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Miss Allen serving home church

Ever since Wendy Allen was a little girl, she has wanted to be a missionary. But only in the last couple of years has Wendy realized that being a missionary doesn't necessarily mean living in the jungles of Africa with the natives.

Wendy, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Allen of Rt. 4, Roxboro, is the summer youth worker at Clement Baptist Church in the Bushy Fork community. She is a rising senior at Wake Forest University, where she is majoring in math.

Wendy said that lately she has been thinking about what she wants to do when she graduates and has narrowed the possibilities to three options: graduate school, teaching, or participating in the Journeymen Program, a two year foreign missions program.

Wendy said her interest in missions stems from a statement her mother made a few years ago: "Missions begin

at home."

Since she worked at Camp Caswell, a Baptist retreat, last summer, Wendy decided that she would like to come home to Roxboro this year. Fortunately she was able to get involved with the Summer Youth Corps program and work at Clement. Wendy said she wanted to work at her home church instead of going somewhere else because the people there have always supported her, and she felt she could give something back to them.

Wendy says the greatest challenge of her job lies in trying to always to be a living example of what she is teaching. This summer, Wendy plans to put an emphasis on missions out-reach in the community in her programs at Clement.

Some of the activities Wendy has planned are a children's program two days a week for Bible study and games with an emphasis on scripture memorization, having the children visit

the elderly and shut-ins in the community, and several trips to sites such as the Post Office, the public library, the Raleigh-Durham airport and a trip to Busch Gardens at the end of the summer. For the youth, Wendy plans to lead fellowship and Bible studies on Sunday nights and have devotionals during the week. She has planned a lake retreat and challenged other church youth groups to softball games.

Wendy has also made plans for churchwide activities such as an afternoon of softball and a picnic, and outside worship service, a pig pickin', and at the end of the summer, a chicken fry followed by a presentation by the children and youth groups based on their summer activities.

"I'm a little scared," said Wendy about the job ahead of her. "But being at home with the people I've grown up with helps."



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Wendy's goal for the summer is to teach the young people that missions do begin at home.