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Parks explains decision to FMB staff



TEARFUL GREETING Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, receives a tearful embrace from FMB employee Annie Edwards after Parks explained to staff his decision to retire in October. Many FMB staff members came forward to embrace Parks after the chapel service. (BP photo by Charles Ledford)

RICHMOND, Va.—Keith Parks and trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board had a spiritual experience at the meeting where he decided to retire as FMB president, but that doesn't mean they agreed on every point, he told FMB staff members.

Parks, a veteran missionary who has led the FMB since 1980, announced his intent to step down as president during a news conference in Dallas March 20. The announcement came at the conclusion of a two-day meeting with trustees planned as a spiritual retreat to resolve issues about his leadership.

He explained his decision to FMB staff members in a chapel service March 23 at the agency's Richmond, Va., headquarters.

"For a long time there has been the impression that if you can get together and pray together and have a good spiritual experience, that means you will all come out with the same conclusion," Parks said. "Although many of us had a very honest spiritual experience, that didn't change some of our basic ideas ... convictions ... and differences."

Parks said part of the disagreement over the president's role was his refusal to endorse the "conservative resurgence" or "new order" brought about by 13 years of internal fighting in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Parks reaffirmed his belief in the Bible and his conservative theology. But he told trustees he can't endorse the conservative movement "in good conscience ... because my basic concept of the Bible is what I think Baptists have always stood for"—to cooperate in a non-creedal manner.

The denomination is moving toward a creedal approach of imposing theological control, he said, and FMB trustees expect him to exert more theological control over staff, missionaries and overseas Baptists than he feels comfortable exerting.

Parks said he disagrees with an approach. *See Parks explains ..., page 2*

Issues remain in final days of legislature

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

FRANKFORT—Kentucky legislators headed into the final days of the 1992 General Assembly this week amid a stand-off over three abortion bills and with the potential for passing bills to expand local-option liquor elections and regulate the fund-raising of charitable organizations.

As the Western Recorder went to press Monday morning, legislators were waiting to hear if a judge's decision would force them to vote on the abortion bills. That decision was to be handed down just one hour before the Senate convened Monday, the last day new legislation could be voted on during this session.

The abortion bills—one requiring parental consent for minors to obtain abortions, one to establish health and safety standards for abortion clinics and another to require informed consent for anyone getting an abortion—passed the House March 3 and were sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where they have languished.

That committee's chairman, Sen. Kelsey Friend, D-Pikeville, refused to call the bills for a vote, apparently in an effort to protect senators from taking a stand on the controversial abortion issue.

When Senate Republicans attempted to force a vote on the abortion bills March 26, Senate Democrats used their majority status to prevent the bills from being heard.

Sens. Tim Philpot, R-Lexington, and David Williams, R-Burkesville, immediately filed suit, accusing the Senate's Democratic leadership of violating the state constitution. That suit was to be decided by Franklin Circuit Court Judge Roger Crittenden by noon March 30.

Two other bills of concern to Kentucky Baptists were set for a final vote in the Senate Monday as well. Both passed the House earlier.

■ House Bill 753 would make some special districts as small as one precinct eligible to vote in local-option liquor elections.

■ House Bill 902 would institute new regulations for fund-raising by charitable organizations. The bill was intended to shut down organizations that raise money in the name of charity but give very little of their receipts for charitable causes.

Concerns that the bill would hinder the legitimate fund-raising efforts of churches prompted talk of amendments. Changes could be made in conference committee between the House and Senate this week.

S U M M E R

PLANNING • GUIDE • & IDEAS

This edition of the Western Recorder contains a special section full of information to help families get ready for summer activities and trips.

Beginning on page 6, you'll find stories about where to send children and teens to camp, how churches can make the summer more fruit-

ful for children,

where to travel in Kentucky and how to take a family missions vacation at home or abroad.

And don't miss the suggestions on page 7 for 57 varieties of family fun this summer.

Americans want to do right but reject absolutes

PRINCETON, N.J.—Most Americans say they want to follow God's teachings, but few believe in moral absolutes, the Gallup Poll reports.

Also, the Gallup Organization found 50 percent of Americans expressing concern about "religious fundamentalism" and 36 percent citing concern about "secular humanism."

To determine Americans' opinions on moral absolutes, the poll asked people whether they agree or disagree with this statement, "There are few moral absolutes: what is right or wrong usually varies from situation to situation."

Nearly 70 percent of Americans agreed with the statement. Only 27 percent disagreed.

Those opinions held relatively consistent across lines of gender, age and education. However, people under 30, those with less than a college education and those who consider themselves politically liberal were most likely to agree with the statement.

Despite this lack of confidence in moral absolutes, 70 percent of the population considers it very important to do what God or Scripture tells them is right when choosing between right and wrong.

Those who say religion is very important in their lives are most likely (91 percent) to be concerned with the counsel of God or Scripture when making moral decisions.

However, 63 percent of this group also rejects the concept of moral absolutes.

To determine attitudes about religious fundamentalism and secular humanism, the Gallup Organization asked Americans to rate their concern about several social and political issues.

There is some room for confusion on this question, the pollsters point out, because people could include non-Christian groups such as the Shiite Muslims of Iran with fundamentalism.

Still, half of all Americans express

concern about religious fundamentalism while about one-third show concern about secular humanism, something often preached against by religious fundamentalists.

People who classify religious beliefs as very important are most likely to be concerned about secular humanism (44 percent), while those who consider religious beliefs not important are least concerned about humanism (22 percent).

Yet even those who consider religious beliefs very important are concerned about religious fundamentalism (60 percent) more than those who consider religious beliefs not important (26 percent).

Likewise, political conservatives are more likely than political liberals to be concerned about religious fundamentalism or secular humanism.

This data was collected by the Gallup Organization on behalf of Americans United for Life through telephone interviews with a representative national sample of 2,104 adults.

BAPTISTS

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■ **North Carolina Baptist** leaders have drafted a recommendation that the state convention refuse gifts from churches publicly approving homosexuality and disqualify them as "cooperating churches." The recommendation, which goes to the convention's general board May 19, was drafted in response to two North Carolina churches' stands on homosexuality issues.

■ **Annuity Board** trustees voted a 5 percent increase in benefits for 22,000 annuitants in Plan A and defined contribution plans. Eligible annuitants will see the increase in their checks at the end of July.

■ **Baptist women** in ministry are invited to the annual meeting of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry April 30 at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The 11 a.m. meeting will include a luncheon. For details, contact the organization at 2800 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206.

■ **Southwestern Baptist** Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, has approved an advanced standing degree that allows qualified students with undergraduate religion degrees to earn the master of divinity degree by taking 74 hours rather than the standard 92-hour requirement.

■ **The Kentucky Baptist** Fellowship will offer a day of dialogue at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville April 11 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cecil Sherman, coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will speak. For details, contact Carolyn Hale at (502) 863-1537.

Joint Committee hires lawyer, seeks funds

WASHINGTON—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has retained legal counsel in its bid to recover \$300,000 in disputed funds.

Stuart Eizenstat, former chief domestic policy adviser in the Carter administration and a partner at the law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, notified Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee attorney James Guenther in a March 23 letter that the firm had been retained.

Eizenstat's letter instructed Guen-

ther that all correspondence concerning the funds be directed to Eizenstat's partner, Jeffrey Watkiss, at the firm's Washington office.

The dispute involves money set aside by the Executive Committee in 1967 to help purchase a building for the Joint Committee in Washington, D.C. Last year, the SBC cut its ties with the Joint Committee and re-assigned religious liberty concerns to the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Since that time, the CLC has

claimed it should get the unused fund.

The Southern Baptist Foundation, acting on instructions of the Executive Committee, recently sent the Joint Committee a check for \$81,036, the amount of interest the \$300,000 principal had accumulated.

James Dunn, executive director of the Joint Committee, said the law firm was retained "to give the Baptist Joint Committee the level of expertise that we know is required in a matter so important and sensitive."

Parks explains his retirement to FMB staff

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proach in which theology takes first place in missions decisions over sound missions principles. Sound missions includes sound theology, he stressed, but theology is not the totality of missions.

Parks was greeted at the chapel meeting by several hundred staff members bearing candles symbolizing appreciation for his leadership.

Interspersing his remarks with humor that eased tension and sorrow in the chapel session, Parks said his decision came out of "a strong sense of the Lord's leadership rather than in the midst of confrontation and anger."

Henry Blackaby, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff member who led the spiritual focus of the retreat, told the Western Recorder Parks' decision was made in the midst of "a very deep encounter with God."

"I've never been in a meeting in which there was such transparent honesty in the presence of God," Blackaby said. "It was a real, sincere, genuine encounter with God which made the whole meeting very different."

"Most people there honestly felt Keith would stay, so when he took that direction (to retire) and said it came out of an encounter with God ... I have to trust the integrity of Keith Parks."

FMB trustees did, too, he added: "They submitted to his sense of God's leadership. Though they would've liked to reason with him to stay, if you're sincere in dealing with the Lord through your brother, you don't have an option."

In his talk to FMB staff, Parks commended trustee Chairman Bill Hancock of Louisville for his efforts to create the spiritual atmosphere at the retreat.

Parks expressed concern that the FMB is in danger of modifying its historic approach to indigenous missions by imposing "a Southern Baptist standard of theology or other matters" on groups overseas.

"They are not Southern Baptists," he explained. "We have no right to require them to use the terminology or have the theological views we have."

"Many trustees strongly feel we ought to have agreement with the theological position of people we work with overseas. I hope that can be modified, but it's a very serious matter as I understand it."

Parks also noted concern about a trend toward considering individuals qualified for denominational and missionary service only if their theology and politics are "right."

"There are many people whose theology would be very conservative, even more conservative than some who are in control, but they aren't acceptable because they haven't endorsed the political activity within the denomination," he said.

Parks said he felt trustees, who issued a statement after the retreat supporting Southern Baptists' historical principles of missions, had done so honestly. But he added it will take time for them to work through their differences about what the principles are and what they mean.

Parks also said he told trustees his

authority as president has been blurred because trustees are getting involved in administrative matters with staff and missionaries, rather than sticking to the formation of policy. That prevents the board from operating properly and indicates a lack of confidence in his leadership, he said.

If a missionary doesn't like an administrative decision, he can just go to trustees to get it reviewed, Parks said. That may let trustees feel they have more control and are not "rubber stamps," but what really happens is "nobody is in control," he said.

Parks has not indicated what he plans to do after leaving the FMB, except to say he still will be involved in missions.

Leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship said March 21 Parks probably will be asked to work with the moderate group's embryonic missions effort, but not immediately. Parks has not said whether he would accept such an offer.

"This is not an appropriate time for us to press ourselves upon him," explained Cecil Sherman, who will become the Fellowship's top administrator in April. "He knows about our great love for missions. Of course, we have things to talk about."

The Fellowship plans to hire a missions coordinator to direct its new global missions effort with a budget of about \$900,000 this year, increasing to \$2.5 million in 1993.

Reported by Robert O'Brien of the FMB through Baptist Press, Greg Warner through Associated Baptist Press and Marv Knox of the Western Recorder

Summary of discussion between Parks & trustees

BEDFORD, Texas (ABP)—Questions asked of Keith Parks by trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during their March 19-20 retreat focused on issues of leadership, theology, inclusion and mission strategy.

Although the retreat was held behind closed doors at a hotel, some trustees talked with the Louisiana Baptist Message about what was discussed.

The major questions were:

■ Why did Parks provide for no alternative view to be presented during the press conference in January, at which FMB administrators Isam Ballenger and Keith Parker announced their early retirements and criticized trustees?

■ Does Parks accept the 1987 SBC Peace Committee report as a

legitimate expression of guidance for the FMB?

■ Are trustees and staff abiding by the organizational guidelines in the FMB trustee manual?

■ What does Parks mean when he says the FMB should serve all Southern Baptists, especially in light of the recently publicized intention of a North Carolina church to license a homosexual to the ministry?

■ Does Parks still agree with his earlier statement that channeling money through avenues other than the SBC Cooperative Program would set the FMB back?

■ Would Parks agree to discuss decisions with trustee committees before discussing them with reporters or in a public arena?

■ How do Parks and the trustees go on from this point if there are

philosophical differences between them?

■ Is the FMB going to continue its policy of sending missionaries only upon request of Baptists in a given region, especially since no new requests are coming from Europe?

■ Is it necessary for the FMB to be involved with unions and federations not in theological agreement with Southern Baptists?

■ Does the indigenous principle, whereby the board seeks to work within the culture of an area, mean anything is permissible with no restraints?

■ How long does it take a new FMB president to learn the job, and how long will the board experience a leadership vacuum when Parks leaves?

Crossover blitz needs workers

As the April 15 tax deadline approaches, Bill Jagers would like Kentucky Baptists to keep another deadline in mind.

That is when registration is needed for people planning to participate in Crossover Indianapolis, said Jagers, director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Crossover Indianapolis is a door-to-door evangelistic campaign scheduled for June 6, prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis.

Jagers said he hopes Kentucky Baptists will pray for the effort and support it with their participation. "The Lord willing, I intend to be there myself," he added.

Jagers explained he has participated in pre-SBC evangelistic blitzes before and had good experiences. "They're usually well planned, and you know where you're going and what you're supposed to do. It's a fine way for what I call saturation evangelism. You harvest those who are ready to receive the gospel and plant seeds with those who aren't."

Crossover volunteers should register by sending their names, addresses, telephone numbers and church names to the Metropolitan Baptist Association of Central Indiana, 952 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46204. For more information, call the associational office at (317) 636-7121.

Ed Young agrees to SBC nomination

HOUSTON (BP)—Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, has agreed to be nominated as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis June 9-11.

Joel Gregory, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, earlier told news media he wanted to nominate Young in Indianapolis if Young would agree.

Young's nomination brings to three the number of announced candidates for the SBC presidency. Jess Moody, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Church in Van Nuys, Calif., announced last September that a group of non-aligned pastors and others had asked permission to nominate him. Nelson Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., announced Feb. 21 he would be a candidate. Both Young and Price are identified with the SBC's conservative movement.

Young said he would promote evangelism and missions as president.

"I also would seek to institute a plan whereby specific churches adopt specific programs and by so doing double our foreign and home missionary efforts. People will more willingly sacrifice when they have specific goals and see them accomplished. It is imperative that we do a better job of marketing the Cooperative Program."

Woman meets family she hoped to meet in heaven

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—A reunion Jeanette Burge thought might only take place in heaven happened in Kentucky March 11.

Through a chance discovery of a hidden document and connections with two Baptist churches, Burge was reunited with members of her birth family after about 40 years of separation by adoption.

"It's a miracle, what else can you say?" Burge said. "I still can't comprehend it all."

Burge and her five brothers and sisters were given up for adoption in the mid-1940s when desperate poverty prevented their mother, Hallie Corder Noe, from being able to care for them.

Although the older children were able to keep in touch at least for a while, Burge, the youngest, was adopted by a Louisville family when she was 6 months old. From the time she was 4, she said, she lost all contact with her birth family.

L.D. and Mamie Keith raised Burge in a Christian home. "We were very involved at South Jefferson Baptist Church," Burge said. "I became a Christian when I was 8 years old."

Burge also met her husband, Gilman, through the youth group at church, and they were married in 1963. They have two daughters and a granddaughter.

When Burge was 18, she decided to go see an aunt and uncle in Louisville, her only contact with her birth

family. However, she arrived at the site to discover the home had burned down, and gave up the search.

"I just prayed for them a lot," Burge said of her natural family. "I prayed that they too had been led to Christ, so that I could see them in heaven if not before."

Three of the siblings have known each other as adults for some time. Carol Martha Metz, adopted by a Chicago couple, lives in Clarksville, Ind. Bruce Harned, adopted by an American couple living in Panama, now lives in Shepherdsville. Judy Graves, another sister, resides in California.

Carol Metz was able to return to Louisville and find her mother, Hallie Noe, in 1975. That Mother's Day, Metz sent Noe a "Mother of the Year" certificate. They kept in touch until Noe's death last May.

That Mother's Day certificate was among the possessions Metz received after her mother's death. When Metz took the certificate out of the frame March 11 for a closer look, she discovered adoption papers for her youngest sister had been placed in the frame behind the certificate.

Metz was elated and immediately called a cousin, Pat Taliaferro, who helped her search for her sister.

The document listed the Keiths of Louisville as Burge's adoptive parents—the first information Metz had about her little sister. She and Taliaferro called the number listed in the telephone directory, but received no answer. Then they called the Keith Monument Co. in Louisville, hoping for a relationship.

"The man they talked to is no relation, but he happened to be a friend who knew me from when we both went to South Jefferson Baptist Church," Burge said. "He gave them my married name and told them I was now a member of Shively Baptist."

Metz and Taliaferro then paid a visit to Shively Baptist Church, confirming the Burges' address and looking up their picture in a directory. Then they headed for Burge's home.

"By the time I got home from work, my husband had invited them in and they were waiting with cameras in hand," Burge said. "Carol said, 'How would you like to have a sister?' and I told her I would love it."

The tearful reunion that followed was one full of a "thousand questions," Burge said, remembering that she did not at first even know her sister's name.

Burge, Metz, and their brother, Harned, planned a reunion for the next Sunday afternoon, March 15, at First Southern Baptist Church in Floyds Knobs, Ind.

"There were probably 40 to 45 people there with all our families," Burge said. "It was confusing. We just had to be introduced to everybody one person at a time."

But it was "the most natural thing in the world," she explained. "It was an instant 'you're mine' kind of feeling. We still cry every time we see each other."

March 11 brought the total number of siblings accounted for to four. In the meantime, the other two children were registered with the Ken-



tucky Adoption Reunion Registry in Lexington, an agency that helps adoptees find their birth families.

On March 23, Burge received news that her other two siblings had been found. Joseph Conklin, who now lives in Utah, and Bonnie McClish of Arkansas were adopted together.

"They were in shock when we called them," Burge said. "They didn't even know I existed."

A big reunion is planned next month when all six siblings will come to Kentucky to get reacquainted, or acquainted, as the case may be.

"I don't guess my life will ever be the same," Burge said.

Burge said she knows the Lord is responsible for her family's reunion. "As amazing as this is, as thrilled as I am to be in this new family, it still doesn't equal being part of the family of God."

REUNITED Siblings Bruce Harned of Shepherdsville, Jeanette Burge of Louisville and Carol Martha Metz of Clarksville, Ind., were separated as infants but reunited this month, partly through Baptist connections. (Photo by Paul Schuhmann, Louisville Courier-Journal)

Small association draws big crowd for missions event

STURGIS—About 450 people attended a "Missions Fair Extravaganza" in Ohio Valley Baptist Association March 8.

This was quite a feat, since 12 of the association's 19 churches average fewer than 30 people in Sunday school attendance, said Director of Missions Royce Pile.

The missions education event at the county fairgrounds ballooned into a strategic exhibition, Pile said. "We knew it was going to be good, but we

were not expecting this much success."

The event featured cakewalks, clowns, musical entertainment and a pie-throwing contest—with pastors for targets.

"The associational WMU council did an excellent job of coordinating the whole thing," Pile said. "Even the missionaries had never seen anything like it."

In addition to publicizing the event through newspaper, radio and fliers, the Woman's Missionary Union asso-

ciational council tried to involve each church in planning the event.

Fifteen out of the 19 churches in the association were represented, Pile said, "and that was the key to our success."

"The more people you involve in planning an event, the more you guarantee participation," he said.

The WMU council contacted each church and asked them to set up a booth representing a particular facet of missions, Pile said. One church set

up a Girls in Action booth, while another represented the Brotherhood and yet another was responsible for an evangelism display. Free materials, literature and food were provided to passersby.

Special booths featured foreign, home and state missionary representatives.

"We were hoping for a little emphasis on missions," Pile said. "But what we got were some extraordinary results."

Teens say pre-marital sex is skating on thin ice

By Connie Bull
State Correspondent

LOUISVILLE—The youth of Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville recently painted a graphic picture of the dangers of premarital sex and AIDS for their friends: Anything but abstinence is skating on thin ice.

That message was expressed at a midnight ice-skating party March 13. Minister of Youth Rob Hensley developed the idea as a means of reaching unchurched youths about a life-and-death topic.

Hensley invited Sarah Ewing, a chaplain at Methodist Evangelical Hospital, to give a 15-minute presentation midway through the two-hour skating session. Afterward, adult and youth counselors were available to provide information and counseling.

An ordained minister with 17 years experience in counseling, Ewing has ministered to 29 AIDS or HIV-positive patients since 1985.

"There is no cure for AIDS," Ewing told the teens. "Cure is a long way down the line."

She promoted abstinence outside of marriage as "the only safe way" and told the teens they should see the "stewardship of sex as one of God's greatest gifts."

Distributing condoms to teenagers is not the solution, she said, explaining that condoms have a 10 percent to 20 percent failure rate. Further, Ewing said, teens often fail to use condoms, even when available.

"You can contract AIDS from one sexual experience or one shared IV needle, including those needles used to inject steroids as is now popular,"

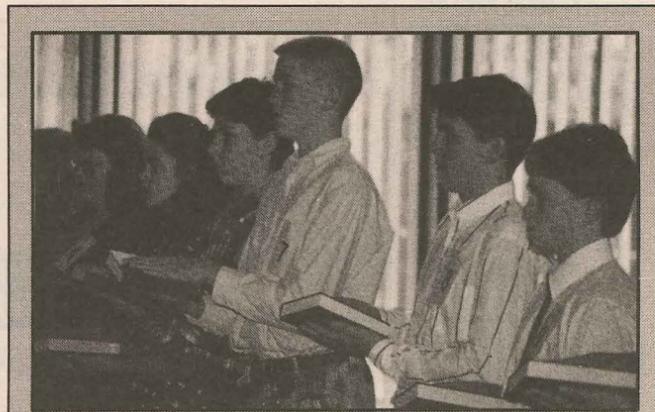
she said.

The presentation linked with a skating party was an experimental idea, Hensley said. He planned the event as a "test balloon" for other projects to reach teens not involved in church programs.

Before the skating party, 25 Beechmont youths and 12 adult sponsors distributed 1,500 tickets and 200 posters throughout schools.

Suzanne Clayton, a nurse at Baptist Hospital East and youth group sponsor, said she was encouraged by the contacts made. Of 40 registration slips turned in, 20 were from teens with no church affiliation.

"This is a great method to reach contacts for our church as well as communicate a message they aren't going to hear anywhere else," she said.



BIBLE DRILL A group of Kentucky Baptist youths line up for a Bible drill at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly March 21. This was one of two statewide competitions for Bible drill and a speaker's tournament sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist discipleship training department. A similar event was scheduled for Cedarmore Baptist Assembly March 28. Speaker's tournament winner was Amy Terrell of New Hope Baptist Church in Cadiz. Bible drill winner was Shalon McKinzie of Oaklawn Baptist Church in Paducah. (Photo by Kenneth Brown)

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Southern Baptists' materialism could prove deadly

The inerrancy controversy has overshadowed another Southern Baptist Convention illness which could prove even more deadly. This is materialism, otherwise known as greed and irresponsibility: Greed by the SBC administrators and pastors who accept six-figure salaries; irresponsibility by those who recommend them.

One form of this costly virus is the severance packages given no-longer-wanted SBC administrators. These executives are being removed or retired by fundamentalist-dominated boards in order to put their own inerrancy leaders in control.

Until recently, the most flagrant example was Lloyd Elder, who was replaced as president of the SBC Sunday School Board by inerrantist James Draper. Elder's early retirement package was shockingly extravagant, and the salary plus benefits for Draper benefit a major business executive more than a denominational servant.

A more recent instance is the severance package for Southeastern Sem-

inary President Lewis Drummond, an apparent buy-off of an inerrancy president being ushered out in order to reward another inerrancy leader.

The current example is the SBC Executive Committee. This powerful committee recommends how national Cooperative Program funds are to be divided. It also recommends its own appropriation. For many years, this was a relatively small amount, but not now.

The Executive Committee is budgeting \$4,211,070 for next year. This is a 4.67 percent increase; about \$3.2 million of the \$4.2 million will be from Cooperative Program funds.

Here are some items in this budget:

■ A Church of Christ minister has been employed as chief parliamentarian for the 1992 annual convention meeting. He will be paid \$1,000 as a preparation fee, \$1,000 a day for six days, plus \$125 an hour for pre- or post-convention consultations, plus all expenses.

■ The salary of Executive Committee President-elect Morris Chapman will be \$120,000.

■ Chapman will take office June 15 and work with President Harold Bennett until Bennett's retirement Sept. 30. Bennett will receive his \$120,000-plus salary through Sept. 30, and a \$22,000 retainer fee through Dec. 31. Other retirement benefits include a 1993 Lincoln Town Car, expenses to attend SBC annual meetings for life and expenses to attend Baptist World Alliance meetings for several years.

Where does the money come from? The hearts and hands of ordinary Baptists who have been taught to tithe with the assurance their gifts will be carefully used to send the gospel to all the world.

Consider a typical retired couple. Their fixed annual income is \$12,000, plus a savings-account interest. They love the Lord and have been taught tithing is biblical. So they tithe their fixed income and use the savings interest for special offerings.

Since local churches keep about 90 percent of undesignated offerings, and

state conventions keep about 65 percent of their Cooperative Program gifts, only \$42 of their \$1,200 annual contribution goes for SBC causes. At that rate, it would take them 2,858 years to pay the annual salary of one denominational executive.

This virus is no respecter of denominational factions. Nor is it restricted to denominational agencies. Church salaries often take priority over mission gifts and other vital budget items.

Jesus' servant model for ministers is disappearing. The attitude seems to be: The ship is sinking, let's get what we can before it goes under.

Jesus warned that one serving him must deny self, take up his cross and follow him. He also asked what shall it profit one who gains the whole world but loses his soul. Individuals, churches and denominations can lose their souls. It's time for Southern Baptists in the pews to rise up to shout, "Enough, enough, too much!"

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VIEWPOINT

Devil's dance

I have read, sometimes in silence and shame, sometimes with encouragement, Southern Baptists' positions on homosexuality. Some have done what has always been done: skirt the issue, change the name, avoid the truth, but sin remains the same—wrong.

A letter (WR, March 17) says Scripture only condemns homosexuality when it is connected with rape, prostitution, incest and cruelty. That's not just inaccurate, it isn't true. Leviticus 18:22 says, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." The words "as with" are comparative, meaning men having sex with men, instead of with women, is an abomination. It's a statement of fact. Romans 1:26-27 is equally clear and strong that such behavior is wrong, sinful and may meet with dire consequences.

As with any sin, the one committing sin should always be urged to repent, which includes turning from that sin, and the goal of reconciliation is clearly evident. We must condemn sin, not the sinner!

As for quoting Jesus' statement in John 13:34, "... as I have loved you," please remember that Jesus, while loving his disciples, also often rebuked them, on one occasion even saying, "Get thee behind me Satan!" When their actions were sinful, Jesus made no effort to say, "Well, that's alright, because I understand it's really who you are."

Those North Carolina churches have the right to make their choices. But I have the same right to withdraw fellowship, as long as they continue in something which I am convinced is open and flagrant sin. Trying so hard to avoid what the Scriptures say about all sorts of sin, of which homosexuality is clearly, absolutely one of those

sins, is nothing more than following an old cliché: "Dancing with the devil in the pale moonlight."

*Duane Holland, pastor
Hickory Baptist Church
Hickory*

Abhorrent action

Regarding the editorial (WR, Feb. 25), concerning the action of the SBC Executive Committee, I'll weigh in with Marv Knox and what I believe was the point of his editorial. The editorial was indeed "not about homosexuality"; it was about the autonomy of the New Testament church.

Homosexuality is wrong, period. And while we don't openly sanction sin, we do openly tolerate some pretty gross sins in our churches. This is not to say we should not rebuke homosexuality, but the Executive Committee is selective about its heresies. They did not threaten to disfellowship churches who were in the process of ordaining women as deacons did

they? Yet I believe this Executive Committee would have tackled that issue 15 years ago (and may still).

This brings me to my point. The SBC Executive Committee is not a Roman Catholic College of Cardinals. It is a committee of Baptist gear-oilers and rubber-band-winders. They keep things going until the local church sends a messenger to give direction and support to the convention's work. The local congregation does not need a College of Cardinals to tell it what sin is, how to interpret Scripture or who it may fellowship with.

As distasteful and as abhorrent as the sin of homosexuality is, I hold the action of the Executive Committee to be equally as abhorrent. Their action and their defense of that action is a perversion of the principle of local church autonomy held sacred by our Baptist forefathers.

*Mike Thomason, pastor
Temple Hill Baptist Church
Glasgow*

BAPTIST FORUM

How do you say "no" to your 1st love?

Of the several characteristics of Baptists, perhaps the one to which we most tenaciously hold is "the autonomy of the local church." Simply stated, we will not permit any other body to tell us what we can or cannot do as a local congregation.

Foremost among the reasons for the failure of the "original" Kentucky Baptist Convention, formed in 1832, was the suspicion that such a body might assume authority over local churches.

And if an elected body within a local church exerts more authority than the congregation has given, then it's only a matter of time before there is

unrest in the church.

It has also been my perception these past nine years that when a pastor exceeds the "unwritten" level of authority the church grants, he will soon be in trouble.

One of the problems which continues to surface in the SBC relates to "authority" and "autonomy." Specifically, the Executive Committee and the Foreign Mission Board have made recent decisions which give focus to this.

Each of these two Southern Baptist Convention entities has been given legal authority to make decisions related to their tasks.

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

churches begin to withhold funds, their message should be taken seriously.

When I was called here over nine years ago, our state convention was ready for a mission thrust. We still have much to do through direct and institutional ministries, and resources are needed to do it.

But increasingly I experience more Kentucky Baptists who are disturbed by the actions of some SBC boards. Even at my home I now get calls from pastors and lay-leaders. In referring to their lifelong "friend," the Cooperative Program, they ask, "How do we say 'no' to what we have always said 'yes' to?"

And, at this point, I have no easy answers.

William W. Marshall is executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

EDITORIALS

Get ready to enjoy your family & God's creation

What's your favorite season of the year?

Spring, fall and winter all have their fans, of course. But summer seems to be the time favored by most people.

Those of us who savor summer probably started cultivating that preference in childhood. Summer meant time off from school, a three-month parole from the rigors of structured life. Even kids who like school enjoy change-of-pace summer.

Summer also means longer, warmer days. Freedom from the constraints of coats and heavy clothes. Fresh-cut grass, watermelon and home-made ice cream. Vacations. Swimming. Baseball. Time outdoors. A little slower pace. The chance to read that novel you've been putting off. Going barefoot. Visiting family.

Depending on how warm the weather is right now (Who knows: This time of year it could be snowing, or you could be digging the short pants

out of the dresser.) you may or may not be prone to think about summer. But it's coming, and the Western Recorder wants to help you get ready. That's why we've prepared a special section on summer activities, places to go and things to see.

Whether you're single, retired, a family with kids (especially a family with kids) or an empty-nest couple, Kentucky offers "an uncommon wealth" of summer activity and fun. We hope the articles in our summer section will prompt your family, whatever its size, to explore your community and our state this summer.

And as you go, remember: The God who made our beautiful world and the interesting people in it is the same God who loves you and wants you to enjoy life. As summer approaches, plan to make some memories to last your family's lifetime.

Marv Knox

Plan now to make lifelong family memories.

Purge sin

I have read many articles on homosexuality. We can always find the opinion of man and the way of the world in the effort to cover up sin.

Sin is sin; that is what Christ died for. Sin is anything contrary to the will of God.

God did not intend man and woman to live together (Romans 1:27).

God made woman and brought her to man (Genesis 2:22).

The sanction of marriage is in Genesis 2. In Genesis 9:1 God blessed Noah; said be fruitful and multiply

and replenish the earth.

Only male and female can produce offspring. One of the wraths of sin is God gives the sinner over to a reprobate mind, void of judgment.

Paul in his letter to the Romans is given the word of God in condemning homosexuals and vile affections (Romans 1:24-32).

I believe that any Southern Baptist church that accepts or approves of homosexuality has separated themselves from the marriage feast of the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, and his bride, the church, and has divorced itself from the truth.

I believe that the person in the arti-

cle "Bind up divisions" who did not sign his name is ashamed of himself and of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Southern Baptists today must commit ourselves to fervent prayer in the spirit of faith and ask for the purging of sin from our churches.

Neal Prather, pastor
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Dreyfus

What year?

Did Jesus die in A.D. 30 or A.D. 31? I keep seeing 30 mentioned by Southern Baptist writers. I have written to the most prominent of these writers twice to ask how he arrived at 30 and have not received an answer.

I heard a speaker from another denomination explain that Christ died in A.D. 31. He used the prophecy of the 70 weeks of Daniel. He stated that "seven weeks and 62 weeks" were 483 days and the 483 days represented 483 years. He went on to explain that the book of Ezra gives the starting point and that historians have established the year as 457 B.C. Add 483 to 457 B.C. and you come to A.D. 27. (There is no year zero between B.C. and A.D.) A.D. 27 would be when Christ started his ministry.

The death of Christ three and one-half years later in the middle of the 70th week would be A.D. 31.

Darwin Foley
Shelbyville

BAPTIST FORUM

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Give & enjoy

One of the signs of maturity is delaying the immediate moment of pleasure in order to accomplish some task that is pending.

Some call it "delayed gratification"; others refer to this practice as "self-discipline." An example of this would be requiring our children to do their homework in the afternoon before allowing them to play.

Mature people are willing to put off pleasure. They see beyond the

moment. They understand such behavior eventually frees them to enjoy life more fully.

Most of us want things now. This is especially true of my generation.

We don't like waiting. We don't like sacrificing the enjoyment of the moment for some higher good.

This attitude affects us financially. Many of us have the motto, "Buy now; pay later." We push our credit to the limit to enjoy the moment. One look at my MasterCard bill, and you

would see I know what I am talking about.

Many of us don't know a lot about sacrificing our pleasure. In fact, the word "sacrifice" has lost its power to motivate us. It sounds dull to our ears like the word "duty." Sacrifice is a lost art. We are primarily concerned about getting our needs met in our relationships. No wonder marriages as well as our finances are in trouble.

Our faith is built around sacrifice. Sacrifice is not just a sign of maturity, but an expression of love. Sacrifice is giving up one thing for the sake of another. What great love!

I hope you will think about giving

sacrificially to God. We usually give when it's convenient, but like a child who delays his homework, we never learn the lessons of life very well. Our faith remains childish and immature.

We frequently can't give sacrificially to God because we have failed to delay our pleasure in other areas of life. There is nothing left to give.

I encourage you to take an important step in your own maturity and in your Christian discipleship: Give sacrificially. It really will free you to enjoy life.

Phil Christopher, pastor
Highland Baptist Church
Louisville

"Sacrifice" has lost its power to motivate us. It sounds dull ... like the word "duty."
Phil Christopher

Ricky's fateful jump ruined our spring break campout at the lake

The single-mindedness of youth ran headlong into the wisdom of age.

We were in the fourth grade, during spring break. We had waited months for this—an overnight campout at the lake, just our Sunday school class and our far-away-favorite teacher, Chuck Waller.

Chuck got it in his head that every boy in his class ought to know the books of the Bible. If we all learned them, Chuck promised, we would go camping on the Friday night and Saturday of spring break.

David Parker, my childhood friend and church pewmate, and I worked hard. We learned everything from Genesis through Revelation. We raced to see who could say them fastest. Then we memorized them backwards, which really messed up our prowess at Sword Drill.

While we practiced and waited for spring break, we fantasized about our trip to the lake. We knew our campout would be as exhilarating as Sir Edmund Hillary's ascent on Mount Everest.

And it was. At least for a pack of boys. We got to the lake by supper and feasted on hotdogs and roasted marshmallows. Next, we skipped rocks on the water, then came back to a blasting bonfire, then ghost stories, then bed.

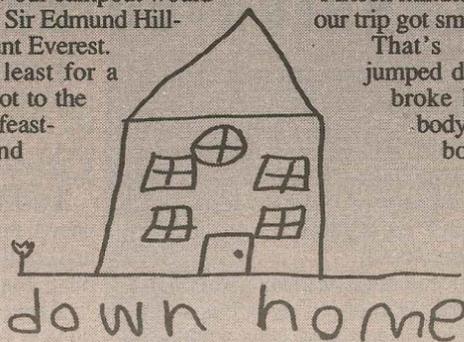
The next morning, we wolfed down breakfast, rolled up our sleeping bags and

waited for Chuck to finish his coffee, so we could go hiking.

Fifteen minutes later, the euphoria of our trip got smashed to smithereens.

That's when Ricky Smith jumped down into a ravine and broke his right leg. (Everybody else slid down on his bottom. But no, Ricky had to be a hero-stud and jump. What a brain.)

While Chuck tended to Ricky, our class conducted a straw poll. We voted to drag Ricky under a shade tree and pick him up late that afternoon.



That's when our single-mindedness collided with Chuck's wisdom. Ricky's mom would've been steamed if her Precious Punkin had to lay out with a broken leg all day. And besides, he might get dehydrated from bawling non-stop for the next seven or eight hours.

So, Chuck and Ricky prevailed. We loaded up into the pickup and headed home. Our cool campout crashed on a boulder in a dry creekbed.

Ricky Smith's broken leg always comes to mind when spring break rolls around. Remembering that sad Saturday morning, I hope today's fourth graders are more compassionate than we were. And I hope the Ricky Smiths of the world have gotten a lot smarter and a little less brave.

Marv Knox

SUMMER



MAKING WAVES Skiing is one of many popular water sports during Kentucky summers. Fishing, sailing and houseboating are other uses of Kentucky's 21 major lakes. (Photo courtesy Kentucky Department of Travel Development)

State's bicentennial offers family fun all summer

By Marv Knox
Editor

Three publications provide exhaustive what's-happening-and-where-to-find-it information about celebrations and things to do in Kentucky:

- "Kentucky State Parks Special Events 1992," available from Kentucky Department of Parks, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Metro St., 11th Floor, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-1974, (502) 564-2172.
- "Kentucky Traveller's Guide" and "Calendar of Events," both available from Kentucky Department of Travel Development, Box 2011, Frankfort, Ky. 40602, (800) 225-TRIP.

Birthdays beg to be celebrated, and Kentucky's bicentennial is no exception.

Parties will be popping up all over the commonwealth this summer, and most promise easy-access, low-cost family fun.

In fact, many summertime bicentennial events will be available locally, according to the state's Department of Travel Development. Almost every community and county plans bicentennial festivities for summer '92.

Families who want to get out of town to kick up their heels can head to Kentucky's 44 state parks and historic sites. The parks system has planned at least 10 events billed as bicentennial celebrations in June, July and August:

■ Kentucky Heritage Day at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park near Dawson Springs, June 6, featuring homemade pie and ice cream, folk music and crafts.

■ An arts and crafts fair, along with live entertainment and pioneer games, at Kenlake State Resort Park near Hardin, June 6-7.

■ Re-enactment of the marriage of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks—Honest Abe's parents—at Lincoln Homestead State Park near Springfield, June 13.

■ A week of bicentennial events at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park at Buckhorn, June 28-July 4.

■ Good Ole U.S.A. Days, another week of "old-fashioned fun" at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park

near Gilbertsville, July 1-5.

■ The William Whitley Family Reunion, drawing descendants of William and Esther Whitley (and other Kentuckians) to the William Whitley House State Historic Site in Stanford, July 2-5. They'll feast on country ham, run races on Sportsman's Hill and see special programs.

■ Square dancing, clogging and live entertainment, spicing up the bicentennial birthday bash at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park near Prestonsburg, July 3-5.

■ Fireworks to spark a similar party at Big Bone Lick State Park near Union, site of all-day live entertainment and family activities, July 3-5.

■ Pioneer Life Week, July 20-26 at Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill, including an array of

southeastern mountain region's arts, literature, natural resources and heritage, will begin in April and last through October.

From July 23 through Sept. 12, the Kentucky Art and Craft Foundation and the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art will sponsor a Kentucky crafts exhibit. It will feature furniture, baskets, quilts, jewelry and other Kentucky-made items.

All summer long, actors depicting historic Kentucky figures will tour the state, performing in all 120 counties as part of Kentucky Chautauqua. The touring shows will introduce Kentuckians to some of the people who made their state what it is today.

Of course, not everything fun to do in this bicentennial summer is a bicentennial event. You can attend:

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events illustrating pioneer living in the Bluegrass State.

■ Heritage Day Camp for children ages 7-12 at General Butler State Resort Park near Carrollton, Aug. 3-7. They'll explore Kentucky history and heritage on the lawn of the Butler-Turpin House.

Bicentennial birthday parties don't wait for Memorial Day or stop at Labor Day. Keep your eyes peeled for 200th anniversary celebrations in your area all year long.

For example, "Romance of the Hills," a celebration to highlight the

■ The Saluki Club of America's national show, featuring the "incredibly swift Saluki hound," at the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington, June 3-7.

■ Seedtime on the Cumberland, an annual festival of traditional mountain arts, crafts and concerts, in Whitesburg, June 4-6.

■ Bike to the Bluegrass, a 150-mile bicycle race from Louisville to Lexington, with an overnight stop in Frankfort, June 6-7.

■ Tales from the Viney Woods, evenings of story-telling and folk

songs at the Civic Center in Bardstonsville, June 8, 15, 22 and 29.

■ The Great American Brass Band Festival, along with a hot-air balloon race and picnic, June 13-14 in Danville.

■ Winn-Dixie's Street Ball Showdown, a three-on-three basketball tournament in Louisville, featuring 1,200 teams and 90,000 spectators, June 20-21.

■ The Poke Sallet Festival and Homecoming in Harlan, with a poke sallet dinner, country music, crafts and 6K run, June 22-27.

■ A Little Honey on the Side, all you ever wanted to know about beekeeping, at the Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary near Frankfort, July 11.

■ The Dulcimer Mountain Music Camp in Morehead, July 12-19.

■ Bluegrass Pickin' Time, a music festival at the Kentucky Opry in Draffenville, July 30.

■ Watermelon Bust, a combination watermelon feast/gospel sing in Benton, Aug. 1.

■ Morning Glory Ride, a 20-mile bike ride and sunrise breakfast in Covington, Aug. 2.

■ The American Saddlebred Horse Show in Shelbyville, Aug. 3-8.

■ The Central Kentucky Steam and Gas Engine Show in Paris, Aug. 7-9.

■ The 450-Mile Bluegrass-Chickamauga Outdoor Sale, maybe the world's longest yard sale, along US-127, from Covington to Gadsden, Ala., Aug. 20-23.

■ The Kentucky State Fair, of course. In Louisville, Aug. 20-30.

■ The Kentucky State Championship Truck Pull in Georgetown, Aug. 28-29 and Sept. 4-5.

SUMMER

Panel gives ideas for family projects, trips & games

1 Go to church. Participate in special church activities, such as crafts classes, vacation Bible school, mission trips and Bible studies.

2 Monkey around. Take the family to the zoo in Louisville, Cincinnati, Knoxville or St. Louis.

3 Take a look around. Visit one of Kentucky's many museums, such as the Lexington Children's Museum, the Museum of History and Science in Louisville, the J.B. Speed Art Museum in Louisville, the National Scouting Museum in Murray or the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor at Ft. Knox.

4 Go underground. Explore the caves found in South Central Kentucky at Mammoth Caves, Hidden River Cave, Mammoth Onyx Cave or Crystal Onyx Cave.

5 Go to work. Visit local businesses that give tours, such as the Ale-8-One Bottling Co. in Winchester, American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Barkley Dam, GM Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Humana Building in Louisville or Louisville Slugger tour in Southern Indiana.

6 Lend a hand. Volunteer to be a Big Brother or Big Sister for a child who needs a role model.

7 Pitch a tent. Take the family camping, whether in a tent in the backyard or to a cabin at one of Kentucky's many state parks and resorts.

8 Ride a bike. Take the family on a bicycle adventure—around town or away from home.

9 Find a flick. Take in a family movie on video or on the big screen.

10 Keep a record. Plan to take photographs, slides or video footage of the family's summer activities and then make a memorable presentation at the end of the summer.

11 Look back. Pull out the family Bible, photo albums and other records and review the family history with children and teen-agers.

12 Dine differently. Find an unusual or offbeat cafe, restaurant or roadside stand for a unique family meal.

13 Take charge. Assign each family member one night to be the person in charge, with responsibility for planning a favorite meal and a family activity.

14 Cross a river. Take a closer look at some of Kentucky's bridges, such as the suspension bridge between Covington and Cincinnati (the prototype for the Brooklyn Bridge and one of the first suspension bridges built in America) or the natural bridge near Red River Gorge in Eastern Kentucky.

15 Make a map. Get the children to draw and illustrate their own maps for family outings and vacations.

16 Worship. Plan a time for family worship, perhaps using a special resource such as the Family Worship Bible.

17 Catch a tune. Attend a con-

The Western Recorder put together a panel of family ministry experts to compile this list of ideas to spark your family's imagination on things to do this summer. The list includes ideas that appeal to all types of families—families with no children, families with young children, single-adult families, families with teen-age children and senior-adult families. Some ideas are free for the doing, others require some expense. Find an idea and adapt it to your unique family.

cert—either free or paid—at a local park, amphitheater or recital hall.

18 Run a race. Organize a neighborhood foot race or bicycle race.

19 Land a leaf. Collect leaves from various trees and mount them in a family leaf collection.

20 Borrow a book. Participate in a library reading program for children and see how many books can be read in one summer.

21 Fetch a fish. Head to a nearby river, lake or stock pond for a family fishing expedition.

22 Keep notes. Work together to make a scrap book related to a family trip.

23 Pen a pal. Get a pen pal and keep in touch by writing and receiving letters.

24 Find a friend. Adopt a grandparent, student, soldier or international visitor as a special friend.

25 Take off. Experience the joy of flying the cheap way: visit a nearby airport and watch the planes land and take off.

26 Pick a portion. Visit a you-pick-it farm to gather fruits and vegetables for upcoming family meals.

27 Create a craft. Find a craft project the whole family can work on together.

28 Be a star. Plan a neighborhood art show, pet show or talent show.

29 Serve a smile. Visit a local nursing home.

30 Grow a garden. Plant a family garden and work together in tending and harvesting it all summer.

31 Take a walk. For families with preschoolers, take a touching walk or listening walk and introduce children to new objects they find.

32 Swat a deal. Check out a flea market and find a bargain.

33 Cool off. Make homemade ice cream and have a family sundae night.

34 Plan ahead. Help children make and illustrate a family calendar for the summer.

35 Top a tree. Build a treehouse or fort outdoors or a tent or cardboard box house indoors.

36 Make a movie. Write a script and use a video recorder or audio cassette recorder to make a family movie or radio drama.

37 Look above. Make a family hobby out of bird watching—at home and while traveling.

38 Cross cultures. Explore other cultures in your community or research facts about Spain in preparation for the summer Olympics. Designate one night each week as international night, and prepare the family meal around that theme.

39 Hop a horse. Take the family horseback riding. This is Kentucky, after all.

40 Hide history. Make a family time capsule filled with interesting items from the present to be opened sometime in the future.

41 Go grave gazing. Explore some of Kentucky's historic cemeteries, such as Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, where scores of famous Kentuckians are buried, or Isaac Shelby Cemetery near Danville, where the first governor of Kentucky is buried.

42 Float a boat. Take a cruise on the Belle of Louisville, Delta Queen, Dixie Belle, Paducah Jubilee or Augusta Ferry.

43 Link up with Lincoln. Research and visit historic sites related to Abraham Lincoln, such as the Lincoln Heritage House in Elizabethtown, Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville or Lincoln Homestead State Park near Springfield.

44 Do a drama. Catch one of Kentucky's many outdoor dramas, such as "The Stephen Foster Story" at Bardstown, "The Legend of Daniel Boone" at Harrodsburg, the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre at Prestonsburg or "The Death of Floyd Collins" near Brownsville.

45 Pack a lunch. Take a family picnic to a nearby city park or while on a day trip to a more distant site.

46 Hunt for heritage. Take a family heritage vacation by visiting im-

portant sites in family history and spending time with relatives along the way.

47 Tell a tale. Take time for everyone to tell a story on a related theme, such as the first day of school.

48 Catch a game. Take in a baseball game with the Louisville Redbirds, Cincinnati Reds, Nashville Sounds or St. Louis Cardinals.

49 Check out churches. Explore historic Kentucky churches, such as Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Buckhorn Log Church near Hazard or Red River Meetinghouse near Adairville. At the same time, lead the family to understand the traditions of other faith groups.

50 Do lunch. If all family members work during the day, arrange to meet for a family lunch.

51 Trace a tree. Research and draw a family tree, perhaps with photographs or children's illustrations.

52 Put on a party. Host a block party to meet your neighbors and establish or renew relationships.

53 Recycle. Make a family project out of collecting newspaper, aluminum, glass and other recyclable items.

54 Star gaze. Visit a planetarium: Golden Pond Planetarium at Land Between the Lakes, Hummel Planetarium in Richmond, Rauch Memorial Planetarium in Louisville.

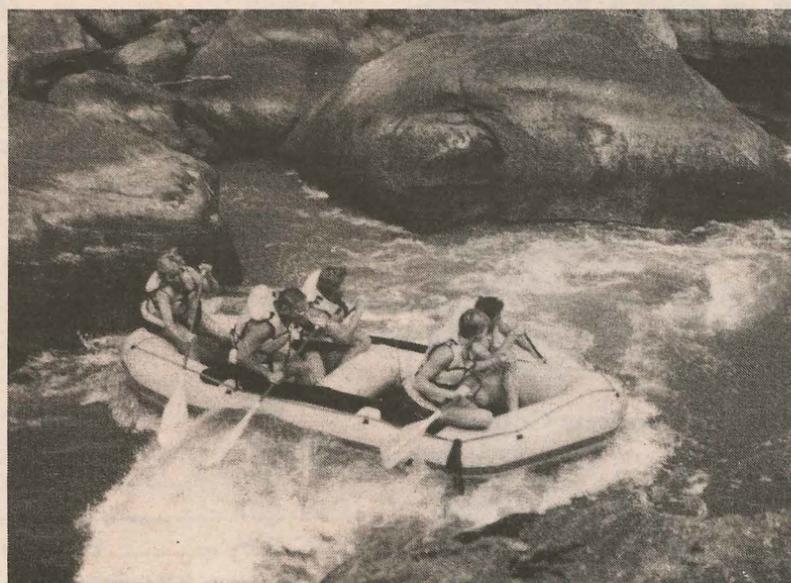
55 Take a hike. Put on your walking shoes and take a hike through one of Kentucky's wilderness areas or through your own community.

56 Say something good. Take one night for each family member to say something good about every other family member—and build self-esteem in the process.

57 Stay at home. For the family on the go, plan one night a week as a family night when everyone agrees to be home and spend time together.

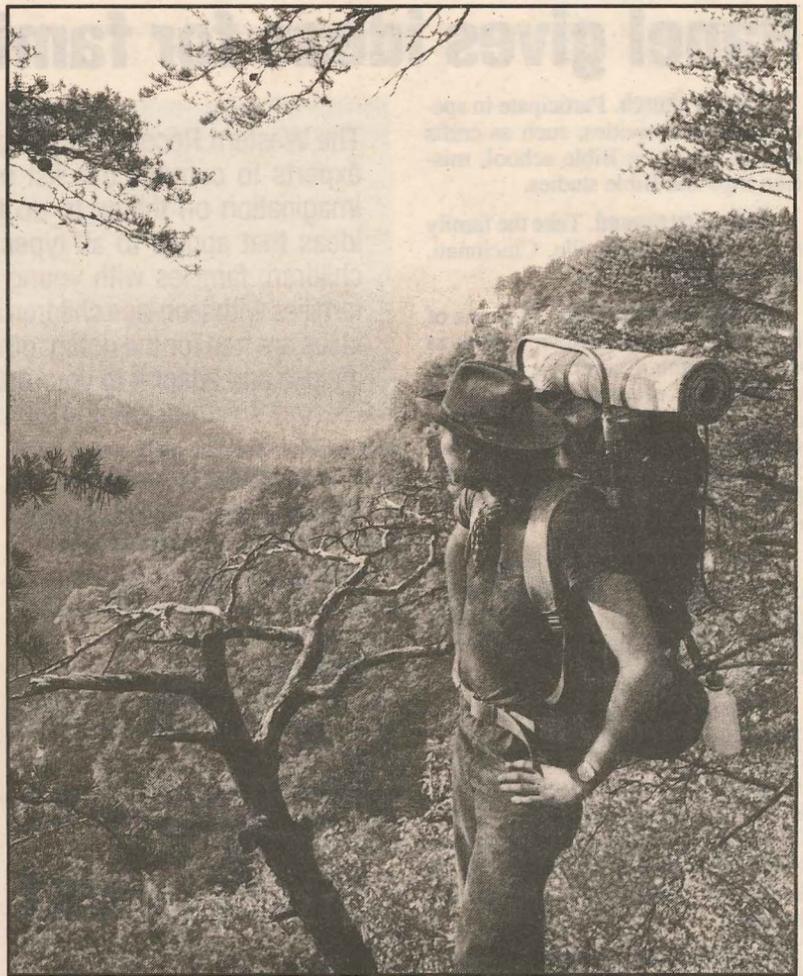
Kentucky Baptist Convention personnel contributing to this brainstorming project included Jewell Nelson and Jeff Hicks, Sunday school; Grace Powell, WMU; John Lott, Brotherhood; Michelle Turner, church growth and administration; John Lepper, family ministry.

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RAFTING There are more miles of running water in Kentucky than in any other state in the continental U.S. All this water is ideal for commercial and recreation ventures. In all, the Bluegrass State has more than 1,100 commercially navigable miles of waterways. (Photo courtesy Kentucky Department of Travel Development)

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ADVENTURE For day trips or week-long vacations, families can find adventure in Kentucky sights such as the Dixie Belle Riverboat that docks at Shaker Landing near Harrodsburg, thousands of miles of mountain trails across the state, or at historical sites such as the Perryville Battlefield, where Kentucky's greatest battle during the Civil War is re-enacted annually. (Photos courtesy Kentucky Department of Travel Development)



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Summer's a match for kids, churches & families

By Marv Knox
Editor

Children can have a happy, productive summer if their parents and churches work together, according to an informal survey of veteran ministers to children.

Teamwork, commitment and preparation are the key ingredients for a successful summer ministry to youngsters, they said.

For example, children's ministry leaders and parents should sit down early in the year and brainstorm about summer events and activities that could serve families with children. Then, the church could publish a brochure describing the plans and providing dates for the activities, so parents can plan family and business functions to accommodate the children's participation.

Some traditional church activities—such as vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs, day camps and day care—already provide ministry to children.

Churches also can modify those programs to meet the specific needs of families in their communities.

For example, curriculum for vacation Bible school and day camps can be combined to strengthen the crafts/activity emphasis of day camp by adding the Bible/missions focus of VBS—and provide an all-day program.

A downtown church might want to modify its VBS program to meet all day, one day per week, all summer long. Then children could ride in to work with mom or dad; spend the day working about missions, studying the Bible and participating in recreation and crafts; and then ride home after work.

Taking a different track, a church

might want to focus on a specific subdivision or apartment complex to provide Bible school and/or day camp for children in that neighborhood.

And churches can incorporate children's emphases into existing structures—such as a focus on children in worship, with youngsters providing music or drama, following worship with a fellowship that highlights children's activities or interests.

Missions also provides numerous opportunities for kids during summer.

Last year, a church renovated the home of an elderly couple, and children worked with their parents to paint, garden and do other chores. Churches in communities where Habitat for Humanity builds homes for the poor can sign families up to do the work.

Ministries to residents of senior citizens' facilities also can be performed by children and their parents, and work in Christian social ministry centers is a good family project.

Many churches sponsor clean-up days, environmental-awareness days and special projects for labor-intensive tasks that need to be done around the church building.

And summer is a great time for boys and girls to work on their missions-action awards for Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors.

The children's ministers encour-

aged churches to help families with their vacations, as well.

Sunday school department directors can prepare kits for children as they leave on vacation—complete with lesson materials, puzzles and other information about the lessons they miss.

A large summer travel map could send back postcards from their travels, which are mounted on the map in the appropriate locations.

One church prepares a family travel booklet, featuring in-car games and the words and music to sing-along songs.

Another creates a travel grab-bag, with paper, crayons, markers, scissors, games, worksheets and Bible-story materials. It also provides discussion-starter

questions, like: "What would you do if a stranger tells you he's supposed to take you to your mother?" or "Where would you go if a fire breaks out in our house?"

A display of worship bulletins brought back by members who visit churches on their trips can stimulate children's interest in attending church, even when they're far from home.

Beyond all the Bible-, missions- and learning-oriented activities, the children's ministers urged churches to help families have fun:

■ Sponsor a family game night in

the fellowship hall, following a churchwide pot-luck dinner.

■ Rent or borrow a local gym for a night of family-oriented activities.

■ Hold a hobby show, with space for members of all ages to display their hobbies.

■ Conduct an environmental fair, using recycled stuff to create crafts.

■ Pig-out together, on watermelon, ice cream, cakes or pies.

■ Sponsor a reading program or story time.

■ Picnic on the grounds, or barbecue a pig in the park.

■ Set out on a field trip—to water parks, miniature golf courses, bowling alleys, landmarks, industries, parks, zoos, museums.

■ Designate one day a week as crafts day at church.

■ Provide children's workshops—in art, drama, music, puppetry, nature.

■ Urge families to pack a basket of food and meet somewhere for lunch.

■ Set aside one day a week as movie day at church and show films for children or families.

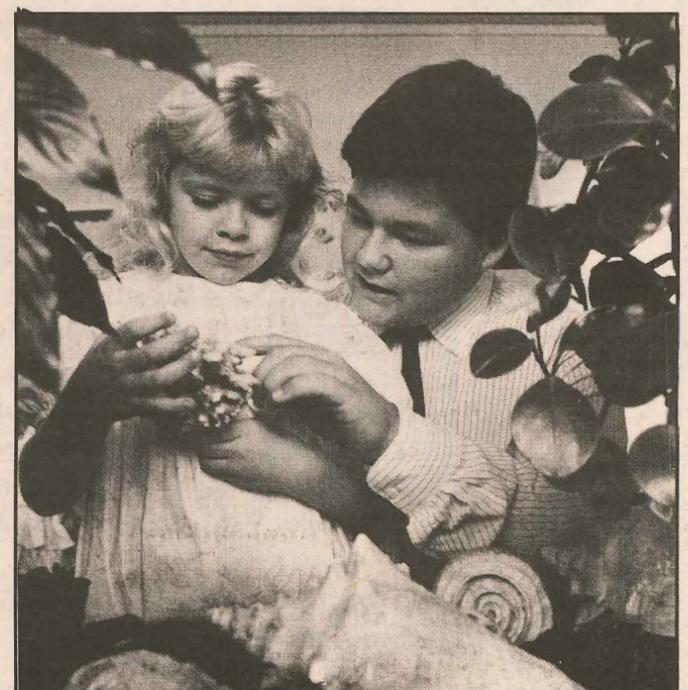
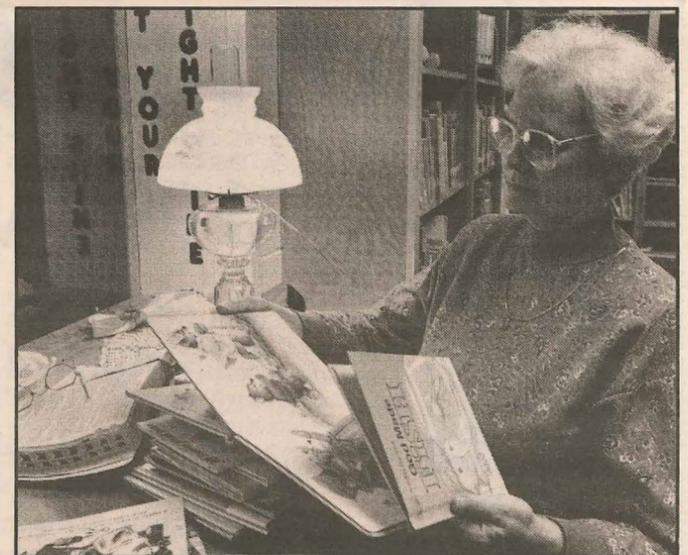
■ Put on a pet show and invite a veterinarian or kennel operator to teach obedience skills or how to groom pets.

■ Conduct a bicycle rodeo in your parking lot.

■ Hold a Bible Olympics, with all kinds of Bible-knowledge games.

These ideas for helping children have fun this summer were provided by: Jimmy Hester, a designer of family ministry products at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville; Jewell Nelson, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department; Brenda Price, a consultant with Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; Sue Raley, a children's curriculum editor at the Sunday School Board; Mary Sells, minister to children at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville; Anne Smith, minister of education in Highland Baptist Church in Louisville; and Sharon Zachary, minister to children at Shively Baptist Church in Louisville.

FOR KIDS Churches can provide a variety of summer activities for children, ranging from reading programs sponsored by the church library to special events that allow teen-agers to work with younger children. (BP photos by Jim Veneman)



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Bible/Preaching/Administration/Church Media Library/Deacon/Drama	Aug. 8-14
Student Ministry	Aug. 15-21
Small Sunday School/Black Church Development	Aug. 24-28

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center (704-669-8022)

Summer Youth Celebration	June 13-19
Home Missions	June 27-July 3
Woman's Missionary Union	July 4-10
Jericho Missions Festival/Jericho Youth Conference	July 11-17
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SUMMER

VBS isn't just for children in June, leaders suggest

VBS can be conducted in any season, at any time and for any age group.

By Marv Knox
Editor

RADCLIFF—Most Baptists know VBS stands for "vacation Bible school"—when children go to church weekdays in summer.

But Jewell Nelson wants Kentucky Baptists to know VBS also means "vibrant Bible study"—any time, any place, for any group.

That theme surfaced repeatedly this month, as 419 Kentucky Baptists gathered at Stithon Baptist Church in Radcliff for the 1992 Vacation Bible School Convention/Extravaganza.

"Sometimes we think VBS is only for children in June," said Nelson, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department. "We want it to be more flexible. It no longer matters the time of day or time of year, and we have curriculum for all ages.

"VBS is 'vibrant Bible study,' an overall Bible study."

The extravaganza illustrated that theme. It featured 62 conferences, focusing on a range of topics and ages.

"VBS is not just for kids anymore," said Tim Frank, minister of education at Crestwood Baptist Church in Frankfort, who co-led a ses-

sion on adults in VBS.

"It can be combined with pool parties, backyard cookouts, overnight retreats for singles or senior-adult weekly Bible study. We've got to target people's needs and adapt the material to creative times, places and approaches."

Adult VBS is the fastest-growing area of the program, Frank said, "but you have to be willing to draw outside the lines of what we traditionally think about VBS."

Another illustration of VBS flexibility is its adaptation to other programs, said Jo Garnett, minister of education at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville and co-leader of a session on combining VBS with daycamp.

"There are lots of ways to integrate the two," Garnett said. Participants looked at resources for both VBS and daycamps and talked about how to apply the materials for a program that extends beyond the time normally allocated for VBS.

Among the 60 other conferences, participants studied:

■ **Children and salvation.** Adults' words about theology often don't make sense to children, said Lucy Stewart, specialist in preschool and

children's education from Louisville.

"Terminology needs to be very simple, in terms a child can understand," Stewart said. For example, if an adult tells a child to "give your heart to God," he might interpret it as taking the heart out of the body," she explained.

Participants talked about simple terms they could use to help children grasp spiritual concepts.

■ **Stories.** Author Polly Dillard of Louisville presented good stories and books that help children understand more about God and spiritual values.

"This is one of the best avenues for presenting learning experiences for a child," Dillard said. "Because of his imagination, he lives the story. If you have a good book, he becomes that little girl or boy."

■ **Faith-building.** Participants in a seminar on faith development in youth built a "wall of faith" with the guidance of Ingy Winders, minister to children and youth at First Baptist Church of Mayfield.

They focused on identifying elements in teens' lives that both build and tear down faith and helping youth develop their own faith.

"Faith is not a thing you can teach somebody," Winders said. "It means

long-term involvement with youth, setting examples and helping kids find things they can use to develop their own faith."

■ **Missions.** Real-live missionaries can come to VBS in Kentucky, said Brenda Price, a consultant for the state Woman's Missionary Union.

"Participants in VBS also can get involved in mission-action projects and do hands-on missions," she added. "VBS also should feature mission support—like writing missionaries."

■ **Pastors in VBS.** "The pastor needs to be vocal about VBS," Billy Compton told 29 pastors at the extravaganza. "He needs to publicly announce and promote it through personal encouragement."

Compton, pastor of Mt. Washington Baptist Church in Mt. Washington, said VBS can help churches find prospective members and grow if the pastor: emphasizes evangelism, promotes VBS, is personally involved in VBS and does a good job of following up leads on prospects.

During the extravaganza, the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department honored Don Gowin as the "VBS Pastor of the Year." Gowin is pastor of Green River Memorial Baptist Church in Campbellsville.

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SUMMER

Kentucky assemblies offer camps close to home

Kentucky Baptist children and teen-agers don't have to go far from home to attend summer camp.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's two assemblies—Cedarmore in the north central region and Jonathan Creek in the west—offer a full schedule of activities for children from first grade through high school.

Nine weeks of youth camps at the two assemblies will be staffed by student summer missionaries trained in music, drama, sports, creative ministries and revivals.

Camp pastors and dates for youth weeks at Cedarmore are:

■ June 15-19, Ricky Vaughn, Calvary Baptist Church, Harrodsburg.

■ June 22-26, Ken Holden, First Baptist Church, Flatwoods.

■ June 29-July 3, Jim McKenzie, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

■ July 6-10, Kevin Thomas, First Baptist Church, Carlisle.

■ July 13-17, Eddie Benton, First Baptist Church, Sturgis.

■ Aug. 3-7, Steve Ayers, Hillvue Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Camp pastors and dates for youth weeks at Jonathan Creek are:

■ July 13-17, Odel Beauchamp, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro.

■ July 20-24, Don Gowin, Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

■ July 27-31, Wyman Copass, Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville.

Many churches already are pre-registered to bring groups to youth camps. For late registration information, contact Jonathan Creek at Rt. 1, Box 418, Hardin, Ky. 42048, (502) 354-8355, or Cedarmore at Box 37, Bagdad, Ky. 40003, (502) 747-8911.

A children's music camp will be offered at Cedarmore July 27-31 for grades four through six. The week will include singing, worship, music classes with handbells, recorders and other instruments, as well as talent shows, crafts and swimming.

Reservation forms are available from the KBC's church music department at Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40243, (502) 245-4101.

Royal Ambassador camps for boys in grades one through 12 are scheduled for Camp Rabro at Cedarmore and at Jonathan Creek.

Crusader/Pioneer camps for boys in grades four through nine are offered at Camp Rabro June 8-12, June 15-19, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24 and July 27-31. At Jonathan Creek, the dates are June 22-26.

Lad Camp for boys in grades one through three will be offered at Camp Rabro July 13-15 and July 15-17.

Father-son overnight retreats for boys in grades one through three are set for Camp Rabro June 19-20, July 10-11 and July 17-18. At Jonathan Creek, the dates are June 26-27.

High School Baptist Young Men camps for boys in grades 10 through 12 will be held July 27-31 at Camp Rabro and June 22-26 at Jonathan Creek.

To receive registration forms for Royal Ambassador camps, contact the KBC's Brotherhood department at Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40243, (502) 245-4101.

GA camps for girls in grades four through six and Acteens camps for girls in grades seven through 12 are offered at Camp Cedar Crest, adjacent to Cedarmore, and at Jonathan Creek.

GA camps are set for Cedar Crest June 22-26, June 29-July 1, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 27-31 and Aug. 3-7. GA camps at Jonathan Creek are June 15-19, June 22-26 and June 29-July 3.

Acteens camps at Cedar Crest are July 6-10 and July 20-24. At Jonathan Creek the dates are June 15-19.

Also, mother-daughter overnight retreats for girls in grades one through

three are offered at Cedar Crest July 1-2, July 17-18, July 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1. The same is offered at Jonathan Creek June 19-20 and June 26-27.

Registration forms for GA and Acteens camps are available from the state WMU office at Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253, (502) 245-4101.

BIKING Whether at Baptist camp or elsewhere in the state, bicycling is a popular family activity during Kentucky summers. (Photo courtesy of Kentucky Department of Travel Development)



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Camps serve regional needs

Eight camps operated by Kentucky Baptist associations offer a variety of summer activities, ranging from church retreats to youth camps.

■ Boone's Creek Camp. Located 12 miles from Winchester, this camp is operated by Boone's Creek Baptist Association. Contact Mack Pressley at 1306 Trapp-Goff Corner Rd., Winchester, Ky. 40391, (606) 744-0037.

■ Bullitsburg Assembly. This camp near Erlanger is operated by Northern Kentucky Baptist Association and will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. Contact Don Strasinger at Box 18370, Erlanger, Ky. 41018, (606) 727-6522.

■ Camp Joy. Eleven associations in the southern region of the state operate this camp, located in Edmonson County. Contact the manager at Box 111, Brownsville, Ky. 42210.

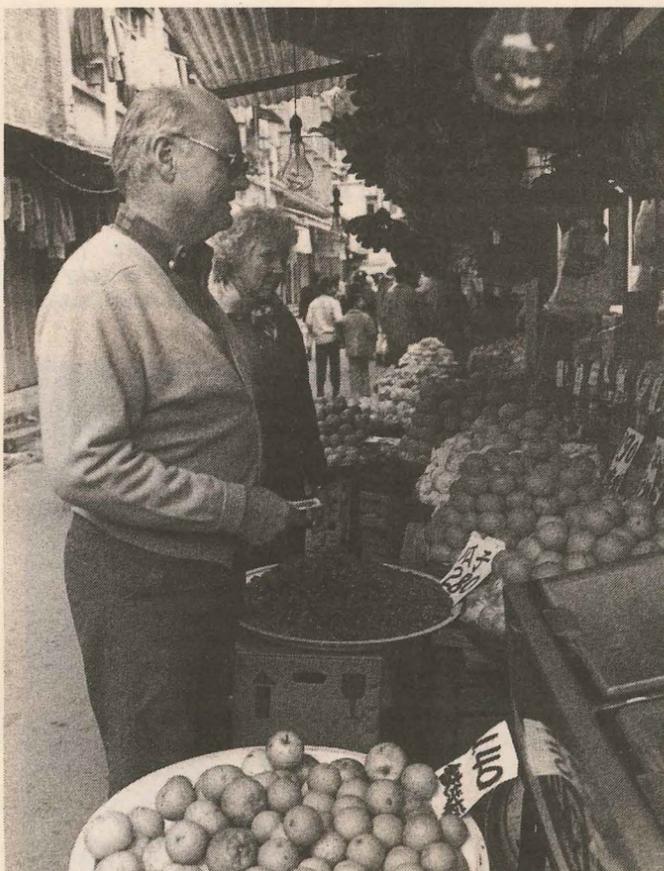
■ Howard Memorial Camp. This facility is operated by Upper Cumberland Baptist Association, located in Loyall. For scheduling information, contact Nasby Mills, director of missions, at Box 309, Loyall, Ky. 40854, (606) 573-1268.

■ Hudgins Hill Baptist Camp. Greenup Baptist Association operates this camp near Grayson. Contact Harry Sanders at 28 Riverview Dr., Grayson, Ky. 41143, (606) 474-4515.

■ Laurel Lake Baptist Camp. Five associations in southeastern Kentucky own this camp, located near Corbin. Contact Pat Callahan, 578 Singing Hills Rd., Corbin, Ky. 40701, (606) 528-3522.

■ Schafer Baptist Camp. Daviess-McLean Baptist Association operates this facility, located near Pellville. Contact Dan Hughes, Route 2, Box 760, Hawesville, Ky. 42348, (502) 927-6513.

SUMMER



MARKETPLACE CHRISTIANS June and Grady Lackey of Lubbock, Texas, browse through a street market in South Korea, where they served as Southern Baptist missions volunteers. (BP photo by Robin Martin)

Missions vacations offer families options

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

A family vacation doesn't have to vacate the Christian faith. In fact, a missions vacation is one way to strengthen both families and faith, mission leaders contend.

"Anything a family would do together in missions can't help but strengthen the family ties and give them a common sense of purpose and vision," says Mike Robertson, director of short-term volunteer programs with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Robertson advocates family missions vacations as a responsible use of God's gifts and as a lot of fun.

Calvin Wilkins, director of partnership missions with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, agrees. He says such vacations "bring families closer together" and provide "good, quality time to explore gifts."

A family missions vacation is just what the name implies: A family gives all or part of their annual vacation time as volunteers for mission projects. Those projects could be done right here in Kentucky, elsewhere in the United States or even in another country.

Robertson says the HMB helps about 100 families plan such vacations every year. An additional 1,000 or more adults give part of their vacation time in home missions projects individually or in groups, he adds.

Baptists of all ages can serve as missions volunteers, Robertson explains. The only limitations could be with small children in some settings.

Examples of opportunities for family missions vacations include conducting backyard Bible clubs or vacation Bible schools, doing construction work, leading resort ministries, assisting career missionaries in specific tasks or surveying for new church starts.

Wilkins says participation in Kentucky Baptists' partnership ventures in Brazil, Ohio, or Utah and Idaho are ideal for families. Although the work in Brazil is not suited for families with young children, some of the projects in Ohio, Utah and Idaho could be.

Also, the work in Utah and Idaho could be ideally suited to families who enjoy camping, he says.

Both Wilkins and Robertson agree families will discover opportunities and gifts they never knew existed once they give a missions vacation a try.

"Children are not as likely to be used in our churches as on the mission field," Wilkins says. "And young people can do a great job working with children."

Further, missions vacations break down generational barriers, Robertson adds: "Families can actually work together in this case, whereas in their home churches they're probably divided into age groups."

Although spring is in the air, it's not too late to begin planning a family missions vacation. And the need is great, Robertson notes, because the HMB usually fills less than 70 percent of its requests for volunteer workers.

For information about in-state opportunities or Kentucky's partnership missions program, contact Wilkins at (502) 244-6462.

Opportunities in Brazil are open this summer and into the fall, when the partnership project will end. However, Kentucky Baptists are expected to enter a new partnership venture next year that should provide additional opportunities for family missions involvement.

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SUMMER

Ridgecrest offers training & inspiration

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Every summer, thousands of Southern Baptists converge on Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, nestled in the Smoky Mountains near Asheville, N.C.

This casual retreat and a similar one in Glorieta, N.M., are operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as national training centers for Baptist church members, teachers, staff members and students.

The summer schedule is divided mostly into week-long sessions, each with programs built around certain themes. Here's a summary of this year's offerings:

■ **Handbell celebration** (June 9-12). This is a national festival, clinic and retreat for handbell ringers, featuring nationally known clinician Donald Allured of Birmingham, Ala. Individual ringers or entire choirs are invited.

■ **Summer youth celebration** (June 13-19). This week features discipleship training, worship, Bible study, celebration and recreation for youth and youth leaders. Worship leader is Chuck Kelley, evangelism professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

■ **Church music conference** (June

20-26). This week is designed for Baptists with music leadership responsibilities, including pastors, ministers of music, part-time and volunteer music directors, accompanists, instrumental directors and children's choir leaders. Worship leaders include singer-songwriter Cynthia Clawson and Alan Walworth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala.

■ **Home missions conference** (June 27-July 3). This week is designed primarily to update home missions personnel.

■ **Woman's Missionary Union conference** (July 4-10). This conference offers training for adult leaders and members of WMU.

■ **Jericho missions festival** (July 11-17). See related story on this page.

■ **Discipleship training and family ministry conference** (July 18-24). In addition to discipleship training conferences, participants can attend workshops in MasterLife, MasterBuilder, DiscipleLife and DiscipleYouth. Also, sessions will be offered to train leaders in various aspects of marriage and family counseling. Worship leaders are Darrell Robinson, evangelism vice president with the Home Mission Board, and David Dockery, new dean of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

■ **Sunday school leadership conference** (July 25-31, Aug. 1-7, Aug. 7-11, Aug. 11-15). Sessions will provide training for Sunday school teachers and workers at all age levels. Worship and Bible study leaders differ for each of the four sessions.

■ **Student ministry conference** (Aug. 15-21). This conference is designed for college students, high school seniors, recent graduates and student ministry leaders. The worship leader will be Louie Giglio, director of Choice Ministries in Waco, Texas.

■ **Various conferences** (Aug. 22-28). During this week, simultaneous sessions will be offered on Bible preaching, administration, church secretary certification, deacon ministry, church media library leadership and church drama leadership. Worship leaders include Harold Bryson, professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va.

Information about any of these conferences is available by calling (704) 669-8022.

However, reservations are accepted only by mail. The address for Ridgecrest is Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

It's an old name, but Jericho is the newest event

An old name is the symbol for the newest summer experience for families at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina July 11-17.

"Jericho" is a week-long missions festival designed especially for ordinary churchgoers. Its focus is on education about practical applications of both home and foreign missions.

This is the fourth year for the Jericho week at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta, N.M. The week is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

At Jericho, the mandate for all Christians to be involved in missions is as clear as the trumpet blasts in Joshua's day. The schedule is packed with testimonies of mission volunteers, career missionaries and mission leaders intertwined with music, worship and how-to seminars.

Games at Jericho are billed as always fun, but seldom funny. For example, Air Jericho is a popular afternoon activity.

Players are assigned to countries and given information about culture, medical care, literacy rates, population density and life expectancy. One group of players might "travel" to India—a spot marked with masking tape on the parking lot—where they are confined to a space not much bigger than a bedroom closet. Because of the high illiteracy rate in India, they might not be able to get visas to leave. Or an unexpected earthquake might "kill" three players.

Meanwhile, players assigned to the United States might sit under a shade tree, drink lemonade and sing "God Bless America."

Before the game is over, few participants need a sermon or lecture on the urgency of sharing the gospel and their resources around the world.

An additional hands-on experience at this year's Jericho is the construction of pews, pulpits and tables for mission churches. Participants at Ridgecrest will build furniture for Canaan Baptist Church in Queens, N.Y.—an inner city Spanish-language church that recently moved into a larger building but lacks adequate furnishings.

Other highlights of Jericho this summer include a missions fair where participants can talk one-on-one with missionaries, a town-hall meeting with Southern Baptist agency heads, creative worship and a host of special-interest conferences.

For more information about Jericho, call (800) 634-2462. To register, contact Ridgecrest at Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770, (704) 669-8022.

Creative worship services during the Jericho mission festival will feature live telephone interviews with missionaries, missionary testimonies, dramatic presentations and lots of singing.

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Cumberland & Georgetown make 3rd round of tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Both Georgetown College and Cumberland College advanced to the third game of the NAIA Division I men's basketball championships but were eliminated March 20. Georgetown lost to Brigham-Young Hawaii 72-70 in the final seconds of the game. Earlier, Georgetown defeated Lewis and Clark State College 97-74 and Birmingham-Southern College 72-71 in the tournament. Cumberland lost to top-seeded Oklahoma City College 97-63. Earlier in the tournament, Cumberland defeated Taylor University 51-48 and Olivet Nazarene College 76-62.

Arsonist strikes Corn Creek

ROCKHOLD—An arsonist lit a fire that destroyed the original building of Corn Creek Baptist Church just eight months before the church's centennial.

But interim pastor Keith Decker said the devastating fire hasn't put out the church's burning desire to move forward into their next 100 years.

The March 17 fire was set by pouring gasoline around a new addition to the 99-year-old church house, Decker said. The fire marshal has turned the investigation over to the Kentucky State Police, he added.

The building was completely destroyed, despite efforts by four volunteer fire departments, said Janus Jones, director of missions for Mt. Zion Baptist Association.

"Once fire spread to the older part of the building, it went up in smoke very quickly," Jones said. "The heat was so intense at one point that it melted a tail light in one of the fire trucks."

Details of what insurance will cover are "kind of sketchy," Decker said. But at most, insurance will cover only about half the replacement cost, both he and Jones said.

The destroyed building included a sanctuary that seated about 100 people, plus six Sunday school rooms. The church averages about 50 in attendance, Decker said.

He estimates it will take at least

\$75,000 to rebuild the structure but believes the church can accomplish that with help from friends.

"We've had a lot of support from our churches in the association," he said. "The Baptist Builders are ready to go on it right now. One man that's a bricklayer is going to do the brick-ing for free."

The church already has received \$400 from an offering taken at the association's semi-annual meeting.

Individuals and church groups desiring to volunteer to help with the rebuilding should contact Jones at the associational office, (606) 549-4497.

Also, the church is looking for a bell to replace their old church bell, which cracked when it fell during the fire.

Decker said the church plans to celebrate its centennial as planned despite the fire. Services currently are being held at the Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department.



PIE IN THE EYE Allen Sherwood, minister of youth at Auburndale Baptist Church in Louisville, poses with church youth after receiving a pie in the face March 8. Sherwood had issued a challenge to have 42 youth in Sunday school that day. Auburndale's youth Sunday school attendance has increased from an average of four just six months ago. (Photo by Allison Becker)

Churches believe it's better to give than receive

ELIZABETHTOWN—Blessings have outrun imagination at Valley Creek Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, reported Pastor Steve Hill.

The blessings began last August, when Valley Creek Church sent 39 volunteers to Hazard to conduct a vacation Bible school and put a new roof on the auditorium of Lothair Baptist

Church.

"The people from Valley Creek went prepared to pay all their expenses for the week," Hill said. But "the love shown by Lothair Baptist during the week was awesome. They provided food, drinks, cash and plenty of fellowship."

"But the greatest of all was 17 precious souls were saved."

Valley Creek members admired the generosity of their hosts, Hill remembered, noting, "Lothair Baptist

Church was financially strained, not knowing if next month's bills would be paid."

Months later, the Lothair congregation has sent Valley Creek a \$500 check to assist in its mission trip this summer, Hill said.

"With an emphasis being placed on giving to the Annie Armstrong (Easter) home missions offering, I hope this may add a twist of flavor to all our churches as we 'cast our bread upon the waters,'" he added.

Central Association's Clutts dies at 69

LEBANON—W.A. Clutts, director of missions for Central Baptist Association, died of a heart attack March 16. He was 69.

"I have lost a very dear friend, and the community has lost an exemplary leader," Mayor Kathy Blandford told the Lebanon Enterprise.

In addition to church work, Clutts had been active in community affairs, serving on the Marion County Board of Education and Lebanon City Council. He was Mayor Pro Tem at the time of his death.

Clutts assumed leadership of the association in 1987 after he retired as

pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in Lebanon. He previously had served North Rolling Fork Baptist Church in Boyle County, Mt. Freeman Baptist Church in Junction City and Watts Chapel Baptist Church in Crab Orchard.

He was a graduate of Campbellsville College.

Clutts is survived by his wife, Helen Ruth; his mother, Thelma Stroud Clutts; two sons, Allen Ray Clutts of Cox's Creek and Trent Barry Clutts of Comfort, Texas. He also is survived by three brothers and five grandchildren.

Champions and challenges

Recently, one of the youth on our Glen Dale campus took the title of 1992 State Wrestling Champion for his weight class. To obtain that honor, Jeff wrestled in district and regional competitions before progressing to the state tournament.

Jeff's remarkable achievement reminded me that perseverance and dedication are key ingredients to success in one's endeavors. Each match required Jeff to focus on that event, that day, that moment. All the while, champions must never lose sight of the goal ahead.

Without a vision, dreams die and we give out before we have reached our goal. It takes a solid grounding in where we are and a willingness to always reach for where we want to be to provide the very best for the children we serve.

Our goal is simple: we want to provide a healthy environment and a safe place for children who have lived through the harrowing experiences associated with abuse and neglect. We are committed to the children in our midst.

Our commitment has brought us to a place of exploring how we

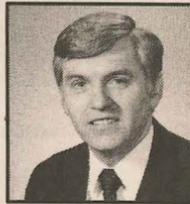
can expand our programs and services to best meet their needs. We have begun to refine our vision for tomorrow and take steps toward making that vision a reality that changes the circumstances of children whose needs are not fully being met by services now in place across our state.

To begin the process, we have initiated a rigorous agency self-examination in preparation for accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc., a national accrediting body.

KBHC is making strides toward broadening our services to include more children like the boys at our Baptist Youth Ranch. We want to open our arms to the growing numbers of children struggling with serious emotional disturbances. With our eyes fixed on the goal before us, we are running the race with the knowledge that it is your support that makes all of our children champions and helps us meet the challenges that lie ahead.

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Baptists have 'window of opportunity' on alcohol ads

By Dan Martin
Associated Baptist Press
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Baptists have a "rare window of opportunity" to influence national policy on alcohol advertising, according to Robert Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics.

Current advertisements for alcoholic beverages "glamorize drinking" and are "seductive, misleading and one-sided," Parham said in written testimony submitted to the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. A subcommittee of that group will conduct public hear-

ings April 2 on the Alcoholic Beverage Advertisement Act (S 664).

Parham encouraged Kentucky Baptists to call Sen. Wendell Ford, who serves on the Senate committee. The telephone number for the Senate is (202) 224-3121.

"The act will provide the public—especially children and young people—with much-needed and long-overdue health and safety information in newspapers and magazines, on radio and television," Parham said in his testimony.

"It avoids an outright ban of alcohol ads. It also avoids the other extreme of misleading ads which fail to tell the truth, fail to prevent harm and

fail to promote the public good."

The bill would require prominent health and safety warning information in all alcoholic beverage advertising and promotional materials, including television ads. Five warning messages would be used on a rotating basis.

The messages would warn that alcohol use during pregnancy is dangerous, that alcohol impairs ability to drive a car, that it can be hazardous in combination with other drugs, that it may become addictive, and that it is unlawful to purchase alcohol for people under the age of 21.

It is difficult for impressionable young Americans to make informed, intelligent and uncoerced decisions

about alcoholic beverage consumption "when they are bombarded from their earliest years by tens of thousands of alcohol ads ... which glamorize drinking, providing a one-sided distorted message," Parham said.

"Common sense and honesty tell us that widespread public health and safety messages about the potential hazards are urgently needed and long overdue. We must counterbalance the seductive, misleading, one-sided alcoholic beverage advertisements and promotions, if our young people—for whom alcohol is an illegal drug—are going to have a fighting chance to make their own informed, intelligent and uncoerced decisions."

Lutheran & Reformed talks progress

CHICAGO (EP)—Lutheran and Reformed theologians are proposing "full communion" among their four churches after more than three years of conversations which concluded in Chicago March 7-8.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church USA, the Reformed Church in America and the United Church of Christ are being asked to "recognize each other as churches in which the gospel is rightly preached and the sacraments are rightly administered according to the word of God."

The recommendation for full communion encourages the sharing of the Lord's Supper and makes provision for joint services. It calls for recognizing each other's ministries and for "the orderly exchange of ordained ministers of the word and sacrament."

It also includes the withdrawal of any historical condemnations of one side by the other from earlier centuries.

Lutheran and Reformed churches divided in the 16th century over such issues as the Lord's Supper and predestination.



Dove Awards will be broadcast on cable

NASHVILLE (EP)—Amy Grant, Twila Paris, Sandi Patti, Michael W. Smith, and BeBe & CeCe Winans will vie for the title Artist of the Year during the 23rd annual Dove Awards presentation April 9.

The event will be aired live on the The Nashville Network from the Grand Ole Opry House.

Winners of Dove awards are chosen by the approximately 3,000 members of the Gospel Music Association.

Nominees for Song of the Year include "A Few Good Men," written by Barry Jennings and Suzanne Gaither Jennings; "Be the One," by Al Denson, Don Koch and Dave Clark; "Beyond Belief," by Bob Hartman; "For the Sake of the Call," by Steven Cur-

tis Chapman; "God Will Make a Way," by Don Moen; "Home Free," by Wayne Watson; "I See You Standing," by Twila Paris; "Love was Never Meant to Die," by Kathy Troccoli and Jeff Franzel; "Place in this World," by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick; and "Sometimes Miracles Hide," by Bruce Carroll and C. Aaron Wilburn.

Male Vocalist of the Year nominees include Steven Curtis Chapman, Michael English, Michael W. Smith, Wayne Watson and BeBe Winans.

Female Vocalist of the Year nominees include Amy Grant, Margaret Becker, Kim Hill, Twila Paris and Sandi Patti.

Group of the Year nominees in-

clude BeBe & CeCe Winans, DC Talk, First Call, 4Him, Petra and White Heart.

Officials preparing for this year's Dove Awards faced the difficult question of categorizing artists from the world of contemporary Christian music who recorded albums for the secular marketplace, such as Amy Grant's "Heart in Motion" album.

Officials determined to use a "ponderance of content" guideline to determine whether an album could be considered. Grant's album was found not to have enough overtly Christian content to qualify under this criteria. However, the song "Hope Set High" did qualify, allowing Grant to be nominated in other categories.

Congress passes change affecting charitable gifts

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. Senate narrowly approved an economic-recovery measure March 13 that would impact charitable donors.

The Senate bill, approved 50-47, would make it more attractive for Americans to donate gifts of appreciated property to charitable institutions.

The Senate tax package (H.R. 4210) would temporarily repeal a 1986 provision that subjected the appreciated portion of some gifts to the alternative minimum tax. The new proposal would provide only a two-year window, affecting contributions made in 1992 and 1993.

The U.S. House of Representatives previously approved by a narrow margin a similar tax package that contained a provision that would permanently repeal the 1986 rule.

Representatives of charitable organizations, including Baptist institutions, say the 1986 tax provision has caused a decline in large gifts to universities, hospitals and other institutions.

However, Bush vetoed the final package because it included a tax increase. Whether the change on appreciated property will survive in future legislation is not clear.

SAFE SEX This billboard in Baltimore carries a message aimed at teaching teens to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease through the only error-free method—abstinence. "I think abstinence is a growing market," says advertising executive Hal Donofrio, who developed the campaign with the help of funds from private and public sectors. (RNS photo)

Former PTL official recounts losing integrity

CLEARWATER, Fla. (EP)—Five years ago, Richard Dortch found himself enmeshed in the scandals that brought Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's PTL empire crumbling down.

Now out of prison, Dortch has devoted his life to helping other Christians who are in crisis. In a recent interview with British journalist Dan Wooding, Dortch reflected on his tumultuous time at PTL.

"I was Mr. Clean at PTL," he said. "I felt that nothing could ever happen to me. But it did."

"I should have screamed, but I wanted to be a good guy and be a pastor to other people in my heart of hearts. I didn't want to do anything wrong. But there are times when we lovingly, but firmly, have to move

into people's lives. We fail God and we fail ourselves if we don't do this and say, 'What in the world is going on? What are you doing? What's happening?'"

Dortch continued, "Only one man in America, of all the millions of people that saw us (on TV) every day, called me a year before (the scandal) happened and said, 'If you don't get control of PTL, in one year God will write Ichabod over the doors of that ministry.' Out of the millions of people, that man loved me enough to confront me."

Dortch chronicled his role in the PTL scandal in a book, "Integrity: How I Lost It and My Journey Back."

Dortch said he had been the Bakkers' "father confessor" for years and

felt privileged when invited to come to PTL as senior executive vice president. But when he moved there in 1984, he found he could not control Jim Bakker's erratic behavior.

Although going to prison was painful, it saved his life, Dortch believes. After a hernia operation, military doctors discovered a malignancy in the kidney which they removed.

Dortch said he learned an important lesson through the PTL ordeal: "Keep a perspective on yourself."

"You're not half as important as you think you are," he said. "God is quite capable of managing his affairs without you."

"I think the biggest lesson I've learned is that loss of integrity can happen to anybody."

KENTUCKY KERNELS

The Western Recorder is the second-oldest Baptist newspaper in America. The name was finalized in 1851 when Kentucky was on America's western frontier. Actually, the paper's history dates to 1825 and includes several predecessors, such as The Baptist Register (1825), The Baptist Chronicle and Georgetown Literary Register (1830), and The Baptist Banner (1834). At one time, the Western Recorder served Baptists in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. In 1919, the paper was purchased by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, now known as the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **ASHLAND**—First Church called **Tim Galyon** as minister of music and **Francis O'Donnell** as minister to youth and children. Galyon previously served South Jefferson Church in Louisville. O'Donnell served Hazelwood Church, also in Louisville. Both will graduate from Southern Seminary in May.

■ **BARDSTOWN**—**Keith Wrenn** has resigned as pastor of First Cedar Creek Church to serve a church in Alabama.

■ **CORBIN**—**Jimmy Siler** is serving Candle Ridge Church as pastor.

■ **DYCUSBURG**—**James Sullenger** is interim pastor at Dycusburg Church.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Severns Valley Association elected **Archie Allison** as interim director of mis-

sions.

Locust Grove Church held a building dedication service March 28. **Otis Weaver**, previous pastor, **Allen and Delores Baugh**, previous directors of missions, and **Dwayne Howell**, current pastor, were featured speakers. Special recognition was given to volunteers who helped build the sanctuary and education area.

■ **FLAT LICK**—**Everett Miller** is serving Old Flat Lick Church as pastor.

■ **GLENCOE**—Poplar Grove Church has called **Ryan Wagers** as pastor. A student at Southern Seminary, he previously served Ridge-wood Church in Louisville as minister of youth.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—Gano Avenue Church called **Sherman Ramsey** as

pastor. He previously served Pioneer Church in Harrodsburg.

■ **GRAY**—Longtime Kentucky Baptist pastor **Orville Hickey** has retired as pastor of Grays Church. He was a pastor for more than 45 years and was second vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1990-1991. He continues to do supply preaching, lead revivals, accept interim pastorates and conduct Bible studies. His address is Rt. 3, Box 86, Corbin, Ky. 40701; phone (606) 528-4217.

■ **HARLAN**—Harlan Church called **John Ditty** as pastor.

■ **HAWESVILLE**—**James Watt Sr.** has been called to Hawesville Church as pastor.

■ **JEFFERSONTOWN**—Hopewell Church ordained **Dan Oberg** to the ministry.

■ **LONDON**—First Church dedicated its new sanctuary March 22 with **William W. Marshall** as guest

preacher.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Davis Memorial Church called **Eldred Taylor** as interim pastor and **Wes Brockway** as interim minister of music.

Westport Road Church ordained **Angela Perkins** as a deacon.

Hunsinger Lane Church called **Charlie Davis** as pastor.

■ **MADISONVILLE**—First Church voted to use money from its mission fund to pay the travel expenses of members **John and Irene Worrell** on their volunteer mission trip to Brazil.

John Ashby, director of missions for the Little Bethel Association for more than six years, was honored at a retirement reception March 15. He was presented with a plaque, gifts and a check. He will continue to minister through supply, interim and revival opportunities.

■ **NEWPORT**—First Church elected **Bob Merrill** trustee emeritus.

Missile work launches new opportunity for Kentucky couple

By Barbara Willie
State Correspondent

INDEPENDENCE—Almost as fast as a speeding missile, Joe Ernspeker has moved from serving as pastor of a small Kentucky church to serving as a tentmaker missionary in Germany.

"My head is still spinning," Ernspeker said, explaining the fast change he has made from pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Independence to worker on missile systems for Lockheed in Kitzingen, Germany.

The new adventure fulfills a life-long dream for Ernspeker and his wife, Karen, he said. "Ever since Karen and I lived in Germany during my stint with the U.S. Army, we've wanted to return. There are millions who need to hear the gospel of Christ, and we had faith God would provide a way."

A tip from a National Guard buddy about two Lockheed openings set the quick change in motion. Ernspeker, who worked on missile systems in the Army, called about the job one day and was hired the next.

However, Lockheed wanted him

on the job in 13 days. Ernspeker didn't even have a passport.

The couple immediately resigned their Kentucky jobs, sold their furniture and car and prepared to leave.

However, they still didn't know how this new opportunity would permit them to fulfill their dream of sharing the gospel in Germany. But on the advice of a fellow pastor, Ernspeker contacted the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and found out about a program called Tentmakers.

Tentmakers are Christians living and witnessing in other cultures who

support themselves with secular employment. The Ernspekers have been assigned to an English-speaking church in Kitzingen.

This will not be their first experience in missions. After graduation from Boyce Bible School, Ernspeker and his wife started the New Hope Baptist Church in Rose City, Mich. Later, he joined other Kentucky pastors in a preaching mission to Idaho.

The Ernspekers' new opportunity in Germany, they believe, is proof that where there's a dream to share the gospel, God will provide a way.

Allowing me to become me

Chuck Smith and Jim Kelly were schoolmates and both graduated in Oneida's remarkable class of 1982. As eighth and ninth graders, Jim and Chuck learned the printing trade under Jim Boswell, my able assistant for 17 years until his death of a heart attack. That was their only formal training in printing. Jim Boswell was an able teacher, and they were eager pupils.

Jim Kelly married at the end of his junior year at Cumberland College. With a wife and himself to support his last year of school, he needed work. Walking down the street one day in Williamsburg, he presented himself as a prospective employee. On the basis of what he had learned at OBI years before, he got a job.

Since graduation, Chuck worked at Oneida for a time as well as in Lexington. He then became manager of two fast food restaurants. Today, he and his wife, Pam, also an Oneida graduate, own their own restaurant. Also, Chuck works full-time supervising the printing operation of a very busy print shop including the printing of six weekly newspapers. His qualifications for such a responsible and technical job came from training at OBI.

These young men saw each other for the first time in several years as they returned to serve as pallbearers for their mentor, Jim Boswell.

Since the funeral, I received a letter from Chuck: "I have often tried to imagine what my life would now be like without having come to Oneida 16 years ago. And now, at the time of Mr. Boswell's death, a new question: 'What would my life be without the influence of Oneida's fine staff?'"

"As you know, I was a tiny young boy when I came to Oneida. I was insecure and quite shy,

mostly due to the fact that I was always so thin and not as athletically inclined as most children. My grades throughout my school years were only average at best.

"As a student you gave me the freedom and trust to 'find myself,' to find, you said, 'that one thing I could do better than anyone else around me.' With the guidance of Mr. Boswell, yourself and so many others, I was given the chance to explore various fields such as photography, printing, the choir, the sound and video equipment and the computers.

"In this exploration of technology that Oneida afforded me, as a young boy, I was able to prove myself, mature and gain much needed self esteem. For me, this is what Oneida is all about. I pray that Oneida never becomes so large that students no longer can have room to explore long enough to find themselves. I pray Oneida will always have staff like Mr. Boswell and others who allow and give guidance for such explorations to occur. More than all else, I am thankful to the staff of Oneida for allowing me to become me. How can I ever thank you enough?"

It is thanks enough for me, as it was for Jim Boswell, that we have had the privilege of investing a part of our own lives in young people like Jim Kelly and Chuck. In working with them, watching them grow, seeing them today as mature men, we staff people have become better servants. We work with hundreds today who have the same potential as Chuck and Jim. Help us, Lord, to be faithful to our last breath as was Jim Boswell.

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Barkley Moore

Always leading, always providing

Working for a department store, Billy Howell made a home delivery. A few days later the client made a visit to Billy's home to talk about Christ. "I poured out the beer and brushed my teeth before letting him in. That 'divine appointment' changed me. I was living two lives. We made an altar of the sofa, and I gave my life to the Lord Jesus," Billy recalls.

Discipled by his pastor, Billy was ordained at age 24 and five months later surrendered to the ministry. 1960 alumnus W.W. Thompson told Billy about Clear Creek. Billy remembers his campus visit, "I felt out of place with the short haircuts and men carrying briefcases. The campus tour took only a few minutes. I came thinking of a large university with a sports program, beautiful girls, and looking out for Billy. At lunch I observed students talking to professors, an unusual thing at a big school. I went home feeling I would not return, but I enrolled that fall."

In April 1991, Billy began leading Saxton Baptist Church near Williamsburg. From a small remnant, attendance has grown to 50. He baptized three on March 15, and after the service a truck driver

in his 40s embraced Billy and said through tears, "I'll be next."

Student Tommy Dye brought his daughter Patty to campus when he registered for classes. She caught Billy's eye, and the marriage is now set for May 16.

On his way to Saxton each Sunday, Billy stops for a 9 a.m. service with the truckstop ministry in Corbin. One Sunday truckers were watching MTV, and no one came to worship. Two students arrived from Clear Creek. One sang, the other prayed, and Billy began to preach. A trucker walked in and after the service he trusted Jesus. When asked what led him, he said, "I just heard someone preaching." Billy remarked, "It taught me to be faithful and leave the results to God."

Howell described his Clear Creek experience: "I soon realized after coming to campus everyone here didn't like me, but I also found everybody loved me. That came through tough love and has meant more to me than anything. The Lord is faithful to always lead us and he always provides our needs."

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MISSIONS

Mexican churches get legal status after 70 years

By Mary Speidel
SBC Foreign Mission Board

MEXICO CITY (BP)—Jorge Lee Galindo is a sign of changing religious times in Mexico.

Lee, a Mexican Baptist attorney, has begun a new legal department of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico. He's helping pastors and churches understand what recent Mexican constitutional changes mean for them.

The constitutional reforms grant legal recognition to all religious groups, something Mexicans haven't known for more than 70 years. The amendments, to be drafted into laws later this year, are among reforms begun by Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari since he took office in late 1988.

The changes also bring freedom to conduct religious services outside of churches, Lee said. Before, some Roman Catholics and Protestants circumvented the law to hold such services, but now these activities will be fully legal, according to news reports.

The amendments give clergy the right to vote but not to run for office, unless they give up their ministerial activities. Mexican clergy now will be required to pay income taxes.

The reforms also legalize parochial education. Public education in Mexico will remain secular, but schools will be able to teach religion. This was happening before illegally, said Lee, but now it will be permitted by law.

"These changes are very important," said Lee, noting that they affect both Protestants and Roman Catholics. "The government is recognizing many churches in Mexico," not just the Catholic Church.

Mexico's population is about 3 percent Protestant, while up to 97 percent is at least nominally Roman Catholic.

The religious reforms represent a major shift from Mexico's anti-church policies dating back more than a century. The 1857 constitution attempted to break the power of the Roman Catholic Church—then closely aligned with wealthy landowners.

It nationalized all church property and required civil marriage ceremonies.

More reforms came during the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1920. The revolutionary constitution of 1917 denied legal recognition to religious groups, banned an established religion and enforced confiscation of church property. It also prohibited parochial education and clergy participation in politics.

These restrictions triggered a violent uprising in 1920 by conservative Roman Catholics known as "Cristeros." Government soldiers quelled the bloody revolt, closing some churches and massacring priests in the process.

Some observers believe current amendments will pave the way for future diplomatic relations between Mexico and the Vatican. President Salinas received Pope John Paul II in Mexico in 1990 and visited the Vatican last summer.

In that context, many evangelicals are concerned—perhaps too concerned—about how the changes will affect them, according to Mexican

Baptist convention president Rolando Gutierrez.

"Some are more worried about the laws than about preaching the gospel, in my opinion," said Gutierrez, a Baptist pastor in Mexico City.

A more pressing issue than constitutional changes, Gutierrez believes, is the long history of persecution evangelicals in Mexico have suffered from Roman Catholics.

"The problem is not the government changes; it's the Catholic attitude (toward evangelicals)," he said.

But the constitutional changes will significantly affect churches in business and legal matters, Lee said.

"Before, the church was an institution that did not exist for the law," he explained. "Now with the changes, we're going to be regulated—in the positive sense of the word—and we will have to proceed as the law says."

The changes also could officially legalize the presence of foreign clergy, according to news reports. But it's not clear how the reforms will affect Southern Baptists or other foreign evangelicals working in Mexico.

Evangelicals expect distinctive relief work

CHICAGO (EP)—America's evangelical Christians overwhelmingly believe that Christian relief workers should spread the gospel actively and convert people to the Christian faith, a new survey found. The survey, done by Stewardship Journal, was released during the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Chicago.

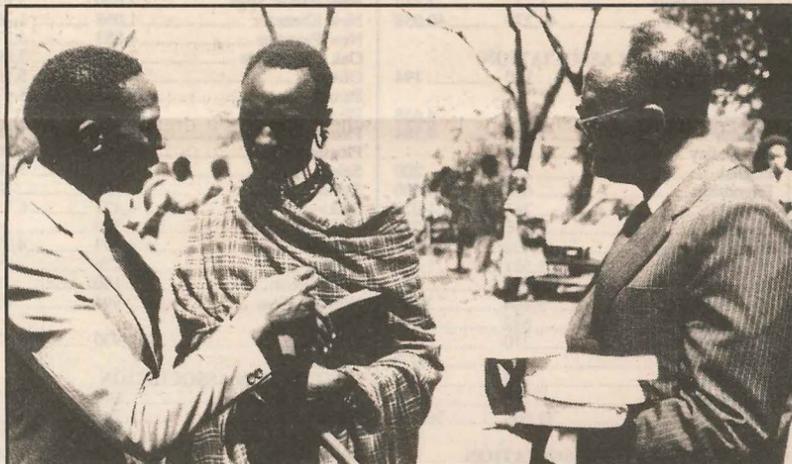
"What this survey shows is that evangelical Christians believe Christian relief and development work ought to be distinctively Christian," said Stewardship Journal editor Ken Myers. "This survey should be a wake-up call to Christian relief and development organizations which are tempted to de-emphasize the gospel."

The survey found that 86 percent of evangelicals polled believe Christian relief workers, in addition to distributing food and medicine, "should also work actively to spread the gospel and convert people to the Christian faith."

Also, 87 percent believe the ultimate goal of long-term development work should be to "spread the gospel and convert people to the Christian faith."

However, 92 percent also said Christian relief work should be done even in countries where preaching the gospel is forbidden.

Maasai celebrate upon receiving first complete Bible



FIRST BIBLE Million Belete (right), Africa regional secretary for the United Bible Societies, sells the first copies of the Maasai Bible after dedication services in Namanga, Tanzania. (United Bible Societies photo)

NAMANGA, Tanzania—"Now God speaks to us in Maasai," a church leader said at a Feb. 23 ceremony unveiling the first complete translation of the Bible into the Maasai language.

The little-known town of Namanga, set on a low hill straddling the Tanzania-Kenya border, was especially quiet that Sunday morning. Even the tourist shops had closed until after the celebration.

The hushed atmosphere inside the large Roman Catholic church where the launch was to take place rose to a crescendo when choirs arrived singing, and buses unloaded visitors and trucks came jam-packed with people.

Maasai people converged on the church from all directions, mostly on foot, distinctive in their loose ochre-

red togas, carrying their staffs and knobkerries, symbols of warriorhood and eldership.

The large church was packed to capacity.

Outside, children and men crowded around the windows, eager not to miss any of the proceedings. This was a day some had waited more than 20 years to see.

"This is a great day for the Maasai people, who now have their own Bible," said Million Belete, the United Bible Societies regional secretary for Africa. "The whole Christian world rejoices with them."

Of the 20,000 Maasai Bible printed for distribution in Tanzania and Kenya, a total of 17,000 already had been distributed by the day of the launch.

Women minister to prostitutes

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (EP)—A team of young women missionaries from Youth With a Mission is sharing the gospel with Amsterdam prostitutes by offering free manicures.

The missionaries travel in pairs, visiting the prostitutes in their small window rooms in the city's red light district. They spread out a tablecloth, serve tea or coffee and leave behind a single rose with a personal note. During the manicure, one of the missionaries talks with the prostitute, shares her faith and asks if there is anything they can pray about.

The women talk about their lives freely with the missionaries, said Alys Blakely. "A loving touch is very healing. To be able to hold their hand while they talk about painful things in their lives ... is wonderful."

Auto wreck births Accident Baptist Church

By Craig Bird
SBC Foreign Mission Board

BUKOKA, Tanzania (BP)—Although Rob Moor was shocked when a car burst out of a swirling dust cloud and rammed his vehicle head-on, he was equally shocked when he learned two weeks later the accident had led to the establishment of a new church.

Moor, a Southern Baptist missionary, was driving about 60 miles from his home in Bukoba Jan. 28 when he encountered "crash evangelism." He and Tanzanian pastor Sostenes Karoli were following a large truck along a recently graded dirt highway and reviewing the day's Baptist association leadership meeting.

Unknown to them, a car traveling the opposite direction pulled off the road to let the truck pass, then pulled back onto the road. "It just appeared out of the dust," Moor said. "I barely had time to hit my brakes before we hit head-on."

The car struck Moor's four-wheel

drive and bounced back about 40 feet. One man was thrown through the windshield of the car, while Moor's seat was ripped from the floor. He and Karoli were spared serious injury by the grasp of their seat belts.

"When we got out and saw that all five people in the other car were hurt and one man looked like he was going to die, I just sat beside the car and cried," Moor admitted. "Pastor Karoli was OK and I just felt some bruises, but we were really afraid for (the seriously injured man)."

But as it became apparent the man would make it to a hospital for treatment (he later had his spleen removed), the two Baptist preachers began rejoicing.

"We prayed for everyone in the accident and started praising the Lord for delivering all of us and passing out tracts to the crowd that had gathered," Moor said.

Eventually Moor caught a ride into Bukoba, leaving Karoli with the vehicle. Two days passed before a truck

returned to haul the vehicle and Karoli into Bukoba. But Karoli used the time well.

Two Baptist laymen who recently had moved to the area heard a missionary had been in an accident and came to investigate. They found Karoli counseling three spectators who had stopped to view the damage and wound up listening to Karoli preach.

When the tow truck arrived 48 hours later, 14 people had become Christians through the witness of Karoli, the laymen and another pastor who happened by and stopped to help preach.

Two weeks after the crash, a new preaching point was organized at a village about a mile from the crash site. It is named Kanisa la Ajali—Swahili for "Accident Baptist Church."

"Not because it was an accident that a church was started here," Karoli explained. "But because God used a bad accident to do something good so a church is in that village now."

GIVING

MID-YEAR REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING

These figures reflect gifts of Kentucky Baptist churches through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program during the six-month period ending Feb. 29, 1992. Designated gifts are not reflected here. Questions or corrections should be addressed to the KBC accounting services department at (502) 245-4101.

	CP 91	CP 92
ALLEN ASSOCIATION		
Bays Fork		
Bethel		
Big Spring		
Dover Msnry		
Harmony		
Holland	267	623
Hopewell		
Liberty	965	1,071
Mt Gilead		
New Hope	757	515
New Middle Fork		
New Salem		
Rough Creek		
Scottsville	12,719	41,399
Trammel Fork		
White Plains	1,827	934
Total	16,535	44,542

	CP 91	CP 92
ANDERSON ASSOCIATION		
Alton	3,393	4,300
Ballard	573	
Fellowship	270	270
Friendship		300
Glensboro	1,076	1,133
Goshen	322	306
Lawrenceburg First	32,249	34,855
Mt Pleasant	578	680
Pleasant Grove	125	
Sand Spring	22,362	24,475
Tyrone	165	
Van Buren		
Total	61,113	66,319

	CP 91	CP 92
BELL ASSOCIATION		
Antioch		
Arjay		
Bennetts Fork	764	
Bethlehem	1,042	1,088
Binghamtown	1,667	3,000
Blackmont	250	400
Blue Ridge		
Calloway	498	369
Charity No. 2		
Chenoa Mission	60	40
Clear Fork		
Dunlap		
East Cumberland Ave	4,853	5,658
East Jellico	903	1,243
East Pineville		
Ferndale So Mission	164	164
Fonde	587	314
Fuson Chapel		
Garneada		
Harmony		
Hensley Chapel		
Hosman	1,708	1,786
Innull		
Jenson	226	
Meldrum		
Mill Creek		
Millers Chapel		
Moss Chapel	330	150
Mt Hebron	40	100
Mt Mary		
Newtown	106	144
Northside		
Old Cannon Creek		
Old Salem 1		
Old Salem 2		
Old Straight Creek		
Old Yellow Creek	4,190	4,146
Pathfork	249	97
Pine Grove	47	50
Pineville First	16,949	10,654
Pioneer	76	103
Red Oak		
Richardson Chapel		
Riverside	1,333	1,105
Riverview	273	288
Southside	650	250
Stoney Fork	440	385
Tracy Branch Msnry		
Tugglesville Msnry		48
Varilla		
Victory Msnry	396	391
Wasioto	300	300
West Cumberland Ave	820	341
West Pineville	1,268	1,018
Total	40,189	33,632

	CP 91	CP 92
BETHEL ASSOCIATION		
Adairville	7,215	6,792
Auburn	3,637	3,250
Calvary	1,635	4,530
Dripping Springs	4,014	4,772
Elkton	7,667	8,333
Forest Grove	1,345	1,830
Grace Southern	745	791
Guthrie	4,698	5,021
Keysburg	1,513	698
Mt Gilead	2,120	1,961
Mt Zion	489	525
New Union	4,713	4,873
Post Oak	7,536	8,000
Russellville First	23,083	26,500
Russellville Second	4,646	9,348
Sharon Grove	1,587	2,195
Southern Heights	5,045	4,939
Spring Valley	142	178
Tiny Town	600	600
Trenton	6,879	5,221
Walnut Grove	6,181	6,423
Whippoorwill	1,485	1,132
Woodlawn	1,610	1,790
Total	98,585	109,702

	CP 91	CP 92
BLACKFORD ASSOCIATION		
Blackford	8,270	8,586
Central	631	763
Chestnut Grove	1,738	1,679

	CP 91	CP 92
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Altona	5,430	6,898
Benton First	13,859	11,818
Bethel	10,320	12,138
Bethlehem	1,494	1,828
Blood River	815	558
Briensburg	50,664	50,260
Calvary	168	
Calvert City First	10,718	13,773
Cherry Corner	4,331	4,387
Coldwater	140	180
Dexter Msnry	1,229	1,207
East Marshall	232	421
Elm Grove	11,729	11,898
Elva	49	
Ferguson Springs	300	300
First Benton Msnry	9,930	11,739
Flint	2,479	3,489
Gilbertsville First	4,349	4,900
Grace	5,860	6,407
Hamlet	2,767	2,468
Hardin	5,994	6,747
Hazel	17,585	21,549
Hilltop	203	126
Kirksey	3,878	2,494
Lakeview	1,549	2,120
Ledbetter	449	630
Lighthouse		
Locust Grove	5,857	8,489
Memorial	9,216	10,577
Murray First	73,881	81,285
New Bethel	2,520	2,520
New Harmony	11,407	10,788
New Mt Carmel	1,120	1,594
New Providence	170	111
New Zion	4,403	5,001
Northside	1,892	1,825
Oak Grove	1,170	1,572
Olive	4,943	5,735
Owens Chapel	1,232	1,891
Pleasant Hope		
Pleasant Valley	563	562
Poplar Spring	3,521	3,579
Salem	4,905	5,345
Scotts Grove	2,254	2,368
Sharpe	2,223	2,274
Sinking Spring	175	175
South Marshall	180	210
Spring Creek	2,000	2,500
Sugar Creek	400	400
Union Ridge	1,250	1,258
Vanzora	2,632	2,186
Victory		96
Walnut Street	542	465
West Fork	3,623	3,721
Westside	5,595	8,537
Zions Cause	5,998	4,723
Total	320,193	348,122

	CP 91	CP 92
BRACKEN ASSOCIATION		
Aberdeen	4,070	4,439
Augusta First	143	133
Calvary	350	363
Carlisle First	5,159	6,049
Central	6,856	6,709
Dover		
Ewing	990	1,090
Flemingsburg	2,448	2,036
Foxport	700	500
Garrison First	1,473	1,280
Elva	1,056	962
Heselon		
Irvingville		
Lewisburg	847	888
Locust Grove	383	338
Mays Lick	2,161	1,870
Maysville First	2,390	2,260
Minerva		
Morehead First	6,450	2,337
Mt Olivet	1,655	1,996
Mt Pisgah	115	123
Oak Ridge	426	423
Owingsville	2,797	2,750
Plainview	256	340
Sharpsburg	150	150
Slaty Point	114	
Stonelick	432	437
Union	112	96
Vanceburg First	1,737	2,489
Total	43,270	40,058

	CP 91	CP 92
BRECKENRIDGE ASSOCIATION		
Bewleyville	150	194
Black Lick		
Cloverport	5,331	4,658
Corinth	3,889	4,184
Dry Valley	300	
English	250	200
Friendship	600	600
Garfield	741	1,021
Goshen	550	732
Hardinsburg	12,432	16,380
Hites Run	1,581	1,640
Macedonia	531	554
New Bethel	3,404	2,326
New Clover Creek	682	1,683
Pisgah	270	225
Rough River		1,079
Stephensport	118	233
Walnut Grove	780	730
Total	31,609	36,439

	CP 91	CP 92
CALDWELL/LYON ASSOCIATION		
Adriel	450	450
Beulah Hill	513	701
Calvary	3,216	2,833
Cedar Bluff	2,714	2,308
Chapel Hill	824	1,338
Creswell	3,006	2,953
Crider	170	174
Donaldson	3,629	3,575
Eddy Creek	3,571	4,696
Eddyville First	13,458	14,171
Eddyville Second	381	413
Emmanuel		
Fairview	223	472
Fredonia First	3,000	3,000
Hebron	3,818	4,478
Highland	375	243
Hopewell Msnry	887	1,167
Kuttawa First	5,321	5,985
Lamasco	2,320	4,266
Lebanon	1,081	1,132
Liberty	2,278	2,353
Macedonia	1,579	2,232
Midway	1,356	1,909
Mt Pisgah	586	702
Mt Zion	2,854	3,003
New Bethel	2,458	2,370
Northside	23,934	24,206
Pleasant Grove	2,961	3,206
Pleasant Hill	928	715
Princeton First	25,503	25,566
Princeton Second	4,185	4,184
Quinn	834	914
Southside	17,492	20,326
Sugar Creek	1,578	1,204
Suwanee Furnace	758	892
Unity Msnry	205	726
Walnut Grove	10,499	10,011
White Sulphur	1,461	1,998
Total	150,406	160,872

	CP 91	CP 92
BOONEVILLE ASSOCIATION		
Big Creek	476	533
Booneville First	1,648	1,629
Crane Creek		
Garrard	377	485
Gray Fork	30	
Hopewell		
Horse Creek	26,435	27,398
Island Creek	1,017	985

	CP 91	CP 92
BRACKEN ASSOCIATION		
Lerose	90	60
Lily Grove	176	151
Lytleton	4,239	3,686
Macedonia	3,659	3,806
Manchester	10,225	13,453
Muddy Gap		
New Home	713	739
New Hope Msnry		
New Prospect	1,006	1,031
New Zion Msnry	151	199
Oneida	3,384	2,823
Pleasant Point	224	234
Pleasant Run	2,494	3,216
Second Black Water	305	387
Vincent	29	
White Hall		
Zion	898	909
Total	57,576	61,724

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BRACKEN ASSOCIATION		
Aberdeen	4,070	4,439
Augusta First	143	133
Calvary	350	363
Carlisle First	5,159	6,049
Central	6,856	6,709
Dover		
Ewing	990	1,090
Flemingsburg	2,448	2,036
Foxport	700	500
Garrison First	1,473	1,280
Elva	1,056	962
Heselon		
Irvingville		
Lewisburg	847	888
Locust Grove	383	338
Mays Lick	2,161	1,870
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Minerva		
Morehead First	6,450	2,337
Mt Olivet	1,655	1,996
Mt Pisgah	115	123
Oak Ridge	426	423
Owingsville	2,797	2,750
Plainview	256	340
Sharpsburg	150	150
Slaty Point	114	
Stonelick	432	437
Union	112	96
Vanceburg First	1,737	2,489
Total	43,270	40,058

	CP 91	CP 92
BRECKENRIDGE ASSOCIATION		
Bewleyville	150	194
Black Lick		
Cloverport	5,331	4,658
Corinth	3,889	4,184

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	CP 91	CP 92
Lewis Lane	19,205	20,030
Livermore	7,173	11,729
Macedonia	23,328	21,177
Maceo	3,811	4,458
Masonville	4,274	
Mt Vernon	76	410
Newman	2,588	2,130
Old Buck Creek		
Owensboro First	99,697	81,792
Owensboro Third	54,309	38,690
Pack	683	
Panther Creek	6,608	6,670
Parrish Avenue	7,500	8,960
Pleasant Grove	9,696	12,421
Pleasant Memorial	3,693	1,763
Pleasant Ridge	2,806	3,176
Red Hill	737	785
Ridgewood	999	441
Riverside		
Sacramento	2,933	3,099
Seven Hills	9,576	5,093
Sorgho	3,003	2,886
South Hampton	2,158	2,547
Stanley	1,429	903
Station	240	240
Sugar Grove	3,617	3,678
Temple	10,357	10,386
Utica	3,242	3,712
Walnut Street	7,616	6,206
Whitesville	1,800	1,800
Wing Avenue	8,058	7,662
Yellow Creek	21,385	47,008
Yelvington	1,274	1,667
Total	464,530	459,995

EAST LYNN ASSOCIATION

Allendale		
Bethel		
Corinth Msnry		
Green Hill	878	864
Holly Grove	1,019	1,217
Liberty	1,722	1,900
Life Gate	60	
Mt Carmel	317	300
Mt Roberts	1,171	1,254
Mt Washington	400	400
Rolling Fork		
South Summersville	873	951
Union Band	245	270
Whickerville		
Total	6,685	7,156

EAST UNION ASSOCIATION

Big Poplar Creek		
Black Oak		
Cane Gap Msnry		
Carpenter		
Clearfork		
Emlyn		
Kensee	243	336
Little Poplar		
Louden		
New Buffalo		
New Hope		
Old Poplar Creek		
Pleasant View	1,414	2,393
Saxton	188	240
Valley Creek		
Total	1,845	2,969

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION

Beckerville Mission	205	249
Broadway	10,386	11,670
Brookside	1,200	1,200
Calvary	41,667	50,000
Calvary Chapel		
Cane Run	3,982	2,663
Central Lexington	2,000	3,500
Central Paris	10,742	10,598
Chevy Chase	8,363	1,701
Clear Creek	714	1,292
Clover Bottom	500	750
Corbin First	11,432	7,833
Crosswoods	2,543	2,193
Davids Fork	7,242	5,828
Dry Run	1,264	609
Durbin Memorial	3,277	3,817
East Hickman	3,527	4,409
Edgewood	11,571	9,785
Faith		
Faith	360	1,020
Gano Avenue	9,984	10,123
Gardenside	13,707	20,694
Georgetown	11,768	14,297
Glens Creek	2,817	3,866
Grace	15,365	16,613
Great Crossing	6,404	7,818
Highlands	3,918	1,104
Hillcrest	4,877	3,591
Hillsboro	3,835	2,810
Immanuel	110,856	95,673
Lawrenceburg Comnty	467	895
Lexington First	4,550	4,721
Long Lick	2,240	2,496
Lyle Road	250	450
Mallard Point		1,015
Midway	2,217	1,793
Millersburg		
Millville	4,482	764
Mt Freedom	1,565	3,432
Mt Pleasant	5,988	6,073
Mt Sterling First	10,000	1,885
Mt Vernon	1,531	1,182
New Hope	3,328	3,825
Nicholasville		3,756
Northview	12,167	10,192
Paris First	8,853	12,795
Parkway	7,043	7,889
Penn Avenue		
Pinckard	4,739	4,656
Porter Memorial	81,357	85,532
Revelation		
Riverview		
Rosemont	22,398	20,686
Royal Springs		
Russell Cave	3,158	3,636
Sadieville	618	461
Seventh Street	183	96
Silas	394	441
South Elkhorn	14,755	14,273
Southern Heights	9,864	7,756
Southside		260
Spears Mill	2,679	1,453

	CP 91	CP 92
Springdale		
Stamping Ground	2,450	2,225
Stonewall		
Tatesbrook		100
Trinity	7,500	1,700
Versailles	32,218	32,611
White Sulphur	905	1,685
Winchester First	26,236	18,721
Woodland Avenue		600
Total	578,641	555,761

ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Allen First	792	883
Benedict	507	492
Brushy Fork Msnry	420	420
Fitzpatrick First	2,392	1,676
Garrett	424	528
Inez First	12,145	9,213
Ivyton		
Jacks Creek	860	392
Lancer	823	815
Liberty	170	149
Licking River	755	1,541
Martin First	642	71
Maytown First	680	320
McDowell First	1,786	1,788
Mt Beulah Mission		139
Paintsville First	10,874	9,513
Pine Grove	40	
Pleasant Home		462
Prestonsburg First	5,555	7,417
Salyersville First	480	720
Topmost	240	450
Warfield Msnry	1,169	1,228
West Van Lear	282	328
Wheelwright First	160	80
Total	41,196	38,625

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION

Bellepoint	5,054	3,614
Bethel	262	
Buck Run	7,427	9,803
Calvary	3,278	5,549
Camp Pleasant		
Cedar Grove		
Corinthian First		
Crestwood	13,176	20,245
East Frankfort	1,253	1,052
Evergreen		
Faith	644	711
Farmdale		
Forks of Elkhorn	2,917	3,199
Frankfort First	8,757	
Hillcrest	4,362	4,249
Immanuel	4,841	4,470
Lebanon	1,028	971
Memorial	13,300	12,441
Mt Carmel		
Mt Vernon		
North Benson	4,028	3,815
North Fork	1,173	562
North Frankfort	1,088	1,263
Pleasant Ridge	1,960	2,183
Providence	3,118	3,198
St John	1,444	1,908
Swallowfield	324	600
Thornhill	11,892	9,351
Trinity		
Westview	792	519
Total	92,118	89,703

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION

Albany First	75	5,250
Branham Grove	300	120
Burkesville	3,653	3,577
Cave Springs	1,508	976
Central Grove	730	741
Fairland		
Grace Union		
Green Grove Msnry	380	380
New Sulphur Msnry		
Pikeview	698	634
Stony Point	4,076	3,777
Total	11,420	15,455

GASPER RIVER ASSOCIATION

Aberdeen	3,993	3,578
Barnetts Lick	1,025	958
Bethel	463	599
Big Muddy		
Brooklyn		
Carve Rock	495	548
Chapel Union		
Huntsville Msnry		
Monticello	1,028	1,105
Morgantown First	6,086	7,033
Mt Liberty	100	100
Mt Olivet	845	1,170
Mt Vernon	2,342	1,361
New Harmony		
New Liberty	999	1,143
New Midway		
Pleasant Grove	80	120
Quality		
Richland	1,951	1,506
Rochester Msnry	1,201	1,422
Rock Spring		
Salem	795	555
Sandy Creek	1,436	1,309
Union	914	826
Woodbury	403	509
Total	24,156	23,842

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION

Broadway		
Grandview		
Hanging Rock	921	488
Hopewell Msnry		
Little Flock Msnry		
Meeting Creek		
Millwood	30	25
Pilgrim		
Pleasant View		
Sulphur Wells Msnry		
Total	951	513

GRAVES ASSOCIATION

Baltimore	120	120
Bell City	331	444
Bethany	563	583
Clarks River	11,618	13,049
Clear Springs		82
Cuba	4,637	4,310

	CP 91	CP 92
Dublin		
Emmanuel	600	600
Enon	1,000	1,000
Fairview		
Farmington	3,398	4,112
Fellowship		143
Hardmoney	600	600
Hickory	1,872	2,040
High Point	25,024	27,432
Liberty	7,396	8,802
Little Bethel		
Lynnville	516	199
Mayfield First	29,485	35,773
Melber	427	356
Mt Haven	192	181
Mt Olivet	1,021	1,027
Mt Pisgah		
New Concord	100	200
New Home	549	740
New Hope Msnry	108	82
New Liberty	152	162
New Life		318
Northside	6,500	7,500
Oak Grove	300	300
Pilot Oak	1,824	1,466
Pleasant Grove	2,599	2,630
Pryorsburg Msnry	1,013	1,002
Sand Hill		
Sedalia	2,563	1,911
Sharon	4,595	5,149
South First Street		
Trace Creek	600	1,083
Viola	319	355
Water Valley	40	120
West Broadway	994	842
Wingo	5,007	7,717
Total	116,063	132,430

GRAYSON ASSOCIATION

Big Clifty Mission	103	97
Caneyville	5,168	5,582
Clarkson	2,680	3,125
Holly	402	461
Leitchfield First	22,148	26,810
Liberty	1,700	1,519
Little Clifty	3,193	4,210
New Hope Msnry	105	105
Shrewsbury	465	
Total	35,964	41,909

GREEN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Advance	1,275	1,380
Airline	7,974	8,724
Ambassador	487	150
Audubon	7,011	7,657
Bellfield	5,798	6,716
Bethel	1,925	2,325
Cairo Msnry	316	367
Calvary Msnry	1,385	2,158
Cash Creek	2,074	2,845
Cherry Hill	861	208
Corydon Msnry	1,768	1,086
Dupey	60	60
Eastview	606	730
Finley	3,019	3,960
Geneva	576	480
Greater Norris Chapel		
Henderson First	31,514	47,674
Hyland	10,173	7,080
Immanuel Temple	14,883	8,130
Lawndale	1,125	1,135
Loeb Street Msnry	145	91
Morganfield First	17,542	19,053
Mt Pleasant	1,666	845
New Hope	728	575
Poole	3,625	5,413
Rangers Landing	368	462
Robards	4,022	3,026
Sebree First	8,646	12,074
Spottsville Msnry	3,059	3,500
Watson Lane	1,250	1,540
Zion	22,110	19,907
Total	155,991	169,351

GREENUP ASSOCIATION

Ashland		220
Ashland First	60,006	53,815
Ashland Second	1,626	2,750
Barretts Creek	157	180
Belmont Msnry	668	772
Blackburn Ave Msnry	1,825	10
Burnaugh	3,924	4,116
Cannonsburg First	3,812	4,017
Central	3,150	1,350
Chadwicks Creek	368	633
Cherryville Msnry	373	335
Crane Creek Msnry	1,130	1,644
Danleyton	1,083	953
Emily Northup		
Emmanuel		
Everman Msnry	50	
Fairview	3,332	3,744
Faith	207	203
Fellowship Chapel		261
Flatwoods First	6,904	10,214
Grace	603	530
Grayson First	5,124	5,906
Greenup First	3,786	3,527
Hyland Heights	900	900
Kenwood Msnry	809	1,025
Kirk Memorial	228	228
Liberty Msnry	2,096	2,163
Lloyd First	2,829	2,079
Louisa First	11,343	8,047
New Hope		
Oakland Avenue	14,116	17,918
Olive Hill First	4,860	5,150
Pollard	11,763	6,726
Raceland First	1,083	1,099
Richardson Msnry	362	429
Riverview	752	892
Rose Hill Msnry	14,808	16,843
Rush Chapel		
Russell First	8,581	8,677
Sandy Hook First	600	464
South Shore First	2,110	2,150
Southside		
Summitt	3,508	3,691
Unity	18,659	23,825
Wayside	250	250
Wildwood	4,622	5,996
Willard Msnry	778	780
Wilson Creek Msnry	175	115

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Wolf Creek	875	1,002
Worthington First	1,896	2,291
Wurtland Msnry	661	730
Total	206,792	208,650

HENRY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Bethlehem	4,160	4,754
Campbellsburg	1,044	1,266
Eminence	4,321	3,725
Franklinton		1,785
Hopewell	25	
Lockport	1,308	1,204
New Castle First		5,046
Orville	1,217	1,050
Pleasureville	4,434	5,070
Port Royal	140	
Smithfield	3,408	4,412
Sulphur		
Turners Station	483	477
Union	1,137	818
Total	21,677	29,607

IRVINE ASSOCIATION

Annville	600	600
Clover Bottom		

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	CP 91	CP 92
Double Springs	3,158	3,618
Drakes Creek	466	604
Fairview	6,274	6,028
Freedom		1,063
Friendship		
Geneva	100	
Harris Creek	56	57
Hustonville	1,970	2,020
Locust Grove	666	300
McKinney	2,032	1,822
Mt Hebron	894	832
Mt Salem	2,403	3,087
New Hope		
New Salem		
Olive	54	647
Parlor Grove	1,108	882
Pilot	390	318
Pleasant Point	1,443	2,073
Pleasant View	7,586	9,356
Polly Ann	798	706
Pond Msnry	626	397
South Fork		312
Watts Chapel	270	270
Total	34,944	38,341

LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION

Charleston	3,975	3,784
Concord	5,036	6,338
Corinth	20	
Dalton	565	485
Dawson Springs First	4,169	5,002
Diamond	300	420
Dixon First	1,625	1,495
Dunn Msnry	1,841	2,144
Earlington First	20,535	25,205
Freedom		
Grapevine	6,668	4,922
Green Grove Msnry	300	300
Hanson	3,641	3,892
Harmony	985	712
Johnson Island	777	1,947
Lafayette		
Lakeview Msnry	300	300
Liberty	11,955	13,032
Madisonville First	73,468	74,669
Madisonville Second	17,180	19,057
Manitou	90	1,856
Mannington	240	240
Mortons Gap First	1,748	2,076
Mortons Gap Second	1,740	1,779
Nebo	3,288	3,035
New Hope	312	132
New Salem	2,742	2,546
Nortonville	3,107	2,411
Olive Branch Msnry	2,691	2,869
Park Avenue	7,915	4,402
Pleasant Grove	2,389	1,779
Pleasant Valley Msnry	4,570	
Pleasantview	816	865
Pond River		
Prospect	701	500
Providence First	13,183	10,739
Providence Second	357	318
Richland	805	630
Salem	12,491	11,029
Silent Run	805	1,300
Slaughters	1,907	1,985
Slover	521	605
Suthards	960	1,068
Victory	13,819	12,197
White Plains Msnry	3,357	1,129
Zion Brick	120	120
Total	234,014	229,314

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Bethany	1,589	1,726
Buffalo Lick	15,013	3,840
Cadiz	4,235	18,647
Caldwell Blue Spring	4,176	4,462
Canton	2,509	2,046
Cerulean	2,041	2,460
Delmont	1,355	1,571
Donaldson Creek	1,498	1,546
East Cadiz	3,215	3,550
Hurricane	4,552	7,772
Liberty Point	7,777	5,171
Locust Grove	3,152	3,561
Maple Grove	612	1,025
New Hope	3,154	3,661
New Jerusalem	220	50
Oak Grove	4,913	4,406
Rock Front	171	175
Rocky Ridge	300	300
South Union	562	1,067
Trigg County	177	233
Wallonia	1,910	1,910
Total	61,221	69,179

LOGAN ASSOCIATION

Antioch	1,876	1,815
Beechland	1,355	2,294
Bellview	2,528	2,527
Britmart	392	532
Cave Spring	531	2,390
Center	300	330
Concord	319	366
Elk Lick	7,716	9,250
Epley	954	1,143
Green Ridge	971	1,630
Guptons Grove	613	724
Liberty	5,740	6,870
Mt Pleasant	11,539	13,583
Mt Tabor Msnry	600	1,770
Muddy River		
New Cedar Grove	434	611
New Friendship	2,909	3,743
New Hope		
Oak Forest	843	612
Oak Grove	8,802	9,519
Pleasant Hill	247	240
Total	48,669	59,949

LONG RUN ASSOCIATION

Arcade	700	250
Ashby Lane	250	
Auburndale	5,394	6,802
Audubon		666
Baptist Tabernacle	3,201	3,219
Bashford Manor	402	1,085
Baxter Avenue	2,101	1,782
Beargrass		
Beechland	9,481	11,894
Beechmont	18,139	13,455

	CP 91	CP 92
Beechwood	4,042	4,121
Bethany	8,967	5,667
Bethel Flock		100
Bethlehem	15,207	13,666
Bicknell Avenue		250
Broadway	2,250	
Brooks	2,340	1,974
Brookview	814	622
Buechel Park	500	1,350
Cardinal Hill	2,278	2,461
Carlisle Avenue	13,333	16,000
Cedar Creek	6,458	7,966
Chapel Park	3,668	2,980
Chenoweth Park	450	494
Clifton	4,937	3,322
Clifton Heights	200	66
Cloverleaf	5,667	6,838
Cove	449	49
Crescent Hill	39	675
Davis Memorial	2,563	1,781
Deaf Mission of Lyndon	558	
Deer Park	1,000	800
East	1,473	1,188
East Audubon	2,543	1,354
Eastern Gate	225	1,200
Eastern Parkway	365	991
Eastwood First	1,082	924
Ebenezer		
Eighteenth Street	3,418	5,282
Elk Creek	1,170	1,366
Fairdale First	4,165	5,360
Fairmount	673	636
Farmdale	16,581	15,183
Fern Creek	2,572	2,279
Filipino Mission		
First Southern	13,880	658
Fisherville	2,348	2,250
Foster Avenue	2,585	2,447
Fourth Avenue	510	540
Fourth Ave for Deaf		
Franklin Street	331	355
Garfield Avenue		
Gethsemane	5,766	4,642
Grace	400	400
Green Acres	4,659	6,618
Harmony	1,707	1,125
Hazelwood	7,146	5,874
Highland	10,782	
Highland Park First	5,895	9,181
Highland Park Second		127
Highview	25,250	26,250
Hillcrest	1,225	1,037
Hillsdale	3,161	2,935
Hillview	2,000	2,000
Hopewell	3,143	4,214
Hunsinger Lane	322	2,247
Hurstbourne	39,708	25,166
Immanuel	875	919
Jefferson Street	462	790
Jeffersontown	4,231	3,750
Kenwood	1,252	1,252
Keys Ferry	360	74
Kings	9,472	17,480
Korean First	430	460
Kosmosdale	951	951
Lake Dreamland	207	
Lakewood	10,607	6,232
Lees Lane	4,417	4,477
Little Flock	13,159	10,194
Long Run	183	50
Lou Christian Deaf		386
Lyndon		1,250
Lynn Acres	1,424	892
Manly Memorial		34
Maple Grove	8,864	9,760
Meadow Hill	3,508	4,344
Melbourne Heights	19,367	3,264
Memory Lane	129	215
Middletown First	1,016	3,024
Midlane Park	879	500
Minors Lane		
Morningside	75	25
Mt Elmira	470	547
Mt Hermon		
Mt Nebo		
New Cut Road	775	952
New Heights	400	300
New Hope		
New Salem	3,785	
Ninth & O	6,973	13,664
North 42nd Street		
Oak Grove		121
Oakdale	325	100
Okolona		
Ormsby Heights	5,046	7,798
Parkland	8,080	8,356
Parkwood	5,428	6,345
Penile	2,275	1,918
Pleasant Grove	3,854	3,083
Plum Creek	4,162	4,416
Poplar Level	1,169	1,376
Portland Avenue	1,357	1,536
Prospect First	500	613
Ralph Avenue	18,604	17,737
Ridgeview	112	119
Ridgewood	3,459	2,285
Riverside		
Rockford Lane	6,691	13,445
Rutledge Road	3,962	3,127
Shalom		
Shively	27,090	29,131
South Jefferson	10,432	10,736
South Watterson Tr	300	300
Southside	6,953	6,254
Springdale		2,300
St Matthews Hispanic	744	748
St Matthews	7,696	993
Summitt Hills	2,346	3,124
Sunnyside	815	
Taylorville First	7,630	9,644
Third Avenue	2,522	2,437
Thixton Lane	750	750
Valley Station	9,538	8,195
Valley View	4,928	5,696
Van Buren	1,380	1,425
Victory Memorial	1,476	1,746
Vine Street	1,420	1,370
Walnut Street	40,735	
West Broadway	6,243	4,473
West Buechel		
West End		150
West Side Portland		
Westport Road	31,393	25,552

	CP 91	CP 92
Woodland	5,537	5,383
Yorktown	1,118	1,210
Total	610,964	523,792

LYNN ASSOCIATION

Aetna Grove	4,877	4,597
Aetna Union	60	60
Bethel Msnry		
Boiling Springs	2,154	2,209
Bonnieville	600	600
Falling Springs		
Friendship 1		
Friendship 2	341	
Hiawatha Msnry		
Knoxes Creek	289	312
Leitchfield Crossing	906	815
Lincoln Memorial		
Lucas Grove	728	1,873
Mt Moriah	4,291	4,728
Mt Olivet Msnry	300	400
Mt Pisgah	501	122
Mt Tabor	1,500	1,700
Munfordville	13,674	14,347
Oak Hill	2,552	2,704
Pike View	250	250
South Fork	5,545	3,813
Three Forks Bacon Creek	600	600
Upton	6,769	6,889
Total	45,937	46,019

LYNN CAMP ASSOCIATION

Calvary Msnry	3,054	2,011
Candle Ridge		
Grays	4,322	3,374
Horse Creek	93	
Indian Creek	434	488
Keck	569	576
Liberty Msnry	142	191
Lynn Camp	3,511	3,931
Merrimac Msnry		
Mt Ararat		
Mt Olivet	184	175
New Bethel		
North Corbin Msnry	772	765
Paint Hill		
Piney Grove	3,254	3,118
Pleasant Ridge	175	210
Poplar Grove	527	452
Robinson Creek		
Total	17,037	15,291

MCCREARY ASSOCIATION

Bethel	1,256	898
Greenwood Msnry		
Hill Top		246
Marshes Siding First		
Pine Knot	495	611
Stearns First	3,930	4,787
Walkers Chapel	674	671
Whitley City First	4,519	7,962
Total	10,874	15,175

MERCER ASSOCIATION

Benton	2,374	650
Bethel	8,561	4,903
Bruners Chapel	21,547	23,255
Buena Vista	218	
Burgin	20,785	15,268
Calvary	4,403	4,965
Cornishville	900	750
Deep Creek	2,895	4,191
Dry Branch		
Eller Memorial	3,554	4,298
Faith	276	300
Fellowship	3,300	4,090
Harrodsburg	28,033	8,788
Hopewell	9,120	9,246
Kirkwood	3,844	3,175
Pioneer	1,511	3,440
Salva	9,780	10,174
Shakertown	600	600
Shawnee Run	3,125	3,466
Total	124,826	101,559

MIDDLE FORK ASSOCIATION

Big Rock Bottom		
Gays Creek		
Mt Paran		

MONROE ASSOCIATION

Akersville	494	469
Fountain Run First	1,481	1,615
Gamaliel	3,288	2,455
Indian Creek Msnry	1,314	1,705
Mill Creek Msnry	1,049	1,076
Monroe	75	75
Oak Grove Msnry		867
Peters Creek		
Pleasant Hill		
Rock Bridge		
Temple Hill	6,052	6,488
Tompkinsville First	5,348	5,600
Total	19,101	20,350

MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

Antioch	16	33
Bacon Creek	1,070	1,150
Bethlehem	374	313
Buffalo		
Cedar Gap		
Central	57,323	56,625
Chapel Grove	472	467
Corinth Msnry	250	561
Corn Creek		
Faber Msnry	393	686
Faith	586	730
Flat Creek Msnry		
Frankfort		
Goldbug	588	697
Good Hope	2,089	1,903
Greenland	3,806	3,293
Highland Park		
Hopewell	3,941	4,658
Indian Gap		
Level Green		
Main Street	13,442	16,650
Maple Creek Mission		
Meadow Creek		
Meadow Grove		
Mossy Gap	194	219
Mt Pisgah		
New Mount Zion		
Oak Grove</		

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	CP 91	CP 92
Hickory Grove	8,333	3,000
Highland Heights 1st	9,724	9,594
Highland Hills	11,887	16,096
Immanuel		625
Kentaboo	3,019	2,680
Kenton	1,158	1,206
Latonia	27,427	26,388
Licking Valley	1,694	1,961
Ludlow First	10,356	11,695
Macedonia		
Madison Avenue	2,373	42
Main Street	2,867	1,941
Mentor	1,446	1,744
New Bank Lick	2,083	1,961
Newport First	4,926	6,243
Oak Island	1,474	1,602
Oak Ridge	8,223	8,907
Oakland Ave		
Persimmon Grove	500	500
Petersburg	25	125
Piner	375	200
Pleasant Ridge	3,014	4,086
Rosedale	1,919	1,862
Sand Run	2,731	2,545
Silver Grove First	386	472
South Side	850	1,894
Trinity	4,141	3,933
Twelve Mile First	3,260	2,962
Twelve Mile Second	2,717	2,556
Union	3,502	2,139
Victory		559
Villa Hills Mission	513	583
Visalia	196	309
Walton First	7,224	8,687
West Covington	755	950
Wilmington	3,342	2,738
Woodhaven	718	
Total	349,330	355,811

NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION

Apple Grove		
Artemus	2,705	200
Barbourville First	27,143	27,667
Beech Spring		
Big Brush Creek		
Callihan		
Calvary		
Centennial		
Coalport		
Coles Branch		
Concord		
Davis Chapel		
Dewitt	303	297
Dripping Springs		
East Barbourville	3,328	1,290
Ebenezer		
Fellowship		
Greasy Creek	30	30
Green Road		
Highland Park	3,218	4,116
Himyar		
Horn Branch		
Liberty		
Locust Grove		
Northside	590	337
Old Flat Lick		
Pinie Chapel		
Poplar Grove		
River	117	83
Roadside	529	852
Rock Springs		
Salem		
Salt Gum	53	170
Sinking Valley		
Springfield	345	356
Swan Pond	2,290	2,107
Turkey Creek	1,023	999
Union Mission		
Walker		
Warren		
Young Grove	388	511
Total	42,062	39,015

OHIO COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Adaburg	140	109
Barnetts Creek	624	663
Beaver Dam	34,495	38,278
Bells Run	1,107	1,129
Centertown	2,483	2,604
Central Grove	71	
Clear Run	1,040	1,188
Concord	1,815	2,121
Cool Springs	210	210
Deanfield	263	303
Dundee	1,010	621
East Fork	259	471
East Hartford	995	652
Fairview	352	367
Fordsville	9,380	4,923
Green River	2,673	2,824
Hartford	8,725	8,270
Hartford Second	690	744
Independence	565	771
McGrady Creek	363	353
McHenry	2,000	1,751
Mt Carmel	6,462	7,832
Mt Zion	272	307
Narrows		
New Panther Creek	426	415
New Zion		
Olaton	307	306
Pleasant Grove	364	391
Pleasant Hill	466	448
Pond Run	2,900	2,056
Providence	1,044	1,275
Ridgecrest	1,122	1,106
Rockport	275	350
Rosine	180	150
Slaty Creek	1,043	1,539
Smallhouse	320	354
Waltons Creek	390	610
West Point	1,363	1,534
West Providence	740	899
Woodwards Valley		
Zion	3,275	4,337
Total	90,209	92,261

OHIO RIVER ASSOCIATION

Baker	916	1,083
Birdsville	211	217
Burna Community	88	
Caldwell Springs	824	1,220
Calvary	350	375

	CP 91	CP 92
Carrsville	45	313
Cave Spring	147	140
Central	77	35
Corinth	250	250
Crooked Creek	824	1,011
Deer Creek	2,767	3,499
Dunn Springs	215	96
Dycusburg	1,009	953
Dyer Hill	1,704	2,192
Emmanuel	2,148	2,752
Emmaus	391	142
Fellowship	575	644
Friendship	4,577	8,973
Good Hope	60	30
Grand Rivers	530	200
Hampton	1,203	1,180
Iuka First	1,328	1,339
Lake City	3,095	2,926
Lola	134	195
Marion	24,214	26,750
Marion Second	1,146	1,308
Mexico	10,578	12,029
Mint Spring	518	624
Ohio Valley	3,328	2,833
Old Salem	3,913	3,222
Pinckneyville	3,446	4,129
Repton	639	757
Salem	16,944	18,373
Shady Grove		
Smithland First	400	1,200
Smithland Second	515	587
Sugar Creek	1,656	1,253
Sulphur Springs	341	410
Tiline First	901	510
Union	2,337	2,192
Total	94,344	105,942

OHIO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Bethany	1,898	1,168
Blackford	85	102
Calvary	50	60
Clay First	11,657	12,860
Countryside	2,592	4,090
Dekoven	1,033	1,329
Grangertown	5,750	5,096
Grove Center	220	479
Mt Olive	399	194
New Harmony	366	231
New Hopewell	653	599
Northside	280	350
Old Bethel	360	360
Pride		
Sturgis First	24,485	52,234
Sullivan	2,364	2,705
Uniontown	1,639	1,900
Whispering Meadows		
Woodlawn	361	2,152
Total	54,192	85,909

OWEN ASSOCIATION

Beech Grove	737	885
Caney Fork	264	262
Cedar Hill	5,133	4,517
Concord	1,018	1,018
Dallasburg	4,705	4,880
Elk Lick	1,080	951
Gratz		102
Greenup Fork	930	1,031
Harmony	1,072	1,368
Long Ridge	5,098	4,657
Lusby Mill	2,326	2,610
Monterey	600	1,957
Mt Pleasant	794	1,135
Mt Zion		
Mussell Shoals	305	55
New Columbus	2,824	3,595
New Liberty	3,394	2,873
Old Cedar	715	590
Owenton First	21,344	24,548
Pleasant Ridge	597	2,100
Richland	3,105	3,250
Salem		
South Fork	3,095	3,329
Sparta	414	490
Squiresville	1,847	1,667
Total	61,397	67,870

PIKE ASSOCIATION

Aflex	1,200	1,200
Belfry First	14,033	5,110
Brushy Creek	977	1,110
Calvary Southern	2,315	2,863
Elkhorn City	2,667	2,555
Faith First	459	716
Faith Mission		1,055
Feds Creek	385	100
Forest Hills	2,528	2,850
Grace	4,850	3,314
Hellier	256	121
Immanuel	0	3,928
Jenkins First	4,623	2,828
Marrowbone	1,043	1,543
Mayflower Unity	534	818
McVeigh	1,995	2,571
Meta	3,143	5,582
Mouthcard	4,741	5,028
Phelps First	251	320
Pikeville first	11,810	51,781
Sidney Msnry	3,285	3,636
Stone	1,574	1,805
Sutton	1,340	1,138
Virgie	3,004	3,057
Total	67,013	105,029

PINE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

Big Leatherwood Frst	2,255	2,044
Crafts Colly	301	467
Cumberland	131	500
Deane	1,609	1,784
Fleming	1,657	2,101
Haymond	100	100
Mt Olivet	875	350
West Cumberland	587	177
Total	7,515	7,523

PULASKI ASSOCIATION

Acorn	567	618
Antioch		
Barnesburg	1,942	1,752
Beacon Hill	43,717	43,466
Bethany	1,036	1,204
Bethel	4,684	3,613
Bethlehem	3,837	3,680

	CP 91	CP 92
Bronston	1,091	1,064
Buck Creek	39	39
Buena Vista	2,856	3,938
Burnetta	1,268	1,537
Burnside First	400	448
Calvary	3,697	4,752
Camp Ground	2,007	3,186
Cedar point	958	1,407
Clifty Grove	203	408
Community Mission	608	809
Cumberland	223	262
Denham Street	300	300
Duke Memorial	6,869	3,663
Eden	467	
Eubank	1,827	2,545
Ferguson	4,089	4,413
First Bethel Msnry		
Fishing Creek		
Flat Lick	1,714	1,623
Flat Rock	416	488
Floyd Switch	258	452
Glenwood	40	30
Good Hope		
High Street	14,808	13,673
Hopeful		
Immanuel	4,765	4,881
Jacksonville		
Jasper Bend Msnry	296	288
King Bee	163	203
Lakeside Mission	372	369
Liberty		
Malvin Hill	218	220
McKinney		180
Mt Pisgah	1,501	1,719
Mt Union	636	713
Mt Victory	184	172
Neeleys Creek	561	796
New Enterprise	553	623
Northside	6,888	7,494
Oak Grove 1	524	421
Oak Grove 2	331	351
Okalona	1,716	2,238
Piney Grove II	959	1,078
Pleasant Hill	20,358	22,726
Pleasant Run	1,657	1,719
Pleasant View	1,493	1,763
Poplarville		
Pulaski	527	722
Quinton	585	586
Rock Lick	2,533	2,943
Sinking Valley	342	357
Slate Branch	1,148	1,377
Sloans Valley	595	685
Somerset First	81,110	85,090
Sunnyside	689	627
Sunrise	582	537
Woodstock	3,657	4,711
Total	234,864	244,959

RED RIVER ASSOCIATION

Beattyville	1,548	1,696
Brush Creek Mission		
Campton	3,213	2,727
Faith	1,378	1,585
Frenchburg	3,179	3,220
Jackson First	2,994	425
Little Cane Creek	181	66
Stanton	4,844	4,255
West Liberty First	2,758	1,706
Total	20,095	15,680

ROCKCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Brindle Ridge		
Brodhead	3,734	4,733
Clear Creek		
Conway Msnry	60	
Copper Creek	82	64
Fairview	2,165	155
Flat Rock	150	150
Freedom	1,439	1,531
Livingston	250	284
Macedonia	100	
Maretburg	1,142	1,252
Mt Pleasant	1,570	1,260
Mt Vernon First	8,803	11,528
Mt Zion	233	296
Northside	2,713	2,642
Ottawa	2,258	2,274
Pine Hill Msnry	184	185
Pleasant Run	135	106
Poplar Grove	495	635
Roundstone		
Scaffold Cane	561	714
Valley	341	295
Total	26,415	28,104

RUSSELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Clear Springs	120	457
Clearfork	600	600
Dunnville First	248	221
Fairview	2,700	2,350
Friendship	300	300
Indian Hill	81	152
Jamestown	3,250	3,658
Liberty	4,731	3,107
Mt Olive	986	987
Mt Vernon	1,285	1,282
Pleasant Hill		
Pleasant View	100	100
Poplar Grove	1,478	1,259
Providence		
Russell Spr. First	5,977	7,113
Sano	399	328
Welfare		
Wells Chapel		
Windsor First		285
Total	22,255	22,199

RUSSELL CREEK ASSOCIATION

Beech Grove	2,063	2,135
Bethany	100	125
Bethlehem	2,872	2,470
Big Creek		
Brush Creek		
Cane Valley	130	65
Charity	747	663
Columbia		678
Dunbar Hill	120	65
East Fork		
Fry	375	87
Gradyville		
Greasy Creek	3,225	3,450
Greensburg	15,952	16,500

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Harrods Fork	195	161
Leatherwood</		

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SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION		
Beech Fork	158	158
Beech Grove	2,100	2,100
Bryantsville First	358	117
Calvary	4,423	16,027
Community		351
Danville First	34,129	15,475
Doctors Fork	1,947	1,904
Forks of Dix River	6,535	6,872
Friendship		
Gethsemane	11,478	13,500
Gravel Switch	463	482
Hedgeville	983	912
Hyattsville	2,865	2,955
Immanuel	2,552	3,984
Junction City First	6,720	4,138
Lancaster	23,004	28,199
Lexington Avenue	32,041	23,586
Mitchellsburg	1,299	1,372
Mt Freeman	528	609
North Rolling Fork	843	1,946
Parksville	1,655	1,813
Perryville	7,677	7,583
Pleasant Hill	822	697
Pleasant Run	80	80
Salt River	300	416
Southern Heights	465	16
Willow Grove	3,237	3,790
Total	146,662	139,082

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SOUTH UNION ASSOCIATION		
Alsile Msnry		69
Big Cane Creek		
Clay Hill Msnry	25	
Fairview Msnry		
High Cliff	106	173
Jellico Creek		
Kentucky Hill	200	240
Mountain Ash		
North End		
Oswego Msnry	300	300
Patterson Creek	50	30
Piney Grove	80	130
Pleasant Hill	266	335
Red Bird	277	270
Ryans Creek	188	113
Tannery Hollow Msnry	360	360
Wolf Creek	694	647
Youngs Creek		
Total	2,546	2,667

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SULPHUR FORK ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	56	
Ballardsville	8,621	7,441
Bedford	3,400	3,800
Buckner	2,427	2,928
Corn Creek	813	395
Covington	503	309
Crestwood	21,280	16,744
De Haven Memorial	21,343	19,686
Eighteen Mile	349	166
Goshen	238	
Harrods Creek		
LaGrange Heights	949	
Liberty	714	632
Milton	3,937	2,552
Pleasant View	122	
Poplar Ridge		
Providence	1,326	1,674
Rolling Hills Mission	300	
Sligo	4,414	4,357
Union Grove	308	316
Westport	2,700	4,496
Total	73,800	65,496

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TATES CREEK ASSOCIATION		
Berea	14,664	15,122
Bethel	866	987
Bethlehem	300	600
Blue Lick Msnry	170	179
Broadway	986	1,146
Calvary	458	518
Clarksville		
Eastside Bethel	620	1,270
Emmanuel	2,803	2,706
Fellowship	625	602
Freedom	150	150
Galilee	715	990
Gethsemane	1,377	1,590
Gilberts Creek	125	225
Gilead	90	90
Good Hope	1,924	1,259
Harris Memorial		55
Hays Fork	2,526	2,736
Kirksville	6,169	6,521
Knob Lick	112	201
Liberty	60	60
Liberty Avenue	1,814	1,824
Linden Street		
Middletown	1,914	2,063
Mt Tabor	3,496	3,198
Owsley Fork	501	658
Peytontown	0	202
Pilot Knob Msnry	270	270
Red House	9,782	9,541
Red Lick		60
Richmond First	37,423	49,419
Rosedale	6,585	7,721
Silver Creek	2,377	2,730
Stoney Run		
Tates Creek	2,508	1,864
Union City	3,681	3,703
Unity	703	742
Valley View	30	30
Viney Fork	1,153	1,102
Wallacetown	10,568	11,278
Wallacetown	1,915	2,913
Westside	2,327	2,084
White Lick	1,957	2,130
Total	123,744	140,539

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TAYLOR COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Acton	970	1,052
Campbellsville	77,233	73,229
Eastside		192
Elkhorn	8,626	13,699
Fairview	437	450
Friendship	2,839	3,123
Good Hope	8,175	8,534
Green River Memorial	6,630	5,648
Liberty	1,657	1,713
Lowell Avenue	7,035	7,839
Meadowview	1,079	1,212

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TEN MILE ASSOCIATION		
Clarks Creek	43	89
Concord		
Elliston	505	709
Glencoe	5,121	3,615
Macedonia	6,071	6,558
Mt Zion	3,152	2,118
New Bethel	8,570	3,856
Oakland	772	729
Paint Lick	4,529	4,053
Pleasant Home	4,132	4,367
Poplar Grove	672	1,313
Stewartsville	791	694
Ten Mile	3,416	3,856
Vine Run	6,454	5,866
Warsaw	6,633	6,215
Total	50,861	44,038

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THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION		
Airport Gardens	875	1,050
Berean	140	100
Big Creek	5,510	5,240
Blackey	335	120
Bluegrass		
Caney	185	630
Combs First		
Confluence		
Dwarf	120	140
Emmanuel	2,877	4,580
First Creek	607	612
Hardburley		
Hazard First	17,869	18,049
Hindman First	10,399	10,908
Hyden	1,438	1,750
Jeff Msnry	20	89
Jeremiah Msnry		
Lone Pine	300	429
Lothair	600	822
Montgomery Creek	1,600	2,103
Mousie First	144	321
Muncy Creek	280	399
Petrey Memorial	3,329	3,646
Premium	2,278	2,028
Red Hill	300	
Rockhouse	957	842
Short Creek Mission		
Smithsboro	6,280	5,773
Typo	150	150
Upper Second Creek	406	467
Victo		
Whitesburg First	20,803	17,783
Wootton First	750	
Yerkes		
Total	78,552	78,031

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UNION ASSOCIATION		
Beaver	2,434	1,959
Berlin	244	292
Berry		160
Blanket Creek	999	1,166
Brooksville	809	3,426
Butler	1,022	1,356
Cynthiana	22,461	16,894
Fairview		
Falmouth	2,891	4,899
Forest Hill		30
Leesburg		
Lenoxburg		
New Zion	120	120
Oakwood Avenue	851	
Powersville	850	1,020
Richland	1,182	
Union	863	874
Willow	1,126	1,121
Total	35,852	33,317

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UPPER CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION		
Ages	1,561	382
Baxter First	633	805
Black Mountain	485	135
Brittians Creek		
Calvary	800	1,200
Central	6,116	5,128
Chevrolet Msnry	223	450
Cloplint	300	300
Cloverfork Msnry	450	300
Coxton	120	125
Dione	1,990	2,083
Elcomb	1,355	1,576
Everts	4,277	2,871
Friendship	816	632
Harlan	21,409	20,870
Hensley Bethel		
Huff Settlement	153	117
Jones Creek	53	6
Kelly Street	1,262	1,138
Lenarue	422	381
Liggett	437	191
Locust Grove Msnry	210	175
Loyall First	9,187	8,491
Lynch	300	300
New Riverside		75
North Everts		
Pansy Msnry	1,135	1,023
Pounding Mill Msnry		
Putney	677	232
Red Bud Msnry		
River Ridge		
Riverside	146	190
Sunshine	1,140	1,406
Teetersville	3,242	4,116
Totz	1,892	1,419
Turner		
Verda First		
Wallins	789	909
Willow Grove		
Yocum Creek	304	340
Total	61,959	57,291

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WEST KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	628	588
Arlington First	2,083	2,917
Bardwell First	10,503	15,156
Bethlehem	6,146	7,385
Beulah	5,386	6,000
Burkley	550	440
Cayce	900	900
Clinton First	12,664	12,142
Clinton Second	451	481
Columbus	1,855	1,888
Crutchfield	1,310	915
David's Chapel		
East Hickman	96	220
Fulton First	21,068	21,372
Green Valley Msnry	111	
Hickman First	2,700	2,692
Hopewell	75	56
Kirbyton	767	810
Liberty	1,200	1,200
Milburn	1,829	1,937
Mississippi	7,425	7,928
Moscow	2,234	2,727
Mt Carmel	350	450
Mt Moriah		
New Bethel	3,012	3,126
New Harmony		500
New Hope		
Oak Grove	470	545
Oakton	250	250
Obion		
Poplar Grove	160	
Riceville	300	300
Sassafras Ridge	716	602
Shiloh	2,166	1,941
Spring Hill		605
West Hickman	6,755	6,496
Total	94,160	102,569

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WEST UNION ASSOCIATION		
Antioch	3,377	4,238
Bandana	4,754	6,355
Baptist Tabernacle	2,235	2,643
Barlow First	4,546	5,323
Bellview	6,025	8,986
Bethel	380	180
Bethlehem	360	305
Blandville	816	873
Calvary Msnry	0	48
Cane Creek	150	150
East Paducah	950	1,408
Eureka		
Faith Msnry	3,185	2,298
First Liberty	20	150
Grace		1,190
Harmony	7,422	7,518
Highview	840	758
Immanuel	22,078	17,477
Kevil	5,763	5,459
Lacenter First	7,199	7,815
Lone Oak First	40,792	34,000

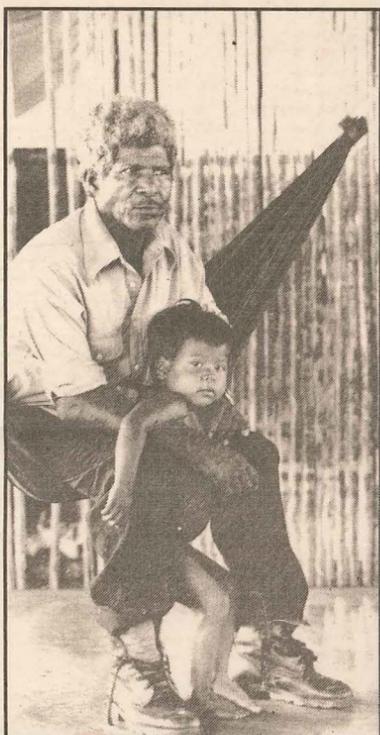
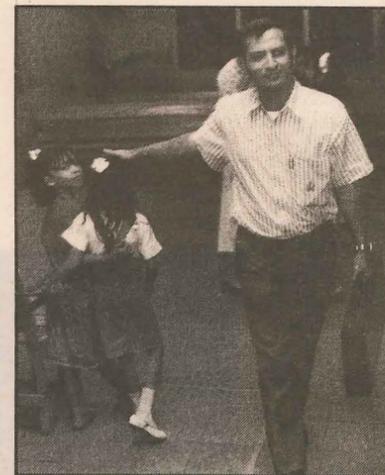
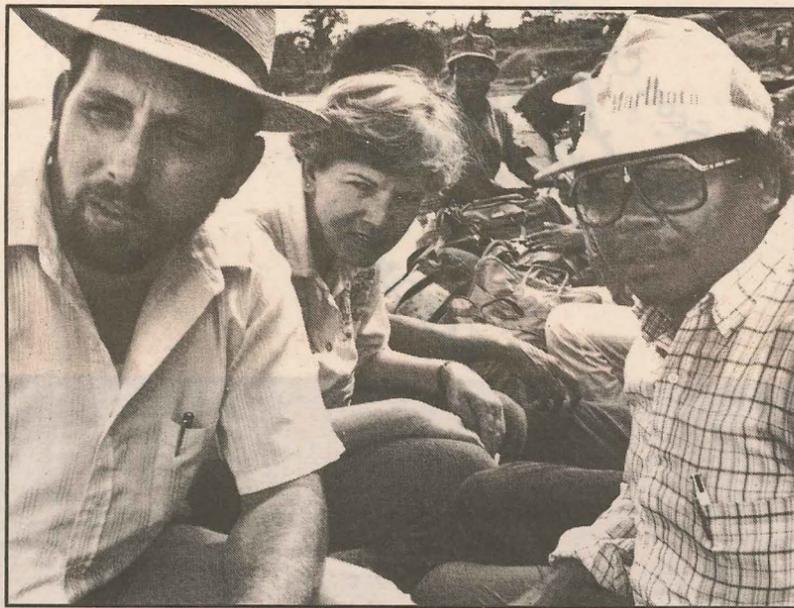
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WARREN ASSOCIATION		
Andrew	130	

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WAYNE ASSOCIATION		
Big Sinking		324
Cedar Hill		
Concord		
Cooper	210	270
Elk Spring Valley	4,391	4,169
Gap Creek	528	577
Green Hill		
Immanuel	125	150
Lower Turkey Creek		
Meadow Creek	150	150
Missouri Hollow		
Monticello First	16,957	9,300
Mt Zion	2,315	2,438
New Charity	225	225
New Salem	1,143	1,327
New Town	440	585
Oak Grove	280	240
Parmley's Grove		
Rectors Flat	111	250
Sandusky Chapel	750	750
South Main		
Spann Hill	110	85
Steubenville	1,764	1,975
Zion		
Total	29,499	22,815

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MISSIONS

CLOCKWISE ■ Southern Baptist missionaries Jim and Viola Palmer accompany Pastor Aliston Perez (right) in a dugout boat to minister in a string of small churches along the Rio Coco River. ■ Nicaraguan Baptist leader Tomas Tellez says goodbye to some girls in a choir he directs. ■ Lidia Patricia Guitan grimaces as smoke rises from the wood fire under a pot of cornmeal, which she will make into tortillas to be sold on the streets for a few pennies apiece. ■ Pastor Albino Pantin holds his 3-year-old grandson, whose father was killed in Nicaragua's civil war. (BP photos by Charles Ledford)



Southern Baptists work with Nicaraguan Baptists in a number of ways, most recently in efforts to begin a new evangelical radio station in Managua. In addition to work by career missionaries, volunteer engineers from the U.S. will install equipment and train personnel before the station begins broadcasting later this year.

After years of war, Nicaraguan churches growing

By Martha Skelton
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MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP)—After years of war, outside intervention and economic decline, Nicaraguans are looking ahead to new opportunities for a better life and—for some—a spiritual rebirth.

Baptists in Nicaragua, who in February celebrated the 75th anniversary of their first church, are setting new goals for the future. The Baptist convention has 80 churches and a goal of doubling that number by the year 2000.

Yet like their countrymen, they struggled through more than a decade of strife and civil war between the Sandinista regime—defeated at the polls in 1990—and the contras. The political polarizations of Nicaraguan life found their way into Baptist life. But Nicaraguan Baptists say they have emerged, like other evangelicals, with a unity beyond the experience of the majority Roman Catholic Church.

During the Sandinista years, Roman Catholics divided between the traditional Catholicism of their bishop, who opposed the Sandinistas, and the “popular church,” which blends

Catholic teaching and “liberation theology” with Sandinista support.

Baptists, in contrast, insisted on liberty of conscience, according to several church leaders.

They recognized that “every member (should) exercise the ... priesthood of all believers, conscious always that he or she was a witness for Christ,” said Gustavo Parajon, pastor of Managua’s First Baptist Church.

A Christian brother who differed with you never ceased being a brother, added Eugenio Zamora, senior pastor of Galilea Baptist Church in Managua, the nation’s capital.

Baptists and other evangelicals supported various sides in the conflict. The Sandinista revolution that overthrew the former Somoza dictatorship in 1979 was widely supported. Some found the Sandinistas’ emphasis on helping the poor and disadvantaged paralleled their Christian concerns. Others rejected the movement’s Marxist elements and supported an elected non-Sandinista government. Still others supported neither major faction.

Today’s government, headed by Violeta Chamorro, was elected in 1990 under the banner of a coalition

called “UNO” (National Opposition Union, and Spanish for “one”). It encompasses almost a dozen diverse political groups ranging from rightists to two communist factions. They united mainly in their opposition to the Sandinista government.

Baptists reflected the overall vote in the 1990 election: About 42 percent supported the Sandinistas while 55 percent backed UNO, said Enrique Villagra, a Nicaraguan Supreme Court justice and Baptist layman.

For Baptists, tensions peaked in 1986-87, said Tomas Tellez, the convention’s executive secretary. Baptist leaders wrote letters to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Baptists in America asking for an end to American involvement in the civil war and economic blockade.

Such actions, coupled with the ongoing dialogue between the convention and Sandinista government, led some Baptists to protest.

Despite their differences, they continued working together in evangelism and social ministries. The experience “taught us that Christ brings unity and maturity, a way of dealing with conflicts,” Tellez said.

At his church, Parajon found him-

self in an interesting situation. One of his members was the only Sandinista-appointed evangelical in Nicaragua’s legislature. Another was the only evangelical elected to the legislature from the UNO coalition in 1990. Still another was the only evangelical ever to sit on the Nicaraguan Supreme Court, selected by the UNO government.

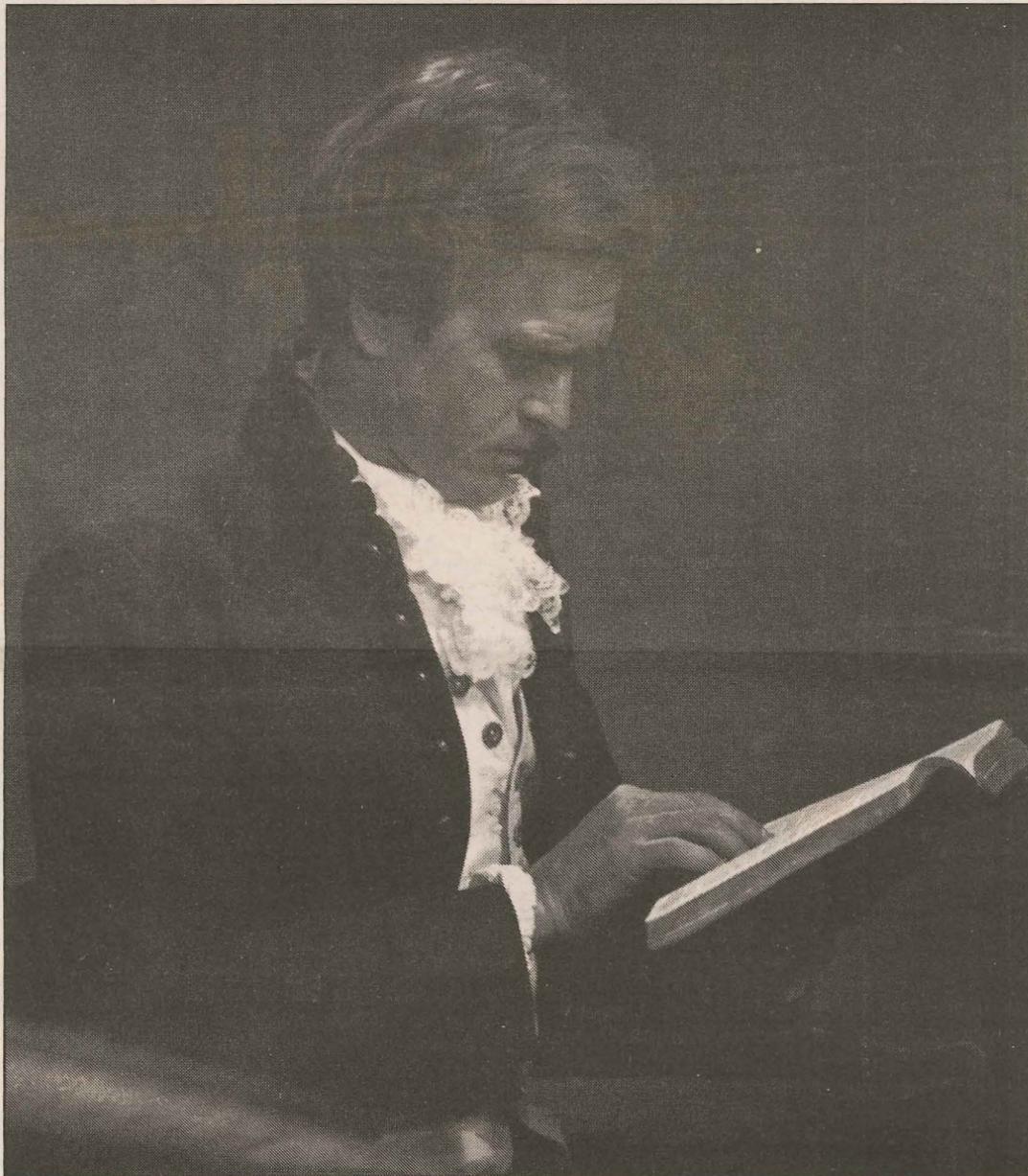
“It was a social phenomenon,” Parajon explained. “In our church there were people in the Somoza government and people who joined the (Sandinista front) from its inception. In church, we could work together. We are part of the body of Christ and remember that as our identity.”

For Nicaraguan evangelicals, the war years brought numerical growth. Until 1979, about 5 percent of Nicaraguans were evangelicals. Today, about 30 percent of the country’s nearly 4 million people are evangelicals, according to Ignacio Hernandez, of the Bible Society of Nicaragua.

The Baptist convention started 33 churches during the war. “Lots of people came to the churches. There were more baptisms. They came because of the fear of war, the insecurity,” Gonzalez said.

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