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First partnership team back from Russia mission

MOSCOW—Ministry proved to be good medicine for a 21-member team of Kentuckians sent to Russia for two weeks by Baptist Healthcare System and for the Russians they served.

The BHS team was the first ministry group sent to Russia as part of the new partnership between Russian Baptists and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The group returned from Moscow Sept. 17.

Serving at a church-based clinic, the Russian Baptist Union headquarters and several children's hospitals, the team offered a broad range of services, including dental, well-baby and general medical care. The team treated 600 medical and dental cases, in addition to leading Bible studies for children and worship services at two Russian Baptist churches.

Foot complaints, one of the most common problems treated by the team, were directly related to the Russian culture, said Walt Green, an emergency medicine specialist at Tri-County Baptist Hospital in La Grange.

"We found that on average a typical Russian woman walks six miles every day in order to get food for her family," he said. "Many have developed arthritis, bunions and calluses but cannot afford to buy new shoes or medicine to help relieve the condition."

In addition to foot problems, the majority of Russians who came to the clinics complained of headaches and stomach problems. The team also found a large number of adults with high blood pressure.

Despite the low grade of toothpaste available in Russia, the Russians teeth were found to be in fairly good condition. However, the team found

a high incidence of tartar and plaque, often caused by drinking coffee and tea and eating starchy foods, such as potatoes—a mainstay of the Russian diet.

Cleanings, fillings and root canals were performed, along with some extractions. The team also taught the importance of good oral hygiene, including flossing—a cleaning technique unfamiliar to Russians attending the clinics.

The mission was an experience Howard Cobble said he never will forget. Cobble is pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown and a board member for Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.

"While in Moscow, we visited several state-run children's hospitals where we were able to freely share our faith and give Bibles to the children," he said. "We witnessed in the churches and homes of Russian Baptists and saw firsthand the hardship and suffering the Russian people endure."

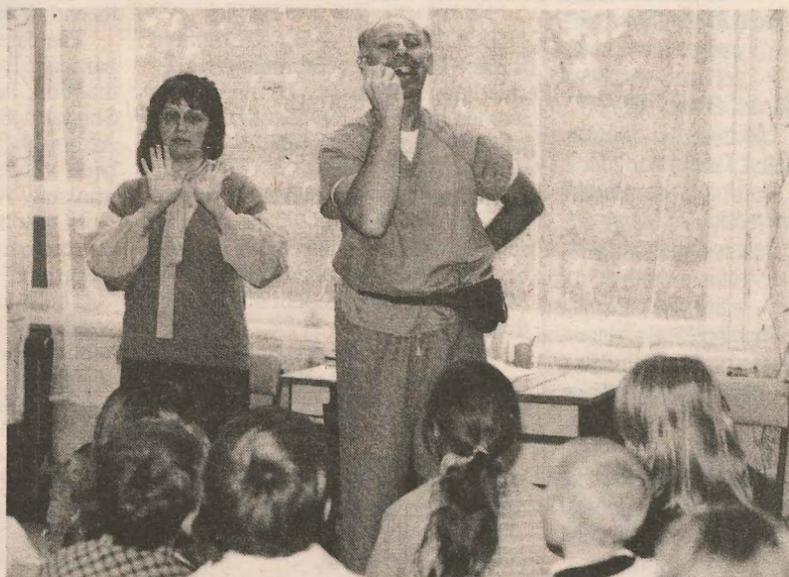
Although the team and Russians spoke mainly through interpreters, they found a universal language in many situations, Cobble added.

During visits with children, team members placed stickers on the children's clothing. "The children were no different than any other children in the world," Cobble explained. "We knew by the smiles on their faces that they were delighted with the stickers, but even more so with the time we shared together."

Learning about Russian people and their culture was an inspiring and humbling experience for Gene Cravens, chairman of the BHS board of directors.

"During the short time we spent with the Russian Baptists, I witnessed

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GOOD MEDICINE ■ Top: Gary Combs, a dentist from Corbin, teaches Russian children the importance of flossing. ■ Left: Marie Kohlenberger, a registered nurse at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, takes the temperature of a young Russian girl. ■ Right: Gene Cravens of Lexington, chairman of Baptist Healthcare System's board of directors, speaks with a group of young Russians. (Photos by Bonnie Schrock)

Confidence in clergy dips again

PRINCETON, N.J. (RNS)—There's good news and bad news for American clergy.

The good news: Americans believe clergy are more honest and ethical than members of Congress, television talk show hosts and car salesmen.

The bad news: Confidence in the honesty and ethical standards of clergy has reached a new low.

These are the findings of a Gallup poll for the Princeton Religion Research Center in Princeton, N.J.

Just 11 percent of Americans believe the honesty and ethical standards of clergy are "very high." Adding in the 41 percent who see those standards as "high" brings the total positive rating to 52 percent—a bare majority.

Clergy rank below pharmacists, college teachers and engineers in the estimation of the American public. The poll found clergy rank fourth among a list of professions.

From 1977 to 1985, Americans said they placed the highest confidence in clergy, with about 67 percent of the public giving clergy a

positive rating. The decline began in 1988, when clergy dropped to second place in rankings, a position they held until this year.

Today, 34 percent of Americans believe clergy have just "average" standards of ethics and honesty, while 11 percent rank clergy ethics and honesty as low.

Ranking at the bottom of this year's survey are members of Congress, local and state officeholders, real estate agents, television talk show hosts, labor union leaders, stockbrokers, insurance and car salesmen, and people who make television commercials.

The decline of confidence in the clergy and in organized religion in general, are reflected in other recent polls, undoubtedly stems in large part from unfavorable news reports about some religious figures involved in scandals, as well as publicity related to religious cults, according to George Gallup Jr.

The findings are based on telephone interviews with a representative national sample of adults 18 and older in July.

Baptist center helps families before problems go too far

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—LeVar can't imagine what might have happened to him if he never met Lee Baucom.

LeVar, 16, used to steal cars for fun. Driven by a quick temper, he also started fights and beat people up.

"But my life's been changed," he reported. Now he goes to high school, holds down a part-time job in a grocery store and avoids his old, violent ways.

A judge told him he had to meet Baucom, director of youth services and juvenile monetary restitution at Baptist Fellowship Center in inner-city Louisville.

LeVar went to Baptist Fellowship Center to "do time"—work odd jobs to earn money so he could make restitution for his crime. But he also plugged in to the center's family services, a new program Baucom has developed to solve problems in poor families before they become insurmountable.

And that's what changed LeVar's life.

"They did everything for me," he said. "They were there for me when I needed help. Lee is kind of like a big brother. He was there for me, and he's still there for me."

That ministry of presence—being there for people in poverty and crisis—has been a hallmark of the center's ministry for years. But family services is a new program designed to "be there" before crisis arrives, Baucom explained.

"Through our second-chance programs, we were getting there after the problems were too severe to stop them," he said.

The center structured its family services program around five areas:

■ **Direct services.** The center offers individual, family and group counseling.

"Poverty stresses families too much to do a whole lot of parenting, and by the time the children are teens, their situations can be out of control,"

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BAPTIST BITS

■ **Bob Allen** has been elected associate executive editor of the independent news service Associated Baptist Press. Allen, 37, has been editor of the Baptist True Union, news journal of the Baptist Convention of Maryland-Delaware, since 1988. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also served as news director at one time.

■ **Brent Walker** has been elected general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee, succeeding Oliver "Buzz" Thomas, who is returning to his native state of Tennessee. Walker, a former Kentucky pastor and graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been the Joint Committee's associate general counsel since 1989.

■ **Ben Mitchell**, who handles alcohol and drug abuse issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

■ **Gordon Kingsley** has resigned as president of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., citing differences in administrative philosophy with trustees. Kingsley has led the Missouri Baptist Convention school since 1980.

Mohler removes Southern from conference on women

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE (ABP)—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has decided not to sponsor a conference on women in the church next March, apparently because the topic is controversial among Baptists.

The conference, planned by a consortium of Kentucky theological schools that includes Southern, was on the drawing board before Al Mohler became president of Southern this summer.

Mohler's predecessor, Roy Honeycutt, is widely viewed as more supportive of women in ministry and women's issues than Mohler.

In a meeting of the consortium Sept. 19, Mohler told presidents of the other four schools that Southern would not join them in sponsorship of the March 4-5 event.

"Dr. Mohler was very cordial and good spirited about it," said consortium coordinator Wayne Bell of Lexington. "... (But) he felt it was so con-

troversial in the church, and that Southern would not at this time lend its endorsement to it."

The role of women in the church, particularly the issue of women's ordination, has been hotly debated by Southern Baptists for several years. Although Southern Seminary has been viewed as open to women in ministry, Mohler told students last April that neither he nor the majority of Southern Baptists support women as pastors.

The upcoming conference, "Toward Solidarity: A Conference on Women and the Church," will include workshops and plenary sessions examining the theological, ministerial, educational and social-justice aspects of women in the church. The two keynote speakers are Letty Russell of Yale Divinity School and Mercy Oduyoye, a native of Ghana active with the World Council of Churches.

Mohler said his decision to withdraw sponsorship was based on the selection of the keynote speakers as well as a suggested list of workshop

topics and leaders.

"The scope and nature of the program was slanted in a very radical direction and was not at all sensitive to the concerns of evangelicals," Mohler said.

"My decision was made on behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as an institution serving the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. The program as planned was not in any way appropriate for sponsorship by this institution on behalf of those churches."

But Katherine Johnson of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, who is chairing the committee planning the conference, said it is designed to give different viewpoints equal footing in the debate over the role of women.

"It is not a conference that assumes women should be ordained," she said. "It does celebrate the full participation of women in the church. ... We're being very careful in planning the workshops to include men as well as women and people who come from all the traditions."

Johnson, who described Southern's withdrawal as "unusual," said another sponsoring school, St. Meinrad School of Theology in Louisville, comes from a Roman Catholic tradition that disallows ordination of women, yet that school continues as a sponsor.

Mohler said: "The conference was clearly directed toward issues of feminist theology and ideological concerns which ranged far beyond the issue of the ordination of women or the service of women in the pastoral ministry. Evangelicals can discuss the ordination of women to the ministry in contexts that are both sensitive and appropriate. In this case, the conference met neither of those requirements."

Nonetheless Southern will allow faculty and students to participate if they wish, and Southern will offer housing and other assistance to participants, according to Doris Borchert, who teaches Christian education at Southern and is directing the seminary's involvement in the conference.

Despite pledge, Holly restates Mason concern

ATLANTA (BP)—The man who spearheaded the campaign for Southern Baptists to investigate Freemasonry has brought a new challenge to a Home Mission Board report on the matter.

Larry Holly, a Beaumont, Texas, physician, claims the board "published a report which they knew was not true."

Holly further cites a recent article in a Masonic publication he claims links Southern Baptists with the Masonic lodge, which he considers part of the occult.

Holly, who previously said he would devote no more time to this matter, mailed letters to several Southern Baptist Convention leaders asking them to reconsider the HMB's report and to "issue a statement correcting the lie that Southern Baptists are in alliance with the Masonic Lodge."

HMB President Larry Lewis denied the board's report and rejected any responsibility for "policing every characterization of the report."

"It is my prayer, and I believe the heart of Southern Baptists, that we stop devoting time and energy to this issue in order that we might focus on reaching the estimated 180 million lost people in the United States," Lewis said.

Holly's latest criticism centers on a portion of the HMB report that states: "not all Grand Lodges affirm Christian doctrine, and many do not declare Jesus as the unique Son of God; but many do, and for this we commend them."

National CP giving down for third year

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

NASHVILLE—For the third consecutive year, gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program have dropped below the total given the previous year.

The Cooperative Program is the SBC's unified budget, funded primarily as a percentage of funds sent to each state or regional Baptist convention from local churches. For example, about 37 percent of undesignated gifts sent to the Kentucky Baptist Convention were passed on to the SBC Cooperative Program.

The SBC Executive Committee closed its books on the 1992-93 fiscal year Sept. 30. Total Cooperative Program gifts for the fiscal year were \$136.54 million, a 1.23 percent decrease from the previous year's receipts of \$138.23 million.

The year-end total also fell 2.61

percent short of the SBC's \$140.2 million budget for the year. That budget funds a variety of ministries, including the SBC's Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and six seminaries.

The SBC's budgeting process has been amended in recent years to require that budget totals not exceed the actual receipts of the last complete fiscal year. However, declining contributions still have prevented the convention from meeting its budget goals.

While this year's decrease in gifts is the third year for a drop, it is not as large a decrease as occurred last year. Receipts in the 1991-92 fiscal year fell 1.40 percent from the previous year. Receipts in the 1990-91 fiscal year fell 0.36 percent from the previous year.

Percentage increases in Cooperative Program giving have seesawed up and down since the mid-1980s but

only began falling into the negative range in 1990.

This shift came on the heels of large annual increases during the decades of the 1970s and 1980s. The average increase in the 1970s was nearly 9 percent, and the average increase during the 1980s was nearly 8 percent.

The average increase three years into the 1990s is no increase at all. Money available in the 1992-93 fiscal year was actually 3 percent less than money available in the last fiscal year 1990s.

A release in Baptist Press, the news service of the SBC Executive Committee, downplayed the year-end decline.

Executive Committee President Morris Chapman said he sees a "positive trend" for the new year because receipts for September were up an unspecified amount over the previous September.

Journal offers perspectives on SBC since '79

NASHVILLE (BP)—Four authors provide opposing views of what has happened in the Southern Baptist Convention since 1979 in the October issue of the journal "Baptist History and Heritage," published by the SBC Historical Commission.

Richard Land and James Hefley write from a conservative perspective, while Bill Leonard and Stan Hasteley write from a moderate perspective.

Land, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, cites former Southern Baptist leaders he says were united theologically by a commonly held belief in the infallibility of Scripture.

But Leonard, professor of religion at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., disagrees with Land.

"(Land) runs the now familiar litany of selected quotes from selected leaders, suggesting that consensus was determined solely by the issue of biblical inerrancy," he writes. "Noth-

ing could be further from the truth."

Land speaks of the frustration of "winning the votes in public, and losing at the level of institutional implementation in private."

Land says this frustration—coupled with "a rapidly growing awareness that some of the Southern Baptist seminaries and universities were drastically to the left"—motivated conservatives to redirect the convention's course.

Leonard acknowledges conservative Southern Baptists have indeed changed the makeup of SBC agencies. However, he said he believes conservatives have wanted more than consensus on biblical inspiration.

That sentiment is echoed by Hasteley, executive director of The Alliance of Baptists. Hasteley quotes historian Walter Shurden to say, "Fundamentalists have demonstrated clearly that they are not interested simply in the nature and authority of

the Bible but in imposing their interpretation of the Bible on others."

Hasteley also states what he views to be the fatal weakness of SBC leaders prior to 1979—"entrenched elitism."

This elitism, he says, resulted in turning the SBC into "an elaborate piece of ecclesiastical machinery in which vast power was vested in a relative handful of denominational bureaucrats" that invented "the kind of populist upheaval that overtook it."

Hefley, president of Hefley Communications Inc., says the issues Hasteley raises "pale in comparison to the Bible question."

"There is a parallel here with election politics," Hefley writes. "A Bill Clinton staffer scrawled across a blackboard in campaign headquarters before the 1992 election: 'It's the economy, stupid.' Conservatives have been trying to tell all Southern Baptists: 'It's the Bible!'"

Servanthood focus of BSU state meeting

By Alan Aja
State Correspondent

LEXINGTON—More than 1,000 college students from across Kentucky gathered in Lexington Oct. 1-3 for the annual Baptist Student Union convention, where they focused on the importance of servant ministry.

"Towels and Basins" was the theme for the meeting. William Hendricks, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke to that theme in a series of four messages.

Hendricks said the purpose of the weekend was "to portray the servant model as an important mode of ministry."

The theme focused on the scriptural account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

"Towels and Basins" was the theme; humility and service were the goals," Hendricks said. "This implies to turn away from selfishness of the 'me' generation and to respond with a positive message and mission to problems of modern society."

"I'm sorry you have to wipe up the mess my generation left behind," Hendricks continued. "This is a call to action. How do we clean up the mess? Jesus did it by washing the disciples' feet and the mess they were making. Now it's our turn."

Music at the convention was led by Yvonne Clark, music minister at First Baptist Church of Pikeville. She led the group in singing traditional hymns and praise choruses.

Contemporary Christian artist Susan Ashton also sang, accompanied by her band.

Many BSU summer missionaries shared inspiring testimonies. Each speaker represented a different college or university. They spoke about both positive and negative experiences and called students to continue praying for summer missions.

"I can never explain how incredible God is," said Shannon Patton, a summer missionary from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

BSU creative ministry teams performed theme interpretations. Their dramas and songs paralleled problems of everyday life to the time of Jesus.

Small-group seminars also were offered on a wide range of topics, such as cults, homosexuality, coping with stress, and race relations.

Students from 38 campuses attended the convention, held at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

Kentuckians rally against gambling

By Dawn Richerson
State Correspondent

FRANKFORT—In an effort to show state legislators that "enough is enough," about 200 Kentuckians gathered on the Capitol steps for an anti-gambling rally Oct. 6.

Baptists and other protesters joined forces to speak out against attempts to bring casino and riverboat gambling to the commonwealth.

Protesters said they hoped to send a clear message to Gov. Brereton Jones, who has not yet publicly declared his position on the issue.

Sponsored by the Temperance League of Kentucky, the rally drew protesters from as far away as Madisonville, Ashland and Bowling Green. Organizer Claude Witt called the rally a beginning in the fight to keep new forms of gambling out of Kentucky and to eliminate current forms of gambling.

"We feel that the gamblers across America have targeted Kentucky as the next state for riverboat gambling," said Witt, executive director of the Temperance League. "It seems as though the gambling phenomena has taken the will of the people and has spread itself over the United States."

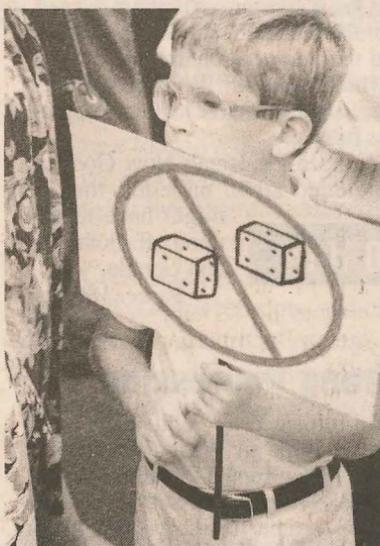
Other speakers echoed Witt's sentiments, some calling even more forcefully for the abolishment of the Kentucky Lottery.

Soloist Marshall Kellum set the tone for the rally with a rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." In addition to religious leaders, rally speakers included three state senators and one state representative.

"The government should not be in the gambling business," declared Sen. Tim Philpot, R-Lexington. "And that's what's happened in Kentucky."

Philpot called on concerned citizens to do more than oppose riverboat gambling. "Let's get rid of the lottery, too," he said.

"We were told in 1989 that the lottery was going to solve all our problems. In 1990, this legislature passed



NO DICE A young protester shows his position on casino and riverboat gambling during a rally on the steps of the state Capitol last week. (Photo by Dawn Richerson)

the biggest tax increase in the history of Kentucky. Just last month we were sent here—wasting our time and your tax dollars—to straighten out the lottery's problems. I think the problem wasn't with the board of the lottery. The problem was the lottery."

Philpot said the lottery sends the message that people don't have to work and don't really need an education. "As long as we're sending these contrasting messages, something doesn't make sense," he declared.

Sen. Gex "Jay" Williams, R-Vernon, said gambling tears apart families and destroys the economy. "The worst thing about gambling isn't what's going on in gambling halls, it's what's going on in our homes."

Williams charged that the economic gain some predict will come with riverboat gambling is "illusory." And arguments that casino gambling will help the horse industry also are false, he said. "It'll help the race-track owners, and that's not the horse industry."

The senator told the crowd the

most powerful weapon they have against the spread of gambling is prayer. "I'll lend my support on my knees in prayer as well as my vote here," he said.

Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, spoke of his work with alcoholics in his work as an inner-city minister. "I've had a firsthand opportunity to see the devastating effects of the dual addictions between gambling and alcohol."

Sen. Gene Huff, R-London, encouraged the crowd to continue voicing their disapproval of gambling. "This time I think we are going to show the interests that there is enough opposition to overcome this effort to legalize gambling," he said.

Several Baptists were among the rally speakers.

"How deep and how rotten can it get?" asked Kentucky Baptist Convention President Charles Stewart of Ashland. Stewart called gambling "a sin against yourself, a sin against society and a sin against Almighty God."

Other Baptist speakers included Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville; Rodney Burnette, pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville; and Jim Holladay, pastor of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville.

Other Baptists in attendance said they came to show their support for the anti-gambling cause.

"Gambling destroys lives," said Alton Baugh of Trinity Baptist Church in Owensboro. "Children go hungry because their parents are spending all the family money on lottery tickets."

Richard Parrent, associate pastor at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, said he opposes gambling because it is bad stewardship.

"God gives and we as his chosen have the responsibility to be good stewards of those resources," he said. "We have not only a moral responsibility but a Christian responsibility to better the earth."

Madison was a hero for liberty, Dunn says

MADISONVILLE—The Kentucky community of Madisonville gets its name from a giant of religious liberty, according to church-state specialist James Dunn.

James Madison, 1751-1836, was the fourth president of the United States. Madisonville celebrates the memory of its namesake and its heritage each fall during James Madison Days, and Dunn addressed a luncheon crowd during this year's celebration.

Despite current claims to the contrary, Madison and the Founding Fathers intended to protect the state from the church as much as the church from the state, insisted Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"James Madison became a patriot at the age of 22, specifically because of his passion for religious liberty," he said. "The cause of religious freedom became Madison's passport to the (American) Revolution."

Before Madison led in drafting

and passing the Bill of Rights—the first 10 amendments to the Constitution—he was instrumental in the development and ratification of the Virginia Statute for Religious Liberty, Dunn reported.

"This document became the basis for the American understanding of religious freedom which we have encapsulated in the First Amendment."

"It protected the right to say 'no' to all religion. One does not have freedom for religious expression if you do not have the right to say 'no.'"

The document also disallowed tax support for churches, he added. "It set out separation of church and state and guaranteed free expression of religion. The distinctively American contribution to government is right at the heart of this notion of religious freedom."

Contrary to some arguments from today's religious right, Madison's work on religious liberty was just as concerned about protecting the state from the church as vice versa, Dunn

charged.

He quoted letters from Madison that said the union of church and state breeds "ignorance and corruption" along with abundant persecution.

"The founders were as interested in protecting the state from oppression by religious people in the name of God as they were in protecting the church from the state," he claimed.

Dunn also countered another claim that the First Amendment was written "just to prevent the establishment of a single national church." And he disputed the notion that Jefferson was the only one who ever used the term "wall of separation of church and state," citing the speeches of colonist Roger Williams and an 1819 letter written by Madison.

Although Madison described himself as "sickly, frail, timid and self-conscious," barely weighed more than 100 pounds and today would be called "a nerd or a policy wonk," he stands as a giant among champions of religious liberty, Dunn insisted.

BLUEGRASS BURGOO

■ **Nominations** are being sought for the Peace Award given annually by the Christian Appalachian Project. The award recognizes a person or group in the Appalachian region who exemplifies Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of Christian love, hope, promise and spiritual empowerment. The 1993 award was given to First Baptist Church of Town Mountain near Hazard. Nomination forms are available by writing Glen Taul at 322 Crab Orchard Rd., Lancaster, Ky. 40446.

■ **Archie Oliver** of Madisonville has been named a special representative of the president for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Oliver will travel and speak on behalf of the children's ministry throughout Southwestern Kentucky. To contact Oliver or one of the other special representatives of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, call (502) 245-2101.

■ **Correction:** Due to a computer transmission problem, the report of church contributions to the Cooperative Program provided by the Kentucky Baptist Convention for last week's Western Recorder contained some errors. A correction will be published when those reports are verified.

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Vampires

What is it that:
 ■ Sleeps in a box when inactive?
 ■ Has no soul?
 ■ Looks human but is not?
 ■ Is immortal?
 ■ Comes out mainly at night?
 ■ Focuses mostly on murder?
 ■ Bites into its victims as it changes or kills body and soul?
 ■ Is itself produced by greedy bloodsuckers?
 ■ Treats Christ and his cross as enemies?
 ■ Is welcomed in homes and bars?
 ■ Its humanity is vanishing?

There is more than one answer, of course. It could be a vampire—or a Hollywood R/PG-13-rated movie on TV or in theaters—or a video of such a movie. The description fits them all; and if “vampires” represent the Satanic imaginations of their creators, all have been increasing rapidly.

Lewis V. Spencer
Hopkinsville

End-time clues

Responding to end-time clues in the (Israel-PLO) peace accord, I agree with Wayne Ward who stated that to identify modern-day Israel with the Israel of the Bible is outrageous.

The covenant that God made with Abraham was universal—for all mankind. It had more to do with spiritual blessings than end-time real estate.

Abraham was made the spiritual father of all races (nations). Also, most Bible scholars are aware of the division of Israel under Rehoboam and Jeroboam. Ten tribes, called Israel, were taken into captivity and displaced among the Gentiles. Judah and Benjamin stayed together, known as Jews.

Paul said a Jew is one who is a Jew inwardly, not outwardly. He also

taught that the Israel of God consisted of all who were in Christ, both Jew and Gentile (Galatians 3:29). If we are in Christ, we are Abraham's seed. Abraham's seed, the Israel of God and the universal church are all synonymous. The Jewish dispensation is over, all the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled.

Concerning Israel: Now God has concluded all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all, both Jew and Gentile.

Burney Manning
Somerset

BAPTIST FORUM

Wrong impression

In reference to “Volunteers offer love & hope in West Point trailer park” (WR, Sept. 14): As a resident of West Point for over 60 years, I resent this article. It indicates conditions in West Point are deplorable. This is not true. The people in referenced trailer park have drifted into town for the welfare benefits. There seems to be a working agreement between park residents and owners if rent is not available help can be obtained. The conditions of the park are bad, but this is not only the park operators' responsibility but the renters to keep trailers and grounds in livable state of affairs. Most don't care.

This city has a Christian care center which provides food, clothing, assistance for lodging and other requirements for the needy. This organization is made up of pastors of local churches, town officials and volunteers of the city. Your article indicates there is no help available.

You can work with children of these people, which does help children, but until adults are changed, problems with children will never change. Most of these people are down and outers because welfare is free. “Why work when welfare is

Opportunity for affirmation

With over 700,000 Kentuckians who at least have their “name on the rolls” of a Kentucky Baptist Convention church, it should be obvious that the overwhelming majority is laity. In fact, using the 700,000 figure and estimating the number of active Kentucky Baptist preachers to be about 3,000, one concludes that 99.752 percent of all Kentucky Baptists are lay people.

Kentucky Baptist messengers will have an opportunity to affirm this predominant mission-support group in a unique way this year.

The opportunity will come as an affirmation by the KBC constitution and bylaws committee of a “first reading” motion in 1992 to amend article IV of the constitution by adding the sentence: “At least one layperson shall be elected president within every succeeding five-year period.”

An idea similar to this has been tossed around from time to time in years past but, for one reason or another, has not been acted on by the convention.

One might question why such an

amendment is needed since messengers are already free to nominate and elect whomever they wish.

The reason is that the track record of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in electing laypersons as president does not set a good example of shared leadership between clergy and laity.

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

In the past 40 years, only two laypersons have been elected to serve as KBC president: Eugene Siler Sr. (1953 and 1954) and Henry Huff (1976). Huff is the only living KBC president who is a layman.

Put another way, of the 36 KBC presidents since 1953, only two have been laypersons. (From 1953 to 1962, a president could serve two one-year terms).

Is there more than minority sentiment for this proposed amendment? One possible answer to that may be found by examining the composition of the KBC Executive Board these past 10 years.

In 1983, of the 153 Executive Board members, only 26 were laypersons, eight of whom were women. In 1993, of the 174 Executive Board members, 48 are laypersons, 14 of whom are women.

handed out?”

As for the statement of despair and hopelessness, as a Christian, I don't consider any situation hopeless. You must keep working. The city has discussed closing this trailer park, but owners keep promising to correct problems. These people live like this because they want to.

Charles I. McVey
West Point

‘Mere words’

Southern Baptist leaders claim to believe that women should not be ordained. Mere words.

My motion at the SBC annual meeting—to expel churches which have ordained women—was a perfect opportunity for the leadership of the convention to take a stand and put some action behind their words. Alas, when it was time to stand up and be counted, the Executive Committee unanimously decided to sit.

According to the Center for Women in Ministry, in 1978, the year before the conservative resurgence in the SBC started, there were approximately 75 women ordained to the ministry. In 1986, when conservatives began to control the SBC, the number of female ordained ministers had swelled to 232. From 1987 to the present, after nearly seven years of conservative rule, the number of ordained female ministers has more than tripled, to about 900.

The message is clear. The SBC encourages women to serve as ordained ministers and deacons. Despite their rhetoric, the conservative leadership of our convention will do nothing to stop the ordination of women. The number of ordained Southern Baptist women will continue to grow. Actions truly speak louder than words.

Michael Barley
Louisville

This reflects a move from 17 percent lay representation on the board in 1983 to 27.5 percent in 1993.

Since the nominees to the Executive Board come from the associations, one must conclude that, overall, the associations have grown more sensitive to and supportive of laypersons as representatives on the KBC Executive Board.

It also reflects a concern on the part of the KBC's committee on nominations, which ultimately chooses which associational nominees to recommend to the convention, to enlarge the number of laypersons on the Executive Board.

Some will have reasonable questions about this proposed amendment. But it seems clear from our history of the past 40 years that messengers have been inclined to elect pastors as their KBC president and only very rarely (one in 20 years) a layperson.

This amendment simply assures that at least once in five years a layperson shall be elected president.

This year will provide an opportunity for the convention, with a large concentration of pastors and spouses, to demonstrate a clear affirmation of laity and a desire for shared convention leadership.

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



FAMILY FORUM: TEEN-AGERS

Depressed youth?

By Wade Rowatt

Q. Is it normal for teen-agers to be blue and withdrawn all the time? My 15-year-old daughter just sits in her room, alone. She cries over the least thing.

A. Depression haunts many youth. My first impression is that you have reason to be concerned.

First, you said “all the time.” Long-term depressive feelings point to a need for professional evaluation.

Second, she sits alone. Teens like to be with friends. She may feel “I'm not worth being someone's friend.” Such self-doubt can lead to hopelessness.

Third, she cries easily. We all cry sometimes, but this appears to be more. If there is not a definable loss, this is more likely part of hopelessness.

Seek an evaluation from your physician, a trained counselor or a psychologist. Check out the possibility of depression. It can lead to suicidal thoughts. Seek counseling for her if she mentions harming herself.

Other signs may help you assess her level of depression: Has she lost appetite? Does she feel like a failure? Does she complain of being tired? Does she have trouble sleeping? Does she find it difficult to make up her mind? Does she have trouble finding anything fun to do? Does she think most people are better than her? Does she have any addictions—even food? Does she worry a lot about things she can't control? Does she feel guilty and blame herself for little things that are not her fault? Does she hate herself? Does she feel she is very unattractive? Does she feel irritated most of the time?

If you answered “yes” to most of these questions, seek help now. If you answered “yes” to six or seven, then get further evaluation.

If you said “no” to almost all these questions, continue to pay attention to her and talk to her. Listen more and get her involved with other youth. Most ministers and youth ministers can help. Help her join activities at school. Take her places and have friends over.

Most of all, talk with her about her thoughts about God. Faith, hope and love are powerful healing agents.

Wade Rowatt is professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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

Urge Senate to restore religious liberty guarantee

While health care reform and deficit reduction have grabbed the headlines, a vital piece of religious-liberty legislation has been making its way quietly through Congress.

But now, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act only needs Senate approval to become law. The act—S. 578—is scheduled for a vote Oct. 22 or shortly thereafter. Its passage is vital for the free exercise of religion in our nation.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act has been drafted to restore the strict "compelling interest" standard that the U.S. Supreme Court once required government to meet before it could restrict religious liberty. The compelling interest test allowed government to limit the free exercise of religion—a right guaranteed by the First Amendment—only if government could demonstrate that it had a compelling interest to do so and only if it used the least-restrictive means of safeguarding that interest.

But the U.S. Supreme Court abandoned that high standard in its Oregon Employment Division vs. Smith decision in April 1990. That ruling allowed government to limit the religious freedoms of its citizens without proving that it had a compelling interest to do so.

Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia termed the compelling interest standard "a luxury we no longer can afford."

So, with the stroke of a pen, the high court virtually eliminated the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty. The court basically stamped "delete" across the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

Congressional advocates of religious freedom almost immediately set out to restore the "compelling interest" standard, writing into law what

had been a constitutional birthright of all Americans. Without the support of the Bush Administration, attempts to get previous sessions of Congress to ratify the Religious Freedom Restoration Act failed. This year, the act has passed the House, and President Bill Clinton has said he will sign it into law if it clears the Senate.

The act has been a unifying point for religious groups. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has provided leadership within a coalition of 60-plus religious and civil rights organizations that have banded together to secure its passage.

That group also includes the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and other religious groups from the right, the left and all across the theological spectrum.

Now, ordinary people of faith need to be heard. In a recent letter to newspaper editors, Forest Montgomery, general counsel in the National Association of Evangelicals' Washington office, urged: "Unless Senators hear from the folks back home, RFRA may once again fall by the wayside—forsaken for 'more important' matters. ... I appeal to my Baptist brothers and sisters to contact their senators and urge that RFRA be passed, and passed without any amendments that would exclude any group."

Kentucky's senators—Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell—need to hear words of Baptist support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Their address is U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Their phone number is (202) 224-3121.

Marv Knox

The Senate's vote on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is vital to the cause of liberty in our nation.

Great turmoil

The minds of many Kentucky Baptists are occupied with the upcoming annual meeting and on issues that will be discussed and passed or rejected.

As a pastor for over 20 years, I have had the opportunity to observe and monitor the direction the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has traveled.

To the best of my ability, I have never seen where the BJCPA has represented me or the millions of conservative Baptists.

It is unfair to ask for funding from Kentucky Baptists when it's sure to cause great turmoil among us as Bible-believing, born again Christians. No good thing will come from this. It will only cause further divisions among us and deepen the wounds inflicted by decades of liberal teachings.

I urge all who have an opportunity to vote, do so and defeat this funding issue once and for all.

Prayer for all our leaders is right, but it is never right to pray for their success when it belittles the cross of Christ and denies the word of God.

May God continue to grant his grace.

Roy D. Allen
Manchester

BAPTIST FORUM

'Honest' effort

I feel compelled to reply to Bruce E. Truman's letter, "Get out" (WR, Oct. 5).

Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Secretary-Treasurer William Marshall is advised by Mr. Truman to leave the KBC "honestly" since his church supports an "antagonistic organization." It seems to me, however, that most of the heated rhetoric flows the other direction.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellow-

ship certainly has reason to grind various axes, considering the invective heaped upon it for allegedly single-handedly destroying the KBC's and Southern Baptist Convention's bottom lines. Unfortunately, the financial argument hardly washes, since most CBF churches continue to give to the Cooperative Program as well. Not only that, but the cooperation shown by the CBF in missions throughout the world when missionaries were afraid they'd be deserted by the SBC shows a great deal of "honesty," and it should be recognized.

Isn't it about time the people disparaging the very existence of the CBF wake to the reality that it provides a very real avenue to missions and fellowship? Those who feel out of place in the fighting need a place where they may worship God and spread the gospel freely, and the CBF is providing such a place. Those who support both the SBC and CBF double their missions efforts, and they do

so very "honestly."

Jon A. Dainty Sr.
Louisville

Deacon support

The deacon council of Crescent Hill Baptist Church wishes to express our unwavering affirmation and support for Marv Knox and his family. The Knoxes serve diligently among us with uncommon devotion and integrity. Marv is an abidingly strong advocate of Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist mission endeavors. In addition to serving as chairperson of our missions committee, Marv teaches missions education each week in our children's ministry.

We strongly voice our admiration for Marv's noble witness as a Baptist Christian and faithful servant among us.

Deacon council
Crescent Hill Baptist Church
Louisville

Russell got hit by the gourd, but I was the one who got surprised

Hard to say who was more surprised, Russell or me, when the gourd I threw hit him smack on the side of his nose.

The green missile startled him, all right. He yelled and jumped up and down, and with tears streaming down his face screamed at me, "Why'd you do that for?"

But I was stunned, too. For some reason, my fourth-grade logic never figured that a gourd up side of the head would hurt this loyal childhood friend.

Looking back, I think the whole episode was Daddy's fault. He used to regale us with tales of how he and his brothers entertained themselves during the Great Depression.

Maybe he remembered those stories when covetous musings through the Sears

Wish Book called for a perspective-setting lecture about wants and needs and making-do with what you've got. Or maybe he told the tales in response to youthful inquiries regarding life in the "olden days."

At any rate, I always enjoyed hearing about the homemade amusements of the Knox boys—Marvin, Garvin, Norman and Gorman. And the best ones featured mortal combat. Like when they made rifles from scrap lumber, clothes pins and old innertubes. I would've loved a

toy like that, instead of store-bought stuff.

A bountiful gourd vine reminded me of a similar tale one bright afternoon, when Russell and I joined the rest of our Sunday school class at the lake. Daddy had described how he and the boys used to have "snowball" fights with gourds, out in the cow pasture behind their house.

"Wouldn't Russell be surprised by a 'snowball'?" I thought as I stooped down and picked a smooth, round gourd.

"Hey, Russell!" I yelled. He looked up just as the gourd homed in on its target. I'd be making \$3

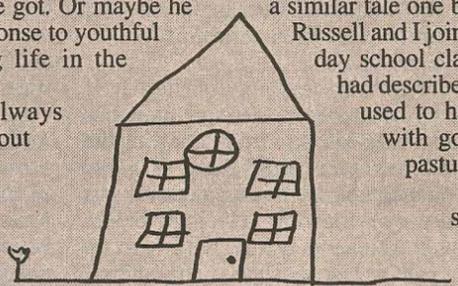
million a year if I could throw baseballs like that; Russell's nose would never be the same.

But like I said, I was as surprised as Russell when the gourd bounced off his face like a rock. "Snowballs" were supposed to splat and not hurt. I'd never knock my friend's nose off on purpose, honest.

Chuck Waller, our Sunday school teacher, properly rebuked me, but he didn't need to. I felt just awful the whole time Russell held an ice pack up to his swollen snout.

That childhood mistake taught me a lesson about throwing hard objects. But I wonder how often we hit family, friends and neighbors with ill-thought words, bruising feelings if not noses.

Marv Knox



down home

OPINION

"I learned that being Baptist had everything to do with commitment to a set of spiritual principles and absolutely nothing to do with an organization. In fact, I was taught that the organizations served the principles—not the other way around."

Richard Bridges

"It's time for a decision. You will support either the SBC and KBC or the CBF and similar state programs. You can't do both."

Bill Hancock

YES

By Richard W. Bridges
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green

A question of immense importance has recently been raised: "Can a Kentucky Baptist be sympathetic to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and be, at the same time, a faithful participant in the Kentucky Baptist Convention?"

I speak to this issue from the perspective of one who has known little other than commitment to the KBC for more than a quarter of a century of ministry. I am native born to West Kentucky, called to salvation and then to preach from churches of that area, a servant of the KBC in many capacities, and now associated with a church that has given more than \$1.5 million to the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist Convention mission offerings, and KBC causes since 1982 alone. I have the investment of commitment, resources and years to qualify me as one committed to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Why are some Kentucky Baptists sympathetic to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship? Here is the reason. From the table in the dining room of my boyhood home, to the study course I attended as a teen-ager on "Being a Spiritual Democracy," to the teaching of my pastors and the pages of my denominational literature, I learned that being Baptist had to do with certain unshakable spiritual ideals. These ideals included:

■ Reverence for and loyalty to the Bible as God's revealed message to sinners like me, a Word that was trustworthy, dependable and true, and which served as the sole authority for my walk with God.

■ Acceptance of the priesthood of every believer, recognizing that the only mediator I needed was the crucified and risen Savior Jesus and believing that I had the same responsibility before God as the preacher.

■ Belief that the church fellowship was a local free association of believers in Jesus who had no need for creeds, councils, authorities or even conventions.

■ Conviction that the local church fellowship was composed of people, even little children, who had, on their own, come to faith in Jesus, wished to say publicly that they had, and wanted their first act of obedience to be their walk into water where they were immersed as Christians beginning their new walk with God.

■ Understanding that church and state were separate entities under God's providence and should stay that way, because the gospel of Jesus had to be accepted by men and women freely and without coercion, and because our forefathers and foremothers had suffered dreadfully at the hands of an unholy alliance of religion and politics.

My Baptist father and mother, my Baptist pastors, my Baptist Sunday school teachers, my denominational leaders all taught the same message. When I became enough of a man to think for myself I studied my Bible, studied the history of Christianity and its church, looked deep into my own soul through prayer and decided they were right.

I learned that being Baptist had everything to do with commitment to

a set of spiritual principles and absolutely nothing to do with an organization. In fact, I was taught that the organizations served the principles—not the other way around.

Kentucky Baptists who are sympathetic to the Cooperative Fellowship have that feeling for the very same reasons they have been sympathetic to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptists are sympathetic toward spiritual laws above everything else, and when one organization changes its Baptist character and accepts a new set of principles, Baptists get uneasy.

When we look at today's SBC, we see the death of a spiritual democracy in our denomination. We see the creeds of men replacing the free Word of God. We see the local church becoming subject to the dictums of a "higher" body. We see the safeguard of the separation of church and state tattered and falling in a rush to be politically strong and popular. We see the absence of a prophetic spirit that condemns a secular world and calls it to the free gospel of Jesus and see instead a worldly organization bent on uniformity according to the minds of men rather than the mind of Christ.

When we look at the Fellowship, we see familiar and fundamental Baptist ideals. No wonder some Kentucky Baptists are sympathetic. They are just being who they have always been.

What draws their affections toward the Fellowship are the same forces that draw them to the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a Baptist working fellowship. Where Baptist principles are alive and well, Baptists cast their loyalty, resources and cooperation. Since, to the present time, the KBC is characterized by Baptist ideals, we can feel affectionately in equal parts toward these separate organizations of work. There is no conflict where principles are in harmony.

Participation in the KBC rests solely on the fact that individuals and churches wish to unite their resources and spiritual lives to reach men and women from Appalachia to the river bottoms of Fulton County. A willingness to work together in the cause of Christ is the sole qualification for participation.

However, the issue of the day is not the appropriateness of churches and individuals participating in the Fellowship or the SBC and the KBC simultaneously. Baptist doctrine has already settled that. The issue before us is whether or not the KBC is set on a path to lose its Baptist character as has the SBC.

Persecution invariably comes to those who protest against the strong. Having expressed itself unchecked in the SBC, persecution is coming to

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NO

By Bill Hancock
Pastor, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville

Can a church support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and still be considered loyal to the Kentucky Baptist Convention? The answer is an emphatic no! Replace the word "loyal" from this assigned topic with the words "member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention" and you might give a qualified "yes."

When loyalty is expected for a cause, separation from competing causes is required. The prophet Amos asked, "Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" (Amos 3:3)

Organizers of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship are implying they cannot agree with Southern Baptist Convention elected leadership. Ideas that prompted election of present leaders in the SBC are equally supported by many Kentucky Baptists, laity and pastors. Why is it that we cannot walk together?

■ Organization. Nationally, the CBF has employed a director and a coordinator for their mission programs. They support a national seminary in Richmond, Va., an international seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, a news service, an ethics center and a printing house. Furthermore, in Kentucky the KBF is organized with a board and part-time salaried communications coordinator. Do

organization and ministries of this magnitude by the CBF and KBF encourage loyalty to the KBC?

■ Competition. By the admission of its director, Cecil Sherman, the mission plans of the CBF are in competition with those of the Foreign and Home mission boards. He admitted they are drawing money that would otherwise have gone to SBC mission boards (WR, Aug. 24). The CBF is presently recruiting people, money and churches in Kentucky away from the SBC.

SBC agencies exist to serve local churches and state conventions. But they often cannot approach those local churches directly. Regular briefings by the Foreign and Home mission boards, Sunday School Board and other agencies are presented to state executive directors and editors. To a great degree, Kentucky Baptists will never know how much information was held back from them because of the personal preferences of their leaders. In every state convention, the key to Cooperative Program promotion is the state executive director and the editor of the state Baptist paper. Southern Baptist missions will suffer at their hands because of their support of a protest movement. The KBC will not set priorities or plan work that is not endorsed or initiated by the lead-

ership. Can leaders who identify with the Fellowship clearly proclaim the ministries of Southern Baptist agencies, commissions and boards?

How can loyalty be maintained in the state when programs are not fully disclosed and disloyalty to national ministries is encouraged?

■ Confusion. Some laity in churches supporting CBF causes testify to an underlying current of conflict and confusion within their congregations. That's understandable when you read the columns written by pastors sympathetic with the CBF. Constant attacks on national SBC leaders by these pastors becomes a seedbed for confusion.

This conflict is further illustrated when the KBF schedules a luncheon during the KBC on the day and hour of the annual alumni meeting of Southern Seminary. A representative of KBF emphasized this meeting is for laity. If this be the case, some questions are relevant. Did laity request this luncheon? Who selected the speaker, clergy or laity? Who assigned the topic? If just for laity, why the line, "Clergy are welcome too"? If loyalty to the KBC is a real concern of KBF leadership, why didn't they host this laity luncheon at their annual meeting on Aug. 21 in Danville? KBF leaders can be assured that event and ad appearing in the Western Recorder do not create an atmosphere for walking together.

Let me ask you to imagine a different sort of history. Suppose Southern Baptist conservatives lost, instead of won, 15 straight presidential elections. Finally, some of them form a dissident group, with representatives criss-crossing the land, urging churches to shift their funds from the Cooperative Program to their new mission ventures. Their appeal is bitter and occasionally slanderous. They manage to divert 2 percent or 3 percent of funds from the CP.

What would the state executive director and state paper editor say? I suspect the reaction would be quite harsh, much as it was from former SBC and current CBF leaders when some conservatives, in a very isolated region, established the Genesis Commission for Mexican missions in the mid-1980s. Would they stand still if their own churches began to shift funds to such a group? Would they restrain themselves editorially?

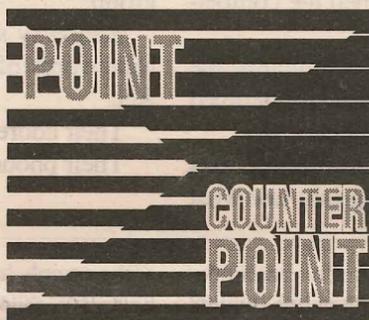
Can loyalty flourish in the midst of conflict and confusion? The SBC Executive Committee has a brochure which points out the strange behavior of the CBF. The brochure presents a story:

"Imagine a man disappointed with his church budget. He had his say, at length, but was unable to sway the church. He opposed hiring a youth director, argued that the church needed a new air system and criticized the use of church funds to buy a pool table. He lost the vote. The budget was set.

"To top this off, he was upset that the pastor took a more lenient position on divorce and remarriage than his predecessor. And he was irritated that the Sunday school had switched from Convention Uniform to Life and Work."

Members expected him to continue giving out of respect for the demo-

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Q: Can a church support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and still be considered loyal to the Kentucky Baptist Convention?

Campbellsville College unveils historical marker

By Missy Malone
Campbellsville College

CAMPBELLVILLE—Campbellsville College celebrated its 87th year and unveiled a highway marker which bears the names of the school's 10 founding fathers during annual Founders' Day ceremonies Sept. 22.

State historical marker No. 1924 was unveiled and dedicated by President Kenneth Winters and Forest Shely, a 1943 alumnus and chairman of the board of trustees. The marker, which was presented to the college by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, may be seen on the front lawn of Stapp Hall on campus.

The highway marker recognizes the 10 members of the committee from Russell Creek Association of Baptists who established Russell Creek Academy in 1906.

Campbellsville Mayor Robert Miller and the City of Campbellsville declared Sept. 22 as "Campbellsville College Appreciation Day."

Miller said the school "has played

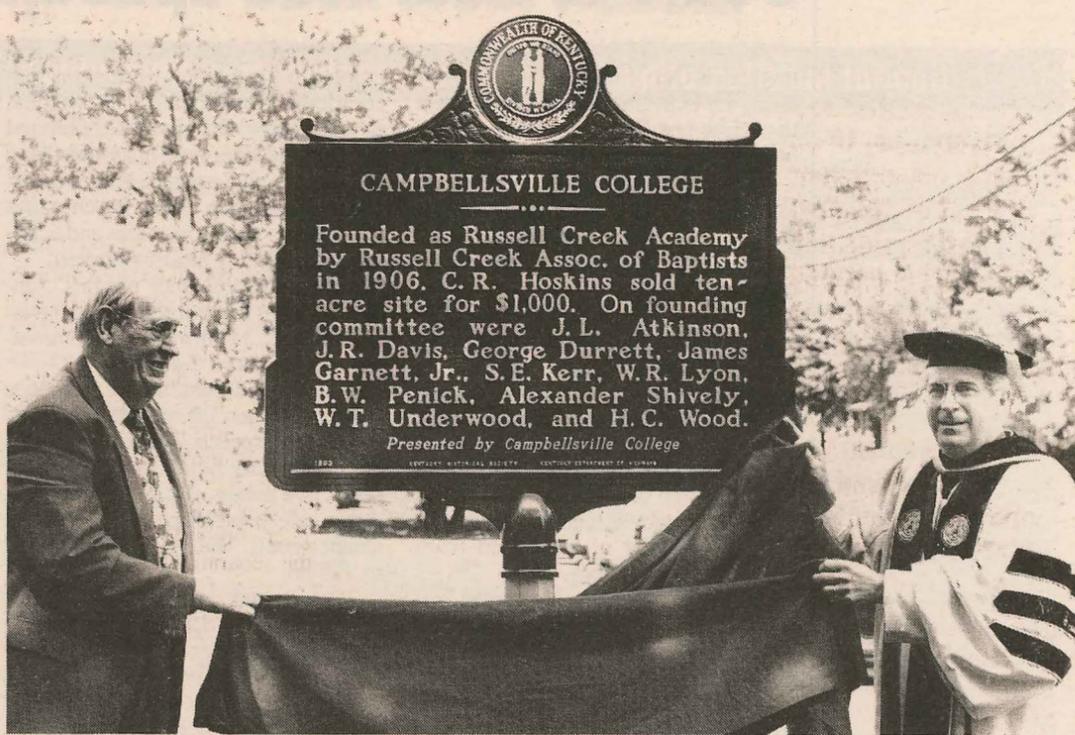
a major role in the educational, economic, social and religious development of Campbellsville, Taylor County and Kentucky."

About 625 alumni, students, faculty and friends attended the Founders' Day service on the lawn of Stapp Hall.

One hundred years ago, churches in Russell Creek Association paid their ministers about \$1 per month, Robert Clark, vice president for academic affairs, noted in his speech.

"In spite of limited resources, people had a vision and dreamed dreams," he added. "In hopes of designing the best institution of education in the state, Campbellsville College's founding fathers worked for 25 years to see those visions come true."

President Winters spoke of those who mortgaged their homes, went door-to-door to raise money or who used their own labor and lumber to build the college campus. Then he thanked those who still are sacrificing to keep the dream alive at Campbellsville College.



MARKER UNVEILED Campbellsville College President Kenneth Winters (right) and trustee Chairman Forest Shely unveil a new state historical marker placed on the college campus. (Photo by Tamara Marsteller)

Pastor gets paternity leave for child's birth in Lexington

By Mike Clingenpeel
Virginia Religious Herald

DANVILLE—Ask Mark King how he spent his summer vacation and he will proudly tell you—on paternity leave.

King, pastor of Scottsville Baptist Church in Scottsville, Va., was granted paternity leave from mid-May to mid-August so he could be with his wife for the birth of their first child in Lexington.

The Virginia church is one of the first, if not the first, in the Southern Baptist Convention to provide paternity leave for its pastor.

The leave was the result of the Kings' unique family circumstances.

For almost five years, King has been pastor of the 150-member Scottsville congregation, which was the childhood church of Southern

Baptist missions pioneer Lottie Moon. King's wife, Phyllis Lile-King, is an attorney serving a one-year appointment as a clerk for the United States Sixth Court of Appeals.

But while Scottsville is in central Virginia, the Court of Appeals is in central Kentucky—400 miles away in Danville.

King, 33, did not want to resign the Scottsville pastorate, his first. His wife did not feel she could turn down the coveted clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals. Her appointment did not end until August. Their baby was due in early July.

"It was a time of real turbulence deciding what to do," King explained. "I wanted to be with her before the baby and afterward. I thought I was going to have to resign and leave. I felt it was best for me to be with Phyllis and the baby."

First he explained to the deacons his concerns, and they urged him to stay on as pastor.

When the issue was taken before the church council, one member suggested a paternity leave with half pay and full benefits. "When they said paternity leave, it totally surprised me," recalled King.

The church council and deacons finally presented to the congregation a recommendation for a three-month paternity leave.

Several members expressed concern that no minister would be available for crises. King assured them he would be in touch, and would return for emergencies and weddings. And an interim minister would be secured to preach in his absence. The church voted unanimously to accept the idea.

King joined his wife in Danville in mid-May. On June 22, Phyllis Lile-

King gave birth to Rachel Elizabeth Lile-King at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

The Kings evaluate the paternity leave as a success for both them and the church. During the summer several church members took the lead in ministry projects and deacons assumed responsibility for ministry to members.

"This moves them from an old model of ministry, where the pastor is care-giver, to new models of ministry," King said. "The deacons now feel they can do things on their own."

He also is enthusiastic about the value for him and his wife: "It made Phyllis feel good. It validated her as a person. She is not just Mark's wife but a person in her own right."

"We're on the cutting edge of a new kind of pastor's family and new kind of pastor's spouse."

Can churches remain loyal to KBC and support Fellowship?

YES

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Kentucky. Today it takes the form of putting organized pressure on loyal truth-telling men of God to belong only to the "right" churches. Since when does one Baptist have any business telling another Baptist what local church fellowship to which he should belong? To raise such an issue is to shatter the fundamental principle of the priesthood of the believer and the idea of the autonomy of the local church. Baptists have no patience with hierarchies of any kind. At least this Baptist doesn't.

Thomas Jefferson, in his first inaugural address as president of the United States, said: "Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have been called by different names brothers of the same principle." His insight, addressed to the political life of America, is applicable to the people of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. God help us if we forget that Jesus had 12

disciples, all varied, all with different methods. It was not their variations, but what they held in common, which was emphasized. And what united them was the person, power and primacy of Jesus the Christ.

The persecutors will likely have their day. Other issues will be raised, and the characters and values and doctrines of committed men will be slandered. Kentucky will see it come to be, even begin to unfold this autumn, but we Kentuckians who have stuck through the years to fundamental Baptist belief are not likely to quake in our shoes and change our minds. The world needs this kind of Baptist, Kentucky Baptists need them and our churches need them.

Biblical principles above the organizations of men, Jesus above politics and respectful love for one another above a difference of methods: These will never be abandoned by Baptists from way back.

NO

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cratic process. They would not have been disappointed or surprised to see him lobby for a new air system the next year. They would have been disappointed but not surprised to hear that he'd frozen or cut his level of giving. They would have been even more disappointed and somewhat surprised if, on this account, he'd left the church. But what if he had stayed and asked people to send money to his office for distribution to his favorite church causes under a rival budget? Wouldn't they be not only disappointed and surprised, but also indignant?

Is the Fellowship so unlike this man and his following? Southern Baptists, though equally disenchanted about other issues, have not taken such a step as this before.

Steps that create this attitude toward the SBC lead down a path that prevents loyalty to the KBC.

What is the answer to this dilemma? Very simple. Those pastors, churches, laity and denominational leaders preferring the direction of the CBF should raise their flags, demonstrate

the courage and faith to take the risk to choose their own direction. It's time for a decision. You will support either the SBC and KBC or the CBF and similar state programs. You can't do both.

This does not imply we separate with an adversarial spirit. It simply means that, due to differences—theologically, methodologically or personal choice—we go our separate ways to organize for fellowship and to do missions. We already have that in common with many other evangelical Christians of other denominations.

Is there a possibility that we can walk together again?

Perhaps. A beginning point would be for KBF leaders to disband their organization and cancel the laity luncheon in Elizabethtown. When this happens, then we can come to the table of reconciliation.

Paul asked, "If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8). Loyalty and unity are the product of a clear call. We don't need mixed signals. Let's give a clear call, from pastors and leaders for the CP.

Court to hear free speech case, skip abortion case

WASHINGTON—Returning to the bench Oct. 4 to open its 1993-94 term, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review one First Amendment case but rejected several others.

The court refused to hear an abortion case which some opponents of abortion had hoped would force a ruling on whether an unborn child is a legally protected person.

The court will decide if a Missouri city had the right to force a woman to remove yard signs protesting the Persian Gulf War. But the court declined to hear a school district's challenge to a student prayer group in Washington state. The court also declined to hear a case in which the father of an unborn child had sought unsuccessfully to prevent the mother of that child from aborting the pregnancy.

In the first case, the high court will decide the constitutionality of a Ladue, Mo., ordinance that banned most, but not all, signs. Lower federal courts agreed with a free-speech challenge to the ordinance brought by Margaret Gilileo, who was asked to remove signs from her residence protesting the Gulf War.

Officials in Ladue contend that the ordinance serves the city's interest in achieving goals of aesthetics, safety

and property-value maintenance. Exempted from the ban were signs that contribute to public safety and welfare, as well as signs that, because of limited number and size, were not viewed as a threat to the city's stated goals in enacting the ordinance. Signs for churches announcing names, services and activities were among those exempted.

While the ordinance permits commercial signs in commercial and industrial districts, it bars most non-commercial signs in those districts.

The appeals court said the ordinance favors commercial speech over non-commercial speech. The court also noted that the city failed to use the least restrictive means of achieving its aesthetic, safety and property-value maintenance goals. The case is *Ladue, Mo., vs. Gilileo*.

The second case, which the court declined to hear, dates to 1984, when a group of Lindberg High School students in Renton, Wash., were denied permission to meet before school for prayer, Bible study and discussion.

Lower federal courts sided with the school district, but the Supreme Court vacated those decisions and returned the case for reconsideration.

After a federal district court again sided with the school district, the ap-

peals court reversed. State constitutions may be more protective of individual rights than the federal Constitution, the appeals court said, but states may not restrict rights granted by federal law.

In this case, the appeals court, the Equal Access Act of 1984 preempts state law and protects the students' right to meet.

The case is *Renton School District No. 403 vs. Garrett*.

The third case, which the court also declined to hear, is *J.M. vs. V.C.* A father, J.M., wanted to assert constitutional rights on behalf of his unborn child and prevent the mother, V.C., from having an abortion. The abortion was performed when the New Jersey Supreme Court lifted an injunction.

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission had joined in a brief asking the Supreme Court to hear the case. The brief argued each human being from fertilization is a person with a constitutional right to life.

In the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, the Supreme Court said it did not need to decide when life begins but that the "unborn have never been recognized in the law as persons in the whole sense."

Other cases rejected for review by the Supreme Court this term include:

■ A dispute involving Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and television preacher Robert Tilton. The dispute arose after ABC's "Prime Time Live" aired a number of accusations against Tilton and his church.

■ A California Supreme Court ruling that said a university's mandatory student activity fee, used to support student groups that are devoted to political and ideological causes and to subsidize university lobbying of government, violates the free-speech and free-association rights protected by the First Amendment.

■ A request by the Church of Spiritual Technology to reverse lower-court rulings that said the church failed to show that it is both organized and operated exclusively for tax-exempt purposes.

Officials of the Church of Spiritual Technology, an organization of the Scientology religion founded by L. Ron Hubbard in 1950, say it was founded to preserve and protect the words of writings, recordings and film that make up the "Scriptures of Scientology." The church was to receive the bulk of L. Ron Hubbard's estate provided it obtained tax-exempt status from IRS.

Compiled from Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

Many seek God without church

GLENDALE, Calif.—While three-fourths of Americans desire a close relationship with God, only half find the prospect of belonging to a local church desirable.

This is the finding of a nationwide poll by the Barna Research Group of Glendale, Calif.

"This gap is one of the expressions of the differentiation between private religion and social religion," explained pollster George Barna. "People's lack of involvement in and enthusiasm for the church coexists with a comparatively strong commitment to God."

People expressing the strongest difference in desire for God and desire for the church include:

■ The divorced, of whom 69 percent want to be close to God but only 28 percent want to be in a church.

■ Those whose beliefs do not classify them as "born-again," of whom 61 percent want to be close to God but only 34 percent want to be in a church.

■ The unchurched, of whom 56 percent desire God but 19 percent desire the church.

■ Adults living in the Northeast, of whom 71 percent desire God but only 41 percent desire the church.

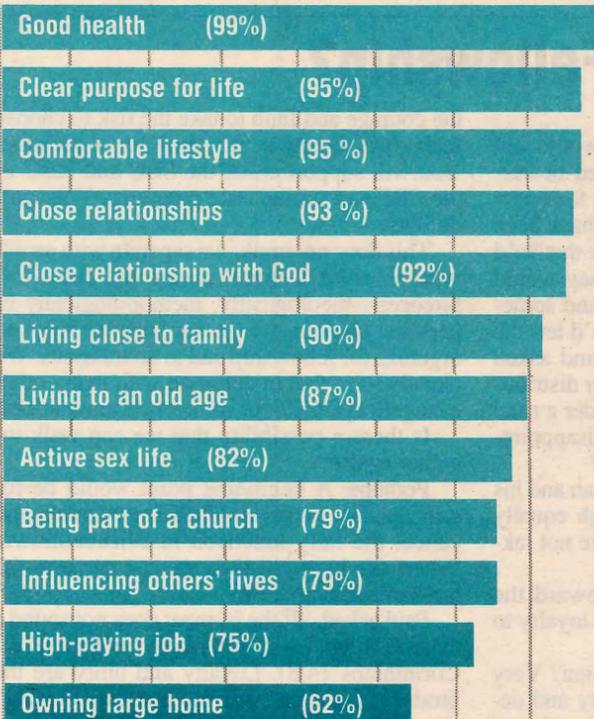
The poll found those who want to be part of a local church usually already are involved in one.

Most of the barriers that keep people from church have more to do with culture than belief, Barna noted.

"The lines are pretty clearly drawn between those whose religious sentiment is expressed through a local church and those who keep it outside," Barna said. "And few people outside the church are clamoring to get in."

Churches that want to grow "should realize that most growth is going to come from the very people who do not see local church involvement as a very desirable thing," he said.

What do Americans want most in life?



SOURCE: Barna Research Group OmniPoll of a representative sample of American adults in July and August 1993

BRIEFS

■ **Gambling foes form group.** The National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling was formed in Pass Christian, Miss., Sept. 24 by anti-gambling forces from across the country. A steering committee will further define the organization's work before the next annual meeting, scheduled for Sept. 22-23 in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Formation of the group had been called for by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Christian Action Commission.

■ **Bye-bye, Bob.** Televangelist Robert Tilton will go off the air because of declining donations, his attorney announced Sept. 29. "His last broadcast will be Oct. 29," announced attorney J.C. Joyce, who said the number of television stations carrying Tilton's program had declined. Joyce said contributions to Tilton's ministry had dropped from \$7 million per month to about \$2 million a month after ABC's "Prime Time Live" broadcast a segment on Tilton's lifestyle and business practices. Tilton's Word of Faith ministry in Dallas, which once employed more than 800 people, will cut back to a staff of 32 by Jan. 1, Joyce said.

■ **Minorities targeted.** The Christian Coalition, the nation's leading church-based political group, has announced plans to recruit black and Hispanic voters. The decision came after a poll found strong support for conservative views in minority communities, according to Executive Director Ralph Reed. He said the poll found a "genuinely surprising level of support"

among minorities for conservative views on abortion, homosexuality and school prayer.

■ **No dumping.** Trash from the Midwest is forcing the Salvation Army to change its method of collecting donations. Last year in the eight-state Midwestern region, the Salvation Army spent \$1.5 million to remove trash left in collection boxes and outside of thrift stores. Collections boxes have been removed from 450 sites, and more home pickup service will be offered instead.

■ **Pastor cleared in exorcism.** Pastor Steven Hjulberg was found not guilty in mid-September of criminal assault charges stemming from what he says was an attempt to exorcise a demon from churchgoer Melanie Underwood. The incident occurred last February during a service at an independent church in rural Chisago, Minn. The pastor allegedly called the woman a "witch" and forcefully "laid hands" on her in an attempt to exorcise a demon, even though the woman had not asked for help.

■ **Abortion & religion.** Religious and ethical beliefs are among the chief factors that inhibit many women from seeking abortions, according to a report by Population Action International, a non-profit organization. "Religious and ethical beliefs, family and community pressures, and social and economic factors often make it difficult" for women to seek family planning and abortion services, the report states.

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Center helps families while there's time

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Baucom said. "We try to help parents parent the child and let the child be a child."

Preventive services. Families can participate in training that helps them cope with transition, such as divorce-recovery workshops with an emphasis on children, and also training that helps them handle family situations, such as premarital counseling and parenting classes.

"We're responding by getting there before there's a crisis," Baucom said. The center cooperates with other community-service organizations to spread a broad "safety net."

Life skills development. The center provides computer training for children and adults, job training for adolescents and music programs.

Advocacy. The center seeks to stand for justice and help people trapped in poverty "disentangle" themselves from systems that tie them down.

"We've gone to help people talk to judges, to child-protective services, to employers," Baucom noted. "Underneath a lot of (problems) is frustration. ... We go as a third party to help provide clear communication."

Ministry training. The program provides opportunities for pastoral counselors and social workers to help other people while also receiving supervised experiences in ministry.

The family services program offers two unique benefits, said Wade Rowatt, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"One, it provides a theological dimension to crisis intervention with families that might not have access to any minister or any ministry," Rowatt said.

"Court-ordered teens are sent over there, and (the center) has an opportunity to follow up with the religious side" of the problems, he explained.

"Second, it provides low-cost, high-quality individual and family counseling to a population that otherwise wouldn't have access to it," he said.

The program's biggest pressure is the same as the one which haunts the people it serves—lack of money. It was started without a budget, with Baucom donating his time over and above his other work at the center. But resources are running low, and he fears the program might have to discontinue.

LeVar hopes that doesn't happen. But even if it does, he believes he's on the right track.

"I've changed too much to go back to the way I used to be," he said. "I don't think about doing anything else, so I think I'll stay this way."

First partnership team back from Russia

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a meshing of two cultures," he said. "Through laughter and through tears, we shared our faith and commitment with each other."

Green agreed with Cravens that the Russian people were overwhelmingly gracious. With a number of cases, when he gave patients a 30-day supply of medication, they immediately delivered a prayer for the doctor and gave him a kiss and Russian hug.



LISTEN UP Orson Arvin, a family practice doctor from Mount Vernon, examines a patient at a Russian mission clinic sponsored by Baptist Healthcare System. (Photo by Bonnie Schrock)

Kentucky/Russia partnership goes on despite political turmoil

MOSCOW—As the Russian Parliament building still smoldered five miles away, officials loyal to President Boris Yeltsin assured Russian Baptists Oct. 5 that their churches will play a key role in creating a new, free society.

And officials of the Kentucky Baptist Convention said the KBC's new partnership with Russian Baptists will continue "until the door closes in our face."

While soldiers, tanks and armored vehicles still roamed the streets of Moscow hunting down snipers the evening of Oct. 5, Kremlin representative Michailov Genrich helped open a congress of 1,000 Russian Baptists in Moscow by telling them Baptists are well-known within the government.

Russia is "becoming a civilized nation with great effort," he added. "Your contribution for spiritual revival and for social service is great."

The government overtures to the 29th Russian Baptist Congress came as a marked departure from recent rebuffs to Baptists and other evangelicals by another branch of the government—the now-defunct Parliament.

"We are now trying to overcome our past ideology, and we now stand before great possibilities," said Vladimir Shumejka, first

deputy prime minister of Russia, in a prepared statement to the Baptist congress.

"Great changes in our society have created equal rights for all (religious) confessions in the nation. Christianity is a great support and a great hope," he said.

The Baptist congress opened in Moscow just hours after Russian troops beat back communist and nationalist hard-liners in a two-day street war that left hundreds dead and wounded.

KBC staff member Benton Williams and his wife, Lib, were in Moscow for the Baptist congress and found themselves caught in the uncertainty of the political unrest. The Williamses were confined to their hotel for a time and heard gunfire, though the hotel is located far from Red Square.

KBC Executive Director-Treasurer William Marshall said Southern Baptist missionaries and Russian Baptist leaders are evaluating the situation on a day-by-day basis. But he said the Kentucky-Russia partnership is still going full-steam ahead.

"No one can predict the future," he said. "We're going on with the partnership until the door closes in our face."

Includes reporting from Baptist Press



BEST LAID PLANS Don Mantooh (left) and Dean Harney check architectural plans for an addition to the Baptist Youth Shelter at Morehead. Harney is director of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children facility, which was expanded in September with help from volunteers like Mantooh, pastor of First Baptist Church in Morehead and an architect. About 30 volunteers from four churches worked on the 673-square-foot addition. Volunteers were from Morehead First Baptist, Cynthia First Baptist, Calvary Baptist in Maysville and Carlisle First Baptist. The addition provides much-needed staff housing and office space to the home which cares for boys and girls who have been abused, neglected or whose families are in crisis. "I can't say enough about the volunteers who made this project possible," Harney said. "Several of these folks are professional builders and their leadership and expertise made things go so smoothly and efficiently. We are simply delighted with the work that was done."

Family Life Center takes center court in outreach plan

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

LONDON—Even before its official opening, a church's new family life center became center court in a teenager's decision for Jesus Christ.

New Salem Baptist Church in London dedicated its new facility during homecoming festivities Sept. 26.

During the week before the dedication, several church members, including youth, met to make final preparations.

"A young Filipino girl was there

visiting some friends at the church," Pastor John Woods explained. When the students' conversation turned to spiritual matters, youth director Greg Deaton was able to lead the young woman to make a decision for Christ.

That's a significant start for a building designed to tell the community "We care, we're interested in you," Woods added.

The 13,860-square-foot facility includes a gym, women's exercise room, weight room, children's play room, walking track, stage and kitchen.

It is designed for youth and the en-

tire family, the pastor explained. In addition to recreation, activities will include wedding receptions, "special singings," fellowship dinners and other events, such as hosting local meetings sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Ground was broken for the facility late last year, and construction began in February, Woods said. "A lot of people have chipped in to help out with it.

"All the inside work on the building has been done by the church. None of it was contracted out."

Events on Sept. 26 included morn-

ing worship and an afternoon dedication service.

The 150-member congregation understands the importance of reaching out into its community, Woods explained. A well-established ministry at the church is a food pantry that helps feed about 150 families each month.

Woods believes the family life center will offer a similar ministry by showing the community that the church cares.

"This will be a great opportunity to reach a lot of young people and families for the Lord," he said.

Macedonia hears new opportunities calling in 150th year

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

JONESVILLE—Members of Macedonia Baptist Church in Jonesville have to travel a lot farther for groceries than for evangelistic opportunities.

The church's rural location is 12 miles "in either direction" from a grocery store, but only one mile away from at least 100 unchurched people, Pastor Tracy Ivester said. So even though the church turned 150 years old this year, it still has plenty of work left to do.

Many members spent months preparing for the church's 150th celebration, which was held Sept. 26. And they weren't disappointed with the results.

"We had one of the biggest crowds I've seen since I've been there," Ivester said. After morning worship and dinner on the grounds, about 140 people attended a 2 p.m. celebration service led by former member Danny Parker, who now is pastor of Red House Baptist Church in Richmond. Parker was ordained to the ministry by Macedonia, where his parents still attend.

The nearly two-hour celebration

service included special music and testimonies by former and current members, including those who spoke of recent personal tragedies.

Such hardships have nudged church members to be "open to the claims of Christ on their individual lives and to the needs around them," Ivester said.

The pastor described the church as both family-oriented and ministry-committed, saying that the potential for growth in the area is great.

"New people are coming in," he said of the farming communities surrounding Jonesville. "Within a mile

of the church, we probably have about 100 people that aren't being reached."

Macedonia has led Ten Mile Baptist Association in the number of baptisms for the last two years. They currently are seeking a second staff person to serve part-time as minister of music and youth.

"It's almost like they're standing on the threshold," Ivester explained. "It's a continual challenge to find a new, exciting way to make worship and to make Christ accessible and relevant to people. ... Many people in the church are committed to doing that."

Recommendations from the Kentucky Baptist Foundation Board of Directors to the 1993 Kentucky Baptist Convention Messengers

RECOMMENDATION I

In accordance with Article XII of the Articles of Incorporation and paragraph 9 of the Covenant Agreement, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation Board of Directors recommends to the messengers of the 1993 annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention the following Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. This Amendment was approved by the Foundation Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 1993.

Purpose of Recommendation:

This Amendment permits the expansion of the size of the Foundation's Board of Directors to 18 members from 11 members. Sixteen members shall be elected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and two members, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Director of the Business Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members.

CURRENT IX

The corporation shall henceforth be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) members, two (2) of whom will be the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division, of the Kentucky Baptist Convention serving as non-voting ex-officio members. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of churches of the Baptist denomination of Kentucky and reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The members of the Board of Directors as of the effective date of this Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be eleven (11) in number consisting of the six (6) members whose terms have not

expired as of the date of the adoption of these Articles of Amendment, the three (3) members elected at the 1987 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the aforesaid Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The term of office of three (3) of the six (6) existing members of the Board of Directors shall expire in one (1) year and the term of the remaining three (3) existing Directors shall expire in two (2) years; the term of office of its three (3) directors elected at the 1987 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire in three (3) years and the terms of the two (2) ex-officio non-voting members shall expire at such time as they no longer hold their positions respectively in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Any vacancy in the Board of voting members shall be filled by the Kentucky Baptist Convention at its next annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IX

The corporation shall henceforth be managed by a Board of Directors, two (2) of whom will be the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention serving as non-voting ex-officio members. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of churches of the Baptist denomination of Kentucky and reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Except as provided in this Article IX, members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a term of four (4) years. For all purposes of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation in these Articles, a full term for a director is defined as serving three or more years.

The current terms of the nine (9) existing directors shall be increased from three (3) years to four (4) years and the members of the Board of Directors as of the effective date of this Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be fourteen (14) in number consisting of the nine (9) existing members, three (3) members elected at the 1993 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. At the 1994 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the members of the Board of Directors shall be increased to eighteen (18) in number consisting of the eight (8) members whose terms have not expired, eight (8) new members elected at the 1994 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The term of office of three (3) existing members of the Board of Directors plus one (1) director elected at the 1993 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire in one (1) year; the term of office of three (3) existing directors plus one (1) director elected at the 1993 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire in two (2) years; the term of office of three (3) existing directors plus one (1) director elected at the 1993 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire in three (3) years; the term of office of four (4) of the directors elected at the 1994 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire three (3) years thereafter; and the term of office of the remaining four (4) directors elected at the 1994 regular meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall expire four (4) years thereafter.

The terms of the two (2) non-voting ex-officio members shall expire at such time as they no longer hold their positions respectively in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Any vacancy in this Board of Voting Members shall be filled by the Kentucky Baptist Convention at its next annual meeting.

RECOMMENDATION II

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the Covenant Agreement, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation Board of Directors recommends to the messengers of the 1993 annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention the following Amendment to the Covenant Agreement. This Amendment was approved by the Foundation Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 1993.

Purpose of Recommendation:

This amendment permits the expansion of the Board member term of service to four years from three years.

The first sentence of section (4).(b). is amended as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COVENANT AGREEMENT

(4).(b). The Directors of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation shall serve for a period of three (3) years four (4) years, except as otherwise provided in the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

(Signatures in witness of these amendments would be executed by the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation board of directors following adoption.)

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Oneida Institute preparing to publish 2nd book this year

By Denise Day Spencer
State Correspondent

ONEIDA—Oneida Baptist Institute is preparing to publish its second non-fiction book of the year.

Floy DeJarnette, a retired teacher at the Kentucky Baptist school, has written about education. While OBI staff prepare her manuscript for printing, the school's craft house is selling copies of "Beyond Goose Creek," published in January.

"Beyond Goose Creek" is subtitled "River of No Return. Daily Life in Rural America During the Great Depression."

OBI President Barkley Moore expands this description in the introduc-

tion. The author "relates how life was really lived ... during the desperate 1930s ... in the heart of the Cumberland Mountains in Clay County, Kentucky," Moore explains.

Preston "Doc" Keith is the author of this book. He now lives with his wife, Betty, in Ramsey, Ind., but he grew up in the Oneida community and attended OBI.

Keith says he wrote the book for his four grandsons. "I wanted my pampered grandsons to know what it was like, living in rural America before television stole the minds of America's youth," he says in the introduction.

OBI financed the publication of "Beyond Goose Creek" and did all

the work except the binding in the school's print shop. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward the Zilphia Campbell Keith scholarship fund, named in honor of the author's mother.

DeJarnette's forthcoming book has not yet been titled. It also will be published and sold by the school, hopefully by the end of the year.

DeJarnette's manuscript is divided into three sections: situations and causes of problems in education today, immediate cures, and prevention.

She begins her description of problems with a gentle disclaimer: "Since my house is thin glass, I shall try to throw no stones with names on them. ... I'm just pitching up a little

gravel."

Moore described DeJarnette's book as "a very thoughtful, well-written account from someone who's been in the classroom through her 84th year. She not only analyzes problems, she has answers."

DeJarnette's experience includes library science as well as classroom teaching. She taught all grades, and worked in one-room and two-room schools. Her manuscript uses many real situations to illustrate her narrative.

OBI has published two books previously: "Mountain Rising," by Darrell Richardson, and "Dear Hearts and Friendly People," by Marie Elliott Hocker.

Recommendations of Executive Board to messengers attending the 1993 annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

(The KBC Constitution Article VIII, fourth paragraph, requires Executive Board to report its recommendations in the Western Recorder 30 days prior to the annual meeting.)

Kentucky Baptists have had a very busy year in the Lord's vineyards, as the reports throughout this book will reveal. The Executive Board and its staff have supported our mission work together throughout the state and across the world.

Congregational growth and development through new churches and stronger churches is reflected in the reports of Church Growth and Administration Division, Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Church Music, Direct Missions, Assemblies, and Brotherhood. Evangelism is rebounding through more thorough development of the means and methods to reach youth, language and ethnic groups, people involved in cults, and people in the market places. Plans for a new Here's Hope campaign are already in place.

Through disaster relief units and Baptist Builders, Kentucky Baptists have put hands and hearts together to touch lives with God's love just at the time these folks have experienced spiritual and physical desolation.

The partnerships with Brazil, Ohio, Utah-Idaho, and the unfolding challenge of our partnership with Russia have carried Kentucky Baptists into mission fields they formerly could only dream about and pray for.

The Student Department provides an intense program of Bible study, Christian witness, discipleship and missions participation on more than 40 Kentucky campuses.

Mission INVOLVEMENT has given our people a fresh encounter with God's good news in Jesus Christ as we "hand-carry" the gospel to a hurting world.

In the pages and reports which follow, you will discover scores of examples of how the Lord has used Kentucky Baptists, their Executive Board, and staff in significant missions and ministry this year. Read and rejoice.

1994-95 Cooperative Program Budget Goals and Percentage Distribution between SBC/KBC Causes

The annual Cooperative Program goals and percentage division between KBC and SBC causes are determined by the KBC in annual session.

The following 1994-95 BUDGET GOALS and GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS were presented in the pages of the Western Recorder thirty days prior to the 1993 annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. These goals and general recommendations are offered for adoption:

It is recommended that the Kentucky Baptist Convention approve the following:

1. That the 1994-95 Cooperative Program Operating Budget goal be \$17,858,046, which is \$520,137 or a 3% increase over the 1993-94 goal.

2. That the percentages for the division between KBC and SBC causes remain the same as 1993-94:

SBC = 37%
KBC = 63%

This is in accordance with the 1989 Convention adopted formula for determining the SBC percentage.

3. That the 1994-95 Cooperative Program Challenge Budget goal remain the same as 1993-94, \$1,300,000.

4. That 81.211% of any challenge funds received be distributed to SBC causes and 18.789% to KBC causes. Should the total \$1,300,000 challenge goal be attained, SBC causes will have received 40% of all Cooperative Program receipts in this year.

General Recommendations to the Convention for the 1994-95 Budget

1. We heartily recommend that all churches seriously consider increasing their support through the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on April 16, 1995 or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the Vacation Bible School offerings be given to World-Wide Missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day Offering for charity work in the Hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief Offering as promoted by the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the Executive Board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Study for church contributions to print and distribute the Sacred Scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special of-

ferings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the Convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.

9. That we ask the Sunday Schools to observe State Mission Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct the Kentucky Baptist institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a Certified Public Accountant, to the office of our Treasurer on or before November 1 of each year. The Treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in the reports by the date indicated.

11. That any cost of the Church Annuity Plan (CHAP) in excess of \$625,000 be considered a priority item in the 1994-95 Budget and funded by deducting the balance from the allocations to the institutions and agencies and the Executive Board appropriation in proportion to each's approved share of the total distributable funds received for this budget year.

Financial Assistance for Temperance League of Kentucky

The Executive Board on May 4, 1993 adopted a recommendation of its Business and Finance Committee in response to an action of the 1992 Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers requesting some means be found to financially assist and affirm the ministry of the Temperance League that would not jeopardize its support from individual Kentucky Baptist churches.

The Executive Board has adopted and implemented the following plan:

That the Executive Board, KBC establish an endowment fund with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 from 1992-93 year-end funds, the income from which shall be distributed by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to the Temperance League of Kentucky in accordance with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation's distribution policies and procedures.

That the Executive Board, KBC contribute to this endowment fund, for a period of twenty-four months following the establishment of the fund, an additional matching \$25,000 on the basis of \$1 for each \$1 contribution to the Fund by individuals and organizations other than the KBC/Executive Board and the Temperance League of Kentucky.

Illustration

	Actual 1992-93 Receipts	Current Approved 1993-94 Budget	Proposed 1994-95 Budget
Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operating Budget	17,215,877	17,337,909	17,858,046
1. SBC Causes (a)	6,422,211	6,415,026	6,607,477
	37.304%	37%	37%
2. KBC Causes (b)	10,793,666	10,922,883	11,250,569
	62.696%	63%	63%
B. Bold Mission Challenge	0	1,300,000 (c)	1,300,000 (c)
1. SBC Causes (a)	0	1,040,138	1,055,743
		80.010%	81.211%
2. KBC Causes (b)	0	259,862	244,257
		19.990%	18.789%
Total CP Goal	17,215,877	18,637,909	19,158,046

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WORLD VIEW

■ **Southern Baptist** personnel and Indian Baptists who work with them escaped harm during the Sept. 30 earthquake which killed at least 20,000 people.

Bangalore Baptist Hospital, where missionary physician Rebekah Naylor works, is about 500 miles away from the earthquake site.

Naylor is the only Southern Baptist missionary currently living in India. The Baptist World Alliance reports its representatives are awaiting reports from Indian Baptists with specific requests for relief assistance.

Donations may be sent to Baptist World Aid, 6722 Curran St., McLean, Va. 22101-6005.

■ **Romanian Baptists** boycotted a recent meeting of the European Baptist Federation executive council to protest the election of a woman as president of the federation. Birgit Karlsson, an ordained minister in the Swedish Baptist Union, was installed as president during the Sept. 18-26 meeting of the 100-member council. A letter from Romanian Baptist leaders explained they consider the ordination of women as pastors to be "unbiblical."

Romanian Baptists are considered the most conservative of the Baptist unions in Europe.

■ **Canadian teen-agers** will join U.S. teens in the "True Love Waits" campaign sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada—an association of more than 100 Protestant denominations, parachurch groups and missions agencies—recently endorsed the sexual abstinence campaign.

Ruschlikon seminary to move

KISHINEV, Moldova (ABP)—The council of the European Baptist Federation has approved a comprehensive plan for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, that will move the seminary from the campus it has occupied throughout its 44-year history.

The EBF council, which represents Baptist bodies throughout the continent, voted unanimously to move the seminary to an undetermined site outside Switzerland. Two of the locations under consideration are Berlin and Prague.

Meeting Sept. 20-24 in Kishinev, Moldova, the council adopted nearly all points of a plan recommended by a joint committee made up of EBF and seminary leaders.

"We are very pleased with these decisions," said seminary President John David Hopper. "Although we remain emotionally attached to the Ruschlikon campus, we are happy to carry the excellent educational tradition of BTS into a bright, new future."

"We will maintain the international nature and the mission purpose which has characterized this seminary," Hopper added. "Our new location should relieve the financial and student visa problems of the past few years and establish a strategy for the

coming decades."

The Ruschlikon seminary, now owned by the EBF, has been in financial distress since 1991, when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which founded the school, withdrew all funding because of alleged liberalism.

The seminary property, on the shores of Lake Zurich, is valued in excess of \$17 million.

The agreement authorizes the sale or lease of the Ruschlikon property and the relocation of the seminary in a less expensive country.

This action should permit property assets to be applied to endowments for scholarships and property development.

The council discussed two major advantages of moving to a new site—salaries and other expenditures should be lower than in Switzerland, and visas for student families should be easier to obtain. Swiss authorities have consistently refused residence visas for student families since 1990.

The approved plan encourages partnerships with the emerging theological schools in Eastern Europe and with the existing Baptist schools of Western Europe. Seminary courses will be redesigned to link with those of other European Baptist schools.

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MINISTRY

Volunteers still needed for Midwest flood relief work

ATLANTA (BP)—Additional flooding in the Midwest has renewed the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's call for volunteers to help in rebuilding efforts.

Rebuilding projects will continue through next year, predicted Ray Gilliland, retired home missionary and coordinator of the HMB's disaster relief office.

Some areas flooded this summer were flooded again in September. Additional rain puts rebuilding projects on hold, so volunteers with flexible dates of service are especially needed, Gilliland said.

In September, Jim Keller, Allie Byrd and Manuel Shelton, members of Bethel View Baptist Church in Bristol, Tenn., tore bent siding off a

house in West Des Moines, Iowa, and replaced it with new siding. The siding needed to be replaced because debris carried in the flood bent it out of shape, said Keller, a contractor and licensed electrician.

An Iowa resident made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ during the team's volunteer stint. Keller said Christians giving their time to the re-

lief efforts was a positive witness in the community.

"I really got a blessing from it," Keller said. "We definitely got the best end of the deal. We'd all do it again."

In this case, the homeowners paid for most of the supplies with a grant from the federal government, Keller said. The money would not have covered the repairs if the owners had to pay for labor as well, he added.

Local relief organizations "did a fine job of evaluating people's needs," Keller said. "Every house on the street where we worked was assisted in some way."

All volunteers do not have to be skilled in construction, but coordinators suggest having one skilled volunteer for every two or three volunteers.

In addition to Iowa, volunteers are needed in Missouri and Illinois and in Florida, where rebuilding after Hurricane Andrew continues. Gilliland works with state convention leaders in each state convention to place volunteers.

The toll-free number for the HMB disaster relief office is (800) 4SBC-AID.

Accommodations

1993 KBC Annual Meeting - Elizabethtown

The 156th Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting is November 16-17 at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church. The hotels listed below represent facilities with blocked convention rooms in Elizabethtown, Radcliff, Shepherdsville and Cave City. Room rates are for 1-4 persons per night. Reservation deadlines, otherwise specified, are November 1. **Individuals making reservations must identify themselves as attendees of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to receive the established room rates. Make your reservations EARLY!**

Please note: The Executive Office of the KBC Executive Board makes every effort to advise Convention messengers concerning good lodging at a variety of prices in any host city. Messengers should be aware, however, that lodging other than that listed may be available. Also, individuals are expected to exercise personal discretion in the selection of appropriate accommodations. Telephone a hotel if you have specific questions about its services or policies.

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I-65 & U.S. Hwy. 62
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On Hwy. 62 one mile west of I-65 (exit 94)
\$24.06-\$32.88 (this includes tax)

Rodeway Inn

656 East Dixie
502/769-2331; 1/800/228-2000
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\$29.88-\$39.88 + 9.15%

Towne Inn (formerly a Howard Johnson's)

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Best Western Gold Vault Inn
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Reservations deadline: October 23

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Married couples living together will constitute a slightly smaller percentage of Kentucky's population in the years ahead, according to projections from the Kentucky State Data Center. In 1990, married couples constituted 80 percent of Kentucky households, while single females totaled 16 percent and households headed by single males totaled 4 percent. By the year 2000, married couples will account for 78 percent of Kentucky households, single females for 18 percent and single males for 5 percent.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Living Hope Church called **Jeff and Mary Beth Carlisle** as ministers of children and youth. They formerly served in that capacity as summer interns.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Mount Roberts Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Also **Kevin Cox** was ordained as deacon. The RAs, GAs and Mission Friends collected 199.5 pounds of pennies (\$332.11) for the Eliza Broadus offering.

■ **GREENSBURG**—Several Baptist churches will host an evangelistic tent crusade beginning nightly at 6:30 Oct. 20-30. Contact **Norman Douglas** at (502) 565-2575 for more information.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Poplar Level Church celebrated its 50th anniversary with homecoming festivities Sept. 26. Special messages were presented by former pastor **Jack Wren** of Brooksville and former interim pastor **Gerald McNeely** of Louisville, a staff member of Long Run Baptist Association and former foreign missionary. Sept. 28, the actual 50th anniversary, was declared "Poplar Level Baptist Church 50th Anniversary Day" in Jefferson County.

Ormsby Heights Church ordained **Wayne Eastham**, who serves as minister of music and senior adults, to the ministry Sept. 26. **Eldred Taylor** delivered the ordination message.

Hurstbourne Church called **Ronald Ford**, of North Little Rock,

Ark., as pastor. He will begin his ministry Oct. 24.

Franklin Street Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary Oct. 17. An invitation is extended for everyone to attend the special 10:45 a.m. service. For more information call (502) 584-3661.

■ **NICHOLASVILLE**—Nicholasville Church called **Woody Morrison** as pastor Oct. 10.

■ **PADUCAH**—Reidland Church called **Bill Coleman** as full-time minister of youth and activities. **Larry Haltom** was called as minister of music and Christian education. Haltom previously served the church as minister of music and youth.

■ **PARIS**—Spears Mill Church called **Todd Probus** as youth minister.

■ **RICHMOND**—Red House Church will dedicate its sanctuary complex Oct. 24. Former pastor **Denzil Alexander** will speak at the 11 a.m. service with a potluck dinner following the service. **Terry Lester** of London will be the guest speaker at the 2 p.m. dedication ceremony. Lester was pastor there from 1979 through 1987. The public is invited to attend.

■ **SOMERSET**—First Church will celebrate "Debt Retirement Day" Nov. 1 to erase the debt on its sanctuary built three years ago.

■ **WALTON**—**Ward Spencer** is interim pastor at First Church. Spencer

previously served as interim pastor at Rosedale Church in Covington.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Wayne and Barbara Myers**, missionaries to Swaziland, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service at P.O. Box 2726, Mbabane, Swaziland. Both are natives of Kentucky.

■ **Charles and Cheri Orange**, missionaries to Kenya, are on the field at

Box 39974, Nairobi, Kenya. He was born in Greenville.

■ **Billie Scaggs**, missionary to The Gambia, is in the States at 117 S. Winston Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78213. She is a native of Kentucky.

■ **Larry and Peggy Wakefield**, Baptist representatives to Mexico, are on the field at Apartado 148, ADM-7, Morelia, Michoacan, 58282 Mexico. He considers Muldraugh his hometown. She is from Hodgenville.



GROUNDBREAKING *Coye Still* (left), pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Lexington, leads the congregation in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new multi-purpose facility Sept. 19. This will be the first of five planned building phases for the church, which constituted last October after four years in mission status. "The people of Victory have come this far together, and today we say, 'We expect to move together into a great, God-given future,'" *Still* told the crowd. Standing with *Still* are *Jerry Wilkes*, director of missions for Elkhorn Baptist Association; *Ted Sisk*, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, which sponsored Victory as a mission; *Tim Strunk*, building committee chairman; *Dana Davidson*, soloist; *Howard Whitmore*, interim music minister; *Dell Jagers*, church moderator; *John Toby*, associate pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville.

God's love reflected in the sunshine

Saturday, Oct. 2, was our annual Family Day. It is the one day of the year when parents can find nearly every teacher and staff member who work with their children. Not only can they find them, but hours are reserved when they can meet one another and talk in some detail.

Being a boarding school, this is more difficult than in most school situations because of the distances involved. Also, if parents come during school hours, our teachers cannot leave their duties to talk with them. After class hours our staff members have other duties. But Family Day is so organized that our staff can, for the most part, be available the greater part of a day.

There was a forecast of much rain for our area on Family Day. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and friends of students arrived from many places as far away as California, Washington, Michigan and Texas. Many reported coming through much rain and very bad storms. I and others had prayed that we might be spared because also planned for the day were six cross country competitions involving eight schools, two soccer games, a marching band field show, and many activities sponsored by our seniors taking place all throughout the day—all outside. Certainly rain can be a real damper in such a situation!

Guess what. While all around us apparently got a good soaking, Oneida was dry as a bone all day until a few drops fell during our end-of-the-day worship service when most of us were in the chapel. By that time, all the outside activities were over. Thank you, Lord.

Our boys and girls won five championship trophies in the cross country meets, and our boys' varsity took the second-place trophy. Our soccer

team defeated Anderson County making their record 11-4 with one tie.

Our girls' volleyball team had good games, but lost. Leading up to the day's events they had won both varsity and junior varsity meets in Lexington against both Dunbar and Henry Clay, both very large schools.

There was a steady stream of people through our craft house all day, and nearly \$2,000 added to our scholarship fund. Our seniors were hundreds of dollars closer to the money they need for their trip to Washington and Colonial Williamsburg next spring.

Our art students had much of their recent work on display in our library, hallways and classrooms. Our teachers and students had outdone themselves in originality and beauty in the bulletin boards and displays.

Several hundred visited our teachers and other staff for five and a half hours. Each of our staff had "brown bagged" their lunch in order to be available. Students and all guests ate in our two dining rooms as they could over a two-hour period.

Many enjoyed walking across our swinging bridge and visiting our farm. There is always much to see there.

Our marching band looked and sounded good in their show, as did our choir in the final program of the day. Also, our staff children won a smile from everyone with their singing, many dressed as school children of a century ago.

Jennifer and Rick Coffey, who taught and coached with us for 15 years, saw our major middle school classroom building named in their honor. It was a moving moment.

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

ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

Paid Column

Kentuckians commissioned for Tanzania

Charles and Carolyn Dixon heard Clear Creek staff extend greetings to them in six languages. He asked the Lord, "Will you enable me to speak Swahili?" He later told the chapel crowd, "The Lord called me from the coal mines and now sends us to Tanzania. He is able!"

On Oct. 12 the Dixons packed and crated for their move to Africa.

Dec. 27 they depart for six months of language study in Kenya. Two snapshots of the hills around Morogoro, Tanzania, are becoming worn as the Dixons excitedly tell about their calling and future. The city of 120,000 has one small Baptist church.

The Dixons came to Clear Creek from White Plains in western Kentucky. "Every time I

heard a foreign missionary speak, I was stirred in a way I did not understand," states Dixon. When the Kentucky/Kenya Partnership began in 1987, he accompanied his pastor and another layman to Kenya. His call was confirmed on a subsequent trip in 1988. The Dixons made two mission trips to South America. Initial inquiries with the Foreign Mission Board raised a number of obstacles toward appointment. "We just kept walking by faith, and the Lord kept

opening the doors." Both of them graduated from Clear Creek in May and received FMB appointment in August.

Southern Seminary opened an extension center at Clear Creek, and Dixon completed 20 hours of credit here and at Louisville. They were called to Riverside Mission on the edge of Bell County. "Red Bird is an excellent cross-cultural experience!" Carolyn said with a smile.

On Sept. 30 the campus family surrounded this couple with love and commitments to pray. The chapel commissioning service will be a high point of this school year. The program involved campus leaders of WMU and Brotherhood and seven staff members with 37 years of overseas experience, stirring mission music, and a challenge from God's word. During the prayer of dedication the Dixons were encircled by everyone present.

Clear Creek nurtured the Dixons' mission calling. Their going involves us more in missions. May others answer his call and come our way to prepare. Our God is able!

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Paid Column

Graham's message simple: 'You must be born again'

By William Thorkelson
Religious News Service

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—Billy Graham's message is an old, yet demanding one: "You must be born again."

In preaching it to hundreds of millions of people on six continents in the past four decades, the Baptist preacher has become the world's best-known evangelist.

As he approaches his 75th birthday on Nov. 7, Graham remains a highly respected figure in an era of fallen religious leaders. Despite the demands of his message, he remains a highly popular figure as well. Indicators are his standing in polls, the honors he has received, the attendance at his crusades, the many invitations he receives to speak, and the money supporters donate to his association and related organizations.

Graham has been a frequent guest at the White House in both Democratic and Republican presidencies. The Vatican and the Kremlin are among some of the unlikely places where he has been welcomed.

In an interview at his association's headquarters recently, Graham talked about his life and expectations for the future as he faces winding down his activities and ensuring continuation of his ministry when he is gone.

For the moment, he has no plans to retire or back off very much from a still-demanding schedule of crusade appearances. These days, however, his mobility is slowed a bit by a mild case of Parkinson's disease, for which he takes medication. He also suffers from high blood pressure. But his doctor at the Mayo Clinic has said Graham could continue stadium meetings for another five years.

Whether he would be up to this spiritually is another matter, Graham said.

To stay in shape physically, the evangelist walks, swims and receives therapy as often as he is able. The main difficulty he has with Parkinson's is walking down steps.

When Graham is not conducting crusades, he is busy working on his memoirs at his home near Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina. The writing is about 70 percent complete, and he hopes to have the book completely written in about a year.

His memoirs, he said, will contain much of the same material as "A Prophet with Honor," by William Martin, published in 1991. But in the memoirs, Graham said, "I will say it from my point of view."

Asked if his successor has been chosen, Graham said, "I don't know there will be a successor as far as the preaching is concerned. That's the work of the Lord." The ultimate decision, he said, will be made by the 27-member board of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Various ministries of the association could continue after he is gone, Graham said, citing the schools of evangelism which he sees as "probably the most important ministry we have." More than 75,000 church leaders have participated in them since 1967.

Graham's ministry has benefited from the marvels of modern technology. He has preached the gospel live to about 180 million people in 180 countries and territories, but with the use of satellites he can address an entire continent or region at one time from one spot. A crusade he will conduct in Japan in January, for example, will be transmitted throughout Asia.

Technology isn't the only advance Graham has seen in four decades. His own relations with other denominations have grown beyond what he might have imagined when he started out.

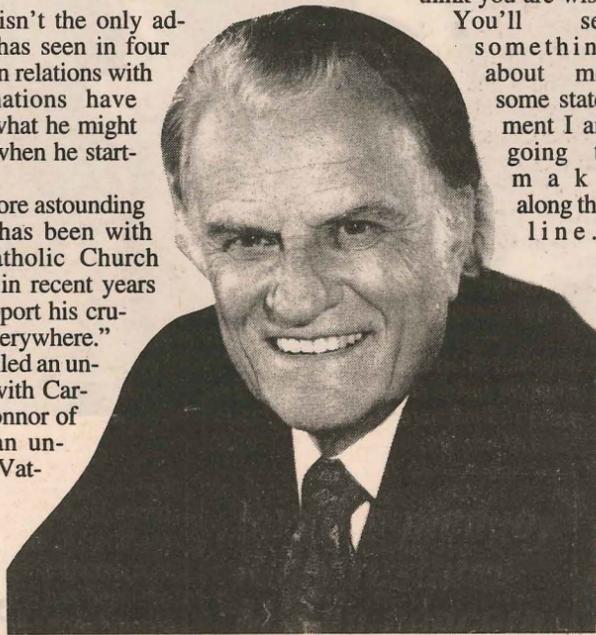
One of the more astounding breakthroughs has been with the Roman Catholic Church whose officials in recent years have helped support his crusades "almost everywhere."

Graham recalled an unlikely meeting with Cardinal John O'Connor of New York in an unlikely place: the Vatican.

"When I was in Rome in May, Cardinal O'Connor also was there.

I met one evening with him and several other cardinals before I went to see the pope. And we had a good talk. Cardinal O'Connor was so gracious to me because I told him, 'I see you marching out in the street, and I sometimes feel like a coward on the things I believe because I haven't taken to the streets on anything.'"

O'Connor told Graham: "I think you are wise. You'll see something about me, some statement I am going to make along that line."



Graham hinted that O'Connor plans to moderate his public stances.

In assessing the spiritual health of the U.S., Graham said he believes the nation has "retrogressed" culturally. He cited sex and violence on TV, terrorism and killings by children and young people as examples.

He noted that people are not reading the Bible and are allured by a "tremendous rise of cults and religions." He said the "dynamic of Christianity" can be found in the para-church movements and the conciliar movements.

In that connection, he praised the leadership of Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, the nation's largest ecumenical organization.

Graham also is a fan of President Bill Clinton. Clinton, he said, has been at a number of Graham's crusades. He recalled that at a crusade in Little Rock, Ark., then-Gov. Clinton "took me out to pray with his pastor. We got on our knees and had prayer together."

Graham also has kept in close touch with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

When asked what he would like to be remembered for, Graham answered, "That I was faithful to the Lord until the very end."

Billy Graham will speak this Thursday night, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Hall in Louisville as part of the presidential inaugural ceremonies of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

THROUGH THE YEARS Billy Graham preaches in New York's Central Park in 1991. Inset photos show Graham meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, standing with Roy Honeycutt at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982 and receiving the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's Distinguished Service Award from Foy Valentine in 1983.



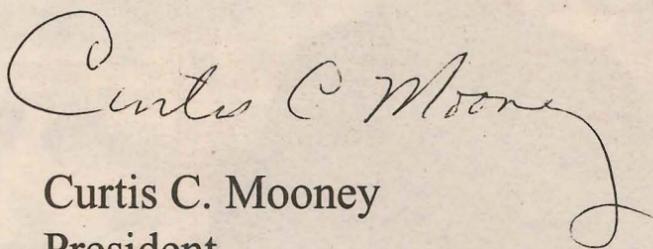
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