

Kentucky volunteers bring calm after the storm

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

SWANSEA, Mass.—Shirley Mirada had been alone in her house for four days after Hurricane Bob felled trees across her yard and cut off her electricity.

When Kentucky Baptist disaster relief volunteers knocked on her door, the elderly woman hadn't eaten since the storm and couldn't get across the downed trees. No one else from the community had been by to check on her.

After the Kentucky volunteers cleared the debris around her house and offered her food, Mirada came out to thank them—and ask why they had come such a distance to help her.

"They told her they were there just because they love God," recalled Mike Lewis, pastor of nearby Bay Community Church. "She just burst out crying right there in her backyard. Then every one of those guys—even though they were sweaty and dirty—hugged her neck."

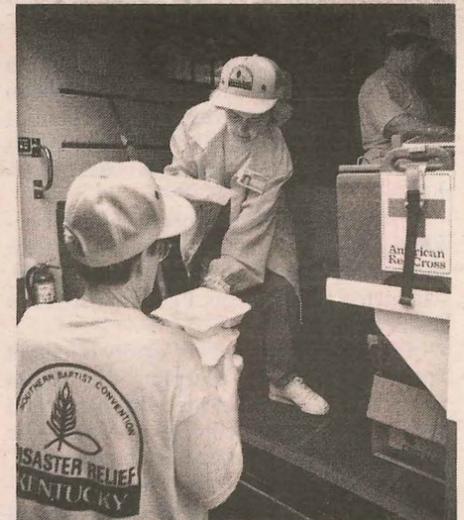
Those volunteers were among nearly 60 Kentucky Baptists who traveled to the Massachusetts coast after Hurricane Bob crashed ashore Aug. 19. Bob Simpkins, Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood director, is serving as on-site coordinator for volunteers from nine states.

Local officials estimate damage to public property on Cape Cod will exceed \$12 million. Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci predicts total damage of \$780 million to public and private property.

Cleanup after the storm placed a disproportionate burden on the elderly and poor, who could not afford to hire crews to remove debris from their property.

In the first week of ministry, Baptist volunteers fed 13,000 meals and removed about 500 dump truck loads of debris. *Continued on page 3, "Kentucky volunteers ..."*

VOLUNTEERS—(Clockwise from top) Christine Tate of Bloomfield and Lucille Shoemaker of Bardstown prepare sandwiches as part of the mass feeding ministry in Swansea, Mass., after Hurricane Bob; Bettie Freeburger of Henderson hands Emma Ashby of Henderson hot meals prepared in the mobile disaster relief unit while Michele Morgan of Barbourville prepares additional meals in the background; Randall Rogers of Greensburg saws an apple tree downed by the hurricane. (Photos by Jim Burton)



Offering stretches Kentucky ministry dollars

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

Gifts to this year's Eliza Broadus state missions offering will stretch the ministry of Kentucky Baptists further than a normal dollar will reach.

The \$650,000 offering will touch needy infants, missionaries, race track workers, prison inmates, student summer missionaries and victims of disasters.

Through the annual offering, Kentucky Baptists add nearly 4 cents to every dollar they give through the state Cooperative Program budget. This allows funds for creative ministries and expanded ministries the normal Kentucky Baptist Convention budget can't fund, explained Dee Gilliland, director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

"People do not understand how much missions work is being done in our state and how much still needs to be done," she said. "It is imperative that we give so we can develop the work here. Jesus told us to start

our mission work right here at home."

One new venture supported by the offering is the infant resource project of East Baptist Church in Louisville. Gifts to this year's Eliza Broadus offering will fund publication of a manual so other churches across the state can duplicate this ministry to provide food and clothing for needy newborns.

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Churches across Kentucky will observe a week of prayer for state missions Sept. 8-15, and then collect the Eliza Broadus offering, which is administered by Kentucky WMU.

Here's an overview of some of the places the offering will make a difference:

- Missionary salaries. Portions of the salaries and benefits given to 201 state

missionaries come from the offering. These missionaries serve as Christian social ministers, mission pastors, church starters, language workers and associational directors of missions.

- Interfaith witness training. Conferences on cults are held across the state each year to train pastors and laypeople.

- Prison chaplaincy. The offering funds seminary chaplain interns to minister at the Luther Lockett Correctional Complex.

- Student summer missionaries. This year, 32 college students from other states ministered in Kentucky with assistance from the offering.

- Disaster relief. When Baptist volunteers respond to disasters such as Hurricane Bob's damage to New England, Eliza Broadus funds help send them to the scene.

- International student ministry. Every year, Kentucky Baptists invite international students to a fall retreat where they meet new American friends and are introduced to the gospel.

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Missouri's first woman pastor at rural church

By Trennis Henderson
Word and Way

MIAMI, Mo. (ABP)—Although situated in a tiny community not known for trend-setting, members of First Baptist Church of Miami, Mo., have quietly accomplished what may be a first in Missouri Baptist life.

First Baptist members recently extended a unanimous call to a woman, Rita Moore, to serve as their pastor. After several weeks as the church's supply preacher, Moore officially became the congregation's pastor the first week of August.

Moore, 47, graduated last year from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City with a master of divinity degree. Her husband, Jerry, who is pursuing a music degree at Midwestern, is Miami's volunteer music director.

Rita Moore's primary ministry experience has involved leading weekday worship services for the past four years at a Kansas City retirement center. She is neither licensed nor ordained to the ministry.

Ordination "raises more red flags than the pastorate does," she explained. "Haven't pushed it and I won't push it."

"She preaches the word out of the Bible and that's the main thing," explained Tom Fisher, one of First Baptist's three deacons. Fisher said church members accepted the couple from the start. "If they preach the word, that's all we're after."

How does the tiny church like the distinction of hiring Missouri Baptists' first woman pastor? "We need to be No. 1 in something sometime," Fisher responded.

The church was not seeking to make a political statement with its actions, deacon Fisher insisted. "You've got to leave politics out of a Christian church," he said. "In this little church, all you find is love and friendliness."

From a practical perspective, Fisher acknowledged it is difficult to attract a pastor to a small church in a small community. Miami has 172 residents. First Baptist has 16 resident members.

For Rita Moore, who is legally blind but "not very limited," accepting the Miami pastorate "is just what the Lord has called me to do. A lot of people expect me to be making a (political) statement, but I'm not."

Growing up in a "very, very conservative" Southern Baptist home, Moore said when she first sensed a call to ministry, "I assumed it would be missions."

Neal Turnbaugh, director of missions for Saline Baptist Association, of which First Baptist is a member, said: "It's a local church decision and I will stand between them and anybody who tries to make life miserable for them. Anybody who tries to cause commotion would be out of bounds."

"Some of these churches are so small, a man just can't afford to be pastor unless he is retired or bivocational," Turnbaugh pointed out. "I think we'll see more of this thing in small, rural churches in the future."

"I'm not advocating it or saying it's right or wrong, but I think it's the wave of the future."

Jerry Moore noted the "typical" pastor's spouse in a rural church often plays the piano and leads the music. "That's exactly what I'm doing and it is in line with my calling."

He also reads the Scripture during his wife's sermons, since chorioretinitis has left her with only peripheral vision. Each week, she memorizes either her sermon manuscript or an outline of it.

"We work as a team—like a double-barrel shotgun," Jerry Moore said. "So far, it's been a great experience."

Cindy Weber installed at Jeff Street

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Cindy Weber chose poor people, but they picked her as pastor.

"My major call in life is not to be a pastor, but to work with the poor," Weber said last week, three days after Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel installed her as pastor.

At Jeff Street Chapel, she has both: pastoral ministry to a predominantly poor congregation. The chapel meets in Louisville's Phoenix Hill community, across the street from a large housing project, just east of downtown.

Weber's relationship to the chapel dates back to 1984, when she became associate pastor. Later that year, she was named coordinator of weekday ministries for Jefferson Street Baptist Center, located in the same building. She became interim director of the center in 1987, when the former pastor/director resigned.

Her history with the chapel has smoothed her transition to pastor, Weber noted: "It's felt real natural. I never pictured myself as a pastor; I just felt called to work with the poor. Then I began to see I had pastoral gifts to work with this congregation. I can't say I feel really different now that I'm pastor—most people in the chapel would say I've been their pastor four years."

Women in Ministry names Zimmer administrator

Southern Baptist Women in Ministry has named an administrator-editor and announced plans for a fall retreat.

Mary Zimmer, a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named administrator and editor of Folio, the organization's quarterly newsletter. This is a newly created position approved at the organization's annual meeting last June.

In addition to administrative functions,

Female Baptist pastors are rare.

More than 800 women have been ordained by Southern Baptist churches, reported Mary Zimmer, administrator of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry, based in Louisville. But Weber is only the 18th person to make the group's list of women who have been pastors of Southern Baptist congregations.

Weber is the fourth woman to be pastor of a Kentucky Baptist congregation, said Molly Marshall-Green, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and a former Kentucky pastor. Three women have been co-pastors of Kentucky Baptist churches, serving with their husbands.

Although women Baptist pastors still are scarce, Weber said she thinks many women have excellent pastoral skills: "Women grow up having gifts a pastor needs, especially the ability to nurture people. Our congregation, for example, is really a high-need church. We have many low-income members, people who are mentally ill, people who struggle to make ends meet. What I do is nurture folks—grow them up in Christ, help them when they're hurting, help them find joy in Christ."

"People need nurturing, and women have that gift."

Weber counts herself as one of the fortunate few Baptist women ministers who have

the opportunity to follow what they believe is God's leadership in their lives. "It really saddens me that so many women who are called to the ministry are not able to do it," she said. "There are women who are called to preach, and my heart bleeds for them."

Weber's father, Joe Weber, a hospital chaplain from Tampa, Fla., preached her installation sermon.

"This is a monumental day for this church," he said. "You are stating that women are as important as men, and it has been so throughout the ages."

Weber is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained by 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville in 1984. Her husband, Robert Owens, is director of the Louisville Area Community Organizing Project, a ministry to low-income churches.

The chapel and center at Jefferson Street are ministries of Long Run Baptist Association. Long Run leaders and chapel members have been at odds over the degree of autonomy the chapel—which meets in a building owned by the association and receives much of its financial support from the association—should have in selecting a pastor and charting its future.

Weber's installation is expected to prompt action from the association this fall.

Zimmer will be responsible for increasing contact and networking among more than 800 women ordained to ministry by Southern Baptist churches nationwide.

Zimmer announced the organization's first retreat is scheduled for Nov. 7-9 at Scarritt-Bennett Retreat Center in Nashville. Theme for the retreat is "Proclamation: Our Lives as Living Word."

Zimmer will lead the program, which will focus on proclamation in the lives of

five biblical women.

Worship leaders are Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology at Louisiana College in Pineville; Carolyn Hale, dean of student life at Georgetown College; and Cindy Harp Johnson, chaplain from Gaithersburg, Md.

Registration information is available from Southern Baptist Women in Ministry at 2800 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206, 502-896-4425.

Be inclusive, McSwain urges at installation

By Pat Cole
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Declaring the Southern Baptist Convention denominational battle is over, new Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Provost Larry McSwain urged the school to expand its role as an institution of "denominational inclusion."

During Aug. 27 convocation services, McSwain said Southern Seminary must be a place that includes all Southern Baptists regardless of their theological/political persuasion, educational attainment, economic background, ethnic origin or gender.

The school should pursue a future of "excellence without arrogance," McSwain

emphasized during his installation as provost.

"What must be maintained in this place is the reality that the brightest and most resourceful do have at least one place in this convention, but never as a snobbish elite that excludes any with the willingness to learn."

McSwain expressed his commitment to implement the "covenant renewal" document approved by the seminary's faculty and trustees earlier this year.

He insisted the seminary will not sacrifice academic excellence by fulfilling the covenant's provision that future faculty openings be filled by conservative evangelical scholars.

Jess Moody first nominee for '92 SBC presidency

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

VAN NUYS, Calif. (ABP)—With the explanation that Southern Baptist Convention moderates and conservatives "secretly love each other" but won't admit it, California pastor Jess Moody has agreed to be nominated for the SBC presidency next year on a platform of reconciliation.

Moody, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Church in Van Nuys, Calif., said a group of non-aligned pastors and others has asked him to allow his nomination when the SBC convenes in Indianapolis next June.

He is the first announced candidate for the presidency.

Current President Morris Chapman is completing his second term and is ineligible

for re-election.

Moody reportedly will be nominated by country comedian and Baptist layman Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Miss., who has written Chapman to state his intention.

Clower could not be reached for comment, but Chapman confirmed receiving Clower's letter.

Moody, 66, has been pastor of the suburban Los Angeles church since 1976. A native Texan, he was previously pastor of First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla., and founding president of Palm Beach Atlantic College in that city.

Moody listed seven things he would do if elected:

- Consult leaders of all "reasonable factions who believe the Bible to be truly God's Word" and make sure both sides are

represented in his presidential appointments.

- Call for a campaign to baptize 1 million people in 1994 and maintain that level of baptisms for a decade.

- Call for "a return to strong revival meetings" in local churches, spearheaded by the SBC Home Mission Board.

- Call for a "return to old-fashioned Sunday school evangelism, teaching the department heads to offer an evangelistic invitation regularly in their classes."

- Conduct a national soul-winning conference in 1993, led by the HMB and SBC Sunday School Board.

- Call for the "dissolution" of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Atlanta-based moderate organization that eschews political activity but advocates diverting money from SBC causes.

East closes day care center and relocates ministry

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—After 25 years of service to Louisville's downtown medical community, East Baptist Church's child development center closed its doors last week.

The day care center was closed as part of a restructuring and relocation of the congregation's ministries, said Pastor Jim Holladay.

East Baptist Church has worshipped and housed its multiple ministries in the Long Run Baptist Association building since 1966. Members gathered for their last service in that facility Aug. 25.

As part of its restructuring, the church purchased a house four blocks east of the associational office building that will house church offices and most of its ministries. The congregation will worship in Lutheran Hall of First Lutheran Church, just two blocks away from the old meeting site.

Relocating the day care center, which was started by the association in 1966 and later transferred to the church, was not economically feasible, Holladay explained.

The church will continue its infant resource project, counseling center and ministries in senior adult and disabled adult housing projects.

A decision by the association to sell the associational office building provided im-

perative for the church's relocation, Holladay said.

Under the new arrangement, the congregation of about 25 people "is not saddled with a building we can't pay for," Holladay said. "We decided maybe the best gift we can give to this community is to ensure that the ministry program stays viable."

Holladay said he believes "something new needs to take place" to better meet needs for evangelism and congregational worship in the area. "We need to attempt to grow a more indigenous congregation," he said.

Charles Barnes, East Baptist's treasurer and a member since 1955, said the church's latest transition must be seen in perspective.

Prior to 1966, the church owned a building located on the lot where the association's parking lot now stands.

"About 1960, urban renewal came through that area and put us on notice that we had to spend a great deal of money updating the old building or move. We felt there was a need for a ministry to remain there in the inner city.

"We made that decision, and I think the church feels no different today than it did back then.

"There is a tremendous need for a ministry in the inner city," Barnes said. "Probably the church folks at this point feel that

EMPTY CRIBS— Jim Holladay, pastor of East Baptist Church in Louisville, stands among the empty cribs of the day care center closed as part of a restructuring and relocation. Other church ministries, such as the infant resource project, will continue in a new location.



while we have worked for 25 years in one form of ministry in one location, now we're going to move on to a new era, a new phase in our pilgrimage.

"We don't know precisely what form that ministry will take, but feel equally committed to that vision."

Barnes said he is concerned about the future of Southern Baptist work in the inner

city. "If we do not somehow develop some programs that will focus more of our resources—both human and dollars—into the work of the inner city, eventually all our inner city work will fade away.

"At East, we could have as many children in Sunday school as we have workers and space to put them. The need is so tremendous."

Kentucky volunteers sweep up after New England storm

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efforts were scheduled to continue into the first week of September, with some volunteers returning home while others arrived to take their places.

The Kentucky volunteers are a diverse lot of men and women, many retirees. The oldest volunteer is 80-year-old Rucker Wiggins of Henderson, who handled every box that came off the supply truck.

"We have people here from all over the state," said John Lott, KBC Brotherhood associate director, in a telephone interview. "We've got folks from Henderson, Bloomfield, Stanford, Louisville, Barbourville."

Other volunteers came from Maryland, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia.

"God has painted broad healing strokes through the lives of loving disaster relief volunteers," Simpkins said.

Lewis, pastor of the small Southern Baptist church in Swansea where Kentuckians based their work, said the volunteers have had "a terrific impact."

"We are the only Southern Baptist church in an area of about 300,000 people," he explained.

"Residents have been really impressed that Christian people from another part of the country would come and help them out in their time of need. We've started getting letters from people in the community expressing their thanks.

"We could never have had this kind of exposure in the community. Now everybody knows about Bay Community Church."

Through disaster relief ministry, the church has established relationships throughout the community—from the volunteer fire department to people who live in

the neighborhood where the church meets in a former dance studio.

One neighbor, who is not a church member, invited all the volunteers to his house for a steak cookout. At that event, he said the church coming to his neighborhood was the best thing that ever happened there.

The disaster relief ministry also may have laid groundwork for additional church starts in New England. Simpkins and C.A. Easterling, a Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission trustee from Somerset, met a couple in Falmouth, Mass., who are Southern Baptists and want to help start a church there.

Jack Parrott, a Barbourville native and associate executive director of the Greater Boston Baptist Association, said a previous attempt to start a Bible study in Falmouth failed, but the situation would be different now.

In Falmouth, Kentucky, chainsaw crews worked alongside crews from the Department of Public Works and Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. At first, the local crews teased Kentucky volunteers about their "accents."

"They said we talked funny," said Jim Thompson of Barbourville. But once the crews learned the Kentuckians were volunteers, their attitude changed.

"If you guys are volunteers and aren't getting paid," Thompson recalled one workman saying, "I'm not going to say you talk funny anymore."

"I explained that through the love of Christ we get more than money," added Reggie Morgan Jr., also of Barbourville. "It really shocked them."

Jim Burton of the SBC Brotherhood Commission contributed to this story.

Offering stretches statewide ministries

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- Campus revivals. Eliza Broadus gifts provide funds for revivals or evangelistic emphases on 45 college campuses across the state.

- GA and Acteen camps. Summer camps for Girls in Action and Acteens are subsidized by the offering so more girls can afford to attend camp.

- Gifts for missionaries. Through Eliza Broadus funds, WMU sends the Western Recorder to all foreign missionaries from Kentucky as well as a cash gift at the time of their appointment and at Christmas.

- State camps. The state missions offering is a major source of funding for annual repairs that keep Jonathan Creek and Cedarmore assemblies running.

- Freeda Harris Center. The offering also provides funds to supply a van for the Freeda Harris Baptist Center in Marrowbone. The van is used to pick up children throughout the mountain hollows.

In all, the Eliza Broadus offering funds 45 line items, with allocations ranging from \$200 to nearly \$200,000.



Eliza Broadus, namesake of Kentucky Baptists' annual state missions offering, was the daughter of John A. Broadus, a Baptist pastor and the second president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. She was influential in forming both the state and national Woman's Missionary Union auxiliaries.

Who was Eliza Broadus? Here's a hint

Eliza Broadus became synonymous with missions long before she became the namesake of Kentucky Baptists' missions offering.

Broadus was born in 1851, the eldest child of John A. Broadus, a Baptist pastor.

She moved to Kentucky with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1877. Her father was a professor at the seminary and later became its president.

Broadus carved her niche in Kentucky Baptist life almost immediately. She began by joining the Woman's Missionary Society at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

Soon, she was one of six unmarried women asked to create the first central committee for women's missions efforts in the state. Her colleagues elected her chairwoman of the committee in 1887, and she held that post for 32 years.

She also participated in the 1887 meeting that laid the groundwork for creating the Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. A year later, she was elected the vice president for the national organization from

Kentucky.

In 1903, she presided over the organization of the Woman's Missionary Association of Kentucky. In 1904, she was named to the founding board of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, and she served on the board for 20 years.

She also expanded her father's ministry, keeping house for his assorted crowds and assisting in his writing. She "kept everything in order," her sister wrote.

And throughout her life, she promoted missions causes in Kentucky Baptist churches and prodded Kentucky Baptists to support missions with their lives and their resources.

"Make choices; don't wait for chances," Broadus taught. She lived by that motto, propelled by another: "We stand facing a marvelous opportunity awaiting a Christless world."

She died Oct. 7, 1931, one week after her 80th birthday.

Kentucky WMU named its annual fund drive, the Eliza Broadus state-missions offering, in her honor in 1976.

Budget woes stress offering's value

editorial

Marv Knox

Kentucky needs Eliza Broadus now, more than ever.

Broadus is the namesake for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual state missions offering. The Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union launches the 1991 Eliza Broadus offering during the state missions week of prayer next week. The goal is \$650,000.

Reaching the Eliza Broadus goal this year is more important than ever. You know how hard times have been. Hundreds of our churches have fallen woefully behind on their budgets. That has affected contributions to our common tasks. The books closed on the KBC's 1990-91 fiscal year this Monday. We're almost certain we didn't meet our \$17.9 million Cooperative Program budget goal; our accountants soon will tell us if we even reached last year's \$17.1 million total.

A budget shortfall reinforces the importance of the Eliza Broadus offering. It won't make up the difference in the budget, but it's vital to the cause of Christ in the com-

monwealth. Of the \$650,000 goal, \$475,000 will go directly to Kentucky Baptist missions causes: missionaries' salaries, state camps, interracial work, special ministries, student work and projects such as disaster relief. The other \$175,000 will support the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union budget, which funds numerous ministries and missions education projects. An article on page 1 of this issue of the Western Recorder illustrates the ministries the offering will finance.

The 1991 Eliza Broadus offering will make the difference for Christ in countless lives across Kentucky this year. As you pray for state missions next week, pray for God to lead you as you write your check for the Eliza Broadus offering.

And as you pray and think about your contribution, think about the Scripture theme for the week: "I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13, TEV)

Defend religious freedom; pick up your pen

You can defend religious liberty with a pen and a piece of paper.

"Please contact your congressperson and ask him or her to co-sponsor the Religious Freedom Restoration Act," urged Oliver S. Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The act, also known as H.R. 2797, has been proposed to restore the "compelling interest" standard the courts once required government to meet before it could restrict religions liberty. The U.S. Supreme Court abandoned that high standard in *Oregon v. Smith*, the "peyote decision."

"Without H.R. 2797, churches have nothing to protect them from zoning, tax, anti-discrimination and other laws that are not specifically targeted at religion," Thomas said.

The act has been supported by the Baptist Joint Committee and the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. It will not guarantee Native Americans the right to use peyote, Thomas said.

The address for Congress members is: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

The House telephone number is (202) 224-3121.

—Marv Knox

Christ, not Paul, provides guide for obedience

viewpoint

I just got home from a wonderful week at Ridgecrest, N.C., where 17 members of our church received a spiritual boost from leaders, teachers and participants in Sunday school week. However, there is a corner of my heart aching because at one point in our class outreach/evangelism leader symposium, I did not speak out. We were discussing wives who disobeyed their husbands by participating in church activities. We failed to discuss the general implications of Paul's admonition for wives to obey their husbands.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Ephesians contain Paul's instructions to the church at Ephesus stating that wives are to obey their husbands and slaves are to obey

their masters. Just as we no longer use this verse as a prooftext that slavery is acceptable, we can no longer use this verse as prooftext that wives are to "obey" their husbands. At the time this epistle was written, Paul's letters elevated the status of women by abjuring husbands to love their wives as they love themselves. By following Christ's example, the status of women has become increasingly more elevated in the years since this missive was written.

In our secular world today, the constitution guarantees women full citizenship, respecting their rights as individuals. It is imperative that we as Christians follow in Christ's footsteps and respect all men and women as equals. Instead of stressing the instructions for wives to obey husbands, we should look at the real emphasis of the text: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21, RSV)

In a marriage relationship, each spouse should respect each other, out of love for the other and out of love for God, who made each in his own image. Out of this respect comes the desire to do what will make the spouse a happy and fulfilled individual.

One of God's gifts to mankind is the freedom of choice. We have no right to take that gift away from an individual simply because she happens to be a married woman. God in his infinite wisdom gave us the ability and intelligence to make our own decisions, even if it leads us outside his will.

Commanding a women to obey makes her less than what God intended her to be. Let's not be caught doing that to any of God's creatures.

Donna McCoy
Prospect

Pregnancy bears hope following untimely death

down home

The phone rang in the evening, just after we put the girls to bed.

Bill died. Cheryl wanted me to know; she thought I'd want to know. Only a few days before, she'd heard Bill was sick, so sick he'd gone back home to live with his parents.

We all knew each other from college. Bill was the smartest student on campus, maybe even smarter than our best professors. He was so smart, normal people couldn't figure out how smart he was. We couldn't understand the subjects he mastered easily, and we never really understood him.

Bill also was the most committed student at our school. Except for a few minutes in the cafeteria, nobody saw him outside the lab or the classroom. Night after night, the light from his dorm room blinked into an otherwise dark campus.

Bill came from a preacher's home in a small town. He blazed like a shy meteor through our school, picking up academic awards like trinkets and going on to medical school after only three years. Later, he earned a medical degree and specialized in gerontology, committing his fabulous mind to care for the aging.

But Bill only experienced old age through the lives of others. He died before his 35th birthday, with an entire career and half a lifetime still unspent.

You know how this kind of news is. You can't sit alone with it. So I picked up the phone and called my good friend Marc, who had spent hours in science classes with Bill, back at school.

Marc appreciated the call, even though it brought abrupt, searing pain. We remembered Bill and talked about the dreams we had for that brilliant kid, way more than a decade ago. We talked about the tragedy of early death and the loss of such a talent. We agreed that we'd never understand life, especially when it ends before we think it should. We were too sad to try to figure it out, anyway.

"Well, I've been meaning to call you," Marc said toward the end of our talk. "Vicki's pregnant again!"

Months before, we joked about the sizes of our families and Vicki's plans for more children. "I want two kids, and Vicki wants four," Marc said back then. "When it comes to children, I don't think three is a compromise."

But this time, the tenor in his voice emphasized that a third child would be welcomed into their home with all the love that greeted Ashley and Austin.

Marc hung up and left me to remember Bill and think about that new person growing in Vicki's body. We'll never comprehend early death. Thank God, new life still gives us hope.

—Marv Knox

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Soviets finally reap harvest of freedom

analysis

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

A toehold of freedom propelled the Soviet people over a mountain of fear, says Soviet Union expert Olin Robison.

The Aug. 19-21 coup attempt by hard-line Soviet communists failed because grassroots Soviets, after enduring decades of totalitarian rule, found freedom to their liking, say Robison and other experts.

"The principal thing that has happened is that a society governed by fear and repression for generations is finally coming into the sunshine," said Robison, a Baptist layman and former U. S. State Department official. "The people are saying, 'We're not going to live this way anymore.'"

"In the last five years, the people had lost their fear of the system," added Bill O'Brien of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. "That became the emotional and moral currency they could draw on."

The reforms of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev had "created the climate of freedom," explained O'Brien, director of the Global Center at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. As a result, O'Brien said, when Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued his call for Muscovites to go into the streets to resist the coup, "it did not go unheeded."

Robison also was impressed by the resistance mounted by Soviet citizens. "Don't underestimate the risk they put themselves under," he cautioned. "Historically, when they did that, they got shot."

Robison is former president and now a professor at Middlebury (Vt.) College. A member of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., he served as special assistant to the undersecretary of state during the Lyndon Johnson administration. He visits the Soviet Union two or three times a year to negotiate with Soviet officials for the student exchange program he has started.

The fact that Soviets would stare down their powerful military with no weapons sends "a strong signal" about how they value their freedom, O'Brien said. Robison agreed.

"The way the coup was turned back will almost certainly strengthen that determination and make it stronger," Robison said. "It almost has to."

Will the victory of freedom for the Soviets bring a spiritual harvest as well? Many observers think so.

"With their openness to religious faith

and the loss of fear of reprisal, you have the makings of a renewal, of revival," O'Brien said.

Veda Rae Lozuk, a Southern Baptist missionary in Moscow, says the Soviets are ripe for renewal.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see a spiritual movement sweep over this country, because people are so hungry and so thirsty for the word of God and they've been denied the hearing of it for such a very long time," Lozuk told a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reporter by telephone from Moscow.

Lozuk and her husband, George, the son of Russian and Polish immigrants to the United States, became the first Southern Baptist missionaries to the Soviet Union earlier this year. "It's exciting to be a part of it right now," she said. "I wouldn't trade places with anyone."

"A society governed by fear and repression for generations is finally coming into the sunshine."

—Olin Robison

According to Lozuk, freedom has so taken root in the Soviet Union in recent years that turning back is impossible. "There is the freedom to organize churches. There is the freedom to worship."

Robison was more cautious about predicting the future of Soviet religion after the failed coup. "I don't think it's possible to say with any precision what it will mean for religious communities," he said. "But all the things that have happened in the past week suggest it's going to be a society with much greater pluralism."

"I do have the sense that Baptists are flourishing in the Soviet Union," he added. And the events of the past week offer Baptists "the promise of uninhibited growth."

Both Robison and FMB Vice President Isam Ballenger agreed the greatest promise for spiritual advance is in the Baltic republics and the Ukraine. Less religious freedom might await in the Asian republics, where Islam has a strong hold.

"If the republics come to have authority over church relations, then there could be several developments, some of them good and some of them bad," said Ballenger, the FMB's vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. "It could be disadvantageous (for Christians) in the Islamic republics."

In those parts of the Soviet Union where the Russian Orthodox Church is dominant, other tests await newfound freedoms, Robison said. "It's now going to mean the Russian Orthodox hierarchy is going to have to be more tolerant of other religious groups than

they have been historically," he said.

The vastness and ethnic complexity of the Soviet Union has fostered some fears that religious persecution will arise on a regional level. But Robison said he doesn't see that as a proven threat. "It's possible," he said, "but I don't see there is any reason at the moment to predict that will happen."

But he added, "The rise of all manner of ethnic difficulties and conflicts, and the degree to which those...ethnic groups see their religion as central to their identity, (will mean) that anybody who is not a part of the group is going to be in a bad way."

Is communism dead in the U.S.S.R.? On this question, too, many are cautious.

"It's too early to say," noted O'Brien. "I wouldn't want to say it's the last gasp for communism."

But he compared recent events to "the sound you get when you are sucking on a straw and you come to the end of your chocolate soda. It may be the dying gasp (for communism), but there might be enough bubbles down there to make some noise."

The manner in which the coup leaders underestimated the will of the Soviet people "reflects the ultimate blindness the hard core had," O'Brien said. "Once you succumb to ideological blindness, then you're not able to listen to reason."

O'Brien said the upheaval in the Soviet Union can teach American Christians something about the urgency of sharing the gospel and the character of Christians overseas.

Although Southern Baptists and others have been encouraged by the growing openness in the Soviet Union, the swiftness of change should be sobering, O'Brien explained.

"It is a sharp reminder that we don't have any lease on life anywhere in world," he said. "Nothing is automatic. We can't count on anything."

American Christians also can learn to trust the experience and leadership of Christians in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe who have weathered years of communist rule.

"What can we learn from them?" O'Brien asked. "Do we really have that much to offer, aside from dollars and a shared gospel? ... We need a stewardship of opportunity to share the gospel but also a sensitivity to the circumstances out of which (the Soviets) are living."

Christians who have been anxious to see spiritual renewal in the Soviet Union should take cautious note of recent events, he said. "We should stand in awe of the sovereignty of God and not rush in where angels fear to tread."

behavior is acceptable? Have congregations now become proficient at the same game and we are all paying the price? The so-called "killer congregations" have long condoned and put their blessings upon pastors who have "shot" wounded members of the army—capable, faithful staff ministers who also have given their all to the ministry, only to be cast out by a new pastor who wanted his own staff.

The Apostle Paul reminds us to imitate the humility of Christ and that our attitude should be as the "mind of Christ." Embodied in that thought is that he took upon himself the very nature of a servant. A leader of a church cannot be a true servant and have a whip in the other hand. May the church have wisdom and understanding to examine its relationship with its leaders and set limitations on the "power" of its called pastor.

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Beginnings

School began last week for thousands of youthful Kentuckians, some more eager than others to return.

Some very precious ones will be shy, apprehensive, and uncertain. They are the new ones, the beginners.

The following, reputedly by Abraham Lincoln, captures this special time:

"World take my son by the hand—he starts to school today!"

"It's all going to be strange and new to him for a while, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. You see, up to now, he has been king of the roost. He has been the boss of the backyard. I have always been around to repair his wounds, and I have always been handy to soothe his feelings.

"But now things are going to be different. This morning he is going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start on a great adventure that probably will include wars and tragedy and sorrow.

"To live in this world will require faith and love and courage. So, World, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

"Teach him—but gently, if you can.

"He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just—that all men are not true. Teach him that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every enemy there is a friend.

"Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

"Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

"Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.

"Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men, but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

"Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears on the howling mob—and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.

"Teach him gently, World, but do not coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

"This is a big order, World, but see what you can do. He is such a nice fellow."

And I would add this simple prayer, taken and modified slightly from the hymn "Away in a Manger:"

"Be near them, Lord Jesus. I ask thee to stay close by them forever and love them I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit them for heaven to
with thee, there."

baptist forum

To all who would write to Baptist Forum: We welcome for consideration your letters on any subject, provided they do not make personal attacks on anyone. We ask, however, that you accommodate a longstanding policy of a 300-word maximum limit for published letters. Thank you for adhering to this, and welcome to the pages of Western Recorder.

The 'other' terminations

In response to Bill Wolfe's recent analysis article "Church shepherds get CEOs' treatment" (WR, Aug. 13):

The trend of "involuntary terminations" is more widespread in our convention than we can imagine. And it's not only pastors who suffer. Let's not forget the countless number of other paid staff—education, youth, music, etc.—who experience the same painful termination. There is also a flip side to this problem which the local

congregation should carefully examine.

Many congregations are being taught that ultimate authority and power rests in the hands of the pastor. Some congregations have adopted the concept that the leader should function as the "boss-preacher" or "CEO." Whatever happened to the "pastor-servant" role? Still other congregations simply have not been informed of the subtle "power-tactics" used by those leaders attempting to build a kingdom of their own. Could it be that the pastorate by action has taught congregations that this CEO

Church escrows missions gifts until both sides heard

HICKORY, N.C. (ABP)—Former Kentucky pastor Tom Melzoni is the first Baptist pastor who has invited leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to vie publicly for his church's mission offerings.

At stake is \$120,000 First Baptist Church of Hickory, N.C., gives to Baptist missions each year.

The Southern Baptist Convention has traditionally funded missions through the Cooperative Program, which is administered by the conservative-controlled SBC Executive Committee. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of moderate Southern Baptists, now offers three alternate-funding plans that withhold money from some SBC causes and fund new Fellowship-sponsored ventures.

Melzoni said the 1,800-member congregation has placed its missions offerings in escrow until it decides which group to give

them to.

Although numerous churches have debated where to send funds, the North Carolina church is believed to be the first to invite key leaders from both sides of the aisle to explain why offerings should be given through their programs.

John Hewett, moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and pastor of First Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C., spoke at Melzoni's church Aug. 18. SBC President Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, spoke Aug. 21.

"I believe very strongly in telling people everything and trusting them to make decisions," Melzoni said before the meeting with Chapman.

Melzoni, former pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, said the controversy that has spawned two competing funding mechanisms has been debated pri-

marily by church leaders. The people filling the pews have been largely uninvolved, he said.

"It's a very important time for our church and all Southern Baptist churches to determine where to channel our funds," he explained.

Melzoni, who assumed the North Carolina pastorate about three months ago, served with Chapman at Wichita Falls for three years. He also was an associate of W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and a leader in the conservative movement.

"I was very much involved in the 1979 and '80 effort (to gain control of the SBC) because I did believe changes needed to be made," Melzoni said. "But I feel like the pendulum has swung too far. We are seeing throats cut and good people excluded from service, and that bothers me."

Melzoni said he decided to educate his

congregation by inviting leaders from the disparate groups and allowing them to present their sides. Members of other congregations heard about the meetings and attended as well.

Eric McNeely, a lifelong member of First Baptist, said: "A lot of people are confused. Hopefully, these two nights will help settle this issue."

Timothy Deaton, a member of another nearby church, said: "A lot of churches are really undecided about what to do. But this will probably make the difference in helping First Baptist to decide."

As Chapman fielded questions about his leadership and beliefs, some heads nodded in assent. Many others shook side to side.

Church members have 30 days to decide where to send their money.

This story was reported by Christopher Quinn of the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal.

Internationals need Baptist friends in 3 Kentucky regions

Baptists in three regions of Kentucky are looking for friends this fall.

Friendship International, a Southern Baptist ministry to international women and children, needs additional volunteers in Louisville, Lexington and Murray.

In Friendship International, Baptist women seek to cultivate relationships with internationals through English classes, Bible study and creative classes.

Kentucky women teach foreign-born women who move to the United States how to drive, quilt, type, make ceramics and

cook American-style food.

They also teach the newcomers about their faith in Jesus Christ.

"I felt Christian love through the Baptist women who patiently, unconditionally, time after time taught English, crafts, Bible study and served refreshments," said Nora Tidwell, who moved to Kentucky from Japan. She was invited to a Friendship International meeting by a neighbor.

Hundreds of women like her become the friends of Kentucky Baptist women every year through this program.

The Louisville group meets at Walnut Street Baptist Church on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. Additional volunteers are needed to teach English, work with preschoolers and to provide hospitality.

An informational meeting will be held Sept. 4, and the fall program begins Sept. 11. For information, contact Bonnie Swim at 502-245-9380.

The Lexington group meets at Immanuel Baptist Church on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. Additional nursery and preschool volunteers are needed.

An informational meeting will be held Sept. 5, and the fall program begins Sept. 12. For information, contact Iva Jean Carl at 606-873-5776.

The Murray group meets at First Baptist Church on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed as nursery workers, to help with the sewing class and to schedule refreshments.

The fall program begins Sept. 11. For information, contact Gracie Irwin at 502-489-2174.

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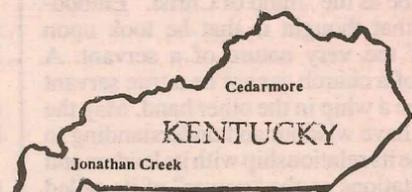
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Ruling hurts religion, Baptist tells Bar Association

By Pam Parry
Baptist Joint Committee

ATLANTA (ABP)—No religion in America is safe from the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Oregon v. Smith*, a Baptist Joint Committee attorney told the American Bar Association Aug. 11.

BJC General Counsel Oliver Thomas called the court's recent *Smith* decision "one of the most draconian" decisions to come from the Supreme Court since the 1857 *Dred Scott* ruling determined slaves were property.

Thomas addressed the ABA annual convention in Atlanta that celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Thomas is the first BJC staffer to address the ABA.

Thomas told the group the high court's

April 1990 decision in *Oregon v. Smith* all but erased the First Amendment's guarantee of free exercise of religion. In the *Smith* decision, the court abandoned the "compelling state interest" test it formerly required government to meet before restricting religious liberty.

That test permitted government to restrict the First Amendment's guarantee of religious exercise only to further a compelling governmental interest and if the least restrictive means of safeguarding that interest had been employed.

The *Smith* decision stated that government need not justify burdens on religious practice unless the law itself is aimed at religion.

"With the stroke of a pen, our nation's first liberty was rendered a constitutional

redundancy," Thomas said.

The court's majority described the First Amendment test as a "luxury" this nation can no longer afford, Thomas stated, noting Justice Antonin Scalia said if minority religious groups suffer as a result, that is the "inevitable price of democracy."

"The 'inevitable price of democracy'?" Thomas asked. "I thought that's why we had a First Amendment—as a check on democracy."

"Some values, including freedom of speech, religion, press and association, are so fundamental to American society that we placed them beyond the reach of legislative majorities."

"At least, that's what I thought."

The impact of *Smith* has been immediate and far-reaching, Thomas said. The

decision was used less than a week after it was handed down; it was cited to vacate a decision in Minnesota that protected rights of the Amish to use less offensive but equally effective warning devices on their horse-drawn carriages.

"In time, every religion in America will suffer," Thomas said.

However, a bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives June 26 provides a solution, he said. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (H.R. 2797), which has more than 80 bipartisan co-sponsors, would restore the compelling-interest test, Thomas said.

Dozens of religious and civil liberties groups back the bill, including the Baptist Joint Committee and Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Inerrantist accrediting agency approved

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (ABP)—An accrediting agency has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education for post-secondary institutions that believe in biblical inerrancy, biblical authority, creationism and the historicity of the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

The Transnational Association of Christian Schools, founded in 1979, recently received government approval.

TRACS accreditation will give added credibility to degrees awarded by schools such as Luther Rice Seminary of Atlanta and Liberty University of Lynchburg, Va. Criswell College of Dallas, a founding member of TRACS, has since dropped its involvement for financial reasons.

Luther Rice President Gene Williams said TRACS accreditation means his school, which has been snubbed by traditionally accredited schools in the past, should be recognized as an institution of quality education.

Degrees granted by Luther Rice and other TRACS schools now will be recognized by other educational institutions, enabling graduates to transfer credits or pursue graduate degrees in other accredited universities,

colleges or seminaries. Students also will become eligible for federal financial aid programs, such as Pell grants. TRACS schools will qualify for endowment grants, most of which are restricted to accredited institutions.

Accreditation will provide another distinction for Luther Rice, which is known primarily as a correspondence school. "The most important aspect of accreditation is that Luther Rice Seminary will be recognized as the only fully accredited, non-traditional theological seminary in existence," Williams said.

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, said he was involved in the founding of TRACS but has since resigned his position on the board of directors. However, he said he remains keenly interested in the agency, which has "real viability" for accrediting theological schools in the United States and overseas.

Criswell College dropped its accreditation through TRACS and the American Association of Bible Colleges because the accreditation process is expensive and the school "is not flush with funds," Patterson said. Criswell still maintains accreditation

through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Patterson said TRACS was formed because of the "ideological abuse" inflicted on conservative schools by established agencies, like the Association of Theological Schools, on such issues as evolution and inerrancy.

In light of recent conflicts at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee have been evaluating accreditation procedures for the six SBC seminaries, including Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Although TRACS could serve as an accrediting agency for the six Southern Baptist seminaries, Patterson said he did not expect that to happen in the near future.

Currently, all six SBC seminaries are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and regional agencies like SACS. However, Southeastern's accreditation has been under evaluation for the past three years.

This story was reported by Jack Brymer of the Florida Baptist Witness and Greg Warner of Associated Baptist Press.

Henry County women serve in Idaho church

By Christy Colee
State Correspondent

EMINENCE—Four Henry County women discovered new talents as short-term mission volunteers in Hayden Lake, Idaho, this summer.

"No matter what your age or your talent, somebody somewhere can use it," said Debbie Miller, who went on the summer trip with Lynn Payton, Becky Tucker and Becky Poe.

The four led backyard Bible clubs with Silver Woods Baptist Church. Morning sessions were held in a city park, while afternoon sessions were held in a rural area.

Henry County Baptist Association partially funded the venture, with assistance from Eminence Baptist Church, where three of the four women are members.

Associational director of missions Pam Cobb suggested the link-up months ago. When the women heard of the need, they decided they could meet it.

Soviet troops receive New Testaments during coup attempt

world in view

Bible society personnel in Moscow distributed more than 6,000 New Testaments to Soviet soldiers who sealed off Red Square and the Russian Federation Parliament building during last month's failed coup. The testaments were given only to soldiers poised to attack coup resisters, and all but one officer allowed their troops to accept the books.

"What has happened is a real miracle of our Lord," said Michael Seleznev, a translation consultant for the Bible Society of the Soviet Union. "We called on (the soldiers) not to kill their brothers and to obey the legitimate authorities."

■ **Koran printing on increase.** The largest printing plant in the world has been opened in Medina, Saudi Arabia, to print the Koran. The plant, opened by Saudi King Fahd, will print as many as 28 million copies of Islam's holy book each year.

■ **Gideons challenged.** A judge's ruling that distribution of Gideon Bibles in a public school does not violate the Constitution has been appealed by five national organizations. Based on a case from Rensselaer, Ind., an appeal has been filed with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago by the American Jewish Committee,



BIBLES AT COUP—Soviet tanks take position outside the Kremlin near St. Basil Cathedral during last month's attempted coup. During the crisis, Christians distributed more than 6,000 New Testaments to Soviet soldiers who sealed off Red Square and the Russian Federation Parliament building. (RNS photo)

American Jewish Congress, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, National Council of Churches and Unitarian Universalist Association.

■ **Kantzer speaks on women.** Kenneth

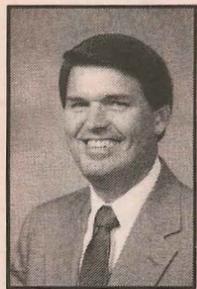
Kantzer, former editor of *Christianity Today* and an avowed inerrantist, told a summer conference in Winter Park, Colo., that men and women should share equal roles in leading churches, homes and society. Men and women were created equal in God's

image, fell equally into sin, were equally redeemed by Jesus Christ and have been equally given gifts to lead the home, church and society, said Kantzer, chancellor of Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill., and a speaker at Southern Baptists' 1987 Conference on Biblical Inerrancy.

■ **800 accept Christ in Ecuador.** More than 800 people accepted Jesus Christ as Savior during a partnership evangelism project led by 78 Southern Baptist volunteers from 16 states in Ecuador.

■ **Yugoslavian camp burned.** Baptists in Yugoslavia lost their "God's Valley" camp facilities to mounting violence that continues to disrupt the republic of Croatia. The two buildings at the camp, located on the Adriatic Sea about 40 miles from Zagreb, were reported burned in mid-August. But fighting in the area has made it impossible to assess the damage firsthand.

■ **Jesus paper stopped.** A junior high school student in Dickson, Tenn., is suing the local school board for upholding a teacher who refused to give her permission to submit a research paper on the life of Jesus. In a suit filed in U.S. District Court in Nashville, Brittney Kaye Settle says teacher Dana Ramsey refused to approve her topic while other students were allowed to submit papers on reincarnation, spiritualism and the occult. (BP, FMB, RNS)



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Trustee leadership

Each November the Kentucky Baptist Convention elects four individuals to our 24-member board of trustees. I'm thankful for these committed leaders whose wise counsel and responsible fiscal management represents faithful trusteeship of which every Kentucky Baptist can be proud. Periodically I want to introduce you to a few trustees.

Bill Barnard is pastor of Grant's Lick Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky Association. A Georgetown College and Southern Seminary alumnus, Barnard enjoys "the family spirit around Clear Creek. I hope in the near future we'll have 200 plus enrolled."

One of our newest trustees graduated from Clear Creek in 1977. A BS at Cumberland and an MDiv at Southern have since been earned. Gabe Collett is pastor of Cynthiana Baptist Church and is also an army reserve chaplain. He wants the school "to continue the quality of Christian education that has been provided for more than 50 years."

Our other newest member is Ronald W. Morgan of Frankfort. A University of Kentucky graduate, Morgan visited the school on a 1990 mission team from Immanuel Baptist Church. "My respect for the quality of ministers with a Clear Creek education led me to have a strong interest in the future growth of the college. I would like to see the school have an expanded faculty and facilities. Above all, I pray that Clear Creek will never lose its dedication to following a course of unswerving adherence to the teachings of God's word. I pledge my support of the school dedicated to providing a solid education in a spirit-led environment." Morgan serves his church as a deacon and Bible teacher. He works for the Kentucky Cabinet of Economic Development.

Ruth Milby came on the board to complete an unexpired term. We anticipate her reelection this November. She and attorney Robert L. Milby are members of London First Baptist Church. A former Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union board member, Milby "wants to be useful in helping a school that has a great impact on missions."

Louisvillian Tom Prather recalls the eight years he and his wife lived in Pineville. "We were drawn into the activities of Clear Creek. I led the choir one year, and Peggy taught music for several years. We came to appreciate and love the faculty for their commitment to the students, school and our Lord." Prather, an insurance executive, teaches Bible and is outreach director for Lyndon Baptist Church.

With trustees like these, Clear Creek is in good hands.



BHF & KSF

Did you see Baptist Hospitals Foundation at the Kentucky State Fair? We appreciate the opportunity that the Kentucky Baptist Convention gave us to participate in the Kentucky Baptist Day Aug. 15.

Our representatives at the WAMZ and WHAS booth were Jet Owens, Gladys Wirth and Noel Cox. From 2 to 4 p.m. they gave away more than 900 book markers.

Some of the comments made by those visiting our booth were: "We like our hos-

pitals. I have family that work at the hospital. My children were born at the hospital. You took care of me when I was a patient. My daughter is studying to be a nurse at your hospital."

You can imagine how proud we were to hear those comments about Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Baptist Hospital East, Louisville, Baptist Regional Medical Center, Corbin, and Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Jet, Gladys and Noel did a super job interacting with the sea of people in handling their questions. As an added bonus, they were able to meet the Oak Ridge Boys who were kind enough to give them autographs and pose for pictures. The Oak Ridge Boys were the lucky ones! Jet and Gladys collectively have been Baptist Hospital volunteers for more than 66 years. Noel has helped with the Summer Chase 5K, stuffed bags for the annual Golf Classic and put the ribbons on all

Changed attitude can change job

NEWARK, N.J. (BP)—Got a boring job? Attitude can transform a boring urban job into a Christian ministry, a Baptist pastor and author said during an urban ministries conference in Newark, N.J.

Gordon McDonald, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in New York City, related the story of a bus driver he sees almost daily in his commute to work. One day the man complained to McDonald: "You've got it a lot better than me. You have an interesting job and travel different places. I just drive this bus up and down the same streets every day."

McDonald told the bus driver his job could be a Christian ministry too. "Every

day, when you first get on this bus, before anyone else gets on, dedicate that bus to God for that day. Declare it to be a sanctuary for God for that day. Consecrate it to God's glory, and then act like it is a place where God dwells."

Several weeks later McDonald returned from a trip and saw the bus driver. "You've transformed my life," the man exclaimed. "I've been doing what you said every day, and it has made me see my job in an entirely new perspective."

The same transformation could happen to other people in their work if they would take the time to prayerfully adjust their attitudes each day, McDonald claimed.

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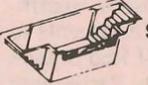
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■ **ASHLAND**—First Church sponsored a basketball camp for children entering grades three through eight. The daily agenda included work at various stations, some of which emphasized basic basketball skills and basic Bible study on the heroes of the faith. The 94 campers heard various speakers including Steele Harmon, director of the Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

■ **BARBOURVILLE**—Charlie Rice resigned as pastor of Roadside Church to devote more time to his duties as dean of students at Clear Creek Bible College.

■ **BOND**—Dennis Rush assumed the interim pastorate at Bond Church Aug. 18.

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Barren River Church called Larry Craig as pastor. He comes from Barnetts Creek Church, Hartford.

■ **DREYFUS**—Bethlehem Church will host a homecoming Sept. 22.

■ **GERMANTOWN**—Alvin Estep and Dennis McDowell were ordained as deacons by Germantown Church. The church celebrated its 150th anniversary July 14.

■ **GRAND RIVERS**—Iuka Church welcomed David Key as pastor. This is his first pastorate.

■ **HENDERSON**—Lester Nash will retire from Airline Church at the end of September. A reception will be held in his honor Sept. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

Henderson First Church welcomed Skip Lloyd as minister of education and administration. He formerly was business manager for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Korea.

■ **HULEN**—Tugglesville Church called James Hill as pastor.

■ **JEFF**—Kendall Combs resigned as pastor of Jeff Missionary Church.

■ **LAMERO**—Charles Kirby resigned as pastor of Pleasant Run Church.

■ **LANGLEY**—Maytown First Church licensed Johnny Skeens to the gospel ministry.

■ **LONDON**—Robinson Creek will host its annual homecoming Sept. 8. Hawk Creek Church called Gary Kirby as pastor. Victor Vanderkooi was licensed to the gospel ministry by Sinking Creek Church. Three Forks Association called Ray Cooper of Unity Church, Richmond, as DOM.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Ninth and O Church called Lee Gambrell as minister of education. He comes from Countryside Church, Clearwater, Fla. Pamela Propst, minister to children at Walnut Street Church, resigned effective Aug. 23 to devote her full time to family. East Audubon Church called Gary French as pastor. Lyndon Church welcomed Alice Tennis as minister to senior adults. She is a student at Southern Seminary. Lyndon also called Jon Rainbow as minister to individuals and families. He is a professor at Southern Seminary.

■ **MACKVILLE**—Rudy Herrington resigned as pastor of Mackville Church Aug. 18.

■ **MIDDLESBORO**—Joe Cody resigned as pastor of West Cumberland Avenue Church.

■ **MURRAY**—Flint Church licensed Bill Miller to the gospel ministry. Sinking Spring Church called Russell Miller as pastor.

■ **NEWPORT**—Mike Wolfzorn finished serving as summer youth director at First Church and will pursue a degree from Southern Seminary.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Third Church called Dwight A. Moody as pastor. He comes from North Park Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

■ **PADUCAH**—J.W. Crowley, retired ordained minister, was ordained as deacon by Lone Oak Church Aug. 18.

■ **PAINTSVILLE**—Don Yeager resigned the pastorate at Paintsville Church to serve Fairlawn Church, Parkersburg, W.Va.

■ **PINEVILLE**—Hosman Church called Keith Withrow as pastor.

■ **PLEASUREVILLE**—Pleasureville Church hosted a celebration Sept. 1 in honor of Paul and Maxine Whittler upon their retirement after 40 years of ministry in Southern Baptist churches throughout Kentucky. After graduation from Campbellsville College and Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Whittler attended Southern Seminary. His pastorates include churches in Hawesville, Cloverport, Greensburg, Frankfort and Cold Springs as well as in Pleasureville, serving there since 1987. Whittler also served as business manager of the Western Recorder for almost 10 years.

■ **PURYEAR, Tenn.**—Oak Grove Church welcomed Steve Harper as pastor.

■ **RAVENNA**—Williams Memorial Church called Cecil Morgan as pastor.

■ **RUSSELL SPRINGS**—Jerry Hower-ton celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Liberty Church.

■ **SANDERS**—Mike Raley resigned as pastor of Sanders Church.

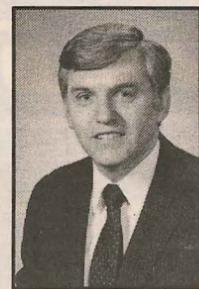
■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Mount Eden Church elected Sam Franke and David Stieben deacons.

■ **SOMERSET**—Immanuel Church welcomed Don Jones as pastor. He comes from Willow Grove Church, Danville.

■ **SPRINGFIELD**—Sam Carmack resigned as pastor of Springfield Church.

■ **WALKER**—Mark Partin resigned as pastor of Walker Church.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Bruce Truman resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Church.



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homes for children

State fair update

Buckley Carlin, administrator of our Glen Dale Children's Home, and his wife, Sue, literally live at the fair, along with several of the young people who come up each day to show the animals and other projects on which they have worked. I admire their tenacity and spirit and must confess that I am glad it is not my job. I like to visit the fair, but a little goes a long way with me.

Though I do not have a complete list of how our youth did at the fair, I can report to you that they had another outstanding year.

In the Cloverdale area which had over 3,500 4-H projects, our youth won a total of 39 ribbons including the class grand champion for the electricity exhibits. A total of nine blue ribbons were won for photography, arts and crafts, electricity and foods. In addition 17 red ribbons and 12 white ribbons were won in this area.

The dog show produced another 13 ribbons with seven blues, five reds, and one white ribbon. One dog scored 97.5 points missing the best score by only one half point. Our youth won one blue and one red ribbon in the sheep show. In swine, we had three blue ribbons and one red ribbon, two of the blue ribbons winning their individual classes. In beef cattle, one young man finished second in the open class and the beef project exhibit won seventh place in the herdsman exhibit.

With the bees that Eldred Taylor donated a few years ago, seven young people won awards in several categories. They won six first place, six second place and five third place awards.

The rabbit entries won six first place awards, two second place awards in the open classes and four blue ribbons in the 4-H show along with a class championship and a reserve class championship. The youth showing goats won 23 awards including two first place, three seconds and three thirds. They also won two special herdsman awards.

I am very proud of our young people and the staff who lead them. These awards represent countless hours of hard work by both. Congratulations to the Glen Dale youth and staff for another great year at the state fair.



Barkley Moore
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Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

One-room school

Our staff children, grades two through five, are greatly excited. They are having class this year in our 81-year-old one-room schoolhouse.

Before this school year is over, Kentucky will be having many events celebrating the bicentennial of our state. It seems very fitting to have this group study in old Double Creek School.

The two teachers who teach this age group are Jenifer Coffey and Joy Godbold. Coffey is beginning her 14th year with us, and Godbold is starting her fifth year. These two teachers worked for days along with three to four students getting the room ready. Rick Coffey also worked several days helping his wife. His part

was taking out and storing part of the old-time desks that won't be needed this year. The remaining desks he refinished. Using a dolly, he also wheeled many loads of books from the former classroom as well as other supplies. He is our high school biology teacher and coaches track and field, swimming and diving. Six of his students have won high school state championships in their individual events.

Volunteers from Ten Mile Baptist Church, Glencoe, had earlier repainted the inside walls. The outside is white as was traditional with most one-room schools in Kentucky.

Some of the desks are approximately 70 years old including several two-pupil handmade benches. Some of the desks were originally ordered from Sears and Roebuck. The old pot-bellied stove is still in the room, but unused. We have a heat pump hidden under the floor.

We moved in some large bookshelves that were first used in the old Marvin Hall library in 1925. There is a rocking chair and a plaid rug in a corner where the children gather when it is reading time.

There are two other points of interest never seen in Double Creek school at its original site. There is a computer for the young pupils to learn and practice on and a VCR for showing educational films. Along another wall is a place for the students to exhibit science displays.

Also Mr. Coffey has built shelves along one wall for books and coats.

The porch at the entrance is made of bricks, baked in 1901, which were part of Oneida's first brick building.

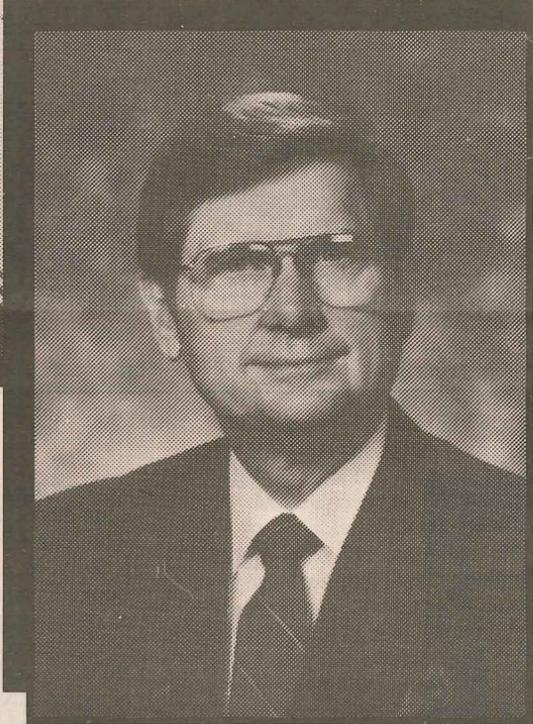
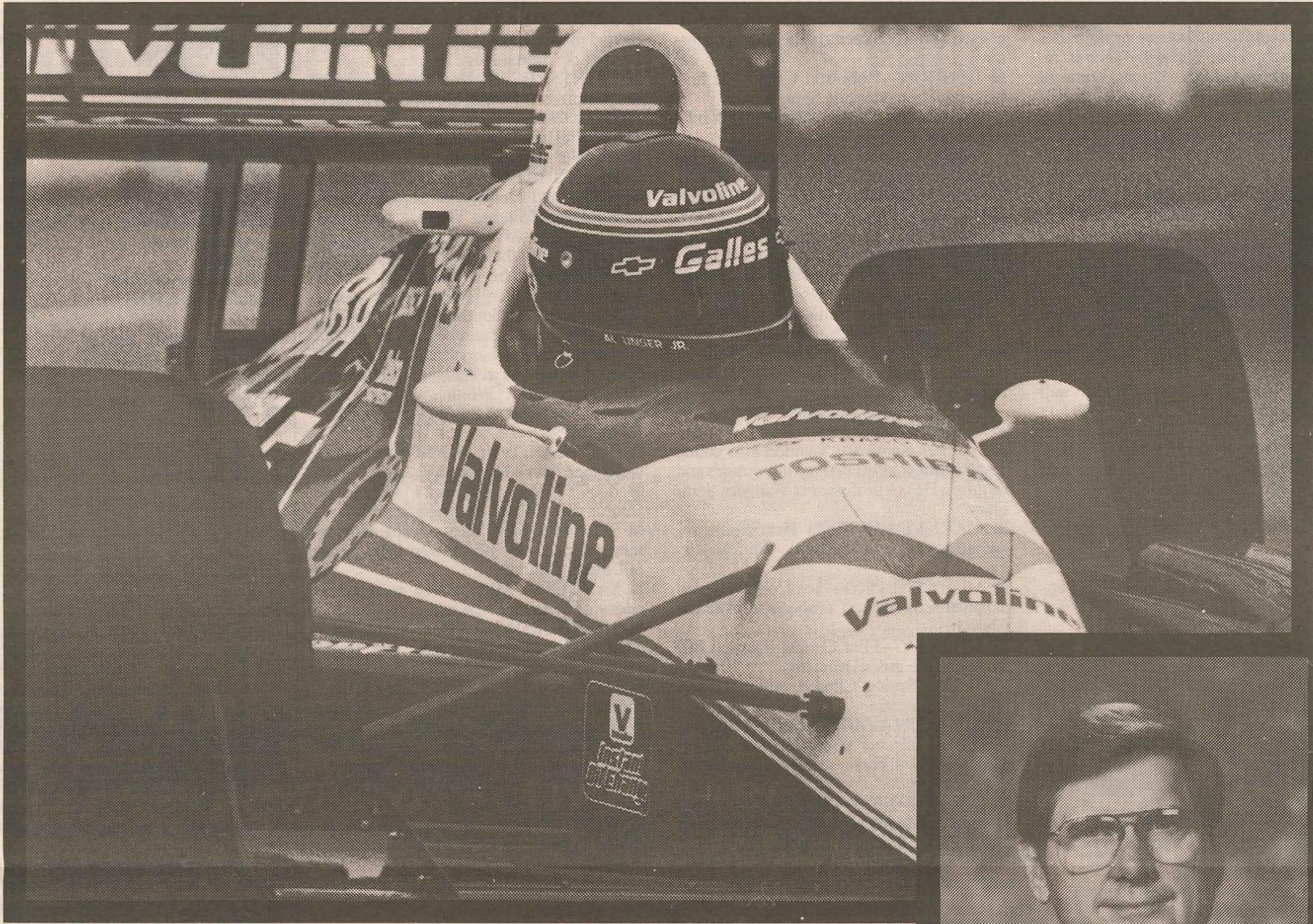
The mothers of the children, all OBI staff members, are going to make long dresses for their daughters such as girls would have worn about the time Oneida was founded in 1899. These will be worn

on a particular day once a week and on special occasions such as "Family Day" and our annual homecoming. Of course, the boys won't be left out. They also will be dressed like school boys of pioneer Kentucky.

We also have our own kindergarten-first grade for staff children. This has been taught for the past four years by Elizabeth Buckner. They have a beautiful classroom in Baker Hall.

Recently, Tim Erwin and wife, Barbara, came from their home in Seattle, Wash., to visit. Tim graduated from OBI in 1976 and later served here a total of eight years. Since moving to Seattle, he has been elected to the state senate. Their two older children had their first several years of schooling in our staff school. Tim and Barbara said they were two years ahead of their peers when they enrolled in Washington.

We first began our little school for the children of our staff six years ago. We called Margaret Webb out of retirement when she was age 74. A lifelong public elementary teacher and widow of a Baptist pastor, she taught kindergarten through fifth grade in one room that first year. We tested our staff children before the year began, and tested them again nine months later. They averaged a three-year increase in knowledge level. She finished that first year on her 75th birthday. A volunteer then, she returned again last year and did another year of volunteer teaching with us in our Special Help program and we helped her celebrate her 80th birthday. All five of her children and several grandchildren attended OBI. Her daughter, Myrtle Cooke, was valedictorian of our '60 class and is beginning her eighth year as Oneida's guidance counselor.



Let's Go Soul-Winning in Indianapolis

Indy. The name invokes the thunder of the road—the crowds, the speeding cars, the smell of tire rubber on the hot pavement. The granddaddy of all races, that's the Indianapolis 500.

But in September, there will be more to Indy than racing. A national soul-winning conference will be conducted at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. All participants will go door-to-door sharing their faith in Jesus Christ. An army of Southern Baptists will help the people of Indianapolis find out how to win the most important

prize of all—a new life in Jesus Christ.

And you are needed. You are vital to this army of witnesses. You will have a chance to put your faith into action and to show others how much you care for them.

I want to ask you to meet me in Indianapolis this September. Won't you ask God to let you join with me and hundreds of others as together we link arms with Christians here who want to make a difference in the life of this great city. Meet me September 19-21, 1991, at the

Adam's Mark Hotel. Let's go soul-winning together.

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Romanian orphans, health care concern doctors

By Pam Parry
Baptist Joint Committee

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Crises affecting children and health care in Romania have found some relief during the past year, but the problems are far from solved, said American doctors working in the country.

James and Barbara Bascom, doctors who began programs to help Romanian orphans last year, gave a progress report July 9 at the National Press Club in Washington.

The Bascoms began their work in the country as a five-year program of World Vision, a privately funded international Christian agency for relief and develop-

ment. They said many of Romania's institutionalized children have improved but suffer from complex, chronic problems that will take time for rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

The complexity of the problems stems from a "man-made disaster that took 20 years" to create, Barbara Bascom said. To solve Romania's foreign debt crisis, then-President Nicolae Ceausescu decreed the country's population must increase to 30 million by the year 2000.

The government took strong measures to ensure that goal's accomplishment: contraceptives were outlawed and information on reproduction was classified as a state

secret. The population boom placed financial duress on families, forcing many of them to institutionalize their children.

Ceausescu's regime also resulted in the abandonment of the country's health-education system.

When the December 1989 revolution overthrew Ceausescu, the country was left with 140,000 institutionalized orphans and a health-care system with no medical specialists or nursing schools, as well as medical schools lacking up-to-date information.

Barbara Bascom directs the Romanian Orphans Social and Educational Services project, or ROSES. Operating in six loca-

tions throughout Romania, ROSES is designed to improve the developmental progress of children who are developmentally delayed, handicapped or infected with the AIDS virus and to train the Romanian staff members who work with them.

James Bascom is working with Romanian medical professionals to help rebuild their system through a program called the Medical Educational Redevelopment Project.

To fill the health-care system's information void, MERP has provided 16 computers to medical libraries and hospitals, and is helping with curriculum, texts, journals and equipment.



BULGARIAN CRUSADE With the disappearance of the Iron Curtain, evangelists have moved into Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union this summer with countless crusades. In late July, Luis Palau visited Sofia, Bulgaria, with 5,900 people making professions of faith in Christ. Shown here are people who participated in the crusade, the first in Sofia in 52 years. (RNS photo by Mike Rock)

Not all Iranians are intolerant of Christianity

By Art Toalston
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Iran tolerates Christianity more than most countries in the Middle East, according to one of its Christian citizens.

Sam Yeghnazar, pastor of the Iranian Christian Fellowship in London, said even converts from Islam don't inherently face persecution in Iran. If a Christian encounters opposition, it usually comes from a relative or in a rural area, Yeghnazar said. More often, however, a decision to embrace Christianity is accepted.

"In a large country like Iran, with 54 million people, there are all different types of reactions to Christianity," said Yeghnazar during an Aug. 9 visit to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

Yeghnazar retains his Iranian citizenship and often travels back to his homeland. From 1974 to 1986, he was involved in Bible society work in the Philippines, Lebanon and England. He moved into Iranian ministry five years ago and is pastor of a London congregation which draws about 100 Irani-

ans and other internationals to worship each week.

He played a key role earlier this year in linking Southern Baptists with Iranian Christians in relief efforts among Kurdish refugees. Yeghnazar helped arrange for Southern Baptists to airlift four field kitchens to Iran and send 12 volunteers to work with a team of 10 Iranian Christians to feed 15,000 Kurds in a refugee camp in mountainous southwestern Iran.

The Iranian relief workers are part of the small evangelical community in Iran of 3,000-plus believers in 25 congregations, half of them in Tehran and most Presbyterian or Assemblies of God.

Many believers come from ancient Armenian or Assyrian churches of the region or from the Muslim community, Yeghnazar said. A few are converts from Judaism or Zoroastrianism (the religion prominent in Persia before Islam).

While Islam is the state religion, Iran also officially recognizes Judaism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism. The Bahai faith, which began in Iran during the 1800s, has no legal standing and, according to human rights

groups, has endured various forms of persecution.

"Many Iranians have become Christians," Yeghnazar said, "and they have not suffered the same fate." Iranian believers "would have no hesitation to tell you that they are Christians, even in public," he added. "They would witness with courage."

Stereotypes don't fit Iran, Yeghnazar said. When, for example, an Iranian official employs the Ayatollah Khomeini's rhetoric against the United States as the "Great Satan," it's a statement against the U.S. political system, not individual Americans, Yeghnazar said.

Up to 7 million Iranians live outside Iran, Yeghnazar said, and many are disillusioned by the Islamic revolution sparked by the Ayatollah Khomeini and thus open to Christianity. Iranian Christian fellowships have formed in such countries as Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore. A half dozen fellowships are in California, where about 750,000 Iranians live.

"It wouldn't be very strange to meet Iranian believers in any country in the world," Yeghnazar noted.

Check it out before putting check in mail

By Art Toalston
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Some churches in the United States send money to pastors in Romania, but the best way to help the country's Baptists is to check first with the Baptist Union, according to its top leaders.

The union can advise churches in the United States and elsewhere in the West of Romanian congregations or mission efforts urgently needing support, said Vasile Talos, union president, and Nicolae Gheorghita, general secretary.

"We want to avoid a situation where one or two or three churches are supported—and hundreds of others, nobody knows about," Talos said when he and Gheorghita visited the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Talos and Gheorghita, in meetings with the mission agency's administrators, reviewed two top concerns:

- Expanding the union's Bible institute in Bucharest, which soared from a handful of students to more than 100 after the country's revolt against communism in December 1989. A second Bible institute, created last year in the city of Oradea, has jumped to an enrollment of 170.

- The need for portable chapels for church-planting efforts among about 14,000 villages in Romania with no Baptist church.

"We want to give a whole picture" of evangelism and church-planting needs in Romania, said Talos, who is pastor of a Baptist church in Bucharest. Great portions of Romania remain a mission field, he said, noting 90 percent of the country's 75,000 Baptists live in northwest Romania.

When aid for specific Romanian churches or home missionaries in unevangelized regions is channeled through the Baptist union, Gheorghita said, foreign donors can be sure of a full accounting of how the money is used. But indiscriminate use of American dollars in Romania can cause problems for Baptists, both men warned.

Since Romania's revolt against communism, the nation has been swamped with well-meaning foreign Christians offering help—and with "all kinds of colors of so-called Christians ... with all kinds of teachings," Gheorghita said. "All the time people are coming. It is like an invasion."

The influx includes Mormons—thousands of whom are said to be studying the Romanian language—as well as Jehovah's Witnesses and New Age movements. They "are building their kingdom in Romania where there is a spiritual vacuum right now," Talos stated. "This is why our task is so important right now, to be in the first line to spread the gospel in the country, to let people know the truth."

Convention Feature: *September is Foundation Emphasis Month*

1991-1992 Foundation scholarships awarded to 215 students

Jill McKinley, one of 215 recipients of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation student scholarships, has recently enrolled as a freshman at Campbellsville College. McKinley is the daughter of Jim and Betty McKinley of Louisville, who retired as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Bangladesh earlier this year.

McKinley has received the Kentucky Baptist Foundation's Crescent Hill/Schnur Scholarship, a fund established by a bequest of the late Raymond C. Schnur, Sr. The scholarship is awarded to children of foreign missionaries who are attending Kentucky Baptist colleges. Presently, one award is given each school year.

Besides the Foundation scholarship, McKinley has also received financial assistance from the Margaret Fund, a scholarship which benefits Southern Baptist Convention missionary children. "I was so pleased to learn of this scholarship help," she related. "To have financial help during my four years in college is wonderful and it relieves some concerns."

McKinley is tentatively planning to major in sociology and seek a Christian vocation.

"The awarding of scholarships is one of the biggest contributions the Kentucky Baptist Foundation makes directly to 'blood and flesh' ministry," Richard Carnes, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, explained. "The Foundation has given \$160,000 in financial aid to 215 students for the 1991-1992 academic school year." Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and by other specified personnel related to the scholarship grants.

Other scholarships awarded besides the Crescent Hill/Schnur are:

The Francis and Ruth Moore Fund aids 159 needy students with a total of \$119,250 (\$750 per student). Respective chosen students to Campbellsville College, Cumberland College and Georgetown College are the recipients.

The Ruby King Scholarship Fund is given to 26 students at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and 25 students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and/or Boyce Bible School. Each student is awarded \$750 per academic year (total of \$38,250). Recipients are those students committed in study to full time Christian vocations.

The Burnie Tichenor Memorial Fund is given to two students at Campbellsville College. The scholarship is \$750 per student each academic year (total of \$1,500). The Tichenor Fund helps finance ministerial or missionary students and, if the committee desires, may continue doing so throughout the students' seminary preparation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Guy Billington Memorial Fund scholarships are given to students who have been residents of one of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children now attending either Campbellsville College, Cumberland College or Georgetown College. Presently, two students are awarded \$750 scholarships per academic year.

foundation (foun·da'·shun)
n. 1: Funds given for support of an institution; an organization or institution supported by endowment with provision for future maintenance with which anything is founded.

donor (do'·nor) **n. 1:** One who gives, donates or presents something; a giver.

trust (trust) **n. 1a:** Assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something; document.

This Feature:

- *Scholarships
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KBF sponsors 41 in Adopt an Annuitant program

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation has participated in the Adopt an Annuitant program since 1989. It is one of the largest state Baptist Foundations contributing to adopting and providing love gifts to elder ministers and widows which undergird meager retirement incomes.

Adopt an Annuitant takes pledges of \$600 annually (\$50 per month) for a minimum of one year in aiding financial support for ministers and widows who qualify at the poverty level. "The Annuity Board screens candidates according to their personal income profile and then approves their financial love gifts," Richard Carnes stated. "The Kentucky Baptist Foundation currently has 41 annuitants in our adoption program."

According to a recent Annuity Board informative brochure, there are presently more than 6,700 retired Southern Baptist ministers, missionaries and widows across the nation who receive less than \$100 a month in retirement benefits and who have little other incomes. Most of the retired annuitants are elderly—40 percent 75 years and older. These individuals served during the Great Depression (World War II era) when there was little concern given to retirement. Whenever interest was expressed there was seldom enough money to pay for it. The Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist Convention agency which administers retirement programs for ministers and churches, has consistently upgraded their plans in recent decades.

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KBF Breakdown: Christian education (39%); Homes for Children (17%); Cooperative Program (17%); foreign, home and state missions (16%); churches (3%) and other (8%).