



GOOD NEWS—Church custodian George Beorn puts an exclamation point at the end of a new message in front of Cadiz Baptist Church last Wednesday after the release of hostage Terry

Anderson. Anderson's sisters, Peggy Say and Judy Walker, are members of the church. Beorn had just taken down the previous message, "Terry Tomorrow? 2453 Days." (AP photo)

Cadiz Church gives thanks: Anderson free

By Marv Knox
Editor

CADIZ—Christmas came to Cadiz three weeks early this year.

Terry Anderson, the American journalist held captive by pro-Iranian Muslims since March 16, 1985, was set free last Wednesday, Dec. 4.

And Cadiz, a small west Kentucky lake town that adopted Anderson's two sisters during the 2,455 days of his captivity, cheered for joy.

"Thank God Almighty, Free At Last!" declared a sign on the lawn of Cadiz Baptist Church, where his sisters, Peggy Say and Judy Walker, now worship.

Across town, people began taking down the faded yellow ribbons that had reminded them of Anderson's captivity. They replaced them with fresh ones, sprucing up their hamlet in anticipation of a pre-Christmas "homecoming" for their hero, who never has seen their town.

That evening, Cadiz Baptist Church preceded its annual study of foreign missions with a brief prayer service focused completely on Anderson, Say and Walker.

The next morning, television networks around the world broadcast Pastor Harold Skaggs' words of gratitude for the life and freedom of Terry Anderson.

"It's been an extremely happy time and a time of rejoicing for all of us here," Skaggs told the Western Recorder the day after Anderson's release. "We've been so caught up in this tragedy; a great burden has been lifted off our shoulders."

Say and her husband, David, moved to Cadiz more than three years ago, Skaggs recalled, counting the number of times Cadiz Church has marked the anniversary of Anderson's captivity as a way to help him remember when Say joined the congregation. Walker and her family followed the Says to Cadiz late last summer.

Now, the sisters hope Anderson will join them in their adopted hometown, at least for awhile, Skaggs reported.

"The assumption all along has been that Terry will return" with them, Skaggs added, noting the Says have purchased a cabin next to theirs near Lake Barkley as a place where her brother can readjust to freedom and get to know Sulome, the 6-year-old daughter he never saw until his release.

Say has named her pastor chairman of a committee of Cadiz leaders who are planning a reception for Anderson. They're preparing a post-Christmas gala event, complete with marching bands, and they hope former U.S. President Jimmy Carter will be able to deliver the keynote address.

Even before that, members of Cadiz Church hope finally to meet the object of their prayers, Skaggs said, explaining Say has said she intends to bring her brother to the church's Christmas Eve service.

Cadiz Baptists don't expect the most famous member of the Anderson clan to join their church. "Peggy has said she understands Terry has had a renewing of his faith in the Catholic tradition," Skaggs said. "We've heard stories of his weaving a crucifix out of the mat on his floor."

But Cadiz Baptists also don't need an addition to their church as an excuse to rejoice and strengthen their faith, he added.

"In this season of Advent, we stop to focus on hope," Skaggs said. "Next Sunday (Dec. 8), I plan to preach a sermon on hope, and part of that will be about how our hopes have been fulfilled."

Kentucky churches give as holiday needs increase

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

Kentucky Baptists are packing truckloads of clothing, sacking bags of groceries and gathering toys for Christmas gifts in what social workers are describing as a season of increased family needs.

Churches across the state are ringing in the Christmas season with a variety of extraordinary ministries. Some will put food on the tables of needy families during the holidays, while others will put gifts under the Christmas trees of children or new shoes on their feet.

In all regions of the state, people who monitor social needs report increased requests this year due to a slipping economy and spiraling unemployment.

For example, Stan Esterle, executive director of Highland Community Ministries in Louisville, said he has been overwhelmed with requests this year. In previous years, he

received about 85 requests for Christmas assistance by the end of November; this year the number topped 160 by month's end, forcing him to start a waiting list.

Similar stories are told across the state.

Ross Figart, Kentucky Baptist Convention mountain missions director, said the economy has dealt mountain-area residents yet another cruel blow this year. "We went down in the last depression and never recovered."

The latest dip in the economy has been "like someone drowning in the water and folks coming along and shoving your head under again," he said.

Belinda Tolbert, director of the Resource Office for Social Ministries in Lexington, said she is certain requests for Christmas assistance will be up this year because non-holiday needs have been up in recent months. "We've had a lot of new families asking for help—people that never have asked for help before," she said.

Kentucky Baptist churches have devised creative ways to address this problem.

Middle Creek Baptist Church in Hodgenville has collected a trailer-load of new and used clothing that will become Christmas presents for families in the mountain region where Figart works.

The church, which averages about 80 in Sunday school attendance, embraced the project after one layman took an interest in the needs of mountain people, Pastor Timothy Burdon said. "It started off with someone making himself available to do this, then it's gradually increased."

The small church has collected an overwhelming quantity of goods considering its size, Burdon said. Church children even have sorted through their own toys and selected some of their better ones to donate, he said. "We don't want to send junk."

Also, the prize money a Mission Friends group won for its float in the Lincoln Day

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Ruschlikon meeting yields no change

RICHMOND, Va.—A trustee committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board refused last week to recommend restoring \$365,000 cut from the budget of the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The final vote, a 13-10 defeat of a motion by trustee John Simms of Virginia, came near the end of about nine hours of intense, blunt and sometimes emotional discussions between trustee representatives, FMB staff and European Baptist leaders.

The Dec. 5-6 meeting was called by FMB trustee Chairman William Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville. The full board of trustees was to meet in Richmond Dec. 9-11 and was expected to follow whatever recommendation came from last week's meeting.

Hancock arranged the advance meeting in light of worldwide protests of an Oct. 9 decision by FMB trustees to delete the board's \$365,000 allocation to the Swiss school's 1992 budget.

That unexpected decision was made after trustees learned that Kentuckian Glenn Hinson is teaching temporarily at the school while on sabbatical leave from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Some trustees said Hinson holds "liberal" theological views and that his presence at Ruschlikon confirms their fears of a liberal trend at the school.

Simms said he based his motion to re-

store funds on the fact the FMB promised the seminary the money through 1992 and should keep its promise.

When trustees made the decision to cut funding in October, they asked FMB staff to investigate the legal ramifications of that decision.

Although no public report was given on that investigation, the Richmond News Leader, the city's afternoon newspaper, reported that an anonymous source said the legal opinion requested by trustees found the board in violation of its agreement.

FMB attorney Lewis Booker said he could not comment because of privileged communication between a lawyer and client. FMB President Keith Parks later told reporters he would not respond because of advice of the attorney that comment could cause legal complications.

European leaders attending last week's session said they were not as concerned with the money as with the breach of trust it represents and the pattern that sets for future relationships in Europe.

Because of the FMB action, British and German Baptists already have threatened to withdraw their endorsement for Southern Baptist missionaries working in their countries.

"What we don't want in our country is the divisiveness between you moderates and

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Southeastern one step closer to losing accreditation

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS (ABP)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was placed on probation last week by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for failing to address problems cited by SACS almost four years ago.

"This is the final and most severe of our three sanctions," explained James Rogers, executive director of SACS' commission on colleges. Other sanctions are notations for lesser problems such as inadequate library holdings and warning status, which Southeastern has been on for the past two years.

He said SACS guidelines allow Southeastern up to two years to show reason why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. If the violations are not corrected, the Wake Forest, N.C., seminary will be "removed from the association," Rogers said.

Rogers announced the SACS decision Dec. 5 during the association's annual meeting in New Orleans. A final decision on Southeastern's accreditation will be announced no later than the December 1993 annual meeting.

Southeastern, one of six Southern Baptist seminaries, ran aground of its two accrediting agencies in 1987 when trustees voted to hire only biblical inerrantists for the faculty. Southeastern's president and top administrators resigned in protest, triggering a wave of protests and instability at the school.

The seminary's other accrediting agency, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, also has threatened to withdraw its endorsement.

Accreditation is the academic community's seal of approval. It means a school has the resources, principles and commitment to provide its students with the education it claims to offer.

Accreditation is critical to a school's abil-

ity to raise money and receive government funds and to the students' ability to transfer credits, apply for advanced degrees and qualify for some jobs.

Although not as serious as loss of accreditation, probation will make it 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.

Immediately after the decision was announced, Southeastern President Lewis Drummond issued a letter to students that noted probation "does not mean loss of accreditation."

Drummond assured students degrees awarded to those already enrolled are not jeopardized by probation or even by loss of accreditation. "You need not fear about the quality or recognition of your degree," he wrote.

The president later told Associated Baptist Press he expects Southeastern to clear up the remaining problems by April, when SACS makes its regular once-a-decade visit to evaluate the school. He said he expects the probation to be reversed well before the two-year limit.

But Rogers said the April visit could not produce a recommendation in time for the semiannual meeting of the commission on colleges in June.

It would be at least next December before the commission could make a decision, he said.

But for this to happen by next December, "Southeastern needs to show some significant improvement by the time the committee gets there in April," Rogers said.

Drummond said he has not yet been told what specific violations have been cited.

Rogers, a Southern Baptist, said SACS' disclosure policy prevents the agency from revealing Southeastern's specific violations, although the school may disclose them if it

wishes. He said, however, the violations come under the criteria categories of planning and evaluation, research, the faculty, the role of the faculty, and the governing board.

Rogers said the probation vote was based on the report of a special fact-finding committee that visited Southeastern. Although the report has not been released, those who have seen it say it laments the fact Southeastern lacks both a long-range plan and a process for developing one. That shortcom-

ing is more important than other criticisms, notes the final paragraph of the report, because long-range planning is a condition for membership in SACS.

The document also reportedly criticizes the presence of a trustee on the committees that select new professors.

Southeastern is believed to be the first Southern Baptist seminary put on probation by an accrediting agency.

No Southern Baptist seminary has ever lost accreditation.

McCall says seminaries face 'dark ages'

By Ed Briggs
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Duke McCall, the retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said theological studies at Southern Baptist seminaries are moving into their dark ages.

In an interview during a recent trip to Richmond, Va., the 77-year-old theologian predicted that the next 15 years "will be a time of struggle, a time when professors use code words to say what they don't want to be quoted as saying."

McCall retired as Southern Seminary president in 1982, three years after conservatives began their successful campaign to gain control of the Southern Baptist Convention and particularly its seminaries.

McCall said his hope is that the more conservative young professors who are replacing the current theologically moderate scholars will discover the same theological insights as their predecessors.

The former president, who now lives in Jupiter, Fla., said he fears some attempts to form new seminaries, such as

the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, will fail because of the lack of the many millions of dollars needed to open a school. He predicted some will succeed, but only with huge influxes of cash.

McCall also predicted there will not be a major split in the denomination because not all moderates want to give up the denomination of their youth. However, he added, "there will be a major group of (moderates) pushed out."

In areas of the country where conservative influence is strong, McCall said, moderates eventually will go along with the ruling faction to get along.

McCall said that regardless of what happens in the convention, he does not plan to leave it or abandon its current agencies. He explained he often thinks back to the late 1960s, when college campuses were cauldrons of revolt against the Vietnam War and "young people wanted to burn the buildings down."

"I remember having to scrimp and save to build those buildings. And I didn't want them burned down then and I don't want them burned down now," he said.

Meeting fails to produce compromise on Ruschlikon issue

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fundamentalists," Karl-Heinz Walter of Germany told reporters.

Walter, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, told trustees their insistence on the theological agreement defeats any attempt at dialogue and undermines the principle of mission partnership. "If we have to take up exactly your theology and how you express it, then we will have no cooperation," he said.

"If you have a problem investing the money, I respect that," added Wiard Popkes of Germany, chairman of Ruschlikon's board of trustees.

"We came not here for money reasons. If your board has problems of conscience, then we have to respect them and money should not be the crucial issue and we do not ask for it," Popkes said.

Walter said the true issue is how much theological agreement is necessary before two groups can work together. "If it is possible to cooperate only if we are in the same line, then this is no dialogue," he said. "It is no dialogue if we each share our position and then one has to accept the other's."

"What has been going on in the SBC ... frightens us," Popkes said. "It is a spirit that would work out in control. It doesn't start from confidence and trust, but from control. It reminds of the situation we just got rid of in some of the communist countries."

That comment brought a strong response from SBC President Morris Chapman, an ex officio FMB trustee, who said such fears misrepresent "any thought or person known to me in Southern Baptist life."

He said European Baptists should not interpret discussion on financial support for

Ruschlikon as a lack of interest in working in partnership with European Baptists to reach the world for Christ.

Other FMB trustees responded that rigid theological uniformity is not their goal.

"What we are asking is in no circumstances that we are to walk in lock step with each other," said Paige Patterson of Dallas. "What we are saying is that it is not conceivable for Southern Baptists to support anything that calls into question the veracity of the word of God."

Some trustees allege Hinson's views undermine confidence in the reliability of Scripture.

When confronted with the hasty nature of the October decision, several FMB trustees offered personal apologies for their "insensitivity" in failing to consult with the Europeans.

"We owe you gentlemen a heartfelt apology for making this action so abruptly," said Skip Smith of Houston, who added he had voted to eliminate the funds. "We were not perceptive ... and I would like to offer humblest apologies. I would beg your forgiveness."

The final vote last week not to reconsider the defunding came after Hancock offered a four-point compromise that called for:

- FMB trustees to acknowledge their insensitivity in failing to consult with European leaders prior to eliminating the Ruschlikon funds.
- Ruschlikon trustees, president and staff to acknowledge their insensitivity to theological concerns of FMB trustees in retaining Hinson to teach there.
- Ruschlikon's administration to inform the FMB trustees of decisions to retain pro-

fessors before they are employed.

• FMB trustees to receive an accounting of all funds received by Ruschlikon from the U.S. apart from those sent by the FMB. (Hancock expressed concern prior to the December meeting that a fund-raising campaign recently announced by Ruschlikon leaders violated a long-standing FMB policy prohibiting missionaries or missions institutions from making financial appeals directly to churches.)

Hancock said a positive response to the four-point proposal from Walter and Popkes would convince the chairman to request, "at whatever risk to me," that the full board reinstate the \$365,000.

However, the next day the two Germans said they could not accept the suggestions.

"If we accept these, we accept that this board could intervene in the board of trustees of Ruschlikon ...," Walter said. The European Baptist Federation, which now owns the seminary, has the responsibility to decide on theological matters and policy related to Europe—not FMB trustees, he explained.

During the two-day meeting, FMB trustees twice went into executive session, reportedly to discuss concerns about the way FMB staff handled the Ruschlikon issue.

Some trustees have expressed concerns that staff did not apprise them of Hinson's appointment prior to approval, although board policy does not require them to do so. Other trustees said they believed staff solicited the complaints about the defunding from European Baptists.

In an exchange with FMB President Parks, Rick Scarborough of Pearland, Texas, asked, "Just for the record, did you orchestrate the response?"

"No, and I resent the question," Parks replied.

Scarborough later apologized for his question.

Some of the trustees' concerns apparently sparked a request from Patterson that the staff review the policy regarding appointment of short-term volunteers such as Hinson and report back to the full board.

Trustees also asked Parks and his staff to review Ruschlikon's fund-raising campaign for possible violations of board policy.

Although declining to recommend restoration of funds, the trustee committee agreed to establish a committee of staff and trustees to meet with European Baptist leaders to discuss how they might re-establish partnership relations in Europe. The committee will report back to the board in April.

But European Baptist leaders left the meeting, which began and ended with closed sessions, telling reporters the discussions had left them feeling pessimistic about rebuilding relationships damaged by the defunding.

"We need to have this partnership and I hope we find a way," Walter said. "But at this moment I don't see a practical way to restore fellowship and trust."

Except for the two closed sessions, discussions were taped for distribution from the FMB to interested people for a cost of \$16 for a set of five tapes. The FMB's mailing address is Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230.

Reported by Robert O'Brien and Art Toalston of the FMB through Baptist Press; Robert Dilday of the Virginia Religious Herald and Greg Warner through Associated Baptist Press and Ed Briggs of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Words serve as pastor's tools in pulpit, radio & missions

By Thomas McDonald
State Correspondent

BUFFALO—Words form a common link between Kentucky pastor Ken Cummins' work as a pastor, radio disc jockey and missionary.

Cummins, pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church in Buffalo, takes words seriously, especially the words of Jesus: "As you go, make disciples."

In attempting to fulfill those biblical words, the 32-year-old has employed contemporary words as his tools. Since 1977, he has served five pastorates, held positions with Christian and secular radio stations and participated in four short-term mission trips to Central America and Mexico.

Currently, Cummins is a Saturday morning disc jockey at Louisville Christian radio station WJIE and a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in addition to his pastoral duties.

He and his wife, Tammy, hope to be appointed as career missionaries to Honduras next year.

Cummins found his talent for words at an early age in the radio repair shop owned by his grandfather in Princeton.

"When my mother worked, I would go to my grandfather's shop," he recalled. "I'd listen to the radio all the time and practice being a disc jockey. I'd write scripts and use a cassette recorder to announce just like I'd heard real DJs announce."

Those practice sessions paid off, and Cummins began working as a DJ at a local radio station soon after graduating from high school. About that time, he recognized God's call to vocational Christian ministry.

After studying at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College and Murray State University, Cummins became director of development for WCVK, a Christian radio station in Bowling Green. He was named general manager in 1986, a post he held until enrolling in seminary in 1990.

Meanwhile, serving as a foreign missions volunteer in Honduras with a group from Elk Lick Baptist Church in Logan County revealed another calling from God, he said.

Now Cummins and his wife hope to serve in that country full time after graduation from seminary. They are seeking appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Some might see that as another career change, but he disagrees.

"I haven't switched careers over the years so much as worked at two careers simultaneously, sometimes preaching full time and working part time in radio and other times working in radio full time and preaching part time," he said.

In all circumstances, Cummins said, he has attempted to use words to share the gospel and to encourage others to do the same: "Whatever method is used, it is every Christian's responsibility to share Jesus Christ and the message of salvation."



A WAY WITH WORDS—Ken Cummins, pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church, speaks to listeners of WJIE, a Christian radio station based in Louisville. Cummins is a Saturday morning disc jockey at the station in addition to being a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (Photo by Thomas McDonald)

Youth ranch residents trained in disaster relief

By Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

ELIZABETHTOWN—Ten boys from the Baptist Youth Ranch at Elizabethtown are the newest volunteers in Kentucky Baptists' disaster relief ministry.

State disaster relief coordinator Larry Koch led a special training session with the 13- to 16-year-olds who live at the ranch operated by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The ranch serves teen-age boys who are severely emotionally disturbed. Director Bob Milburn said finding ways for the youths to help others is part of an effective treatment plan. In the past, youth ranch residents have washed fire trucks, cleared an overgrown cemetery and helped in a church construction project.

"It gets their eyes off me, me, me," Mil-

burn explained. "Helping others is a tremendous boost. When they come here, it's primarily a self-esteem issue. Many are suicidal."

The disaster relief ministry is coordinated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department. More than 700 trained volunteers across the state are on call to respond to disasters in Kentucky and across the nation.

Most recently, Kentucky volunteers assisted in the cleanup after Hurricane Bob struck the New England coast earlier this fall. Baptist workers were ready to respond when a freight train derailment evacuated Shepherdsville last month, but the situation did not call for their services, Koch said.

In addition to the disaster relief training, three of the youth ranch volunteers also attended a witnessing training seminar sponsored by the Brotherhood department.

The youth ranch has been in operation only two years, but already is a success, Milburn said. Residents receive intensive counseling, love and discipline from staff and attend school in a specially built trailer behind their house. Every resident has specific chores to accomplish and must learn to work with others, he said.

Further, they learn about the Christian faith while at the youth ranch, Milburn said. Thirty-four of the 37 boys who have lived at the ranch in the past two years have made first-time commitments to Jesus Christ or have renewed their commitments.

Currently, there is a waiting list of 250 people for the program.

After the disaster training, Mike, a youth ranch resident, said he's ready to be called on to help. "I used to hurt people," he said softly, "but I know now it's fun to help people. It makes them feel good."

Eleven churches complete a mile of pennies for children

LOUISVILLE—Baptists have begun paving a copper road to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children by donating 11 miles of pennies in the past year.

Since its introduction last year, nearly 100 churches have begun participating in the Mile of Pennies campaign, said Homes for Children President Curtis Mooney. Eleven churches have completed their first mile of pennies by collecting \$844.80 each, or a total of \$9,292.80 combined.

The idea behind the Mile of Pennies campaign is for churches to collect 84,480 pennies—the equivalent of a mile when laid end

to end—to support Kentucky Baptists' program of care for abused and neglected children.

This project lends itself to participation by large and small churches alike, Mooney said. Many churches have taken creative approaches by pitting boys against girls or challenging Sunday school classes to pitch in pennies, he explained.

Taylorsville Baptist Church in Taylorsville was the first church to collect a mile of pennies.

Other churches that have reached that goal include Lone Pine Baptist Church in

Viper, Smithsboro Baptist Church in Sassafras, Second Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, First Baptist Church in Princeton, East Cadiz Baptist Church in Cadiz, Elmsmere Baptist Church in Elmsmere, Flemingsburg Baptist Church in Flemingsburg, Valley View Baptist Church in Vine Grove, Salem Baptist Church in Morton's Gap and Hazard Baptist Church in Hazard.

Mile of Pennies is an ongoing project with no deadline. Free labels for milk jugs, boxes or other collection containers are available from the agency's development office by calling (800) 456-1386.

Ashland resident honored for in-service guidance contributions

ASHLAND—Kentuckian Quentin Lockwood has been honored by Southern Baptist in-service guidance leaders for his role in shaping the nationwide program.

Lockwood, retired director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's associational missions division, is credited with strengthening in-service guidance over the past 20 years. He and his wife, Alene, now live in Ashland.

In-service guidance is a program that gives college and seminary students practical experience in ministry by teaming them with church staff members who act as supervisors. Currently, about 65 colleges and seminaries across the nation participate in the program.

"Quentin Lockwood wanted us to help students find the right niche and be happy and successful in ministry," said William

Neptune, in-service guidance program consultant. "He believed in this program so much that he invested a lot of his life into it."

Lockwood said he attempted to dedicate his career to the task of starting, equipping and growing churches. This love for missions is rooted in summers spent leading tent revivals in the Kentucky mountains as a college student, he said.

Clear Creek board votes 5-year plan

PINEVILLE—Trustees of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College approved a five-year plan that sets goals for increasing enrollment 30 percent, increasing endowment 25 percent, providing expanded campus facilities and strengthening curriculum.

The plan, called "Promise and Faith," outlines 40 specific goals for the Kentucky Baptist school through 1995.

Goals include increasing enrollment from 153 to 200, increasing endowment from \$2.52 million to \$3.15 million, increasing library volumes from 24,000 to 35,000, instituting a bi-vocational training plan, attaining accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and constructing new student housing.

In other action, trustees:

- Approved the 1990-91 audit, which showed the school operating in the black for the fourth straight year.
- Named Dennis Brotherton associate professor of New Testament. Brotherton is a Missouri native with a doctor of philosophy degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and served 10 years as a missionary to Korea.

- Named missions professor Mark Terry acting academic dean.

- Named Earl Clark distinguished professor of New Testament.

- Employed Raymond Lawrence, former president of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield and former pastor of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, as assistant to the president.

- Approved purchasing up to five mobile homes for additional student housing. Two of the units are to be donated in honor of former trustees who died in the past year, Wallace Loftis of Toler and Elmer Gambrel of Corbin. Trustees also passed resolutions of appreciation for the two former trustees who died.

- Re-elected Somerset layman Harold Robinson trustee chairman and Mary Lou Salter of Richmond secretary as well as electing Louisville insurance executive Tom Prather vice chairman.

Southeastern provides cautionary tale

editorial

Marv Knox

A group of educators turned the page on one of the Southern Baptist Convention's most painful chapters late last week.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools—a 14-state regional academic accrediting agency—placed Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on probation.

The Wake Forest, N.C., school had been on warning status for two years. Now it has two more years to mend its woes or lose accreditation altogether.

Southeastern's accreditation problems started in October 1987, when a new conservative majority on the school's board of trustees forged a new process for selecting faculty and declared that only biblical inerrantists could be elected professors.

Seminary President Randall Lolley, all but one top administrator and a whole procession of professors subsequently resigned. Enrollment dropped by half. Morale plummeted.

Trustees elected a new president, Lewis Drummond, and an academic dean, Russ Bush, despite the faculty's protest.

All three groups—faculty, administrators and trustees—met with an outside mediator who carefully explained what each group's function should be in a healthy seminary. Prospects brightened, especially as faculty and trustees learned to talk candidly. But trust between faculty and new administrators did not exist. Consequently, trust between faculty and the trustees who hired the new administrators soon eroded.

Meanwhile, the clock has been ticking down on accreditation. The Southern Association put Southeastern Seminary on warning status in December 1989. The accrediting agency's guidelines allow warning to be extended for only two years. After that, the school must go on probation or go free.

Those two years are gone, and Southeastern got probation. Detailed reasons for the Southern Association's decision had not been released by late last week.

A top Southern Association staff member confirmed criteria which had been cited in the past still were problems: planning and evaluation, research, the faculty, and the roles of the faculty and trustees. Other sources close to the school say Southeastern especially was faulted for not having a long-range plan nor even a process for developing such a plan.

Southeastern's accreditation problems hinge on two major

issues: (1) the faculty-selection process and the role of both professors and trustees in that process and (2) the administration's inability to lead the school into the future.

Some Kentucky and Southern Baptists say, "So what?" to the problem of accreditation. They peg the Southern Association and its companion agency, the Association of Theological Schools, in the same "too liberal" category as they place the Southern Baptist Convention's six theological seminaries. The truth is, the accrediting agencies don't care much about a school's liberal or conservative stance. The SBC's seminaries are on the conservative end of the spectrum of schools accredited by the agencies. But they both successfully accredit schools much more conservative than ours. Theology is not the issue; it's due process and generally accepted academic procedures.

Some Baptists want to start our own accrediting agency for our own schools. That's like mom and dad starting a Miss America pageant for their daughters. Just because they think those girls are pretty doesn't mean anyone else will whistle.

Outside accrediting agencies verify academic and administrative quality. They tell the world that the school is capable of producing competent graduates. That affirmation is worth millions of dollars and thousands of students to the school, and it's worth a lifetime of acceptance to its graduates. A home-made accrediting agency never will offer all that.

The crisis at Southeastern should serve as a cautionary tale for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, a sister school also going through its own difficult days.

The accrediting agencies hold member schools accountable for due process and orderly transfer of leadership and ideology. Southern Seminary's covenant renewal document, ratified by trustees and faculty last spring, should provide an acceptable roadmap for that transition. It guarantees a more conservative future, which the trustees want. And it promises fairness and due process for current faculty. A violation will court disaster.

Similarly, selection of administrators will be vital to the health of Southern. The seminary currently is seeking a dean for the school of theology; other administrative positions will become vacant before the decade is done. The seminary must acquire leaders with proven administrative, classroom and academic credentials. It must find leaders who merit the respect of trustees and faculty alike. And it must find leaders whose vision is worthy of Southern Baptist support.

The alternatives are as dreary as Southeastern Seminary's accreditation report.

Betsy & Daddy out in the yard, beyond midnight

down home

Something's wrong with this picture:

It's 2:36 a.m. (People with digital alarm clocks always know exactly what time they wake up in the middle of the night.), and a grown man—happily married, gainfully employed, the daddy of two strong children—is standing in his jammies in his own back yard, in the freezing rain, shivering and pleading for a baby dog to do her business, squinting without his glasses to peer at her progress.

Everyone knows 2:36 in the morning should be marked without fanfare, behind closed eyelids, in a warm bed. If dogs and daddies are in the same picture at 2:36 in the middle of the night, it should be in the old guy's dream of an obedient pooch on the floor, between his easy chair and a roaring fire in the fireplace.

But life never is as simple as a dream.

We got a new puppy, and it's almost like bringing home a new human being baby. Except puppies don't wear diapers. And you don't push your 3-month-old Homo sapien infant to be housebroken by the time your mom and dad come for Christmas.

So, the vet says we should take Betsy out to "do business" when she says she wants to go, day or night, sleet or shine. The vet says constant training is the answer for doggie obedience. She says we've got to be consistent with Betsy, sleep or no sleep.

The whole situation is quite different from when our daughters were babies. They nursed, and I slept. I must've mumbled something along the lines of "I'm sorry, Honey, but what can I do?" a bezzillion times in the middle of other nights.

Now come the nights of justice. Never expect young daughters or their crafty mamma to walk the dog at 2:36 a.m. "It's too scary for us to take Betsy out in the middle of the night. That's Daddy's job," they agreed. Don't think for a minute they think I'm any braver than they are; they just know how to work the system.

So, I cradle two pounds of fur, teeth and charm under my bathrobe and march out into the winter night, feeling virtuous and forlorn, like some tragic figure in a Shakespearian drama.

"Go on, Betsy," I whisper as I set our puppy on the grass.

Every metaphor eventually breaks down, especially metaphors contrived at 2:36 a.m. But standing out in the sleet in the middle of the night, I briefly imagined what God must feel like when we make little messes of our lives all over creation.

We prance around, chasing our shadows and howling at the wind. Meanwhile, God watches close by, waiting for us to learn the cosmic difference between the living room carpet and the big back yard.

— Marv Knox

Lottie Moon 'works' on foreign mission fields

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Having been blessed by the Lord with the privilege of visiting three foreign countries in the past 20 years, I have seen Lottie Moon at work.

In Israel in the early 1970s, we visited the boys' school at Peta Tikvah. It is still ministering to young people there. Only God can measure the worth of the outreach of that institution.

In 1985, while in Kenya with the Kentucky/Kenya Baptist partnership in volun-

teer missions, I saw again several locations where Southern Baptists were doing a good work with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. In Nairobi where we were received, the residences and vehicles (vans) were evidences of money well invested. The missionaries were quick to tell us where these things came from and expressed their gratitude.

More recently, being in Brazil with the Kentucky/Brazil Baptist partnership, I have again seen how the missionaries use Lottie Moon funds in their work. It is amazing to see how so much is accomplished in these areas with so little, compared to what we have in the United States. Brazil is now

caught in a tremendously high rate of inflation which increases weekly!

It has been my joy over the years to have missionary friends who are not Southern Baptists, and they allude to the fact that we take good care of our missionaries. Can we do less when we are so well blessed?

With the assurance given in Malachi 3:6, "I, the Lord, do not change," he also promises much blessing in Malachi 3:10b. Will you test him and trust him in your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving this year?

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Watch efforts to fund church schools

guest editorial

Kentucky Baptists should take careful note of the efforts to secure legislation to fund parochial schools in Jefferson County. A group called Kentucky League for Educational Alternatives is actually a Catholic lobby seeking approval for educational vouchers that would provide \$2,500 in tuition costs per year for each student that attends a Catholic school.

That group has joined forces with Ken Dupre, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, who consistently watchdogs the legislature as the only religious lobbyist in Kentucky. This is a well-organized effort that has the support of Archbishop Thomas Kelly, who happens also to be president of the National Catholic Education Association.

The proposal is presented as an innocent "experiment." It is proposed only for Jefferson County as a two-year trial which would provide a "choice" for parents in the education of their children. But what stands as a limited project has wider aims—that of permanent funding for private-school tuition over the entire state. The effort is to ride piggyback on the new educational reform package and leverage major funding from the public for parochial schools.

Other funding goals include getting

transportation costs for students attending parochial schools and the cancellation of loans incurred for college education by private school teachers. Jefferson County already provides transportation to parochial schools at an annual cost of nearly \$500,000—one can imagine the cost on a statewide basis.

Those who favor supporting public funding claim Kentucky saves \$350 million a year since 75,000 students attend private schools. Religious students are regarded as an auxiliary to public schools.

'If religious groups want to educate their children, they should also fund it.'

— Paul D. Simmons

There are three strong arguments against the proposals:

First, it is a major disruption to the effort to institute school reform. Before new procedures can be instituted, Catholics make an all-out effort to get their schools funded first.

Second, it will greatly increase the tax burden of Kentuckians. The library tax was nothing to be compared to the additional burden the voucher/transportation/loan-for-giveness plans will bring.

Third, the proposals violate both the Ken-

tucky and U.S. constitutional mandates for separation of church and state. Public funding for religious educational enterprises has been consistently found to violate the establishment provision of the First Amendment for two reasons: 1) it advances religion and 2) it results in excessive entanglement of church with state. Ironically, Dec. 15 is the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights!

Arguing that funds should be provided to compensate churches for how much they save the state is little more than a camouflage to leverage public funding for sectarian purposes. The principle is that if religious groups want to educate their children they should also fund it. Religious liberty assures every group that right to establish and maintain its own educational institutions. But it also assures every American that tax dollars will not be used to fund religious indoctrination with which we do not agree.

Kentucky should voice their protests loud and clear to their legislative representatives. David Karem is the Jefferson County Senator being pressured to sponsor/throughout the legislation. But legislators throughout the state should be contacted as well as your pastor and Kentucky Baptist leaders. The time is short, the issues are critical and the stakes are high.

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Enough

Many Christians are involved not only in their churches but in community organizations. My wife is one of them.

During Thanksgiving week, she received from one of these organizations the following letter:

"We face a serious financial crisis. We are looking at a potential deficit of \$225,000 by year's end.

"I know you are committed to our mission and programs. So I want you to know what has caused this emergency, what its impact will be, and what your special gift at this time can accomplish.

"Like other non-profit groups, we have seen a sharp drop in our income this year. Unfortunately, we are not recession-proof. In difficult economic times it is no surprise that people and corporations give less.

"Faced with a revenue shortfall, we've moved quickly to reduce our expenses. We've already cut back on staff. We are trying to sly part of our office space. Regretfully, we've had to curtail our publication schedule; you will receive four issues a year instead of six. Those four issues, however, will be printed on recycled paper, a change many of you have requested."

All those down-sizing measures will help, but unless we can find additional income, we may have to go slow on the very program priorities that you have set and trim back efforts to foster our basic mission. That's why I am appealing to you and all other members for a special gift to help us move forward so we can continue to 'make a difference.'"

This is but one of many non-profit organizations which appear to be in serious financial stress. They depend upon the generosity and commitment of individuals, corporations and the business world. Their sources, regrettably, are facing serious financial problems as well.

However one wishes to classify churches, they are non-profit. (I hasten to exclude those charlatans who masquerade on television as "men of God" but who bilk millions of dollars from pious—often poor—souls.)

Churches are in trouble financially along with their secular counterparts. When the economy falters, churches suffer, too. Not since the Great Depression has the financial situation in America been perceived as so serious or stressful.

There are many opinions about how to bring the economy back to an acceptable level. And there are those whose "prophecies" range from "it will soon pass" to "we are headed toward a disaster which will make the Great Depression seem mild."

I am simplistic in what I think. It runs like this: "We are in trouble because we are selfish and assume that there are no limits to the increase of our comfort and well-being."

In my opinion, God is less interested in our comfort than our devotion to him.

Since we can't seem to say "we have enough," maybe God will let us learn how to say "enough" the hard way. Somehow that seems more biblical than a "rescue."

Ruschlikon/Lottie editorial appalls trustee

response

I am writing in response to your editorial of Nov. 26, "Who's hostage: Ruschlikon or Lottie?" The troubles with Ruschlikon do go back more than 12 years, but the editorial was generally fair and unbiased until the statement, "Rank-and-file Southern Baptists have been left out of the decision." It goes downhill from there. Rank-and-file Southern Baptists were no more left out of the decision than in any decisions made by boards, agencies and institutions of the SBC or, for that matter, the board of directors of the Western Recorder. Trustees of our boards, agencies and institutions are elected at the Southern Baptist Convention by the messengers elected by the churches. So to say that "rank-and-file Southern Baptists have been left out of the decision" is simply a straw man.

I was amazed and appalled that a reputable Christian journalist would make the statement you made about the statement of Michael Catt, a Foreign Mission Board trustee from Georgia: "The trustees will not suffer for such actions (withholding Lottie Moon gifts), our missionaries will suffer." As a fellow trustee, I know the heart of Michael Catt in this matter. He does not feel, nor does he say, that we trustees can act with impunity. This is not the kind of suffering he was talking about. We trustees do not believe that we can act with impunity in any matter before the board any more than you can act with impunity as editor of the Western Recorder. I hold my position as a sacred trust given by the SBC and by God, and I recognize that I am responsible to the SBC and most of all to God for my actions. I was surprised at the viciousness of some of the statements made about our actions and our character, but I was totally dumbfounded that the editor of our Western Recorder

would resort to the tactic of accusing the trustees of an SBC board of being cowardly and of holding our missionaries and fellow Baptists in contempt. I emphatically and categorically deny this charge.

I was also distressed at the rather cavalier way in which you, almost as an afterthought, wrote, "While we're at it, we can pray for Hancock ..." as if he were not really worthy of consideration, but if we can find time while praying for matters that are really important, we might pray for him. I personally know Bill Hancock to be a man of God of impeccable integrity with a great heart for missions. I also know personally that he has agonized greatly over this matter. Let me urge you and all Southern Baptists to lift up Chairman Bill Hancock, President Keith Parks, and every member of the board and staff to our Lord in earnest prayer for divine wisdom.

*James T. Garland, FMB trustee
Hazel*

Baptists & their churches must prepare for AIDS

viewpoint

Everyone reading this article is no more than one person removed from AIDS. You know someone with AIDS or you know people who know someone with AIDS.

Unlike any other health threat in recent times, AIDS makes its advances often largely due to ignorance. In an age of communication, it is astounding, but no less true, how many people simply do not know how they can get AIDS.

AIDS has to have body fluids act as its mechanism of transmission. Thus, sexual contact, contaminated needles and syringes, transfusion of contaminated blood and blood products, and infected mothers to infants are

the means by which the AIDS virus finds a human host for reproduction.

AIDS is not spread by casual contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, kissing or even using public facilities. A strange misconception has circulated that mosquitoes can spread AIDS.

Since more people, and more people whom we know, are contacting AIDS, what can we as individuals and as churches do in response?

First, we must be as educated as possible about AIDS. With contemporary media coverage, one can become well informed as to the symptoms and particularities of AIDS.

Second, if not already in place, encourage your church and workplace to develop AIDS-related policies.

Third, develop care teams. Care teams

can provide help for those with AIDS who have housing, transportation and personal needs.

Last, AIDS presents Christian people with an unparalleled opportunity for mission work. AIDS will quickly pull one out of one's comfort zone. Any kind of social prejudice which we can identify can be found when dealing with AIDS. Persons with whom we might never otherwise relate will present themselves for the gospel. Like few other concerns which touch our lives, AIDS calls for an authenticity in our faith.

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Kentucky CP down in November but designations up

By Marv Knox
Editor

Kentucky Baptists' Cooperative Program unified budget endured its worst November in four years last month, but designated receipts showed a dramatic increase over previous years.

Kentucky Baptist churches contributed \$1,299,464 to the Cooperative Program in November. That amount was \$3,275—or 0.3 percent—below receipts for November 1990.

The first quarter of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's 1991-92 fiscal year ended Nov. 30. At month's end, year-to-date receipts were \$3,799,966, a total that was \$69,469—or 1.8 percent—below receipts for the first quarter of the previous year.

KBC Business Manager Barry Allen blamed "the continued downward trend in Cooperative Program gifts" on Kentucky's struggling economy.

"Most of the reports we are getting from the churches reflect economic woes at the local church level," he explained. "Therefore, it is to be expected at the state convention level."

But Cooperative Program receipts do not describe the state convention's total economic picture, Allen added.

Undesignated Cooperative Program funds received by the KBC are divided, with

Spend preparation time on sermons, Craddock advises

By Marc Whitt
Georgetown College

GEORGETOWN—"Preaching is tough," was the message noted preaching professor Fred Craddock brought to Kentucky pastors attending the Georgetown College Ministers Fellowship Dec. 3.

Craddock, professor of preaching and New Testament in Emory University's Candler School of Theology, conducted a day-long seminar at Georgetown College on creativity in preaching.

Craddock encouraged pastors to spend sufficient preparation time to deliver thoughtful and insightful sermons.

"The goal of good preaching is not to leap off with cute sermon message headlines such as 'I Ate Soup with an Ax,'" he said. "People need to feel at home in the church. There needs to be a sense of sanctity in your church sanctuary."

Preachers who do not study during the week have nothing profound to say, he suggested, while those who do study become "wells of knowledge."

"These are the preachers who leave you wanting to hear more. The others who do not study usually run dry."

Craddock encouraged preachers not to attempt to be "one of the folks" by throwing in a swear word now and then. "Those called to preach can't be like anyone else in the crowd," he said.

Craddock also criticized preachers who succumb to the temptation of reading or listening to other preachers' sermons instead of preparing their own sermons. Theological resources are much more "preacher-friendly" than in the past, he explained, and are more readily available.

However, he warned preachers to be selective in their reading. Some books are "just concerned about the cosmetics of preaching: 'How do I look?' or 'How do I sound?'" he said.

"In this time of plenty, there is a lot of shortcut material that is not worthy of your time."

62.058 percent going to Kentucky causes and 37.942 percent forwarded to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

However, some churches unhappy with particular SBC agencies are designating their funds directly to recipients, including the KBC.

For the quarter ending in November, the KBC received \$78,320 designated specifically for the KBC. That was \$32,366—or 70.4 percent—more than KBC-designated receipts the same time last year.

The first-quarter total of the KBC's share of Cooperative Program receipts and KBC designated funds was \$20,520—or 0.9 per-

Churches respond to family needs of Christmas season

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parade was used to purchase new clothing as gifts.

In west Kentucky, Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah is preparing for its seventh annual Good Samaritan program. Church members donated about \$9,000 through their "Christmas in July" emphasis to purchase food for needy families.

On Dec. 14, the church will open its gymnasium as a grocery store and invite about 300 families to fill their shopping bags with two-week supplies of food basics. On the night before the giant food distribution, Sunday school classes will sponsor a Christmas party for 10 needy families and provide toys and other gifts.

On the other side of the state, the Helpers in Ministry program headed by Kentucky Baptist Convention President Glenn Mollette will provide new shoes for more than 200 children this Christmas. Area churches gave money to purchase about one-fourth of those shoes, while the remainder were donated by the makers of Converse tennis shoes.

Mollette, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pikeville, said he is certain the shoes will be welcome gifts this year because of a larger number of families facing financial strains. At Thanksgiving, 1,400 people showed up for a free meal at a Pikeville elementary school—900 more than last year.

In the southern part of the state, First Baptist Church of Corbin will assist about

300 families with food and toys. On Dec. 19, the church will allow needy families to select toys as gifts for their children from a collection of defective toys discarded by manufacturers but repaired by church members in recent weeks. About 25 church volunteers have been busy stitching up dolls and restoring broken wood on rocking chairs, said coordinator Pat Huff.

In Louisville, Highland Baptist Church continued its tradition of making Christmas ministry a part of the annual Hanging of the Greens service. Everyone who came to the service—always one of the year's best-attended—was asked to bring canned goods and new toys and leave them at the altar during the hymn of response.

"This has been the tradition of the Hanging of the Greens service," Pastor Phil Christopher explained. "That's important because of relating Christ's command to remember

the least of these with our Advent worship."

Highland's deacons will present about 30 baskets of toys and food to families selected by Esterle at Highland Community Ministries and to needy families within the church through a Secret Santa program.

In Northern Kentucky, about 150 members of Erlanger Baptist Church will rise early on Christmas morning to prepare 600 meals for the area's homebound. On Thanksgiving and Christmas days, the church helps take over the work of Meals on Wheels.

Volunteer cooks and drivers will begin arriving at the church kitchen by 5:30 a.m. to prepare and distribute meals of turkey and all the trimmings.

Pastor Bill Crosby said he's had to limit volunteers to delivering only two meals each because so many church members want to help.

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Date rape turned 17-year-old's 'magical feelings' into fear

By Chip Alford
Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Seventeen-year-old Laura was flattered that an "older man" at work asked her for a date.

"He even asked me out again," she said. "And nothing happened on those two dates to make me think anything was wrong. He was a perfect gentleman."

Still, Laura (not her real name) did not tell her parents about her friend because he was nine years older. At 26, he would be considered too old for a high school girl.

She lied to her parents to get out of the house and meet him for their third and final date. That meeting would leave Laura with emotional scars that would take years to heal.

"We went to the fair that night," she remembered. "All the fun rides, cotton candy, holding hands in the moonlight—how romantic. But as the lights were going out, we headed to the car which he parked far away from everything."

"He shoved me in the back seat of the car and started tearing at my clothes. He had a gun in the floorboard and let me know he

would use it if I didn't cooperate. I fought for awhile but I knew I was making him mad enough to really hurt me. He raped me."

The "magical feelings" Laura had felt were shattered. Trust was gone, replaced by mistrust, fear, hate and anger. And the trauma was far from over.

"I didn't know where to go, or who to turn to for advice," Laura said.

"I couldn't tell my parents. I had lied to them. I had to hide the shame and guilt I felt at home, church and school."

For Laura, the pain surfaced in many ways. She developed health problems, struggled with a weight problem, suffered from insomnia, and when she did sleep, would often have nightmares. She also drifted in and out of short-term relationships, including a three-and-a-half-year marriage that ended in divorce.

"Life really got to be a mess," she remembered. "My whole world was falling apart."

When she finally did begin to confide in

others about her experience, Laura said she often was treated like she had committed a crime. People asked her questions like, "How were you dressed?" and "Did you make advances?"

Unfortunately, Laura's story is not unusual.

"Some youth-serving professionals are now estimating that by the time girls move through junior high, high school and college, one-fourth of them will have experienced

date rape or a severe attempt at a physical attack by a trusted acquaintance on a date," said Richard Ross, youth ministry consultant for the South-

ern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Unfortunately, the great majority of girls who are raped by an acquaintance are not willing to tell anyone. Consequently, they suffer the pain of this experience for years without help," he added.

With this in mind, Ross decided to add a counseling tape on date rape to the 24-Hour Counselor audio cassette series. Produced by the board's Broadman Press, the 24-Hour

TEENS & SEX

Youth counselor answers girls' questions about boys

By Terri Lackey
Sunday School Board

COLD SPRINGS, Calif. (BP)—Girls want to know why boys always try to act so "cool" around them, what guys look for in a girl and if it's OK to ask boys out on a date.

They also wonder why teen-age boys are "always thinking about sex" and how far is "too far" when it comes to sexual relations.

Kevin Sigsby, camp director for the West Coast Centrifuge traveling team, answered the questions, written anonymously, during a "For Girls Only" class held at a Centrifuge camp in California this year. Sigsby, who has been on Centrifuge staffs for the past eight summers, visited the class just to answer girls' questions about boys.

He said boys always try to act so cool around girls because "sometimes guys just don't know how they are supposed to act. So instead of saying something stupid, they act reserved."

Asked about why guys "think it is so important to put girls down," Sigsby said guys are sometimes unaware about how harshly they come across to girls.

Because they don't talk about their feelings as freely as girls, Sigsby said boys are not as sensitive to the feelings of others.

"Sometimes they just don't know how deeply some things hurt. Sometimes they just say things that come out badly."

When questioned about the guidelines of girls asking guys out on dates, Sigsby said boys are sometimes relieved to have girls do the asking.

"Sometimes it's nice to have someone else in charge for a change," said Sigsby, a member of Holladay Baptist Church in Salt Lake City.

"It's sometimes scary for a guy to ask a girl out. If the girl says no, the guy starts questioning himself," Sigsby explained. "Guys are afraid of rejection and being vulnerable."

Sigsby suggested girls who ask boys out on dates make it clear who is paying and who will drive.

He also said if a girl does not want to go out on a date with a guy "for whatever reason," she should tell him so "in a nice way."

"If you don't want to go, just say no. I would much rather you say, 'No, thank-you' than string me out for a long time."

When asked what 15-year-old guys look for in a girl, Sigsby answered beauty first, then personality.

"To be honest, the first thing they notice is how you look. But past that, they begin to

find out what kind of person you are.

"I think guys like girls who are fun, not air-heads or space cadets. They want girls who have sense and can think for themselves. Once you start spending time with someone, you want them to have a brain and you want to have common interests."

In answer to one girl's question, "Why do guys just have one thing on their minds," Sigsby said, "Sex is not the No. 1 thing on guys' minds."

"If you're running around with guys that think like that, then I would question if these are really the folks you want to be hanging around with," he added.

"Sports is the thing most guys spend their time talking about, thinking about and looking forward to," Sigsby said.

The question of "how far is too far to go in sexual relations" can be answered in the Bible, Sigsby said.

"I am a Christian, and as a Christian, I believe what the Bible says, 'Sexual relations are wrong outside of marriage.'"

"Do I think kissing is wrong? No. But I think heavy petting and caressing and anything that could lead to sexual relations is wrong," Sigsby said. "When you are manipulating another person to get what you want, that is wrong."

Church youth contribute to rising teen pregnancy figures

By Susan Todd Doyle
Woman's Missionary Union

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Teen-age pregnancies in the United States are on the rise, and church youth are among those making the statistics, a nursing educator said during a Woman's Missionary Union conference.

"We have all been affected by teen-age pregnancy, whether at school, at church or in our tax dollars," said Kay Wilson, assistant professor of nursing at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss.

She cited these statistics:

- 1 million teens, or one in 10, become pregnant each year.
- 470,000 teens give birth each year.
- 400,000 teens abort a pregnancy each year.

• Of all the births within the United States in a year, 13 percent are to teen-agers.

Most teen-age girls who end up pregnant never intended to be sexually active, Wilson said. But of those who do, their reasons usually can be traced to one of six factors:

• Some desire to be pregnant. "Teens are not future-oriented," she said. "They want things right now. For them, a baby may look like the answer to another problem."

• They want someone to love them. Many teens who do not feel the love of parents and family see having a baby as a way to get love. "Girls know that babies love their mothers," she said.

• They need approval, love or security. "Most teen girls aren't thinking in terms of sexual behavior, but are just looking for someone to care about them," she said.

• Most teens are aware of birth control but are confused about the use of it. "I'm not advocating sex outside of marriage because the Bible is very clear about it. But if we are going to be realistic, for those who are going to use birth control, we need to make sure they have the correct information," Wilson said.

• They see promiscuous sexual behavior without consequences on television and in movies.

• Teens are bombarded with ads for prod-

ucts which are sexually linked.

"As Christians, we need to be out there on the front to help teach teens good sexual behavior instead of sticking our heads in the sand," she said.

Talking with youth in church groups such as Acteens, the age-level missions organization for girls in grades seven through 12, can provide a good start, she suggested.

"Teens need to have sex explained to them. They want to know how to realistically respond when they get out on a date," Wilson said. She suggested Acteens leaders find a youth minister or a local nurse to visit their group to lead the discussion if they don't feel comfortable talking about sex.

Church members also can help teens avoid unwanted pregnancies by helping them establish goals, she said. For example, jobs help teens stay out of trouble, help build their self-esteem and give them a better grasp of the value of money.

"Give them a reason not to become pregnant because they have something wonderful planned," she suggested.

Counselor series covers a variety of teen issues. Churches can duplicate the tapes without charge as a counseling resource for youth. Ross said he encourages churches to display the tapes so that teen-agers can pick them up anonymously.

The date rape capsule is presented as a counseling session featuring Wade and Jodi Rowatt of the faculty at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Laura, now 24, eventually sought help and received the counseling she needed. She also found strength in her faith in God.

She recently listened to the 24-Hour Counselor tape on date rape and said she would "highly recommend" it to youth ministers and school guidance counselors.

"But most of all I would like to strongly urge anyone who has survived rape to listen to this tape," she said. "I know from experience that you'll only suffer longer if you put off getting the help you need."

"If I had access to this tape at age 17, I possibly could have made some clearer decisions on dealing with all the emotions my mind and heart couldn't understand. I wouldn't have lived like a victim for so long. I would have sought help sooner."

Youth workers urged to help abuse victims

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Youth ministers should become aware of the signs of sexual abuse and learn to take proper action, a Baptist counselor said.

Statistics reveal one in four young women and one in 10 young men are sexually abused, according to Southern Baptist Sunday School Board counselor Joe Richardson, who said one-fourth to one-third of the young people who come to him for counseling during summer youth camps reveal being sexually abused in some way.

Richardson said the sheer number of young people who come to him revealing sexual abuse indicates Southern Baptists are not immune to the problem.

Richardson said when many of the adolescents and young adults, including youth leaders or sponsors of youth groups, come to him to reveal sexual abuse, they might be telling someone for the first time.

"Frequently, the ones who have talked to someone about it before get the feeling that person doesn't believe them, and they just drop it," he added.

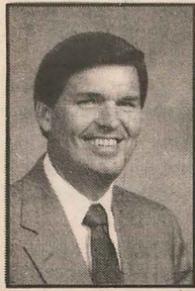
Richardson said an adult's initial reaction may come from not wanting to believe the information is true. "If we believe it, then we are pretty well obligated to do something about it, and that's not easy," he said.

Richardson said sexual abuse, left unchecked or ignored, has the potential of destroying lives. "It can destroy a person's self esteem and confidence and leave them pretty well a mess."

Youth ministers and youth leaders have a responsibility to become informed about the signs of sexual abuse, Richardson said.

He explained that young people being sexually abused offer many warning behaviors: They have a greater knowledge of sex than their age predicts and they often have an unusual relationship with the one doing the abusing.

In most states, a youth minister would be obligated to tell authorities about suspected or revealed sexual abuse, Richardson said.



Bill D. Whittaker
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clear creek chronicle

Shopping spree

Twenty-two years certainly makes the Christmas shopping spree a Clear Creek tradition. Former president's wife Kay Aldridge was the first director of the project; my wife Rebecca now coordinates it.

Beginning the week before Thanksgiving and carrying through December 10, church groups deliver new toys and merchandise. Wayman Hayes, a 1963 alumnus from Bowling Green, again prepared wooden toys in his shop. One WMU group made ten quilts.

The day before Thanksgiving, nearly \$24,000 in cash and many gifts had been delivered to the campus.

This year several of the faculty and staff helped with the purchasing. Gifts are selected for all ages. Area merchants provide discounts for quantity purchases. Each item receives a number representing its value; on the night of the shopping spree, students exchange coupons for merchandise of their choice.

The shopping spree is held in the family life center gymnasium. On December 9 and 10, the faculty and staff cover the gym floor, set up tables and arrange all the merchandise. Kelly Hall kitchen prepares soup and sandwiches for the workers. Banners and signs are placed noting children's toys, ladies' section, men's gifts, home supplies, electronics, games and puzzles. We also have a free table where stocking stuffers are bagged together.

The evening of December 10 is the big moment! Some students begin lining up two hours before the doors open. Married men shop first for their wives. The wives, mothers, and singles complete the shopping. Faculty and staff are behind the heavily laden tables of merchandise to take coupons as the students make their choices.

What does the shopping spree mean to our students? Tavalene Keller, wife of first-year student Charles Keller of Paducah, said, "I think it's great! It will help us all."

Second-year Somerset student Greg Farmer's wife Sue noted, "It helps the students a lot because financial difficulties would prohibit some from having much of a Christmas."

Second-year Ohio student Mark Reece said, "I praise the Lord people give. It is a big help for families with several children. Through the shopping spree, God reminds us he always comes through people to help others. We must do the same."

Fourth-year student wife Polly Evans of Corbin commented, "Awesome! It is such a blessing. Our family is very grateful."

A big thanks to all our friends for another extremely successful shopping spree. In the midst of receiving, may God keep us free from selfishness and make us a channel of blessing.

baptist forum

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

Retired pastors

When I first became a Christian, I heard that a pastor was retiring from the ministry. I thought, 'How can you retire from doing the work of the Lord?' This past year I was privileged to have been chairman of our pulpit committee.

The first month we had a supply pastor who had the kind of personality that everyone loved. He had a way of bringing a message that encouraged you and made you feel good at the same time. He also helped our church put together a successful revival, and the whole church seemed closer. We hated to see Bro. Bill Beard leave.

We then called Bro. Chester Badgett to come as interim pastor. We was a bold man, one with a lot of leadership. He had a way of managing the church to make sure things were done the way they should. He was quick to tell you what you should do in a situation, but he had a way of telling a story of a past experience. He had to leave our church due to illness.

Then came Bro. L.D. Kennedy, a very educated man. He had a way of telling a very humorous tale about his past, and leading right into a very serious point, where the entire church would go from laughter to total quiet. He was a man that you never got tired of listening to.

These three men mean a lot to me, as they helped our church through a summer without a pastor. Three men with very different personalities, but had one thing in common, they were "retired pastors."

From this point on, when I hear that a pastor is retiring, I will know that they are not retiring from the Lord's work, but are accepting a higher calling.

Keith McMahan
South Cambellsville Baptist Church
Cambellsville

False religion

After reading what Michael Chute had in the Western Recorder on the Chinese kicking out illegal religions ("Chinese secret police cracking down on 'illegal' religion," p.11, Nov. 19), I was amazed by his comments.

First by what he calls religion. Jehovah's Witness is not a religion but a cult. The article states that Noel Steensen was deported from China. Our system doesn't allow this type of action. Even in biblical times this was done. False worship was to be denounced and done away with. God gave us the commandment, "Thou shalt not have other gods before me."

When you don't accept Jesus as the Son of God, then it is a false religion (cult) and should be outcast.

Too bad we can't do it here in America. Our country would be God-fearing and a Christian nation once again. We Christians have become ever lax in our belief. Not taking a stand for Christ.

Scripture points out very clearly that anything not for Christ is anti-Christ. We have a lot of anti-Christ working in America. Many souls will be lost when the day the Lord returns to gather his own.

In today's world we have opportunity that we will never see again. Many doors have been opened for the Lord. People are starving to hear the truth (Scripture). Let all of us (Christians) work together proclaiming the word of God, that souls may be led to Christ.

David R. McEntee, youth leader
Grangertown Baptist Church
Sturgis

File it in '13'

To begin, I am a friend of the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. It was a sad day when the Southern Baptist Convention capitulated to Fundamentalist leadership's personal vendetta against James Dunn and defunded the BJC. His stand for historic Baptist principles ran counter to their Norris mindset. Fundamentalists saw that Dunn would not be controlled by their agenda, so their only recourse was to hit him where he lived and loved. (Like the robber who held the pistol to the head of the banker's wife as he insisted that his bag be filled with the money.)

However, I am somewhat distressed by the realization that I lost one of my votes at the Kentucky Baptist Convention this year. At the time, I thought I was voting right, based on the available information. The more I read about the issue, the more I am convinced that I have been "voodooed" by my own ignorance or sneaky convention politics.

Kentucky churches who do not want to support the BJC should not be forced to by our budget process. I understood Bill Messer's motion at the KBC this year to make allowances for that. However, the more I read and talk to others about the issue, the more I am convinced that the motion was a "rob Peter to pay Paul" deal, where churches who do not favor support for the BJC will be forced to do so if they continue to send undesignated funds to the KBC's budget. That ain't right!

I am saddened by the introduction of an issue that can further weaken the cooperative effort in the KBC. I pray for and support the Executive Board if they vote to pitch this one in "file 13" if my fears are true.

Rodger D. Eakin, pastor
First Baptist Church
Fulton

Faith dispels hatred

Honesty, Louisville, Southern Baptists advocating equal rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual people, responds to Mr. Sam Peavey's letter of Nov. 26.

He objects to Louisville's newly adopted ordinance which allows expedited civil proceedings against persons motivated by bias to commit harmful acts against people of certain specified classes.

Honesty, Louisville actively supported the ordinance, so we obviously disagree with Mr. Peavey's suggestion that fear, hatred and intolerance serve useful functions in human society. We can appreciate, however, your tolerance of his rather extreme views as long as you provide equal voice for the traditional Christian confession that gospel faith always dispels fear, hatred and intolerance.

We now encourage the Western Record-

er to provide timely reports and editorials about local Baptist participation in the Fairness Campaign. That enterprise has garnered the support of Baptist ministers and laity. The campaign seeks to amend the city's longstanding anti-discrimination laws so that people are protected against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in areas of employment, housing and public accommodation.

In short, if such legislation affecting and involving gay and lesbian Kentucky Baptists attracts Recorder readers' response both after the fact and despite the lack of previous attention from the Recorder journalists, the Recorder might well consider providing coverage of discussions as this next legislative process unfolds.

Like a mustard seed, God's government grows.

Quinn T. Chipley
Louisville

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Expert calls for contemporary Soviet churches

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—Thousands of new Christian churches are needed in the Soviet Union, according to one expert, because the old ones are too rigid to handle the tens of thousands of people becoming Christians there every month.

"The present church structures have some difficulties handling the new converts," said Siberian-born Andrei Voth after he returned from a visit to his former homeland. "They are much too rigid."

Voth, 35, is the son of a church planter who was imprisoned in the Gulag for nine years because of his Christian activities. Voth now lives in Australia, where he heads Mission USSR.

Many Christians in the Soviet Union have become locked into a rigid structure of "laws" in worship and fellowship, Voth said.

"Worship in Russia is two hours long. There has to be three to four preachers. The men sit on one side of the church and the women, with the children, on the other. They sing sitting, but pray only standing or kneeling. For some Christians it is vanity for a man to wear a tie or watch, or even a wedding ring. And the women have to wear scarves, never cut their hair and never wear trousers."

Younger believers are "not really made welcome," he said, "especially if they wear modern clothes."

Voth said he believes the answer is for thousands of "new, contemporary churches" to be established.

"This new era marks a new era also for the church and it has to demonstrate that it is a living church. All the changes of politics

gives them an opportunity to blossom. I believe the old structures will just wither away."

He warned Western Christians, however, from moving into the Soviet Union and trying to duplicate a Western style of worship.

"We have to encourage them to worship within their own culture," he said. "We must not see the Soviet Union as a new toy for Western Christians to play with."

The need for new churches is urgent, Voth said, because cults already have moved in to fill the void.

"They're all there, including the Hare Krishnas, the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses," he said, explaining the Mormons have started 18 churches in Moscow in the past year.

Americans believe more in religion & hell, MTV says

world in view

Young people in the United States have stronger beliefs in God, hell and religious leaders than their counterparts in other countries, according to an MTV poll. The Music Television network surveyed 2,000 people ages 14-34 in Australia, Brazil, Germany, Great Britain, Japan and the U.S.

The findings: More than 90 percent of Americans believe in God, compared to 48 percent of Britons; More than 75 percent of Americans believe hell is a real place, compared to 16 percent of Germans. Also, despite scandals involving televangelists, 43 percent of America's MTV generation said they respect religious leaders, compared to less than 6 percent of British, German and Japanese respondents.

■ **Dead Sea Scrolls to be published.** A facsimile edition of the Dead Sea Scrolls, featuring 1,787 plates of previously unpublished texts, is being issued by the Biblical Archeology Society in Washington.

■ **Judge rules on prayer.** Both sides claimed victory when a federal judge issued an injunction prohibiting teachers and officials of a Texas school district from becoming involved in school prayer. U.S. District Judge Robert Maloney ruled that the Duncanville, Texas, school district had violated the First Amendment to the Constitution by the "pervasive nature of religious activities" in its schools, including prayer sessions led or organized by teachers. At the same time, he turned down a bid by the American Civil Liberties Union to prohibit teachers or coaches from "condoning or permitting" prayer.

■ **Missionaries evacuate Burundi.** One of two Southern Baptist missionary couples in Burundi evacuated the tiny central African country Nov. 30 amid political and ethnic violence. Dennis and Margaret McCall and their three preschool children flew to Kenya. The other missionaries, Jeff and Mary Polglase, had not made a final decision about whether to stay or evacuate.

■ **Doctor arrested for bad abortion.** Dr. Abu Hayat was arrested and jailed in New York City Nov. 19 after performing an incomplete abortion on a woman who was eight months pregnant. Rosa Rodriguez, the baby's mother, reportedly awoke from the attempted abortion covered in blood and was told to return to the clinic the next day. However, that night she went into labor and gave birth to a 3 pound, 8 ounce girl with her arm missing just below the right shoulder. Police said the arm was severed in the attempted abortion.

■ **Church offers AIDS tests.** An offbeat Methodist church in San Francisco has started offering AIDS testing during Sunday services. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco's tough Tenderloin District, said 55 people received blood tests the first Sunday they were offered.

■ **Bishops approve NRSV.** The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has granted an imprimatur to the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, a translation produced by the National Council of Churches. The action means that Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians now will be able to study the same translation of the Bible with official church sanction.

Peru's second vice president opens doors for gospel

DALLAS (BP)—Carlos Garcia hopes to use his position as Peru's second vice president to open doors in his country for evangelical Christians.

Garcia was in Dallas recently to present to Texas Baptist Men a certificate of appreciation for medical supplies and other aid sent to Peru earlier this year.

As a trained attorney and a Baptist pastor, Garcia is equally at home in the legislative and the religious spheres. He served six years as a pastor in Colombia while studying at the seminary in Cali and 16 years in Lima, including two terms as president of the Peruvian Baptist Convention.

In June 1990, Garcia was elected Peru's

second vice president in an election that also resulted in four evangelical Protestants being elected to the predominantly Catholic nation's Senate and 14 to its House of Representatives.

Since the constitution of Peru calls for two elected vice presidents but does not assign them specific administrative duties, Garcia has the time to continue his ministries and the freedom to write his own job description as an associate head of state.

Garcia said he hopes to integrate the social and political realm of his life with the spiritual side. For example, as he discovers needs in his country that can be met by Christian organizations, he wants to intro-

duce his Christian contacts to his government contacts.

Apart from the office of the vice presidency, Garcia currently is spearheading a nationwide Scripture distribution effort as part of Peru's "Year of the Bible" celebration. The interdenominational effort to distribute 800,000 Bibles and New Testaments coincides with the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the Americas.

While volunteers from more than 30 denominations distribute bibles door-to-door, Garcia personally is targeting government officials, business leaders and professionals who might otherwise not be receptive to a gift of Scripture.

Minnesota appeals court denies use of 'necessity' defense

ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP)—The Minnesota Court of Appeals has upheld the trespassing convictions of 44 pro-life activists who blocked entrances to a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic last year.

In a 2-1 decision, the court ruled that Ramsey County District Judge Otis Godfrey acted properly when he refused to allow the protesters to use the "necessity defense," an argument that their illegal actions were necessary to prevent a greater evil from taking place.

In a strong dissent, Judge R.A. Randall wrote that Godfrey was "overly aggressive" in cutting off testimony and therefore denied the demonstrators "their fundamental right to explain their conduct to a jury."

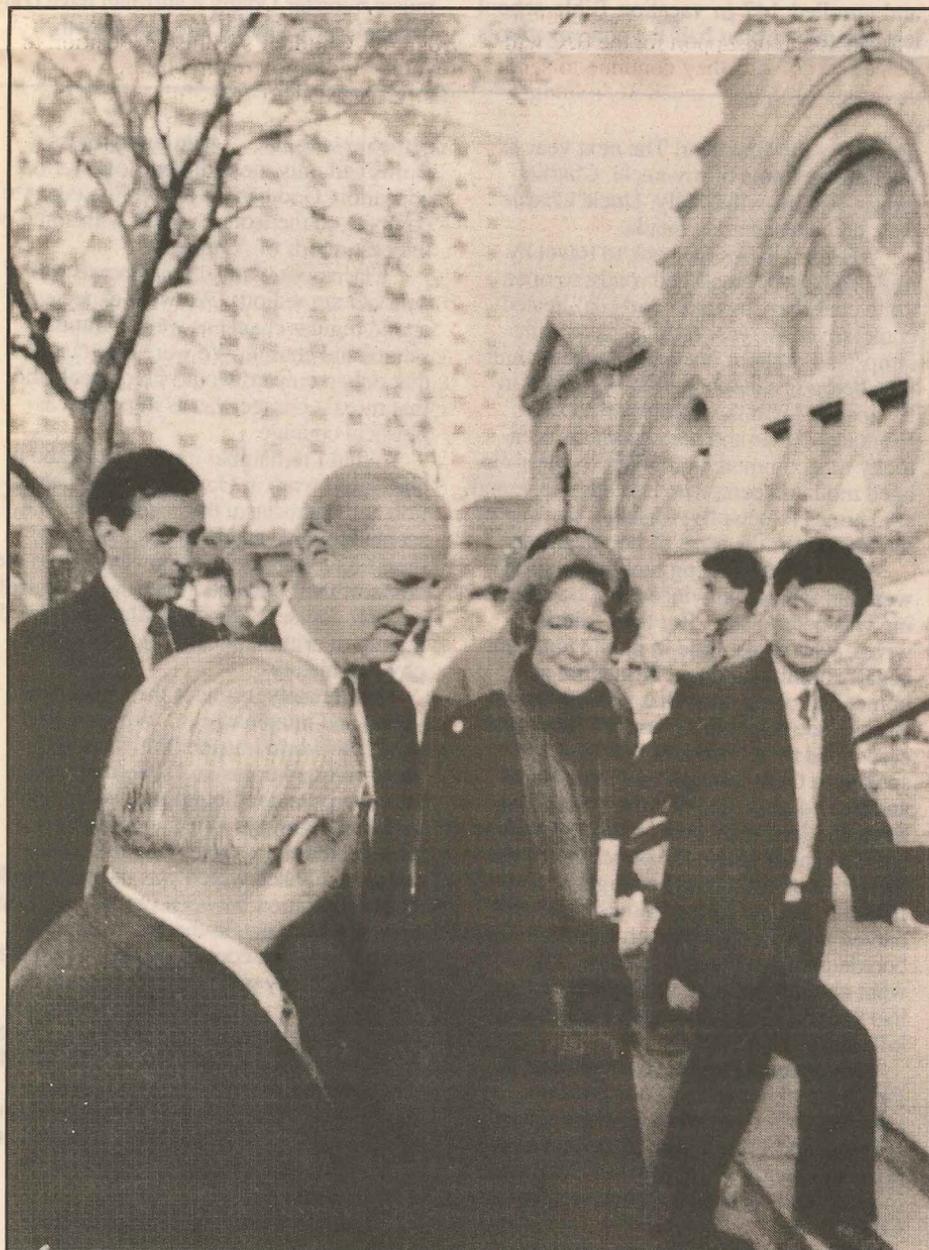
Godfrey had refused to allow protesters to show the jury a photo of aborted babies in a dumpster. He also excluded the testimony of a physician regarding fetal development as well as an affidavit from a Planned Parenthood physician who admitted he provided no counseling to women before performing abortions.

U.S. religious leaders say domestic concerns tops

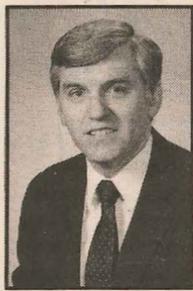
NEW YORK (RNS)—Domestic concerns top the list of issues America's religious leaders think candidates will face in next year's presidential elections.

Eighteen religious leaders polled by Religious News Service cited a range of domestic concerns, from the state of the economy to greater protection for children and families, as major issues. International issues such as South Africa, Latin America and the international arms race were not listed as primary concerns this year.

Southern Baptist Convention President Morris Chapman told RNS he thinks political opposition to abortion is the top concern for presidential candidates.



BAKER VISITS CHURCH—U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and his wife arrive at Chongwenmen Christian Church in Beijing, China, Nov. 17. Baker visited the church during a two-day trip to press for release of political hostages and other economic and human rights concerns. (RNS photo)



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homes for children

Christmas miracles

It's the season for miracles. And every year at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children another miracle comes our way. Most of those miracles happen because people like you, in congregations across Kentucky, care enough to show the children on our campuses what miracles are all about.

Last year, as we were experiencing a financial squeeze, somebody somewhere cared. We had prepared to hold nearly \$15,000 in checks until we received funds from our Christmas Offering. Then we opened a letter and found a cashier's check for that exact amount. At a critical time, our need was met by an anonymous donor. And all of us who care about the children we serve were reminded that God provides for us through the miracles that happen every day.

Miracles happen each year in the lives of the children we care for. Buckley Carlin remembers the Christmas of '53, when he was a senior in high school and living on the Glen Dale campus. He spent that Christmas with families who belonged to a Lebanon church. The church youth group there had even made it possible for Buckley to purchase a senior ring and paid the expense of his senior trip.

But, as Buckley says, "blood is thicker than water." He wanted desperately to go back home. Hitchhiking to Owensboro from Lebanon, he was picked up by a fellow in a hearse. They made the trip in record time, while listening to "Everybody's Got a Home But Me," an Eddie Fisher tune on the radio. But after just a few hours with his family, Buckley realized that "things had not changed" and was on his way back to Glen Dale. "I remember the feeling in the pit of my stomach," he says. That experience brought on a miracle in his life and opened his eyes to the miracles before him.

Today, as director of the Glen Dale campus where he lived as a child, Buckley is able to witness dozens of miracles in the lives of the youth who now live at Glen Dale. Each year, six or seven of the graduates return to Glen Dale to "measure their difference." When they do, Buckley is there to help them see the miracles that have happened in their own lives.

Miracles do happen. And lives are changed each time you share a kind word or deed. At Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, we invite you to celebrate with us the miracles of the season. Thank you for the miracles you have made happen in the lives of the children.

mountains to the mississippi

■ ELIZABETHTOWN—Henry White, pastor of Youngers Creek Church, was elected vice moderator of Severns Valley Association. Former vice moderator Bill Bailey has resigned to accept a call from Calvary Church in Elizabeth City, N.C.

■ ELKHORN—Scott Ellis has been called as minister of youth by Grace Church.

■ FRANKFORT—Mike Shupert is serving Immanuel Church as minister to youth and senior adults.

■ GHENT—Tracy Ivester is serving as youth and music minister at Ghent Church. He is a student at Southern Seminary.

■ HODGENVILLE—Parkway Church called Michael Sharp as pastor. Sharp is a third-year student at Campbellsville College.

■ LACENTER—Mt. Pleasant Church called Doug Kineman of Kevil as pastor.

■ LEDBETTER—Ohio Valley Church called Franklin Sullivan as minister of youth.

■ LEXINGTON—Boone's Creek Church called Ed Wesley as minister of music.

■ LOUISVILLE—Hurstbourne Church called Craig Loscalzo as interim pastor.

Wayne Ward will serve Walnut Street Church as interim pastor throughout December.

Sixteen Baptist churches have committed to participate in the Greater Louisville John Guest Challenge Oct. 2-11, 1992, an evangelistic crusade led by John Guest. Already, 56 churches representing 15 denominations have committed to the event, which will include five nights of evangelism, concerts, youth rallies and prayer at Louisville's Freedom Hall. For information, call (502) 587-1044.

■ MAYFIELD—Trace Creek Church ordained Casie Ausenbaugh and Richard Scoggins as deacons and ordained current Minister of Music Fred Murphy into the gospel ministry.

■ MIDDLESBORO—West Cumberland Avenue Church called Albert Bentley as pastor.

■ MIDDLETOWN—First Church called Sara Spahr as interim minister of youth.

■ MURRAY—Kevin Hamm has been called as pastor by Locust Grove Church. He previously served as associate pastor at Eastern Gate Church in Louisville.

■ PADUCAH—R. Perkins Atherton has resigned as pastor of Highview Church. He served the congregation since 1945.

■ RADCLIFF—Bruce and Rhonda DeVoe are serving Mill Creek Church. DeVoe is minister to youth and singles. Mrs. DeVoe is minister of childhood education. The DeVoes are from Jamestown, Tenn.

Voices are from Jamestown, Tenn.

■ RUSSELLVILLE—First Church ordained Bob Sawyer as deacon.

■ SMITHLAND—Russell Joiner is available for pulpit supply, interim or revivals. Contact him at (502) 928-2253.

■ SOMERSET—Burnetta Church hosted 157 guests for a 100th anniversary celebration. Former pastors Johnnie Waters, J.S. New, Billy Frank Adams, Vola Brown and Neal Wade brought greetings; Don Pippin sent greetings by letter.

■ UNION—Union Church called Mike and Kim Sipple as youth ministers.

■ WINCHESTER—Emmanuel Church called Dan Newton as interim pastor.

CORRECTION: Wayne Dunn is pastor of Providence Church of Estill County in Winston. Les Ellison is serving Macedonia Church in Mt. Sterling as pastor.

Worthville breaks ground for new building

WORTHVILLE—Even though the town of Worthville has long passed its boom years, Worthville Baptist Church is growing and recently broke ground for a new educational building.

The church is 117 years old and located in a community with no businesses. Worthville was "a booming railroad town years ago," explained Pastor Delbert Butts, but the boom of the railroad years turned into a bust with the decline of passenger rail travel.

Despite this environment, the Worthville congregation has grown from about 75 in attendance two years ago to more than 90 now and enrolled 147 in vacation Bible school last summer. About half the congregation's

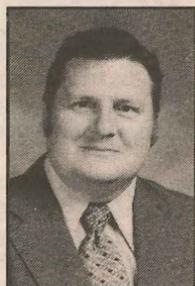
members are under 20 years of age, Butts said.

This growth has heightened the need for additional space. The church broke ground Nov. 3 for a \$75,000 addition that will include seven classrooms, a fellowship hall and kitchen.

Members already have contributed \$20,000 toward the project, Butts said.

The church also has purchased a 15-passenger van to reach out to residents of nearby resort areas.

Butts said the positive attitude of the congregation and the influence of youth and music minister Donny Kauffman have contributed to the church's recent growth.



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oneida journal

Memories of Bert Combs about Oneida

Word has just come of the tragic death of former Kentucky Gov. Bert Combs. His roots go deep at Oneida.

He attended school here in the 1920s. His father and mother both attended here. Indeed his mother, the former Martha Jones, was among the first students that enrolled on Oneida's opening day, Jan. 1, 1900. His great-grandfather "Meridy" Combs and grandfather Lee Combs both were on Oneida's first board of trustees. His uncle Preston Jones was Oneida's school doctor for 35 years and was living on the school campus when he died. His uncle Charlie Goins served every capacity at Oneida for nearly 30 years including as president 1934-1941. His cousin Saul Houchell was an Oneida teacher and principal 18 years and president 1941-1946.

Gov. Combs wrote a forward to the book "Dawn Comes to the Mountains," a pictorial accounting of Oneida's early years. He remembered: "My parents sent me to school at Oneida Institute when I was eleven. The year was 1922 and I was in the seventh grade. I stayed in the school

dormitory my first year. The next year I lived in the home of my uncle, Charlie Goins, and his wife, Sally. Uncle Charlie was then a teacher at Oneida.

"My mind takes me back to travel by mule back over creek-bed roads; to open grate coal fires in winter and coal-heated cook-stoves the year round; to coal-oil lamps and outdoor privies; to huge walnut logs being fastened together into a raft to be floated down the South Fork of the Kentucky River and then down the Kentucky to a commercial market; to stern-visaged mountaineers, who had but lately, and sometimes reluctantly, forsaken the way of the feudist for the ideal of booklearning.

"One had the feeling that the menfolk were not wholly convinced that booklearning was here to stay. But their faithful wives, who spoke little in public but were usually opinionated and influential at home, had come down hard on professor Burns' side (Oneida's founder). They had convinced their husbands that God had spoken to them through professor Burns and had commanded that they stack their rifles and join with their feudist enemies to build a school where the principles of the New Testament would be taught to their children. So, the former feudists had embarked with a vengeance on a crusade for booklearning at Oneida Institute. They went about it with the same purpose they had formerly used in devising schemes to kill one another.

"My parents lived on a small farm at Beech Creek about fifteen miles from Oneida. They decided to send my sister Virginia and I (the oldest of seven children) to Oneida ... a symbol of excellence in grade and high school education in Clay County.

"While I was at (Oneida), professor Burns was away on the lecture circuit, but his personality and influence were always felt in almost a physical sense. By that time he was already both a legend and an awe-

some personality. ... Although professor Burns had only the rudiments of a formal education, God had given him the talent to compete on the lecture circuit with some of the best minds of America. ...

"Classroom work at Oneida was difficult, but not tedious. We were expected to attend regular chapel as well as Sunday school and church. We were also taught that only a coward would lie or steal, and that moral courage was as important as physical courage.

"What I remember most vividly about classroom work at Oneida was the dedication and enthusiasm of the teachers. They seemed to have an obsession that it was their lifework to pound knowledge into the heads of their students. There were no frills nor soft courses. The curriculum consisted mainly of arithmetic and English, geography and history.

"Fortunately, some of the teachers had vision and imagination. ... We were told about the world outside. We were told about railroad trains and streetcars, about steamships and tall buildings, about hard-surfaced highways where automobiles traveled ten times faster than the horse drawn mail hack which was the only mode of transportation between Oneida and London. We were taught that the twentieth century was just coming awake: that there would be many great discoveries and opportunities for young people who had the energy, imagination, and tenacity to carve for themselves a place in the world outside. The teachers were almost evangelistic in their desire to inspire and their enthusiasm was contagious. The training I received at Oneida has had a profound effect on the course of my life."

That was written by Bert Combs 10 years ago. Some of his greatest achievements have come since then. He never forgot his "roots." We are grateful that Oneida was a part of him and he a part of OBI. His life blessed millions. What a legacy!

'We opened our home but he inhabited our hearts'

By Jim Newton
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Fay Runnion wept unashamedly when she said goodbye to her Kazakh friend, Timour Jankobaev.

In just two weeks, the 24-year-old Kazakh business intern had become an adopted member of the Runnion family.

"We opened our home to him, but he inhabited our hearts," Mrs. Runnion sniffled as Jankobaev boarded the plane to return to the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Soviet Union.

"I'm not going to say goodbye," Jankobaev told the Runnions at the airport. "We will always be together, because you are in my heart, and I am in yours."

It was an emotion-packed moment at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport when 19 business interns from Kazakhstan said goodbye to the host families. The interns spent two weeks studying market economy principles practiced by Atlanta corporations.

It was amazing how the Soviet interns and their host families bonded in friendship during the brief period, said Jim Warren, president of Spear Contract Services Inc. and coordinator of the project sponsored by the Central Asia Foundation. All the interns stayed in the homes of Baptist families, most of them members of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga.

Jankobaev's experience with the Runnion family was typical.

Every day, Jankobaev went to work with Dan Runnion, a senior vice president at the American Security Corp., an international company which specializes in insurance and financial services to consumer banks.

Each evening, Jankobaev went home with Runnion and became a part of the family. He played Chinese checkers nearly every night with 11-year-old Jennifer, and chess with 12-year-old Andrew. "If anything, he saw love in our home, and that seemed to surprise him so much," Mrs. Runnion said.

The project also personalized international relations for the Runnions.

"I no longer think of the Soviet Union as a country," Mrs. Runnion confided. "Now the Soviet Union has a face, and it is the face of Timour Jankobaev. They are just like us. Timour sounded just like Dan Runnion at age 24."

Runnion said he tried to get Jankobaev to focus on the values of integrity and honesty in business. Jankobaev said it was a scary

responsibility to try to take such concepts into a society where they do not understand such issues and where a mindset of fear must be confronted.

When he asked Runnion how he could have integrity in his business in Kazakhstan, Runnion told him, "You have to have a faith that is unshakable."

During a visit to Chick-Fil-A Corp., Jankobaev heard President Truett Cathey, a Southern Baptist, talk about the Christian principles upon which he founded and operates his fast-food outlets.

Throughout the visit, Jankobaev told the Runnions he considers himself "a good Catholic," even though he had never attended worship or mass at a Catholic church. He said he reads the Bible and believes it is a "book of wisdom for practical living."

Jankobaev attended worship services at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church where Runnion is a deacon, and took notes when the pastor, Bryant Wright, said Jesus Christ is the greatest gift God has ever bestowed upon mankind.

Jankobaev told the Runnions later that he likes the Bible as a book of wisdom, but he could not "accept Jesus as the cornerstone."

Mrs. Runnion asked Jankobaev what would happen if the cornerstone were removed from a building. Jankobaev, whose father is in the construction business, admitted that the building would collapse.

"Well, if you reject Jesus, you might as well just throw the whole Bible out," Mrs. Runnion responded.

As going-away gifts, the Runnions gave Jankobaev a photo album with 200 pictures of his trip, a leather-bound Bible with his name engraved on the front, and a Sony Walkman with a cassette recording of Handel's "Messiah." They urged him to listen to the "Messiah," and to read the Gospel of John on his 20-hour plane trip back to the Soviet Union.

"We had a divine appointment for two weeks," Mrs. Runnion said. "This stranger came into our lives who had never been in a Christian home before. And none of us will ever be the same."



TEARFUL GOODBYE—Dan Runnion (left), a deacon at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., says goodbye to Timour Jankobaev, a Kazakhstan citizen who spent two weeks living with the Runnion family and working by Runnion's side as an intern at American Security Corp. in Atlanta. Runnion's wife, Fay, wipes away a tear during the emotional farewell at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport. (BP photo by Jim Newton)

Georgia Baptists teach Kazakhs market economy

By Jim Newton
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Nineteen business interns from the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan studied American market economy principles and lived in the homes of Atlanta Baptists as part of a two-week exchange program that participants said changed their lives and perceptions.

Fifteen of the 19 Kazakhs stayed with members of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta. The four others stayed in homes of other Atlanta Baptists.

Southern Baptists initiated the project through the Central Asia Foundation, a non-profit corporation which promotes educational and cultural exchange, humanitarian aid and economic development in Kazakhstan and other central Asian republics of the Soviet Union.

Organizers of the Atlanta business intern project said the results exceeded their expectations and hopes, primarily because host families became involved in the lives of the interns who stayed in their homes.

Jim and Jane Warren, coordinators for the project, agreed "this has changed both the lives of the host families, and the lives of the interns, as they developed close friendship ties across cultural and international barriers."

Warren, a member of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and president of Spear Contract Services Inc., said 31 volunteers responded within three days after the pastor, Bryant Wright, asked church members to volunteer as host families.

During a fellowship meal for the interns and their host families at Johnson Ferry, Wright answered a score of questions from interns about Christianity and religion.

Wright said the project offered an exciting opportunity for Baptists to demonstrate the love of God by showing how Christians live their faith in their work and in their homes.

The 19 Kazakh interns went to work each day with their host, and studied market economy principles and American business organizational methods. They toured the international headquarters of The Coca-Cola Co. and Chick-Fil-A Inc. and attended executive international business seminars at Emory University and sessions of an international conference sponsored by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

They also attended a basketball game between Georgia State University and the Soviet Army team from Kazakhstan. Several of the Kazakh interns assumed the roles of cheerleaders for the visiting team from their hometown, Alma-Ata.

Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young told the group he was especially pleased Atlanta was chosen as the host city for the project as Soviet leaders study ways "to move from a Marxist economy to a market economy."

Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a former Disciples of Christ pastor, urged the interns not only to study American business methods, but to learn about the values of family and faith in God.

The Atlanta project is a follow-up to the first Kazakh-American Cultural Festival which took place in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, June 21-July 6. About 330 Americans and more than 100,000 Kazakhs participated in the festival. A second cultural festival is being planned in Pennsylvania and other states, May 10-25, 1992, when about 300 Kazakhs are expected to travel to the United States.

Baptists take donated medical supplies to Kazakhstan

By Beth Sammons
Central Asia Foundation

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (BP)—Six Southern Baptists joined in celebrating the closing of a nuclear test site in the Soviet city of Semipalatinsk in October.

The delegation also introduced a sampling of approximately \$1 million worth of medical supplies sent by Southern Baptists to Soviet Central Asia.

The Baptists represented Cooperative Services International, an arm of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board that works through the Central Asia Foundation in the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

The group attended the nuclear test site closing ceremonies at the invitation of the Union of Nuclear Tests Victims and the Nevada-Semipalatinsk Movement. The trip gave the Southern Baptist workers an opportunity to visit an area children's hospital and observe the effects of nuclear testing on people, said Ed Mason, a Southern Baptist volunteer from Tallahassee, Fla., who works in Kazakhstan.

Mason was invited to speak several times during the ceremonies. He congratulated the

people of Kazakhstan and explained the medical gift was from "Christians in America."

"The purpose of the medicine is to help alleviate suffering, but it also opens up the opportunity to share Christ's love with the people—people who for 70 years have been told there is no God and that religion is just an opiate," he said. "I feel anything we do in the way of humanitarian aid gives us good acceptance into an area in which we want to share Christ's love."

Semipalatinsk is located in the eastern part of Kazakhstan, the second-largest republic in the Soviet Union. The nuclear testing, which began in 1949, has affected the Semipalatinsk, Karaganda and Pavlodar regions. The population of these regions totals approximately 3 million people.

Between 1949 and 1989, when testing was stopped, the overall yield of test explosions was 2,500 times that of the Hiroshima bomb, according to information compiled by the Nevada-Semipalatinsk organization.

More than 500,000 people have been exposed to constant radiation of various doses, and the rate of leukemia deaths in the Semipalatinsk region has grown seven times. The

number of deaths due to respiratory cancer has doubled in the past decade. Health officials also have observed a considerable rise in mental retardation.

The Southern Baptists were told virtually everyone in the region suffers from dental problems as a result of the nuclear fallout. A high infant mortality rate exists as well.

While visiting the children's hospital, the Baptists observed a number of patients suffering from cancer. They also were disturbed to find the hospital filled with 340 patients; it was built for 180.

The hospital in Semipalatinsk was one of several in Kazakhstan to receive a portion of the medicine shipped by Southern Baptists. Hospitals in Pavlodar and Karaganda, other cities affected by the nuclear testing, also have received supplies.

While the group was in Semipalatinsk, they were told the humanitarian aid from Southern Baptists was the first to be received.

Southern Baptist volunteers also have concentrated their efforts on Aral'sk and Kzyl Orda, two cities surrounding the dying Aral Sea. They reportedly brought the first Christian aid to these areas as well.

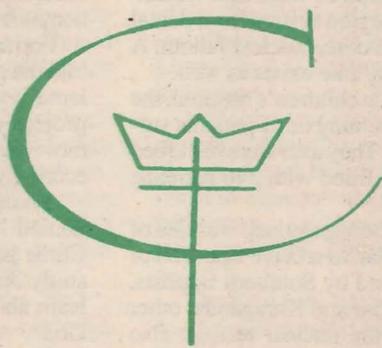
It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas at Cumberland College

It's a time of excitement and enthusiasm on the Cumberland College campus as faculty members and students prepare for the semester's final examinations and the holiday vacation. When classes are dismissed on December 18th our students will travel to homes far and near. Many will make their first visit home since arriving in Williamsburg last August.



More than 150 students were involved in the various choral activities that opened the Christmas season on our campus. Christmas festivities at Cumberland College began with "The Hanging of the Green" on December 2nd under the direction of Dr. Joe Tarry, Music Department Chairman. The Women's Chorus, under the direction of Donna Colegrove, and the Men's Chorus, directed by David Etter, sang the favorite carols, while Gayle Tankersley's Handbell Choir filled the air with ringing. A few days later, "Ye Olde Madrigal Dinners" began and were well attended, providing food and frolic for the hundreds of special guests, students, faculty and friends. Dr. Harold Wortman's Chamber Choir is the leader in this gala event.

Season's



Greetings

The college's Mountain Outreach program, celebrating its 8th year, supplied food certificates for 75 families for Thanksgiving and an equal number for Christmas. The Clothes and Toy Give-away was a mega success with the program's participants exercising their privilege to shop for free gifts for their families. The new and used gifts are made possible through area merchants and other friends of Cumberland College. According to Director Rick Rieffer, "We brought Santa in the name of Jesus to more than 300 families. For so many in our area, Christmas is such a depressing time. The first Saturday in December has come to have special meaning! It encourages our students to be able to bring some joy. At least 60 people were waiting when the doors opened. As the audience increases we are so grateful for the response of our friends who supply children's clothes, shoes, and toys for the give-away."



The smile of a child with a toy warms the heart and brings nostalgic memories during the Christmas season

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, on behalf of the college's Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students thank you and other Kentucky Baptists for your support of Cumberland College and invite you to watch, "Our Gift to You," a program of Christmas music filmed on the campus and in the surrounding area. The program will be aired on television stations throughout Kentucky. Please check your local listing for date and time.