

Hopkinsville set to host state WMU Apr. 21-22

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

With the banner "Missions FACES" theme before them, Kentucky Woman's Mission Union members meet Apr. 21-22 at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

"FACES" is an acronym for "faithful and called, enabled, serving." It is based on 1 Tim. 1:12: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, because he considered me faithful, calling me into his service."

Seven persons will headline the five-session WMU annual meeting, including **Helen Fling**, of Birmingham, Ala., who will offer theme interpretations at four of the sessions.

A former state and national WMU president, from 1977 until her retirement Jan. 1, 1985, Mrs. Fling was WMU promotion associate in new areas of Southern Baptist work. The Davis, Okla. native attended East Texas State University, Commerce. Her late husband was a pastor, while she is a national conference leader, speaker and writer. Her conventionwide WMU presidency continued from 1963-69.

The other six featured guests on the Hopkinsville agenda include **Winona Cobb**, **Frances (Pinky) Pendley**, **Doris Diaz**, **Ronald N. Boswell**, **J. Dele Adeleru** and **Lillian Isaacs**.

Biographical material on Mrs. Pendley had not arrived in time for publication in Western Recorder.

An Amarillo, Tex. attorney's wife, **Winona Cobb** and her husband, Morris, have taken a month annually for two decades to work in Baptist churches on five continents in more than 20 countries. Her subject at the state WMU meeting Friday morning, Apr. 21, is "Partnership Evangelism Overseas." The conference leader, speaker and



Mrs. Fling



Mrs. Cobb



Miss Diaz



Boswell



Adeleru



Mrs. Isaacs

writer is a Sunday school teacher in her local church. With her husband she coauthored *The Handbook for Volunteers in Foreign Missions*, used by the Foreign Mission Board in volunteer orientation.

Doris Diaz, language WMU consultant for Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., is a native of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Educated in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (Cal.) and Dallas (Tex.) Bible College, Miss Diaz has been a kindergarten and high school teacher, associate and managing editor of Spanish-related materials produced by Texas Baptists and the Home Mission Board and a language WMU staffer in Birmingham since 1972. She speaks Friday afternoon at the WMU meeting on the topic "Missions FACES—Ethnics."

Friday night's principal speaker, **Ronald N. Boswell**, will talk on "Missions FACES—Foreign Missions." He is director of the Foreign Mission Board's Volunteers in Missions Department, Richmond, Va. A native of Houston, Tex., he holds degrees from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. The former Texas church staffer and pastor was a missionary to Brazil from 1964-80, when he moved to Richmond.

Saturday morning at Hopkinsville **J. Dele Adeleru** will address the state WMU meeting on "Missions FACES—Nigeria." Born in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, he is presently a student at Jefferson Community College, Louisville. He earlier earned degrees from Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso; Campbellsville (Ky.) College; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. A Nigerian pastor from 1975-84, Adeleru has held numerous elected posts in Nigerian Baptist life. He was elected a deacon by his church in Louisville in January.

The concluding speaker, Saturday afternoon, is **Lillian Isaacs**, now a Floridian, retired from the Home Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Department. A former literacy missions field missionary, she earlier served with her late husband, John, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Alabama native will speak at Hopkinsville on "Missions FACES—Literacy." She is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville.

Other speakers at the WMU state meeting: **Mrs. Elizabeth Sadler**, Morehead, Mission Service Corps volunteer; **Mrs. Jessie Boyd**, Ashland, a 1987 short term missions volunteer to

Venezuela; **Mrs. Billie Emmons**, who has done volunteer mission assignments in Israel, Africa, Venezuela, Portugal; **William D. Jagers**, director, KBC Evangelism Department, Middletown; **Becky Stinnett**, LaCenter, former state Acteens panelist and summer mission volunteer; **Para Mullins**, Southern Seminary student and daughter of former missionaries to Indonesia; and **Mrs. Joyce Burkhalter**, former missionary to Bangladesh, reassigned to Indonesia.

Presiding over the Hopkinsville meeting will be **Mrs. Peggy Hicks** of Louisville, completing her fourth and final one-year term as state WMU president. A successor will be elected in Hopkinsville.

Several special events are planned in conjunction with the Apr. 21-22 meeting, including a "Girls in Action Mission Event" Saturday morning (Apr. 22) from 9 a.m. to noon. The site is the activities building of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Brenda Price, state Girls in Action consultant, observed that "about 300 girls and their leaders usually attend" this session. The program consists of missionary testimonies, music and special guest **Mrs. Teri B. Peacock** of Crofton, Ky., who will present a dramatic interpretation. Participants will also be recognized in the WMU annual meeting session.

Special interest group mealtime fellowships are planned in Hopkinsville.

At noon Friday at the Holiday Inn, 2910 Ft. Campbell Blvd., luncheons will be held for missionaries and presidents, directors and WMU board members and associational Baptist Women directors.

At the same Holiday Inn Friday at 5 p.m. a dinner is planned for ethnic leadership. Acteens will dine at 5 p.m. at New Palestine Baptist Church, 10045 Dawson Springs Rd., and the Baptist Nursing Fellowship will have a dinner meeting at 5 p.m. at Edgewood Baptist Church, on Sanderson Dr.

A reception honoring outgoing president Peggy Hicks is set to follow the Friday evening session of the WMU meeting in the host church's fellowship hall.

Two luncheons are planned for noon Saturday at the host church, for Baptist Young Women and for 1989-90 WMU executive board members.

The WMU annual meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Other sessions are planned at 2 and 7 p.m. that day and 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

Information about motels in the Hopkinsville area is available from the WMU office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101. Reservations are expected to flood available space and should be made early, according to **Mrs. Dee Gilliland**, Middletown, WMU executive director.

Vegas SBC agenda to feature dual thrusts

by Marv Knox

Evangelism and missions will share a spotlight when messengers to the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting convene in Las Vegas, Nev.,

June 13-15.

"Going, Weeping; Sowing, Reaping"—a biblical metaphor for the task of telling the world about Jesus Christ—will be theme for the meeting, announced John B. Wright, chairman of the SBC committee on order of business.

"We want to give evangelism and missions a new thrust," said Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. "It is our desire to reverse the trend in the decline in baptisms across the convention as well as emphasize the necessity of becoming more involved in the mission enterprise of Southern Baptists."

Four speakers will interpret the evangelism theme: B. Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.; Bobby Boyles, pastor, First Baptist Church, Moore, Okla.; Bo Whittington, homemaker, Marietta, Ga.; and Charles Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The missions half of the meeting's theme will be illustrated by the SBC agencies responsible for sending missionaries across the country and around the world.

SBC president Jerry Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., will preside over the annual meeting and present the president's address before noon of the first day.

The convention sermon will be deliv-

ered by Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., at noon the second day.

The decision to conduct the SBC annual meeting in Nevada's gambling capital has been controversial, Wright said. SBC messengers' 1983 decision to venture to Las Vegas has withstood several assaults and many Southern Baptists have threatened not to attend the meeting hosted in the city, he added.

But Wright pleaded for full participation in the Las Vegas meeting: "I would encourage everyone, regardless of their attitudes toward the location, to agree now to be present."

"We have a lot of people who reacted negatively about the site and have said that they would not go. I would encourage those who have been negative about the site not to stay home in protest. The very location of the convention makes it mandatory that we attend and present a positive witness."

"I want to encourage people to come in the spirit of the Lord, to worship and exalt him and conduct business in a Christian manner. It is my desire that the spirit of Christ prevail. I'm concerned that we present to the world out there the unity that is available to us in Christ." (BP)

The complete agenda of the SBC meeting in Las Vegas will appear in Western Recorder's Feb. 28 edition.

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Pastor and people together

John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier, news-journal of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, addressed the matter of pastor and church having a happy, wholesome relationship. His words are words of wisdom and are offered here as a helpful resource to all pastors and churches in our state.

Sell the parsonage. It is costly for the church to maintain and always too big or too small for the pastor's family. A housing allowance is cheaper for the church and at the same time gives the pastor an equity in a home. This becomes crucial as he approaches retirement. Most pastors and most church members prefer a housing allowance.

The pastor's priorities should be in proper order with family first, calling second and commitment to a particular congregation third. Arranging these differently can be devastating.

Somebody should always know how to reach the pastor, but not everybody. When he leaves town for the day or for a vacation someone should be left in charge and responsible for knowing whether and how to reach him.

Pastor and church should know his schedule and respect it. He should have a time for study, visiting, counseling, relaxing. Both he and the congregation should break that only for emergencies.

Know each other. The right setting for counseling, teaching, praying may vary widely from one individual to the next.

The pastor must be professional. He is pastor, preacher, administrator, counselor, missionary. He must give each his best, capitalizing on his strengths but not ignoring his weaknesses. The

effective pastor gets the members involved in ministry, every member using his or her talents.

Former pastor, don't go back for the funeral, and church members, don't ask him back. He remains your friend but no longer your pastor. The former pastor should go back only to assist in the funeral or wedding, and only at the invitation of the pastor.

Enlist the retired minister. Most retired ministers continue doing the "preacher things" of a lifetime and may as well be made official. But whether emeritus or associate he should be on the pastor's staff and subject to his supervision.

Full and careful agreement should be worked out on everything in the course of extending and accepting a call. Many unpleasanties come from saying things can be worked out later.

Don't demand too much. Pastors should not attempt what they cannot do and people should not expect the impossible of them.

John Roberts has hit a nail on the head with these words of wisdom concerning pastors and people. If some of us would listen and practice this practical advice we would have a much happier relationship within the church. Unfortunately most of us have our own idea about how pastors and churches should act and the best efforts to improve our lot sometimes go astray. These words are offered here for thoughtful reflection with the prayer that someone will be helped. If that happens the effort has been worth the time and trouble and we are satisfied. If no one is helped at least we have presented what appears to be sound advice and that is a good thing to do.

A good approach to Lenten celebration

The newsletter from Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, carried a little article to prepare the congregation for the observance of Lent. A small thought from this newsletter is passed along here to show us a way to remember the sufferings of our Lord and also how we can do something about the sufferings of others.

The article stated, "If the world were a global village of 100 people, 70 of them would be unable to read, and only one would have a college education. Over 50 would be suffering from malnutrition and over 80 would live in what we call substandard housing. If the world were a global village of 100 residents, six of them would be Americans. These six would have half the village's income and the other 94 would exist on the other half."

The article went on to encourage members of the congregation, led by pastor H. Stephen Shoemaker, to respond to the needs of hungry people across the world. It was noted the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has established a World Hunger Relief Fund and every penny given to that fund goes directly to hunger relief projects around the world.

The Crescent Hill congregation was to observe Ash Wednesday with an emphasis on world hunger and serve a meal of rice, beans and fruit. Each participant was charged \$1. They have encouraged contributions for food to feed the hungry in the local area and the example of this congregation is challenging.

What this church has done is being done in many other places, but the reminder of how wealthy and affluent we Americans are is sobering. We do possess half the world's goods and many of us never give a second thought to those in our own land nor those in other lands who are hungry and who will die simply because they have no food.

This is a situation where every one of us can make a difference. The Crescent Hill article concluded with this word, "If we take the scripture seriously we can make a difference."

Indeed. We can make a difference and we urge all Kentucky Baptists to the time of Lent, which we seldom rank very high on our list of celebration seasons, to make a genuine Christian effort to help those who are hungry by making offerings through the FMB World Hunger Relief Fund.

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homes for children

How to train your child to be a delinquent

At times sarcasm can make a point far better than a direct statement. I recently discovered the following list in Charles Swindol's book, *The Quest for Character*. It really struck home to me. It is from an article published many years ago by the United State Chamber of Commerce but it has some very insightful wisdom for today's parents.

1. When your kid is still an infant, give him everything he wants. This way he'll think the world owes him a living when he grows up.

2. When he picks up swearing and off-color jokes, laugh at him, encourage him. As he grows up, he'll pick up "cuter" phrases that will floor you.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid using the word wrong. It will give your child a guilt complex. You can condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up after him—his books, shoes and clothes. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility onto others.

6. Let him read all printed matter he can get his hands on . . . (don't worry about what he watches on TV). Sterilize the silverware, but let him feast his mind on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in his presence. Then he won't be too surprised when his home is broken up later.

8. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. Every sensual desire must be gratified; denial may lead to harmful frustrations.

9. Give your child all the spending money he wants. Don't make him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you did?

10. Take his side against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They're all against him.

11. When he gets into real trouble, make up excuses for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him; he's just a bad seed."

12. Prepare for a life of grief.

Training a child is serious business. It requires much prayer and diligence.

Alton's congregation goes to war—on their knees

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

At Alton Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association, members actively solicit and seek out prayer requests.

They view them as battles to be fought, foes to be conquered and victories to be won.

The members are, after all, warriors—prayer warriors.

As such they solicit prayer requests. Then each person spends time—15, 30, 60 minutes each—each week at a specified time in prayer.

As an army they are 78 strong, comprising more than a third of Alton's average congregation, a group large enough to tackle the 300 or so prayer requests they handle weekly. They are senior adults, adults, teenagers and children.

There are so many prayer requests because most do not stem from within the congregation, although church members often turn in prayer request cards. However most prayer requests come from the community, making it Alton's prayer ministry to its community. The church solicits prayer requests through TV ads and posters placed in community stores.

But warriors consider the rewards their own. They do not think it any coincidence that in the three years the prayer ministry has been in operation the church has had to conduct double services to accommodate the congregation, added Sunday school classes and seen dramatic increases in their numbers of children and youth. Indeed, pastor Tyre Denney credits the prayer ministry with many additions.

"It's been a bonding thing for the church," says Frances English who helps coordinate the ministry.

And it's been a boon to the community it serves. Denney receives phone calls with requests from the community at large. Teresa Parrish, who heads the ministry, says requests have come from as far as Florida.

People call with requests for prayer for jobs, for selling homes, in illness and death, safety on trips, and "dear to (the warriors') hearts," the lost and unchurched.

Twelve to 15 warriors pray daily. Those who enlisted for long prayer periods receive the full prayer lists, which are updated weekly. Those who spend a little less time in prayer get partial lists. Children pray for the sick.

"We're so blessed by it individually and we've seen the church blessed by it," Mrs. Parrish says.

When one of her daughters was suffering from high fever during a bout of chicken pox, she called in tears on the prayer warriors. "In one hour she was so much better."

During emergency situations the prayer warriors swing into action immediately, contacting each other and soliciting immediate prayer support for the person in need.

At other times the fruit of their labor may seem long in coming. For example, perhaps after two years of prayer a person surrenders his life to the Lord. Mrs. English says prayer warriors look at each other in secret joy. "They're just bubbling over."

Confidentiality is a key to Alton's prayer ministry. Warriors are furnished with enough information when possible to pray knowledgeably for requests but in delicate matters confidentiality is protected.

A lot of work goes into distributing prayer requests, which are typed and placed in envelopes for warriors. When a telephone contact is made, random messages are not left but matters are discussed with warriors personally.

Protecting confidentiality also means sometimes warriors do not know if prayers are answered in the expected or hoped-for manner. If victories are known, Mrs. Parrish tries to inform warriors. In fact during one celebration last year a chain made of links representing answered prayers stretched all the way around the church, composed of more than 1000 links.

During other celebrations warriors have testified about the advantages of the prayer ministry. Mrs. Parrish says the pastor, who is himself a warrior, also tries to keep the ministry before the church and Sunday school teachers encourage participation.

Although the church studied other prayer ministries, theirs is one uniquely adapted to the needs and resources of their own church. Some churches have prayer rooms but Mrs. Parrish says prayer in individual homes has suited their congregation better.

"People realize the magnitude of the Lord and his care for us," she concludes.



Pictured (l-r) are members of Alton Baptist Church's prayer ministry, Teresa Parrish and Frances English.

Revival takes more than a calendar

by Glenn Mollette
State Correspondent

Revival is a much used word among our denomination. At times the word is affixed to a series of church services. Or the word is penciled in on a church calendar with the particular date set for the experience to begin and end. But the members of First Baptist, Inez, have become keenly aware that the ingredients for the rekindling of the church's spirit involve a tremendous prelude of prayer, concern and desire.

"The church folks began to see we had some needs," observed Orien Chafin. Chafin, who is a deacon and very involved in his church, said, "There had been talk among the people for some time that things needed to be done in the church." Much like the story of Nehemiah he added, "We had some walls that needed mending."

Nine months ago the church called 31-year-old Paul Peterson as pastor. Peterson called the church council together. "We agreed our number one priority would be evangelism with everything stemming from this," observed Peterson.

The church readily adopted this resolution and in the last few months the new commitment has yielded fruit. The Sunday school attendance has grown from 72 to 92 with the morning worship averaging over 100. Baptisms have increased with 15 already this year as compared to three last year. "The result of this has shown on the faces of the people who have a new enthusiasm for the Lord's work," expressed Peterson.

An outgrowth of this spirit of renewal has been the church's remodeling program. This has included a complete overhaul of the sanctuary. The remodeling, which is in process, will change the sanctuary to a Greek colonial style. The church will also carpet the entire facility

including all Sunday school, fellowship hall and nursery space. A new sound system and sound and video booth have been added. Along with the inside renovation the church has already done extensive renovation to the exterior with some renovation to the pastor's home.

"Our folks were ready for this," added Chafin. "It had been 20 years since the church had spent any money except for yearly maintenance. This total project will cost about \$80,000."

The renovation of the facilities has been a testimony to the city. "Persons all over town are asking about what we are doing at the church," declared Peterson.

Along with renovating property and lives, Chafin and Peterson talked about a renovated church program. The church is now offering innovative opportunities. A monthly Sunday school workers' meeting and monthly deacons' meeting have been two such endeavors. A van ministry and the beginning of a Brotherhood have been added as well.

"Some of our long range goals include a mission in the Tomahawk area, a senior adult ministry and a food pantry," remarked the two men. Some short range goals include a weekend minister of music and a children's church.

With all the church is doing in their local field, they have not neglected their mission support. Presently the church gives 28.5 percent to local and world missions with 25.5 percent going through Cooperative Program and three percent to Enterprise Association. Peterson commented, "I asked the people what the long range goal for mission giving was when I came as pastor. They replied, 'We don't have a goal. We just raise it every year.'"

With a spirit of concern and a heart to be led of God, this church and pastor are uniting to renew their witness to their town and to the Lord's work.

baptist news in brief

Missionary to Kenya victim of Leukemia after 30-year tenure

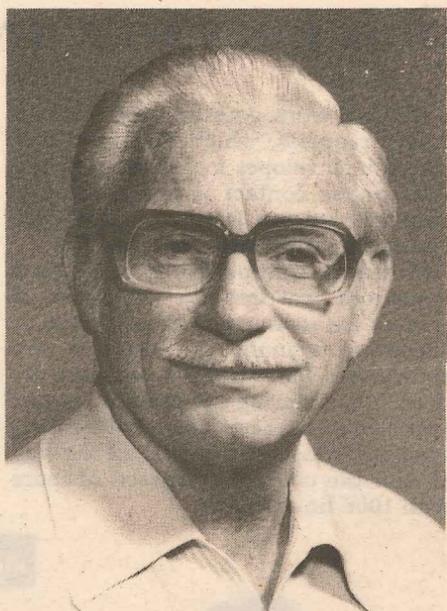
Charles E. Evans, a Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya for 30 years, died Feb. 9 in Atlanta, his home town, after a four-year bout with leukemia. He was 65.

Evans and his wife, the former Betty Young of Insull, Ky., were appointed missionaries in 1958 and began Baptist work in the Kitale area of Kenya in 1961.

Before moving from Kitale in 1973, they helped establish a Baptist church association and open a pastors' school in an old farm house. They taught a three-year course there. By the time poor health forced Evans to leave Kenya for the last time in 1986 he had worked in three areas of the country in addition to Kitale.

Friends and coworkers said Evans was happiest when he was around people, especially Africans involved in Baptist work. He was a man of many interests, as much able to repair his car—and the private airplane he flew—as he was to preach the gospel in Kenyan villages.

His interest in shortwave radio and the good rapport he enjoyed with English-speaking people in Kenya led him to become involved with the East African Safari, an annual road rally through Kenya. During the race, he would man a checkpoint along the route. The Evanses had close friends not only among the Africans and English settlers,



Charles E. Evans

but also among merchant-class Indians in Kenya.

Evans attended Emory University in Atlanta and received degrees from Mercer University, Macon, Ga. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Before his missionary appointment, he was pastor of churches in Georgia and Indiana.

Surviving him are his wife, three grown children, two grandchildren and a sister. The family requested that memorials be in the form of donations to church building construction in Kenya through the Foreign Mission Board. (BP)

Paraguay Baptists hope for democracy

The bloody overthrow of Paraguay's military dictator of 34 years has left Baptists sorrowful over the loss of life but hoping for a new democracy.

"Most people seem to be in a prayerful, hopeful attitude," said Tom Kent, a Southern Baptist missionary physician at the Baptist hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay's capital.

"They seem to be happy that things are working out the way they are" in that Latin America's longest-ruling dictator, Alfredo Stroessner, has been replaced by a general pledging democratic reforms, Kent said. But "they're sorry that folks had to lose their lives."

Wire services reported as many as 300 people may have been killed Feb. 3 in early morning fighting between troops loyal to Stroessner and forces com-

manded by the new military leader, Gen. Andres Rodriguez.

Baptist leaders from throughout Paraguay had finished the first session of the Evangelical Baptist Convention of Paraguay's annual meeting several hours before the coup.

"Everybody had gone home for the night," Kent recounted. The convention's leaders canceled the remainder of the sessions. The high school where the meeting was being held is several blocks from military facilities.

Paraguay's uncertain future calls for prayer, Kent said. Rodriguez, the new president, has pledged to uphold the country's constitution, which guarantees freedom of religion and of assembly; hold democratic elections; and uphold human rights. (BP)

Baptist film centers closing; offer tapes

Baptist film centers in Arlington, Tex., Atlanta, Ga. and Greensboro, N. C. will close Apr. 1. The centers have provided low cost rental of Christian motion pictures to Baptist Book Store customers since the early 1950s.

John Ross, marketing specialist for the national book store chain, said the decision is the result of consumers' shift from films to videotapes and the increasing use of the Baptist Telecommunication Network by churches.

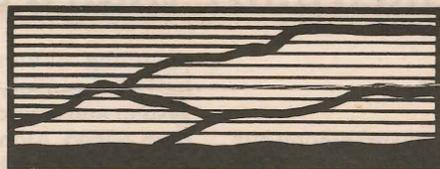
According to William S. Graham, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board-owned chain, "Baptist Book stores will continue to increase their inventories of videotapes for home viewing and small group study use."

Broadman Films will continue to be available through the Broadman Consumer Sales Department, Nashville, according to Crawford Howell, director of

the department. Film rental customers and members of the church audiovisual education (CAVE) plan may call (615) 251-2558 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. central standard time. Correspondence should be addressed to Broadman Consumer Sales, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.

An apology

Western Recorder apologizes for an error in the Feb. 14 issue, page 8. State correspondent Denise Spencer mistakenly reported Lebanon Junction as the church involved in the youth sock drive for the needy. It was Bardstown Junction Baptist Church.



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Teleconference prompts many prayer requests

As missionaries asked viewers to pray for nonChristians in the United States, telephone operators were doing some praying of their own during the 1989 Southern Baptist home missions teleconference Feb. 5.

Traditionally phone calls primarily have come from viewers who had missions questions to ask or who wanted to report their viewing site. But this year, phone operators discovered that several nonChristians and hurting people were watching and calling the toll free number.

One woman called to say her granddaughter is missing and asked for prayer. Another called to say her marriage was falling apart. She, too, wanted prayer. Even an hour-and-a-half after the show aired live the phones were ringing with prayer requests. (BP)



Robert Warren

Staffer may help break home cycle

Robert Warren, former house parent and cottage supervisor at Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale, has been named continuing care coordinator for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Middletown. Originally from Louisville, Warren began his duties Jan. 5.

Warren holds the AA degree from Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, and the BA degree from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. He plans to finish the MEd degree in family counseling this year at the University of Louisville.

As continuing care coordinator Warren works with graduating high school seniors at Glen Dale Children's Home and Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown. He assists them in making

the transition to college, vocational school or a job. "I do whatever it takes to get that done," he says.

Warren hopes "to help these kids make the transition well enough so they can become a generation to break the cycle of troubled homes... a generation which will have good homes and families." Warren expresses this hope can come true only when these young people receive good education, get good jobs and learn "to become effective members of society."

Warren and his wife, Deborah, have one son, Matthew. They are members of Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale.

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Within the first several weeks of registration for the national Acteens convention July 12-15 in San Antonio, Tex., 4000 participants have registered. Only 16,000 Acteens and their leaders will be allowed to register due to seating limitations.

NAC is held once every five years for Acteens members. Registration for NAC opened Jan. 1 and will continue until June 26 on a first-come

first-served basis. Only those who register in advance can participate.

Registration forms are available in the January issue of *Accent* magazine. Forms can also be obtained from state WMU offices.

A registration fee of \$40 per person must accompany all registration forms. The fee is refundable until June 1 but a cancellation fee will be charged.



RESERVATION REQUEST DATE

March 1, 1989

Dr. Benton Williams, Director, Missions and Church Services Division
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 Ralph Hopkins, Associate Director of Student Work Department
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KENTUCKY BAPTIST YOUTH WEEKS

CEDARMORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

June 12 - 16 Bill Day, Pastor
DeHaven Memorial Baptist, LaGrange

June 19 - 23 Jerry Howerton, Pastor
Liberty Baptist, Russell Springs

June 26 - 30 Chris Johnson, Pastor
First Baptist, Russell

July 3 - 7 Larry Mulberry, Pastor
Greenland Baptist, Corbin

July 10 - 14 Drexel Rayford, Pastor
Muldraugh Baptist, Muldraugh

July 31 - August 4 Mike Spencer, Pastor
Bullitt Lick Baptist, Shepherdsville

JONATHAN CREEK BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

July 17 - 21 David Wotier, Minister of Education & Youth
Edgewood Baptist, Nicholasville

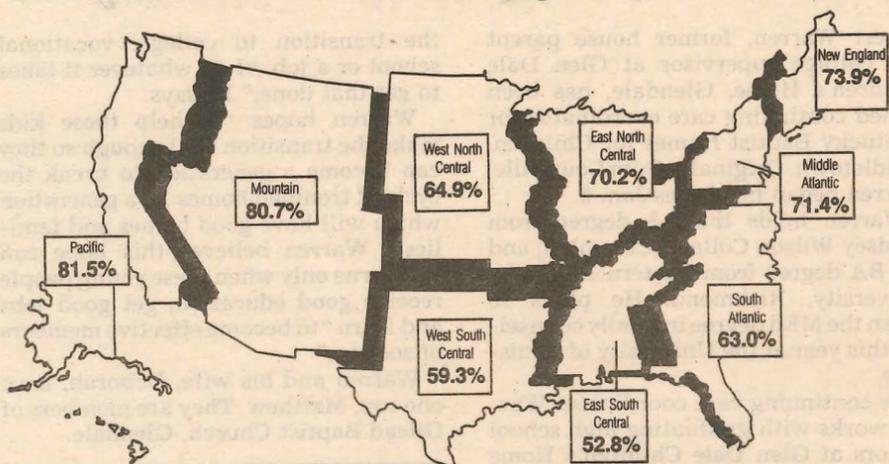
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First Baptist, Madisonville

July 31 - August 4 Steve Ayers, Pastor
Barren River Baptist, Bowling Green



That they may believe

1988 Estimated Percentage of Lost Persons



Source: Home Mission Board



Ray Allen, director of evangelism and stewardship for the Baptist Convention of New England, began his career with the Home Mission Board as a church planter. Allen discovered in his role as church planter the importance of one-on-one contacts.

Praying . . .

Southern Baptists must pray earnestly for God to redeem America and then adjust their own lives in response a national prayer leader said.

In an interview concerning the 1989 Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Henry Blackaby said Southern Baptists must move beyond praying only for others in missions. Blackaby directs the Home Mission Board's prayer and spiritual awakening office.

The annual week of prayer Mar. 5-11 is observed during the time the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is taken.

said that level of giving indicates Baptists aren't praying any better than they're giving.

"I think there's a direct correlation between our giving and our praying," he said. "It is spiritually impossible to have a meeting with God in prayer and come out of that without a readiness to release to God whatever he has asked to meet the need of the hour."

While some individuals may need to change their ease in giving, others need to change their ease in going, Blackaby said.

"There is a crying need for laborers,"

"It's too easy to use the time of prayer to ease our conscience rather than to change our ease."

"There's no question in my mind of the tremendous impact prayer has for the people on the (mission) field," Blackaby said, recalling his personal experiences as a director of missions in western Canada.

However, Southern Baptists need to discover the link between earnest prayer and personal actions, he said. "Prayer is fellowship with God that adjusts us to God's redemptive activity in our world," he said.

"It's not just praying for God to do something for me but for God to do something through me," Blackaby said. "It's too easy to use the time of prayer to ease our conscience rather than to change our ease."

"I don't know how in the world to reach our nation for Christ without sacrifice," he explained. "But we're not geared to that. We're geared to ease."

Last year Southern Baptists gave only 18 cents per lost person in America to the Annie Armstrong offering. Blackaby

he explained. "Churches are disbanding because there's no one to go, yet I know of many parents who will not let their children go."

"You cannot go to God in earnest prayer and not release to him everything there is of you, including yourself and your children."

Blackaby called on Southern Baptists to "recapture the significance of coordinated, unified, extraordinary prayer" through the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. "Some of the greatest moments in biblical history occurred when people responded to God with one heart, one mind and one soul," he said.

"If this week turned into a real week of prayer and God took us and adjusted us, there's no telling what God could initiate."

"The single greatest untapped resource is prayer. We shouldn't just pray for our work. Prayer is the work," Blackaby said.

Giving . . .

Southern Baptists last year gave their home missionaries little more than a penny for their thoughts on winning America's lost to Christ, Larry Lewis said.

Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, referred to the \$30.5 million given to the 1988 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

"That sounds like a lot of money," he said. "But when you consider that there are 167 million people in America who do not know Jesus Christ, you realize the needs far outweigh the resources."

"Last year's gifts amounted to only 18 cents per lost person in America," Lewis said.

"We must move beyond thinking and talking about missions to giving and going in missions," he said. "We have not 18 reasons but 167 million reasons to support home missions, for that's how many people in our country need to hear our witness."

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, agreed with Lewis' assessment. WMU and the Brotherhood Commission promote the Annie Armstrong Offering on behalf of the HMB.

"With only 18 cents you cannot make a phone call to a lost person. You cannot buy a gallon of gasoline, a bus ticket or subway fare to make a personal visit," she explained. "You cannot even pay the postage to send a letter."

Weatherford added that 18 cents per

lost person also won't buy television or radio time to reach the masses of lonely people in America's cities.

Despite this handicap, the 3760 missionaries supported by the HMB are reaching a significant portion of America's lost, Lewis said. Mission-

"How serious are we about the needs of hurting people in America? Do we spend more money on a Dr Pepper than on one person to the Lord?"

aries, chaplains and volunteers minister in all 50 states and the U. S. territories, constituting America's largest missionary force.

Many of these missionaries say it hurts them to know Southern Baptists won't sacrifice more for missions. They add that they would keep doing their work regardless of how much money might be available.

"I would do this work without any money because God has called me," said Ray Allen, director of evangelism and stewardship for the Baptist Convention of New England. Because the Baptist



Carolyn McClendon, director of Southern Baptists' Friendship House in New Orleans, offers an understanding ear and a shoulder to lean on to hundreds of children and teenagers who visit her ministry center. She believes the prayers of Southern Baptists have helped her spread the good news of Christ effectively.

**Week of Prayer
for Home Missions
March 5-12, 1989**



Los Angeles (pictured here) and New York City are home to 30 million people. That is approximately the same number of people in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina combined.

Rank by 2000	Area	Population Per Church 1986	Percentage of Un-saved Population
1.	New York	153,760	73.2%
2.	Los Angeles	34,589	79.8%
3.	Chicago	39,785	68.4%
4.	San Francisco	27,725	82.3%
5.	Philadelphia	138,871	70.1%
6.	Houston	8,167	66.7%
7.	Boston	200,950	72.9%
8.	Detroit	42,599	72.6%
9.	Dallas/Fort Worth	6,133	61.1%
10.	Washington	13,918	64.8%
11.	Miami/Fort Lauderdale	25,103	77.0%
12.	Atlanta	4,282	59.7%
13.	Seattle	44,794	83.6%
14.	Minneapolis/St. Paul	176,554	70.2%
15.	San Diego	30,574	84.1%

Reaching . . .

work in New England is relatively new, the state convention receives significant financial support through the HMB.

However, Allen worries about the small sacrifices Southern Baptists make in missions giving, he said. "It makes me feel bad that Southern Baptists seem

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need to turn toward praying for the lost and not just toward getting things for ourselves. I think we put our time and money into what we pray for."

Missionary Carolyn McClendon believes if Southern Baptists really saw the needs in America they would give more and go more. McClendon directs the Baptist Friendship House near the French Quarter in New Orleans.

"We need to see real live hurting people," she explained. "But that's frightening because it means we can't live a safe, secure lifestyle anymore.

"How serious are we about meeting the needs of hurting people if we spend more on a Dr Pepper than on winning a lost person to the Lord?" McClendon asked.

The 1989 goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering is \$39 million. "If we reach that goal, we will have given only 23 cents per lost person," Weatherford explained. "That still won't get the message of Jesus Christ to them all, but it will go further than ever before."

Lewis said he believes Southern Baptists have the best system available to reach America with the gospel—if they will support it. "There is no entity—denominational, televised or parachurch—with greater power to address lost people than Southern Baptists have," he said.

"The firewood is in place. We only need the spark."

Southern Baptists aren't reaching the unsaved of America because they aren't looking for the right people in the right places, according to a leading missions researcher.

Instead, Southern Baptists seem to be looking for people just like themselves—white, middleclass and living in the South and Southeast.

There are only 17 million unsaved people who are basically like the average middleclass, white Southern Baptist church member, said Orin Morris, director of research for the Home Mission Board.

one million residents, an estimated 72 percent are lost.

—For the most part, they are poor. The poor population of 34 million is predominantly white, not black. More than three-fourths of the poor are under the age of 44. The elderly represent only 10.5 percent of the poor while 39.2 percent are under age 18.

—They are young adults. Only five percent of America's young adults fit the "yuppie" image. About half of the young adult population has only a high school degree. They are the least likely to vote or to be in the same location in two

to be losing their direction as a missionary people.

"We have gotten very comfortable in our health and wealth," Allen said. "We've given up a lot of the sacrifices we used to make for missions. Today we spend our money on lake houses and extra cars instead of missions."

"We live in a world of comfort," added mission pastor Rob Pengra. Pengra and his wife Lori started Scappoose (Ore.) Baptist Fellowship one year ago.

"The amount of money we give for lost people is so minimal compared to what we put up for comfort," he said. "We

"In a sense, we expect people to get right morally and culturally before they become Christians."

That means that 150 million of the lost people in America are different racially, economically or geographically from the average Southern Baptist church member, he said.

And in a country which is perceived to be a "Christian" nation, it becomes even more difficult to identify the lost—whether alike or different from traditional Southern Baptists.

"They (the lost) are 'Christians' in their own view," Morris said. "If you push it, 10, maybe 15 percent consider themselves nonChristians. But the others are offended to be considered nonChristian."

Because the lost of America don't admit to being nonChristian, the Research Department of the HMB has had difficulty identifying them all. This much of a general profile is known:

—They live in cities. City dwellers represent about three-fourths of the total U. S. population. And the people who live in the cities with more than

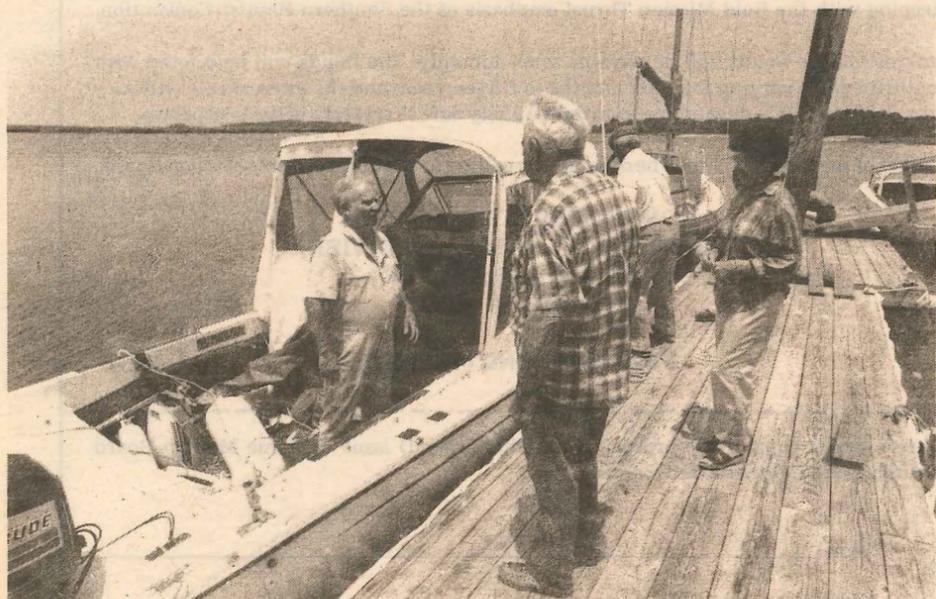
years.

—Many of the lost are single parents. More than 25 percent of all families with children have only one parent present, 90 percent of whom are women.

—They are immigrants. Two groups contribute to steady growth in the immigrant population—Asian and Hispanic. In 1985 Hispanics numbered 16.9 million representing 7.2 percent of the total U. S. population. It is predicted that the Asian population will grow to 8.1 million by 1990.

Not all 167 million lost people in America fit neatly into any single category, Morris said. "But there are significant numbers who fall into each of these categories. That means Southern Baptists need to find ways to reach the lost in each category.

"In a sense, we expect people to get right morally and culturally before they become Christians. We are guilty of drawing rigid lines and being judgmental. The lost run from this," Morris said.



C. L. Hanshew, retired director of missions for South Carolina's Savannah River Baptist Association, maintains a waterfront ministry that allows him to build relationships and present the gospel with residents of Daufuskie Island, which can only be reached by a 45-minute boat trip.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

National Goal: \$39 million

SBTS student clowns around in missions

When Richmond resident Laura Harris begins to clown around, she gets the attention of everyone around her.

She recently transported that clowning talent—greasepaint and all—more than a thousand miles from the Kentucky Bluegrass to the snowcapped Rocky Mountains for a week of ministry.

Miss Harris was part of a team of 14 students from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who shared their faith in Vail, Colo. during the world Alpine ski championships.

Their ministry, sponsored by Vail

Baptist Church and the Home Mission Board's Special Ministries Department, was the only evangelistic witness at the international gathering.

"Performing is just one of many ways to open doors in people's lives—it's not the center of our ministry here," she said as nearly 400 children and their parents packed Dobson Ice Arena where the team was performing.

"The most productive part of our ministry is the time after the program has ended when we can mix with the crowds and share who we are and why

we are here."

Miss Harris, a 23-year-old graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, worked up to 13-hour days at the ski championships, mixing ministry with volunteer work in the community.

The purpose of the ministry was to raise visibility of Vail Baptist Church and Southern Baptists in the community as well as provide an evangelistic witness.

More than 600 athletes from 50 nations competed in the world cup races. Another 50,000 international spectators gathered in the alpine resort community to watch the winter sports competition.

The ministry team performed as many as five entertainment programs daily on street corners and in restaurants. As the musical, comedy and dance routines ended, team members mixed with the crowds to share their faith.

Miss Harris also served as a volunteer in the international pressroom in Vail, where she helped journalists transmit stories worldwide.



Laura Harris shares her faith through clowning in Vail, Colo.

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Student aid

A 1988 report to our accrediting agency reveals the annual cost of educating a Clear Creek student totals \$10,316. A higher enrolment lowers this average. The average student pays only \$2700. Where does the remainder come from? Your Cooperative Program funds and individual gifts pay the difference. Many churches provide student aid to families they adopt. The Ohio Baptist State Convention grants several scholarships. Churches in Kentucky and in neighboring states sponsor scholarships or include us in their budgets. A few associations help to support a pastor from their area.

Many corporations offer employes matching grant opportunities to assist educational institutions. An Owensboro friend sent us \$100 which was matched by Texas Gas Transmission Corporation on a three for one basis. The donor wrote, "Use this money to assist students who have a need or to meet the obligations of the school. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of your ministry."

Many colleges subsidize their program with government aid. Clear Creek recently refused two federal programs. One program would not allow a student worker to be involved in construction, maintenance or operating any part of a building used for religious worship or religious instruction. Imagine the headaches involved in maintaining that distinction. Our financial aid director recommended we decline these programs because "a separate department would be needed just to administer our relationships with the federal government and related agencies involved in student financial aid."

Our budget allots \$160,000 for student workshops and scholarship grants. Endowment income includes a significant amount designated for student aid. Lillian Palmer Chandler of Grundy, Va. left a 1985 estate gift to Clear Creek to establish a memorial scholarship fund. Her will, written years earlier, included a specific amount. At the time of probate the estate had increased one-third. In 1988, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation received \$97,000 from her estate and beginning this year the school will begin receiving interest. We are grateful for friends whose concern for our ministry provides the resources to continue our quality Bible-centered ministry training.

personnel

Unity Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Marion Turley** as minister of education and outreach.

Allen Myers, pastor of Jeremiah Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, for the past 13 years, has become full time pastor of the church.

Clinton Second Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, called **Terry Sims** as pastor.

Don Houston is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Milburn Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, called **Earl Harrison** as pastor.

Glen Holifield is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

David Livingston resigned Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Smithville, Tenn.

Judd Butler resigned as pastor of Poplar Ridge Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to return to Tennessee.

Andy Tufano resigned the pastorate of Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to accept a ministry in Michigan. **Larry Davidson** resigned as youth director of Sligo. **J. D. Herndon** is interim pastor.

Vic Trogdon is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Larryl Huntley is pastor of Rangers Landing Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

David Childers resigned as minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Randy Scott resigned as pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Liberty Association, and is available for supply, interim pastor, or pastor. He may be contacted at 773-3706.

New Riverside Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, called **Mathias Williams** as pastor.

The children and friends of J. D. Herndon, long time denominational servant and pastor, and Mrs. Herndon observed the 50th wedding anniversary of the Herndons Saturday, Feb. 11, from 2-4 p.m. at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville. Kentucky Baptist friends of the Herndons were invited to participate.

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Whites Run Association, called **Stan Prewett** as pastor.

Billy Gene Luttrell is minister of music and youth at Crittenden Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. Luttrell is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gogo Benson-Jaja is new pastor of Garfield Ave. Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He is a PhD student at Southern Seminary. He was previously associate pastor at Garfield Avenue.



Miss Alley

Kimberly Ann Alley has been named communications specialist for the Historical Commission, SBC, effective Mar. 6.

Miss Alley has been insurance claims secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention since January 1987. Since August 1988 she has also been single adult intern for the Family Ministry Department of the convention.

A native of Greensboro, N. C., Miss Alley is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **Dale Osman** as pastor. He goes from Ages, Ky.

Mark Johnston is associate pastor and youth minister of Somerset First Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Scott Bennett is new pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

B. J. Bennett, a graduate of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, is new pastor of Clinton First Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Thomas Purvis accepted the pastorate of Little Mount Baptist Church, Shelby Association. He goes from Highland Baptist Church, Iuka, Miss., and is a student at Southern Seminary.

Dana Hakes resigned as pastor of Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Bill A. Gross is new pastor of Chester Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He goes from Lamasco Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.



Green County volunteers joined Kentucky Baptist Builders and disaster relief volunteers to help Jamaicans roof a church destroyed in the wake of last fall's hurricane Gilbert.

Paul E. Brewer resigned as pastor of Mill Street Baptist Mission, a mission of London First Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. He goes to Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage, Ak.

Southside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Clay Smith** as pastor.

Barry Dennis resigned as pastor of Taylorsville First Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Tom Branson was called as pastor of Hanson Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Salem Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, called **Harlin Loggins** as pastor. He is a graduate of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary and goes from First Baptist Church, Rossville, Ga.

Bobby Sellers is new pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He was ordained by Manitou Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, Jan. 22.

Wayne Riley is new pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

Berea Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Sanford Hill** as part time minister of youth and education.

Blue Lick Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, welcomes new pastor **Kenny Isaacs**.

Tony G. Poiles resigned as associate pastor of New Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

First Baptist Church, Windsor, Russell County Association, called **Ted Nicholson** as pastor. He goes from pioneer missions in New York.

Ron Baker is new pastor of Bethel Flock Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Gerry Judd is pastor of Sparksville Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

revivals

Frenchburg Baptist Church, Red River Association, conducted a lay revival resulting in three baptisms and several other decisions. Russell Adkinson led the revival.



Barkley Moore
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Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

"Oneida is 'Tops'"

Many touching letters come to us. Some are from donors. Others are from former students. Many are from girls and boys wanting to come to our school. The other day one came from a young man in northern Kentucky:

"Sir, I'm writing because me and my friends heard about your school. I was in school and Dr. _____ told us about your school. He said he has been there and he told us it was a very nice place. He said it was pretty big. Well I would love to attend your school and so would my friends Mike and Andy.

"I have to talk to my parents. They don't know how much it would cost. My mom doesn't work no more. But my dad makes a couple of hundred a week sometimes.

"I have been wanting to attend a private school a long time. I figure it would help me. Well I believe in Jesus Christ and he has done wonders for my family. Well I better let you go. Could you please write back and fill me in on your school. I thank God for people like you trying to help young people out."

Many such letters come and many young people of this caliber enrol in our school. It is their own idea, not their parents'. They, themselves, want to be here. They come for the right reasons, wanting something better. Of course, such young people are of immeasurable worth in setting the tone and helping to minister, by their attitude and example, to many of their peers who come to us reluctantly. The first group helps the

second group to become outstanding young people also.

Sometimes students come here in very difficult situations. With much effort, we get the student onto a differing path, making real headway, and then parents withdraw the child for whatever reason. This is generally done without any request for our opinion or insight. We just ache sometimes as we see tragic mistakes in the making, and are helpless to stop it. Often appeals are made to us to take the child back when things go wrong back in the environment that produced the problems to begin with. Consider this recently received letter:

"Last year I brought my oldest son to you. Oneida helped him more than anything I've ever done for him. Then school started this year. My parents, his father, and everyone close to him wanted him to go to school here. I knew it was a mistake, but I let him stay home. Now, after four months, everyone has decided that something has to be done. His behavior is awful. He has no regard for anyone. He seems so angry at everything. He has been expelled. I don't know how to help him unless you accept him back. I know with your constant guidance and teaching him about the Lord, someday his life may turn around. Help me."

We made a good start with the young man before. But, with the sequence of events since, we may or may not be able to duplicate. How much better had we been allowed to continue what had been started, building on the gains made initially.

Very encouraging is a letter like the following: "I spent 48 years in school work; 24 as a classroom teacher and 24 as a high school principal, all in the same public school system, and where I spent 12 years as a student. I humbly believe I am qualified to recongize a good school program and achievement. I have observed Oneida in action a number of times. I can unreservedly recommend Oneida as "TOPS." You may quote me on this to anybody at any time. Enclosed is a check. I truly wish I were able to write one 100 times the amount. I would consider it one of the best 'investments' I could make."

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 26, 1989

Life and work series

Using spiritual gifts

I Cor. 12:1-3 Spiritual gifts are never bestowed upon Christians by the Holy Spirit for the gratification and glory of their recipients and possessors. They are to be used to the fullest for the exaltation of Christ, the proclamation of his gospel, the salvation of the lost, the exposition of the word of God, the edification of the saved, the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom.

I Cor. 12:4-11 The spiritual gifts mentioned in these verses are: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, the gift of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, the utterance of overpowering emotion and the interpretation of tongues. None of these gifts are acquired but all of them are bestowed, administered and energized according to the divine will rather than the human will.

I Cor. 12:28-31 In these verses eight different responsibilities of church members are enumerated. All church members have a work to do for the Lord and will be held responsible for doing it. In the case of many church members at Corinth, there was a disposition to magnify their own gifts, talents and positions and to minimize and depreciate those of their fellow-members.

Each should be truly grateful for talents and opportunities which the Holy Spirit gives him and use them to the fullest for the glory of God and the welfare

of others. Every gift is from God and should be utilized in his service with genuine gratitude for the privilege of doing so.

International series

Becoming a believer

Luke 19:1-10 Among the masses of curious spectators who wanted to see Christ as he passed through Jericho was Zacchaeus, a well-known and well-to-do man, about whom we shall note four things.

Zacchaeus was a Jew by nationality and a publican in position. He thought more of money than he did his nation, the respect of his fellowmen, his soul, or God. He was an extortionist. He paid the demands of the Roman government and added the balance to his personal savings. He was held in contempt by the people.

Zacchaeus was small in stature, a social outcast and a traitor to his country. With his ill-gotten riches he could not buy peace with God or true happiness. He resolved he would go to see Christ, who had just come to town. It was not easy for him to accomplish his purpose because of the multitude surrounding Christ and his stature. He went ahead of the crowd and climbed the famous sycamore tree. That was a very undignified thing for a public official to do but Zacchaeus was out for something far better than dignity.

When Christ arrived at the tree which Zacchaeus had ascended he looked up and said: "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." Christ knew his name, nature, position and thoughts, so the call was quite personal. It startled him that Christ should invite himself to his house.

Zacchaeus quickly descended from the tree and joyfully received Christ into his house. His conviction of sin, unfeigned repentance, reception of Christ, confession of him, restitution of possessions, joy of heart and reformation of life are excellent evidences of his genuine conversion and salvation. A marvelous change was wrought in Zacchaeus.

Verse 10 summarizes the mission of Christ. With unspeakable solicitude, Christ is still seeking and saving the lost. He is seeking them through his word, his spirit, by his providences and their own dissatisfaction of heart. And he saves all who repent of their sins and exercise faith in him.



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on mission together

Grounded

With the dawn light, there comes to the feeders outside our kitchen windows a gathering of chickadees, nuthatch, finch and redbirds. In their eagerness, they fling seed to the ground below. There the doves wait for the scatterings, never getting up to the abundant source of food.

Sometimes I feel like a "bird" who can't quite get up to the "feeder" and

must be content to scour the ground and wait for the scatterings of others.

Today was such a day. I had a sinus headache and a virus had found a home in my stomach. I painted a smile on my face for the office but behind the almost-closed door, the paint ran down.

I had things to do, people to see, a column to write and I was leaving town next day. The morning mail added to the frustration. . . until I opened a letter marked "personal."

It was from a friend who pastors a small church in this state.

In it was, by some standards, a modest check. But I knew the situation, and the \$200 check was generous. It was from his church—\$100 for Cooperative Program, \$50 to Lottie Moon offering, \$25 to Children's Home offering, and \$25 for Annie Armstrong offering.

He praised his church. And he spent a paragraph praising a new church there and the pastor who had surrendered to preach at age 65; how he visits a lot, and how there had been seven professions

of faith the past two Sundays.

He told me how his wife has been seriously ill and had spent a number of days in the hospital. He told me that he has been having a medical problem and was scheduled for tests and possible surgery.

He said he would have to stay close to home now and how much he would miss going to the evangelism conference in Bowling Green the end of February.

Finally, he said, I try to live by my motto: "He always wins who sides with God; to Him no cause is lost," and, "I will do the best I can, with what I have, where I am, for Jesus' sake today."

I read the letter a number of times. I knew there were "lines between the lines," lines not written by my friend, but lines written to me from his Lord and mine.

Finally, I was able to read those lines and they went something like this: "Bill, I sent you a beautiful redbird today to scatter some food for you. When you feel like a redbird again, remember the many birds still down on the ground."

Discipleship motivates ministry in Florida church

by Terri Lackey

Hang a right onto 13th Street from Main in the central business district of Leesburg, Fla., and begin counting the houses on the left.

First is a huge two-story, gray house, currently under renovation, but soon to be a healing place for women and their children who have been displaced by abuse, poverty or some other crisis.

Next are two red-brick, diesel-splashed buildings packed with furniture, clothes and household goods. A mechanic's shop in previous years, the structure is a thrift shop in its embryonic state.

This street lined with compassion is no coincidence. A local congregation decided its mission is to minister to people truly in need.

Skip a house and then come to a bold blue house, beautifully landscaped with seemingly skillful hands. Middle-aged men with stubbled chins are milling about the yard. They are residents of the rescue mission sponsored by First Baptist Church, Leesburg.

The next house, a sandy-colored residence, is an emergency rescue center for children; skip another house and then comes a pregnancy care center that offers free pregnancy tests and Christian counseling for any woman who walks through the door in need.

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no coincidence. The congregation at First Baptist, Leesburg has decided its mission is to minister to people who are truly in need.

Pastor Charles Roesel is proud of his church, located just across the street from the ministry projects, and the various ministries it supports, about 50 in all.

"We're interested in seeing churches all over the convention start doing these kinds of things. They are not that costly," he said.

The Leesburg congregation, with a resident membership of 2000 and average Sunday school attendance of about 1000, realizes total receipts of \$1.2 million. Out of that, Roesel estimates the rescue mission, women's care center, children's shelter and pregnancy care center cost about \$95,000.

Expense comes in start-up costs, he acknowledged. The house for the women's shelter cost the church \$50,000 and renovations are running about \$20,000.

The rescue mission, begun in 1982 as the first ministry, sleeps about 10-15 men per night, about 250 per month, said Roesel, who has been pastor of the church about 13 years.

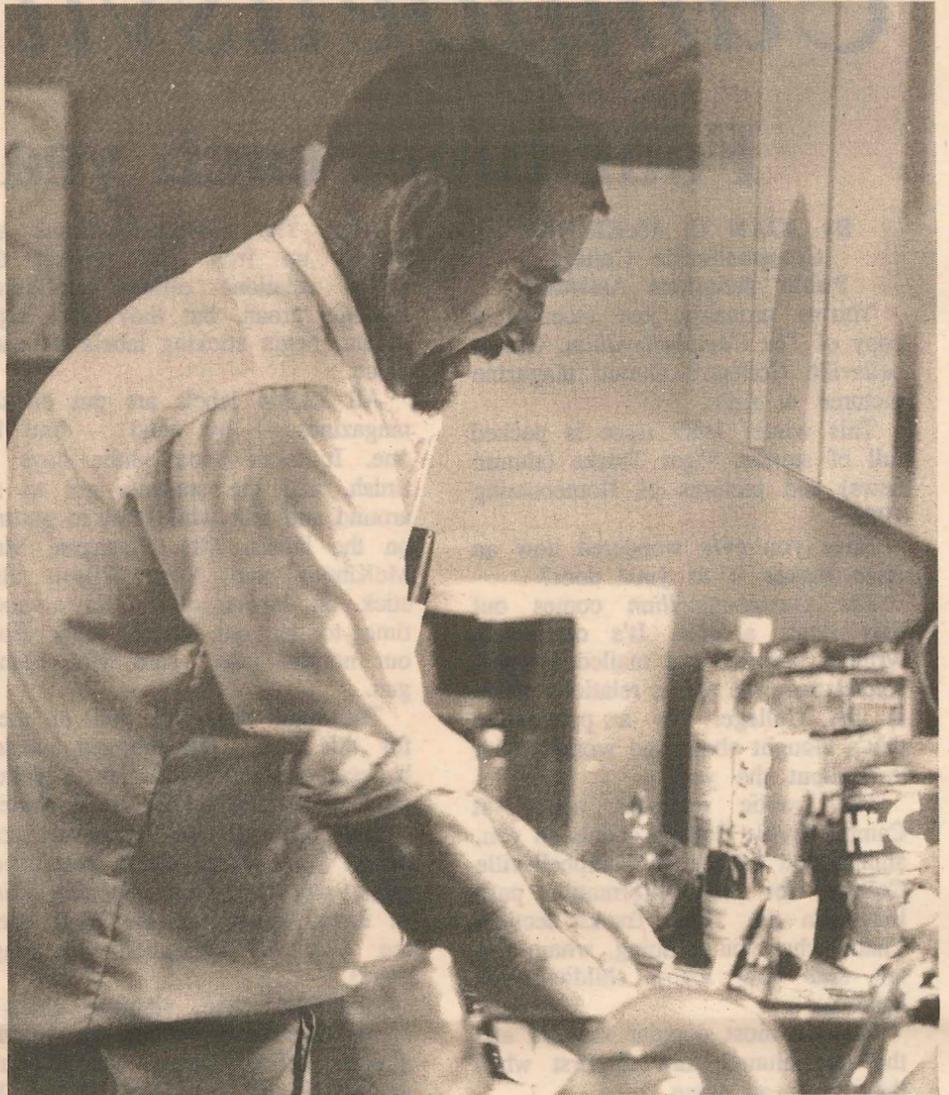
"We take these people in and provide shelter, food, clothing and help them find work," he noted. "More importantly than all that, we confront them with the claims of Christ."

It was homeless people who showed Roesel how vital ministering to people in need could be.

"I used to resent having to deal with transients. But God really laid me low on how much he loves these people," said Roesel. "He said, 'Here they are knocking at your door, and you're turning them away.' It was absurd (turning them away). It is one of the greatest opportunities for witness that I know."

One result of these ministries is increased baptisms, Roesel said.

"The church baptized 339 last year. That placed us sixth in the state convention of 1700 churches," some two and three times Leesburg's size, he said.



Jesse Smith, a resident of the rescue mission operated by First Baptist Church, Leesburg, helps with chores around the house.

"And it is through our ministries that over half of these were reached. I call that hard-core evangelism."

Motivation for the ministries has come in large part from church member involvement in MasterLife and MasterBuilder, adult discipleship training courses produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department. In the five years Leesburg has offered MasterLife, about 75 members have completed the course, he said.

"We use MasterLife and MasterBuilder heavily, and this moves the people into a willingness for service," Roesel said. "Our people have been matured through MasterLife and MasterBuilder to recognize their gifts and how to use them for the Lord."

The pregnancy care center, explained Debbie Pinkston, director of the center, is one specific ministry of the church that uses graduates of MasterLife.

Like the rescue mission, Miss Pinkston uses the pregnancy care center as an evangelistic tool. Since the church added the center in 1987, 82 people have made professions of faith through the center, she said.

"We witness to every one of them. We find out where they are spiritually, and if they tell us they're not interested, we don't push it," Miss Pinkston said. More than 1100 girls and women between the ages of 12 and 46 were tested for pregnancy in 1988, she said. The church added the center in 1987.

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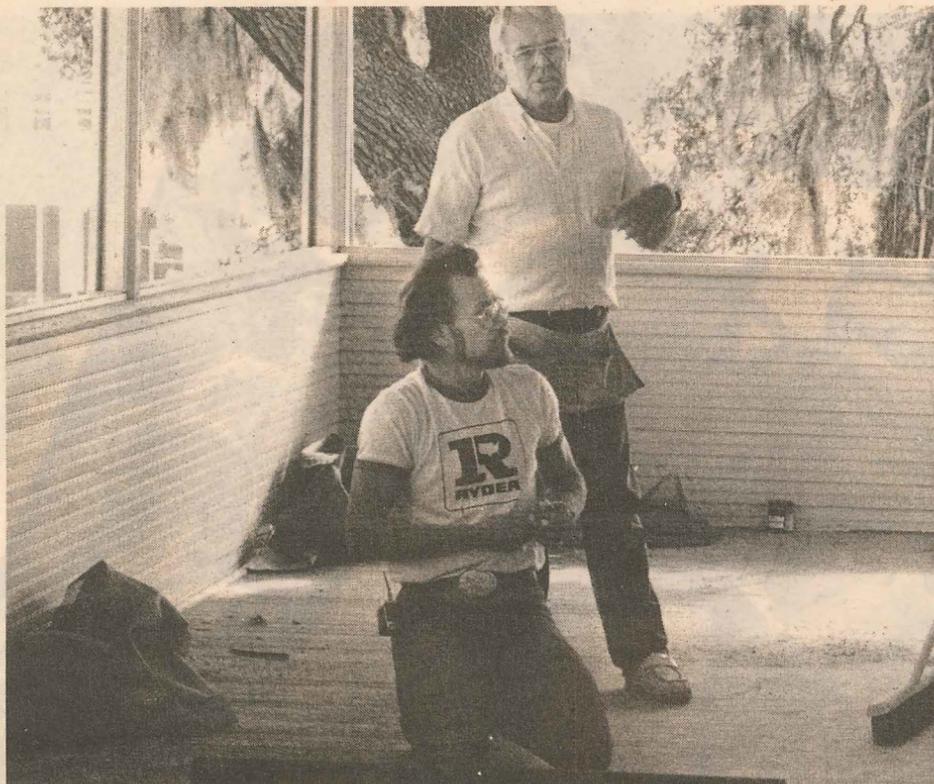
human resource services in housing the children for up to 30 days until a suitable home is found for them. About eight children stay in the home at one time, he said.

About 380 have stayed in the children's home since 1985, when the church added the ministry, and many church members have taken children into their homes, Roesel said.

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These special ministries of the church are far-reaching, touching more than just people with whom the church ministers, Roesel said.

"This is marketplace evangelism, and it's a tremendously important way to reach the people," he said. "The lost community is really impressed by a church that helps the people." (BP)



Denny Richey, standing, and Terry Genzler help renovate the women's rescue mission.

Campbellsvillians

Four times each year, 13,000 spread the word

By JOAN C. MCKINNEY
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You've probably just received a copy of *The Campbellsvillian*, Campbellsville College's alumni magazine pictured at right.

This winter 1989 issue is packed full of stories, Tiger Tracks (alumni news) and pictures of Homecoming 1988.

Have you ever wondered how an issue makes it to your door?

The Campbellsvillian comes out four times a year. It's conceived, written, proofed and mailed by personnel from the public relations office at the College. It's a publication that's thought about and worked with throughout the year.

The public relations office at Campbellsville College counts on you, alumni and friends of Campbellsville College, for most information published in the Tiger Tracks section. That's what you're doing, where you are and how many children you have now.

It's our most popular section, and the one alumni turn to first when they open an issue.

Send the public relations office information about you -- with pictures too if you can. "We don't like lots of words on a page, but if we don't have a picture of you, we can't run it. Sometimes (as in this issue), you sent a picture, but, because of space, we couldn't run it. We're sorry about that, and we always try to get in anything you send us," said Virginia Flanagan, 1965 Campbellsville College alumna who is editor of the publication.

The College subscribes to a news clipping service and gets information about alumni and friends from that also. Alumni are cooperative and send lots of material.

Story ideas are thought about and approved and then written by writers in the public relations office. Joan C. McKinney, an Eastern Kentucky University journalism graduate, assistant editor of *The Campbellsvillian*, is responsible for seeing that the articles get in the issue, and Mrs. Flanagan checks the copy before it's printed.

Connie Wilson, a 1976 graduate of Campbellsville College, circulation editor, has her hands full after the computer services office prints labels -- almost 13,000 of them. Her job is to understand and comply with postal regulations and see that the magazines are mailed correctly and on time.

The Campbellsvillian is printed in downtown Campbellsville by Buel Hayes and Sons, a local printing firm which the office couldn't live without.

After *The Campbellsvillians* are picked up from the printer, the public relations office work-study students groan, but they pitch right in and begin sticking labels on each piece.

All 12,904 labels are put on the magazines -- by hand -- one by one. It takes about three days to finish, and the students get to sit around and talk while they're putting on the labels. Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Wilson also stick on labels, and "It's a good time to let our minds relax from our normal jobs," said Mrs. Flanagan.

The mail bags, all 508 of them for this issue, are dragged outside by everyone and loaded into a pickup truck -- usually owned by a student -- and taken to the downtown post office. Some bags, due to post office rules, only have six *Campbellsvillians* in them. Those are the light ones; the City of Campbellsville bags aren't.

And then the address changes come pouring in. They go to the alumni office where changes are made on the computer. Please let the alumni office know when you move; it costs 30 cents for each returned address.

Then it's time to be thinking of the next issue. *The Campbellsvillian* is eight pages, but the College would love to run more. Budget limitations won't allow for more, but sometimes there are 12 pages with loads of material that just has to go in.

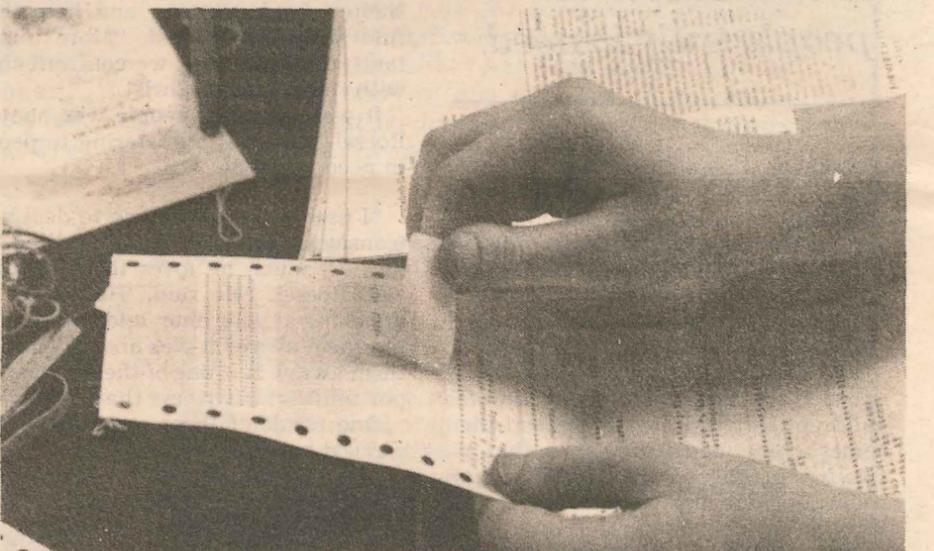
The College loves hearing from alumni and friends. Keep in touch.



VIRGIL Parker unloads mail bags.



Campbellsville College's Alumni Come 'Home'



EACH label is put on by hand.



HAROLD Adams, we think, is hidden under mail bags. (Campbellsville College Photos by Joan C. McKinney)