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Sells, Ronnie is the son of John G. and Sylvia Marie Sells. He served as pastor of churches in Tennessee and Florida including Red Oak Baptist Church, Baker. Sells is married to Eulena Sells.

Director of missions retires After 37 years of faithful leadership and service to the Lord
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Ronnie Sells, pastor, Red Oak Baptist Church, added, "Brother Gene has a heart for pastors and churches that makes me glad to serve in association with him."

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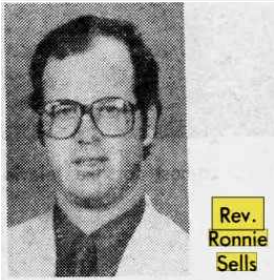
Trio prepares to conduct crusade

McNairy Central High School's Little Theater. Giving support will be the **Rev. Ronnie Sells**, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Selmer, and the **Rev. Steve Cole**, pastor of Palestine Baptist Church in Adamsville.

"God worked it (this crusade) out," said **Sells**, 31, who's serving as crusade director. "He burdened Vic, Steve and myself" for this effort, he added.

Sells left first for Lakeview in July 1979, the same month he was

ordained. Ward, 25, left for Good Hope in July 1980. He entered the ministry in 1978. Cole, 27, was ordained and left last March for Palestine.



Rev.
Ronnie
Sells

Sylvia Marie Sells

Marie Sells died at home after a long illness on February 21, 2006.

Marie was born near the 5 Points community on February 20, 1921 to Scutter and Viola Shelton. She precedes in death her husband of 66 years, John G. Sells, who resides in the Friendship community of Chester County. She leaves twin sons, John Donald Sells of Jackson and James Ronald Sells of the Friendship community. She also leaves behind a sister, Joan Allen, of Hickory Wythe, TN. Ms Sells had six grandchildren, Chris Sells, Garrick Sells, Amy Sells, David Sells, Jeremy Sells and Ashley Harrison.

She also had one great granddaughter, Bethany Butler.

Mrs. Sells was a special woman. She was raised on a farm during the great depression. Married in 1939, she waited while her husband went to France during World War II as an artillery soldier under General George S. Patton. He was wounded in battle and she helped care for him for several years as he recuperated. Marie and her husband loved to travel and did so for many years. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her. Proverbs 31:10-31 describes her best.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM today from the Chapel of Casey Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Coleman and Rev. Ronnie Sells officiating and burial will follow in the Friendship Cemetery.

He was born in TN. on Jan. 1, 1911, of the late Alta Taylor. He was a member from ICG Reformed time member of the Methodist Church.

Army Veteran of World War I in Africa & Italy.

He is survived by 10 years, Estel James Edna Karen-Lee and sisters, Mar Vernell Ada bush, both brothers, W TN and Sev four grandda well, Tany Searcy and Holly L. great-grand

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The family today from funeral home

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