

## 'Let's all go to church' premiers in Kentucky

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Its objective is to develop a greater appreciation for genuine worship of the heavenly Father.

In practical terms, that is helping churches grow in understanding of and participation in worship.

That two-pronged goal is in a five-year emphasis among Southern Baptist congregations to be called "Let's All Go to Church."

And Kentucky Baptists got a "sneak preview" of the plans over the last two weekends when they were rolled out before Kentuckians ahead of other state Baptist conventions.

Speaking at back-to-back deacon, pastor, spouse retreats in the commonwealth Feb. 16-17 and 23-24, a former Baptist Sunday School Board official highlighted the denomination's forthcoming renewed emphasis on worship.

Calling worship the "first business of the church," James C. Barry elaborated: "The beginning point of our relationship with the Lord is worship. God is not in the business of sending out people with unclean lips to bear testimony to him."

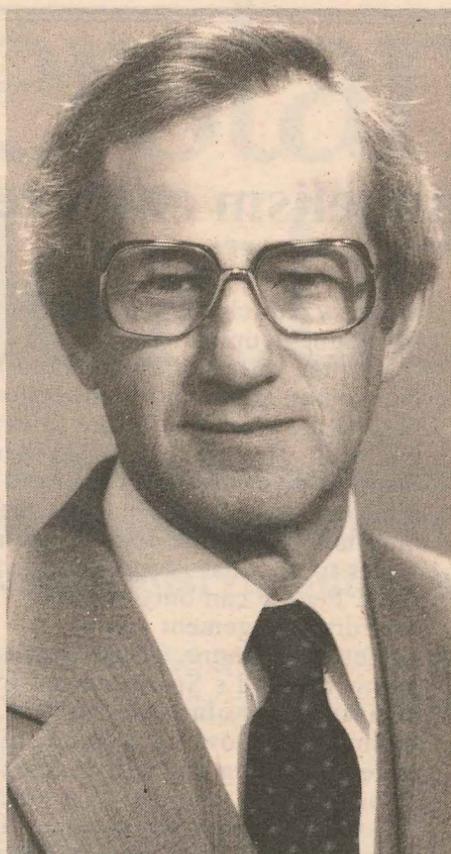
He suggested three relationships which should be important to every sincere believer: relationships with God, with the body of baptized believers and with the outside world.

The first (with God) is "enriched through worship," said Barry. The second (with believers), "through fellowship." The third (with nonbelievers), "through evangelism."

But the second and third "aren't very effective if the first one isn't."

"Let's All Go to Church" will be spotlighted through awareness interpretation conferences conducted in Southern Baptist associations, Barry said. All Sunday School Board periodicals will focus on it and it will be emphasized at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Conference centers and in other ways by board field service and editorial personnel.

A joint effort of the board's Church Administration and Church Music departments, "Let's All Go to Church" is a "working together to lift



James C. Barry

and improve Baptists' purview" of worship. Sixteen pages will be added to *Proclaim* magazine giving worship ideas, Barry noted, and a new resource piece on music in worship will be issued. A forthcoming text authored and compiled by Joe R. Stacker and Wesley Forbis, *Authentic Worship: Exalting God and Reaching People*, will highlight the scope of greater congregational worship emphasis.

The time frame for observing "Let's All Go to Church" by the denomination's nearly 38,000 congregations will be October 1990 through September 1995.

Barry, who retired last fall as a consultant with the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department, Nashville, addressed a crowd of deacons, pastors and their spouses at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park over the past weekend. He told them "Let's All Go to Church" seeks to help the church grow in its understanding of authentic Christian worship. It will attempt to create a desire among churches to plan and conduct congregational worship services "pleasing to God."

He cited John 4:23: *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

Another part of the goal of "Let's All Go to Church" is to plan and conduct promotional actions to increase worship attendance. In the fall of 1991, for instance, Barry said church clerks will be asked to begin reporting worship attendance on the denomination's Uniform Church Letter much as they now report statistics on many other areas of church life.

A specific goal of reaching 55 percent of resident members for regular Sunday morning worship attendance and 30 percent for Sunday evening attendance is projected as part of the five-year plan.

Barry admitted that it would not be "as easy to get this information" as it is to get, for example, Sunday school and Discipleship Training attendance figures. "There will be a reluctance by some to 'check in' and 'check out,'" he said. "We've been conditioned to do it in the church program organizations for many years but not in worship services in most places."

Churches will be encouraged to plan and conduct worship enrichment weekends, establish a staff and worship committee, regularly evaluate worship and project attendance emphases. In the latter group, four special services are called for annually, each having specific themes such as Sunday school classes, families, friends, neighbors and in celebration of certain church-related emphases (like heritage, music, proclamation).

Barry cautioned that Southern Baptists have been "floating along" with a "frontier theology." He said that goes back to an earlier day of brush arbor meetings and tent rallies which focused solely on the sermon and invitation, nothing else.

"We have continued to put all our attention on that," he continued, "and let other elements of worship slide."

"But every element between 11 and 12 o'clock—music, the Lord's supper, prayer, baptism, children's sermon, testimonies—can be a means of worshiping God. And laypeople can help do it."

Labeling the preaching hour a "worship event," Barry declared that worship won't be effective "unless we plan for it."

He cited a survey taken among a sampling of Southern Baptist congregations last summer showing 88 percent plan for the worship service. But 80 percent of that group said they follow the same order of service every week, he observed.

He called for variety in worship to make it more attractive and meaningful to participants.

Unless churches specifically plan for youth, said Barry, the youth will be on the back row of the balcony.

"Look at where youth are sitting in your church and that will tell you if they have 'bought into' what is happening in your church," he allowed.

Barry suggested that churches which major on false worship will die. Those that major on true worship will "issue into action back down into the valley," he concluded.

Barry was one of seven small group conference leaders at the deacon, pastor, spouse retreat Feb. 23-24 at Kentucky Dam Village, near Gilbertsville. The annual event is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, Middletown, and drew about 200 persons.

In a worship setting for the entire retreat last weekend New Testament theologian David S. Dockery continued the theme of worship.

Calling sincere worship the "ultimate priority" of our lives and of the church, Dockery recalled that another theologian, C. S. Lewis, once said: "Worship is praising that which we enjoy."

"When we learn to enjoy God then we will know how to praise him," confirmed Dockery, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary assistant professor of New Testament, Louisville.

A second priority of the church is steadfast belief, Dockery continued. That means holding "unswervingly to the hope we profess."

"When all things around us seem to be tumbling down, there is one thing that is steadfast—the faithfulness of God. That is our one constant in life," he admonished.

Finally, a third priority of the church, he said, is encouraging love.

"There is a desperate need for stimulation among us," Dockery suggested, "which only love can provide."

"When we establish these three priorities in life we can expect God's blessings," he concluded.

At another small group conference on "Managing Family Stress" during the weekend at Kentucky Dam Village, a west Kentucky minister suggested stress results "when things get out of control."

William P. Cubine, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, equated the home with a "glorified cloverleaf" highway intersection. It is there "we pass each other going to do something important."

In an informal written survey taken among conference participants, Cubine discovered that the group's major stresses in the home were two-fold: economic factors tied for first place with insufficient couple time.

For that particular group, most of whose children were grown and gone from home, an overscheduled family calendar and health questions tied for second place as stress indicators.

In third place: guilt feelings for an inability to accomplish more.

Cubine addressed the top concerns. He called for extending the resources families have through several practical steps, plus teaching the value of money to children "at an early age." He discouraged "overdoing" for children in terms of monetary expenditures.

Cubine also encouraged couples to look for ways to give "high priority" to their partners, reserving specific time to celebrate one another on a regular basis.

"The scripture says everything works together for good," he allowed. "God is with you as you go through stress but remember that stress is only temporary."

Other small group conferences during the deacon, pastor, spouse retreats featured "The Ministry of Baptist Deacons," "Lifestyle Evangelism," "Helping Folks in Crisis," "Using Our Gifts" and "Family Enrichment Series."

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### It happened at the evangelism conference...

He could have been any Kentucky pastor, from any church, from any section of the commonwealth. He might be in his first church, or he might be in his last place of service before retirement. He came to Louisville for the 1990 Evangelism Conference. He might be a graduate of the seminary or he might be a bivocational pastor who has taken two precious days of vacation to be here. He may be the only minister his church has or he might have one or more ministers with whom to work. It's the year of *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you*. Maybe his church is cooperating with the emphasis, maybe not.

He sat and listened, sang hymns, spoke to people, greeted old friends, made new ones. He went out to the book store. He stood in the foyer and talked. When the preaching started he listened. He laughed at the new jokes and thought about how he would be preaching the text the preacher has chosen. He wondered if anybody has died back home or if his wife was trying to reach him.

Sometime during the conference, he started thinking: if only we could have results like that back home! He thought about his own church and how few people were won to Christ last year, how few were baptized. Perhaps he felt ashamed. Or maybe even a hint of jealousy. These featured preachers are so on fire, so full of energy, so full of stories about the style of evangelism in their lives. His ministry seems so empty compared to theirs.

He thought about his deacons the last time he tried to get them all to go out visiting with him. Their enthusiasm left a little to be desired. Or the last time he tried to lead his Sunday school teachers to perk up the outreach program. They came to a meeting or two, that was about it. Or when he led a witness training program and only a handful showed up.

Then he remembered the member of his church who let him know that the church wasn't growing, looked at him right straight as he said it. He felt a flush of resentment then, and he still does. This pastor remembered the last time he got out the same old tired Sunday school rolls to search for the unbaptized still there. He thought about the last time he blew the dust for the prospect book which hadn't been updated in six months. Maybe he thought about

that new church a few miles down the road where all the young couples went.

At that point he remembered his own preaching. Not so hot, compared to the fellows on the program. Maybe his church's failure to evangelize the lost is his fault. He just hasn't led them right, just hasn't inspired them. He loves the Lord and he knows that the Lord loves him. He loves the church, though he may not be as sure that the church loves him. He wants to do what is right but he lacks the energy to do it. People can only say "No!" so many times before discouragement sets in.

Yet, right there, in that lowest point of discouragement, God's Spirit started to move. A verse of scripture, a point in a sermon, an illustration, a hymn—somehow right in the middle of the conference something mysterious happens. A little flicker of hope hits, a glimmer of a renewed call, a fleeting blast from a heavenly trumpet that calls to service. Something is stirring down there. The images of uncooperative and satisfied church members fade. The feelings of inadequacy go down. The idea of a God who entrusts his message to ordinary people grabs hold.

And this discouraged pastor looked up and let God start speaking to him. What does it matter—one baptism or a hundred? Win them one at a time. One old faithful deacon to help, or a room full, what does it matter? Motivate them one at a time. Sermon plans that yesterday looked dry are filled with new promise. Then it dawned on him. It is possible, where I am, as I am. The message of the great love of God is his to preach, the story of the great gift of God in Christ is his to share, the glory of the struggle with the world is his to experience. Right there, in that way, revival began for that pastor's church. Right there, in that way, evangelism became new. Right there, in that way, new strength was found and souls unknown were marked down in glory who the Lord God knew this pastor will reach tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

It happened at the evangelism conference, you can count on it. Pray that it happened to more than one. Pray that it happened to many. Maybe it happened to you.

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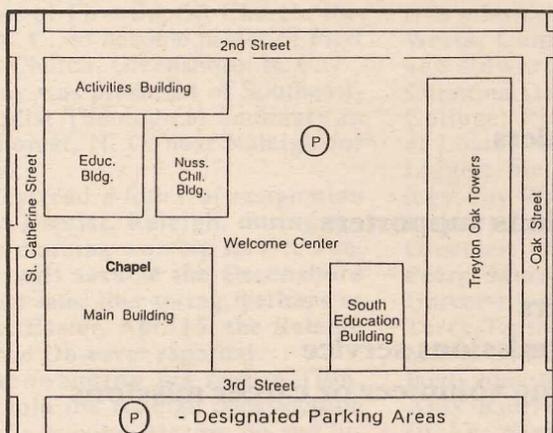
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### Old soldiers never die

Another old soldier has fallen. Our former Baptist Building colleague, Forrest R. Sawyer, claimed his heavenly reward Feb. 7.

I was riding in the back seat of his car once while a Brotherhood Commission staffer from Memphis rode in the passenger seat beside him. Both of us knew Forrest was highly opinionated. It happened the other fellow was as highly charged, too, with positions on nearly everything contradicting Forrest's. I heard words that day which I later told Calvin Fields I had to look up in the dictionary. The two got louder and madder the further we rode. It's funny now, but before we got to Danville I remember looking for a place to jump out.

Shortly after I returned to Kentucky 15 years ago Forrest invited me to accompany him on a trip to southeastern Kentucky. It included a visit to Pineville—my first in 34 years—and the city of my birth. He thoughtfully took me by the house my family had lived in and photographed me in front of it.

We went over to Oneida on that same trip to see the school and to meet Barkley Moore. Barkley insisted on taking me on a guided tour, a fact Forrest had already anticipated. Forrest waited in the car, cautioning Barkley that we had only 25 minutes at Oneida in order to make an engagement at Barbourville. Twenty-five minutes later, a quarter of the way through the tour, the car horn sounded and Forrest yelled, "Get in the car, Jim!" Barkley came over and pushed for more time. Forrest again ordered me inside and as we sped away, gravel flying, he admonished Barkley: "I told you you had 25 minutes and your time is up!" I never said 'goodby' to Barkley, but that's ok. Each time I've returned to Oneida I've taken that tour in full.

Calvin, Forrest, Byrd Ison, Grady Randolph and I shared many a meal, once or twice every week. I recounted in a column in 1985 that—any day Forrest went—you knew he would drive.

I remember one spot we must have had a hundred meals in. Forrest would peruse the menu as if he had never seen it, then casually call for a "dressed hamburger, cup of coffee, piece of chess pie." His request didn't vary once in 100 visits; in fact, I would quote it to the waitress as he said it while Calvin held his sides laughing.

Old soldiers never die, for the memory of them lingers. I smile as I think of Forrest and imagine there are a few long faces in heaven, too.

## baptist news briefs

### FMB trustees uphold policy on divorce

Foreign Mission Board trustees unanimously agreed Feb. 14 that the board continue its longstanding policy of not appointing divorced people as missionaries.

The trustee action, following a yearlong study, was in response to a motion adopted at the 1988 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting calling for an evaluation of the mission board's divorce policy.

"From the outset, our committee was determined to do a comprehensive study of the matter of appointing missionary personnel with a history of divorce," said Harmon Moore of Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the special trustee committee that studied the divorce issue and recommended reaffirmation of the policy.

The committee studied theological issues surrounding divorce, Christian ministry and divorce, missiological and practical issues and other relevant matters. It also gathered information from surveys sent to other evangelical missionary sending groups, theological papers written by committee members and surveys of national attitudes in 116 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work.

According to the overseas survey only seven percent of the national Baptist leaders questioned said missionaries who had been divorced

would be received well in their countries; 78 percent said they would not accept or would accept with reservations missionaries who had been divorced.

Among missionaries questioned, 14 percent said their missionary colleagues would not accept a divorced missionary; 63 percent said they would accept a divorced missionary with reservations. Ten percent would willingly receive a divorced person as a coworker. (BP)

### SBTS to host conferences on missions and families

Residents of Kentucky and Indiana have a unique opportunity to learn more about missions, according to Richard Cunningham, professor of Christian philosophy at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Cunningham is also chairman of the Global Mission Week committee which is coordinating a missions emphasis week Mar. 10-16.

The week will be highlighted by a missions rally Mar. 13. The rally, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Chapel, will feature R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition, next week, Feb. 26-Mar. 2, the seminary will host a conference titled "Caring for the Family in the 1990's." The event is cosponsored by the seminary's Gheens Cen-

ter for Christian Family Ministry, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Several professors and family ministry practitioners will be speaking.

Information about the family ministry conference is available from the seminary's continuing education department at (502) 897-4315.

### WMU names national associate executive

Joyce Mitchell has been named associate executive director at Woman's Missionary Union, effective March 1. She will direct the work of the missions services system in WMU's Birmingham, Ala. national office.

Miss Mitchell will fill the position formerly held by Catherine Allen who left the WMU in October to become executive director of the Samford University Sesquicentennial Commission.

In her new position Miss Mitchell will oversee the staff services and publishing services sections. Mitchell has been director of the WMU interpretation section. She originally is from Michigan, where she worked as state WMU executive director, 1979-84.

Betty Merrell, age-level magazines group manager at the national WMU office, will succeed Miss Mitchell as director of the interpretation section.

Mrs. Merrell originally is from Oklahoma. She joined the WMU staff in 1983 as editor of the adult missions magazine, Royal Service. Merrell and her husband, Ron, were Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Vietnam, 1964-74. (BP)

### Doctrine study previews slated for mid March

The Discipleship Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has announced details of its 1990 Kentucky doctrine study previews.

Ralph Hodge, editor of *Discipleship Training*, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training Department, will be study leader. He is a native of Kentucky and former Kentucky pastor.

Dates and locations for the previews are Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, Mar. 12; Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Mar. 13; Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, Mar. 14; Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, Mar. 15; First Baptist Church, Princeton, Mar. 16. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. until noon at all locations.

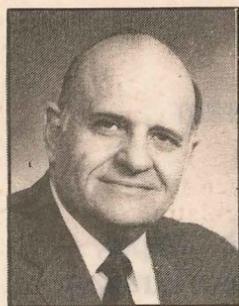
For information: Douglas T. Strader, director, or James G. Clontz, associate director, Discipleship Training Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253, (502) 245-4101.

# Kentuckiana Global Mission Rally

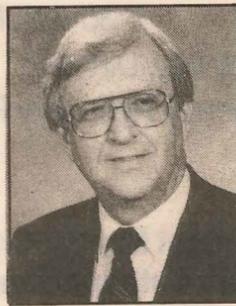
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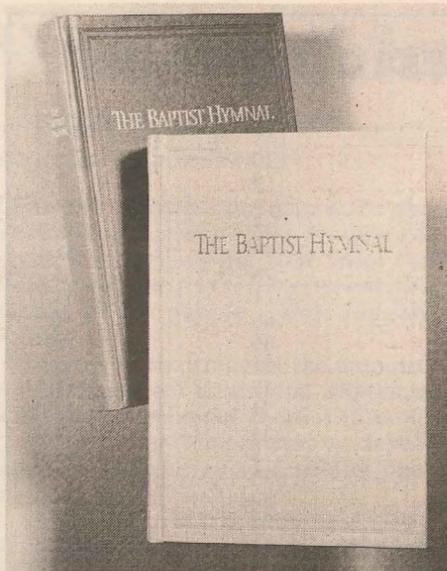


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For orders paid in full by Sept. 30, 1990 gifts will be given in addition to price discounts. For quantities of 50 to 499, a free copy of the minister of music supplement edition (\$34.95 value) will be included. Orders of 500 to 1499 will receive at no charge a copy of the minister of music edition and an organ edition which sells for \$49.95. For orders of more than 1500 copies, a piano edition (49.95) will be given along with the organ and minister of music editions.

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### Lolley resigns Raleigh to take Greensboro post

W. Randall Lolley has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Lolley was president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. near Raleigh for 14 years.

Lolley read a letter of resignation to First Baptist, Raleigh, during the Sunday morning worship service Feb. 11. He will assume the Greensboro pastorate later this spring, perhaps as early as Easter, Apr. 15, the Raleigh News and Observer reported.

In announcing his resignation, Lolley told the Raleigh congregation that he is moving because he and his wife need more distance from Southeastern Seminary and because of their ties to First Baptist, Greensboro.

Lolley was associate pastor of First Baptist of Greensboro in the late 1950s, immediately after completing two degrees at Southeastern Seminary.

In Greensboro, he will succeed Alton H. McEachern, who took a leave of absence in September 1987 and resigned in March 1988. (BP)

### KBC Student Department names summer missionaries

Sixty-seven Kentucky college students will serve as 1990 Baptist Student Union summer missionaries according to the Student Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Eight have been assigned foreign mission positions: Lynette Baldwin, Cumberland, Kei Baptist Mission; David Carpenter, University of Kentucky, Israel; and in Brazil, David Bristow, Centre; Joy Morris, Mid-Continent; Beth Bale, Georgetown; James Eades and Andrea Ramage, University of Kentucky; Robert Sutherland, University of Louisville.

Nineteen will fill home missions positions: Stephanie Mashburn, Western Kentucky, Arizona; Catherine Rhodes, Campbellsville, California; Earl Pinkston, Georgetown, Kansas/Nebraska, Stephanie Thomas, Kentucky State, South Carolina; Jennifer Roberts, Murray State, North Carolina; from Berea, Amy Ellis, Canada, and Della Justice, Utah/Idaho; from Eastern Kentucky, Phillip Champion, Georgia, and Stephanie Robinson, Hawaii; from Cumberland, Hoover Lee, Kansas/Nebraska, and Janet Wilson, South Carolina; from University of Kentucky, Robin Rains, Arkansas, Laura Rock, Utah/Idaho, Robert Smithouser, South Carolina, and Tammy Howard, Texas; from University of Louisville, Mike Corus, Washington, D. C., Bryan Crady, Florida, Stephanie McIntosh, Louisiana, and James Sutherland, Wyoming.

Missionaries in Kentucky include Chris Hedges, Morehead State, and Phil Gibbs, Hopkinsville Community College, Liberty Association; Angela Kidwell, University of Louisville, Greenup Association; Kim King, Georgetown, and Dorinda Walker, Paducah Community College, Nelson Association; Elizabeth Baird, University of Louisville, and Emily DeRossett, Alice Lloyd, Russell County Association; Dale McHenry, Berea, and Chris Dotson, Georgetown, Oak Grove Association; Marilyn Bault, Campbellsville, and Jwain White, Murray State, Camp Joy; Audrey Vaughn, Murray State, and Laura Brandon, University of Kentucky, Spring Meadows.

Students will also participate in five mission teams: Son Burst: Laura Werts, Cumberland, Jacob Vincent and Edward Wesley, Georgetown, Christina Davis, Paducah Community College, Richard Foster, University of Louisville; Son Celebration, Stacy Liggett, Henderson Community College, Joy Wallace, Jeffrey Driggs and Robert Roy, Cumberland, Jerett Gieseler, Morehead State, Shannan Peery, Murray State, Joseph Jenkins, University of Louisville; Son Praise: Terry Tipton, Campbellsville, Tina Miller and Shannon Harter, Cumberland, Amy Cade, Northern Kentucky, Amy Reeves, University of Kentucky; Son Share: Tony Carney, Georgetown, Keith Farmer, Morehead, John Griffith and Michelle Hudson, Northern Kentucky, Rebecca



Kim Keen (facing camera) signs and sings "Jesus Loves Me" with Jennifer Stevens during children's church at North Carleston (W. Va.) Baptist Church. A member of the church's youth group and a Mission Friend teacher, Kim exemplifies the 1990 Youth Week theme, "Commissioning: Direction for Service." Youth Week will be observed Mar. 11-18 in many churches and is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training Department.

Morris, University of Louisville; Son Bound: Cynthia Gore, Campbellsville, Michael Steely, Cumberland, Kimberly Beam, Morehead, Michael Sanders, University of Kentucky, Scott Mikels, Morehead.

### Hoax still making rounds; concerns O'Hair rumor

A petition opposing a move to ban religious broadcasting on radio and television is based on false information.

The RM2493 petition has been appearing from time to time for a decade. "RM2493" refers to a resolution presented to the Federal Communication Commission 11 years ago. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, renowned atheist, played no part in promotion of the resolution, contrary to statements in the circulating petition. The FCC flatly rejected the resolution when it was presented. In fact, laws regulating the FCC prohibit it from censoring broadcast material that is

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The petition's only accomplishment has been the irritation caused by a deluge of phone calls to state Baptist convention buildings. Personnel at many state conventions have requested that readers of Baptist papers such as Western Recorder be told to ignore the RM2493 petition.

### Senior adults to meet at Cedarmore, J. Creek

Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies have announced details for senior adult retreats to be held in May. The retreats run May 7-9 at Jonathan Creek, near Aurora, and May 14-16 at Cedarmore, near Bagdad.

The retreats will feature recreation and conferences on topics of interest to senior adults.

Depending on number of persons per room, the costs range from \$46-\$63, meals included. Reservation may be made by contacting the assemblies. More information is available by contacting John Lepper at Family Ministry/Church Administration Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253; or at (502) 245-4101.

### Elementary workers to Nashville in April

Children's specialists from Tennessee, Texas and Missouri will speak at a conference for children's workers in Nashville Apr. 9-12.

"Children in Our Midst—Lead Them" is the theme for the preschool and children's workers seminar which begins Monday evening and concludes Thursday morning. It will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel.

The seminar includes six interest conference periods offering more than 20 choices, a film and video festival and six general sessions.

Registration is \$60 and must be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203 by Mar. 15.



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# Unsolved mystery claims lives of Graves County families

by Pauline Stegall, State Correspondent

Tragedies involving a Graves County family, most of them Baptist, leave a myriad of unanswered questions.

An unsolved kidnapping remains shrouded in mystery. A plane crash which followed took the lives of most of those who had any clues.

The chain of events began Sept. 11 when Melinda Barber Yancy left home at 2:30 for the Murray State University Book Store to pick up a workbook for a student. She told her son she would return at 4:00.

Belinda, with her husband, Chuck, and children Shane, 15, and Sumer, 11 had plans to attend their church, Mayfield's High Point Baptist, where a revival was in progress that Monday evening. It was family night. Chuck drove the bus and was an usher, so he and the children didn't wait when Belinda failed to return by church time.

When the service began, Chuck became worried and the large, close-knit family of aunts, uncles and cousins at church became aware of Belinda's absence. Chuck notified Belinda's cousin, Terry Sanders, who had recently joined the Mayfield police force. An APB was put out immediately.

The search continued fruitlessly for several days.

The following Thursday Belinda was found in Daytona Beach, Fla. in a disoriented condition. She had wandered up to a lifeguard and reported she was lost. Her hair had been cut and dyed and there was evidence of restraints having been used. Authorities believed she had been drugged.

She was eventually able to state her name and address.

After the family was notified, they made plans for her return. "A loving environment, not too many surprises," the family was advised.

A decision was made for Chuck, officer Sanders and wife and Charles Nelson, a Graves County minister and uncle of Belinda, to fly to Florida by commercial plane. A relative in Orlando offered the use of his private plane for the return trip. A car was left at the Mayfield airport for the return trip. In order to keep the homecoming quiet, only close friends and family were notified.

Mary Nelson, wife of Charles Nelson, sat with a daughter at home on Friday night waiting. A news flash came on the TV screen that a plane coming in from Florida had gone down in the fog and drizzle about a mile from the local airport.

"That's Daddy," Mary made a simple statement. "They would be the only ones coming into Mayfield from Florida this time of night."

Killed Sept. 15 when the Beechcraft twin-engine hit a tree because of zero visibility were six people.

Belinda, the victim of the abduction, was not only a wife and mother but a teacher of the hearing impaired at Mayfield High School. She had learned sign language at church and felt God had led her into the field of hearing impairment. She finished her education after she had a family.

A member of High Point Baptist, Belinda worked with the church youth.

She had known tragedy in 1963 when her father, sister and cousin—returning from a skating rink while in California—were hit by a drunk driver and killed.

Charles 'Chuck' Yancy, husband of Belinda, was a devoted father and committed churchman. He held at least five positions in the High Point Church.

Charles Nelson, 68, retired from a 28-year pastorate of Cuba Baptist Church, left a legacy of being one of the most respected ministers in Graves County Association.

The son and brother of Baptist preachers, Nelson had led Cuba Church to increase mission giving from 10 percent to 25 percent. Training Union and WMU at Cuba were especially strong.

Nelson had held four interim pastorates since his retirement in 1985 and had earlier pastored Chapel Hill and Sharon Baptist churches.

When Belinda's father was killed, Charles and Mary Nelson took Mary's sister and her daughter into their home for several months. Nelson was pastor-counselor to Belinda and almost a surrogate father.

His last act was typical of his unselfish life. He had left the funeral of a friend to be of assistance of the Florida trip.

Other passengers were officer Sanders and wife, Melissa. The couple had recently graduated from Eastern Kentucky University.

The Sun quotes Mayfield mayor Virgil Gilliam as saying, "Sanders was a fine police officer who's really going to be missed. He had great interest in law enforcement. No one ever knew a better kid."

John Haag, 31, of Georgia was an experienced pilot, familiar with the Mayfield airport. He left a wife and a three-year-old daughter. Those who knew Haag described him as a Christian man, undoubtedly doing his best to reunite the disturbed family as soon as possible.

An open house memorial service was held at High Point Church. Hundreds of people came.

Area Baptists responded tremendously to the family tragedy.

"The young people of our church seem to have formed a good support for Shane and Sumer since the death of their parents," Al Cobb, pastor of High Point, mentioned. "They live with their grandmother and continue to be active in church. Everyone helps to keep them busy."

Belinda's car was found abandoned on a college campus in Georgia. The case is still under investigation by the FBI but no results have been reported.

"The family has dealt with this in a terrific way," stated Cobb. "They have been through the gamut of emotions. They are all people of strong faith and it shows."

"I told the family I wished there was a button to push to bring some understanding. The only source of comfort I could offer is to assure them of the healing power of prayer."

Mary Nelson agreed. "That's what sustains us—prayer. Otherwise we couldn't have coped."

## Top 101 churches in baptisms

Church	Association	Total Baptism	Per Capita
1. Mt. Zion	West Union	145	5.4
2. Highview	Long Run	130	40.6
3. Oneida	Booneville	119	17.6
4. Immanuel	Elkhorn	119	33.0
5. Porter Memorial	Elkhorn	93	36.0
6. Severns Valley	Severns Valley	80	41.1
7. Central	Mt. Zion	76	35.7
8. Hopkinsville, Second	Christian Co.	71	34.1
9. New Prospect	Booneville	66	1.5
10. Providence	Simpson	66	10.7
11. Ohio Valley	Ohio River	61	6.5
12. Binghamtown	Bell Co.	59	41.5
13. Ninth & O	Long Run	54	47.0
14. Stithton	Severns Valley	54	27.4
15. Valley View	Long Run	53	48.5
16. Eastwood	Warren	53	24.1
17. Florence	Northern KY	52	34.0
18. Gardenside	Elkhorn	51	37.5
19. Whitesburg, First	Three Forks	51	32.3
20. Jeffersonville	Boones Creek	49	9.1
21. Yellow Creek	Daviess-McLean	49	26.2
22. Glendale	Warren	49	64.0
23. New Life	Graves Co.	48	8.4
24. Pikeville, First	Pike	48	26.9
25. Living Hope	Warren	48	17.0
26. Old Yellow Creek	Bell	47	23.4
27. Rose Hill, Missionary	Greenup	46	37.7
28. Beaver Dam	Ohio Co.	45	28.0
29. Korean, First	Severns Valley	45	9.5
30. Hardin	Blood River	44	9.9
31. Pleasant Grove	Daviess-McLean	44	14.8
32. Owensboro, First	Daviess-McLean	43	60.7
33. Pleasant View	Lincoln Co.	42	19.1
34. Bellview	West Union	42	25.5
35. Greenville, Second	Muhlenberg	41	21.7
36. Hall Street	Daviess-McLean	39	30.7
37. Farmdale	Long Run	39	38.1
38. Walnut Street	Long Run	39	163.7
39. Shelbyville	Shelby Co.	39	42.9
40. DeHaven Memorial	Sulphur Fork	38	38.7
41. Bowling Green, First	Warren	38	82.3
42. Paducah, First	West Union	38	83.1
43. Mt. Vernon Missionary	Gasper River	36	7.4
44. Erlanger	Northern Ky.	36	43.7
45. Vine Grove	Severns Valley	36	61.2
46. Southside	Caldwell-Lyon	35	26.4
47. Hopkinsville, First	Christian County	35	54.7
48. Oak Grove, First	Christian County	35	4.6
49. Edgewood	Elkhorn	35	22.7
50. Carlisle Ave.	Long Run	35	65.3
51. Marion	Ohio River	35	20.5
52. Rocky Ridge	Little River	34	9.8
53. Little Flock	Long Run	34	46.3
54. Parrish Ave.	Daviess-McLean	33	19.3
55. Hopewell	Mercer	33	14.2
56. Eaton Memorial	Daviess-McLean	32	18.0
57. Macedonia	Daviess-McLean	32	23.7
58. Temple	Daviess-McLean	32	19.6
59. Calvary	Laurel River	32	23.1
60. Big Bone	Northern Ky.	32	12.7
61. Campbellsville	Taylor Co.	32	70.0
62. Post Oak	Bethel	31	50.3
63. Liberty, First	Casey Co.	31	20.5
64. Pleasant Memorial	Daviess-McLean	31	7.9
65. Calvary	Elkhorn	31	84.4
66. Trace Creek	Graves Co.	31	17.4
67. Sandusky Chapel	Wayne Co.	31	38.7
68. Friendship	Boones Creek	30	10.4
69. Lily	Laurel River	30	10.1
70. Dawson Springs, First	Little Bethel	30	27.7
71. Fellowship	Mercer	30	26.1
72. Hickory Grove	Northern Ky.	30	50.7
73. Franklin Crossroads	Severns Valley	30	17.0
74. Henderson, First	Green Valley	29	46.0
75. Zion	Green Valley	29	28.9
76. Glasgow	Liberty	29	71.9
77. Bethlehem	Long Run	29	75.1
78. Calvary	Muhlenberg	29	25.0
79. Rineyville	Severns Valley	29	19.0
80. Princeton, First	Caldwell-Lyon	28	53.7
81. Burkesville	Freedom	28	11.0
82. Canton	Little River	28	10.9
83. Hopewell	Mt. Zion	28	15.6
84. Apple Grove	North Concord	28	7.9
85. Central	Boones Creek	27	73.4
86. Owensboro, Third	Daviess-McLean	27	74.0
87. Trinity	Elkhorn	27	54.2
88. Camp Pleasant	Franklin	27	18.1
89. Wingo	Graves Co.	27	14.6
90. Hyland	Green Valley	27	34.6
91. Immanuel	Liberty	27	4.0
92. Corn Creek	Mt. Zion	27	4.6
93. Flat Creek Missionary	Mt. Zion	27	4.1
94. Meta	Pike	27	25.9
95. Russellville, First	Bethel	26	41.6
96. Lewisport	Blackford	26	29.5
97. North View	Elkhorn	26	22.9
98. Tatesbrook	Elkhorn	26	13.7
99. New Hope	Logan Co.	26	6.9
100. Grace	Pike	26	20.7
101. Calvary	South District	26	31.5

# HERE'S HOPE TODAY

## Who, not if, important to Lexington mission

by Jane T. Howell  
State Correspondent

"Our evangelism committee for the *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* revival was formed not just from the wishes of the pastor but from the wishes of the people," Dell Jagers states.

Jagers is chairman of the committee for Southeast Lexington Baptist, a mission of Immanuel Baptist Church. "Our people are committed to devoting time and energy to reaching people for Christ."

Pastor John Mark Toby said, "My two ministry objectives are to reach people for Christ and teach people about Christ. And my people know these."

"Each year on New Year's Eve we ask for a specific number of souls to reach for the Lord. Last year we asked for 25 and had 33. This year since January we have had over 10 decisions. There is an air of excitement and revival has already begun. We don't think *if* somebody is coming today but *who* is coming today!"

The mission's *Here's Hope* revival will be May 20-23.

"On Man o' War from Nicholasville Road and Interstate 75 there is a 13-mile stretch where there is no church outside Man o' War, the southern loop around Lexington. In fact the whole southeast section has only one church to minister to 60,000 to 70,000 people," Toby stressed.

Plans for Southeast Lexington Baptist Mission's revival are for an old fashioned tent meeting. The tent, borrowed from Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Mission Depart-

ment, will be erected behind the Lexington Ice Center where the mission meets.

Dr. Jerry Browning, pastor, First Baptist Church, Liberty, will lead the services. Minister of music Lynn Mitchell will coordinate the music.

Special emphases are planned for the nights of revival. One will be "mother church night" with members of Immanuel Baptist Church visiting. Others will emphasize bringing a work associate, family night, youth and Sunday school night.

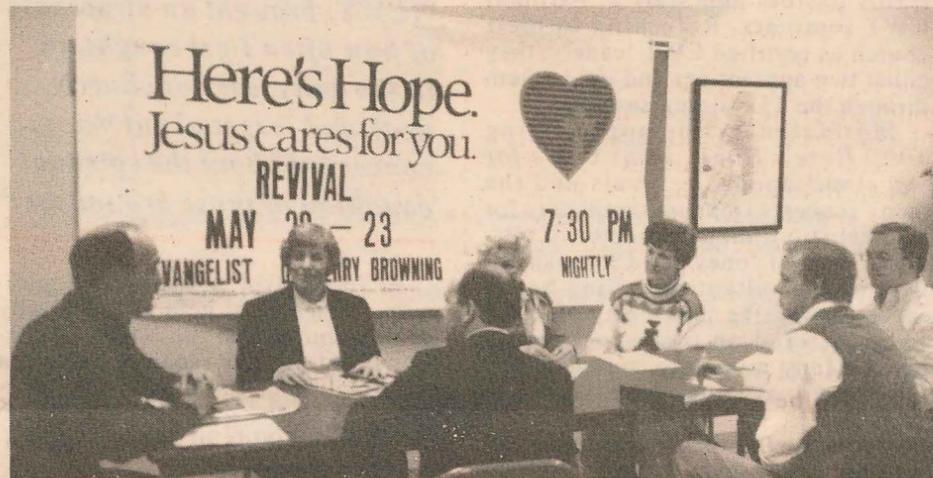
The newly formed evangelism committee of Southeast Baptist Mission is not only for *Here's Hope* revival planning but for continued witness. "The only qualification to be on the committee was to be concerned for the souls of people," Jagers said.

Committee members include a re-

tired nurse, laymen, a new Christian of the church and retired missionary, Mrs. Novella Bender. Mrs. Bender shared, "I felt working in the mission was more in line with what I'd been doing. One of my greatest joys on the mission field was starting new churches."

Jagers echoed, "The goal of many in the *Here's Hope* campaign is to start new churches. Although we have a cross section of people in our church, the primary group is young couples. Outreach and Bible studies are used in the apartment complexes to reach these people."

What are plans after revival? "We hope we'll have property in 1990 and be working toward constitution of our church," Toby said. "We want to grow, build and start another area of mission work."



Members of Southeast Lexington Baptist Mission's evangelism committee (l to r): chairman Dell Jagers, Penny Gilmore, pastor John Mark Toby, Novella Bender, Nancy Issacs, Al Ledford, Ed Davis.

### HMB advises early orders

*Here's Hope* promotional materials are in great demand, according to Home Mission Board's Mass Evangelism Department. "If you wait until two weeks before your revival we'll have trouble helping you," stated Ron Johnson, editor at the HMB. The best way to order materials is by calling toll free 1-800-458-1990.

### HMB offers "VictoryLine" for 'Here's Hope' reports

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will open a *Here's Hope* Victory Line for callers to report results of the denomination's simultaneous revivals Mar. 18-Apr. 29.

The number is (404) 898-7589. Staff members from the board's Mass Evangelism Department will take calls between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. eastern time, Mondays through Fridays. The number is not toll free.

Richard Harris, department director, said he hopes to hear from pastors, associational directors of missions and laypeople who experience victories in their churches through the *Here's Hope* revivals. Callers may give testimonies, report professions of faith, baptisms or other decisions, he explained.

Testimonies given by callers could reflect victories that statistical reports will not show, Harris added. Some of these testimonies will be incorporated into news articles distributed through the Atlanta bureau of Baptist Press.

About 80 percent of Southern Baptists' 37,000 churches are planning to participate in the simultaneous revivals, Harris said. (BP)

## HMB evangelism vp finds a "welling up of the Spirit"

by Suzanne Darland  
State Correspondent

An estimated 167 million people are lost in the United States.

They are the prospects for this spring's simultaneous revival emphasis, *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you*.



Robinson

But is the Home Mission Board's vice president for evangelism, Darrell Robinson, daunted by the overwhelming figure?

Hardly.

"We have the team in place to reach America in a short time," he said in an interview prior to his participation in this week's state evangelism conference. He is speaking Monday and Tuesday nights.

"Southern Baptist churches already dot the country; we just need to go forward."

Robinson, who by his position is evangelism leader of the nationwide revivals, urges every church to "identify geographic areas they accept primary responsibility for" in concert with other churches in their association.

"Then literally saturate that area." If the 37,000 Southern Baptist

churches in this country will seek "total participation of their congregations and total penetration of their geographic areas," Robinson predicts, 150,000 to 200,000 persons could "easily" be reached "and baptized for the glory of God."

Such a total effort will require many hours of door-to-door surveying, scripture distribution and personal witnessing, but Robinson believes Baptists are up to it.

"Whenever a man or woman is totally committed to Jesus, we're going to see them do these things."

And in recent travels to Wyoming, California, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama, "I'm finding a welling up of the Spirit," he added.

He said Christians have realized that business as usual means 67 percent of Southern Baptist churches have plateaued and are not growing. It means that 6210 churches did not baptize a single person last year and that 1000 of those churches have gone as long as four years without baptizing anyone.

"We Baptists have realized we're in a very serious state," he intoned. "I believe out of a sense of need and crisis there's a desire to see this movement turned in a different direction."

Robinson says he's encouraged by what seems to be "a new hunger among the people of God to serve."

"Churches are getting back to the basics of personal witnessing and

soul winning."

There's been an exceptional demand, he said, for a new training program, *People Sharing Jesus in the Marketplace*. This is an emphasis on so-called marketplace evangelism that trains Christians to witness wherever they go.

"Every person can minister 24 hours a day; he can share Christ at the point of need."

He said churches are also clamoring for training in such traditional methods as Continuing Witness Training and Lay Evangelism schools.

"But they want a more person-centered approach to witnessing without a canned approach."

Robinson expects a successful series of revivals because he sees what he calls three basic characteristics of revival already coming about: prayer, a spirit of unity and obedience to the Lord.

"Here's Hope is promoting prayer, but I see it happening beyond just these revivals," he mused. He said spiritual awareness and prayer conferences are being scheduled by churches and associations "everywhere."

Christians are finally "feeling a sense of desperation" sending them looking for "a fresh touch from the Lord," he added.

Robinson also senses a spirit of unity among churches that may have spent more than a decade of sparring.

"We're realizing we can have diversity without divisiveness and unity without uniformity."

These simultaneous revivals, with a goal to reach America with the gospel, are calling for a spirit of cooperation. "It's something not just one church or one group can do," he explained.

"All of us are part of a corporate life," he mused. "We long to see the movement of God across the entire nation."

That's what makes scheduling a simultaneous revival more far-reaching than a church's individual annual spring revival.

But he doesn't pretend that holding the *Here's Hope* revivals is the answer to declining baptisms and apathy toward missions.

"We periodically need these events to motivate and reap the harvest, to rally around and create excitement," he explained.

Intertwined with the revivals themselves are training in soul winning and in prospect discovery. Christians are reminded anew of the importance of prayer and personal accountability to the lost. These are lasting effects that motivate Christians to continue to reach people long after March and April have been crossed off the calendar.

"A revival causes commitment," he noted. "That's when we really experience evangelism."

# HERE'S HOPE

## HOPEFUL SIGNS

Graves County Association held a Here's Hope rally Feb. 18. The anticipated crowd forced rally leaders to reserve the Graves County High School which seats 5200. They report 90% participation by churches in the association. More than 125 turned out for the first revival choir rehearsal and leaders trained 79 as counselors for the rally. Plans are to air the video of the rally on cable TV. Full coverage of the event is coming in a later issue of Here's Hope Today.

Northside Baptist Chapel, Elizabethtown, surveyed a total of 289 homes in preparation for Here's Hope. Of those surveyed, 45 were prospects. To date, 18 decisions have resulted from the survey. Fifteen were first time decisions and 12 have followed with baptism. Sunday school enrolment has increased by 20 people since the survey. Sunday school and worship attendance have also increased as a direct result of the survey work.

## LIFE IMPACT

"Daddy, come go to church with me." Those words still echo in the mind of John Marshall whenever he recalls his decision to follow Christ.

Marshall, a Shepherdsville businessman, became a Christian 21 years ago. In childhood he had a variety of denominational experiences.

"I did have a mom who was very God-centered," he remembers, "though sometimes we were not in church. I don't think you ever leave that."

As a young adult Marshall forgot his early teaching, "going his own way." Even after he married he and his wife seldom attended any church.

When his sister-in-law offered to take his young daughter Denise to church, Marshall did not object. "We made sure she got there but we never went with her," he recalls. "For two years she pestered her dad to 'Come go to church with me,' so finally I did. She was a very persistent young lady who kept encouraging me."

After a few weeks of attending Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Okalona, Marshall responded to the invitation. He is now deacon chairman of First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association.

What advice does Marshall give others who have lost family members? "Never give up. Over the two years Denise must have been very discouraged and tempted to give up but she didn't. If you've got someone you really love you can never give up."

Denise Spencer

## DIRECTIONS

"Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.'"

(Acts 2:38-39, NIV)

## Northern Kentucky Baptists "blaze trail" in Continuing Witness Training quest

by Barbara Willie  
Special Correspondent

Seven Northern Kentucky pastors and staff memorized scriptures, studied, attended weekly classes, visited, completed assignments and prayed "a lot" for eight weeks. All of it was in preparation for *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you.*

That's what it took to complete the requirements for Continuing Witness Training certification. Their 13-week sessions were a departure from the procedure promoted by the Home Mission Board in that it took place on the associational level.

CWT, a witnessing program developed by the Home Mission Board, trains pastors and staff at national CWT seminars. Returning to their church as certified CWT leaders, they enlist two apprentices and guide them through the 13 training sessions.

Motivated by the approaching 1990 *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* simultaneous revivals and the many requests from area ministers for evangelistic training, director of missions Randall Jones and Christian education consultant Guy King began investigating the possibility of CWT being offered on the associational level. Many ministers cannot attend CWT seminars due to distance and cost.

Kentucky Baptist Convention's Office for Evangelism director William D. Jagers encouraged Jones to pursue the idea of CWT within the association. He also made resources available which helped in keeping costs down.

However, getting the go-ahead from the HMB was not as easy.

Frustrated, David Hockney, pastor of Mentor Baptist Church, California, Ky., wrote in a letter to the HMB: "I

have always felt our mission was to use every resource at our disposal to win the lost and develop believers. I find it hard to believe you would be willing to deprive a fellow minister of the opportunity to be instructed by a trained CWT leader and eventually be able to implement this program in my church."

Soon the door opened and the necessary training materials were on the way.

With Here's Hope only months away, King, who had recently been certified at a national CWT seminar in Lexington, enlisted three other nationally trained pastors as equippers.

*"(CWT) brought an awareness of how often I get caught up in the daily tasks of church work and forget about being... concerned about the spiritual condition of those around me."*

To keep travel and costs to a minimum classes were held at a centrally located church and the NKBA Ministries Building. The required visitation and practice of the model CWT presentation of the gospel was done on the church fields of the 12 apprentices and equippers.

Balancing the responsibilities of churches, families, Christmas activities, CWT study and final exams was difficult. But the changes wrought in lives of equippers and apprentices is evidenced in the observations and comments made at the conclusion of training.

One young pastor stated, "Before beginning CWT I thought it was

'canned' but I now see the adaptability of CWT. Each person's personality makes the difference. CWT has blessed my life as well as others around me."

Another wrote, "(CWT) brought an awareness of how often I get caught up in the daily tasks of church work and forget about being...concerned about the spiritual condition of those around me."

A pastor/equiper whose interest was renewed in CWT decided to begin a cycle in his church "after observing his two apprentices go through the presentation."

Without exception, participants expressed the intention to use what they had gained not only in their own witnessing opportunities but to lead others to become involved in CWT. In addition they have found the study and training has permeated other areas of their daily lives.

The association honored the graduates Jan. 13 at a celebration banquet attended by wives, equippers, prayer partners and encouragers. Certificates were awarded to "Corky" Alder, Main Street Church, Alexandria; Keith Blair, First Twelve Mile, Claifornia; Phil Bradley, Villa Hills Mission, Ft. Mitchell; Mike Diggs, First, Walton; David Hockney, Mentor, California; Michael Smith, Elsmere, Erlanger; Randy Wallace, Oak Ridge, Independence.

Assisting King as equippers were Mike Watts, Ft. Mitchell; J. D. Shipp, Grace Church, Independence; and Gary Wilson, Rosedale Church, Covington.

In a follow-up letter to King, Jagers wrote: "You have blazed the trail through the Home Mission Board's CWT program of training."

For Northern Kentucky Association, the trail leads to hope.

## That old time revival music—is it still g

by Marc C. Whitt  
Special Correspondent

Many Kentucky Baptists can recall the days when revival time meant two to three weeks of intense, fiery preaching, sweltering summer heat, dinner on the grounds and of course, the sounds of spirit-filled hymn singing.

Music was as much a part of the revival experience as was the sermon itself. It challenged both the saved and the unsaved to make a commitment to Christ.

Since the mid-1800s, music has played a vital role in the heart of church revival. Most of the hymns sung at these revivals were conceived from the daily life of the typical, rural Southerner. His struggles, his joys and his faith were all defined in the hymns' lyrics.

In his book *Southern Music, American Music*, Bill Malone, a history professor at Tulane University and the author of several books on the grassroots music of America, said that by 1900 publishing houses in America had begun to publish paperback hymnals twice a year designed

for church conventions and singing schools. The publishing houses, Malone said, were often aligned with religious denominations as they attempted to define their goals in missionary terms: to evangelize the nation through the power of song.

Baby-boomers, those persons born post World War II up through 1964, were the inheritors of the rural revival music their parents and their parents knew.

The pace of life in Kentucky and throughout the rural South was different prior to World War II. People had more time for one another. There were less outside events that would distract from home and church life. And neighborhoods often consisted of families who were much less likely to move from town to town as many Americans do today.

As Southern Baptists prepare this year for the simultaneous convention-

wide revival, *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you*, one may wonder if that old time revival music is still in vogue, and if not, what type of music will capture the spirit of today's revival needs?

Kenneth Fendley, a Baptist choir director for more than 45 years and current minister of music at Great Crossings Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky., has seen many changes in revival music.

"The great hymn writer B. B. McKinney helped begin the finest revival music Baptists have ever had," said the bass-voiced Fendley. Flipping through the pages of the *Broadman Hymnal* Fendley continued, "McKinney stirred evangelistic singing. He brought to us this hymnal. We (Southern Baptists) were known as the 'singing denomination.' The hymns we once sang in revivals had a good balance. Some were prayers.

# FRONTLINE

# PE TODAY

## Inez teenager says witnessing is part of "God's work" for us

by Polly Ward  
State Correspondent

When Aaron Patrick was 14 he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior. As an unchurched teenager he never saw his need for salvation until he attended a week-long vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church, Inez, Enterprise Association.

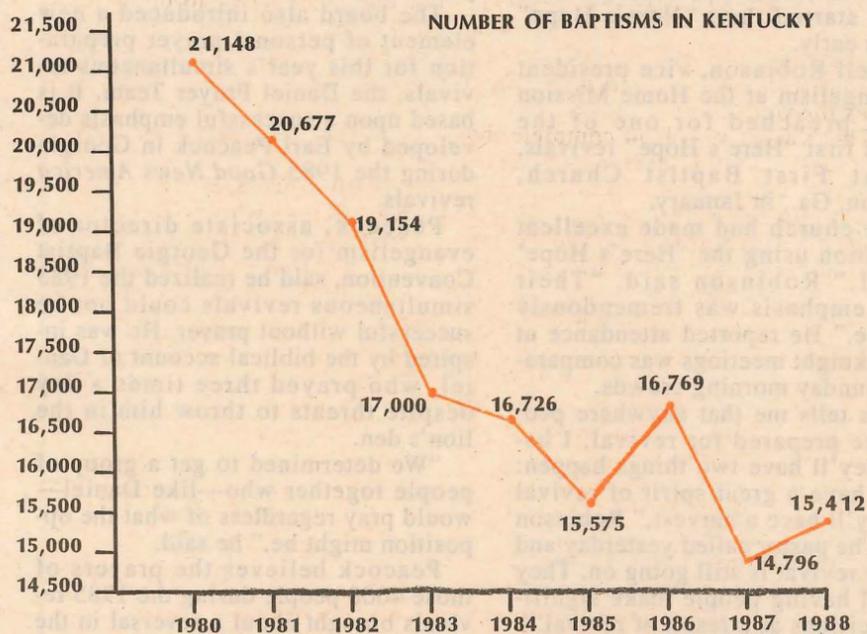
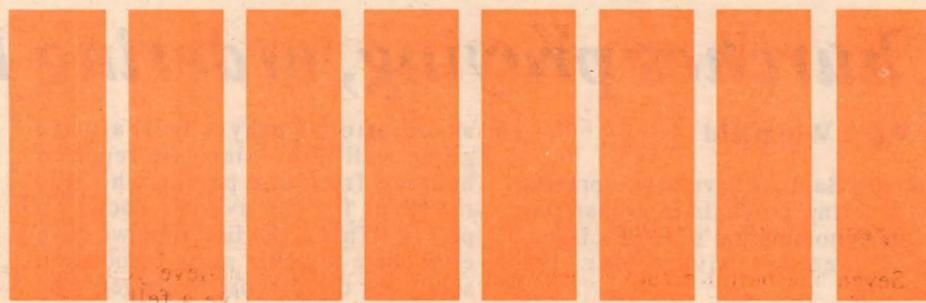
"My Bible school teacher asked me if I knew what a Christian was," Aaron recalled. "He explained the plan of salvation to me and he asked me if I wanted to become a Christian. I said 'Yes.' Then we prayed together and we talked to the pastor about my decision."

Although none of his immediate family attends First Baptist, Aaron rarely misses a service. Over the past two years he has been a visible witness to the church and community as a member of the church basketball team, visitation team and most recently as chairman of ushers and youth department Sunday school outreach director.

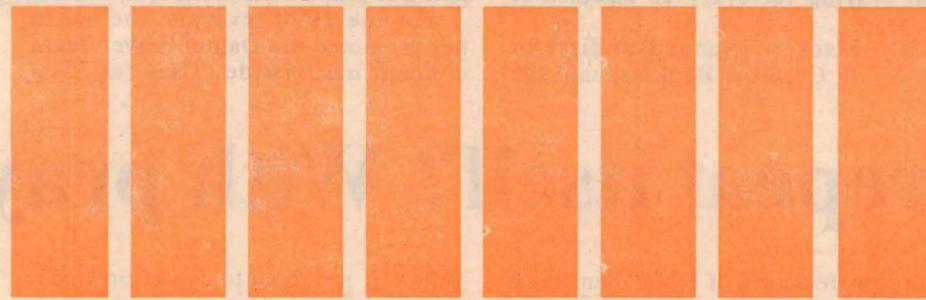
"All of these activities give me the chance to witness," he said. "Now I'm used to witnessing so I try to witness every time I go out visiting," he said. "Whenever I witness I think about the teacher who told me how to be saved. I want to help someone become a Christian and grow in Christ like my teacher and my church family have helped me. That's where I get my courage to witness."

To get a conversation started with friends, Aaron "starts out with a subject I like, such as basketball, and then I ask them to church."

"We need to do God's work and that work is witnessing," he declared. "God has showed his love by saving us. Now it is our time to show him our love by being his witnesses."



This graphic represents the number of baptisms in Kentucky since 1980. A sharp decrease is evident, with the exception of 1986. A significant jump from 15,575 to 16,769 reflects the impact of the 1986 *Good News America, God Loves You* simultaneous revival campaign. Leaders on the local, state and national level anticipate similar results with the *Here's Hope, Jesus cares for you* revival emphasis in 1990.



## COUNTDOWN

February-April

- Churches use *Here's Hope Pastor/Church Revival Preparation Manual*. Specific plans are suggested in helping each church prepare for revival.
  - Prayer emphasis utilizing the Daniel Prayer Team Packets being used in churches. Suggestions on pages 27-28 of *Pastor/Church Revival Preparation Manual*.
  - Church revival committees should be functioning. A list of committees and each committee job description is found in the *Pastor/Church Revival Preparation Manual*.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 2: Three weeks prior to first revivals**
- Conduct second revival committee meeting. Complete follow-up plans.

## PERSPECTIVE

The *Here's Hope, Jesus cares for you* simultaneous revivals will provide participating churches with opportunities to practice authentic evangelism. Genuine evangelism (making disciples) includes both reaching the lost and helping new believers to mature. *Here's Hope* revivals will challenge our churches to reach new people with the good news of Christ and strengthen new believers.

During the *Here's Hope* emphasis, our churches will become more intentional in their evangelistic outreach. Presenting Christ to lost persons will be a major goal of the revivals. Many persons will begin their pilgrimage with Christ during the crusades in March and April. Seeing people make commitments to God's grace will create joy in many of our churches.

Making disciples also includes Christian growth. The *Here's Hope* revivals will present opportunities for Christian growth and development. Teaching new disciples is an integral part of our Lord's command to "make disciples." Learning the apostle's doctrine is a vital activity of the church in the book of Acts.

I trust God will use *Here's Hope, Jesus cares for you* to add many persons to his church and develop many believers in the Christian faith. This is a challenging time to be a part of the church.

Bill Messer, president  
Kentucky Baptist Convention  
Ashland

## ill good enough for Southern Baptists?

Some were invitations. There was a tempo and spirit that captured the feel of the nation 30 years ago."

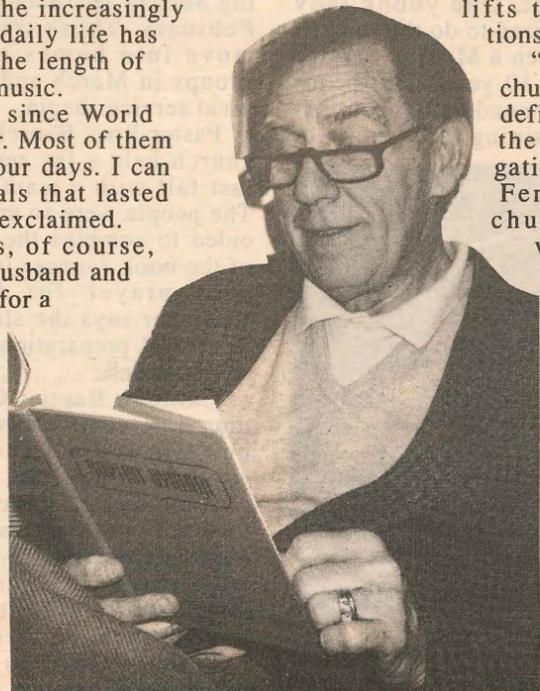
Fendley said the increasingly fast-paceness of daily life has greatly affected the length of revivals and the music.

"The revivals since World War II are shorter. Most of them today last only four days. I can remember revivals that lasted three weeks!" he exclaimed.

"But that was, of course, before both the husband and wife had to work for a living."

Having directed music in almost 50 revivals, Fendley also cited the new technology which has affected revival music.

"Ordinarily, music in a revival is a real upbeat experience. You want



Kenneth Fendley

to move people from a passive to an active mood. Music should encourage people to make decisions. It lifts the congregations' spirit.

"The electronic church has made a definite impact on the local congregation," explained Fendley. "Many churches hear what's being done music-wise on television and they expect their own choirs to sound as big, as polished. Because of the convenience of cassette tapes, we are developing an 'entertainment syndrome' where peo-

ple can sit back in the pews and be entertained. Revival music must involve everyone from patting their feet to singing in the pews."

Fendley, concerned by the implementation of cassette music, believes that Southern Baptist churches are losing competent musicians.

"We need to develop our pianists and organists. I'm deeply concerned that our churches are not uncovering artistic talents among the congregation. We may become entirely dependent upon electronic music."

The *Here's Hope* revivals, Fendley said, should be a tremendous time for Southern Baptists to evangelize communities throughout the nation with good revival music and spirit-filled sermons.

"We need to go back to the basics of Baptist revival singing. We need to sing songs that will send us out from revival and evangelize."

"The Lord wants us to be open to the Holy Spirit. People need to become active in their worship experiences. No one has the excuse that he can't carry a tune. Revival worship means involvement!"

## HOPE QUOTE

"Media is a very efficient way of getting a message to people. We know what media can do in helping shape the opinions of people. Our advertising will have little effect if people locally don't identify themselves as part of a *Here's Hope* church."

Tom McEachin, coordinator  
*Here's Hope* Media Campaign, HMB

# HERE'S HOPE TODAY

## Prayer is the secret of success for Lily Church

by Beth Wyatt  
State Correspondent

Lily Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, began the new year anticipating *Here's Hope*. *Jesus cares for you* and gearing up for evangelism.

"We had eight professions of faith in January," said pastor Wilmer L. Evans. "There is excitement in the air."

Located in rural Laurel County, the average church attendance is about 100. They have begun concentrated churchwide visitation each Thursday and Saturday, saturating two trailer parks consisting of unchurched families. The goal is to reach the area in February.

Sunday school is being revamped with teachers and leaders attending training sessions in preparation for increased attendance. Each teacher is admonished to pray, visit and love. Lily Baptist affirms the church building and programs are not the answer to today's world; showing Jesus cares is.

A Young Baptist Men's group has been going out in the neighborhood making repairs, running errands and other helpful gestures for the elderly and less fortunate. They do not charge for their services but do ask for the opportunity to make a gospel witness.

All these evangelistic efforts are preparing Lily Baptist Church for revival—and bringing hope to Laurel County. The church holds its revival the second week in April.

## Churches praying, ordering HH materials

by Mark Wingfield

Southern Baptists have begun praying and ordering products in preparation for the denomination's "Here's Hope" simultaneous revivals Mar. 18-Apr. 29.

And some churches couldn't wait, so they started their "Here's Hope" revivals early.

Darrell Robinson, vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board, preached for one of the nation's first "Here's Hope" revivals, held at First Baptist Church, Mableton, Ga., in January.

"The church had made excellent preparation using the 'Here's Hope' manual," Robinson said. "Their prayer emphasis was tremendously effective." He reported attendance at the weeknight meetings was comparable to Sunday morning crowds.

"This tells me that anywhere people have prepared for revival, I believe they'll have two things happen: they'll have a great spirit of revival and they'll have a harvest," Robinson said. "The pastor called yesterday and said the revival is still going on. They are still having people make significant decisions as a result of revival."

Meanwhile, churches and associations across the nation are holding prayer retreats for the simultaneous revivals. The retreats vary in length from two hours to two days, but all are designed with 45 minutes of actual praying for every 15 minutes of program.

Bill Mackey, evangelism director for South Carolina Baptists, said the

associational prayer retreats are going well in his state. He reported hearing from one pastor who was thankful for the event's focus on prayer. "This is the first time we have ever come together as an association solely for the purpose of prayer," the pastor remarked.

The board also introduced a new element of personal prayer preparation for this year's simultaneous revivals, the Daniel Prayer Team. It is based upon a successful emphasis developed by Earl Peacock in Georgia during the 1985 *Good News America* revivals.

Peacock, associate director of evangelism for the Georgia Baptist Convention, said he realized the 1985 simultaneous revivals could not be successful without prayer. He was inspired by the biblical account of Daniel, who prayed three times a day despite threats to throw him in the lion's den.

"We determined to get a group of people together who—like Daniel—would pray regardless of what the opposition might be," he said.

Peacock believes the prayers of those 4000 people during the 1985 revivals brought about a reversal in the number of baptisms in the state. "That was the year we turned baptisms around in the state of Georgia," he said. "I think it made a tremendous difference. Whenever you get several thousand people together to pray, it's going to make a difference."

For the 1990 revivals, the board has promoted the Daniel Prayer Team concept nationwide. Thus far 7500

people have returned commitment cards to the board promising to pray daily for the revivals.

Those committed to pray have received copies of the *Sweet Hour of Prayer* spiritual preparation guide, a bookmark, certificate and a set of blue dots to stick on watches, mirrors or other obvious places as a reminder to pray.

Churches also are putting feet—or at least fingers—to their prayers as they dial the board's Here's Hope customer service center to order revival materials and promotional products.

"The response is exceeding anything we ever dreamed of," said Jerry Wolverton, director of marketing. "Our people are working longer and harder hours than anyone ever imagined."

Wolverton has added additional phone lines and workers to meet the demand. He has urged churches to place calls outside the peak ordering period of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., eastern time. The Here's Hope toll free ordering line is open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Callers who cannot get through on the Here's Hope line—(800) 346-1990—may use the board's regular customer service line: (800) 634-2462 or may submit orders by fax to (404) 898-7228.

Popular items thus far include the *Eternal Life* booklet for personal evangelism, the *Sweet Hour of Prayer* spiritual preparation guide and the *Here's Hope* doorknob hangers, Wolverton said.

## Will history repeat itself? With prayer—it will

by W. T. Moore  
State Correspondent

Daviess-McLean Baptist Association and many of its churches is making significant prayer preparations for *Here's Hope*. *Jesus cares for you*. The association will sponsor a prayer and revival rally Mar. 5 at Utica Baptist Church. Speaker will be Lincoln Bingham, state consultant for cooperative ministries, KBC. Special music will include a mini concert by Mark Slaughter, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The rally will feature periods of guided prayer.

Every church is being urged to appoint a prayer committee to make plans for local church prayer preparation and to promote attendance at the rally. Woman's Missionary Union will be working with the evangelism committee to promote the rally and prayer preparation in the churches.

Richard Dendler, associational chairman of evangelism, stated to the evangelism committee: "History shows that no great revival has come unless there was a dedicated prayer movement preceding it."

Several churches in Daviess-McLean Association are already in a spirit of revival and several pastors attribute it to prayer.

Pleasant Grove and Parrish Avenue have had to schedule two morning worship services. Wing Avenue, Macedonia, Apollo Heights, Calhoun, Crabtree Avenue and Stanley report

more professions of faith than usual and high attendance.

Wing Avenue Baptist Church held a "Developing a Praying Church" seminar Jan. 28-31 as part of its revival preparation. It was led by Harry Hunter of Henderson, a Mission Service Corps volunteer of the Home Mission Board. Hunter's topics: Lord, Teach us to Pray; God's Conditions for Revival; What is Prayer?; Hindrances to Prayer.

Hunter characterized the response of the Wing Avenue church as "excellent." Pastor Phil Salmon reported: "Our people believe in prayer but this reminded them of the priority of

prayer. It got them to center on God's solution and God's victory rather than our own. There has been a great deal of positive feedback."

As one followup of the study the Wing Avenue leadership plans for a group to be in prayer during worship and revival services.

A byproduct of the series came about because Hunter shared his testimony of going back to school after being a dropout. One young lady present was inspired to do the same.

Hunter has been a Mission Service Corps volunteer 10 years. He spends most of his time conducting Continuing Witness Training workshops or

prayer seminars. He also leads conferences at Ridgcrest and Glorieta.

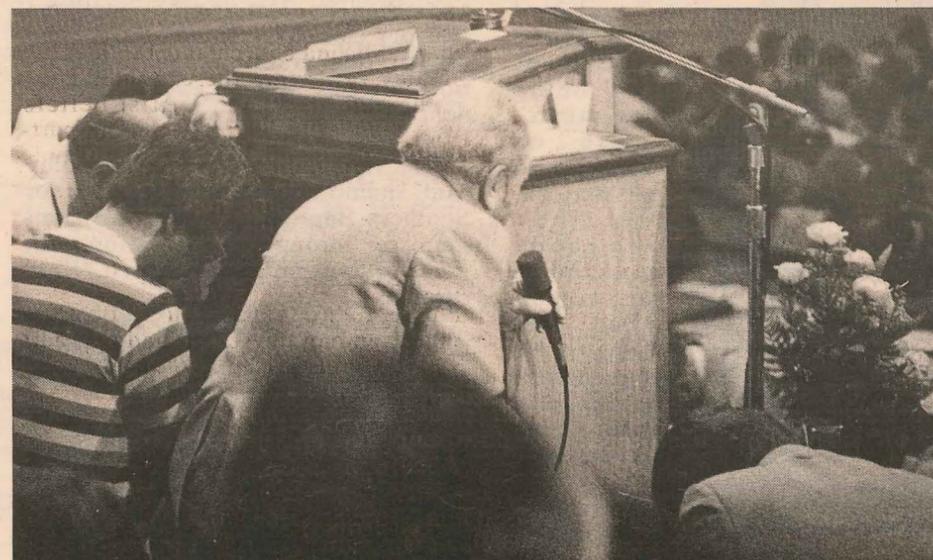
Hunter also led a prayer revival last November at Livermore Baptist Church. Pastor Ron Kinzel indicated those services were intended to help get the church ready for Here's Hope and they accomplished the goal.

Macedonia Baptist Church is preparing for Here's Hope by creating four lay renewal prayer groups, meeting Sunday afternoons in January and February. Those trained here will move into homes to lead prayer groups in March and April until revival services begin.

Pastor Ross Bauscher reported the church held a lay renewal weekend last fall with a team of 42 persons. The people were so enthused they decided to combine the followup study of the book *Journey into Discipleship* with prayer for Here's Hope. Bauscher says the study lends itself to revival preparation, both in prayer and outreach.

Calhoun Baptist Church is planning a deacons' and wives' supper to be followed by a two-hour small group prayer session.

A number of churches in the association are using Daniel Prayer Team materials provided by the Home Mission Board. Some are having meetings specifically for this while others include them on Wednesday nights. Still more churches utilize cottage prayer meetings and prayer emphasis through church organizations.



# KBHC offers counseling for pregnant teens

by Beth W. Prassel

Sue was 14 years old and pregnant. Her parents gave her love and support but held her responsible for her actions. Sue had to make a decision. She came to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children for pregnancy counseling.

Sherra Still, part time KBHC counselor, helped Sue understand her choices of adoption and parenting. Mrs. Still also helped Sue deal with her guilt feelings. "She was not a Christian," says Mrs. Still. "That gave me an opportunity to share about Jesus." She added that the agency bought Sue a Bible. "She didn't become a Christian then but I know the seed is planted and the Bible is there for her."

Many unwed teenagers become pregnant each year. KBHC is actively involved in helping girls like Sue.

"I can't explain why girls are getting pregnant," says Mrs. Still. "Many are church-goers. They come from everywhere.... Churches say, 'Just say no,' but that doesn't always work with teens."

Mrs. Still has counseled six girls since the pregnancy counseling program was revived last year. With only one part time counselor, services are limited. But the agency plans to expand the program to full time counseling, eventually adding full adoption services. In the meantime "if anyone wants to refer or have a pregnant girl call us, we will counsel her," says Audrey Puryear, director community services.

Mrs. Still assures each girl she counsels she will not judge her. "I want to make sure the girl understands we care about her and, as Christians, we all sin. It's a sin she's having to deal with at that time but we're reaching her, helping her deal with that....I'm here to help her make a decision."

Miss Puryear points out distinct phases in the pregnancy counseling process. First, the counselor helps both the girl and her family work through the initial crisis. "It's a crisis in their lives when they first find out they're pregnant," says Miss Puryear, "and it's also a crisis for the family." For that reason some counseling sessions include the parents.

Teen pregnancy sometimes creates such a crisis within the home the girl feels she must move out of the house. Pregnancy counseling might involve helping the girl find a place to stay until after the birth.

The counselor also deals with medical care. Often girls do not want to admit even to themselves they are pregnant and do not receive prenatal care. "Early on, we make sure they get good medical care. We can't provide it for them but we make sure they get it," explains Miss Puryear.

Mrs. Still recalls one young woman in a low income situation. She lived in an isolated area and lacked transportation to the doctor. KBHC provided transportation "and would have provided more if necessary," continued Mrs. Still. "We were able to come in and be supportive and loving of her."

When initial crises and questions have been resolved, counseling focuses on helping the girl make a deci-

sion. According to Miss Puryear, "Good counseling means helping them get all the information they need to make their own decisions."

Girls learn about the responsibilities of parenting. Teenagers often have false ideals about parenting. Therefore, Miss Puryear states KBHC tries "to make pregnancy counseling as reality-based as possible...to help them get a picture of what it means (to be a parent)."

If a teenager cannot parent her child, "we help her understand what a placement can mean (for the adoptive parents)...how something good can come out of something very sad in her life. But we make sure this is what she wants to do."

"We educate girls about adoption as an alternative," says Miss Puryear. "So they'll know they have a choice; they're not trapped."

After making a decision for adoption or parenting, each girl must "make a plan" for her child. If she decides to parent, Miss Still helps her decide how she will provide and care for the baby. If she chooses adoption, counseling will focus on the adoption experience.

Whatever the birthmother's decision, "we strongly encourage her to make definite plans before the baby is born," explains Miss Puryear.

In planning for parenthood, counseling leads a girl to decide how she will raise the child. For example, if she decides her own mother will help parent the child, she may be required to talk to her mother, to make a list of things her mother will do to help and a list of things she will do. Both the girl and her mother will come for counseling together.

In planning for adoption, Mrs. Still says she helps the girl decide how much she wants to see the child after the birth before placing for adoption.

She prepares the girl for feelings of grief that may follow an adoption. "Placing a child for adoption feels like a death," states Mrs. Still.

Although the staff makes the final decision, Mrs. Still also allows her teen some input into the kind of family that will adopt the child.

During the whole counseling process, Mrs. Still says she is "more than just another friend." Showing concern for each girl comes easily for her. "I credit the Lord with the love that comes from him....These girls lose their childhood. Their teenage years will never be the same....It's a hard thing. I really feel for them."

Some girls need follow-up counseling after the birth. They may need help in dealing with grief or with personal relationships. Often, birthmothers call to get updates about children they placed for adoption.

"As long as it takes, we will keep counseling them," says Miss Puryear. "We make a covenant with them that they can always come back."

Since pregnant teens come from all walks of life and often are involved in church, Miss Puryear says she would like to see the agency "hook up" with churches more often. "The church needs to be sensitive to these issues," she says.

Miss Puryear notes several ways church leaders and lay people can help pregnant teens. One way is becoming educated about teen pregnancy and about services offered by

Baptist Homes for Children. Both Miss Puryear and Mrs. Still are available to speak to church groups throughout the state.

Second, individuals who know a pregnant teen who needs counseling can refer her to KBHC for help.

Third, KBHC offers training to assist those who would take pregnant teens into their homes.

Fourth, KBHC needs volunteers who will be "visiting friends"—those who periodically check on girls who are new parents.

For more information about KBHC's pregnancy counseling service or to refer a pregnant teen, contact Sherra Still, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40253, or call 1-800-456-1386.



Mrs. Still counsels an unwed teenage mother.

## Nigerian partnership bears fruit

by Bill D. Whittaker

Two Pulaski county laymen were instrumental in starting churches during a mission partnership trip to Nigeria Dec. 28-Jan. 18.

Science Hill businessman Tommy Shadoan quickly declares, "I'm not a preacher." But his experience vividly demonstrates how God uses those willing to go and tell.

After finding one church disbanded and another unprepared for a meeting, Shadoan and his interpreter went unannounced to the nearby village of Lamugu. Unable to locate the chief or other leaders they started to leave, but a 14-year-old girl excitedly pleaded for them to stay. She hurriedly found a Baptist layman who had moved from another village and the two of them insisted the team remain in the village for services.

Shadoan set up a generator, projector and speaker and hung a single light bulb. Several Christians began to sing, eventually involving two dozen women dancing in a circle. The crowd swelled to 684. At the conclusion of two biblical films and Shadoan's message, 84 professions of faith and 24 rededications were registered.

The following night 1000 attended and on the third and closing night 1230 were present. At the conclusion of the three days, 208 had acknowledged personal faith in Christ and 83 made rededications.

The gathering was the first organized Baptist witness in the village. The Christians asked for help to have an established church and 185 met the Sunday following the crusade. They requested books on Baptist beliefs and elected church leaders. The partnership mission team provided funds to send a national worker the next six months.

Somerset layman Vertrees Molden conducted four days of outreach in an area populated by the Felani tribe. There is no established Baptist church among the seven- and one-half million migrant herdsman. Molden witnessed 35 Felani make professions of faith. A Felani pastor has been sent to draw them together into a church.

Since 1975 Pulaski Baptist Association has sent volunteer teams to Northeastern Nigeria to assist missionaries Wiley and Geneva Faw,

Kentucky natives. The January group also included two Somerset pastors, Doyle Searcy, Calvary Baptist Church, and C. E. Jacobs, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and Bill Whittaker, president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Shadoan is a member of Calvary and Molden is a deacon at Pleasant Hill.

The Kentucky volunteers teamed with four Southern Baptist missionary families and national workers to conduct evangelistic crusades in 42 churches, most in the bush country without electricity or church buildings. At the conclusion of 11 days of preaching and showing films of biblical events, 1644 professions of faith were registered. In addition, 1135 rededications were made.

When the Faws began work in the bush country of Nigeria in 1965, one association had 18 congregations. The area comprises 22 percent of Nigeria's land area and now has six associations with 375 churches. Mrs. Faw is Woman's Missionary Union director for the northern area. The Faws are praying for missionaries to replace them when they retire at the end of their current term.

The Faws have invested significant time in training apprentice church planters. Throughout the year they work with four teams of high school graduates. These are involved for one to two years and many go on to pastor's school. The students work as "circuit riders," developing a site for three or four months and building a congregation with local leadership. The program provides excellent on-the-job training.

Kentuckians Charles and Carrie Hedrick participated in the crusades. Hedrick is former pastor of Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church. Now in language study, the Hedricks will help meet the need for trained leadership. Hedrick's assignment is national church growth consultant and director of theological education by extension. Mrs. Hedrick will teach at the Kaduna Pastor's School and Bible College.

The institution currently enrolls 150 students but only about 30 graduates are available each year to work in the northern areas. Hedrick noted, "the overwhelming needs create a spirit of heaviness. We wonder where to start."

# mountains to the mississippi



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## clear creek chronicle

### Volunteer of the year

The January-February issue of Missions USA focuses on volunteers. The cover story features Clear Creek graduate Chamborin Mok Samnang, children's worker with Trinity Baptist Mission, Fresno, Cal. "Borin" was the first Cambodian woman to graduate from a Southern Baptist college.

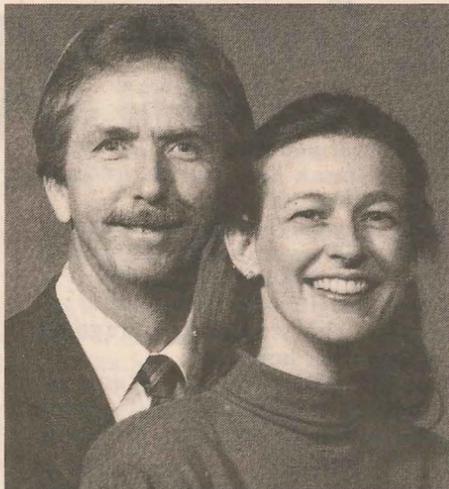
Borin and daughter Tepy fled from invading Vietnamese; her husband and uncle never came out of the jungle. Nov. 14, 1979 she entered a refugee camp. She "heard people singing 'Oh Happy Day' and 'No, Not One'. The words touched my heart. Why Jesus has the power to wash the sins away?" For days she sat outside and listened to the music. "Then I decide to become a Christian, my life really changed. I want to thank God for the missionaries who came into the Cambodian camp and shared the love of Jesus Christ. Without them I would have never known about Jesus."

First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., brought her to the United States and provided financial support to attend Clear Creek. On senior awards day in 1988 classmates were not surprised she received the evangelism award.

Witnessing skills came from a personal evangelism class taught by Charles Rice. A favorite place to witness is the vocational school where she earned a GED. Whenever she led someone to Christ she would bring Rice "the best egg rolls." He ate many of them that semester.

As a professional singer in Cambodia Samnang sung before Queen Elizabeth. Her broken English rendition of favorite hymns always brought high inspiration in chapel. The SBC Cambodian Baptist Fellowship, meeting in San Antonio, presented her a plaque of recognition following her testimony and music.

In Fresno Samnang teaches 60 children of Cambodian immigrants to read and write their native language. Many of the city's 8000 Cambodians know her helpfulness in translation, providing transportation for medical appointments or as a mediator in family disputes. The children provide her greatest hope: "When they grow up, when they are saved, they can follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit will guide them to walk the right way. If these children will get involved there will be a lot of churches."



**Mr. and Mrs. Tex Selph**

### missions

**Mr. and Mrs. Tex T. Selph and Mr. and Mrs. Donny W. Dixon** were among 29 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Feb. 13 at Ridge Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. The Selphs will live in Kenya and the Dixons in equatorial Brazil. Both will start and develop churches and will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1986 Selph has been pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Shelbyville. He received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Mrs. Selph has been a teacher in Louisville. The Selphs have two children: Candice Carrie and Miriam Allise.

Dixon has been pastor of Waddy Baptist Church since 1987. He received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary and has been minister of education and youth at South Jefferson Baptist Church, Louisville. Mrs. Dixon attended Boyce Bible School, Louisville, and has been an administrative secretary for Long Run Association. Since 1986 she has been office manager and education secretary at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, also in Louisville. The Dixons have two children: Donny Wayce Jr. and Douglas Matthew.

### congregations

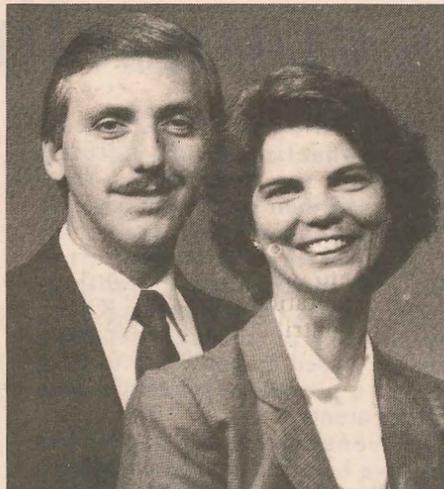
**Crittenden Baptist Church**, Crittenden Association, hosted a concert featuring I. E. Ministries, a contemporary Christian music group from Lexington. Bobby Barnes is pastor and Billy Luttrell is minister of music and youth.

**Deer Park Baptist Church**, Louisville, Long Run Association, will host open house Mar. 3 from 1-4 p.m. in celebration of their new facility.

Feb. 4 **Erlanger Baptist Church**, Northern Kentucky Association, began dual Sunday schools in addition to two Sunday morning worship services. Twelve new Sunday school classes were begun. The church averaged 625 in Sunday school in 1989. William E. Crosby Jr. is pastor. David M. Wallace is minister of education.

**Walnut Street Baptist Church**, Louisville, Long Run Association, is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 1990. Events will begin Mar. 4 and culminate Oct. 28.

J. Phillip Landgrave, professor of



**Mr. and Mrs. Donny Dixon**

church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was commissioned to write the celebration year hymn "Arise Shine." Throughout the day Mar. 4 there will be an exhibit of old hymn books in the church chapel, including sheet music as well as hymn books used throughout the church's history.

Eight other events will be held between March and October including religious art exhibits and musical presentations.

Walnut Street has been located at Third and St. Catherine streets since 1902. However, the church traces its beginning to 1815 when First Baptist Church, Louisville, was organized. In 1849 First Baptist united with Second Baptist Church, Louisville, and the newly formed congregation changed its name to Walnut Street Baptist as the church's structure was built at the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets.

Presently Walnut Street has 6000 members, 4500 of whom live in the Louisville area. Its morning worship service is seen on WHAS-TV by more than 40,000 viewers. In addition the church sponsors a day care center and community ministries, counseling and activities building programs. Walnut Street has been the mother of more than 30 churches in the Louisville and southern Indiana area. Kenneth Chafin is senior pastor.



**Floy Jacob**, who was 99 Jan. 18, is next to the oldest Southern Baptist missionary. She was born in Franklin, Ky. and last year returned to Kentucky from Mississippi. On her birthday First Baptist Church, Franklin, sponsored a card shower. Among other greetings, Mrs. Jacob received cards from president George Bush, former president Jimmy Carter, Kentucky's state WMU office, the Foreign Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Jacob is pictured here with two of her daughters, Martha Lowe of Tennessee (c) and Mary Ingram, West Point, Miss.



**Michael A. Wyndham and family**

### personnel

Summit Hills Baptist Church, Long Run Association, welcomed **Michael A. Wyndham** as pastor. He had been interim pastor for several months. Wyndham moved to Louisville from Mobile, Ala. to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, the former Sandra Wynn Duggins, also from Mobile, have three children: Christopher, 10; Russell, 7; and Tiffany, 5.

Wyndham pastored Four Points Baptist Church, Vinegar Bend, Ala., and Bethany Baptist Church, Mobile. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1989 from Mobile (Ala.) College.

Riverside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Barron Johnson** as pastor.

**Craig Loscalzo** is interim pastor of Shively Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Jim Heneisen**, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, for the past 16 years, has resigned. He goes to Temple Baptist Church, Springfield, Central Association, as pastor. Harmony experienced 400 additions during Heneisen's tenure.

### deaths

**C H Richardson Jr.**, general counsel to and long-time board member of Baptist Hospitals Inc., died Feb. 12 in Louisville. He was 73.

An attorney in private practice, Richardson was first elected to the board in 1963. He was a director of the hospital corporation for about 18 years. After retiring from the board in 1984 Richardson became general counsel to Baptist Hospitals Inc. and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death. He was general counsel to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation 26 years.

A member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 1946, Richardson was former chairman of the church's board of deacons and was designated life deacon by the church. He was an active Sunday school teacher until his death. He is survived by his wife Peg, three sons and two grandchildren. By family request, expressions of sympathy should be directed to Baptist Hospitals Inc. Foundation, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation or Crescent Hill Baptist Church memorial fund.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 4, 1990

### Life and work series Serving by giving

**Mark 10:21-25** Upon leaving the house in which he had blessed the children Christ was met by a young man who occupied a high position, had a clean record and great possessions, and yet was dissatisfied with what he was. His question, "Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" revealed that he thought it could be obtained through his own efforts. The young man refused eternal life on the terms which Christ stated. Christ was grieved as

he saw him going away trusting in possessions rather than in the Lord, so he let his disciples know it is impossible for anybody to enter heaven trusting in riches.

**Mark 12:41-44** When the time arrived for the annual offering for the temple service, the pious Jews came from far and wide. Christ sat where he could see them casting their contributions into the treasury. After the rich had ostentatiously thrown in their large contributions, a poor widow sacrificially dropped her offering into the treasury as she walked by. The widow's offering was the smallest contribution that was cast into the treasury that day, but it was the largest sum that she could have contributed because she did not have anything left.

The gift of this widow was an expression of her love and devotion to Christ. God wants each of his children to commit themselves to him. The size of the gift is to be proportionate to the ability of the giver.

### International series

#### When Love Abides

**John 15:1-17** Ere Christ left his disciples, he informed them that it would be their privilege to maintain an intimate fellowship with him. Because Christ is the life-giving vine believers in him, who are the branches, are expected to perform their God-given function and bear fruit for him. Cleansing by the word, pruning by the Lord and abiding by the believers make real fruit-bearing possible.

Love walks in the way of obedience to the commands of our Lord. When we love him enough to do the things he has commanded we shall enjoy his favor upon us. Christ emphasized that love for one another is a distinction of believers. Christ's love for his followers is a pattern for their love for others. His love was self denying, gracious, condescending, bountiful, practical and endless. Genuine love between Christians is a most impressive and effective testimony for Christ.

It is somewhat surprising that our Lord spoke of his joy in that particular dark season through which he was passing. Christ's joy did not consist of material possessions, physical enjoyment or human approbation. Instead it consisted of a proper relationship with God the father and a redemptive ministry for others. Christ came to bring joy to all who would receive him as their savior.

Christ conferred a high honor upon Christians by calling them 'friends.' Being friends of Christ has a condition attached: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Christ wants us to express our friendship for him through our trust in him, our love for him, our obedience to him and our fidelity to him until we come to the end of life. For his good deeds to the bodies, minds and souls of people Christ received the bitter hatred of the world. Unfortunately some are now laboring under the impression and misapprehension that it is possible for one to be a genuine Christian and to be popular with the world at the same time.



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## homes for children

### The remote control

I recently read a quip in Readers Digest that the individual who controls the television remote control is the real head of the household. Now I used to be unchallenged in that control, but our four-year-old Jason and I now struggle with whether it's Loony Tunes or the news.

I remember that my family got our first TV set when I was in the second grade. There were, I believe, only two stations that we could get at the time and there was not much choice of programing.

Today with cable TV there are some 30 choices on our set and many have several more than that if they have the pay channels. There are channels just for children, there is ESPN which is all sports, TNT and AMC which feature all movies and several other more specific choices. As a society we are moving away from the generalist approach to much more individual choice.

My wife, SuEllen, and a number of other wives I have heard from complain about the husband's constant changing of the channels. SuEllen notes that she will be engrossed in a particular show and all of a sudden she is lost because I have switched the channel.

I have been known to keep up with two or more ball games, the latest breaking news story and a movie all at the same time. Now when there is more than one person watching, that can get rather confusing.

I am not sure what the answer to this dilemma is. Maybe it's a television set for everyone, or the TVs with windows to watch more than one program at a time or maybe it's turning the television off and doing some other things together as a family.

Television is our national education for young and old and there is no doubt that it has done wonders to bring our world together. But families, including my own, rely too much on it as a baby sitter and the only entertainment for the family.



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## oneida journal

### A useful Saturday morning

One recent Saturday it was so sunny, bright, springlike that I decided to walk about our campus and farm rather than work at my desk where I am always far behind.

On any Saturday morning one can find a group of our girls and, occasionally a craft minded guy at work in our graft house. They are there doing things they have learned during the week. More boys can be found working in the craft house on a weekday afternoon than on a Saturday morning. There are always more girls on Saturday. It is beautiful to see them at work and their handiwork meets the standard of quality.

Walking back west I see some boys raking dead grass and leaves along the side of the campus hill, and another group doing the same thing high on the mountain that overlooks the campus.

Going through the front door of the girls' dorm one is immediately aware of much Saturday morning activity there including catching up with the week's wash, extra cleaning in the broom closets, stairwells and in varying rooms. Of course those are all daily activities as well along with all that is involved in the cooking of over 2000 meals per day, the dishwashing, cleaning of tables and the two dining rooms three times daily.

I go down the new set of steps that leads from near the girls' stone prayer chapel into the new gym. There I see the boys' wrestling team at practice. With this second facility they no longer have to practice after everyone else, often finishing at midnight. Also many other students are involved in cleaning the new classrooms and similar work is going on in all the classroom buildings on campus as well as Davidson Chapel. On Friday and Saturday nights each weekend, crews get much waxing done in the varying buildings. Those responsible for that get to sleep in on a Saturday morning as do others that have night chores.

Walking up Mulberry Street I see work going forward on the new parking area for our two former Greyhounds, located between our new gym-classroom building and the campus sewage treatment plant.

Hidden behind the walls of the campus garbage collection area, a

large group works every Saturday morning sorting and crushing thousands of softdrink cans to sell for recycling, sorting the garbage for things of value that have been thrown away, grinding the debris in the school's garbage compactor.

Walking past our chapel and my office, I walk down the hill to one of our student workshops. There over a dozen are busy working refinishing school desks. Two are in another area building a dining room table. Several more are in the small tool room doing some sorting.

Walking across the athletic field I find another ten working on the huge compost pile of dead leaves, sawdust, manure from our barns, slowly turning it all over, getting the underside exposed to the sun and air. It will make wonderful fertilizer some months from now as many of these same students help plant our spring vegetable gardens. With so much natural fertilizer, we use only a light application of bought chemicals.

Then across the cypress swinging bridge that spans Goose Creek, I find one of our boys on the school's newest tractor leveling the ruts of the road with a blade attachment. Five others are busy in the greenhouses.

I am told that several others are two miles away with our assistant farm manager. They have taken a load of silage from the new silos to some of our beef cattle in a distant field.

Now it is time to get back to the office to greet guests, work on the mail, write an article, return phone messages, interview a new student. I never get bored.



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## Yearnings

Sometimes my heart cries out for solitude. Within the rigidity of responsibility there rages the endless war between "going on" and "giving up." Perhaps it is responsibility which makes retreat so sweet. Perhaps a stress-free life is, after all, only half a life.

A fellow Kentuckian and friend, Marjorie K. (Mrs. Eldred) Taylor, has given me permission to share some poetry she wrote some years ago which speaks the heart of many a Kentuckian. Marjorie, by the way, is a descendent of Jonathan Edwards.

"Yesterday I cried because I longed so much

To be free of the city's crowded closeness

And to roam the hills and fields and woods again

With time to dream and think and listen.

"I longed to run bare-footed through the fields

And feel the green saw-briars tearing at brown ankles

While free sweet breezes gently stroke the tingling face,

Or sometimes soft caressing fingers of refreshing rain

Combed through the tangled hair.

"I longed to stand where wild pink roses spill their fragrant beauty

Over round, moss-covered rocks And boulders grey beside a wayward stream,

While in the unknown distance loom blue hazy hills,

Mysterious and inviting.

"I longed to walk where all about are fresh woods

sights and smells and sounds Or often only a mighty stillness in the forest

Calling one's heart to reverence, to wonder, and to worship.

"But today my tears were dried and in correct, smooth leather shoes

I walked along a concrete pavement

Made of ordered squares.

Inhaling smog and smoke-filled air—Looking at mountains of steel and metal and concrete

Listening to the roar and scream of huge mechanical monsters

Outwardly assenting to all this mechanized artificiality

Feeling and bustling, busy pressure for wealth and power and fame.

"But oh! How foreign does it feel to the heart of me,

To the wilderness-bred, nature-loving heart and soul of me!"

## georgetown

Radio stations WTKT-FM and WBBE-AM, Lexington/Georgetown, and Georgetown (Ky.) College have developed plans for a public affairs program featuring news and events affecting the institution and the community.

Marc C. Whitt, the school's director of public relations, announced the program's formation and outlined its format. The 15-minute program will highlight art events, guest speakers, campus developments and faculty and staff newsmakers.

The program will be aired Saturdays at 6 a.m. on 103.1 FM and Sundays at 8 a.m. on AM-1580.

"This radio program will greatly aid our news efforts at Georgetown," said Whitt. "These stations are extremely popular through the greater Lexington area and we can expect even better exposure for our institution. Georgetown College is grateful for their interest in our community offerings."

**Installations and Media Arts, an exhibit containing the works of artists Ann Benton, Sally W. Johnson and Mary Ann Sampson, are on display Feb. 19-Mar. 9 in the Georgetown College Art Gallery.**

Miss Benton received her BS from Auburn (Ala.) University and has done post-graduate work at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Benton's work has been exhibited in juried exhibitions in Alabama and is in the permanent collections of Bluff Park Art Association and the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Her work is contained in corporate and

private collections as well.

Miss Johnson received her BA in biology from Birmingham-Southern College in 1953 and began studying art in 1957. She has worked with famed-artist Cornelia Rivers, the Birmingham Museum of Art Studio Classes and completed non-degree graduate studies at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Johnson's work has been on exhibition throughout the South. Her work may also be found in several collections including the Fine Arts Museum of the South.

Miss Sampson obtained her nurse's training from North Carolina Baptist Hospital and her BA from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. Post graduate work was done at Birmingham-Southern College. Miss Sampson's work has been exhibited in juried exhibitions and invitationals in Alabama. Her work can be found in the collections of Southtrust Bank, Hoar Construction and private individuals.

Gallery hours for Installations and Media Arts will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. through Mar. 9. For more information contact the college at (502) 863-8107.

## baptist seminary, richmond

**Northminster Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., has given approval to a request from the provisional board of trustees of Baptist Theological Seminary Richmond to lease portions of the church facility to the new school.**

Northminster is located near Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Presbyterian School of Christian Education and the School of Theology of

Virginia Union University. Church members approved the request in late January by an estimated 97 percent margin. In a letter informing BTSR acting president Morris Ashcraft of the congregation's decision, Northminster pastor Samuel F. Williams Jr. said, "We are excited about the opportunity for ministry the seminary will provide us and we look forward to working alongside you."

Ashcraft said he and BTSR director of development/recruitment and admissions Frank Goare look forward to moving from temporary quarters into the church. "I am very enthusiastic about it," he said. "It will give us a home in a Baptist setting."

Ashcraft said he anticipates the move perhaps as early as late February, when the city of Richmond is expected to issue a special use permit to the church and BTSR.

Under terms of the church action, the school will lease two rooms as offices, three other rooms as classrooms and the church's chapel for \$1000 monthly. Expenses for necessary alterations to the facilities are to be borne by the seminary. Although the agreement is open ended the church action includes a provision that the agreement "shall be terminable upon reasonable notice by the church given to the seminary."

## southeastern seminary

**The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada has delayed until June its decision on the accreditation of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.**

The Association of Theological Schools and another accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, have been studying the Wake Forest, N. C. seminary's accreditation for about two years.

Southeastern has been troubled by a dispute between faculty and administration and trustees since October 1987 when the trustees' new conservative majority changed the way the school chooses faculty members. Subsequently at least 18 faculty and administrators—including the president and faculty dean—have resigned or retired.

Both accrediting agencies launched investigations of Southeastern almost two years ago. Both agencies issued reports critical of the seminary, raising issues of institutional effectiveness/image, faculty selection, perceptions of academic freedom and seminary governance.

In December the Southern Association placed Southeastern on "warning," a public sanction imposed for a maximum of two years. During that time, the school is to work to correct its deficiencies in the four categories noted in the association's report.

The accrediting agency will send a review team to visit the school during the next year and report on its findings. The association will consider Southeastern's case at its annual meeting in December. (BP)

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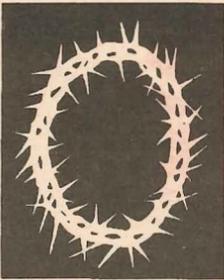
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## Missionary ministers to AIDS patients in the name of Jesus

By Leisa Hammett-Goad

CHICAGO—With support from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, Carol Reese takes God's grace to a place of chaos.

"Yesterday was a horrible day for staff," the home missionary recalls as she walks the bustling corridors of Chicago's Cook County Hospital. "Everything was overwhelming. Too much work. People didn't show up. Some were sick. People were irritable. A patient died Wednesday night, and some people didn't know it until mid-Thursday."

During her visitation round, Reese, a Chris-

tian social minister, discovered the AIDS patient had died. She had only visited him once before.

The man was lonely—left alone to die, to wonder and to fear death. Reese visited him and talked to him about dying. He cried, explaining that no one had ever talked to him about death.

"He was dealing with his fear of death, not knowing what would happen to him. I asked him what he thought would happen when he died. Then I told him what I believe, and he said, 'That's what I believe, too.' I prayed with him, and when I left him, he was pretty calm," she said.



One of home missionary Carol Reese's (left) primary responsibilities is to listen to and support volunteer chaplains at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. John Williamson (right) is just one of the many volunteers Reese works with every day. Reese, a Christian social minister, provides pastoral care to patients, patient's families and the hospital staff at Cook County Hospital. Gifts through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering support the work Reese does.

"It's kind of scary. The next time I saw him, he was dead. I hope I helped him die peacefully."

Reese also helped the man's four children and pregnant wife who were left with no income after his death. With Southern Baptist funds, she purchased food vouchers for them.

And then she consoled the hospital's healers who suffered yet another loss of life.

"If I do anything of lasting importance, it's for the hospital staff, to help make this a human place," she said. "Patients will come and go, but part of me believes that I'm going to have the largest, most lasting effect with staff people."

"The hospital is high-volume, high-stress work. People get angry with each other. Anger is their way of dealing with sadness, with the pain, suffering and death. They feel helpless, unable to do anything."

Working with hospital staff was an uphill battle for Reese at first.

"Chaplains, to them, were people who carried big Bibles around all the time. Because of past negative experiences, these people have been alienated by the church for a long time," she said.

"Some of the people I hug today didn't want me around a year ago because church to them meant condemnation and rejection."

"It takes a long time to develop trust. But this is the part of my work I feel best about. I feel good about bringing God's grace and mercy to this place of chaos," she said.

"Nobody knows how awful it is unless you live with it, death every day—men, women and babies."

### Prayer requests

- Pray for the strength and ability of the hospital staff at Cook County Hospital.
- Pray that the chaplains and volunteers at Cook County Hospital will be able to share Christ's hope in seemingly hopeless situations.
- Pray that Christians in the Chicago area will reach out with acceptance and understanding to the AIDS patients of the hospital. Also, pray that the families of AIDS patients will be accepted and undergirded.

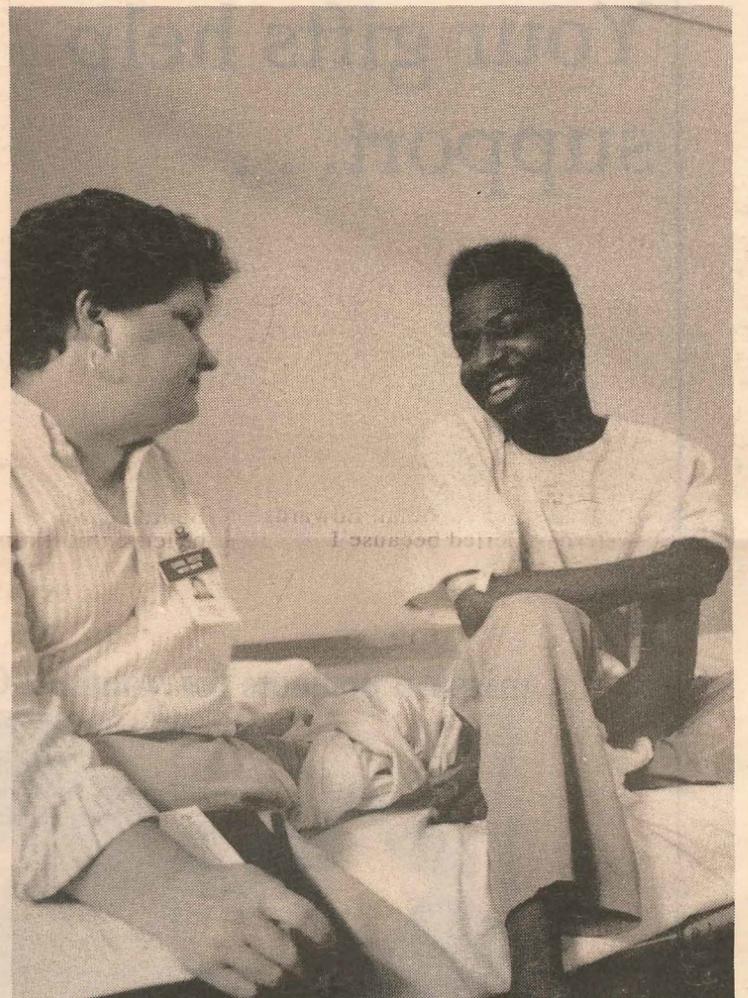
Stories of lives ravaged by AIDS are a staple of newspapers, magazines and television. As a Southern Baptist home missionary working in one of the nation's largest public hospitals, Reese experiences the tales of heartbreak, despair and death first hand every day.

She makes rounds with the hospital's doctors and nurses and then returns later for longer visits with specific patients. With the increasing number of AIDS patients in the hospital, Reese has found herself devoting more time to their needs.

She touches those society has labeled untouchable. She holds their hands, hugs them.

On one visit, Reese found a patient named Vera propped up on pillows in her hospital bed. Doctors had ordered her to sit up for an hour, but it drained her minute energy reserves to hold her eyes open and talk.

She sipped orange juice, balked at the hospital fare before her and wished she could eat meat



Home missionary Carol Reese finds her days filled more and more with ministries to patients suffering from AIDS. Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Ill., treats one-fifth of the city's AIDS victims. Reese, a Christian social minister, is able to tell AIDS victims about the good news of Jesus Christ because of the financial support she receives from Southern Baptists through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

again. Sitting by her side, Reese listened, sympathized, soothed.

Vera's hair, braided in corn rows, was thinning. Her skin was taut against her once beautiful, high cheek-boned face.

"Carol came to see me yesterday," Vera said, managing to crack a smile. "I woke up, turned over and stared right into her face." She cupped her hand over her face and giggled softly. "She was there waiting by my bed."

"She is a dear friend who does not mind helping people. She has spent a lot of time with me when nobody else would come. She shows that she really cares."

I WILL TELL THE GOOD NEWS

## Carol Reese



Renslow Sherer talks frankly about burnout. About death. About being understaffed and overburdened. About the all-consuming, grim reality of AIDS—a disease which puts caregivers like himself at risk.

Sherer is director of Cook County Hospital's AIDS Prevention Service. One of the nation's largest public hospitals, Cook County treats one-fifth of Chicago's AIDS victims.

Patients, families and caregivers deal with death constantly, Sherer said.

But also constant is the attentive care Southern Baptist home missionary Carol Reese provides to each of these groups.

"As the leader of our pastoral care team,

Carol is extremely important," said Sherer. Pastoral counseling may be the most important element the AIDS Prevention Service provides, he said.

"Carol responds with compassion. She is concerned about spiritual development. Helping patients, families and caregivers deal with death is really important," Sherer said.

Reese, who is supported through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, is equally attentive to patients and caregivers, Sherer said.

"We can't get enough of that here. She plays a critical role. Carol helps us to care for each other, to protect one another and to move forward."



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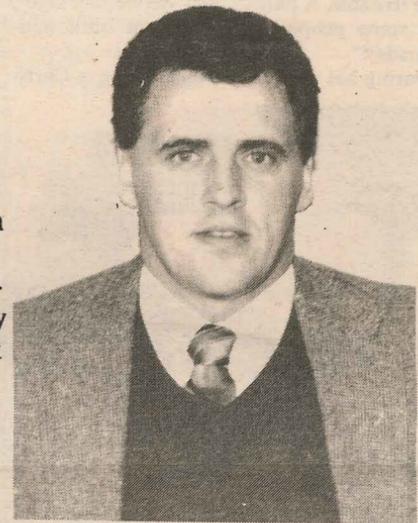


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. . . Bob Milburn's work at  
the Baptist Youth Ranch.

Bob Milburn began serving as director of the new Baptist Youth Ranch October 2. Located in Elizabethtown, the ranch provides long term care for boys ages 9 - 15.

Milburn is very much involved with the treatment of the boys. He plans weekly community projects for the boys. Through volunteer work with churches, in nursing homes, in the park system and in other similar projects, Milburn believes the youth will develop "a sense of community" as they learn to reach out to others.



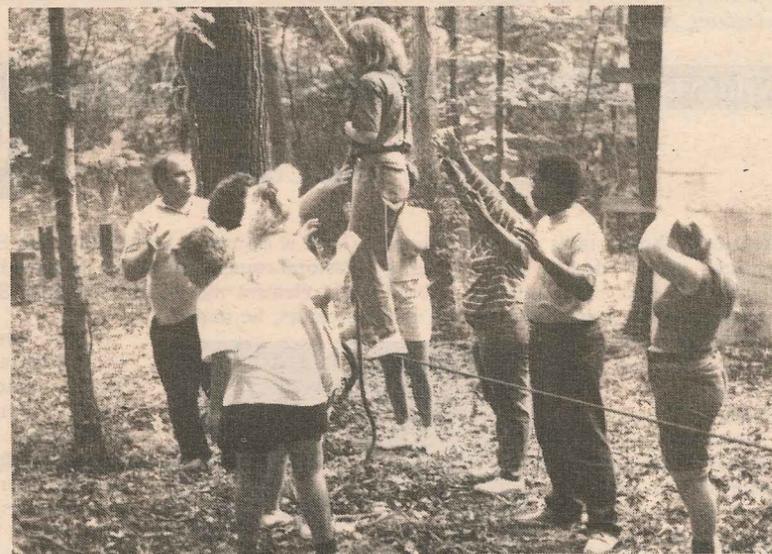
. . . mission projects for youth at Glen Dale.



Youth at Glen Dale learn to care for others. Youth in each cottage choose mission projects to complete during the year. One cottage group took fruit to a friend in the hospital. Others delivered wood to a family without heat, visited nursing home residents, helped a tornado victim and took clothes to a needy family.

. . . activities for youth at Spring Meadows.

Spring Meadows youth enjoy outdoor recreation as well as crafts and art projects. Activities director, Alan Watts, says he wants to use recreation as a means to build self-esteem and confidence in young people.



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