

## Baptist teens more mature in faith, less open to ethnics

By Susan Todd Doyle  
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Southern Baptist teen-agers are more apt than their counterparts in other denominations to have a mature faith, to have families who talk freely about their faith and to feel at home in their congregations. But they're less likely than their counterparts to welcome ethnic diversity.

■ Study shows never-married and divorced adults less involved in church but widows more active 6

Those findings were reported by Merton Strommen, executive director of the Augsburg Youth and Family Institute at Augsburg

College in Minneapolis, Minn., when he spoke to the youth-related professionals of Southern Baptist agencies Nov. 19.

Strommen, author of the book "Five Cries of Youth," shared the results of research into youth and family ministries among seven denominations—the Seventh-day Adventists, the Christian Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Strommen's study reveals that more Southern Baptist seventh through 12th graders have a mature faith than their counterparts in the other six denominations. Of Southern Baptist youths, 28 percent were classified as having a mature faith. The next-

highest level was shown within Seventh-day Adventists at 22 percent.

"Every major denomination is showing a decline in youth more than the country's decline," Strommen said. "Fewer congregations have the kind of young people who can form the core of a dynamic youth group."

Strommen completed research this year about what denominations can do to strengthen their work with teen-agers. From that research, he compiled a conceptual model for a youth and family ministry, which he presented to the Southern Baptist youth leaders.

The model includes four imperatives for ministry:

- Goal-oriented Christian education.
- Strong, life-shaping families.

- A congregational sense of family.
- A Christian youth subculture.

"You folks are seen by other denominations as having excelled in the area of Christian education—particularly in your training programs and in your materials," he said. "That is a strength to continue."

Specific areas in which Strommen said Southern Baptists excel within Christian education include presenting a personal Christ and stimulating interest in Scripture.

However, Southern Baptists ranked lowest in welcoming ethnic diversity, another aspect of Christian education.

The second imperative—strong, life-shaping families—is the frontier area within youth and family ministry, he said.

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MISSIONARY CRAFTS—In the attic of Pat Thorpe's house in Nepal, the Southern Baptist representative helps a Nepali woman named Amrita fashion beads into a necklace while Thorpe's 4-year-old son, John, plays nearby. Thorpe and her husband, Wayne, served in Nepal for six years before recently taking a

medical leave of absence. One way Mrs. Thorpe ministered there was by using her attic as a small crafts factory to help poor Nepali women like Amrita. This week, Southern Baptists across America focus on foreign missions during the annual Week of Prayer for foreign missions. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin)

### Child of Kentucky missionaries dies

COTONOU, Benin (BP)—Victoria Bartels, the 2-year-old daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries Richard and Carmela Bartels, drowned Nov. 23 in the U.S. Embassy swimming pool in Cotonou, Benin.

The Bartelses are former Kentuckians. He previously served as youth minister at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown and as a recreation ministry intern at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

The Kentuckians had joined missionaries and other American expatriates at the U.S. Embassy's American Club for a casual gathering. Victoria joined other children playing near the pool.

Soon after, she entered the pool unnoticed. She recently had begun swimming with the aid of small floats on her arms, but she entered the pool without them.

When the Bartelses checked for Victoria and their 10-year-old daughter, Chandra, they found Victoria unconscious in the pool. Attempts to revive the child beside the pool and later at the embassy's medical clinic failed.

The Bartelses, who adopted Victoria in the United States in 1990, planned to hold funeral services Nov. 26 at their home in Cotonou and bury their daughter in a nearby cemetery.

## President of Chinese university visits Cumberland

By Mary Royals Driskill  
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WILLIAMSBURG—The president of a Chinese university that has received numerous Baptists as English teachers visited Cumberland College Nov. 16 and called for a "bright future of cooperation" between Yantai University and Kentucky Baptists.

Li Qing-Then, president of Yantai University, and Guo Mingrui, dean of the university's law school, visited the Kentucky Baptist college as part of an ongoing exchange program between the two schools. Several Cumberland faculty members and students went to the Chinese university last summer.

This was the first time Li and Cumberland College President James Taylor had met.

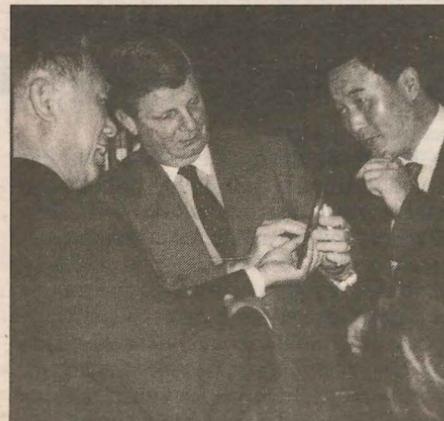
"We should learn the good points and merits of other universities," President Li said.

"We must learn something from abroad to be a better university ourselves," the law

school dean added.

There are significant differences between Chinese and American universities. President Li is quick to point out his understanding that many U.S. schools are "Christian." Most all universities in China are operated by the government.

Further, only 3-5 percent of college-age



Chinese can attend college, compared to about 40 percent of college-age Americans.

While in Kentucky, the group of Chinese guests also visited First Baptist Church in Williamsburg.

Leaders of both schools said they hope the exchange program will continue. President Li has invited President Taylor to visit Yantai University.

Southern Baptists from Kentucky and other states have been assigned to teaching positions in China through Cooperative Services International, an arm of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. Although China will not admit career missionaries, there are numerous opportunities for Christian professionals to work in China.

EXCHANGE—James Taylor (center), president of Cumberland College in Williamsburg, exchanges gifts with Li Qing Then (left) president of Yantai University in China, while Sun Ye Xiao of the Chinese Foreign Affairs Office interprets.

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## Draper vows he'll serve all Baptists

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Jimmy Draper, new president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said Nov. 21 he is committed to being the "best public relations person" he can be to let Southern Baptists know the institution is committed to meeting the publishing needs of all Southern Baptists.

The best way the board can serve all Southern Baptists is by producing the highest quality of Bible-based materials and providing the best services, Draper told state convention church administration leaders at their annual planning meeting in Nashville. "I don't think the Sunday School Board is so firmly attached or identified with one element of the Southern Baptist Convention that we cannot serve everybody," he said. "I am not someone who feels that you have to agree with me to have fellowship."

■ **Patterson considers Liberty.** Paige Patterson, who recently was fired and then reportedly rehired as president of Criswell College in Dallas, is considering an offer to become president of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, the ministerial-training arm of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Patterson, a key leader in Southern Baptists' conservative movement, said he discussed the offer with Jerry Falwell, founder and chancellor of Liberty University, during a Nov. 18 visit to Liberty's campus. An out-of-state move would end Patterson's service on the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, on which he serves as a Texas representative.

■ **Scholarships available.** Applications are being accepted for the 1992 Al Shackleford and Dan Martin Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Baptist Public Relations Association. The scholarships are presented to undergraduate and graduate students with Baptist communications as their vocational objectives. For information, contact Ken Camp, Baptist General Convention of Texas, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, Texas 75246-1798.

■ **Kentuckian writes Acts volume.** A new volume of "The New American Commentary" is scheduled for release Jan. 1. Acts, written by John Polhill, professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, is the third in a 40-volume series being published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Press.

■ **Kentuckians receive awards.** Three Kentucky students received Rice-Judson Scholar Awards from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Steven Ramey of Williamsburg, Steven Skaggs of Buffalo and Jay Reber of Clinton received the awards, named in memory of Baptist missionaries Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson and presented on the basis of scholarship, leadership and commitment to ministry.

■ **UPS gives \$100,000.** A Baptist mission center in a low-income neighborhood of East St. Louis, Ill., received a \$100,000 grant from the United Postal Service Foundation to provide recreational facilities for children and youth. The Christian Activity Center is run by Southern Baptist home missionary Chet Cantrell.

■ **Kelley to Richmond seminary.** Page Kelley, professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named visiting professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond.

# Ruschlikon discussions open this week

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Kentucky pastor William Hancock will be at the center of a high-stakes conference this week in which he will attempt to mediate between Baptists with strongly differing opinions of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The outcome of the Dec. 5-6 meeting Hancock has called in Richmond, Va., will impact not only the Swiss seminary, but also the future of Southern Baptists' relationship with European Baptists.

If a decision to delete Southern Baptist funding for the school is not reconsidered, Baptists in England and Germany have threatened to cut their ties with Southern Baptist missionaries.

Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, is chairman of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. On Oct. 9, FMB trustees voted 35-28 to delete \$365,000 earmarked for the seminary from the FMB's 1992 budget and reallocate the money to theological education in Eastern Europe.

That action immediately raised protests from Baptists in the United States and Europe.

"I'm still committed to try to bring about a resolution between European Baptists and our trustees that will enable us to accomplish the one thing we do agree on—that there needs to be theological education in Europe," Hancock told Associated Baptist Press.

However, in an interview with Baptist Press later last week, Hancock said he supports the decision to redirect funds from Ruschlikon to other forms of theological education in Eastern Europe.

"I felt we needed to re-direct the funds," he said. "The October decision (by the trustees) was to re-direct that money into other areas of Europe."

Further, Hancock told Baptist Press he believes the Swiss seminary's administration has violated the principle of "indigenous missions" by soliciting funds from U.S. churches.

Ruschlikon President John David Hopper recently spoke in several moderate Southern Baptist churches, including First Baptist Church of Asheville, N.C., where John Hewitt, moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, is pastor.

The seminary also announced it has retained the services of Cargill Associates of Fort Worth, Texas, to conduct a capital fundraising campaign.

Attending this week's special meeting will be Hopper and other European Baptist leaders, as well as FMB trustee officers, members of the board committee that oversees work in Europe, FMB President Keith Parks and other staff members.

Also expected to be present are John Simms of Roanoke, Va., chairman of the board's administrative committee; Morris Mills of Memphis, Tenn., who made the motion to reallocate Ruschlikon's funds; and Paige Patterson of Dallas, chairman of the board's committee that oversees volunteers.

Hancock, trustee Vice Chairman John Jackson and Steve Hardy, chairman of the Europe committee, all agreed the Dec. 5-6

## WMU: Don't divert attention from Lottie

By Susan Todd Doyle  
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Debate about the future of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, must not sidetrack the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, Dellanna O'Brien said last week.

O'Brien, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, said she doesn't want to see Southern Baptists focus all their attention, energy and efforts on the recent decision by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees to defund the Swiss school.

"While the recent action by FMB trust-

ees to discontinue funding to the Ruschlikon seminary is a critical issue, we cannot allow it to sidetrack us from the greater issue of unconditional support for our foreign missions force," O'Brien said.

"The most important thing for Southern Baptists to remember right now is that we have committed to support more than 3,900 foreign missionaries in 121 countries around the world," she said. "We have promised to them that we will hold the ropes. We're not doing it if we don't provide for them financially."

"We cannot allow the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to be overshadowed by our family disagreements," O'Brien said.

meeting will significantly impact how the full board deals with Ruschlikon in a regular meeting scheduled for Dec. 8-10.

Whatever is done at the first meeting will be brought to the full board as a report, Hancock said.

"I think trustees will trust the decisions and conclusions made at the early meeting, and whatever comes out of that meeting, that's the way trustees will go," said Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairfield, Calif.

Although Jackson said he believes the October decision will not be overturned, Hardy and Hancock are less certain what the decision will be.

"I've talked to some trustees who have changed their views each way and to others who have hardened their views," said Hardy, pastor of Holly Hill Baptist Church in Burlington, N.C. "It would be difficult to predict where the board is."

Hancock said some trustees he's talked with have asked for additional information while others "have become more adamant."

Part of the complex mix is the effect of this fall's state convention actions, the trustees said. At least 10 states—including Kentucky—adopted resolutions asking for reconsideration or restoration of funds, while two states voted to send money directly to the seminary.

Those protests have "broadened the gap of reconciliation," Hancock warned.

Reconciliation may be hard to achieve because trustees have been angered by critical response to their action. "The trustees have been upset," Jackson said. "Some of this has made some of the trustees come under controversy."

Part of that anger appears to have been generated by trustee perceptions that their action was misrepresented or distorted.

Trustee Jack Bledsoe of Fordyce, Ark., told messengers attending the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that news reports on the subject contained misinformation. He also said Ruschlikon had not been defunded but that the final decision would be made in December.

However, minutes of the FMB's October meeting indicate trustees did remove the money from the seminary. An earlier mo-

tion that would have postponed a final decision until December was set aside by a substitute motion to delete and reallocate the funds, according to FMB minutes.

Despite letters from Eastern European and Soviet Baptist leaders decrying the elimination of Ruschlikon funding, Jackson said, "there is no doubt in my mind" that Baptists in those regions believe Ruschlikon is too liberal.

"The Soviets have no students enrolled there," he charged. "They won't send them because it's too liberal. Do trustees believe being crucified for trying to do things right?"

Some of trustees' anger also may be directed at the FMB staff. "It appears to trustees that the staff is doing everything in their power to overturn a trustee action," Jackson said. "Trustees are upset at the way things have been handled by staff."

FMB President Parks denied staff members have acted inappropriately. "Some have accused us of stirring up the response," Parks said. "To my knowledge, we haven't tried to stimulate a response."

Meanwhile, trustee and FMB leaders have used words like "flood" and "avalanche" to describe the volume of protests they have received about the decision.

As of Nov. 21, the FMB had received 250 letters in response to the trustees' defunding decision, according to agency officials. The vast majority of letters were opposed to the decision, with only about 15 registering agreement. Telephone lines at the board's Richmond, Va., headquarters also have brought reactions from Southern Baptists, but those calls are not tabulated.

Hancock also has received about 200 letters, he said, with only about eight in support of the trustee decision.

Leaders at Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., have not kept track of the Ruschlikon response but report they have received "scores" of calls and letters from several states—all opposed to the defunding decision.

Reported by Robert Dilday of the Virginia Religious Herald, Trennis Henderson of the Missouri Word and Way, Greg Warner of Associated Baptist Press and Herb Hollinger of Baptist Press.

## Researcher rates Baptist teens high in maturity of faith

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"In a major study of effective Christian education (reported in 1990) striking evidence was found that youth are powerfully influenced toward a faith when their parents share what they believe," he said. "Clearly, the modeling ministry of father and mother is of great importance to adolescents."

Strommen told the youth leaders it is as important for youth ministers to equip the parents as it is to equip youth. "Nothing shapes the life and attitudes of young people

more than the parenting styles, moral stance and faith of their parents."

Southern Baptists excel in sharing faith in the home, Strommen said. "About half the families within your denomination freely talk about God and faith in their families."

But in communicating traditional moral values, parents overall have not done as well as society, he said. "Values are communicated even when not verbalized," Strommen said. "Parents not verbalizing that in common conversation they are communicating moral

values. They've got to remember that and get their heads on straight."

Strommen said Southern Baptists also excel in the last two imperatives, providing a congregational sense of family and a Christian youth subculture.

This is important "because we're going to see that the family will become increasingly dysfunctional," he said. "Therefore, our congregations are going to have to focus on becoming like a family—a surrogate family."

## Mission trip yields thanks for strong churches

By **Connie Bull**  
Staff Writer

ERLANGER—Twelve Kentucky Baptists found new reasons to be grateful for their well-established churches this Thanksgiving, as they returned from a 10-day mission trip to Idaho.

"I told my congregation there's a lot to be thankful for this season ... like piano players," said Harold Grall, music director at Decoursey Baptist Church in Covington. He and Decoursey's pastor, Kenn Kincaid, were among the team from Northern Kentucky Baptist Association who traveled to Whispering Pines Baptist Association in Idaho Oct. 24-Nov. 2.

After discovering that Stites Baptist Church in Stites, Idaho, had no pianist, Grall taped the accompaniment to his solos and all congregational hymns onto two cassette tapes to leave as a gift.

Kentuckians ministering in Idaho found tremendous needs—for the gospel to be presented and for churches to be encouraged, said Randall Jones, director of missions for Northern Kentucky Association.

"The need is great," Jones said. "They need to know someone else exists who cares. They need a Barnabas, an encourager."

Churches and associations in Idaho usually have no secretarial help, he explained. "We asked that they send us their newsletter information and annual minutes so that we may help in publishing them."

The size and isolation of some Idaho churches caused the Kentuckians to rework some of their initial plans, Jones said. "Many of our team leaders had to totally re-gear

their thinking on size of churches and the impact of a single person's attendance."

Grall said he encountered "rugged individualism" as a subconscious barrier in the minds of some residents who said, "We don't need religion."

The Stites church where he worked has 10 resident members and nine non-resident members.

Grall and Kincaid visited all the businesses in Kooski, four miles from Stites. In one variety store, they asked the owner where she attended church.

She said, "I'm a Baptist, but I haven't been to church in five years."

"The need is there; the problem is figuring out how to meet the need," Grall concluded. The store owner later came to a Wednesday night revival service, and Kincaid and Grall counted that as cause for celebration.

Jones said the Kentuckians experienced a variety of needs and blessing in the Idaho churches. While Grall worked in a church with no pianist, Michael Smith, pastor of Elsmere Baptist Church in Elsmere, sang hymns accompanied by a professional bluegrass band complete with mandolin, guitar and a three-time national champion fiddle player.

Bill Risher, pastor of New Bank Lick Baptist Church in Walton, held revival services at Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Kamiah, Idaho. Although Kamiah's population ranges from 1,200-1,500, it is 10 times larger than Stites.

Still, the greatest barrier to the gospel is the idea that religion is a sign of weakness, Risher said.

"There is a real need for discipleship," he explained. "The pastor, Jack Azbil, would stay up until 11 almost every night with me, just talking about needs of the young people and the lack of fellowship with other pastors."

Kentuckians also found encouragement in Idaho. Joe Ernspeker, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Independence, said he found a revival in progress at Calvary Baptist Church in Weiser, Idaho. The church had a record attendance of 54 at one service.

"It's the fastest-growing church in the association with 54 baptisms this year and 15 more since the revival," Ernspeker said. "We had to build the baptistry that week because they had just acquired a Presbyterian church building."

Other Kentuckians participating in the partnership were John Justice, pastor of Wilmington Baptist Church in Demossville; Johnnie Holloway, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dayton; Gary Wilson, pastor of Fairlane Baptist Church in Alexandria; Wayne Lipscomb, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Union; Jimmy Allen, music director at Union Baptist Church; and Randy Wallace, pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Independence.

Jones said the Kentuckians brought home pairs of antlers, cowboy boots and hats and a taste for elk steak, moose roast and venison spaghetti—as well as a new zeal for missions.

Kentucky Baptists currently are engaged in partnership missions ventures with Utah-Idaho Baptists and Brazilian Baptists. For information on ways to help, contact Calvin Wilkins at the Kentucky Baptist Building.

## 72-year-old called to first pastorate

By **Pauline Stegall**  
State Correspondent

MURRAY—At 72 years of age, Otto Hamer has been called to his first pastorate.

Elm Grove Baptist Church in Murray ordained the retired machinist to the ministry last month, and he already is at work—on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho.

Hamer's ministry is perhaps one of the most unique products of Kentucky Baptists' partnership mission venture with Baptists in Utah and Idaho.

Hamer and his wife, Loetta, had made several short mission trips before but wanted a deeper involvement after retiring to Anderson Shores on Kentucky Lake.

Hamer discussed that desire with Terry Sills, director of missions for Blood River Baptist Association. Later, when Sills heard of the need for a pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church in Idaho, he thought of Hamer's request.

Upon further investigation, Hamer admitted he had long felt called to the pastoral ministry and this had confirmed it.

After preaching for the Idaho congregation in October, the Kentuckian was elected by the church as pastor.

Mountain View Baptist Church is a mission church with about 50 members, most of whom are Shoshone and Ban-nick Indians.

## Kentucky couples take to the road as motorcycle missionaries

By **Jane Taylor Howell**  
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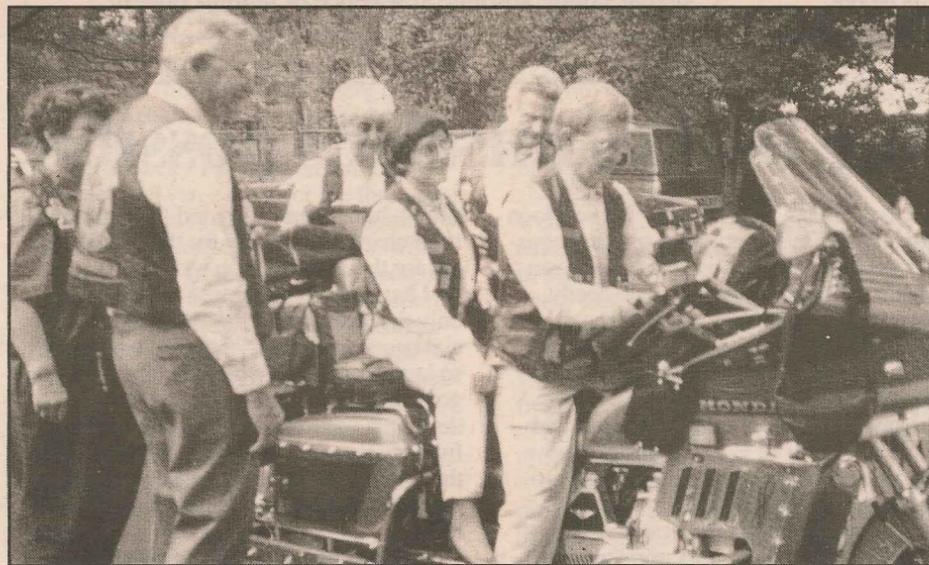
GLASGOW—Three Kentucky Baptist couples gladly will go the second mile for the sake of the gospel, but they're likely to get there on motorcycles.

Their mode of transportation, as well as their attire, might be considered odd by some Christians. But the six adults, who all hold professional jobs during the week, consider themselves motorcycle missionaries on weekends.

Fran and Don Chesser of Frankfort, Lila and L.B. Oliver of Lancaster and Jean and Hubert Gregory of Glasgow are part of a group called Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries. Their purpose is to guide motorcyclists they meet into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

At motorcycle rallies, the couples form witnessing-oriented TEAMS, an acronym for Telling Everyone About the Messiah. They lead worship services, offer assistance to those with special needs and attempt to build friendships.

They attend all kinds of rallies, including what bikers call the "outlaw" rallies. They also attend rallies such as the upscale Gold Wing Road Riders and the massive American Motorcycle Association meeting in Daytona, Fla., which is attended by 700,000 bikers annually.



**MOTORCYCLE MISSIONARIES**—As Don and Fran Chesser prepare to ride off on their motorcycle, friends Jean and Hubert Gregory (left) and Lila and L.B. Oliver (background) watch. The three Kentucky Baptist couples are part of a group called Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries.

"We go anywhere there are motorcycles," says Hubert Gregory. "And when asked, we will assist in preparation for the rally. We have bike shows, motor games, balloons, religious services and seminars on motorcycle safety."

When not attending rallies, they sometimes provide educational programs. At one school in Richmond, the Baptist bikers gave a presentation to 2,000 elementary and middle school students. They talked about motorcycles, safety and drugs.

"We see people change their attitudes when they see we're Christians," Fran Chesser says. "Even our motorcycle vest is a witness and serves as a conversation-starter."

"It's a lot easier for a biker to witness to other bikers," L.B. Oliver explains.

Hubert Gregory relates one experience they had while attending a "gypsy" rally in Del Rio, Texas. In order to help another biker fix a mechanical problem, he borrowed a tool from a gang of intoxicated bikers.

Afterward, the Kentucky group traveled on to Mexico and met that same group of bikers at a restaurant. The group asked the Kentuckians to sit down and eat with them.

"You're one of those Christians. Can I talk to you? I want to find out the truth," Gregory recalled one member of that group saying.

"From April through September this year, we know of 26 decisions for the Lord that have been made," he said. "We encourage those who make decisions to go back and find a church home."

Further, the experiences the couples have on the road spark interest in their home churches. Lila Oliver said she frequently returns to share experiences with members of her Sunday school class.

"It helps me understand Scripture and that witnessing is not something today, not tomorrow, but is a way of life," she said.

## Church checks up on community with new healthcare ministry

By **Jane Taylor Howell**  
State Correspondent

HARRODSBURG—Residents of Mercer County now can get help with physical ailments as well as spiritual needs at Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church in Harrodsburg.

Through a new church nursing program, residents are coming to Bruner's Chapel Church for unusual reasons—to have their blood pressure checked or to check on the

condition of a child's ear infection.

Five nurses who are members of the church rotate responsibility for staffing a clinic before each church service. The nurses do not practice "high-tech" care requiring complex machinery. Instead, they provide basic health screening.

"We function as part of a ministry team, with our main function being health education," said Deborah Reed, nursing program coordinator. "If anyone is not in harmony

physically, emotionally or spiritually, they are not well."

Reed said the church program serves five purposes: health education, health counseling, volunteer teaching, liaison with community health organizations and to demonstrate the relationship between faith and health.

Nurses are the logical ones to implement such a program, she said. "Nurses are the ones in health care that look at all aspects of health care. That gives us an added edge in

our ministry."

The start-up cost for this ministry was minimal, she said: scales, blood pressure cuff, office supplies, stethoscope, blood glucose machines and first aid kits.

One church member already has seen the benefit of the new program. "We took her blood pressure and noticed it to be unusually high," Reed said. "The quick referral to her physician prevented her from having a major stroke."

# Legislators face church-state battle

**editorial**

**Marv Knox**

Kentucky lawmakers will be asked to knock down a section of the wall of separation between church and state during the next legislative session.

The Kentucky League for Educational Alternatives—a group comprised primarily of Catholic parents—will ask the General Assembly to approve a pilot project to provide vouchers for eighth-graders who attend private schools in Jefferson County. The voucher plan was reported last week by the Courier-Journal in Louisville, and it was explained and advocated by Ken Dupre, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky.

The pilot project would provide educational vouchers worth \$2,500 for every eighth-grader in the county. But only parents whose eighth-graders attend private schools would get the vouchers, which could be applied to tuition at the private schools. Parents whose children attend public schools would not get any compensation. The plan is untenable:

- Vouchers allow government to get its foot in the door of

churches that run private schools. Government continually regulates what it supports, and education would not be a likely exception. Therefore, if a church accepts government funds through vouchers to operate its schools, it can expect to receive government regulations.

- Vouchers fund private schools at the expense of public education. The money goes to support education programs outside the public domain, taking tax dollars away from public education and robbing the infrastructure of our educational system.

- Kentucky taxpayers already unofficially subsidize Catholic schoolchildren's education. Catholic parents' church-mandated, tax-exempt "tithes" cover tuition for their children's parochial education. Vouchers would allow them to "double dip" from the public coffer for services they should be providing at their own expense.

Dupre declined to tell the newspaper which legislators had agreed to introduce the voucher legislation, so details about its passage through the General Assembly are sparse. Still, Kentucky Baptists who care about church-state separation, fairness and the state's education reform should monitor the proposed legislation faithfully.

## Season raises tough challenge for Deep Pulpit

**down home**

Deep Pulpit, my super-secret source on Kentucky Baptist pastoring, called me up. "Meet me at the Dairy Dip," he ordered. "I need to drink some coffee."

When Deep Pulpit says he needs to drink some coffee, he really needs to talk. Since I like preachers and find most of them interesting as well as compassionate, I usually try to accommodate Deep Pulpit's need to "drink coffee."

He already had his coffee doctored by the time I squeezed into our favorite booth at the Dairy Dip. Sneaky guy. He got there quickly, before I could order decaffeinated. He knows I think he's too excitable when he's in one of his moods.

"Well?" I asked, realizing Deep Pulpit didn't need much prompting.

"It's almost Christmas!" he snorted, barely believing I could be so snide to need an explanation for his snit. "Can you think of a tougher time to be a preacher?"

"First of all, Christmas comes at the end of the year, if you haven't noticed. Right smack in the middle of the time when we're trying to meet this year's budget and pledge next year's. On top of that, we're trying to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

"It makes a guy paranoid. Nobody wants to be my friend; they think I'm just trying to get into their wallets. Last year, the Laodicean Sunday school class gave me a book, 'How to Pickpocket Your Way Through the Holy Land.' Yesterday, when I stepped outside to chat with the smokin' and jokin' deacons, they stood on their heads so I wouldn't have to turn them upside down to shake them down.

"Then there's all the special Christmas parties and performances and get-togethers. I came home Tuesday night, and my daughter called 911. She said she forgot what I looked like and thought I was a prowler.

"And don't forget the 'Christmas crowd.' These folks show up for the Christmas Eve service, acting like they're doing God a favor. I won't see them again until Easter, and then I just stand there at the back of the church, shaking their hands and telling them how glad I am to see them. Someday God's going to get me for lying."

Deep Pulpit finally paused. He took a deep breath and relaxed the lines in his forehead.

"You know, I really love Christmas," he said. "It's just that the church is almost as caught up in the Christmas 'happening' as the rest of the world. I hope we can remember the whole reason for all of this is that God loved us so much he sent his Son to tell us all about it. Then maybe we could live like Christmas all year."

Deep Pulpit got up to leave, and I knew he felt better. He paid for the coffee.

—Marv Knox

## Innoculate teens against 'safe sex' virus

The world's saddest oxymoron teases us every day: "Safe sex." What nonsense.

New York City schools started distributing condoms to students last week. The same day, a manufacturer announced the production of "Safe Play" condoms, marketed for teens.

Thousands of people—heterosexuals such as Magic Johnson included—are dying because they had sex with an

HIV-infected partner. Without question, condoms will impact the spread of this horrible disease.

But the mental and moral lapse spread by the verbal virus "safe sex"—aided by a 14.7 percent condom-failure rate—is likely to kill even more young people.

We've got to teach our children the only approaches to sexual safety: absolute abstinence of faithful fidelity.

—Marv Knox

## Christmas offering makes missions possible

**partners with lottie**

first of a 4-part series

The first thing I noticed when I stepped off the plane was the smell—the smell of poverty.

My English professor at the community college I attend has repeatedly told me, "You can't smell poverty." He has never been to Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil. But praise God, I have.

In August 1990, I had the honor to serve on a medical mission team for two weeks in Vitoria. This was made possible through the Kentucky Baptist/Espirito Santo Baptist Partnership and the financial assistance of Little Bethel Baptist Association.

It was a life-changing experience for me and the most wonderful two weeks of my life.

Since I was a child in Sunbeams, I've studied about foreign missions and mis-

sionaries. I have read how our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides medical assistance, educational opportunities and evangelistic materials to the poor and needy. But it was not until last year—that I fully understood and saw for myself what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering actually does.

I saw a one-room mission church, hidden in a slums of Brazil, transformed into a makeshift medical clinic. I saw a 6-month-old malnourished baby, dying of pneumonia, given the medication to help her live. The privilege was mine to give a 30-year-old Brazilian man with third-degree burns on his arm his first Bible. I saw crying, sick people given the medical attention they needed for so long but could not afford.

Our medical team saw hundreds and hundreds of Brazilians line up at daybreak to get the free medicine the Kentuckians had brought—medicine the Lottie Moon Christmas offering had provided.

The partnership with Espirito Santo has been a blessing for so many people. Lost

people have been saved and lives have been changed, not only for the Brazilians, but for the volunteers as well.

I have caught a glimpse of something only my Jesus could have shown me—special people called missionaries who work so hard, Brazilians who are hungry for the gospel, the compassion of Jesus given through a volunteer's touch and the hopeful dark eyes of a Brazilian child—all of these things because we as Kentucky Baptists give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Before I had even left Brazil, the Lord told me I would return. I am stepping out on faith, and I am making my plans to return next summer. As God provided financially for me the first time, I know he will for this final trip.

May God bless you, Kentucky Baptists, for giving so unselfishly to the Brazilians through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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Second Baptist Church  
Mortons Gap

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# KBC: The power of unity



**on  
mission  
together**

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The histories of J. H. Spencer and Frank M. Masters have preserved many interesting things about Kentucky Baptists since we arrived here over 200 years ago.

I focused on the historical development of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in preparation for this report. And I felt myself walking on holy ground, more certain than ever that our Kentucky Baptist Convention was created, shaped and resourced to play a major role in the Kingdom of God.

I went back before its formal establishment in 1837; back to 1813 when Rev. Silas Noel of Frankfort had the vision for such a reality; how he struggled just to get a hearing from a few people at a time when Baptists here were, according to Spencer: "Engaged in some disputes among themselves about obtrusive points which I suspect neither party understood."

I felt the frustration of the years when Alexander Campbell began his hiring attacks on educated clergy and "hireling preachers." Campbell persisted until he was excluded in 1829 from the fellowship of the Baptists he so badly ruptured.

I experienced a little of the pangs of the convention's premature birth in 1832, finally dying in 1837 because it had generated too little support and much misunderstanding.

But I also rejoiced when on Oct. 20, 1837, the vision was recreated and given life that would last until now. The new child was called the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

I examined the 12 articles of their 1837 constitution, hoping to find their "mission statement." I found it in No. 4: "This association shall, in a special manner, aim to promote by every legitimate means, the prosperity of the cause of God in this state." Here it is, I thought, Kingdom business.

Then I looked for it in today's constitution. It was in Article VI ... different wording but the same message: "The body shall be the medium through which the churches in their sovereign capacity can work together in promoting all denominational enterprises which they deem necessary in carrying out the great commission."

It is encouragingly clear that Kentucky Baptists over these 154 years have faithfully carried forward the mission intention of our early forebears.

I journeyed through their years of struggle to grow—when the missionary and anti-missionary churches quarreled until they gradually separated from each other—and noted that by 1858, missionary Baptists outnumbered the anti-missionary folks eight to one.

I walked through the Landmark controversy just prior to the Civil War—a controversy which, Masters states: "Threatened division. But it was felt by most of the brethren that we could agree to disagree upon the matters involved, and that the great bulk of us were really not far apart." And I thought to myself: that is a good quote to remember in troublesome times.

Soon came the terrible Civil War, when sons of the same family fought on different sides, when churches were used for hospitals and morgues and places of mothers' pleading with God for the safe return of husbands or children or both.

The impact of the Civil War carried over many years as people struggled to recover from its devastation. In 1873, the association's corresponding secretary stated: "The past year has been a very difficult year. There was a great scarcity of money and the winter was one of unparalleled severity. In addition to which the devalued in prices of everything the farmers had to sell all tended to depress and dishearten the people." And he further added: "I have traveled some 7,000 miles (on horseback) visiting the churches and trying to interest them in missions."

In 1875 "a severe drought set in and prevented farmers from planting tobacco and cut all crops short. Feed for stock was greatly reduced. One missionary reported he had to dispense with his horse and go by foot since he felt he could not expect people to feed his horse under such circumstances."

Perhaps the most significant event in Kentucky Baptist life since the inception of the General Association was the moving of Southern Baptist Seminary to Louisville. In September of 1887, the school opened with 89 students.

Kentucky Baptists were eager to have this important institution here, and they gladly approved of the naming of Dr. J.P. Boyce as an agent of the General Association, charged with raising in Kentucky \$300,000 of the \$500,000 required to move the seminary. For 114 years now, this great institution has provided hosts of Kentucky Baptist churches with her graduates. And Kentucky Baptists, during years of financial stress, raised three-fifths of the funds to bring that school here. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is not a Kentucky Baptist Convention institution but will always have a special relationship to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

After the war, except for the three-year controversy involving Southern Seminary President William H. Whitsett, the work and fellowship of the General Association enjoyed a period of growth and prosperity.

However in 1926, the year following the association's adoption of the Cooperative Program, the beginnings of the Great Depression dashed the plans and hopes of Kentucky and Southern Baptists alike. Many of the agencies and institutions had actually planned on the full accomplishment of the daring "Seventy-Five Million" financial campaign. And as Masters records: "This campaign was launched with great enthusiasm and spiritual purpose, and for more than two years all went well, until the financial storm broke in all its fury and left wreck and ruin in its track."

The final receipts of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign were \$58,064,035. As a result of the failure to raise the full amount, the Home Mission Board was saddled with a debt of \$1,400,000, forcing them to abandon their evangelistic department (as it was then called). A larger debt of \$1,813,000 was the lot of the Foreign Mission Board, which forced them to halt completely the sending of new missionaries. And our Kentucky Board of Missions was left to deal with a serious deficit.

The most serious problem the Depression created for the Baptists of Kentucky was the depletion of the already inadequate financial support of its many Baptist schools across the state.

It should not be forgotten that this state owes a great debt to the many early Baptists who contributed a disproportionate

amount of educational support for the youth of this state in those years.

Masters reported a list of the schools from a survey taken in 1898 which demonstrates what I have stated. There were: Georgetown, Bethel in Russellville, Bethel Female in Bethel Association, Liberty College in Liberty Association, Blandville College in West Union Association, Ohio Valley College in Ohio Valley Association, Bardstown Male and Female College in Bardstown, Williamsburg Institute (which became Cumberland), Clinton College in Clinton, Kentucky College at Pee Wee Valley, Lynland Male and Female Institute at Glendale and Shelbyville College.

Many of these ultimately closed their doors, some because of the desperate shortage of funds.

At this point in time, the General Association was neither providing funds for nor naming trustees of these institutions.

But by 1934, the General Association had agreed upon those institutions it would assist financially, all but one of which continues today, together with the several others which joined the family in later years.

It seems truly remarkable that following the Great Depression until this very day, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, which was renamed the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1961, has made significant and solid progress with relatively little controversy. And what few controversies we have had, largely centered in our institutional life, have been resolved in the course of time.

Think about who we are and where we've come from: the efforts to keep our mission honorable and pleasing to the Lord; the struggle to survive.

Think about the impact for Christ this body has made and now makes:

A highly respected Baptist healthcare system situated from east to west across our state, unequalled in many of its services: committed to physical and spiritual healing, caring for hundreds of indigent patients, almost 6,000 employees treating an average of 2,000 persons every day.

Three senior Baptist colleges: Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown, where over 4,000 students are enrolled, more than 400 of whom are committed to church vocations and thousands of others whose lives will be enriched spiritually to assume multiple leadership positions within a secular society which desperately needs that taste of Christian salt.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, its mission especially beamed toward training adults for ministry; many of whom are from the mountain region and will return to minister in some of Kentucky's most difficult mission fields.

Oneida, a unique institute in which approximately 600 youth receive not only a quality high school education but who hear the word of God every day and who are taught and nurtured by persons of deep commitment to the Christian mission of the institution.

Homes for Children, a ministry which targets hurting and often damaged children who need a home when their homes have been shattered by divorce, violence or desertion—children who, without such caring might well find themselves on the street, in jail or the control of unscrupulous people, and in today's world, God only knows what else.

Western Recorder, whose roots predate the convention, with its ministry of information sharing, keeping Kentucky Baptists aware of Baptist life with a comprehensive perspective of the convention's mission.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation, with its mission to generate and manage financial gifts in support of all Kentucky Baptist causes and whose ministry becomes all the more urgent as Cooperative Program receipts are unable to fully support all our ministries.

Woman's Missionary Union, compas-

sionate women leaders among us who promote prayer and financial support for our mission endeavors, and sustainers of most of the missionary education in our churches across this state.

The multiple mission ministries of the Executive Board:

- At work on more than 40 campuses through Baptist Student Union, calling out the called, discipling, providing missions experiences during which youth may hear God's call to missions.

- Stimulating and assisting in the planting of new churches, working together with church and associational leadership in initiating almost 350 new church-type starts in the past six years.

- Providing the structure and framework for a series of partnerships overseas and stateside which have moved churches and associations of this convention to a new level of mission action.

- Encouraging and stimulating a stronger focus on the need for evangelism, personal and otherwise, keeping before the churches and associations the urgency of reaching people for Christ.

- Organizing and mobilizing compassionate Baptists to minister to disaster victims as quickly as possible.

- The provision of staff support to assist churches in strengthening their own church program ministries to accomplish the church's mission.

- Financial and professional assistance to churches and ministers; and to their families who are experiencing major distress; significant contributions to the retirement plans of church employees.

And there is much more!

And what about the 77 district associations across this state to which the Kentucky Baptist Convention contributes more than half a million dollars a year:

- Who participate with the convention in electing the convention's Executive Board.

- Just over 115 persons employed by the associations of Kentucky.

- In 1990, the churches contributed \$3,410,000 for the ministries of these associations.

- Some of the associations have institutional ministries which include seven assembly facilities, several senior care facilities, several social ministry centers and Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, all of which play a significant role in the mission of Kentucky Baptists.

And what of the direct mission of the nearly 2,300 Kentucky Baptist churches across this state in just about every imaginable place in Kentucky—ministering in the name of Christ, right where they are, every day?

Have all of our churches and associations, all of our institutional ministries really made any difference? Perhaps one statistic alone is sufficient to answer that question: In 1840, there was one Baptist for every 15 Kentuckians. Today, one out of three Kentuckians is a Baptist. One out of five is a member of a Kentucky Baptist Church.

Whatever you may have thought about your Kentucky Baptist Convention before this 154th annual meeting, I hope this brief review of history has helped us all to realize afresh what a marvelous and useful creation this convention has been and can be in the hands of God.

The psalmist wrote and sang these words:

"How pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity ..."

In closing, I'd like to paraphrase that psalm for this occasion:

"How pleasant, yea how marvelous it is when, under God, brothers and sisters can celebrate Christ in unity and commitment."

*William W. Marshall's column originally was presented as his executive secretary-treasurer's report to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 12 in Lexington.*

## Study shows singles less active in church, except widows

By Linda Lawson  
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist single adults who are divorced and those who never have been married tend to be less involved in their churches than Southern Baptist adults in general, while widowed singles are more involved, according to a national study.

Thirty-six percent of Southern Baptist adults are single, almost identical to the 37 percent of single adults found in the total U.S. adult population. However, among Southern Baptist singles, a higher percentage are widowed than in the U.S. at-large while a significantly lower percentage never have been married.

This information is part of the 1990 Southern Baptist Constituency Study, a national survey conducted by H.T.I. Research of Chicago for the Sunday School Board.

From the sample of 1,779 Southern Baptist adults, Dean Anderson, research associate at the board, analyzed the responses of the 478 who identified themselves as never married, divorced or widowed. He then

compared these findings to the total sample of 1,779 Southern Baptist adults.

The largest category of Southern Baptist single adults is the widowed (13 percent of all adults) followed by divorced, (10 percent) and never married (9 percent). Those who identified themselves as separated or single and living with someone constituted 2 percent each of the sample. The last two groups were not analyzed due to their small numbers.

"The main pattern that stands out is that never-married and divorced singles tend to be less active and the widowed so much more active," Anderson said.

For example, while 53 percent of Southern Baptist adults said they had attended religious services at least once a week in the previous six months, only 33 percent of never-married singles and 43 percent of divorced singles indicated they had attended at least weekly. However, among widowed singles, 72 percent reported attending services at least once a week.

Never-married and divorced Southern Baptist adults also are less likely to cite denominational affiliation as a factor in their

choice of a church while widowed adults consider it more important.

Twenty-four percent of all adults cited denominational affiliation as the most important factor in their choice of a church, compared to 16 percent of divorced Southern Baptists and 14 percent of those who never have married. In contrast, 42 percent of widowed adults listed denomination as the most important factor in choosing a church.

Within the widowed category, 96 percent are female and only 4 percent male, a factor which Anderson attributed to the longer life expectancy of women.

Among divorced Southern Baptist adults, 79 percent are female and only 21 percent male.

Anderson said these percentages indicate Southern Baptist churches may be doing a poor job of reaching divorced men.

Never-married Southern Baptist adults include 45 percent men, more than the 42 percent male makeup of the total Southern Baptist adult group.

While the perception exists that single adults are more likely to be attracted to large

churches, Anderson said the distribution of singles by church size does not vary significantly from that of all Southern Baptist adults.

Twenty-two percent of all Southern Baptist adults belong to churches with 1,000 or more members. At the same time, 27 percent of never-married and widowed, along with 31 percent of divorced adults belong to churches with 1,000 or more members.

Anderson said never-married Southern Baptist singles are older than might be expected. Forty-nine percent are 35 or older.

More than four out of 10 divorced Southern Baptist singles have children living in their households. Forty percent of Southern Baptist households with children are single-parent households, close to the national average.

Never-married singles reported significantly less involvement in any form of witnessing of their Christian faith. Only 39 percent said they had been involved in any form of witnessing in the past year, compared to 65 percent of the widowed adults and 53 percent of both the divorced and the total adult group.

## Kentuckians get double fall with Brazilian mission service

By Connie Bull  
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—For the past seven years, Sam and Jan Roy, members of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, have had two fall seasons per year—one in the United States before Thanksgiving and one in Brazil around March.

Since 1985, the Roys have worked as evangelism crusade volunteers in Brazil.

Roy explained that Wayne Dehoney, then pastor of Walnut Street, coordinated their first Brazil mission trip. When approached by Dehoney to serve, Roy said, "What can we do? We don't have experience in music, choir leading, instrumental performance or preaching."

But finally, he concluded, "We love Jesus Christ and we can tell others about him."

On that first trip, Dehoney took several hundred volunteers to work in 65 churches.

"Some preached, others knocked on doors, some worked with medical teams, and still others worked at the ferry doing seaman's ministry," Roy recalled. "About 4,800 were saved that year."

This was the ministry format for the next four years of the Roys' work in Brazil. Each

year, an average of 120 volunteers went on the trips.

Two years ago, Kentucky began a partnership mission venture with Brazil, and the Roys were happy to participate, along with their seven-year traveling companions, Gene and Pat Alwes, members of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville.

More lay preaching was required of Roy this past year in Vitoria, Espirito Santo. There was a shortage of preachers who try to reach the large population of middle to poorer classes of people, he said.

Mrs. Roy worked with the children, ages 3 to 12. Sometimes they would present programs for the worship services.

Roy also had an opportunity to speak to 300 students at a local school about giving up drugs and alcohol. After an hour, he opened up the floor to questions.

"It took three hours to answer all of the questions. At the end, I extended an invitation, and 30 or 40 of them came forward to give their lives to Christ and be drug free."

"The average age of the Brazilian population is 18. The biggest need among the people is evangelism to the young population. They are hungry for the gospel," he said.



**VOLUNTEERS**—Jan and Sam Roy (right) pose with a family during an evangelistic home visit in Rio de Janeiro. The Roys have made seven mission trips to Brazil, most recently as part of the Kentucky-Brazil partnership.

## Pro-life pastor testifies in favor of tissue research; CLC disagrees

By Pam Parry  
Baptist Joint Committee

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A pro-life Texas Baptist pastor has urged senators to lift a ban on federally funded research involving fetal-tissue transplantation, which he said may be saving his son's life.

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, which opposes lifting the moratorium, tried to counter the pastor's testimony, however.

Guy Walden, pastor of Broadway Baptist Temple in Houston, testified before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources Nov. 21. The CLC, although not testifying before the committee, distributed a statement by James Smith, CLC director of government relations, that took exception to Walden's position.

The hearing focused on a bill that would lift the Bush administration's moratorium (S. 1902). Co-sponsored by Sens. Brock Adams, D-Wash., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the bill would establish safeguards to protect against abuses. It would prohibit the sale of fetal tissue, prevent a woman from

giving the tissue to a specific person, establish a system of consent, and require that any decision to abort be separate from a decision to donate tissue.

Fetal-tissue research is credited with making inroads into treatment for Parkinson's disease, juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and genetic defects.

Walden told the committee that a fetal-tissue transplantation may be helping his 1-year-old son, Nathan, who suffers from a rare enzyme deficiency. Walden and his wife, Terri, have lost two of their five children to the disease.

They strongly oppose abortion and have declined medical advice to have one in the past.

"We told (the doctors) in no uncertain terms we are opposed to abortion," Walden said. "They explained this would be considered a medically necessary abortion. Again we told them that, due to our religious convictions, abortion was not an option for us."

When Terri became pregnant with their fifth child, they learned of a procedure that could help fetuses in the womb. After grappling with several ethical and moral issues,

they said, the Waldens decided to allow the procedure. Tissue from an aborted tubal pregnancy was injected into the fetus Terri was carrying. Walden emphasized that the fetus used in his son's operation was aborted to save the life of the mother.

Nathan was born Oct. 30, 1990. A year later, he is producing the needed enzyme—although at a low level. He is the first child born that has undergone this procedure, which was paid for through private funding.

"We believed that all of this would be consistent with (the) pro-life, anti-abortion position," said Walden, a former missionary to Ecuador. "We believe that life begins at conception, and therefore the sooner we help these affected children in progressive diseases, the better life they will have."

"We endorse most types of organ donations and transplants to save lives. If life begins at conception, as we believe it does, then there is no difference in allowing fetal organs to be donated. We should try everything to save the fetus in the womb, including organ transplantation."

The Bush administration issued the moratorium because it said such research would

encourage abortions. The moratorium prohibits the use of tissue from induced abortions but allows tissue from still births or spontaneous abortions. The administration said it also would allow tissue from abortions performed to save the life of the mother—even though this is not explicitly in the language of the moratorium.

The CLC does not object to research allowed under the moratorium, Smith said. But the CLC argues that lifting the moratorium would lead to increased abortions.

The CLC statement distributed at the Senate hearing says that Walden's testimony was contradictory to a 1991 SBC resolution that called on Congress to maintain the moratorium.

"Rev. Walden's tragic circumstances have been outrageously exploited for an unethical end," the statement says. "While we empathize with the family, we cannot condone the lifting of the moratorium."

Smith suggested Walden's personal circumstances have prevented him from seeing the larger picture, while Walden said the CLC is allowing political issues and alliances to render the agency short-sighted.

## Critics not satisfied with plan for ad changes

By Tom Strode  
SBC Christian Life Commission

WASHINGTON (BP)—Surgeon General Antonia Novello has called for voluntary elimination of "irresponsible" alcoholic beverage advertising, but that is not enough to satisfy opponents of alcohol ads.

In a news conference Nov. 4, Novello asked the alcohol industry to withdraw objectionable ads voluntarily. Fourteen chief executive officers from segments of the industry have accepted invitations to discuss the problem with her Dec. 11, she said.

Novello's recommendations are "disappointing and fall far short of solving the problem," Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D.-Mass., said.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R.-S.C.; Sen. Al Gore, D.-Tenn. and Kennedy have introduced legislation that would require warning messages in all alcohol advertising.

"Dr. Novello, to her credit, highlights the problems of irresponsible alcohol advertising," Kennedy said. "But it is about time that the administration realize what the American people have known for some time—that the alcohol industry is not about to change its tune voluntarily."

James Smith, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's director of government relations, expressed similar sentiments.

"Why is it that the surgeon general can so forcefully and eloquently condemn deceptive alcohol advertising directed at youth and yet not offer a substantive solution?" Smith said. "Why is it that members of both parties in Congress have recognized the val-

ue of legislation which would require warning messages for alcohol advertising and yet refuse to cosponsor the bill?

"The answer is the enormous political influence which the alcohol industry wields in this town, and that influence flows from the millions of dollars the industry gives to politicians," Smith said. "Those contributions have bought the silence and/or acquiescence of members of Congress and the Bush administration when it comes to legislation affecting the alcohol industry."

The week after announcing her proposal, Novello said she had not been pressured by the Bush administration to present a softened stance on alcohol advertising.

"It's the way I do business," she said, "one step at a time ... I cannot block (the alcohol executives) with negativism until I meet with them."

Meanwhile, an alcohol industry representative said Novello's request was out of line anyway.

"I very much doubt that we're going to pull all alcohol ads showing attractive young people, said James Sanders, president of The Beer Institute.

"I can't see that we're going to write (the industry's voluntary code) to please everyone that comes along and makes a suggestion that they don't like this particular ad or that particular ad ... Who's going to be the

czar to choose and tell people what kind of ads they can run and what kind they can't?"

In a hearing before the House of Representatives Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families Nov. 15, Novello said, "We are losing the war on underage drinking because we are allowing mixed messages to go on and on."

Although people under 21 are being warned of the serious health risks in drinking alcohol, Novello said, such a message "directly conflicts with the enticing drum beat of ads that say, 'Drink me, and you will

be cool. Drink me, and you will be glamorous, or drink me, and you will have fun!"

Novello cited three reports by the Department of Health and Human Services which were released from June to November and showed:

- A minimum of 8 million teen-agers

drink alcohol every week and nearly half a million go on a weekly binge, which is five drinks in a row.

- Junior and senior high students drink 35 percent of all wine coolers sold annually in the country and 1.1 billion cans of beer.

- Two of three teen-agers cannot discern alcoholic from non-alcoholic beverages because of their similarity on store shelves.

- More than 5.5 million teen-agers do not know the minimum legal age for buying alcohol.

**'The alcohol industry is not about to change its tune voluntarily'**

—Joseph Kennedy, D.-Mass.

## 'Fundamentalism' needs fair shake, scholar says

By Gustav Spohn  
Religious News Service

CHICAGO (RNS)—The word "fundamentalism" should be rescued from "venomous meaning" and freed of its negative connotations, says a prominent scholar of politics and religion.

Jeffrey Hadden, sociologist of religion at the University of Virginia, said fundamentalism has been treated unfairly by the Western press and scholars whose intellectual baggage is filled with "pejorative presuppositions." As a result, he said, fundamentalism "has received something less than a thorough, fair and objective airing."

Hadden made the comments during a conference in Chicago sponsored by the Fundamentalism Project, an ongoing study sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

It is unfair and inaccurate to lump together

er under the same heading such people as Jerry Falwell, militant Sikhs in India and Pentecostal Christians opposing the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, he said.

Painting fundamentalists of every stripe with the same brush invariably reflects the presuppositions of the observer and describes fundamentalists in stereotypical terms such as "narrow-minded," "bigoted," and "hostile to the modern world," he explained.

Recent popular interest in fundamentalism, Hadden said, rose with the politicizing of conservative Christians in the 1970s and 1980s, fueled by events such as the founding of the Moral Majority by televangelist Falwell.

The media were quick to recognize likenesses between Falwell and the Ayatollah Khomeini, the Shiite Muslim leader in Iran, he explained, and then to identify "fundamentalist" movements in virtually all coun-

tries with substantial numbers of Muslims.

Now the term is used to describe "religious fanatics around the world in virtually every faith tradition," Hadden said.

Yet the media has not applied the term to other groups that share "fundamentalist" traits, he noted as evidence of a media bias.

Left untouched by the fundamentalist brush, he said, are liberation theology and feminist theology, despite the fact that liberation theologians claim they have "a unique corner on sacred truth" and radical feminists claim to have rescued the "true meaning" of the Bible from male-dominated institutions.

The fundamentalist label, Hadden concluded, "has been reserved for religious zealots who are disapproved of by those who are writing about them."

Hadden called on scholars to "emancipate the idea from its venomous meaning" and try to describe fundamentalism more objectively.

## Southeastern accreditation decision to be announced

By Greg Warner  
Associated Baptist Press

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (ABP)—The accreditation woes of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin a new chapter this week when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools determines whether the school should be cleared of a warning given in 1989 or put on probation.

Most observers who are willing to make a prediction say Southeastern likely will end up on probation—a result that would damage the credibility of the troubled school even further.

The latest report from SACS cites the seminary's lack of long-range planning, as well as trustee involvement in the selection of faculty, as continued matters of concern. Further details of the report are not known because Southeastern's administration has refused to release it.

The report, which is the product of a spe-

cial fact-finding committee, will be presented Dec. 4 to SACS' criteria and reports committee, which will meet with Southeastern officials before making a recommendation to the full Commission on Colleges Dec. 5. The vote of the commission will be announced publicly Dec. 6.

SACS, which represents schools in an 11-state region, is one of two agencies that accredit Southeastern. The other is the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, which will send its own investigative team to Southeastern in February to determine whether or not to withdraw its accreditation of the Wake Forest, N.C., school.

Both SACS and ATS have been investigating Southeastern since 1987, when most of the school's top administrators resigned in protest over trustee actions to guarantee that only biblical inerrantists are hired for the faculty.

In December 1989, SACS placed South-

eastern on "warning" status because of the revised faculty-selection procedure and other issues. The warning remains in effect for no more than two years, after which a school either must be cleared or placed on probation.

With the warning set to expire in December, "the commission needs to make a decision," explained SACS spokesman James Rogers, a Southern Baptist.

Probation would make it even more difficult for Southeastern to attract new students and financial support. Already full-time enrollment is down to 434—about half its pre-1987 level—and financial troubles at the school are projected to get worse.

Russ Bush, Southeastern's dean of theology, said SACS might place Southeastern on probation because the school has not resolved all eight concerns raised by SACS in 1989. "I hope we're not going to be placed on probation, but it's not going to surprise me terribly if we are," Bush said.

## Gorbachev meets with evangelicals; Bible center open

MOSCOW (EP)—Nineteen evangelical leaders from the United States met at the Kremlin last month with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and other government leaders to discuss the future role of religion and democracy in the new Soviet Union.

During the seven-day visit, the Americans participated in dedication ceremonies for the newly refurbished Bible House of the Russian Bible Society.

Designated "Project Christian Bridge," the group of evangelical leaders was invited to Moscow by the leadership of the Supreme Soviet and Gorbachev's top advisers. During the meetings, the American delegation heard Soviet politicians, economists and journalists describe a profound moral and spiritual vacuum existing in their country.

"I don't know which is worse, physical or spiritual hunger. Right now, we've got both," said Valery Sidorov, general director of the League of Scientific and Industrial Association. "I'm very afraid for the future. The next year could be cataclysmic unless we can give rebirth to the economy and establish spiritual centers of peace."

"Establish a bridge between believers in your country and our country," he urged.

One meeting was held at the Lubyanka, headquarters of the KGB and the prison which once held thousands of political prisoners under communism. KGB Vice Chairman Gen. Nikolai Stolyarov told the group, "The missionary role is necessary. Any good that unites us as a people is important."

The group joined in a public prayer at the KGB headquarters, which was covered widely by Soviet newspapers and television. The Soviet newspaper Izvestiya's report of the prayer concluded, "Truly the ways of the Lord are beyond description."

During dedication of the new Bible distribution center, Evgeny Soborov, economics vice minister, said, "Thank God the Bible doesn't have to be brought in as it was before, hidden as though it were a bomb."

## 12-year-old calls for world prayer

SEVILLE, Ohio (EP)—If revival doesn't sweep the world in 1992, it won't be for lack of effort on the part of 12-year-old Dan Jarvis.

Jarvis, a seventh grade student in Seville, Ohio, is calling the world to fasting and prayer on Jan. 25, 1992, with the goal of sparking world revival.

His idea for a call to prayer started while studying about the Welsh revival as part of his home-schooling curriculum. The pastors at the evangelical church he attends also had been talking about spiritual revival.

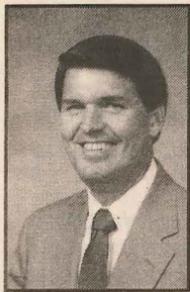
"I just thought, why can't we have one?" Jarvis explained. "Someone told me that revival starts from prayer, so I decided to do that."

The date for prayer was chosen arbitrarily, he admitted, although he was advised to schedule it far enough in advance to enlist support.

So far, he's distributed 200 letters to 24 nations, urging prayer for revival.

The boy's mother, Susan Jarvis, said she was surprised when her son brought up the idea. "We had talked about the Welsh revival and how it was amazing that people would get saved in the coal mines and the bars closed."

"At first I was sort of stunned that he would ask, 'Why can't it happen now?' Then I thought, why can't it happen?"



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# clear creek chronicle

## Sunday visits

Sunday at 7 a.m. I headed for Somerset and the home of C.E. and Geneva Hansford. They took me to Burnetta Church for Bible study and worship.

Illness in the community robbed them of the high attendance goal, but a grand spirit prevailed. With thanksgiving "dinner on the ground" waiting, I had some extra encouragement to complete my sermon.

After an authentic Baptist feast, Pastor Hansford led in recognizing church officers, teachers, youth leaders, musicians and the custodian. Thankful applause repeatedly filled the basement.

The church surprised me with a presentation of \$1,000 for student housing remodeling. Hansford accepted a challenge at the August alumni conference to raise that amount, and the church gladly helped.

Burnetta's appreciation for Clear Creek goes back many years. An early pastor, Burt Whitaker, trained here, and the church has helped us beyond the normal.

Hansford graduated from Clear Creek in 1965. This highly decorated army veteran saw action in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and retired as a sergeant. His many awards include the bronze star. Last year he became chaplain of the American Legion post. Their honor guard provided 65 military funerals during the year.

"Sarge" has a heart for missions. Under his leadership, Burnetta changed from a fixed monthly designation to percentage giving through the Cooperative Program and now sends 7 percent.

My return home included a stop at East Bernstadt First Baptist for the dedication of a \$700,000 700-seat worship center. The beautiful structure testifies to the spirit of this dynamic church led by 1983 graduate Lynn Dotson.

The church's strong mission support continued during this major building program, ranking them 70th in per capita Cooperative Program giving among KBC churches.

Clear Creek alumnus and distinguished professor of New Testament Earl Clark, formerly pastor of East Bernstadt, came to the church as an assistant. The Clarks continue as active members, illustrating how preachers ought to work together.

My last stop before home was at Baptist Hospital in Corbin where 9th grader Missy Simmons was recuperating from surgery to repair a broken leg. The family lives on Holly Hill, and her parents are second year students. Missy came home the next day but will be out of school until January.

These Sunday visits deepened my appreciation for Clear Creek and the people God brings our way. Soon the Simmons will join other graduates to build strong mission churches.

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# baptist healthcare foundation

Two weeks ago, we traveled along I-64 from Louisville to Richmond, Va. We noticed cars and trucks parked every few miles along the interstate. After a few minutes of speculation, we determined that the parked vehicles belonged to deer hunters.

The occupants of our car had various opinions on the sport of hunting. But what we did agree on was, none of us would ever leave our car along the road, unattended for hours at a time. We were afraid something bad could happen to our possessions while we were away.



When you stop and think about it, life is the same way. If you don't have a secure plan for your possessions, something beyond your control could happen to them when you are away. Baptist Healthcare Foundation encourages you and every member of your family to make sure your estate plan protects your possessions.

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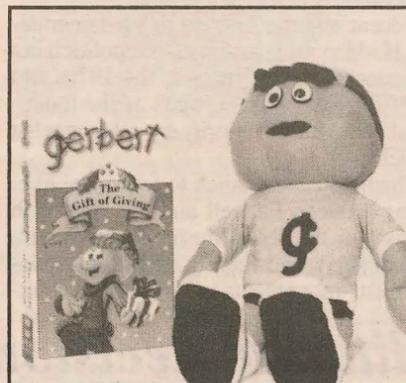
Include your family and don't forget your friends, church and favorite charities in your estate plan. If you would like a free copy of A Guide To Planning Your Will, please contact the Foundation and we'll mail it to you. The guide provides suggestions for you to protect your possessions.

On our return trip from Richmond, we saw more cars and trucks along the interstate. By the way, we didn't see one single deer!

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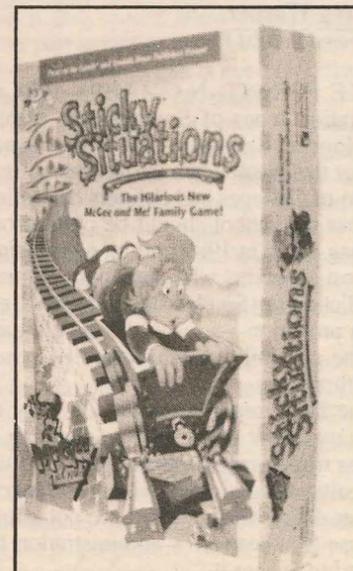
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# mountains to the mississippi

■ **BROWNSVILLE**—Steven Crumbaugh and Sara Perkins Crumbaugh, former managers of Camp Joy, will teach computer skills and English in Russia the next two years. Crumbaugh is the former pastor of Hampton Church in Hampton. Mrs. Crumbaugh's home church is Beechmont Church in Louisville.

■ **HAWESVILLE**—Phil Basinger, pastor of Hawesville Church, has been called as associational director of missions in Orlan-

do, Fla. He and his family will relocate in mid-December.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Third Avenue Church called John Paul Bennett as minister of youth and education and Darren Mills as minister of home cell groups. Bennett and Mills are students at Southern Seminary.

Robert Bailey, pastor of Clifton Church, has been called as director of missions by the Indiana State Convention.

■ **SOMERSET**—Beacon Hill Church ded-

icated a new 12,000-square-foot activity center. Construction was completed by local contractors and volunteer labor. The new facility will house a gymnasium, kitchen, preschool area, gameroom, showers and office space. Several new ministries will be available to the community, including exercise programs and special interest classes.

■ **WHITESVILLE**—E.L. Campbell is serving as pastor of Old Panther Creek Church.



**THANKS**—Native Kentuckian Larry Martin (left), director of missions for Greater Boston Baptist Association, presents a citation from the governor of Massachusetts to Harold Moore of Ashland during the Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Lexington. Moore was among the group of Kentucky Baptist volunteers who provided a disaster relief ministry in New England after Hurricane Bob struck earlier this fall. The Baptist relief workers also were cited by the Kentucky governor for their service.



**FELLOWSHIP PLAQUE**—John McCall (right), a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, receives a plaque from John Hewett, moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, recognizing McCall's service as a member of the original board of directors of the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program, which now has merged with the Fellowship.

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### Corbin man copied New Testament books

By Connie Bull  
Staff Writer

**CORBIN**—In the tradition of the ancient scribes, Earl Lovitt has spent tedious hours to produce a copy of the New Testament written by hand.

Lovitt, a member of Central Baptist Church of Corbin, has been a devoted Bible reader and teacher since 1922 when he earned his Convention Normal Course diploma.

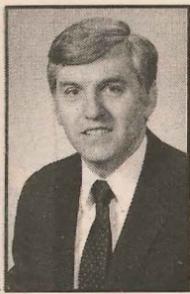
He taught young men's and adult men's classes for 60 years at several churches.

At age 85, Lovitt retired last year as teacher of the men's Berean Bible class, which he had taught since 1972. Still an active deacon, he reads the Bible through each year, sometimes in several translations.

Lovitt started copying the King James Version of the New Testament in his own handwriting on June 15, 1981, and completed the task 15 months later. He said he was inspired to recopy the New Testament after realizing "if you learn a lot by reading the Scripture, then you will learn a whole lot more by writing it."

"It takes 17 times as long to write as it does to read," he explained. "I have learned a great deal, and I wish the time allowed me to recopy the Old Testament as well."

The 260 hours of writing time brought an added pleasure to the reading of its 360 chapters, 7,956 verses and 179,000 words, Lovitt said.



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## homes for children

### They are precious in his sight

As I stepped out into the hall this morning I saw a group of staff gathered around Marilyn Beverly, who handles purchasing for the agency. Everyone was "ooing and aahing" over the pictures she had of her twin grandbabies who live in Minnesota.

There is nothing like a grandmother with pictures of her grandchildren. In many ways, Kentucky Baptists have a similar relationship to the children at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. These are young people that you care about and are proud-of as well.

Again this year, we are publishing a calendar with pictures of our children from each program. The theme this year is "They are Precious in His Sight," and the cover looks like a photograph album. If you are on our mailing list, you will be receiving your copy within the next few days. If you are not, but would like to have a copy, just write or call toll free 800-456-1386.

You may want to consider making some precious memories possible for our children. We already have many of the sponsors needed for Christmas gifts for the young people, but if you would be interested in sponsoring a child you would need to call the homes directly. Please call Mike Dixon at Spring Meadows, 502-245-2161; Buckley Carlin at Glen Dale, 502-369-7380; Bob Milburn at the Baptist Youth Ranch, 502-737-3888; Dean Harney at the Morehead Baptist Youth Shelter, 606-784-5882; Bill Heaton at the Dixon Shelter, 502-639-5457; or Scott Shouse for our college students at 502-245-2101.

In the event that you call too late to get a child to sponsor, you may want to consider a special gift to fill a need for a whole cottage, or perhaps a much-needed financial gift to our total ministry.

You may want to consider becoming a visiting home for a child. This requires a home study and a commitment to develop an ongoing relationship with a child, not a one-time visit. To find out more about becoming a visiting home, call one of the homes directly.

Each child is indeed precious in his sight. Through your compassion and generosity all of our children, no matter what their circumstance, will have an opportunity to experience the promise of this season today and throughout the year.



## Three churches build despite sagging economy

By Beth Wyatt  
State Correspondent

LONDON—Even though the economy is down, three new church buildings are going up in Southeastern Kentucky, where recession and layoffs are commonplace.

Further, this has been accomplished while the three churches have continued as leaders in mission giving in the state.

Central Baptist Church in Corbin, First Baptist Church of East Bernstadt and First Baptist Church of London—all located within a 20-mile radius of each other—are building new sanctuaries.

Central Baptist Church hopes to worship in its new building by next Easter Sunday. The structure will seat 1,320 people in addition to providing 10 new classrooms, a library and a mission room.

### Longtime accompanist donates church organ

LONDON—When First Baptist Church of London moves into their new facility this month, they will hear a new organ donated by Ollie Cole Jones.

The amazing fact is that Mrs. Jones, who stopped counting birthdays at 90, still plays the organ and piano for church gatherings. She has served more than 60 years as a pianist, organist, Sunday school teacher and Woman's Missionary Union officer.

The London church honored her Nov. 10 at a service where she played the pre-

lude and accompanied her stepson, Dyche Jones, in several selections.

After the death of her parents and husband, Mrs. Jones moved to Barbourville, where she continues to play the organ and piano for her adult Sunday school department.

She presented the new organ to the London church in memory of the Perry V. Cole family. Mr. and Mrs. Cole, her parents, were longtime members of First Baptist Church.

## christian education

**SOUTHERN SEMINARY:** The seminary paid tribute to a former librarian and a former Old Testament professor by naming campus facilities in their memory. A library multi-purpose room has been named in memory of Leo T. Crismon, who served the school from 1937-1971. The seminary's archaeological museum has been named in memory of Joseph A. Calloway, who taught Old Testament and biblical archaeology

from 1958 until his retirement in 1983.

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE:** Jack Birdwhistell, campus minister, will write a Sunday School quarterly in the Advanced Bible Study curriculum on Isaiah. He joins Paul Redditt, chairman of the department of religion, and Joe Lunceford, associate professor of religion, who are also writing study materials for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



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## oneida journal

### More than I could ever imagine

Each day letters filled with help and hope arrive on our campus.

This came with a gift from Leitchfield: "Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. I am thankful to the Lord there is an Oneida. I have been there only the one time, but it is more than I could ever have imagined had I not seen for myself."

From a former student who attended OBI 43 years ago, now living in Louisville: "Enclosed is my check for \$150. I love helping. I wish I could do more."

In the late '40s, a dear lady brought one of her sons by bus to enter Oneida's dorm. In those days a bus came into our village at least three times daily. For nearly 30 years now we have been at least 40 miles from the nearest bus service. We understand that man has been dead some years now, and his mother died recently. But she was a lifelong booster of Oneida because the

school helped her in her hour of need. Recently a generous gift and letter came from Ashland: "Please accept the enclosed from the friends of Mrs. Osie Dailey. Upon her death, her family requested that contributions given in her name to Central Baptist Church be directed to mission work. Our church voted to send the money to your institution because of Mrs. Dailey's interest in and praise of your work."

From Urbana, Ohio, the mother of a 1991 graduate writes: "We certainly miss everyone at Oneida and hope to visit soon. Brad is at a Bible institute in New York and doing well. My husband and I thank God every day for Oneida. It really is a special place, and will always hold a special place in our hearts."

"The quilt your craft house made for us is beautiful! It is the most beautiful quilt I have ever seen and I've looked at many. It is perfect. I appreciate all the time spent in looking for the right fabric, and the thought you gave. I will always hold it very dear and think of Oneida each time I put it on our bed."

Phillip Li graduated from Oneida last spring. He is a native of Hong Kong. Recently this beautiful letter arrived from him: "I am attending the university here in Tennessee and enjoying it very much. How much I appreciate what Oneida did for me. I had a wonderful experience there and learned much. Not only from the books and classes, I learned from working in the work program (building dining tables, for example) and the teaching in the chapel every day. The Christian faith and the Bible that I gained at Oneida cannot be repaid."

"Sometimes I felt Oneida wasn't a 'fun' place to be. However, it is the most loving place I can think of. Not only the love from the faculty and staff, but the love of God that I felt daily."

To receive such a letter is a wonderful dividend on the time, effort, thought, prayer

To date, church members have given \$1.75 million toward the project's \$2.4 million total cost, said Pastor Don Mathis.

"We have met our budget this year and increased Cooperative Program giving to 16.5 percent," he said. "We are 11th in the state's top 100 churches in baptisms and ninth in Cooperative Program giving."

Likewise, construction at the East Bernstadt church has been "a real miracle," said Pastor Lynn Dotson.

His church held dedication services for a new \$1 million, 700-seat sanctuary last month. To date, more than \$300,000 has been given for the project.

"At the beginning of the building campaign, we voted not to decrease our mission giving," Dotson said. "Our people have worked hard. Much of the work has been done by volunteer labor. All the landscaping was donated by a Sunday school class, as was the stained glass behind the baptistry."

The church gives 18 percent of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program unified budget, as well as 4 percent to Laurel River Baptist Association and 1 percent to Clear Creek Bible College.

First Baptist Church in London has a similar story. The congregation will move to a new location this month.

Their 55,000-square-foot facility, valued at \$3.5 million, includes a sanctuary that will seat 1,000.

Pastor Terry Lester said the new site will allow the church to grow more because of ample parking and a larger building.

During the past three years of building, the London church has continued to give more than \$100,000 per year to mission causes.

and money invested in a young life.

Writing from Atlanta, a dedicated servant of the Home Mission Board and supporter of Oneida for decades writes: "I'm 92 years old and financially limited. Wish I could do more. I admire and pray for your faculty and students."

A mother of a boy with us several years recently wrote: "I tried to call you Friday. I am withdrawing my son today. This is not a reaction to anything that has happened at the school but because of a change in family circumstances. Never have I seen a group of people who care more about students than at OBI. It is with some reluctance that I withdraw my son from such a loving and warm environment. I feel that OBI saved not only him but our entire family at a time when we were without much hope."

This came from a friend who recently helped enroll a needy girl in our school: "For years our church has contributed to Oneida. However, I had never visited the campus until yesterday. I came away with a warm feeling. The whole atmosphere was one of tender loving care. All the girls coming and going seemed so happy, relaxed and friendly. What a wonderful positive atmosphere for a little deprived girl to be in! Discipline for her has been nil. She's never had the little niceties of life that most take for granted. Now she has a chance. She didn't have a ghost of a chance in her home. She has many good qualities that you will discover."

"I was impressed with the atmosphere in the (dean's) office. I don't know what the girls were in there for, but they certainly seemed relaxed. The rapport you have developed with our girl seems excellent."

Another lady recently wrote about a girl she is interested in: "Appreciate your work, especially delighted to see our little one so happy! She has had a difficult life. We love her and she feels loved at Oneida."

# Warning against 'poison of Christianity' helps missionaries

By Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ALGIERS, Algeria (BP)—An Islamic newspaper in Algeria has called on Muslims to oppose Christians working to evangelize North African Berbers and to stop the "poison of Christianity."

But Christian workers named in An-Naba', an Arabic newspaper, are taking the threats in stride. The publicity actually has heightened interest in their outreach efforts within Algeria, the workers report.

"Is there no limit to guard us from the spread of Christianity in the region? And how far does its danger reach and how can we confront it?" the An-Naba' article asked.

"Studies reached us that point out that these regions are receptive to Christianization and we find among its inhabitants a readiness to accept Christianity," one article warned. "The (Muslim) faith can become a victim to this assault of Christianization. As to the danger of this Christianity, it certainly is a danger, because the voice of the lie

(Christianity) is always strong while the voice of the truth (Islam) fades away."

"Christianization," the article declared, "is a falsification and advances to substitute Islam."

The newspaper urged Muslims to visit Berber areas being affected by Christianity. It also called for distribution of books and tapes on the Koran, Islam's holy book—"all of this in order to not give a chance to the enemy of Islam ..."

Muslims should confront Christianity first by studying its books in mosques and elsewhere, the newspaper urged.

Berbers living across North Africa are one of the 100 people groups in the world that have been least touched by the Christian gospel. Several hundred Southern Baptist congregations across the United States are praying this year especially for the Berber people to be reached for Jesus Christ.

Almost all Berbers are Muslims. Algeria, also predominantly Muslim, is considered one of the countries most closed to the gospel. In recent years Christians throughout

North Africa have been persecuted, or barely tolerated.

Many Christians in Europe who work in volatile North Africa have avoided publicizing details of their ministries or themselves because of possible reprisals. The Christian group identified in the newspaper articles is made up mainly of Berber Christians living in France and Algeria.

In recent years Berber Christians living both in Algeria and elsewhere quietly have begun a concerted effort to spread the Christian gospel within the country. Christian radio programs, videos, audio tapes and literature, coupled with personal evangelism efforts within the country, have begun to attract thousands in the region to Christianity.

The Algerian newspaper included in its coverage a photograph of a letter one of the Christian group members wrote to an inquirer in Algeria. "To start from the beginning, we are Christians," the letter said. "The Lord has saved us by grace through Jesus Christ our God and Savior." The letter went on to outline evangelistic efforts in the region.

The letter's recipient apparently was a Muslim working to stop the spread of Christianity. He turned the letter over to the newspaper and wrote the articles that appeared. But the Christian worker said he plans to write the man a second time "to thank him for the free publicity, and to politely ask him next time that he include information about the daily Berber Bible-teaching radio program which is broadcast from France."

Although the Christian workers have worked quietly to get Christian materials into Algeria, they say they are not worried about the public exposure of their ministry. "We are in the Lord's hands and we're working openly," one said.

The article published the address of a bookstore the group operates in Paris. Since the article was published, half a dozen Algerians have written to ask for information on Christianity.

"In a reverse sort of way, the articles are promising, since they acknowledge that we are having results," added another Christian worker.

## Missionaries trudge through garbage to bring health in Egypt

By Breena Kent Paine  
New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Picking through a dump of half-eaten, decomposing animal carcasses to save dehydrated children may not be every Christian's fantasy of foreign missions; neither may be leaving a comfortable pastorate to live in a country where many are hostile to the Christian message.

But for Mike and Madelyn Edens, Southern Baptist fraternal representatives to Cairo, Egypt, serving God in the land natives refer to as the "Mother of Civilization" was a calling they could not turn down.

After hearing a message by former

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President Baker James Cauthen, Edens was struck by the need for ministers overseas and felt God calling him to foreign missions.

Not sharing her husband's call at the time, Mrs. Edens prayed, "Lord, either you close the door to foreign missions or you change me."

"It was actually in the interview process that I was called," she explains now, "and I was not called to foreign missions in general; I was called specifically to Egypt."

"It was really important for Madelyn to have a specific call to Egypt," her husband adds, because of the status of women there, the difficult living conditions, and "because

you either love Cairo or you hate it, and we happen to love it."

Edens has spent much of the past 10 years strengthening existing Egyptian churches through evangelistic preaching and teaching "Survival Kit," "MasterLife" and theological education by extension.

Mrs. Edens's work in Egypt has taken a different path. She teaches church music to students from a variety of denominations. And the past two years, she has worked with expatriate women in coordinating the distribution of money to Egyptian charities.

One such needy area is "Garbage City," a trash dump where recycling workers live with their families in poor, unsani-

tary conditions. A clinic has been established in the heart of the area, mainly to help keep alive babies who have become dehydrated.

In order to reach the clinic, however, Madelyn and the other charity workers must pass through a dump of dead animals, stepping over and around the unavoidable, dog-eaten carcasses of pigs and an occasional donkey. Madelyn said their technique for getting through the experience is to "hold our noses and run."

She also works with a cancer clinic, teaches women how to clean their babies, and searches out the needs of hospitals, clinics, orphanages and schools, each year working with about 60 charities.

## Rwandans return a missions favor

### world in view

"When a rabbit is old it is nursed by those it nursed when it was young," says an oft-quoted proverb in the tiny African country of Rwanda. It typically refers to grown children taking care of aging parents.

But these days, reports Southern Baptist missionary Larry Randolph, the phrase is appropriate to an unlikely pairing of Baptists in Rwanda and Denmark.

Danish missionaries began Baptist work in Rwanda in 1928. And now, Rwandan Baptists are returning the favor.

Last July, Eleazar Ziherambere visited Denmark as executive director of the Baptist Union of Rwanda. While there he learned that Esbjerg, Denmark's fifth-largest city, had been targeted as the priority location for a new Baptist church but that the effort had financial problems.

So he returned to Rwanda with a challenge for the Baptist union to help the Danes. Delegates voted to support the project with prayer and contributions.

"Can Baptists in a small, war-plagued, poor African nation help Baptists in a rich European nation finance a church-planting effort in Europe?" Randolph asked. "Why not? The challenge is helping Rwandan Baptists recognize they have a part to play in world missions support."

■ **Students score well.** Students at Beirut Baptist School scored impressively in national testing of junior and high school students in Lebanon this fall—despite a bitter civil war that often has closed the school.

The Baptist school's students surpassed every other school in the country on test re-

sults in 12th-grade mathematics and advanced science. Although 90 percent of the students at Beirut Baptist School are Muslims, they attend the school and take its required training in basic Christian beliefs because of its high academic standards.

Southern Baptist workers previously taught in and administered the school, but Americans had to leave Lebanon in 1987 amid the civil war ravaging the country. Southern Baptist personnel assigned to Lebanon still support Baptist ministry in Lebanon from Cyprus, an island nation in the Mediterranean.

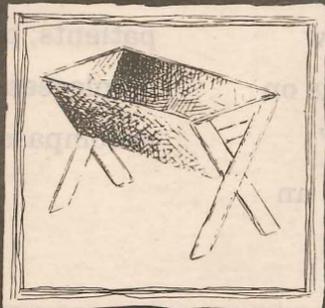
■ **Burn victims overwhelm hospital.** Burn victims from an exploding kerosene storage tank overwhelmed the Baptist Medical Center in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, last month. Although the explosion happened Nov. 9, all hospitals in Ogbomosho remain full with patients recovering from the blast that killed as many as 200 people.

The lethal explosion took such a heavy toll because of an earlier, unrelated fire that had drawn onlookers to the area. As a large crowd watched firemen put out the last flames of the fire, sparks from a repaired fuel pump ignited a filling station's above-ground kerosene tank. Seconds later the tank exploded, blanketing the area with sheets of flaming kerosene.

Burn victims began flooding into the Baptist hospital soon after the explosion. The hospital is within a mile of the filling station. Less than an hour after the blast, the hospital was packed and had to turn new burn victims away, sending them to other hospitals in the city. The hospital, with a missionary staff of seven, is low on some supplies for burn patients, as are most medical facilities in the city.

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In August, Baptist Hospitals, Inc. officially became Baptist Healthcare System.

The Louisville-based office provides administrative and financial services, risk management, legal counsel, and computer services to the four Baptist hospitals.

While the Baptist Hospitals' name has always been a trusted name in the healthcare industry, the system's board of directors felt that the current name did not fully reflect the full scope of the

healthcare services offered by Western Baptist, Baptist Hospital East, Central Baptist and Baptist Regional Medical Center. Our new name – Baptist Healthcare System – more accurately defines who we are: one of the largest, not-for-profit healthcare systems in Kentucky. In addition, it more readily communicates our healthcare mission and our commitment to patients, physicians and the communities we serve. As the Baptist hospitals have moved to provide more accessible healthcare, with out-

patient services and home health – to name just two examples – the system now reaches beyond hospital walls with a continuum of care. With the name change comes a new identity program for the corporate office and the four Baptist hospitals. The core of the identity program is the logotype, which uses a graphic element that is common to the corporation as well as each of the hospitals. The emphasis and focus of the new corporate identity is on the word "Baptist," which incorporates an abstract image of a cross – designed to

reinforce Baptist Healthcare System's Christ-centered approach to healthcare with a high degree of technology. Although our name has changed, our goal has not. Baptist Healthcare System is firmly committed "to be the leader in value-driven healthcare services through a Christ-centered, not-for-profit healthcare system which meets the changing needs of communities, patients, physicians, and employees in the region encompassing Kentucky."

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