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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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## Kentucky District News Editor Rick McGee



# News...Not History

If you are reading this, you are a valued recipient of the *Kentucky District News*. As such, you're interested in the news of our district and, I believe it's safe to assume, you'd like that news on time. We're not called *Kentucky District History*, after all. While we hope that you hang onto and cherish back issues of the *KDN* for years to come, we all want this publication to be more than an instant archive of past Kentucky events. We want it to be an advance notice of upcoming events *and* a journal of past activities. With that in mind, you'll be pleased to know that we are now on schedule and prepared to get the news out on time regarding our progressive district.

I must apologize for the delay in getting these first issues to each of you. Without boring you with details or lengthy excuses, please allow me to simply say that the postal service's permit process took quite a bit longer than anticipated during our editorial transition. It is completed at this time, however, and after this issue we should be right on target for publication and mailing.

Allow me to express my thanks also to each of you who asked about the progress of the *KDN* at rallies and conferences when we crossed paths. It's a pleasure to know that there are so many readers who look forward to receiving the *Kentucky District News*. I must also voice my appreciation to everyone who is contributing articles, announcements, and news for the *KDN*. The calls and e-mails keep coming. That's a good thing! Your submissions to this publication are vital and they will see print. Thank you for your patience and loyalty to the ministry of the *KDN*. You want to keep up with the happenings of the Progressive Kentucky District, and we're glad to be a part of the ministry that helps you do so. You're going to see new and exciting things within these pages over the coming months. There are new ministries that are bearing fruit in Kentucky and testimonies of miracles – Faith Builders – from all across our state. Expect great things from God, and expect to see them right here when they happen!

In Christ,  
Bro. Rick McGee



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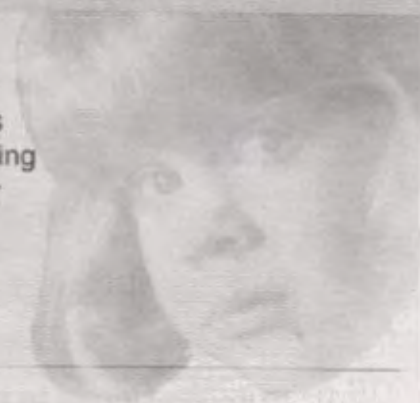
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## Campus Ministry Invasion 2004, Lexington, Ky.

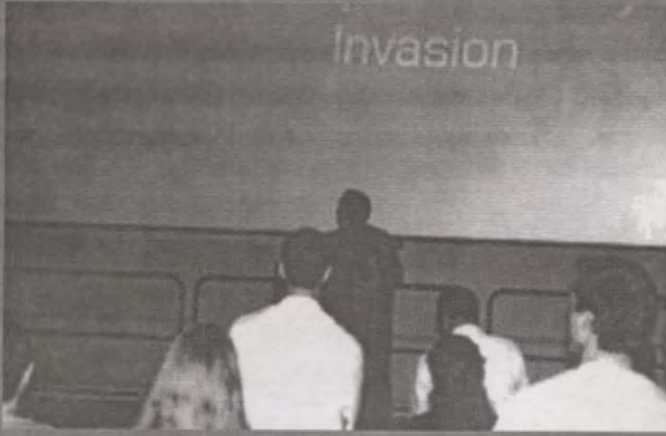
*Sis. Keshia Simmons, UK  
Campus Ministry Director  
and organizer of the  
Campus Ministry Invasion,  
speaks to the attendees.*



In November 2004 a group of Apostolics, led by Sister Keshia Simmons, “invaded” the campus of UK to bring the Gospel to the hungry souls of that university. Guest preacher, Rev. Wayne Francis of Indianapolis, preached an anointed message, “Ultimate Makeover,” to those in attendance. On the grounds of a secular college, the Holy Ghost moved freely from the worship service all the way through to the altar call. God is continually doing great things in the campus ministry of UK. Please remember Sis. Keshia and all those involved in this labor for the harvest.

Watch for the year-end Campus Report by Sister Keshia Simmons in our next issue. Featuring news of both Campus Invasions, and Monday-night Bible study praise reports, it will give you insight into the mighty ways God is moving in our district!





*Rev. Wayne Francis, Indiana Bible College  
Campus Pastor, preaches to the UK  
campus ministry congregation.*

*Rev. Tim Ackee; Campbellsville, Ky.*



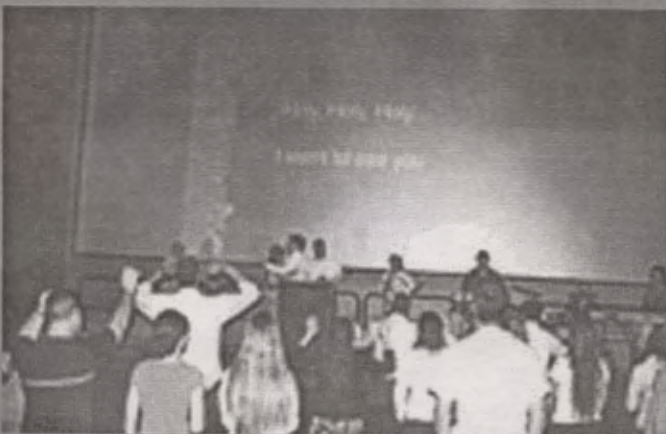
*The Anointed Hands Sign Team of  
Greater Faith Apostolic Church*



*A Holy-Ghost filled altar service!*



*Rev. Brandon Shanks of Madisonville,  
Ky., leads worship.*





**Eastern Kentucky Youth Conference 2004  
Corbin, Kentucky**



*Rev. Todd Gaddy, UPCI Youth President, preaches "Where Do We Go From Here?" at the conclusion of the youth conference.*

On November 5th and 6th, Pastor Craig Thomas and Calvary Tabernacle UPC hosted the Eastern Kentucky Youth Conference in Corbin. Rev. Todd Gaddy, UPCI Youth President, preached the Friday night and Saturday services. His closing message, "Where Do We Go From Here?" challenged the youth of Eastern Kentucky to reach out to others with renewed passion and anointing. Bro. and Sis. Crouch led Children's Church for the younger age groups and saw twelve children receive the Holy Ghost! Special thanks are due to host pastor, Bro. Craig Thomas and to Bro. Rob Akers, Section D Youth Leader, for organizing the conference.



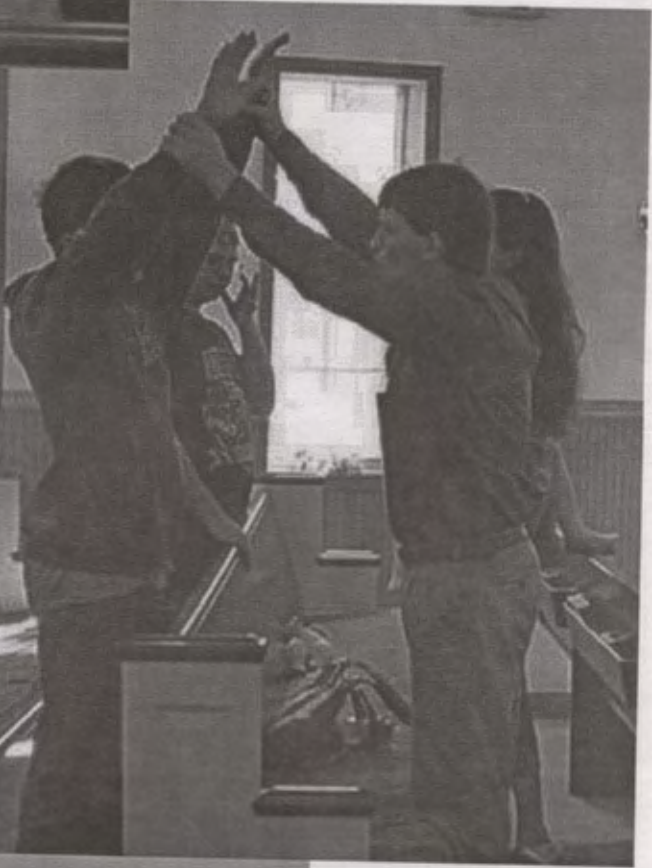
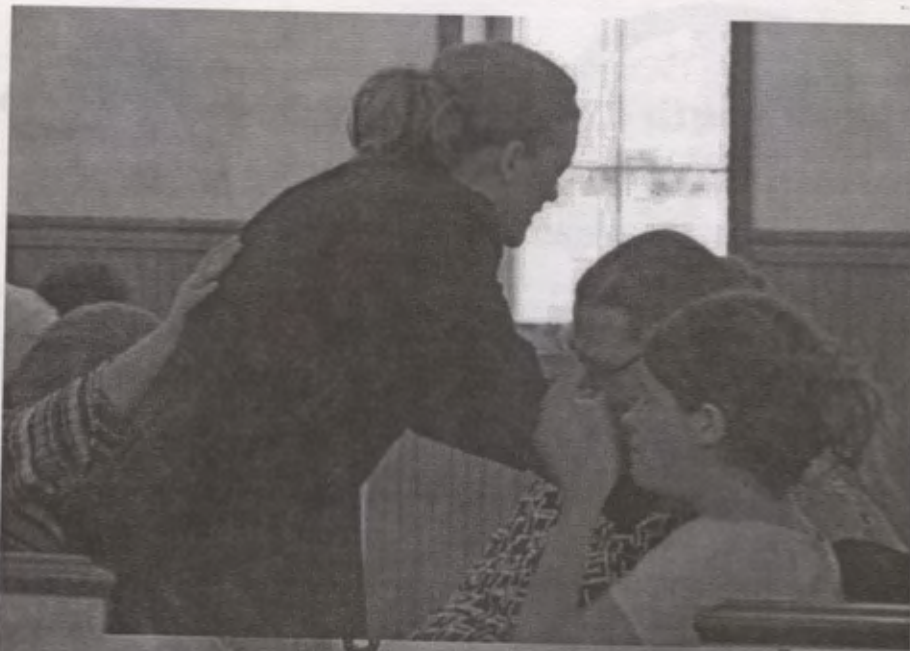
*Rev. Rob Akers holds an impromptu interview of Sister Keshia Simmons regarding the UK Campus Ministry she directs.*



*Youth of section D worship through signing during the Saturday service.*

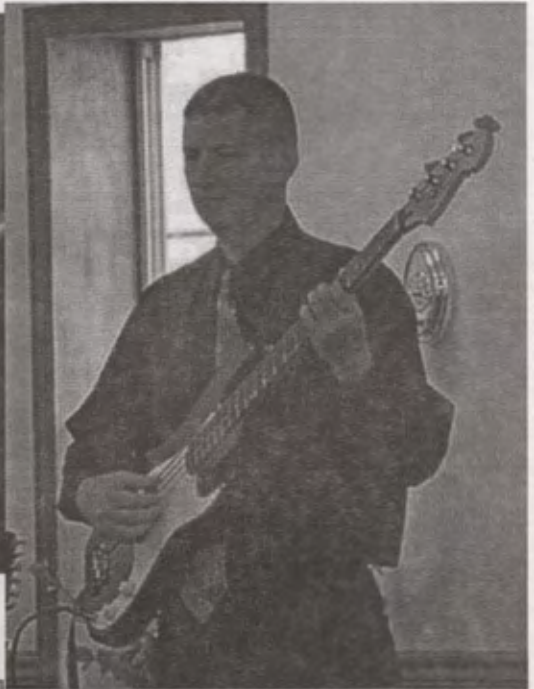








# Eastern Kentucky Youth Conference 2004 Corbin, Kentucky





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**Beginnings**  
 INTERNATIONAL  
*Children's and Family Services*

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17). No question exists about the effectiveness of the Gospel message – Paul's words are emphatic. "Old things ARE passed away ... all things ARE become new."

At New Beginnings International Children's and Family Services (New Beginnings), folks frequently associate us with newborn babies and adoptive couples. It's very difficult to equal the joyful, tear-filled moment when an adoptive mother sees her newborn baby for the very first time. We've seen many grown, brave-hearted adoptive fathers weep uncontrollably at that moment. What joy and rejoicing ... and yet ... there is no evidence of angelic rejoicing when a baby is placed with a "forever family."

We may not fully comprehend it, but an adoptive placement pales in comparison to the spiritual births that have taken place at First Pentecostal Church in Tupelo, Mississippi (the church home of New Beginnings) five times this year. Jesus said, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Luke 15:10). **Now that is joy!**

In early October, Stephen Drury (Chairman of

New Beginnings), who was in town for New Beginnings' annual Celebration of Adoption, preached a stirring message at First Pentecostal Church in Tupelo. Following the service, Pastor Larry Hill, our home pastor, requested that Brother Drury baptize Celeste (name changed) in the wonderful name of Jesus. For those of us who have ministered to Celeste for the past several weeks, the transformation is remarkable, yet not surprising, because she chose to allow the Lord to become the Master of her life. Celeste had a new smile, a new way of talking and a new Friend who will always be faithful to her.

Celeste also chose to let her unborn child to live rather than to seek an abortion. It is a decision that she has been thankful that she made.

This past Sunday morning, another young birth mother, Andrea (name changed) was baptized. She also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost after being baptized. When I called her mother last week to ask for her permission, she expressed her thanks for what has happened in her daughter's life. Truly we know that the Lord heals broken hearts and broken relationships. These events remind me of a conversation I had with Lois Erwin (a former Board member and Friend of New Beginnings) earlier this year. The words of this godly woman touched my heart ...

*Twenty years ago, the doctor, who was only a casual acquaintance, walked up to Lois Erwin with a \$5 bill in hand and said, "Please use this for your kids' project." That was it – \$5 and a suggestion. Lois accepted those words as a challenge and began traveling the country with only those few dollars in the fund, but with a dream in her heart. Lois shared the same message today that she shared way back then. "We need to learn how to give – you just can't out give God." She continued speaking and I was compelled to listen. The words poured from the heart of a wise*



**The picture (left to right) includes Stephen Drury, Celeste, Shirley Hill (our housemother) and Pastor Larry Hill (in background).**





woman with years of experience. "You know, Tom, God isn't a debtor to anyone. He blesses us so we can bless others, and that \$5 quickly grew into several thousand dollars." And so ...

Lois began her quest to open a home for older girls who needed guidance, but in her words, "the doors never opened."

Lois waited and prayed, always believing that God's timing, while different than hers, would be "just right." On a trip to Mississippi in 1985, Lois and her late husband, Dr. Eugene Erwin, heard the heartfelt vision of Stephen and Evelyn Drury, the co-founders of New Beginnings. When they heard about the Drury's vision for a home that would provide, not only housing, but more importantly, love and wholesome training, their hearts were stirred. A few days later they called the Drurys and told them they were committing the entire amount they had saved to New Beginnings. Lois entrusted New Beginnings with her heart's "multiplied miracle" and the result became the Maternity Care Center.

Since that time, the "dream" has become a haven of peace, hope and joy for over 150 birth mothers. Birth mothers enjoy a peaceful home, loving Holy Ghost-filled houseparents, well-balanced meals and medical care. But most importantly, they are welcomed with open arms by the staff of New

Beginnings and by the Church Family at First Pentecostal Church. Since the beginning of 2004, five birth mothers who came from non-Apostolic backgrounds have been baptized in Jesus' name and four have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The *Erwin Maternity Care Center* has a wonderful history of ministry to young ladies such as Celeste and Andrea, and we are very thankful for our long-term relationship with the United Pentecostal Church International. We believe this partnership will result in the lives and souls of untold numbers of birth mothers being blessed in the coming years. And ... many babies will be blessed with Godly and loving homes.

We pray ask that you will continue to remember us in your prayers, in your giving and when a young person or family needs to call on us. The Lord has always supplied our needs and we have worked diligently to provide the best ministry-services possible to the body of Christ. New Beginnings is here to serve you.

*Tom Velie*

Tom Velie serves as the Executive Director of New Beginnings. You may reach NBI at [www.newbeginnings.us](http://www.newbeginnings.us), 662.842.6752, or [tomvelie@bellsouth.net](mailto:tomvelie@bellsouth.net).



*Andrea is pictured with Pastor Larry Hill and Larry Hill II (youth pastor) as she receives the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!*



*Tom Velie, a UPCI minister and master social worker, is the Executive Director of New Beginnings, a licensed adoption agency/ministry located in Mississippi.*



Kentucky District  
Winter Youth Retreat  
January 14th, 15th 2005

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Selam, IL

Choir: BCC Chorale



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in reaching our world*

*“One Child at a Time.”*

*– Bro. Robbie Knox, Kentucky District Sunday School Director*

## **The Top 10 Churches in Kentucky for Save Our Children Offering 2004**

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| 1. United Pentecostal Church of Carrollton<br>Carrollton, Ky. Pastor Robbie Knox<br>\$5101.00          | 6. The Turning Point<br>Nicholasville, Ky. Pastor Ben Stamper<br>\$763.24                      |
| 2. Greater Lighthouse Pentecostal Church<br>Madisonville, Ky. Pastor Ron Hendricks<br>\$2000.00        | 7. House of Prayer Pentecostal Church<br>Fulton, Ky. Pastor Jessie Cavness<br>\$540.00         |
| 3. Truth Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church<br>Campbellsville, Ky. Pastor Raymond Clark<br>\$1761.00 | 8. Life Tabernacle<br>Hopkinsville, Ky. Pastor Gerald Adams<br>\$500.00                        |
| 4. Greater Life Apostolic Church<br>Middletown, Ky. Pastor G. Alan Browning<br>\$1340.00               | 9. First United Pentecostal Church<br>Covington, Ky. Pastor Fred Turner<br>\$440.00            |
| 5. United Pentecostal Church<br>Russellville, Ky. Pastor Scott Marshall<br>\$1000.00                   | 10. Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church<br>Raceland, Ky. Pastor Anthony Keaton<br>\$400.00 |

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