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Twenty-Fifth Annual Spring Missionary Bible Conference, Lexington, Ky. April 8, 9, 10, 1985



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SCHEDULE FOR CONFERENCE

MORNING SERVICES April 9, 10, 1985

Tuesday	Wednesday
10:00-10:15 Singing-Jim Orrick	10:00-10:15 Singing-Bob Jones
10:15-11:00 John Henderson	10:15-11:00 Lonnie Perigo
11:00-11:15 Singing	11:00-11:15 Singing
11:15-12:00 Ross Range	11:15-12:00 George Bean

AFTERNOON SERVICES April 9, 10, 1985

Tuesday	Wednesday
1:30-1:45 Singing-Jim Orrick	1:30-1:45 Singing-Bob Jones
1:45-2:30 Bobby Wacaser	1:45-2:30 Bobby Wacaser
2:30-3:00 Seminar-H.H. Overbey	2:30-2:45 Singing
2:30-3:30 Advisory Meeting	2:45-3:30 Bob Hopkins
5:00 Supper	5:00 Supper

NIGHT SERVICES April 8, 9, 10, 1985

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:00-7:20 Singing-Jim Orrick	7:00-7:20 Singing-Bob Jones	7:00-7:20 Singing-Jim Hamilton
7:20-8:00 Sidney Fisher	7:20-8:00 Mike Creiglow	7:20-8:00 Elton Dunbar
8:00-8:20 Singing	8:00-8:20 Singing	8:00-8:20 Singing
8:20-9:00 Asa Bratcher	8:20-9:00 Wilbur Johnson	8:20-9:00 Roy Thomas

25th Annual Spring Missionary Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 8, 9, 10, 1985

All services will be in Thompson Road Baptist Church, 320 Thompson Road, Lexington, Ky. Day services start at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Night services at 7:00 p.m. First service Monday night April 8, 1985 dinner and supper at Thompson Road Baptist Church. Those desiring a place to stay in a home with breakfast (free accommodations), or if you want reservations made for you in a motel (Motel at your own expense), write to James Hamilton, P.O. Box 24204, Lexington, Ky. 40504, or call 1-606-223-2431. Some churches pay their pastor's traveling expenses so that they can attend the conferences. May we suggest that other churches do this also. He will come back to you greatly blessed.

Brother Carver's Report

Plea For Support To Send Out New Missionaries . . . Visit Several Churches For The Mission . . . Brother Lee Visits From Korea

by Louie Carver

2028 Dorset Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40504
Tel. 1 (606) 254-4205
February 28, 1985

Have you ever thought of life . . . your responsibility as a child of God . . . a member of a local church . . . as a mountain? Something almost, if not . . . unconquerable?

It has been said: The size of your mountain is determined by your perception of it. If you think it's unconquerable, then it is. If you think you can overcome it, then you can.

We've a mountain . . . you've a mountain. They're your missionaries. The mountain is: the Wacasers, the Beans and the Hendersons are willing, in fact, are giving their all. Yet, their all will not get them across their mountain. They need you as monthly Faith Partners. How much? That depends on how much you are willing to invest in God's work. In God's vineyard helping to support God's servants. Surely you can invest \$10.00 monthly. NO!! Then how about \$5.00?? Do you have at least that much concern and burden for that lost soul—who's going to eternal hell if not rescued with the Gospel of Jesus Christ???

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Louie Carver

\$380. In the married 50% bracket, you pay \$500 and UNCLE pays \$500. If single, in the 34% tax bracket you pay \$660 and the government pays \$340. If single and in the 50% tax bracket, you pay \$500 and UNCLE pays \$500.00.

We do thank God for the way many of you are responding to the needs. Last month was a good month. However, it wasn't good enough to get these brethren to the fields. We MUST HAVE an average in the REGULAR FUND each month a MINIMUM of \$30,000.00 in order to support these three new men. In addition to that, we anticipate other brethren going in the near future. In fact, one talked to me no later than today about making application.

Travels for the month. Aside from some teaching at my home church, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church (on witnessing and soul-winning), I've been with: the Georgetown Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Fred Hunter of Asheville, North Carolina. Was also with Pastor Luther Spivey and the Cedar Hills Baptist Church of Alexandria, North Carolina. Was also privileged to have been with the Bush Creek Chapel Baptist Church and Pastor J.R. Plemmons of Fairview, North Carolina. Last Sunday Night was with Pastor Howard Sides and the Bible Way Baptist Church of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Korea

Dr. Seo Ku Lee (Dentist) who pastors the Faith Baptist Church of Seoul flew into Lexington, Kentucky last Saturday. He will be with us for a week before going back to Korea. He has been filling me in on what's going on over there. He also preached in my home church, Ashland Avenue, last night. Along with Dr. G. F. Crumley and Missionary Bobby Creiglow,

Question And Answers

Do you give a yearly financial report?

Yes, we do. There has always been a yearly financial report but it has been given in different ways. At the Spring Conference this year the financial report will be printed and handed out. An explanation will be given and an opportunity to ask questions. After the conference those who weren't able to be there but would like a report can request one by mail. This report will explain the yearly income and expenditures for Baptist Faith Missions.

Information Concerning Papers To Go . . . Your Help Needed

by George Bean

P.O. Box 65
Beattyville, Ky. 41311
February 18, 1985

Dear Brethren,

It is with joy that I am permitted to come to your way by means of this letter. I pray God's blessings to be upon each reader. I will give you a report of our going back to Brazil. We do not know, a lot depends upon you as our prayer partners to pray and then give as the Lord leads you to give.

We have gotten our new passports, and I have sent out documents to Brother Draper in Sao Luis and they are in the hands of our lawyer and should be in the hands of the Brazilian Authorities being processed right now.

I have been encouraged by some reports, one church voted to raise their mission offerings \$300.00 each month over their previous monthly offerings. One church raised theirs by \$200.00 another raised theirs by \$100.00, another by \$70.00 and several people have told me that



George Bean

they were going to start giving toward our going, etc. If two hundred people would give say \$10.00 per month then BFM would receive an extra \$2000.00 per month to send and support a missionary family. Most of us spend more than this for coffee breaks during a month. Remember that souls are at stake and let's go so we can win them.

Yours to tell the Old Old Story,
George and June Bean

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Brother Lee was on a panel during the chapel hour at the Lexington Baptist College today (we're having a mission's seminar each morning at that time at the school).

REMEMBER! If you need my services, I'm available.

Yours in His Service,
W. Louie Carver

P.S. In closing: is the mountain of getting God's men to the fields of service, in the immediate future, an impassable mountain? WILL YOU HELP CROSS THAT MOUNTAIN with that regular monthly FAITH PARTNER offering? ? ?



Brother Harold Bratcher ready to baptize Katia Cilene Correio de Melo in Manaus, Brazil.

Steve Bratcher Leads A Group From Lexington, Ky. To Manaus Brazil . . . Much Repair Work Done . . . Many Profess Faith In Christ

by Steve Bratcher
(For Harold Bratcher)

Lexington, Kentucky
February 26, 1985



Harold Bratcher

Dear Brethren,
On Monday, February 4th, we had the opportunity to lead the Expedition Team to Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil, S.A. Our team consisted of: David, Sue, and Robert Dickerson, John Davidson, Ken and Ann Raybourne. Our team arrived in Manaus at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 5th. We were kindly welcomed by our parents; Harold and Marie Bratcher, my fiancée; Saleth, her mother; Dona Janeth, and Ediberto; our evangelist at Parana da Eva, and his sister, Elizabeth.

Throughout the first week of our mission trip, we toured Greater Manaus and its outlying areas. We worked closely with Dad and the work of the 14th of December Baptist Church. Tools and repair materials were purchased for David, Ken, John and Robert, to work on the church roof and building. They spent four days diligently repairing the roof, taking down the fans, cleaning them, repairing them, and re-installing them. Work was done on electrical system also, which was in much need of repair. Some repair work was done on the mission house, for which Mom and Dad were much grateful.

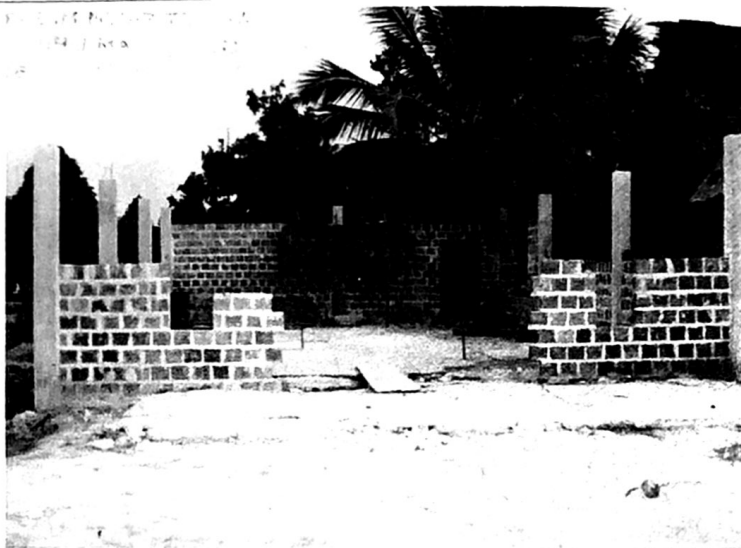
On Tuesday afternoon, Sue and Ann shared with a group of over forty ladies at our church, members of

the Ladies Missionary Society. Mother translated for them. On Wednesday night, 120 were present during the Wed. night prayer service, in which the team was introduced, and David, Ken, Robert, and John, took an active part. On Sunday, David preached in the morning service and Ken preached at night. The Lord blessed with five decisions. On Monday morning, our group boarded the "Wings of Faith" mission launch, and traveled downriver to our mission point at Parana da Eva. John and Robert preached during the two services that were held there. There was an average of 70 persons present. On Wednesday, we went across the river to Novo Remanso, where we attended a wedding that Dad performed, and the church parsonage was remodeled by the team. On Thursday, after visiting a Buffalo Ranch, we traveled to our mission point at Costa Sao Jose do Amatori. Our Lord blessed with 63 present and one rededication. Friday was spent traveling upriver back to Manaus. On Saturday, work at the church was wrapped up and preparations were made for the return trip home. On Sunday, Robert and John preached during the worship services. Several rededications were made. After the evening services, farewells were given and the team flew out of Manaus after midnight. I wish to express a word of sincere thanks to each one who had a part during our two week ministry. Continue to pray and give as the Lord leads.

In His Work,
Stephen Bratcher



Brother Harold Bratcher ready to baptize Sr. Manuel Duarte Maquine in Manaus, Brazil.



View of construction in Santo Tomas, Peru. All materials being paid for by tithes and offerings of the brethren in Santo Tomas. No paid labor, all voluntary. Brother Gasque's work. 50 feet long, 27 feet wide.

People Growing In Doctrine . . . Bible Institute Needs Support . . . Boat Sinks And Many Die

by Doug Gasque

Apartado 183
Iquitos, Peru
February 13, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Greetings once again from Peru and the Gasque family. The Lord continues to bless us more and more each day. The works are continuing with good reports and spiritual growth. We haven't seen any professions of faith this past month but it seems the members we have are becoming firmer in the doctrines. This is a great joy to us. The Bible Institute also is continuing to prepare young men and women in the truths of God's Word. This has been a great blessing to the churches and works here. We are now preparing lesson materials that will be sent out to the different churches on the Amazon, Nanay, Itaya and Marañon Rivers to help them increase their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.



Doug Gasque

Periodically, we will be traveling to these locations to give personal instruction. We have many visions, but cannot accomplish many of them because of a lack of funds. The students from our Institute must reach out in any way possible to help religiously educate the many people who have received the Lord. We want these people to be *Baptists in doctrine*, not just in name only. We appreciate those who have helped us in the past and those who have recently decided to help. Pray for our works and give, if the Lord leads, your Extra Special Offering to "Gasque Bible Institute".

We were also saddened this past month by a tragic accident on the Amazon River. A large passenger boat sunk near Tamshiyacu leaving about sixty missing. I was told that some of these were fellow Christians from the pueblo of Requena on the Ucayali River. The bodies were never recovered. Divers went down but could not recover them because of the piranas (flesh eating fish).

God bless you all is our prayer.

In Christ,
Doug Gasque

Preparing For The Retreat . . . Two Weeks Of Special Teaching . . . Many Places Visited During The Month . . . Six Professions Of Faith

by Mike Creiglow

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre
February 7, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Much is still the same, but many things have changed since my last pilgrims that we are must be able to accept change. We must be versatile.

This month many things have been done differently. Last month we geared up for the river ministry to get into full swing again, and did. This month, in the middle of our notorious rainy season, the rains stopped so we were able to continue to do some travel by road. I spent almost a week at camp getting things ready for our coming retreat and visited the church at Lagoinha again. I was able to go and come by road. Getting there was a little rough since we had a little rain the previous day and I was pulling a trailer that I just finished building. Coming back was much easier though. It took "only" 2 hours to cover the 22 miles from camp. The church is doing fine. Besides good attendance morning and evening the Sunday I was there, they had 2 of their preachers out preaching at other missions.



Mike Creiglow

evangelism. Gilmar, Joao and I did the teaching.

Our preachers have been on the go. They have had to do a lot of planting with little reaping lately. They have been to these churches and missions: Uniao, Sacado, Guajara, Tapiri, Rodrigues Alves, Moju, Valquiere, Maita, Mourapiranta, Mancio Lima, Pentecostes, Sao Domingos and Barao. At least 3 more people were saved. There were also 3 saved in the open air services that our men hold during the week here in town. The church licensed one more preacher this month, Brother Jose Bezerra.

There is so much work to do. Next month we plan to go to the States for a few months. When I look at all that needs to be done I wonder if I should leave at this time. I have been very tired most of the time for the past 3 months though and even some what lethargic, so I suppose it is time for a break. I am looking forward to reporting to many of you in person though.

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

Where To Send Offerings

Make all checks payable to Baptist Faith Missions and mail all offerings to:

James Hamilton
P.O. Box 24204
Lexington, Ky. 40524

Trip To Present The Work Difficult Because Of Ice . . . Visit New Churches In North Carolina . . . Help Send Out The New Missionaries

by Bobby Creiglow

1033 Juniper Dr.
Lexington, Kentucky 40504
February 28, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Early this month I was to be in a church in Huntsville, Alabama and on the day we left Lexington the weather was bad and the farther we went the worse it got. About two hours out of Lexington we ran into ice and for about one hundred and fifty miles we traveled from 20 to thirty-five miles per hour, but three hours later than planned we arrived at Karl and Arlete's house without any other trouble. We arrived there on Friday and by Sunday everything was so iced in that all services in the area were cancelled, but being able to reschedule our meeting with the Parkway Baptist Church for the following Sunday we spent another week fighting the ice. This was the first time for us to be with Pastor Dale Mitchell and his fine church and we were happy to present all the work of Baptist Faith Missions. It was a beautiful day



Bobby Creiglow

that Sunday and we enjoyed their fellowship very much.

I also went with Bro. Carver to North Carolina where we had the privilege of being in two new churches. I am sure Brother Carver will tell you more about our good fellowship with these good churches and their pastors.

We are now taking some steps and making some plans that if the Lord blesses we hope will result in our being able to return to Brazil within the next few months but before we return we would like to see enough new support come in that our three new missionaries could have their full support to be ready to go just as soon as they could get their paper work in order. This isn't at all impossible if enough people and churches would get missions on their hearts to be the kind of Missionary Baptist Churches like we say we are. Now is the time; will you get behind these faithful men of God and help get them to where the Lord has called them to serve?

In His Service,
Bobby D. Creiglow
P.S. These three men are willing to give themselves for the work of the Lord. All we ask you to give is prayer and MONEY.

Eight Baptized . . . Begin To Fix Building At Cornelio Procopio . . . To Begin New Training Program

by John Hatcher

Garca, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Fevereiro 19, 1985

Dear Brethren,

While most of you are enjoying the cold weather of winter, here in Garca our summer is something around 85 degrees during the day and nice and comfortable to sleep at night. This is the month that schools begin the new year and everything gets back to a more normal routine. Services and work in all the places are going well. In Duartina, the attendance and number of professions of faith are up. Five were baptized from there last week along with three from Garca.



John Hatcher

In the city of Cornelio Procopio, the attendance is increasing and there have been some who have made professions of faith. Three persons are to be baptized soon. Today, the Lord willing, work was begun in Cornelio Procopio to remodel the building.

The building is a large warehouse type of building with no windows and large metal doors. Four windows and one large door are being put in on the front side and one door on the back side.

This week was Carnival week here in Brazil. Today, Wednesday, February 20, is Ash Wednesday. People burn their palms from last Easter, smear some of the ashes on their forehead in an act of penitence thinking that this will pay for at least some of their sin. Friends, if our Gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost. During these holidays many of the members here in Garca worked cleaning, painting, and replacing flooring in our building.

NOW THE NEWS.

The Lord willing, on March 4th, our first classes will be held in our training program here in Southern Brazil. The purpose is to train our people in out reach evangelism for the establishing of new churches and to provide training programs of spiritual development in the lives of individuals and churches.

In Him,
John and Alta Hatcher



These two girls are two of four that graduated that have been with the school since kindergarten. Gina Carajal Torres on the left trusted Christ the following day. Brother Stanton's work.



Libertad Baptist Church, Pucallpa, Peru. Brother Stanton's work.

Three Waiting For Baptism . . . To Go On A Retreat Because Of Carnival . . . Pray For Brother Turner's Health

by Richard Turner

Caixa Postal 720
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Brasil, S.A.
February 11, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Since writing last month about returned to normal as goes. The people that were traveling have returned and the students are out of school for vacation so this has helped our attendance some. We are having some visitors in the services also. Last Sunday we had some first time visitors and yesterday we had some more. We are encouraged in the Lord.

In our Sunday night service yesterday we had one profession of faith and one young man came asking for baptism. We also have two other candidates, a man and his wife. We should have this baptism next Sunday night. It is



Richard Turner

good to see the Lord blessing the church.

This is month of the "carnaval" here in Brazil. Carnaval means "Feast of the flesh." The people give themselves over to revelry and sin. Each year more and more liberty is taken to fulfill the desires of the flesh. By the way the established put it's approval on this.

We are having a Spiritual retreat this year for the young people and any of the old ones that want to participate during the two days and half of the carnival. We hope to teach on the Works of the Flesh and the Fruit of the Spirit. Everyone is looking forward to these days together on a farm out of town. We hope that you are remembering to pray for us and the work here.

I have been having some health problems that could be serious. The doctor seems to think that I have an infection in my intestine but the treatment has not helped so today I return to him. Pray for me.

Thanks for your prayers and faithful support.
In His Service,
Richard A. Turner

Visits Interior . . . Brother Trindade Doing Well . . . Several Professions Of Faith . . . Good Fellowship At Fortaleza

by Harold Draper

Dear Brethren,

This has been a very busy month. We decided to take advantage out of school and visit all our works in the interior. We first visited our mission here in Anil. We discovered that we have some problems which will probably necessitate that the worker be asked to leave. He is not working at the job and the work is suffering. But we feel sure the Lord will help us find someone who will dedicate himself to the work. Pray for us about this. Next we traveled to Anajatuba to visit the brethren there. They are really thrilled with Brother Trindade who is working there. They had several saved the past few months. He hopes to move down there the end of this month. It will be a big step. Not many preachers here are willing to leave the city and go to a small out of the way place like Anajatuba. Our church here is trying to help him some, but it is an act of faith that I haven't seen in many preachers here.

Besides these places we visited again the church in Peritoro on Sunday morning. The work there is holding its own, but will soon need a new pastor. The old warrior there does not want to give up, but at 79 years old it can't be too long. We went on the same day over to Sao Mateus for the night service. I was the preacher for the service and a young girl made known publicly her faith in Jesus Christ. After 2 days of recuperation we traveled to Fortaleza to help in the ordination service of 2 deacons with Brother Zuhars and Brother Aldridge. It was good to have a few days of fellowship with these wonderful people. On our



Harold Draper

way back home we stayed one night in the mountains and were saddened to see that the gospel message is very weak in that area. Also, we observed in the neighboring state to us the great need of the gospel.

On arriving back here we rejoiced to hear of the great work the church here had carried on in our absence. There was one young lady saved here while we were gone and this Sunday we had two more saved. All is well with us. May God bless all.

IN HIM,
Harold M. Draper

Taking Classes In Florida . . . Visiting Various Churches And Telling About The Work . . . Speaking In Seminar In Tennessee

by Asa Bratcher

7241 Old Kings #2
Jacksonville, Fla. 32217
February 24, 1985

Dear Brethren,
Greetings in the wonderful Name that is above every other names that of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Since the middle of last month, we have been back in Jacksonville, Florida, where I will be completing the remaining studies for the Doctor of Ministry degree. During the past month we have visited in and told about the work in Brasil in several churches of the Jacksonville area.

This week we will be



Asa Bratcher



A group of our young people. Brother Adams work in the Philippines.

Church Begins To Give Now For Thanksgiving Offering . . . Rejoice To See Members Grow . . . Prepared A New Convert's Handbook

by Dana Adams

1782 Burbank Street
Brookside Hills Subd.
Cainta, Rizal Philippines
February 22, 1985

Dear Co-Laborers In Christ,

In last month's mission letter I mentioned that our church here in the be receiving a special offering for our Thanksgiving Conference this coming November. However, I have since decided it would be better to give our Faith Promise to B.F.M. on a monthly basis in order that the goal of \$25,000 needed for our "Regular Fund" may be met. I was encouraged to note that for January and February our goal was met. Let's continue to pray that this may be the case throughout 1985 and that our upcoming Thanksgiving conference will be one of the greatest ever.

My family and I always look forward to receiving the mission sheet from month to month and to read how the Lord is blessing our work in other



Dana Adams

parts of the world. It's encouraging to read about souls being saved and New Testament churches being established to the glory of our Saviour.

The Lord is continuing to bless our church for which we are grateful. We are rejoicing especially in the growth of some of our new converts. Perhaps the apostle John in his 3rd epistle, verse 4, best expresses the joy I'm referring to when he said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." In order to assist our new converts in their spiritual growth we are providing them with a new convert's handbook and a series of 9 lessons which begins with salvation and assurance and ends with lessons 7-9 teaching about soulwinning. Our handbook deals with such subjects as, how can I know I am saved, how can I live a victorious christian life, what does God want me to do as His child, what about temptations, what happens when I sin, and etc. Hopefully these aids will assist our new converts as they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour. See II Peter 3:18.

Until next month, let's continue working, praying, and telling the wonderful story of Jesus and His power to save.

In His Name,
Dana Adams

A Revealing Comparison Between U.S. Churches And Brazilian Churches . . . A Solution To The Problem That Is Working

by Paul Hatcher

Caixa Postal 1437
Manaus, Amazonas
69.000 Brazil
February 14, 1985

Dear Friends,

They say that one of the greatest "abilities" a missionary needs is "flexibility." We've had this quality developed in our ministry over the past few months in the area of our church structure. Let me explain by doing a comparison. You probably get up on Sunday morning, have some breakfast, get ready, have a leisurely drive to church, enjoy the teaching and fellowship there, and then go home for a lovely Sunday dinner. During the week you pick up your phone to talk with your Christian brothers and sisters about problems or victories, attend the mid-week meeting, and perhaps visitation or a Bible study. You feel like you're a vital part of your church body. You bring visitors to church - your neighbors or people you work with. This is the church functioning - edifying and evangelizing.

Now let's have a look at the Brazilian Christian. He gets up at least three hours before church starts because he must catch at least two buses to get there. If he wants to bring visitors he leaves even earlier to go get them and bring them to church. He must do this Sunday morning and evening, and third time if he attends the mid-week service. The fares for this transportation can take up to 10 percent of his monthly salary! During the week he can only have



Paul Hatcher

Christian fellowship if someone else from the church happens to live in his neighborhood. He can't phone another church member for prayer or fellowship because most of our people don't have phones. The result - members feel detached from one another and from the church body during the week. Here is where God has shown us a better way - a way in which the member can be involved daily in the workings of the church body, yet not have to expend so much time, money, and energy just getting to where the body is. This is where flexibility has come in - allowing the church body to be flexible enough to branch out into the communities rather than rigidly requiring that the communities come to one central location in order to be a part of the body.

The solution has been a "nucleus system" - the believers in a community meet together for teaching, prayer, fellowship, and to evangelize (think about it - it's much more feasible to bring your unsaved neighbor to your home than to take him on two buses to the other side of the city and back). The members feel close to one another because they meet in smaller congregations. Since they live near each other they can meet each other's spiritual needs for prayer and fellowship, also each other's physical needs on a daily basis. (For example - if a member is hospitalized on Monday, the rest of the church may not find out about it until the following Sunday. But with caring community groups the sick member is immediately prayed for, visited, and his family taken care of by the people in his neighborhood nucleus.)

We're seeing this system work to encourage the gifts and talents of the members who had previously thought that the pastor was supposed to do the entire work of the church. Members are beginning to feel needed - like their absence would be noticed. And it would be in a group of 30 much more than in a congregation of 1,000! Our ladies are exercising their gifts of teaching and their creative talents as they teach in the 75 community Sunday schools - each lady knowing her pupils well, and working to evangelize their parents. Men are working together to enlarge patios and front rooms of the homes where the nuclei meet.

And what of the local church? The large central congregation? That aspect of the church is here as well. On Sunday nights we all meet together - the buses pick up the people at the nucleus site and we're all together for a great time of teaching, singing, and fellowship. The members feel united with other members from other parts of the city. They bring their tithes and offerings. They witness the baptism of new believers. They feel strengthened by the fact that they are not alone - that there are many other Christians just like them. Pray for us. We need wisdom. We need courage to be different when God says to be different. We need to use the creative minds that God gave us to try more ways of winning this city for Christ.

Paul Hatcher

Offerings for February 1985

Beauty Mountain Baptist Church, Edmond, W. Va.	\$ 416.25
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	80.00
Berea Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	40.00
Bible Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Ill.	995.30
Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tn. (John Hatcher's Building)	40.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Summersville, W. Va.	40.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	30.00
Concord Baptist Church, Leesville, S.C.	275.00
Devondale Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Bratcher's Relief Fund)	30.00
Elk Lick Baptist Church, Levi, Ky.	17.44
Emmaus Road Baptist Church, Craigsville, W. Va.	120.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla. (Stanton)	30.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	25.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky. (Bratcher's Boat Fuel)	60.00
Faith Baptist Church, Madison Hts., Mich.	100.00
Goldfloss Baptist Chapel, Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)	25.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church, Marengo, Ohio	105.00
Glen's Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky. (Harold Bratcher)	25.00
Harborview Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	275.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio (Special Gift)	500.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla.	25.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla. (John Hatcher's Building)	136.65
Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla. (Bobby Creiglow's Building)	65.15
Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla. (Adams Building)	65.15
Harmony Bapt. Church, Melbourne, Fla. (Stanton)	56.50
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.	100.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. (Special Offering)	125.00
Hilltop Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky.	100.00
I-20 Baptist Church, Darlington, S.C.	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Oh. (Carver)	40.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Oh. (Bratcher)	40.00
Lilly Valley Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	50.00
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, W. Va.	150.00
Meadow Bridge Bapt. Church, Meadow Bridge, W. Va.	27.81
Mt. Home Baptist Church, #2, Phil Campbell, Al.	50.00
Muddy Ford Baptist Church, Sadieville, Ky.	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hts., Mi.	364.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hts., Mi. (Baptist Seminary)	26.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	184.67
Open Door Baptist Church, Jonesborough, Tn.	50.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla.	350.00
Park Ridge Baptist Church, Gotha, Fla. (Stanton)	5.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va. (Thru Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association)	30.00
Rosemont Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.	100.00
Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, Ky.	150.00
South Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky.	30.00
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Oh.	1,377.82
Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Oh. (Car Fund)	200.00
Tuppers Valley Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va.	62.00
Victory Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky. (Draper)	30.00
Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.	490.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh. (Baptist Seminary)	100.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh. (Bratcher's Building)	50.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh. (Wacaser)	40.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Jackson, Mi.	20.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Jackson, Mi.	20.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	75.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	1,250.00
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Desg.)	100.00
Ashland Ave. Bapt. Church, Lexington, Ky. (Stanton)	110.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	10.00
Berea Baptist Church, Hiddenite, N.C.	60.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russellville, Ala.	29.85
Calvary Baptist Church, Crestline, Oh.	433.95
Calvary Baptist Church, Nitro, W. Va.	200.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	228.04
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Special Designation)	100.00
Cressmont Baptist Church, Beattyville, Ky.	20.00
Ednelawn Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	20.00
Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott, Miss.	86.77
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	39.75
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	520.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oldtown, Ky.	32.30
Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala. (Mike Creiglow's Boats & Motors)	81.07
Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala. (Gasque's Institute)	81.07
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	850.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky. (Bapt. Sem.)	50.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Rison, Ark.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Oh.	200.00
Hardman Fork Baptist Church, Letter Gap, W. Va.	150.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Camden, Tn. (Adams Building)	169.82
Hepzibah Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	15.00
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, Ala.	37.87
Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, Ala. (Gasque's Shipping Expenses)	56.00
James Chapel Baptist Church, Russellville, Ala. (Gasque)	75.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	50.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla. (Stanton)	40.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mi.	626.27
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mi. (Baptist Sem.)	31.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mi. (Adams Car)	10.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mi. (Draper's Bldg.)	10.00
Meadowthorp Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Mike Creiglow)	68.00
New Haven Baptist Church, New Haven, W. Va.	85.00
Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	200.00
Renaker Baptist Church, Renaker, Ky.	50.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.	41.36
Rupert Baptist Church, Rupert, W. Va.	15.00
Smyrna Baptist Church, Courtland, Ala.	243.83
Temple Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Oh. (Hatcher, Bratcher, B. Creiglow, M. Creiglow)	160.00
Temple Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky.	25.00

Temple Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky. (John Hatcher's Building)	10.00
Valley View Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	30.50
West End Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
Wolf Springs Baptist Church, Town Creek, Ala. (Gasque's Car)	98.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh. (Bobby Creiglow's Bldg. Project)	40.00
Bible Baptist Academy, Clarksville, Tenn. (Mrs. Ellis 3rd Grade - Adams Car Expenses)	30.00
Bible Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	100.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tn. (Adams)	40.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tn. (Mike Creiglow)	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tn. (Baptist Seminary)	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tn. (Baptist Seminary)	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	50.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	969.10
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill.	127.00
East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill. (In memory of Del Mayfield - Stanton Bldg. Repair)	110.74
East Main Baptist Church, Glenview, Ill.	200.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lean, Miss.	20.00
First Baptist Church, Buffalo, W. Va.	100.00
Carr Baptist Church, York, Ky.	20.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. (Bratcher's Boat Fuel)	25.00
First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Mi.	17.15
First Baptist Church, Niles, Ill.	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Annnville, Ky.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	100.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky. (John Hatcher's Building)	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Holly, Mich.	572.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine bluff, Ark. (Carver)	45.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine bluff, Ark. (Draper)	45.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverview, Mi.	25.00
Jackson Ave. Baptist Church, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. (Bobby Creiglow's New Mission Project)	25.00
Landmark Baptist Church, Winchester, Ky. (Crain, Carver, Hatcher, Bratcher)	200.00
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Algonac, Mi.	10.00
Logana Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	20.00
Logana Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Ky.	20.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, Oh.	50.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Oh.	100.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Oh. (Gasque's Car)	35.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	576.48
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. (Bobby Creiglow Building)	58.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	40.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	1,200.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Baptist Seminary)	50.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Draper's Building)	30.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (Bobby Creiglow's Building)	92.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. (John Hatcher's Building)	50.00
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N.C.	265.56
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mi.	2,134.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mi. (Baptist Seminary)	160.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mi. (Adams Building)	65.00
Twelve-Ryan Bapt. Church, Warren, Mi. (Car Fund)	12.00
Jesse Brackett, Lexington, Ky. (Baptist Seminary)	5.00
Jesse Brackett, Lexington, Ky. (Stanton)	5.00
Frank Creiglow, Lancaster, Oh. (B. Creiglow Car)	25.00
Frank Creiglow, Lancaster, Oh. (B. Creiglow's Car)	25.00
James & Elizabeth Sims, Hattiesburg, Miss.	75.00
James & Elizabeth Sims, Hattiesburg, Miss. (John Hatcher's Work)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Mills, Cedar Park, Tex. (John Hatcher's Work)	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stanton, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Pucallpa School Work)	100.00
Bro. & Mrs. Olla Arbogast, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.	100.00
Miss N. A. rines, Sanford, Fla. (Stanton)	25.00
Bro. & Mrs. Homer Crain, Peru, S.A. (Stanton's)	10.00
Texas Friends	400.00
Helen Bradshaw, Charleston, W. Va. (Wacaser)	30.00
W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	10.00
A Friend	200.00
Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	50.00
A Friend	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Hall, Pennington Gap, Va.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	100.00
Bro. & Mrs. George Bean, Beattyville, Ky.	20.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. B. Trent, Chattaroy, W. Va.	60.00
Received for Baptist Seminary	462.00
Received for Car Fund	212.00
Received for Adams Building	299.97
Received for Adams Car	40.00
Received for Bratcher's Building	50.00
Received for Bratcher's Boat Fuel	85.00
Received for Bratcher's Relief Fund	30.00
Received for Bobby Creiglow's New Mission Project	280.15
Received for B. Creiglow's Car	50.00
Received for M. Creiglow's Boats & Motors	81.07
Received for Draper's Building	40.00
Received for Gasque's Car	133.00
Received for Gasque's Shipping Expenses	56.00
Received for Gasque's Bible Institute	81.07
Received for John Hatcher's Building	301.65
Received for Pucallpa School Work	100.00
Received for Pucallpa School Building Repair	110.74
Received for Regular Fund	22,121.57
Received for All Purposes	24,534.57

OFFERINGS FOR BAPTIST SEMINARY, FEBRUARY, 1984

New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Hts., Mich.	\$ 26.00
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh.	100.00
Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mi.	31.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	50.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.	20.00
Bible Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.	20.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	160.00

Jesse Brackett, Lexington, Ky.	5.00
Total received for this fund	462.00

OFFERINGS FOR CAR FUND, FEBRUARY, 1985

Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, Oh.	\$ 200.00
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	12.00
Total received for this fund	212.00

OFFERINGS FOR ADAMS BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1985

Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla.	\$ 65.15
Harmony Baptist Church, Camden, Tenn.	169.82
Twelve-Ryan Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.	65.00
Total received for this fund	299.97

OFFERINGS FOR ADAMS CAR, FEBRUARY, 1985

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mich.	\$ 10.00
Bible Baptist Academy, Clarksville, Tenn. (Mrs. Ellis 3rd Grade)	30.00
Total received for this fund	40.00

OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1985

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Ohio	\$ 50.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S BOAT FUEL, FEBRUARY, 85

Fellowship Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	\$ 25.00
Ephesus Baptist Church, Crab Orchard, Ky.	60.00
Total received for this fund	85.00

OFFERINGS FOR BRATCHER'S RELIEF FUND, FEBRUARY, 85

Devondale Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 30.00
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OFFERINGS FOR BOBBY CREIGLOW'S NEW MISSION PROJECT, FEBRUARY, 1985

Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla.	\$ 65.15
Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, Oh.	40.00
Jackson Ave. Baptist Church, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.	25.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	58.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	92.00
Total received for this fund	280.15

OFFERINGS FOR BOBBY CREIGLOW'S CAR, FEBRUARY, 85

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Creiglow, Lancaster, Oh.	\$ 25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Creiglow, Lancaster, Oh.	25.00
Total received for this fund	50.00

OFFERINGS FOR MIKE CREIGLOW'S BOATS & MOTORS FEBRUARY, 1985

Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	\$ 81.07
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OFFERINGS FOR DRAPER'S BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 1985

Lake Road Baptist Church, Clio, Mich.	\$ 10.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	30.00
Total received for this fund	40.00

OFFERINGS FOR GASQUE'S CAR, FEBRUARY, 1985

Wolf Springs Baptist Church, Town Creek, Ala.	\$ 98.00
New Testament Baptist Church, Greentown, Ohio	35.00
Total received for this fund	133.00

OFFERINGS FOR GASQUE'S SHIPPING EXPENSES, FEB. 85

Isbell Chapel Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, Ala.	\$ 56.00
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OFFERINGS FOR GASQUE'S BIBLE INSTITUTE, FEB., 1985

Faith Baptist Church, Leighton, Ala.	\$ 81.07
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OFFERINGS FOR JOHN HATCHER'S BUILDING, FEBRUARY, 85

Bible Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	\$ 40.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fla.	136.65
Temple Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ky.	25.00
South Lexington Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	50.00
James & Elizabeth Sims, Hattiesburg, Miss.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Mills, Cedar Park, Tex.	15.00
Total received for this fund	301.65

OFFERINGS FOR PUCALLPA SCHOOL WORK, FEBRUARY, 85

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stanton, Palm Beach Garden, Fla.	\$ 100.00
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OFFERINGS FOR PUCALLPA SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR, FEBRUARY, 1985

East Keys Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill. (In Memory of Del Mayfield)	\$ 100.00
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