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Kentuckian lives her witness in China

BEIJING, China (BP)—A Kentucky Baptist woman has drawn big attention for her work with little people at a Chinese hotel.

Susan Harralson, a kindergarten teacher from Nortonville and member of First Baptist Church in Madisonville, currently works on the staff of the Beijing Lido Holiday Inn.

Harralson said she never dreamed an international hotel chain would need a kindergarten principal in China. But when she investigated volunteer mission opportunities overseas, she discovered the Lido provides preschool education for the international community in Beijing. Since the hotel pays her salary, she didn't even have to raise her own support as she had planned to do.

Before she went to China, Harralson, who has a master's degree in early childhood education, had taught for 13 happy years in Nortonville.

"I loved where I was," she said. "But after a trip to South America, I felt God wanted something more of me."

Now she believes her work at the posh Chinese hotel allows her to put her Christian life on the line and demonstrate what she believes.

"They know I'm a Christian, and I want them to see a difference in me," she explained.

From all indications, that difference is being noticed. At a hotel executive staff meeting Harralson attended soon after she arrived in China, she overheard her name mentioned in a Chinese-language discussion.

"I heard them talking about 'Miss Susan' but I didn't know why," she said. Later she learned the hotel manager was urging the staff to follow her example in maintaining good relations with the workers.

Chinese television featured her school on a special program in 1991. The Lido preschool has a reputation as an elite school for children of diplomats and businessmen.

But Harralson's job isn't all that luxurious. A normal workday runs

nine hours, and she works six days a week.

"It was a big adjustment," she admits. "Living in the hotel is like being on duty all the time." Most of her small charges live in hotel apartments, which means she is not only their teacher but their neighbor as well.

Harralson loves China but misses the family and church support she enjoyed back home. Her Beijing colleagues, she learned quickly, don't hold her Christian values.

"I realized I didn't have anyone to depend on except God. I said, 'It's me and you, God.'"

Yet she prizes the relationships she has developed with the Chinese and expatriate staff. Harralson makes good use of the several hours the staff is on duty after the children leave. She has taught aerobics, English, even fashion and makeup classes.

Her secretary, Emily Sun, said the

Chinese workers appreciate Harralson's interest in them.

"We love her very much," she said. "Susan is so kind and helpful and generous. We have a very special relationship. I know she's a Christian. I don't have a background in Christianity so I don't understand about it very well, but I'm interested. Sometimes I ask her questions, and she tells me stories from the Bible."

When Harralson completed her two-year contract last June, the hotel management promised her a higher staff rating if she would remain. The dilemma she faced was obvious to her friend Sun.

"Susan was just standing in the middle," Sun said. "She loved China and she loved her job back home."

China won. The hotel thinks it convinced her to stay another year, but anyone who knows Harralson knows what really kept her in China.



HELPING HANDS Kentucky Baptist Susan Harralson (center right) works with children at the prestigious international kindergarten at the Beijing Holiday Inn in China. She sees the job as an opportunity to put her Christian faith on the line and demonstrate what she believes. "They know I'm a Christian, and I want them to see a difference in me," she said. (BP photo by Lounette Templeton)

WMU board approves historic changes

TALLADEGA, Ala.—The executive board of Woman's Missionary Union voted Jan. 10 to expand its role in missions support, opening the door to work with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and other evangelical groups.

Culminating a yearlong study by a special ad hoc committee, WMU's executive board adopted a "vision statement," eight "core values" and six far-reaching recommendations.

The plan represents one of the most dramatic changes in the 105-year history of WMU, which until now has related almost exclusively to the Southern Baptist Convention's two official mission-sending agencies.

Carolyn Miller, national WMU president from Huntsville, Ala., compared the action to a "giant leap, a giant step, a giant direction" in mission awareness involvement.

Under the new vision, WMU also will become more involved in direct missions and actively address social issues.

The plan, which was approved with only one negative vote, is designed to let WMU serve all Southern Baptists involved in missions, leaders said.

Delores Gilliland, executive director of Kentucky WMU, said she is certain the changes will draw fire from some quarters but are not likely to be perceived negatively in Kentucky churches.

"As far as our membership is concerned, they will see we are really staying on track, yet opening up new possibilities," she said. "I really feel we are remaining true to who we are, yet making the changes that are necessary."

The most immediate negative reaction to the changes came from Morris Chapman, president of the SBC

Executive Committee. Some Executive Committee leaders had warned WMU Nov. 20 that the Executive Committee might form its own women's organization if WMU supports the Fellowship and its causes.

Because WMU is an SBC auxiliary with an autonomous board of directors, the changes are not subject to approval of the SBC or its Executive Committee.

Chapman said in a statement that he is "saddened" by WMU's action, which he considers to alter WMU's auxiliary relationship to the SBC.

"If the WMU is, in fact, saying they no longer exist exclusively to support SBC programs, that is a choice made by them, not by the SBC. We have no choice but to relate to their choice," he said. "Apparently, they have chosen a course apart from the traditional auxiliary relationship which has served us well for 104 years."

Chapman said WMU's action

Brotherhood adopts new homes role

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

Kentucky's Brotherhood plans to build a new wing in its house of ministries that will provide shelter for poor families across the state.

During the Jan. 7-9 meeting of the Kentucky Brotherhood Convention's steering committee, approval was given to a new state-wide program called "Hope for Homes." This will be part of a larger Kentucky Brotherhood emphasis called "Hope for Hurting Humanity."

As part of the new plan, Kentucky Brotherhood will seek to become an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, the international organization that uses volunteer labor to build homes for low-income families at reduced rates.

But that's only one part of the larger Hope for Homes emphasis, said Bob Simpkins, state Brotherhood director. The plan also calls for investigating HUD housing deals and obtaining unclaimed housing to help families, as well as expanding already successful disaster relief efforts to include housing construction.

The plan also would add two new youth programs, "Impact for Christ" and "Kentucky Chang-ers," Simpkins said.

Impact for Christ would be a means to provide teens with experience in Christian high adventure programs as well as construction in needy areas of Eastern Kentucky. Kentucky Chang-ers would be a local version of the national "World Changers" youth construction program but would place Kentucky teens working on Kentucky projects.

Simpkins said he hopes to see groundbreaking of the first construction project by next fall, before the annual Brotherhood convention.

"This should be the biggest thing Kentucky Brotherhood has ever done," he said, explaining it would surpass even Brotherhood's extensive disaster relief program. "It will involve many more people and will be done on an ongoing basis."

Kentucky Brotherhood describes its work in terms of a wheel, with mission education at the center and various mission action spokes radiating out in all directions. Hope for Homes is a new spoke on that wheel of mission ministry, he said.

It is one more ministry that "takes us outside our churches ... and puts us in the world of hurting people who suffer," he said.

For more information, contact Simpkins or Lott at the Kentucky Baptist Convention office in Louisville.

BAPTISTS

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■ **Contributions** to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship totaled \$7.3 million in 1992—a 62 percent increase over the previous year. A record month of contributions in December boosted the Fellowship well over its own income projection of \$6.5 million for the year, according to preliminary year-end figures. The 2-year-old organization of Southern Baptist moderates took in \$7.3 million in 1992, compared to \$4.5 million in 1991.

■ **Olin Williams** of Eubank is among three new volunteers for the BookLink ministry of the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators. Through this ministry, Baptists ship donated books, tapes, tracts and other literature to missionaries overseas.

■ **Roy Blunt**, former Missouri secretary of state, has been elected president of Southwest Baptist University, the largest university affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

■ **British Baptist leaders** have affirmed Keith Parks' decision to direct the missions program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In a statement faxed to the Fellowship's Atlanta headquarters in December, the British leaders expressed their intent to work with both the Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and their hope that the missions agencies "will cooperate with each other."

■ **Blankets** to be distributed in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina are being collected by Texas Baptist Men at the request of the Pentagon. Donations for the \$3 special price of the blankets may be sent to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, Texas 75246-1798. Checks should be marked "disaster relief."

Kentucky CP sets record in December

By Marv Knox
Editor

Kentucky Baptists set a record for monthly contributions to the Cooperative Program in December, giving almost \$2 million to their budget.

Last month's receipts totaled \$1,956,854, and topped the old record—set in August 1989—by \$50,000.

The strong December offering combined with a solid September to propel the Kentucky Cooperative Program to its best four-month showing in at least a decade, said Barry Allen, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's business manager.

The Cooperative Program's fiscal year began Sept. 1. Through Dec. 31, it had received \$5,937,234.

That amount is \$787,216 (15.3 percent) over receipts for the same four-month period a year ago. It also is \$157,931 (2.7 percent) over the goal for the first third of the current fiscal year.

"This is the most we've been ahead of budget through December in at least 10 years, perhaps ever," Allen said.

The Kentucky Cooperative Program's annual operating goal is slightly more than \$17.3 million. To meet that goal, the Cooperative Program

will need to take in an average of \$1,425,084 per month for the remaining eight months.

More months like September and December—which each set records for that particular month—will help.

"Without taking away from the generosity of the people, these months benefited from the calendar," said Allen, who noted both September and December had five Sundays. Since Cooperative Program funds originate in the offering plates of Baptist churches, the extra Sunday to collect a monthly offering helps.

"But even without the benefit of the calendar, we've had real growth in giving," Allen said.

Leaders saw a good month coming, reported KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer William W. Marshall.

"Conversation with numerous pastors during the Christmas season indicated that a number of churches were experiencing an unusually strong December in giving," Marshall said. "That gave me an early clue December would be a good month. The surprise was in setting a record."

The next test will come in early February, when January receipts are counted, Marshall added. Since January 1992 was an unusually high month, a comparison of last December-January and this December-January

will provide a better measure of overall growth.

Still, Marshall praised Kentucky Baptists for their commitment. "It is most encouraging to be 15 percent ahead of the previous year's contributions," he said. "It demonstrates a strong commitment on the part of Kentucky Baptists to support our cooperative efforts in state, national and international missions."

The strong Cooperative Program receipts aren't the only rising indicator of contributions to KBC work.

Because some churches are disenchanted with the Southern Baptist Convention, they have elected to designate their cooperative missions money for the KBC alone, rather than send it through the Cooperative Program and see it divided between the KBC (62.696 percent) and the SBC (37.304 percent).

December contributions to the Kentucky-only account totaled \$38,450. They brought the account's year-to-date total to \$121,286, for a gain of \$5,139 (4.4 percent) over the same period a year ago.

Those contributions are \$33,273 (37.8 percent) more than convention officials had budgeted for that account for the September-December period.

The goal for the Kentucky-only contributions is \$264,038.

Woman can't speak at Oklahoma conference

By Pat Gilliland
Daily Oklahoman

OKLAHOMA CITY (ABP)—Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, was removed from the program of Oklahoma Baptists' state evangelism conference because of a pastor's complaint that a woman should not preach to men.

Lotz, a popular speaker from Raleigh, N.C., was scheduled to speak twice during the annual evangelism conference Jan. 18-19 at First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla. The meeting is sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Wayne Keely, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Claremore, Okla., said he complained because Lotz was scheduled to give two, 45-minute messages. He said that opens the door to women preaching, which he believes is against the Bible's teaching.

Keely interrupted a woman speaker at a Baptist youth evangelism conference Dec. 30 when she asked the audience to turn to selected Scriptures and began to discuss them.

"I think it would have been a sin for me not to do something," he explained later.

Wayne Bristow, the state Baptist convention's evangelism director, said Lotz was replaced because of concerns raised by pastors who be-

lieve the Bible teaches against such a role for women. He did not name Keely.

Lotz, director of Angel Ministries in Raleigh, could not be reached. She is married to Daniel Lotz, whose brother Denton is executive director of the Baptist World Alliance.

In a telephone interview, Keely said he doesn't oppose women on church programs, as long as they stick to sharing their personal testimonies and avoid preaching or teaching men.

Taking Lotz's place at the conference will be Michael Whitehead, general counsel of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission.

Shooting of Baptist worker misfires

MANDERA, Kenya (BP)—An attempted shooting of a Southern Baptist aid worker in a Somalia refugee camp in Kenya failed Jan. 4 when an automatic rifle misfired.

Lloyd Banes, an International Service Corps volunteer with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was the target of a man who yanked a rifle from a burlap bag as Banes drove past just a few feet away.

The gunman threw down the weapon and the bag when guards from CARE, an aid organization, chased him. A hand grenade was inside the bag.

Banes, from Woodstock, Ga., drove immediately into town and brought Kenya police back, but they could not locate the attacker.

The incident came just two days

after Somalis murdered a UNICEF doctor in Kismayu, Somalia. Several Southern Baptists had worked closely with the victim, Sean Devereaux, last fall in a southern Somalia town.

Banes and his wife, Doris, are on a six-month assignment working at a 50,000-population refugee camp outside Mandera, Kenya, just across the border from Somalia.

Banes said the man was unknown to him and had not waved for him to stop before leveling the rifle.

David Sorley, the missionary physician heading up Southern Baptist work in Mandera, said the Baneses, who had escaped injury in an earlier incident, declined to leave the city after the attack.

Seminary list narrowed to 4

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's presidential search committee has narrowed its list of potential nominees to four.

Wayne Allen, chairman of the Louisville seminary's trustees, said the names are not being released at the request of the four individuals.

Allen said the seven-member search committee met Jan. 11-12 in Memphis and settled on four potential nominees as successor to Roy Honeycutt.

The search committee received 28 nominations, with a number declining further consideration, said Allen, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church in suburban Memphis.

The committee will interview the four potential nominees in mid-February, Allen said, and select the person it will recommend in early March.

After one further in-depth interview, the individual's name will be announced in April.

"We are doing background checks theologically, psychologically, physically and financially," Allen said. "We want everybody to know we're doing a thorough job of research."

"We're asking each of the four nominees to give us a brief written interpretation of each article in the Abstract of Principles," the document signed by faculty, Allen said.

The search committee has employed a Brentwood, Tenn., firm, Russell, Montgomery & Associates, to do psychological evaluations of the nominees. The company has done similar work for search committees of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and SBC Sunday School Board.

And physical examinations and credit reports are being obtained, Allen said.

FMB head reportedly chosen

TALLADEGA, Ala. (BP)—The search committee for a new president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has selected a nominee but has agreed not to disclose the individual's name, according to the FMB trustee chairman, who made the statement in a public meeting Jan. 11.

John Jackson, a California pastor who chairs the FMB trustees and is an ex-officio member of the search committee, said the individual was selected during a search committee prayer retreat Jan. 7-9.

Jackson made the statement during a general session of the Woman's Missionary Union executive board the morning of Jan. 11. Jackson and several other FMB representatives were on hand for a dialogue session with WMU leaders.

The 15-member search committee prayed until God revealed to them who should be the next FMB presi-

dent, Jackson told the WMU executive board general session. He said committee members felt that had happened.

The committee plans to present the nominee's name to fellow trustees during their Feb. 8-10 meeting in Richmond or April 19-21 meeting in Columbus, Ohio, Jackson said.

The committee agreed to secrecy concerning the nominee, not even to tell their spouses, said Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairfield, Calif.

Search committee Chairman Joel Gregory of Dallas, contacted by Baptist Press, said he had no comment on Jackson's statements.

If approved by FMB trustees, the nominee will succeed Keith Parks, who retired Oct. 31 after 11 years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's overseas missionary-sending agency.

Coleman steadfastly works for racial harmony

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

JEFFERSONTOWN—Baptists often demonstrate better race relations on the basketball court than elsewhere, the longtime pastor of a Kentucky church contends.

Thurman Coleman, pastor of Jeffersonsontown's First Baptist Church, cites the basketball league at his church as a winning model of race relations.

For the past two years, the league has been organized in coordination with Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Its distinguishing characteristic is that black and white Baptists play together on the same teams.

Coleman said he applauds the teams for their spirit of cooperation.

However, his experience trying to bring white and African-American churches together for worship indicates Baptist statistics aren't so stunning off the court.

"Black and white Baptists in local towns don't even know each other," the pastor said of congregations in Kentucky. "That's sad. We've made far greater strides in sports and music. Christianity always drags behind."

But Coleman's life is a testimony of his commitment to change all that.

He recently celebrated his 37th anniversary as pastor of the Jeffersonsontown church, a predominately African-American congregation averaging nearly 300 in weekly worship.

Throughout his career, Coleman has been heralded by black and white Baptists alike for his efforts to work with the General Association of Baptists and the Kentucky Baptist Convention to reconcile racial divisions.

The pastor remembered his first introduction to the KBC came from Thomas Hicks Shelton, former director of evangelism. He said Shelton asked him to speak at an evangelism conference about 20 years ago.

Since then, much of Coleman's work with white Baptists in the state

has been through Baptist joint committees, local and state organizations established to serve as a "bridge to bring together black and white" Baptists, he explained.

With representatives from black and white churches, the groups plan joint activities and help engender harmony and understanding.

Coleman, who has served multiple terms on these committees since their inception about 25 years ago, currently is chairman of the state's committee and vice-chairman of the Long Run Association/Central District committee.

He said progress is a little slower than what he would like to see. "I've become frustrated at times in our efforts."

At the meetings and joint worship services, for example, black and white participants too often just "shake hands and then go home. It's got to be more than that," the pastor insisted.

"Our goal is that we know each other (in broader terms) than Amos and Andy. Once you get to know people, you accept them as they are."

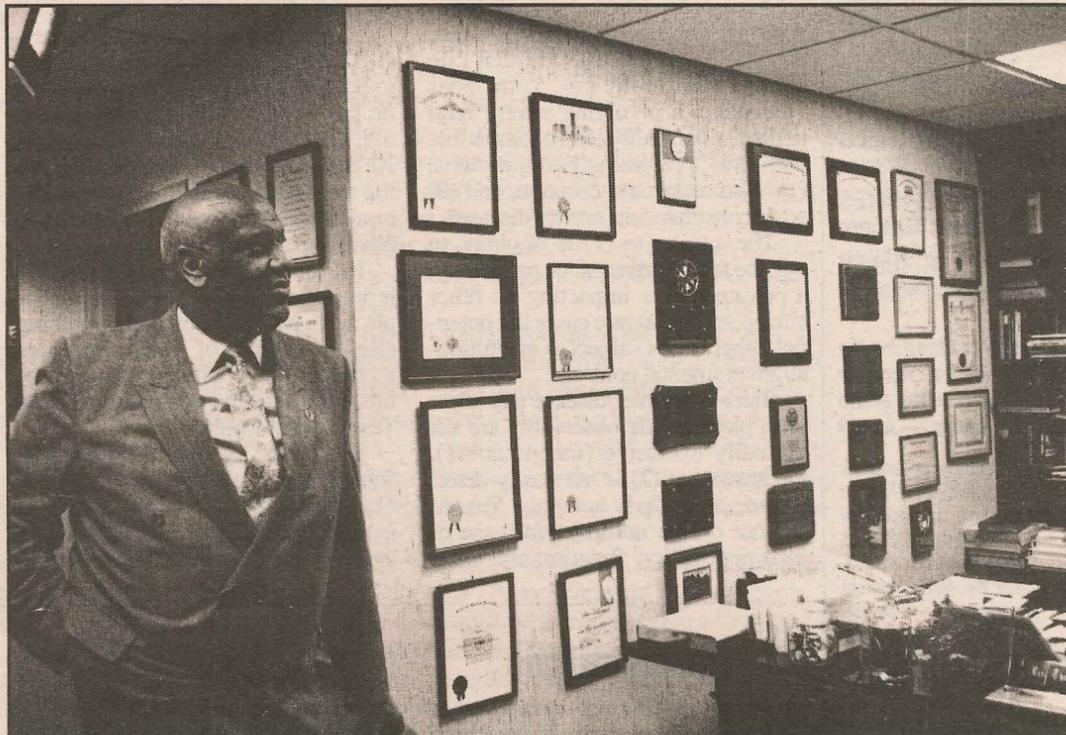
Coleman now works closely with Bill Rogers, KBC assistant to the executive secretary. These two men agreed they've traveled through most of the state together, giving workshops on interracial work and organizing joint evangelism services.

Rogers said his relationship with Coleman dates back to 1961, when Rogers first came to Louisville to serve as pastor of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church.

Coleman was "one of the first pastors, black or white, who welcomed me to Louisville," Rogers said. "From that point, our churches developed a compatible relationship."

African-American and white Christians do have a lot to give to each other, Coleman said, but that won't happen until the two groups develop a respect for each other's culture and worship experiences.

For example, white congregations



should "get beyond the idea that black worship is entertainment," he said.

Among contributions African-American congregations can make to white churches is a freedom in worship, where open responsiveness is welcomed, Coleman said. Preachers, especially, can help worship become alive with excitement and anticipation, he added.

On the other hand, he said, "whites have organization and organizational skill. They have resources and literature and the know-how."

In addition to his contributions to the KBC, Coleman has made a name for himself in the community and in the General Association of Baptists, with which his church is affiliated.

In the General Association of Baptists, the pastor has been manager of the American Baptist newspaper and president of the Baptist Unified Christian Leadership Conference.

Acclaimed as a civil rights advocate and community activist, Coleman has received numerous community service and distinguished citizen awards. Most recently, he has been appointed by Gov. Brereton Jones to the Human Rights Commission.

Yet, Coleman admitted, he fights discouragement when confronting continual setbacks.

At one of the most recent luncheons of the Baptist joint committee, Coleman said he sensed such an attitude of discouragement.

"I told them, 'I know you're tired and weary, but you can't quit,'" he said. "We've come a long way. But still, we ask, 'How long, Lord, how long?'"

"I thank God for men across the state who will come together and see people as people. Loving always brings risk; but, oh, what dividends to recognize our oneness in Christ."

HONORED SERVICE Thurman Coleman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jeffersonsontown, talks in his office, where the walls are loaded with plaques and certificates noting his contributions to Kentucky Baptist ministries.

Injustice can be found in Lebanons near & far, Say says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LEBANON—Injustice can be found in Lebanon, Ky., as surely as in Beirut, Lebanon, Peggy Say believes.

Say, sister of former hostage Terry Anderson, came to Kentucky's Lebanon Jan. 12 to speak at Lebanon Baptist Church's WinterFest program.

Say, who became perhaps the best-known crusader for hostages in the Middle East, was a member of Cadiz Baptist Church in Cadiz during much of Anderson's captivity. She and her husband, David, recently moved from Cadiz to Cookeville, Tenn.

Since Anderson's release in 1991, Say has found a new cause to champion—the plight of underprivileged children in Africa and Eastern Europe. She now works as outreach director for the human rights organization Friends in the West.

The same Christian convictions that forced her to plead her brother's case compel her to speak out for the children of the world, Say said.

"I'm a Christian person, a moral person," she said. "My brother was being chained to a wall. What else could I do? Say, 'Sorry, kiddo, I'm not a diplomat or a politician?'"

In the same way, "I cannot turn my back on the children of Africa," she said.

Say urged her audience to find a similar conviction about fighting against the injustices of the world, whether it be hostages, needy children or something else.

"If you're not drawn to Africa, be drawn to something," she pleaded. "Look in your back yards, and if there's a need, know with God's strength you can meet it."

God's strength is what sustained her through the nearly seven years of Anderson's captivity, Say said. "I don't think most people realize what a strong part faith played in what I did for Terry."

That dependence on God sustained her through Anderson's captivity and her vigilant campaign to see him freed, she said. During those years,

she met with United States presidents Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, as well as Mother Theresa, Pope John Paul II and Yasser Arrafat.

Someday her grandchildren may appreciate the fact that she met so many powerful people, Say noted, but she still finds no joy in the memories because of the circumstances.

The year 1986 was particularly bad, "like stepping into a nightmare that had no end," Say said. During that year of Anderson's captivity, the Andersons' father and brother died, as did one of Say's grandsons.

"I remember thinking, 'What has happened to my family?'" she recalled.

But still she never doubted God working in the midst of those trials, Say said.

"I was scared to death every day," she confessed. "I was scared to get on the plane, to go to the Mideast, to meet the president."

Despite those fears, Say said, she found access to some of the most influential world leaders and felt like

she got their attention.

"I never believed it was what I said to them that moved them," she said. Instead, what moved them was the words God put in her mouth, she continued.

"When I didn't believe in myself, God believed in me. I never overcame my fear."

Say's testimony was one of four special features offered by Lebanon Baptist Church during WinterFest, which Pastor Kevin Lee described as "a revival in disguise."

Other guests during the four-night event were dramatists Paul and Nicole Johnson; Bob Russell, pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville; and Chip and Nancy Miller, who talked about their son's death from AIDS.

The church publicized WinterFest with a mailing to every home in Marion County, Lee said. By the third night, at least 12 people attending the programs had indicated their desire to profess faith in Jesus Christ, he added.

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Life/love: The 'standard for birth'

Among the usual consensual reasons for abortion, i.e., rape, incest, etc., the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission (WR, Jan. 5) includes "pregnancies involving severe fetal deformity and disease incompatible with life," presuming two questions: (1) Who makes the decision; and (2) what constitutes deformity/disease?

The answer to (1) is obvious, to wit, the fetus-carrier, since pregnancy, a private matter impacting no other citizen, except in rare cases the potential father, is not subject to institutional/governmental control.

Since deformity/disease and after-birth physical life observably are not mutually exclusive (incompatible), the answer to (2) is not easily determined, particularly since the Texans did not define deformity/disease or incompatibility. Presumably, their

concept of life is post-womb.

The thinking of Jesus (Matthew 10:10) is instructive in that, referring to people already alive, he insists that he has "come that they might have life, and ... have it more abundantly." He did not refer to eternal life, since life everlasting could hardly be made more abundant. He did not refer to obvious physical life.

In Jesus' thinking, apparently, life is not defined exclusively as eternal or physical, but as an abstract something else, the absence of which comprises incompatibility with his concept of life, ergo, deformity/disease, using the Texans' philosophy.

Since God is love (I John 4:16), John 1:4 is rendered "In love (God/Christ) was life." Therefore, if a fetus is neither conceived nor nurtured in love, its birth will be incompatible

with life, as conceived by Jesus, regardless of physical conditions in or out of the womb. That being the case, abortion, despicable as it is, could be the better option.

The crux of the matter lies not in discernible deformity/disease in the womb, strictly a matter of judgment not even possible until quite recently. Rather, the standard for birth resides in whether or not the child is to be born to life (love). The Texans are on the right road, but in the wrong vehicle. The defining element is life, not physical anything. And, paradoxically, love could be so great as to cause abortion of a terribly afflicted fetus, but love would rule, not incompatibility, which can sometimes simply mean inconvenience.

James L. Clark
Danville

Bible translations

The use of different translations of the Bible in Sunday school, preaching services and personal study is good.

The honorable King James is a translation, among many, and not the original text. There seems in some circles a loss of liberty, lack of leadership and a great deal of misinformation on the rich history of Bible translations. The various Greek and Hebrew texts and the English translations have inspired history behind them. The canon of Scripture in its complex evolution through history is a source to build a better balanced faith.

It is puzzling that some "lighthouses" have an attitude of limited light on this subject. Idolatry is casting God in our preferences or assumptions instead of the Creator's revelation. A

part of that is what one can learn from the history available in this area. God knows our "language"; the crossed "t" and dotted "i" have their place, but God's message and interpretation of life is more.

Where there is liberty, there is light and fellowship based on truth. God will bless the search and hunger for truth because it is in the Lord's nature. After all, "see yonder moon in the sky, 'tis only half that meets the eye."

David E. Fletcher
Mayfield

BAPTIST FORUM

Praise for Simmons

I am a senior student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I had Dr. Paul Simmons for "Introduction to Christian Ethics" this past semester, his last before retiring. I was hurt

Laughter provides a gift for healing

Medical studies convincingly demonstrate that "people who laugh, last!" Anyone who has been thoughtful enough to evaluate that fact from their own "laughter-experiences" knows that is true.

I'm old enough to remember Brer Rabbit singing "Everybody's Got a Laughing Place." I think that's true, although I am told that some folks never laugh. Maybe it would be more accurate to say that some folks "rarely" laugh. That's too bad, actually, for laughter is a "gift for healing."

These are days in our denomination when some folks have difficulty in believing it is acceptable to smile and laugh. It is easy to take everything so seriously we forget that in just a few years, when we are being laid out for burial, it may not have mattered all that much after all.

Mack Pressley is director of missions for Boone's Creek Association and editor of the association's month-

ly publication.

He is what I would call a "natural humorist," one who can make just about anything sound funny. That is quite different from a professional entertainer or a "joke teller."

I believe Mack's column in the November issue of "Tidings" will make even a "frowner" smile. So, enjoy! "Some of you know that I'm 'kinda' drawn to old cemeteries. Oh, I know that one of these days I'm going to get in one that I can't get out of, but I still visit when I can. Along the coast of South Carolina are a lot of

old cemeteries, and I like them. Verses on the stones always interest me. Modern-day memorial gardens are sterile with little character. All the markers are about the same. There is one in Tennessee, the name of which I like. It's called the 'Happy Valley Memorial Gardens.' I've never taken time to drive in and see how "happy" the occupants might be. It sounds like

they might just be lying around laughing. Who knows?

"As you probably have guessed, I've found another one lately. I attended a funeral at a cemetery in Wolfe County the other day. It was not an old cemetery and was not unusual. It was a simple mountain cemetery on top of a mountain. There are hundreds like it in eastern Kentucky. But Christean spotted the one marker that gave character to this one. It was a simple, flat marker with the following message:

William Trusty
1904 - 1984
Eat when I'm hungry
Drink when I'm dry
Pretty girls when I'm lonesome
Sweet heaven when I die.

"Now, I never knew Mr. Trusty, but you've got to admit that he must have been quite a character to deserve a marker like that. I think he could have made it in 'Happy Valley.'

Thank you, Mack, for reminding us again that a little genuine laughter is good medicine.

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



FAMILY FORUM: AGING

Off the shelf

By John Lepper

Q. In the last few years, I've felt that my church does not pay enough attention to older folks. I've talked to some friends, and we feel that we've been put on the shelf. What suggestions would you make?

A. You are not alone in your feelings. Many older people feel their churches don't value them and that their age has something to do with this. According to a recent study by the National Council on the Aging, such attitudes are widespread. This research discovered that older people often are taken for granted by their churches and relegated to a "secondary status," even though they are primary contributors of dollars and volunteer time.

A senior adult club or group, while providing much positive ministry, may further isolate seniors from the mainstream of their church. Ironically, the elderly may enhance negative attitudes by their view of themselves and by their attitudes about accepting responsibilities in the church.

You, as an older person, cannot control people's perception or view of the elderly. You may, however, influence their views. Valuing yourself and your worth as an individual can be the first step toward enabling you to help others have a positive regard for older people.

I would encourage you to help your church value and provide a quality ministry to older people. You might like to sit down with your pastor and other church leaders to discuss ways of including older people in the mainstream of decision-making and ministry in your church.

Forming a senior adult organization can be a positive step in ministry to and with senior adults. However, as indicated earlier, guard against this group becoming isolated from the life of the church as a whole. If your church has a church council, ask that a senior adult representative be included. This person can then become a spokesman for the aging segment of your church. The whole church can benefit as all ages are included in church programming.

John Lepper is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

Send your questions about children, teens, marriage, singles or aging to "Family Forum," Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

Will 'police' shoot down noble thoughts & dreams?

Will student thought-police control the future of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary?

Professors wonder if they can risk vibrant teaching, challenging students to strengthen their faith and stretch their minds. They wonder if they must fear reprisal from people who misunderstand the teaching process or misrepresent their positions. Students wonder if they can engage the struggle of learning without worrying whether an honest question or innocent remark will be used against them, maybe 20 years into the future. They wonder if a core of fellow students who come to seminary with their minds made up will rob them of an honest education by taunting professors.

The latest wave of worry was set off by the early retirement of ethics Professor Paul Simmons—prompted by complaints from four students.

(For purposes of fairness, you deserve to know how I feel about the context here: First, I do not hold Simmons' views on abortion and homosexuality, as I understand them. But I know him to be a compassionate Christian brother, a committed scholar and a gifted teacher. Second, given his ongoing dispute with trustees, I question his political judgment in showing the film which instigated his final controversy, but not his intention to provide professional guidance for students who someday will counsel paraplegics.)

Simmons may be retired, but more than 70 professors remain, and so do hundreds of students. From reports on campus, a minority of students—but a growing minority—seem committed to confrontation with professors who dare to challenge the students' own notions.

Such altercations can't help but chill the educational process for at least three reasons: First is the specter of Simmons' sudden departure. Second is the faculty's relationship to seminary trustees, many of whom already have expressed suspicion of the faculty and their interpretation of the seminary's purpose. Third is the prospect of a new president to succeed Roy Honey-

cutt, a new president hand-picked by those trustees. Will faculty dare to participate in dialogue that could be used against them—accurately or otherwise? Will earnest students refrain from asking tough questions for fear of imperiling their profs, or leave the school in frustration?

One of the most maddening aspects of this problem is the anonymity accorded students who accuse professors of wrongdoing. The identities of the four students who complained about Simmons were protected by the seminary's confidentiality rules. One can understand such a policy protects students from reprisal. But shouldn't the seminary policy be at least as open as secular courts, where the accused has the right to face the accuser—out in the open, before God and everybody?

An example: For balance, the Western Recorder tried to interview students who found the film in Simmons' class offensive. Students repeatedly mentioned the name of one student. They said she visibly was enraged by the film. They said she talked loudly about reporting Simmons to the dean and to "my trustee," one of Simmons' most vocal critics. They said she also tried to rally others to do the same. But when reached by the Recorder, the student ducked behind anonymity, refusing to answer any questions or explain her reasons for objecting to it.

Hiding behind a cloak of anonymity is cowardice. It falls short of Jesus' ethical imperative, recorded in Matthew 18, for Christian reconciliation.

If it goes unchecked, the sniping of student thought-police will mortally wound the seminary. For at its essence, quality education—especially the training of ministers—requires complete trust and respect between teacher and student. And at its best, education is an emotionally inspiring relationship, in which teacher and student give wing to the most noble thoughts and dreams. Unfortunately, they'll never fly if thought-police shoot them down.

Marv Knox

Repeated altercations between professors and antagonistic students could stifle a legitimate academic atmosphere at Southern Seminary.

WMU embraces all Baptists; presents Christlike model

"If the Southern Baptist Convention ever splits, I'm going with the WMU!" That one-line joke made the rounds within our convention for most of the past decade. It usually served two purposes: (A) To get the speaker a polite laugh. And (B) to pay homage to Woman's Missionary Union, power-generator for missionary causes around the world and a vital life-force in most congregations.

The old joke finally sounded a little flat last week. The SBC may or may not have split. Nevertheless, WMU stood up to say that neither side in the convention controversy is "going with" her, and nobody is going to tell her what direction she must take.

WMU approved a document that charts a new course for the 105-year-old missions organization. It maintains WMU's commitment to traditional Southern Baptist mission causes. But it also provides for relationships between WMU and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as well as cooperation with other evangelical groups.

WMU refused to choose sides in the SBC's ongoing political conflict. Rather, she seemed much like a mother stepping in-between her fighting children, reaching out to embrace them both and to assure them both of her love.

Whether both sides will snuggle up to that embrace and accept that love remain to be seen.

Moderates in the Fellowship no doubt welcome WMU's overtures. The Fellowship has a fledgling missions-sending agency. It can benefit greatly

from WMU's proposed generic missions materials. Moreover, the Fellowship contends it represents "traditional" Baptists, and a firm relationship to WMU would bolster that assertion.

Conservatives who now control SBC agencies aren't as happy. Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, charged that WMU has turned from her historic purpose "as an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention." Previously, Executive Committee officials who met with WMU leaders hinted they might lead the SBC to start a new women's organization if WMU embraced the Fellowship, too. In keeping with the political strategy that has served them for 14 years, SBC conservatives seem to want an exclusive relationship or no relationship at all.

This attitude, however, is selective. The Sunday School Board, now led by former SBC President Jimmy Draper, also has an open policy of affiliation. Its vision statement says the board "will assist local churches," with no mention of denominational affiliation. The Executive Committee hasn't publicly protested the board's statement, which enables it to sell products to Fellowship churches, Methodist churches and Catholic parishes.

By refusing to choose sides and by embracing all Baptists and other missionary-minded Christians, WMU proved its vision is bigger than controversy, just as Christ's Great Commission is bigger than our agendas. We can pray WMU's example of inclusive love, openness to other evangelical Christians and commitment to missions will be a model for all of us.

Marv Knox

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Hold the phone—we've got plans for another gala awards show

America has gone crazy for gala awards shows.

We've got gala awards shows for the best TV programs, movies, plays, music, entertainers, sports heroes, country music, commercials, college football players and home videos. But what this country needs is one more gala awards show.

Gala awards shows, in theory at least, exist to honor and promote excellence. For example, the Grammys reward the best musicians of the past year. All the performers, composers and producers buy outrageously expensive outfits and hand out cute trophies to the people they think did the best job of making music. The little trophies mean millions. So, the awards shows make the winners rich and make young people

who haven't decided what to do with their lives want to become the kind of people who go on TV in fancy duds and win awards and get rich. It's good for the industry.

In the relentless pursuit of excellence, I propose that we put on a gala awards show for the best telephone recording messages.

We could call them the Tellies, and the prizes could be replicas of the old pink Princess phones. Instead of putting the show on TV, we could transmit it on a 1-900 number that

costs \$1.95 per minute. People all over America could dial 1-900-THE-BEST and hear the most clever, original, funny, dramatic, inspirational, etc. phone messages. And, at \$1.95 a minute, we could get rich.

I'd nominate a friend from church for his Ross Perot impersonation, and another friend—a seminary student—for selecting a George Strait cowboy Christmas tune as the background for his holiday message.

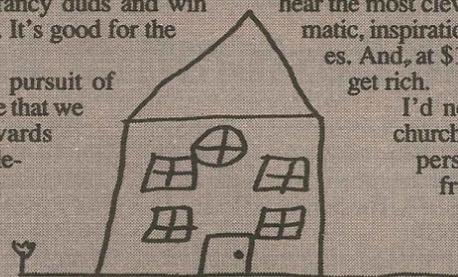
We'd set some ground rules: Anybody who starts with, "We can't come to the phone right now ..."

would have phone service disconnected for a month. And anybody who ends with, "... and have a nice day!" would lose phone service for life. The winners would be featured on long-distance telephone commercials and become household names, like Whoopi or Garth or Michael.

Telephone message-recording would be elevated to the level of fine art, and people could get degrees in it from UCLA and Murray State.

But no matter how refined the art would become, it still couldn't top the all-time message, recorded by a journalist who used to cover Baptists for a daily newspaper: "This is a tape recorder. You know what to do. Beeeeep."

Marv Knox



down home

BRIEFS

■ **The U.S. Supreme Court** has accepted a case that could determine whether states may provide stiffer penalties for crimes motivated by hate. At issue is a Wisconsin law that allows tougher punishment for certain crimes if the victim was selected because of race, religion, sexual orientation or other protected status.

■ **Republican committee** meetings will continue to open in prayer under a settlement reached in a lawsuit filed by Minnesota Republicans who sought to end invocations at local political meetings. James Bernstein, one of two men who sued the Minnesota Republican Committee said the opening prayers were being used "like a weapon" to divide and intimidate.

■ **Ku Klux Klan** members wrongly used a logo of the United Methodist Church in promotional literature, a top Klan leader told the Methodist body. Klan official Ronald Mason said he will recommend the Klan return to its machine gun symbol and avoid future infringement on the Methodists' cross and flame logo.

■ **The 103rd Congress** convened Jan. 5 with 122 new members. The new Congress includes a record 48 women in the Senate and six women in the House will include 16 blacks, compared to one black in the Senate. Baptists represent the third-largest religious group within Congress, with 62 members identifying themselves as Baptists. The two most-common religious affiliations are Roman Catholic (141) and Methodist (65).

Clinton meets with 10 Southern Baptist pastors

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ABP)—A week before his inauguration, President-elect Bill Clinton met with 14 religious leaders, including 10 Southern Baptist leaders, and discussed a wide range of social and religious issues.

The two-hour luncheon at the Arkansas governor's mansion Jan. 12 was arranged by Clinton's pastor, Rex Home of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

Home described the session as "a get-acquainted meeting with no agenda and no motive." However, Home confirmed the group discussed homosexual rights, abortion, taxation of churches and other issues.

Southern Baptists attending were Ken Branam, pastor of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, Texas; Wendell Estep in Columbia, S.C.; Randall Everett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla.; Roger Freeman, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans; Home; Ron Lewis, pastor of Richardson Heights Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas; Bill Merrell, a director of associational missions in Lawton, Okla.; David Napier, church administrator at Immanuel Baptist; Stan Parris, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hope, Ark.; Clinton's hometown; James Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas; and Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church near Memphis, Tenn.

Others attending were Charles

Swindoll, Christian author and pastor of First Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton, Calif.; Bill Hybels, pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in Barrington, Ill.; Max Lucado, Christian author and pastor of Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas; and Ed Matthews, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, where Clinton's wife and daughter are members.

Apparently only a couple of the 14 voted for Clinton, who alienated many conservative Christians with his support of homosexual rights and abortion rights. But, participants said, there was no hostility or debate during the two-hour meeting.

"He recognized that many of those people were not his supporters, (but) this was a way to establish some groundwork," Home reported.

New Orleans pastor Freeman serves as president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, which voted in December to convey to Clinton their strong opposition to him on abortion.

Clinton said he considers abortion to be almost always the wrong decision, Freeman said, and that as president he wants to promote adoption rather than abortion. "He did not go any further than that, and I do not expect him to come out against the pro-choice position," Freeman said.

Clinton brought up the issue of homosexuals in the military, Freeman said. "His position is that as long as someone behaves in the military, we can't be a watchdog on every one of their personal preferences."



BAPTISTS INSTALLED Bill Clinton and Al Gore, shown here immediately after their election as this week's president and vice president, were to be inaugurated this week. Both men are members of Southern Baptist churches. The week before his inauguration, Clinton met with a group of Baptist pastors to discuss concerns about a variety of issues. (RNS photo)

Clinton asked if adulterers and alcoholics likewise should be expelled from the military.

"It seems as if his own personal beliefs are fairly conservative in these areas," Freeman said. "But he feels like it is impossible to legislate his own personal beliefs for the entire country."

On church-state matters, Clinton said he strongly supports tax exemption for churches and church organi-

zations and opposes any government interference in church hiring practices, Freeman said.

Despite the group's differences with Clinton, they were "very impressed with him," Pleitz said.

"Listening to him, I'm convinced he has a relationship with the Lord and has deep convictions about right and wrong," Pleitz said. "But he has some reservations about legislating morality."

Baptists participate in inauguration; Graham criticized

WASHINGTON—Although Southern Baptists did not vote in record numbers for Bill Clinton and Al Gore, the new president and vice president were to involve a number of Southern Baptists in their inauguration ceremonies.

Both Clinton and Gore are members of Southern Baptist churches.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a member of First Baptist Church in Dallas, was to deliver the invocation and benediction at the Jan. 20 inauguration.

The choir from Clinton's home church, Immanuel Baptist in Little Rock, Ark., was to participate in a praise and worship service Jan. 19 at First Baptist Church in Washington.

The inaugural-evening worship was specifically requested by the Clintons and Gores. Those expected to be in attendance included family members,

senators, representatives and a variety of Southern Baptist leaders.

A Virginia Baptist church was to host the Clintons and Gores Jan. 17 on their bus trip from Charlottesville, Va., to Washington.

Clinton and Gore and their wives planned to worship with Culpeper Baptist Church in Culpeper, Va., about 70 miles from Washington.

The trip was to be a re-creation of Thomas Jefferson's journey by horseback from Monticello, his home near Charlottesville, Va., to Washington for his own inauguration in 1801.

In an emotional farewell Jan. 10, Clinton thanked his pastor and members of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock for standing by him during a difficult campaign for president.

Clinton thanked his pastor, Rex Home Jr., for "standing by me and my membership in this church even when

some in our own Southern Baptist Convention questioned his doing so."

Clinton's positions on abortion rights and homosexuals in the military are not shared by many Southern Baptists and prompted protests and counter-protests in front of the church during the campaign.

Clinton participated in the congregation on the last Sunday before moving to Washington. He has been a member of the church since 1980. His wife, Hillary, has been a member of a Little Rock United Methodist church.

Clinton told the congregation that their fellowship sustained him during the difficult campaign and helped prepare him for the presidency.

Meanwhile, some of Clinton's detractors, including Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, urged Graham not to pray at the inaugura-

tion.

A news release from the CLC said Land wrote a private letter to Graham, asking him to reconsider his decision to pray at the inauguration due to Clinton's support for abortion rights.

However, Land was not among 40 signers of another letter sent to urge Graham not to pray at the inauguration. That letter, signed by Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry and other anti-abortion figures, claimed Graham's prayer "will be taken as a positive endorsement of Mr. Clinton's anti-Christian agenda."

Graham has participated in the inaugural ceremonies of five other presidents over the last 40 years: Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Compiled from Baptist Press and Religious News Service reports

Religious Freedom Restoration Act faces better odds now

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new crop of lawmakers probably will not impede passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, say bill proponents who predict the measure is on track for early passage in the 103rd Congress.

RFRA is designed to restore a high level of protection for religious practice that virtually was abandoned by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1990 Oregon vs. Smith decision.

When Congress convened Jan. 5,

one-fourth of the House of Representatives were newcomers. The 110-member freshman class is the largest since 1948. The Senate welcomed 12 freshmen.

The process of introducing newcomers to the need for RFRA could slow down the bill, which has died in the previous two Congresses for lack of time. But a church-state specialist who heads a 54-member coalition backing the bill said that danger is minimal.

Oliver Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee, said the Clinton administration's support for RFRA will offset the difficulty of having to educate new members of Congress on the bill.

Clinton has voiced his support of the bill, and if his administration makes RFRA a priority, the measure should move quickly, Thomas said.

The political problems that plagued and eventually killed the bill in the 102nd Congress should be less

of a threat, Thomas said.

The National Right to Life Committee and the U.S. Catholic Conference were the two staunchest opponents of RFRA. Those organizations argued that if Roe vs. Wade were overturned, denying women the legal right to an abortion, women could claim that an abortion is a free-exercise right under RFRA.

Most constitutional and legal scholars think such a claim could be made but can't be won.

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Office Reminds Churches of Evangelism

Kentucky Baptists must swim upstream—against the powerful currents of recent trends, Bill Jagers believes.

As director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's office for evangelism, his job is to urge Baptists in the commonwealth to share their faith with unbelievers. And statistics show that's a tough job.

Baptisms in Kentucky Baptist churches dropped from 21,148 in 1980 to a low of 14,796 in 1987 and to 16,970 in 1991, Jagers reported.

The decline mirrors a decreasing emphasis on evangelism among Baptist people, he said: "The trend is not toward evangelism, but away from evangelism. We need to keep the Christian purpose—telling people about the good news of Jesus Christ—before Kentucky Baptists."

Consequently, the evangelism office focuses on "inspiring, motivating and training Kentucky Baptists to be involved in the kind of evangelistic activity that brings people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," he stressed.

That comes about through two approaches.

First is what Jagers describes as an evangelism program, in which his office sponsors and promotes a variety of activities and events to inspire and equip Kentucky Baptists to do a better job of telling others about Jesus.

"Someone has to keep reminding us what the first priority is," he said.

"It's not the only priority, but to have other priorities you've got to start somewhere."

Second is what he calls an emphasis on evangelism, which permeates the other functions of Baptist churches.

"When we're at our best in Sunday school, part of that needs to be reaching people for Christ," he explained. "Discipleship training includes teaching people to share their faith. And when we do missions work and give a 'cup of cold water,' we do it in Jesus' name."

Evangelism is so important because "in the economy of God, he placed a premium on the value of every individual and wants the individual to find meaning in life, now and hereafter," Jagers insisted.

That's why Jagers' No. 1 objective is to help Kentucky Baptists place a priority on sharing their faith.

"The work has to be done in local churches, but anything we can do to encourage and create a climate for evangelism on the local field is my first objective," he said.

In that regard, Kentucky Baptists are their own best asset, he added. "The main thing we've got going for us from the human standpoint is pastors and people out in the churches who are doing it week by week, month by month."

They're also helped by three specialized consultants who work through the evangelism office. Mary Lou Crutcher of Louisville focuses

on lifestyle evangelism. Harry Hunter, a Mission Service Corps volunteer from Henderson, leads witness-training seminars. And Kevin Shrum, pastor of Bedford Baptist Church in Bedford, works on youth evangelism.

Together, Kentucky Baptists seem to be doing a better job of leading people to faith in Christ, Jagers said.

"I hope and pray we've turned a corner and are getting back to the glory of former years," he noted.

"My biggest disappointment is with those churches that report no baptisms year after year. Last year, more than 500 Kentucky Baptist churches did not report baptisms. That doesn't mean they didn't witness and try. But if no baptisms becomes a consistent pattern, it's really sad."

Still, Jagers is optimistic.

"A lot of people are interested in reaching others for Christ," he said. "Most pastors and people would list that as their first priority."

"I'm also optimistic because the Here's Hope nationwide evangelism emphasis is coming up in 1995, and Kentucky Baptists are generous to set aside funds for promotion and training. We'll begin with 60 days of personal evangelism across the state and follow with harvest revivals, from March through September."

In the meantime, Jagers plans to stay true to his calling, to be an evangelist for evangelism.

Evangelism Helps

The Kentucky Baptist office for evangelism offers a wide variety of services to Baptist churches and associations across the state, Director Bill Jagers reported. They include:

■ Encouragement to "remember that evangelism is a process, not just one event that happens during revival meetings."

■ Assistance in witness training, such as the Building Witnessing Relationships course.

■ Information on the latest methods and techniques of evangelism strategy.

■ Help in developing strategies for reaching people that are geared to specific congregations and associations.

■ Cooperative work with the General Association of Baptists, the African-American Baptist convention in Kentucky.

■ Support for Kentucky Baptists involved in world missions, such as information about predominant faiths of people in other parts of the world, where Kentucky Baptists might travel and serve.

Permeating all the phases of the office's work is an emphasis on urging Kentucky Baptists to share their faith. "The main problem we have is not lack of knowledge," Jagers said. "The main problem is motivation to do it."

Foundation Helps People Put Money to Work for God

An elderly Kentucky Baptist woman summoned Richard Carnes to her home to talk about the future.

Specifically, she wanted to talk about how her money could support the Baptist causes she loves, long after she dies.

As executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Carnes was happy to spend part of a day with her.

"Her father had been a missionary pastor in 'Indian Territory'—what now is Oklahoma," Carnes recalled. "She had grown up with a passion for missions and a strong commitment for Baptists' state, home and foreign missions offerings."

"But now she is aging, and she felt burdened about what would happen to her offering money after she was gone. She wanted to establish a fund to perpetuate her offering after she died."

She told Carnes about her concerns and about how she would want her money distributed. Then he helped her determine how much of her estate she would need to set aside to endow the annual missions gift that had been a part of her life.

"It was gratifying to see the relief and joy that came over her face as we talked that day," Carnes reported. "She had taken care of an important burden in her life."

The opportunity to help people put their resources to work for God's kingdom makes Carnes' job fulfilling.

"Kentucky Baptists who utilize

the Foundation have a burning desire to perpetuate their Christian stewardship to causes they deeply love and were deeply involved in during their lifetimes," he explained.

"I am one of the luckiest people in this state, in that I have the opportunity to work with the choicest group of Christians that exist—those who see beyond themselves to responsibility beyond their earthly lives. They perpetuate that in tangi-

ble ways by establishing support for ministries that will continue until the Lord comes."

Those ministries are varied, and growing.

The Foundation is an agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention that serves Kentucky Baptists by providing three unique programs: Estate stewardship counseling, endowment and capital giving education and promotion, and investment

management.

The Foundation receives funds to support a wide range of Baptist causes, from local churches, to associations, to the state convention and its agencies and institutions, and to Southern Baptist causes.

And as a service to Kentucky Baptists, the Foundation is donor-driven, Carnes noted: "The donor directs how income from gifts is to be distributed. We don't decide that. For example, a donor can come to us and set up one fund that benefits as many causes as he or she wants."

To help ensure the best return on those investments, the Foundation staff works with a board of directors elected by the KBC. The board is organized into committees to focus its resources on strengthening the Foundation's specialized ministries.

That process is paying off. The foundation currently holds \$32.1 million in assets. Those assets grew a record 37 percent last year, and they have grown 74 percent during the past four years.

On top of that, the Foundation distributed \$1.4 million to Baptist causes last year, and it has distributed \$5.1 million during the past four years.

But to Carnes, the Foundation's work is more than dollars and cents. "When we deal with generous Baptist people, it makes us want to work as hard as we can to get the best return so we can maximize their gifts," he explains. "That's our stewardship responsibility to Kentucky Baptists."

What the Foundation Offers

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation operates three primary programs to help people across the commonwealth support Baptist causes.

Those programs are:

■ Estate stewardship counseling.

The Foundation's staff works one-on-one with people who need guidance about how to make charitable gifts through their estates, explained the Foundation's executive director, Richard Carnes.

Plans could include outright bequests, life insurance policies, trusts that will produce benefits, or other gifts such as real estate, stocks and bonds.

The Foundation represents all Baptist causes, but it works to

structure gifts to suit the concerns of the donors, Carnes said.

■ Endowment and capital-giving promotion.

The Foundation sponsors seminars on how to prepare wills and how to establish and fund such financial programs as scholarships and other endowments, Carnes noted.

■ Investment management.

The Foundation manages more than \$32 million that has been contributed to provide financial resources for Baptist causes. This helps strengthen the "permanent" contributions individuals make to Baptist churches and other ministries, Carnes said.

Through this program, the Foundation has distributed \$5.1 million to Baptist causes during the past four years.

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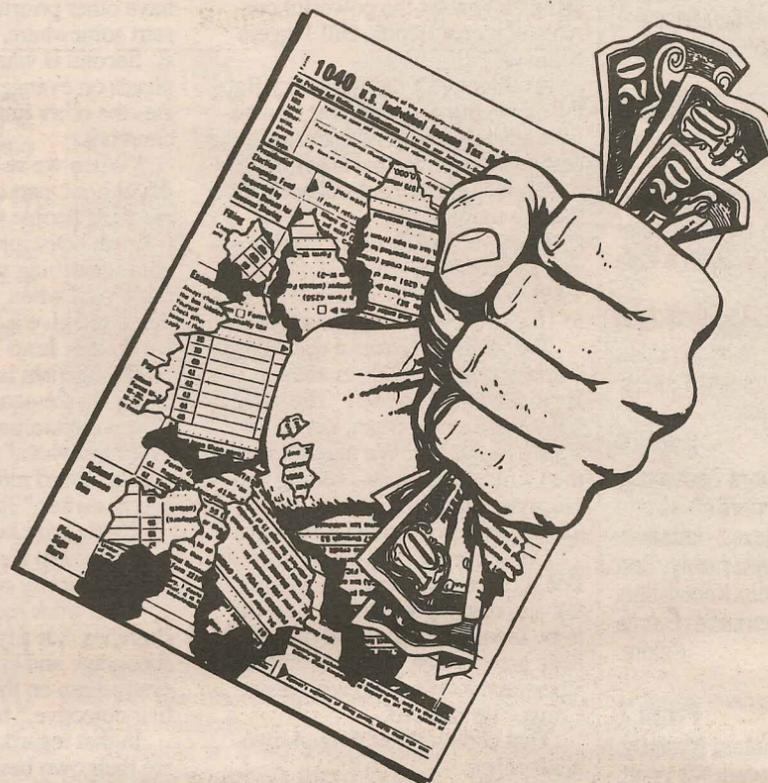
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Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen Street
Tuesday, February 16.....Paducah
First Baptist Church, 2890 Broadway
Thursday, February 18.....Lexington
Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Road
Friday, February 19.....Louisville
Walnut Street Baptist Church, 200 St. Catherine Street

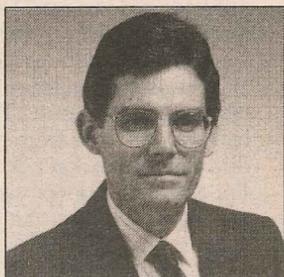


Conference Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. Tax Conference
- 11:15 Lunch and Church Annuity Plan Update
- 1:00 p.m. Tax Conference, continued
- 3:30 Conference adjourns

Individual consultations will begin at 3:30 and continue as long as needed.

Conference Leaders



John Hancock
Manager
Member Services Division
Annuity Board, SBC



Don Spencer, CFP
Director
Annuity Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Conference Fee

\$20.00 for one person from a church
\$ 5.00 for each additional person
from the same church

Conference fee covers cost of lunch for each person attending and one copy of Church and Clergy Tax Guide by Richard Hammar (\$14.95 value) for each church. Each attendee will also receive a copy of Minister's Income Tax Guide published by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Send a list of persons from your church planning to attend.
2. Include the church position for each person listed.
3. Enclose a \$20.00 conference fee for the first person and \$5.00 for each additional person from the same church.
4. Make checks payable to: **Kentucky Baptist Convention**
5. Indicate which conference date and location you will be attending.
6. Send the above information, along with your church's name and address and conference fee(s) to:

Annuity Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40254-0433.

Don't forget to check the appropriate registration box on page 12 of this EVENTS insert.

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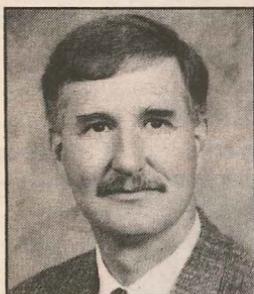
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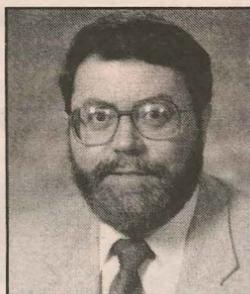
1993 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference

February 22-23

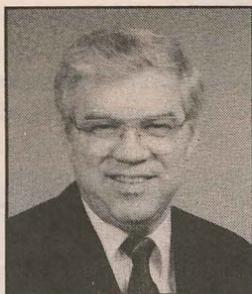
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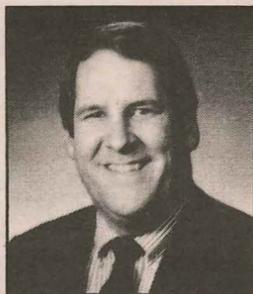
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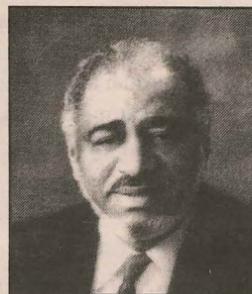
Gary Leazer
Director
Interfaith Witness
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Home Mission Board
Atlanta



D. L. Lowrie
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Lubbock, Texas



Chuck Kelley
Professor of
Evangelism
New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary
New Orleans



William A. Jones
Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church
Brooklyn, New York



Lois Jane Huddleston
Music Vocational
Evangelist
Gallatin, Tennessee



Alicia Williamson
Formerly with TRUTH
Mobile, Alabama

Keynote Speakers

Monday - 2:00 p.m.

Ron Johnson
Gary Leazer
D. L. Lowrie

Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Chuck Kelley
William A. Jones

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.

Chuck Kelley
William A. Jones

Tuesday - 2:00 p.m.

Gary Leazer
D. L. Lowrie

Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Chuck Kelley
William A. Jones

Musicians

Lois Jane Huddleston

In concert, Monday at 6:35 p.m.
Alicia Williamson

In concert, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference Dialogue Luncheons

Conferences

Ethnic Language Ministry/Evangelism in Kentucky.	Tony Aja
Ideas for Reaching Single Adults.	John Lepper
Ideas for Reaching Youth.	Kevin Shrum
Learning to Share my Faith.	Jim Clontz
Lifestyle Evangelism.	Mary Lou Crutcher
Ministers of Evangelism Reaching People.	Keith Walker
Paradigms in Evangelism.	Ron Johnson/Chuck Kelley
Reaching People through the Local Church.	William Jones/D. L. Lowrie
Vocational Evangelists and the 20th Century Challenge.	L. C. Gray, Lois Jane Huddleston and Alicia Williamson
When the Cults Come Knocking.	Gary Leazer
World Evangelism (Foreign Missions).	Herman Russell
Prayer and Evangelism.	Harry Hunter

Leaders

Luncheon Reservations

For reservations to the February 23 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference Dialogue Luncheons, include your individual name, address, zip code and phone number along with a check for \$8.00 (make payable to KBC) and mail to Office for Evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40254-0433, by February 5.

FOUNDATION

Putting It All Together With a Will

A person's will is generally their primary blueprint for property distribution, supplemented by other plans such as trusts, insurance or other contractual plans. A will covers property not included in other legal agreements. Rarely does a person not need a will as part of his or her plan to distribute possessions at death.

If you have an interest in remembering Christian causes, your will offers another way to do so. You simply instruct your attorney to include the Baptist cause or causes in one of the following ways:

- to receive a percentage of the estate
- to receive a specific property or an amount of money
- to receive the residue of the estate (what remains after other bequests have been fulfilled).

You can change your will at any time. If necessary, your bequests to Baptist causes can be increased, decreased or redirected.

Your attorney can easily incorporate your wishes to give to a charitable organization in a codicil (amendment), often making a new will unnecessary.

Assure Ongoing Gifts by Endowments

When you earn interest on a savings account or certificate of deposit, your money becomes a source of income. The same principle can apply to giving. A bequest to a Baptist cause to establish an endowment goes to work earning income for the Baptist cause year after year.

If you have been giving a certain amount each year, you may want to consider what size bequest would be needed to endow your regular gifts. The staff of the

Kentucky Baptist Foundation is available to help you with the calculations showing what bequests would be required to generate various amounts of income for the Baptist cause of your choice.

For more information about wills, call the Kentucky Baptist Foundation office at (502) 245-4101, extension 205.



The Time Is
NOW
for
Making Your Will

W M U

1993 Girls in Action and Acteens Camps

CAMP DATES

Cedar Crest

June 21-25 GA
 June 28-July 2 2GA
 July 12-16 GA and Acteens
 July 19-23 Acteens
 July 26-30 GA
 August 2-6 GA

Jonathan Creek

June 14-18 GA and Acteens
 June 21-25 GA
 June 28-July 2 GA



What is Girls in Action and Acteens Camp?

Girls in Action (GA) and Acteens Camp is a self-contained camp which focuses on missions and spiritual awareness for girls in grades 4-12. The camping program is sponsored by Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union.

What is the Purpose?

The Kentucky WMU camping program is based upon the belief that missions-centered camping can provide a challenging combination of missions education, spiritual growth and recreational opportunities. A camper can grow in her knowledge of God, of herself and her world in a Christian environment and away from the distractions of everyday living.

Through all aspects of the camping program, an effort is made to lead the camper to:

- An appreciation of God's creation and an understanding of the responsibility of preserving that creation.
- A personal acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Spiritual commitment appropriate to her readiness.
- Growth in her knowledge of Southern Baptist missions.
- An understanding and acceptance of her role as an active participant in missions and a concern for those who do not know Christ.
- A growing application of Christian commitment to everyday living.
- Growth as a total person through a balance of individual pursuits and small-group living experiences.



The WMU camping program is intended to enforce to be part of the total missions education program of the church. As such, the camping program seeks to assist the church in its task of "growing

up" persons to be actively involved in missions.

Where is Camp?

Two camps are available. One is Cedar Crest, located on the grounds of Cedarmore

Acteens at Jonathan Creek are housed in an air-conditioned lodge with a counselor and eight campers in each suite. Each room of a suite has a private bath.

How is Camp Staffed?

Cedar Crest is staffed by a camp director, assistant director, unit leaders, lifeguard, recreation director, counselors and assistant counselors. The staff is made up of 14 college-age young women and eight-to-ten high school juniors or



Baptist Assembly in Bagdad, Kentucky. Another camp is Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, which is in the lake area near the western Kentucky town of Hardin.

What is Camp All About Anyway?

GA and Acteens camp offers opportunities for mental, physical, social and spiritual growth. Campers will be involved in:

- Large and small group activities
- Bible study
- Recreation
- Mission study
- Swimming
- Quiet time
- Meeting a missionary
- Making new friends
- Nature activities

What is the Cost?

The total camp fee is \$73 which includes four nights of lodging, 12 meals, insurance and crafts. It is recommended that the camper bring extra money for missions offering, canteen (approximately 90 cents per day) and a camp shirt.

What About Housing?

At Cedar Crest, each camper is housed with a counselor, assistant counselor and 13 other girls. Each cabin has full bathroom accommodations. GAs at Jonathan Creek are housed in a dormitory. Various sized rooms house three to nine campers with one counselor in each room. Rooms are accommodated by a bath on the hall.

seniors. These Christian young women serve under the leadership of a qualified and professional camp director and assistant director who are well-trained in working with children and youth.

The camp staff at Jonathan Creek includes a camp director, program director, unit leaders, lifeguard, recreation director and volunteer counselors.

The central staff is made up of women who are college-age or older who serve on staff all three weeks of camp. A volunteer counselor is 18 or older who may serve under the leadership of a qualified camp director and program director.

Registration—What Do You Need to Know?

Pre-registration begins February 1. Forms are available from the Kentucky WMU office. Participants may register together as a church group. The completed registration form and \$15 deposit for each camper is sent to Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. The deadline is 14 days before the week the camper is attending. The \$58 balance is due camp week. The \$15 registration fee is fully refundable up to four weeks prior to the beginning date of camp; the \$5 is refundable up to Thursday noon before the camp week.

Actual camp site registration begins on Monday at 1:00 p.m. Camp ends at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

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W M U

What About Camp for Younger Girls?

The Mother-Daughter Overnight is a camping experience for girls who have completed the first, second and third grade (primary) and their mothers. The overnight is a mini-camp experience which includes fellowship, crafts, missionary friends, swimming, prayer times, campfires plus lots more. It provides the opportunity for mothers and daughters to renew their awareness of each other and their missions involvement as a family.

When are the Mother-Daughter Overnights?

CEDAR CREST

July 6-7

July 9-10

July 23-24

July 30-31

JONATHAN CREEK

June 18-19

June 25-26

What is the Cost?

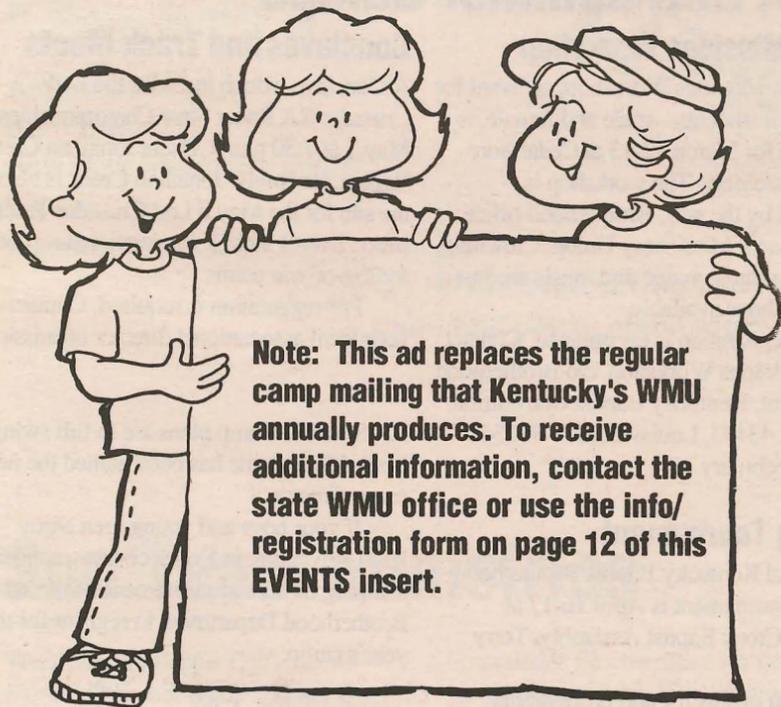
The total cost of the overnight is \$19 per person, which includes overnight lodging, three meals, insurance and crafts. Additional expenses are money for missions offering, canteen and camp shirt.

How Do You Register for the Overnights?

Registration forms are available from the Kentucky WMU office.

Participants may register together as a church group. The completed form and the camp fee of \$19 per person can be sent to Cedarmore or Jonathan Creek after February 1. The camp fee is fully refundable up to four weeks prior to the Overnight.

The Overnights begin at 3:00 p.m. and conclude the following day at 2:00 p.m.



Note: This ad replaces the regular camp mailing that Kentucky's WMU annually produces. To receive additional information, contact the state WMU office or use the info/registration form on page 12 of this EVENTS insert.

Summer Missions Opportunities

Kentucky WMU offers opportunities for missions involvement by serving on a camp staff either as a paid staffer or as a volunteer. Positions are available to Christian women who are missions-minded and enjoy working with children and youth.

Cedar Crest Staff Positions

Unit Leader - College age with prior camp experience; serves eight weeks

Lifeguard - College age; current Advanced Lifesaving Certificate; serves eight weeks

Counselor - College age; experience with Acteens or GAs helpful; serves eight weeks

Assistant Counselor - High school students who have finished junior or senior year; serves five-to-eight weeks

Application Deadline: February 12

Jonathan Creek Staff Positions

Unit Leader - College age with prior camp experience; serves three weeks

Recreation Director - College age; experience in recreation; serves three weeks

Application Deadline: February 12

Jonathan Creek Volunteer Counselor

- 18 years or older
- Serve one or more weeks
- Attend staff training May 21-22
- Lead campers in Bible Study and other camp responsibilities

Application Deadline: April 23

Cedar Crest Volunteer Nurse

- Serves one or more weeks
- Nursing certification
- Responsible for medication and/or treatment given to camper

Application Deadline: May 15

Applications and job descriptions are available from:

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40253-0433

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CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY

JONATHAN CREEK ASSEMBLY

Cedarmore Gives and Receives

Giving

Your Cedarmore Baptist Assembly staff tries to practice the Biblical admonition that it is more blessed to give than receive. Our goal is to provide facilities, services and an atmosphere in which you can feel the presence of God during your event experience.

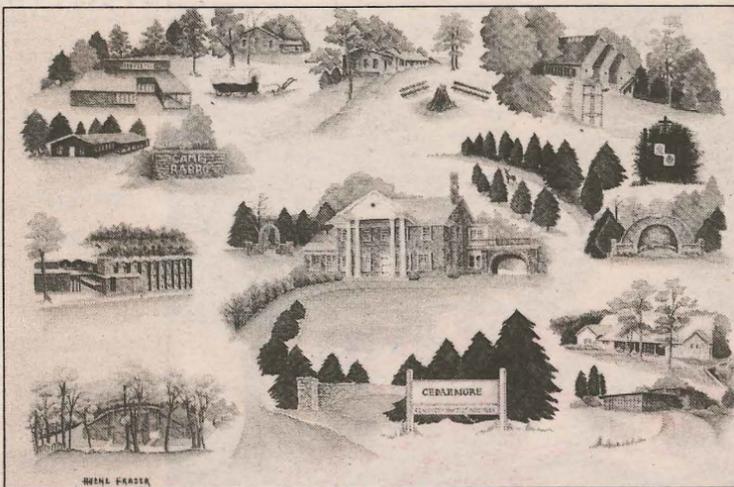
Receiving

Cedarmore is also a recipient. Countless hours of time and many talents are given by counselors and leaders of the events.

We receive money for special projects, as well as small amounts toward the endowment of Cedarmore.

Another example is illustrated in this ad. Mrs. Allene Fraser, an Edmonton,

Kentucky resident, used her creative gifts to produce and donate a beautiful limited edition Cedarmore painting. Mrs. Fraser is



an active member of Edmonton Baptist Church and is also involved in several art clubs and guilds.

A limited edition reproduction print (16 x 20 inch) sells for \$25.00; the artist's signed and numbered copy is \$35.00. Note cards and postcards are also available. Proceeds benefit the endowment fund at Cedarmore.

It's Test Time

Let's test your knowledge:

1. What Kentucky Baptist Assembly is located in the heart of one of the nation's finest vacation and outdoor recreational areas?

2. Where could your church and/or association group find excellent accommodations, good food and gracious service at reasonable rates?

The answer to these two questions:

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly is located three miles west of Aurora, Kentucky. The facility is at the western entrance of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Land between the Lakes.

Jonathan Creek is now offering a special rate during this coming February through April. Based on two people per

room, the cost per person for one night's lodging is \$26.00. This is a savings of \$10.50. The special rate also includes three meals, insurance and use of the assembly facilities.

Plan your next church outing with us!

For further information, contact:

Deward Hurst, Manager
Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
Route 1, Box 418
Hardin, Kentucky 42048
(502) 354-8355



Deward Hurst, Manager

BROTHERHOOD

Events Galore--Regional Mission Congresses, Youth Missions Workshop, Fishing Tournament, Conclaves, Track Meet and Summer Camps

1993 Regional Mission Congresses

Two Royal Ambassador Congresses are scheduled simultaneously in two different Kentucky regions each Saturday in February. Each congress features such activities as an "Around the World Missions Shoot Out" (basketball) and a RA Racer Pinewood Derby for RAs, high school Baptist Young Men and adults.

Chapters begin registering at 9:00 a.m. (local time) and the congress concludes by 3:45 p.m.

The following are dates, regions and church host sites for the congresses:

February 6

Central Region
Pleasant Grove Church
5285 Highway 44E
Shepherdsville
(502) 543-7336
Northeastern Region
Rose Hill Church
1001 Winslow Road
Ashland
(606) 329-2821

February 13

Southwestern Region
Liberty Church
Route 1, Box 176
Hickory (Mayfield)
(502) 856-3578
South Central Region
Beacon Hill Church
4510 Old Monticello Road
Somerset
(606) 678-4159

February 20

North Central Region
Rosemont Church
556 Rosemont Garden
Lexington
(606) 277-6147
Western Region
First Church
Corner of North Main
and Noel
Madisonville
(502) 821-3611

February 27

Southern Region
South Fork Church
4915 New Jackson Highway
Hodgenville
(502) 325-3626
Southeastern Region
Cumberland College
Williamsburg
(606) 549-2200

Youth Missions Workshop

The Youth Missions Workshop, an event for high school students—male and female, is scheduled for March 12-13 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. The workshop is sponsored by the state Brotherhood office and Woman's Missionary Union. Clowning, puppetry, drama, magic and music are just a few workshops available.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Youth Missions Workshop, c/o Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40254-0433 by February 12.

Fishing Tournament

The annual Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Fishing Tournament is April 16-17 at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. Terry Chupp, a Christian evangelist and professional fisherman, will be the guest speaker at the Friday evening rally. A Bass Tournament is scheduled as well as a Free Catch Tournament. Awards will be given at the end of each day of fishing.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Brotherhood Department for further details.

Conclaves and Track Meets

A Conclave, which includes the Lad/Crusader RA Racer State Championships, is May 7 at 7:30 p.m. CDT at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. Jonathan Creek is also the site for the May 8 Lad/Crusader Track Meet. Events include associational run-offs for tug-of-war teams.

Pre-registration is required. Contact your local associational director of missions.

RA Summer Camp plans are in full swing. Mark Monfalcone has been named the new camp director.

If your boys and young men enjoy High Adventure in Ropes courses, canoeing, camping or hiking, please contact the state Brotherhood Department to register for this year's camp.



For more information, contact your regional Brotherhood director or the Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433

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STUDENT MINISTRY

Discovery '93: Youth Weeks

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

Dates and Youth Week Pastors

June 14-18

Michael Brady
Tatesbrook Baptist Church
Lexington, Kentucky

June 21-25

Mike Gilmore
Westport Road Baptist
Church
Louisville, Kentucky

June 28-July 2

Chris Johnson
First Baptist Church
Russell, Kentucky

July 5-9

Kevin Shrum
Bedford Baptist Church
Bedford, Kentucky

July 12-16

Gerald Sharon
Highland Hills Baptist
Church
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

August 2-6

Gary Taylor
New Hope Missionary Baptist
Church
Moorman, Kentucky

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly

Dates and Youth Week Pastors

July 12-16

John Chapman
Berea Baptist Church
Berea, Kentucky

July 19-23

Greg Earwood
First Baptist Church
Murray, Kentucky

July 26-30

Steve Ayers
Hillvue Baptist Church
Bowling Green, Kentucky

FOR EXAMPLE...ME!



I TIMOTHY 4:12

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

I Timothy 4:12

Son Team Ministries

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department will sponsor five 1993 summer missions teams. All have unique ways of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to churches, associational events, camps, resort areas and other places of ministry.

These teams will serve as program staff of state youth camps but two teams will be

available for churches each week. The teams serve from June 14 through August 6. All teams will be available on weekends throughout this period. Please see our listing on the back page of the EVENTS insert under "For More Information."

SonBurst

SonBurst, the state Baptist Student Union creative ministries team, seeks to communicate the gospel through forms of creative experiences in all areas of ministry. Some of the areas of ministry in which the team will be involved are creative worship, creative Bible study, multi-media

experiences, music, clowns, puppets, games, discipleship, seminars, skits and serendipity groups. Its coordinator is Angela Perkins.

Son Bound

Five college students comprise a co-ed sports ministry team. SonBound seeks to

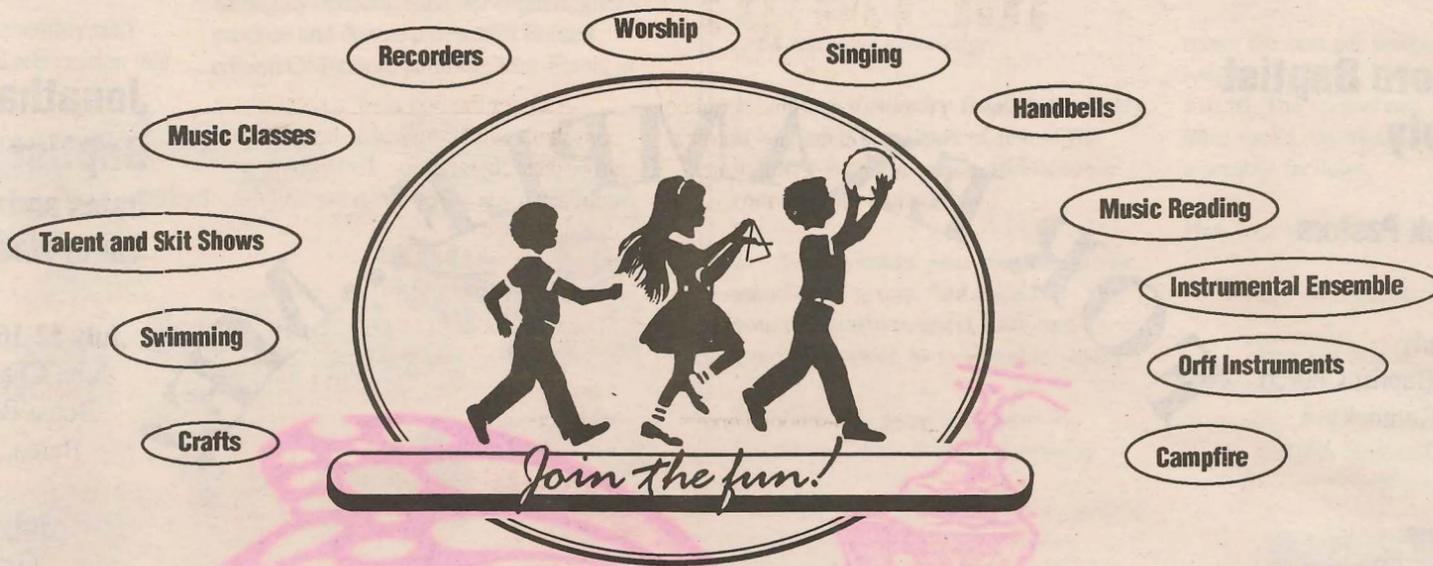
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CHURCH MUSIC

Children's Music Camp



Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
July 19-23



Camp Director: Sherrie Lawhon

For 4th, 5th and 6th Graders
Camper's Fee - \$79.00

For complete information, use the request form on the back page of KBC EVENTS.

STUDENT MINISTRY

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share the gospel while teaching sports skills and motivation. They will seek to lead a sports day camp, sponsored by a church or association, for children and youth (grades 4-8) Monday through Friday. They will be available for mini-sports camps, recreation days, retreats and other activities as requested on weekends. Tommy Johnson is coordinator.

Son Celebration

Seven college students chosen for vocal talent, performance abilities and spiritual dedication will comprise the Son Celebration Summer Missions Team. Musical presentations can be flexible and adapted to diverse audiences in both church and community settings in carrying out its ministry. Team members will be flexible and willing also to lead in fellowship, Bible study, recreation and other creative ministries. Bill Ellis is director.

Son Praise

Son Praise, the state BSU revival team, is composed of a preacher, song leader, special music person, a pianist and a fellowship leader. This team will be able to conduct revival services in a local church either

week-long or during weekends. They can minister through and with the church, its youth or total congregational membership. The basic thrust of their ministry is to communicate the message and life of our Lord through their lives, talents and testimonies. Keith Inman coordinates.

Son Share

Five college students comprise the Son Share Players, a drama performing team. The team learns seven to nine plays, monologues and skits along with leadership skills in the area of drama. The plays can be used as introductions to sermons or as sermons themselves. The dramas reflect and present Jesus Christ in a Biblical and real sense. The director is Tom Smoot.

State Handbell Festival meets in Louisville March 5-6

This year's State Handbell Festival is March 5-6 at the Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville. Christine Anderson, an accomplished handbell clinician from Houston, Texas, will be the featured artist. The festival offers an opportunity for both beginning and experienced handbell choirs to enhance their skills. Highlights include group ringing, individual choir performances and new music reading sessions. The final worship service will have all ringers.



Christine Anderson

The cost per choir is \$60.00. Please use the form on page 12 of this EVENTS insert issue to request a registration form. It is not too late to register!

Listed below is the repertoire for this event:

Tins (2-3 octave choirs)

"Rhondo in C" by Wagner, Lake State Pub #HB005
 "Make a Joyful Sound" by Kinyon, Agape #1577

Coppers (3-5 octave choirs)

"O Be Joyful" by Dobrinski, Agape #1603
 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Starks, Genevox #4579-15

Combined (all choirs)

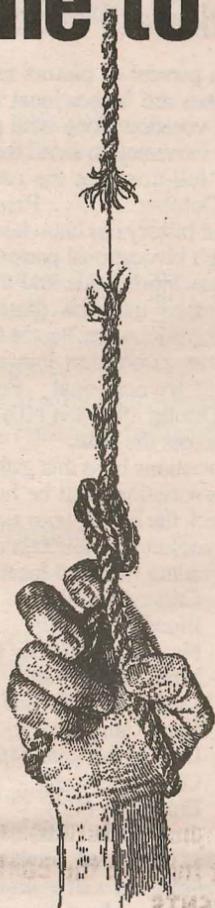
"Festival Prelude on Lobe Den Herren" by Wagner, Agape #1438
 "Rejoice" by Wiltse, Handbell Magazine, July/August/September, 1992
 "He Leadth Me" by Dobrinski, Agape #1461

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time to Call for Help?



ASSISTeams (Associational Sunday School Improvement Support Teams) are a proven force in increasing attendance, enrollment, outreach, baptisms and ministry through Sunday School.

Basic ASSISTeams have leaders to train Sunday School directors, outreach/evangelism leaders, secretaries (all general officers), adult workers, youth workers, children's workers and preschool workers.

And, for the first time, a special consultant will be trained to help pastors grow their church through effective outreach, evangelism, teaching and ministry utilizing Sunday School.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board offer all expense paid training annually for all ASSISTeam members.

Plan now to attend the trainer institute of your choice:

February 5-6 Immanuel Church, Lexington

April 16-17 First Church, Madisonville

Contact Jeff Hicks, an associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, at (502) 245-4101 for additional information and motel

Please Note: The 1993 Regional 1-Day Smaller Sunday School Growth Workshops scheduled this week have been postponed until further notice. The workshops leader, Neil Jackson, is recovering from by-pass surgery.

VBS Summershine

The 1993 Vacation Bible School theme is SUMMERSHINE. And some are shinin' in Kentucky.

The Pastor's Vacation Bible School Guide 1993 recognizes two Kentucky pastors. Billy Compton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington wrote, "Early Planning Reflects Commitment to VBS," which is included in the guide; Don Gowin, pastor, Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Campbellsville and Kentucky's 1992 VBS Pastor of the Year, was interviewed.

Both Compton and Gowin are dedicated to and involved in Vacation Bible School in their respective churches. They know Vacation Bible School's Bible teaching and outreach values.

But these pastors are not the only Kentucky ministers involved in successful Bible schools. There are many. If your pastor is outstanding in VBS promotion and involvement, put it in writing. Write a letter of recommendation listing as many reasons as you can as to why your pastor should be

named VBS Pastor of the Year 1993. The winner will be recognized at Kentucky's Sunday School Convention October 8-9.

Send your recommendation letter to Jewell Nelson, Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433. The nomination deadline is September 15.

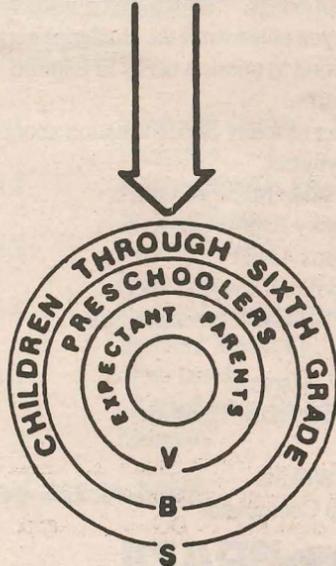
DATES to REMEMBER

Clinics for VBS Associational and ASSISTeams
Each location - 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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|----------|-------------------------------------|
| March 6 | First Church
Princeton |
| March 13 | Eastwood Church
Bowling Green |
| March 20 | Porter Memorial Church
Lexington |
| March 27 | First Church
London |



TARGET



What's New

Johnnie Human's When Problems Come Home (grades 4-6) contains six sessions to help identify problems that arise in families, understand ways to prevent these problems and know how to find help in intervening on children's behalf. The book is \$3.70 at a Baptist Book Store.

My Family Cares for Me, by John Cochran, is a similar book for grades 1-3. \$3.50 a Baptist Book Store.

I Learn About Jesus (birth through pre-first), written by Peggy Ward, is a book which helps preschoolers begin to gain an understanding of Jesus as a special baby, a child, a friend and the one who helps people know God. \$3.95 at a Baptist Book Store.

CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

Ministry to Hurts and Hopes

Deacon, Pastor, Spouse Retreats

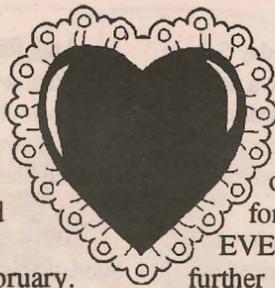
"Pastoral care in the church is not another program to fund, coordinate, and feel obligated to attend. The church is already 'programmed' for pastoral care through the purpose assigned to it by Christ (Bill Whittaker, Search, Fall 92)." Yet the ministry to the hurts, hopes and needs of a congregation will not initiate itself into action. All members of the church are called to participate on the pastoral care team (1 Cor. 12:25-26). However, "the church becomes a caring congregation through the example of caring leaders (Whittaker)."

Can anyone journey through a day without recognizing the pain, the suffering, the hurts, and lack of hope in the faces of humanity? Although pastoral care is taken seriously, the rapidly

changing needs freeze care givers to immobility.

How to minister to these hurts and hopes will be shared in conferences at the Deacon, Pastor, Spouse Retreats in February. You will receive information that addresses the realistic, contemporary needs of our congregations and surrounding communities. This retreat provides the opportunity to add to already caring spirits practical, fundamental ways to meet needs of hurting, hopeless people.

You are invited to make lodging reservations at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly (502/747-8911) for February 12-13, 1993 or Kentucky Dam Village Resort Park (1-800/325-0146). Be sure to indicate that you are requesting accommodation for the Deacon Retreat of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to receive the appropriate rates. An \$8.00 per person conference fee should accompany your retreat reservation to



the Church Growth & Administration Division office. Use the registration form included in this issue of EVENTS. Your questions for further clarification may be directed to the same office.

Mail registration from back page and \$8.00/person conference fee to:
Church Growth & Administration Division, KBC
P.O. Box 43433 · Louisville · 40253

Optional Conferences Include:

- *Guiding a Church in Ministry to the Mentally Retarded*
- *Personal Financial Planning*
- *Deacons Ministry in a Single Staff Church*
- *Assisting the Unemployed*
- *Aids and Ministry through a Church*
- *Touch - Its Power to Heal*
- *Ministering through Music*

Associational Bivocational Fellowships

Twenty-seven percent of pastors in Kentucky Baptist churches are bivocational (they have another work vocation along with pastoring a church). It is interesting to recall that only one pastor was "full-time" at the convention's beginning, October 1837. Presently and throughout our history our churches have been blessed through bivocational pastors.

To express appreciation and affirm these churches and their ministers (pastors, music directors, etc.), the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff and a host association join together in conducting "Bivocational Fellowship" gatherings. During 1993 ten (10) gatherings will be held across the state.

Some associations have this gathering each year. Four associations will be hosting their first one. Check the list. If your association is participating, contact your Director of Missions for details regarding time and location.

- Jan 19 Crittenden (4th)
- Jan 28 Blood River (5th)
- Feb 2 Northern Kentucky (2nd)
- Feb 16 Muhlenberg (1st)
- Mar 8 Caldwell/Lyon (2nd)
- Mar 29 Lynn Camp (1st)
- Apr 19 Daviess-McLean (4th)
- Sep 13 Ohio River (1st)
- Sep 14 Enterprise (4th)
- Oct 18 three Forks (2nd)

Join us for a good meal, a relaxed evening of fun & fellowship, as well as an opportunity to receive information about how your church can build on its strengths to reach and develop people as disciples of our Lord.

DIRECT MISSIONS

Cooperating with Christ in the Cities Conference

March 15-16

Bethlehem Baptist Church
5708 Preston Highway
Louisville

Speakers:

Dr. Leslie Drew
Senior Pastor
White Rock Baptist Church
Surrey, British Columbia

Dr. Charles Lee Williamson
State Missions Director
Baptist General Convention
Texas

Registration: \$10 per person
Make your check payable to Long Run Baptist Association.
Mail it to: Long Run Baptist Association, 1800 Arthur Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

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PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Who is a Volunteer?

A volunteer is a person who through a personal faith in Jesus Christ has become an active member of a Southern Baptist church and is available to the Foreign Mission Board for a short overseas ministry. This period may be as short as a few weeks or as long as two years. The volunteer has skills, talents, abilities, knowledge or spiritual gifts which can be used overseas as a witness to his or her personal commitment to the Great Commission.

Volunteers normally go to serve at their own expense. They respond to requests made by missionaries and/or nationals or fill a strategic role in an overall mission strategy for global evangelization. The volunteer is going in response to a real need and becomes part of the people of God on mission. Because of this global strategy and the cooperative nature of the mission, the volunteer works under the direction of Foreign Mission Board representatives. In most cases this will be the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) in the country where the ministry is performed.

Southern Baptists volunteering to serve overseas come from all walks of life and from a variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds. Most have never seen

themselves as having the ability or skill to fill needs around the world. Nearly all are surprised at the profound sense of satisfaction and fulfillment this kind of involvement brings.

Have you considered the challenge and call to respond to mission needs in Espirito Santo, Brazil?

Contact us today for information about the 1993 projects:

Partnership Missions Office
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P.O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40253-0433
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EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

FAMILY MINISTRY

Single Adult Retreat

March 12-13

Cave City, Kentucky

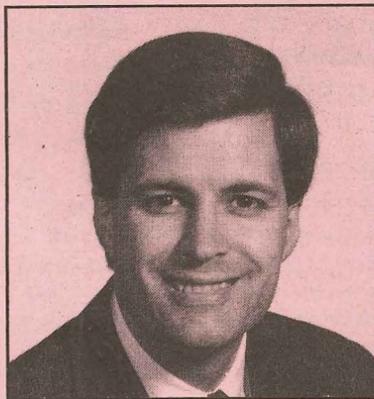
Theme: Exploring the Challenges of Single Life

Come experience a time of learning, sharing and fellowship with other single adults from across Kentucky. This conference will help single adults and their leaders gain understanding and encouragement for dealing with the challenges life brings.

Small Group

Conference Topics

- Living with a Single Budget
- Qualities of Healthy Relationships
- Caring for Aging Parents
- Single Parenting on the Run
- Sexuality as God's Gift
- Spiritual Gifts
- Single Adult Leadership
- Stress Escape #1: Giving Out and Taking In
- Stress Escape #2: Initiating Fun in the Ups and Downs of Life



Bret Robbe
Pastor
Bellevue Baptist Church
Owensboro



Paula Kinney
Contemporary Christian Artist
Nashville

Registration Information

When? Conference begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12 and ends at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

Cost: A \$20 registration fee (\$25 after February 26) includes the cost of a banquet on Saturday evening, two continental breakfasts and Friday evening refreshments.

Lodging: Retreat participants will be responsible for securing their own lodging and meals. The Family Ministry Department will mail registrants a Cave City accommodations and rates list.

For more information please complete the form on page 12 of this insert or call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 250.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Two Events--Doctrinal Study Overview and How to Have LIFE and LIFE SUPPORT in Your Church--at the same locations

Dates and Locations for Both Events:

March 1	Northside Church Princeton
March 2	Hillview Heights Church Bowling Green
March 3	Carlisle Church Louisville
March 4	Highland Heights Church Northern Kentucky
March 5	Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Pineville

Attend one or both!

Doctrinal Study Overview: The Doctrine of Salvation

1993 Southern Baptist Doctrine Study

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

For additional information contact:

Discipleship Training Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40253-0433
(502) 245-4101

Douglas T. Strader, Director
Jim Clontz, Associate Director

How to Have LIFE and LIFE SUPPORT in Your Church

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Learn about LIFE courses such as:

- MasterLife
- Disciple's Prayer Life: Walking in Fellowship with God
- Step by Step through the Old Testament
- Step by Step through the New Testament
- Experiencing God

In addition, learn about the new LIFE SUPPORT materials and how they can assist hurting adults, both members and potential members. In the United States, 15,000,000 are in support groups.

The LIFE SUPPORT curriculum materials will provide resources for churches to use in support groups that minister to a growing number of adults who are dealing with Addiction, Alcoholism, Codependency, Grief, Divorce, Depression and other problems.

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OTHER EVENTS

Church Music

Angie Harrington, who has served as keyboard consultant in the Church Music department since 1989, is moving with her family to Boston, Massachusetts. She was responsible for initiating several new opportunities for Kentucky Baptists, including area keyboard festivals and keyboard clinics for church accompanists. Angie also conducted a salary survey of church accompanists, a first for Kentucky Baptists. We wish Angie and her family the best in their new venture.

Sunday School

Looking ahead to Sunday School-oriented events at Ridgecrest and Glorieta this summer:

Ridgecrest

- Sunday School 1, July 24-30
- Sunday School 2 (ends with breakfast), July 31-August 6
- Sunday School Fast Track 1 (Friday-Tuesday breakfast), August 6-10
- Sunday School Fast Track 2 (Tuesday-Saturday breakfast), August 10-14

Glorieta

- Sunday School 1, June 12-18
- Sunday School 2, June 19-25
- Sunday School 3, June 16-21

Reservation applications and deposit are due to the following by February 1:
RESERVATIONS
Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center
 Box 128
 Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770

Brotherhood

Cedarmore:
 Summer camp staff training is June 7-11.
 Summer camps are June 14-18; June 21-25; July 12-16; July 19-21 (Lads and Crusaders spilt week); July 26-30 and August 2-6

Father/Son Overnight, June 25-26
 Father/Son Overnight, July 23-24

Jonathan Creek:
 Summer camp, June 28-July 2
 Father/Son Overnight, July 2-3

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Brotherhood

January 24
 Baptist Men's Day

Evangelism

January 25-26
 HMB Training in the Beliefs of the Mormon and New Age Cults
 Middletown
 Kentucky Baptist Building

Discipleship Training

January 18-22
 MasterLife/MasterBuilder Workshop

Student Work

January 21
 Deadline for Student Missions applications

Church Music

January 30
 Adult/Youth Vocal Ensemble Festival
 Lexington
 Immanuel Baptist Church

FEBRUARY

Sunday School

February 1
 Reservations due for Sunday School Leadership conferences at Ridgecrest:
 July 24-30, July 31-August 6
 and August 7-13

Student Work

February 5-7
 Summer Mission Interviews
 Louisville
 Crescent Hill Baptist Church
 February 13
 Baptist Student Union Volleyball Tournament
 Louisville
 University of Louisville

February 22-24
 Evangelism Conference/Campus Ministers Meeting
 Lexington

February 22-26
 World Missions Emphasis Week

February 24-25
 Community and Small College Campus Ministers Meeting
 Lexington
 University of Kentucky
 February 26-28
 Student Missions Conference
 Louisville
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Brotherhood

February 6
 Central Region Mission Congress
 Shepherdsville
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 Northeastern Region Mission Congress
 Ashland
 Rose Hill Baptist Church
 February 13
 Southwestern Region
 Hickory (Mayfield)
 Liberty Baptist Church
 South Central Region
 Somerset
 Beacon Hill Baptist Church
 February 20
 North Central Region
 Lexington
 Rosemont Baptist Church

Western Region
 Madisonville
 First Baptist Church
 February 27
Southern Region
 Hodgenville
 South Fork Baptist Church
Southeastern Region
 Williamsburg
 Cumberland College

Church Growth and Administration

February 12-13
 Deacon, Pastor, Spouse Retreat
 Bagdad
 Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
 February 26-27
 Deacon, Pastor, Spouse Retreat
 Gilbertsville
 Kentucky Dam Village Resort

Church Music

February 6
 All-State Youth Choir Audition
 Madisonville
 First Baptist Church
 February 13
 All-State Youth Choir Audition

London
 First Baptist Church
 February 19-20
 State Youth Choir Festival
 Louisville
 Lyndon Baptist Church
 February 20
 All-State Youth Choir Audition
 Louisville
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
 February 27
 All-State Youth Choir Audition
 Morehead
 First Baptist Church

WMU

February 14-20
 Focus on WMU
 All churches
 February 21-24
 Home Mission Study
 All churches

Office for Evangelism

February 22-23
 State Evangelism Conference
 Lexington
 Immanuel Baptist Church

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To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
- Church Growth and Administration
- Deacon, Pastor, Spouse Retreats
- Church Music
- All-State Youth Choir Auditions
- State Youth Choir Festival
- Regional Church Music Festivals

WMU

- Cedar Crest GA/Acteens Camp Brochure and Registration Form
- Jonathan Creek GA/Acteens Camp Brochure and Registration Form
- Cedar Crest Staff Application (UL, Counselor, Life Guard)
- Cedar Crest Application (Assistant Counselor)

- Jonathan Creek Staff Application (UL, Recreation Director)
- Jonathan Creek Volunteer Counselor Form
- Cedar Crest Volunteer Nurse Information Form

To Register

- Annuity
 Minister's Income Tax Conferences - Send brochure and registration form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Office _____ Home _____
 Church _____ Association _____
 Leadership Position _____
 Registration fee (if applicable) \$ _____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

MISSIONS

WMU board adopts historic changes

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"will no doubt raise grave concern in the hearts and minds of most Southern Baptists, including many members of the WMU in our local churches."

However, WMU leaders said they are not moving away from the SBC but simply acknowledging changing times by expanding their ministry.

To emphasize that WMU will not abandon any of its current activities, the board asked the ad hoc committee to supplement its recommendations with a preamble that affirms the SBC's missionaries and traditional channels of missions funding.

The preamble affirms WMU's support for the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions.

However, the preamble also affirms "the right of individuals, churches and state conventions to choose other plans for cooperative missions giving."

That affirmation likely will be seen as a betrayal by the SBC's new conservative leadership. They adamantly oppose the Fellowship, a group of moderate Baptists who say they are

disenfranchised from SBC leadership roles.

WMU's new openness may offer little immediate help to the Fellowship. WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien said the Fellowship is still too small to warrant production of tailored resource materials, so WMU's proposed generic resources will have to do for now.

The recommendations would not allow WMU to raise money for the Fellowship or promote its missions offering, she said. Although that could be reconsidered, she said, too many WMU members object to the idea now to make it wise.

O'Brien commented that it is "ironic that we can pray for them but not promote their offering."

Despite those limitations, Fellowship Moderator Pat Ayres of Austin, Texas, called the WMU decision good news. "With their spirit of being open to finding ways to cooperate, we now can begin to talk specifically."

Other highlights of WMU's changes include:

- **Marketing of generic materials.** This will allow WMU to produce pieces that could be used by a variety of evangelical groups in missions education. Marketing materials to non-

SBC groups already is done by some Southern Baptist agencies, particularly the Sunday School Board.

- **Facilitating missions volunteers.** WMU will not employ or appoint missionaries, but instead will link people and resources with missions needs around the world.

- **Commitment to social action.** Until the 1960s, WMU was active on such social issues as race, hunger and homelessness, O'Brien said. In reviving this emphasis, she said, WMU is responding to changing needs.

The new emphasis calls for WMU to highlight one social ministry each year for intensive involvement.

- **Accepting missions money.** WMU will not solicit financial contributions but will accept them to support its expanded ministries or to make up for any loss in revenue.

Some of those funds might be needed to pay the salaries of WMU workers now employed by the more conservative state conventions. Some of those positions may be eliminated in retaliation for WMU's openness to the Fellowship, board members said.

Reported by Greg Warner through Associated Baptist Press and Herb Hollinger and Art Toalston through Baptist Press

What WMU adopted

Vision statement

WMU exists to enable churches and believers to participate in introducing all persons in the world to Jesus Christ.

Core values

- **Priesthood of the believer:** We affirm and uphold the priesthood of the believer, while accepting the responsibilities and privileges inherent therein.
- **God's call to mission:** We acknowledge God's call to every believer to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world.
- **Prayer for missions:** We embrace the privilege and responsibility of prayer for missionaries and missions needs.
- **Giftedness of women:** We recognize, emphasize and affirm the giftedness of women and girls in Christian endeavors.
- **Social and moral issues:** We acknowledge the biblical mandate to respond to social and moral issues with actions as modeled by Jesus Christ and with a message of his redemptive plan.
- **Development of leaders:** We acknowledge and accept the responsibility for developing mission leaders.
- **Partnership with Christians around the world:** We covenant to partner with Christians around the world, as individually and corporately we multiply each other's efforts to lead a lost world to Christ.
- **Diverse organizational models:** We pledge to provide diverse, flexible organizational models through which persons may participate in the global missions effort.

Recommendations

- Preamble:** Honoring the perspective of history, recognizing the practicality of the present, and committing to the expansion of missions into the future, Woman's Missionary Union affirms the support of Southern Baptist global missions through prayer, the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. We also affirm the right of individuals, churches and state conventions to choose other plans for cooperative missions giving. Further, we affirm the missionaries and pledge to strengthen our support of them. In response to change in our world and our desire to be a visionary force in global missions, we recommend that Woman's Missionary Union:
- Recommit ourselves to missions, the reason we exist, and relate to others who share our commitment.
 - Provide prayer support and produce resources for Southern Baptist groups involved in mission, at their request.
 - Produce and market generic missions education resources for other evangelical groups.
 - Promote and facilitate effective volunteerism in response to missions needs.
 - Identify one social issue each year for specific intervention through national projects.
 - Accept contributions to be used for WMU and related missions needs.

REACTIONS TO WMU CHANGES

- **Delores Spears, Kentucky WMU president:** "The vision statement, core values and recommendations presented to us by the committee reflected the divine leading of the Holy Spirit. The committee spent agonizing hours in prayer and meetings. The results reflect this."

- **Kay Trisler, chair of Kentucky WMU's special study committee:** "I was relieved that national WMU chose not to be political but to approve recommendations which would be inclusive rather than exclusive, which is what all Southern Baptists must do if we are to reach the world for Christ."

- **Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee:** "By definition, an auxiliary has no program of its own. The WMU has existed to support SBC programs. When an organization gets a pro-

gram of its own, it ceases to be an auxiliary. It becomes its own entity and has its own programs."

- **John Jackson, a California pastor who chairs trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board:** WMU's new direction "necessitates a full exploration ... at the Monday (Feb. 8) session of our February board meeting. We will explore interpretations and implications of these adopted parameters."

- **James Williams, Brotherhood Commission president:** "We will need to see how these recommendations work themselves out in the churches and denomination before we know how WMU and Brotherhood will work together to involve Southern Baptists in missions. Without question, the Brotherhood Commission will continue its historic support of Southern Baptist cooperative missions approaches."

- **Larry Lewis, Home Mission Board president:** "I certainly affirm not only the right, but the responsibility of WMU to work with all Southern Baptist churches, including those affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. However, I question the wisdom of any SBC agency or auxiliary identifying in a supportive way with any schismatic group that has set itself against SBC leaders and agencies or has established competitive agencies."

- **Alma Hunt, former WMU national executive director:** "I am convinced that God will never forsake us as long as we stick to our purpose—which we have affirmed."

- **Helen Fling, former WMU national president,** quoting Yogi Berra, the Hall-of-Fame New York Yankee player and manager: "The future ain't what it used to be!"

O'Brien: WMU has taken a position without taking sides

TALLADEGA, Ala. (BP)—Woman's Missionary Union has taken a position amid the Southern Baptist Convention's controversy, but has not taken sides, WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien said.

Speaking after WMU's executive board approved a slate of sweeping changes Jan. 9-11, O'Brien said WMU leaders have been grieved by the polarization of the SBC.

"Surely, surely, it is possible for one entity in our convention to embrace them all," she declared. "Are we not weary of the taking of sides? Can we not rid ourselves of politics? Is

there no possibility for one entity to relate to all?"

WMU is "raising the flag of missions high and inviting: 'If you believe in God's command to go and teach and make disciples, then go with us. Give total allegiance to missions—not to people, not to agencies, not to discrete groups—but to all expressions of Southern Baptist missions.'"

O'Brien said WMU up to this point had attempted to steer clear of the denominational controversy that has seen conservatives capture control of denominational leadership and moderates form their own association

without leaving the convention.

"Because our eyes have been focused on Jesus and our hearts directed toward winning the world to Christ, we have refused to be distracted by this dissension," O'Brien said.

But during the past year there have been several attempts to draw WMU into the fray "in spite of our reluctance to be a part," she said. "There has been an attempt to 'invite' us to become an agency. Our integrity regarding our program statement revision has been questioned. Threats have been made if we attempt to support any other sending agency within Southern Bap-

tist churches."

More recently, SBC leaders demanded WMU "choose sides," O'Brien said, by aligning with one element or another. "The fact is, there are numerous factions within our SBC—not just two," she said. "To fall into step with only one precludes our being what we were formed to be for other Southern Baptists."

Ultimately, the changes were made for three reasons, she explained: for the sake of the people in the world who do not know Jesus Christ, for the sake of WMU and for the sake of glorifying Jesus Christ.

WORLD VIEW

■ **The Russian government** has returned the Kremlin cathedrals to the Russian Orthodox Church after 75 years. St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square, just outside the gates of the Kremlin and near Lenin's tomb, also has been given back.

■ **Alcohol-free bars** run by churches in England are becoming so popular that a special conference on the topic was held last fall. "Alcohol-free projects range from soft-drink bars at youth clubs to fully fledged non-alcoholic pubs," explained Lawrence Fearon of the Evangelical Alliance in London. The projects are offered as alternative gathering places for young people and used as tools for evangelism.

■ **A Swedish builder** has completed an agreement with the Baptist Union of Russia for construction of 1,000 church buildings. Goran Oscarsson of Goteborg, Sweden, will construct buildings ranging from 200 to 1,000 in seating capacity under a \$53 million contract.

■ **Korean Christians** doubled their numbers to 12.5 million in a six-year period ending in December 1991, according to the 1992 Yearbook of the Korean Church.

■ **Southern Baptists** ended their missionary presence in the Bahamas Dec. 10 with the departure of missionaries Herbert and Caroline Jukes, who are retiring. Bahamian pastors have assumed leadership of all Baptist institutions and programs, although the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will continue to relate to the Baptist convention for special projects as needed. Southern Baptist missionaries have served in the Bahamas since 1951.

Bulgarians get church back

RUSE, Bulgaria—"God has the last word," worshippers declared at the Dec. 6 rededication of Ruse Baptist Church's buildings in Bulgaria.

"The dedication of our building in Ruse means more to us than all the other places because this signifies the triumph over communism," said Theo Angelov, president of the Bulgarian Baptist Union.

The church building, located in the center of this town on the Danube River, was confiscated by the government in 1974 and turned into a club for atheists.

In December, 18 years later, Baptists gathered to rededicate the building to its original purpose.

"God has the last word" was the theme of a message delivered by Karl Heinz Walter, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation.

A grandson of the church's first pastor attended the event, as did three other sons of former pastors.

The building was constructed in 1897, the year the congregation was established. Ruse Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist congregation in Bulgaria.

Today, the congregation is small with 22 members and has no pastor. Churches in Bulgaria are multiplying more rapidly than the number of pastors available.

Coalition plans Russian model farm project

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—A delegation of American church and business leaders will travel to an agricultural region in Russia on May 1 "to plant seeds of friendship, to plant seeds of hope, to plant seeds of faith" and to plant seeds in Russian fields.

David Scoates, chairman of Churches Uniting in Global Mission's Russian Farm Project, made that statement in an address to the Russian Parliament in September. The interdenominational organization was founded one year ago by Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Orange County, Calif.

Scoates, senior minister of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

in Minneapolis, said the organization worked to bring together leaders from mainline churches of all denominations.

"We've never been able to get together in theology or the sacraments ... so we decided to try to do something for God's people around the world," he said.

A task force of 27 pastors and business leaders from around the country traveled to Moscow in September to determine what assistance was needed and to develop a strategy with the Russian government that would be most beneficial to farmers of the former Soviet Union.

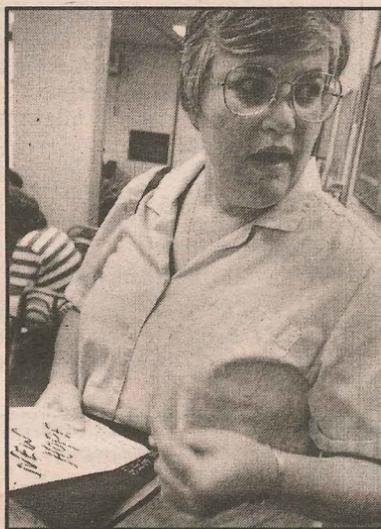
The Supreme Soviet offered the

group thousands of acres of farmland in exchange for equipment and assistance in farming.

"We're doing this as a witness to Christ, we're doing this as a witness to democracy, and we're doing this as a witness to the free enterprise system," Scoates said.

The group traveling to Russia this year will plant a demonstration plot for potato farming, using three methods.

In the fall of 1993, representatives of the American coalition, including Schuller, will be present for the harvest. Schuller plans to feature the landmark event in his "Hour of Power" broadcast.



NEW HOPE Southern Baptist missionary Gwen Crofts prepares for worship at new Hope Baptist Church in Hong Kong. Crofts has been a member of the church, which meets in an office building, since its beginning. During the week, she directs a Baptist Bible- and literature-publishing enterprise. (Photo by Warren Johnson)

"Surely the Lord is in this place...."

Genesis 28:16b



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Construction/Evangelism
March 18-31, 1993
15 volunteers needed



Contact: Calvin C. Wilkins, Kentucky Baptist Convention
(502) 245-4101

Acteens



Please take note of these important dates:

- Mar. 1** Deadline to apply for:
State Acteens Panelist
Request application from state WMU office
- Mar. 12-13** Youth Missions Workshop
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
Group registration through Brotherhood Dept.
- Apr. 2-3** State Acteens Conference, Paducah
Group registration through state WMU office

P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243-0433

Abandoned

I am certain that many of you heard of the tragic death of a newborn baby girl who was abandoned in a shopping center parking lot in December. The baby was born alive and relatively healthy, but died after she was abandoned. In recent months, four young mothers from across the state have made headlines because their desperation and fear have led them to do the unthinkable, it has led them to abandon their babies. As I have read these stories, I have wondered how many other young women are frightened and confused because they are pregnant. How many others will be unable to deal with the birth of a child in a healthy, appropriate manner?

Forty strangers gathered together for the funeral of this abandoned baby. Though they did not know the child when she was alive, they gathered to support and pray for her in death. You, as Kentucky Baptists, are offering your love, support and prayers for the hundreds of children and youth KBHC serves each and every day. You surround them with hope and enable us to give them the care and guidance which will help prevent

the kind of tragedies I have described.

Last year our First Step Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Program counseled with 63 girls and young women. Eleven children were placed with adoptive families. Other young women we counseled chose to parent and we were able to provide them training and support to help prepare them for caring for their children. You have made this possible.

I am reminded almost daily of how grateful I am to Kentucky Baptists for their support. In the eyes of a child who has found safety and refuge in one of our homes; in the eyes of new adoptive families who have been blessed with the precious gift of new life; and in the eyes of all those we serve through a variety of services, I see the hope, the promise of a better tomorrow. These are the gifts you give to them.

On behalf of all the children, thank you.

Curtis Mooney is president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown, Ky. 40243.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Curtis C. Mooney

Paid Column

PEOPLE

Networks to re-examine violence

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Three major TV networks—ABC, CBS and NBC—have agreed to work together to limit televised violence, according to an Illinois senator whose legislation allowed the networks to work together on the problem.

The results of the joint standards on TV violence probably will show up in programming for the fall of 1993, said Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., who facilitated the joint agreement.

At a Dec. 11 press conference, Simon also announced that the three networks are calling an industrywide conference in Los Angeles next spring to discuss TV violence further. A representative of the motion picture industry has agreed to participate in the meeting, Simon added.

Simon sponsored a bill that temporarily exempts the television industry from antitrust laws, allowing the three networks to work together on the problem of program violence. His bill—the Television Violence Act—

called for self-regulation, not censorship, Simon said.

According to the broad standards, all depictions of violence should be relevant to the development of the characters, theme or plot.

The standards also would prohibit:

- Gratuitous, excessive or redundant violence;
- Glamorous depictions of violence;
- Scenes showing excessive gore, pain or physical suffering;
- Scenes depicting uses of force that "on the whole" are inappropriate for a home viewing medium;
- Replicable or unique methods of inflicting pain;
- Portrayals of dangerous behavior that invite imitation;
- Realistic portrayals of violence in children's programs;
- Portrayals of violence used to shock the audience; and
- Gratuitous depiction of animal abuse.

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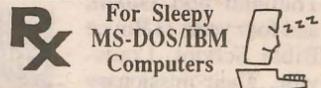
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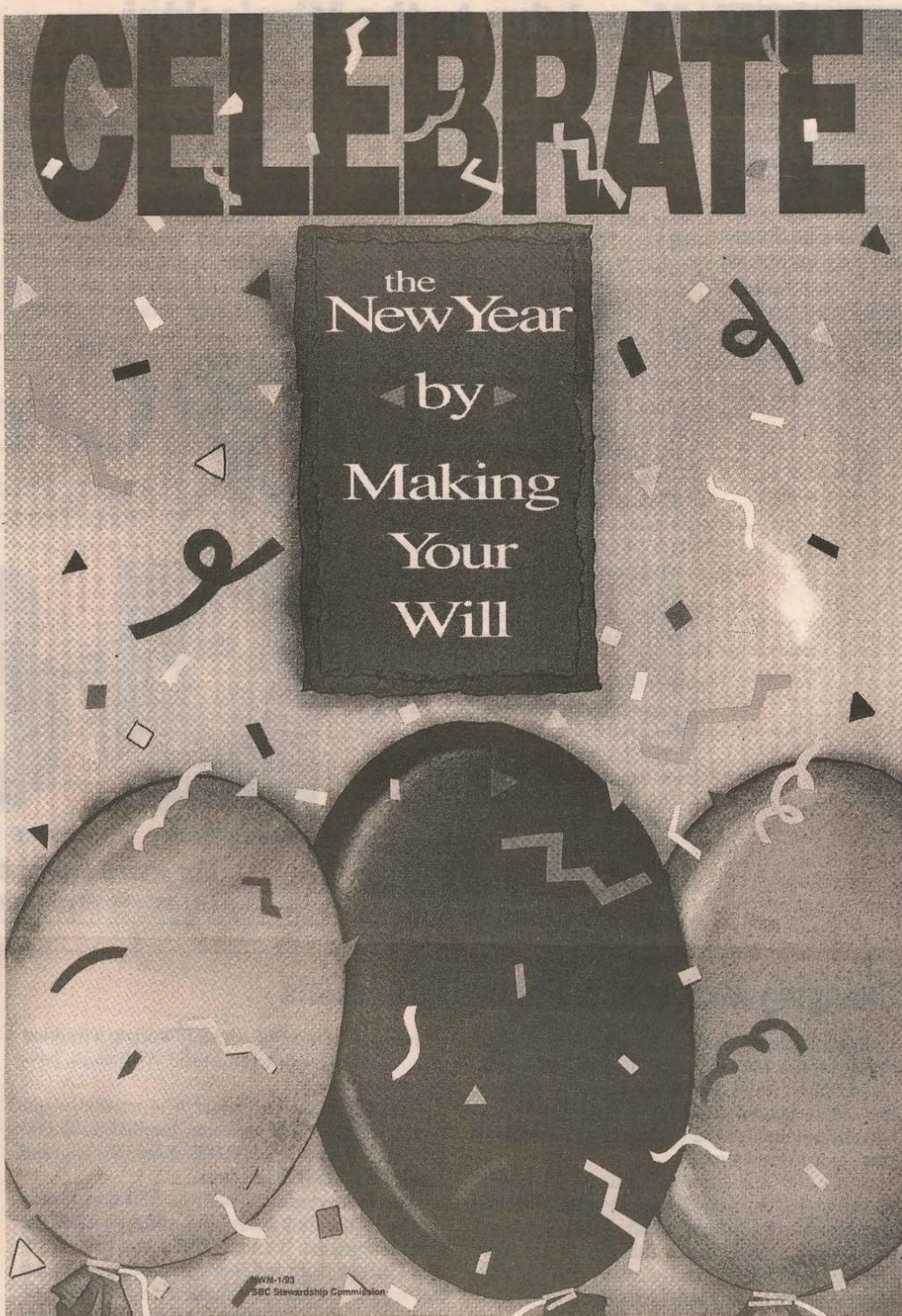
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Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BENTON**—Zion's Cause Church recently held an Acteen recognition service, where Sarah Pace, Rachel Phelps and Elizabeth Pace all received crowns for completing the Queen level of StudiAct. A reception was held after the service.

■ **FULTON**—Moscow Church called Troy DeWeese as pastor. He previously served as pastor of Ledbetter Church in Murray.

■ **GARFIELD**—Garfield Church called Elvis Egge as pastor. He previously served as pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Cromwell.

■ **GREENSBURG**—James Casey Jr., director of missions in Russell Creek and East Lynn Baptist Associations since 1980, retired Dec. 31. He is available for revivals, conferences and Sunday school campaigns, and can be reached at (502) 932-3665.

■ **HARDINSBURG**—Pat Wren is pastor of New Clover Creek Church.

■ **HAZARD**—Ed Bolen retired as pastor of Petrey Memorial Church.

■ **INEZ**—Jimmy Grayson is serving as interim pastor at First Church.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Buechel Park Church called Bruce Hardy as pastor. Hardy previously served as minister of pastoral care at St. Matthews Church in Louisville.

St. Matthews Church ordained seven as deacons Jan. 10: Hal Acree, Eleanor Bowers, Susan Boyer-Bartels, Rusty Cherry, Meta Herren,

Evalyn Montgomery and Suzanne Siegel.

Walnut Street Church has called Scott Wigginton as minister of pastoral counseling. He will manage the LifeCare Counseling Center and also will counsel members and others in the community. Wigginton previously helped direct youth activities at the church. The church also called Jay Close as interim minister to students.

■ **PERRYVILLE**—Perryville Church called Paul Peterson as pastor. He previously served as pastor of First Church in Inez.

■ **RADCLIFF**—Randy and Sherri Kitchens have resigned from their positions at Mill Creek Church. He served as associate pastor, while she was minister of family life and church pianist. He has accepted an endorsement from the Home Mission Board to serve in active duty as a United States Air Force chaplain. They will be stationed at Loring AFB in Maine.

■ **STEPHENSPORT**—Michael Duff resigned as pastor of English Church to accept a position in Tennessee.

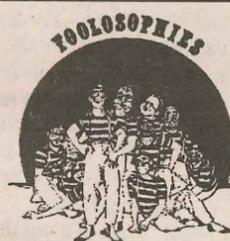
■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Tommy Purvis resigned as pastor of Little Mount Church Dec. 31 to serve as pastor of Calvary Church in Belmont, Miss. Purvis' wife, Carla, served as secretary for the KBC minister/church relations department.

■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—Herbert Wells is pastor of Ryans Creek Church.



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Changing what seems useless into jewels

From a devout Catholic couple, contributing friends of Oneida, and art professors at the University of Hawaii: "It is always good to receive the 'Mountaineer' and be reminded of what Oneida is doing for our youth. It has been many years since we visited."

A \$2,000 gift from a friend in St. Louis: "Sending this check to Oneida Institute will help me celebrate my birthday today. I hadn't planned on sending another check this month but have been so well blessed and want to share it with OBI. You can be sure that I tell others about your fine Christian school."

From Naples, Fla.: "Enclosed is a check in remembrance of my son, Joe. As my prosperity increases, I will continue to support your wonderful youth program. I know that Joe found self-esteem, the Lord and was baptized while a student in your school. He had a troubled life, but I know he had good memories from Oneida. We have missed him these years but know he's safe from all harm."

A very pleasant surprise at Christmas was this note and \$5,000 gift: "My wife and I appreciate what Oneida is doing for youngsters like my stepson. Enclosed is a donation in appreciation for OBI." Not many OBI parents can afford to make such a generous donation, over and above paying what we ask for room and board.

Students get the benefit here of a \$1,300-a-month program. The most a Kentucky child is asked to pay is \$305 a month. But well over 100 girls and boys pay absolutely nothing, and several hundred pay \$100 a month or less, depending on ability to pay. It takes a lot of gifts from many caring friends to make up the difference. Also, our own self-help in raising our own beef, pork, vegetables and much else that we do to cut costs goes a long way to make up the difference.

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Barkley Moore

Moreover, most of our staff work at a fraction of normal salary or as full-time volunteers, having other income.

The Cooperative Program is normally our largest single donor and that totalled \$305,000 last year. It took \$3,100,000 more, for a grand total of \$3,405,000 last year.

The following note with its \$50 donation is typical of the thousands who make possible the Oneida miracle: "I came with a bus load of senior citizens from Jeffersontown Baptist Church last summer. I was so impressed with what you do with a 'mite,' whether it be money or a very difficult boy or girl. You and your staff are the loving hands of God to change what seems useless to priceless jewels. I am 88 years old and was a teacher years ago when the three Rs and discipline were in vogue."

From Elizabethtown with \$200: "Since visiting your campus, we have not been able to forget the wonderful ministry you provide at Oneida. Accept this gift as a bit of appreciation for all OBI does to help our youth succeed in life and help them love our Lord. We plan to be more financially active in your work in 1993."

A Marco Island, Floridian, sending \$200, writes: "The enclosed contribution is sent in the name of my sister, who lives in Louisville, as part of her Christmas present."

From an Oneida graduate, a Kentucky young man now living in Augsburg, Germany: "I'm very blessed. I'm working in a German medical laboratory. Also I am preparing to go to film school in Munich to become a director. I want to make films that will help people in the world better understand each other, the problems in the world, and to improve on both."

Barkley Moore is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

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Louis and Julia McCall remain on mission

During my first few weeks at Clear Creek, faculty-staff members shared what they considered the main strengths and weaknesses of the school. In-service Guidance Director Julia McCall noted a strength was "a good faculty and staff." Many would say she and her husband, Louis, are prime examples of that fact.

The McCalls moved to campus in 1981 with 20 years' experience as Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand and Guam, and four years at Boyce Bible School, Louisville. Their missionary heart continues to influence students and churches.

Dr. McCall was recently elected professor emeritus of religious education. Prior to "retirement," he directed in-service guidance for five years, taught ethics and religious education courses, and was academic dean for two years. He led the school through the initial self-study resulting in accreditation, a process he describes as "a great adventure."

When he became dean, his wife moved from the secretary's desk to in-service guidance director. "She was already doing most of the work!" Mrs. McCall enjoys the campus family atmosphere. "My prayer life has increased as I have seen how God works with our students. It is so good to have freedom

to work at what God has given me to do," she noted. The quality of her work is affirmed by Home Mission Board worker Bill Neptune: "Clear Creek has one of the better Christian service programs among SBC schools."

Since 1982 the McCalls have led an encounter group which started as an extension class. Ten to 12 people from several churches meet each Tuesday night for study, prayer and support. Two of the group have since graduated from Clear Creek. At their Christmas party one couple acknowledged they were about to break up two years before, but the support and guidance helped them overcome and find new direction.

Another testified, "I could not have survived without this group." Group members frequently seek the McCalls for personal counseling. "I thought the group would probably end after a year. It has not become ingrown. Many have had critical needs met and went on to help others," Mrs. McCall affirmed.

I certainly agree with Louis and Julia McCall. "We really didn't leave the mission field, we just changed locations."

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky. 40977

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Louis & Julia McCall

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Mission pastor needs one more miracle in Hawaii

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii (BP)—Russell Morris has seen miracles since becoming a mission pastor in Hawaii in 1989, but God willing, he needs one more.

He's seen miracles like getting a chance to buy 12.3 acres of property in Hawaii's fastest-growing boom town for \$325,000. Now he needs a miracle to ensure he has the health to continue his ministry there.

The property miracle began when developers of Waikoloa, a once-sleepy retirement village on the island of Hawaii, invited the church into their community to provide day care for construction workers and employees at new businesses, including a luxury resort hotel. The developers wanted a good program, with as few administrative headaches as possible, run by someone more interested in contributing to the community than turning a fast buck.

The Baptists later were stunned when the developer announced the bargain price for the property, explaining it was a tangible expression of how Waikoloa Baptist Church and its day-care program had surpassed his high expectations.

After the sale, a tax assessor val-

ued the property at \$3.5 million.

"That's a miracle," Morris said.

The former Maryland pastor also saw God at work in subsequent events such as a board of zoning appeals which gave the congregation virtually free rein for use of its property.

"If God had not been involved in it from the beginning, none of this would have happened," Morris said with certainty.

But now his continued involvement with the growing ministry in Hawaii is threatened by a blockage in the liver, which all concede is likely a recurrence of cancer which necessitated radical surgery in December 1991.

At that time, Morris was admitted to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., for what he expected to be routine surgery to remove a growth on the colon. During the operation, surgeons found cancer in the gall bladder, which they removed, and the pancreas, from which they shaved cancerous tissue.

"It was horrendous surgery," Morris explained, that many people were surprised he survived.

During that surgery, doctors also discovered a spot on the liver, which they treated with rounds of chemo-

therapy and radiation. The new problem is suspected to be a sign that the cancer has built a resistance to the original treatment and is now coming back.

Morris has curtailed some pastoral responsibilities. He is still preaching and doing public relations for the church's \$1.5 million building program. But he initiated a frank discussion with two deacons to announce he will need more help in immediate phases of the fund-raising and building project.

He said the lay leaders are willing, but they, too, have limits. The mission is still small with only 24 members. Regular visitors and tourists swell the congregation to about 40.

The day care currently is at capacity in rented facilities. But its size will almost double in the proposed building project, from accommodating 50 to 90, adding half-day and after school-care services.

A 4,800-square-foot sanctuary will seat 300, and two multi-purpose buildings will provide space for education.

"The church is really starting to turn the corner," Morris said. "We have spent most of the time up to now

just building relationships and letting people know they could trust us," a big issue in Hawaii. Lately, the number of first-time visitors is up and people in town are more responsive.

"I think we are going to see a lot of increase right away," he said.

The mission has a small building fund, about \$23,000 in hand, and Morris has written a number of friends who he hopes may connect his church to individuals with both resources for and commitment to home missions.

Morris asks other Christians to pray for his health and for opportunities for witness made possible because of illness.

"The Lord is opening some arenas of conversation and witness I would not be able to have if I did not have cancer," he said.

For now, Morris' whole ministry is a contingency. "I don't know what the future holds," he said. "I'm not telling the Lord what to do, the Lord can do what he wants to do, but I would really like to stay here long enough to direct this project through a reasonable state of progress.

"I would like to stay until it's completed, but I don't know if that's possible."

Seaman's ministry brought world to pastor's doorstep

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Illuminated by the muted late afternoon sun, John Vandercook's living room is National Geographic come alive.

In shadowed corners and on high shelves rest artifacts of distant lands: a fierce warrior's mask from Namibia, a delicate porcelain doll from Japan, finely crafted rosewood elephants from India.

These items and dozens more would indicate this is the home of a man who has traveled the world. But in Vandercook's case, it is the world which has come to him.

As the recently retired founder and director of the New Orleans Baptist Seaman's Service, Vandercook has seen thousands of men from around the globe climb the narrow concrete stairs to his home in a quiet residential area of New Orleans. For 30 years they have come in search of encouragement, direction and fellowship, leaving behind the small expressions of gratitude which now fill the Vandercook home.

The Baptist Seaman's Service was started in the winter of 1962-63 and incorporated in 1964 in New Orleans, one of the world's most trafficked and internationally used ports. The ministry has met the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of merchant seamen from virtually every seafaring nation on earth, a daunting task, but one accomplished by meeting the modest needs of the moment.

"It will never cease to amaze me how grateful people are for something as simple as a kind word or quiet conversation when they are far from home," Vandercook recounted.

It was while serving as pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in New Orleans that his life's ministry came

into focus.

"You could stand at the front door of the church and see the ships tied up at the docks only a few blocks away," Vandercook explained.

Encountering several seamen on the street one afternoon in 1962, Vandercook listened as the men told of the great spiritual need among their companions. Many seamen were far removed from a Christian lifestyle. Those who did know Christ, or those who were seeking him, felt stranded aboard ship because of transportation difficulties and the barrier of language.

Stirred by their plight, Vandercook led the Third Street Church to begin a ministry to seamen. Appreciative of the kindness of strangers, the initial trickle of sailors turned into a torrent flowing to and from the church.

Within a year the sheer volume of the ministry threatened to overwhelm the tiny church, and Vandercook was faced with a heart-wrenching decision: watch the seaman's ministry struggle for lack of attention and resources or leave the church he loved to devote himself full-time to the seaman's ministry. On Aug. 1, 1964, Vandercook's living room officially became the site of the first full-time Southern Baptist seaman's ministry.

Upon Vandercook's retirement, his son Philip became director of the ministry. The Seaman's Service is supported by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, state and associational funds, as well as direct gifts from local churches and individuals.

And now, as a direct result of Vandercook's pioneering efforts, there are more than 30 Baptist seaman's centers in port cities around the United States.

Twins double up for ministry in California

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (BP)—Being "brothers in Christ" is more than just an expression of fellowship for a pair of California Southern Baptist pastors.

Richard Allan "Rick" Prevost and Robert Allan "Rob" Prevost are twin brothers who grew up together, then married and went their separate ways.

But now Rick and Rob are together again as fellow pastors in Kern County Southern Baptist Association.

From birth—five minutes apart on April 4, 1954—Rick and Rob have done a lot of things together, or at least a lot alike.

"We have had the same direc-

tion in our lives for Jesus Christ," said Rob, who admits he is proud of being the "younger brother."

Rick has spent two periods of about three years each as pastor of what he calls an "open-country" church, Lakeview Southern Baptist in southwestern Kern County.

Rob has been pastor of Rexland Acres Southern Baptist Church in southeast Bakersfield nearly a year.

Just before their 14th birthday Rick and Rob were saved in revival services. They had been under conviction and, though not sitting together in the service that Palm Sunday, both made professions of faith at the same time.

LIFELONG WORK In the tradition of Grandma Moses, North Carolina artist Robert Doares has completed a lifelong ambition at age 81. In 51 pencil drawings, he has sketched in great detail the significant events in the life of Jesus. He has made numerous trips to Israel, subscribes to archaeological magazines and combs the Bible for details. The Library of Congress also has provided significant help. Working out of a faith commitment made in 1953, the artist will see his works on public display for the first time at Wheaton College's Billy Graham Center Museum through February. (RNS photo)



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