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Supreme Court to re-examine key standard of separation

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to re-examine one of the basic standards by which cases of church-state separation are decided.

Although the case is about a Hasidic Jewish community's schools, the issues involved relate to one of the fundamental differences of opinion between two streams of Southern Baptist thought on church-state separation.

The high court agreed Nov. 29 to review lower-court decisions that struck down creation of a special public school district in New York to accommodate the religious needs of Hasidic Jews living in the village of Kiryas Joel.

Two of the parties appealing the case—New York Attorney General Robert Abrams and the district's school board—have asked the Supreme Court to reconsider its landmark 1971 ruling in *Lemon vs. Kurtzman*.

That ruling produced what is commonly known as the "Lemon test," a standard used by lower courts to ensure government neutrality toward religion. To comply with the First Amendment's church-state separation requirements under the three-part

test, government actions must have a secular purpose, neither advance nor inhibit religion, and avoid excessive entanglement with religion.

The Lemon test has been sharply criticized by four current members of the court—Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas. A fifth justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, has offered less-harsh criticism of Lemon.

In its last two terms, the court has bypassed other opportunities to redefine the Lemon test.

"It is not a foregone conclusion that the court will re-examine Lemon, though it appears to be on the table," said Brent Walker, general counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee.

Even if the court revisits Lemon, it may be to reaffirm it, not abandon it, Walker said. "It is far from clear that the court will use this case to lower the wall separating church and state."

However, the court is not likely to reaffirm Lemon as it stands, countered Michael Whitehead, general counsel for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"If the justices wish to affirm the Lemon test, they could have simply refused to hear the appeal," Whitehead said. "The fact that the court agreed to hear this case shows that at least four justices disagreed with the way Lemon was applied" by lower courts.

It takes the vote of only four justices to grant a hearing.

Just what the court should do about the Lemon test is a point of sharp disagreement between the CLC and the Joint Committee. That disagreement appears to be symbolic of the different opinions held by Southern Baptists nationwide.

In two previous briefs, the CLC has advocated replacing Lemon with a test enabling government to accom-

modate religious expression without establishing religion. The CLC has criticized Lemon for requiring secular purposes and permitting only secular results.

On the other hand, the Joint Committee has defended Lemon as an appropriate standard.

In its brief asking the Supreme Court to review the case, the New York school's board of education not only said a lower court's decision misapplied previous court opinions but asked the justices to overturn the Lemon test.

The New York legislature created the special school district encompassing the village of Kiryas Joel to resolve a conflict over providing special-education services to handicapped students of the village, which is inhabited almost exclusively by Hasidic Jews.

Hasidic Jews practice an isolated lifestyle, generally speaking Yiddish instead of English; wearing distinctive dress; barring television, radio and English-language publications; and usually educating their children in boys' and girls' religious schools.

Although the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District previously of-

What's at stake:

The current court standard, known as the Lemon test, says government practices:

- Must have a secular purpose.
- Must neither advance nor inhibit religion.
- Must avoid excessive entanglement with religion.

Kentuckian feels at home in Somalia

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—Good news might travel fast, but not in the case of reported conditions in Somalia, a Southern Baptist relief worker there said.

It's "just not news to hear that life is returning to normal," but that's what is happening in many parts of the war-torn country, Linda Russell insisted.

Russell, a Kentucky native and member of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, is a registered nurse and mother of three grown children.

Last April, she began work in a health clinic in Saco, Somalia, southwest of Mogadishu.

Although she had intended to stay indefinitely, she said, personal medical difficulties forced her to return to Kentucky in October for surgery.

"Since I've been back here, people are always asking 'Are you O.K.? Are you safe (in Somalia)?" Russell said. "All they see is the fighting. I want to tell the whole world what's going on in the rest of Somalia. People are ... going on with their lives."

Russell's goal, as a volunteer working with an interdenominational relief and development agency called Food for the Hungry, is to help Somalis become self-supporting through

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March to the malls often bypasses manger

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

Stop fretting over your Christmas shopping list for a minute and answer this question: Has Christmas become too commercialized?

The answer is a resounding "yes," according to a coalition of 25 religious leaders, including three Southern Baptists.

But despite Americans' ready willingness to agree in principle, they vote a resounding "no" with their march to the malls every November and December.

The coalition of religious leaders, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Commercialism in Washington, D.C., recently issued their second annual statement on Christmas excess. This year they're aiming their message at America's educational institutions.

"Religious schools must warn students about the cultural malnourishment which results from stuffing empty souls with commercialized things and must recover the transforming message of the Peace Child," said Robert Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville and a mem-

ber of the coalition.

The other Southern Baptists among the signers are Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, and Stan Hastey, director of the Alliance of Baptists.

"My fear is that church people often don't recognize how heavily saturated the Christmas season is with commercials, which define this high and holy season as a time of

the impossible is possible, that God loves the world enough to give his own Son."

That gospel message conflicts with the preaching of corporate America, "that human worth is wrapped up in human consumption," Parham said.

Al Fritsch, a Kentucky priest who directs Appalachia Science in the Public Interest near London, is another member of the coalition.

"We're getting away from the whole notion of the gift at Christmas," Fritsch said. "It's gone only into material things."

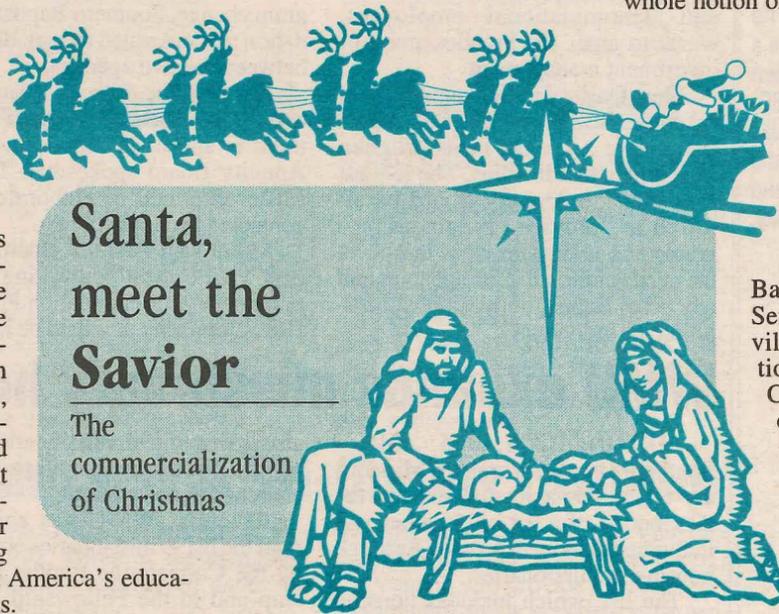
Parham and Fritsch, along with David Gushee, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, offered additional reasons why Christians should be concerned about excessive spending at Christmas:

- Families feel enormous societal pressure to join the buying frenzy.
- "Many Ameri-

cans spend themselves into debt based upon the guilt they have over their inability to have a luxurious, materialistic season," Parham said.

■ The average American family will spend \$689 this year on

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Santa, meet the Savior

The commercialization of Christmas

high and unholy consumption," Parham said.

"Commercialism basically distorts the message of the Christmas season," he continued. "The last time I checked the Christmas story, it was about goodwill, the birth of the Peace Child, God's promise that

BAPTISTS

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■ The author of a biography on Bertha Smith is looking for details about the life of the Southern Baptist missionary who spent 40 years in China. Lewis Drummond is seeking "information, anecdotes, personal encounters or any information" on Smith. To provide information about her biography, contact Drummond at Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. 35229.

■ Shirley Moore, wife of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's executive director, Don Moore, died Nov. 23 after an eight-month battle with cancer. She was 58.

■ Herbert Reynolds has announced his intention to retire as president of Baylor University May 31, 1995. The Waco, Texas, university's board of regents has named a search committee to find his successor.

■ Thurmon Braughton, a Southern Baptist missionary in the Philippines, was stabbed Nov. 23 during a prison uprising in Amas, Philippines. Braughton was leading a Bible study in a small prison when several prisoners attempted to escape. He was stabbed as he fought to rescue a woman who had been taken hostage. The 60-year-old missionary was treated overnight at a local hospital and released the next day.

Brotherhood Commission plans new event for men

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—"Men Making a Difference," a new concept in men's ministries, will be launched by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission early next year.

The first of the one-day rallies are scheduled for Memphis, Tenn., and Jacksonville, Fla., said Brotherhood Commission President James Williams.

"These rallies are the first indication that the Brotherhood Commission intends to give strong leadership to men's ministry throughout the convention, and provide materials that tie male development issues and other interests of men together with support for global missions," Williams said.

The rallies, normally scheduled on a Saturday, will begin with a breakfast meeting featuring a widely-known motivational speaker as a "big-name draw," who will speak on how God has made and continues to make a difference in his life, he explained.

This will be followed by two-hour seminar sessions in the morning and afternoon. Topics for these "Making A Difference" seminars will include parenting, marital relationships, the Christian man as a business leader, and ministering during the retirement years.

"With a two-hour conference time in the morning and another in the afternoon, you'll just be able to touch

on some of these issues," said Russell Griffin, assistant vice president for program services at the Brotherhood Commission. "But our surveys have told us that men don't want to know everything there is to know and don't expect to get that in a conference. What they do want is a place where they can come and break down some of the barriers that have prevented them from discussing, for example, their role as a minister in the marketplace, to (allow them to) open up some conversations and put their hands on some resources."

Griffin added that the concept "doesn't ask them to join anything." "You don't have to be a member of Brotherhood, or even a member of that sponsoring Southern Baptist church to come and participate. In this way, we're hoping these rallies will become an outreach for the sponsoring church."

Laypeople with professional expertise in the various subject areas will be sought to lead the seminars.

A "You Can Make a Difference" closing session will end the day. "That's where we will begin to talk about not just what they need in their own lives, but how their lives can make a difference in the lives of others, to help them see their responsibilities beyond themselves, especially their involvement in Southern Baptist missions ministries," Griffin said.

Foundation questions Annuity Board plans

NASHVILLE—A turf battle is brewing between the Southern Baptist Convention's Foundation and Annuity Board over who has authority to offer investment management services to SBC agencies and institutions.

The Annuity Board, which currently focuses on providing insurance and retirement investments for church and denominational employees, wants to enter the broader arena of investment management.

The Dallas-based agency has asked the SBC Executive Committee to approve a change in its program assignment to allow this. The request asks that the Annuity Board be allowed to "provide investment programs and related services that meet the needs of the SBC, its agencies and any other Baptist body, Baptist institution, or individual."

That is similar to what the Nashville-based Southern Baptist Foundation already does, trustees of the Foundation charged Dec. 1. The Foundation, chartered in 1947, works closely with state Baptist foundations, such as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

When they learned last week of the Annuity Board's request for a program change, Southern Baptist Foundation trustees voted to seek dialogue between the two agencies.

Just what the Annuity Board plans to do if the amended program assignment is approved remains unclear. Annuity Board spokesman Thomas Miller declined to elaborate when contacted by Baptist Press.

Miller said Annuity Board President Paul Powell is awaiting an appointment with Foundation President Hollis Johnson. "It would be inappro-

WMU expands missionary housing services

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union has agreed to expand the distribution of a list of churches and individuals who will provide furlough housing to missionaries.

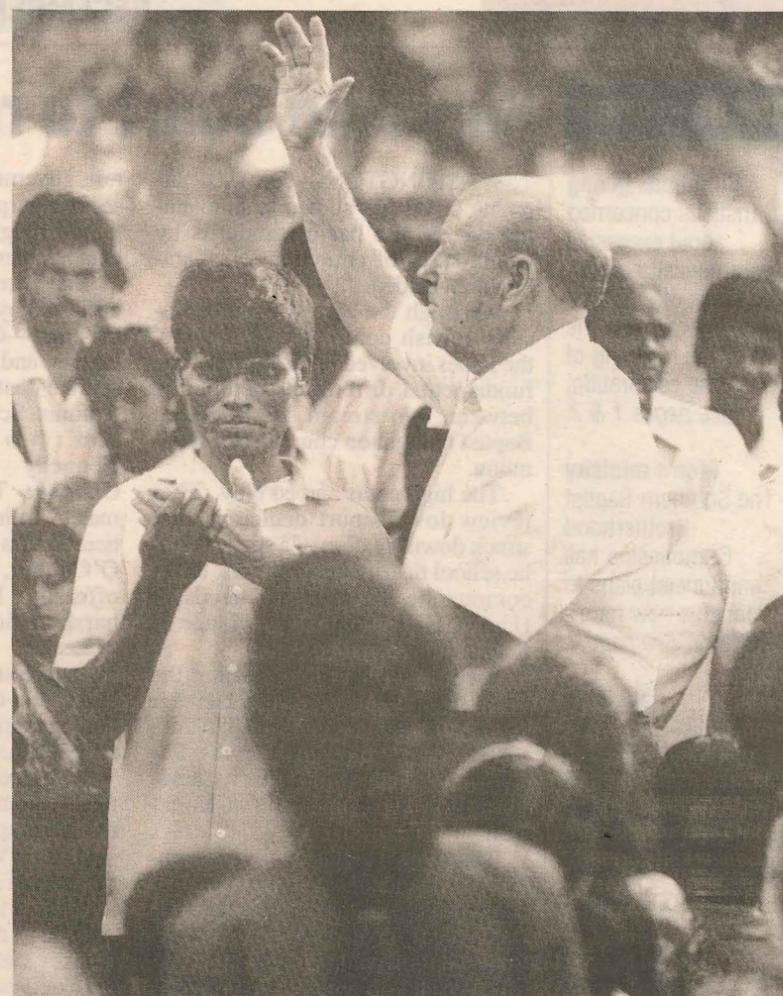
The list, which includes housing sponsored by 358 churches and individuals, currently is mailed each year to all career and associate missionaries employed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, FMB trustees and staff, members of the national WMU executive board and state staffs and housing sponsors. The list

also is shared with missionaries sponsored directly by Southern Baptist churches upon request.

Recently, WMU has agreed to mail the list to missionaries employed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and to the Fellowship Atlanta headquarters.

"WMU is a clearinghouse of furlough housing information," said June Whitlow, WMU associate executive director responsible for the missionary housing function.

"When missionaries contact us and need housing in a certain area at a



NEW BELIEVER Ted Lott of Lake Worth, Fla., baptizes one of 13 new Christian believers at the outdoor baptistry of Sharon Prayer Hall in Bangalore, India. The convert was one of at least 4,000 people who made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during a "Cross Over India" partnership evangelism project in November. Lott was one of 135 Southern Baptist volunteers participating in the project. (BP photo by Brian Smith)

School to move from Ruschlikon to Prague site

DIDCOT, England (ABP)—Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic, has been picked as the new site for European Baptists' international seminary.

The executive committee of the European Baptist Federation, meeting in Didcot, England, in late November, gave provisional approval for the Baptist Theological Seminary to move to Prague from its current site in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The move is expected to help resolve the financial distress the seminary has suffered since 1991, when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which founded the school, withdrew all funding because of alleged liberalism. The seminary became a rallying cry for Southern Baptist moderates who accused the FMB of playing politics with the school.

The European Baptist Federation, which now owns the school, plans to sell or lease the Ruschlikon property to fund the move. The Swiss site, overlooking Lake Zurich, is valued at about \$12 million.

The seminary will have to build its facility in Prague. No date has been set for the move but it is expected to take a couple of years to accomplish.

appropriate to comment on the Foundation action until the two chief executive officers have met.

"We regret the orderly process of communication has been interrupted by the published excerpts of Foundation trustee discussions. The Annuity Board will not use news media as a method of discussion and negotiation with a sister agency," Miller added.

The request for changing the program assignment will come before the SBC Executive Committee during their Feb. 21-23 meeting in Nashville.

The Annuity Board already is a much larger institution than the Foundation. The Annuity Board has \$4 billion in assets, compared to the Foundation's \$158 million. The Annuity Board produces more than \$1 million in income per day; the Foundation produced \$10 million last year.

Based on Baptist Press reports

certain time, we simply give them the names of house sponsors with housing available in that area. It is up to the missionary to negotiate directly with the house sponsor. The ultimate decision rests with the house sponsor."

WMU has maintained the housing list since 1990.

Churches and individuals interested in providing housing for furloughing missionaries may write Barbara Yeager, WMU, P.O. Box 830010, Birmingham, Al. 35283-0010 or call (205) 991-4021.

Hospitals join effort to stop prenatal abuse

LOUISVILLE—A statewide campaign to prevent substance abuse by pregnant women is being cosponsored by Baptist Healthcare System.

The multi-media campaign, launched in November, highlights birth defects related to prenatal substance abuse. The theme is "Your Baby Doesn't Have to be Born Under the Influence."

Use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs by pregnant women is known to cause premature birth, low birthweight, infant mortality, fetal alcohol syndrome and other complications.

A 1991 report from the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission estimated 43,000 Kentucky women of child-bearing age had alcohol- and drug-abuse problems. Of those, the report estimated 5,500 pregnant substance abusers needed intervention and treatment.

The campaign was developed by the Partnership for Healthy Futures, with major funding from Baptist Healthcare System, Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Department of Education and Alliant Health System.

A joint statement from Baptist Healthcare System and Alliant Health System noted that thousands of babies are born at hospitals of both organizations every year. "We know the joy of healthy births as well as the sorrow of critical health problems at birth. Substance abuse-related birth defects are preventable, and being healthy before and during pregnancy can make a lifetime of difference to your baby."

As part of the campaign, printed education materials will be distributed through physicians' offices, health departments, social service agencies and schools. The campaign also includes radio and television ads, a speaker's bureau and a toll-free hotline for help.

The 24-hour hotline number is (800) 965-1000.

The literature advises, "If you are already pregnant, quit drinking, smoking and using drugs as soon as possible. Seek help from a treatment program if you are having trouble quitting—especially for alcohol, barbiturate or heroin use. The sooner you stop, the better the chances that your baby will be born healthy."

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, caused by pregnant mothers consuming alcohol, is the leading known cause of mental retardation in the United States. Babies born to women who smoke while pregnant risk low birthweight, stillbirth, premature delivery and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Bethel gives thanks for new building

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

BEECH GROVE—Dedicating a new church building Nov. 17 helped Bethel Baptist Church members celebrate Thanksgiving with an extra measure of gratefulness this year, Pastor Kenneth Taylor said.

About five months ago, a violent summer storm ripped through the Beech Grove area, toppling the 130-year-old church's building.

Already facing faltering attendance records and sagging morale, the small congregation had been devastated to see their church building scattered around Beech Grove, Taylor explained.

But as people in the community and surrounding churches got wind of the tragedy, they began to offer assistance, Taylor reported.

The dedication service of new facilities was made possible by many outside contributions—especially the

Brotherhood group at Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Owensboro—and by the determination of Bethel Church members who would not give up, the pastor explained.

Men at Yellow Creek Church volunteered time and labor to build the new facilities this past August.

The Nov. 17 service included several leaders: Jim Spalding, director of missions for Daviess-McLean Baptist Association; Wyman Coplan, pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church; Ron Harrington, minister of music at Yellow Creek Baptist Church; and Jerry Carter, pastor of Stanley Baptist Church in Owensboro.

Ironically, attendance was much lower than expected, Taylor said, because another severe storm swept through the area about an hour before the service was to begin.

"It tore up some buildings in the area, but it didn't harm us," Taylor said.

About 85-90 people attended the

afternoon service of dedication.

The new building is slightly larger than the previous one, Taylor said, and stands in the same location.

"It gave us three Sunday school rooms, a nursery, a fellowship hall and a baptistry," Taylor said, adding that this is the church's first baptistry ever. A baptismal service was held for a new member Nov. 17.

The new structure also includes a covered drive-through at one entrance, which makes it more handicapped accessible, the pastor explained.

Church services have been held in the new building since Oct. 10. The church also has hosted two open houses, a three-day revival, the dedication service and most recently, an interdenominational community-wide Thanksgiving service.

"It was appropriate that the Thanksgiving service be at Bethel," Taylor said. "What greater place to be thankful?"

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Tates Creek Association marks 200th year

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

BEREA—Tates Creek Baptist Association, home to the church attended by frontiersmen Daniel and Squire Boone, celebrated its bicentennial Nov. 21 with the theme "Sharing Hope through Christ from the Frontier to the Future."

More than 500 people attended the association-wide Sunday afternoon event, held in Brock Auditorium at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Robert White, executive director/treasurer for the Georgia Baptist Convention and former Kentucky Baptist Convention president, was keynote speaker.

"Dr. White congratulated the association for past achievements, ... and challenged us to continue our mission efforts," said Director of Missions Hurstle Laxton.

Established in 1793, Tates Creek was the fourth Baptist association in

Kentucky, Laxton explained. At that time, it included four churches.

The association was organized to bridge the gap between Separate and Regular Baptists, two groups in great conflict at the time, Laxton added. "Tate's Creek was formed to receive churches from both traditions."

Today, the association includes 43 churches and one mission. Laxton said a new Baptist center, built within the last several years, houses associational offices, a conference center and a resource center. It is located on Highway 25, about halfway between Berea and Richmond.

William Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, spoke during the anniversary service, noting the association's Cooperative Program gifts have increased significantly during the last 10 years. Marshall also applauded the Tates Creek Association for its commitment to partnership missions, Laxton reported.

Music played an important role in the celebration, too, Laxton said.

Eight church choirs performed at various times during the service. Also, singers joined together to form a 150-voice mass choir, under the direction of Jim Cordell, KBC church music director.

Phillip Landgrave, a church music professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote the theme song for the association's celebration, titled "Sharing Hope Through Christ."

However, the November event was only the culmination of a year's worth of bicentennial events, Laxton added.

For example, Tates Creek Baptist Association hosted a state Historical Society meeting and featured three of its oldest churches during the year: Gilbert's Creek Baptist Church, known as the "old traveling church" that began in Virginia; Viney Fork Baptist Church and Tates Creek Baptist Church, where Squire Boone was a member and his brother, Daniel, attended on occasion, Laxton said.

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Missions-minded kids shouldn't use mail boxes

A creative Christmas concept could make criminals out of church kids.

Numerous Kentucky Baptist churches set up "post offices" during the Christmas season. Members of the children's and youth mission groups receive Christmas cards and deliver them to church members' homes, for a fee. The proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign

missions.

It's a cost-effective way to raise money for missions.

But if those youngsters put the cards in mailboxes, they're breaking the law, according to G.C. Smith, a fraud inspector for the U.S. Postal Service in Cincinnati.

"If you put that card in the mailbox, it's illegal," Smith reported.

"If it doesn't have a stamp on it,

it's not mail. And post boxes are for mail only."

Person-to-person delivery is another matter, he added.

"If you're hand-delivering from door to door, that's fine," he said.

Then he added: "This is still a gray area. Someone could misconstrue (direct delivery) as being for the purpose of avoiding paying postage." And that's illegal, too.

Four executives dismissed at Tri-County Hospital

LA GRANGE—Four top executives at Tri-County Baptist Hospital in La Grange were dismissed Nov. 30.

A statement from Baptist Healthcare System's corporate offices said new leadership would be installed "in order to be more responsive to the rapidly changing healthcare environment and to reaffirm Baptist's commitment to the local community."

Baptist Healthcare System ac-

quired the La Grange hospital in October 1992. Three of the dismissed administrators had served under the previous owners.

"We are making this leadership change in response to changing marketplace demands and because of our strong commitment to the current and long-term viability of Tri-County Baptist Hospital as a full-service acute care hospital and a member of Baptist

Healthcare System," said Ed Vaughn, Baptist Healthcare System president.

Vaughn will provide interim leadership until a new president is named to replace Paul Jennings.

Others dismissed include Jeff Shadowen, vice president and chief financial officer; Anna Smith, vice president for patient care; and John Whittlesey, vice president for professional and support services.

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faith which was once for
all delivered to the
saints.—Jude 3*

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Family knowledge

How well do you know your family? Try this quiz and find out:

■ **How well do parents know your children?**

■ Name your child's best friend.
■ What does your child like to do in his or her spare time?

■ Name one of your child's favorite music groups.
■ What does your child like to do on Friday nights?

■ Of which accomplishment is your child most proud?
■ What is his or her least favorite subject in school?

■ Name something you do that really upsets your child.
■ If you could buy your child the gift he or she wants most, what would

it be?

■ Which household chore does your child dislike the most? Which one does he or she like?

■ Where would your child like to go for a vacation?

■ What has been your child's biggest disappointment this year?

■ What causes your child the most stress?

■ Name something your child really likes about you. What does he or she dislike most?

■ What would your child like to do more often with you?

■ **How well do you know your mom or dad?**

■ If your parents drink coffee or tea, what does he or she like in it?

■ What are your parents' favorite baseball teams?

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Seek purity

To be able to labor fervently for our Lord, we should be found saturated in the unadulterated word of God, bound in the Spirit and full of grace.

Our convention and churches have become battlegrounds—not against sin, but against one another. As Cain and Abel, we as Southern Baptists would do well to find ourselves well doing to hear the blood of our Christ cry out against the adulterous handling of the word of God.

Doctrinal purity and unfeigned love have been sacrificed by our failure to uphold and teach the Baptist Faith and Message.

Would we not be more in the will of God and pleasing to him if we sought spiritual and doctrinal purity and remember what we are about? I believe that to be carrying out the Great Commission, leading the lost to

Christ, loving one another with unfeigned love, teaching the word.

Neal Prather
Richmond

Selling out

Why is it that we can have peace only if the pro-Baptist Joint Committee forces give in, or the anti-BJC's win the vote? It was almost amusing to hear, "Now that we have this behind us," associated with the vote to take away any funds for the BJC.

I wonder why we didn't hear that each of the three years the Southern Baptist Convention voted down the effort to defund the BJC. Peace came only when the BJC supporters gave up. I wonder why it wasn't "all behind us" in 1991 when the KBC voted by a large margin to provide support for this bastion of religious liberty. Would one who brought a motion

■ Name two of your parents' best friends.

■ What were your parents' favorite subjects in high school?

■ What does your mother and father like to do to relax?

■ What causes your parents the most stress?

■ Name something you do that upsets your parents.

■ Name a food or drink your parents can't stand.

■ Name a favorite person your mother or father would love to meet.

■ Did your mom or dad have a nickname as a child? What was it?

■ What was their most enjoyable extracurricular activity in school?

■ What are your parents' favorite family occasions?

Bob Browning, pastor
First Baptist Church
Somerset

to restore the funds in 1994 be considered a "trouble-maker?" Of course!

After Hezekiah invited the king of Babylon to view his possessions (2 Kings 20), he was warned by Isaiah that he would lose everything, and his sons would become eunuchs and slaves to Babylon. And we are fast "selling out" the religious liberty championed by Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, Elijah Craig and others, and we have betrayed George W. Truett, J.M. Dawson and other Southern Baptists who fought so hard for the BJC. Our children will pay for our sins, becoming eunuchs in terms of religious liberty. That's religious liberty for all—not just Baptists.

But as Hezekiah thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?" Peace at any price.

Malcolm Lunceford
Georgetown

It ain't what it used to be ...

Hopkinsville-born, Georgetown College-educated, Joe Mason now lives in Decatur, Ga., serving on the staff of First Baptist Church, and is a writer for the Decatur-Dekalb News Era.

One of his recent articles touches on the days of his youth in Kentucky. Enjoy!

"I was talking to a man the other day about raising children these days, particularly teen-agers who are in high school and who not only have to worry about how to conjugate a verb in French, but how to stay alive to tell about it after they get home.

"He was explaining how he makes them 'do what they're told,' and what would happen if they don't. His kids probably have to worry about staying alive at home in order to live to tell about it when they get to school.

"Later, I read how college life has changed in the past quarter century. Students not only have to worry about how to conjugate a verb in Advanced French, but security at their dorm, the possibility of date rape, the AIDS virus and trying to stay alive just walking back from eating pizza.

"When I was in college, back when 'Port-o-Johns' were secure to the ground on the other side of the hen

house, I suppose the thing that worried my parents most—except for my grades—was when I hitchhiked home for the holidays.

"I remember once standing at the outskirts of Greenville, Ky., around 8 p.m. one night, and praying that my friend, Morris T., and I wouldn't still

be standing there come sun-up. Wasn't long until we had a ride in a farmer's pickup for the last leg of the trip home.

"When it came to dating, there was a strict curfew to contend with by the school officials—period, no questions asked.

"One night after I took my honey to the dorm, I dared to go back around 11 p.m. to give her a one-

man serenade with my ukelele before she tucked her little self into bed. I was standing under the oak tree strumming away when Miss Rena Calhoun, the drama instructor, came by.

"She wanted to know my intentions, stopping me in mid-chorus of 'Pull Your Shades Down, Mary Ann.' In other words, what the heck was I doing out so late and messin' around under the window of my honey's room. I mumbled that I was singing a goodnight song.

"She informed me that she would

sing me a goodnight song if I didn't hustle on to my dorm, posthaste—a drama class term which meant 'get off the stage quick.'

"Dating was a mannerly thing then. Oh, there might be a few moments of heavy breathing in the back seat, but if I had any ideas of wandering hands, I got whacked 'up side the head' real quick.

"I'm glad I don't have to deal with the big-time issues our young high school and college students deal with today; metal detectors at every entrance, police in the halls, teachers in bulletproof vests and a computer at every seat.

"If they go to college, they have rigid SAT exams to pass before they even get a chance to conjugate a verb in French; guys and gals live in the same dorms—I'm not sure about heavy breathing—and if you do get out alive with a degree, your chances of getting a good job are a billion to one.

"What this means for parents is, after years of worrying about growing them up safely, paying for a good education and keeping them focused toward noble goals, they end up moving back home to live at age 25—along with their IBM, PC, VCR, CD stereo sound center, Madza PDX, and maybe their boyfriend named J.P. ... who wears an earring ... in his nose."

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



More men

By John Lepper

Q. How can we get more men to participate in our senior adult programs?

A. Several reasons may cause your group to have less men than women. You know, of course, that women outlive men, making for more senior adult women than men. According to the Census Bureau, the average life expectancy at birth for a male now stands at 72.2 years and for a female 79.1. More women live well into their senior years than do men.

It may be impossible to ever have an equal number of men as women in any senior adult group. This being true, it is important for senior adult groups to actively work at including men.

Some men may feel a bit outnumbered or overwhelmed by so many women, so they choose to stay away. Including men in leadership and decision-making could be a good first step. You might also give men responsibilities like making trip schedules.

One senior adult man responded to your question by saying, "Men aren't as interested in sitting around talking as women." The subject matter for programs is often of more interest to women than men. Ask yourself (maybe even ask some men) whether the programs and activities of your senior group are of interest to both sexes.

In order to include more men, some of the programs could be related to hobbies of interest to them. Some examples are knife collecting, antique cars, locomotives and the age of railroading, woodworking or gardening.

Many men like to work with their hands. At a recent senior adult Chautauqua at Ridgecrest, N.C., one program option was a mission project which involved building pews. Some of the workshops at the Chautauqua involved a study, but this particular workshop was a real workshop. It involved building something. One way to attract more men to your senior group might include a similar project. Many retired men are involved in such projects as Baptist Builders or disaster relief, providing much-needed ministry while staying active.

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

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

Don't read anonymous letters; pray for writers

The envelope was a dead give-away—another anonymous package. No name. No return address. No hint about who launched this missive on its caustic way.

Just as anticipated, the letter was not signed. Two pages of small handwriting, three newspaper clippings and air. No name.

I'd tell you more about the letter, but as I was unfolding the pages, a quotation came to mind. "Don't read anonymous letters," Morris Chapman told participants at the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference a few weeks ago. Chapman, president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and a former pastor, warned about the demoralizing effects of unsigned letters.

He's right, too. Anonymous letters rarely include constructive criticism. Constructive critics want to help the recipients of their advice. Anonymous letter-writers tend to rage and berate, and the venom of their words masks any helpful information they could provide. Constructive critics aren't ashamed to step forward in the open. But anonymous writers hide in the obscurity of the unknown.

Admittedly, the contents of a newspaper editor's mail isn't a big deal. And I wouldn't bother you with it, except for the contents of a signed letter that arrived the next day. The writer is a Kentucky pastor, who

described anonymous mail he received recently. His story is not unique; you'd be surprised how many Kentucky Baptist ministers get lambasted from people who lash out but don't own up to their criticisms. Anonymous letter-writers are kin to gossips, who peddle rumor and innuendo. Neither fights fairly; both deny their victims appropriate defense.

I must confess this pastor's final comment put me to shame. Anonymous letters provoke me to wrath and self-protection. "How cowardly," I usually say to myself. "If this person won't do me the courtesy of attaching a name, I won't do myself the discourtesy of reading the rubbish." But my friend expressed concern for the people who had lashed out at him. "We cannot heal the hurt if we do not know who is hurting," he wrote. "And we cannot pray for the Lord's guidance if we don't know who is in pain."

That pastoral insight is worth noting, whether we're sending or receiving hostile letters. Receivers need to remember anger often is the public face of pain. And senders should recall that change and reconciliation are next to impossible if identity is not present.

"Don't read anonymous letters," Chapman urged. But pray for those who spitefully use you.

Marv Knox

"We cannot heal the hurt if we do not know who is hurting. And we cannot pray for the Lord's guidance if we don't know who is in pain."

A Kentucky pastor

Americans score high on forgiveness, low on revenge

Here's good news if you "stole" somebody's parking spot at the mall this afternoon: Americans score high on forgiveness and low on revenge.

"Many Americans have what might be regarded as a healthy response to being wronged," reports pollster George Gallup Jr. "When asked to choose among a list of likely reactions—they could choose more than one—48 percent of respondents said they often try to forgive the other person, 27 percent 'pray to God for comfort and guidance,' 25 percent 'pray for that person' and 48 percent 'try to discuss the matter.'"

Not everyone is so forgiving, of course. "Eight percent said they would 'try to get even,'" Gallup notes, "while 14 percent said they 'hold resentment or try to keep it inside.'"

Gallup links the positive views about forgiveness to religious beliefs.

"The overwhelming majority of Americans—more than nine in 10—said it was important for a religious person to forgive those who have deliberately hurt them in some way," he says. "Sixty-five percent said this was 'very important,' and 28 percent termed it 'somewhat important.'"

While attention focuses on the person who has been forgiven, Gallup notes forgiveness is good for the forgiver, too. "Forgiveness is a powerful therapeutic intervention which frees people from their anger and from the guilt which is often a result of unconscious anger."

As Christmas approaches, give yourself and others a welcome present. Forgive your enemies.

Marv Knox

Ninety percent of Americans believe religious people should forgive others.

Nothing is more important than holding the light of Jesus

As we were settling back into life in Malawi, our daughter, Erin, wanted to help her dad put together a desk.

Tony had her to hold a flashlight for this project. Shortly Erin commented, "What else can I do besides hold the light?"

"But," said her dad, "I need you to hold the light so I can see to do the

work."

Protesting, Erin replied: "But I want a different job. You have a more important job than holding the light. I want an important job."

As this earthly father counseled his child, so does our Heavenly Father remind us, "There is nothing more important than holding the light."

Jesus said he is the Light of the World (John 8:12) and that if he is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself (John 12:32).

Even though life in Malawi and in the United States is filled with all kinds of "important" things, there is no greater job than holding the light of Jesus.

Through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions,

you continue to hold the light of the gospel so that the lost people of the world can see the way of salvation. The world can be changed now as we Baptist Christians join hands together to lift up the Light of the World, Jesus, before its people!

Janet and Tony Tench
Kentucky Baptists
Missionaries to Africa
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A dad-daughter conversation sheds light on the Light.

GUEST EDITORIAL

If Betsy had gotten her way that morning, she'd be cat food by now

Betsy rang her bell. Furiously. Persistently. She demanded to be let out.

If Betsy were a child, she'd be going through the "terrible twos." But since one year in human terms is equivalent to seven in a dog's life, she must be passing through her teens.

Which just goes to show that we've really got a lot to look forward to around here. Betsy can be moody, bossy, demanding and doggedly determined to have her way. When she gets in one of her little snits, a voice inside me warns: "Just wait until you have teen-age daughters. Heh-heh." Mercy.

Betsy's repeated bell-ringing broke such thoughts the other morning. She's got a little brass bell we've hung by the back door,

and she's learned to flick it with her paw to tell us she wants to go outside to do whatever it is dogs do when they go outside.

Well, I didn't need to be a canine mind-reader to figure out why she wanted to go out into the pitch-black darkness of pre-dawn drizzle.

A cat was screeching just beyond our backyard fence. Maybe it was two cats screeching just beyond our backyard fence; I'm a dog person, so understanding cat talk is like trying to pick up a foreign language, so much

jibber-jabber.

At any rate, some sort of feline frenzy was taking place just a few feet away from the back door, and Betsy wanted a piece of the action.

She whacked the bell again and again. Then she started growling and barking, and I jumped up from my work to hush her up. If she awoke the three females sleeping upstairs, we'd have our own version of feline frenzy indoors, and I'd be the one screeching as if the moon were about to drop from the sky.

When I stooped to pick up Betsy, she

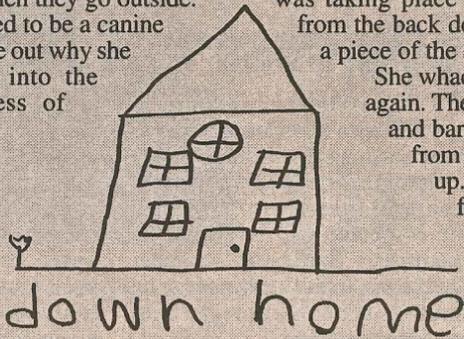
shook with excitement. She strained against my grasp, still rolling a guttural growl at the base of her throat, still wishing I'd open that door.

She gets that way sometimes. Especially around cats and really big dogs. Hers is an unfortunate disposition for a six-pound puff of fur, soft and melancholy from too many naps on the foot stool.

Cradled in my arms, Betsy eventually stopped shaking. But she never got to go outside. I love her too much to let some Tom make mincemeat out of her.

As I stroked her head, I wondered how God feels when we paw at the bells of our doorways, growling to go out and get into no good.

Marv Knox



Court to review separation standard

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ferred education for handicapped students through the private Hasidic schools, that practice was outlawed by the Supreme Court.

The school district's solution—to offer classes through its other schools—was not accepted by the Orthodox families, who refused to send their children to classes with non-Orthodox children. So the state legislature established a special school district encompassing only the Hasidic community, which allowed education for the handicapped students within the Hasidic environment.

The village has separate private schools for non-disabled boys and girls. Federal and state law, however, require public education be provided for disabled children. So the public school's students all are Hasidic Jews with impairments.

The superintendent is not Hasidic, but the seven-member school board contains all Hasidic Jews.

Officers of the New York State School Boards Association filed suit charging that the special district violates the First Amendment. To this point, courts have agreed.

The New York Court of Appeals said the principal effect of the creation of the special school district "is to advance religious beliefs."

Because the special services already are available to the handicapped

children of Kiryas Joel via the Monroe-Woodbury district, New York's top court said, the primary effect of the special district "is not to provide those services, but to yield to the demands of a religious community whose separatist tenets create a tension between the needs of its handicapped children and the need to adhere to certain religious practices."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, called the creation of the special district "religious apartheid."

It is "not only unconstitutional but also flies in the face of the inclusiveness we have sought in public education," Lynn said. "What kind of country will we be if all the thousands of religious denominations and groups ask for their own 'religiously correct' public school districts?"

But the CLC's Whitehead offered a different perspective.

"The village citizens pay over \$1.4 million in taxes and have a state constitutional right to a free public education for their children," Whitehead said. "These citizens also have a right to preserve religious liberty in the education of their children. These citizens should not be required to make a choice between these two rights, if the government can reasonably accommodate their religious convictions."

Nathan Lewin, attorney for the

Kiryas Joel school district, said the problem ultimately is the Lemon test.

As long as the Lemon test remains the law, "it creates great uncertainty for the lower courts," Lewin said. "This court should resolve, once and for all, whether Lemon vs. Kurtzman will be retained as the beacon by which legislatures and lower courts are to be guided to a safe shore."

But Walker of the Joint Committee urged caution in any re-examination of Lemon.

"The Lemon test was developed over a 10-year period and embodies teachings as old as the republic itself—a mandate of governmental neutrality with respect to religion," he explained.

Walker said the court could decide the New York case without utilizing Lemon, by following another case that bars favoring one religion over others.

"Where one religion is being privileged over all others, the Supreme Court has ruled that the state must justify that treatment by showing that it is pursuing a compelling interest through narrowly tailored means," he said. "This case more closely resembles those circumstances than the typical Lemon case where all religions are privileged."

Written by News Director Mark Wingfield, based on reports from Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press

Religious groups call for higher cigarette tax

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A coalition of anti-smoking religious groups has told Congress there should be a \$2-a-pack tax increase on cigarettes as "not only wise policy, but a moral obligation."

"Tobacco alone kills 419,000 persons in the United States every year, more than 10 times the number who die from gunshot wounds," said Jane Hull Harvey, a

United Methodist testifying Nov. 19 on behalf of the Interreligious Coalition on Smoking OR Health.

The still-forming coalition told the House Ways and Means

Committee that it supports the \$2 tax "to counteract tobacco advertising aimed at getting children hooked on one of the world's most addictive drugs."

Among the groups who have expressed support for the \$2-a-pack tax

include Catholic Charities USA, the Washington Office of the Church of the Brethren, the

Seventh-day Adventist Church and the United Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society.

The Clinton administration has floated the idea of a stiff cigarette tax to pay for some of the costs of its planned reform of the welfare system.

Unitarian-Universalists hit growth spurt nationwide

By Cecile Holmes White
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (RNS)—At a time when more traditional denominations across the country are losing members or barely holding their own, the Unitarian Universalist Association is hitting stride and projects a 25 percent membership increase by the year 2000.

Throughout their history, the Unitarian Universalists have prided themselves on disavowing what most other churches in the Judeo-Christian tradition hold most sacred. They lack a creed, for example. They reject the doctrine of the Trinity and cling to the notion of universal salvation for all.

That dismissal of tradition, combined with a healthy dose of social liberalism, has not prevented it from gaining in popularity. It is happening precisely at a time when many members of the postwar baby boom generation are beginning to bring their families to church.

John Buehrens, elected president

of the Boston-based denomination during the summer, traces much of the apparent appeal to what he says is the church's ability to provide "spiritual depth and moral integrity" without trying "to bend someone to our way of thinking."

In an interview, Buehrens said, "We have real pluralism in our religious orientations, but our underlying theologies are all progressive rather than nostalgic."

"And they are open and hopeful and faithful in their orientation to the future rather than control-oriented and desperate to restore some lost Eden that probably never existed."

The denomination, which traces part of its heritage to a movement within New England Congregationalism in the 19th century, has been a kind of safe harbor for spiritual wanderers, and that tradition seems to be helping it attract adherents.

Newcomers like Ruth Johnson of Overland Park, Kan., talk about joining a "fellowship of searchers." Don Blanchard of Carrollton, Texas, says

he is happy to find a place where different theological opinions flourish and searching is encouraged.

Houstonian Bill Boydston, who joined 12 years ago to provide his son with a spiritual home, sees newcomers drawn by the freedom to define their own theology.

"Most of them are looking for a place where their children can learn without being stifled," said Boydston.

Projections from denominational leaders put membership at 250,000 by the year 2000, up from 200,000 at present. Such numbers are small compared to the masses of Southern Baptist (15.8 million) and Roman Catholic (58 million) Americans. But, like the Jewish community, the Unitarian Universalist influence on society has long outweighed its size.

Buehrens ticked off the names of just a few who have helped shape the American cultural landscape: educator Horace Mann, Red Cross founder Clara Barton, suffragist Susan B. Anthony, and mental health crusader Dorothea Dix.

Clinton signs Brady Bill for waiting period

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Clinton signed the Brady Bill into law Nov. 30, capping years of effort to enact a five-day waiting period before Americans can purchase a handgun.

Clinton described the bill as the first step "in taking our streets back, taking our children back, reclaiming our families and our future."

The bill's waiting period will allow for a criminal background check on potential buyers.

The measure, which cleared Congress just before adjournment, is named for former White House press secretary James Brady, who was shot during an attempt to assassinate President Reagan in 1981.

The Senate approved the bill by voice vote and the House of Representatives by a 238-187 vote.

The signing ceremony was attended by James and Sarah Brady, who have been at the forefront of the campaign to enact gun-control legislation.

Freedom of Clinic Access Act falters but likely to return

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act will not become law this year, even though the act was passed by both houses of Congress.

The Senate and House of Representatives passed different versions of the bill the week before Congress adjourned for the year, but sponsors ran out of time in their attempt to achieve reconciliation.

Members of a Senate-House conference committee never were named

before Congress adjourned Nov. 25. When the Senate and House approve different versions of a bill, a conference committee normally is convened to work out differences.

The conferees will be named in late January, a House staff member said, with the intent of sending the conference version through both houses soon thereafter.

The bill would make it a federal offense to blockade an abortion clinic, vandalize an abortion clinic or per-

petrate violence against clinic personnel.

Many abortion opponents, including many who disavow violence and clinic blockades, have attacked the bill as a violation of free-speech rights. Abortion rights activists, on the other hand, have said the legislation is necessary to protect abortion clinic workers and to ensure women have the right to obtain an abortion.

A sharp disagreement could arise in the conference committee over a

religious liberty amendment offered by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R.-Utah, and adopted by the Senate. The language in the Senate version provides the same protections from violence and obstruction for those seeking to attend worship services as are guaranteed in the bill for those seeking to enter or working at abortion clinics.

In recent years, services at some churches which have opposed homosexual rights have been disturbed by homosexual activists.

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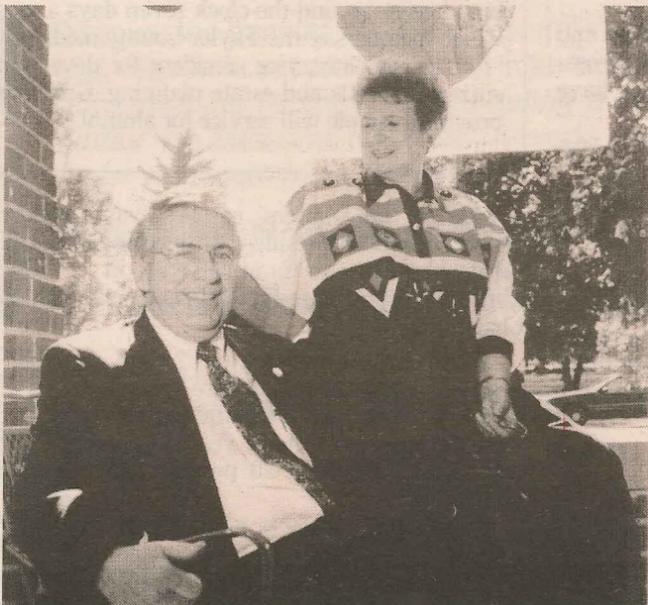
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Above: Students Curtis Barnes and Dawn Welch cross the gravel where the new courtyard is being built.

Right: President Kenneth Winters and his wife, Shirley, are getting much of the credit for the college's growth.



MARK CORNELISON

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE'S COURSE OF CHANGE

COVER STORY

Campbellsville charting course of expansion

College facts

- Founded in 1906 by the Russell Creek Baptist Association.
- Private, four-year, co-educational college with strong liberal arts component.
- The 50-acre campus is half a mile from downtown Campbellsville (population 10,500).
- Enrollment: 1,163.
- Student-faculty ratio of 15-1.

Coming events

- *The Butler Did It*, a classic whodunit will be performed Nov. 11, 12 and 13.
- Fall Visitation Day is Saturday. The events begin at 10 a.m. with registration and brunch for parents, students and faculty members. Special-interest sessions for students and parents are planned throughout the morning. A campus tour will be from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. All visitors are invited to stay for the football game against Union College. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

BY DAVID LAVENDER
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

CAMPBELLSVILLE — Campbellsville College sits on the fringe of the Bluegrass where a "Congested Area" sign usually means more than two houses are around the next bend.

It seems like the last place that college degrees would be the main crop.

But look closer. Smell a bulldozer spewing diesel fuel in the fall air. Stroll the 50-acre campus. See the flags of our nation, the commonwealth and the strawberry fluttering in the wind — and you realize something is going on here.

Some say that what's going on at this small, Baptist college is Kenneth and Shirley Winters.

Winters, president of the college, and his wife, a retired kindergarten teacher who is fascinated with the strawberry and its depiction, came to Campbellsville in 1988.

They did not see much. The campus included three boarded-up buildings and an enrollment that had stagnated at the 600 level.

But what the Winterses saw was a challenge.

"Maybe it's corny, maybe it's not, but I think it's where we were supposed to be," said Kenneth Winters, who spent 23 years at Murray State University. "It wouldn't have been on my mind so heavily to come back if there wasn't something here."

A way of life

After six years at Campbellsville, the couple's devotion to family and community seems to have permeated the campus.

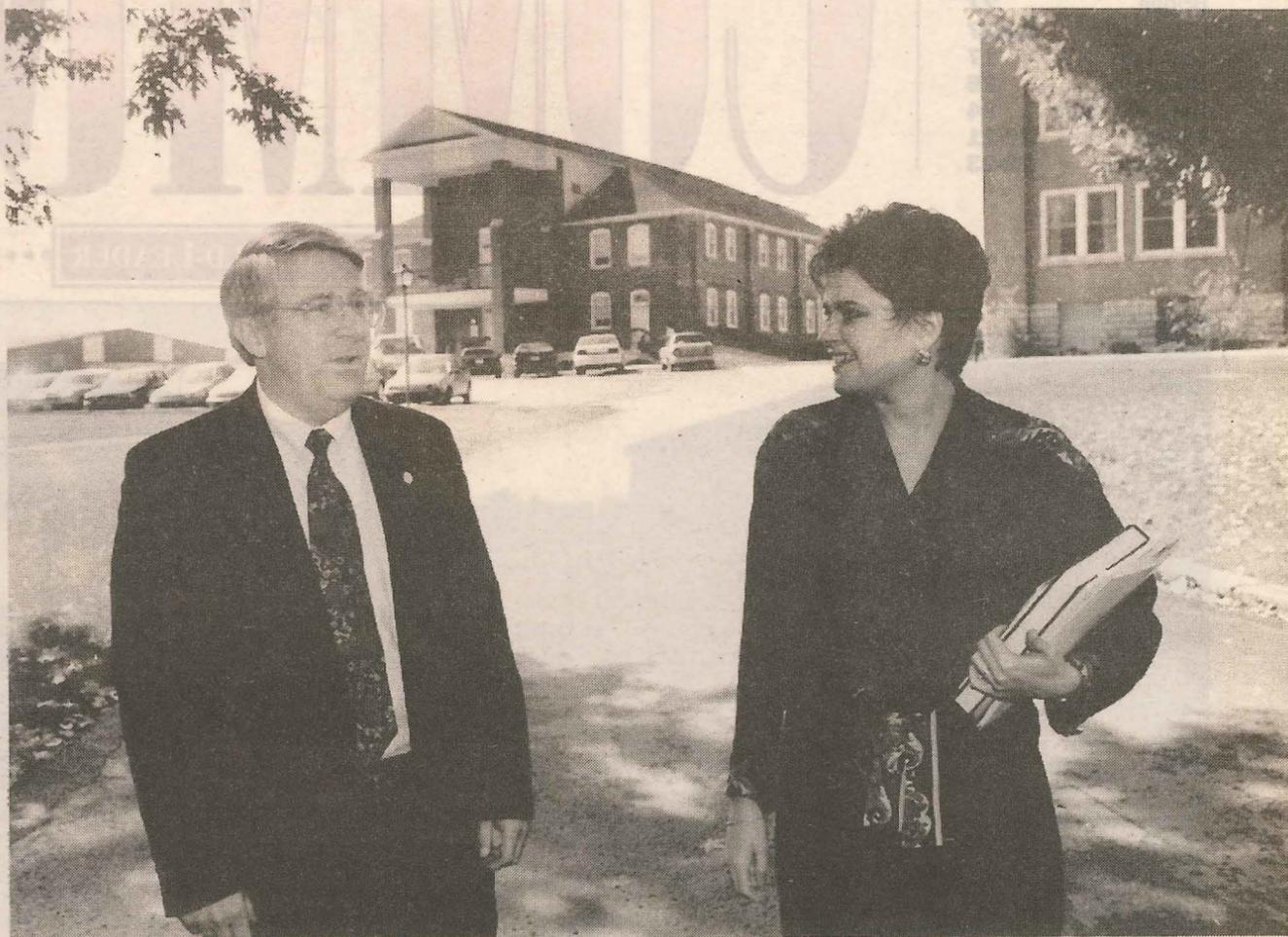
"Doctor Winters and the vision he has for Campbellsville College has had the greatest impact on overall campus life," said Trent Argo, director of admissions. "Once the administration had a vision, things have taken off."

"I have faculty members that will call students at home, write them let-

The strawberry connection

According to a Campbellsville College brochure, "the strawberry represents the close-knit 'family' environment we enjoy here at Campbellsville College. You'll see the strawberry around campus and in much of our College literature.

It is used, in great part, to honor the First Lady of Campbellsville College, Mrs. Shirley Winters, who frequently uses fresh strawberries picked nearby for homemade recipes. The baked goods Mrs. Winters prepares can often be found in faculty and administrative offices, and residence hall lobbies."



MARK CORNELISON

Campbellsville College President Kenneth Winters talks to student government president Brooke Williams near the newly renovated Student Activities Center.

ters, go by and visit them. A few years ago, we didn't have that."

Winters said his plan is simple. Reward people for doing well, provide students new adventures and, most important, put students first.

"Our philosophy is we have no other reason for being here other than those students," Winters said. "I think they believe that now."

And why shouldn't they.

Since 1988:

- Enrollment has risen 73 percent, topping 1,000 in 1991 and peaking this year at 1,163 students.

- A 65-member marching band and football, women's volleyball, cross-country, soccer and swimming have been added.

- The alumni donor base has grown from 3 percent to 20 percent.

- A master's degree in education curriculum and instruction has been introduced.

- Construction workers on campus aren't there to board up old buildings but to work on construction projects like the \$110,000 courtyard project that is scheduled to be completed by Christmas.

Assembling the team

Like the efforts Winters put into catching the trophy largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye that hang on his wall, Winters and his wife have worked hard to reel in their college family.

Reaching beyond the campus

Last year, Campbellsville College contributed \$37 million to the local economy, but the school's employees and students make other contributions to the community, too.

- Campbellsville College offers extension classes at the Fruit of the Loom plant in Campbellsville, Marion County High School and Marion Adjustment Center.

- Nearly all of the college's administrators are involved in community organizations such as the Lion's Club, Rotary Club and Kiwanis.

- Many faculty and staff members are leaders, musicians, deacons and Sunday school teachers in local churches.

- At election time, TV-4, an on-campus, low-power station — which broadcasts around the clock seven days a week, — airs a political forum in which members of the Taylor County media interview candidates.

- David Gray, vice president for development, leads seminars for senior citizens on wills and estate planning. Gray hopes to expand this program to provide a simple will service for alumni.

One of the Winters' catches was David Gray, vice president of development, who came to Campbellsville in May 1992 from Southern University in Charleston, S.C.

When Gray, a minister for 32 years, began at Campbellsville, there was no alumni director, and alumni donations were at 3 percent. After a year's work, the donor base is at 20 percent and climbing.

Even more telling is that 100 percent of faculty and staff have pledged to contribute a combined \$250,055 to the school's Vision 2000 campaign,

which is projected to raise \$5.3 million for the school.

On the chalk dust and eraser side of administration, the school caught a prize in Jim Howard, chairman of Campbellsville's division of education.

Howard, who founded the Governor's Scholars Program of Kentucky, was called in to oversee Campbellsville's masters of education program.

Robert Clark, academic dean, said Campbellsville's commitment to education is the real improvement.

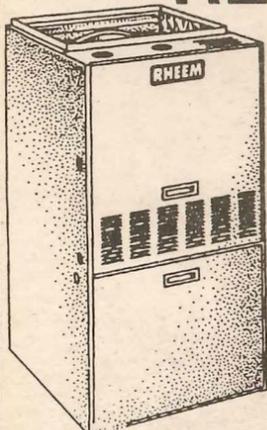
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Shirley Winters' love of strawberries and warm welcomes have become legend on campus.

COLLEGE: Campbellville full of growth, spirit

"Faculty is the heart of it," Clark said. "We can have hundreds of new buildings, but it's the teacher-student relationships that count. Once they close that door, it's what happens, where learning occurs."

One of the younger staff members is Argo, who came to Campbellville in 1983 from Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, Neb., where he had spent six years as a military police officer.

He, too, is caught up in the

Campbellville spirit.

"I don't remember a time in my life when I've enjoyed coming to work as now," Argo said. "Drives my wife crazy. Everywhere I go I'm Campbellville College."

One reason for such enthusiasm is that newcomers are welcomed warmly and quickly become part of the Campbellville College family.

Marc Whitt, who came to Campbellville from Georgetown College in December to head the public relations and marketing department, got a typical Winters reception.

"One of the first things we were greeted with was Mrs. Winters comes to the front door . . . she brings a loaf of bread she had just baked and strawberry butter for us, and we couldn't believe it."

Whitt said Shirley Winters has become like a grandmother to his 3-year-old daughter.

"I've have told many people that are connected with this college, 'thank you for adopting me,'" Whitt said. "Whether you were a graduate here or whether you were brought in the leadership of this campus, you do get adopted."

Shirley Winters, who bakes loaves of bread to give to others each week, is "about as busy as you can get without being on the payroll," her husband said.

The Campbellville College spirit has spread from the basketball arena, where the baseball team shows its support by jumping down to the floor and doing pushups for each 3-point basket, to the community, where people

like Ponderosa restaurant manager Jim Horton prepare for the overflow crowds on weekends when sports events are going on at the college.

"Business increases somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 percent," Horton said. Game crowds are "something very predictable that we can plan for."

The Ponderosa, which opened April 7, employs Campbellville students.

"It's a very positive impression we get business-wise and life-wise," said Horton, who moved to Taylor County from Louisville two years ago. "The growth of the town and the college complement each other. One is good for the other."

The school pumps \$37 million into the local economy, but Campbellville Mayor Robert L. Miller, a 1948 graduate of the college, sees beyond the dollar signs.

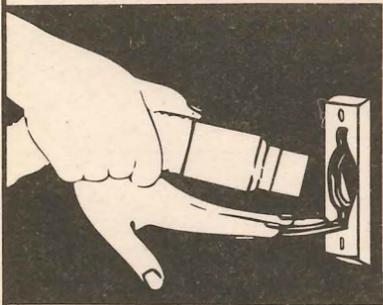
"Its culture and economic impact on our community is beyond measure," he said. "Campbellville College provided me not only with an excellent education but with strong morals and Christian values, which have sustained me throughout my life."

To Ken Winters, "It all boils down to whether or not you care about students and whether your students perceive you as honest in the way you feel about them."

How does he think the brethren who started the Baptist school in 1906 would react to the college's success?

"I think there would be lots of 'Hallelujah Choruses.'"

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CHRISTMAS

March to the malls often bypasses the manger

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Christmas presents, according to the American Research Group. "This is an enormous expenditure for families who could be using their funds for other things," Fritsch said.

■ The emphasis on buying fosters greed. "Where it goes off track is in the running with the Joneses and the desire to be bigger and better in terms of what we buy at Christmas," Gushee said. "It's the acquisitiveness, the idea that 'I've got to get all these great gifts or I won't be happy.'"

■ The poor are impacted more adversely. "People who already are in miserable economic circumstances have their noses rubbed in it because the parents aren't able to provide for their children all the toys they see advertised on television or perhaps their friends at school are getting," Gushee said.

■ Some merchants exploit Christian faith for the purpose of profit. "When do malls invite church choirs to perform?" Parham asked. "Do you ever know of a mall that invited a church choir to come sing at Easter? When do malls and other stores play Christian music over their intercoms? Only at Christmastime."

But there is another side to the issue, noted David Proffitt, bivocational pastor of Licking River Baptist Church in Salyersville and manager of Martin's department store there.

Christmas may be too commercial, he agreed, but the gifts Americans

buy put turkeys on the tables of thousands of retail and manufacturing workers.

Without Christmas sales, the retail industry's goose would be cooked, Proffitt said. "If you don't make it between October and Jan. 1, you won't

crass things that are associated with commercialization and make Christmas a sham. It's not within the commercialization but within the person."

In the final analysis, "our response to Christmas, and to what degree we allow commercialization to rob us of the basic gifts of Christmas, are always very personal," Proffitt said.

The 25 religious leaders haven't spoken against commercialization just to be labeled Scrooges, Parham said in response.

"I don't think the notion of the coalition is to harm the American economy," he explained. "What we object to is using the celebration of the Peace Child as a means to obtain personal gain and corporate gain."

The coalition does not oppose Americans spending money, but thinks people ought to be more thoughtful about

how and when they spend their money, said Karen Brown, research director at the Center for the Study of Commercialism.

"What we're looking for is a better distribution of the wealth into more useful social purposes instead of just gadgety consumer items," she said.

The bottom line is that Christians should not let commercialization overtake their celebration of Christmas, Gushee declared.

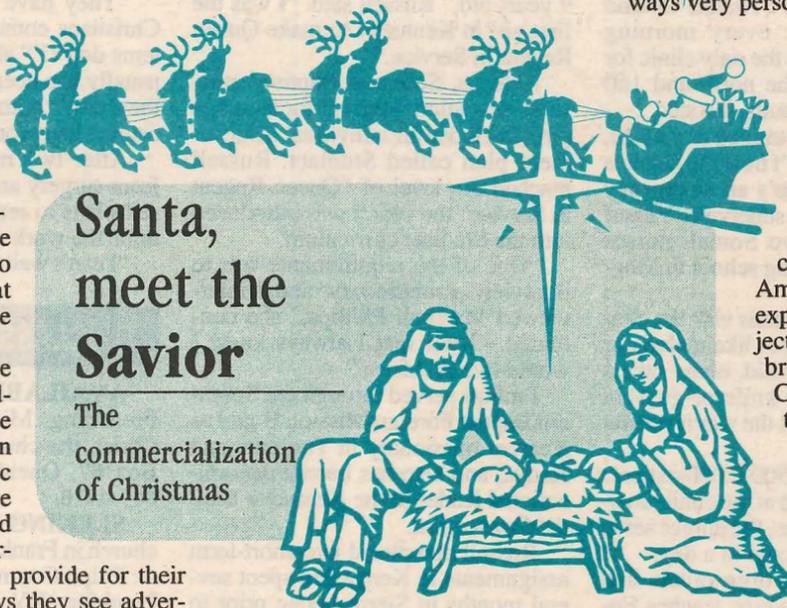
"It's important to see the gift-buying, the gift-giving and gift-receiving as only a small part of what Christmas is about," he said. "If we can make gift-giving an opportunity to

make it. That accounts for well over a third of your sales, and in some cases half your annual sales."

The commercialization of Christmas "is only one facet of a world that's run by self," Proffitt added. "If the church and religious leaders want to do something about the commercialization of Christmas, let them preach sermons against self."

The real problem is not with the products on store shelves but with what's found in the hearts of individuals, he said.

"You can buy gifts and give them with a spirit of love, the spirit of Christ, and have nothing wrong at all. On the other hand, you can do all the



Santa, meet the Savior

The commercialization of Christmas

Why do we give gifts, anyway?

Ever wonder who started this business of gift-giving at Christmastime?

Unraveling the answer isn't an easy task. That's because the modern holiday celebrated as Christmas is the combined product of several streams of tradition.

The word "Christmas" is Old English for "cristes maesse," or "Christ's mass."

Although the early church celebrated the birth of Christ, it took several hundred years for a uniform holiday to develop. The oldest record of the Feast of Christ's Nativity dates to the year 336 in Rome, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

However, it wasn't until the year 400 that a Christian calendar was developed to replace a previously pagan calendar.

"Constantine was the first Christian emperor, but at the end of the fourth century it was Theodosius who arranged the Christian calendar," explained Marvin Anderson, professor of Christian history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Christmas Day was placed on Dec. 25 to replace a pagan Roman festival

that featured merrymaking and gift-giving, Anderson continued. "What Christians did was to take over those aspects."

Giving gifts is a natural extension because gift-giving long has been associated with both pagan and Christian holidays of all types, Anderson said.

On another level, the gift-giving is thought to be a tradition tied to the Epiphany, the celebration of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus by the magi.

How Christmas gifts came to be exchanged on Dec. 25 is another story. Theodosius, the man who first arranged the Christian calendar, and his contemporaries chose this date.

"Christian demographers of the third century believed that the creation of the world took place at the spring equinox, then reckoned as March 25," according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. "Hence, the new creation in the incarnation and death of Christ must therefore have occurred on the same day, with his birth following nine months later at the winter solstice."

Tips for creating a meaningful Christmas

So you say you're tired of seeing Christmas displays pop up one aisle over from the Halloween candy? And you've determined you want to avoid the excessive commercialization of Christmas?

Here are 10 practical tips to get started, offered by members of a religious coalition to "take commercialism out of Christmas":

■ "Recognize that the Christian symbols related to the birth of the Peace Child are being inappropriately used and aggressively used to sell products," said Robert Parham of the Baptist Center for Ethics. "We always have to begin with recognition of the problem."

■ Use the church as a place to teach the true meaning of Christmas, not only in December but throughout the year.

■ Teach within churches and families the ideals of self-sacrifice and proper determination of self-worth modeled by Jesus Christ.

■ Make gifts at home rather than buying them.

■ Reduce the number of gifts given, perhaps to one gift per person.

■ Give gifts of service rather than tangible

items. For example, parents could give their children the gift of time, noted Karen Brown of the Center for the Study of Commercialism. "One of the ironies of Christmastime is people are hustling around to shop and give up really quality family time."

■ Create a festive atmosphere in the home based on the celebration of Christ's birth rather than on giving and getting gifts.

■ Observe the Advent season at church and at home to make Christmas more than just a one-day holiday. Many churches now produce Advent devotional guides written by their own members.

■ Give gifts to worthwhile causes, such as missions, homeless shelters and the like, on behalf of people you normally would give a purchased item.

■ Purchase gifts that benefit worthy social causes. For example, Koinonia Farms in Americus, Ga., sells gift items to support its ministry. Another Georgia organization called Alternatives offers a catalogue of gifts produced in Third World countries that help build developing economies.

Christmas trivia

■ American families will spend an average of \$689 on Christmas gifts this year, down slightly from the \$740 per family average spent last year.

Source: American Research Group.

■ The most popular price range for Christmas gifts this year is \$21 to \$25.

Source: American Research Group.

■ In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day one week earlier to expand the Christmas shopping season and thereby help U.S. business.

Source: World Book Encyclopedia 1993

■ Americans consume about \$18 billion worth of alcohol during the holiday season, roughly 40 percent of annual sales.

Source: Baptist Center for Ethics

■ American businesses spend more than \$130 billion annually on advertising. In comparison, the federal government spends \$70 billion annually on education.

Source: Center for the Study of Commercialism

■ Christmas buying accounts for anywhere from 40 percent to 60 percent of annual sales for most American retailers, according to industry insiders and economists.

■ Christmas is the favorite holiday of 93 percent of Americans, as supported by findings that 85 percent have a Christmas tree at home, 78 percent send Christmas cards, 68 percent attend Christmas parties and 54 percent sing Christmas carols.

Source: Gallup Poll

■ Only 38 percent of Americans consider Christmas to be a "strongly religious" holiday. That's slightly more than the 36 percent who attend Christmas Eve services at church and the 25 percent who attend Christmas Day services.

Source: Gallup Poll

show our appreciation for those we love and care about ... with modest, thoughtful gifts ... that can be a very special thing."

Kentucky woman feels at home in Somalia ministry

Naylor regains medical license

BANGALORE, India (BP)—Southern Baptist missionary doctor Rebekah Naylor officially regained her Indian medical license Nov. 25 after a surprise overruling of the Indian national medical council, which denied her a license last October. "I was of course rather stunned," Naylor said of the reversal decision, made by India's top health official, Secretary of Health R.L. Mishra. Naylor, a surgeon from Fort Worth, Texas, and the only Southern Baptist missionary living in India, first learned of the decision in a Nov. 12 meeting with Mishra in Delhi. But she couldn't practice medicine or comment publicly until she received official notification, which arrived—appropriately—on Thanksgiving Day. Mishra also overruled the medical council's decision not to grant Naylor a license in 1991.

The council's 1991 decision, as well as the October ruling, made it illegal for Naylor to practice medicine at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, where she has worked since 1973. The 1991 overruling came only after a U.S. senator, India's ambassador in Washington, and Southern Baptist pastors in Kentucky interceded in Naylor's behalf. The good news falls short of total victory, however, because the new license is good for only one year. A renewal next year appears even more doubtful since Mishra will retire from his position as health secretary in early 1994.

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community development and food cultivation, she said.

"Most of Somalia is beyond the war," she said. "They don't want any part of it. They just want to live and work and get education for their kids and have a family life."

That is especially true in Saco, she added, where there are indications that life slowly is beginning to return to normal:

■ In October, the community gathered its first harvest since the war started. The crop was grown from seeds provided by Food for the Hungry last April.

■ The population in Saco has tripled in the last six months, as refugees returned to rebuild their homes and communities.

■ City elders are discussing plans for a school and government center, Russell said. "Progress is definitely being made."

However, the city has a long way to go. A community that used to boast telephones, running water, electricity and bus and airline service, Saco was forced to return to using a donkey cart for transportation after the war began.

Russell anticipated the city would need 10 years to catch up with its level of development prior to the war.

Meanwhile, Food for the Hungry and other agencies are working together with Somalis to facilitate development.

The motto of Food for the Hungry, Russell explained, is based on a Chinese proverb: "Go to the people, live

among them, learn from them, love them. ... When their task is accomplished, the people all remark, 'We have done it ourselves.'"

Russell and others working through the agency raise their own financial support.

Days in Saco begin early for Russell. She opens the "Thanks to God Help Post" clinic every morning about 7 a.m. This is the only clinic for 80 kilometers to the north and 160 kilometers to the south, she said.

Although she is trained as a nurse, Russell said, "I don't treat the patients myself, unless there's an emergency or something." She supervises Yussuf and Abdullahi, two Somali nurses who attended nursing school in Mogadishu.

While many Somalis visit the clinic because of diseases like malaria or dysentery, Russell said, many others need treatment for knife or gunshot wounds—signs that the war is not yet behind them.

An estimated 1,500-2,000 patients are seen each month at the clinic, Russell said. Sometimes, the clinics serve as many as 120 people in a day.

Russell handles drug orders and makes funding requests, teaches English and leads hygiene and wellness classes.

Despite austere living conditions, Russell said she feels safe and "at home" at the medical compound.

In a country where one might expect to find anger and hatred, she explained, she was welcomed with open arms.

Helping children at Christmas

Christmas is a time of both excitement and stress for the children of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The boys and girls look forward to this special holiday, but Christmas also often forces the children to deal with painful issues.

The days leading up to Christmas are fun. The campuses and churches where the children attend have special activities. Christmas parties are provided and each child receives gifts through the generosity of Kentucky Baptists.

The excitement also causes hopes to run high. The children all hope that the problems within their families will be swept away and that they will go home. Even those children whose circumstances are such that they haven't seen their parents in years often still hope for a miracle.

Our professional child care staff tries to help. We never want the young people to give up hope, but we also try to help them understand the sometimes harsh realities.

For those young people whose family situations are such that they can return home, even if it is for only a short visit, we make plans

for that. For children who have no family, we try to arrange a visit with a family we know will help them to have an enjoyable holiday.

For children who need the safety and security of remaining in our direct care on Christmas, caring child care staff do all they can to make the holiday special. Often this means the staff will take the children to their own homes.

Despite these efforts though, Christmas and the days following can be quite stressful for the young people. Sometimes, expectations are so high that home visits leave children disappointed. Sometimes, even the good things about celebrating bring back painful memories or reopen old wounds.

Please pray for the children during this Christmas season. Pray that they will see that they have a powerful God who loves them and wants to bring hope and healing. Please also pray that the staff will have the wisdom, the words, and the love to help begin building new, happy Christmas memories.

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

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"None of us have ever felt threatened. The people are so genuinely loving and caring."

Russell attributed her desire to serve in Africa to her involvement in Southern Baptist missions organizations as a teen-ager.

"I became a Christian when I was 9 years old," Russell said. "I was the first girl in Kentucky to make Queen Regent in Service."

Acteens, Southern Baptists' missions education program for teen-age girls, includes an individual achievement plan called Stuidiact. Russell reached the level of "Queen Regent in Service" the year it was introduced into the Stuidiact curriculum.

"One of the requirements was to interview a missionary, and I interviewed Marshall Phillips," she continued. "After that I always knew I would live in Africa."

Phillips served through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as a career missionary in Tanzania and Kenya, and also has been a denominational leader in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Russell completed two short-term assignments in Kenya and spent several months in Sierra Leone prior to her work in Somalia.

Russell applies the same philosophy to relief aid and evangelism: help one person at a time.

"You can't go out and feed everybody," she said. "But you can feed one person."

In the same way, evangelism in this predominantly Moslem country

is a slow process that begins with building relationships of trust, she said.

"I may not see a single Somali make a decision for Christ," she admitted. But her presence is causing indigenous people to ask questions about their religion.

"They have asked me, 'Why do Christians come to help when Moslems don't?'" she said. Her response usually has been, "I don't know why they don't come, but I am here because I love you."

After two months of recovering from surgery and raising funds, Russell plans to return to Saco and continue the work she left in October.

"I can't wait to go home," she said.

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The touch of God

Jim Hawkins is a chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

It was the Lord's Day. I had looked forward to that day because my doctor had told me that I could go for a little walk. Although I had been hospitalized only the day before, I was already bored and wanted to get out and see people.

Confident that the medication would control my seizures, I went on a leisurely walk with my wife.

We were standing at the elevators when Wilma, a friend and a nurse, saw us. She asked me why I was a patient.

As we talked, I explained the events of the preceding day: I had seven mild, mainly vocal seizures and was brought to Western Baptist where a CT scan revealed a small lesion on the surface of my brain. It was a cancer.

As I was describing those seizures, I suddenly had one. I did not pass out; I did not fall; I just stood there, unable to tell my wife or Wilma what was happening.

Wilma immediately noticed, grabbed me around my waist and called for help. By the time I sat down in a wheelchair, the seizure was over. Wilma pushed me back to my room, checked my blood pressure and told the nurse what happened.

I remember a lot about my hospital experience, but most often I remember Wilma's arms around my waist so I wouldn't fall and hurt myself.

People often ask me where God is. We look for God in supernatural events, but I felt God in and through Wilma, who is only one of many. I felt God's care through my nurse, who recommended I not go on a walk. I felt it through my doctors who did not give up hope. I

felt God's care through every aspect of my stay.

It has been a year now and my life is not easy. I am still adjusting to the fact that I have cancer. I know many of you have problems of your own, some more devastating than mine. And while I do not want to sound trite or to minimize the pain, it is the "Wilmas" that help us make it through life.

May God continue to bless us with many "Wilmas" during this Christmas season and upcoming new year.

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English still opens doors to Chinese

WUHU, China (BP)—China's healthy appetite for English remains one of the best ministry opportunities for Southern Baptists in the nation of 1.2 billion people, according to Baptists who serve there.

"The door is open wider than ever before," said C.K. Zhang, a retired language professor at Anhui Normal University in Wuhu, China. "You can't send missionaries, but that doesn't mean (Christian) work in China has stopped. You can come as foreign experts."

Zhang, 84, considers himself a "third-generation Southern Baptist" because his grandmother became a Christian through the ministry of Southern Baptist missionaries. He has devoted his life to teaching sociology and English in China.

"I felt the Lord called me to teach ... but that's not the most important thing," Zhang explained. "It is more important to teach the gospel message. But as a Christian teacher you bring the gospel into every class you teach."

Southern Baptist teachers will have a chance to do just that next summer. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is seeking 60 to 80 English teachers—certified to teach English as a Second Language (ESL)—to work in China for six weeks.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for outreach," said Charlie Wilson, a Southern Baptist education consultant based in Hong Kong. "Most students that summer teachers meet aren't Christians. These contacts are often the first opportunity for Chinese students to meet someone with the Christian faith."

"Whether the students make commitments to become Christians or not, they are introduced to foreigners who have made Jesus Christ their Lord. Many of these students are studying to teach English themselves, and when they begin to teach they will relate their positive experiences to their own students."

The summer teachers program is entering its fifth year. Last summer's 53 Southern Baptist teachers, working on 11 campuses, taught more than 1,800 students during their six weeks in China, Wilson estimated.

"They planted seeds of witness with hundreds of people," Wilson said. "With teaching, you get to build relationships with people rather than just letting them pass by with only giving them a piece of literature."

For more information about the summer teachers program, call Bob McEachern at the FMB: (800) 999-3113, ext. 524.

Baptists united amid Yugoslavia's chaos

By Marty Croll
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ZAGREB, Croatia (BP)—Like cool water on parched lips, Nela Williams' words about Baptists in her homeland are welcome relief to someone hunting down hope in the bitter chaos of Yugoslavian bloodshed.

"When the song says, 'In Christ there is no east or west,' that's really true when you think what binds us together—our common faith," said Williams, a Southern Baptist missionary and native of Zagreb, Croatia's capital.

The spirit of unity allows Baptists to pour out their lives over the land. They've fed and nursed refugees and are still looking for ways to help.

"We're first Christians, then Croats or Serbs. This is how it should be," said Williams, a third-generation Baptist who continued as a missionary after her husband, James, a native of Atlanta, died in a 1980 automobile accident in Yugoslavia.

Phone lines have been cut, roads demolished and blocked. But prayer among Baptists travels across military lines undetected by the Bosnian, Croat and Serb armies scurrying to consolidate land gains before peace requires them to live side-by-side with each other. Factions of the three largest republics once comprising communist Yugoslavia have failed repeatedly to honor cease-fire papers hammered out by their leaders.

Each faction names one of the others as the evil aggressor. But among Baptists, no one points a finger, Williams said. "We don't talk politics. We talk about Christian beliefs and trust in the Lord, and we don't take sides."

Baptists of all ethnic backgrounds are too busy working together to meet human and spiritual needs to play politics, take sides or battle each other. Non-Baptist leaders say Baptists will be in the best position of any religious group to help after the killing stops because their faith sees beyond ethnic

barriers.

Historically, Croats have been identified with Roman Catholics, Serbs with Greek Orthodox and Bosnians with Moslems. Protestants are few. Multi-sided civil war—which quickly became anarchy—broke out after the central communist government fell in 1990 and republics in Yugoslavia began declaring their right to exist as separate nations.

The United Nations High Commission on Refugees asked Southern Baptist missionary Bill Steele of Columbus, Ga., earlier this year to help coordinate Baptist involvement in a U.N. project to provide school supplies to 130,000 displaced children. Baptists also cooperate in several projects to feed refugees and couple relief projects with spiritual ministries.

Baptists planned to package about 1 million notebooks, 780,000 pencils, 40,000 paint sets and a ton of chalk, said Steele, who coordinates Southern Baptist relief works in the republic. They used Red Cross channels throughout Serbia and Montenegro—a southern republic loyal to Serbia—to distribute them, employing Baptists and refugees in the region.

Steele moved his family from Belgrade, capital of Serbia, to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, in May. Slovenia, separated from Serbia by Croatia, is relatively peaceful now, after defending its right to stand separate from Serbia. Steele finds it easier to travel from there than from Serbia because of wartime measures.

His ties with UNCHR not only increase the visibility of Southern Baptists in the region, but allow him ease of entrance into areas of the republics where the denomination funds food projects through local Baptists.

In August, the Foreign Mission Board gave \$250,000 for feeding refugees and \$200,000 for a cattle project, both in Croatia. The money to feed refugees bought 350 tons of food—700,000 meals for 10,000 people.



The cattle project resulted after Southern Baptists, at the invitation of the nation's vice president, sent a team of cattle breeding experts to Croatia to help refurbish the farming economy. The team proposed spending the \$200,000 to place 200 pregnant heifers on small farms. A central coordinating team of Baptists and other humanitarians manage the project. Officials figure the war has sliced Croatia's farming output by about a third, with more than a fourth of the cattle either destroyed or stolen.

"This country is based on the small farmer," Steele said. "I mean a couple cows, a couple pigs, a couple chickens."

Southern Baptists in Virginia sent the owner of a cattle operation and an animal scientist to join a short-term mission veterinarian in Croatia. They met with family farmers, high-tech farmers, ministers of agricultural and local officials there to explore every aspect of the cattle breeding needs.

Rather than bringing in cattle from outside Croatia, Baptists would buy them from a large farm once owned by the communist government. A farmer receiving a cow from the project would be responsible for returning a calf, helping the project support itself.

HOPE Nela Williams' smile conveys her Christian hope for her war-torn homeland, formerly known as Yugoslavia. "We're first Christians, then Croats or Serbs," she explains of Christian unity there in the midst of ethnic and religious warfare. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

Gospel advances in Algeria despite threats

BRUSSELS, Belgium (BP)—Neither death threats against Christians nor civil unrest has stopped the gospel in its spread across Algeria, according to recent eyewitness accounts.

Civil violence grips the North African nation as militant Moslems battle the government in an attempt to install an Islamic-controlled regime similar to Iran's.

More than 2,000 people have been reported to have been killed in the fighting and terrorist attacks during the last two years.

An Islamic militant group claimed responsibility for the assassination of two Russian military officers in October.

Other foreigners have been killed and kidnapped as militants apparently followed up on threats against them.

Moslem militants also have threatened Christian families inside Algeria as well as Christian workers outside the country, although no killings

of Christians have been reported.

Some threats have appeared in letters sent to Christian radio programs broadcast in the region. One recent letter vowed: "You are our target. Your blood will be shed in Kabylia, land of Islam. Here is the result of your 'mission impossible.' Death!"

Another letter warned: "We know that you attack Islam in order to earn your bread and butter. But you have forgotten that you are in the process of digging your grave—causing your death—which will soon happen."

But threats haven't stopped many Algerians from responding to the gospel. Recent reports from inside the country confirm house churches and home Bible study groups continue to be established in many villages—especially in the northern mountainous area where Kabyle Berbers predominate.

One observer told of believers who walked more than nine miles through the rain to attend Bible studies. Men and women, young and old,

are responding. And Christian outreach continues in the capital city of Algiers, but in a more subdued way, according to the witnesses.

Baptisms also are increasing, the sources say. They reportedly number in the tens, not the hundreds. But Christians familiar with the country still use words like "miraculous" and "amazing" to describe the growing movement.

Any response from Kabyle Berbers is considered significant. Historically almost 100 percent of them have been Moslems. Kabyles are one of the four main groups within the Berbers, a people group of 20 million spread through several North African countries. About 5 million Kabyles live in Algeria.

Berbers are considered to be part of "World A," a term used by Christian missiologists to describe people groups virtually cut off from the gospel. Such isolated peoples constitute the "final frontier" in Christian missions.

KENTUCKY KERNELS

Half of all American adults who describe themselves as Christian most frequently attend Catholic or Baptist churches.

Source: *The Barna Report 1992-93*

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BURNA**—Central Church called **James Oates** as pastor.
 ■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church called **John Hendrix**, professor at Southern Seminary, as interim pastor.
 ■ **FRANKFORT**—First Church ordained **Earl Bell, Robin Bradshaw, Dwayne Cook, Joe Manning** and **Calvin Smith** as deacons.
 ■ **GEORGETOWN**—Georgetown Church elected **Bob Barlow, Maribeth Hambrick, Daryl Hatton, Jim Revel** and **Paul Staker** as deadons.
 ■ **IRVINE**—Beech Grove Church called **John Ryder** as pastor.
 ■ **LOUISVILLE**—South Jefferson Church called **Gregory Burton** as pastor. He formerly was pastor of Cedar Grove Church in Shepherdsville. Also, **Quentin Kinnison** was called as minister of youth.

Middletown First Church called **Danny Haynes**, a recent graduate of Boyce Bible School, as pastor. He previously was pastor of New Brandenburg Church.
 ■ **MOUNT STERLING**—Kiddville Church called **Charles Evans** as pastor.
 ■ **PROVIDENCE**—First Church called **Jim McDaniel** as minister of youth and education.
 ■ **SHELBYVILLE**—Buffalo Lick Church called **Zeke Moore** as pastor. Also, **Darryl Church** was called as youth minister.
 ■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Little Mount Church called **Scott Lester** as minister of youth and children. He is a student at Southern Seminary.
 ■ **WESTPORT**—Westport Church called **Michael** and **Sarah Martin** as co-pastors.

Danville choir to sing on ABC special

CAMPBELLSVILLE—A Christmas Day special slated to air on ABC-TV will feature the Danville Children's Choir, directed by Nevalyn Price Moore of Campbellsville College.

Moore is a music instructor at the college, which is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The children's choir was to perform at Disney World in Orlando,

Fla., Dec. 2-5. During that visit, they also were to tape a segment for the "Disney World Christmas Day Special."

Moore accompanies the 40-voice choir on piano and hammer dulcimer.

The choir premeared a new composition accompanied by hammer dulcimer during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Music Conference Nov. 15 in Elizabethtown.

Associations look for 'happy campers'

By **Melanie Childers**
 Staff Writer

CORBIN—"Happy campers" are in danger of becoming scare these days, Camp Director Patrick Callahan believes.

In today's society, more and more children lack the attention and love needed to become happy or fulfilled, Callahan says. That's why he stresses the impact a week at summer camp can have in children's lives.

This past summer, as director of Laurel Lake Baptist Camp in Corbin, he helped usher hundreds of children through the camp's program, making sure they received individual attention and love.

"Children in this day and age need to feel needed and wanted," he says. "So many kids just want to be hugged; ... they like attention."

"One of the biggest needs is for focused attention from counselors and staff," Callahan continues. "We point them back to Scripture and to Jesus Christ."

Six Kentucky Baptist associations have shared joint ownership of the camp for the past 11 years: Mount Zion, Lynn Camp, South Union, Rockcastle, North Concord and Bell County.

Callahan is the first manager of the camp to work full time through-

out the year. He lives on the grounds with his wife, Lisa, and their four children.

The camp's 140 wooded acres are surrounded by the Daniel Boone National Forest, Callahan explains. Hiking trails and fishing holes abound.

The facilities, which are available for individual churches' use as well as age-level groups, include a large dining hall, screened tabernacle, small chapel, several small cottages and boys' and girls' dormitories. A swimming pool is one of the most recent additions to the camp.

Week-long camps are provided for children by age groups.

Mission education groups such as Girls in Action also meet together for camp.

Callahan, a 1988 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, says he felt called specifically to serve the Lord through a camping ministry.

"I see camp as an extension of the church, a tool like vacation Bible school or Sunday school, where the church can send children and youth to strengthen their education and help them make important decisions," Callahan explains.

For information about Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, call Callahan at (606) 528-3522.

"Sir, I didn't need a letter ..."

Susan attended most of her four high school years at Oneida. She had to be expelled at one point and was away from us from some time. But she appealed several times to come back and was allowed to do so. She went on to graduate.

Recently I mailed my annual Christmas letter to thousands of former students and friends of our school.

Susan replied: "The last time I wrote to you was to request reinstatement in school. You were more than willing to give me that chance. I can't thank you enough. Oneida was a chance to achieve my potential."

"Since my graduation I have traveled many paths. Thanks to Oneida and the strong Christian faith instilled by you and my mother, I never lost hope or the knowledge that everything would be OK. I have a husband and three beautiful children and am currently enrolled in college again."

"Sir, I didn't need a letter to tell me what Oneida can do for young people, but I did need a reminder that every bit of help is needed and appreciated. The enclosed check is not much, but I hope it will help."

A letter like this makes it all worthwhile.

Glen and an older sister and younger brother came to Oneida at the same time. Most of their youth had been in a single-parent home. There were six older brothers and sisters in this large family.

Many girls and boys have sometimes cried during their initial interview—thousands have at some point during those early weeks when they were very homesick. But Glen is the only one that I can recall that quietly cried during most of my several-hour tour and interview the day I accepted him.

But he settled in and became an outstanding

student during the four years he was here. He was on our fencing team that won several state championships. Our team even defeated some university teams. Glen also was excellent academically and very well-behaved.

His college concentration was in math and computers and he is an outstanding public school teacher. Also, he is happily married with several children.

Glen sent a donation and a letter this Christmas season. He wrote: "It's been 13 years since I graduated from OBI. I know the faces have changed, but the mission is the same. Give every student the opportunity to grow in Christ and receive an education second to none."

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Oneida. I thank the faculty for not only giving me an education, but also leading me to Christ and being my parents away from home."

"My sister (who attended OBI) recently passed away leaving three young children. As I mourn her death, Bob Turner, a former OBI teacher, helped with phone calls, flowers and

prayers. Every student should be so lucky to develop such a relationship. No words could ever express the value of this teacher's actions. All students should take time to thank their teachers and build friendships for a lifetime. The enclosed contribution is in memory of my sister and I will continue to send."

Bob Turner and his wife, the former Bonnie Hawkins, were the first couple to be married in our present chapel. They were two of our most capable and dedicated teachers for 12 years.

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

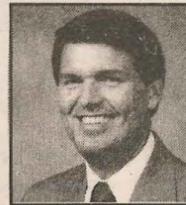
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Bill Whittaker

The Farmer family

The twenty-third annual Christmas Shopping Spree is scheduled for Dec. 9. Student families choose gifts from new merchandise donated by mission groups, churches and countless other friends. Somerset native Greg Farmer remembers their first Shopping Spree: "I'll never forget the thrilled look on my wife's face. This is such a big help to our families."

Greg probably wishes Shopping Spree contained a new trick for his gospel magic show. He has done presentations for 13 years. During his first performance at First Baptist Church, Bronston, a teen-ager was saved. Since then he has performed at shopping malls, schools, youth revivals and on television. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

During performances Greg also juggles balls. His busy life juggles commitments to school, church, family and magic. Greg, Sue, and son, GeeJay, came from Pulaski County in 1990. He ran from God's call for nine years, but it wouldn't go away. Sue was reluctant to come, but didn't want to stand in the Lord's way.

"After the first month, she loved it," Greg recalls. She enjoys fellowship with other families. Their daughter, Laura, was born in 1992.

She and her first-grade brother like to feed the ducks on Clear Creek.

Greg is children's minister at Central Baptist, Corbin, responsible for children's discipleship and activities. He organized a Pastor's Pals which averages 41 in attendance. He also coordinates an outreach in a public housing project. Through activities, Bible study, and crafts, this Tuesday night gathering often leads to parents.

Greg plans his work and delegates responsibility to 15 teachers.

The Farmers' ultimate experience at Clear Creek was "seeing our son get saved in our living room. Living by faith one day at a time has enabled us to grow. The Lord has taken care of us. Once when we were low on food, I left the house and found a box of food on our door-

step." The Farmers celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this month. It also will be their last Christmas at Clear Creek since Greg graduates in May. It is because of Christ that they came to Clear Creek. They will spend the rest of their lives giving the gift of life to people who have not yet discovered what Christmas is all about.

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Americans increasingly interested in life after death

NEW YORK (RNS)—Twenty years ago, when psychiatrist Raymond Moody began to publish his research on near-death experiences, he was a pioneer in a field that was viewed, in some of the kinder assessments, as merely an academic and medical curiosity.

Now he is one of the senior figures in a growing field of researchers and popular authors who have lent credibility and reams of new research, as well as compelling personal accounts, to the proposition that people can briefly pierce the veil between now and hereafter and come back to tell about it.

Whether embraced as a down payment on the promise of an afterlife, studied as a medical idiosyncrasy or attacked as a delusion of the devil, near-death experiences are laughed at a lot less these days. The prospect has engaged the interest of researchers, theologians and those who cater to the public's persistent curiosity about the possibility of eternal life.

"There is a whole spectrum of responses, but what you don't have any more is (people saying) that this doesn't exist," said Bruce Greyson, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Medical School, who has spent 20 years studying people who have had near-death experiences.

According to other sources, the researchers are not wanting for subjects. Pollster George Gallup Jr., for instance, estimated in his 1982 book, "Adventures in Immortality," that about 8 million people in the U.S.

population at that time had had some kind of near-death mystical encounter.

About 35 percent of those who come close to death report near-death experiences, according to the International Association for Near Death Studies Inc., of Hartford, Conn. Greyson said the figure has been a consistent percentage derived through a number of studies.

For instance, he said, the Gallup organization actually did door-to-door studies to arrive at that percentage for the "Adventures in Immortality" book. And a cardiologist at Emory University Medical Center in Atlanta during the mid-1980s interviewed all his patients who were resuscitated from heart attacks, Greyson said. About a third reported having had a near-death experience.

"There are lots of different studies that come up with that figure," said Greyson, who now is concentrating on studying the effects of a near-death experience on individuals. "There is a lot of data showing they have a profound effect on people."

Inevitably, discussion of near death phenomena leads not only to scientific but also to religious questions—and answers vary from group to group. The Roman Catholic Church, for instance, takes a cautious approach to the issue, while some evangelicals see near-death experiences as a purely medical experience or even a devil-caused delusion.

Near-death experiences may be intriguing, but most Catholic theologians would not view them as proof

of an afterlife, said Villanova University theology professor Bernard Prusak from his Philadelphia office. In fact, the Catholic Church has no official church teaching on the subject, he said.

Evangelical, fundamentalist author Bill Alnor said the descriptions of near-death experiences tend to change with the times and that the current crop of accounts reflects a societal shift away from the Judeo-Christian perspective.

"A lot of people (who have had near-death experiences) claim to be coming from a Christian context, but if you look closely, they are unorthodox in many ways," said Alnor, director of Eastern Christian Outreach of Philadelphia.

Noting that some descriptions of near death experiences omit any mention of a hell or a judgment, Alnor said, "It is very possible that if anyone is meeting someone on the other side, it is the old Angel of Light, whom the Bible calls Lucifer."

Ward Gasque, dean of graduate studies at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., said in mainstream evangelical circles, while many would exercise skepticism, there also is "a degree of openness to the reality that one might get messages from the spiritual world at the time of a near-death experience."

Gasque said, "I have heard people tell these stories, and I'm sure something happened." One element that argues for a genuine spiritual experience is the conversions that people often undergo. Gasque said often the

experience is accompanied by profound changes in people's behavior.

While no one has yet been able to pin down why a near-death experience occurs, Greyson said people who have had them describe some or all of these phenomena: a sense of overwhelming peace and well being, being "out of the body," going through a dark tunnel-like enclosure, encountering light or a being of light and entering some otherworld realm.

It also is common for people to go through a review of their life and to see loved ones who have died, Greyson said.

Although the religious figures encountered may vary from culture to culture, the basic "otherworldly" phenomena is consistent throughout different societies, Greyson said.

Because curiosity about the subject crosses professional, denominational and cultural lines, there is a persistent public appetite for scientific research and personal accounts of near-death experiences.

Moody, who is slated to appear soon on the Oprah Winfrey TV talk show, has shared his results with business groups, ministerial organizations, medical societies and university audiences.

The impressive number of books on the subject testifies to a strong craving for information, or reassurance, on the part of the American public.

Moody said his "Life After Life," a study of near-death experiences published in 1975, has sold more than 10 million copies in 38 languages.

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Baptist relief funds helping quake survivors rebuild

By Donald Martin
SBC Foreign Mission Board

HYDERABAD, India (BP)—Baptists have taken the first steps toward rebuilding homes in one of the villages devastated by the Sept. 30 earthquake in India, which killed nearly 10,000 people.

Indian Baptist relief workers and Southern Baptist representatives completed a survey of the region Nov. 1. Now the team hopes to begin building homes in December, explained Ernest Myers, one of two Southern Baptist representatives who made the trip to India.

"We're identifying villages that need help the most," said Myers, who often was struck by the appearance of normal daily life while touring the area.

"The harvest was in the field and it was lush," he said. "The only thing that let you know something was wrong was the (heavy) traffic on the road. But when we turned off the road and into a village, immediately we were confronted with the devastation. We drove into a village that had upward of 60 houses and not one of the structures was standing.

"Even though we arrived one month to the day after the earthquake hit, there was still a stench of death in the air."

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has set aside \$100,000 in relief funds for the building project.

The money supplements relief efforts of Hyderabad Baptist Church, a 6,000-member congregation located south of the quake area.

Planners hope to focus the relief work on one village, or a poor section of one of the towns affected by the quake. Myers estimates the \$100,000 will build 50 to 60 homes protected by steel-reinforced concrete beams and roofs. Most of the homes will measure approximately 250 square feet.

"In many ways the new houses will look like they did before but with one major exception—they will be earthquake-resistant," he said.

Most families displaced by the earthquake are living in relocation camps set up by India's federal and state governments. Government officials have responded quickly in setting up temporary shelters, medical clinics and schools, Myers said. But feelings of dislocation and fear remain high in the camps.

"One man was quoted in the Bombay papers as saying, 'Even when a heavy truck goes by, we scramble out of our beds and run out of the dwelling we are in because we think another earthquake is coming,'" Myers related.

To encourage people to return to their villages, the Indian government has offered to donate land on which the new Baptist-built homes will stand.

"Some of these people, who have

been landless for generations, will for the very first time become landowners," Myers said.

Myers also plans to survey the selected village for other needs. The Baptist relief team may help set up a school or a small medical clinic.

"We feel like there will be worthy

involvement and opportunity for Southern Baptist individuals and churches to work through the Foreign Mission Board to supply the needs of these people," he said.

"This would provide an opening into an area that hasn't had any Christian presence."



NO STONE UNTURNED A woman in the Osmania District of India sits on the remains of her home, which was leveled during the Sept. 30 earthquake. She lost her whole family—husband, two sons and a daughter—in the quake. Southern Baptists are helping survivors of the quake rebuild their homes with \$100,000 in relief funds. (BP photo by Ernest Myers)

The Cumberland College Family Brings Christmas to the Area

Anticipation and excitement are in the air on the Cumberland College campus as faculty members and students prepare for the semester's final examinations and the holiday vacation.

However, before vacations begin, hundreds of Cumberland students opened the Christmas season on November 29th with "The Hanging of the Green" under the direction of Dr. Joe Tarry, Music Department Chairman. Groups performing were the Women's Chorus, under the direction of Donna Colegrove; the Men's Chorus, directed by David Etter; and the Handbell Choir, lead by Gayle Tankersley.

This weekend "Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner" will bring a time of food and frolic for hundreds of special guests, students, faculty and friends. Dr. Joe Tarry and the Chamber Choir led this gala event.

The college's Mountain Outreach program, celebrating it's 10th year, brings the spirit of Christian love and brotherly assistance to more than 300 families during the holidays. The program participants have the privilege to shop for free gifts for their families. The new and used gifts consisting of clothes, furniture, household items, toys, shoes, etc., are made possible through area merchants and other friends of Cumberland College. According to Director Rick Rieffer, "The first Saturday in December brings a special meaning to our students, the realization that the real joy in life comes through helping others."

Also during the Holiday Season, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Jim and Joyce Blair) and "the world's most dedicated and caring elf" (Grace Szabo) bring the magic of Christmas to the Cumberland Museum. Blair's Christmas Land is open Monday - Saturday, 10 AM until 8 PM and on Sunday 1-5 PM.



Many choices are available during the Christmas give away.



Anticipation and excitement are mirrored in the eyes of a child.



The Appalachian Ministries Angel Tree gave students and faculty members an opportunity to choose the name of an area child to "adopt" as an angel.



Modeling the Kentucky Education Reform Act, Cumberland College Education Department students presented a program for area youth depicting Christmas around the world.

Season's Greetings

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students thank you and other Kentucky Baptists for your support of Cumberland College and invite you to watch, "Our Gift to You," a program of Christmas music filmed on the campus and in the surrounding area. The program will be aired on television stations throughout Kentucky. Please check your local listing for the date and time.

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