



FROM THE CHURCHES

Reports in this issue tell of 247 believers baptized into Christ and 312 persons added to local churches by transfer of membership. Please report baptisms and transfers on a monthly, not weekly, basis. All staff names will be printed for churches making a monthly report. If reporting more than once a month, please list the name of only one minister. News-report cards are available free upon request from our office.

California

Mission Viejo—One baptism Jan. 3. George McElroy, minister.

Porter Ranch (Shepherd of the Hills/Hillcrest)—Eleven baptisms, 7 transfers, Jan. 19 and 26. Dudley C. Rutherford, minister.

West Hills—Two baptisms, 1 transfer, in January. Glenn Kirby, minister.

Colorado

Eads—Five baptisms, 5 transfers, since last report. Alvin J. Clamp, minister.

Florida

Bradenton—Four baptisms, 2 transfers, in January. K. Wayne Brown, Jared Stein, and Jennifer Stein, ministers.

Cape Coral—Fifteen baptisms, 26 transfers, August–December. Keith Krueger, Brad Weaver, Bruce Schreiber, Gretchen Tripp, Tracy Hunt, and Robin Antone, ministers.

Clermont—Nine baptisms, 4 transfers, in November and December. Justin Miller, Marc Naugler, and Dustin Todd, ministers.

DeBary (River City)—Twelve baptisms, 8 transfers, in November and December. J.D. Segroves, minister.

Indiana

Brownsburg—Four baptisms, 21 transfers, in January. Steve Reeves, Phil Gabriel, Kent Fillinger, Sherry Perkins, Dave Wohlenhaus, Jen Crosley, Danny Schaffner, Ben Crouse, Debbie Ward, and Rodney Rice, ministers.

Crawfordsville (Woodland Heights)—One baptism, 3 transfers, in January. Mike Edmisten, Tony Thomas, and Steve Wilke, ministers.

Greenwood (Rocklane)—One baptism, 1 transfer, in December. Rob Keaton, Michael Cottle, and Mike Dillon, ministers.

Indianapolis (Valley Mills)—Forty baptisms, 40 transfers, during 2002. Sean Olson, Kurt Honican, Mary Norris, and Bob Beltz, ministers.

Jamestown—Three baptisms, 1 transfer, November–January. Kirk J. Langston and Cole Taylor, ministers.

LaPorte (Agape)—Three baptisms, 4 transfers, Jan. 19. Rod Nielsen, minister.

Liberty—One baptism October–De-

ember. Kevin Holley and Matt Polley, ministers.

Logansport—Two baptisms in January. Jeff Strite and Brad Taylor, ministers.

Mechanicsburg—Two baptisms in December. Rocky Baire and Brent James, ministers.

Memphis—One baptism, 2 transfers, in December. Gary Morning, minister.

Newburgh—Eleven baptisms, 11 transfers, in January. Mike Claypool, Brad Ferris, David Gross, Fritz Kaufman, and Brian McMurtry, ministers.



Among the Churches

Meet Standard Publishing personnel as they participate in special services and programs in your area. Look for the Standard display at the area conventions/meetings listed.

David Faust

April 3—Pregnancy Crisis Center Dinner, Hillsboro, OH.

April 6—Heath (OH) Church of Christ.

April 17–19—Ontario Christian Convention, Hamilton, ON.

April 24—Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY.

April 26—Congress of Elders, First Christian Church, Murphysboro, IL.

Shawn McMullen

April 6–9—Revival, Ravenwood (MO) Christian Church.

Kay Moll

April 5—Women's Retreat, Bethel Christian Church, Columbus, IL.

April 25, 26—Women's Retreat, Camp Allendale, Trafalgar, IN.

April 30—Ladies' Day, Lincoln (IL) Christian College and Seminary.

North Vernon—Two baptisms, 16 transfers, October–December. Ron Bridgewater, Gilbert Schrieber, Dan Denney, and Daryl Amis, ministers.

Russiaville (Main Street)—One baptism, 1 transfer, Jan. 19. Tom Cox, minister.

Salem (Canton)—Three baptisms, 1 transfer, Jan. 5–19. Paul Martin, minister.

Seymour (Reddington)—Three transfers in January. Scott A. Brown and Dan Weaver, ministers.

Sullivan—One baptism, 3 transfers, in January. Dale Wise, David Cox, and Jerry Dusenberry, ministers.

Vincennes (Franklin Heights)—Three transfers Dec. 15. Timothy Kirk, minister.

West Lebanon—One transfer Dec. 22. Bruce Thornsborough, minister.

Westport—One baptism Dec. 21. Mike Bartlett, minister.

Wilkinson—Four baptisms, 1 transfer, in December. Jon Day, Jeff Sawyer, and Ryan McCarty, ministers.

Windfall—Three baptisms in January. Carl Roudebush, Seth Lawson, and Sharon Jones, ministers.

Kansas

Cherryvale—One baptism, 2 transfers, Jan. 5 and 12. Gerald E. Zuck, minister.

Kentucky

Bardstown (Nelson)—One baptism, 1 transfer, Jan. 19. Ron Downs, minister.

Michigan

Livonia (Kenwood)—Fifteen baptisms, 13 transfers, in 2002. Mike Hazelton, Todd Lackie, and Zac Parsons, ministers.

Missouri

Columbia (Blue Ridge)—Two transfers Jan. 12. In October, church started four small groups with 65 people. Norman Conklin, minister.

Joplin (Blendville)—Five transfers Jan. 19 and 26. Larry Richardson, minister.

Kansas City (Northside)—Three baptisms, 4 transfers, in January. Bob Hovorka, and Mark and Rachel Bond, ministers.

Oak Grove—One baptism, 14 transfers, in January. Tom Mancuso and Jeff Sebree, ministers.

Sedalia (Parkview)—One baptism, 5

transfers, in January. Rodney L. Brown and Mike Whorlow, ministers.

Ohio

Athens—One baptism, 5 transfers, since last report. Willard Love, Scott Trobough, and Joey Guerra, ministers.

Brilliant—Four baptisms, 1 transfer, November–January. John D. Ater, minister.

Cincinnati (Mount Washington)—Nineteen baptisms, 41 transfers, Jan. 26. David Ray, minister.

Columbus (Benfield)—Two baptisms, 2 transfers, since last report. Robert C. Ellenberger, minister.

Greenford—Five baptisms, 2 transfers, in December. Jeff Hugus, Jeff Bennett, Chuck Holton, Phill Foust, and Sean Kelly, ministers.

McComb—Four baptisms, 4 transfers, November–January. Rick Broughton and Shane Thompson, ministers.

Milford (Eastside)—Nine baptisms, 1 transfer, in December. Rex Brown, Will Mullins, Vince Delorme, Bryce Davis, Jeff Ginn, Nate Carter, and Amos Heller, ministers.

Pataskala (Tri-Village)—One baptism, 2 transfers, in December. Paul Snoddy, Bill Wines, and Steve Harley, ministers.

Urbana—Four baptisms, 1 transfer, since last report. Mike Stewart, minister.

Oklahoma

Choctaw (Harmony)—One transfer in January. Gary Jenkins and Brian Sturtz, ministers.

Beaver—One baptism Jan. 12. Mike Crow and Tammy Milbern, ministers.

Pennsylvania

Meadville—Two baptisms in January. Terry A. Clark and James M. Clark, ministers.

South Carolina

Laurens—One baptism Jan. 14. Bill Wheeler, minister.

Tennessee

Elizabethton (Southside)—Four transfers Jan. 12. S. Michael Koruschak, minister.

Gray (Boones Creek)—Five baptisms, 11 transfers, in November and December.

David L. Clark, minister.

Kingsport (Colonial Heights)—Five transfers Jan. 12 and 26. Hugh Thompson, minister.

Murfreesboro—Two transfers Jan. 26. David Wead, minister.

Nashville—Five baptisms, 10 transfers, since last report. Bryant Brown and Clinton J. Holloway, ministers.

Virginia

Lee Hall (Lebanon)—One baptism in March. Dennis Worsham, Ken Jones, and John Young, ministers.

Mechanicsville (Gethsemane)—One transfer Jan. 26. Ronnie Jones, minister.

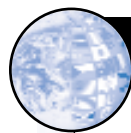
Newport News (Olivet)—Three baptisms in January. Emmett Murphy, minister.

Spencer (Mayo)—Fourteen baptisms, 7 transfers, since last report. Milfred G. Hudson, minister.

Virginia Beach (Aragona)—One baptism Jan. 19. William S. Campbell, minister.

West Virginia

Mount Hope—One transfer Jan. 12. Ferdinand Gavina, minister.



Religion and the World

PLIGHT OF REFUGEES FOCUS OF PROGRAM:

World Relief of Baltimore, Maryland, has announced a program to spotlight the sufferings that victims of war and persecution face every day. The biblically centered program, called Real Refugee, makes the plight of suffering people relevant to teenagers by simulating the real-life experiences of refugees. "By exposing them to actual problems refugees encounter, the overnight youth program shows teens what newly arrived refugees in America must face—hunger, crowded housing facilities, intense scrutiny from immigration officials, and the struggle of adapting to a different culture," said a World Relief statement. Real Refugee is a program available to interested student organizations, youth groups, high schools, and colleges. World Relief is the humanitarian arm of the National Association of Evangelicals and has helped 170,000 refugees begin new lives in the U.S. (EP)

COMMUNISTS AGGRESSIVELY PERSECUTING CHRISTIANS:

Reports from Vietnam and China bolster charges that the two nations' communist governments are aggressively persecuting Christians. Witnesses allege that the Vietnamese government has

resorted to using chemical gas to break up religious services. The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) reports that Vietnamese police sprayed worshipers with gas during raids of two underground church services in late December. Meanwhile in China, a top-secret document recently obtained by VOM allegedly proves that the Chinese government has an ongoing, systematic campaign to expose and destroy unregistered Protestant churches in the Hebei Province. (EP)

CITY SUED OVER MEETING ROOMS POLICY:

The community of Dunedin, Florida, is being sued in federal court over its policy of prohibiting the expression of religious viewpoints in community meeting rooms. In late 2002, Todd Bober asked city officials for permission to use a room in the local public library for a meeting on America's Christian heritage. A library official informed Bober that the meeting room was off-limits for political or religious programs. Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel said that the city's policy violates constitutional law. He explained that the "clear constitutional principle" mandates that a community providing a public facility to the general population cannot discriminate against those wishing to use it for religious or political purposes. (EP)