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## FOR THE RECORD

## New feature

Beginning with this issue, the Western Recorder offers a weekly cartoon. The religious-themed drawings will rotate between the work of five contributing cartoonists. See page 2.

## Money matters

A war of words continues between leaders of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship over just how much money the FMB can stand to lose to the Fellowship. See page 2.

## Bivocational meeting

Bivocational ministers from across the nation gathered in Louisville last week for their annual conference. See page 3.

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## Editorial

Ending gun violence will be difficult and controversial. See page 5.

## Dad dilemma

The trend toward fatherless families in America directly relates to the nation's social ills, a speaker told a Baptist gathering recently. See page 9.



**STILL IN BULGARIA** James and Audrey Duke of Lufkin, Texas, received word in late November that they could remain in Bulgaria for another 60 days. Duke is pastor of the English-speaking International Baptist Church in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Their permit to live and work in Bulgaria has been jeopardized by increasing attacks on evangelicals by the government, media and the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Despite the fall of communism, Bulgarian Baptists face new challenges some consider even more formidable than their past plight. Behind the Dukes is the Orthodox Alexander Nevski Memorial Church in Sofia. (BP photo by Warren Johnson)

## Baptists face new threats in newly opened Bulgaria

By Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

SOFIA, Bulgaria (BP)—A Southern Baptist couple has been granted another 60 days to minister in Bulgaria after narrowly missing deportation.

James and Audrey Duke of Lufkin, Texas, got a call from police in Sofia, the capital city, in late November confirming they had won their hard-pressed request to remain in the country.

Duke is pastor of the English-speaking International Baptist Church in Sofia. He is backed by the European Baptist Convention, a fellowship of 60 English-speaking Baptist churches across Europe with close ties to Southern Baptists.

Two volunteers sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board also don't know how long they will be allowed to stay. Stan Meador, 25, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and

Bruce Cassels, 23, of Casa Grande, Ariz., were denied permission to work in two Bulgarian towns near the Romanian border.

After both reapplied to live and work elsewhere, Meador received oral notification from police Dec. 1 that he also could remain in Bulgaria for another 60 days. Cassels' visa status is not known.

The tense residency permit situation has involved lengthy discussions with Bulgarian authorities in recent weeks. It comes amid a year-long anti-evangelical smear campaign apparently orchestrated by the government and the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

Prayer was a key to the permits, Duke said. "We spent (many hours) in prayer and fasting, but all the Baptist churches throughout Bulgaria were praying for the situation, too."

Duke told his congregation Nov. 21 he didn't know if he would be  
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### Bulgaria Faith in the balance

he religious liberty won by Christians in Bulgaria when communism fell in 1989 is slowly being lost as a new wave of repression sweeps the country.

Already Bulgaria is considered the most restrictive of the former Eastern bloc countries on religious issues. And Baptists fear more restrictions are coming in the form of new laws. Church meetings have been disrupted as the government has declared public meeting halls off-limits to Baptists and other evangelicals. Churches have been denied the right to

buy private land for buildings, even with money in hand, and in some cases church construction already under way has been stopped.

A year-long propaganda campaign has filled newspapers, radio and television with wild stories linking evangelicals with suicides among young people and even cannibalism. Further, the government is refusing to grant foreign missionaries permission to reside in the country in some cases and making the granting or extension of visas difficult in others.

Baptist missiologists say the situation in Bulgaria illustrates what is happening in varying degrees all over Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

## Scouts can keep pledge to God

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The nation's top court refused Dec. 6 to hear a challenge to the Boy Scouts of America's requirement that members affirm a belief in God.

Without comment, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the appeal of an Illinois youth who argued the requirement violates an anti-discrimination law.

Left standing is a federal appeals court's decision that a 1964 civil-rights law barring discrimination in public accommodations does not require the Boy Scouts to admit members who do not affirm a belief in God.

The law in question prohibits discrimination based on race, religion or national origin in public accommodations such as hotels, restaurants, retail establishments and places of entertainment.

## Angel Tree founder is Baptist & an ex-con

By Tim Palmer  
Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—The woman who dreamed up the Angel Tree Christmas ministry once was an unlikely angel herself.

Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, coordinates the purchase and delivery of Christmas gifts for the children of prison and jail inmates. More than 250,000 children benefited last year.

The founding angel is Baptist laywoman Mary Kay Beard, who spent six Christmases behind bars herself.

A native of Springfield, Mo., Beard left home at age 15 to live with a married sister in Illinois. A dozen years later, she was wanted by law enforcement authorities in four states.

Laughing, as she does frequently, Beard claimed Alabama got her because it was first in the alphabet.

Laughter didn't come easily to the 27-year-old woman who was taken to the Jefferson County Jail in Birmingham, Ala., a few days before Christmas 1972. She was surprised to see a

Christmas tree in a hallway with wrapped gifts beneath it. Local churches had brought the inmates presents.

Though she was moved by the gesture, Beard recalled, she kept her feelings to herself. As a hardened, violent prisoner, she spent five months in solitary confinement. She did take advantage of the one chance she had to leave her cell each week—a 7 a.m. Sunday school class organized by the same churches that had brought the Christmas gifts.

Beard was raised a Southern Baptist. She was a charter member of GAs and the first GA queen at her church. Her mother was Woman's Missionary Union president.

"I already knew the Roman road, and it didn't seem to have worked for me," she said. She also knew "Churchianity"—how to talk, act and look like a Christian—and that's what she expected from the Sunday school group.

What she got was a woman who told her, "We love you enough to come and tell you about Jesus."

Back in her cell, Beard asked herself, "If you're so smart, what are you doing here?" Finally, she moved beyond "churchianity" and surrendered her life to Jesus Christ.

Scripture passages she had memorized as a child came back to her and blessed her. She recalled the words to hymns she had grown up singing, and they comforted her. "As a good Baptist I only remembered the first, second and last stanzas," she quipped.

Three months after her profession of faith, Beard was convicted by the court for her earlier crimes of armed robbery and grand larceny and sentenced to 21 years in prison.

As her first Christmas in the Julia Tutwiler State Prison at Wetumpka, Ala., approached, Beard noticed "every kind of church" visited and brought little gifts, served cookies and Kool-Aid and sang carols. "And we wouldn't see them again until the following year."

Beard calls this Christians' IRS mentality: "You have to get in your good deeds before the end of the year"  
□ See Angel Tree founder ..., page 8

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **Kentucky will host a national gathering of Baptist students next year.** "Mission 95," a once-every-five-year missions conference for college students, will be held Dec. 27-31, 1994, at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville. "That All Peoples Might Sing His Praises" is the theme for the meeting, which is expected to draw up to 5,000 participants.

■ **"Experiencing God,"** the popular curriculum produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will go hi-tech Feb. 12 with a nationwide teleconference. The seven-hour teleconference will be beamed via satellite to at least 145 sites.

■ **A Christmas special** produced by First Baptist Church of Houston and the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission will air on ABC-TV Christmas Eve after "Nightline." The program, called "And the Angels Sang," features portions of the Houston church's 24th annual Christmas pageant—including 590 characters in costume, a 350-voice choir, live animals and a 45-piece orchestra.

## War of words continues between FMB & Fellowship

By Mark Wingfield & Greg Warner

RICHMOND, Va.—Laypeople's visions of Baptist missionaries stranded on foreign fields have contributed to an ongoing war of words between leaders of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The central question in the debate is this: At what point will the FMB's loss of contributions from Fellowship sympathizers require scaling back the FMB's overseas force?

The Fellowship is a group of moderate Southern Baptists who have formed their own global missions program. The moderates claim they have been cut out of meaningful input to the Southern Baptist Convention and FMB by conservatives who now control the denomination.

To complicate matters, the leader of the Fellowship's missions program is Keith Parks, who resigned as FMB president last year in protest of the actions of the FMB's conservative trustees.

FMB supporters claim Parks started the war of words early this year with statements he made on a Fellowship-produced video called "Reaching the Unreached."

On that video, Parks explained that Baptists within the Fellowship movement "cannot in good conscience continue to support missions through the traditional channels."

Yet all "genuine Southern Baptists," he said, are concerned about missionaries already on the field.

"Most Southern Baptists ... will continue to support missions in the traditional ways, and therefore our missionaries will not suffer," he said. "Even if the income does decline, both the home and foreign mission boards have adequate resources that they can support the missionaries for an indefinite period of time."

Then in November of this year, similar comments by another Fellowship leader at a Mississippi gathering sparked further reaction from FMB

supporters.

Harlan Spurgeon, another former FMB administrator who now works with the Fellowship, spoke to the Fellowship's Mississippi chapter during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

A question was raised there about the possible impact giving to the Fellowship might have on FMB-supported missionaries.

"My response was 'Look at the SBC Annual, which shows the cash position and total reserves of the FMB,'" Spurgeon recalled. "I just said that if the income of the Foreign Mission Board was cut by 10 or 20 percent it would not affect the operation of the Foreign Mission Board. They could go on indefinitely."

During the convention later that day, an FMB trustee from Mississippi made a motion that the state convention increase the percentage of its unified budget that goes to the SBC and, ultimately, the FMB. The trustee said the action was necessary because the FMB was in a time of great need.

In response, another messenger quoted what Spurgeon had said at the breakfast meeting. The motion failed, but the larger issue of how much money the FMB needs remains.

The FMB issued a news release through Baptist Press Dec. 3 stating, "Southern Baptists need to increase their missions giving despite inaccurate reports being circulated that the Foreign Mission Board has all the money it needs in reserve."

"If such reports were true, we wouldn't have had to cut our home office staff by 37 positions in 1993 because of decreased receipts," new FMB President Jerry Rankin said.

"Yes, the board does have reserve funds, but they're not nearly enough for an agency like the board with nearly 4,000 missionaries operating on tight budgets all over the world," added FMB Executive Vice President Don Kammerdiener.

In his October report to FMB trustees, the FMB's chief financial officer

also addressed the question of reserves.

Carl Johnson told trustees the FMB maintains \$80 million in endowment funds, another \$25 million in contingency reserves and another \$12 million in operating reserves. This total balance of \$117 million is in addition to \$106 million in other funds held aside, such as money allocated but not yet spent, hunger relief funds and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds.

"Sometimes folks say: 'I don't understand what the problem is. You folks are sitting on all those investment funds. Why don't you spend some of that capital?'" Johnson said.

"If we were to do that, one effect would be to diminish missionary support. The ultimate would be that we would potentially have to call some missionaries home."

Johnson said 7.3 percent of the FMB's \$177 million annual operating budget is funded by investment income. The amount of budget funds gained from investment income equals the amount necessary to support 292 missionaries, he said.

Further, Johnson said, the SBC requires its agencies to maintain a certain level of funds in reserve. And the \$25 million the FMB has in contingency reserves falls far short of the amount allowed by the SBC.

In subsequent interviews, both Parks and Spurgeon stood by their earlier statements.

"If the budget goes down, the board has plenty of reserves," Parks said. "They can take care of the missionaries. I realize they couldn't tap all the \$200 million that Carl (Johnson) describes. But suppose the (annual) income dropped \$1 million or \$2 million. They would have money to cover that deficit for many years. ... If push came to shove, the missionaries would be protected."

Although FMB leaders say the agency's reserves would last a mere 13 months, Parks noted, such a calculation assumes all other income

would cease—an unrealistic assumption.

And Johnson's statement that loss of income from investments would eliminate support for 292 missionaries is misleading, Parks said. "They've got many, many other pockets to go to."

Parks said he is not criticizing the FMB's policy on reserves, which grew to historic levels while he was president of the agency.

"I'm trying to reassure people that the missionaries are not going to be without a salary or be isolated on the mission field and not be able to get home," Parks said. "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering could diminish significantly and the Cooperative Program could diminish significantly, and they wouldn't have to touch the missionaries."

The Fellowship's drain on the FMB and other SBC agencies is noticeable but not gigantic.

The Fellowship received \$7.3 million in 1992 and is expected to surpass \$10 million in 1993. That is far less than the \$136.5 million given during the 1992-93 fiscal year through the Cooperative Program, the SBC's primary funding channel.

But, for the first time ever, Cooperative Program giving is dropping. In fact, the CP has shrunk by an average of 1 percent a year for the past three years. That affects the FMB, which receives about half of all CP funds.

Yet not everyone agrees the money going to the Fellowship has hurt the SBC or the FMB.

Some say the Fellowship's money would not have gone to the SBC anyway. Others note that, while Fellowship money bypasses the Cooperative Program, more than a fourth of all Fellowship funds are designated for SBC agencies.

The FMB receives the largest portion of those designations—about \$2 million in 1992. That \$2 million is more than the FMB lost as a result of the drop in Cooperative Program funding that year.

## FMB cites more appointments

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Prospects for a record increase in missionary appointments highlighted a quiet meeting of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees Dec. 6-7.

"Preliminary statistics being compiled for 1993 give hope for a banner year," FMB President Jerry Rankin told trustees. "A phenomenal number of missionary candidates moving through the appointment process affirm that God is faithful to call out the laborers."

By year's end, 495 mission workers are expected to have been appointed during 1993, said Thurmon Bryant, vice president for mission personnel. That total would be a record, surpassing the 429 appointed in 1985.

The appointments—which include 223 career and associate missionaries and 272 people on two-year assignments—represent a 22 percent increase over last year.

Most of the increase (80 percent) came in two-year assignments. In recent years, that category of mission-

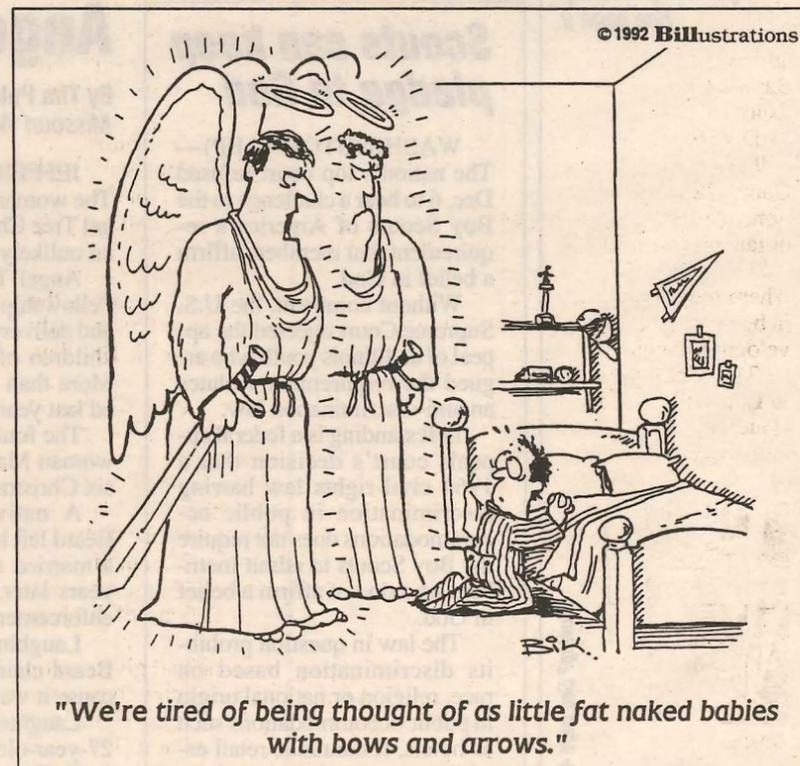
ary service has accounted for an ever-larger portion of FMB appointments.

This year's appointments are expected to leave the FMB with a slight increase in the total missions force. Accounting for retirements, resignations and other departures, agency officials are projecting about 3,945 missionaries in service by year's end, up slightly from 1992's figure of 3,893.

Among the 32 assigned for overseas service at this month's meeting was Southern Baptists' first deaf career missionary. Yvette Aarons, 34, a Jamaican from Brooklyn, N.Y., will minister with deaf people in Trinidad.

Rankin also announced that Henry Blackaby, a well-known advocate of spiritual renewal, will take on an assignment with the FMB Jan. 1.

Blackaby, who has been director of the office of prayer and spiritual awakening at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be jointly sponsored by the HMB, the FMB and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



"We're tired of being thought of as little fat naked babies with bows and arrows."

## Bivocationalists set goals, hear message from Mohler

LOUISVILLE—Bivocational ministers from across the Southern Baptist Convention set a goal of starting 300 new congregations in 1994, affirmed the denomination's 1995 evangelism emphasis, honored five of their own for outstanding ministry and heard a challenge from the new president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during Dec. 9-11 meetings.

Southern Baptists should re-emphasize the New Testament teaching that every believer is a minister and move away from seeing ministry as something done only by professionals, Al Mohler, president of Southern Seminary, said in his address to the Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers' Association.

Mohler was keynote speaker for the association's annual banquet, during which five men were honored as "Exemplary Bivocational Ministers." The meeting was held on Southern Seminary's campus in Louisville.

Those honored were Dan Hurst, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Dennis Jones, pastor of Sylvan Hills Baptist Church, Camden, Ark.; Augustine "Gus" Kim, minister of education at Westbury Korean Baptist Church, Houston; and Leon Wilson, pastor of Southpark Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

The annual gathering of bivocationalists includes two separate organizations, the National Council for Bivocational Ministries and the Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers' Association. The first group primarily includes leaders of bivocational ministries emphases in the state conventions. The second group encompasses all bivocational ministers.

The national council adopted two goals this year:

■ For churches served by bivocational pastors to establish 300 new missions or churches in 1994.

■ To encourage all bivocational churches to participate in "Here's Hope. Share Jesus Now," the SBC's simultaneous evangelism effort planned for 1995.

The council also reaffirmed four previously stated goals related to connecting bivocational ministers to bivocational opportunities, developing resources for bivocational ministers and strengthening the lives and fellowship of bivocational ministers.

Officers elected by the council include Charles Stewart, pastor of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Ashland, president; Mike Dennis, Missouri Baptist Convention, vice president and program chairman; Ray Hayes, bivocational supply preacher from Fisherville, assistant newsletter editor.

Officers elected by the association, which is the larger group, include Bob Ray, pastor of Fairy Baptist Church in Hico, Texas, president; Ron Ward, pastor of Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Loris, S.C., vice president; John Hall, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Grand Ridge, Fla., second vice president; Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music at Daystar Baptist Church in Florence, Miss., treasurer.

In his address, Mohler told the bivocational ministers a return to New Testament teachings about the nature of ministry would help Southern Baptists "transcend a good many of the controversies in our denomination."

He said the New Testament teaches a "simplicity of the ministry" that Southern Baptists need to recover.

"The simplicity is this: Every member of the body of Christ is a minister," Mohler said. "The simplicity is that every person saved by the blood of Jesus Christ and brought into the church has a particular ministry to exercise."

Regarding ministry as a task for professionals minimizes the role of ministry required of each believer, he explained. When viewed from the New Testament perspective, "there is grave difficulty in imagining a church where every member does not consider herself or himself a minister."

The New Testament also teaches that some people are called to particular church offices, Mohler said. That calling, he stressed, does not depreciate the calling of other Christians.

Mohler cited three biblical imperatives for people who are called to ministerial offices in churches:

■ A certainty of calling and an understanding of ministry that matches the New Testament view of ministry.

■ A calling that has not only been revealed to the minister but also affirmed by others in the congregation.

■ A willingness to "give everything we have" to fulfill that calling.

Throughout the three days of meetings, bivocational ministers heard reports from various agencies and numerous testimonies from those ministers present.

Bob Mills, director of the Mission Service Corps program with the SBC Home Mission Board, told the group the HMB will begin piloting in five state conventions a new program to help link bivocational ministers with both church jobs and secular employment.

Mills introduced Carl Barrington, who recently joined the HMB staff to direct the program of Tentmakers, which relates to bivocationalism.

Next year's meetings will be held at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 1-3.

### BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Don Mantoath**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Moorhead, was re-elected chairman of the Western Recorder's board of directors last week. The board's two other officers also were re-elected. They are Vice President Tom Curry, pastor of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville, and Secretary Kay Trisler, a layperson from Harrodsburg.

■ **Anne Davis**, professor of church social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has received the Award for Distinguished Christian Service in Social Work from the North American Association of Christians in Social Work. Davis, a faculty member at the Louisville school since 1970, became the founding dean of the seminary's Carver School of Church Social Work in 1984. She served in that role until this year when she stepped down to devote more time to teaching.

■ **John Furman** has been named vice president of human resources for Baptist Healthcare System, which owns and operates the five Baptist hospitals in Kentucky. Furman has served in human resources administrative positions with corporations in Tucson, Ariz., and Albuquerque, N.M., since 1979.

■ **Fred Louis Miller Jr.** has been named financial aid counselor at Campbellsville College. Miller previously worked in the college's admissions office.

### FMB appoints 4 with Kentucky ties

RICHMOND, Va.—Two couples with Kentucky ties were appointed to mission service by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board this month.

David and Karen Cooper will live in the Ukraine, where they will promote religious education and help with a variety of outreach ministries.

Cooper is a graduate of Cumberland College. Since 1990, he has been associate pastor, minister of education and music at First Southern Baptist Church in Northglenn, Colo.

Daniel and Carol McCort will serve as representatives of Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist aid organization.

They will live in east Asia, where they will use their skills in business and education in developing nations.

The McCorts currently live in Louisville, where he attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Cooper



McCort

## Campbellsville Singers carry a gospel note

CAMPBELLVILLE—With last summer's tour behind them, the Campbellsville College Singers already have begun preparations for next summer.

Besides being a promotional group for the college, the singers also strive to promote the good news of the gospel, said Kim Daniels, a senior music education major from Harned and two-time member of the select group.

"We seek to minister for Christ," she explained. "The Campbellsville College Singers is a missions organization. We're not a performance group."

In addition to singing, the group provides Christian counseling to youths and presents skits to youth groups.

The seven-member group is selected through auditions each fall. Applicants are evaluated for Christian commitment, vocal blend and ability to get along with others.

Nevalyn Moore, instructor in music, has been musical director for the group the last 10 years. She recently passed the baton to Mark Bradley, professor of music.

Last summer, the ensemble touched 2,157 people of all ages.

"The Singers try to leave an impression to lead people to Christ," Daniels said. "We don't Bible-beat them. We want people to accept Christ not out of fear, but out of love."

Daniels said the group saw several people make professions of faith in Jesus Christ last year.

"One guy said he had given up on God and on his home church because he was told he didn't dress right," she recalled. "But we told him God loved him no matter how he looked. Some-



CAMPBELLVILLE SINGERS Members of the 1993 Campbellsville College Singers were Kim Daniels, B.C. Clifford, Scott Elliot, Tonya Morris, Amy Musselman, Valerie Owens and Sharla Pochodzay.

how, God gave us the answers to rough questions."

The students attempt to keep in contact with the high school students they meet during the summer tour. They often correspond through letters and phone calls. As a result, some of those students enroll at the college after high school.

The ensemble experience also makes a difference in the lives of the singers.

"Before I came to Campbellsville College, I had been baptized but not saved," explained B.C. Clifford a junior from Elizabethtown. "When I was selected for Singers, I felt like I was the only one who was unprepared for missions and witnessing. All the others knew Bible stories and Scriptures."

"I discovered I had a lot of growing in my faith to do. But when you

walk with God, all things are possible," he continued. "Singers has helped me gain a positive attitude. Through God's help, I can do all things. My attitude is much better now."

Joan Stansbury, campus ministries office secretary, is known as "Mom" to the group. She affirms that the students are "ambassadors engaged in outreach for our Lord."

The Singers have a unique ministry to associations, churches, youth groups and camps, she said.

Members of the 1994 touring group are Rick Clapp, Glasgow; Bonnie Moore, Campbellsville; Mike Richard, Grandville, Ohio; Cicley Maggard, Louisville; Valerie Owens, Elizabethtown; B.C. Clifford, Elizabethtown; Jennifer Shoemaker, New Carlisle, Ohio.

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

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## Set aside politics

The recent Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting gives rise to hope that we can separate essentials from non-essentials, a question raised in an editorial (WR, Nov. 23). We can, and should, put aside political differences if we are unified on the essential doctrinal issues.

Friends of mine believe with me that the Bible is God's inerrant and inspired word, true and faithful in every detail. I am confident we will meet in heaven, because they believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior

and have been born again. Yet we hold different views on some doctrinal matters and, as a result, we worship in different churches, different denominations.

Many of our political views and actions within the KBC are sometimes the result of a desire for power, but mostly the result of unresolved disputes on doctrine and its practice. Rather than doing the hard work of sitting together with the Holy Spirit's help in efforts to arrive at common doctrine, we tend to try to gain control so our beliefs will prevail. I believe the Holy Spirit should be in control, and there is evidence that in the recent convention a great number of people were listening.

We must get to the point where going to an annual meeting is a time for spiritual renewal and mission direction, rather than a place to go to elect "our" candidate for office. Hopefully this year's leadership and those who lost out on "their" candidate will move us in this direction.

*Robert S. Crice  
Paducah*

## Seniors overlooked

I am a member of First Baptist Church in Owensboro and a member of our Senior Singers. We seniors

don't have as much voice as we once had, but what we have we give to the glory of our Lord.

During the Kentucky Baptist Convention, more than 150 senior singers from across the state sang praises to God for the benefit of the convention.

I received my Western Recorder that covered the convention and became disturbed that, while pictures and comments referred to various singing groups, not a word was written regarding the senior singers. Now, we do not sing for our own glorification, but for the glory of God.

There seems to be a feeling that seniors are insignificant. Emphasis is put on youth and middle-aged adults; they must think seniors will always be around.

Well, we will be around as long as we live, but some need to realize seniors drive the church. They supply faithful service and most financial support. Some of our leaders seem to ignore this.

Demographics indicate seniors are the fastest-growing segment of our population. Seniors are the ones in a position to offer the strong financial support that drives the many church programs. This is a fact that is growing in importance.

Seniors will continue to give it "all we have," which is what we know the Western Recorder is doing. I feel the lack of reporting on the senior singers was merely an oversight.

*J.W. Vestal  
Owensboro*

## Fighting elephants

One of my life's learning periods came during a stay in southern Africa. There, by the grace of God and my wife's help, I pastored a Baptist church. As we lived among those people, I learned many of their wise sayings.

One comes to mind each time I

read the articles in the Western Recorder: "When the elephants fight, the grass gets hurt."

Elephants are powerful, and can inflict a lot of damage on whatever is around them when they get upset. In fact, they often tear up the jungle just walking through.

Isn't this a picture of what is happening in our denomination? Yes, even in our churches! The leaders are fighting, and the members are getting hurt.

Each time one of our church leaders asserts himself or a committee makes rules, those of us around them are affected. Many of us are stunned, wounded deeply or literally killed.

I hear many sermons condemning the Jews of Jesus' time for making so many harmful rules. We are out-doing them with our many pronouncements. The message that began in Jerusalem has become an enterprise in America.

Each issue of the Western Recorder carries stories that confirm what I am talking about. Each story has its victims who are injured, and an unmentioned multitude who suffer. Elephants will always fight, and we, the grass, will continue to bear the brunt of it.

Our only hope is that the grass will catch fire. That always scares the elephants away.

*Gene Iglehart  
Bowling Green*

## Thank you

Kentucky Baptists deserve a big thank you for allowing two of their employees to teach at Boyce Bible School this past semester.

Tony Hough and Marv Knox brought insight, integrity and compassion to the classroom. Kentucky Baptists are truly blessed to have men of their caliber laboring for us as servants of the Lord.

*Rex Gibson  
Owenton*

## Russia: A place for you

In my travels throughout Kentucky, I keep in the car the most recent "book" I have checked from the Louisville library system.

Do I read while driving? Yes. Never fear, however, for the books I "read" are in audio form.

For the past 10 months or so, I have been "reading" everything I could find on Russia available in audio cassettes through the Louisville library system. Included in that "listening" are "Peter the Great," "Ivan the Terrible," "Catherine the Great," "The Russian Revolution" and "Alexander of Russia."

The printed books I have read, usually at home or at night in a motel, include "From the Coup to the Commonwealth," "Lenin's Tomb," "The Last Tzar," "Praying with the KGB," and other Russia-related articles.

We also now subscribe to the Sunday New York Times, a newspaper which carries considerable current information on Russia and frequently has feature stories not carried by oth-

er newspapers.

Several excellent videos are currently available which we have found particularly informing, including "Stalin" and "Repentance."

Are we seeking to become "experts" in Russian history, politics or literature? Hardly. To do that would take years and would have required many of our younger years which we no longer have to give.

Why then are we doing this? And why am I making this a focal point of a column? For several reasons.

First, to demonstrate that one need not be "too old" to have interests which stimulate us intellectually and spiritually.

Alice and I are fascinated and invigorated by the opportunity for involvement in the Russia partnership. We knew little or nothing of Russia in our younger years; the Middle East was our commitment. But Russia has now become a significant facet of our intellectual and spiritual growth.

Russian history is rich and stimulating. Anyone having the patience to read, for example, either "Lenin's

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



## FAMILY FORUM: CHILDREN

### Avoid Santa stress

By Jewell Wells Nelson

Here are suggestions to help make the jolly yuletide season more jolly for preschoolers.

■ Don't force your preschooler on Santa's lap just for a picture. That old guy can be a real scare to some children.

■ To say, "You better be good, or Santa won't come to see you," is a terrible form of discipline and adds stress more than good behavior.

■ Preschoolers may not appreciate as many toys as you may want to get for them. Spend more time with and less money on your preschooler, to avoid stress on you when the bills come in.

■ Save the gift boxes. Preschoolers may enjoy those more than the gifts.

■ Keep your preschooler's schedule simple, and he or she will endure and appreciate the Christmas season more.

■ Select a few good, durable, safe toys, instead of many lesser toys that may not last through Christmas day. (If a preschooler can break a toy through play, the toy is not age-appropriate.)

■ Preschoolers appreciate durable books and puzzles that have realistic pictures of animals, vehicles and people.

■ If early gifts are arriving from friends and relatives, why not let your preschooler open one gift a day a few days before Christmas?

■ Adequate rest and a healthy diet may prevent illness, and can certainly cut down on stress. Sweets can cause hyperactivity. Limit sweets and provide preschoolers with healthy foods.

■ Include your preschooler in making and taking something to a shut-in or a special friend.

■ Remind yourself and your family, often, of the reason for the season.

■ If your family has not established some Christmas traditions, begin now. Reading Luke 2:1-20 on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning is a good way to begin. The Family Worship Bible is a gift worth getting for your own family. This Bible makes it easy to have family worship. The Bible is available through a Baptist Book Store.

*Jewell Nelson is associate director of the KBC's Sunday school department.*

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

## Ending gun violence will be difficult, controversial

Anyone who doubts whether Congress should have passed the Brady Bill ought to talk to John and Patricia Byron.

The Brady Bill—named for James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was wounded seriously in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan—was signed into law Nov. 30. The bill requires a five-day waiting period on the sale of handguns. The waiting period provides for a criminal background check on handgun buyers.

The Byrons' daughter, Mary, was shot to death in a Kentucky shopping center parking lot last week. Police arrested her former boyfriend, Donovan Harris, for the murder. He allegedly fired seven rounds from his 9-mm semi-automatic pistol into her body at close range.

Harris had been arrested in mid-November, charged with holding Mary Byron at gunpoint for three hours and raping her. He was freed when his sister posted a \$26,000 bond.

The gun will be used as evidence in Harris' trial, so police declined to say where he got it. However, local media reported the gun Harris had used in the kidnap/rape had been confiscated, and he allegedly bought a second gun—the murder weapon—after his release from jail.

Would Mary Byron be alive today if a background-checking system had been in place in time to reveal Harris' police record? Perhaps not. Maybe Harris would have found another way to kill her. But her chances of living would have been increased tremendously if Harris could not have showed up armed and fired the first, fatal bullet before she ever knew he was out of jail, much less pursuing her.

By now, some readers are angry an editorial about gun control would appear in the pages of the Western Recorder. Some already are reciting the motto, "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." Some are noting the U.S. Constitution guarantees citizens the right to bear arms. Others are remembering that a citizen militia—armed with

personal weapons—helped secure this nation's independence. And still others are recalling the collegiality of winter hunting excursions.

Their focus is in the wrong place. The gun-control issue isn't about the right to bear arms, gun ownership by sportsmen and collectors, or even self-defense. The Constitution protects those privileges and should not be changed. Decent, law-abiding citizens ought to have the right to purchase guns appropriate for legal hunting purposes, legitimate collections and self-defense.

Beyond that, however, all Americans have a vested interest in curbing the manufacture, distribution and use of guns and ammunition designed specifically for the purpose of killing people. Worry that "only the criminals will have guns" shouldn't lead to increased production and easier availability of guns. Rather, it should lead to even stricter controls on gun production and stepped up efforts to confiscate and dismantle weapons that are owned and used illegally.

This is an important issue for Christians, who take seriously the command, "Thou shalt not murder." But it is only part of a larger picture. Christians should be concerned about and involved in all the issues and behaviors producing violence in our society. These include television, movie and video "game" violence; drug distribution and use; alcohol abuse; domestic discord; poverty; and more.

We live in one of the most violent societies the developed world has ever known. Schoolteachers report fear of violence—including use of guns—is a major deterrent to education in many classrooms. Homicide is a leading killer of youth and young adults. And innocent people like Mary Byron get shot as they start home from work.

These problems must be solved. The process of finding solutions will be difficult and controversial. But Christians must be involved.

Marv Knox

**Christians need to be involved in helping our country develop sensible solutions to violence in our society.**

## Homes for Children fights Grinch trying to steal Christmas

Remember the Grinch who stole Christmas?

He snatched away the trees with all their tinsel and trimmings. He stole the gifts. He stole the goodies that had been baked and the stockings from the mantels. He left not even the tiniest bit of Christmas glitter in all the homes of Whoville.

Many youngsters at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children know the sadness and loneliness felt by the people of Whoville. The glitter, the light of excitement, has been stolen from the eyes of these precious children. Their dreams of Christmas have been shattered.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

When we asked the children about their feelings of Christmas, Cindy responded: "I don't have a best Christmas memory because of what has gone on in my life. My mom died before I was 2 years of age. I then went to live with people who sexually

abused me. Later, I went to live with my dad, who also physically and sexually abused me. Foster care was my next home until recently, when I came to KBHC. Best Christmas memory—I don't have one. I think this will be the best one, because I am with people I care about and people who care about me."

Remember the Grinch who tried to steal Christmas? He tried, but he couldn't for he found out that Christmas is not a time of year.

Christmas is God's celebration of God's love to us. The birth of the Christ child is a promise of his abiding love.

Christmas is a celebration of the peace, hope and joy we experience through Christ's abiding love.

Since 1869, KBHC has strived to continue to share the promise of love of which this season so strongly reminds.

Through your commitment, you made it possible for us to be here for Cindy, with open arms to embrace her

with the reality of the promise of Christmas. Through the power of God's love through the birth of the Christ child, we will make this the best Christmas she has known.

It is so important that the promise of peace, hope and love of which this season so strongly reminds us does not end when the lights are taken off the tree, the ornaments have been stored and the remnants of this season are no longer visible. Throughout the year, children will continue to come to KBHC seeking a safe and caring refuge.

Brenda Gray, development director  
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children  
Louisville

**"This will be the best (Christmas) because I am with people I care about and people who care about me."**

## Where did that child get her desire to dance around the tree?

Molly may not be my kind of Baptist. Joanna put a Christmas album on Monday morning during breakfast, which prompted our 7-year-old to announce, "I'm going to have to get up and dance in a little bit."

She was anticipating a soulful rendition of "Go Tell it on the Mountain," in which singer Vanessa Williams is joined by a gospel choir. The combined effect of soaring solo, vibrant chorus and full orchestra surely must be akin to the heavenly hosts' anthem for the shepherds on that Holy Night.

So, Molly knew she wouldn't be able to keep her seat and eat cinnamon toast while the brothers and sisters were telling it on the mountain.

When I was her age, Baptists were di-

vided into three groups—those who danced, those who didn't and those who didn't but wished they could.

I grew up in a preacher's house in a small town. I remember Mother's admonition, delivered often as I headed out the door. "Don't do anything that would bring embarrassment to your Daddy." Literally translated, that meant, "Don't drink and dance and play cards for money."

We moved just before the middle of my junior year in high school. Daddy went

ahead, and we stayed behind for a few weeks to finish out the semester. Since Daddy had moved and I couldn't ruin his ministry in that town any longer, I trotted out on the gym floor for my first sock hop. Suffice it to say, the only way my "dancing" could've caused Daddy problems would've been if we had laws upholding standards of coordination in our little town.

I was a non-dancer, from a long line of non-dancers. We were preconditioned genetically to sit and watch others dance. If we "cut the rug," they'd have to throw it on

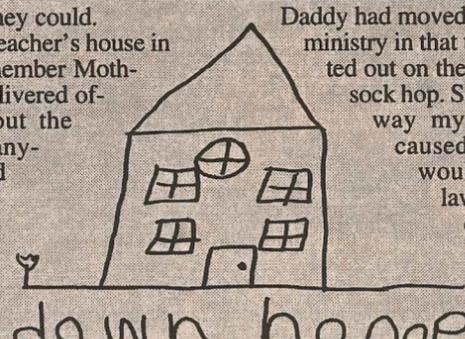
the trash heap.

So, Molly's predisposition to dance to Christmas music must come from her mother's side of the family. She's got a certain grace and bounce that doesn't come from my gene pool.

You might think a person of my non-dancing disposition would be inclined to fret over Molly's declaration. I'm not.

Her exuberant prance across the den floor, right beside the Christmas tree, reminds me of the jig Aaron and Miriam danced after they crossed the Red Sea. Or King David, leading the Ark of the Covenant back into Jerusalem. Or maybe those shepherds, hearing that heavenly chorus the night our Savior was born.

Marv Knox



## Baptists face new threat after communism's fall

**The most outlandish charge appeared in a Varna newspaper earlier this year: It accused Baptists of eating babies for breakfast.**

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there the following Sunday or would be deported during the week. The Dukes have been in Bulgaria since March, but their final residency permit was to have expired early in December. They had been told it would not be renewed.

FMB missionaries Bill and June Wardlaw, based in central Bulgaria, managed to secure one-year visas for themselves and four other Southern Baptist volunteers earlier this year. But their long-term residence also remains in doubt.

### False accusations

Meanwhile, leaders of Bulgaria's five evangelical church groups met with two members of parliament and members of the government's commission for religious affairs Nov. 17. They lodged an official complaint about the heavy media campaign against them and asked that it be stopped.

The leaders also asked to see copies of a new law regulating religion, said to be under discussion in the parliament. According to one published report, the proposed law would limit church property ownership to the Orthodox Church. A copy of the proposed law was to be shared with evangelical leaders in late November.

Shown a newspaper article accusing evangelicals of endangering state security, one parliament member told the evangelicals bluntly, "I agree with (the writer). All sects are a danger for the security of the Bulgarian state."

"These are the words and accusations we heard during communist times, and now we are hearing them from the people who have to protect us," said a worried Theodor Angelov, president of both the Bulgarian Baptist Union and the Bulgarian Evangelical Alliance. "The thinking of these

people made me very afraid."

Angelov and the other church leaders also had asked parliament to intervene in the case of the Dukes.

### Not allowed to enter

FMB volunteer Cassels had been assigned to Montana, a city north of Sofia. But local police refused to give him residency documents and told him not to bother to submit application forms again.

Similarly, volunteer Meador was told by police in nearby Lom that he couldn't live in the town.

Both volunteers had been assigned to work with students and young people in local Baptist churches.

The two were prominently cited in newspaper stories warning about the influence of "sects" that appeared across Bulgaria in late October and early November. Both were mentioned by name, and one story even included Meador's address.

Meador was credited with baptizing 250 people in one account, an apparent attempt to alarm readers over the Baptist church's impact. But Meador has been in Bulgaria little more than four months and has only been studying the Bulgarian language so far. He has not baptized anyone or even preached.

The owner of Meador's apartment asked Meador's language teacher if the young American was like David Koresh, the leader of the Branch Davidian cult who died in the fire that destroyed the cult compound in Waco, Texas.

Evangelicals were linked to the suicide of a young woman in one account and the near-suicide of a woman in another version. The stories grouped evangelicals with Hare Krishna followers, Bahais, Mormons and other groups.

Ironically, evangelicals them-

selves are concerned about the influx of such groups into the country, since their teachings run counter to Christianity.

### Religions have mushroomed

Stands on Sofia streets sell books promoting Hinduism, Buddhism, New Age ideas and other non-Christian teachings—a new development in a country where most religious ideas were harshly suppressed during communist rule. But both the government and the Orthodox Church are trying to outlaw any non-Orthodox teachings and look with suspicion on any non-Bulgarians.

One newspaper article on Jehovah's Witnesses and Baptists stated, "The most dangerous is the second one, the Baptists." A boldfaced section asked, "Must we wait on an incident in which somebody dies to take care of the dangers which are coming to our city? The police must answer this question before it is too late."

The most outlandish charge appeared in a Varna newspaper earlier this year: It accused Baptists of eating babies for breakfast.

Baptist leader Angelov dismissed all the stories as "full of lies." The media campaign against Baptists and other evangelicals "blames us for all possible sins," he said.

"We are said to be giving young people drugs in order to get them into the church (and) distributing humanitarian help only to buy the people, including the help we give to orphanages, which are in such a bad condition. They say we are using brainwashing," Angelov said with pain showing in his face.

Angelov and other Baptists also are incensed to be considered Johnny-come-latelys in their own country. The first Bulgarian Baptist church was organized in 1865 by Ivan Cargill, a Russian Baptist missionary.

### No place to meet

A week after the anti-evangelical articles appeared in Montana, authorities there stopped Baptists from renting a public building. Members of the congregation arrived for Sunday morning services to find themselves locked out of the building they have rented since September 1990.

When pastor Rumen Iliev contacted city officials, he was told the city would not rent facilities to "sects" such as Baptists anymore. Iliev said he's been spending so much time talking to city officials and looking for a new meeting place since then that "I've hardly had time to even read the Bible."

Currently, church members meet in an unheated factory room, the only space they've been able to find in the city.

Baptists in Blagoevgrad also were turned out of a rented public building earlier this year. The building manager declined to explain why the rental was stopped. The group now meets in a rented bar.

After more than four decades of communist oppression, many evangelicals do not have their own church



**MEDIA ATTACKS** Bulgarian Baptist leader Theo Angelov holds up a newspaper story accusing Baptists of being a sinister cult group. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

buildings. Many groups have met in private homes for decades.

Other evangelical groups in Bulgaria report similar problems with renting meeting spaces, buying property and getting visas for foreign missionaries.

"Our situation at the moment is no better than it was during the communist regime," said Victor Virtshev, president of the Union of Pentecostal Churches in Bulgaria. "It's not because we don't have a bigger freedom but because we are losing the sympathy of many people. That's why we need prayer and spiritual support from our brothers outside."

Leaders of the five major evangelical groups in Bulgaria organized earlier this year, but the government refused to officially recognize them, Angelov said.

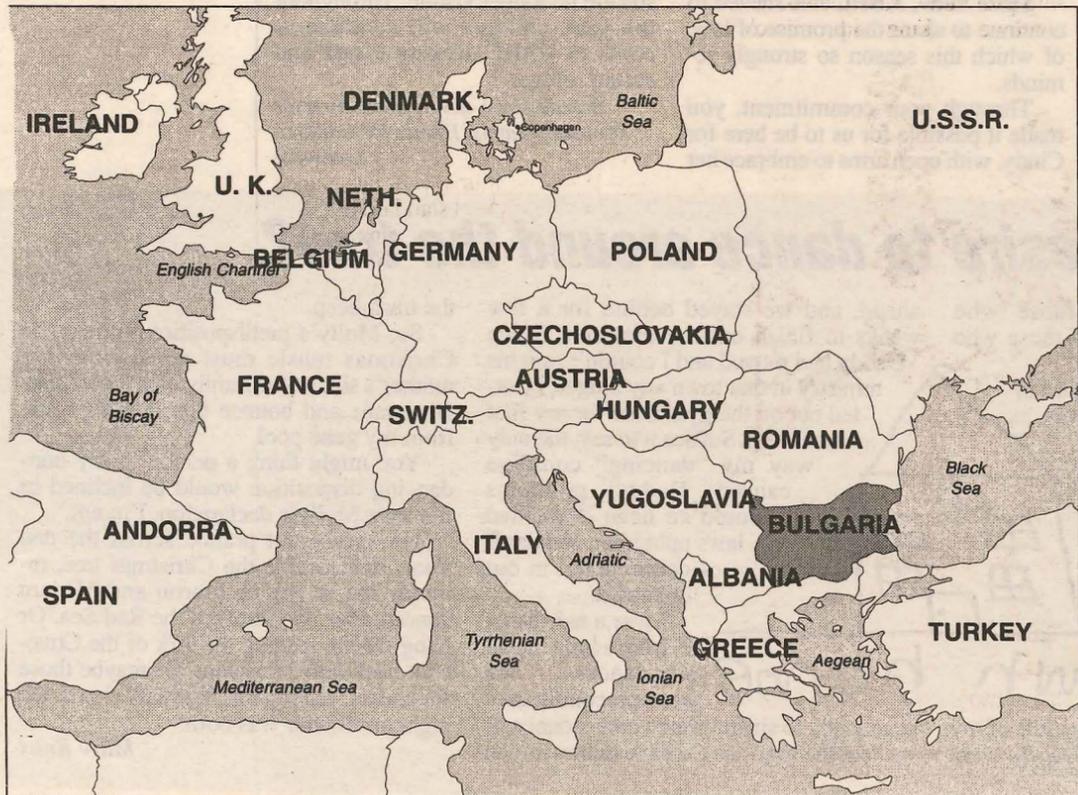
### Orthodox cling to power

Evangelicals are convinced the Bulgarian Orthodox Church is jockeying for power because its leaders feel challenged by the rapid growth of evangelicals across the country. In the first rush of freedom after the fall of the Communist Party in late 1989, many Bulgarians attended the Orthodox Church out of curiosity. But attendance soon dwindled, apparently because they found little to entice them to remain.

While almost every village has an Orthodox church, Orthodox worship services remain drenched in tradition and proclaimed in an ancient Slavic language today's Bulgarians don't understand. The churches usually hold worship services only and don't emphasize Bible teaching as evangelicals do.

In 1992, the Orthodox Church split into several factions fighting for control as some leaders tried to oust the supreme authority, Patriarch Maksim. When Orthodox Easter arrived, Bulgarian television broadcast three rival services. During one church holy day, Orthodox priests were said to have swapped punches as factions fought for control of the mammoth Aleksandr Nevski church in Sofia.

## Bulgaria Faith in the balance



## Rapid growth gives way to hard work in Bulgaria

By Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

SOFIA, Bulgaria (BP)—The rapid growth Bulgarian Baptists experienced immediately after the fall of communism has faded into a more realistic routine of hard work to reach hardened hearts.

Church activities taken for granted elsewhere—like preaching a sermon or handing out Bibles—still are treasured in Bulgaria because of the nation's communist past.

But membership growth has slowed as churches have lost their initial "forbidden fruit" attraction to the public.

"We saw an explosion of revival after the changes came in 1989," said Boshidar Igoff, pastor of Varna Baptist Church and general secretary for Bulgarian Baptists. Some churches doubled or tripled in size. Membership at Sofia Baptist Church jumped from 80 to 350 in the mother church and the five missions it has started.

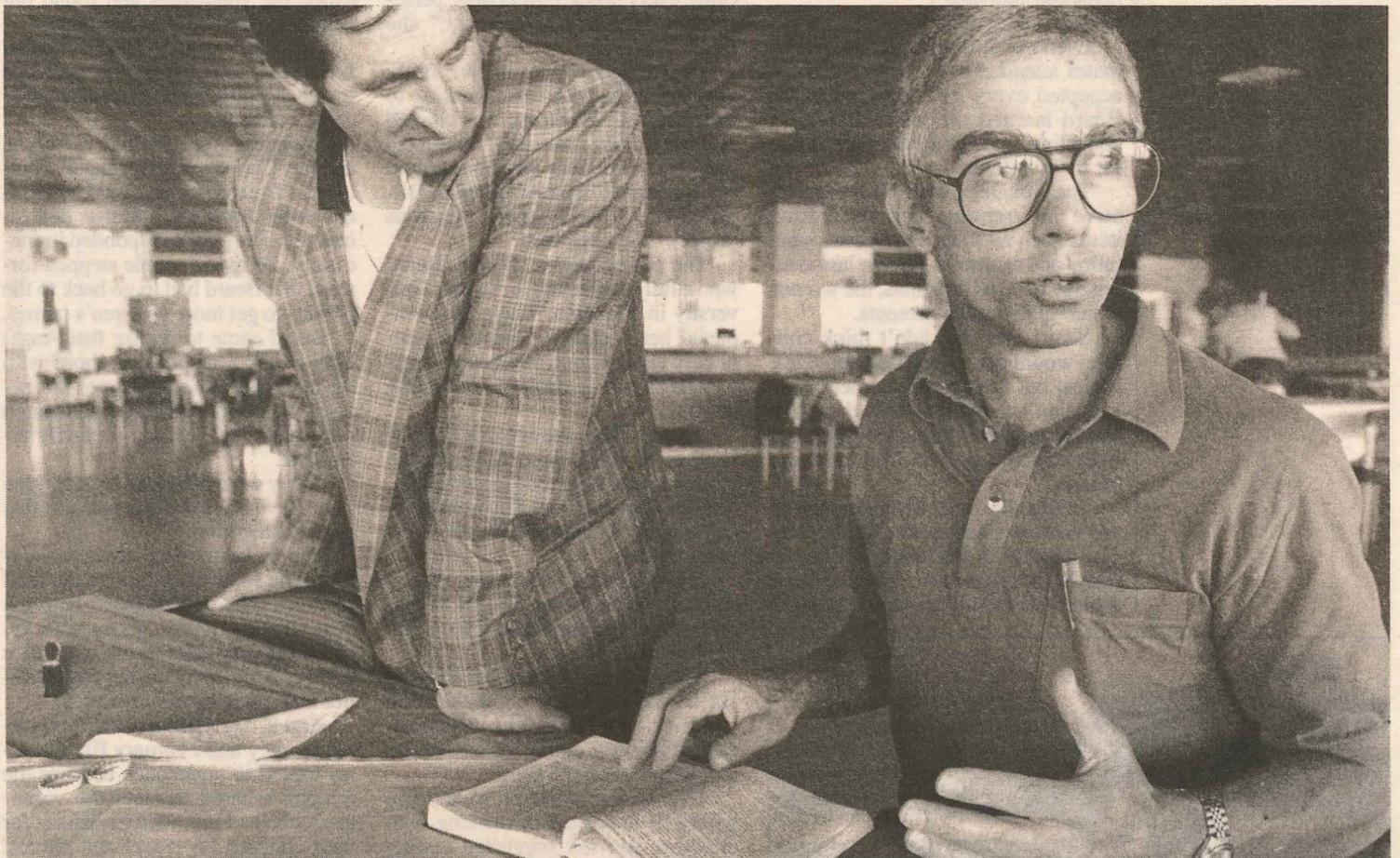
"For 45 years the communists lied about the church and people understood that they lied," said Simeon Neichev, business administrator of the Varna church. "So the people were curious to see what the truth was about it. But out of all these people who were so interested and curious, only a small handful believed and have stayed in the churches."

Bulgarian Baptists numbered about 700 in 1989. That total quadrupled to more than 3,000 in 1993.

But the time when big evangelistic rallies were effective has passed, Igoff said. Baptist leaders throughout Eastern Europe have reached much the same conclusion.

Baptists now minister in nursing homes, hospitals, orphanages, schools and prisons. They have taken a special interest in one state-run orphanage where children have endured harsh conditions.

"We started with street evangelism and big evangelistic meetings in secular halls," Igoff said. "But slowly we saw this was not the best way of evan-



gelism. In one meeting we registered 500 decisions for Christ but we lost contact with people and only one person became a member of the church."

Rapid growth during the past four years brought its own problems, Igoff acknowledged. "We have had some growing pains because we cannot control everyone who wants to be baptized. ... In this explosion of revival we received some people who are not really converted.

"Now we have not so many new people coming in, but I think people coming into the church are more mature."

Igoff's church is setting up introductory courses for new believers. A challenge for Baptists will be devel-

oping a strategy for evangelism while discipling new members already in the churches.

One of the biggest needs is for trained leaders. Only 10 pastors spread themselves thinly across 37 churches and missions.

To help meet the leadership need, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board transferred missionaries Bill and June Wardlaw from Japan to Bulgaria in 1991. Wardlaw has been preaching and teaching all over the country, visiting a dozen small churches almost as a circuit rider.

After the initial travel blitz, he will coordinate the MasterLife discipleship program across the country and continue working with three church-

es, including the church in Kazanluk, where the Wardlaws live.

A new Baptist Bible school in Sofia has about 50 students. Ironically, the school operates on a campus formerly used to teach communist ideals to students who came from all over the communist world.

Baptists have set up the school with extension courses, bringing together the students every three months for a week of intensive courses. They have called on Baptist pastors from Europe and the United States to teach courses.

The FMB has transferred veteran missionary Roger Capps from Singapore to teach. He and his wife, Janice, moved to Bulgaria this fall.

**NEW LIFE** In facilities where Bulgarians once studied communist theory, Baptists now study the Bible. Here missionary Bill Wardlaw (right) and Baptist pastor Damyan Podgorski discuss a Scripture passage with others during lunch. (BP photo by Warren Johnson)



**BULGARIA** ■ Top Left: Southern Baptist volunteer Stan Meador (right) visits with Baptist Bible school student Boris Borisov after a worship service. ■ Bottom Left: Bulgarian layman Christo Gurdev shows a Southern Baptist missionary a "receipt" given him by police who confiscated Christian books from his apartment during the days of communist rule. ■ Right: Believers at Evangelical Baptist Church of Mladenovo in Bulgaria enjoy the new freedoms of public worship, even though their struggling economy strains church resources. (BP photos by Warren Johnson)

### Bulgarian Bits

■ **Government figures** show only one in four Bulgarians can maintain a decent standard of living. Annual inflation runs at up to 65 percent. Official unemployment is said to be 16 percent, but many observers put the figure far higher.

■ **Bulgarian Baptists** still recall with awe the first free children's Bible study they had in 1990. "Most people wept," said Theodor Angelov, pastor of Sofia Baptist Church and president of the Bulgarian Baptist union.

■ **People also wept** when Varna Baptist Church dedicated its modern new building in 1991. "Can you imagine what kind of joy it was for us?" Angelov asked. "What does a church dedication look like? Nobody had seen it before!"

## Angel Tree founder is Baptist woman & ex-con

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or they don't count."

Even the most cynical women inmates attended every such party and accepted every gift they could get. Beard learned the women weren't collecting stuff for themselves. It was for their children.

The inmates could be quite creative in wrapping and decorating items such as soap, toothpaste, hand lotion and shampoo. On the last visiting day before Christmas, the women would give out the presents.

Beard said she didn't think children would get too excited about toiletries, but they surprised her. "The kids didn't complain—they thought it was the greatest gift in the world. The important thing was it came from Mama."

Though the once-a-year charity of the visitors enabled the inmates to give their children Christmas gifts, the people the prisoners respected were those who didn't bring anything but

came every week. "In prison, perseverance is what's significant," she said.

Beard persevered in her faith, growing in the Lord and working to better herself. When she was paroled in March 1978, she had completed two years of college with the support of Centercrest Baptist Church of Birmingham. "I was their missions project," she explained.

The project was a success. Beard won a full scholarship to Auburn University in Alabama, where she completed her bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1979 and a master's degree in psychology/counseling in 1982.

Also in 1982, she became the first woman in the United States to be named a state director for Prison Fellowship. She had met Prison Fellowship founder Charles Colson a few years before.

In August of that year, Beard spoke to a Christian businesswomen's group. Her purpose was to recruit volunteers.

A woman approached her and said she couldn't care less about the adult convicts—as far as she was concerned society could lock them up and throw away the keys.

The woman went on to say she would be interested in working with children, and she suggested getting them Christmas gifts. She actually was talking about juvenile offenders, but Beard misunderstood her to mean the children of inmates.

Prison Fellowship was looking for a Christmas project already, and Beard's advisory board gave her the go-ahead. "We decided to put Christmas trees at two malls—one in Montgomery and one in Birmingham."

She went to the prisons and got names and addresses of inmates' children. Working after-hours at an insurance company office, volunteers

called the youngsters and found out what they wanted for Christmas.

An angel—red for a girl and green for a boy—was hung on a mall tree for each child. Each angel had that child's wish list.

Shoppers were invited to "come and buy Christmas for an angel." Volunteers from churches stood by to receive the items the children had requested. The public responded immediately. So many people stepped forward that Beard had to go back to the prisons to get more children's names.

Beard came to realize that Angel Tree struck a responsive chord with the public because Christmas has become so commercialized and much gift-giving has become routinely reciprocal.

"They were delighted to do it," she said. "It was a real Christmas gift that meant something."

The volunteering churches enjoyed the fellowship time at the mall so much they signed up to help the next Christmas. Volunteers who delivered the presents to the children's homes found many unchurched families and invited them to church.

And at the prisons, Beard reported, January and February Bible studies tripled in attendance because the inmates wanted to meet the volunteers who had provided Christmas for their children. In letters and photos, the youngsters had communicated their joy to their parents.

Beard found herself scheduling additional Bible studies and seminars to meet the increased demand.

"Our goal was to provide Christmas for the children," she said. "God had a much greater impact planned."

The next summer, Beard attended the national Prison Fellowship staff conference and reported on the Angel Tree experience in Alabama. The national board authorized 12 more states to try it. They had the same overwhelming response.

Today, Angel Tree is active in all 50 states and in a number of foreign countries, including Great Britain, France, Germany, Peru, Australia, New Zealand and Papua, New Guinea.

It served 271,000 children in its 10th anniversary year, Christmas 1992. The goal for this year is to help 350,000 children.



**UNLIKELY ANGEL**  
Mary Kay Beard, a Baptist laywoman and former prison inmate, is the founder of the Angel Tree program, which now provides Christmas gifts for children of inmates nationwide. (BP photo by Tim Palmer)

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**Christmas away from home**

Last week in this space I asked you to pray during the holiday season for the children in the care of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. This week, I want to share more specifically about the young people in our temporary shelters at Dixon and Morehead.

The temporary shelters are designed to provide short-term stability and security for children who must come out of their homes while the adults in their lives make more long-term decisions about their care. Depending on the circumstances, the child may have had to leave home on short notice.

These are the children who often have the most difficulty at Christmas. Even though they may understand that being at the temporary shelter is for the best, it is not easy for them to leave their families and everything that is familiar.

I remember being with a boy at the Baptist Youth Shelter at Morehead. Everyone else seemed to be joining in the routine of the home. But he would just stand by the big picture window and look out at the mountain in the distance. When I or anyone else would say anything to him, he could manage only a word

or two before big tears would come to his eyes. He was homesick, scared, and felt terribly alone.

He had just come to Morehead the day before. He knew there had been problems in his family, but he had suddenly found his world shattered. Although he was now living in a nice house with good people who were reaching out to care for him, he was in tremendous pain.

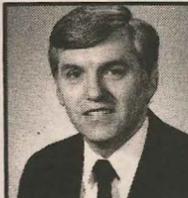
Add to this the circumstance of it being the Christmas season. Christmas is the one holiday all of us hope to celebrate with family. For young people who may not know where their parents are, or if they'll ever go home again, or if the terrible emptiness inside will ever go away, Christmas can be very difficult.

Please pray especially for these young people and for the staff who will be caring for them. Please pray that the children will have a special awareness of our Lord's love and comfort and that the joy of Christmas will be theirs despite their circumstances.

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# FAMILIES

## Trend toward fatherlessness a danger, speaker says

By Bob Allen  
Associated Baptist Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (ABP)—Growing up without a father is becoming the new norm in America, and the trend bears grave consequences for society, a family-policy spokesman told a Baptist gathering.

"We're living in an increasingly fatherless society," said David Blankenhorn, founder and president of the New York-based Institute for American Values.

Blankenhorn addressed a conference on fatherhood at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C. The conference was co-sponsored by the church and the Baptist Center for Ethics.

On a typical night, 36 percent of American children go to bed in a home where a father does not live, Blankenhorn said. By age 18, more than half will have experienced some significant portion of their childhood living apart from their father.

Fatherlessness is "the most socially consequential trend" affecting American life, he asserted.

"I don't think any one single thing explains all our social problems," Blankenhorn said. "Having said that,

let me suggest that one single thing explains all our social problems."

Fatherlessness is "a kind of driving engine behind most of our social problems," he said. He offered a litany of supporting arguments:

■ Out-of-wedlock births comprise 28 percent of all live births. "The most important predictor of adolescent pregnancy is growing up without a father," he added.

■ Poverty is "increasingly linked to family structure," Blankenhorn said. Now, for the first time in history, more than half of all poor families are father-absent. Much of the increase in poor families "can be attributed to the trend of father absence."

■ Crime is "primarily a problem of young males." Among young males, the most important predictor of criminal activity is fatherlessness, he said. Seventy percent of juveniles in long-term correctional facilities grew up apart from a father. "As a crime reducer, fathers are better than prisons," Blankenhorn suggested.

■ Domestic violence is on the rise, and the increase "tracks with eerie precision" the replacement of fathers in homes by an unrelated male.

Blankenhorn said the absence of positive role models has caused a

"protest masculinity" to emerge, marked by a street vernacular hostile toward women and a violent bravado acted out in gang culture.

One role of the father is to help boys "find out what it means to be a man," he said. In the absence of that influence, young men get angry and direct that anger at the only adult influence in their lives—women.

"Do children need fathers?" is a fundamental question for society, Blankenhorn said. Contrary to the "yes" answer given by every other culture in the world, both now and throughout history, "our answer today is 'not necessarily.'"

Blankenhorn's organization offers a list of public-policy solutions. But, he acknowledged, the policy recommendations are "secondary matters."

"The primary issue is that we change our minds about that basic question. I frankly think that's where the church comes in," he said.

The church, far better than secular culture, can articulate the importance of fatherhood, Blankenhorn said. Through sermons, Sunday school studies and other programs, ministers can build stronger families among church members.

He also suggested churches bring

"a stronger public voice on the subject of responsible masculinity" in society.

On the public policy front, Blankenhorn proposed:

■ Passing laws that identify fathers of unwed births.

■ Creating incentives for marriage in welfare, public housing and tax codes.

■ Rewriting divorce laws to assert that society encourages couples to remain married and elevates child well-being to the primary concern.

But more important, he said, is an attitudinal shift in society. He compared the issue to public attitudes toward tobacco, which at one time was acceptable. When evidence emerged that smoking posed a health threat, "we changed our minds about smoking. We don't like it," Blankenhorn said.

Ironically, he added, "As we've raised our health standards for smoking, we've lowered them for male responsibility."

Blankenhorn's Institute for American Values, founded in 1987, is a private, non-partisan organization for research, publication and public education on issues of family well-being, family policy and civic values.

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### A Special Event for Women

During the Kentucky Evangelism Conference  
Tuesday, February 22

Hurstbourne Conference Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (EST) Luncheon Meeting  
1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Seminars

#### Speakers



Anne Graham Lotz

#### Music



Esther Burroughs



Laura Hammack Chipe

#### Seminars: (Choose Two)

Career and Children .....	Ava Bingham Reynolds
Chemical Dependency and the Family .....	Jo Vaughn
Dealing With AIDS .....	Chip and Nancy Miller
Depression and Loneliness .....	Jan Cox-Gedmark
Lifestyle Witnessing .....	Esther Burroughs
Time Alone With God .....	Anne Graham Lotz

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## KENTUCKY KERNELS

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is one of 26 state Baptist conventions that owns at least one camp or assembly. With two state-owned camps—Jonathan Creek and Cedarmore—the Kentucky convention is about average.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **ALEXANDRIA**—William Barnard, pastor of Grant's Lick Church, announced his retirement effective June 30, 1994.

■ **RUSSELLVILLE**—Southern Heights Church ordained Steve Schauburger, Steve Wilkins and Bob Williams as deacons Nov. 14.

■ **WHITESBURG**—North Fork Church called Keith Joseph as pastor. He previously served as interim pastor.

### MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Jim and Jenny Musen**, missionaries to Kenya, are in the States until early March 1994 at 343 Princess Circle, Versailles, Ky. 40383.

■ **James and Dorothy Ditty**, missionaries to South Africa, are on the field at P.O. Box 2155, King William's Town 5600, Republic of South Africa.

## Adult abuse still on rise in Kentucky

FRANKFORT—Reported cases of abuse of vulnerable adults have jumped 85 percent in Kentucky in the last two years, the Cabinet for Human Resources reports.

In fiscal 1993, reports of adult mistreatment totaled 35,157.

"As in every year, we are troubled by the huge increases in reported incidents of abuse," said Social Services Commissioner Peggy Wallace. "Yet the numbers indicate that people in the community are more alert to distress signs and more willing to call an agency that can check and offer help."

The increased number of reports resulted in 29,938 investigations of abuse statewide.

Of that total, 18,488 cases, or 59

percent, related to spouse abuse. This category registered a 23 percent increase over the previous year.

Also, 5,834 of the investigations, or 20 percent, related to abuse of people over age 60. This category registered a 17.5 percent increase over the previous year.

"Many people read about the horrible assaults and deaths of wives or girlfriends, but they may not be aware of other vulnerable adults who are victimized in physical, sexual, emotional and financial ways," said Richard Newman of the department's adult protective services branch.

Newman said anyone with knowledge or suspicion of an adult being abused should call the statewide abuse hotline at (800) 752-6200.

## Too busy to get into trouble

Adam Swiggett, a 1993 Oneida graduate, is now in the U.S. Air Force.

Adam graduated from Oneida with a record 30 and 3/4 credits. This is one-third more credits than is required by the Kentucky State Board of Education and by OBI's board of trustees for graduation.

How did this Lexington native accomplish this?

Immediately after graduating from the eighth grade, Adam moved into an OBI dorm and began his high school career with summer school. Taking seven subjects a day (no study halls) during most academic quarters, several more summer sessions and never failing a class allowed him to amass such a staggering number of credits.

You might imagine this handsome 6-foot young man to be a one-dimensional bookworm. Not so. Consider the following:

Adam shared band drum major responsibilities his senior year with one of our senior girls and our memories of him will always include his four years as a dedicated band member in our marching, concert and pep bands. He was the head marching instructor.

Two years ago Adam received the best spirit award and both the superior soloist and ensemble awards. On honors day of his senior year he received the Marine Semper Fidelis Award.

Adam sang in our touring choir for two years. He traveled thousands of miles for scores of concerts. He had parts in three drama productions of our Oneida Players and was stage manager for one of them.

Hundreds of hours of Adam's time were devoted to daily practice and participation in academic team activities. Just as he did in band, he also received the best spirit award two of his years on the academic team. He was voted chaplain,

was the junior varsity quick recall captain and took third place in district and regional science meets. He also competed in the district, regional and state tournaments on the future problem solving team, took third place in the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition and was an academic Sweet 16 state chess competitor for two years.

Adam had a lawyer's role in the Model Supreme Court one year. In another he was a member of the House of Representatives at the Kentucky Youth Assembly in Frankfort. He served two years on the economic and social council for the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, and was author of a proposal. He helped build the display that won the best display award at KUNA.

With all these cerebral activities, Adam found time to run on the varsity cross country team one year. He also loved foreign languages, taking German for three years, French one year and was one of our first Russian language students.

For one-and-a-half years Adam served as one of our student dorm monitors. He was a work supervisor in the outside dorm crew one summer and worked on the yard crew for another. He was a student audio technician and also worked as a computer lab aid.

Adam received his dorm's Christian service award one year and a President's Award at graduation.

With all the above extra-curricular activities, Adam still graduated with more credits in a four-year period than anyone else in OBI history.

We never had a discipline problem with him in all four years—he was too busy to get into trouble!

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

### ONEIDA JOURNAL



Barkley Moore

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## Christmas music a team effort

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer

AUBURN—Producing a major Christmas musical has brought out the season's spirit of giving in the Auburn community—and a spirit of cooperation between two churches.

Keith Moody, minister of music at Auburn Baptist Church, said the church has received gifts from lumber yards, paint and carpet stores, music companies, hardware stores and individuals who were interested in assisting with the two-night production.

And the adult choir from Auburn Baptist is receiving a boost from the adult choir at Dripping Spring Baptist Church near Russellville. The two choirs will combine forces to present "He is Born, Child Divine" at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19.

Michael Stacey, pastor of Dripping Spring Baptist Church, also directs his church's choir.

Moody said the cantata, a recent work by Dennis and Nan Allen, is "beautiful" but moderately difficult to sing. "It focuses on the life of Mary from her childhood on up," he explained.

The 70-member combined choir

and 12-member cast already have dedicated much time and energy toward making the production a success, said Moody, who has been planning for the musical since July.

To "pull this off," Moody said, he has used his technical theater minor from Western Kentucky University. But he also has relied heavily on the good will of many businesses and members of both churches.

Everyone from the youth departments to the senior adults have had a hand in preparations, with special technical assistance from laymen with training as electricians and carpenters, he said.

The Auburn church, where the musical will be presented, seats about 350 people and averages about 200 in Sunday morning worship, Moody said.

"This is the first time in recent years something like this has been done in our area," he added.

With the donations of time, labor and materials, the music minister estimated the church saved more than \$4,000.

Moody said he hopes the presentation will appeal to people who do not attend church regularly; then the music could become a tremendous outreach tool.

## Couple appointed missionaries to Japan

The Southern Baptist Christmas mission emphasis has become intensely personal for seniors Randy and Ann Pope, preparing for an 18-month assignment in Sendai, Japan. The Foreign Mission Board appointment is part of the International Service Corps program.

Their pilgrimage together began in 1980. Ann, a summer worker at a Blue Ridge Parkway resort, caught Randy's eye. Married in 1981, they operated a barbecue restaurant for two years. Randy returned to construction work until a back injury brought three operations and five years off the job.

"In the hospital the Lord got my attention. The doctor told me I couldn't return to construction. The Lord said, 'I have something for you if you will listen.' I wrestled with the call for a year," Randy recalls.

Raised in a formal, non-evangelistic church, Ann discovered a more personal relationship with Christ about a year earlier. "On Easter Sunday I fully committed my life to Jesus. The hymn was 'Wherever He Leads I Go.' I knew then we were going to be foreign missionaries," Ann said.

They began ministry preparation at Fruitland Bible Institute, a two-year school in North Carolina, their home state. When Ann expressed a desire to enroll also, Ran-

dy countered, "Why? If you think we're going to be foreign missionaries, there's no way!"

Randy's response to his first Clear Creek visit was, "I'll never be back to that place." They made a second visit, attended class and looked more at the inside of the school than appearance. "We didn't realize then the strong mission emphasis. It has been so helpful to have former foreign missionaries answer our questions and provide

great advice on working with the board and talking with our families."

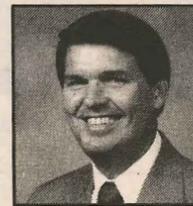
After graduating, the Popes wanted a six-month assignment until the regular seminary term began. A 24-month request for Japan was reduced to 18 months and offered to them. Southeastern will offer a M.Div. degree in missiology in August 1995, when they plan to enroll.

The Popes will have orientation Jan. 5-20 and arrive on the field in February. Sendai, the educational capital of Japan, has a million people with only 1 percent Christian.

Our Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering makes it possible for the Popes to "Change The World Now."

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

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# MARRIAGE

## Sizzling marriages require more than heat, Young says

By Chip Alford  
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—Any marriage can sizzle when it's well done, Ed Young believes, but the Texas pastor quickly adds success doesn't come without a lot of hard work.

"So many husbands and wives expect (their spouse) to meet all their needs, but they often don't even know what each other's needs are," said Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston and current president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "Men and women are different. Their needs are very, very different."

Young, who has been married to his wife, JoBeth, 34 years, writes about some of the differences between the sexes and gives suggestions for improving marital relationships in his book, "Romancing the Home, How to Have a Marriage That Sizzles," released last summer by Broadman & Holman Publishers.

The book caught the attention of Christian author James Dobson who asked Young to appear on his "Focus

on the Family" radio show. A segment on Young's book was taped in September and is expected to air Jan. 11 on about 2,000 radio stations nationwide.

One of the keys to marital success is learning to distinguish the different needs of the sexes, Young said. In his book, he cites marriage and family therapist Willard Harley's observations about the top five needs of husbands and wives.

Affection tops the list for wives, followed by conversation, honesty and openness, financial support and family commitment. In contrast, sexual fulfillment is the No. 1 need of husbands, followed by recreational companionship, an attractive spouse, domestic support and admiration.

"A woman's need for affection is so strong that the unfulfilled desire for it can lead to an extramarital affair," Young wrote. "Most professional counselors agree that women are unfaithful for completely different reasons than men. While lust can cause many a man to stray, a woman can literally be hugged into an affair if her

marriage is void of affection."

During the radio show taping, Dobson told Young one of the most frequent complaints about men he hears from women is that they don't talk. Young addressed that issue in his book, pointing out part of showing wives affection is "communicating with them—talking, and really listening."

"I do not believe there is a marriage in existence today that would not benefit from both partners asking themselves: 'What is it like being married to me?' Honest answers to this question could set a real-life romance in motion that would fulfill its partners, inspire countless others and glorify God who gave man and woman to one another in the beginning. And the

home is the perfect setting for such a romance."

Young addressed a variety of other topics in his book, such as God's design for marriage, the call to sacrificial love, reasons marriages "fizzle," goal-setting, sexual fulfillment and handling conflict. He also cautioned both marriage partners against expecting too much from one another.

"I tell the thousands of single adults in our church fellowship every chance I get that marriage is not the solution to anyone's problems, nor can it fulfill all of their desires," Young wrote. "Marriage does not make you whole. Jesus Christ makes you whole. He and he alone is the solution to man's needs for security and significance."

**"Marriage does not make you whole. Jesus Christ makes you whole."**  
Pastor and author Ed Young

## Defensiveness destroys marriages, pastor warns couples

By Terri Lackey  
SBC Sunday School Board

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—"Yes, but ..." is one of the most damaging phrases a spouse can use during a disagreement, a marriage workshop leader advised.

"The phrase, 'Yes, but ...,' tells me I'm in a defensive conversation," Ron Stewart, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., told couples attending a Fall Festival of Marriage conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

"That phrase says that all the time the other person was talking, you've been devising an attack," said Stewart, who has led marriage retreats for 10 years.

Defensive fighting is a common form of attack in marriages, said Stewart, who acknowledged that usually one spouse is more likely to react defensively than the other.

But that defensive reaction leads to a snowball effect where couples suddenly find themselves protecting and defending their turfs, he said. "A per-

son just naturally gets defensive when he feels like he is being attacked."

Defensive behavior sparks all types of emotional responses, Stewart said, including anger, sadness, helplessness, frustration, disappointment, irritation, superiority and confusion.

"Defensiveness does not help the feeling of oneness and intimacy," he said, adding understanding the root of defensive behavior can help disarm it.

Stewart said people respond defensively to "emotional hot spots."

"There are certain things about you that you don't allow people to talk about," he said. "It might be your weight; it might be your hair or lack of it."

People who respond defensively to their emotional hot spots are not responding reasonably, Stewart said.

"Emotional hot spots are usually related to self-worth, self-esteem and self-image," he said. "They are usually determined by past emotional experiences."

"That fourth-grade boy or girl still lives with you. The emotions you felt

then continue to affect the way you relate to your spouse. Those hot spots will stay hot spots until you cool them off."

Defensiveness within the marriage relationship also can be caused by unresolved conflict, Stewart said.

"If you don't resolve the conflicts within your marriage, they will stay there and fester. When there is conflict, the husband and wife become enemies. And we typically hide our feelings from our enemies."

"One little emotional hot spot not dealt with can lead to divorce," he added.

Stewart said typical defensive reactions include verbal retaliation, withdrawal or speaking through children.

"Verbal retaliation is the most common form of attack," he said. "This type of communication drives an emotional wedge between couples and it is a violation of Scripture."

The Bible also condemns withdrawing, Stewart said. When a person withdraws, "all of his emotional stirrings and rage are still there. He just

suppresses it because that's what he's been taught to do."

Stewart called withdrawing "gunny sacking." A spouse might store up negative feelings toward his mate, then throw the gunny sack at her when it gets too full, he said.

"By withdrawing, you are robbing yourself of the joy of marriage, and it is a sin for you to withdraw and not share with your spouse," he said.

To speak through the children is to badmouth the other spouse in front of them, Stewart said.

Stewart advised couples to analyze their defensiveness and get to the root.

"Sometimes it is buried so deeply, you don't know why it's there. When you came into your marriage, you brought a sack of emotional baggage with you. And when you stopped sharing that with each other, you stopped growing," he said.

"You need to stop being defensive and start growing. Get professional help if that's what you need. Grab it today because today is your chance to build something better for tomorrow."

**"One little emotional hot spot not dealt with can lead to divorce."**  
Marriage counselor Ron Stewart

## 'Approach-avoidance' problem hurts sex in marriage

By Art Toalston  
Baptist Press

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—If a husband or wife increasingly demands sex, he or she will get less and less of it.

That's the advice of marriage enrichment speakers Harold and Bette Gillogly, who said an "approach-avoidance" problem often weighs down marriages in which one spouse is demanding sex.

The husband-and-wife team, whose Growing Toward Oneness Family Ministries is based in Nashville, led a sexual intimacy workshop during a Fall Festival of Marriage at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference

Center in November. The Gilloglys are authors of "Achieving God's Design for Marriage," published as couple's and leader's guides for use in church settings.

If one partner feels he or she must demand sex 15 or 20 times just to get a spouse to engage once in intercourse, that partner likely will get the opposite of his or her desire for more sex, the Gilloglys said to crowds of more than 100 packing their classroom.

If a wife, for example, doesn't want to engage in sex, she will make more and more efforts to avoid it, Mrs. Gillogly said.

To break the cycle, the aggressive partner must back off and give the

other partner "some space"—while still touching and kissing but not making guilt-generating statements of their needs not being met, she advised.

The other partner, meanwhile, should not be satisfied with negative feelings toward sex and should seek to understand what has caused such feelings, she added.

"This is worth your going to a therapist about," she said, adding it's a shame "to do so little" with the great potential God has given to the marriage relationship.

Intimacy, her husband noted, involves sharing one's "essential or deepest self" with a marriage partner.

He classified four kinds of intima-

cy:

■ Emotional—"Sharing the real me with the real you," the feeling that "I have finally found someone who understands me."

■ Aesthetic—"The 'we' experiences of life," a couple's history together, their "Remember when we ...?" recollections.

■ Spiritual—"Sharing our lives and faith in Christ," not just reading the Bible but also praying together, "which will develop trust and closeness in your relationship more than anything else on earth."

■ Physical—"The culmination of all the other intimacies. Sex is the celebration of your relationship. It is not the establishment of it."

# CLEAR CREEK



## Austin and Barbara Campbell

Served as pastor for 8 years before accepting God's call for further education at CCBBC. Austin graduated in 1988. Barbara worked at Kelly Hall to help support the family. Pastored for 4 years in Lincoln County before returning to serve as Kelly Hall Director and Food Service Director. "This is not just a position to us, it is a ministry. We thank God for the opportunity to serve at Clear Creek."

## Melvin Money

A native Pinevillian, Melvin has served as Maintenance Supervisor for 43 years (1950-1993). "I have enjoyed most of it. I have been treated good here, its been a real pleasure working here all these years."

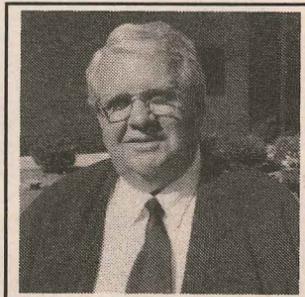


## Rebecca Whittaker



Served as Southern Baptist missionary in Philippines. Preschool director at International Baptist Church in Manila. Became involved in CCBBC after hearing of Turkey Project from an alumnus. Moved to CCBBC in August 1988 from

Florida when husband, Bill, accepted position as president of the school. Bill and Rebecca have three children, youngest graduates high school this spring. She is the current director of CCBBC Child Development Center - 1989. "We became involved with the Turkey Project and have been investing part of our lives (at CCBBC) ever since."



## Charles Hanking

Three years as a student, 5 years as Director of Campus Operations. His hometown is Cave City. "I feel working at Clear Creek is a ministry and I just enjoy working here."



## Marge Cummings

Director of Library Services. This is her second time at Clear Creek - "My husband was a student and I taught in the piano lab and worked as Mrs. Brooks assistant." She is the mother of 3 children. "Clear Creek is one of my favorite places on God's wonderful earth. Coming back here was like meeting an old friend."



## Mary Lou Walzer

She is the wife of Bruce Walzer. Graduated from CCBBC in 1968. 21 years at Central Baptist Church, Cumberland. Lives in Middlesboro now. Came to work for CCBBC June 1991 as Registrar. "Love it!"



## Ronnie Washam

A native of Pineville, Kentucky, he has been a Student Worker Supervisor for 6 months. "I love working here."



## Janet Brotherton

Southern Baptist missionary in South Korea for 10 years. Moved to CCBBC in November, 1991 and began work as Office Manager of Dev/PR/Alumni Department in July 1993. Her husband is professor of New Testament and they have 3 children. "I enjoy helping spread the news about this school's unique ministry to fellow Baptists."



## Shelby Castlen

Shelby was with FMB for 20 years. She came to Clear Creek in 1990 and is currently serving as Secretary to the President. Her husband, Jim is Professor of Music. "It's a joy to serve among some of God's choice people in such a lovely place."

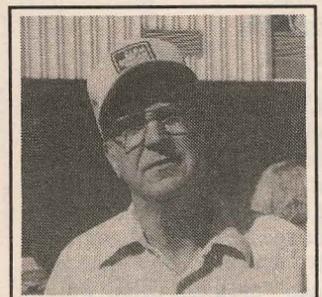


## Brenda Searcy

Graduated from CCBBC in 1980. Served as foreign missionary for 3 years. The mother of two sons, age 9 and 5, she is Assistant Librarian at CCBBC. Husband, Tim, is professor of Christian Education. "Happy to be back at Clear Creek."

## Vicky and Jay Barnett

Vicky graduated CCBBC in 1983 with BA in R. E.. A native of Campbellsville, KY and on staff at Clear Creek since April, 1991. Presently serving as secretary to Assistant Academic Dean. She and her husband, Jay have one daughter. Jay graduated in 1986 with BA in Biblical Studies and Diploma in R. E.. A native of Louisville, KY, he came on staff in April 1991 as Director of Admissions/Financial Aid. Vicky says, "Not only have I enjoyed being a PK here, but also a student, student's wife and now have the privilege to serve on staff at CCBBC, a wonderful place to be."



## Duke Fuson

A resident of Pineville, Duke is the maintenance assistant. "This is a good place to work and close to home."