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## FOR THE RECORD

**Candidates interviewed**

The four remaining candidates for the presidency of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary were to be interviewed this week, with the search committee aiming for a presentation to trustees April 19. See page 2.

**Brotherhood thanked**

Kentucky Brotherhood director Bob Simpkins received thanks from the American Red Cross for the help Kentucky Baptist gave hurricane victims last year. See page 3.

**Family Forum**

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'Consistently inconsistent' describes Baptist logic. See page 5.

**WMU & FMB talks**

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board held a tense dialogue session with leaders of Woman's Missionary Union to discuss recent changes adopted by WMU. See page 6.

**Abortion bills**

A variety of bills both for and against abortion have been introduced in the new session of Congress. See page 7.

**Russian students call study in Kentucky 'miracle'**

By Lori Galloway  
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE—Studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary fulfills what Russian pastor Peter Lokotkov had thought was an "impossible dream."

"Ten years ago I had a dream in my sleep that I came to America. It was an impossible dream. Now I can hardly believe I'm really here," said Lokotkov, one of eight Russian ministers studying for one year at the Louisville school.

The pastors are studying at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary that trains ministers who do not have college degrees. They are being sponsored by the seminary and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Selected to participate by his senior pastor or a group of his peers, each minister originates from a different district of the Russian republic. None knew each other before board-

ing the plane in Moscow last July.

The group is diverse, ranging in age from 17 to 37. Three are married, each leaving behind large families.

Each arrived in Louisville with only one suitcase filled with a few articles of clothing and their Russian Bibles and dictionaries.

Several seminary staff members and students have helped ease their transition to American life. Elisabeth Lambert, vice president for student services, and Pamela Galloway, a missiology student from Hockessin, Del., led efforts to buy clothing and tend to other everyday needs. The Russians quickly dubbed them "Mama Beth" and "Mama Pamela."

The ministers met their first challenge immediately—the English language. All arrived with some training in English but with differing abilities to speak the language. During the brief summer months before classes began in September, they took an intensive English course taught by Anna □ See *Russians' journey ...*, page 3



**RUSSIAN STUDENTS** Nine Russian pastors studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this year are shown with seminary President Roy Honeycutt and his wife, June. One student returned to Russia, leaving eight still studying in Louisville. Pictured are Vladimir Cheprasov, Igor Khlinov, Peter Lokotkov, Viktor Degtyarev, Valery Konshin, Gennady Sukhorukov, Evgeny Kulyukin, Gennady Podaisky and Gennady Formalnov.

**Christian publishers face market changes**

By Ray Waddle  
Nashville Tennessean

NASHVILLE (ABP)—A new breed of Christian consumer is stalking the marketplace with money to spend, throwing the religious publishing industry into a midlife crisis.

To remain profitable, publishers have been forced to search their souls as never before, trying to learn the trick of staying competitive as the rules of American Christianity and publishing change before their eyes.

"Publishers are starting to realize they can't just 'preach to the choir' anymore," said David Troutman, religious products agent for Ingram Book Distributors, a book wholesaler.

"They have to develop market-smart products," Troutman said. "Many people looking for religious books aren't looking for the latest Jimmy Swaggart. They want books that make them comfortable with their own religious questions."

The new consumers are tired of books that preach dogma. They are indifferent to denominational loyalties. They want Bibles they can understand and books that apply to their own hopes and travails.

In short, they seem opposed to everything Christian publishers used to take for granted about their vast, stable base of church customers.

"Doing business as it always was done won't get it anymore," said Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "This is an industry in flux. You have to stay on top of trends. You have to meet people's needs."

"Christianity is having a midlife crisis because it doesn't understand the new person in the pew," said Robert Zaloba, marketing vice president of Thomas Nelson Publishers of Nashville, home to several of the biggest Christian publishing houses.

Christian publishing continues to be big business. Nashville's four largest publishers—three denominational and one private—accounted for \$388 million of the anticipated \$898 million in national religious publication sales

last year.

But publishers, particularly de- □ *Changes face publishers ...*, page 9



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**Family relationships ongoing**

FORT WORTH, Texas—Family relationships are a pilgrimage that never ends, a pastor told participants in a workshop for couples recently.

Ben Loring, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, spoke on the topic of family relationships at a workshop prior to the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference.

Family life should be viewed as a journey, not an accomplished feat, he emphasized.

"Family relationships are never finished. They are always progressing or regressing, but they are never static," Loring said, emphasizing that past failures can be corrected if family members are willing to deal redemptively with each other.

"We are not condemned to repeat the past," he said. "We are liberated to reshape the future."

Family relationships have tremendous potential for cherishing and

nourishing, or for bruising and battering, Loring said.

The "principal purpose of family is nurture," he explained. But some Christians have a distorted view of biblical roles within marriage that leaves spouses and children "battered into submission," either physically or emotionally, he added.

"It seems the greatest pain in church life comes from people who have been bruised in family relationships," Loring said.

"Communication is the functional glue of relationships. It is also the wedge that will drive us apart if it is not experienced," he said.

Communication also was cited as important by Houston pastor Bill Turner at another Texas Baptist meeting on families held in Austin.

Healthy marriages are built on commitment, conflict resolution and □ *See Families ongoing ...*, page 3

**'92 Baptisms up overseas**

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Baptisms by Southern Baptist missionaries and their overseas Baptist partners increased 8 percent last year, to a total of 251,901.

Missionaries and international Baptists—assisted by more than 11,000 volunteers, students and tentmakers—also started 1,606 churches last year. That represents a nearly 6 percent jump over the previous year.

The number of churches related to Southern Baptist foreign missions increased to about 32,800, a 17.4 percent increase. Total church membership topped 3 million for the first time, climbing to more than 3.4 million, a 15.5 percent rise.

But the big jumps in church and membership totals reflect "cleanup" and "affiliate" growth as well as actual new churches, stressed Jim Slack, church growth consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Slack compiles the board's annual statistical report.

"Cleanup" growth results from a continuing drive for more accurate accounting of results on mission fields. "Affiliate" growth counts already-existing churches, for the most part, in areas that become Southern Baptist mission fields in a given year.

Southern Baptists became mission partners in some big areas in 1992—like whole chunks of the former Soviet empire.

"Next year we won't have any more Russias and Eastern □ *See Overseas ...*, page 6

**It's a keeper!**

This issue of the Western Recorder includes the monthly insert, "Events for All Kentucky Baptists," produced by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board staff.

**Church leaders—both clergy and laity—especially are encouraged to read it and then save it for reference throughout the month.**

Church leaders accustomed to receiving brochures in the mail from KBC staff instead should watch the insert for information on upcoming conferences. A reply form on the back page of the insert may be used to request additional information and pre-register for events.

# BAPTISTS

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **A study of Freemasonry** by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board interfaith witness department received its first review Feb. 8 by the administrative committee of the agency's trustees. Trustee Chairman Ron Phillips of Tennessee said reaction was positive and predicted "a majority of our Southern Baptist family will receive it well."

■ **Nine study groups** named in September 1992 by Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Young have been meeting, and leaders of those groups will gather in April to report on their progress.

■ **The Sixth World Conference of Baptist Men** and a Baptist Men's University will be held in Nashville May 27-30, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the Baptist World Alliance as a joint venture. The event will provide training for Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men participants, as well as a 12-hour management course for business and professional men. For information, write the BWA men's department at 2300 Quail Dr. SE, Bessemer, Ala. 35023.

■ **Expanded summer school** options will be offered by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, this year. Among visiting professors for the summer session will be Millard Erickson, Paul Beasley-Murray, Dick Baker, Betty Woodward, Kenneth Cooper, Earl Murphy and Ed Lilly. For details, contact the seminary at Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas 76122-0500.

## April 19 date set for election of Southern president

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

LOUISVILLE—The next president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary should be elected April 19 and likely will be either Timothy George, Richard Land, Al Mohler or Bob Agee, according to seminary sources.

Although the search committee charged with finding a successor to President Roy Honeycutt has not publicly divulged the names of their four finalists, the names have been circulated widely on campus and beyond in recent weeks.

One well-connected seminary source not affiliated with the Louisville school called the short list "the worst-kept secret in the SBC."

Trustee search committee Chairman Wayne Allen declined to comment on the widely circulated list of names in an interview Feb. 9.

"Any names that are mentioned are simply rumors," Allen cautioned. "There's been no confirmation from any official sources of any names."

Allen said the search committee would have released the names of the final four candidates if those candidates had agreed to it. Since the can-

didates did not wish their names to be made known, the committee agreed to treat them confidentially, he said.

Allen, a Tennessee pastor who also serves as trustee chairman, announced the timetable for presenting a candidate to the full trustee board during its scheduled meeting April 19-21.

The search committee is to conduct interviews with the four finalists the week of Feb. 15. Those interviews will be followed by two weeks of "intensive prayer," he said, after which the committee will reconvene and make a selection.

After a further meeting with the final candidate to work out details, the committee will notify trustees of their decision by April 1, Allen said. A public announcement of who the nominee will be should be made in early April, he added.

Allen said the committee will present the nominee to the full board during the first session of its spring meeting, at 3:30 p.m. April 19. A vote should be taken that day, he said.

The new president likely would be presented to the faculty at a breakfast the next morning and to the rest of the seminary community at a chapel service later that morning.

Allen also said Honeycutt will re-

main president until Dec. 31, although the new president would be on campus as president-elect by early summer.

Of the four candidates, two are Southern Seminary alumni and one is a former Southern professor.

Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Mohler, editor of the Georgia Christian Index, each hold dual degrees from Southern Seminary.

George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., taught church history at Southern from 1978 to 1988.

Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, is the only candidate with no direct connection to the seminary. He was educated at Princeton University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Oxford University and has been a professor and administrator at Criswell College in Dallas.

Regardless of which candidate emerges as the final nominee, Chairman Allen said he does not expect that person to be acceptable to all of the seminary's constituencies—not even to all trustees.

"I don't think Jesus would get a unanimous vote," Allen quipped to il-

lustrate the point. "That day is gone."

The two groups who will be most directly affected by the decision—faculty and students—appear to be taking a wait-and-see attitude for now.

"We're sort of waiting to hear the response from the interviews," one faculty member explained.

Most faculty members know who the four candidates are and are "very concerned" about who the nominee will be, the professor explained.

Another professor said faculty members are being careful not to endorse any of the finalists for fear a faculty endorsement would be a candidate's kiss of death.

However, there is on campus a broad fear of Land being selected because he is the candidate most ideologically in line with the SBC's new conservative politics, several sources explained. These seminary sources said they fear Land would be too controversial a choice, resulting in loss of faculty and decreased stability at the 134-year-old school.

"I think it is possible we could survive three of the four," one professor said. "There's one on the list we couldn't survive. And I'm not talking about individual faculty. I'm talking about the institution."

## Profiles of Southern Seminary presidential candidates

### ■ Bob Agee

Age: 55

**Current position:** President of Oklahoma Baptist University since 1982.

**Previous experience:** Special assistant to the president and vice president for religious affairs at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., where he also was a professor of religion.

**Kentucky ties:** Pastor of Shively Heights Baptist Church in Louisville from 1964 to 1970.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from Union University, both the master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southern Seminary and the doctor of philosophy degree in higher education from Vanderbilt University.

**Of note:** At OBU, Agee has gained broad respect both for strengthening the institution and for relating well to pastors in the highly conservative state convention. During his tenure, OBU has increased enrollment 58 percent and increased endowment from \$11 million to more than \$30 million.

### ■ Al Mohler

Age: 33

**Current position:** Editor of the Georgia Christian Index since 1989.

**Previous experience:** Director of capital funding and special assistant to Roy Honeycutt at Southern Seminary.

**Kentucky ties:** Pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church in Bedford while a seminary student.

**Education:** Bachelor of arts degree from Samford University, and both the master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary.

**Of note:** If elected, Mohler would be considerably younger than most of the faculty members he would supervise. He also would be the youngest president in the seminary's history, except for the school's founder, James P. Boyce, who at 32 became chairman of the faculty at the seminary's founding in 1859.

### ■ Timothy George

Age: 43

**Current position:** Dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

**Previous experience:** Associate professor of church history and historical theology at Southern Seminary from 1978 to 1988; pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Chickamauga, Ga., and First Baptist Church of Chelsea, Mass., and associate pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Cambridge, Mass.

**Kentucky ties:** Lived in Louisville 10 years while teaching at Southern Seminary.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and both the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Harvard University.

**Of note:** George is widely respected for his academic credentials and his commitment to conservative evangelical education. He left Southern to help shape the Beeson Divinity School from its inception.

### ■ Richard Land

Age: 46

**Current position:** Executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville.

**Previous experience:** Vice president of academic affairs at Criswell College in Dallas; special assistant to Republican Texas Gov. Bill Clements; pastorates and interim pastorates.

**Kentucky ties:** none.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from Princeton University, the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of philosophy degree from Oxford University.

**Of note:** Land is highly acclaimed by SBC conservatives for his outspoken stands against homosexuality and abortion. However, he is equally disliked by SBC moderates who charge he has turned the CLC into a dogmatic outlet for ultra-conservative views.

## Virginia conservatives form new group but aren't splitting

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Claiming Virginia Baptist leadership is moving away from the Southern Baptist Convention, conservative Virginia Baptists have voted to form an organization to increase their fellowship and influence.

The organization, named Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, was formed to "assist local Southern Baptist churches in Virginia to win the lost to Christ, to develop believers and

to promote missions and evangelism," according to a vision statement adopted by almost 700 conservatives Jan. 28 in Lynchburg.

Meeting at Old Forest Road Baptist Church, Virginia conservatives took steps to build "a solidifying organization" and "to have a more influencing voice in the Baptist General Association of Virginia," said Bill Templeton, pastor of Charlottesville's Northside Baptist Church.

However, the new organization is not a new state convention, insisted Tommy Taylor, pastor of London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, who was elected president. "Some felt like we need to make a break now. I don't feel that way and obviously most here do not. Two state conventions is not my goal. We would organize more only if Virginia Baptists continue to move from the SBC," Taylor said. "Virginia Baptist leader-

ship needs to make a move back in the direction of the SBC."

During the meeting, conservatives elected a 26-member executive committee to guide their development. Apparently one of the first actions of the newly elected SBCV executive committee will be to set up a channel to receive and disburse funds from conservative churches dissatisfied with a new giving plan adopted by the BGAV.

## Kentuckian teaches Russian students in their words

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer

LEXINGTON—Speaking the language of his students has made Richard Dwyer a teacher worth his ruble.

Dwyer was invited to teach a course, in the Russian language, to the eight Russian ministers studying at Boyce Bible School in Louisville.

Boyce is a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary that provides ministerial training for students who do not have college degrees.

Of all the students' classes, Dwyer's course on pastoral care and counseling, taught during the January term, will have been the only one in their native tongue.

Dwyer, an Illinois native and minister of music at Central Baptist Church in Lexington, said his understanding of the Russian language developed through his personal attraction to the culture and people of Rus-

sia.

"I was just very fascinated by the culture," he said.

That fascination led Dwyer to take his first trip to Russia with a tour group in 1985. At that time, he spoke no Russian.

Partly in response to his trip, Dwyer said, he challenged himself to learn the Russian language. In 1987, he enrolled in an independent study course at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

"Since then, over the years, I have piled up 33 hours of Russian studies," he said.

Dwyer admitted Russian is a very difficult language to learn. But through his courses, two more trips to the country and conversations with Russian friends in Kentucky, he said, he was able to achieve some success.

Dwyer discovered his language skills translated relatively easily into the classroom this winter.

Although he opted to write out his

lectures rather than to teach extemporaneously, he said it was evident that real communication was taking place in his classroom: "It was so exciting to see the students taking notes ... in this other language."

In addition to his language skills, Dwyer brought a great deal of ministerial experience to the classroom. Although he started out as minister of youth at his Lexington church in 1969, since then he also has held the positions of minister of pastoral care and counseling, organist and now minister of music.

It was his pastoral counseling skills that formed the crux of Dwyer's lectures in January. He said he tried to concentrate on basic counseling themes that would translate across cultures.

"We spent a lot of time on grief and on dealing with individual and family problems, he said.

Having preached and played the organ in Baptist churches in Moscow

and Leningrad, as well as being invited to visit in Russian homes during his trips, Dwyer was able to develop a good understanding of Baptist life in Russia.

That knowledge helped him tailor the class to the particular needs of the students, he said. Sometimes that meant getting off track a little, he admitted.

For example, the students queried Dwyer about fundamentals of church administration and organization.

"They will take back a lot of practical things" from their studies at Southern, he said.

As for Dwyer's travels and studies, he said his last visit to Russia was in 1990, just before the iron curtain fell.

"I'm eager to go back and see the changes ... maybe this summer," he said. "I would like to return regularly.

"But I also think I have an important ministry with Russians who visit (the United States). My influences can be just as strong from here."

### BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **March 1 is the deadline** for churches to request dates with the Kentucky student missions Son teams for this summer. Request forms for the creative ministries, sports, music, revival and drama teams are available from the Kentucky Baptist Convention student department by calling (502) 245-4101.

■ **Diana Richmond Garland** has been named dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Garland, a social work professor and author of the Western Recorder's Family Forum column on marriage, was named to the post by President Roy Honeycutt to succeed Anne Davis, who is returning to the classroom.

**THANKS** Bob Simpkins (right), Kentucky Brotherhood director, receives thanks and a plaque from Bobby Baines of the American Red Cross during a meeting of Brotherhood leaders in Memphis recently. Baines recognized Simpkins for Kentucky's response in relief efforts after Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida and Hurricane Iniki hit Hawaii. (BP photo by David Nester)

### Georgetown grad works in Russia

When James Atherton first applied for a visa to serve as a "missionary" to Kazakhstan, the iron fist of communism ruled, meaning missionaries were only businessmen and women whose witness could only come through their lifestyles.

But before the Lexington native could leave Kentucky, communism crumbled and those who formerly would have been persecuted for practicing their religion could pursue Christianity freely.

Suddenly life as a missionary in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan had changed definition, and Atherton was part of the first wave of volunteers to help redefine that job.

Atherton, a 1991 graduate of Georgetown College, now works in Kazakhstan through Cooperative Service International, an arm of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Many of the people I meet are hearing about Christianity for the first time," he explained. "With the new openness in Russia, Southern Baptists have a unique opportunity to witness in a part of the world that had been closed to Christianity for several generations."

The massive changes brought about by the fall of communism create natural opportunities for ministry, Atherton said.

"The opportunity for ministry ... is more than just converting people from Muslim to Christian. People need counseling in how to cope with the massive changes in their everyday lives."

Atherton and four other Americans have formed a Christian drama group as part of their ministry. They have performed for the opening of the United States embassy in Kazakhstan and on national television.

## Russians' journey to Kentucky a 'miracle'

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Sud, a native Russian and Louisville school teacher.

Sud quickly noticed something special about her students. She said she never had met a group of young Russian men "whose hearts are as good as these men." The daily six-hour lessons produced rapid improvement in their command of English.

Each minister possesses a deep knowledge of the Scriptures acquired through a persistent dedication to learning in the face of years of persecution.

Lokotkov, one of the group's senior members, immediately requested an English Bible to help him learn English. Familiarity with the Russian Bible, he said, will help him learn faster. Asked how many times he has read the Bible through, he replied: "I am sorry to say, I have only read the Bible through 22 times. By now I should have read it 36 times because I am 36

years old."

When Galloway suggested that perhaps the Scriptures are more precious to him because he has endured political oppression, Lokotkov responded, "It is not a matter of political freedom; it is because I love my God, and I want to read his word."

The Russians quickly adjusted to their home on campus, making friends with many students in the dorm. Yet a deteriorating economy and uncertain political situation in Russia have caused anxiety. Said one, "We feel guilty enjoying so much food and fellowship when our families back home have so little."

Lokotkov, father of four children under age 5, received a letter from his wife two months after his arrival that cast a shadow over the whole group. "All I have is rice and potatoes," she wrote. "The children cry for you and ask for ice cream. I have no money for even butter and milk and no winter

clothes for the children."

Galloway organized a community effort to collect clothes and money that were carried to Lokotkov's family by Louisvillians who attended the Billy Graham crusade in Moscow.

In spite of the trials at home, the pastors have had a positive impact on their American hosts.

Gennady Sukhorukov greets each new person he meets with a warm smile, often saying in a thick Russian accent, "Please tell me about your faith." While attending a church softball game, Gennady Podgaisky and Gennady Formalnov witnessed to a 16-year-old Russian girl.

Seminary student Jeff Vickery, pastor of Poplar Ridge Baptist Church in Bedford, said, "They've shown me that God is alive and working in ways I take for granted living in the United States. They've opened my eyes to new avenues for service in my own backyard."

### Families ongoing

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communication, said Turner, pastor of South Main Baptist Church. And healthy parenting happens when parents clearly understand their identity, consistently live out their faith, treat each other with loving respect and are willing to "be there" and "be real" for their children, he said.

"Making time for a child is a way to say, 'You matter.' Jesus was a special child, but someone had to tell him that and show him that," Turner said.

Mary and Joseph apparently performed all the traditional Jewish rituals in their family. In the same way, families should establish their own rituals, Turner said.

"Rituals matter. They are an occasion for quality time. Rituals may get old. They may be burdensome. But rituals reinforce the sense of specialness in our children by giving them significant chunks of our time," he said.

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# OPINION

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## Boycott AT&T

I read in the Western Recorder—also in my church newsletter—to boycott Kmart for being the biggest distributor of porno magazines.

I not only boycotted Kmart, but I also called all my friends to do the same.

Now I think we should boycott AT&T, for they are the long-distance company that takes care of all the 900 numbers—for calling the porno girls.

If we boycott this long-distance company, they would stop handling these calls and put this very nasty business out of reach of our children.

I know you can set it up with the telephone company—as I have done—so there can't be any 900 calls made on your phone.

So many people don't know this can be done until they receive a big telephone bill.

I told AT&T that I won't deal with a company that would handle these calls to hurt our children. I love all children too much.

*Kenneth Samples  
Louisville*

today is disingenuous.

It seems the Christian's questions should be:

"What would God want for this nation? Would he be upset if the Bible were again read devotionally in our schools? Would he cringe if we again had prayer at school functions? Would he worry about an erosion of 'plurality or freedom' if Kentucky were again allowed to post the Ten Commandments in our schools?"

No, we can't make America "Christian."

However, we should desire God and biblical principles

in all areas of our government if our nation is to survive.

And if we Christians can't continue with the foundation our forefathers built, then we should at least not support, as the BJC apparently does, those doctrines promoted by Madalyn Murray O'Hair and secular humanists that de-Christianize and destroy our society.

*Fred Marriott  
Morehead*

## BAPTIST FORUM

### H C response

A response in order regarding the article, "Baptist women quietly gaining ground in ministry roles" (WR, Jan. 26).

It refers to a recently published Historical Commission pamphlet which "... reports fewer than 300 Southern Baptist women were ordained as ministers by 1990." It contrasts this figure with current figures of "about 900 women ordained for professional ministry roles by Southern Baptist churches."

As editor of the pamphlet series, let me note several points:

■ The Historical Commission's intent was not to minimize the role of Southern Baptist women in ministry. In fact the pamphlet, "Who Are Southern Baptist Ministers?," highlights the diversity of the ministry within our denomination and includes the role of "Women as Ministers" as a distinct topic.

## Include God

An examination of history will reveal that our founding fathers held quite a different view from that implied by Brent Walker in the selected quotes in his guest editorial (WR, Jan. 12).

A glance at our motto ("In God we trust"), inscriptions on our federal buildings in Washington, D.C., and even our pledge of allegiance ("one nation under God") indicate that our forefathers founded this nation on God and his principles.

Would these references to God be acceptable to the Supreme Court, or the Baptist Joint Committee, today? Sadly, there has been a tremendous change in constitutional interpretation from the days of George Washington; and to attempt to link the founding fathers with what is actually happening

## If it's not too late

It's not that I'm angry. Still, it's more than disappointment. They are not there anymore.

Except for the English wren who makes her home under the eaves of our porch, two noisy chickadees, and one tufted titmouse, the birds have gone from our backyard.

I have even put out in the yard a second feeder; a five-stall plastic one that I got on sale one day at lunch.

No cardinals, jays, juncos, finches, doves—not even any starlings.

At first I thought it might have been the feed; the left-over bags of what was thrown at our daughter's wedding. So I tried sunflower seed—a delectable favorite in anybody's feeder. Nothing!

It finally occurred to me that they have gone because someone took over their territory. New homes, 130 of

them, now occupy the many acres which, once were home to hundreds of birds.

I know it's progress. And it isn't all bad that the older properties, like our's adjacent to the new subdivision, increased in value (and taxes).

But I miss the birds and somehow get the eerie feeling that a special aspect of our lives in that locale has been taken away forever.

Our neighbors experienced a little of the land-revolution when they discovered that a displaced female raccoon had made her nest beneath their back deck.

We first "met" her one evening at the scratching table. Hearing some the scratching in the window, we saw the little bandit staring in at us. And then we knew what was happening to the garbage at night.

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

■ Our figure of 300 is for 1990, not for 1993.

A 1989 essay by Sarah Frances Anders, titled "Tracing Past and Present," states the following: "SBC clergywomen lag behind other evangelical women with less than one-half of 1 percent of the approximately 50,000 ministers" ("The New Has Come: Emerging Roles Among Southern Baptist Women" published by the Southern Baptist Alliance, 1989).

Using this source for verification would produce a number of less than 250 for 1989.

A figure of less than 300 for 1990 would not, therefore, be a miscalculation.

■ We will be happy to use updated figures from Southern Baptist Women in Ministry as new editions of the pamphlet are published.

*Carol Woodfin  
Publications and archives specialist  
SBC Historical Commission  
Nashville*

## Wonderful?

"Isn't it wonderful to be with God's people?"

These words were spoken to me as I left a church in the Louisville area, by a husband of a friend of mine. His wife was in my Sunday school class. She sang in the choir. I shared Christian fellowship with them both in other Wednesday evening prayer services and special events which were held in this church.

Just a few weeks later, this man, who was a deacon, took his wife out of this church. I have never seen them again.

The reason given was that a woman deacon had been ordained to serve God in this church.

If I dared to discuss this any further, I might upset someone. So I will just close by saying I hope he and his wife have found a church where he can be with "God's people" and feel the wonderful experience again.

*Edith G. Oldham  
Louisville*

Though she would never accept from our hands, she retreated only a short distance as we dropped banana pieces on the porch. She loved bananas and stale bread.

We never see her now. Her offspring born, we assume she has found her way to a more secure place down the hill near the stream and away from houses and humans.

When I read of people finding litter in the oceans of Antarctica; when oil spills have become commonplace across the world; when more and more studies reflect on the damage done to our fresh-water supplies, I have several overwhelming thoughts:

First, I want to stop what I am doing and go full-time into saving what's left of God's precious gift to Adam and Eve—and us.

Second, I retreat behind the reality that I am older and that I will be gone when the worst of it comes.

But then I think of Marshall, my grandson.

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



## FAMILY FORUM: SINGLES

### Step past fear

By Harry Rowland

**Q.** Every relationship ends with me being hurt. How can I overcome the fear of being hurt again?

**A.** Whether the relationship was a married or a dating one, it is natural to fear getting hurt again. With time, most singles come to terms with this fear, but one can become a prisoner of it.

One significant barrier in relationships that must be overcome is the notion of romantic love. This is the belief that there is someone out there who is the perfect person for you, and if you find him/her, you will live happily ever after. If you believe this enough, then nobody will ever measure up. The problem with romantic love is that it asks another person to be a savior. There is only one Savior. No human can bear that weight, so many relationships end in hurt.

Also, consider your best interests. If you live your life based on fear, you will cease to grow as an individual and will likely live your life alone.

Don't run from your fears. If you have stopped dating, become a workaholic or poured yourself into hobbies or children, you are fleeing your fears and not resolving them. Flight spurs on fears.

Give yourself time. Time to heal is one luxury you can afford following a broken relationship. Recognize that satisfying relationships take work. Are you making choices that result in repeated hurt such as premarital sex? Your relationships aren't going to be any better than what you are willing to make them.

Anticipate your future. God desires for you to have a great future. If you nourish your fears, you will lose many opportunities to experience love. Honestly admit your fears, and then take risks to move on in spite of them.

To paraphrase Harold Ivan Smith, fear is like a python. At first, it feels warm and friendly as it wraps itself around you, but when it begins to squeeze, you feel pain. Choose to step beyond your fears before they strangle you.

*Harry Rowland is pastor of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church.*

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

## 'Consistently inconsistent' describes Baptist logic

Baptist logic gets harder to understand all the time.

That's because the people who use it aren't necessarily consistent. The primary reason is that the responsibility for maintaining the status quo has changed hands during the past 14 years of the Southern Baptist Convention controversy.

For an illustration, look at the Cooperative Program. The CP has been the convention's financial pipeline, channeling funds from the churches, through state conventions, on to national agencies. Churches and leaders have proved their loyalty by their support for the CP.

In the early years of the controversy, moderates—who called themselves "denominational loyalists"—castigated conservatives who were agitating for change. Many moderates said the conservatives didn't deserve to seek changes, because they hadn't paid the freight. Moderates cited conservative leader/pastors whose super-churches gave less than 5 percent to the CP. Conservatives responded by claiming the CP had become the moderates' sacred cow. Moderates rhymed in, asserting the CP was indeed the "sacred how," a magnificent gift of God that financed worldwide ministry.

The roles reversed in 1990. That's when the moderates acknowledged they couldn't loosen conservatives' control of the convention and started seeking other avenues for ministry. The result was formation of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a new mechanism for funding national ministries. The Fellowship's giving plans only partially support some SBC agencies, and its more progressive giving plans emphasize new moderate ventures to the exclusion of the typical SBC recipients.

Now, conservatives hold up the Cooperative Program as a test of fellowship. They claim the Fellowship is diverting funds from the tried-and-true method of doing God's Baptist business. And it's the moderates' turn to dodge the criticism. They argue the SBC situation has changed; consequently, a new funding mechanism which supports agencies that include them in the decision-making process is justified.

So, CP logic has turned around. Many Baptists who traditionally provided its most vocal and financial support now have backed away, while others who once diminished it as a sacred cow now cite its heavenly virtues.

Other examples abound:

■ Societies aren't what they used to be. At least since the advent of the Cooperative Program in 1925, "society" has been a dirty word in Southern Baptist life. Previously, most missions and ministry efforts were supported by societies that raised funds for them. Societies deluged churches with requests, asking for time in worship services to make emotional appeals for money. The CP consolidated and streamlined those efforts.

One of the most vocal critics of the societal approach was Keith Parks, then president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Now, as missions coordinator for the Fellowship, he has cited changing times, circumstances and demographic characteristics to support what some observers call a more societal approach to missions. Meanwhile, conservatives who backed a variety of non- or extra-SBC causes when they were outside the circle of power now insist the CP is the way to support true Baptist work, and they criticize the Fellowship's giving plans as detrimental to God's kingdom.

■ Missionaries don't live on neutral turf. Years ago, moderates roundly criticized conservative super-churches that sent their own missionaries to foreign fields, outside the auspices of the FMB. They also voiced harsh words for churches that sent money to non-SBC missions organizations. Now, however, many of them justify support for Fellowship missionaries,

claiming these are servants whose beliefs and convictions exclude them from participation with the board.

Meanwhile, many conservatives, who felt strongly about their need to support missionaries outside the FMB ranks, vilify the Fellowship missions program, because it operates outside the convention fold.

■ "Fidelity" is a relative term. FMB leaders have accused the Woman's Missionary Union of unfaithfulness for deciding it would provide missions support assistance to the Fellowship and other evangelical groups, in addition to its ongoing support for SBC missions.

WMU defended its action, noting it intends to support Southern Baptist mission work as much as always, but stressing its desire to do even more—to provide its expertise to the support of similar efforts by other groups. Conversely, conservatives have not criticized the Sunday School Board for selling materials to all types of Christian groups.

Similarly, moderates criticized the conservative FMB trustees for a policy change allowing the board to appoint missionaries who did not attend SBC seminaries. But the Fellowship's new missions venture is at least as open-ended as the board's new policy, if not more so.

■ Is "new" good or bad? In the old days, moderates criticized conservatives for starting their own para-SBC schools and special-interest groups. But now that power has shifted, moderates have justified starting a spate of new agencies. They say they systematically have been shut out of meaningful participation in SBC agencies, and these new organizations are important because they give moderates a place to do ministry. Conservatives, many of whom supported their schools and other endeavors outside the convention because they felt shut out from meaningful participation in the SBC, now castigate the new moderate ventures as being disloyal.

An interesting twist on this phenomenon is how it affects the status quo. Moderates who have not had an affinity for the SBC of late are enamored with the WMU because of its decision to work beyond traditional SBC boundaries. But conservatives who have excoriated the Fellowship for its support of new organizations now threaten to start a new SBC agency for women because the WMU is recalcitrant. Some "new" is bad, but other "new" is good.

A parallel event is Virginia conservatives' decision to form a new organization to increase their fellowship and influence. Moderates are the majority in Virginia, so conservatives have been on the losing end of major decisions, just as moderates have lost votes at the SBC. So, Virginia conservatives—whose members include people who loudly criticized the Fellowship for going off and starting something new after political defeat—are going off and starting something new after political defeat.

Moderates and conservatives alike have argued a ton of theology during the past decade of discontent. Both sides have voiced earnest and passionate pleas—with arguments based on Scripture, history and current events. But when "logic" has entered the debate, both sides have been consistently inconsistent. They have followed the lines of reasoning that suit their causes at the moment, and they have abandoned those same lines of reasoning when political expedience dictated otherwise.

All this makes normal pew-sitting Baptists' decision-making job difficult. Appeals to precedent and logic don't always add up. Advice from last year's presidential campaign applies: Ignore political rhetoric. Check the facts. And, above all, think for yourself.

Marv Knox

**The "logic" of Southern Baptist debate has degenerated into political rhetoric. What it really means is Baptists must think for themselves.**

## A slow trip around the rink shoved culture back at least a decade

That sudden, inexplicable "bump" you felt the other day has a logical explanation: The world of culture, grace and refinement (CG&R) suddenly turned a few degrees backward.

This wasn't the first time the world's CG&R standard took a plunge. I can name several such occasions: The death of Mozart, the day Rembrandt broke his arm, the first time somebody played a disco record and the moment a well-meaning but deranged seamstress invented the pea-green double-knit leisure-suit.

But the latest worldwide setback for CG&R is more mundane and ordinary than all that: Our family went ice skating.

We're used to hearing Dick Button, Peggy Flemming or Scott Hamilton narrate

the rhythms of refinement as the world's best skaters glide across the ice, interpreting marvelous classical music.

We're used to watching Kristi Yamaguchi jump into a Triple Toe Loop, or Tai Babalonia and Randy Gardner execute a perfect Death Spiral.

The Fifth Law of Marital Dynamics ("Be prudent; your wife may be around to write your epitaph.") prevents me from telling you exactly how we skated.

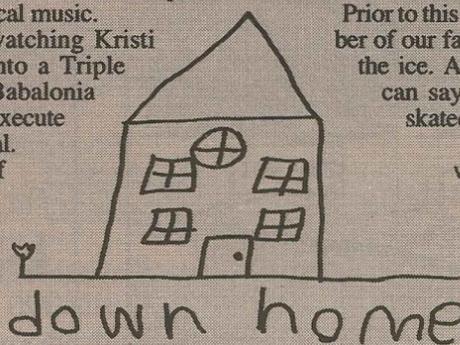
But let one example suffice: Brian Boitano exerts less energy performing a Flying

Camel than we did trying to get our boots laced.

Prior to this outing, only one member of our family ever had been on the ice. And I'm still not sure I can say any of us has really skated.

Lindsay and Molly wanted me to help them skate. That's kind of like asking someone who's never seen a brush to give you painting lessons. We held hands, and I pulled

them around the rink while Lindsay yelled at me to slow down and Molly hollered to



go faster. Two hours later, nobody had any broken bones and everybody still had all their teeth; I called the trip a success.

Looking back, I can see that we learned a few things from our little ice capade:

■ I'm not likely to give up my job for a career in the National Hockey League.

■ A family doesn't have to be trained and expert in something in order to have an afternoon of fun together.

■ We expect entirely too much perfection from this world. The next time I watch ice skating on TV, I'm going to appreciate the beauty of all the skaters. And I'll never snort in disgust when a brave young woman lands on her fanny after trying to execute a Triple Stolchow.

Marv Knox

# BAPTISTS

## WMU facing questions from FMB & SBC leaders

**"I think it was significant that there was not a kind word for WMU. Rather, we were treated with suspicion. I think it would be safe to say it was unfriendly."**

*WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien on a dialogue session between Woman's Missionary Union leaders and Foreign Mission Board leaders*

RICHMOND, Va.—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board unleashed two hours of critical questions and comments Feb. 8 to leaders of Woman's Missionary Union, which has agreed to aid the missions efforts of any evangelical group interested in missions.

Meanwhile, WMU leaders have been asked to meet with officers of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee Feb. 21 to explain why the organization will support the mission efforts of groups not sanctioned by the SBC.

After the dialogue with FMB trustees, the WMU leaders appeared a bit shellshocked by the tense atmosphere.

"I was surprised that there were so many negative perceptions," WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien said. "There didn't seem to be a tendency toward trying to understand where we were. I don't think we got a good hearing."

"I think it was significant that there was not a kind word for WMU" after a century of WMU support for the

FMB, O'Brien said. "Rather, we were treated with suspicion. I think it would be safe to say it was unfriendly."

What is an auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and does not receive a Cooperative Program budget allocation from the SBC Executive Committee. However, in the past WMU has been solely dedicated to supporting the work of the SBC home and foreign mission boards.

What concerns FMB trustees and SBC Executive Committee members most is one specific implication of sweeping organizational changes WMU adopted in January. That issue is possible support for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's new global missions program.

The Fellowship is a group of Southern Baptist moderates displeased with the SBC's new conservative leadership. Now SBC leaders fear the Fellowship will distract Southern Baptist churches from supporting the two SBC mission boards.

The anxiety of SBC leaders was vocalized by FMB trustee Mike

Goodwin of Missouri. Goodwin said he sensed "almost a disdain" among WMU leaders for the current, conservative stance of the SBC.

Goodwin said he did not believe WMU would serve both the FMB and the Fellowship because the groups have different perspectives. "We can't walk together," he said.

A chorus of "amens" followed Goodwin's words.

Trustee Phyllis Randall of Virginia then quoted retired WMU Executive Director Alma Hunt, who once wrote in a history of the WMU that the organization "has no program of her own. Our program is that of the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board."

Hunt, sitting near the back of the room, rose to respond.

"When I wrote that, I believed it with all my heart," she said. "Today is a different day. But I do not believe that God intends for us not to be able to walk together. I think under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Christian people of the world around can walk

together.

"I've had some of the richest experiences of my life with Christians who are not Baptist but who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior," Hunt said. "I pray the day will never come that we as Southern Baptists will say we cannot walk with another Baptist or another person who believes in Jesus Christ."

A number in the room applauded. Throughout the session, WMU leaders said their decision had been based on changing trends in society and Southern Baptist churches and that they simply wanted to be able to serve all Southern Baptist churches.

WMU didn't cause the change, O'Brien said. "We are only recognizing it's there."

O'Brien said WMU has no intention of backing down on what they have done in the past—supporting Southern Baptist missions and helping raise millions of dollars annually for the two SBC mission boards.

*Compiled from Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports*

## Overseas baptisms increased

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Europeans come in through affiliate growth," Slack cautioned. "We'll have a little of that as we count the Czech Republic or Lithuania or Georgia, but those aren't large numbers."

The new church and baptism totals, however, are "real, solid statistics" revealing growth that actually occurred in 1992, Slack said.

Most significant for world evangelization, missionaries and co-workers actually planted churches—20 of them—in "World A," that part of humanity virtually untouched by the gospel.

Southern Baptists have begun focusing on entirely unreached peoples in recent years.

Despite these successes, the FMB faces a new challenge in maintaining or increasing missions personnel.

The FMB appointed 404 new missionary personnel in 1992 and reappointed 10 veterans. But 427 missionaries completed service, a retired, resigned or died. That's a net loss of 13 and only the third such loss in two decades. The other two loss years were 1972 and 1989.

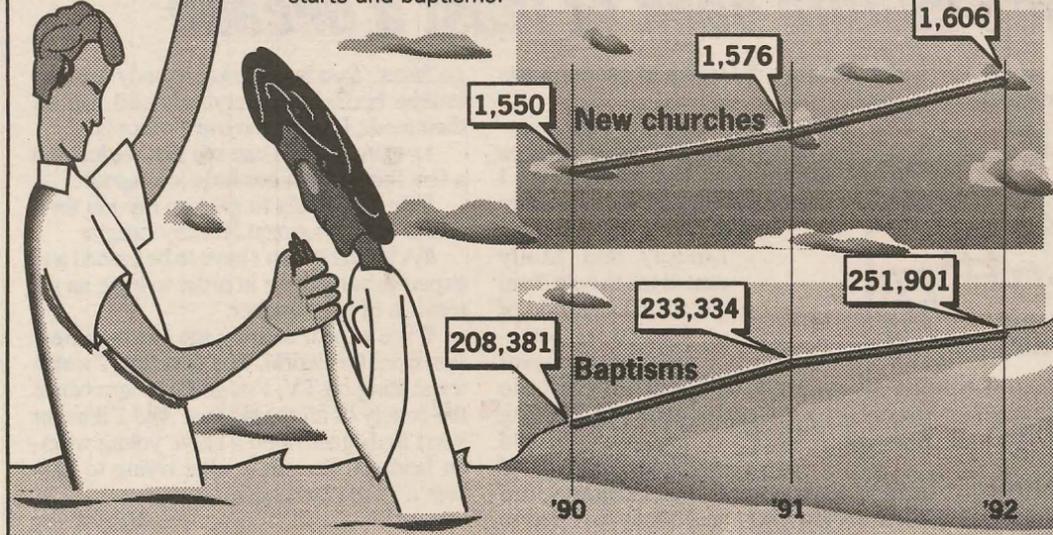
With the return home of the post-World War II generation of missionaries, average annual retirements have jumped from 25 to 30 a year in the late '80s to 60 to 75 now.

The final missionary count for 1992 was 3,893.

Slack estimated it will take two years for the FMB to recover from the net loss of missionaries in 1992. Annual missionary appointments will need to average at least 430 to avoid a succession of yearly downturns, he said.

## Missionaries report 1992 gains overseas

Southern Baptist missionaries and the Baptists with whom they work continued to make record advances in 1992. Baptists crossed the 3 million mark in number of members, started 1,606 new churches and baptized a record 251,901 new Christians. Charts show the solid growth in both church starts and baptisms.



(BP) GRAPHIC By Marty Croll

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## FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

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Registration is now underway for a variety of summer camping programs offered by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The summer schedule includes camps for girls, camps for boys, camps for teens, overnight camps for mothers and daughters or fathers and sons and a music camp for children.

All KBC-sponsored camps are held in one of two locations: Cedarmore Baptist Assembly or Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. Cedarmore Assembly includes separate facilities for WMU and Brotherhood camping programs, known as Cedar Crest for girls and Camp Rabro for boys.

Jonathan Creek is located in Hardin, near Land Between the Lakes. The camp sits on the waterfront and features an air-conditioned lodge, dormitory, dining hall, chapel, swimming pool, volleyball court, basketball court, frisbee golf course, BB and archery ranges, canteen and areas for overnight camping.

Cedarmore is located near Bagdad, 10 miles east of Shelbyville. Features at the main camp and the two children's camps include a variety of housing accommodations, swimming pool, chapel, dining hall, canteen, sports fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, archery and BB ranges, an obstacle course and a ropes challenge course.

Here's a summary of the camps offered this summer:

■ **Crusader/Pioneer camps** are

five-day camps for boys in grades four through nine. Cost of the camps is \$71 per camper.

The goal of these camps is to equip and build self-esteem in boys so they can carry on Christ's mission in Kentucky and in the world.

The camps are staffed by counselors, counselors-in-training, pastors and missionaries. Counselors have completed at least one year in college; counselors-in-training have completed at least their junior year in high school.

A typical daily schedule includes personal devotion, recreational activities, Bible study, missions study, singing and skits.

■ **Lad camps** are two-night, three-day camps for boys in grades one through three. Cost of the camps is \$35.50 per person.

One male sponsor must accompany every five boys who attend.

These camps are specially geared for younger boys but include most of the same elements as the Crusader/Pioneer camps.

■ **Father/Son overnight retreats** are for boys in grades one through three. The cost is \$17.75 per person. If a father is not able to attend, an accompanying adult age 18 or older is welcome.

These one-night camps feature a sampling of the activities offered during a full week of camp.

■ **Girls in Action and Acteens camps** are for girls in grades four

through six (GAs) and grades seven through 12 (Acteens). Cost of the camps is \$73.

The goal of these camps is to provide a challenging combination of missions education, spiritual growth and recreational activities.

Sponsored by Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, these camps include Bible study, mission study, recreation, personal devotion, nature activities and crafts.

The camps are staffed by a director, assistant director, lifeguard, unit leaders, counselors and assistant counselors. The staffs are made up of college-age women and high school juniors or seniors.

■ **Mother/daughter overnights** are for girls who have just completed the first, second and third grades. Cost is \$19 per person.

These events provide a mini-camp experience, offering crafts, fellowship, missionary friends, swimming, prayer, campfires and more.

■ **Children's music camp** is a four-day camp for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders. The camp is offered at Cedarmore Assembly only. Cost is \$79.

Sponsored by the KBC church music department, the music camp includes crafts, swimming, talent shows and skits, worship, singing, campfires and music classes in areas such as recorders, handbells, singing, music reading and Orff instruments.

■ **Youth weeks**, called "Discov-

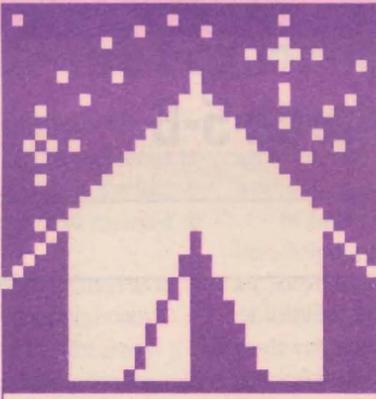
ery '93," are sponsored by the KBC's student department for church youth groups. The cost varies, depending on accommodations, from \$85 to \$98 per camper.

The youth camps are staffed by a state pastor who serves as camp pastor, a camp director, recreation director and members of the KBC Son teams, college students with expertise in creative ministries, sports, music, drama and revivals. Churches sending youth to camp also are required to send a certain number of adult counselors with their youths.

The camps offer Bible study, worship, music and recreation. Space for these youth camps fills quickly each year, so youth leaders are encouraged to act promptly. Reservations postmarked March 1 will be given first preference. Those postmarked prior to March 1 will be treated as March 2 postmarks. Others will be handled on a space-available basis. Youth week reservations are accepted by mail only.

Youth week reservations should be sent directly to Cedarmore Assembly at Box 37, Bagdad, Ky. 40003 or Jonathan Creek Assembly at Route 1, Box 418, Hardin, Ky. 42048.

For further information about any of the KBC-sponsored summer camps, contact the KBC Executive Board at (502) 245-4101 or use the reply form on the back page of this issue of Events.



### Where to Pitch Your Child's Tent

- **Royal Ambassador camps**
  - Weeklong camps for boys in grades 4-9; \$71
  - Overnight retreats for boys in grades 1-3 and their fathers; \$17.75 each
  - Three-day camps for boys in grades 1-3 (Lads); \$35
- **Girls in Action & Acteens camps**
  - Weeklong camps for girls in grades 4-12; \$73
  - Overnight camps for girls in grades 1-3 and their mothers; \$19 each
- **Children's music camp**
  - A weeklong camp for boys and girls in grades 4-6; \$79
- **Youth camps**
  - Weeklong camps for boys and girls in grades 7-12; \$85-\$98

### CAMPS AT A GLANCE

To register for camps or get more information, use the reply form on the back page of this insert.

	June 14-18	June 18-19	June 21-25	June 25-26	June 28-July 2	July 2-3	July 5-9	July 6-7	July 9-10	July 12-16	July 19-21/21-23	July 19-23	July 23-24	July 26-30	July 30-31	August 2-6
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## FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

### EVANGELISM

#### 1993 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference

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#### The 21st Century: The Challenge for Change



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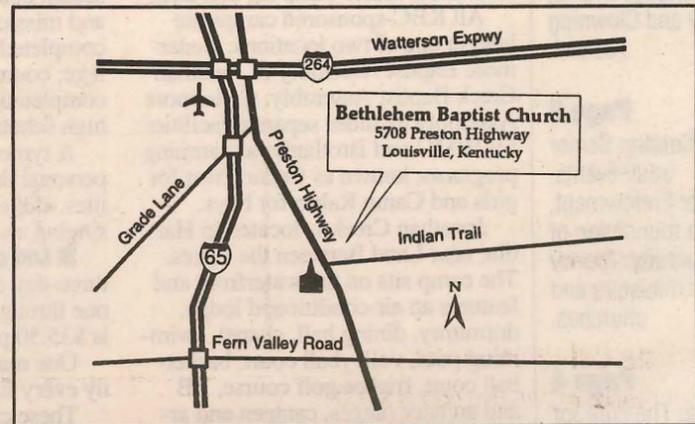


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### DIRECT MISSIONS

#### Cooperating with Christ in the Cities Conference

March 15-16 • Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville



**SPEAKERS:**  
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### STUDENT MINISTRY

#### Drama, Puppetry and Clowning Festival is set for March 5-6

#### Conferences and Workshops

**Cedar Creek Church, Louisville, is the March 5-6 festival site.**

#### DRAMA

- Playwrighting
- Storytelling
- Lip-Sync
- Stage Make-up for Church Plays
- Costuming the Church Play
- Fundamentals of Acting
- Monologues
- Advanced Drama
- Drama Resources
- Production of Group
- Pantomime
- Improvisations
- Interpretive Movement
- Directing Drama
- Drama in Ministry



#### PUPPETS

- Advanced Puppets
- Live Puppet Performance
- Beginning Puppets
- Puppets in Backyard Bible Clubs
- Innovative Ideas in Puppetry
- Puppets on Mission Trips
- Puppet Choreography
- Puppets: Staging and Technical
- Puppet Resources
- Ventriloquism
- Starting a Puppet Ministry
- Puppet Manipulation

#### CLOWNING

- Clown Make-up
- Gospel Illusions
- Clown Costuming and Props
- Balloon Animals
- Putting Together a Clown Routine
- Juggling Basics
- Magic with a Message
- Balloon Hats
- The "Caring" Clown
- Finding the Clown Within You



Please note: Check our "For More Information" box on EVENTS page 8a to receive further festival details.

# EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Senior Adult Events Provide Enrichment, Fellowship and Fun

#### Daytime Celebrations

##### March 2

9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.  
Walnut Street Church  
Louisville

##### March 5

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
First Church  
Owensboro

##### March 16

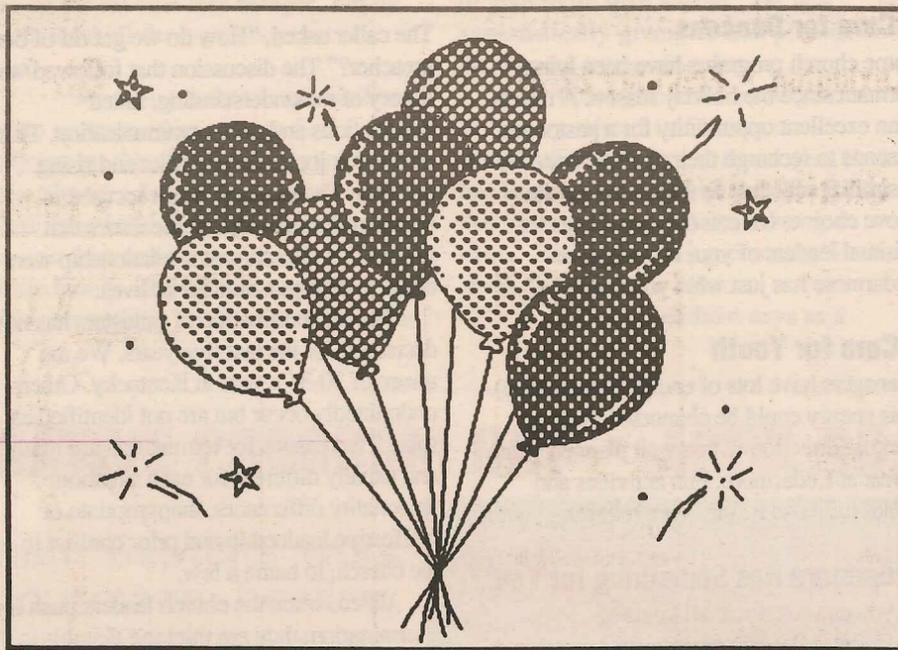
9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Eastwood Church  
Bowling Green

##### March 23

9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.  
First Church  
Florence

#### Daytime Celebration Cost

Advance registration cost is \$5.00 per person and covers lunch and morning refreshments. Reservations are needed a week in advance of the event in order to receive this reduced cost. Registration is \$6.00 if reservation is received less than a week in advance or at the door the day of the event.



For more information on these senior adult events, please complete the EVENTS insert form on page 8a or call the Family Ministry Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, (502) 245-4101, extension 250.

#### Overnight Retreats for Senior Adults

##### May 10-12

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly  
Bagdad

##### May 17-19

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly  
Hardin

Retreats begin with supper on Monday and end with lunch on Wednesday.

#### Retreat Cost

Overnight Guests - \$86.00 per person for two nights, lodging (double occupancy) and six meals

Commuter Guests - \$6.00 per person per day plus cost of meals

## FOUNDATION

### Endowment--The Foundation of Support

Many non-profit institutions, including Baptist organizations, consider endowments to be the life blood for survival in the future. What is an endowment and what makes it so important?

Endowments have been defined as a "permanent" fund of property or money given to an institution, the income from which is used to serve the institution as specified by the donor. The nation's first endowment was given in 1638 by a Puritan minister named John Harvard, who gave half of his estate at his death to help establish the nation's first college.

Individuals wanting to assist Baptist causes in a permanent way can establish and/or add to existing endowments through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Endowments can be big or small and be created for many purposes. They can be made to assist churches, mission causes,

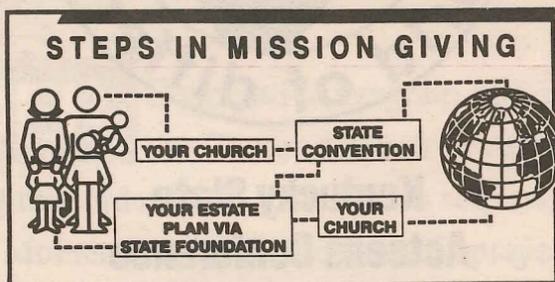
Baptist educational institutions, Baptist agencies, Baptist child care, Convention work and associational work, to name a few.

In addition to the satisfaction received from helping to spread God's word, there are some financial benefits gained from establishing endowments. Endowment gifts made while living are generally fully tax-deductible. Endowments funded through the

will generally remove the assets from the donor's estate resulting in no estate or gift taxes paid on the amount transferred.

Many

individuals begin an endowment in honor of or in memory of someone special. Close friends and family members can participate by adding to the fund, and the gift for Christ will go on. For more information about establishing an endowment fund, call the Kentucky Baptist Foundation office at (502) 245-4101, extension 205.



## ANNUITY

### Money Matters for Ministers and Churches

**Q. - Our church is paying too much for retirement and insurance for our pastor. His benefits equal over 20% of his compensation. Is this normal?**

**A. - According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 1992, the average cost of employee compensation to an employer was \$17.27 per hour; \$12.23 was wages and \$4.94 per hour was employee benefits. That means 28.6% of cost for each employee, per hour, was benefits. From these national averages, you can see the cost for retirement and insurance for your pastor is not out of line when they compared to other occupations. Also, there are more than fringe benefits. They are protection—for the**

*minister, for the minister's family and for the church.*

**Q. - Our church uses a reimbursement plan for our pastor's travel. Is this the best way to pay car expense? If so, what rate per mile should we use?**

**A. - Yes—that is the best method. Churches that pay a minister's car expense with an allowance may cause their minister to pay more taxes. If a minister adequately accounts for ministry-related miles and is reimbursed at the IRS rate for those miles, the money is NOT reportable taxable income. The 1993 rate is the same as for 1992—28 cents per mile.**

#### CHURCH ANNUITY PLAN - 1992 FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT

	1991	10 Year Average
Balanced Fund	+ 6.6709%	+ 11.79%
Fixed Fund	+ 6.0506%	+ 9.66%
Short Term Fund	+ 3.2790%	+ 7.47%
Variable Fund	+ 7.0621%	+ 13.01%

(Unit value at end of 1992 was \$11.6772)

For 1993, the Fixed Fund is projected to earn between 5.75% and 6.75%.

CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY

MINISTER/CHURCH SUPPORT

**Cedarmore Has the Cure for Cabin Fever**

**A Cure for Choirs**

A choir retreat at Cedarmore can do wonders for a special program, especially an Easter cantata.

Imagine a typical retreat. You arrive in the early evening, register and have a nutritious meal in the dining hall prepared by Margaret Cook and her staff. Then it's off to the first choir rehearsal for a few hours. Ample time still remains for devotions, recreation and an evening snack. Lights out and bed time conclude the first day.

Facing mornings in Boone Lodge is pleasant with your choice of wake-up music and breakfast signaled by the smell of brewing coffee. The morning session is the longest but it can be the most productive in fine tuning your musical. Break time affords recreation and fellowship before lunch. One last, brief rehearsal adds the finishing touches to accomplishing your goal.

Your journey home can offer opportunities to plan ways to instill enthusiasm in other choir members who were unable to attend the retreat as well as keeping momentum leading into your production.

**A Cure for Deacons**

Some church programs have been lying dormant since the holiday season. A retreat is an excellent opportunity for a pastor and deacons to recharge their spiritual batteries. A similar schedule as suggested for the above choir event can do great things for spiritual leaders of your congregation. Cedarmore has just what you need!

**A Cure for Youth**

Teenagers have lots of energy (no surprise). This energy could be channeled in a spiritual direction with a well planned youth retreat at Cedarmore. Fun activities and Bible study can inspire your returning youth.

**Cedarmore Has Something for You**

As you can see, there are all kinds of possibilities. Beside many events sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Building program ministries, there is room for your customized church or associational activities. Contact us for more details:

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly  
P. O. Box 37  
Bagdad, KY 40003  
(502) 747-8911

**Consequences of a Forced Termination**

The caller asked, "How do we get rid of our preacher?" The discussion that followed was a story of misunderstanding, failed expectations and poor communication. This resulted in increasing conflict and rising hostility. The pastor was not accused of heresy or immorality but the issues that gripped the church/pastor relationship were about to disrupt a number of lives.

Forced termination of ministers has not decreased for the last five years. We are aware of 30-35 a year in Kentucky. Others undoubtedly occur but are not identified as such. The reasons for termination are many and usually different for each situation: personality differences, inappropriate or ineffective leadership and prior conflict in the church, to name a few.

Often, when the church leaders push for a termination, they are thinking that this is best for all or the only solution to their conflict and unhappiness. Seldom is the congregation able to recognize the difficulties they are going to encounter. A termination almost never occurs without the loss of members, leaders and dollars. Families may be divided, budgets suffer, friendships are strained and broken and people lose trust in each other.

Several years ago an article on terminations had this strong word to churches facing this possibility: "Just don't do it. Find other ways to solve the problems." Obviously, we are still struggling to find these ways. The independent, autonomous nature of Baptists has made it hard for us, as congregations, to ask for outside help. We feel we can handle the problems ourselves; it's a "family" issue and just pertains to us; we don't need an outsider to tell us what to do. Sounds like a marriage in trouble doesn't it? And because it is very similar, sometimes the best thing is to find a counselor or consultant. Persons trained in conflict management can help find solutions that are less painful and more healing. The outside view may bring to light solutions that have not been tried or even thought of before.

For more information regarding forced termination and resources available to Kentucky Baptist churches and ministers, contact Guy Futral, Minister/Church Support Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 243.

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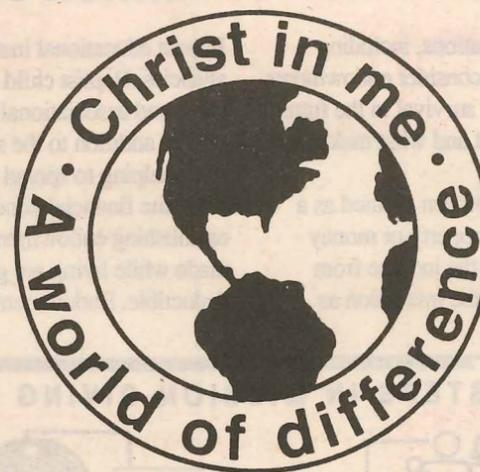
**WMU Annual Meeting Provides Full Schedule for Attendees**

**Remember...**

- **Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dinner**  
Friday, April 23  
5:00 p.m.  
Brunner's Chapel Church  
Harrodsburg  
\$5.00
- **Acteens Dinner**  
Friday, April 23  
5:00 p.m.  
Burgin Church  
Burgin  
\$6.00
- **Baptist Young Women Luncheon**  
Saturday, April 24  
12:00 noon  
Harrodsburg Methodist Church  
Harrodsburg  
\$6.00

These meals are in conjunction with the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting April 23-24 at Harrodsburg Baptist Church. Information about Acteens and Baptist Young Women meals were in the January/February/March Kentucky Notes. Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dinner information was sent to BNF members.

You may register for the three meals shown at the left on the back page (8a) of EVENTS.



**Kentucky State Acteens Conference**

**April 2-3**

**Lone Oak First Baptist Church  
Paducah**

# EVENTS

## FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

### CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

## Growth Comes Through Giving

*A Testimony:* Jim grew up on a farm with several brothers and sisters. It was a time when farming was not very profitable financially. However, Jim's family was very active in the local Baptist Church, and his parents always tried to give a tithe of their income to the Church every week.

As a child, Jim was taught to give a tithe of his income to the church weekly. During those early years the

tithe on his income was meager, but he was faithful all through his years at home.

When Jim had to leave his home area to go to another state to find employment, he continued to give a tithe to the church. Later Jim married and before long he and Mary had children. Jim was now making a very good living for his family, and he was now growing in his stewardship because he had begun

to give more than a tithe. He was systematically giving fifteen percent of his income to the church.

When Jim is asked to give a testimony related to Christian stewardship, he always shares that God has been so good to him and his family that he is no longer satisfied to give a tithe. His joy in giving comes when he gives far above his tithe.

From his earliest days as a

Christian, Jim has been growing through giving a tithe and more to the church. Jim is alive and growing through his commitment to be a faithful steward of his possessions.

Doug Strader

Doug Strader is director of the Discipleship Training/Stewardship Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY ■ APRIL 18, 1993

magnifying how Southern Baptists work together toward outreach, healing, teaching, and life-changing ministries.

### PLAN

Promote Cooperative Program Day

April 18, 1993 or choose the best Sunday for your church.

Use suggestions found in:

- February 1993 issue of the *Baptist Program*
  - April-June issue of WMU's *Dimension*
  - Cooperative Program Day Leadership Guide order
- Kentucky Baptist Convention CP Materials Order Form.

### PLAN

A monthly spotlight about missions to celebrate and affirm Baptist mission

support through the Cooperative Program. Suggestions contained in "Cooperative Program Feature" will keep your monthly focus fresh and exciting. Order from Kentucky Baptist Convention CP Materials Order Form.

### ORDER

Cooperative Program materials from the Church Growth & Administration

Office using this order form. Be sure to request your 1993 Missionary Moments to develop consistent prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries (home and foreign). Consistent prayer grows commitment for Christian giving to Christ's cause around the world.

To order materials send a copy of order form to Church Growth & Administration

Provide the Church Growth & Administration Office the opportunity to assist you with Cooperative Program Promotion Needs by contacting Vernon Cole or Michelle Turner, extension 227.

### Kentucky Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Materials Order Form

Quantity	Item	Item #
	Missionary Moments <i>Limit one per church</i>	CP 18
	Cooperative Program Day in Your Church Planning Guide	CP 4
	Cooperative Program Day Leadership Guide	CP 19
	Southern Baptists Working Together (Tract)	CP 22
	Transformation Through Cooperative Giving Cooperative Program 1992-93 Budget Brochure <i>Identifies destination of CP dollars, includes pie graph.</i>	
	Cooperative Program Feature <i>Plan monthly mission features</i>	CP 21
	Cooperative Program Bulletin Boards	CP 8

A variety of tracts are available to enhance your Cooperative Program Promotion and Education (while supplies last)

Quantity	Item	Item #
	"Do My Church's Cooperative Program Gifts Count?"	NCT8-1
	"A Plan that Works"	NCT0-7
	"P.S. Are You Listening?"	
	"Teamwork"	
	"What is the Cooperative Program?"	NCP-28
	"Why Increase Cooperative Program Giving?"	NCT5-9
	"Why We Include the Cooperative Program in our Church Budget"	NCT0-5
	Personalized Computer Printout of your church's CP giving since September 92. <i>Allow 2 weeks delivery</i>	

Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Association \_\_\_\_\_

# EVENTS

## FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

### CHURCH MUSIC

## Regional Music Festivals Scheduled in Every State Region

#### General Information

The Regional Music Festivals provide the opportunity for church choirs—adult, senior adult, youth, children's and handbell—of all sizes and soloists—vocal and instrumentalists—to share their music with one another. Adjudicators are available to provide written comments on ways each choir and soloist can be more effective in their ministry through music.

#### Music

Choirs are encouraged to prepare two songs and soloists prepare one solo suitable for use in worship.

#### Cost

The registration fee is \$10.00 per choir and \$3.00 per soloist if mailed two weeks before the festival in which you choose to participate.

#### Registration

To receive a 1993 Regional Music Festival registration form, use the form on page 8a of this EVENTS insert or call the Church Music Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 325.

### 1993 Regional Music Festival Schedule

Region	Date	Ages	Church
Central	April 23	Adult/Children	Westport Road, Louisville
	April 24	Children	Westport Road, Louisville
Eastern	April 16	All Ages	First, Hazard
Northeast	March 18	All Ages	Pollard, Ashland
Northeast	April 23	Adult/Youth	Gardenside, Lexington
Central	April 24	Children	Gardenside, Lexington
Northern	March 12	Adult/Youth	Highland Hills, Ft. Thomas
	March 14	Children	Highland Hills, Ft. Thomas
Purchase	March 12	Youth/Children	First, Paducah
	March 19	Adult	Immanuel, Paducah
South Central	March 19	All Ages	Lexington Avenue, Danville
Southeast	April 30	Adult	Central, Corbin
	May 1	Youth/Children	Central, Corbin
Southern	May 1	Adult	Eastwood, Bowling Green
Southwest	April 23	All Ages	Second, Hopkinsville
Western	March 19	Adult/Youth	Hartford, Hartford
	March 20	Children	Bellevue, Owensboro

### DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

## Statewide School of Discipleship to feature over 30 conferences

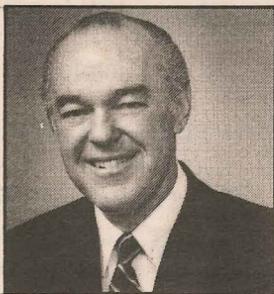
May 7-8

(Friday evening/Saturday morning)

Highview Baptist Church  
Louisville

Churches or associations with 25 persons will be eligible for \$50.00 of complimentary Discipleship Training materials; those with 50 persons are eligible for \$100.00 worth of materials.

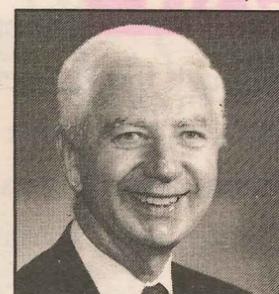
Sponsored by Discipleship Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Long Run Baptist Association.



**Dr. Perry Sanders**  
•Keynote Speaker  
Pastor  
First Church  
Lafayette, Louisiana



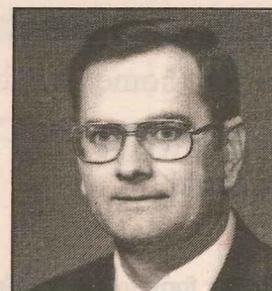
**Dr. Roy Edgemon**  
Director  
Discipleship/Family Development Division  
Baptist Sunday School Board



**Dr. Avery Willis**  
Director  
Adult Discipleship/  
Family Development  
Baptist Sunday School Board

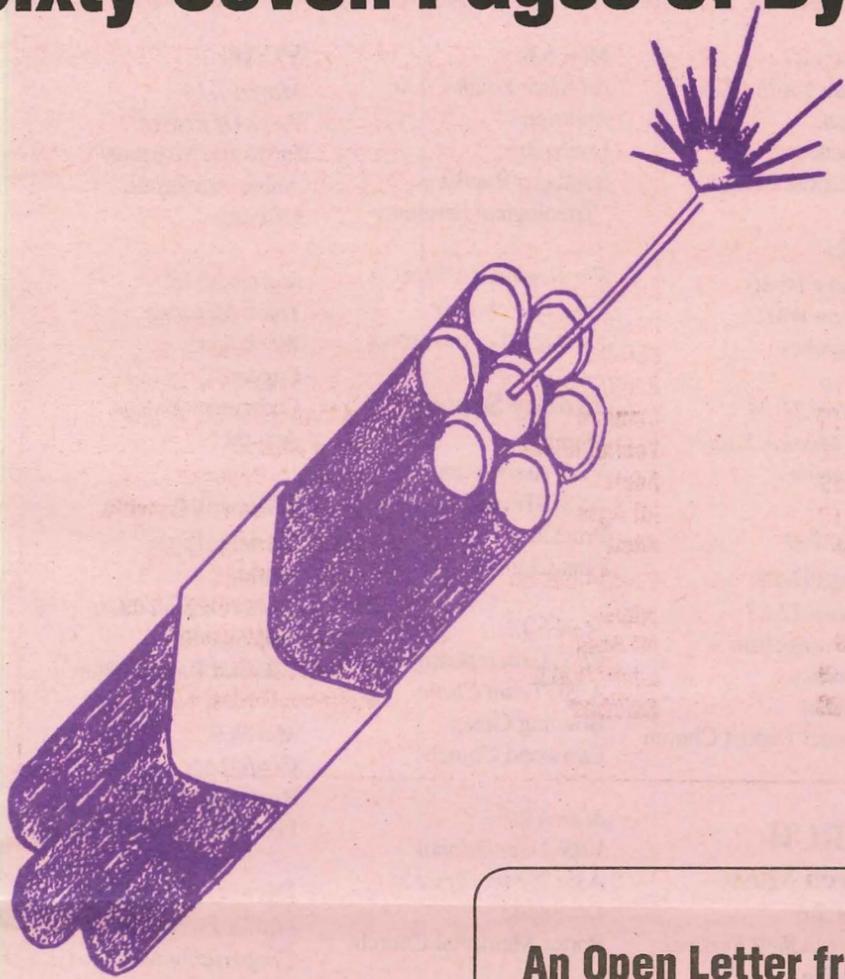


**Dr. T. W. Hunt**  
Consultant for Prayer  
Baptist Sunday School Board



**Dr. Art Criscoe**  
Director  
Discipleship/Family Development  
Baptist Sunday School Board

# Sixty-Seven Pages of Dynamite



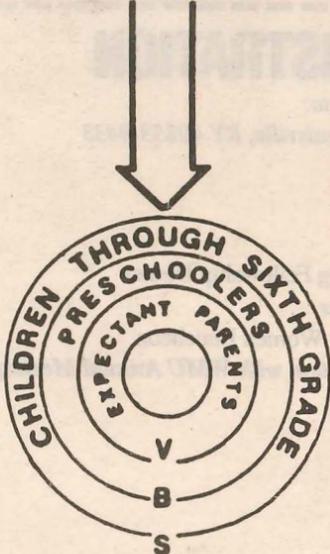
Sunday School Handbook, written by Kenneth M. Dean, is a new Sunday School directors resource book filled with valuable ideas. This book is a long-awaited help for pastors and directors.

The following key subjects are included in Dean's book:

1. Administration
2. Planning
3. Organization
4. Enlisting
5. Outreach
6. Teaching
7. Training Workers
8. Providing Space
9. Job Descriptions
10. Growth Spiral

This helpful handbook is available through your local Baptist Book Store or by calling 1-800-458-BSSB. Dean's Sunday School Handbook costs \$5.50.

## TARGET



### An Open Letter from Jewell

Dear Pastor:

The SUMMERSHINE Vacation Bible School curriculum is ready for you. Check with a Baptist Book Store and get your curriculum now as you plan for this great summer event.

Our curriculum teaches what Baptists believe. There is curriculum for teachers of infants through senior adults. Our curriculum teaches about our missionaries and our mission. No other curriculum can claim these statements.

The SUMMERSHINE theme is a fresh and creative approach to Bible study. The curriculum is BIBLE-centered and age appropriate.

Your church can reach more prospects through Vacation Bible School than any other event in your church.

If you are a bi-vocational pastor, or pastor of a small church or mission and you are having difficulty fully staffing a Vacation Bible School, please call me (502/245-4101). There are resources and resource people available to assist with your Vacation Bible School.

Sincerely,

*Jewell Nelson*

Jewell Nelson  
Associate Director  
Sunday School Department  
Kentucky Baptist Convention



### Dates to Remember

#### Clinics for VBS Associational and ASSISTeams

Each location - 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

For associational VBS leaders only

#### Church Weekday Education Seminars

June 5	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville
June 12	First Church Paducah
June 27	Rose Hill Church Ashland

For more details, contact Jewell Nelson, Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101.

## Upcoming Events

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Brotherhood

The Lad/Crusader Track Meet is May 8 at Jonathan Creek.

Events are the same as last year with associational run-offs for "tug-o-war" teams.

The May 7 Conclave, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will include the

Lad/Crusader RA Racer State Championships.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Check with your associational director of missions.

#### The Pioneer/High School

Baptist Young Men/Baptist Men Track Meet is May 22 at Cedarmore.

Events are the same as last year.

A May 21 Conclave is offered with Pioneer/HSBYM/Adult RA Racer State Championships.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Contact your director of missions.

#### Camps:

##### 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 split 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

### FEBRUARY

#### Student Work

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 20

North Central Region

Meeting

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

& Administration

February 26-27

Deacon, Pastor, Spouse

Retreat

Gilbertsville

Kentucky Dam Village

Resort

#### Church Music

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

### MARCH

#### Church Music

March 5-6

State Handbell Festival

Louisville

Hurstbourne Hotel and

Conference Center

March 6

All-State Youth Choir

Audition

Louisville

Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary

For Regional Music

Festival Schedule,

see page 6 of this insert.

#### Sunday School

March 6

VBS Associational/

ASSISTeam Clinic

Princeton

First Church

March 13

VBS Associational/

ASSISTeam Clinic

Bowling Green

Eastwood Church

March 20

VBS Associational/

ASSISTeam Clinic

Lexington

Porter Memorial Church

March 27

VBS Associational/

ASSISTeam Clinic

London

First Church

#### WMU

March 7-14

Week Of Prayer

for Home Missions/

Annie Armstrong

Offering

March 12-13

Youth Missions

Workshop

Bagdad

Cedarmore Baptist

Assembly

#### Office for

Evangelism

March 8

Conference on Cults

Hopkinsville

Hillcrest Baptist Church

March 9

Conference on Cults

Russellville

Post Oak Baptist Church

#### Direct Missions

March 15-16

Cooperating with Christ

in the Cities

Conference

Louisville

Bethlehem Church

## CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

*For additional information or to register, check the appropriate boxes and mail the provided form below to:*

**Communications Office, Attn.: Denise H. Withers, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433**

#### To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly  
 Camps (Specify which one and site)

#### Church Music

- All-State Youth Choir Auditions  
 State Youth Choir Festival  
 Regional Church Music Festivals

#### Student

- Drama, Puppetry and Clowning Festival

#### WMU

- Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dinner  
 Acteens Dinner  
 Baptist Young Women Luncheon  
*All in conjunction with WMU Annual Meeting.*

#### To Register

##### WMU

- Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dinner  
 Acteens Dinner  
 Baptist Young Women Luncheon  
*All in conjunction with WMU Annual Meeting.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number in group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Bills both for & against abortion already on docket

WASHINGTON (ABP)—In their first month on the job, members of the 103rd Congress introduced more than a dozen bills favoring both sides of the divisive abortion issue.

The legislation ranged from the Freedom of Choice Act, which would codify the landmark Supreme Court decision recognizing the right to privacy in abortion decisions, to measures that would designate fetuses as human beings who could not be deprived of life at any stage during the pregnancy.

The Freedom of Choice Act (H.R. 25, S. 25) was introduced in the 102nd Congress, and proponents say the bill would write into law the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision. Opponents counter that the bill goes beyond Roe and would allow abortion on demand throughout pregnancy.

When the high court reaffirmed the essential holding of Roe last summer, the Freedom of Choice Act lost steam and did not receive approval.

The bill would bar states from re-

stricting the right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy before fetal viability (the point at which the fetus can live outside the womb) or at any time to protect the life or health of the woman.

Both versions of the bill provide for parental involvement and exemptions for medical personnel who are conscientiously opposed to performing abortions. The Senate version also would stipulate that the state does not have to pay for abortions.

Another measure introduced Feb. 3 would make blockading an abortion clinic entrance a federal offense.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D.-N.Y., and Rep. Connie Morella, R.-Md., introduced the Freedom of Access to Reproductive Services Act in the House of Representatives (H.R. 796). Sen. Edward Kennedy, D.-Mass., has indicated he will introduce similar legislation.

Schumer's bill would enable clinics and women to obtain federal injunctions and would enable women to

sue for damages. First-time offenders under the law could be imprisoned up to one year, while a second conviction could result in a three-year sentence.

However, the bill does not prohibit picketing and other forms of legal protest, an aide to Morella said.

Meanwhile, several bills to prevent abortions were introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, R.-N.C., and Rep. Bill Emerson, R.-Mo.

Helms introduced the Civil Rights of Infants Act (S. 60) that would make performing an abortion with knowledge that it is based solely on gender a violation of a civil rights statute. The woman would not be liable under this act.

Helms also introduced the Unborn Children's Civil Rights Act (S. 64). The measure says that "abortion takes the life of an unborn child who is a living human being."

The bill would prohibit the use of federal funds for promoting, encouraging, counseling, referring or paying for abortions unless the mother's life

is endangered. The bill also would prevent any federal agency from entering into contract with any insurance company that makes payments for abortion procedures.

Emerson introduced a bill (H.R. 178) that says the Supreme Court erred in not recognizing the humanity of the unborn child and that no funds appropriated by Congress would be used to perform abortions except to save the life of the mother.

The Missouri congressman also proposed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution (H.J. Res. 26) stipulating that the word "person" used in the fifth and 14th amendments to the Constitution applies to "all human beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development."

All bills have been referred to congressional committees.

*This story includes additional reporting from Baptist Press*



## Gay rights petition premature

By Marv Knox  
Editor

A widely circulated petition warning that the federal government could "close down your church" is totally false, according to two Baptist groups that monitor religious liberty.

The petition warns against companion bills, S.B. 574 and H.R. 1430. It insists the bills would mean "churches cannot 'discriminate' against hiring homosexuals for any position."

But they failed in the last session of Congress, reported Tom Strode of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"S.574/HR.1430 ... died with the adjournment of the 102nd Congress" last year, Walker noted.

"Neither bill got a hearing in committee in either house," and consequently could not have come up for a vote, Strode added.

Similar bills were introduced in previous sessions of Congress, both Strode and Walker said. And the Civil Rights Act of 1993 (H.R. 431) has been introduced during the current session in the House of Representatives.

A companion bill has not been introduced in the Senate, they said.

"There's no immediate push on these bills," Strode said. "We're telling people: 'Don't do anything right now; it's too early.'"

Walker predicted the legislation won't go anywhere in this Congress. "The bill is unlikely to move," he said. And "even if such a bill does pass, and even if it did not contain an exemption for churches—both of which are unlikely—the bill still could not be used to force churches to hire homosexuals as ministers or to perform tasks that are religious in nature."

"The Supreme Court has made it clear that no civil authority, including Congress, has the power to regulate the employment of ministers."

## Teens believe more in angels

PRINCETON, N.J.—American teen-agers are more likely to believe in angels today than at any time in the past 15 years, according to a new Gallup poll.

More than three-fourths (76 percent) of American teens believe in angels, the study found.

That represents a significant increase from 1978, when only 64 percent of teens thought angels were real. The percentage of teens believing in angels has been generally increasing since that time.

Teen-agers' belief in ghosts also is on the rise, but their belief in astrology, ESP, clairvoyance, witchcraft, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster is declining.

About one-third (31 percent) of U.S. teens believe in ghosts, the latest survey found, compared to only 20 percent in 1978 and 15 percent in

1986. Belief in astrology (54 percent) has increased over 1978 levels, but has declined from 1984 and 1988 levels.

Of the eight supernatural topics included in the survey, belief in Bigfoot has dropped most precipitously over the years. While 40 percent believed in the giant creature said to stalk the woods in 1978, only 12 percent hold that belief today.

On other topics, 43 percent of teens say they believe in ESP, 21 percent in clairvoyance, 19 percent in witchcraft and 11 percent in the Loch Ness monster.

The telephone survey was conducted with a representative national sample of 502 teen-agers ages 13-17 in the fall of 1992. Results were reported through the Emerging Trends newsletter of the Princeton Religion Research Center.

### BRIEFS

■ **Gay split pondered.** Gays and lesbians in the United Methodist Church are beginning to talk about splitting formally with the denomination to form a Methodist body of their own. Jay McCarty, a spokesman for the denomination's gay and lesbian caucus, said the possibility of such a split had been discussed at length at a meeting in mid-January.

■ **Quayle to write.** Dan Quayle's account of his years as vice president of the United State will be co-published by HarperCollins and Zondervan, a publisher of Christian literature. Zondervan will have editorial involvement in the book and will distribute it to the Christian market. Quayle said he intends to write about how his family and faith sustained him through controversy.

■ **Hillary cites faith.** Hillary Clinton says faith in God is an important source of strength for her family. "When Bill is home, he prays with Chelsea every night," she told Associated Press. "We say grace at meals. When we cannot get to church, we often have a devotional." Mrs. Clinton said she favors an emphasis on "personal salvation" and thinks "the most important thing is your personal relationship with God."

■ **Women worry Land.** Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said in a January forum that he is concerned about the influence three women might have on the Clinton administration. Some of the "laudable" social changes Clinton has proposed may end up not so promising after they are "Hillaryed, Shalaled and Eldered," Land said, referring to First Lady Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala and Surgeon General appointee Joycelyn Elders.

■ **Some support lifting ban.** Despite fierce opposition from conservative religious groups, President Clinton's proposed lifting of the ban on gay in the military has drawn support from leaders of several mainline denominations. Officials of both the United Church of Christ and the Union of American Hebrew Congregation have

urged support for lifting the ban.

■ **Carman on top.** The top-selling Christian contemporary album of 1992 was Carman's "Addicted to Jesus." Meanwhile, on the secular charts, Amy Grant's "Heart in Motion" album came in third on Billboard magazine's '92 list, finishing behind only Richard Marx and Michael Bolton.

■ **Prayer remedies offered.** Lawmakers who disagree with the U.S. Supreme Court's stance on prayer in public school offered their own remedies as the 103rd Congress convened. The latest offerings, introduced in both houses of Congress, range from amendments that would alter the Constitution to resolutions that express the sense of Congress but carry no force of law. At least four propose "voluntary school prayer." They are nearly identical, saying the Constitution should allow organized school prayer as long as no one is forced to participate and the state does not prescribe the prayer's contents.

■ **Robertson training troops.** Televangelist Pat Robertson is using the political arm of his organization, the Christian Coalition, to conduct seminars around the country to train more than 5,000 evangelicals in how to succeed in local politics. The seminars particularly focus on capturing school board seats and influencing local education policies, according to a report from Religious News Service. The two-day workshops cost \$35 to attend and promote the election of candidates who oppose abortion, pornography and gay rights, while supporting school prayer, abstinence-based sex education and government vouchers for private and parochial schools.

■ **Scrolls to be seen.** Fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient documents containing some of the earliest known texts of Hebrew and Christian scriptures, will be on display in Washington and New York this year. The first such exhibition since 1965 will be held April 22-July 11 at the Library of Congress in Washington, then at the New York Public Library from Oct. 2 through Jan. 8, 1994.

## Red House Church digs up past while building for future

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer



**SEMINARY GRADUATE**  
Morgan Owen of Brandenburg received the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during fall commencement ceremonies. His photo was mistakenly omitted from the group of Kentuckians published earlier in the Western Recorder.

RICHMOND—Breaking ground for new facilities while celebrating its centennial anniversary enabled a church to dig up its past and its future at the same time.

With the theme "1892-1993: One Hundred Years of Ministry," Red House Baptist Church in Richmond commemorated its 100th anniversary last Sept. 27. During an informal afternoon service, former pastors and long-time members, as well as photographs and memoirs, all reminded the church of its rich heritage.

A few weeks later, after morning worship Nov. 1, the congregation met outside with shovels in hand to symbolically break ground for their new

sanctuary, which is to seat 700.

Pastor Daniel Parker said holding the two events side by side helped bring the church's past and future together.

"We're not doing anything new," Parker said. "For 100 years, the people have been about the same thing."

The pastor cited instances where early church members had visions for better facilities to accommodate growth, but had to take "big steps" to see them materialize.

"It put (the new building project) into a historical perspective," he explained.

Edna Oliver, co-chairperson of the anniversary committee, explained that in 1892, Red House Church first met in a small, white frame building complete with two outdoor toilets.

According to Oliver, a member at the church for 50 years, Red House was established as a mission of Tates Creek Baptist Church, because no church existed in the Red House community at that time, and some people "had to travel 10 miles to Tates Creek."

The mission, which was granted church status in 1907, grew rapidly, despite the frustrating noise of the nearby railroad.

"Every time the trains went by, the preacher had to stop preaching," Oliver said.

When the church outgrew its facilities and rebuilt in a new location on Red House Road in 1949, it was out of reach of the trains' distraction.

Today, however, overcrowded conditions seem to be the congrega-

tion's greatest distraction. The church, which averages 317 in Sunday school, temporarily offers two Sunday schools and two worship services to accommodate their growing numbers until the new sanctuary and Sunday school space is completed.

"One of our immediate goals is to finish our new facility and be in it this spring," Parker said.

Describing the church as a mission-minded congregation that offers ministries to everyone from newborns to 100-year-olds, Parker said the recent celebrations have helped the church "focus."

"Theologically, sometimes it's easier to see God in the past than in the present; it's good to celebrate what he's done in the church's history," he said.

## Little River gets new building

CADIZ—Moving into new facilities has enabled a Kentucky Baptist Association to move out to community ministry.

Headquarters for Little River Baptist Association in Cadiz have changed drastically in the last several months, from a one-room office to a building of 4,250 square feet.

"We've been talking about doing this for two years, and seriously planning for four years," Director of Missions Ralph Benningfield said.

In the former office, Benningfield said, no space was available for work beyond administration. But the new facility "enables us to do ministry."

The brick structure is centrally located on a two-acre tract at 149 Old Dover Rd.

Built largely by volunteer labor, the building includes two offices, a large conference room, a library, a fel-

lowship area, a small baptistry and two guest rooms.

The conference room will have multiple purposes, Benningfield said, and will accommodate committee meetings, seminary extension classes and work space for special projects.

The fellowship area will seat as many as 100 around tables for a meal. And the guest rooms, which include a small kitchen and bath, will provide short-term housing for ministers, guest speakers and missionaries.

Most importantly, the association now can implement ministries in the community and have space to operate them, Benningfield emphasized.

WMU members were the first to organize this type of work, with a ministry to new mothers who need special assistance. Benningfield said plans also include developing a food and clothing ministry.

## Campbellsville forms new hall of fame

CAMPBELLSVILLE—Formation of a new Athletics Hall of Fame has been announced by Campbellsville College.

Athletic Director Don Bishop announced the addition during the school's first alumni weekend Feb. 6. He explained that the hall of fame will recognize individuals who have made outstanding achievements or contributions to the school's athletic program.

The first inductees into the hall

of fame will be announced next year, but the search for those initial honorees already has begun.

A seven-member search committee will be chaired by Bishop, who will work with representatives of other college constituencies to select nominees to honor.

Nominations should be sent to Bishop's attention at Campbellsville College, 200 W. College St., Campbellsville, Ky. 42718-2799.

## Reaching higher

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is in the process of becoming a nationally accredited agency. We have been licensed by the state of Kentucky for many years, and have always met and exceeded the necessary standards. We are going one step further by voluntarily striving for accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc.

Only two other agencies in Kentucky have achieved this honor. For the past year we have had 15 different committees within our organization looking at everything from personnel practices and how we handle our money to specific ways in which each child is served.

This year has involved every member of our staff, much discussion by our board, and a whole lot of writing. We have revised our agency manual and added new policies and procedures required by accreditation. We have developed ongoing quality improvement systems and ways of measuring our work. Virtually no area of our work has not undergone scrutiny.

Why would we undergo such a process without someone telling us to? We want to provide the best possible care for the children and families who come to us.

We are not just interested in meeting minimum state standards, we want to reach to the highest for the sake of the children we care for and the Lord we serve.

Though we have been working at it for a year, we are not through yet. Larry Owens, coordinator of the project, is busy assembling the work of each of the committees into our self study. When he gets through we will send it to New York City to the Council on Accreditation.

The council will assign 2-3 people (peer reviewers) who work in agencies like ours to come to Kentucky and verify that we do indeed meet the standards. If they find problem areas, we will be given an opportunity to make amends or they may de-

fer a decision on the accreditation until we meet the specified standards.

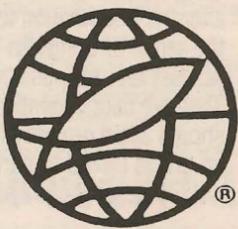
We hope to have our self-study completed by the middle of March. The peer review is scheduled for May. We will let you know how it goes. If you hear a big cheer some time in late June or early July, you will know that we made it!

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

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# PEOPLE

## Profit motives give publishers some edge

By Ray Waddle  
Nashville Tennessean

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Some Christian publishers labor in the Lord's vineyard primarily out of a sense of mission, but others do it to turn a profit.

And they disagree over which is more Christian.

"Our Scriptural imperative is to be your best; profit shouldn't be the goal," said Charles Wilson, vice president for trade and retail at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mounting competition and consumer unpredictability have forced religious publishing houses to reappraise the ways they reach book-buyers, define their identities and make profits.

For-profit publishers water down the gospel message in the rush to give people only what they want, the criticism goes.

But at Thomas Nelson Publishers, the world's largest for-profit Christian publisher, executives argue that the profit motive helps the cause of Christ by forcing them to produce books and Bibles that people really want to read.

"If we were non-profit, I don't

think we'd be as concerned about the product," said Frank Couch, Thomas Nelson's vice president for Bibles. "Being profit-oriented forces us to be needs-oriented."

The rap against church-owned publishers is they tend to be complacent and bureaucratic. Until now, their ready-made church audiences allowed them largely to ignore the broader Christian market.

For instance, while many denominations were still reluctant even to admit that alcohol addiction was a problem in their ranks, Nelson produced "The Serenity Bible," tailored for people in 12-step addiction-recovery programs. It has sold 600,000 copies since 1990.

"If there's a market for it, Nelson will do it," said Steve Papuchis, manager of The Covenant Christian bookstore. "With other publishers, there can be a reluctance to try something new since it may look questionable to the church membership."

Meanwhile, three years later, the Baptist Sunday School Board has decided to tap into the Christian addiction-recovery market with a book line of its own.

Couch said Thomas Nelson can

put more money into research for a Bible or book—and produce it faster—than anyone. Nelson put down \$72 million in cash last fall to buy Word, the Texas-based Christian book-and-music giant.

Thomas Nelson officers can hatch a new idea for a Bible, arrange an OK from president Sam Moore and line up research money in two days, while it would normally take a denominational publisher months, Couch said.

But Thomas Nelson's employees still insist that aggressive marketing and profit sharing run side by side with another preoccupation: They believe they are working for the good of Christ.

"I'm delighted to make money for our shareholders while doing something worthwhile of everlasting value," said Robert Zaloba, Thomas Nelson's vice president for marketing.

Non-profit denominational publishers counter they are not indifferent to competition and revenues, but profit isn't everything.

A for-profit company "neglects a number of areas that meet church needs," said Robert Feaster, president of the United Methodist Publishing House.



## Changes face publishers of religious items

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nominal houses, are having to work harder.

In the old days, church-owned publishers built empires on captive audiences of growing churches that compliantly bought their own denominational publishers' Sunday school literature, inspirational books, hymnals and Bibles.

Now that loyalty shows signs of slipping. For example:

■ Sunday school literature sales remain the Baptist Sunday School Board's top revenue source, but units sold have made no significant gain in 20 years.

■ For the first time, the United Methodist Publishing House this year will likely sell as much merchandise to non-Methodists as to Methodists.

Changing technology also has brought more competition. Desktop publishing has made book production cheaper and quicker, forcing publishers to watch costs and reduce planning time for a book. A decade ago, 12,000 general and religious book titles were published a year. Now it's 70,000.

Publishers have responded to competition and changing markets by streamlining their operations and producing books that rely more on laypeople surveys and other market-research techniques.

Other market responses by denominational houses:

■ The United Methodist Publishing House last year started a new line of books called Dimensions for Living. They are designed to be easy to read, uplifting in content and reasonably priced. Sales last year were 21 percent higher than expected. The publisher is also pushing a new trend, helping 1,500 churches set up "book tables," small outlets that do a brisk business after worship services.

■ The Baptist Sunday School Board is in the midst of a managerial overhaul after new president Jimmy Draper found the organization too top heavy, inflexible and uncompetitive. About 160 of its 1,900 employees—1,300 in Nashville—were retired or laid off in 1992.

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## Draper cites publishing challenges

NASHVILLE (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is "in the process of dying" and will fade away unless drastic steps are taken to revive it, President Jimmy Draper told trustees Feb. 8. In an unusually frank report, Draper painted a gloomy picture of the financial future facing the Southern Baptist publishing house:

■ Flat or declining sales in the last 10 years, with real growth in only four of them.

■ An 8 percent decline in Sunday school literature sales, the board's top revenue source.

■ Only four of the publisher's 17 programs made a profit last year. The Baptist Book Store—the nations' second largest religious retailer—lost more than \$5.5 million in sales last year.

"Already we are taking steps to address these and other concerns," said Draper, adding he is "extremely optimistic about where we're headed."

Since Draper became president, the Sunday School Board has instituted changes to streamline and modernize the agency. After granting early retirement to 159 longterm employees, the board has achieved a net reduction of 84 in its workforce—from 1,767 in 1991 to 1,683.

Draper told trustees he has several strategies to rebuild financial strength for the publishing house. He said the board already has halved the amount of red tape it requires of its employees. It will take more advice from customers and devote more attention to changing church congregations.

It also intends to plow more money into new ventures, such as electronic media, and will redesign its largest magazine, Home Life.

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## KENTUCKY KERNELS

Gov. Brereton Jones has declared February as American Heart Month in Kentucky, noting that heart diseases and stroke are the leading killers in the state. Statistics from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board also confirm that heart diseases are the leading killers of Southern Baptist ministers nationwide. Heart diseases and stroke claim the lives of about 15,000 Kentuckians annually.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **CAMPBELLSBURG**—Providence Church called **Doug Boyd** of Carruthersville, Mo., as pastor. **Ron Dempsey** has been interim pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Mt. Carmel Church licensed **Donald Auberry** to the ministry. He is available for supply preaching.

■ **DRY RIDGE**—Concord Church ordained **Jerry Douglas Adkins** to the ministry Jan. 24. Adkins has been called to Ferry Farm Church in Fredericksburg, Va., as minister of youth.

■ **FALMOUTH**—Richland Church will celebrate its centennial June 27. Plans include dinner on the grounds and an afternoon centennial service. Former members, former pastors and friends are invited to attend.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—**Albert Gisler**, pastor of Lyle Road Church since 1989 and former pastor of First Church in Danville, is retiring Feb. 28 and will be available for revivals, interims and Bible conferences. He may be reached at (606) 223-2797.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—**Greg Humpert** is pastor of Trinity Church.

■ **IRVINE**—Ivory Hill ordained **Ronnie Benton** as a deacon.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Buechel Park Church called **Barry Combs** as minister of music. Combs has served churches in Kentucky and Illinois. In addition, he is a published composer and has served as interim state music director in Illinois.

Fern Creek Church called **Jim Rit-**

**tenhouse** as minister of music.

Lakewood Church called **Lee Warf** as pastor.

■ **MORNINGVIEW**—Oak Island Church will host a 50-day spiritual adventure Feb. 21-April 11. Pastor **Wayne Whaley** will use the theme "Survival Skills for Changing Times."

■ **MURRAY**—**George T. Moody** announced his retirement as assistant pastor of First Church, effective March 31. He has served on the church staff for more than 20 years.

■ **NEW CONCORD**—New Mt. Carmel Church called **Randall Kuykendall** as pastor.

■ **PARIS**—First Church will celebrate its 175th anniversary Feb. 21, with featured speaker **William Marshall**, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Former members are invited to the event.

■ **SOMERSET**—First Church ordained **Tommy Floyd** and **Mark Fothergill** as deacons Feb. 7.

■ **SUMMER SHADE**—Oak Grove Missionary Church called **John Lowe** as pastor.

■ **UTICA**—Glenville Church ordained **Jeff Rice** as a deacon Jan. 17.

■ **WESTPORT**—Covington Church called **Steve Hamilton**, a student at Boyce Bible School in Louisville, as pastor.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Central Church called **Jimmy Corbitt** as pastor. Corbitt previously served at Milford Church in Marietta, Ga.



**CUMBERLAND DRAMA** Wyndee Holbrook (right), religious activities director at Cumberland College, and Nathan Ward (left), minister of music at Main Street Baptist Church in Williamsburg, play the lead roles in "The Lion in Winter," which the college presented as a community play Feb. 4-7.

## Churches collaborate for study

**CLINTON**—Several churches in Carlisle and Hickman counties combined resources to make their January Bible studies bigger and better.

"Cooperative approaches to the winter Bible study resulted in not only increased attendance but a spirit of revival excitement," reported Charles Blair, director of missions for West Kentucky Baptist Association.

In Carlisle County, joint sessions were held at First Baptist Church of Arlington, Bardwell Baptist Church, Milburn Baptist Church and Missis-

sippi Baptist Church in Bardwell. A fifth session scheduled for Bethlehem Baptist Church in Cunningham was cancelled due to bad weather. Nine churches participated in the joint approach, with an average attendance of 150-200 people per night.

In Hickman County, Beulah Baptist Church hosted a four-night January Bible study with assistance from Second Baptist Church of Clinton, New Bethel Baptist Church of Fulgham and Bethlehem Baptist Church of Wickliffe.

## Campers On Mission adopt Oneida

Campers On Mission is a growing national movement of folks, both retired and working. They own recreational vehicles and like to spend a few days, weeks or months of each year helping others. They take their homes on wheels, support themselves, and minister in the name of Jesus.

The very first COM meeting was held 21 years ago at Land-Between-the-Lakes here in Kentucky. Strangely, a Kentucky chapter was not organized until September 1991. But their numbers are growing in the organization, as well as their good works.

The spark plug of the Kentucky chapter is a railroad engineer, Gil Chard, and his wife, June, of Nicholasville. Both work full time, yet they contribute a tremendous amount of their "free time" coordinating COM efforts in and outside the state. They and others in the organization grew up with the work ethic.

A recent letter from the Chards said in part: "We were delighted to learn over the weekend that Carl and Mary Reagan from North Carolina had just taken a tour of Oneida and were highly impressed with it. They are national specialists for C.O.M."

"Last fall when Gil and I went to help with their ministry at the North Carolina State Fair, I showed the Reagans and other COM members the video, "Oneida: A Special Place." Now they have stayed the night with you.

"In addition to their plans to bring volunteers from their N.C. church to Oneida for a week of work in August, the Reagans will spread the good word about Oneida across the U.S. through their work with COM."

We first became aware of the Kentucky chapter of COM when they sent a donation to OBI last April as a memorial to Ross Figart. COM mem-

bers David and Mattie Fuqua worked as volunteers for a week last summer; David worked on the farm while Mattie worked in our Craft House. Their home is Owensboro.

After my appeal in this column last summer for used clothing, COM adopted Oneida as a continuing project. The first fruits of this was H.C. and Betty Beck traveling all the way from Princeton with a Suburban-load of donations in October.

After the fall rally of COM at a campground near Berea, the Chards and Fuquas came again with more donations. With them were other COM members making their first visit. They were Odney and Cova Embry of Utica, and Steve and Shirley Nettles of Louisville.

Before and since, the Chards have brought down numerous loads of clothing for our Friendship House as well as materials for our Craft House project.

Farm Manager Jack "Pop" Tillman and wife, Sherry, our piano teacher, showed a group of COM workers around while they were visiting. As soon as they returned home, they made

custom cushions for our student-built wooden benches in our younger boys dorm.

Future plans of COM include projects in many places. A group of them will again help at Oneida Memorial Day weekend as well as next October.

Our volume of visitors has grown so much that some months ago, I hired a full-time assistant to help me in this area. She is Mrs. Billie Faye Hoover. Her daughter, Sarah, became a full-time student at Oneida more than a year before her mother came to work with us.

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

### ONEIDA JOURNAL



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## Neighborhood boy retires from Clear Creek

A wealthy couple took a walk during a break in the Clear Creek Springs summer encampment. When they returned, she realized a \$400 broach was lost. Two neighborhood boys found the pin and received a \$5 reward for returning it to the relieved owner. "That was equal to a week's wages," Edgar Money recalls. He was 7 years old then. In December, Money completed 30 years of employment with the school.

Most of his years focused on campus construction. Money shaped and squared the stones for the front of the Aldridge building, originally built for the furniture factory. He helped build Moore Hall, a student apartment building, and he bricked the Foxes Den, the student lounge which houses the bookstore and post office. And then there are all those remodeling projects.

Edgar fondly remembers former students. The man who introduced me to Clear Creek, Don Burnett, was one of his favorites. "I farmed some then and sold milk. Mr. Burnett was my best customer. It took a lot of milk for his children," Money remembers.

The Moneys celebrated 50 years of marriage last year. His wife was a primary factor in Edgar coming to know the Lord after age 50. "She

often begged me to be saved, but I wouldn't pay any attention. Some of the students also talked to me. I finally knew it was time to do something before it would be too late." He was baptized in Big Clear Creek.

Two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren live farther away than grandparents would like. The Moneys live on land that was part of his father's farm. The log home, built shortly after the civil war, is still used by a brother.

Edgar likes to build musical instruments. He started in 1965 with a guitar and since has made dulcimers, banjos and one fiddle.

Since he was four, Edgar's life has been involved with Clear Creek. He enjoyed a swimming hole near the

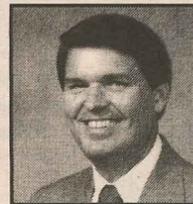
present campus entrance. The three-week summer camps were exciting.

Money reflected on his work at Clear Creek: "The atmosphere of Christian people—without any rough stuff or vulgarity—has been a good place to work. I have enjoyed it all." Thank you, Edgar Money. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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

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### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

# PEOPLE

## Man's voice healed while teaching Psalm 103

By Toby Druin  
Texas Baptist Standard

HOUSTON (BP)—A Texas man's voice was miraculously healed Jan. 17 while teaching Psalm 103 to a class of 200 people at First Baptist Church in Houston.

After three years of dealing with a throat-wrenching, laryngitis-like ailment that had forced him to leave a pastorate, Duane Miller's voice returned to normal as he taught a Sunday school class. The event was recorded on audio tape and witnessed by the 200 people present that morning.

Equipped with a special microphone, Miller was reading from Psalm 103 in the New International Version of the Bible: "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives my sins and heals all my diseases ..."

He had been talking about two extremes in current belief: That some believe miracles ceased with the close of the New Testament and will never happen again and that others believe everybody should be healed because Christ died on the cross and healing was in his atonement.

"I had said that on the one side there is the group that believes God always heals miraculously and on the other is the group that says it never happens. But what you have to realize is that puts God in a box, I said, and he won't be put in a box.

"I told them that what you have to do with divine healing is just stand back and say, 'I know God does that from time to time, and I can't tell you why. I don't understand why some are healed and some aren't and leave it there and say that is in the Lord's wisdom; so be it.'"

"I had just finished saying that and started to read the next line of the Psalm: 'He redeems my life from the pit ...' Miller explained, "and my voice changed.

"I heard the first word and felt in my throat that what I had been feeling was gone. There was none of the feeling there that I had had for three years.

"I would love to tell you I knew exactly what it was ... and that I expected God to do it and wasn't surprised. But it would be a lie. It scared me to death.

"I stopped, startled, and then said two or three more words, thinking, 'Am I hearing what I think I hear?'"

The class realized what was hap-

pening, too, Miller said, and nobody seemed to know what to do.

"I said to them that I didn't understand what was going on, but that God was doing something.

"I tried to get back to the lesson, but I couldn't and nobody cared. People began to applaud. Everybody was weeping. There were about 200 in the class and there were no dry eyes. Somebody began to sing the doxology. Someone else said we needed to get down on our knees because we had witnessed the power of God. We just thanked the Lord for what he had done and walked out of the church."

Miller lost his voice while preaching at First Baptist Church in Brenham, Texas, where he was pastor, on Jan. 15, 1990. He had the flu and a sore throat, he said, but had to preach twice on Sunday morning and again that night.

After preaching and singing at the first morning service, his voice was almost gone. By that night he could hardly speak and just told the people to go home and pray for him.

He got over the flu, but his voice was still affected. At first, Miller thought it was just because of the strain he had put on it when he was sick, but it got no better. He was told

to take a six-month leave of absence.

Finally doctors told him the flu virus had gotten through the myelin sheath to his vocal cords and that he should get used to his condition—that if he were going to recover he would have done so in 60 to 90 days.

Voice therapy didn't help, and in the fall of 1990 he resigned his pastorate and returned to Houston.

Early last year, equipped with the special microphone, he began to teach the class at First Baptist in Houston. His throat would be so sore after teaching that he could hardly eat or drink until Tuesday night, he said, "but that one hour of the week gave me fulfillment."

That Jan. 15, 1990, morning when it happened, he said, he had sung a song, "Jesus, Just the Mention of Your Name." The Sunday after he got his voice back the first thing he did was sing it again.

"Singing was always a part of my life," he said. "When I couldn't sing it almost killed me. I said I wanted to pick up where I had left off."

He doesn't know why he had the voice problem, he said, but he told his class the fact that he got over it three years to the Sunday after it happened is evidence of how detailed God is.

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*Duane Miller on his initial reaction to regaining use of his voice after a three-year illness*

## Dorsey, author of 'Precious Lord,' dies

CHICAGO (RNS)—Thomas Dorsey, author of "Peace in the Valley" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," died at his home in Chicago Jan. 24 at age 93.

His compositions were so popular in the 1930s that any song in the genre was known by his name—a "Dorsey."

Called "the father of gospel music" by many, Dorsey's legacy influenced not only the black church but white religion. He also reached across the line that often divides sacred and secular

music.

While his name is unfamiliar to most churchgoers, he was a pioneer in gospel music.

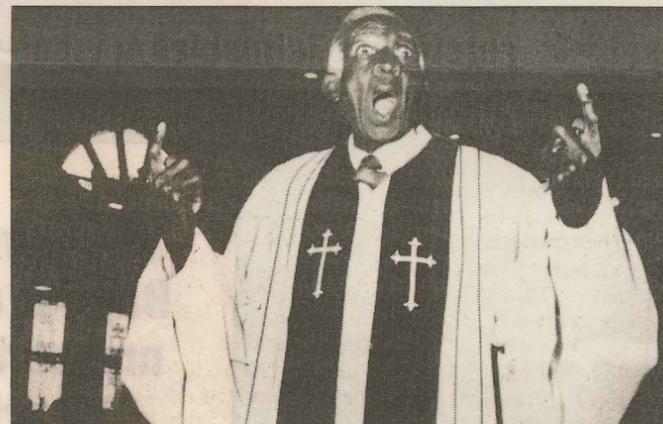
In the 1950s, both Roy Acuff and Elvis Presley had huge hits with Dorsey's "Peace in the Valley."

Perhaps his best-loved song, said to have been requested by Martin Luther King shortly before he was assassinated, is "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Dorsey wrote the song in 1932 in response to the tragic death of

his wife and newborn son.

Horace Clarence Boyer, a pre-eminent scholar of gospel music, analyzed the lyrics of 158 of Dorsey's gospel songs and found them rife with phrases that now have become commonplace.

"When we utter catch-phrases like 'I'll tell it wherever I go,' and 'I gave my heart to Jesus, how about you?' we are simply repeating the words of Thomas A. Dorsey," Boyer wrote in a recent essay.



**THOMAS DORSEY** Known by many as "the father of gospel music," Thomas Dorsey died in Chicago Jan. 24 at age 93. (RNS photo)

## Civil War re-enactors find strategic opportunities to witness

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—As the Sunday morning sun peeked through the trees surrounding the Confederate camp at Shiloh, Private Michael Bell, chaplain's assistant, passed out hymnals to the weary troops. The chaplain stepped forward

to deliver his sermon.

"If you've never accepted Christ as your Savior, come to the front," the chaplain said in conclusion.

Seven men elbowed their way through the crowd. Private Bell drew one of the soldiers aside. After the two

talked, the man bowed his head and quietly prayed to accept Christ.

But the year was not 1862, it was 1987, and Bell was not really a Confederate private. He was a Civil War re-enactor. The conversion, however, was real.

Bell, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, spends several weekends ministering to Civil War re-enactors.

During a re-enactment, the battles, the uniforms, the camps and the chapel services are all re-created. And during a re-enactment, people give their lives to Christ, just like they did during the war, Bell said.

"The greatest revival went over the entire Confederate Army during the War Between the States," Bell said. "More than 150,000 Confederate soldiers came to know Christ."

Southwestern history professor Leon McBeth said Christianity exploded among the Confederate troops.

"When they were not actually on the march or in battle, prayer meetings and evangelistic services were their favorite activities," McBeth said.

Today, more than 130 years later, people from across the United States

and even some foreign countries flock to the re-enactments to relive the Civil War. Christians like Bell make sure they hear the gospel while they are there.

While in college, Bell served as an enlisted man in the 11th Virginia Company G, which means he carried his gun shoulder-to-shoulder with men in his unit when the chaplains—to remain historically accurate—had to stay behind with the medical core.

"One on one, I had a foot in the door with people in our unit that our chaplains didn't always have," Bell said. "They would come by late at night wanting to talk and the chaplains would go with them inside the tent and pray. They personally sought out the chaplain, just like they did it then."

In addition to lifestyle evangelism, Bell has used reprinted Confederate gospel tracts to initiate conversations with re-enactors.

"Soldiers don't turn these down because they are historical artifacts and soldiers had them back then," Bell said. "If they really want to know the full history of the Confederate Army, they've got to deal with this. They've got to deal with the gospel."



**HISTORICAL MINISTRY** Civil War re-enactors Michael Bell (left) and James Early dress for the part. Bell and Early, both students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, participate in re-enactments out of a love for history and an opportunity to share their faith.

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