

## “Here’s Hope” set for month-by-month planning, follow-up

Fifty-seven of Kentucky’s 78 associations have confirmed they will participate in “Here’s Hope” simultaneous revivals Mar. 18-Apr. 29, 1990.

These associations have appointed steering committees under leadership of associational directors of evangelism. Many have held orientation training already for the 14-month revival preparation.

This month Jack Palmer, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department, Middletown, is touring the state for eight areawide leadership training schools for associational Sunday School leaders. The purpose is associations in training churches for evangelistic people search and scripture distribution Oct. 22-29.

Oct. 29 will be Cultivate Commitment Sunday. Members will begin cultivation of unsaved prospects discovered in a people search/scripture distribution visitation in October.

December and January will be months of intensive prayer for Here’s Hope Revivals. Daniel Prayer Teams will be organized in local churches and associations are urged to plan prayer retreats.

In January-February 1990 associations will train the local church revival committee chairmen so that they may organize and train their own revival committees in their churches.

In February-March associations will conduct simultaneous revival rallies to enlist, inspire and evangelize in preparation for local church revivals.

In March-May a follow-through emphasis will be exercised for conservation and inspiration. Churches will be asked to start new churches as a result of the revivals.

From June to August churches are encouraged to let youth lead with youth/adult partnership revivals. Fall revivals are also encouraged as a continuation of the zeal and evangelistic compassion experienced during “Here’s Hope.”

Associations and churches are asked to confirm with the Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention if they are planning to participate and if they need help in preparing for “Here’s Hope.”

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## ‘Difficulty’ resolved at Donaldson Creek; church records are home after 136 years

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

On a hillside in rural Trigg County a few miles east of Lake Barkley, Donaldson Creek Baptist Church once had a church clerk who kept the minutes of the congregation’s business sessions.

*Literally.*

So good was Perry Thomas at his task, in fact, he (and his descendants) possessed the minutes for 136 years.

When an unexplained “difficulty” arose in 1852 between Thomas and another member of the congregation, Alfred Sumner, Thomas resigned as church clerk. And in doing so, he kept the minutes.

At a celebration of its 175th anniversary as a congregation a few days ago, members of the Donaldson Creek fellowship received those minutes for permanent safekeeping. The “difficulty,” whatever it was, is past, and the church’s missing records are now a part of the heritage “where it belongs,” said pastor William B. Taylor.

Taylor, 46, who grew up in the community and returned not long ago to pastor his boyhood church at Donaldson Creek, is bivocational. Holding MDiv and DMin degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., he serves the 182-member congregation with a budget of \$20,405 (1988 figures) on a part time basis. Weekdays, he’s employed by a Hopkinsville commercial office supplier.

Taylor has been pastoring Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee churches since 1966, but hopes one day that Donaldson Creek will require a full time pastor.

Louisvillian Edison Thomas, a retired railroad man who hails from the Donaldson Creek community, returned to the church for its two-day anniversary celebration Apr. 8-9. At a service marking the church’s rich historical heritage Saturday afternoon, Thomas recounted the church’s early beginnings.

Growing out of the Dry Creek Baptist Church located six miles away, the new congregation of 27 members established Apr. 10, 1814 was legally known as United Baptist Church of Christ at Donaldson Creek. Within a brief time it affiliated with Little River Baptist Association, which was formed in 1813.

While no complete list of the church’s pastors exists, Thomas estimated that at least 50 ministers had served at Donaldson Creek. Church rolls do show, however, that about 2000 persons have held membership in the church since its start.

For 175 years, said Thomas, this church has been “the very soul of this community.”

Thomas’ great uncle was Perry Thomas, the clerk who didn’t return the church’s minutes.

Baptized into the fellowship of Donaldson Creek in 1845, he was elected clerk in 1851. But his term lasted only about 14 months, according to his descendant, Edison Thomas.

During the church business meeting in September 1852 the elder Thomas notified the church by letter that a “difficulty” existed between him and fellow member Alfred Sumner. Thomas didn’t explain that, but the church deferred the matter until the October meeting. At



Clothed in period costume, members of Donaldson Creek Baptist Church, near Cadiz, unveiled a historical marker at their 175th anniversary celebration Apr. 8-9.

that time, a committee was appointed to confer with both men.

A month later, the committee reported it was unable to get the two men to agree on anything. Action by the church was postponed to December, then to January 1853.

“As clerk,” Edison Thomas explained in his address, “Uncle Perry continued to record the minutes. But at the end of the January meeting, apparently his patience ran out.” He closed the book, tucked it under his arm and went home, ending his career as church clerk and retaining the minute book.

The minutes of the March 1853 business meeting, written in a new book by a new clerk, noted that both Perry Thomas and Alfred Sumner were excluded from membership in the church. No reason was given. Sumner, who had been baptized in 1847, was reinstated Apr. 27, 1856. But Thomas died in 1886 and church records do not show he ever asked to be reinstated.

According to Edison Thomas, his great uncle ordered that no member of his family was ever to return the minute book to the church.

“True to his wishes, no one ever did,” said the younger Thomas.

He traced the steps of how he first saw the book three decades ago, heard its story and followed it through the family to Pryor, Okla. and the home of a relative. A Thomas, “not of Uncle Perry’s line,” gave Edison Thomas the book about four years ago. Thomas realized he possessed what is probably the “oldest original document in existence” pertaining to the Donaldson Creek church’s history.

Noting that he is not a direct descendant of Perry Thomas, Edison Thomas said he did not feel obligated by the wishes Uncle Perry conveyed to his family before he died. “Today,” he said, “136 years after Uncle Perry took it home, and in all due respect to him, I feel it is my duty to return the book to the church.” He presented the early record book to current pastor William Taylor.

Following this indoor presentation, the congregation adjourned to the church’s front yard where a marker erected by a local historical group,

Thomas Bridges Association, was unveiled. Men and women dressed in period costumes of the early 1800s gathered around it for a brief ceremony on a chilly but pleasant afternoon.

Following refreshments, the congregation reassembled in the auditorium for testimonies, fraternal greetings and special music. Included were words of appreciation from Ralph Benningfield, director of missions for Little River Baptist Association. Letters were read from Kentucky Baptist Convention president James E. Jones, Campbellsville; KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall, Middletown; and first district U. S. congressman Carroll Hubbard, Washington, D. C.

The following morning, Sunday, Apr. 9, pastor Taylor urged the church “to continue to make an impact on this community until the Lord comes again.”

Director of missions Benningfield claimed that Donaldson Creek Baptists and others in Little River Association “have set us on a course of missions.” He urged the church to “pray for tomorrow” that missions and evangelism will be the “cutting edge” of Little River Baptist Association and that Donaldson Creek Baptist Church will be “in the midst of it.”

Returning to preach the anniversary sermon, Archie Brock, pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, Ohio River Baptist Association, and a former Donaldson Creek minister, told the congregation “the ball has been placed into your hands.” He cautioned them not to dwell in the past but to “look to the future and carry forward the work begun by those of the past.”

Brock concluded, “It would be a shame if you did not carry out your responsibility. We must be faithful to what God has called us to do. It is time for each of us to do some spiritual housecleaning.”

The morning service of celebration was followed by dinner on the ground and an afternoon of singing and fellowship.

When it was over, the book of early records was on display in a permanent historical room, having arrived 136 years late. It seemed everybody there knew it had at last come home to the place it rightfully belonged.

# sanford's perspectives

## Honoring an old friend



Jack D. Sanford

We went to Wickliffe last week to share in a bittersweet time with colleagues and friends in ministry. We gathered to honor a man whose life has been unselfishly given in ministry to the Lord's people in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The occasion was a retirement celebration for Thomas L. Lewis, director of missions for West Union Association, who will retire from his post this summer. The associational leaders planned the meeting and honored Tom and Rachael with a robust dinner, lots of fun and gifts of thanksgiving for the work these two servants have done.

Our relationship to Tom goes back many years when both of us were students at Carson-Newman College. We knew each other then as fellow students, and we renewed that acquaintance when we both attended Southern Seminary. Then we walked together as colleagues in ministry when Tom was associational missionary in Christian County and the editor was pastor of Salem Baptist Church in the county and a faculty member at Bethel College, Hopkinsville.

During those Christian County days we prayed together, cried together, hunted together and

worked together to make the association stronger. They were good days and Tom was as unselfish then as he is now, always going a little further than anyone ever required to a helper to a friend.

No person known to the editor is more willing to go a second mile in serving others than Tom Lewis, unless it would be his great wife Rachael. These two have enriched Kentucky Baptist life as much as any couple in our convention and we will surely miss their quality work.

The time at Wickliffe was bittersweet because we were happy to see this good man honored by his peers. It was a bitter time as well because now we know all of us will lose a minister from active service whose gifts have enriched and lifted all of us.

We join thousands of Kentucky Baptists in wishing Tom and Rachael well in retirement. But we know that when someone needs help, Tom will come running. He's that kind of man and we thank the Lord for him and for the work he has done through these many years. Kentucky Baptists will be poorer because he retires from our ranks, but the kingdom will not suffer because Tom will not quit. For this we give thanks to God.

## Doing missions in hard places

Current news releases indicate thousands of Southern Baptist college students take their spring break to witness for Christ in some very difficult places.

Reports from Padre Island, Tex., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Newport Beach, Cal., show a strong witness from these dedicated students and a willing response from many of those to whom they tell the gospel story.

Standing in the hot sun on scorching sand and telling someone who is only casually interested that God loves all people is not the easiest way to do missions. But it is the way BSU members have chosen to carry out their sense of calling. All of them declare it is rewarding, frustrating and chal-

lenging. Some of them will not go to the beach to witness again, but others declare it is the most satisfying effort they have ever made for the Lord and vow to return again next year.

Only eternity will be able to reveal the good that has been done by these young students. In the meantime Southern Baptists should be proud of the sacrifice and dedication shown by students who are willing to forego their own vacation time to work very hard in the Master's vineyard.

We salute BSU members from colleges and universities across the country who have shown us what it means to put our faith to work in the harsh world of pleasure.

## A new direction in evangelism

The tenured appointment of David D'Amico as Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary indicates a new direction for evangelism emphasis in Southern Baptist academic life.

D'Amico is Spanish, comes from an urban background and no doubt will help students focus on winning the great cities of the world to Christ. This emphasis mirrors the activity of the first evangelists, such as Paul, Barnabas, Silas and John Mark. These first-century disciples went where the movers and shakers operated established witnessing points in the cultural, educational and economic centers of the ancient world. They went to people in distress, poverty and under persecution because that was life in the city.

Southern Baptists have needed to emulate that New Testament pattern for a long time and it appears that emphasis will now be at center stage with the coming of D'Amico to the chair of evangelism at our oldest seminary.

We are pleased to see trustees of Southern Seminary elevate an ethnic person to such a high post. We are pleased to know those whom we have chosen to guide our seminary are not bound by provincial concerns and have their eyes open to the teeming cities where multitudes need the gospel. We are pleased that a new day may be dawning for evangelism instruction among Southern Baptist students.

We pray the Lord's best gifts for David D'Amico and look forward to his ministry in this important position.

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

# baptist forum

## Historical information needed

In preparation for the beginning of the 175th year of the South Union Baptist Association I am seeking any information about the location and membership of the following churches:

Corinth	1890-1902
Crooked Creek	1882-1904
Day's Chapel	1941-1954
Friendship	1843
Fuson Settlement	1949-51
Greasy Creek	1843
Liberty	1843
Locust Grove	1843
New Hope	1888-1920
New Pleasant Hill	1923
Old Friendship	1892
Rock Branch	1891-1899
Straight Creek	1946-1951

I know 107 churches have been members of the South Union Association since its organization in September, 1815.

I would appreciate any early history anyone can give. Send information to me at Box 432, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

Janus Jones  
Williamsburg

## How about a reconciliation service?

I have just finished reading the article in the Mar. 7 issue concerning the reconciliation service in which two congregations which had earlier split came together to worship.

It did my heart good to read how members of both churches sat together, prayed together, sang together and worshiped God together. The writer put it this way: "Togetherness sums up the goal of the meeting." He goes on to add, "Reconciliation not only soothes hurt feelings but can be evidence of a lesson learned by all."

As I finished the article I could not help but think how much we need such a meeting between so-called factions of the SBC. Oh how I would love to see our leaders of differing opinions simply agree to sit down to a service of reconciliation. If two split churches in Kentucky can do it split elements in the SBC could do it also.

Instead of all the meetings around the country which lead to further division a worship service of reconciliation would not only assist in bringing all Southern Baptists back together but would also get us back to being shining examples of God's love to lost humanity.

Let us all pray to that end.

Keith Rogers  
Loyall

## Take a chance on God

Contemplating the beauty of the March afternoon I watched Kentucky's best thoroughbreds run beside the hearse as I returned from the cemetery. The driver, a fellow Southern Baptist, broke my silent meditation with a prophetic question, "Pastor do you know what is killing so much of those things we love?" Well I certainly wanted to know his answer. He declared, "Americans have the tragic habit of killing the 'goose that laid the golden egg.'"

This retired horse farm worker, who now drives part time for the funeral home, simply used a colloquial phrase to describe how many times selfishness, greed and power are used by mankind to destroy fruitful enterprises.

Southern Baptist leaders may be following the road to ruin by killing the golden goose, namely the convention. Not that I would compare the anointing of God on a people to a golden goose. But the point is still real. Southern Baptists have for 100 years been involved

in a fruitful enterprise for God. But now we are in danger of our convention being destroyed. Not because of doctrinal differences but the three nails of death—greed, power and selfishness.

It is time for the voice of common sense, spiritual sincerity, humility and wisdom to be heard.

Unless our leaders seek to serve him rather than self-serving ideologies and philosophies the "golden eggs" will soon cease because our golden goose will be killed.

Let us do something unique in Las Vegas. Instead of choosing camps or power-move agendas let's take a chance on God. Can we possess a faith so real and so simple as to trust God to lift up our leaders? If we trust God we will not lose.

James E. Shaw  
Lexington

## A new SBC agency is bad news

I wish to publicly commend Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, for his courageous stand in opposing the action of the Executive Committee of the SBC which calls for the formation of a new Southern Baptist Religious Liberty Commission.

Lewis correctly and wisely noted the creation of yet another SBC agency will drain resources from both home and foreign missions. As noted in his quote from R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, 70 percent of the funding for this proposed agency would come from Cooperative Program allocations for our two mission boards. Missions, the one thing which unites us, has already been harmed by the divisive nature of our convention life. Further deletions from our missions budget will only serve to further divide us, bringing yet greater harm to the clearest of all mandates which our Lord has given his church, which is that we are to proclaim good news to the lost.

With the presence of the Christian Life Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee Southern Baptists' concerns are already well represented in our nation's capitol. Given this fact and in light of the fact that Cooperative Program allocations have already been cut by more than two percent it is unwise for us to use funds provided by our church people to duplicate services already being provided by other agencies. Doing so will undoubtedly lead to further reductions in the funds which are available for the greater cause of missions.

We need to hear and heed the voices of our respected mission board presidents thereby rejecting the proposed Religious Liberty Commission.

Michael R. Duncan  
Eminence

## Using wine skins as weapons

The recent controversy in the SBC has elicited various reactions among the faithful. We have heard cries of despair and cries of joy at the change in direction among leadership. I say change among the leadership because I would surmise any change would not greatly affect the average Southern Baptist.

Most amusing in this crisis is the assumption it has had an adverse effect upon God and God's relation to the world. I have heard people say the controversy "breaks God's heart," "God is weeping over the fighting among fellow Southern Baptists," "the Christian witness has been severely jeopardized as a result." Such assumptions are not only parochial and short sighted but down right comical. For Southern Baptists, or

any other denominational or religious organization, to assume the work and benign presence of God in the world is directly tied to any institutional structure is tantamount to abrogating the first two—and central to the Judaeo-Christian tradition—commandments and thus being guilty of idolatry.

The thrust of these commandments is the warning not to confuse God and divine realities with human institutions. To confuse the SBC with the work of God in the world is to confuse the "new wine" with wine skins.

It would seem that among those fighting within the convention the "new wine" has been drained from the skins, the skins which once held new wine are now being used as weapons of violence. It appears those "fighting for God" in the SBC have reversed a powerful metaphor from Isaiah; they have "turned plowshares into swords." May God have mercy on us.

Michael A. Harris  
Louisville

## SBA has become a regional movement

I attended the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Alliance. This group is what was to have been a group within the convention to express concerns over the way the convention is moving and to fund some programs and ministries which the convention has reduced or neglected because of its right wing political agenda. However I must confess I was greatly disappointed in the meeting because it was a reaction to the problems of Southeastern Seminary and due to that it has become a regional movement. The most serious problem I have is with the establishment of a new seminary in Richmond, Va. The structure is now in place, as I see it, for a new denomination.

I must confess a day will come when a split will occur but I do not believe this is the time for the structural division. This ship on which we travel as Southern Baptists began in 1845 and has been through stormy water many times such as the Civil War, the depression and theological controversies in the

past, but still remained afloat.

At this time I would rather fight these battles in the political arena of the convention than separate into a new denomination. Like a divorce a structural division may come but not, I hope, until every effort has been made to keep us together. I hope God's people will pray we can get our minds on the business we have been assigned and get above political agendas.

John Dunaway  
Corbin

## Annie Armstrong miracle at Stearns

I am writing to tell you of the miracle God has given us in our Annie Armstrong offering. As of Easter Sunday we had received \$3178 for home missions. This is three times our goal of \$1050. We had presented the church the goal of \$1050 to purchase five minutes of home mission work at the hourly minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour. They responded by providing more than 15 minutes of work. Our previous high for the home mission offering was about \$950 given last year and that amount exceeded our goal by approximately \$200.

I pray this letter will sound a note of encouragement to churches in our state. The current problems in our national convention are many and pose a serious threat to the mission enterprise. The gifts of First Baptist Church, Stearns, are given to God to prosper his program through Southern Baptists. It is our prayer there will be a renewed interest and emphasis in presenting the gospel of Christ who is Savior of all.

Phil Majors  
Stearns

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# baptist news in brief

## Youth speakers earn college funds

Youth from Elkhorn, Bethel and West Kentucky associations took top honors in the 1989 Kentucky State Youth Speakers' Tournament. The tournaments were held Mar. 31-Apr. 1 at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies.

First place winner at Cedarmore is Kristy Robinson of Spears Mill Church, Elkhorn Association. Kristy has been second place winner in 1988 and 1987. She is eligible for up to \$7200 worth of scholarships from Campbellsville, Cumberland or Georgetown colleges. In addition, she will receive an all expense paid trip to Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center during Church Training Leadership/Youth Week.

Second place winner at Cedarmore is Amy Young, also of Spears Mills Church, Elkhorn Association. Amy is eligible for up to \$3600 worth of scholarships from Campbellsville, Cumberland or Georgetown. She will receive the all expense paid trip to Ridgecrest if Kristy cannot attend.

First place winner at Jonathan Creek is Riwa Martin of Kirbyton Church,

West Kentucky Association. She is eligible for scholarships worth up to \$3600 from the three colleges. She will also receive an all expense paid trip to Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center during Church Training Leadership/Youth Week.

Second place winner at Jonathan Creek is Timmy Gragg of Walnut Grove Church, Bethel Association. Timmy is also the 1988 second place at one of the three Baptist colleges. He also alternate for the trip to Glorieta.

## Youth baptism rate: an unexpected gain

For the first time in six years Southern Baptists have posted a slight gain in baptisms among youth.

A total of 80,506 young people ages 12-17 were baptized by the denomination in 1988, according to Southern Baptists' annual statistical report. That figure is up 606, or 0.8 percent, from the 79,900 posted the previous year.

Southern Baptists reported a record 137,667 youth baptisms in 1972 and the second-highest number, 102,259, in 1982 (BP)

# baptist news in brief

## Group to field Vegas candidate

A group of Southern Baptist "centrists" said Apr. 7 they plan to announce their candidate for SBC president in time for a whirlwind tour of key states before the denomination's annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. June 13-15.

Leaders of Baptist Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention were in Atlanta to form the organization's first state chapter. They held an informational meeting for about 100 ministers and laypeople and hosted a news conference afterward.

"There will be a candidate nominated in Las Vegas who will represent the viewpoint of trying to bring the convention together in harmony and peace, where everyone is included," said Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Tex., and keynote speaker at the meeting.

"There are some names being consid-

ered. Nobody is yet ready to be announced. Whenever it's announced, he's going to have to be a busy fellow. But I promise you that can be done.

"My hope is that within the next 10 days an announcement will be made."

Moore, twice an unsuccessful candidate for SBC president, is chairman of Baptists Committed. The group bills itself as a place for people who are committed to remain in the denomination despite dissatisfaction with current elected leadership.

"We're not trying to elect any group to control this convention, but to return it to the people," he said.

Baptists Committed field coordinator David Currie said a Texas chapter of the group would be organized Apr. 13 and chapters are to be formed soon in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and South Carolina. (BP)



Arthur Womack (l) and Charley Allton, of Northwest Baptist Church, Miami, Okla., fish together on Grand Lake in northeast Oklahoma. Senior Adult Day, May 7 in many churches, promotes the theme "In the Company of Others."

## Ex-Kentuckian joins Georgia Baptist staff

Bruce E. Brinkman has been elected by the administration committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention's executive committee to be associate in the Georgia Baptist Convention Church Training Department, effective immediately.

Brinkman, 45, is a native of Covington, Ky., and a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, Southern Seminary, and Bethany Seminary, Dothan, Ala.

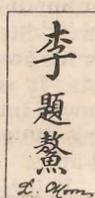
He previously was associate pastor/minister of education, Antioch Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.; church starter strategist, Noonday (Ga.) Association; minister of education, Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville; and minister of education/children, First Baptist Church, Charlestown, Ind.

His wife, Donna, is a former secretary in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department.

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## Jimmy Allen resigns Radio-TV Commission

Jimmy R. Allen has resigned as president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and will join a new group seeking to purchase the ACTS network, if the effort is successful.

Allen, who has headed the agency since January 1980, tendered his resignation during the Apr. 10-11 commission meeting in Ft. Worth, Tex. The effective date is May 1, with a termination date of June 30.

Trustees elected executive vice president Richard T. McCartney as interim chief executive officer.

Board chairman Harold Brundige, an attorney from Martin, Tenn., named a five-member search committee to seek Allen's successor. Members are Brundige; incoming chairman Mike Hamlett, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Spartanburg, S. C.; Jewel Morris, a

shopping center owner from Ft. Smith, Ark.; T. W. Terral, director of Baptist associational missions in Baton Rouge, La.; and Ernie Helton, an engineer from Columbus, Oh.

Trustees also received three new bids for the purchase of the American Christian Television System, the network launched by the commission in 1984.

One of the bids was from a group calling itself Investors and Friends of Acts, which has offered Allen the position of president and chief executive officer if its bid is successful.

Brundige declined to identify the other groups, but did say none of the bids was accepted because none offered enough money for the network, which now is accessible to more than nine million homes across the nation.

The commission has been involved in negotiations for the sale of ACTS—

which has been a financial drain on the agency since it was launched—for more than a year with a group based in San Antonio, Tex.

The group, headed by advertising executive Center (Chip) Atkins, offered the commission \$34 million for the network and guaranteed five hours per day for RTVC programing on the network for 30 years.

After three extensions and unsuccessful fund-raising efforts, the offer expired Mar. 14.

Allen, who appeared in the meeting only to resign and to make the new offer to the trustee executive committee, later told reporters his new group had offered \$10 million for the network and would guarantee four hours of programing per day for 12 years.

Trustees spent most of the April 10-11 meeting in executive session. First, they met for nearly five hours discussing commission matters with its seven vice presidents.

He predicted more involvement by the board in the operations of the commission and the network, noting, "We are going to be more informed."

In his resignation Allen noted the last nine and one-half years have been "exciting, challenging, frustrating and deeply satisfying. We have experimented, developed, launched, demonstrated usefulness and achieved the goal of building the ACTS network, the fastest-growing interfaith cable network in America." (BP)

## Hopkinsville woman will write for state journal

The wife of a Hopkinsville minister has been reappointed a state correspondent for Western Recorder.

Betty Anderson, formerly of Livermore who for five years was a stringer for the paper in several associations surrounding Livermore, will now report for associations near her new home. Her husband, Douglas, was called to the pastorate of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, earlier this year.

Her newly assigned territory, according to associate editor James H. Cox, includes Allen, Bethel, Christian County, Gasper River, Logan, Monroe, Simpson and Warren Baptist associations.

A native of Trigg County, Betty Anderson, 48, attended Bethel Junior College at Hopkinsville before receiving the BS degree from Murray (Ky.) State University in 1963. She is a public school teacher and was earlier a manuscript assistant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and a publicity specialist for the State of Kentucky. She has done freelance writing for denominational publications.

The Andersons are parents of two daughters and two sons.



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Ray Cooper, Chairman, 1988-89 Committee on Obituaries

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# College students minister at Morehead shelter

by Beth W. Prassel

Lots of college students have part time jobs. Some even work with children. But not many work a night shift as watchmen over troubled teens and preteens.

Hardin ("Bo") Pace, a senior machine tool technology major at Morehead (Ky.) State University, and Kevin Nolen, a junior sociology major at MSU, both work part time at the Morehead Temporary Shelter where troubled school age children and teens may live for short periods of time. As part of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children the Morehead Shelter provides temporary care for youth in eastern Kentucky.

Pace and Nolen agree it is difficult to see major results of their work with the young people in the short time they are with them. In addition to the fact that both young men work the night shift and see residents only about one hour each day each resident stays an average of only 30 days at the shelter.

However in spite of limited time spent with the young people both workers see some successes. The men began working at the shelter beginning in the 1988 fall semester. Since that time they have been encouraged by responses from the residents.

"Some of the kids are really receptive to what you say," notes Pace. After leaving the shelter many report that they liked Morehead. "Just knowing they liked it here and enjoyed being here, that they didn't feel like prisoners (is en-

couraging)," he adds.

Nolen tells of a letter he received from a past resident proving the influence the workers had on her life. "It seemed I didn't make much progress with her at the time. I'm sure there's more being done than we realize. This gives me hope and makes me want to work harder."

Since its opening last July the shelter has received other local support and involvement. According to Dean Harney, KBHC eastern region coordinator and director of the Morehead shelter, both churches and individuals have helped supply the shelter with physical needs such as personal care items recreational equipment and monetary gifts.

The local schools, too, cooperate with the shelter staff. School officials understand the situations of these young people. "They do attend public school during their stay," says Harney. "Most have not been in school and that's why they're here." He reports that there have been few behavioral problems at school.

Public school attendance results in some of the small successes Harney sees in his work. "In social work, in general, successes are very small sometimes. You must look for them. I guess what I see as a success—and what I consider as a success for the kids—is school. School is almost always a problem when they come. They don't attend regularly, have made bad grades, have had behavioral problems, and to come and function at all in school—and to stay in school—is success for them."

Harney feels that before the opening of the Morehead shelter "there was a lack of services in this whole part of the state." Even after the opening of the shelter, he believes the area still needs more shelters such as this one.

"Our purpose is to serve children from eastern Kentucky," declares Harney. "Many are coming from homes or other facilities and are transitioning to something else—foster care, one of the Kentucky Baptists' long term care programs or another private child care facility. We're a fairly open facility. We try to make this as much like a home setting as possible. We try to prepare them mentally for the transition."

Shelter workers realize that in short term care they can't expect to see great changes. But that doesn't keep them from focusing on their purpose. "We're trying to help them begin to redirect some of their attitudes and some of the ways they think. That takes a lot of time especially when they come in with really negative attitudes," says Harney.

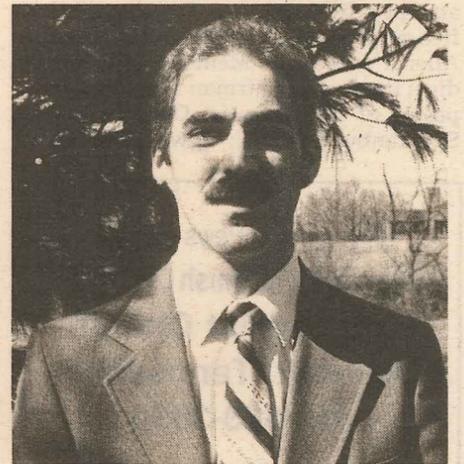
Pace tries to identify with the youth as he talks with them. "I've done some of the same things they have and I enjoy sharing my past experiences with them and trying to guide them in the right direction."

Guidance young people receive at the shelter includes a religious influence not often found in similar institutions. Harney explains that residents at the shelter agree to attend church before they arrive. "I think most kids are concerned

about a relationship with God. They don't verbalize it but they do worry about it. We hope a child's exposure to church will do something in his life. They realize we're not trying to jam religion down their throats but that we're exposing them to it hoping it will be to their benefit.

Changed lives are the ultimate goals of child care workers. But the workers' lives are changed too.

"Before I started working here," says Pace, "I had no idea what many kids go through. I hadn't really faced the facts. It opened my eyes. Today's youth are being exposed to (all kinds of things) at an early age."



Dean Harney, Eastern religion coordinator, KBHC.

## KBHC Women's Advisory Board provides a link to the churches

by Beth W. Prassel

At nine years of age Nina Cambron came to live at Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown. Now as an adult she has given 10 years of volunteer service back to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Sue Parrott also lived at the home. She, too, has found a way to return some of the help given her while at Spring Meadows.

Both Mrs. Cambron, Owensboro, and Mrs. Parrott, Campbellsville, show concern for youth on the Women's Advisory Board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Not only are they on the board but each holds an office in the organization: Mrs. Cambron is vice president and Mrs. Parrott is secretary.

Mrs. Cambron, Mrs. Parrott and other members of the Women's Advisory Board (WAB) minister to youth through this organization because of its impor-

tant function to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (KBHC).

"You are our link to the churches," said Curtis Mooney, KBHC executive director, in his report at the group's March meeting. Mooney affirmed the importance of the WAB to KBHC: "If this group stopped functioning, we would cease to exist. We're all part of a team."

According to current president of the WAB, Beverly Kennedy, Hawesville, the board's main purpose is to inform Kentucky Baptists about needs of children in the homes and to get them to respond to those needs.

Much of the board's work involves monthly projects for the children's homes. In March, for instance, board members encourage Kentucky Baptists to support the camp and recreation fund which provides money for spring and summer recreational activities and events.



Mrs. Parrott

The most important emphasis for KBHC begins in October with promotion for the November Thanksgiving offering. Baptists all over the state respond each year to this offering for KBHC needs. WAB members play an important role in promoting this offering each year.

At one time the WAB helped raise \$40,000 for a college scholarship fund to benefit children's homes residents. The board also helped raise pledges worth \$3 million in a three-year campaign launched in 1987. Although work in promoting the "Beyond This Time" campaign has ended the homes will continue to receive money from that project through 1989.

"I think the WAB is one of the best ways Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has to get information to the average (church) member sitting in the pew," says Mrs. Kennedy. "I get excited about the possibilities of what the WAB can do throughout the state. It really has potential."

In each WAB meeting members receive information from the KBHC Board of Trustees, from the administration and from individual children's homes and shelters. After a meeting each member returns to her respective region to promote KBHC work. WAB members share KBHC needs with child care representa-



Mrs. Kennedy

tives from each association and from individual churches. Child care representatives return to respective associations and churches to inform local members of needs.

Mrs. Kennedy sees the board making progress but says, "it's something we really have to keep on top of constantly. (The board) could really do much more if we could work out some of the problems."

She believes one of the greatest improvements needed for the board involves membership. "We're constantly struggling for members. We have lots of turnover. We need to choose our people carefully."

If local church members want to participate in the WAB's ministry they must be willing to serve, according to Mrs. Kennedy. "We need more board members who are willing to give some years and willing to work."

The board also needs more church representatives. Despite the increase of representatives in recent years many Kentucky Baptist churches still do not have a child care representative. "We need more people willing to work in these capacities. That is how church and associational people can help."

"There will always be needs for children—the world's not going to change. And we need to be there to help them."



Nina Cambron, WAB vice president, talks with a guest at an endowment campaign dinner.

## Kentucky/Kenya partnership shows we have more in common than we think

by Mary Royals Driskill  
Staff Writer

For members of First Baptist Church, Carlisle, Bracken Association, and for members of Gede Baptist Church, Kenya, the partnership ties remain.

The partnership began in July 1987 when Carlisle members Tom Metcalfe and Tim Scott went to Kenya.

Involvement between Carlisle and Kenya goes beyond that initial trip. The Carlisle congregation has continued to contribute financially to the Kenyan churches. They designated money for a church building, money for youth to attend the youth conference in Scotland last summer and for the pastor of Gede Baptist Church near Malindi to come to Kentucky for three weeks.

The Carlisle church decided they wanted to bring someone from Kenya to Kentucky. They felt it would create an even deeper awareness of the partnership. Missionary to Kenya Clay Coursey recommended William Fondo, pastor of the Gede church. It has proven effective.

"Since William has been here, many more people have wanted to help," emphasized Metcalfe. "William has a deep desire to learn. After all it was a partnership," stressed Metcalfe. "When I got to Kenya, I realized how much I didn't know and how much they taught me."

"My church is one of the largest in the area," said William. "This partnership helped our churches grow rapidly. Our church has about 100 to 170 people. During the partnership, we started several more branch churches. Many people have been saved."

William reported 100 people were saved as a result of Kentucky volunteer efforts during one week at branch churches. "They have encouraged us," smiled William.

William's church has a music program, door to door evangelism efforts, a kindergarten and a vocational school. He insists Kentucky volunteers have

helped them grow. Five churches have started from his church. The kindergarten is supported by the community. Church members send their children to the kindergarten and so do many other nonmembers. It is an evangelistic outreach of the church. The vocational school also attracts people to the church. The student fees support the teachers. The church choir has programs in the local hotels. They sing and preach. "The hotel owners love our program," said William.

Opportunities to share in public schools and businesses are not uncommon in Kenya.

"I was asked to speak in three public schools," said Metcalfe. He asked them what he should speak of and they said, "What else would you tell about? Jesus!"

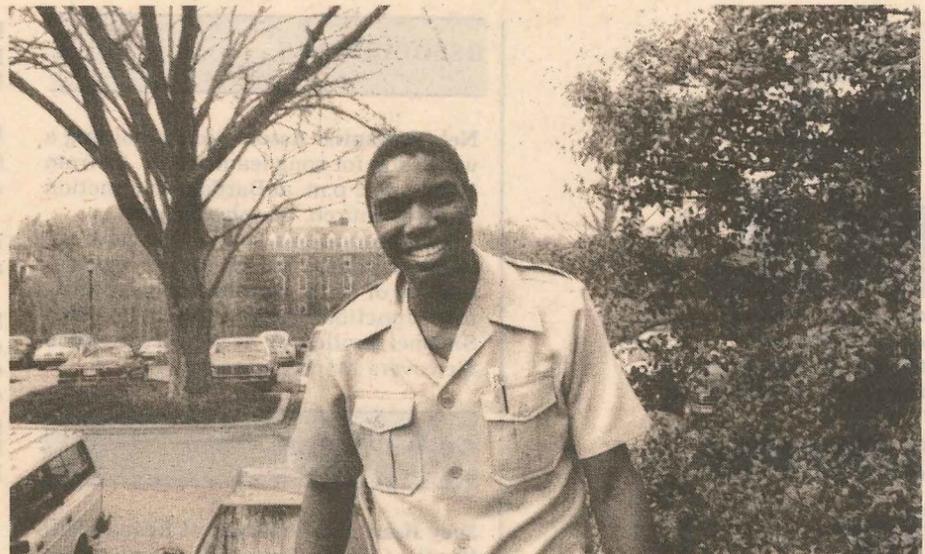
Metcalfe is an elementary school principal. He spoke about Jesus to the entire student body at one school under the trees. Although he used an interpreter, many of the children understood English. The average Kenyan child will speak three languages; Swahili, a tribal language and English.

Carlisle members had to explain to William the difference in our public schools. He speaks to high schools and elementary schools each week in Kenya—about his relationship with the Lord. "We've seen Jesus winning souls for his kingdom (in high schools)," said William.

William has been delighted with the hospitality of Kentuckians.

"I did not expect to be welcomed just like home," said William. "I'm learning God's people are just the same. They have a heart of love. I thought all the churches here were full or large. My conclusion," he adds, "the same needs in our African countries are the same needs here. The partnership was formed by God."

"The association has taken hold of this project," said Thomas. "William's ministry hasn't just been to our church



William Fondo

but to the whole association. While it started in our church, the association has joined in."

Thomas pointed out several people from Bracken Association participated in the partnership. About the time church members were discussing possibilities of bringing William to Kentucky, the Carlisle pastor resigned. The Carlisle church was hesitant to undergo such a project without a pastor. Association members stepped in and offered help. Pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lynn Bertram, was one of them. He had a heart attack in the midst of preparations so the laity stepped in "to fill the gap," said Thomas. After resignations and health problems, members were a little anxious about offering help—but they did.

Metcalfe never questioned the ability of the church to undertake such a project. "Maybe I'm dumb but I never thought this was an impossible task. You just roll up your sleeves and do it." And do it they did.

"People have a stronger sense of tie," remarked Thomas. "All of a sudden people are drawn into the partnership. It's not just a program or a title—it's no longer just a story—there's a real person they know. Hearing William's tes-

timonies makes it real," said Thomas. "We've been able to see common ground."

William has been sharing fruits of the partnership all over Bracken Association since Mar. 23.

"Now our association is one of the largest. This is a fruit of the partnership," said William. "I came to confirm whatever each child of God from here contributed—it worked."

Thomas feels the continuing ties with Kenya are keeping a mission mindedness in his church. He anticipates future involvement, perhaps in the Kentucky/Brazil partnership.

"The seeds are planted for missions. It's broadened our perspective," said Thomas. "It isn't exclusive with Kenya."

People in Bracken Association are learning they have much in common with their Kenyan partners. They often ask what the differences are but as Thomas said, "What they're learning is what's similar. There's a real sameness in people."

William planned to return to Kenya Apr. 13. He hoped to share his trip and what he's learned with his congregation.

"I'd like to carry the praise of God to my people. The same Jesus praised there is praised here."

## 'Rock-a-thon' raises over \$300 for KBHC

by Barbara Willie

A commitment to be "on mission for people" prompted the youth group of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, to "rock" for the benefit of Ken-

tucky Baptist Homes for Children.

A "rock-a-thon" held in the church fellowship hall by eight young people and their leaders, Robin and Dan Handloser, raised \$353.21.

A neighborhood church in Covington,



Pictured in the center is Scott Brown with other participants and helpers in the 24-hour 'rock-a-thon.' Rockers raised \$353.21 for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Oakland Avenue has been primarily an "adult" church in recent years with few persons attending in young age groups. (Last year's Uniform Church Letters reported four in the youth division.) Seeing the need to reach out to the community and to give youth an active roll in reaching out beyond the walls of the church, the Handlosers challenged the youth to be "on mission for people."

While "brainstorming" ways this commitment could be accomplished, youth member Scott Brown shared his experience in a former church with a "rock-a-thon." With no cost in setting it up and volunteer church members providing snacks and meals, it seemed something a small church could do.

Enthusiasm permeated the youth, the church members and the neighborhood. Rocking chairs of all sizes and shapes were gathered, promotional announcements were made from the pulpit and through the church news, sponsor sheets were signed and the rocking began!

To help keep the "rockers" awake, food, beverages, television and television games were provided around the clock. Four completed the 24 hours with the others "folding" somewhere between 20 hours and 12 hours.

The following Sunday after morning



Vanessa Johnson

worship each youth participant was stationed at a table with his completed "rocking" time clearly visible. Pledges were honored with the total reaching \$353.21.

These eight youth with their leaders were to travel to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children at Middletown Apr. 15 where they would personally deliver their contribution, tour the facilities and meet face to face those "for whom they rocked."

# mountains to the mississippi



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## homes for children

### It's not over until the final out

Baseball season has just opened and that is an exciting time in my book. Baseball has been my favorite sport for as long as I can remember. Though I could never play very well, I can remember spending hours each day playing ball with my brother Jim, and many Sunday afternoons he and I would go over to Lisman to play a pick up game with several guys young and old who lived near that community.

In high school, while I could not play well enough to be on the team, I was the team manager and kept the score book. To this day I cannot go to a game without keeping score.

My favorite professional team is the St. Louis Cardinals. I can remember many evenings as a child listening to Harry Carey on the radio as he described the game in his unique style. Saturday afternoons were always spent watching Dizzy Dean and Pee Wee Reese describe the game of the week.

I believe one of the reasons I like baseball so much is that the game is not over until the final out. Unlike basketball or football where the clock controls the game and there can be no time to catch up, in baseball a team can be down 10 to 0 with one out to go and still come back and win.

I believe the excitement about that possibility reflects my basic optimistic outlook. I like to root for the underdog (unless they are playing my team) and it's rare that I give up even when it looks hopeless.

That is one reason why I like working with children. I continue to believe there is hope for every child and I have to tell you I take it hard when we have to give up on a child.

Sometimes of course we have tried everything our program will allow us to do, and finally we must admit the child's needs are beyond what we can provide. Those are the days when we are all losers—most of all the child. We realize most on those days how much more we must be able to do if we are going to meet the needs of the children coming to us.

It is not over until the final out characterizes for me one of the most wonderful aspects of our Savior's love. No matter how wide a separation between an individual and our Lord, victory is always possible if we will just turn to him.

### associations

**Nelson Baptist Association** is holding a workshop for song leaders Apr. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bardstown Junction Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.

For reservations, send name, address, phone number, church and a registration fee of \$5 to: Harold Adams, Bardstown Junction Baptist Church, Box 662, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. Registration fee covers lunch and materials.

### ordinations

**Joey Kent** was ordained at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He is pastor of Community Mission.

**Gary Osborne, Larry Jones and Eldon Robbins** were ordained as deacons at West London Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. Larry Bryan is pastor.

Clifton Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association, ordained **Emmanuel Nnake** and **Dwayne Delaney** as deacons. Douglas Dean is pastor.

West Point Baptist Church, Blackford Association, ordained pastor **Randall Brown**. His home pastor, Truman Johnson of Cloverport Baptist Church, gave the charge.

First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Little Bethel Association, ordained **Tim Johnson** and **Stan Stallins** as deacons. Apr. 2. Lawson Williamson is pastor.

Clarkson Baptist Church, Grayson County Association, ordained **Bruce Hardy, J. W. Givens, Donald Bratcher, Larry Bratcher** and **Clark Gibson** as deacons Mar. 19. Grover Westover III is pastor.

**Jackie Wayland** and **Matthew Sickling** were ordained by First Baptist Church, Calvert City, Blood River Association. Wayland was called as minister of music and education by Calvert and Sickling was called as associate pastor of Ararat Baptist Church, Va. William H. Marret is pastor.

### personnel

**Gerald Jones**, pastor of Jones Creek Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, resigned.

Oak Grove Baptist Church, West Union Association, called **Ron G. Wells** as pastor.

**Key Chambers** is new minister of music at Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, and is also associate pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Logan Association, called **Roger Rice** as pastor.

**Dewey M. Dick** resigned the pastorate of Melber Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

**Henry Ellis** is new pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association. He is former pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

**Roy Sutton** is new pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, South Union Association.

**Richard Christian** resigned as pastor of Ryans Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

**Ed Osborne** resigned as pastor of Patterson Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

Deer Stables Baptist Church, Irvine Association, called **Ellis Abner** as pastor.

**Dennis E. Allen** is new minister of education at Williamstown Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He and his wife Ginger have two children. Allen is a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They moved from Oklahoma City the end of March.

**Paul White** resigned as pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

**Kelly Flowers** is the new minister of youth and recreation, First Baptist Church, Fulton, West Kentucky Association. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. Scott E. Brewer is pastor.

**Brian Keith Rogers** of Loyall will be a page at the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas, Nev. He will join 15 High School Baptist Young Men pages and six Acteen pages in assisting convention personnel with operation of registration, information center, convention office, press room and convention floor.

Rogers, a member of High School Baptist Young Men at First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association, was nominated by the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Final selections were made by the High School Baptist Young Men's staff of the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

A junior at James A. Cawood High School, Rogers is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. Keith Rogers. The elder Rogers is pastor at Loyall.

### missions

**Paula Settle**, a native of Owensboro and missionary to Togo, West Africa, will be on furlough in Nashville May to December 1989. She was appointed in 1895 as the first women's worker in Franco-phone, West Africa.

**The Royal Ambassadors of Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association**, raised \$480 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions in 1988. Using an "RA post office," church members sent Christmas cards to each other. Money which would be used for postage was given to the RAs. All proceeds went to the offering.

**Nadine Lovan**, a native Kentuckian, will leave for Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa Apr. 17. Miss Lovan is a 30-year veteran missionary. Her address on the field is: Box 076-UCC, Cape Coast, Ghana.

### deaths

**Sue Lyons**, wife of David Lyons, director of missions in Lynn Camp/North Concord associations, died Mar. 21. Funeral services were held at Hampton Funeral Home, Barbourville.

### congregations

**First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association**, reported its largest Sunday school attendance in its history Mar. 26 with 623. The Pikeville church also reported the largest morning worship attendance of 775.

The choir performed "In The Garden" Friday and Saturday and reported over 1100 attending. Glenn Mollette is pastor.

**Southside Baptist Church, Long Run Association**, will dedicate its new organ Apr. 23 at 7 p.m.

Donald Hustad, senior professor of church music, Southern Seminary, will play for its dedication.

The organ has been paid off through the gifts of church members and friends to the Brian Reasor Memorial Organ Fund. The fund is in memory of Brian Reasor, a five-year-old who died of systemic fibrosis. He was the son of former interim music minister.

Clay Smith is pastor.

**Immanuel Baptist Temple, Green Valley Association**, will observe its 75th anniversary Aug. 6.

Tentative plans include worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.; an afternoon service at 1:30 p.m.; covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall; music; and a church history book.

Pastor Dennis Plank and the congregation invite friends and former members to attend. Any additional information about former members or the church is welcomed.

**Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association**, held a dedication ceremony Apr. 16 for its new sanctuary.

Former pastor Clyde Veyles spoke at the 11 a.m. service and former pastor Howard Matthews directed the afternoon services. A tour of the church and refreshments was included in the ceremonies.

**First Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association**, honored the memory of Minnie Berry, (1888-1971), a home missionary more than 17 years.

The Mar. 5 ceremony included a plaque and picture of Miss Berry which will be displayed in the church.

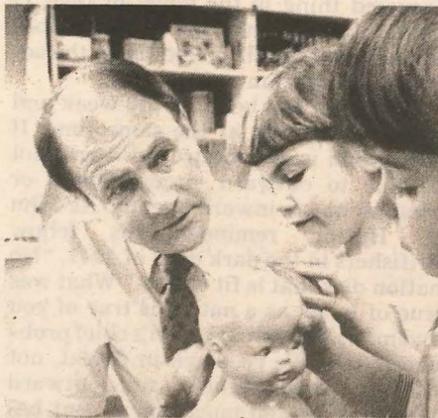
Members of Miss Berry's family attended the ceremony. Miss Berry, a member of Franklin church, worked in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama with the Home Mission Board, and continued active work in local missions, Girls in Action camps and speaking for missions in schools and states.

Ray E. Cummins is pastor.

**Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association**, is hosting a concert sponsored by the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

The concert is Thursday, Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m. Featured singers include Louisville's Cynthia Clawson and Darrell Adams and Ken Medema of San Francisco. Miss Clawson has received three Dove Awards and a Grammy. Adams has appeared on "Hee Haw" and "Prarie Home Companion."

Proceeds from the concert will be used for construction materials for four homes to be built in downtown Louisville. Tickets are \$4 tax deductible donations, \$3 for groups of 10 or more and are available at the door or at Well Spring Bookstore, Louisville.



"Families Practicing God's Love" is theme of the Christian home emphasis many churches observe the six weeks between Mother's and Father's days.

## Golden Gate Seminary to study relocation

Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary have voted to study the possibility of selling the Mill Valley, Calif., main campus and relocating the seminary.

Ironically, the regular Apr. 3-5 session was held at the Southern California seminary campus in Brea, where trustees helped dedicate new facilities for one of two branch campuses. The other branch is located in Portland, Ore.

Trustees also voted a \$5.6 million budget for the 1989-90 year, a decrease of 2.7 percent—or \$130,000—from the current budget.

The vote to explore the "options for the best use of the Mill Valley property" came without dissent by the trustees fol-

lowing a proposal made by the seminary's administration and discussed in executive session by the trustees. President William O. Crews Jr. and staff will work with representatives of the faculty, students, a long-range planning committee and the trustees for consideration and action.

Seminary officials gave no timetable for the study, but it presumably could take years, and if the seminary were to be relocated or a new campus built, it could be as long as a decade, they said.

Trustees elected Herman E. Wooten of Elk Grove, Calif., chairman; John R. (Dick) Lincoln of Columbia, S.C., vice chairman; and Stephen P. Davis of Russellville, Ark., secretary. (BP)



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# clear creek chronicle

## Thanks, WMU!

God's blessings on the Woman's Missionary Union convention in Hopkinsville. The gathering will impact Kentucky and the world.

Mutual appreciation and support exists between Clear Creek and WMU. Significant mission developments link our heritage. In 1959 Bell County WMU and Clear Creek inaugurated Appalachian literacy efforts. Lillian Issacs spearheaded a literacy workshop training 200 people. The development resulted in the Appalachian Literacy Council with a literacy center located on the campus. Ann Groves, the first literacy worker stationed at Clear Creek, later moved to the Home Mission Board. Southern Baptist literacy missions flowed from Clear Creek and the pioneer work of Lillian Issacs. John Issacs taught Bible at the school.

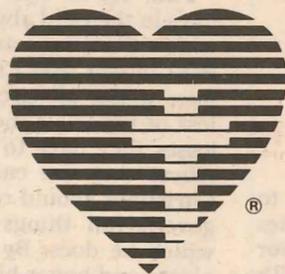
Kay Aldridge wrote several Royal Service feature articles about our unique mission and a 1973 issue appealed for Kelly Hall linens. Mrs. Aldridge recalls, "At that time we furnished linens for single men in the dormitory. They poured in from as far as Hawaii. The post office finally refused to deliver them and we daily sent a truck. Linens were sold and Penny's exchanged many for other needed items. The stock lasted into the 1980s with enough to furnish every graduate a supply. Area poor students going to college received a package. What a bonanza! Hundreds of names requested the school newsletter and soon we were able to pay faculty and staff without borrowing."

Today WMU age group organizations provide mission education for the campus family. Students gain valuable leadership experience through Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens and Baptist Women. WMU and Brotherhood jointly sponsor the weeks of prayer. Action supplements information evidenced by the \$1300 Annie Armstrong Home Mission offering given in March chapel services.

Local WMU groups rank among our strongest supporters with the Christmas Shopping Spree their favorite project. Others adopt a student family or assist the Preschool Center.

Kentucky WMU granted scholarships to eight students in October. The Eliza Broadus offering has included Clear Creek for several years.

Thanks, WMU. We love you.



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## oneida journal

### Hope to the hopeless

What has Oneida Baptist Institute been since it was born in the heart and mind of James Anderson Burns in 1899? Encompassed about as we are by many witnesses, but many who once labored here and have gone to a heavenly reward, let us call upon them for answers.

Saul Houchell, a 1911 graduate, principal 1916-32, president 1941-46, would tell us, "Oneida Baptist Institute is . . . all the friends near and far, living and dead, who have shared, and all those who have worked at the school, from the first faculty to the present one and all the student bodies who have attended through the decades and gone out all over the world.

"Oneida is a Christian institution doing an outstanding work in Christian evangelism and education, in developing Christian character and personality. Unless it were that, it would be worse than nothing, presented and supported as it is, and would have no right to existence. The friends who give money to Oneida give it on that basis and with it give their prayers and a part of themselves. So every student who shares in these benefits accepts an obligation, whether he understands it or not, to be fine and worthy and most of them measure up. And every teacher and worker, each on the same level as every other, if he belongs on the staff at Oneida, has

sat at the Master's feet and got up to follow him, knowing the full requirements of discipleship. 'Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.'"

Professor Burns himself would tell us, "Oneida was first a vision, then a hope, then a prayer, then a determination to build."

Oneida is more than buildings. Every step forward through the years, though taken with complete trust, has been accomplished only through struggle and sacrifice. There never has been an easy year, nor should there be. One has but to know the history of Oneida to understand that faith and prayer are the most powerful forces within human reach. Day after day, year in and year out, right down to the present hour, God's care, manifested through his people, has kept the work of Oneida going and growing. But always at the inevitable cost of precious human life and sacrifice. But then the way of Christian sacrifice is the only way to great and lasting and eternal achievement.

What is Oneida Baptist Institute? It is people. It was founded to help people. It was founded to minister to sinners. The great emphasis at Oneida has been, should be, on individual development—mentally, physically, socially spiritually—on Christian character, on high ideals of service, on the dignity of labor and the necessity of all of these for human happiness. Take this emphasis out of Oneida and Oneida would cease to exist. But so long as we remain true to these basic principles and so long as the world stands in need of Christian education, so long will Oneida live and serve.

To love is to serve and Oneida was founded on love, cemented by faith, in the words of our Lord, "not to be ministered to, but to minister." James Anderson Burns said, "A loving heart with a throb for suffering humanity makes the hardest yoke easy, the heaviest burden light, the longest day short and the hottest sun set too soon."

Christian education gives hope to the weak and ambition to follow the ray of hope and exercise the power given.

This is what we are about in Oneida Baptist Institute—a living monument to a living faith in a living God.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 23, 1989

Life and work series

### Dealing with failure

**Josh. 7:4-5, 7, 10-13** God revealed to Joshua that the defeat of the Israelites at Ai was not due to the superior strength of the enemy but to Israel's inner collapse. So far as we know no one thought of disobeying God's command when it was issued. In taking Jericho they had depended entirely upon God and as a result they had enjoyed a tremendous victory. The silence which reigned over the ruins of Jericho was not a testimony to strength of the people of God but was due to the power of God himself. When Joshua heard of the humiliating defeat of the Israelites at Ai, he "rent his clothes." The tragedy of a defeated nation smote his heart. Joshua felt sure they would not suffer another defeat. Now that they had been defeated at Ai it seemed to Joshua that either God had deserted them or he was not able to cope with the powerful enemy in the land of Canaan. Joshua cried, "O Lord what will they do unto thy great name?" His chief concern was not that Israel had been defeated but that the name of Jehovah had been dishonored. Joshua 7:11 contains six allegations—the first two dealing with sin in its relation to God and the last four describing the character of the transgressions. In Josh. 7:13 we read: "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, there is an

accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies until ye take away the accursed thing from among you."

No nation can be inwardly weak and outwardly strong at the same time. If our nation is ever destroyed it will not be due to outward circumstances or enemies but to inward anemia. As John A. Hutton reminded his fellow Britishers in the dark days of 1941, "No nation dies that is fit to live." What was true of Israel as a nation is true of you and me as individuals. Man's chief problem is self. We go down in defeat, not because circumstances and outward pressures are too much for us, but because we as individuals are not right with God.

International series

### Rejoicing in Christ

**Phil. 4:4-19** The exhortation to "rejoice in the Lord always" enforces a duty which Christians are prone to neglect. Paul taught that Christians should rejoice under all circumstances, regardless of the trials they have to bear, the losses they have to sustain or the sacrifices they are called upon to make. Christians should rejoice that the Lord governs all things in the manner in which he does. By doing so they will please and honor him. While we cannot rejoice always in ourselves, in other people or in our circumstances, we can and should "rejoice in the Lord always"—in who he is, in what he is, in what he has done and in what he is doing.

Verses 6 and 7 recognizes the tendency of people to worry. This disquieting solicitude about the temporal and material things of life is a prevalent sin. To overcome the sinful habit of worrying one should concentrate on the present, have faith in God, talk to him about everything and commit the future to him.

In verse 8 Paul admonishes all Christians to cultivate elevating thoughts. He urges us to meditate on the things that are worthy of praise—things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

Verses 10-13 contain Paul's expression of gratitude to the Philippian Christians for the gifts which they had sent to him. He commended them highly for their spiritual state that prompted them to think of his temporal needs.

As long as Christ kept on pouring his power into Paul, the apostle had adequate strength for every need.



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## on mission together

### The wisdom of youth

I enjoyed the Mar. 15 editorial by Bill Webb, editor of the *Illinois Baptist*. My hope is that you will enjoy it, too!

"I receive a number of review copies of books from various publishers. One that caught my attention the other day is titled *Dear God: Children's letters to God*, written by David Heller, who holds a doctorate in psychology and has done research and other writing on children's perceptions about God.

"Heller recalled in the introduction his fascination as a youngster with Art Linkletter talking with youngsters. 'Kids say the darnedest things,' Linkletter often said. Heller has come to the conclusion kids not only say the 'darnedest' things, they often say the wisest

things. The brief letters in his book represent the perspectives of youngsters from many different religious backgrounds. A sampling follows:"

Dear God,

"Did you think that Christmas would turn out like this when you started it?" Love, Wendy (age 7)

Dear God,

"My grandma died a year ago. My mom says she is with you. Could you give her this letter?"

Here is my letter:

"Grandma, I'm doing good in school and I met a boy I'm going to marry." All my love, Cindy (age 8)

Dear God,

"I love you. I just want to let you know ahead of time that I'd like to be there with you in heaven." Love always, Sara (age 8)

Long Distance to GOD:

"I hope that you are well . . . and taking care of this world. Please make us friendly with all the Arabs, with the eastern peoples and with the Africaners.

"And please, this is important. Make me friends with Johnny Martins. We do not get along." Alphonse (age 10)

Dear God,

"Do you and Mr. Rogers talk to each other? He is very wise." Love, Anthony (age 6)

Dear God,

"Did you invent math to count the animals on Noah's ark? Do we still need it? Jeanne (age 11)

Dear God,

"I hate gym. I bet Sarah and Rachel and Becky did not have to do gym stuff in the Bible. Boy, those were the days." Love and prayers, Naomi (age 10)

Dear God,

Thanks for the Air Jordans for Christmas. You must be a basketball fan like me. What do you wear, Air Moses? We have a Moses here too, but he's big and plays for the NBA!" Your humble star, Ron (age 12)

Dear God,

"My dad thinks he is you. Please straighten him out." Wayne (age 11)

# Kentuckians do "Beach Reach" for spring break

by Mark Wingfield

Armed with suntan oil, a broad smile and gospel tracts, John Paul Cummings and John Jicka joined thousands of other college students on the beach for spring break.

Kentuckians Cummings and Jicka, along with 20 other students from Union University, hit the beach looking for more than sun and surf. They were among 320 Christian students from 18 colleges participating in "Beach Reach '89" to introduce the gospel into a setting notorious for sunburns, beer and sex.

The second annual Beach Reach, sponsored by the Florida Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board, included ministries at Clearwater Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, and Daytona Beach. An estimated one million college and high school students from across the nation spent their spring breaks on Florida beaches.

Union students worked at Clearwater during the peak week of Mar. 20-24, along with students from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Ohio State University, Columbus; and the University of Southern Florida, Tampa.

Cummings is from First Baptist Church, Henderson, and Jicka is from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville.

During that one week at Clearwater, Beach Reach participants led 93 people to profess faith in Jesus Christ and made about 1200 one on one witnessing contacts, according to Sarah Driggers, US-2 missionary who directed the ministry there.

Overall at least 138 professions of faith were recorded at the three beaches during Beach Reach, according to Tammy Davis, director of special mission ministries for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Miss Davis, who has ministered around Florida beaches since 1980, said she has seen the number of unchurched students growing each year. "They're

getting harder and harder to reach," she said.

"We've got a whole generation of youth in America who are growing up without the church, without knowledge of Jesus Christ. The church has got to take a stand out in the marketplace and provide an opportunity for them to hear the gospel, some for the very first time."

Christian students at Clearwater Beach met this challenge with undaunted enthusiasm. They used a simple survey as a means of starting conversations with people on the beach.

"The survey makes it easy to witness," said Jennifer Massey, a Ouachita student from Greenville, Tex.

Christian students combed the beach surveying for several hours each day. At certain times they held tug-of-war on the beach to attract attention or drew a crowd with the help of Christian mime Doug Berky.

As people gathered to watch Berky perform or to participate in the tug-of-war surveyors made their way through the crowd, striking up conversations and presenting the gospel.

At Clearwater there were no other planned beach activities for the 50,000 vacationing students on hand. They roamed aimlessly up and down the beach and sidewalks for hours. "Most of these people are lonely," Jicka explained, saying he had no difficulty striking up conversations that led to witnessing.

A small percentage, however, did ridicule the Christian witness. But neither sunburned feet, heckling or outright rejection deterred the surveyors.

Walton Padelford, Union faculty sponsor, said the beach witnessing developed spiritual maturity in the students. "They're extremely high about their experiences. Some have led a person to Christ for the first time in their lives."

"This is an encounter with reality for many of our students," added Ian Cosh, Baptist Student Union director at Ouachita. "They may leave with a few

bruises but training is sometimes painful.

"It has toughened some of them up. When they go back home they will grab more of their opportunities to witness because they won't seem so intimidating," he said.

Whether despondent from rejection or elated from a conversion, every student met with an enthusiastic affirmation from Miss Driggers, who directs resort ministries for Suncoast Baptist Association.

Throughout the day and in a nightly

"share time" the students also encouraged each other and rejoiced with each other. On the beach they eagerly introduced each convert to other members of the group for affirmation.

Although not every student saw immediate results from their witness all had the chance to share their faith daily.

"God has given me a boldness I never knew before," said Scott Reynolds, Union student from Lyon, Mich. He expressed his enthusiasm in the language of a beach packed with college students: "I'm pumped!"



Mark Christie (left), a Ouachita Baptist University student, witnesses to a college student at Clearwater Beach, Fla.

# Eastern pilot seeks security in God, sees ministry in strike

by Joe Westbury

When Eastern Airlines pilot Jim Hopkins found himself in the middle of a strike at the 60-year-old airline, he didn't expect to learn a spiritual lesson from the labor strife.

But Hopkins, a member of First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga., an Atlanta suburb, has turned potential career disaster into a ministry to other pilots affected by the strike. Nearly 1100 Eastern pilots are based in Atlanta at the airline's largest hub.

"Eastern employees have been under tremendous stress since the airline was sold to Frank Lorenzo three years ago," Hopkins explained. Unions did not take to Lorenzo's management style and contract negotiations have been at the boiling point since the acquisition.

The Chattanooga, Tenn. native was in his 24th year with Eastern when the three-year-old labor dispute grounded the international carrier Mar. 4. Today, instead of flying Boeing 727 jets around the nation Hopkins is part of a lay ministry formed to minister to pilots caught in the dispute.

Hopkins is no stranger to personal

ministry. For 15 years he has been a volunteer in lay renewal with the Home Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission. But the ongoing stress at Eastern had taken his mind off the spiritual dimension of dealing with the labor strife, he said.

Much of his current ministry can be traced to the day his wife, Karen, challenged him to use his faith to help others at work.

"Karen said this was the perfect opportunity to witness in the marketplace to remind others that God was ultimately in control of the future," he recalled. "She reminded me that we needed to look to him for our security and daily needs, rather than our employer."

"That changed my whole attitude and opened up a lot of doors to ministry. I started going to work with a smile on my face. People began asking what I had to be so happy about and that's when I shared my faith."

"I was able to remind friends that God, not an employer, was in control of my life. That's when I came to the realization that there is life after Frank Lorenzo and Eastern Airlines."

Hopkins' biggest test came when the International Association of Machinists struck the carrier in early March and called on the pilots for support.

"It wasn't a struggle whether the unions were right or management was right," Hopkins said. "My struggle centered around my obedience to God in that situation."

"Because people were using scripture to justify a variety of stands on the issue I began to study my Bible even more closely. Though I respected the authority of my employer and felt obligated to cross the picket lines my decision eventually changed."

"I decided that unless it was illegal, immoral or unethical, the Air Line Pilots Association (pilots union) was the recognized bargainer for my contract with Eastern so I should follow their decision to honor the picket lines."

Consequently Hopkins joined 11 Christian pilots who also were seeking a biblical response to the strike. The group, which called itself the Concerned Christian Pilots Committee, has now grown to 55 members as it seeks to minister to others in the profession.

"Since we formed this group pilots

who are struggling with these same issues are coming out of the woodwork. We're hoping it will eventually provide a witness to other pilots who are not Christians," he said.

Hopkins, 50, said although he didn't want to go on strike the hours he is spending in Bible study—and extra weekdays he's giving to the Home Mission Board's Lay Renewal Department—may have far-reaching effects on his career.

"Karen and I thought we might one day be involved in some form of evangelistic missions after I retire but that may be coming sooner than we expected. I have 10 years left as a pilot but God may be calling me into another vocation."

"The Eastern turmoil has not been easy on any of us but through it I've developed a new sensitivity to his leading."

"What I've been able to share with other Eastern employes is that God never promised us wealth, riches or a life without pain or hurt. What he did promise us is that through faith in Jesus Christ he would give us the strength and grace to endure them." (BP)

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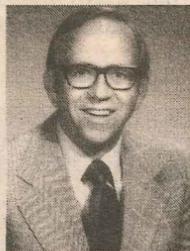
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## Church Training's new start project is Aug. 21-25

The "Big Gun" will soon be fired!

The Church Training Departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board will combine resources by conducting an intensive new start project campaign in which consultants will encourage and lead several hundred churches, previously without a discipleship program, to implement church training. The major thrust of this campaign is during the week of Aug. 21-25.

The new start project will divide Kentucky into seven regions. Douglas Strader, director, Church Training department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, will serve as a statewide coordinator along with the Sunday School Board's new start coordinator Steve Williams. Williams, a growth consultant in the Church Training department, will also serve as a regional coordinator. Other Sunday School Board Church Training personnel scheduled to serve as regional coordinators include Marlan Seward, growth consultant; Stanley Howell, manager, growth section and Wert Campbell, consultant, growth section.

Kentucky Baptists serving as regional coordinators are Jim Clontz, associate director, Church Training department, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Todd Toole, pastor, Great Crossing Baptist Church, Georgetown and Keith Rogers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Loyall. About 60 additional consultants will assist in leading sessions in churches within associations.

Church training growth has increased in Kentucky Baptist churches in recent years. In 1987, 1,752 new persons enrolled in discipleship training programs; 1988 showed a 5.7 per cent increase with 4,212. Because of these recent numerical gains,

Kentucky will eventually rank third or fourth among the 37 state conventions.

The intensive Aug. 21-25 new start project will attempt to reach the remaining 50 per cent of Kentucky Baptist churches currently without an organized discipleship training program. These churches will learn beneficial tasks of church training. These tasks include:

1. Reach persons for discipleship training.
2. Orient new church members for responsible church membership.
3. Equip church members for discipleship and personal ministry.
4. Teach Christian theology and Baptist doctrine, Christian ethics, Christian history and church polity and organization.
5. Train church leaders for ministry.
6. Interpret and undergird the work of the church and denomination.

The Sunday School Board is offering a free literature offer--up to \$75 worth of first quarter materials--to any church starting or re-starting a Church Training program. This offer includes selections of dated periodicals, Equipping Center modules, Survival Kits, LIFE courses and DiscipleYouth materials.

For information concerning new start projects or the free literature offer, contact the Church Training department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, (502) 245-4101.