

Churches sponsor help for troubled youth

By MILLENT WORRELL
More help for troubled youth has come to Birmingham, thanks to six area churches and a young man who "doesn't know where he's going... purposely."

Jeff Crosby, 22 calls himself a "community youth worker." He works in an office at the First Presbyterian Church which, along with Northbrook Presbyterian, initiated a "ministry of reconciliation" program that "shows the love of Christ through support and caring rather than direct evangelizing." Counseling youth in need is an intrinsic part of the project.

Recently graduated from the College of Wooster, Crosby and his wife, Beth, came to Birmingham last September intent on "helping people." At Wooster, Jeff had met Charlie Lindner, now in the seminary, and Woody Shook, a director at U-Turn, who had been community youth workers at First Presbyterian Church.

Their work, which focused on preventive measures rather than crisis response, also emphasized personal one-to-one relationships, which appealed to Crosby.

FROM AN unstructured beginning consisting of casual visits to parks and recreation areas and junior and senior high schools, Crosby has succeeded in breaking through barriers of indifference by offering genuine concern and a calm, quiet approach.

Playing the role of "supportive friend," he operates with a "soft sell; I'm selling my friendship."

He has never met with belligerence. "Coolness, yet. But I do not push myself. I do not proselytize, nor condemn. I'm a sounding

board, and they know what they tell me is confidential. By supporting my work, the church has looked beyond its evangelical function to minister to a need without the guarantee of return."

HIS TYPICAL day usually includes visits to Groves and Seaholm High Schools, where he chats with students. Although his schedule is flexible, he regularly assists the health class teacher at West Maple Junior High on Thursday. The focus there is on mental and social health.

Crosby's jeans, sports shirt and semi-long hair, all of which serve a purpose in his relationship with youngsters, belie a sensitivity and depth of feeling usually reserved for those much older.

He tells of a young, pregnant girl whom he referred to an agency, and of a troubled 11-year-old for whom he played the part of "big brother." He spoke at about three youths who called him from jail at 4:30 a.m. asking for help, and the countless court trials where he accompanied youngsters, acting as their friend.

There was a night spent with a young man threatening suicide, weekly visits to Ann Arbor to visit a lonely girl in a psychiatric ward, sitting with a runaway, job hunting or merely forming simple friendships.

A "RESOURCE PERSON," he works closely with U-Turn, Sanctuary, The Yellow House Drop In and Hot Line. His grasp of the drug or "substance abuse" problem has been especially significant both in preventive and follow-up measures.

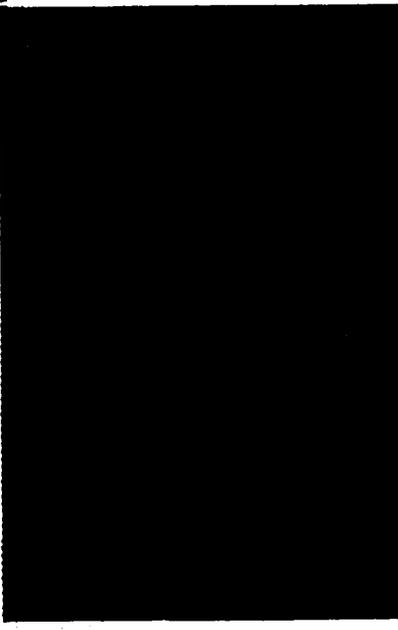
As a liaison between youths, parents and adult oriented agencies, his personal relationships have led to a mutual trust that is his most precious tool. The urgent need of today, he believes, is for more parents to "take a step in opening lines of communication by acknowledging their own humanness. This will in turn create a mutual flow of constructive criticism and eventually basic talk which may lead to decision-making."

Support for his program has broadened to include four more area churches: Kirk in the Hills, First United Methodist, Birmingham Congregational and St. James Episcopal.

Further expansion to encompass other faiths is the ultimate goal of the guiding council, which is convinced that "outreach to special young people from the Birmingham area has only begun to scratch the surface."

Crosby doesn't know where he's going because he is content in his current service. He may decide to study for the ministry, not the "traditional kind, but rather the type that coincides with what I'm doing now." Or he may go to law school or teach college.

But right now he plans to remain on 24-hour call for those who need him. He may be reached by phone at First Presbyterian Church or at his home.



Jeff Crosby talks with a student at Seaholm who admitted he ripped off a gas station.

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Respectfully,
Edward J. Lynch.

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Christian Reformed
Worship with Us at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
2611 Farmington Rd. at 1-406
Dr. J. H. Ellens 474-0514

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
2000 W. 18 Mile at Evergreen 646-9777
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
(Hearers through High School)
Minister: William Verbeet

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2600 Leavens North of 11 Mile between Orchard Lake & Middlebelt
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Family Service
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Call office for Church School Information 474-2828

Salem United Church of Christ
Corner of 8th Avenue
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Parsonage 142 S. 8th
Lionel L. Lott, L.S. 474-1100
Carl H. Smith, Minister

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Farmington Hills
2517 Powers Road
Walter M. Kirk, Pastor
Parsonage 474-8119
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
A.L.C.
23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills
Pastor: Donald E. Johnson
Worship 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided

Franklin Community Church
United Methodist on Franklin's Village Green
Worship Service 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.
Nursery Care 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.
Sunday School 11:15 A.M.
Senior Minister: Frank B. Givick
Minister: Roger W. Irwin

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills MI 6-4511
Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson
Minister of Education: Rev. Verne L. Arvan, Jr.

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
145 E. Niagara Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
12 Miles east of Woodward
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Church School - Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Douglas R. Trebilcock 332-2752

Memorial Break Church
United Negro College Fund
Ministry of Greater Boston
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
Sunday School 9:30 AM
9:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study
Phone 652-3497 J. Orla, Pastor

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Lusher Roads
Morning Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Pastors: L. J. Peterson, E. W. Dunn
A. O. Barton
Phone: 642-6200

Community Congregational Church
27800 Southfield Road
11 1/2 Mile Lathrop Village
Jackson R. Turner, Minister
10:00 A.M. Service
"Jesus—Despite Inequality"

Kirk in the Hills
1100 W. Long Lake Rd.
Dr. James F. Anderson
Pastor
Worship Services and Church School
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
3500 Telegraph Road
9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Meeting
Church Phone: 647-3861
Elmo Tahrn, Pastor 636-6148

CLARENCVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20200 Middlebelt, Livonia
Pastor: Donald Fisher 474-3466
9:00 a.m. For Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service
In Conjunction
Nursery Provided for All Services

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
LCA
2845 Telegraph Road
Birmingham, North of Maple
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School 10:30 A.M.
Thursday Church School 4:45 P.M.
Charles William Kirber 646-3287

COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW IN TWO LOCATIONS
West Maple Junior High
Inkster Road—North of Maple
West Bloomfield
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
19700 Las Colinas Service Drive
Detroit
Morning Worship 9:30 A.M.
Church School 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening 7:00 P.M.
Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M.

United Methodist Farmington West Bloomfield Larger Parish
In Farmington on Hills
First United Methodist
5122 Lovell River Ave. JR. 64573
Pastor: John N. Howard
Associate Pastor: Howard P. Scott
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
In Farmington on Hills
Lutheran Park United Methodist
2905 W. Elmore Rd. Rt. 76-0000
Pastor: William D. Sawyer
Associate Pastor: Kenneth T. Mackay
Minister of Education: James P. Thomas
Worship Service 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
In Grand Ledge
St. James Episcopal United Methodist
1100 Walnut Lake Rd. K11-2220
Pastor: Leland E. Proctor
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Bates and Willis
Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Robert G. Middleton, Minister
Rev. David W. Smith
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Minister
9:45 A.M.
Church School
11:00 A.M.
Worship Service

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Woodward at Lane Pine
Bloomfield Hills 647-3380
Robert Marshall—Minister
Pulpit Guest:
REV. W. T. VERNON
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Worship Service & Church School
(nursery thru 12th grade)

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
A.L.C.
5631 North Adams Road
N.W. North of E. Long Lake Rd.
SUNDAY
8:15 a.m. Matins
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Fred W. MacLean, Pastor
Hazel R. Schuler, Pastor
MI 6-5011 MI 6-5124

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A.L.C.
255 W. Maple
Birmingham
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9:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:15 and 11:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer and Service
11:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Church School
(nursery through 12th grade)
WEDNESDAYS
7:00 and 11:30 P.M. Holy Communion

Dr. Wm. F. Keucher
Pastor Edward A. Libby
Call UN 4-7878

First Baptist Church of Farmington
474-0230
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.
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Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Nursery Care provided

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2772 Crooks Road
Sabbath School 9:30 A.M.
for all age groups
Worship Service, 10:05 A.M.
Prayer and Bible Hour, Wed. 7:30
Paul M. Matlock, Pastor
Ph. 642-6788
The Church With The Friendly Heart

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
300 South Bates, Birmingham
Sunday: 10:00 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. Worship
7:00 P.M. Prayer Service
Wednesday: 7:15 P.M. Bible Study
Joseph P. Lubinski, Pastor
651-8316

Christian Science Churches
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. - Wed. 7:45 P.M.
READING ROOM - 355 East Maple - 644-7935
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BIRMINGHAM
The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor
Associates: D. King Kerr, Charles A. Sommers,
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Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.

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THE JOYFUL CHURCH
21220 W. 14 Mile Rd.
WEEK END PRAYERS
SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Sitter and Church School at 10:30
PHONE: 646 1100
RECTOR: JOHN C. FREDENBURGH

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST
On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Family Night—Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. - Wed. 8:00 P.M.
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