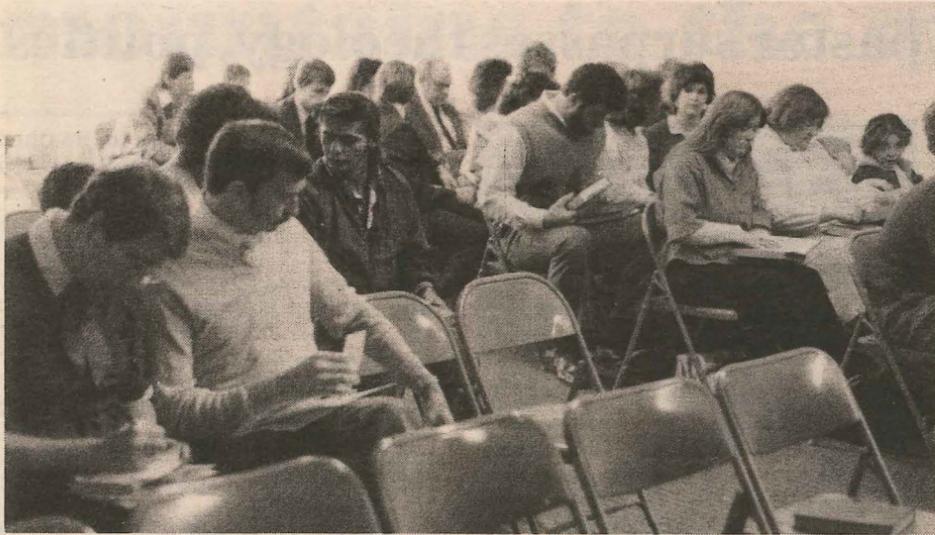
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Ada's young congregation meets to worship.



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## Kentucky-Ohio link aids Ada

Ada Chapel, to be constituted into a church May 17, 1987, is yet another example of the success of the Kentucky-Ohio link.

Lee and Debbie Warf, originally from Elizabethtown, Ky., started Bible studies in 1985 in the Ohio town of Ada. By September of that year they had moved into the ground floor of a former pizza parlor.

The chapel has continued to grow and the congregation is now considering the purchase of property. While the attendance in December reached 93 one Sunday morning, the worship area only houses about 20 people comfortably.

Kentucky churches have not been slack in aiding the chapel.

"We receive financial, prayer and letter support from Mercer Baptist Association, Fulton Baptist Association, Severns Valley, Cecilia, Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Hebron, New Hope and Burgin Baptist churches," Warf stated in a letter to Western Recorder.

Mission teams have also traveled to Ada, a town of 5500. They have conducted Backyard Bible clubs, surveys and other ministries.

The teams have come from Georgetown College Baptist Student Union, New Hope, Burgin and Severns Valley Baptist churches.

Warf and his wife fit into the congregation of mostly young adults and their children. They have two preschool-age sons.

Warf is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southwestern Seminary.

Debbie finished her college education in Texas.

Warf is positive about the future of the link between the two states. In his letter he enthusiastically stated, "Because of the Kentucky-Ohio partnership, missions in Ohio can really grow."

(Information for this article was obtained from Ohio Baptist Messenger).

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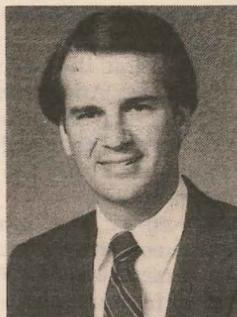
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## Ministry to Texas pastor surpasses theology, politics

by Ken Camp

Crescent Hill Church in Louisville, Ky. and Calvary Church in Lubbock, Tex. are about a thousand miles apart geographically and worlds apart in their theological emphases, but the two disparate congregations united in ministry to a West Texas pastor.

In May, physicians in Lubbock recommended Dale Cain, pastor of Calvary Church, go to Louisville for surgery and treatment by specialists. There he had five extensive operations that eventually included a total colostomy.

Initially, Cain's hospital stay was expected to be relatively brief. However, when complications arose and Cain and his wife spent eight months in and out of the Louisville hospital, life away from home was made easier by an outpouring of support from their home church and from Crescent Hill, the congregation that adopted them.

When Cain announced he would be going to Louisville, Calvary Church voted to set up a committee to perform pastoral duties, found an interim preacher and agreed to continue providing their pastor his full salary for the duration of his time away from them.

"The church didn't know it would be as prolonged as it was, but when it did become apparent, they never backed off in their commitment," says Cain.

**Cain says one reason** for the bond between himself and the congregation was the depth of their experiences together. During his 12 years as pastor at Calvary, he led members through a period of transition when the church relocated. He also faced several serious physical problems, including removal of a benign brain tumor four years ago.

During his stay in the Louisville hospital, Cain received a huge volume of encouraging cards and letters from his home church. In addition to assurances that friends in Lubbock were praying for his healing, Cain, who is on the Foreign Mission Board, also received word that prayers were being offered in his behalf on the foreign mission field.

Since Cain's returning to Lubbock, Calvary has continued to minister to him. He says the "superb" office and ministerial staff carried the load during his illness and they, and the church as a whole, are encouraging him not to work too hard too fast.

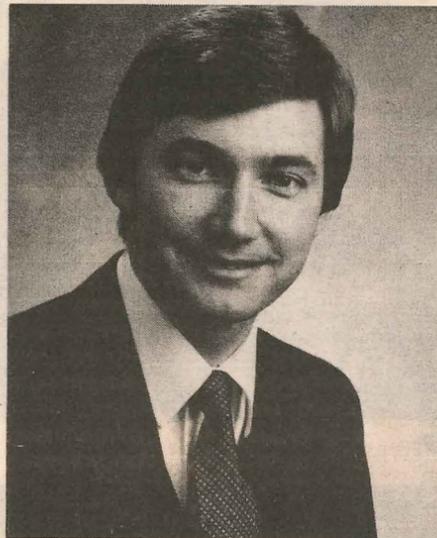
**The Cains found that** same brand of fellowship in Louisville at Crescent Hill, although they were strangers in the city.

"The people at Crescent Hill had never met us before, but they ministered to our needs. It was like being in our home church with people we've known for years and years," Cain reports.

Hospital visits from pastor Steve Shoemaker and church members were frequent. One woman in the church, Louise Sandidge, allowed the Cains to live in her home while in Louisville. Other members brought food. Above all, they made the Cains feel at home.

"The women of the church involved my wife in Bible studies and other activities. They were always with her whenever I was in surgery. They saw to it that she was never left alone, and that she didn't have time to herself to worry," says Cain.

The West Texas pastor was impressed particularly by the fact that they were made to feel at home in a church quite unlike their home congregation. Although uncomfortable with labels, Cain



**Steve Shoemaker**

identifies with fundamental-conservatives within the SBC, while he says Cres-

cent Hill is closely tied to Southern Seminary and the moderate-conservative group.

Although Cain says he is strongly committed to a fundamental belief in Scripture, his experience with Crescent Hill has had an impact on his view of the division among Southern Baptists and about ministry in general: "I believe I'm more conscious of the service part of ministry now. When you have experienced hurting and pain and suffering and have been ministered to, you know how to minister better.

"I believe we've overstated this liberal/conservative movement altogether. Regardless of how we classify ourselves, we have a source of unity in Christ and in our service to others.

"In any church, you still find people who want to serve the Lord Jesus. I think maybe we should emphasize that more, and allow ourselves and others to function as God leads."

## Peace committee drafts report for '87 convention

After 18 months of work, the Southern Baptist Convention peace committee has begun the process of drafting a final report to the June 1987 meeting of the 14.6 million-member denomination.

Following the group's 12th meeting Chairman Charles Fuller told Baptist Press:

"We come now to the composition of our report. We had hoped we would be ready with it or at least a preliminary report or outline to share with the SBC executive committee during their Feb. 16-18 meeting. We will not be able to do that, but we will have a progress report (for the executive committee).

"The Feb. 18 schedule for the peace committee to report on the executive committee agenda will afford us an opportunity to have input from executive committee members about our final report to the convention."

Fuller said although the report will not be available as early as he at first predicted, he anticipates it will be ready for release to Southern Baptists "well in advance" of the June 16-18 annual meeting in St. Louis.

"I still think the report will be released between April 1 and 15," he said. "We have a goal that the people of the convention will have at least six weeks of lead time to study the report and its recommendations."

Fuller added the peace committee also will meet with editors of the 37 state Baptist newspapers Feb. 18, immediately following the executive committee meeting. "Invitations will go out to the editors to meet with us for a time of questions and answers and suggestions from them," he said.

The January meeting of the peace committee was the first meeting in which the structure and content of the final report has been discussed.

"This meeting was characterized by dialogue and exchange and, in one session in particular, another hard confrontation with what must be dealt with in our recommendation to the convention," Fuller said. "We will continue to schedule discussion of political matters on our agenda as we did for the most part in this meeting. There are some re-

commendations which we must make on the political side of the controversy ledger. But we repeatedly rediscover that certain theological matters must be settled in order for the politically related matters to have a foundation."

Fuller said the diversity statement, which concerned the committee's finding that wide theological diversity exists in the SBC seminaries as well as the denomination at large, the two foundational statements adopted by the group during its December 1986 meeting, and the Glorieta Statement of the presidents of the six SBC seminaries "are all very pivotal and critical to our report."

Prior to the 1986 report of the peace committee, the group adopted a statement concerning theological diversity in the SBC.

During a prayer retreat at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center near Santa Fe, N. M., in late October 1986, the presidents of the six seminaries issued a seven-point plan aimed at bringing peace to the SBC. The plan came to be called the Glorieta Statement.

The statement was issued by Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., who said the presidents "are aware that we are perceived to be at the heart of the controversy in our SBC fellowship."

In making his report following the January meeting Fuller added:

"It has been said that what we have done so far could have been accomplished in the first month of our existence. Various other evaluations have been placed on our efforts which have complimented us and criticized us. That is always the privilege of those being served.

"Those of us on the peace committee have an assignment, and we will 'stay by the stuff' until it is done. We cannot afford to stop and explain our every move.

"I ask Southern Baptists not to be weary in well doing, but to continue to pray for the peace committee and that God will be honored in what Southern Baptists do at the St. Louis convention regarding our report."(BP)

# mountains to the mississippi

## ordinations

**Phil Hoskins** was ordained as a deacon by First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.

David Nelson is pastor of First Baptist.

**Randy Edwards** was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Severns Valley Association. Edwards is serving as associate pastor of Hayne Boulevard Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. Participating in the service were his grandfather, father and brother.

Isaac McDonald is pastor of the Hodgenville church.

**David Arvin, Austin Carroll and Billy Grant** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association.

Ralph W. Hodge is pastor.

**Mark Hobson, Ed McClellan and Darrell Powell** were ordained as deacons by Immanuel Baptist Temple, Green Valley Association.

Dennis R. Plank is pastor of Immanuel Temple.

**William (Bill) Booth** was licensed to preach by Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Tim Alexander is pastor of the Florence church.

**Lila Hayden, 77**, widow of K. T. Hayden, a Baptist minister in the Owensboro area, died Dec. 8, 1986. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

**C. F. Berry, 84**, former director of the Florida Baptist Convention's Sunday school department, died in December near his home in Corryton, Tenn.

Berry was Sunday school director from 1949 to 1970. Under his leadership Florida's enrolment increased from 180,000 to more than 400,000.

A native of Ohio, Berry graduated from the Jefferson School of Law and attended Southern Seminary. He served as associate in the Sunday school department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 10 years before going to Florida.

After the death of **Virgil Robertson**, deacon at Lebanon Baptist Church, Franklin Association, the church adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our God of all wisdom and love called our brother deacon, Virgil Robertson, to eternal rest on Dec. 4, 1986,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lebanon Baptist Church, Lebanon, Ky., has lost a faithful and valued member; the community a well known and respected Christian citizen; his wife, Mrs. Dorothy B. Robertson, a devoted husband; his daughter, Dottie Lou Ragsdale, a beloved father.

## personnel

**J. Harold Anderson** resigned as pastor of Grace Union Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

**Reggie Alderman** resigned from Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Lewis Phillips** has been called as minister of music at First Baptist Church of Fairdale, Long Run Association.

**David Primm** has accepted the position of minister of youth at First Baptist, Fairdale.

**Ronald Shaver** has been called as pastor of Little Flock Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Bobby Cox** has resigned as pastor of Manly Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**W. L. (Bill) Knight** has accepted the call from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, West Union Association. Knight began his ministry on Jan. 4.

**Larry Buchanan** is music director at Newton Creek Baptist Church, West Union Association.

**Douglas Bunch** has accepted the call to pastor Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**David Mauney** has accepted the pastorate of Petersburg Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**Carlton Francis** has become pastor of First Baptist Church, Tiline, Ohio River Association.

**Jackie Ezell** has become pastor of Piney Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

**Dallas Riggs** has accepted the pastorate of Hart Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Andrew Brown** has been called as minister of music at Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**John Moore** is serving as interim pastor of Malvin Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**John Pettyjohn** has resigned the pastorate of Sunrise Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Arthur Benge** has resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Tim Adams** has resigned from Island Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**Larry Lindsey** has resigned as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, West Union Association, to accept the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

## deaths

**Virginia Farley Mason**, long time member of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association, died Dec. 20. Mrs. Mason had attended Sunday School for more than 77 years without an absence, for a total of 4049 consecutive Sundays.

**John E. Douglas, 80**, died at the Old Masons' Home in Shelbyville July 12, 1986 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Cecil Gedling Douglas.

Retired pastor **Leroy Bowles** died Dec. 16 of a heart attack. He was 75.

Bowles pastored churches in Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. A member of Kevils (Ky.) Baptist Church, he is survived by wife Ida Mae, children and grandchildren.



**First Baptist Church, Pikeville**, had the largest Sunday evening crowd in its history Dec. 21 when more than 700 people filled the sanctuary for presentation of "Everlasting Light" by the children's ensemble for one part of the cantata and 30 young people for the candlelighting service. Yvonne Clark is director of music. Glenn Mollette is pastor.



**Leon Simpson**  
President  
Clear Creek Baptist School  
Pineville, KY 40977

## clear creek comment

### Helping others in '87

As I began a new year a few days ago, I resolved to be more helpful. I recall Exodus 17:12, "Moses' hands were heavy . . . and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands . . . and his hands were steady." I want to steady someone's hands and help others in 1987. John Wesley once said his goal in life was "to do all the good I can to everyone I can

in every way I can while ever I can."

If I were to journey home to be with the Lord this year, I would want to continue to help others. If the Lord tarries his coming, I will someday go to his place where there are many mansions. My wife and I have made plans for this eventuality. We have consulted a lawyer and drawn up a will. There is no other way I can guarantee my wife will be helped, my children will be helped and the Baptist causes in which I believe will be helped.

It is estimated that seven out of eight people do not have a will. If you are one of those you need to know the state has already written your will for you...and it does not fit your wishes! The only way you can continue to benefit your family and to help Clear Creek and other Baptist causes is to prepare a will, stating how you would like to exercise your stewardship after you have gone on to be with the Lord.

Remembering the ministry of this

great school in your will is one way you can be certain of choosing where your estate, small or large, will go. It is a means of assuring that your accumulated possessions and the results of your hard work in life will not be wasted. And it is one way you can know you will continue to help a great school for the training of God's missionaries and preachers for Christ.

I urge you to resolve now to contact an attorney, give him the details of your estate and tell him you wish to remember Clear Creek Baptist School (and other Baptist causes) in your will. You will be so happy that you have helped Clear Creek and you will help others long after you are gone.

*My life shall touch a million lives in some way ere I go/From this dear world of struggle to the land I do not know. So this the wish I always wish, the prayer I ever pray:/Let my life help the other lives it touches by the way.*

Strickland Gillilan

# Worthy laborers: your Baptist Building staff

## Emergency a day keeps Pate busy

John Pate is a very busy man. The work he does as director of Support Services keeps him on the go most of every day.

"You never know what it's going to be," Pate admits with a smile. "Every day there are surprises."

Support Services is a broad term for the many functions performed by Pate and his staff. The whole physical plant of the state convention building is the ultimate responsibility of Pate.

"We're on call all day, every day," Pate affirms. The primary functions of his department include purchasing equipment, handling office supplies, maintaining inventories, coordinating mailing and shipping services, and installing telephones and communication systems. This is done with a full time staff of three and a part time student worker.

Denominational work is not new to Pate, who worked 13 years for the Brotherhood Commission, in a similar function. This will mark 25 years of professional service to Baptists.

"This is something I really enjoy," said Pate.

"When I came here, I was the general services supervisor. My primary responsibilities included mail, incoming items and outgoing items." In addition, a great deal of printing necessary for the other departments was done by Pate. "Now we send most of our printing out to other professionals, and we have taken over a lot more work."

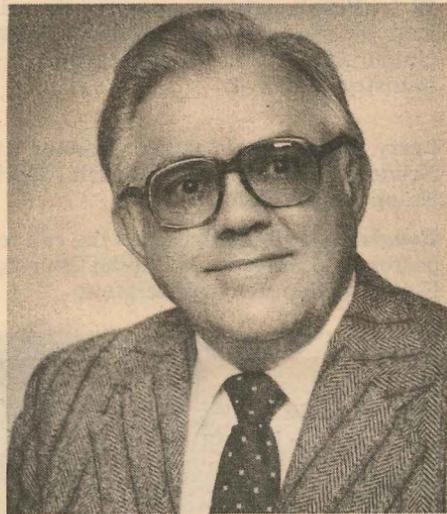
Pate became department director in 1983 when the Business Division was restructured.

"We still have a lot of things to do," Pate says with a rueful look.

"As soon as one thing ends, another begins. Still, we've come a long way toward doing what we want with this division."

Despite having to contend with a large building, Xerox machines and "at least one emergency a day," the work goes on. Thanks to John Pate.

—Catherine Edwards



Pate

## Seeing need, never the same: Williams

"I have hobbies," says Benton Williams, "but I don't do them much." Williams enjoys tennis, golf and travel but most of his life is related to his work and his family. "Family is really special to us and I think you'll find that true of most foreign missionaries."

Since Williams served 13½ years as a missionary in Thailand, he knows the importance of the strength of the family out on the field. Some of his dreams and goals relate to his family. He and his wife, their four daughters and their families often spend time together during holidays.

He also shows total commitment to his work as director of the Missions/Church Services Division. Many of his

personal goals relate to his vocational goals, which in turn are connected with the Mission Kentucky strategy for 1985-90. Among many hopes, Williams has dreams for continued partnership with Kenya and perhaps other countries in the future to help reach the SBC goal to strengthen missions. The goal to reach 65 percent of the churches in discipleship or Church Training in their programs is very important.

Williams indicated the excitement resulting from the special projects connected with Mission Kentucky, such as Good News America, the Kenya project and the goal to start 400 new churches, missions and preaching points by 1990. Williams proves his true commitment to the task when he says, "So what if it takes six years—or seven—to reach our goals?" He is simply concerned that the goals are reached and that they are reached correctly.

Williams has been dedicated since age 16 when he was called to preach. From age 17 to 30, throughout college and seminary, he pastored churches. His later call into missions constituted a turning point in his life. "There were dimensions and directions involved in that call that changed my life," he says. Because of this call, he was able to travel in more than 80 countries and these opportunities to travel broadened his vision of the world.

"You can't see the needs of the world and just turn it off." That call "has affected everything I've done since then." "I'll never be the same."

—Beth Warf



Williams

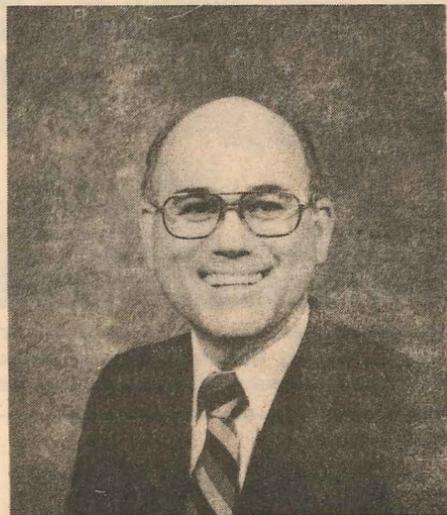
## Futral seeks older partners for tennis

Guy Futral and his wife Nancy returned from a two-week mission trip to Kenya in November. The Kenya experience was something Futral had always wanted to do. It was "the fulfillment of a longing from my years of youth when I struggled with the missions call," he says. "I suppose I wanted to be called as a missionary but never was."

Futral is quick to add, however, that he has been happy in the pastorate and in his present position as consultant in the Minister/Church Relations Department. Since his days at Mississippi College, one of the most "influential" and "joyful" times of his life, he has enjoyed the pastoral role. The "half-time country church" he pastored in college became the first of several he served, each with its "own unique character" and demanding "different kinds of ability" as they "challenged" him in different ways.

Futral says his present position still involves doing the "kinds of things I loved most in the pastorate"—individual work with people and small group work. "It's rewarding to see some things happen in the lives of people as they seek God's will."

Although a hard worker, Futral takes time out for himself. He often plays tennis with seminary guys but admits jokingly, "I need to find some guys my age; it's hard to keep up with them." Futral also enjoys woodworking. He has made clock cases and done some furniture re-



Futral

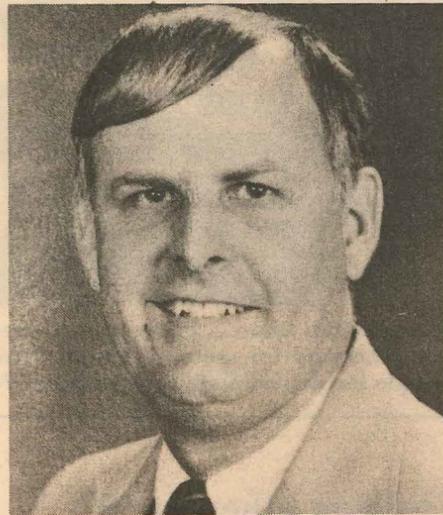
finishing but his goal is to begin building small pieces of furniture for his home and his family.

When asked to tell more about his family, he hesitates, grins broadly and responds, "You don't have time." Futral has four grown daughters and has enjoyed his family from the beginning. "We had a great time raising the kids. We had fun with them and we still do."

Futral sees himself as a pastoral type, a good listener and "basically an optimistic person."

"Most days I feel good about life, about who I am and what I'm doing." He would like to be perceived as "one who has time for folks and one who has a good word rather than a discouraging word."

—Beth Warf



Clontz

## Ink on his hands, Clontz pushing CT

Christian education has always been a top priority for Jim Clontz, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department.

The most important objective in his life now is completing his doctoral dissertation at Southwestern Seminary. Clontz, who did his MDiv work at Southern Seminary, claims attending two seminaries has aided his ministry. "Perhaps the best advantage is in being able to relate to many pastors, especially if they are Southern or Southwestern alumni.

A graduate of Furman University, he worked for 10 years at the Evening Post

News in Charleston, S. C. before deciding to attend Southern.

"I have never really gotten all the newspaper ink off my hands," he confesses. "I still greatly enjoy reading several state Baptist weeklies and Baptist Press releases.

"At that time I felt the newspaper could hire another college graduate. My life was needed more in full time Christian ministry," he asserts.

Clontz has made good use of his journalism skills in the Church Training Department. He is the originator and editor of The Disciplex, a quarterly newsletter that introduces church leaders to new programs and training methods.

"Only 50 percent of our churches have discipleship training while other states, like Mississippi, South Carolina and Alabama, have around 70 percent involved," he says. "My hope is to make churches more aware of the benefits of discipleship training and new curriculum aids."

While attending Southern Clontz worked as a Church Training consultant for Long Run Association and met his wife Margaret at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church. "I liked their training program so much I married the director," he jokes.

But, discipleship training is only one aspect of his ministry. "I see the dynamics of our department with a holistic perspective.

"Church Training is one of several ministries important to an active, dynamic church," he explains. "Our division works with other KBC divisions to provide leadership training."

—Todd Deaton

## With Allen it's more business than usual

"The Support Services Division may not be on the front lines dealing with churches and people, but we provide the resources that make the other ministries possible and more effective," explains Barry Allen.

Allen, for all practical purposes, is the field general of the Business Division. His chief function is coordinating the receipt and dispersal of Cooperative Program funds to the convention's departments, state Baptist schools and other ministry projects. This task includes long term investments, camp and assembly operations, property management, tax auditing and personnel benefits.

Joining the staff in 1971, Allen holds one of the longest tenures at the KBC. He received his latest appointment as director of the division in 1975.

A native of Kosciusko, Miss., he graduated from the University of Mississippi and attended Southern Seminary with an interest in denominational administration. Through field education classes he met Harold G. Sanders, then KBC executive secretary-treasurer.

Telling Sanders of his interest landed him his first assignment as an assistant business manager. "Since then I have served three executive secretary-treasurers, including Franklin Owen and William W. Marshall," he smiles.

Allen's wardrobe consists of several more hats. In addition to determining the convention's budget, he is treasurer

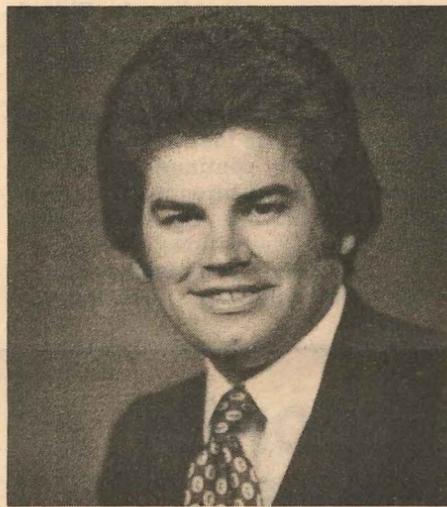
of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and the Pastor's Conference and investment advisor for Woman's Missionary Union.

It's a good thing with all these roles Allen loves busy work. "I have to admit I probably work too much. In fact, you might say work is my biggest hobby," he claims.

"God gave me gifts in business administration and an opportunity to develop them while contributing to the cause of Christ through Kentucky Baptists," Allen acknowledges.

Yet, all this work has not made Allen a dull boy. When he's not in the office it's a sure chance he's out on the links with his driver and putter. And, some of his favorite memories are of family vacations.

—Todd Deaton



Allen

## Light bulbs tell the Dee Gilliland story

Dolores 'Dee' Gilliland was born in New York state and has lived in almost every northern state in the union.

Before coming to Kentucky as executive director-treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, she worked in Northern Plains Baptist Convention as WMU executive director and family ministries director. She and her husband Ray lived in South Dakota.

She has also worked at the national WMU headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

"Traveling has always been just a part of my life," she says with a smile.

She has also spent many years as a volunteer in WMU. She taught English

in a secondary school and in college.

"I still consider myself an educator because education is a big part of what WMU does," she explains.

Mrs. Gilliland has two sons. One was not pleased at the thought of his parents moving away, and the other was happy for them.

"It was really tough to leave our grandchildren," she adds.

She describes her husband as a strong WMU supporter and a very missions-minded person.

Mrs. Gilliland confesses she likes to burn the candle at both ends.

"I like to get up early and stay up late," she says.

The small amount of time she has away from her position at WMU is devoted to reading, walking, looking for antiques, writing and exploring the state.

Mrs. Gilliland writes and performs monologs, and has written material for a training video.

"I'd like to be able to visit more mission fields and do more writing.

"I want to see the work develop and grow. It's a dream to see every Baptist church and mission with a WMU, because without WMU you usually don't have organized missions in a church," she says firmly.

She says she loves teaching because of the excitement of "seeing the light bulb go on" when a person catches the idea she is trying to show them.

"I want to be able to look back on my life and feel it has been worthwhile. I'm a doer," she says with a smile.

—Cathy Butler



Gilliland

## Spencer makes a major change in life

"I'm thoroughly enjoying my work," says Don Spencer with a smile. "I really receive a great deal of satisfaction from what I'm doing." Spencer has been director of the Annuity Department since May 1985.

The department's objectives include "helping churches see the need for more adequate compensation and for the need to take responsibility, as a church, for the ministers and getting the ministers to take the need of planning for the future seriously."

"I like to use the word ministers instead of pastors because it encompasses so many more," explains Spencer.

Although the job was new to Spencer, he was quite familiar with the inner workings of the Kentucky Baptist Convention: he came directly from the position of associate director of church music where he had worked for eight years—"to the day," he added.

"It has been a challenge because it was in an area where I had little formal training, but a natural affinity for the work. The work is different from what I was doing before, but very satisfying," he affirmed.

"I have read," Spencer said seriously, "that it is good to make a major change in your work every eight to ten years to revitalize your work and your life."

He pauses for a moment, steeping his fingers and thinking. "I enjoyed my work with the music department—music is an important part of my life,"



Spencer

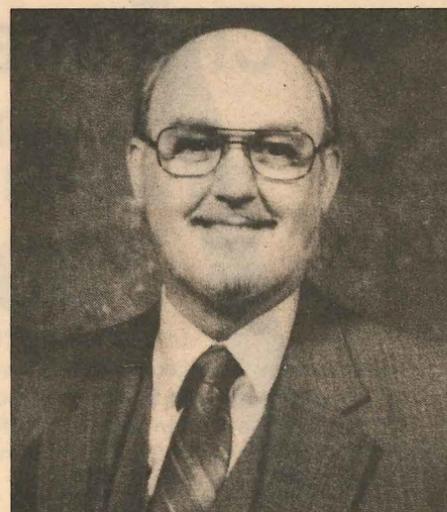
Spencer continued slowly, "but the change at that time was very refreshing to me, revitalizing. It was all the authors said it would be."

Spencer has adopted an aggressive attitude toward accomplishing his work goals. "We want to take it to them and be available for groups and individuals," he asserts. "We want to help them organize their present, not just their future."

Spencer is a graduate of the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va. and is continuing his education with classes at Southern Seminary. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children.

"I'm very excited about the division I work in," Spencer concludes. "We have a good team relationship."

—Catherine Edwards



Miller

## Miller is musician, artist, fisher of men

Wally Miller's job as associate in the KBC Sunday School Department requires him to wear many hats. He works with youth, associational training schools, small church Sunday school work, special ministries, ethnic groups and is editor of the Sunday School Challenge.

"I look upon myself as a consultant. I also am very committed to what I feel I have been called to do," he states.

"I feel my denominational work is just an extension of my ministry from the very beginning," he adds.

That ministry has included being a minister of youth, education and music

in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky.

Miller graduated from Georgetown College with a major in art. He had originally intended to major in music, but damaged his voice. He was a commercial artist before he entered the ministry.

Art is still important to him. He enjoys pen and ink drawing, watercolor and oil painting, and is beginning to work with wood carving.

He also likes to fish, work on his computer, read and would like to play golf again.

"I'd like to play if I can ever sandwich in the time," he chuckles.

His wife, Peggy, is an executive secretary at Blue Cross. They have two sons and two daughters. Their daughters are both married and one is expecting a child in May.

"We're excited," Miller says, smiling. "We've waited a long time to be grandparents."

Though Miller says his wife thinks of him as a workaholic, he is looking forward to the day she can retire and join him in some of his projects.

"She's a great conference leader," he says.

He would also like to become more proficient in his vocation and with his computer.

"I have a real desire to help the small church," Miller says.

He says he feels good about his work in Kentucky churches and enjoys working with church leaders.

"More than anything I enjoy being a trainer of church workers," he beams.

—Cathy Butler



Bill Leonard

## Glimpses of our heritage

### The '37 flood

In January 1937 the Flood came to Kentucky. It created a disaster of mammoth proportions. Louisville, Lexington, Paducah and other areas were inundated by acres of water.

Louisville was particularly hard hit. "Broadway Street was one wide river," Western Recorder reported, "with skiffs, flatboats, and motorboats plying its length." Only one foot more and the flood would have reached the pressed of Western Recorder itself!

The water rose all the way to the balcony of West Broadway Church. More than 100,000 of the 350,000 Kentucky Baptists suffered extensively from the disaster. In Louisville alone over 50 Baptist congregations, black and white, were damaged by the flood and Baptists responded.

Churches outside the flood area provided shelter for multitudes of refugees. Baptists volunteered their services in rescue efforts. Baptist agencies immediately began raising funds for church reconstruction. Significant inter-racial cooperation took place.

The flood was no respecter of persons. Many wealthy families were "deluged, marooned, and evacuated," wrote George Jewell of Western Recorder. For perhaps the first time in their lives they stood in the bread lines waiting their turn with many not so well circumstanced as they."

Numerous Kentucky preachers explored the moral and spiritual implications of the deluge. Ross E. Dillon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, preached a series of sermons on the great flood.

In the first sermon entitled, "A Flood of Waters," Dillon said the devastation in Kentucky reflected the judgment of God upon the state's production of alcohol. He noted flood damage was greatest in cities which provided the largest majorities of wet votes in the repeal of prohibition, which had "opened the way for Kentucky and other states to be flooded by alcohol."

Western Recorder declared the spirit of Louisville and Paducah (where destruction was even greater) was "undaunted." In spite of great suffering, persons were "thinking about God more."

In Louisville, Robert F. Money played the 12 giant bells of Walnut Street Church daily throughout the worst days of the flood. One observer recalled: "Amid the distress of the flood you cannot know how good it was to hear the chimes of the Baptist church as they rang out 'Rock of Ages.'"

# baptist news in brief

## Commission names Baptist shapers

Ten persons have been identified as among the most influential people in shaping Southern Baptist thought and practice in a pamphlet series being released by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

The series identifies these "shapers" and their specific areas of influence, according to Charles Deweese, director of publications and communications for the commission.

"Southern Baptists face major controversy today and desperately need a fresh encounter with the vitality and molding influences of their heritage. To remember can aid the peacemaking process," said Deweese.

The 10 biographees in the "Shapers of Southern Baptist Heritage" pamphlet series and their areas of influence are William B. Johnson, Southern Baptist origins; I. E. Reynolds, church music; T. B. Maston, ethics and social concerns; L. R. Scarborough, evangelism; Annie Armstrong, missions; A. T. Robertson, New Testament; John A. Broadus, preaching; J. M. Dawson, public affairs and religious liberty; Gaines S. Dobbins, religious education; and E. Y. Mullins, theology.

Criteria for the selected biographees, Deweese said, included major influence on a key area of our Southern Baptist

heritage and continuing impact on patterns of faith, practice, and/or study in Southern Baptist life today.

The selection of authors for the pamphlets was based on the individual's knowledge of the subject area and of the biographee and on his work in the subject area. Authors include three SBC agency executives: Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; James M. Dunn, executive director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Foy Valentine, executive director, Christain Life Commission., SBC.

## Doug Flynn to lead Lexington campaign

Doug Flynn, who starred with several professional baseball teams in the 1970s and 80s has agreed to serve as an area chairman in Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Beyond This Time endowment campaign, according to Eldred Taylor, executive director of the agency. Flynn will lead the campaign in Lexington and surrounding areas.

The Beyond This Time endowment campaign to ensure that Baptist Homes for Children may continue to meet the needs of hurting children was launched during the 1986 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The area under Flynn's leadership includes the following associations:

Boone's Creek, Elkhorn, Bracken, Franklin, and a portion of Union.

Flynn, a Lexington native, excelled in athletics throughout his high school and collegiate years. An all-around athlete, he received the Freshman Leadership Award as a member of the University of Kentucky basketball team.

Flynn began his professional baseball career in 1972 and continued to be honored for his athletic prowess. During his eleven major league years he was named to the All-Star Team, was chosen Cincinnati's Most Valuable Player in the mid-1970's and was a member of the Cincinnati Reds in 1973 and 74. He won the Golden Glove Award, presented to the league's most outstanding defensive player in 1980. He was runner-up for that same honor in 1978, 79, and 81. Besides Cincinnati, Flynn played for the Montreal Expos, New York Mets, and Detroit Tigers.

The Flynn's are active members of Lexington's Grace Baptist Church. He devotes much of his time to sharing his Christian testimony with groups across the United States.

## McCartney to become RTVC executive VP

Richard T. McCartney, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger since 1979, has been named executive vice-president and chief operating officer of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the ACTS network, effective Jan. 15, 1987.

McCartney will be responsible for the daily operation of the RTVC, replacing Luke Williams, who retired. McCartney also will assume the added responsibilities of being chief operating officer, which have been carried out on an interim basis by Jim Edwards, senior vice president for financial services.

"I am looking forward to becoming a part of the vital mission work of the Radio and Television Commission and the ACTS network," McCartney said. "The potential for reaching the people of our nation with the gospel makes this agency a partner with all other Southern Baptists in carrying out the great commission."

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Jimmy Allen, president of Radio and Television Commission, said, "Dick McCartney will greatly strengthen the Radio and Television Commission and the ACTS network. He has demonstrated leadership in denominational life, his technical expertise in communications and media and his successful ownership of his own business enterprise uniquely equip him to become the chief operating officer of Southern Baptist telecommunications agency."

The RTVC and ACTS network have been working to stabilize the financial situation after heavy expenses and debt were required to launch the network.(BP)

**Phone lines to aid 'concerts of prayer'**

A toll-free number can help Southern Baptists reach out and touch the world. It's 1-800-ALL-SEEK (1-800-255-7335).

In December, Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees urged Southern Baptist churches to begin "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization Feb. 1. The toll-free number will provide the latest prayer concerns from across the world. The PrayerLine number can be dialed from every state except Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska. For Baptists in those states, a regular toll call will be needed, 1-804-355-6581.

Both numbers, to be activated Jan. 26, can be used 24 hours a day.

Foreign Mission Board trustees have called for concerts of prayer the first Sunday of every month in church wor-

ship services, Sunday school classes and church training programs. A concert of prayer, said R. Keith Parks, board president, involves "God's people joined in united, focused, extraordinary prayer for global evangelization."

Southern Baptist Bold Mission Thrust efforts to share the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000 "will never be accomplished without massive prayer," insisted Minette Drumwright, the board's assistant for intercessory prayer.

Mrs. Drumwright listed three hoped-for results from the concerts of prayer: that churches will gain a "heightened, deepened, broadened global awareness" through the times of prayer each month; that more people will be called into missions involvement; and "God's power will be unleashed into lives, situations and nations in extraordinary ways." (BP)

**West retires from second FMB stint**

Elmer West has made quite a splash in Southern Baptist life—and the ripples of his influence will wash the shores of foreign missions for years to come.

West, who retired from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board Dec. 31, has spent the past six years directing the special ministries section of the Human Resources Department, but it was a 10-year stretch in the Personnel Selection Department that let him touch deep into the heart of overseas evangelism.

The board appointed its 900th missionary in March of 1953—one month

after West became secretary for missionary personnel. When he left the office in Oct. 1963, the Southern Baptist mission force had passed 1800.

About 30 of the board's staffers who were appointed missionaries during West's tenure attended the luncheon—including R. Keith Parks, president of the board; William R. O'Brien, executive vice president; and Harlan Spurgeon, vice president for human resources.

"Elmer West has marked the course of missions in a significant way," Parks said. "These sitting here are only representative of many others scattered on mission fields around the world today."

Under West the board initiated its first formal orientation sessions to prepare missionaries for the move overseas, with a one-week session at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. Another significant launch was the missionary associate program, which raised the age limit for mission assignment. West and his department also did the "spade work" on what later became the Journeyman Program, two-year volunteer mission efforts by young Southern Baptist college graduates.(BP)

**Newell to accept Alabama pastorate**

J. Altus Newell, president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, has announced his resignation to become the pastor of a church in Alabama.

Newell's decision came after members of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., voted

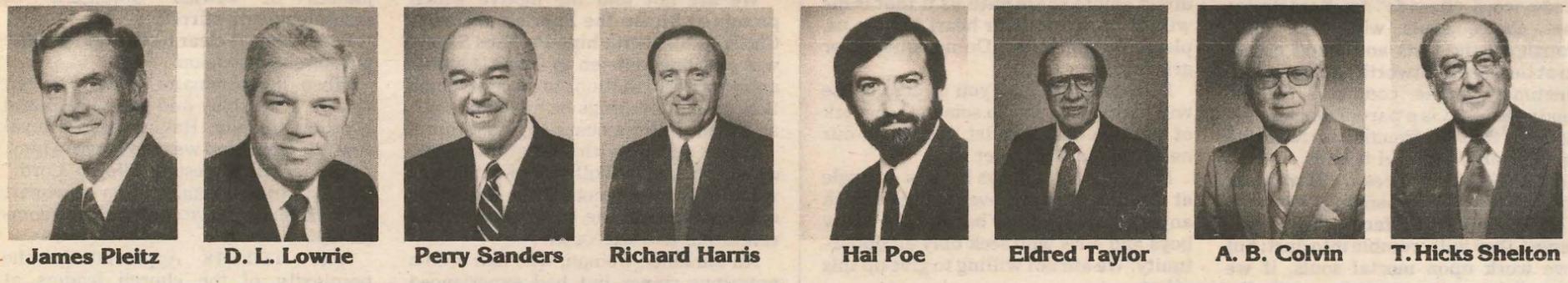
unanimously Dec. 21 to call him as their pastor. He will resign as seminary president and as a Southern Baptist missionary March 10.

Prior to his missionary appointment to Switzerland in July 1984, Newell had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Opelika, Ala. for two years and pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. from 1975 to 1982.

"I have just really missed being a pastor," Newell said in a telephone interview the day after agreeing to lead the 6900-member church in Birmingham.

The seminary's six-member executive board will meet Feb. 20-21 and likely will name a search committee for Newell's successor, said Isam Ballenger, one of two executive board members representing the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which jointly sponsors the seminary with the European Baptist Federation. Ballenger is director of Southern Baptist missions work in the Middle East and Europe.

Newell, 42, a native of Meridian, Miss., and his wife, Diane, a Jackson, Miss., native, have three children, Sarah, 13; Amanda, 10; and Justin, 7.(BP)



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- Allen and Ann Case
- Dana Gisler Davidson
- Severns Valley Church Choir
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**Celebrating 150 Years of Evangelism in Kentucky**

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## oneida journal

### Sleeping in a car

Many of you who read these words contribute to our work. But the great majority do not. Those who do are more than contributors or benefactors to us. We think of you as a friend, a dear friend of girls and boys, one who puts your money where nearly every cent goes to feed, house, care for medically, teach, and, in many instances, clothe more than 500 young people.

We are reminded that our Lord picked out the word "friends" to characterize those choice souls who had come through all the tests and stood before him at the last, trustworthy and beloved. Sometimes people comment on the friendliness that is a part of Oneida. We like to say that it is friendliness reflected from all our wonderful friends.

Daniel Webster once said, "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon mortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the fear of God and the love of fellow man, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity." And so we do together at OBI.

The Lord has blessed in so many ways this past year. Yet it remains the struggle it has always been to keep on day by day, and to try to improve. There are as many, and perhaps more, today in

our school on full scholarship, not paying even a penny, than on any day of our history. We care for nearly four times more children than we did for 70 years of our history.

The calls are daily, pressing and, in many situations, heart-rending. Just last week three brethren brought an 18-year-old boy to us whom they discovered had been sleeping in a car for two years, even on the coldest nights of winter. Often he went hungry. Occasionally he would steal to eat. Sometimes he would do something to get arrested, just so he might have a few warm meals and a bed in the county jail. They brought some clothing articles, and we have since gotten more clothes for him. He has been out of school several years, but is now happily going to class each day. We are very impressed with him. His smile has brightened several difficult days.

How can we turn such a one down? We cannot while there is a bed.

But to be able to minister to all we care for, and others who wish or need to come, we must have the help of people like you.

I cannot bring myself to come and high pressure you face to face. In 15 years as president of this school, I recall directly asking for something, face to face, one time. I do present our cause when speaking. I do present our needs when writing like this.

What we are doing is as worthy as any, much more worthy than most, for we get a lot more done, dollar for dollar, than most. We invite any doubters to come and see for themselves.

We feel the Holy Spirit will direct those in whom he dwells. Yes, he will direct you to share with us if that is his will. If he moves your heart to help us, please do not resist. Do not quench or grieve him.

If he does not lead you to help us, he will surely call you to some other work of his. We can only let you know our needs, about \$7000 per day.

It is, and has always been, a struggle at Oneida. We are never satisfied with anything short of our best for the many boys and girls who seek only an opportunity. We are not willing to give up this effort.

If Oneida is God's work, and the evidence of every day of every week of every month, for 87 years, gives testimony that it is, then it must be that God is well pleased with this kind of struggling, this approach to fundraising. Our approach is to have faith, do God's work, and to daily proclaim his good news.



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR JAN. 25, 1987

#### Life and Work Series

#### Responding to Forgiveness

Let us direct our attention to the trio portrayed in the story in **Luke 7:37-49**.

We are not told the motive which prompted Simon the Pharisee to invite Christ to dine with him. Perhaps Simon was anxious to listen to Christ's words and observe his actions to discover some flaw in his teachings or his behaviour, and then prefer a charge against him.

Christ accepted this invitation, but when he joined the other guests the servants of Simon ignored him and their master withheld the customary kiss of salutation and welcome.

An unnamed woman, who had been a notorious sinner but had experienced forgiveness, entered Simon's house to thank Christ for forgiving her sins. Standing behind Christ's extended feet, intending to anoint them with the ointment she had brought with her, she was so overcome with emotion she could not proceed. Giving vent to her feelings, her tears fell on Christ's feet and moistened them. She wiped away the tears with

her long hair, smothered them with kisses, then opened her flask of ointment and emptied it upon his feet. Real love for Christ will always manifest itself in deeds.

Greatly perplexed because Christ tolerated the attention of a woman of bad repute, Simon concluded that, if Christ were a real prophet he would have withdrawn his feet from her or, if he knew her character, his tolerance proved he was not a good man.

Reading Simon's thoughts, Christ said: "Simon, I have something to say unto thee," whereupon the Pharisee replied, "Master, say on."

Forgiveness and salvation result in great love and much faithful service for Christ.

#### International Series

#### Good News For All People

**Acts 11:1-6** Peter had a vision in which he beheld a sheet let down from heaven containing unclean beasts. The vision was to convince Peter the Gentiles were as admissible to the privileges of Christianity as the Hebrews.

Awakening, Peter was in doubt as to the vision's meaning. The Holy Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore and get thee down and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." Then Peter understood. He accompanied them to the house of Cornelius. He told them of his former prejudices and added, "God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

**Acts 11:7-10** Upon hearing the Gentiles received the word of God the prejudices of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were stirred.

Peter made it clear he had learned the purpose of his vision.

When the command came to Peter, "Arise, Peter, slay and eat," it aroused a protest in him. Having been a loyal Jew, the command was repulsive to him.

The apostle protested, "Not so, Lord." What a strange combination of words! If Christ is Lord, we obey when he commands.

**Acts 11:11-18** Appreciating the perplexity of the church leaders at Jerusalem, Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. Had he consulted his personal prejudice, he would not have gone to Cornelius, but he was controlled by the will of God. When the leaders heard Peter's explanation, they glorified God that the gospel of Christ was meant to be taken to all.



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## on mission together

### Miracles in Kenya

The following are verbatim excerpts from a letter sent by Tom Jones, the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Mission in Kenya:

"These past few months have been exciting times for us. We are seeing a significant outpouring of the Holy Spirit among Baptists in Kenya. We have just finished compiling our statistics for the 1986 FMB report and it shows a 40 percent increase in the number of churches and preaching points. The 1986 total is

956. Our membership has increased about 50 percent to 47,000. Some of this may be due to better data gathering but most of it is real growth. For example, in Mombasa, a city of 500,000, we have counted nearly 15,000 decisions for Christ in the past four months. One new church (four months old) has over 1,000 people attending regularly. We are being granted government land for Mombasa church sites for the first time in 15 years. A pastor of the area told me last month that his church has baptized more people in the past three months than for the previous two years together. Other parts of Kenya are also having significant growth in the churches.

"We have planned an evangelistic project in Maasai land to begin in about two months. A few years ago we did not have a single Maasai Baptist church member. Today we have over 20 Maasai congregations.

"I observed another event recently which I consider a miracle. It is normal for six months to 10 years to lapse be-

tween the time funds are approved to purchase land and the completion of the property transfer. On Monday, I received a request for approval to purchase a church plot in a large village near Nairobi. That very day, I received approval from the committee and signed a purchase agreement on Wednesday. I had a blank lien and I thought it would take the usual time to complete the transaction. On Friday morning, an area pastor came with the owner and papers to take to the government lands office. I gave him the funds for the transfer tax and at 3 p.m. he returned with a title deed in the name of the Baptist convention. I am still amazed at what God does when it pleases him."

Reports like this should make it clear that Kentucky Baptists are part of a remarkable and unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Kenya.

What a privileged people we Kentucky Baptists are to be involved at this strategic time in the harvesting of one of the world's most responsive fields.

## Dummies help Alabamian share witness to world

Lee Pitts lets a dummy do the talking when she shares the gospel.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student is a ventriloquist. Through Nicky, her wooden puppet, Miss Pitts puts smiles on faces with the story of a living Christ.

But smiling is something Miss Pitts only recently learned to do herself.

She grew up in a broken home in Alabama, void of physical and emotional warmth. For eight years she lived in a trailer house with no heat or hot water, thankful for the single blanket on her bed.

Thinking she was the most unfortunate and "ugliest girl in the world," Miss Pitts considered committing suicide at age 12. But through a local church's bus ministry and vacation Bible school, she found a reason to live.

"I discovered there was someone who loved me—Jesus," said Miss Pitts. "I accepted Christ at that time, but there were still many hard roads I had to travel. Parental quarreling and family break-ups never stopped, so I often changed schools three to four times each year."

When Miss Pitts was 15, her stepfather held her family hostage, threatening to kill them if they left the house. Miss Pitts and her brother escaped through a window and ran for help to Bob and Betty DeLoach, her church choir director and his wife.

The DeLoaches took Miss Pitts as a

foster child. She traveled with them around Alabama as a member of the church youth choir and puppet team. She first saw ventriloquy performed on one of these trips.

"The ventriloquists who traveled with Dad's team fascinated me," Miss Pitts said. "So I decided to secretly learn the art myself and surprise my foster parents."

Her first "dummy" was an old Simon Says doll discovered in a church closet. In only a few months she mastered the pronunciation of the ventriloquy alphabet. With "Little Nicky," a puppet she borrowed from a church in Georgia, she was soon using her newly developed talent.

"Nicky helped me blossom as a young lady," she said. "Because he is able to say things I could never say, he's like the other side of me no one ever saw."

"My ventriloquy ministry is proof that God is not concerned with our abilities but with our availability," she said.

Miss Pitts draws large crowds with Nicky. She has ministered in more than 500 churches and schools. But it is the powerful testimony she shares through Nicky that causes people to seek new lives in Christ.

"People can relate to the 'hard knocks,'" Miss Pitts said. "Even though I have been through so much hurt, God has healed me, and that's encouraging to people. People today need encouragement."

## Journeyman heed calling

Missionaries generally convert those in need.

But seeing the needs of the lost has converted at least 76 current Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students who originally intended to be missionaries for only two years.

They are former journeymen who have been so moved by the needs of the world that they are getting seminary training to go back into the world.

Most are volunteers for career missions.

The Baptist Foreign Mission Board started the journeyman program in the 1960s to give recent college graduates opportunities for short-term mission service. Although the program is intended for those who do not plan to become career missionaries, a majority of journeymen get hooked on missions.

That leads to seminary—most at Southwestern.

The question of a 14-year-old girl in Macao caused journeyman Jana McClinton to see her own need for theological education. "She asked me, 'Do you really believe there is a God?'" Miss McClinton recalled. "It was the first time anyone ever asked me that."

Miss McClinton realized she needed to know how to communicate the gospel in a "simple but meaningful way," she said. So when her two-year term was finished, she enrolled at Southwestern.

"I saw how much I lacked in Bible knowledge," Miss McClinton said. "The more you learn, the more you realize you're lacking from a theological and counseling standpoint."

Former journeymen like McClinton approach seminary with a better "world view" than most students, said Earl Martin, professor of missions. "They add a dimension to the classroom which is very helpful."

Miss McClinton said she "came back to the states ready to be a learner. I have more of an open perspective."

This excitement often draws the former journeymen to mission opportunities while in seminary. Miss McClinton works with Vietnamese young people through Travis Avenue Baptist Church. Thomas Wright started a Laotian church.

"Their prime value is the way they interpret missions to the seminary community," said Jim Riddell, FMB candidate consultant.

"Journeyman have a vision for a world beyond Ft. Worth and Texas," Riddell said. "They have become world citizens."



Lee Pitts, Southwestern Seminary student, entertains friends in Barnard Hall with her dummies Nicky and Suzie. Miss Pitts is a ventriloquist who uses the puppets in evangelism ministry.

## Profs practice what they teach

Ring of the final class bell on Fridays means the race is on for many of the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

That's when professors from each of the seminary's three schools fan out across the Southern Baptist Convention to fill needs in local churches and lead conferences.

Faculty members work in churches as interim staff members in all areas of church life. Many are in demand as conference speakers.

These experiences keep professors in touch with Southern Baptists, according to J. W. MacGorman, distinguished professor of New Testament.

"A professor can be an armchair general, telling the troops how to win the battle," MacGorman said. "But our professors are also in the field, just as the students are."

That continuing field experience "keeps us from being merely theoretical in our teaching. We have a practical application," he said.

David Keith, assistant professor of conducting, agrees that his extra-curricular work "adds validity to what I do here."

"I'm able to walk into a conducting class and say, 'This will work. I know because it works with my choir now,'" Keith said.

Keith is currently interim minister of music at South Hills Baptist Church in Ft. Worth.

Southwestern's professors go so many places that no one person can keep a tally on the travels. John Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said the last known count produced a 60-page report.

The work of professors outside the seminary also gives Southern Baptists a look at Southwestern.

"I want people to see that the seminary has well-trained, competent people who are real people, whose callings happen to be as seminary professors," Keith said.

Jack Terry, dean of the school of religious education, has served as interim in 16 churches over a 20-year period. That has kept him acquainted with current curriculum and techniques, he said.

Members of the religious education faculty also serve as consultants to local churches, Terry said. He is currently working with one church in evaluating its programs and with another in designing a new building.

The amazing thing, Terry said, is the professors do the extra work on their own time. He spends hours each week at home preparing materials for churches he consults.

Terry's positions have included minister of music, education and pastor. At one church he worked in all three positions at different times.

"I told them I wouldn't come back as custodian," Terry said.



David Keith, assistant professor of conducting at Southwestern Seminary, rehearses with the choir at South Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, where he is interim music minister.

## Temp Shelters ease transition; E'town's Luella helps youth find acceptance.

by Darrell Monroe

Valuable to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children program are its temporary shelters in Dixon and Elizabethtown. Valuable to the shelter at Elizabethtown is houseparent Luella Christerson.

A native of Washington County, Christerson has worked for the agency since January, 1981. She first worked with an all-girls cottage at Spring Meadows Home but when an opening came at the Elizabethtown shelter, she accepted the challenge of caring for all boys.

Mothering is not new to Christerson and even though she's reared five children of her own, she still finds it a satisfying experience. "I really like my boys here," she readily states.

Youth at the temp shelter are screened before arriving so there aren't any unexpected arrivals, she says. "We usually care for them 30 days until a placement can be arranged with Glen Dale or Spring Meadows, foster care or they can return to their homes."

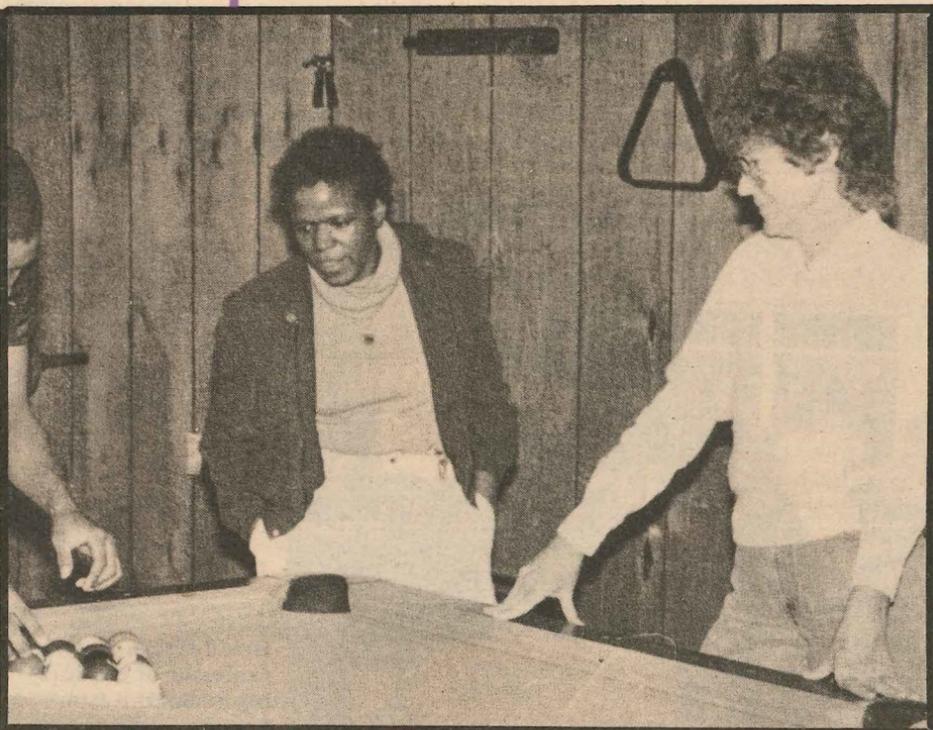
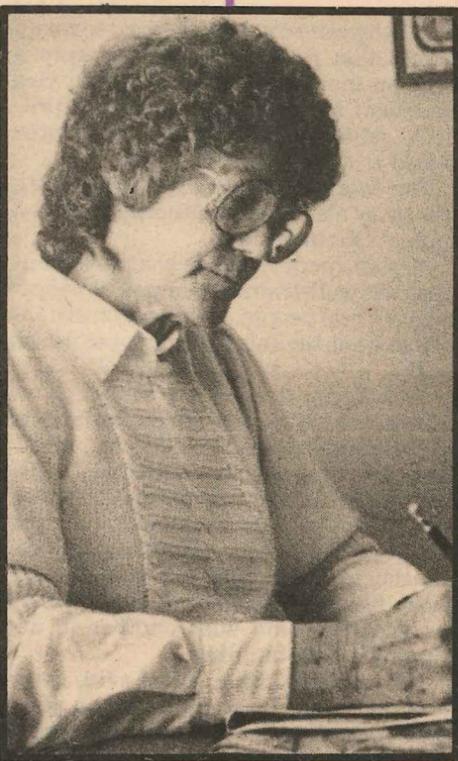
Helping her with the tasks are houseparent Teenie Jewell and maintenance worker/houseparent Hank Duncan.

"Spring Meadows prepared me for the job," Christerson adds. "I didn't work outside my home until my children were nearly grown. I lived in the same town all my life, went to the same church, played the piano there. But I like what I'm doing now."

"I really get involved with the boys. I get really close to most of them. I love easy, I guess. They all call me Mom. It's been their idea. I am mother while they're here."

The hardest part of providing short term care is the good-byes, Christerson adds. "I hate to give them up at the end of the month."

The shelter has capacity for 10 boys, Christerson shares, but the



Relationships are important to Temp Shelter houseparents Luella Christerson (r) and Teenie Jewell (center): Here they spend time visiting with a cottage youth.



Helping others relax comes easy for Luella Christerson (seated). Here, she visits with two of the youth in her cottage apartment.

average crowd is eight. Last year, 159 children were cared for by KBHC's two shelters. Thirty-five went on to long-term placement with Baptist Homes for Children.

According to Edna Woolfter, di-

***'Luella does a beautiful job of helping our young people adjust. . .***

***Edna Woolfter, director of Community services***

rector of community services, the value of temp shelters is that they allow the child to become acquainted with the program and group living.

"We consider it better for a youth to have stayed in temp shelter prior to going to campus placement because of the group living experience," Woolfter says.

"Luella does a beautiful job of helping our young people adjust," she continues. "She's a strong and steady influence in their lives. In her own quiet way, she commands respect in a very non-threatening way from the youth. She doesn't

come on heavy but is quite capable of commanding their respect."

"The youth want to assume responsibility for themselves and Luella helps them do so without seeming to force her way on them. They become very protective of her when new youth arrive," Woolfter concludes.

"I believe I have good relationships with them," Christerson says. "When a boy first comes in, I go to his room with him, help him unpack, talk with him. A lot of the guys are used to transience, others are away from home for the first time; they're scared and very apprehensive."

Christerson says that parenting is difficult at times as any parent can testify. "I do get burned out but I love it. I try to be a guide for them. I encourage the older boys to watch out for the younger ones."

"Sometimes I'm shocked at some of my boy's experiences but I don't condemn their families or them for their circumstances. I tell myself there are two sides to every story."

Christerson likes her job. "As far as I know, I'll stay here as long as I can," she says. My children visit me frequently. They're supportive. They would all like to be houseparents, too, I think.

"I like what I'm doing. If I help one child, I've done a lot."