

FOR THE RECORD

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Will the real college president please raise his hand?

CAMPBELLSVILLE—What do a college president and senior student have in common?

Everything, when they change roles for a day.

That was the experience of Campbellsville College President Kenneth Winters and Jamie Ward, a senior from Pleasant Plain, Ohio, Feb. 10 when they traded places for a Student Foundation fund-raising effort.

Winters carried Ward's tom backpack containing notebooks for the two classes on Ward's Wednesday schedule. Winters attended the two classes—American government and experimental psychology—then took Ward's place as president of the Baptist Student Union, ate lunch in the dining hall, attended weekly convocation and played pool—what Ward would have done on a typical Wednesday.

Although Winters hadn't taken a class in about 10 years, he said it felt "very natural" sitting in the classroom. And he was impressed with the teaching of professors Bill Bennett and

Jeanette Parker, he added.

Meanwhile, Ward addressed convocation and gave each student present credit for attending two convocations. He also awarded himself an honorary doctorate and vowed to "take care of" all parking tickets given to students during the day.

Dressed in a suit and tie, Ward maintained the president's office hours, met with the college's vice presidents and other personnel.

"I assumed the president sits back and signs papers all day," Ward said. "Not so."

"I was totally exhausted at the end of the day. Being a part is more than being part of an administration. It means being able to have successful relationships."

That's a truth Winters knows very well after five years as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention-affiliated school.

Winters' willingness to take part in the exchange program is typical of his relationship with students on campus. See Campbellsville president ..., page 3



TRADING PLACES Campbellsville College President Kenneth Winters trades roles with student Jamie Ward during a "President for a Day" program Feb. 10. For one day, Winters experienced the life of a student while Ward experienced the life of an administrator. (Photo by Joan McKinney)

Child's letter drives home need for Dad

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—A letter from the fifth-grade son of a Baptist minister to the school guidance counselor:

"Dear Counselor: I have a problem. My dad is an important man. He makes me very proud. But he has to go on lots of trips and business meetings and I don't get to see him very much. He does not have lots of time to play with me. I just wish I could play with him more."

The letter was written by the son of John Hewett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C.

Hewett, speaking at a Baptist Center for Ethics conference in Nashville Feb. 16, used it as an illustration of his own confrontation with urgent family needs.

Family members must hold each other accountable, Hewett said.

"When I hear some busy father defend his lousy schedule by telling me about the 'quality time' he's spent with his children, I always bet that distinction is lost on his kids," he said. "It sure was lost on mine."

Hewett explained he found his

son's letter to the counselor in a stack of returned homework one night.

"That child needed help," not explanations, he said. "What that boy needed was his daddy, plain and simple. And, by the grace of God, that father and son are being restored."

Even concerned parents can spend so much time doing good things—attending parenting seminars, reading appropriate books, screening family videos—that they fail to do the most important thing, Hewett said.

Too much analysis and too little practice is a deadly tradeoff for a parent, he explained. "If I'm not careful I can substitute a long list of how-to's for the simple decision to want to."

And churches unwittingly compound this problem, Hewett added, by becoming the prime competitor for a family's time together.

"Many of our families stay home

from church on Sunday nights for good reasons," he said. "They love each other, and they live out that love in a world which, in the name of God, school, country, sports, academics and community service, threatens to tear them apart."

Churches concerned about family ministry should structure their activities with priority given to family time at home, Hewett continued.

"If churches really want to help families, they'll give them time,

prime family time, and turn them loose to celebrate that time without guilt and with glad and generous hearts," he stressed.

Meanwhile, churches and Christians must be faithful in presenting Jesus to the world, he concluded.

"This is the truth above and beyond, beneath and within all our seminars, conferences and commissions. If we want to help families ..., we must give them Jesus."



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Family crises happen, Kentucky author warns

By Linda Lawson
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Family crises are not a matter of if, but when, John Lepper believes.

"No family is immune from crisis," said Lepper, director of the family ministry department for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and author of the 1993 Christian Home Emphasis textbook, "When Crisis Comes Home."

"Being Christian doesn't make you immune from crises," Lepper said. "It equips you to deal with

them."

While family crises are inevitable, "they are not always major and they are not always bad," added Phil Waugh, family ministry leadership specialist in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's division.

"Any time there is change, there is the potential for crisis," Waugh said.

Christian Home Emphasis will be observed by many churches in May and June, between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Resources are provided for all age groups.

Lepper identifies four types of

crises in his book. The first, acute, encompasses events most commonly associated with crisis—death, accident, sudden illness. A second type is crisis related to trends in society, such as divorce, alcohol or drug abuse, AIDS or adjustments of step-families.

Third are social or natural disasters such as a hurricane or major military Desert Storm. Fourth is developmental crises, those related to life stages, such as retirement, birth of a child, a teen-ager starting to drive, See Family crises ..., page 7

SBC reports increases in 8 of 10 areas

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists registered gains in eight of 10 key denominational reporting areas in 1992 while posting the first decrease in baptisms in five years.

Kentucky Baptists, however, gained in only five of those 10 areas. National increases were registered in number of churches, church membership, Sunday school enrollment, discipleship training participation, music ministry enrollment, Brotherhood participation and total offerings.

National decreases were in baptisms and WMU enrollment.

Kentucky increases were in number of churches (0.1 percent), church membership (0.4 percent), Brotherhood participation (2.3 percent), total offerings (5.1 percent) and mission expenditures (4.7 percent).

Kentucky decreases were in baptisms (-10.2 percent), Sunday school enrollment (-0.3 percent), discipleship training participation (-1.2 percent), music ministry enrollment (-1.1 percent) and WMU enrollment (-1.3 percent).

Nationwide, baptisms totaled 367,847 in 1992 compared to 396,668 in 1991, for a decrease of 28,821 or 7.3 percent. Woman's Missionary Union enrollment also showed a decrease of 0.8 percent.

The denomination showed a net gain of 237 churches to reach a new total of 38,458.

The number of new churches started in 1992 was considerably higher than in 1991, 497 compared to 454 in 1991, but the number of churches which ceased to exist also was higher, 277 in 1992 compared to 231 in 1991. This resulted in a net increase slightly lower than the 247 of See SBC reports ..., page 9

BAPTISTS

Agee withdraws, criticizes report of seminary search

BULLETIN

As the Western Recorder went to press Monday afternoon, Feb. 22, a news conference was underway in Nashville to announce that Al Mohler is the search committee's nominee for president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mohler, 33, is editor of the Georgia Baptist Convention's weekly newspaper, the Christian Index. Full details of the news conference and a story about the nominee will appear in next week's Recorder.

LOUISVILLE—Bob Agee took himself out of consideration for the presidency of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last week. He claimed a news story about the four finalists for the presidency "compromised the interview process."

That story was written for the Western Recorder by News Director Mark Wingfield. It was carried in Associated Baptist Press Feb. 11, and reported by Baptist Press Feb. 15. Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, pulled out of the search Feb. 16.

In addition to Agee, the other candidates to succeed President Roy Honeycutt were Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission; and Al Mohler, editor of the Georgia Baptist newsjournal, the Christian Index.

Both Agee and seminary trustee Chairman Wayne Allen sharply criticized the article, which noted the search committee did not publicly divulge the names but said they "have been circulated widely on the Louisville campus and beyond in recent weeks."

In his letter of withdrawal, Agee said publication of the list "has compromised the interview process and creates a very difficult atmosphere

which can be potentially harmful to the current places of service of the candidates."

Allen, who also chairs the selection process and is a pastor in suburban Memphis, Tenn., said he was "very, very angry" at Associated Baptist Press, but did not mention the Baptist Press version of the story.

"It is regrettable that the unchristian, inappropriate, inconsiderate and unprofessional account of Mark Wingfield and ABP has caused harm to the presidential search process and has potentially harmed one of our finest university presidents—Bob Agee—and one of our great Baptist universities, OBU," Allen said.

"In my opinion, no responsible journalist, nor ethical news media would publish unconfirmed rumors. ABP has proven itself to be nothing more than a rumor mill."

In response, Wingfield said, "No one responding to the story, to my knowledge, has denied that the facts were reported correctly."

Greg Warner, executive editor of Associated Baptist Press, also noted the story "must have been deemed legitimate by Baptist Press, the denomination's official news service, since it chose to carry a story based exclusively on ABP's information."

Both Wingfield and Warner expressed sympathy to Agee for any discomfort caused to him or OBU as a

result of public disclosure of his candidacy.

"However, it is wrong to lay the blame for this disclosure on the news media that reports it," Wingfield noted. "The names of the four finalists could not have been known by anyone if members of the search committee and the candidates themselves had held that information in confidence, as they reportedly pledged to do."

"Some trustees have assigned blame for the disclosure on seminary faculty and staff, interpreting my use of 'seminary sources' to mean only faculty and staff. That is not the case. 'Seminary sources,' as used in this story, encompasses a broad range of people both under the employment of the seminary and not employed by the seminary."

The charge that he wanted to hurt Agee and OBU is ironic, Wingfield said: "It was as a journalism student at OBU that I first learned the fundamentals of news reporting, which ultimately led me to pursue the story in question. I continue to hold OBU in high regard and am grateful for what I learned there as well as the quality education students still receive there."

Warner defended the role of Baptist journalists as advocates of the people's right to know. "It is not an unchristian role we serve," he said, "but a high calling which we accept without apology."

Agee complimented the search committee, saying it "acted in a very responsible and professional manner, and I deeply appreciate the courtesies it has extended to the candidates." One of those, he said, was a promise of confidentiality in the early process. The news story forced him to resolve the issue earlier than he wanted to, for the sake of OBU.

In addition to his displeasure with the news story, Agee cited a number of "compelling reasons"—including a strong desire to stay at OBU—as the basis for his decision to withdraw from the presidential search.

"The opportunities and future prospects for our work are incredibly bright," he said. "For me to leave OBU now could disrupt the potential achievement of some very important things I am convinced God wants done."

Agee, 55, has been president at OBU since 1982. He is a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., earned two degrees, including a doctorate in ministry, from Southern Seminary, and a doctorate in higher education from Vanderbilt University. During his tenure as president, OBU has increased enrollment by 58 percent and expanded endowment.

Compiled by Editor Marv Knox, based on reports by Herb Hollinger for Baptist Press and Ken Camp for Associated Baptist Press.

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Volunteerism up.** More than 71,700 Southern Baptist adults, college students and teen-agers volunteered their time in 1992 to assist Home Mission Board-related work. That is a 3 percent increase from the previous year, the HMB reports. Further, the agency said, volunteers' work last year resulted in at least 11,432 professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

■ **CLC renews stance on Vatican.** The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has joined the National Association of Evangelicals and three other religious bodies in reiterating a call for President Bill Clinton to end U.S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican. The Feb. 15 letter came on the heels of an earlier statement from the CLC suggesting Clinton should stop the practice begun by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

■ **Naylor cleared.** Rebekah Naylor, the only remaining Southern Baptist missionary at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, has been cleared by an Indian judge of charges that she violated factory labor laws in the state of Karnataka. In 1988, union workers angered over personnel cuts at the hospital filed a complaint against Naylor, who was the hospital's medical director at the time.

■ **Draper urges caution.** Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has advised his counterparts to be "very careful how we react" to recent changes adopted by Woman's Missionary Union. Some people have been critical of WMU for saying it will assist any evangelical group with missions literature. Draper said Southern Baptist agency heads should wait and see how this change plays out before claiming WMU intends to align with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

■ **Enrollments up.** Enrollment in Southern Baptist colleges and universities showed an overall increase last fall for the 11th consecutive year, according to data from the Southern Baptist Education Commission. Nationwide, Baptist schools recorded a combined enrollment increase of 1.8 percent. Among Kentucky schools, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College had the largest gain, with a 4.7 percent increase. In addition, Campbellsville College gained 3.7 percent; Georgetown College lost 4.6 percent; and Cumberland College lost 10.5 percent.

■ **FMB elects Floyd.** John Floyd, vice president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis and a former missionary church starter, has been elected area director for Europe by trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Trustees also voted to divide Europe for administrative purposes, however, and will seek a second area director to work alongside Floyd.

■ **Men give \$67.4 million.** Southern Baptist Brotherhood missions volunteers last year gave time and labor estimated at \$67.4 million in fair-market value, according to the Brotherhood Commission. The Commission reported 75,341 volunteers participated in 8,905 national and international projects last year.

■ **Witness training required.** All missionaries serving through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will be required to receive more comprehensive training in evangelism due to a new guideline affirmed by HMB trustees Feb. 9. Newly appointed missionaries will be required to complete a Continuing Witness Training seminar. Missionaries already under appointment will have two years to meet the new requirements.

Editors critical of BP stories

By Trennis Henderson
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—Offering frank assessment of recent Baptist Press coverage, state Baptist editors stopped short of adopting a strongly worded report critical of the Southern Baptist news service.

Most editors indicated agreement with concerns detailed in a five-point report from the Southern Baptist Press Association's Baptist Press Liaison Committee but were uncomfortable with the report's adversarial tone.

The editors, meeting in annual session Feb. 16-18, opted to receive the report and discussion as information while urging "continued and increased openness and dialogue" between BP and the press association.

The three-page report, presented by liaison committee chairman R.G. Puckett, editor of the North Carolina Biblical Recorder, claimed BP staff members face "external intimidations and/or self-imposed pressures and restraints to avoid conflict and threats of firing by the present leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The report took issue with the length and spin of many articles published by BP.

Herb Hollinger, vice president for Baptist Press, countered with concern that two of the three liaison committee members sit on the board of directors of Associated Baptist Press, a competing independent news service.

"The committee itself was very sensitive to this," Puckett responded, noting the report does not seek to pit one news service against the other.

Committee member Marv Knox,

editor of the Western Recorder, urged participants to "consider what is helpful and reconciling and true to our calling" within the report. "I would hope that this, rather than being a divisive document, could be very helpful," he said.

The report singled out articles produced by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission as often featuring "not-too-thinly-veiled right-wing, secular political opinions" which raise questions about "journalistic objectivity, fairness and balance."

CLC Communications Director Louis Moore responded that he is "tired of being abused" by state paper editors. "You have made some very strategic, serious charges against our bureau," he insisted.

Hollinger said BP "will do our best to be the kind of news service we ought to be." Offering a point-by-point response, he said he was "a bit puzzled by the liaison committee's report. You have control over Baptist Press in the sense that if you don't like the articles, you don't run them," Hollinger told the editors.

Responding to concerns that some articles convey political overtones with little or no balance, Hollinger said, "We have very specific operational guidelines, but you still have to interpret those guidelines." And because political conservatives now control the convention agencies, he added, "those are the kind of stories you get from those agencies."

"I'm in a hot seat," Hollinger noted. "You have to make the best judgments you have. My judgments are not always correct; I understand that. This is an art, not a science."

KENTUCKY

Springfield Church projects larger-than-life outreach

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD—Springfield Baptist Church is making larger than life efforts to draw unchurched people into their fellowship.

Their primary tool is a 10-by-14-foot primary screen and the latest technology in video projection. The new equipment allows the church to view videos and television programs at enormous sizes—up to 25 feet wide—but with the crystal clear image of a TV," said Pastor Ken Graham.

Such a novelty has been met by disbelief and amazement on the part of Springfield citizens, whose town has no traditional movie theater.

"People come just to see the video," Graham said. But visitors who are drawn to the church because of the projector are introduced to the message of Christ as well, he indicated.

Most recently, for example, the church advertised a "Super Bowl Spectacular," inviting community members to join them in watching the Super Bowl on the large screen.

At the event, held in the church fellowship hall, the church gave away Christian magazines and Sports New Testaments in addition to food and prizes. Sports New Testaments, created by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, include testimonies of athletes interspersed with the Scripture.

The church also used a Tom Landry evangelistic video, produced for

and distributed to Christian organizations specifically to be shown during the Super Bowl's halftime.

Of the 125 church members and visitors attending, Graham said, two people prayed to make professions of faith in Jesus Christ that night. Response cards were collected from everyone to help the church make further contacts with visitors.

Future showings with the church's projector will include athletic events, children's movies, aerobic exercise sessions, Friday Family Film nights and special series for Christian growth, Graham said.

The lightweight equipment also will be used during the youth mission trip to Philadelphia this year.

"It's only 27 pounds; you can carry it just about anywhere," he said.

For all its uses, the video projector actually is only one of the church's innovative approaches to ministry.

The church offers traditional and contemporary styles of worship through two Sunday morning services, which together average about 300 in attendance. Health and recreation opportunities, such as aerobics classes and volleyball leagues, also are offered to the public.

"Churches today are getting older and smaller because they're not being innovative in reaching the unchurched," Graham said. "We don't have to continue to do things the way they've always been done. The message doesn't change, but the method does."

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Pastor Ken Graham of Springfield Baptist Church

Campbellsville president and student change roles

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observers said. He claims students are the school's first priority and believes happy students make good recruiters for the school.

An emphasis on meeting the needs of students also is responsible for the recent growth of Campbellsville College, Winters believes. "The college consistently asks, 'What would be best for our students?' That's in all our decision making," he explained.

That emphasis has led Winters to institute several new speciality programs for students in recent years, including a marching band, swimming, soccer and cross-country teams.

These programs have attracted more new students to Campbellsville, he said. "Anytime we can add these speciality programs for our students, it shows we have their best interests at heart."

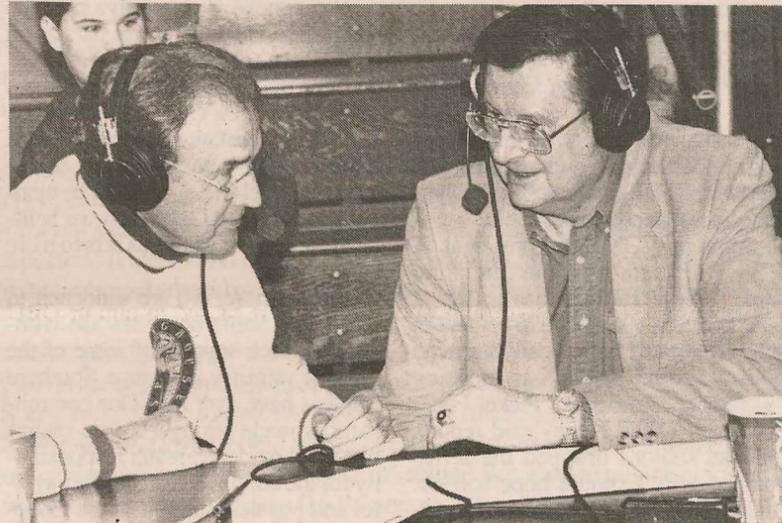
Since 1988, the college's enrollment

has increased 55 percent, making it one of the fastest-growing Baptist schools in the United States. Last fall Campbellsville had an enrollment of 1,042 students, and this spring the school recorded its best spring enrollment in 26 years.

Since arriving on campus five years ago, Winters also has led the college to halve its debt, double endowment and enhance community relations.

Major capital improvements have been completed on campus, including the recent \$900,000 renovation of the "old gym" into a Student Activities Center.

A \$5.3 million capital campaign, Vision 2000, currently is underway to provide endowment funds for education, faculty positions, scholarships and work study, new facilities and renovations of student life and recreation facilities.



SPORTS TALK Former University of Kentucky basketball coach Joe Hall (right) is interviewed by Campbellsville College professor Russ Mobley for a halftime show during the school's Feb. 6 men's basketball game. (Photo by Joan McKinney)

Broadus' words still inspire seminary, professor declares

By Pat Cole
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—John Broadus' oft-repeated quote, "Suppose we quietly agree that the seminary may die, but we'll die first," has been an encouragement for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for more than 125 years, a Southern professor said in a Founders' Day address at the Louisville school.

Broadus' famous lines were uttered after the Civil War when the four founding faculty members were trying to decide whether to reopen the fledgling school.

"The words expressed the considerable devotion of dreamers to their dream," said Raymond Bailey, professor of Christian preaching, in the Feb. 2 address. "Those words provided motivation in many periods of crises for this institution; indeed, inspiration in times like these."

Broadus used his diverse gifts as biblical scholar, administrator, educator and preacher in the service of Southern Seminary from 1859 until his death in 1895, Bailey said. "For

good or ill, he believed in institutions and their potential for the greatest good for the most people—particularly he believed in this institution in which he played such an important role in its birth and early development."

Broadus chose to remain at Southern despite offers to teach at the University of Chicago and Brown University, Bailey said, adding Broadus also refused an invitation to become president of Vassar College.

While Broadus was a man of multiple talents, his greatest contribution, particularly beyond Southern Baptist circles, was in the field of preaching, Bailey said.

As a Bible scholar, Broadus shunned "the careless treatment of Scripture produced by superficial familiarity," Bailey said, noting his dual emphasis on the Bible and preaching was a natural one. "Broadus stressed expository preaching, not in the sense of tedious verse by verse commentary, but with the understanding that the preacher's task is to explain the passage. Every sermon should be true to the text."

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Seminar on death.** A free seminar on responding to sudden and violent death is scheduled for March 4 at the Radisson Hotel in Louisville. Alan Wolfelt, director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colo., is the speaker. The seminar is sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky and is intended for clergy and funeral directors. For details, call (800) 438-6233.

■ **Medved to speak.** Movie critic Michael Medved, host of PBS's "Sneak Previews," will speak at Georgetown College at 8 p.m. March 1 in Hill Chapel. The free lecture is part of the school's Danforth Thomas Lecture series.

■ **Volunteers needed.** There is an urgent need for volunteers to do construction and evangelism work in Brazil April 22-May 5, according to Calvin Wilkins, coordinator of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership with Baptists in Espirito Santo, Brazil. About 27 additional people are needed to make a full team. Contact Wilkins at (502) 245-4101.

■ **Youth event.** Quest '93, an event for Kentucky youth, is scheduled for Cumberland College Feb.

26-27. The program includes Hicks & Cohagen, a comedy-drama team; the contemporary Christian music group Truth; musicians Aaron and Jeffrey Benward; and Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For details, call (800) 343-1609.

■ **Georgetown student honored.** Mechelle Hickerson, a senior at Georgetown College, was named an honorable mention in the All-USA Academic Team selected by a panel of judges for USA Today. She was recognized for her independent study in linear programming.

■ **Preaching conference.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary plans its eight annual National Conference on Biblical Preaching March 8-12. Featured speaker is Tom Long, preaching department chairman at Princeton University. The conference will include two community worship services. Michael Quicke, senior pastor of St. Andrews Street Baptist Church in Cambridge, England, and William Willimon, dean of the chapel at Duke University, will speak at both services, at 7 p.m. March 8 and 9. For more information, call (502) 897-4315.

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all delivered to the
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Obey conscience

I did something very painful today. I discontinued giving to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I have been a regular contributor for a number of years, even through the trials and tribulations of recent years. However, the recent resignation of Professor Paul Simmons under pressure from the trustees has left me so distressed that I felt some kind of action was needed to express my displeasure.

My annual contribution will hardly be missed, yet it is the only recourse available to me. I regret not being able to continue expressing my appreciation in a tangible way to the school that has meant so much to me. However, I must obey my conscience.

*Jim Hensley
Salvisa*

Stymie filth

Why can't Southern Baptists do something to stymie the flow of filth into our homes via TV?

The Mormons own two TV stations. They have canceled CBS's drama "Picket Fences," objecting to its prime-time depiction of mercy-killing, a man dancing with his wife's corpse, performing euthanasia while humming "Killing Me Softly," polygamy, incest, teen orgasms, etc.

Anthony C. Malara, president of CBS's affiliate-relations division, said, "These stations have always been incredibly sensitive to content in shows." I can't believe anyone who objects to such depictions as being "incredibly" sensitive! "Picket Fences" writer David Kelley said reports that the stations dropped the series stunned him. I should hope so! Mr. Malara said the loss of two big markets would cost the show two percentage points. This probably will cause its cancellation. He also said since Salt

Faces of doomsday

The title and quotes in this column are from an October 19, 1992, editorial in U.S. News & World Report by historian Paul Boyer.

Many Southern Baptists hold views similar to those expressed here; many others do not. You can judge for yourself your own views about prophecy.

"Belief in biblical prophecy flourished in 17th century England. But the direct antecedent of modern American prophecy belief rests in early 19th century England and the rise of premillennialism—the belief that Jesus Christ will return to Earth after a period of terrible crisis and establish a kingdom for 1,000 years, after which will come the Last Judgment and the end of history as we know it. This belief, which has its roots in the books of Ezekiel and Daniel in the Old Testament and the book of Revelation in the New Testament, spread to America and attracted a huge following. In fact, America is probably the greatest stronghold of prophecy belief. Even President Reagan professed to believe that at the end times the Soviet Union

Lake City is the center of the Mormon church, he had no hopes of reviving the show on the CBS affiliate there.

Nashville is the center of Southern Baptists. Do we have such influence there? Or do we spend so much energy arguing and fighting with each other that we don't have time to oppose the filth permeating our society? Southern Baptists need to follow the Mormons' lead and campaign to neutralize this flow of immorality into our homes. When have you heard a stem-winding sermon on this?

*Oscar Davidson
Somerset*

Church challenge

At a time when the loudest voice seems to support liberal interpretations of God's word and a lack of commitment to the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, we wish to express our support of these programs and our dedication to the word of God.

We believe it is a grave mistake when individuals interpret part or all of God's word in a way that would undermine the complete trustworthiness of the Scriptures. Our interpretation is that of our forefathers, which held to the complete veracity of the Scriptures. We believe it to be a tremendous injustice to God when we belittle his mighty, miraculous acts to mere symbolisms.

Furthermore, we are saddened to know that some churches are withdrawing their support of some of the greatest ministry programs Southern Baptists have ever had. Our commitment is made stronger as we realize that we shoulder a greater responsibility for the continued financial, prayerful and physical support of the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon and the Annie Armstrong missions offerings, all of which have traditionally

would invade Israel.

"Some people spend enormous amounts of time trying to figure out prophecies, while millions of others simply feel that prophecies tell them something worthwhile. Specific events have also played a significant role in popularizing it. After World War II, the atomic bomb and fears of nuclear war and global destruction were linked by prophecy writers to passages in the Bible. Re-establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 was also important because of a long tradition of prophecy interpretation that the end would come only after the return of the Jews to Israel. There is supposed to be a terrible battle—Armageddon—between the Antichrist and his forces and

the armies of Jesus Christ returning to Earth. The Antichrist will be defeated, and Christ will establish his kingdom. Some writers saw the Common Market as a forerunner of the Antichrist. A passage in the book of Revelation discusses the rise of the Antichrist and says that no one will be permitted to buy or sell unless he has the number 666 on his forehead or right hand. Writers see a link between the

supported only convention-sanctioned causes.

We challenge churches across this state with like minds to let it be known that we are still about our Father's business and with greater zeal than ever before.

*Yellow Creek Baptist Church
Owensboro*

Give us teachers

The article about Bill Hybels (WR, Jan. 26) begs a response.

The headline announces, "Hybels calls for leaders, not teachers." And which was Jesus? Interestingly, in the I Timothy 3 passage describing qualifications for ministry, most requirements address character, personal behavior and family life. The only qualification related to a particular job skill is "apt to teach."

The "leadership criteria" enumerated by Hybels may assume but does not mandate that the pastor even be a Christian! When we continually abandon biblical models for ministry in favor of the corporate world's chief executive officer, we must expect many of our churches to encounter conflict and many of our pastors to suffer burnout. Leadership skills are to be valued and appreciated, but not at the expense (or neglect) of other biblically mandated responsibilities.

There are countless churches which are led by faithful pastor-teachers. Their notoriety may not be as great as the "more than 14,000" who attend Willow Creek, but their ministries are just as significant in the kingdom's work.

Perhaps together we can come to appreciate churches and pastors for faithfulness to their unique callings as much as we celebrate the success which is identified with large attendance, facilities and budgets.

*Kenneth L. Faught
Williamsburg*

passage and development of credit cards, Social Security numbers and a computerized economy.

"Prophecy believers tend to see a basically sinister pattern in the modern world. They are given to conspiracy thinking and suspicion of the status quo. It is clear that to prophecy-believers the power structure is basically evil.

"Once, the Ottoman Empire was thought to be the power from the north that would invade Israel. But with that empire's collapse, prophecy writers switched to the Soviet Union as the invading force. Now, with the end of the Cold War, the importance of the former Soviet Union will fade. Recent prophecy writing increasingly emphasizes the environment. These prophecies are now being interpreted in terms of global warming, the ozone layer and environmental pollution. It's the latest example of the amazing adaptability of this belief system, which has been around in various forms for 2,000 years. It supplies a sense of order for millions by suggesting that history isn't just random events signifying nothing, that it has a beginning and an end."

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



FAMILY FORUM: AGING

Dealing with grief

by John Lepper

Q. The older I become, the more it seems I must face losses in life. The recent death of my husband is the most devastating blow of all. What suggestions do you have that will help me cope with this loss?

A. Dealing with loss in life becomes increasingly important as we get older. It becomes important because it seems the older we get, the more we face loss.

Christians are not immune to significant loss nor the resulting grief. Christians are, however, able to cope with grief with an added strength. While it may be difficult to do so now, think of this crisis as an opportunity for growth. As in any crisis, the possibility for both danger and opportunity are present. Grief can be devastating but it can also become a point at which we grow.

It might help to think of grief as a process which cannot be dealt with instantly. Though each person's grief is unique, response to a loss typically flows through a normative process. It is normal for this process to last from 18 months to two years, sometimes longer. There's something about living through the seasons and holidays of a full year following the death of a loved one that helps us begin to resolve our grief.

The process of grief often includes shock, guilt, anger, loneliness and feelings of depression. This mix of emotions takes time to work through.

Grief is work. It takes energy to deal with a significant loss and resolve the grief. While it is sometimes easier to try to avoid the emotional pain, this too takes energy and is ultimately unhealthy. Squarely facing your grief will help you move through the grief process more quickly and allow the dark days to be overtaken by the light of hope.

Sharing your deep pain with a minister or trusted friend will help bring resolution to your grief. Some churches offer support groups for those who are grieving. Such a group can provide the setting to help you work on your grief, giving you time and encouragement to make sense of this loss and find hope for the future.

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

EDITORIALS

Given our options, we will come down on your side

Have you ever felt morally compelled to do something, even though it upset people you care about?

We have found ourselves in that awkward situation here at the Western Recorder during the past couple of weeks. Some folks we call our friends are angry with us, and our office has not been a particularly happy place. Still, the episode provides us with the opportunity to try to explain why we sometimes do things that make people mad at us:

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville are searching for a new president to replace Roy Honeycutt, who will retire Dec. 31, 1993. This search may have more impact on Kentucky Baptists than anything else this year. Southern Seminary historically has prepared the majority of Kentucky Baptist ministers for service in our churches. Its faculty and staff also have labored in our churches as faithful members and interim ministers. Their combined impact has shaped our churches more than any other institution—perhaps more than any other factor aside from our common faith in Jesus Christ.

So, the selection of a president is crucial to the health and welfare of Kentucky Baptists. The new president will lead the seminary into the next century. And, given the changing nature of the Southern Baptist Convention since Reconstruction and its 1877 move to Kentucky. He will play the pivotal role in determining the kind of education or indoctrination its students receive—and what kind of ministers they become. They, in turn, will shape our churches and the Kentucky Baptist Convention for decades to come.

With this in mind, Kentucky Baptists have followed the search for a new seminary president with intense interest. As you might expect, newspaper editors receive many phone calls and get a lot of questions when we travel among our brothers and sisters. For months, the most-asked questions have been about this search: "What's going on over at the seminary? Who's going to be the next president? I heard they are considering so-and-so; what do you hear?"

For months, the answers to those questions were anybody's guess. We all cared about the developments, but nobody knew exactly what was happening. During the past three or four weeks, however, the circulation of information about the presidential candidates moved beyond the speculation and rumor stage. Numerous sources consistently confirmed the same four candidates: Bob Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville; and Al Mohler, editor of Georgia Baptists' Christian Index in Atlanta.

Although trustees on the search committee declared they intended to keep the candidates' identities secret, that did not happen. Trustees talked, and news of the committee's short list of candidates circulated freely. The Recorder staff repeatedly heard the same list of candidates, which also had become common knowledge on the seminary campus, among alumni leaders, seminary observers and people close to the candidates themselves.

Given the intense interest in this search process and trustees' leak of the information, the Recorder staff was faced with an important consideration: Should knowledge of the identities of the candidates be the province of a

privileged inner circle and a widening circle of people fortunate enough to be "in the loop" because of their geography or acquaintances? Or should all Southern Baptists, who fund and support Southern Seminary—and particularly Kentucky Baptists, whose churches will be shaped by the school shaped by the new president—have an opportunity to know about developments in this vitally important event? Given the consistent and clear information that had come to us from many sources, were we bound by the wishes for secrecy of the search committee and at least some of the candidates, or were we obligated to tell you what's going on?

We came down on your side. We decided Baptists have a right to know about the things that affect them, their churches and the institutions they built and love.

When the story broke, both Agee and search committee Chairman Wayne Allen protested forcefully. (A story about their reactions is printed on page 2 of this paper.) They did not dispute the accuracy of the story, only that it conflicted with their plans.

In the end, Agee withdrew from consideration as a presidential candidate. He claimed the story "compromised the interview process and creates a very difficult atmosphere which can be potentially harmful to the current places of service of the candidates." He also pointed to another reason, noting, "For me to leave OBU now could disrupt the potential achievement of some very important things I am convinced God wants done." In addition, Allen, who had been interviewed for the story, denounced its publication, calling the story "unChristian, inappropriate, inconsiderate and unprofessional."

These are strong condemnations, and painful. We have admired Bob Agee and his successful ministry at OBU. We have appreciated Wayne Allen's valiant attempts to steer Southern Seminary through these difficult transitional years as smoothly as possible. Still, their condemnation is not unexpected. Trustees and other power brokers have an obligation to move their institutions forward as they deem best, and often they believe the best way to do that is by working in secret. Journalists, especially journalists in a denomination that espouses priesthood of the believer and democratic self-governance, believe the people have a right to know what's going on.

Some folks think journalists enjoy raking muck and causing trouble, and some do. Mark Wingfield and I got into the ministry of denominational journalism, however, out of a sense of calling. We want to tell the stories of what God is doing among God's people called Baptists. Sometimes, unfortunately, the stories describe conflict and tension, and even things done in secret. We do not write these stories gleefully, but out of a sense of moral obligation, with huge doses of stomach-churning dread. We would not set ourselves up for abuse if we did not believe what we do is morally and ethically sound. And necessary.

The basic issue is this: Who has a right to know about important Baptist matters, such as selection of a seminary president? We believe you do, and we will continue to provide you with important news about Baptist life to the fullest degree possible. We will work with all others who share that commitment, both inside Kentucky and out. We will make mistakes; we are not infallible. But you must know that we always will do our best to be fair and honest, and true to God's call.

Marv Knox

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325TFX won't do; this fellow always will be Sol B. Sparky to me

You're witnessing a miracle of technology. These are the first 19 words I've written on my new laptop computer.

Lindsay, my 9-year-old third-grader, knows more about computers than her daddy does. She's studying this kind of math, called cemrel, that makes no sense to an ancient 36-year-old, but I've got a hunch it's designed to help her understand how to do brain surgery on computers someday. Me, I was proud to figure out how to plug in the power cord a few minutes ago. But I can type and recollect stories, so I get to make a living pecking on a computer keyboard.

The owner's manual calls this new computer 325TFX. Computer engineers are efficient people, so 325TFX probably means something specific, a practical name that

explains what it does.

Unfortunately, computer engineers aren't very sentimental. Their brains operate like their machines, practically and efficiently processing bits (bytes?) of information. All that data flies through their heads so fast they don't have time to get attached to it. Same thing for their machines; they're cold silicon, plastic and steel instruments. No need to have feelings for them, so sterile, unfeeling names like 325TFX suit them just fine.

Writers are different. They work with words, not numbers. Words roll around in their heads for hours, maybe even days and weeks, before they commit them to paper, where they take on lives of their own. Words, unlike numbers, have personality. And if they don't have feelings, they certainly shape them.

That's why a name like 325TFX never will do for a writer's computer. Too formal; way too cold.

And that's why I'm christening this new computer Solomon Ben-Sparky. Like most names, this one bears explanation:

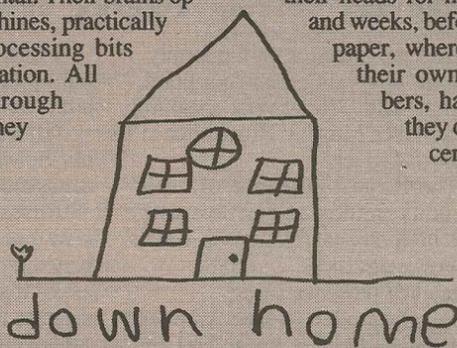
■ Solomon, in deference to its intelligence and the wise Old Testament king of the same name. Folks who know computers say this one is pretty smart, and its spell-check already has blown the whistle on several typos. (The name also mirrors my wishful thinking, for every editor needs more wisdom.)

■ Ben, because that's the Hebrew word for "son of."

■ Sparky, in memory of my first typewriter, a cranky little manual upon which I learned to type in ninth grade.

Sol B. Sparky, may you have a long and productive life. And may God guide the words that tap onto your keyboard and zip through your fantastic memory out into the big, wide world.

Marv Knox



U.S. returning to family emphasis, researcher says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

As the baby boomers move through the life stage of parenting, they are bringing a renewed emphasis on family to American culture, according to researcher Barbara Dafoe Whitehead

NASHVILLE—America is returning to a stronger emphasis on family, but it is not a return the 1950s and '60s, according to an American family policy expert.

This shift is occurring largely as baby boomers become parents, said Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, research associate with the Institute for American Values in New York City.

Whitehead spoke during a conference on family issues sponsored by the Baptist Center for Ethics Feb. 15-16 in Nashville.

The social researcher described a "resurgence of more family-centered values and orientation." This is a shift away from careerism and individualism to family ties and commitment, a shift from self-fulfillment to personal responsibility and family obligation, Whitehead said.

It also is a shift from "an adult-centered culture where anything goes toward a greater concern about what messages this culture is sending to

children," she added.

The major differences between the new family emphasis and that of the 1950s and '60s is greater stress on shared work both inside and outside the home and on more equal relationships in family life, Whitehead explained.

The baby boom generation—the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964—acts like a "pig in a python," she said. This vast bulge in the population changes the shape of society as it moves through each generational cycle.

In the 1970s and '80s, many baby boomers were not forming families, Whitehead noted. "They were busy inventing singlehood as a lifestyle, a separate stage of adult life. Both men and women were focused on getting ahead in the workplace and expressing themselves in the marketplace."

But in the 1990s, baby boomers are

settling into family life, she said, explaining a majority of boomers now are married and are parents.

Parenthood is changing the attitudes and actions of many baby boomers in at least five ways, Whitehead suggested:

- More involvement in the larger society and community activities.

- Return to church to teach their children moral values.

- Changing relationships to the workplace.

- A more socially conservative outlook on culture.

- Redefinition of what makes for a full-

filling life.

While this trend is hopeful, it is not guaranteed to continue, Whitehead said. "If a more family oriented tendency is to take root and grow, then it must be tended and nurtured and looked after as carefully as a small seedling."

Churches, she declared, are the

most potent social force to foster the renewed emphasis on family.

Whitehead suggested three areas churches should focus their ministry to families:

- Marriage preparation. "Churches must do more than provide the church and the wedding service," she said, calling for premarital counseling and marriage enrichment programs.

- Intergenerational activities and opportunities for service. "Many children simply have little to do except turn on the TV, hang out at the mall or play Nintendo," Whitehead said.

"Churches can provide alternatives to the mall, both in supporting youth activities and creating occasions when children and grown-ups other than their parents can get to know each other. ... Equally important, churches can provide occasions where children learn to serve others."

- Alternatives to the media culture. Instead of letting children learn most of their stories from television, churches can help by reinforcing morals through the telling of Bible stories, she said.



Churches awakening to need for sex education plans

NASHVILLE—When Lakeside Baptist Church in Lakeland, Fla., looked for a model of a church teaching Christian sex education, they found none.

So, Pastor Craig Sherouse said, the Florida church decided to create a model. Sherouse presented that model in a workshop held during the Baptist Center for Ethics conference.

"It's humorous that I'm up here doing this," Sherouse said, adding that having to turn to him to lead such a seminar shows how few Baptist churches address sex education.

Yet churches must address the topic, he said. "We're not winning the battle because we're not fighting it. ... We have surrendered the transmission of Christian sexual values to other sources."

Few people would argue about the need for teaching sex education, Sherouse suggested, although there is disagreement about how to teach it.

Lakeside Baptist Church has decided it will focus on an abstinence-based program and will not become involved in promoting or distributing contraceptives, Sherouse said.

The church's program, which is beginning this month, includes:

- A seminar for parents on how to talk with their children about sex.

- Using the Sunday school hour once each year to show children and youth age-graded videos on sex education. Parents will be invited to preview the material the week before and have the option to request that their children not see it the next week.

- Encouraging parents to talk with their children after the videos are shown.

- Instituting a "key talk" program whereby a major presentation is made to seventh graders every spring.

Parents of seventh graders will be asked and trained to have a serious talk with their children as part of a celebratory special event. The seventh graders will be asked by their parents to sign a covenant commitment to chastity until marriage.

Special rings will be available which parents may give their teens as a symbol of this covenant, Sherouse said. The teen can give the ring to his or her spouse on the wedding night as a symbol of purity.

Sherouse said his church hopes to expand this new program in the future to include emphases such as units for college students and on sexual abuse.

New sex education materials coming

NASHVILLE (BP)—Talking to children about sex is apt to bring perspiration to the brow of many parents, an editor of Christian sex education materials acknowledges.

"Most parents feel nervous about initiating this kind of education with their children," said Jimmy Hester, coordinating editor of the Christian Sex Education series to be released beginning in April by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Hester said he believes the materials for children, ages 4-17, will make the task of approaching the uncomfortable topic of sex easier for parents.

"These are home-based resources," Hester said. "The church's role is to act as a training and support base in helping parents feel comfortable using these resources."

The series has been a long time coming, Hester said. For five years, secular and denominational workers have been writing, refining and

field testing the resources.

The series of six books includes resources for parents and church leaders as well as for children, youth and married couples, Hester said. The books for children and youth are broken down into groups which include young children, middle-aged children, pre-adolescents and adolescents. The books may be purchased separately or in a set.

Teen-age pregnancy statistics and the continued rise of sexual activity among youth reveal the obvious need for Christian sex education materials, Hester said.

One American teen in 10 becomes pregnant each year, he noted. That's about 1 million teens a year.

Recent studies indicate more than half the teen-age population has sex by the time they are 17 years old, leading to an epidemic proportion of sexually transmitted diseases among that age group, he said.

TV's biggest threat is time lost, not content, author says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—The biggest threat families face from television is not the wordy perspective of Hollywood but a lack of discipline in limiting television viewing, a professor said.

Quentin Schultze, professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., specializes in the relation of television to families and recently wrote a book on the subject. He spoke about his findings and observations at the Baptist Center for Ethics conference.

"In all the hullaballo about televi-

sion and its influence on the family, I think we're missing the major point," Schultze said. "Relatively speaking, the flap over Murphy Brown doesn't matter that much."

"The biggest influence of television is its shifting of our time usage from interpersonal relations to watching more television."

He cited these statistics:

- Last year, the average American adult watched four hours and 40 minutes of television per day.

- Last year, the average American child watched three and one-half hours of television per day.

- Last year, the average American family had a television set on in the home seven hours per day.

"If we have the television on that much, what are we not doing?" Schultze asked.

Research has shown Americans now spend more time on average watching television than working, he said. "If you think of the discretionary time we have as ... a pie ..., every year a bigger slice of that pie is given to television."

Adults need to set limits on television viewing both for themselves and for their children, Schultze suggested.

And rather than asking how they ever will give up their favorite television shows, Americans should consider what they could gain in better relationships as a result, he said.

Ultimately, the influence television has on American families will be determined by the self-control families exercise, Schultze said.

"The Christian community loves to blast all the secular humanists in Hollywood," he said. "But I think a lot of that anger is there because we don't have our houses in order. We want to blame other people for raising our children wrongly."

FAMILIES



FATHER & DAUGHTER Spending time together and communicating with each other are key ingredients in healthy families, experts contend. Yet some research has shown the average American father spends only two to four minutes per day communicating with his children, and the average American mother spends only 12 to 15 minutes per day communicating with her children. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin)

'Wounded parents' can survive, author advises

NASHVILLE—Communities are full of "wounded parents" who need the redemptive ministry of Christians, according to an ethicist and author who himself has been hurt as a parent.

"There are lots of wounded parents. You can find them everywhere," said Guy Greenfield, pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N.M., and author of the book, "The Wounded Parent."

Greenfield presented help for wounded parents during the second annual conference of the Baptist Center for Ethics Feb. 15-16 in Nashville.

"Wounded parents," he explained, are Christians who have tried to raise their children in Christian homes but whose children have seriously rebelled or become self-destructive.

"These parents are very, very discouraged and heartbroken," Greenfield said, and may even lose confidence in God as a result.

The former seminary ethics professor said he estimates up to 20 percent of Baptist church members who once were active in church no longer are active because of some problem with a son or daughter.

Based on his counseling experiences and personal experience, Greenfield offered 12 suggestions for wounded parents:

■ Realize you aren't alone. "This is

a common problem in Christian homes," he explained. "It does little good to try to figure out what went wrong. Only God knows. Reach out to help one another."

■ Release the rebellious child into God's hands. Be willing to trust God's ability to work, he said.

■ Learn to control your emotions. People choose whether to be angry or not, or whether to be hurt or not, Greenfield said.

■ Stop playing the "blame game" because it goes nowhere.

■ Don't play the "what if" game, which also goes nowhere.

■ Avoid comparing your children with other children.

■ Seek individual or family counseling from a competent counselor.

■ Work at maintaining a healthy marriage. "One of the greatest strains can be on your marriage," he advised. "especially when you start blaming each other."

■ Organize a support group of wounded parents. "Share the pain and learn from one another," he said.

■ Seek to build a new relationship with the child, moving from control to communication, from judgment to respect, from talking to listening.

■ Become a "wounded healer," helping others while tending your own needs.

"Wounded parents" are Christians who have tried to raise their children in Christian homes but whose children have seriously rebelled or become self-destructive anyway.

Family crises will happen

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In "When Crisis Comes Home," Lepper introduces the Chinese symbol for crisis—a mixture of "danger" and "opportunity."

As danger, "crisis makes a family vulnerable to collapse or disintegration," Lepper said. "Crises also present opportunities for families to grow stronger."

Waugh said he hopes many churches which have not observed Christian Home Emphasis in the past will do so in 1993 as a way to assess and meet the needs of hurting families in their congregations.

"There are a lot of hurting people who may not voice it. Given an opportunity, they may express it on paper," Waugh said. "The challenge for leaders then becomes to find creative ways to meet those specific needs."

For people not experiencing family crises, Christian Home Emphasis represents an opportunity to become better equipped to minister to others and to be better prepared to deal with family crises, Waugh said.

"This can be an opportunity to help our people celebrate the victory that can be experienced through crises," he added.

Lepper said he hopes, through Christian Home Emphasis, "families will be strengthened and be able to recognize there is more than one option in coping with a crisis."

Also, he said, the emphasis can help "families in crisis to realize the

enormous resource their churches can provide and enable churches to provide more effective ministries."

Christians are better equipped to help in some kinds of crises than others, Lepper observed. "We know how to respond to families who experience grief in the death of a loved one. We are less sure how to help during divorce and even less sure on crises related to trends in society, such as AIDS and step-families."

Too often at church, Lepper said, people "have on the garments of church, of peace and well-being. We appear from the outside that all is well when all is not well."

"Everywhere I go, all I have to do is listen and people will tell me where they hurt," he added.

While family crises bring pain and changed lives, Lepper emphasizes in the epilogue of his book that the ultimate word for families experiencing crisis is hope.

"One day you will look back on your family crisis and wonder how you endured it all," Lepper wrote.

"But as the day of your liberation eventually comes—when you finally move beyond your nightmare to your dream—you are able to reflect on God's presence and power which enabled your family to grow in the process ... The God revealed in Jesus Christ has walked with your family through this crisis! He promises to walk with you into the future! You are, indeed, able to sing the Lord's song in the strange land of change!"

Tips to avoid becoming wounded

NASHVILLE—Although no action can guarantee a child won't disappoint a parent, some things can be done to lessen the chances of becoming a wounded parent, according to Guy Greenfield:

■ Make friends with your children, and learn the art of having fun with them.

■ Give children quality time rather than leftovers of a busy life.

■ Begin early to control the family television.

■ Teach children how to select friends carefully.

■ Spend time learning helpful child-rearing techniques.

■ As children grow and mature, release control from them and trust them to be responsible.

■ Set firm, yet loving parameters.

■ Model the kind of life expected of children. "If you want them to be honest, you better be honest."

■ Engage in family worship as a regular habit that is enjoyable rather than burdensome.

■ Give children the stability of a good marriage.

■ Grow spiritually.

■ Discover and relate to family members on the deeper levels of relating.

Dobson cites 7 'marriage killers' to avoid

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Marriages often end in divorce because of seven common traps, according to James Dobson.

Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family ministries, lists these "marriage killers" in his new book, "Love for a Lifetime."

The seven traps Dobson lists are:

■ Overcommitment and physical exhaustion. This is "especially insidious for young couples who are trying to get started in a profession or in school," Dobson says.

"Do not try to go to college, work full time, have a baby, manage a toddler, fix up a house and start a business at the same time. It sounds ridiculous, but many young couples do just that."

■ Excessive credit and conflict over how money will be spent.

■ Interference from in-laws. "If either the hus-

band or the wife has not been fully emancipated from the parents, it is best not to live near them."

■ Space invaders. Each partner needs breathing room. Without it, problems of jealousy and low self-esteem crop up.

■ Pornography, gambling and other addictions. "This warning may seem foolish and even prudish, but I've made a study of those who wreck their lives," Dobson says. "Their problems often begin in experimentation with a known evil and ultimately end in death ... or the death of a marriage."

■ Business failure. "It does bad things to men, especially. Their agitation over financial reverses sometimes sublimates to anger within the family."

■ Business success. "It is almost as risky to succeed wildly as it is to fail miserably in business," he notes.

FAMILIES

Businesses can help families, CEO says

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—A corporation's fundamental responsibility to families is to provide opportunities for employment security, the Baptist president of a grocery store chain said.

The sound functioning of America's businesses is essential to the sound functioning of America's families, said Mark Hollis, president of the Publix Supermarket chain and a Baptist deacon in Florida.

Hollis spoke about corporate America's role in strengthening families during a conference sponsored by the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville Feb. 15-16.

He cited an old poem about how a kingdom was lost for want of a nail: Because the nail was lost, there was

no shoe; because there was no shoe, there was no horse to ride; because there was no horse, the king was lost; because the king was lost, the kingdom was lost.

"Business is the process that tries to prevent that loss," Hollis said. "Business is the process whereby goods and services are produced and distributed as needed to make possible the functioning of the larger family."

When a community's business fails, the community dies, he explained. "We are talking about the life, the health and the strength of a civilization and, consequently, the strength of our families."

This means the demand for business leaders to make sound decisions is especially important, Hollis said.

Business leaders who fail to make tough decisions to ensure future security threaten the health of the family.

The mission of Publix supermarkets is to be "the premier quality food retailer in the world," Hollis

said. And one part of the company's mission statement says Publix is "dedicated to the dignity, value and employment security of our associates."

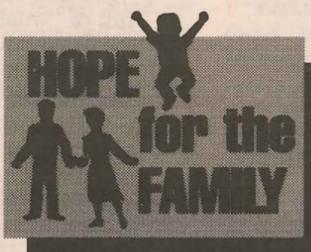
"If we do this," Hollis said, "we are fulfilling a major role in helping to strengthen the family."

Publix, with 400 stores, has been called one of the best companies to work for in America.

This is not because Publix is a "Christian company," Hollis said, since only people can become Christians through faith. However, Publix does try to operate on Judeo-Christian principles, he added.

These principles include dealing with people honestly and with integrity, keeping promises, treating people with dignity and respect, and adopting the Golden Rule.

Ultimately, a "good" business decision is one made by a person who wrestles with what's right and seeks results that enhance life, Hollis said. "As we enhance life, we will strengthen the family."



Families should focus outward

NASHVILLE—God puts people in families not for their sake only but also for the sake of the world, according to Paul Duke.

Duke, pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., preached about "The Family Calling" during a conference on families sponsored by the Baptist Center for Ethics Feb. 15-16 in Nashville.

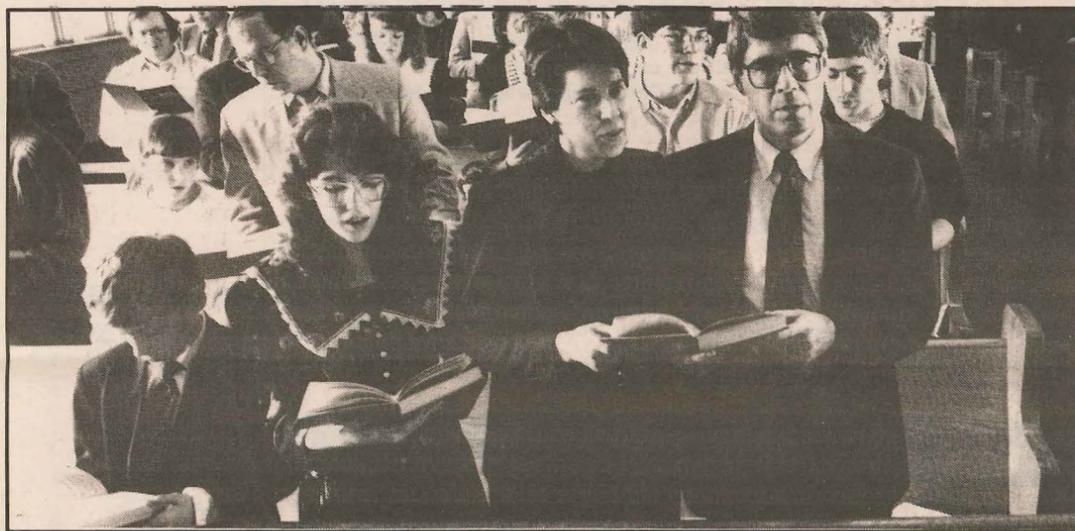
Healthy families must focus outward as well as inward, he said. "If the family is only an in-facing circle, we always do damage to each other."

Jesus spoke harsh words about the love of family, Duke noted, describing Jesus' words on families as "not the kind of stuff you cross-stitch and hang on a kitchen wall."

Jesus "knew the family is the most dangerous institution on earth," he said. "He knew families are prone to idolatry."

The inevitable tendency for families to turn inward can result in selfishness expressed in "happy, feel-good ways" or in "hateful ways," he added.

The family should not be seen as a fortress but as a people on mission, he said. "In Christ, I cannot attend to my biological family without asking about ways to help other families."



FAMILY WORSHIP Research indicates families who attend church are less likely to break up than families with no religious affiliation, according to Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, a researcher with the Institute for American Values. "Churches provide an important source of support to families, particularly when they are going through a rocky period," Whitehead said in addressing a Baptist audience in Nashville recently. The Brake family of Portsmouth, N.H., shown here, are an example of a Baptist family strengthened by worshipping together. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

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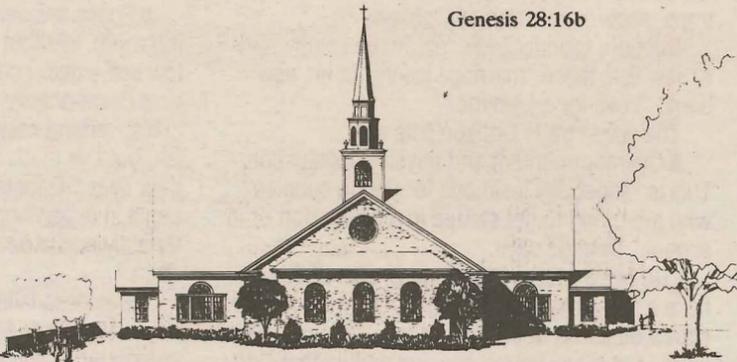
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A few weeks ago an "A" student in Carter County shot his teacher and the janitor to death, and held his classmates hostage.

Last fall a Laurel County mom and her friend killed her son and hid the body. He was one of 24 killed by their parents here in Kentucky last year.

As I have shared in a recent article, there have been four infants born alive and abandoned by their mothers at birth here in Jefferson County in the past few months.

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BAPTISTS

WMU held to double standard, O'Brien says

By Karen Owen
Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

OWENSBORO—Don't hold the Southern Baptist Women's auxiliary to a double standard, Dellanna O'Brien appealed to conservative Baptists Feb. 21.

O'Brien, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, spoke at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro.

WMU, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, angered many conservatives last month by adopting a new vision statement that opens the door to work with any evangelical group interested in missions. In the past, WMU has worked almost exclusively with the SBC's home and foreign mission boards.

But other SBC agencies already are doing what WMU has decided to do, O'Brien said. "My plea is that we also allow WMU that same benefit and privilege."

For example, O'Brien said the Foreign Mission Board accepts missionaries who attended accredited, non-Southern Baptist seminaries and works with "Great Commission Christians" who are not Baptist.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board receives 15 percent of its revenue from the sale of literature to a broader Christian audience, O'Brien said. And the SBC provides exhibit space for non-Baptist groups at its annual convention, she said.

Critics have accused O'Brien's group, the largest Protestant women's

organization in the country, of veering from its historic course of supporting Southern Baptist missions.

Although WMU has decided to work with outside organizations as well as Southern Baptist agencies, "never have we gone back on a promise," she said.

"WMU members in this church will probably see no change at all," O'Brien said. "The literature used for Acteens, Mission Friends and other groups will still promote the work of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

"Whatever we do for any other group will be aside and apart from that," she said.

WMU's new mission statement was the result of a year of work, but

the timing of the vote—soon after the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship promoted its first offering and hired former FMB President Keith Parks to lead its missions work—made it appear WMU was responding to the Fellowship, O'Brien said.

But that is not the case, she explained. "We did it because we wanted to establish priorities for our future."

WMU is trying hard to keep up with changes in society and in the lives of women, O'Brien said. "To delay, we felt, would put us too far down the track."

Two-thirds of the world's population is not Christian, she said. "We don't have the time to be timid about reaching out to others."

SBC reports gains in 8 of 10 statistical areas for 1992

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1991, according to Mary Frances Jones, research specialist with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Church membership, which topped 15 million in 1991, increased by 0.8 percent or 127,203 in 1992, for a new total of 15.37 million.

Ongoing enrollment in Sunday school increased 78,720 or 1 percent, marking the fourth consecutive gain. The new total of 8.26 million is a record enrollment.

Discipleship training participation increased by 1.1 percent or 23,486, to reach a new total of 2.23 million. The total represents the highest participation since a new records system was instituted in 1990.

Music ministry enrollment increased by 0.6 percent or 10,511, to a new total of 1.89 million. Though the increase was smaller than the 1991

gain, it marks the 27th consecutive year of growth.

Brotherhood participation increased by 2.1 percent or 12,672, for the second consecutive gain since a new measuring system was implemented in 1990. The new total is 614,366.

In financial categories, mission expenditures increased 2.7 percent or \$19.68 million to a 1992 total of \$751.77 million.

Total tithes, offerings and special gifts totaled \$4.9 billion, an increase of 4.1 percent or \$194 million from 1991 and the second-largest increase in dollar amount since 1986.

WMU enrollment decreased by 0.8 percent or 9,805 to a new total of 1.19 million. The loss follows a small increase in 1991.

The statistics were compiled from 37,606 Uniform Church Letters processed by board researchers.

Summary of Kentucky statistics for 1992

	1992	1991	1992-1991 Change	
			Numerical	Percent
Churches	2,292	2,289	3	0.1%
Baptisms	15,244	16,970	(1,726)	-10.2%
Church Membership	775,287	771,935	3,346	0.4%
Sunday School Enrollment	369,632	370,785	(1,153)	-0.3%
Discipleship Training Participation	84,085	85,111	(1,026)	-1.2%
Music Ministry Enrollment	89,057	90,062	(1,005)	-1.1%
WMU Enrollment	59,405	60,202	(797)	-1.3%
Brotherhood Participation	25,950	25,376	574	2.3%
Total Offerings	\$200,031,970	\$190,322,200	\$9,709,770	5.1%
Mission Expenditures	\$33,695,749	\$32,192,353	\$1,503,396	4.7%

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KENTUCKY KERNELS

The first inland diocese of the Roman Catholic church in the United States was established at Bardstown in 1808.

Mountains to the Mississippi

■ **BEECHMONT**—Hazel Creek Church called **Collas Davis** as interim pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—**Harvey Britton** is minister of activities and youth at Campbellsville Church.

Saloma Church has called **Clyde Pruitt** as pastor and **Doug Thompson** as minister of music and youth. Pruitt previously served the church as interim pastor; Thompson is a student at Campbellsville College.

■ **CARROLLTON**—Whites Run Church has called **Mike Meiller** as minister of youth/music. Meiller is a student at Southern Seminary.

■ **CADIZ**—**Rhonda Nash** resigned as minister of education and youth at Cadiz Church to become a minister at Hull's Memorial Church in Falmouth, Va.

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—Nelson Creek Church has called **Robert Grass** as pastor.

Jewell "Vicky" LeGrand has resigned as pastor of New Hebron Missionary Church.

■ **CORBIN**—Central Church has called **Gene Harless** as business administrator/minister of education.

■ **FINLEY**—**Seibert Sullivan** resigned as pastor of Eastside Church.

■ **GREENSBURG**—**John Cowherd** was licensed to preach Feb. 21 by Greensburg Church.

Marshall Eastham, pastor of South Greensburg Church, is serving as interim director of missions in East Lynn and Russell Creek associations.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Hopewell Church ordained **Cleo Goodlett** to the ministry Feb. 7. Goodlett is pastor of Newtown Church in Pineville.

■ **HICKORY**—Liberty Church ordained **Tommy Knight, Tim Rives** and **Milton Adams** as deacons.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Shively Church celebrated the 10th anniversary of **Andy Clifton's** service as minister of music.

Victory Memorial Church called **Debbie Age** as interim educational director.

Westport Road Church ordained **Greg Clark, Dick Bierman, Tom Biggs** and **Carolyn Larimore** as deacons Feb. 14.

■ **MAGNOLIA**—Magnolia Church ordained **W.L. Miller** and **Mike Thomas** as deacons.

■ **SPARKSVILLE**—**Roger Moran** has resigned as pastor of Sparksville Church.

■ **WHITLEY CITY**—First Church called **Diana Jones** as outreach ministries coordinator.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Rob and Julie Johnson**, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived on the field for their first term of service at P.O. Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, ROC. Russellville is his hometown.

■ **Max and Betty Sledd**, missionaries to Nigeria since 1961, have retired from active missionary service. They may be addressed at Rt. 1, Box 356c, Gilbertsville, Ky., 42044.



SERVICE COMPLETED John Wilson (left), a layman from Georgetown, accepts a plaque from Southern Baptist Sunday School Board President Jimmy Draper during the agency's trustee meeting Feb. 8-10. Wilson was among five trustees whose service ends this year. (Photo by Jim Veneman)

Campers on Mission plan spring rally

Kentucky's Campers on Mission chapter has been busy with ministries across the state and are planning a spring rally April 16-18 at Kentucky Diamond Cavern in Park City.

During that April gathering, the Baptist campers will do some repair work on the "Little Chapel" at Kentucky Diamond Cavern so it can be used in a campground ministry, said Gil Chard, president of Kentucky Campers on Mission.

In recent months, Kentucky campers have helped with ministries at

Nada Baptist Church, Oneida Baptist Institute, churches in Louisiana, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and at nursing homes, Chard reported.

Campers on Mission is an organization of Baptists who enjoy camping and want to do volunteer missions project in conjunction with camping. It is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

For more information about the organization or the spring rally, contact Chard by calling him at (606) 223-2591.

Begging for another chance

For years he nearly drove me crazy. Greg left, ran away or was expelled seven times. Each time he would beg for forgiveness and readmission. With time and each succeeding occurrence, and many broken promises of better things, I was much harder to persuade.

Once he insisted on leaving. There was no persuading him to stay. His stepfather came for him that evening. I had just arrived at my desk the following morning when Greg came walking through the door. I was flabbergasted to learn that he had "run away" from home in the wee hours of the morning, and hitchhiked to our door.

I telephoned his parents. They were still in bed. Imagine their surprise when I told them Greg was in my office! Later that day they brought his clothes back to school.

Finally I had to expel Greg once more. By then he was legal age. I told him that if he showed his face again on our campus, I would have him arrested for trespassing. Within days he was appealing again to return. I was determined this time. There would be no more coming back. I told him that I had gotten off the merry-go-round. He persisted. I remember that once there were three letters in a single day. There were phone calls. He even dared to come and plead in person. Still I refused.

Then there were months of blessed silence. I heard from time to time that Greg was here and there. His own mother and father had to close their own door as well. It was a rough year for Greg. Sometimes he found odd jobs and a little money, sometimes not. He went without eating at times. Sometimes he slept on a bench.

Finally he made one final, supreme, persuasive plea and was again a student at Oneida. I felt like

a fool. Most of my staff thought I was losing it. But Greg went on to make a marvelous student. He matured daily. He became one of the few students in our long history to be allowed to drive a school tractor.

He made good grades. He was so excited about learning. It was a growing miracle and still is. It was my great joy not only to give him a diploma but to honor him with a President's Award. Many of his family shared the occasion.

On his own initiative, Greg made arrangements to go to college. He did not have a cent. Here is a recent letter:

"It really feels great to write and not be begging for another chance. I want to thank you, more than I'll ever be capable of expressing, for not giving up on me. You're about the only man alive that hadn't given up. What the school did for me is something I'll never be able to repay.

"My senior year I learned things I never dreamed of. I saw love, caring, concern and trust. I feel special now because I know I do have a family at Oneida—people who care about me.

"I am sure if I had not gone back to Oneida, and opened my eyes to what life is really about, I would have ended up as one who writes from prison or one whose parents write to you after the child has committed suicide. At midterm I received English B+, Health C+, Math A, Speech A. I'm working toward a teaching degree. Would it be possible for me to come back and help out this summer? I don't expect a cent of salary. But could it go towards the bill I have?"

Greg became a Christian while at Oneida.

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

ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

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Sunday morning to Blackey

Frost laid on the windshield like frozen snowflakes. A brilliant sun and a clear sky encouraged me to cross Pine Mountain on the trip to Blackey for a preaching assignment. Icicles hung like crystal drapes alongside the road. Towns once strange to me were now familiar crossings—Wallins Creek, Putney, Dione, Hiram, Cumberland

On the other side of the mountain I passed Isom, Roxanna, Premium and Jeremiah. Blackey is a few miles beyond. The town lies alongside double railroad tracks which have shuttled millions of tons of coal from the surrounding hills. During the peak production 30 mines operated in the area—two remain.

The Blackey Missionary Baptist Church auditorium reminds me of the first church I pastored. On the left hangs the Church Covenant. Two banners hang on the wall behind the choir, "Rejoice" and "Don't let the clouds of life block your view of the Son." The Blackey congregation continues to view the Son with hope. Twenty-one were present in Sunday school.

My visit included the presentation of the Edgar Mitchell Family Scholarship Award to pastor Daryl Mullins. He and Sheila have worked in the congregation for over

two years. The church added three rooms to the back of the building so they would have some privacy for their weekend ministry.

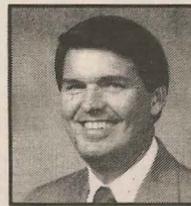
A kitchen and fellowship hall was remodeled by former Clear Creek student pastor Sam Macri. A wall plaque expressed appreciation from the Headstart program. For some time the church provided facilities. Another plaque registered appreciation for the church's participation in the Blackey college project of Hazard Community College. At one time 30 people in the community attended college classes in the church.

Many Eastern Kentucky churches like Blackey face declining population, low employment and limited resources, but continue to

serve Christ faithfully, making adjustments when they have to be made and continuing to walk by faith. These churches are an answer to prayer for many of our students, and Clear Creek is an answer to prayer for these churches. We are grateful for their confidence in us. Clear Creek's mission in the mountains continues to be fulfilled in communities like Blackey.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

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Baptists bring water, food & medicine to Kurds

By Mike Creswell
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ZAKHO, Iraq (BP)—On a rolling plain in northern Iraq a freshly drilled water well spews out about 160 gallons of clean water per minute.

That delights Southern Baptist worker Art Baker and several Kurdish workers—it's their well.

The men wrestled with an ancient, rickety drilling rig for a month to coax the precious liquid out of the tough, rocky ground. Soon they will erect a small building to cover the spring and keep the water clean.

Then the well will belong to a small cluster of houses that constitute a village outside Zakho. That means Kurdish women in the village can stop hauling water in big plastic jugs—and maybe their children will stop being sick all the time.

Doctors say parasites found in unclean water cause up to half of all children's sickness. So drilling wells provides more than convenience—it gives life.

Baker, a 23-year-old civil engineering graduate, is a long way from his home in Georgetown, S.C. But he and a succession of other Southern Baptists, working with Global Partners, have come to help as much as they can while they can.

Home for them is a two-story house on a Zakho side street that has accommodated up to 18 helpers at a

time, said Paul and Virginia Smith of West Monroe, La., and Farmington, Mo. The Smiths lead the Zakho operation for Global Partners, an international humanitarian aid organization based in England.

If Global Partners manages to get two more drilling rigs to Zakho, Smith hopes they can drill 150 water wells a year. Larger cities like Zakho and Dahuk have water systems that provide clean water, but outlying villagers often must rely on polluted streams, Smith said.

One village hooked up to Zakho's water system now gets no water because so many people have tapped onto the water line running to the city. When Kurdish officials tried to cut the "unofficial" tap-ons, the homeowners brandished guns and warned them away.

Global Partners also conducts medical work in five outlying villages. A physician is training a man with medical experience to serve each village. The medics can handle simple emergencies and dispense limited medicines provided by Global Partners. They are trained to recognize more serious problems and refer them to hospitals.

A bus has been equipped as a medical clinic and a pickup truck as a rolling pharmacy. Medical personnel see between 50 and 200 patients a day. Although the mobile clinic meets needs, Smith feels the village health

centers they're establishing will have long-term results because villagers can support the effort themselves.

"Some of these villages are snowed in during the winter with five or six feet of snow. But they'll have somebody caring for medical emergencies," Smith said.

Seeing little shoots of green showing on the rolling fields around Zakho, Smith smiled. It will be a crop of winter wheat.

"We helped do that," he said proudly.

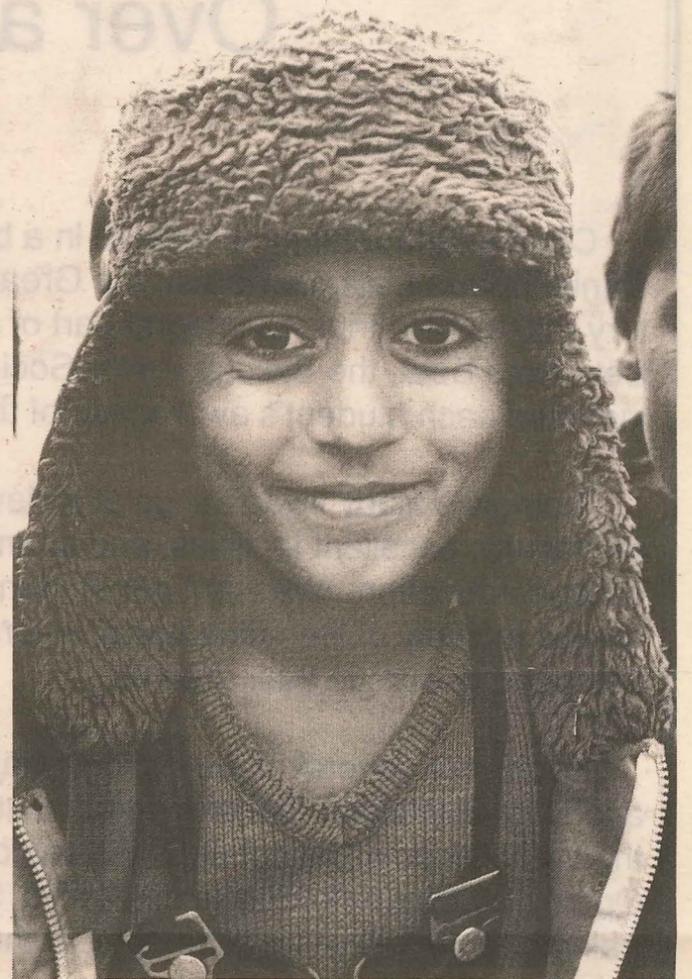
Global Partners has helped distribute 500 tons of wheat seed, which will help put badly needed bread on Kurdish tables in a few months.

Last year they gave seeds to produce six types of vegetables to 7,000 families—each averaging eight members. The families had plenty of vegetables to eat, and much of the produce found its way to local markets. That helped lower prices and assure that more people had vegetables to eat.

If funds permit, a similar project may be carried out this spring, Smith said.

"I think—without being too boastful—Global Partners has established a very solid record of genuine aid to needy people," Smith said.

"They know that when we tell them we're going to do something, we do it. If we tell them we're going to distribute 500 tons of wheat seed, they know they can believe it."



HOPE A Kurdish boy, playing near thatched mud huts at Zakho in northern Iraq, responds to the friendly faces of relief workers with Global Partners. The volunteers, including some Southern Baptists, come with food, medicine, well-digging rigs and love for the Kurdish people. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

No-fly zone opens door for relief efforts, Baptist work

ZAKHO, Iraq (BP)—A roughly lettered sign greets visitors arriving from across the Turkish border: "Welcome to Kurdistan."

But on most American news maps, this is a "no-fly zone" in northern Iraq. And that's the rub.

As long as American and allied warplanes keep Saddam Hussein's forces at bay, this can be Kurdistan under Kurdish control. If air cover goes, Iraqi troops likely will attack, as they did so fiercely in 1991, forcing 2 million Kurds to flee through rugged 12,000-foot mountains to Turkey and Iran.

Thousands died along the tortuous trails and suffered indescribable horrors to avoid being killed or tortured in Iraq.

Southern Baptists sent workers who served with the England-based Global Partners humanitarian aid organization. Food programs set up in northern Iran's mountains fed thousands of Kurds during that critical time.

Back in Iraq—when napalm, poison gas and bombs failed to kill all the Kurds—Saddam Hussein's forces destroyed 5,000 to 6,000 villages. Ruins of some are visible around Zakho, a town in northern Iraq. What had once been home for hundreds of people became a field full of jumbled stones.

Once the allied-imposed security zone was put in place in northern Iraq, however, the Kurds began returning.

Southern Baptists responded again with aid and feeding programs. Glo-

bal Partners workers labored in the camps, distributing food and drilling wells for clean water. That effort continues, with financial support and personnel from Southern Baptists, the United States government and others.

Although a few people still live in tents around Zakho, most have rebuilt houses—often modest mud-brick affairs, with mud roofs they must constantly roll and treat to keep waterproof.

Building houses is almost a continual process for Kurds; one man in Zakho has just finished rebuilding for the seventh time. Weak currency, which has declined rapidly during the past two years, complicates such efforts.

Amid such uncertainties the Kurds also are busy trying to piece together a government that can establish some degree of order in the troubled land.

Kurds are caught in a tremendous dilemma, said Col. Robert Young, commander of the Military Coordination Center in Zakho.

They bask in a fragile bubble of freedom, he said, supported for the moment by international military might. But most, farmers who left the running of day-to-day government to the Iraqis, don't have the skills to run it themselves.

"When the Iraqis pulled out, they cut the umbilical cord from the south," Young said. "The Kurds and the people of northern Iraq have had to start from scratch" in becoming self-sufficient. "That doesn't happen overnight."



RELIEF Paul Smith (at right in above photo), a Southern Baptist from Louisiana, talks with Kurdish "peshmerge" soldiers in northern Iraq about the well-drilling, medical and feeding programs he is helping bring through Global Partners. Art Baker (at right in photo to left), a Southern Baptist engineer from South Carolina, works with a Kurdish man to get a new water well working in northern Iraq. The well will free Kurdish women in the area from hauling water in plastic jugs and will ensure a safe water supply that should reduce disease and death. (BP photos by Mike Creswell)



Over a Century of Service

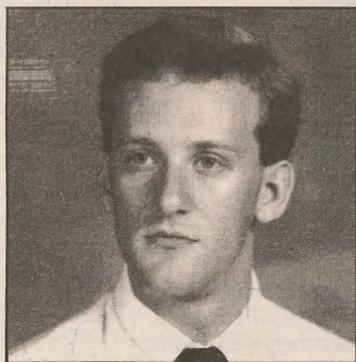


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Biologists study living things at all levels—from biochemicals to ecosystems. Cumberland College's committed faculty, excellent facilities, and strong curriculum make biology an important component of many students' college education. We want our students to develop an understanding of and an appreciation for the complexity and majesty of life. Graduates emerge from our program with a sound understanding of biology and are well equipped to pursue their dreams.

Each year several of our biology majors opt for a career in medically related areas. In 1992, Reid Roberts and Katy Gustafson Roberts enrolled at the University of Kentucky Medical School; David Lefler began study at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine; Brian Looney enrolled at the University of Alabama School of Optometry; Kendall Kilbourne entered Samford University Pharmacy School; and Donna Pennington started training to be a Physical Therapist at the University of Kentucky.

Although admission to medical school or to other professional schools in medical career areas generally does not require a specific academic major, the requirements do frequently include several biology courses. Our students have found that they have received solid preparation for their advanced work by majoring in biology enriched by Cumberland's values and liberal arts orientation.



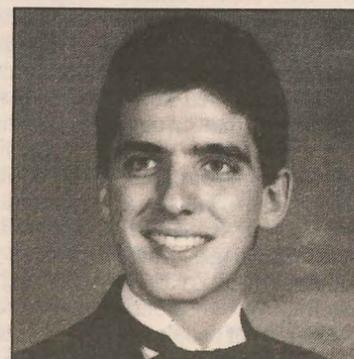
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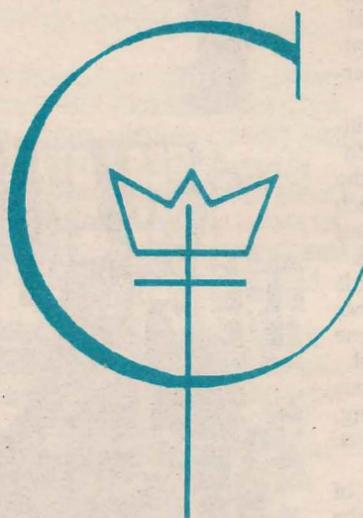
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