

## Calvin Wilkins to lead KBC partnership missions

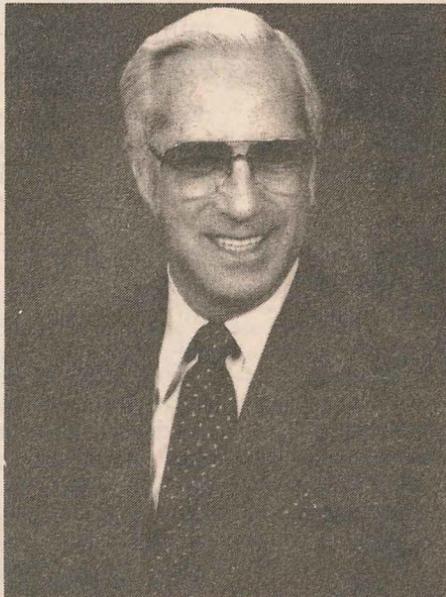
by Gregory L. Hancock  
KBC Communications

Partnership Missions is now an official office of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

At a called meeting of the administrative committee Aug. 26 Calvin C. Wilkins, director of missions in Graves County Baptist Association, was elected to the position of coordinator for the new office.

The Partnership Missions coordinator will devote himself to the development of in-state, interstate and foreign missions projects. He will enlist volunteers to participate in various Kentucky Baptist projects and will supervise the administrative responsibilities related to Partnership Missions tasks.

Wilkins, a pastor for 30 years before



becoming a director of missions in 1984, is a native of western Kentucky and a graduate of Georgetown College (BA, 1962). He made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ at the age of nine and committed himself to vocational gospel ministry as a senior at Benjamine Bosse High School, Evansville, Ind.

In 1969 Wilkins was asked by a friend at the Foreign Mission Board to journey with a mission group to Jamaica. After that group completed its work, he was invited by a Jamaican pastor to return to the country to preach a revival.

Since those initial experiences, Wilkins has returned to Jamaica eight times. He has also done volunteer mission work in Trinidad, Dominica, Kenya, the Philippines and Rio de Janeiro. In September he will go on mission to Lima, Peru. In all, Wilkins will have completed 25 international volunteer projects plus numerous state and

local missions projects when he joins the staff at the Baptist Building Oct. 15.

"Had it not been for Kentucky Baptists providing my education and giving me the opportunity to serve, I would not be where I am today," Wilkins told the administrative committee.

"As a result of my gratitude, I am strongly committed to missions and to Kentucky Baptists."

Wilkins, 54, born in Bremen, Ky., has been married 36 years to Norma Parent, a Lyon County native. They have three married children, all living in Benton, Ky.: David, 34; Rebecca McKendree, 32; and Stephen, 27.

Wilkins' pastorates include Elm Grove Baptist Church, Murray; First Church, Providence; Briensburg Church, near Benton; and Kuttawa Baptist Church, all in western Kentucky.

### At Campbellsville

## College cook goes from frying pan to classroom

by Joan C. McKinney  
Campbellsville Public Relations

She's never been to a musical concert. She wants to learn to type and to play the piano.

She's been a nurse's aide and a cook, and she has nine children ranging in age from 21 months to a 26-year-old stepdaughter. She says she's spent her entire life "dedicated to helping someone," but it's "my time now. I've been given a green light, and I'm going with it."

Phyllis Coppage, 38, a cook with Pioneer Food Service at Campbellsville (Ky.) College, is going to college.

"How can I sit down and say I can't do it, if I don't try?" the small woman said as she sat in the dining hall at Campbellsville. "I've always had enough education to get by, but I want more than to just get by."

Mrs. Coppage has enrolled at Campbellsville College and is taking 15 hours of classes this fall. She's learning about government, English, music and business, and she said she's loving it all.

"I heard words in my government

class, (taught by Bill Bennett), and I went home and looked them up," she said. "I've not really been that interested in music," she said, "but Mrs. (Nevalyn) Moore makes it so interesting."

"I've never been to a music concert," she said, "but I have to go for the class. I'll probably love it."

And her business course is a favorite too. "They asked me if I wanted to try the course, and I said 'yes.' Mr. (Harry) Scalos breaks everything down, and I can understand it."

"I know I talk country," she said, "and Fran (Brickner), my boss, always cuts up with me about my English."

"But whether I change how I talk or not, I want to know how to talk better."

She said she doesn't know what field of studies she wants to pursue, but she wants to be educated "in case something comes up."

Mrs. Coppage plans to continue her job at the college where she is the breakfast cook working from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. She then comes back to work from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the dinner meals. In between, she plans to take classes and possibly work on the college's work-study program for which she is eligible.

"If it hadn't been for financial aid, I couldn't do it," she said.

Mrs. Coppage's husband, Wayne, is disabled with a heart condition, and he stays home with the children. She was married at age 15 and said she never got to finish high school because she never had the time with the births of her children.

She took some classes in 1974. But it wasn't until this year that she pulled out a General Educational Development (GED) book out of her buffet drawer where it had been for years, and she started studying a month before taking the test.

Karen Skaggs, GED teacher in Taylor County, worked with her, and she passed the test June 24. Mrs. Skaggs gave me a "whole new outlook on life," Mrs. Coppage said. "She told me to go ahead since I was so determined."

"I'm a determined person," she said. "You have to be determined and not let anything stand in your way." She calls herself a "dedicated" person to her job, and said she'll be the same way with her



Phyllis Coppage, a cook at Campbellsville College, is going to college for the first time and "loving it."

college studies.

"I'm not scared," she said, "I'm excited. I probably should feel a little scared, but I've always wanted to learn."

Although Mrs. Coppage has only now enrolled in classes, she believes the eight years she's worked in the Campbellsville College dining hall have been educational ones.

"I've always known the teachers here as friends," she said, "and I've already learned a lot from them and from the students. I've learned things about the Bible that I never knew existed."

"I've seen Minnie Pearl, Jerry Clower and (the late) Grady Nutt while working at banquets at the college."

She said numerous people at the college have been kind to her and encouraged her to go to college. "They're all my family here," she said, "and they give me a lift. I feel a part of them, and I fit right in."

"I feel like a mama away from home to the students. It makes me feel right at home," as she came from a home with 10 children. "I've been cooking since I

was eight years old," she said. "I'm the oldest of 10 kids and Mama would have another one, and I'd get so mad."

"I said I wouldn't have as many kids, but I have. Big families are such happy ones," she said. "We were always crowded, but everybody loved one another."

"God has been good to me," she said. "I wouldn't go back and change anything about my life. I'd go back and do it again with God's help, and I know he will help me now."

"I feel like a kid with a new toy at Christmas," Mrs. Coppage said.

Mrs. Coppage is a "non-traditional" student, one of a large number of students who is older and either returning to college or going for the first time.

Campbellsville College is offering a "reduced tuition" program for students who are 19 years of age or older and who want to take one or two classes to determine if college is right for them.

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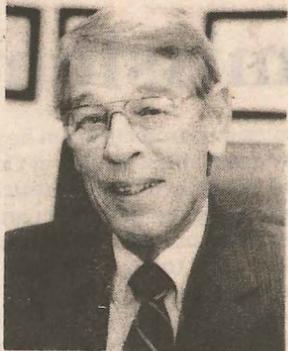
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# sanford's perspectives

## Your opportunity to help



Jack D. Sanford

Several weeks ago we announced an effort by Western Recorder to raise several thousand dollars for a permanent endowment the income of which is to be used to offset increased costs of producing the paper. We made a general announcement asking 100 Kentucky Baptists to contribute \$1000 each to get us started.

In addition to our general announcement we sent letters to known friends of the paper asking each of them to join others in helping us establish an endowment fund which would benefit all Kentucky Baptists by reducing the demand by Western Recorder on Cooperative Program dollars each year.

Kentucky Baptist Convention rules prevent us doing more in fund raising without convention approval, but we are happy we can do even this much in an effort to strengthen the financial base of the paper while we reduce demand on mission funds.

As of this date we have not had 100 Kentucky Baptists willing to contribute \$1000. There have been a few such contributions and we have received about \$10,000 to our endowment fund. This is a far cry from the \$100,000 we had visualized as a good beginning sum.

However we are not daunted. We believe our cause is worthy and we believe there are enough Kentucky Baptists whom the Lord has blessed with material goods and who have vision for the future that we will be successful in raising a significant amount of money for the ministry of our state paper. We would like to have at least a half-

million dollars within the next two years and are praying for that amount.

Everywhere I go people tell me of their long dependence upon the paper for information about what God is doing with Southern Baptists. These people give unsolicited testimonies of their love for the paper and their gratitude for its existence through these 162 years. Some of them have backed up their testimony with a check for our endowment fund. Others are willing but just have not taken time to make out the check and send it our way.

This little note is to remind you we are trying to be good stewards of our responsibility to the Lord and to Kentucky Baptists by attempting to ease the strain on our mission gifts. If you have not taken time to send us a gift for the endowment fund, take that moment now. Make your check payable either to Western Recorder or the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, marked clearly "For Western Recorder."

We would like to see several hundred Kentucky Baptists send us a check for \$1000. That is the ideal. But we would also be humbled if several hundred Kentucky Baptists sent us a check for \$25, \$50 or \$100. All of it would go to strengthening our paper and helping all our mission efforts by reducing our need for Cooperative Program funds.

Don't let the moment pass. Send us your gift and let us know in a tangible way that you are behind us and affirm what we are trying to do in our part of God's vineyard.

## The mission wave of the future

The story on page one of this issue details the appointment of the first full time coordinator of partnership missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. This is a move which all Kentuckians can support and applaud and which many of us see as the wave of the future in mission endeavor.

The selection of Calvin Wilkins means we have at the helm of our partnership efforts a man who has probably done as much, or more, foreign mission work as any person in our state. His many ventures into foreign fields qualify him for leadership in what surely will be the wave of the future for Southern Baptists.

It was the editor's honor to serve with Calvin on a mission trip to Jamaica several years ago. That venture was characterized by street preaching, personal face-to-face witnessing and church centered revival services. It produced many souls for the Lord and made an indelible impression on all of us who were privileged to participate.

With many national borders closed and closing to career missionaries, we can expect to see the demand for lay volunteers increase. This may be a blessing in disguise since we can recruit many more short-term volunteers than we can career missionaries and we can support them at less cost to the convention.

This is not to demean or lessen the importance

of career missionaries. Not in the least. Career missionaries will be on the field until the Lord comes because their work is essential to fulfilling the Great Commission. Also without them volunteers would be unable to do very much on foreign soil.

But this is to commend Kentucky Baptist leadership for seeing the opportunity a waiting world presents and acting in a bold way to seize that opportunity.

Our corporate experience in Kenya with volunteers has made an impact on Kentucky like nothing in recent Baptist history. We have seen congregations revitalized here at home, mission giving increase in our churches and thousands of people in Kenya won to Christ by the efforts of our neighbors and fellow church members.

We have also seen revitalization in our churches as we went to Ohio in a partnership with our northern neighbor. This too is part of what we know will be the way we do missions in the future.

Congratulations to Calvin Wilkins on his new assignment and praise to those whose eyes have been upon the whole world and have given us an opportunity to share in their vision. We should be proud of our leadership in Kentucky for the challenge presented to us. May the Lord of the harvest bless all of us as we support this venture.

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*Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3*

# Kay Trisler volunteers as state's second female to be a Baptist associational director of missions

## Mercerians select woman to coordinate local mission effort

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When Kay Trisler muses over her life, two overriding virtues seem to outweigh others:

—Do it right.

—Respect leadership and authority.

Above all else, her years of training as an active participant in local Baptist church life have given her a desire to do her best while sustaining those who hold rank.

Since February, Mrs. Trisler has practiced her beliefs as volunteer director of missions (DOM) in Mercer Baptist Association. She acquired them as a girl in the church program organizations of First Baptist Church, Danville, particularly in Girl's Auxiliary and Baptist Training Union.

At 46, she continues to manifest a "deep appreciation" for what the leadership of her church did for her. Learning the Forward Steps as a GA, she confirms there is a "right way" and a "wrong way" to do things. She admires those who painstakingly took time to be her role models.

As a successful wife and mother, she now attempts to put into practice those values to which she has been firmly committed from her roots. She does that at Harrodsburg Church, where she and her family are active members. She's also doing it in the capacity of volunteer DOM.

**Her appointment resulted over a period of time.** Actually, she realized when discussion ensued over creating such a position seven or eight years ago "I could do that job."

More than two years ago Kay began to question where she could put her talents into greater service. She had returned from a mission journey to east Africa during the Kentucky-Kenya partnership and as a result had spoken in most of the churches of her association. She was completing a second term as statewide vice president of Woman's Missionary Union. She wondered, "What can I do in church work without a seminary degree?"

It would be "almost impossible" to achieve a professional position in church or denominational life without seminary training, her pastor, W. Robert DeFoor, suggested. He strongly encouraged her to consider formally preparing herself at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Nearly three decades earlier she had graduated from Danville High School, and later from the two-year degree program at Ashland Community College. She had attended the University of Kentucky a semester.

Through prayer and the encouragement of family and friends, Kay Trisler at last made the decision to return to school. This fall she entered her fourth semester in pursuit of the MA degree in Christian education. Now about "half way there" toward her degree, she hopes

to receive it in 1990. She drives to Louisville, a distance of about 150 miles round trip, three times weekly.

**As part of her studies, she is required to have two semesters of supervised ministry experience.** Her initial thought: volunteer as Mercer Association's first director of missions. After all, what better place to serve than one with needs never filled and so close to home?

The association's personnel committee considered it. The group recommended that the executive board call her, a recommendation positively acted upon last January. She began serving in February and is committed to the responsibility through December 1988.

For at least 17 years the association has operated with a centrally located office in downtown Harrodsburg, employing a part time secretary. Its current \$21,700 budget, now supported by 19 churches with a combined 8411 members, hasn't allowed it to provide a director. The addition of Mrs. Trisler, without pay, fulfills some needs while helping her meet an obligation to her degree program.

**Of nearly a thousand persons serving in the capacity of a DOM in Southern Baptist associations, Kay Trisler is but one of five who is female.** She is the second woman employed in Kentucky. Her counterpart in the Bluegrass State is Delores Baugh, who with her husband, Allen, has shared the DOM position in Severns Valley Association many years. They are, in fact, the only husband-wife team jointly filling such a position in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Another Baptist state convention—North Carolina—has pioneered the concept of employing female mission leaders who don't share the position with anyone. To date, three women, all married, serve Tarheel associations (Allegheny, Elkin and Stone Mountain) as DOMs. Two are full time; one is part time. In Stone Mountain Association, the lady elected in 1983 was preceded by a woman, who reached retirement in that position. The other two women were elected to their positions in 1985 and 1976, respectively.

**What's the feeling of others about the director of missions in Mercer Association being a woman?**

Bob DeFoor, Kay Trisler's pastor, thinks she's probably had an easy time of it because she is a volunteer. "That might be different," he allows, "if she were paid."

He believes she's done an "outstanding job" helping the association see the need for a DOM. Without speculating when, he thinks "down the road" the association "will employ someone." DeFoor believes the association has "thought small" until now. He personally has not seen the existence of the "woman issue" and believes Kay Trisler would be acceptable as a paid DOM "to most folks."

The "real question," DeFoor is convinced, is not that she's a woman, but rather, "Would we accept having a director of missions at all?"

Not everyone is in total agreement with that assessment, however. Hopewell pastor Barry Jude, who's been in Mercer Association about three years,

maintains two concerns.

The overriding one, he emphasizes, is that Mrs. Trisler would have difficulty being a "pastor to the pastors" with no experience as a pastor. He personally would have "some difficulty relating in that way," he advises.

At the same time, a secondary concern is the "gender issue."

Jude cites several of Mrs. Trisler's "excellent" contributions to the association, including starting a pastors' wives fellowship and a monthly newsletter. He also acknowledges that she is very "gifted," "loving," "helpful" and "encouraging." Still he believes the majority of pastors have "difficulty" accepting her as a permanent DOM.

While Jude considers himself a conservative, Keith W. Murphy, pastor of Calvary Church, Mercer Association, similarly identifies himself. Their evaluation differs, however.

Calling Kay Trisler a "super lady," Murphy thinks she would be a "great" full time DOM. He doesn't see a problem should she continue on a paid basis beyond her seminary supervised ministry experience.

But he would have a "definite problem" with Mrs. Trisler, he cautions, if she were to be ordained.

That's not in her thinking, at least, for now. She hopes to prepare for some type of administrative capacity—perhaps on a church staff—but freely admits she would "love to be an associational missionary." That's where "so much of the action takes place in Baptist life," she asserts.

She has no delusions nor ulterior motives about a future permanent position for herself in Mercer Association, either. Doing what she "honestly can" for now "to help people," she is convinced that—"when the time is right"—God will have prepared a place for her.

Husband John, an IBM employe whom she wed 25 years ago and has moved with from Lexington to Cincinnati to Connecticut and back to Lexington before going to Harrodsburg a decade ago, is "and always has been" what Kay Trisler describes as "my biggest supporter." He accompanies her to the association's churches. Once,

when she couldn't make it, he even went in her place!

"He's heard my Kenya stories so often," she laughs, "he says he feels like he's been there himself!"

Also supporting her are married son Stephen, 20, who lives in Lexington, and daughter Amy, 17, a senior at Mercer County High School.

**Kay Trisler freely surveys where she's been and where she intends to head.**

Declaring she's "not a woman's liberator," she also claims that "every one of God's children should be able to use . . . gifts, whatever they are." She doesn't think anyone "should tell anyone else he can't do thus and so."

She's realistic about her own liabilities. She honestly "can't counsel as a pastor would" because she's not had that experience. But she believes an asset is that of "an encourager" who can recognize gifts in others. She attempts to lead others to discover, develop and use their talents.

She doesn't feel called to preach. Yet, because of her Kenya experience, she's been invited to speak in most of the association's churches. Asked if she would preach if invited, she replied, "I would prefer not to." But then she quickly adds: "I'd always be willing to give my testimony."

Kay Trisler hasn't decided whether she is not asked to do some things in her temporary position "simply because I'm a woman or a volunteer."

Does she feel slighted?

"No, not really," she replies. She has been allowed to do "many things." She confidently brags on the association's pastors, calling them "a fine group" who have "worked with me and accepted me and supported me."

Part of her own inhibitions, she openly admits, is within herself. "I feel strange telling the pastors they need to do thus and so," she allows.

At the same time she feels she can help the association determine during these months of volunteer service whether it actually wants an associational missionary.

**Kay Trisler says she doesn't have an "ulterior motive" to get such a job for herself, should it be established.** "I'm honestly doing what I can to help people," she underscores. At the same time, she's documenting everything she does to help the association and anyone it might employ at some future date.

And quietly, without calling undue attention to herself, she is continuing at midlife to prepare herself for a professional career in the Lord's work. Husband John has said he is willing to move elsewhere in order for her to fulfill that calling.

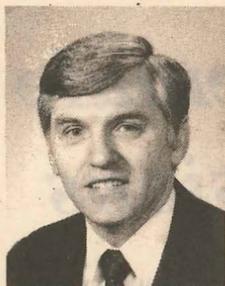
Meanwhile, the lady from Harrodsburg goes on actively respecting authority and choosing what she believes is the "right thing" as she follows the Lord's revelation in her life. And Mercer Association is cooperating with her in the interim.

In publishing this story, Western Recorder neither condones nor condemns women as DOMs. The situation is uncommon, making it of unique interest to Baptist newspaper readers.



Mrs. Trisler

# mountains to the mississippi



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## homes for children

### The start of school

The first day of school finds everyone moving between excitement and nervousness. Our daughter started her first day of kindergarten this year with a great deal of anticipation about her new challenge in life and, at least on the surface, very little apprehension. Her mom and I probably were more nervous about the day than she was. Between the picture taking and the repetition of instructions, I am sure we heightened her anxiety to the proper level.

The children at Spring Meadows, Glen Dale and the crisis group homes in Dixon, Elizabethtown and Morehead have been to school before, but for many of them this will be the first year in their new school. Though they too are excited about the school year and look forward to making new friends, they are also worried about being able to fit into their new environment.

They are conscious of not wanting to be different at the age when being different is seemingly a fate worse than death. They wonder about their clothes and how they look in general. They worry about being picked up by the bus in front of the home and how the other children will feel about them. Some of the children worry about school because they are not good students.

The concern of the students is, of course, mixed with the anticipation of Friday night football games and the many other events which school brings.

For a number of our 18 college students, this will be the first time they truly have been on their own. Though most of them have assured us they can take care of themselves better than we could, the next few weeks of balancing their checkbooks, setting their schedules and taking care of their meals will undoubtedly cause most of them at times to long for the days when child care staff were there to help them with life's complexities.

All growth experiences in our lives are marked with mixed feelings of excitement and worry. Each of us can recall those transition points in our lives and remember the ambivalence we felt.

Please pray for our children during these transition times. We thank each of you for the contributions to help with back to school expenses.

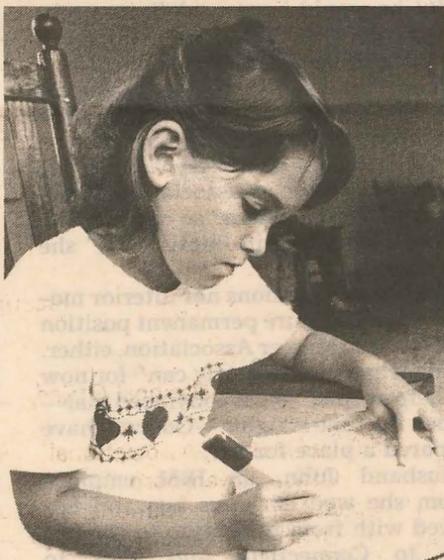
We have a large family to outfit for school. So, if you have not sent a gift already, it would certainly be appreciated.

### missions

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, sent a youth mission team to Bryson City/Cherokee, N. C. The 10-member team was selected by a panel of adult youth leaders. The team did clowning, singing, signing, drama, testimonies in nursing homes and day care centers, and held evening campground services. This is the second year Beaver Dam has sent out a mission team. Doug King, minister of education and youth, and his wife Jennifer led the team. The youth mission team is continuing mission work and programs in Kentucky. Glenn Armstrong is pastor.

West Kentucky Baptist Association recently sent two mission teams to West Central Baptist Association in Ohio. One group assisted in backyard Bible clubs with Jim Johnson, pastor of Urbana Baptist Chapel, and the other team assisted in construction work with Lee Warf, pastor of Ada Baptist Church. Twenty-one west Kentuckians were involved in these projects.

Blood River Baptist Association participated in a mission project which constructed a new building for Nortonville Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. Men from Blood River Association worked with men from Central City and Nortonville.



**Andra Hocker, from First Baptist Church of Morgantown, Ky., studied her Bible on the porch of Rhododendron Hall at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. Andra was attending the mid July Church Training Leadership Conference where classes for children and youth were also held.**

### personnel

**Brian Law** has been called as pastor of Turners Station, Henry County Association.

**Ron Montgomery** was ordained by Central Baptist Church July 31 and goes to Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, as pastor.

**Kevin Lee** goes from New Hope Baptist Church, Central Association, to Lebanon Baptist Church as pastor.

**Robert Davis** was to be ordained Aug. 21 at Melbourne Heights, Long Run Association. He will be associate pastor of Orange, Va. Baptist Church. His wife Cheryl has been secretary in the KBC Church Training Department.



**Jennifer Marlow, left, of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, Owensboro, Ky., and Tabitha Ryan, of Grafton Baptist Church, Grafton, Va., share a songbook while participating in choir practice at the Church Training Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.**

Hazel Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has called **Steve Smith** as youth director.

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Blood River Association, has honored **John Stringer** as pastor emeritus.

**John Sheppard** has resigned from Walnut Street Baptist Church, Blood River Association, to accept the pastorate of Dyer Hill Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, has called **Mike Wells** as pastor.

**Dan Kincer** has been called as pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**William Pack** has resigned the pastorate of White Lick Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Roundstone Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, has called **Gordon Mink** as pastor.

West London Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has called **Bill Mays** as pastor.

**Ronald Jones** has been called as pastor of New Home Church, Booneville Association.

First Baptist Church, Booneville, Booneville Association, has called **John Moore** from Eberfeld, Ind., as pastor.

Bell Association has called **Bruce Walzer** as director of missions.

First Baptist Church, Inez, Enterprise Association, has called **Paul Peterson** as pastor.

**Homer Lee Carnes** has accepted the call as pastor of Union Mission Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Livingston Church, Rockcastle Association, has called **Sam Hampton** as pastor.

**Vincent Willis** has been licensed to preach by Garfield Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He will be youth minister at Garfield and will attend Boyce Bible College this fall. David Ransdell and Gogo Bantson-Jaja are pastors of Garfield.

**Denton Sears** has been called to the pastorate of Macedonia Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

### deaths

**Joseph A. Callaway**, a Southern Baptist Old Testament scholar and biblical archaeologist, died Aug. 23 in Athens, Ga. He was 68.

Callaway taught Old Testament and biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, 26 years. He moved to Athens following his retirement in 1984.

A native of Warren, Ark., he was a graduate of Ouachita College (now Ouachita Baptist University), Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Seminary, where he received the MDiv degree in 1954 and the PhD degree in 1957. Callaway supervised several archaeological expeditions to biblical sites in Israel and wrote extensively on a wide range of archaeological subjects. He was curator of the seminary's Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology 24 years.

Callaway is survived by his wife, Sara; two children, Linda Callaway Biggers of Atlanta, and William J. Callaway of Athens; his mother, Elizabeth Callaway of McGehee, Ark.; one brother; and three grandchildren.

**George Grayson Lanter** died Aug. 19 in Auburndale, Fla. He was 94. Lanter was a native of Ashland, Ky. and a graduate of Southern Seminary. He pastored several churches in Kentucky and traveled as an evangelist in the southeast. Following his retirement in 1962 Lanter served interim pastorates in the Auburndale area.

### revivals

**Salvisa Baptist Church, Salvisa United Methodist and Salvisa Christian Church** joined together for a Starlight Crusade Aug. 7-13. Joe Mobley, of London, Ky., was the evangelist. Salvisa reports six rededications and 10 professions of faith.

**Jerry Clower** is donating a one night revival service to Three Forks Association's Wooten Baptist Church. The event is scheduled Sept. 12 at Richard Nixon Center, Hyden.



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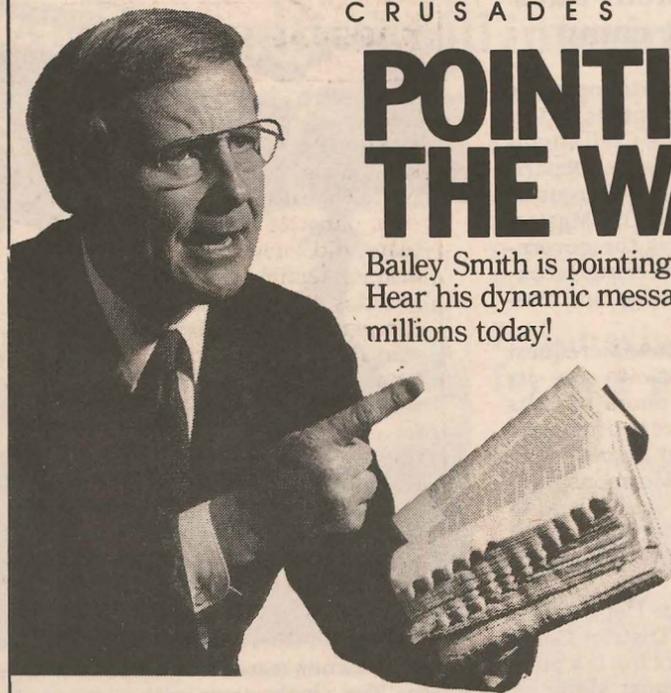
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Canned foods and staples of all kinds may be brought. Popular items with our young people include canned meats (such as Spam), meals-in-a-can (like spaghetti dinners or ravioli), juices (especially orange juice), fruits, applesauce, sugar, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, cereal, cookie mixes, pop tarts, chocolate milk mix, and Kool-Aid packages.

Home-canned foods cannot be accepted because of government regulations; however, pork or beef that has been USDA-inspected would be welcomed.

Our children also have a continuing need for personal supplies. These may be brought to the pickup points, along with food, during September. (The need for these supplies is emphasized as the Women's Advisory Board's project for April, but personal supplies are in demand the year around.) *All food and supplies should be packed in boxes with tops, in case stacking is necessary during transportation.*

The pickup points are scattered across the state (see the list below), and most are the same as those of last year's food roundup. Food should be brought to these points sometime during September. In some instances, food will be collected at churches and later taken to the pickup points—or individuals may prefer to deliver their own directly. The boxes of food will then be picked up at the designated points by trucks from Baptist Homes, beginning early in October, and delivered to Spring Meadows, Glen Dale, and the crisis group homes at Elizabethtown, Dixon and Morehead.

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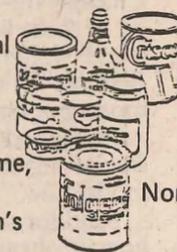
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# baptist news in brief

## Justice Department sues Virginia Baptist camp

A Christian conference center operated by a group of Southern Baptists in Virginia is in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the U. S. Justice Department has charged. But Larry Ferguson, president and director of The Masters Inn in Altavista, Va., says the government is trying to violate the center's constitutionally protected religious freedom.

Last year the center refused a request by a group of Mormons to use its facilities. "To open our doors to cults would mean that we'd have to propagate beliefs that are against our gospel," Ferguson said. "Their (the Mormons') beliefs are antiChrist. If we were forced to open our doors to the Mormons, we'd have to open them to the Church of Satan.

According to the Justice Department suit filed Aug. 3 in U. S. District Court in Lynchburg, The Masters Inn is a public accommodation and must abide by the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which forbids discrimination in accepting lodgers on the basis of religion. "The defendant follows a pattern and practice of denying to persons on the basis of their religion, including persons who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the use and enjoyment of the facilities and services of The Masters Inn on the same basis as such facilities are provided to other members of the general public," the suit says.

Ferguson said the center's board of directors, all of whom are members of Southern Baptist churches, had voted to "fight this all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary." He said the board has asked the Rutherford Institute, a private organization in Manassas, Va., which closely watches church-state issues, to take charge of the case. (BP)



James Brawner (second from left), a member of University Hills Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., locks arms with a group of other Christians to block the entrance of Atlanta SurgiCenter, one of the city's largest abortion clinics. Brawner came to Atlanta, like hundreds of others from across the nation, to support Operation Rescue, an interdenominational effort to "rescue" babies scheduled for abortions. Brawner was not arrested.

## Baptists arrested for pro-life "rescues"

At least a dozen Southern Baptist laypeople and ministers have been arrested in Atlanta since July 19 in attempts to "rescue" babies scheduled for abortions.

Baptists are increasing their participation in Operation Rescue, an interdenominational effort to prevent women from having abortions and to draw attention to the pro-life cause. Operation Rescue is led by Randall Terry, an independent evangelical layman from Binghamton, N. Y.

Since the "rescue" attempts began, more than 700 people from various states had been arrested for trespassing at three Atlanta abortion clinics targeted by Operation Rescue. More than 300 remained in jail Aug. 25.

Most of those arrested have refused

to give their real names but have called themselves Baby Jane Doe or Baby John Doe "to identify with the nameless unborn who are slaughtered in the abortion chambers without the protection of the law."

Strategies of both the rescuers and police changed Aug. 24, when police arrested only two of the 70 protesters blocking entrance to the Feminist Women's Health Center. Police declined to say why they did not arrest the protesters as before.

However, Operation Rescue leaders speculated police tried to avoid drawing more attention to the rescuers by arresting the group that included about 25 clergy, half of whom were pastors of local churches.

In addition to those who have been willing to go to jail, hundreds of other men and women have assisted as drivers, street counselors and picketers. The "rescues" have been staged almost daily since the Democratic National Convention met in Atlanta July 18-21.

Operation Rescue is promoting a "National Day of Rescue" for simultaneous protests in cities across the nation Oct. 29. (BP)

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## Dallas First to seek copastor for Criswell

First Baptist Church, Dallas, has voted unanimously to seek a copastor of the 25,000-member congregation to serve alongside its pastor of 44 years, W. A. Criswell.

The action, at a Wednesday night prayer service Aug. 24 was requested by Criswell. Criswell said he sought it to prevent any "hiatus" in the church's ministry in the event of his death or disability.

Criswell, declined to name the copastor in consideration. But when asked if the man would be a "fundamentalist," Criswell said, "Yes, because this is a fundamental Baptist congregation."

The man he has in mind, he noted, is not from Texas or the Southwest.

"We are seeking the finest, best, most gifted and successful, most God-blessed pastor in this universe," he said. "He will be invited to come here and be a pastor coequal with me."

The committee will simply bring a recommendation to the church when they have decided upon a man, Criswell said. He will not be asked to preach in view of a call.

"We won't have a preacher race," he said. "The committee will just bring a recommendation."

Should Criswell retire or die, the copastor would become head pastor "if the church wants him," Criswell said.

He cited the tremendous load of administration and preaching and pastoral duties as reasons for recommending the church call a copastor. The church has more than 325 employees—more than the population of his hometown. (BP)

## Texas Baptists OK allocation to BJCPA

The Texas Baptist Administrative Committee has authorized allocation of \$10,591 for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to replace funds cut from the BJCPA by the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio in June.

The action of the administrative committee, which handles budget matters between meetings of the Texas Baptist executive board, was a followup to state convention action last fall.

Meeting in Ft. Worth, messengers to the 1987 state convention approved a motion by John Leland Berg, pastor of West Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, "to continue Texas Baptists' historic and traditional support for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs" if the SBC chose to allocate funds away from the BJCPA.

In June in San Antonio, the SBC reduced the BJCPA's share of the SBC budget by 10.79 percent or \$48,400. The BJCPA also was denied a 4.25 percent increase in its budget given to other SBC entities, amounting to a total reduction of \$67,457.

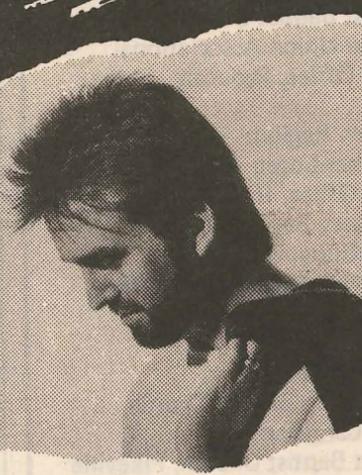
Texas' share of the \$67,457 (15.7 percent of Cooperative Program funds) would be \$10,591, the amount approved.

The funds will be taken from earnings from the Wasson Trust and will be forwarded after Oct. 1 to the BJCPA through the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, which functions as the Texas Baptist public affairs committee.

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## California church plans to recreate Israel sites

A Baptist church in Southern California has unveiled plans to recreate portions of biblical Israel in a 50-acre botanical garden in affluent Orange County.

Bryan Crow, pastor of The Garden Church in Anaheim, announced his congregation's plans at an August tent revival on the new site about 15 miles from Disneyland. The \$5 million site on the Riverside Freeway was given to the church for \$1 in a complex arrangement with developers and county officials.

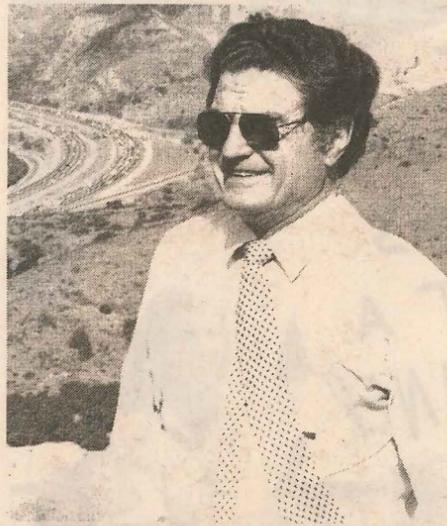
Future plans call for three worship areas nestled among recreations of the garden tomb, the Garden of Gethsemane, the River Jordan and a miniature Sea of Galilee. Families desiring to worship by themselves will be able to hear sermons on FM receivers in secluded areas of the garden, Crow said. He added the development will be a place of worship, not a tourist attraction.

Crow came to California nearly 30 years ago from Texas and started Euclid Street Baptist Church one mile from Disneyland. In the recent deal, the Euclid Street facilities were sold to Hope University, a school for gifted mentally retarded children.

A portion of the Euclid Street congregation continues to worship at the old location through an arrangement that gives them access to the property on Wednesday nights and Sundays. About 100 members of Euclid Street who opted to begin the new Garden Church have been meeting in an office park about 12 miles from the old location for the past two years.

Crow has been working with a landscape artist from Israel and has researched plants, flowers and trees of the region. Massive landscaping is expected to begin in October.

Despite criticism, Crow insists the garden is a legitimate plan for ministry. "If all that ever happened was for people to come and read a verse of scripture at the foot of a tree, it would be valid," he



**Bryan Crow, pastor of The Garden Church, Anaheim, Cal., stands at the highest point of the 50-acre property where his congregation intends to build a botanical garden recreating portions of biblical Israel.**

said. "Primarily, I want to reach this area for Christ. I'm just building a different kind of fishing tank."

Crow insists that beginning a small mission church in California does not work the way it does in the South. Californians are accustomed to ready-made success, he said. (BP)

## Minister pleads guilty of rapes, theft

Gregory Charles Goblen, former pastor of Outreach Baptist Church, Garland, Tex., pleaded guilty Aug. 24 to a year-long series of rapes and burglaries in north Dallas and was sentenced to 10 concurrent life terms in prison.

The 28-year-old minister pleaded guilty to five counts of burglary and five counts of aggravated sexual assault. In a plea bargain with the Dallas County district attorney's office, he agreed to provide the Dallas Police Department information about several other attacks in Dallas and Denton counties for which

## Alaska Baptists call interim as leader

Bill Duncan, who has been interim executive director of the Alaska Baptist Convention for the past 18 months, was elected executive director-treasurer during the annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention, Aug. 9-10.

Duncan, 57, a native of Stuttgart, Ark., has been pastor of churches in Virginia, Oklahoma, Nevada and Arizona. He moved to Alaska in 1967, becoming pastor of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church, Fairbanks. Later, he became pastor of First Baptist Church, North Pole, where he served 10 years.

He left the North Pole church to become director of missions for the Tanana Valley Baptist Association, an area larger than the state of Alabama. In 1985, he joined the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention as evangelism, Brotherhood and stewardship director, and in 1987 became interim executive when executive John Allen resigned and left the state.

During the two-day meeting at Muldoon Denali Baptist Church, Anchorage, Aka., more than 205 messengers registered, the largest attendance ever in the 43 year history of the convention. Messengers adopted a \$1,683,172 budget, of which \$503,805 will be contributed by the 56 churches, 23 church-type

missions and 18 preaching points affiliated with the convention. Messengers also approved an increase in the percentage of funds going to support the worldwide missionary, evangelism and educational ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention, upping contributions by a half percent to 31.5. (BP)

## Indonesia grants visas for new missionaries

Indonesia has granted long-awaited visas for five newly assigned Southern Baptist missionary couples.

Three of the missionaries are assigned as church starters and two as theological educators. In addition, four veteran missionaries involved in developing churches have been granted one-year renewable extensions.

Missionaries in Indonesia have been plagued for years by rumors they would be forced to leave the south Asian country of 175 million people. But last year the rumors became reality.

Left unchanged, the policy could eliminate up to nearly two-thirds of Southern Baptists' missionary force in Indonesia. There may be some exceptions, but apparently only medical missionaries and others who have been working in the country less than 10 years will be allowed to stay. (BP)

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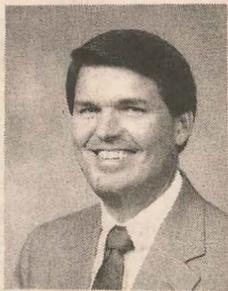
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### A new beginning

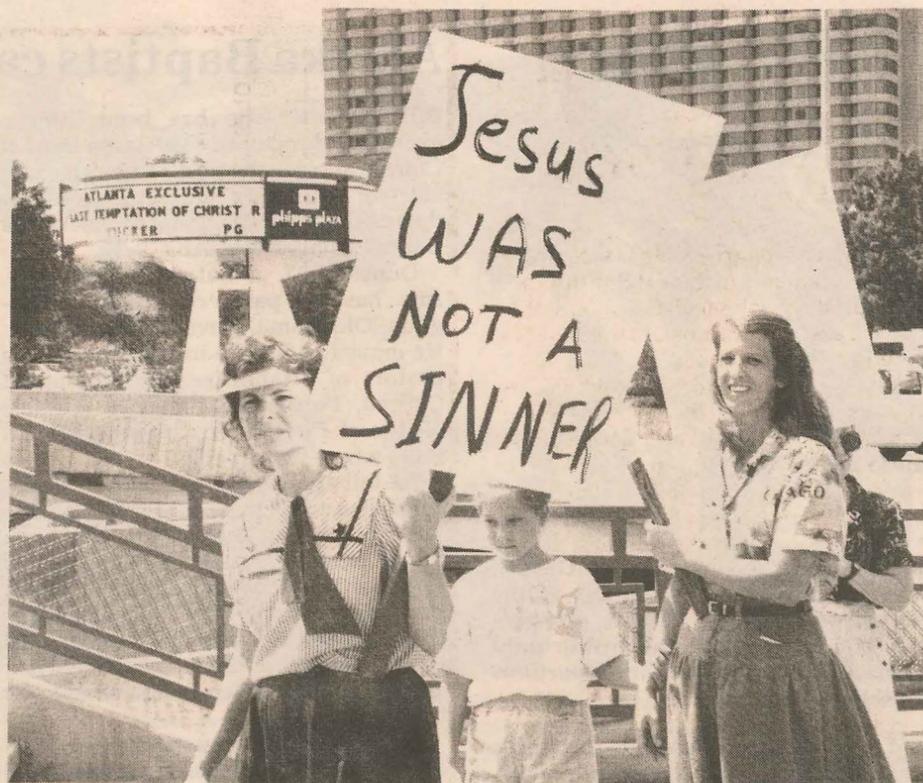
"It's good to be back home again." The popular song lyrics express my feelings at this time of transition. Thank you Kentucky Baptists for your encouraging reception and prayerful support as I begin this ministry at Clear Creek. I want this column to provide a glimpse of Clear Creek's life and ministry. May this chronicle encourage you to pray for and get involved in our unique work.

Thirty-three new students are now attending classes. They come to us from seven states—Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. John and Elizabeth Dawson represent Clear Creek's historic emphasis on theological training for adults. John did not hear the gospel until age 30. At age 34, the Lord called him into ministry. For nearly seven years they have been in church starting work, helping begin two new missions sponsored by their home church in Ohio. John has had his own plumbing business and managed oil and gas leases. Elizabeth is a registered nurse. They have two married daughters and a grandson.

John heard about Clear Creek in a casual conversation and checked out three Kentucky towns spelled with a "P" before he found us. So at age 44 the Dawsons begin a new pilgrimage—"excited about what the Lord is going to do. We love it here, the people are friendly, generous and love the Lord." Along the way I'll let you know some of their pilgrimage.

1987 graduate Don Bolyard and family recently visited on campus. They now live in Chaffee, Mo. where Don pastors Calvary Baptist Church. Don shared concern about our Bible college accreditation. "Would there still be a place for a guy like me?" he asked. Don came to Clear Creek in 1983 with a fifth grade education. Our specialized curriculum met his need. Handling three jobs and three children, Don earned his G.E.D. and graduated in the degree program. His wife, Sally, received her diploma in local church ministry and while Don was finishing his school work, she earned her LPN at a local nursing school.

Yes, there will always be a ministry training place for individuals like the John Dawsons and the Don Bolyards. May our Lord send us many more.



Christians march outside Phipps Plaza Mall in Atlanta to protest the showing of "The Last Temptation of Christ." About 2000 people picketed outside the mall theater. Southern Baptist pastor Richard Lee and layman Ray Allen coordinated the weekend protests.

## Atlantans greet 'Temptation' with peaceful protests

Two Southern Baptists led about 2000 Christians in peaceful protests of the controversial film "The Last Temptation of Christ" on its opening weekend in Atlanta.

Richard Lee, pastor of Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga., and Ray Allen, a member of Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., coordinated the three-day protest outside Phipps Plaza Mall. The Cineplex Odeon theater inside

### Marriage festivals set for fall at Ridgecrest

"The Language of Married Love" is the theme of Fall Festivals of Marriage to be held three weekends at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23.

Preston and Genie Dyer, of Waco Tex., authors of the book, "The Language of Married Love," marriage and family counselors, will lead the book study the first and third weekends. Jimmy Hester, design editor, Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and his wife, Kim, will lead the study at the second conference.

Small workshops on communication, intimacy, problem solving, money management and spiritual growth are offered four times during the weekend.

Jim Walter, professor of adult education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be keynote speaker at the first festival. Doug Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will speak at the second festival. Bob Norman, pastor of Clearview Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn., and Michael Hester, director of the Gheens center for family ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be keynote speakers for the third festival.

A brochure containing information about the weekends is available from Fall Festival of Marriage, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234, or call (615) 251-2277.

the mall began an exclusive Atlanta showing of the film on two of its three screens Aug. 26.

The final rally Aug. 28 drew the largest crowd, with more than 1500 picketers. About 250 protesters participated at the first rally on Aug. 26, and another 150 attended Aug. 27.

Some picketers stood near the street with "Honk if You Love Jesus" signs, which prompted passing motorists to signal their support for the protest.

Despite the protests, people lined up outside the theater to see the film. Theater officials would not disclose local attendance figures, but protest organizers said the film had only taken in \$1 million nationwide thus far.

Atlanta is the first city in the southeastern United States to show the film. It already has opened in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston and at least eight other cities. (BP)

### Mercer chancellor dies from fall at 91

Mercer University Chancellor Rufus C. Harris, president of the Baptist college for 20 years before retiring in 1980, died Aug. 18 at age 91.

Harris, recognized as an outstanding educator and former president of Tulane University in New Orleans, had fallen and broken a hip the previous weekend. His death was attributed to old age and complications from the fall.

A 1917 graduate of Mercer, Harris received the doctor of jurisprudence from Yale University in 1924. He was dean of Mercer's law school from 1925-27, dean of Tulane's law school 10 years and president of Tulane 23 years (1937-60).

During the 20 years he was president of Mercer, enrollment increased from 1238 to 6714 students. He led the Mercer trustees in making two highly-controversial decisions when trustees voted in 1963 to desegregate and in 1969 to accept federal grants. (BP)

### McCarty assigns roles to extension staff

Jack R. Cunningham has been named director of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department as part of a staff reorganization within the convention's Seminary External Education Division in Nashville.

The expanded assignments were announced by Doran C. McCarty, who became executive director of the division Aug. 1.

Cunningham has been director of extension center education within the department since January 1987 and will continue to fill that role along with his new duties. Cunningham received a doctor of education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in July with an emphasis in adult education.

George W. Knight, director of the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute for the past 19 months, was assigned the additional role of director of educational resources. He will oversee development of new courses and refinement of existing courses for the Seminary Extension department.

More closely linked to McCarty's absence was the additional assignment of Cunningham as associate director of the division, a new position. Cunningham will coordinate regular communication with McCarty and act on his behalf in matters requiring an immediate response.

The division operates as an off-campus ministry of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, offering undergraduate theological studies through its Seminary Extension department and master's-level studies through the Seminary Studies department.

A curriculum expansion project currently underway will result in eight new courses by the fall of 1989. (BP)

### Youth commitments top 1987 figures

Attendance and public decisions made during Summer Youth Celebration conferences this year at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers increased slightly over 1987 totals.

Of the 4403 who attended the conferences in June, 1397 decisions for Christ were made, reported Clyde Hall, manager of the youth section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department, sponsor of the event. Last year, some 4000 young people attended the youth conferences, and 1165 decisions were made.

A Summer Youth Celebration Conference in August at Deer Valley Meadows Camp in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, drew 136 youth and their leaders. It was the first held in Canada, Hall said.

Decisions for Christ included 15 who made professions of faith, 32 who rededicated their lives, 10 who made decisions to go into full time church work, and eight others.

Of the 1853 young people who attended the youth celebration at Glorieta, 709 made public decisions. Of those decisions, 152 were professions of faith, 425 were rededications, 57 were church-related vocations and 75 were other types of decisions.

About 2550 young people attended the Ridgecrest conference, where 79 made professions of faith, 506 rededicated their lives, 32 pledged to enter full time church-related service and 71 made other types of decisions. (BP)

# New Age movement hard to define but easy to see

by Mark Wingfield  
Home Mission Board PR

Actress Shirley MacLaine's ministries "Out on a Limb" and last year's "harmonic convergence" popularized a movement with deeper roots than either Dan Rather or Ted Koppel can dig up on prime time television.

It's called the New Age. Almost no one can give a simple definition, but anyone can see the movement's influence in America.

In 1986 millions of Americans watched Miss MacLaine's miniseries, where she recounted experiences with reincarnation, meditation and the supernatural. Just one year later, nightly newscasts and morning newspapers were filled with pictures of people chanting atop mountain bluffs in New Mexico and California, awaiting a "harmonic convergence" that would bring in a new era.

Since then, New Age has become trendy among housewives, business executives, physicians, educators and musicians looking for answers to life's toughest questions. New Age bookstores have sprung up across the country, peddling everything from the "lost teachings" of Christ to crystals that help people focus the energies of the universe.

The seekers pay hundreds of dollars to attend New Age seminars and lectures. New Age networks keep members informed about upcoming events and new trends. Publishers and national booksellers have capitalized on this interest, churning out hundreds of new titles and reclassifying others.

New Age books, seminars and music emphasize peace, harmony, unity, self-fulfillment and wholeness. Although these sound like Christian ideals, they often have different meanings, reported Maurice Smith, assistant director of the Interfaith Witness Department at the Home Mission Board, who has researched New Age extensively.

New Agers are searchers, open to nearly any system of achieving personal peace and global unity. Their quest may or may not include Christianity, Smith said.

One group may favor the teachings of an oriental philosopher; another may listen to the advice of a 50,000-year-old guru whose voice is "channeled" through a modern-day prophet in a trance. Neither devotee will call the other's system invalid.

"The big thing about New Agers is they don't judge others. We're allowing people to search and grow," explained Peter Greene, managing editor of New Age News, a tabloid with a monthly circulation of 13,000.

Greene cites the world's fast-changing, interactive culture as the reason for New Age's growth. "People are saying, 'How can I make my traditional values fit today's changing environment?'" he said.

On the other hand, Smith insisted, New Age movements have gained popularity because people want religion without commitment. "New Age allows you to have some beliefs without believing you are a sinner. It is a nonreligious approach to religion."

John Newport agreed. He is vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and author of three books related to New Age.

"New Age appeals to people who want religious experience without some of the strong moral and spiritual accompaniments of authentic religion," he said. "In New Age, there is not much emphasis on judgment or heaven or hell. There is no call for sacrifice or ethical discipline."

Words like judgment and authority don't mix well with New Age. New Agers shun anyone who needs to be right at the expense of making others wrong or who sees deviations from their own dogma as the work of the devil, Greene said.

The New Age movement blends many traditions into one mosaic. These traditions come from Eastern religions, the 1960s counterculture, mysticism and some occult activity, Smith said.

A recent article in Northwest Magazine described New Age as "a sort of intellectual Velcro dragged across history (which has) picked up odd bits of philosophical lint from unlikely and often contradictory sources."

Two key New Age concepts are that all reality is one and that everything is God, Smith said.

These views contradict the biblical teachings that God is creator and distinct from his creation, he explained, noting, "Human beings are created in the image of God but are not in essence God."

Defining the basic human problem creates another problem between New Age and Christianity, Smith said: "The basic human problem, according to New Age thought, is that you are unaware of your true identity as divine, as one with ultimate reality, which is God," he explained. "From the Bible's perspective, the basic human problem is the reality of our sin."

The solution to humanity's basic problem as Christianity defines it is to trust Jesus Christ as personal savior, Smith said. However, a common solution to the New Age version of humanity's basic problem is reincarnation. According to this teaching, individuals must live multiple lives until they realize the true self and experience enlightenment.

Despite the contradictions between New Age and Christianity, Christians are encountering New Age teachings almost daily, Smith said.

New Age does not confront Christians on the street in the same way Mormon missionaries do, he explained. Rather, New Age teachings are gradually working their way into ordinary places, merging with Christian ideals.

A recent news article illustrates how New Age and Christianity are being pushed together. The article reports on a new book called "Zen Driving," which encourages drivers to meditate while driving and to focus on the feel of the car and road.

The authors insisted that people of all faiths can practice Zen driving. "To be a Buddha behind the wheel doesn't mean you have to take the plastic Jesus off your dashboard," they said. (BP)

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## oneida journal

### Ready for school

Oneida's 89th academic year has begun. I've personally witnessed over thirty school openings here at Oneida. This one was the finest yet.

There are many factors that made such an opening possible. For example, we lost only two of last year's teaching staff. So we began the year with a tried and true staff, well seasoned and dedicated to the Christian training of boys and girls.

We opened the year with a net gain of four teachers over last year which means we have 24 additional sections in our math, English, Bible and social studies classes. That means we have a better teacher-student ratio than ever before.

We opened the year with our Special Help department moving into new and enlarged facilities. Sixteen teachers (nine with college degrees, and seven adult aides) work with our forty weakest students. No other school in Kentucky has a program with such individualized and intensive attention.

The new facilities have more storage area in each academic area for charts and other learning materials. Also there is more restroom capacity and the absence of the noise of the hourly class changes of the remainder of the school.

The area previously occupied by the Special Help department has been renovated into additional regular high school classrooms, an additional office for the guidance department, a small private office for the principal off his main office and a faculty room.

If you had been among the scores of visitors to our campus on the two days before our start-of-school weekend, you would have seen the following.

The entire school staff, teachers, maintenance, cooks, office and house-parents gathered for the annual two-hour service in the Oneida Baptist Church held prior to the return of our students for a new year. Our service included a sermon by our trustee chairman, Dennis Rush.

The teaching faculty had a two-day inservice session which was quite intensive and saw much accomplished.

Our marching band participated in a week of band camp.

Approximately forty students gathered vegetables in our gardens, helped to prepare food for the freezers, did farm chores, painted several more classrooms, waxed floors and mowed lawns. Several other boys worked and camped on a farm 80 miles away recently donated to our school. They bathed each evening in a large spring on the farm with water temperature at about 50 degrees! It was wonderfully cooling after 100 degree days!

Special Help staff and some of our students moved furniture, supplies, etc. into the new Special Help facility. Several workers did some finish-up work. Venetian blinds were hung at the windows and steps and sidewalks were poured.

Teachers have been reviewing textbook inventories and supplies, preparing lesson plans for the opening week of school and attending inservice sessions at night.

Our print shop has printed a new catalog with course descriptions to be given each student at registration. A new teacher's handbook and a revised student manual have already been beautifully printed.

Work has been completed on the re-roofing of our oldest building, trim and gutter work on our largest building and the last of our school buses have passed inspection. Our dorm parents and I made dorm room assignments for over 500 soon-to-arrive girls and boys in hopes of matching compatible personalities.

It has been a busy month and we are ready for school.



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR SEPT. 11, 1988

#### Life and work series

#### Inspired to give

**Exodus 35:4-5, 10** All of the commandments of God should be met with a prompt, willing obedience by his children. God desires to accomplish his divine purpose through our lives and our cheerful contribution of the resources he has provided to use in carrying on his work in the world.

**Exodus 35:21-22, 29** Moses informed the Israelites God wanted them to have a building in which to worship him. He explained to them the divine plans for its construction and furnishings. Although the plans were made by God, note that he gave to the people the privilege of providing the materials. The one exhortation was that it must be a willing offering. As soon as Moses finished his instructions, the people responded and brought all that was needed for the tabernacle and the holy garments. From the principle of love to God, people gave liberal gifts. Back of their conduct was a spirit of gratitude for all that God had done and a spirit

of faith in his promises.

**Exodus 35:35** To each craftsman God gave the skill to perform the creative work of his trade. And they did not forget their respective skills and abilities were gifts from God. The gifts which God imparted to the people were to be used in service. While it is still true that his gifts to individuals vary, all of them should be used faithfully in the accomplishment of the divine purpose. Whatever our gifts may be, whether few or many, they must be used in a manner that will bring glory to God and be a blessing to fellowmen and women.

#### International series

#### Job and his friends

**Job 4:1, 7-8** Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, who were from different tribes, assembled and freely discussed Job's afflictions. These men offered Job some unsolicited advice.

Eliphaz, the oldest and wisest of Job's friends, took pride in what he had learned from experience. Believing that continued silence on his part would be a woeful dereliction of duty and an indirect participation in his error, Eliphaz reproached Job for not conducting himself as he had advised others to do. He argued that Job was simply reaping the fruits of his sinful living.

**Job 8:1, 5-7** Basing his opinions on the traditions of men, scholarly Bildad declined to refer to his personal experience or to anything that had come under his own observation.

Bildad quoted sayings from the writings of those who had lived and wrought in previous generations. He revealed his harshness and cruelty by telling Job that his losses and afflictions were caused by Job's personal sins.

**Job 11:1, 4-6** Zophar considered himself to be the very embodiment of all wisdom. He looked down on Job as being extremely stupid. Conceited and proud Zophar very bluntly said Job actually deserved worse punishment than he received.

Strongly resenting Zophar's insult, Job declared he knew as much as Zophar did. Enraged, Job ironically quipped, "Wisdom will die with you."

**Job 13:1-5** Job told his friends he knew more about God than they did. He urged them to stop being deceitful and admonished them to refrain from making false statements. Knowing that from a false premise any conclusion can be drawn, he was not willing for them to brand him as a terrible sinner.



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## on mission together

### A day to remember

Among the 2250-plus churches in our Kentucky Baptist family, there are simply too many celebrations going on for me to participate in all of them.

Pity for me, because if even half are as joyful and meaningful as the 100th anniversary at First Baptist, Earlington, Aug. 28, I think I'd like to abdicate my other responsibilities and specialize in celebrations!

I arrived with Alice to preach for the Sunday morning service. This would be followed by a delightful meal and a concluding afternoon service.

On the night before, several former pastors had spoken and Dr. Jay Wilkey, from Southern Seminary, had lifted the crowd to the heights with a musical concert.

Earlington's pastor, Guy Gordon, orchestrated each session with his own

warm touch.

Former staff and all but one of its former, living pastors were present: George Park (1929-43), Gilbert Waud (1943-44), Archie Allison (1944-51), Hughlan Richey (1951-58), Roy Lamberth (1963-68), Jack Palmer (1968-73) and Jack Barron (1973-77.)

Remarks by Dr. Wendell Rone, commissioned to write the church's history, were titled "Trials and Triumph." Coal and the railroad had given birth to this community. Their original church property had been donated by the St. Bernard Coal Co.

The church passed through the stages of being the "Earlington United Baptist Church" to "Earlington Missionary Baptist Church" to its present title.

Earlington, according to Dr. Rone, was one of our first churches to participate in Kentucky's "new fangled idea" of the *Unified Program of Giving*. That was back in 1914. Eleven years later Southern Baptists adopted the Cooperative Program, built on what most of us

believe was Kentucky's idea.

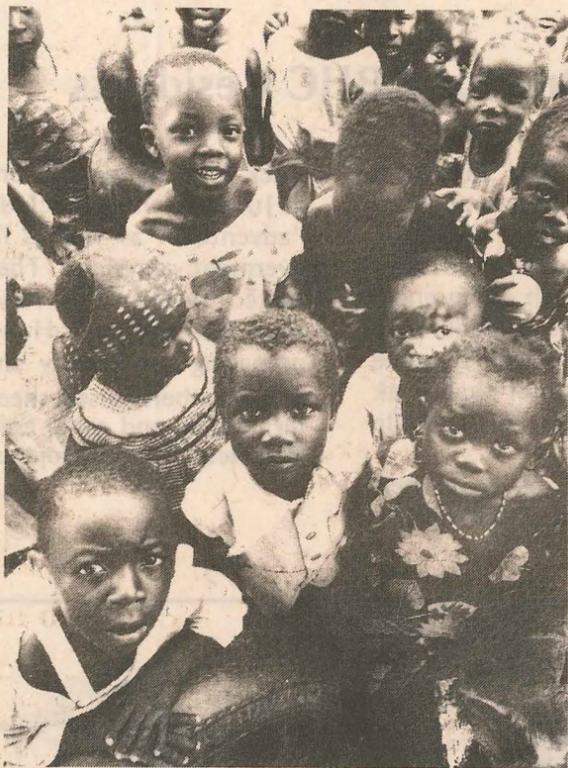
Earlington has not rested on her "historical laurels." She has, through the years, become one of those special churches with the world on its heart.

It is especially noteworthy that since 1977—of their total gifts—the percentage given through the Cooperative Program has grown from 11% to 27%. Not bad for a church which averages around 130 in Sunday school!

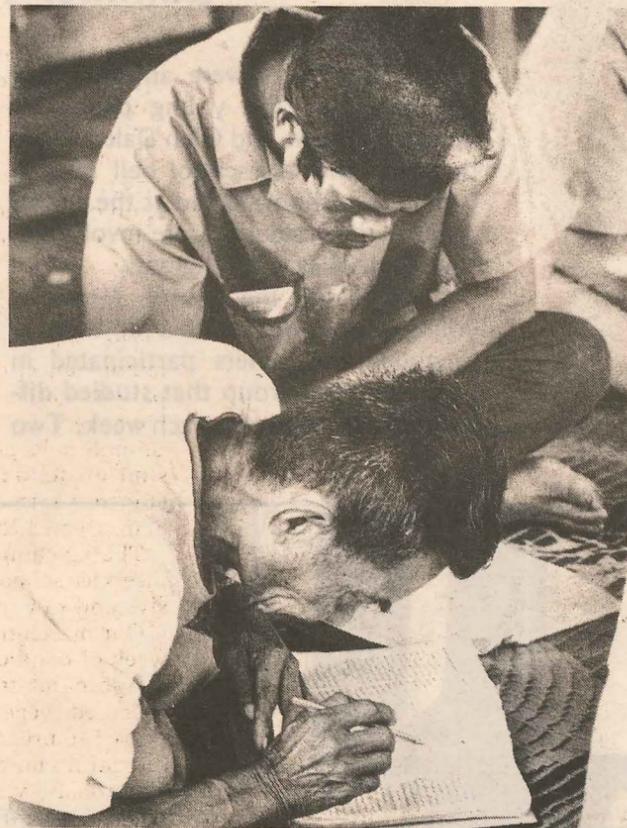
Toward the end of the afternoon, the senior of the pastors, Brother Park, spoke to the group. I was deeply moved by this now soft-spoken 89-year-old who pastored the church through the depression. Guy Gordon had reminded us earlier that during those years Brother Park had insisted that the church cut his salary.

I made a special effort to greet him after the service. Humility was etched across his gentle face. "Humble servant of God," I thought to myself, "we could all learn a lesson from you." And from First Baptist, Earlington.

The parents of these children are leaders in the faith among Baptists in Nigeria. The children pictured here are playing in the recreation area of a children's school on the campus of the Baptist Pastors' School in Kaduna.



These men are totally abandoned to the word of God during a Bible study in the village of Klong Ph-roen Suk, Thailand. Southern Baptists have set aside Nov. 13 this year as the Sunday to recognize "American Bible Society Day," remembering the part the organization plays in getting scriptures into the hands of people.



Missionaries Herman and Dottie Hayes talk with a friend, Hai Van Huyng, in the Vietnamese area around Sydney, Australia. The couple opened Baptist work in Vietnam in 1959 and later served in Indonesia. After nearly 40 years in foreign missions work, they soon will be approaching retirement.



This woman and child attended Moscow Baptist Church, led by youth in a special program celebrating their faith. Baptists throughout the Soviet Union have celebrated the 1000th anniversary year for Christianity there.



Linda Pegram enjoys a moment of closeness with a Muslim woman at the Philippines' First Asylum Camp on Palawan Island. Miss Pegram, now director of Baptist Refugee Ministries at the Philippine Refugee Processing Center in Bataan, was appointed a missionary to Hong Kong in 1980 before being transferred to the southeast Asian archipelago.

# Global Missions

## Summer 1988 is a Busy One for KBHC Residents

Summer days were anything but lazy ones for the young people at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale. From the time the last school bell rang in June until school started at the end of August, the residents were involved in many activities and programs.

Several of the Spring Meadows young people worked in a job training program, and others participated in Free Spirits, a group that studied different Bible characters each week. Two

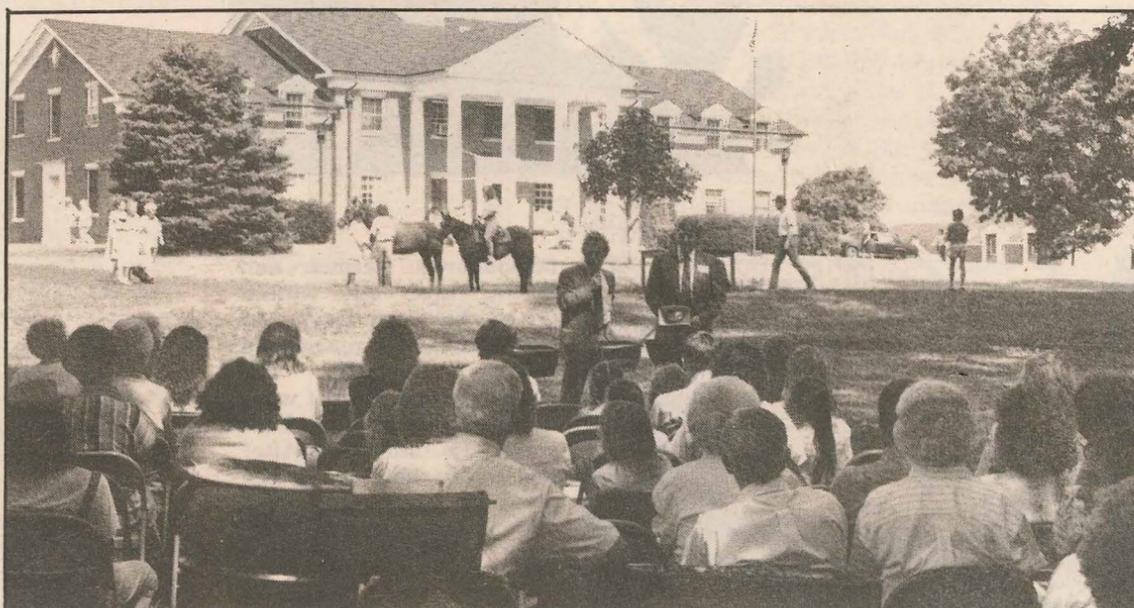
BSU student groups, Son Share and Son Celebration, led seminars and performed on the campus in July. Throughout the summer, cottages attended Christian youth conferences or camps. Recently, the residents were involved in a week of camp held on the campus. One highlight of that week was a ride on the Belle of Louisville on the Ohio river.

The Glen Dale young people started their summer with Adventure '88, a

week-long camp held on the campus in June. Each day included a different "adventure" as well as field trips and overnight camping. The BSU groups visited the Glen Dale residents in July, too. Also in July, 4-H members began preparing for county and state fairs. 4-H members raised sheep, goats, cattle, rabbits and other animals and participated in other projects.



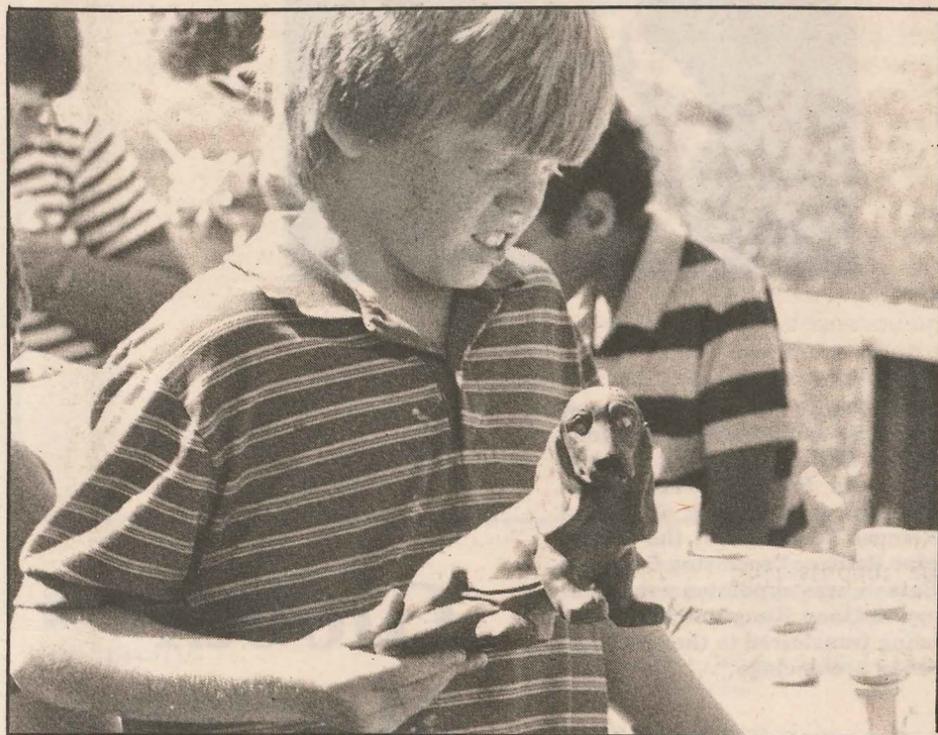
A highlight of camp at Spring Meadows was a cruise on the Belle of Louisville. (L to R) Thomas Mays, Kim Lovo, Cristen Flory, Tracy Baker, Director Mike Goodwin, Tom Roark, Dawn Avery, Felicia Taylor.



Glen Dale Director Buckley Carlin and Executive Director Curtis Mooney address some of those who visited Glen Dale for Child Care Day. Over 500 Kentucky Baptists visited Glen Dale and Spring Meadows on Child Care Days.



Glen Dale resident Kim Endsley showed her heifer at the Hardin County Fair in July.



Robert Spencer (Glen Dale) painted a ceramic dog at craft time during Adventure '88, Glen Dale's week of summer camp.



Spring Meadows resident Jessica Conner and Son Celebration member Candi Ward broke the ice with one of several games.