

Baptist churches pitching in at Christ's Outreach

Spring has sprung in Rockcastle County! On the beginning day of spring, March 21st, Christ's Outreach for the Blind hosted a weekend volunteer mission group from Middle Creek Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Kentucky, and from Locust Grove Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

The group consisted of sixteen adults and nine teenagers. Mike and Lori Gates, Directors of Christ's Outreach, along with John and Chickie MacLean of the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry, have coordinated this work camp experience.

This group utilized donated materials from CAP's Sharing Program (Christian Appalachian Project). With these materials, the group was able to accomplish many tasks.

They primed a total of fourteen rooms in the Outreach Building which consisted of the maintenance room, laundry room, six bathrooms, four bedrooms, a cafeteria, and commercial kitchen.

Having been blessed with a warm Sunday, many of the adults and kids were able to work outside and enjoy the landscape of Rockcastle County.

One group labored in the woods, clearing a field so that winter wheat from the Fish & Wildlife Department could be planted for the winter while another group cleaned the flower garden in preparation of planting new flowers.

Even though the weather was inviting outside, a third group cleaned the inside of the Outreach Building in preparation for the greenhouse ribbon cutting ceremony (matching funding donated through the PRIDE program).

The Outreach Building will be used to room the 600 kids that will visit the camp annually. Currently the office and two bedrooms are completed. We are making progress on finishing the rest of the building; however, we are in dire need of 1,900 sq. ft. of non-porous tile to be used in the commercial kitchen, cafeteria, and two public restrooms.

If you are interested in making a donation to help purchase this need or if you have any questions about our other needs, please contact Mike Gates at 256-8888. Also, please visit our website at www.blind19.com.



A volunteer mission group from two Baptist churches helped out at Christ's Outreach.



A lot of work has been done at Christ's Outreach.

Genna Cummins named Rogers Scholar

Genna Cummins, a sophomore at Rockcastle County High School, has been chosen as a 2003 participant in The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program.

Rogers Scholars is a unique and exciting learning opportunity for sixty rising juniors from 42 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

During the intensive, one-week session in July, students participate in majors in engineering, video production and information technology. Scholars also take part in entrepreneurial training sessions and get the opportunity to interact via videoconference and in person with some of the nation's most renowned speakers and business professionals.

"We want to teach the young people of Southern and Eastern Kentucky confidence, skills, and a deeper commitment to their hometowns and this region," says Loma Lawton, executive director and CEO of The Center.

The heart of The Center for Rural Development's mission is "that no young person will need to leave home to find his or her future."

These words, spoken by the program's namesake, Congressman Harold Rogers, frame its goals of encouraging youths to seek job opportunities at home while increasing

their marketable skills in the field of telecommunications.

During the week, Cummins will also take part in exercises designed to build leadership and cooperation. "There will be serious instruction, but it will be presented in a fun, exciting, learning environment," says Executive Director Lawton. "Students will develop bonds and relationships that they can carry throughout their lives."

According to Lawton, one of the most exciting aspects of the program is the individual community action plan. Brainstorming about the needs in their communities, Scholars develop projects that they take home and then implement in their various counties.

The Center for Rural Development tracks their progress. Previous successful projects include opening a teen center, beginning an entrepreneurial library, and assisting a community in building its CenterNET videoconferencing site.

Being chosen for Rogers Scholars involves a highly competitive process. An essay, community and extra-curricular involvement, grade point average, and reference letters are all used to judge applicants.

Cummins is the daughter of Earl and Norma Cummins of Mt. Vernon.

"What Saith the Scriptures"

Paul states a wonderful promise to all of us in 2 Tim. 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Paul spoke with confident hope and expectation of the promise of a crown of righteousness. Jesus gives this crown of life to all who will become Christians, and be faithful till death. "he that is faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10b. Peter calls it a crown of glory, 1 Pet. 5:4. Paul says that it is an incorruptible crown, 1 Cor. 9:25. Now notice what Paul says in our text, "and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Now that means ME, that means YOU! Yes, you and I can have that same confident hope and then the realization of this promise. IF you and I will love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ also, as did Paul. Notice what is involved after becoming a Christian, (Ac 22:16) as Paul spoke in 2 Tim. 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Have you begun the race by becoming a Christian? Are you seeking to be faithful till death as Paul did? Could we study with you?

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Dr. Maynard Head, evangelist

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Monday Night - Fill a Pew Night
Tuesday Night - Bring a Prospect
Wednesday Night - Harvest the Youth

EVERYONE INVITED TO COME

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