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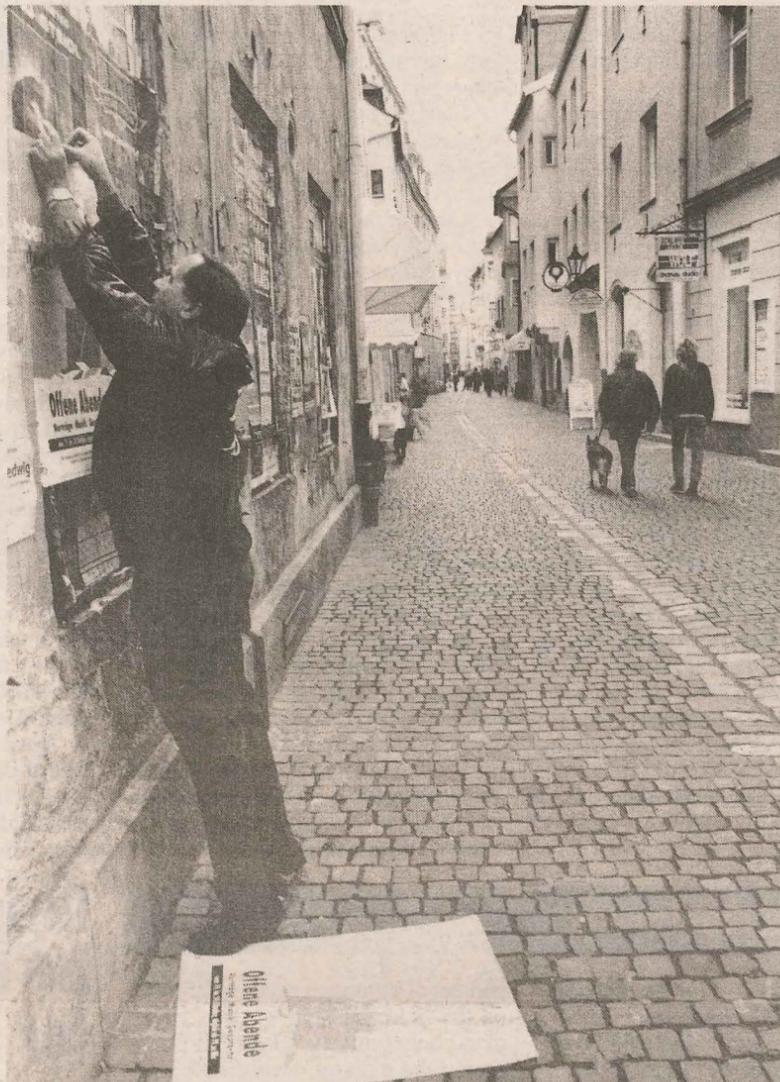
Draper not candidate
Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced he will not be a candidate for the presidency of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
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STRATEGIC SPOT Southern Baptist missionary Wayne Jenkins, pastor of Regensburg Baptist Church, puts up posters around the German town inviting people to an evangelistic weekend. The city and the church found themselves in a strategic location when the communist bloc in Eastern Europe started crumbling. The city is located near the Czech border. (BP photo by Don Rutledge)

Poll finds mixed assessment on religion's role

WASHINGTON (ABP)—While most Americans see themselves becoming more religious, they see their country as becoming less so, according to a new study by U.S. News and World Report.

Almost two thirds (62 percent) of the Americans surveyed by the newsmagazine say religion has a growing influence on their lives. But even more (65 percent) say religion is losing its influence on American life.

The study, published in the magazine's April 4 issue, found ample evidence of faith among the masses:

- 76 percent of Americans say God is a personal being who hears prayer. To others, God is an impersonal creator (8 percent) or idea (11 percent).

- 80 percent say the Bible is the word of God. While 34 percent say it should be taken literally, 46 percent say it is inspired but not all literally true.

- 68 percent claim to belong to a church or synagogue, and 30 percent say they attend services every week. There is one church

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German unification brings new missions challenges

By Martha Skelton
SBC Foreign Mission Board

WEIMAR, Germany (BP)—Imagine going to bed one night and waking up the next day in the same house, the same city—but in a different country.

For former East Germans, this was no dream. It happened in 1990 with the reunification of Germany. Everything was the same, yet nothing was the same.

Nor were they the only ones affected. West Germans suddenly faced the economic responsibility for a united Germany. The costs of bringing the east to parity with the rest of the country have triggered higher taxes, reductions in job benefits and security, and a rise in tensions among Germans, foreign refugees and a small but vocal neo-Nazi movement.

For all Germans, these are challenging and complex times.

"It's similar to 1933, Hitler's time," says Eric Shrader. "If there was work and things to do, most wouldn't pay any attention (to neo-Nazis)."

Shrader, a Christian layman, is liaison with the human resources department of Weimar, a city in eastern Germany. He works with organizations and churches, like the Baptist church in Weimar, to meet the needs of the city's 20,000 children and young people.

Weimar's situation typifies many cities in the east. Under communism, young people had many clubs, trips and activities. With East Germany's fall, that stopped. Children were left with nothing to do.

At age 16, youths not bound for college are apprenticed to different jobs. But many companies have failed, and there aren't enough jobs to go around.

Neo-Nazis often influence idle young people. "They have no hope for the future, and someone offered an alternative," Shrader explains.

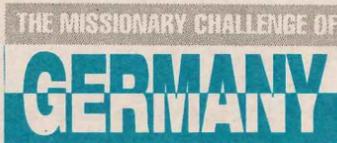
So Christians try to offer another alternative. But they too feel the repercussions of German reunification—as do mission groups sharing the gospel in this land.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has 42 missionaries assigned to work in Germany.

Baptists in Germany were unified before the national partition created after World War II, and ongoing contacts made the Baptist union's own reunification take place more quickly than many had expected. East and West German Baptists officially reunited in 1991.

But reality has tempered the euphoria of national reunification and the Baptists' similar move.

It's the difference between a wedding and a divorce.
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Natcher remembered for 'doing it right'

By Marv Knox
Editor

BOWLING GREEN—William Natcher's colleagues and friends gathered last week to pay their respects to a Baptist congressman who reached the highest echelons of government but never abandoned his grassroots values.

Natcher, 84, represented the 2nd District of Kentucky in Washington for 40 years, where he served in the U.S. House of Representatives until his death March 29.

But his funeral April 6 directed the nation's attention back to his hometown, Bowling Green. President Bill Clinton and House Speaker Tom Foley both eulogized their friend and fellow Democrat. KET, Kentucky Educational Television, carried the service live.

In the last month of his life, Natcher gained national notoriety for participating in a record 18,401 roll-call votes. Most of those reports also described how he never accepted campaign contributions but depended primarily on the faith and goodwill of his constituents to send him back to Congress.

President Clinton acknowledged those qualities when he spoke of his new friend, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee who helped him shepherd his first budget through Congress.

Clinton told about his last visit with Natcher March 3, when he went to the congressman's hospital room to award the Presidential Citizens Medal.

"I thought to myself: 'Why is it that I am so moved by this man? What is it that he has done—not just the votes and the no contributions (policy)—that if the rest of us could do it we would really be true to the founders of this country?'" Clinton recalled.

"He found a way to live in Washington and work in politics and still be the same as he would be if he still lived in Bowling Green running a hardware store. ... Bill Natcher had just enough internal strength and coherence that he lived every day as if he were here all the time."

Foley, a representative from Washington state, also illustrated that theme.

"I've never met anyone like him," Foley said. "I don't know anyone who epitomized the congressional service and congressional standards better than Bill Natcher."

Calling Natcher "a wonderful anachronism," Foley described how the senior statesman always was dressed in a dark three-piece suit, white shirt, conservative tie and shined shoes. But Natcher's attire merely reflected the straight-arrow nature of the person, he added. "His old-fashioned commitment to his

work and service was something we can try to emulate."

Although Natcher closed out his career as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he had for many years chaired the subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, which sets the budgets for the federal agencies that sponsor most social programs.

Foley, who served alongside Natcher for three decades, recalled how the Kentuckian channeled his commitment to people into increased budgets for the National Institutes of Health and educational programs for disabled children.

"In so many essential ways, he reflected the values that great power can advance and commit in government," Foley said. "There are so many millions of people whose lives are better, whose health is stronger, whose future is brighter because of the work of Bill Natcher. That is a wonderful testimony."

It's the kind of testimony Natcher's friends and constituents in Kentucky have known for a lifetime, said Richard Bridges, Natcher's pastor at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

"In this county, we are just a little amused that it is only now, at Mr. Natcher's death, that the rest of the country has discovered him," Bridges said.

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BAPTISTS

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■ **Gifts to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program** during the first six months of the current fiscal year are up 2.84 percent over last year, according to figures released by the SBC Executive Committee. For the year to date, gifts total \$71.89 million, up from \$69.12 million last year. That places year-to-date gifts 4.01 percent ahead of budget requirements.

■ **English teachers** are needed for service in China this summer. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has issued an urgent request for 30 more Baptists to serve as English teachers for six weeks this summer. For information, contact the FMB at (800) 999-3113.

Baptist missionaries flee Rwanda amid civil war

By Don Martin
SBC Foreign Mission Board

LIMURU, Kenya (BP)—Nine of the 11 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Rwanda were reported to be safely out of the country April 11, but one missionary couple remained in the war-torn country, apparently by their own choice.

The evacuated missionaries urged prayers for Rwanda and its Christian community, which remains in grave danger.

"Our Baptists (in Rwanda), I'm afraid, are in a bad situation," said missionary David Hooten in a telephone interview just hours after his arrival in Kenya.

"The ones who are of the Tutsi tribe really have to fear for their lives, because these vigilantes tribes ... who are generally Hutu people, are going around searching for Tutsis, for enclaves of Tutsis, and trying to just wipe them out," Hooten said.

The Hutu and Tutsi of Rwanda and Burundi have a long history of tribal enmity. The Tutsis, who are heavily outnumbered by Hutu in both countries, were feudal leaders over the Hutu for centuries.

But the roles began to reverse after both countries gained independence from Belgium in 1962.

Since then, the two ethnic groups have been locked in a protracted struggle that has killed tens of thousands of people and left more than 1 million people homeless.

The recent crisis was sparked by the deaths of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi in an apparent attack on their plane April 7.

The resulting violence has claimed the lives of an estimated 20,000 people, including the Rwandan premier, at least 11 Belgian peacekeeping soldiers and priests, according to news reports.

In parts of Kigali, alleys and streets were lined with dead bodies April 11. A report from a central hospital in the capital said medical workers there had received more than 1,000 dead.

Fires burned outside Kigali, and hundreds looted aid warehouses. Men with machetes, knives and grenades set up roadblocks or went house to house demanding food, money and alcohol.

Spanish missionary nuns told of gang killings in Kibuye, a town 50 miles west of Kigali.

Fighting closed the airport in Kigali, forcing the U.S. Embassy to arrange an overland evacuation.

Eleven Southern Baptist mission workers—10 career missionaries and one journeyman—were in Rwanda when the fighting broke out.

Contending with the massive violence left Baptist missionaries physically and mentally drained, they reported.

The missionaries left Rwanda in several different groups. And because of failed telephone communications, one group would often not know the whereabouts of their Southern Baptist co-workers.

Most of the missionaries left the country in U.S. Embassy-sponsored convoys, which drove into Burundi. From there, U.S. military personnel placed them on transport planes and flew them to Nairobi.

As of April 11, all but two of the Southern Baptist missionaries were staying at the Brackenhurst Baptist International Conference Center, near Nairobi.

Larry and Dianne Randolph, from Oakman, Ala., and Dallas, reportedly remained in Rwanda, apparently of their own choosing.

The U.S. State Department reported that all Americans who wanted to leave Rwanda had left. Further details on the Randolphs were not immediately available.

Missionaries evacuated from Rwanda included Vernon and Sandy Sivage, from Wheeler, Texas; Martha Colwell from Athens, Ga.; David and Janet Hooten, both from Knoxville, Tenn.; Katrina Knox, from Columbia, Tenn.; Stan and Marlene Lee, both from Greenville, S.C.; and journeyman Marty Felts from Tyler, Texas.

Previous fighting in Rwanda prompted the FMB to release \$54,650 in hunger April 7 to help feed 4,000 malnourished refugees in two Rwandan camps.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees is the main source of food for the two camps, which house 60,000 people. But the commission had turned to Southern Baptist missionaries to supply additional food for the severely malnourished.

Since 1993, the Foreign Mission Board has channeled more than \$380,000 in relief funds to aid Rwandan and Burundian refugees and some others in rural areas.

FMB calls for more human needs relief funds

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist giving for overseas hunger and disaster relief slid last year and has veered even more sharply downward in 1994, raising concern among Foreign Mission Board leaders who administer the relief funds.

In 1993, receipts dipped 13 percent from 1992. And through March 1994, receipts show a 26 percent decline from the same period of 1993.

If the giving pattern persists, the FMB will collect \$4.9 million in human needs offerings this year—the lowest figure since 1981.

Human needs funds are adminis-

tered separately from the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified missions budget which provides much of the FMB's worldwide funding.

Receipts for human needs relief grew rapidly from the program's earliest stages in the late 1970s and peaked in 1985 at nearly \$12 million, when Ethiopia's famine broke into world consciousness. Gifts started leveling out between \$7 million and \$8 million in the late 1980s. Last year giving finished at \$6.6 million, down from \$7.6 million the year before.

Unlike many relief agencies operating overseas, the FMB uses 100

percent of its human needs offerings on the field. Mission workers who plan community development programs and monitor or distribute aid are already in place with support from other funding channels.

"We're grateful for the generous support by Southern Baptists, who have shown a confidence in the way the Foreign Mission Board uses these funds," said FMB President Jerry Rankin. "At a time when there seems to be increased suffering and needs all over the world, I hope Southern Baptists will continue to demonstrate their compassionate hearts for a lost world and enable us to help these hurting people."

Draper won't be candidate for seminary

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has no interest in being president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he told employees of the Nashville-based publishing house April 5.

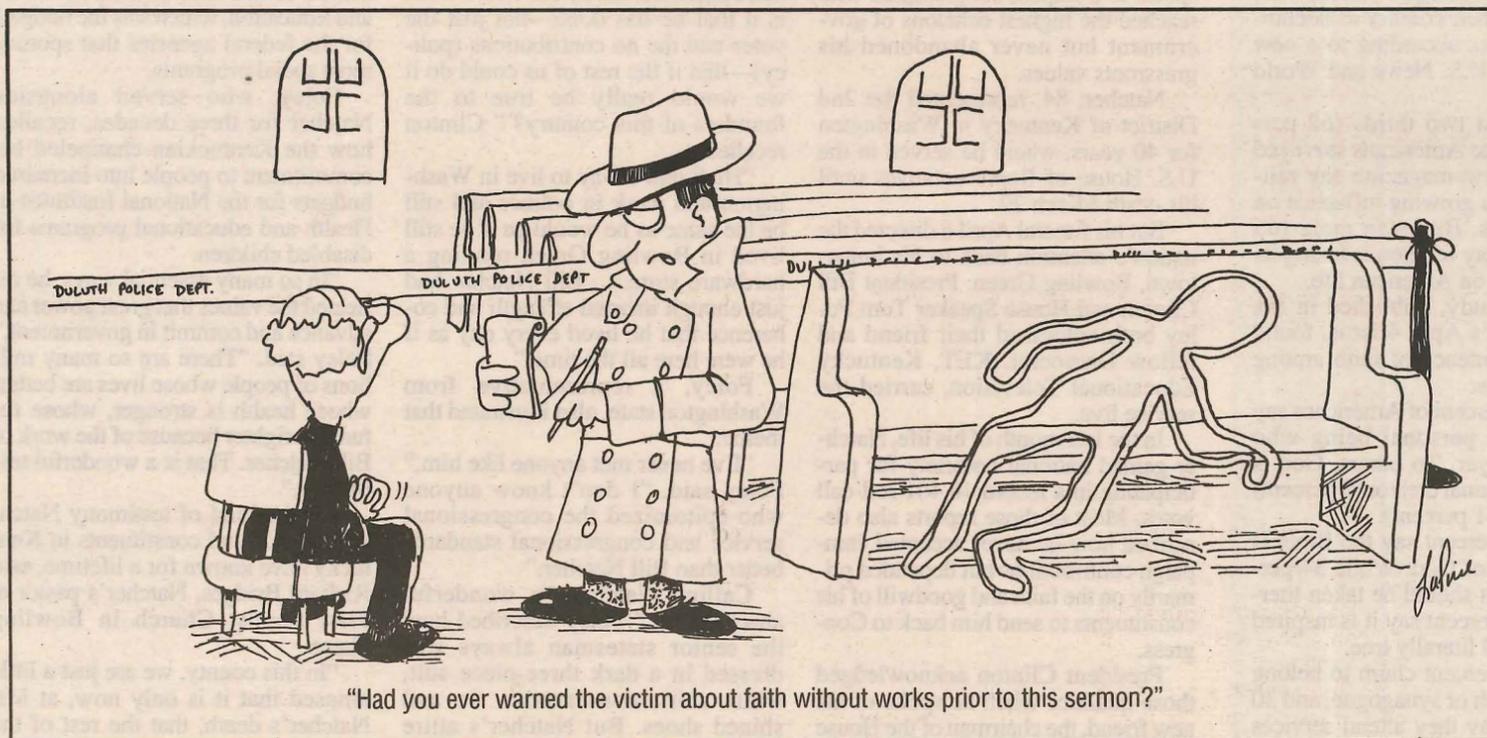
In a prepared statement read during an employee chapel service, Draper said he has been asked by a group of individuals to present his name to a search committee seeking a successor to Russell Dilday and has received "many calls" about rumors linking his name to the presidency of the Fort Worth, Texas, seminary.

But, he said, he is unwilling to be considered for the position.

"At a time when I am challenging employees of the Baptist Sunday School Board to our greatest days of ministry to churches and individuals, I want to state my firm conviction that God led me here to serve as your president," Draper said. "I believe it is his will for me to remain at this position as we pursue the challenge that he has given to us."

Many observers viewed Draper, a native Texan and Southwestern graduate, as heir-apparent at Southwestern, where he formerly served as trustee chairman. He earned his stripes in the conservative movement, serving as SBC president in 1983-84, yet has been hailed as a peacemaker in the denominational conflict.

Draper, 58, is a third-generation Southwestern graduate. Before assuming leadership at the Sunday School Board in 1991, he was long-time pastor at First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth.



"Had you ever warned the victim about faith without works prior to this sermon?"

KENTUCKY



READY TO CELEBRATE Staff members from the Baptist Youth Ranch in Elizabethtown show off a banner they'll display during the 125th birthday party of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, scheduled for the Elizabethtown campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 16. The event is open to the public and will include an outdoor family fun festival, food and tours of the facility. The Baptist Youth Ranch is located at 854 Tunnel Hill Church Road in Elizabethtown. Shown with the banner are Bob Coons, Tim Atterberry, Louella Christerson, C.A. Brown and Patrick Owens, along with one of the Baptist Youth Ranch residents. The April 16 birthday party is the first of several scheduled around the state to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the oldest Baptist childcare agency in America. The Elizabethtown youth ranch was founded in 1976 and became a part of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in 1981. The facility handles up to 10 boys at a time who are in need of special therapeutic treatment.

Legislators acted on abortion, not casinos

By Marv Knox
Editor

FRANKFORT—The moral issue that raised the biggest ruckus during the 1994 Kentucky General Assembly never became a bill.

Although lawmakers never voted on whether to allow Kentucky racetracks to build casinos, they did restrict abortion and expand gambling before they closed their legislative session.

Fearing an armada of floating casinos on the opposite banks of the Ohio River, Kentucky's for-profit racetracks mounted a casino campaign.

They formed a lobby, Kentucky to the Front, which pushed a proposal to allow the tracks to operate their own casinos. The idea even got a hearing before a legislative committee on tourism.

But the proposal drew immediate wrath from churches, charitable bingo and Lexington's not-for-profit Keeneland racetrack, who formed their own lobby, Kentuckians Against Casinos.

Kentucky to the Front and the racetracks stumbled when the state's horse breeders also opposed their plan, but the scheme wasted precious resources, said an opponent.

"Casino activity dominated a lot of our time and effort," said Claude Witt, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky. "It's the only time I can remember having extensive hearings on an idea."

Even though the proposal didn't gain approval this year, the idea isn't dead, Witt stressed. "It will resurface again in the next General Assembly session (in 1996). It's important that we keep the coalition alive and focused."

Abortion also surfaces often in

legislative sessions, and this year anti-abortion forces scored a victory when the legislature approved a "parental consent" bill.

The new law, which is to take effect in mid-July, requires unmarried minors to get a parent's permission or a judge's order to have an abortion.

"We're very pleased this legislation passed," said Margie Montgomery, director of Kentucky Right to Life. "We worked very hard for it for a number of years."

A similar bill was passed in 1986, but it required both parents' permission, and courts ruled it too restrictive. "We worked diligently to draft legislation that would withstand the scrutiny of the courts," Montgomery said, noting the new law complies with Casey vs. Planned Parenthood, a Supreme Court case that determined a similar Pennsylvania law is constitutional.

But an opponent of the parental consent law predicted a court fight.

"I presume it will be challenged in court," said Gilbert Schroerlucke, a board member of the Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

"It comes down hardest on the vulnerable—young people who are poor and live in dysfunctional homes, where there is a lot of conflict," he said.

The bill also is weak because "it gives judges no guidelines for making a decision," he added. "It's unacceptable. Laws should not be passed leaving decisions to judges' own religious beliefs."

Another bill disputed within the religious community was a law that allows simulcasting of entire cards of out-of-state horse races, rather than just races of national significance.

"It speaks very clearly of the gambling mentality of our society," Witt

said, forecasting dire consequences.

"The money that is going to be spent by Kentuckians on simulcast betting ... is not going to come from entertainment, but from housing, medical needs and the general maintenance of family."

Another piece of gambling legislation, the charitable gaming bill, will have a "tremendous impact," Witt said. The law legalizes bingo, raffles and other forms of "charitable" gambling, but it also provides for regulation of those practices, he explained.

Other bills passed by the legislature which have moral/ethical overtones:

- Made assisted suicide a felony. "It hopefully will prevent situations from occurring in Kentucky as Michigan has had to cope with Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his 'suicide machine,'" Montgomery said.

- Combined the state's "living will" law with a law on surrogates for patients who are incapacitated to act legally on their own behalf.

- Montgomery claimed the bill does not provide sufficient safeguards, such as determining if a comatose patient is permanently unconscious or if a comatose woman is pregnant.

- Tightened bidding and ethical requirements for Kentucky Lottery.

- Empowered the state to suspend driver's licenses from people who fail to make child-support payments for a year or more.

- Directed the Legislative Research Commission to create a commission to study poverty.

- Exempted religious newsletters from insurance laws.

- Retained the ban on driver's licenses for habitual drunkards and drug addicts.

- Exempted churches and some historic buildings from accessibility regulations.

State BSU commissions 78 students

By Alan Aja
State Correspondent

LONDON—College students from across the state joined in an emotional ceremony April 9 to commission 78 student summer missionaries for work around the world.

The commissioning service at First Baptist Church of London was the highlight of a weekend of fellowship and training for student leadership of campus Baptist Student Unions.

Nearly 350 students and campus ministers attended the weekend conference and commissioning, where they heard messages from host pastor Terry Lester and Bob Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

During the commissioning service, Lester reminded students that "God is with you and he will never leave you."

"As missionaries ... remember to guard the treasure—the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

Lester related most of his message to how God equipped Paul for his missions. "God is with you and will equip you with what you need to carry out the task," he said.

After the message, student missionaries introduced themselves, along with others who have made a special impact on their lives. The students and their loved ones circled the sanctuary.

The ceremony was "a wonderful way for Baptist students, parents and friends to come together and show support for the summer missionaries," said Doug Eades, student intern at the University of Kentucky BSU. "It's a way to let them know that we're supporting them."

The student missionaries will serve in a variety of settings this summer, from small towns in Kentucky to faraway places such as Alaska, Australia, California and Russia.

The remainder of the weekend featured worship, a business session, seminars for BSU leaders and orientation for the summer missionaries.

The conference theme was "With a Servant's Heart."

For only the second time in Kentucky BSU history, students elected as officers three of their peers from the same school.

Officers for the 1994-95 year are Carla Waynescott, president; Matthew Robertson, vice president; and Phillip Bruner, secretary. All three are students at the University of Louisville.

The annual weekend of BSU leadership training and inspiration is hosted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's student ministry department.

"The entire conference was a good way to build one's leadership skills," said Amy Jacobs, a sophomore at Cumberland College. "It was also a good way to meet new people and have fun at the same time."

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Campbellville College** recently raised \$11,460 during a one-night telethon over its low-power television station and a phonathon from the college's alumni affairs office. Funds will go toward the school's Vision 2000 II capital campaign.

■ **An Opera Gala** will be presented April 26 and 28 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in celebration of 25 years of church music drama at the Louisville school. The production will feature a cast of more than 40 seminary students and alumni accompanied by the 65-piece Seminary Orchestra. It will include selections from well-known operatic repertoire, Broadway shows and dramatic church musicals. Both performances are free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the seminary's Alumni Chapel.

■ **The Western Recorder** last week received a first place award for weekly newspaper design in the annual awards competition sponsored by the Baptist Public Relations Association. This is the second consecutive year the Recorder has won the top award for design among Baptist newspapers.

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What's next?

Russell Dilday has been fired as president of Southwestern Seminary. What is to happen next?

It may be good that most Baptist "pew sitters" do not really know what is happening in the Southern Baptist Convention. If they knew or cared, there would be a mass exodus.

I am very disturbed about the erosion of basic traditional Baptist beliefs. The present leadership of the SBC obviously does not believe in:

- Separation of church and state.
- Priesthood of all believers—the right to read the Bible and interpret it for one's self.

- True democracy in church governance.

These have impelled me to give to a group who practices the ideals I was taught, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. I am sorry that I cannot contribute more, but I am retired.

Linda Long
Kevil

Reconsider

The Southside Baptist Church, meeting in business session March 23, voted unanimously to instruct me to write a letter of protest regarding the recent dismissal of Dr. Russell Dilday from the office of president at Southwestern Seminary.

It is our collective opinion that this dismissal was without just cause; no information has come forward to substantiate the action of the board. Furthermore, the manner in which the dismissal was carried out was not reflective of our Savior. It appears the board acted from a sense of its own power, relishing the opportunity to prove what it could do because it had the votes. This would seem to be an abuse of power entrusted to trustees by Southern Baptists and Southside Baptist Church to administer our institutions in a Christ-like manner. If we put Charles Sheldon's question before us—"What would Jesus

do?"—I cannot imagine Jesus doing what the board has done.

I fear severe consequences. Al- refund in our church there are calls to defund Southwestern. Southern Baptists are patient and conservative, but they recognize power politics when they see it. Our people have had their eyes opened; they want nothing to do with something like this.

On behalf of the Southside Baptist Church in Louisville, I strongly urge the board to reconsider its actions. It may well have won the battle, but lost the war.

W. Clay Smith, pastor
Southside Baptist Church
Louisville

BAPTIST FORUM

Throw off yoke

The recent firing of Dr. Russell Dilday at Southwestern Seminary did not shock many Southern Baptists. If there was any fresh air in the bad news, it was that fundamentalists did not disguise their actions by talking about doctrinal error or love of the Bible. Trustees will attempt to rationalize their irrational act, but revisions of truth cannot stand the light of Russell Dilday's life and ministry.

Some ask, "When will Southern Baptists decide that enough is enough?" As long as conservative Southern Baptists allow the fundamentalist spirit to roam freely, the blood-letting will continue. For fundamentalists, there is never a time when "enough is enough." Fundamentalism, whether in Iran, Ireland or among Southern Baptists, needs someone to hate and fight. A Savior to follow, a book to guide, a mission to do and people to love are not enough for fundamentalists.

In the Southern Baptist search for liberal specks in another's eye, fundamentalists in conservative clothes have clouded the vision and redirected the resources of a people once committed to a Bold Mission for our Lord. Until that changes, don't look for anything different in Southern

The 'favorite' child

Once in awhile, I suppose I have pondered which of our three children is my favorite. And I have wondered to myself, "Have I given one of them more of my blessing than another?"

And how would one define "favorite"? The one you enjoy the most? The one you sense cares for you the most? The one you have singled out as being the most likely to look after you if you live long enough to become dependent? The one who seems to be most promising?

Our children think we have almost made a fetish of trying to treat them all equally, whether at Christmas or birthdays, or back when we were helping all three through college. They are probably right in thinking it is impossible to treat each of them equally, but we have tried.

Back to the question of a "favorite" child: Do I have one? Even if I did, I doubt that I would ever tell them or anyone else. It would be my secret.

However, I ran across the following sometime ago—maybe Erma Bombeck, but I'm not sure. In any event, it attempts to answer the question of "favorite child."

"Every mother has a favorite child. She cannot help it; she is only human.

I have mine—the child for whom I feel a special closeness, with whom I share a love that no one else could possibly understand.

"My favorite child is the one who was too sick to eat ice cream at her own birthday party, who had measles at Christmas, who wore leg braces to bed because she toed in, who had a fever in the middle of the

night, the asthma attack, the child in my arms at the emergency ward.

"My favorite child spent Christmas alone away from the family, was stranded after the game with a gas tank on 'E' and lost the money for his class ring.

"My favorite child is the one who messed up during the piano recital, misspelled 'committee' in a spelling

Baptist life. In the future, look for fundamentalist anger to turn on Draper, Lewis, Patterson, Mohler and others who helped the movement. Unless conservatives throw off the yoke of fundamentalism, blood will continue to be spilled, and today's new stars will be in tomorrow's discard pile of fundamentalism.

W. Robert DeFoor
Harrodsburg

Clean up the mess

As a former career employee of Southwestern Seminary, I am devastated by the recent action of the trustees. My heart aches not only for Russell and Betty Dilday, but for those who remain on campus to carry on the work of this great institution.

I learned firsthand to appreciate the integrity, character and class of Dr. Dilday. I also learned to dread the times the trustees would be on campus. As attitudes of the trustees changed through the years, students, faculty and staff faced the trustee meetings with an appalling and stifling sense of apprehension.

Even though Lynn Cooper, our Kentucky trustee, was not at the recent vote, he has publicly offered his support of the firing. Every conscientious and concerned Kentucky Southern Baptist should call upon Mr. Cooper to resign.

Last fall at our state convention, Dr. Dilday preached a wonderful sermon, "The Faith of the Family and the Family of Faith," calling Southern Baptists back to the tasks at hand. It is past time for mainstream Southern Baptists to put an end to the political turmoil that has been created in the name of religion. If the trustees don't have enough sense to see they have completed the dismantling of the Southern Baptist Convention and don't restore Dr. Dilday to his position, then we should elect Russell Dilday as president of the convention this year and begin the long process of cleaning up the mess.

Joan Eakin
Fulton

bee, ran the wrong way with the football and had his bike stolen because he was careless.

"My favorite child is the one I punished for lying, grounded for insensitivity to other people's feelings and informed he was a royal pain to the entire family.

"My favorite child slammed doors in frustration, cried when she didn't think I saw her, withdrew and said she could not talk to me.

"My favorite child always needed a haircut, had hair that wouldn't curl, had no date for Saturday night and had a car that cost \$600 to fix.

"My favorite child was selfish, immature, bad-tempered and self-centered. He was vulnerable, lonely, unsure of what he was doing in this world.

"All mothers have their favorite child. It is always the same one: The one who needs you at the moment, who needs you for whatever reason—to cling to, to shout at, to hurt, to hug, to flatter, to reverse charges to, to unload on, but mostly just to be there."

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



FAMILY FORUM: TEEN-AGERS

Floating curfew

By G. Wade Rowatt

Q. Should my 14-year-old daughter have the same curfew as my 16-year-old son? She complains that she must be home by 11 each weekend night, and he can stay out until 12. She says we are being unfair.

A. Curfews that get teens home too early are almost as bad as those that leave them out too late. If parents are too strict, youth may build up resentment, and do something they regret. If parents set the guidelines too loose, teens may be unable to handle the freedom responsibility. The key is balance.

Unless your daughter has given you reason to "clamp down" on her, I would have the same curfew for her and her brother. They should be close in maturity level and rightly expect to be treated the same.

Ephesians 6:4 teaches parents to discipline offspring in such a way as to "not provoke them to anger." Christian parents should take cries of "unfair" with extreme concern.

However, other factors must be considered. How safe is your community? With whom are they going out? Unless you know and trust their peer group, the curfew may be earlier. If they are with an adult-chaperoned group, then perhaps they could stay out an hour or two longer.

Where are they going and when will that activity be over? After an event, allow some time and set the curfew accordingly.

Some parents have found a "floating" curfew helpful. Each time their youth go someplace, the youth must explain where, what, when and who. Then the parents give a time to be home that is fair but does not allow for too much "fooling around." Perhaps on some nights one would stay out later than the other and on other nights it would be reversed. If they go to the same activity, then consider the same curfew.

With a floating curfew, your teens will get in a habit of telling you their plans and setting a realistic time with you. When they are on their own later, they will know how the deciding process works. They might just make better decisions themselves.

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

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

EDITORIALS

Letters provide Baptists with vital forum of ideas

Do you ever get really mad and feel like sounding off?

Anger seems to be the primary catalyst for letters sent to Baptist Forum, our letters-to-the-editor section. Credit human nature; people are more likely to express their opinions when they're mad than when they're glad.

The firing of Russell Dilday as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary set off the latest wave of letter-writing. So far, most letters have vented anger at the seminary's trustees for dumping Dilday and locking him out of his office. A few have voiced displeasure with news coverage of the firing.

Publication of Dilday letters in Baptist Forum also has launched a rumor that circulates when the volume of letters gets heavy and their tone gets hot. The rumor is this: "The editor publishes only letters which reflect his opinions and tosses the rest."

Not true. Several reasons invalidate the rumor.

First, I haven't been diagnosed as schizophrenic, yet. Even a casual reading of Baptist Forum reveals a spectrum of opinion. Quite often, side-by-side letters express diametrically opposed viewpoints. An individual would need multiple personalities to agree with every letter.

Second, the notion of censoring the letters flies in the face of the Recorder's guiding principle for publishing a page of opinion. The board of directors and staff believe readers deserve space to state their views. Baptist Forum is just what its name implies—a forum through which Baptists can communicate their concerns. We see Baptist Forum as a means of ensuring your free speech.

Third, it's just not true. Kentucky Baptists don't own a tradition of writing many letters to the editor. While some papers routinely must select representative samples of readers' opinions, the Recorder usually can publish all letters that meet Baptist Forum guidelines. We don't have a reason for throwing letters away.

The Recorder has been forced to "draw a line" on publication of letters on a specific topic only once in four years. That happened in 1992, after the Southern Baptist Convention disfellowshipped churches that openly affirm homosexuality. Space simply would not permit publication of all the letters which followed. We stopped printing letters on that topic after about four weeks and publication of 20-plus letters. The ratio of pro- and con- letters printed paralleled the ratio of letters received.

A brief summary of Baptist Forum guidelines appears each week on the outside column of page 4. Here is a broader explanation of the guidelines:

■ Length of letters must be 250 words or less. Shorter letters usually are better. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. However, caution dictates that editing very long letters or letters critical of the editor or the Recorder is best left to the writers.

■ Letters must be signed. Anonymous letters not only are not published, they are not read. If a valid reason is given, the name of a writer may be withheld.

■ Misstatements of fact will not knowingly be published. Writers are entitled to express their opinions as opinions. But if information is presented as being factual, it must indeed be fact. If a letter misstates fact,

three options apply: The letter may be rejected, and the writer notified. The misstatement may be corrected in editing. An editor's note with a correction may be printed with the letter.

■ Baptist Forum is reserved for Kentucky Baptists. The paper's intention is to provide as much opinion space as possible for Kentucky Baptists. An exception is made when the writer has been the subject of an article published in the Recorder, or when a letter of commendation of Kentucky Baptists is received from benefactors of their goodwill.

■ Letters may respond to any subject, but they must have a valid point of reference for Kentucky Baptists. For example, most letters respond to stories previously published in the paper. Some respond to state and/or national issues that may not have been reported in the paper but that have general significance for readers. However, a letter responding to an isolated incident reported in a newspaper that does not have statewide circulation would be rejected, because most readers would not have access to the original story and knowledge of its background.

■ Only one letter per individual will be published in any three-month period.

Baptist Forum remains one of the most important features of the Recorder. It supports the principle of free speech for Kentucky Baptists. But it does much more. It opens up another avenue of information for all readers. The staff doesn't claim a corner on the market of knowledge. Writers to Baptist Forum often provide all of us with additional insights and information, which "complete" stories that already have been published. We all gain when informed, thoughtful readers submit letters to Baptist Forum.

Marv Knox

Natcher set ageless standard

Fidelity to duty marked the life of William Natcher.

He represented Kentucky's 2nd District in Congress for 40 years. He was buried last week in Bowling Green, his hometown, where he was a member of First Baptist Church.

Natcher set a standard unlikely to be beaten. He was present in the House of Representatives for 18,401 consecutive roll-call votes. He never missed a vote until the final days before his death, when declining health confined him to his room at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Critics panned his record, saying the tether that connected him to Washington and all those votes limited his effectiveness. Late in life, he conceded a few missed votes might not have hurt.

But Natcher's record reflected unsurpassed faithfulness. He believed his constituents sent him to Washington to work for them, and that he did, without absence. He also refused to be "owned" by special interests, and so he declined campaign contributions. He worked valiantly and stood for integrity.

An epidemic of Natcher's brand of responsibility and honesty would solve most of this nation's problems.

Marv Knox

The rumor that the editor "tosses" letters with which he disagrees is false. On the contrary, the board of directors and staff of the Western Recorder view letters to the editor as an important section of the newspaper and a vital protection of readers' right to free speech.

Rep. William Natcher's commitment to duty set a standard for responsible service to others—a fine epitaph for a Baptist layperson.

What do you do when a family member snores like a freight train?

Betsy snores.

That may not be big news where you come from, but it's certainly an annoyance around our house.

Just as sleep's about to settle in and the hassles of the day prepare to take their nightly flight, she starts into her log-sawing routine.

Her snore begins almost imperceptibly. Just a little flutter, like someone quickly thumbing the pages of a book.

Then she clears her throat and rattles. She buzzes, hacks and rumbles. She harrumphs, caws and snorts.

Who would think six pounds of fur and adrenalin could make such a racket?

I, for one, didn't know dogs could snore until Betsy joined the family. Even as a

puppy, she'd manage to roll over on her back and schnozzle away, just like a geezer on a hammock in the middle of a summer afternoon.

The difference is geezers on hammocks in the middle of summer afternoons aren't kathroddling four feet away when I'm trying to get to sleep.

I blame Betsy's snoring on allergies. Joanna says I blame every human ailment up to broken bones on allergies. She's right, but so am I. We live where pollen falls like spring rain and mold grows

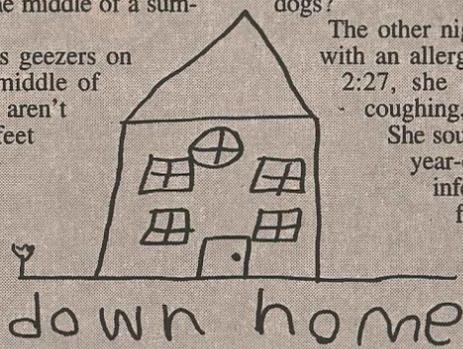
like crabgrass. Everybody with a sinus cavity around here has allergies, so why not dogs?

The other night, she was afflicted with an allergy attack for sure. At 2:27, she started hacking and coughing, hewing and gawing.

She sounded exactly like a 3-year-old child with a sinus infection and really large fangs.

Poor thing, I wanted to help her, but I haven't figured out how to teach a dog to blow her nose.

She just had to live with the misery. Next morning, I thought about slipping



an antihistamine into her dogfood. But those things knock me out, and I outweigh her by about 152 pounds.

Somebody who doesn't love dogs could come up with a simple solution: Make Betsy sleep in the basement.

How heartless can you get? I wouldn't banish Joanna to the basement if she started snoring on me. (Don't ask her opinion of my nocturnal impression of a '57 Chevy with glass-pack mufflers.) So why should our dog be packed off to domestic Siberia?

With beloved pets, as with other members of the family, you've just got to get used to goofy glitches.

And either get to sleep first or teach them to roll over.

Marv Knox

Missionaries aim for 'cultural heart' of Germany

By Martha Skelton
SBC Foreign Mission Board

WEIMAR, Germany (BP)—In the cultural heart of Germany, a group of dedicated Christians is ministering with a heart for God.

Weimar, a city of 65,000 people in what used to be East Germany, isn't one of unified Germany's larger cities. But it's called the country's cultural heart and has been selected by the European Community to be the cultural city of the year for Europe in 1999.



NEW HOPE Southern Baptist missionary Rick Dill (right) visits Marco and Ulrike Holitschke, members of the Weimar Baptist Church in Weimar, Germany. As a Christian, Holitschke was denied entrance into medical school under the old East German communist regime. Life should be different for the Holitschke children, Lorenz, 3, and Teresa, 1. (BP photo by Don Rutledge)

Giants of literature like Goethe and Schiller lived and worked here, as did musical titans Bach and Liszt. It's also the founding city of Bauhaus architecture.

Southern Baptist missionaries Rick and Nancy Dill and their daughters, Melinda, 15, and Laura, 13, now live in Weimar. They work with a Baptist church that has grown in just over a year from an attendance of 11 to more than 100.

The Dills believe a divine sense of timing brought them and the tiny church together. The church needed the encouragement and sense of direction that a pastor could bring as new opportunities to share the gospel were opening. The Dills, who had worked for a decade in West Germany, were seeking a new avenue of service.

Not that the transition was easy. Finding a place to live took almost six months. Weimar is a beautiful city, but it had the deteriorated look of the rest of the East in 1992.

"It's difficult to describe," Dill says. "There was World War I, the

Depression, World War II and 50 years of communism. Nothing had been done."

Working with the core church group in Weimar, the Dills discovered a number of house groups already meeting to pray and study the Bible together, led by laymen who at some point had become Christians. Some of them began responding to the Baptist group's worship and outreach efforts.

The church has evolved into a lively congregation with informal worship services by German standards, a daytime ministry to children and Sunday school and youth programs.

Worship is planned with the understanding that non-churchgoers will come. The services are "not organized to death and poured in concrete," explains Dill, who seldom wears a coat. "Germans who come out of this society that knows nothing (about going to church) won't know to wear a suit. Everybody feels uncomfortable if they're underdressed."

In the first year with its new pastor, the Weimar church undertook a

number of initiatives:

Among the most-talked-about: A production of the musical "Celebrate Life!" put on by a partnership missions team from Statesboro, Ga. The church rented the second-largest hall in Weimar for the performance. Six hundred guests filled the seats and 200 more stood.

The Weimar church now faces the challenge of helping new believers mature while continuing outreach efforts. Strong teaching is a major need, according to the missionaries.

"It's incredibly important (that) we are a group that knows what it believes and is not ashamed to say what it believes," Dill says. "We must take the time to deepen our own roots or we will fly apart."

Church members look ahead with optimism. They're already crowding the walls of their newest meeting space. They've started a building savings account, even though the economy has hit hard at their members' budgets.

"We're petitioning the city for a plot of land without an inkling of being able to pay for it," Dill admits.

"Why?"
"God has worked other miracles."

THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE OF
GERMANY

Baptist church takes new approach in model city

By Martha Skelton
SBC Foreign Mission Board

EISENHUTTENSTADT, Germany (BP)—When the city of Eisenhuttenstadt in East Germany was founded in the early 1950s, communist leaders proclaimed that industrial smokestacks would define its skyline. And that no church spires would ever pierce its sky.

Four decades later, the communists are gone, but small groups of Christian believers remain. Yet their ministry has never been more challenging.

In this industrial city of 51,000 people, insecurity, disillusionment, exhilaration and other conflicting emotions overwhelm many.

As a model city of the East German years, Eisenhuttenstadt attracted

many dedicated communists. For them, it wasn't only a wall or government that fell; it was their way of life, their sense of superior ideology, their belief in all they had been told.

But dedicated Christians also live in this city.

Now a Baptist church that struggled through the communist years has new co-workers. Missionaries Joey and Teresa Tomlin work with the church in evangelism and starting new ministries in this part of Germany. Their strategy: build trust and a network of relationships.

The Tomlins arrived in the country to start language study in December 1990, right after the Berlin Wall fell. In 1991, during talks with other missionaries and German Baptists, they saw the door open to work where missionaries never could go before.

The Tomlins' arrival coincided with the church's first opportunity ever to start whatever outreach efforts they wanted.

One new approach was an "evangelism information weekend" with a special speaker.

The 35-member church decided that an outright revival or tent meeting might work in other parts of Germany, but not in Eisenhuttenstadt. "People here wouldn't come to a 'religious' meeting, especially if you say you 'have the answer,'" Tomlin says. "Communism said that."

So people invited by members were able to hear about Christianity, then ask their own questions. Members pray the contacts made will bear fruit later.

Tomlin also teaches evening English classes at the equivalent of a

community college. Some class members also have joined a German-language introductory Bible study in the Tomlin home.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Tomlin has focused on reaching out to other young mothers in a society that for decades has downgraded parenting. The Tomlins have a 5-year-old daughter, Ahnabeth.

None of the activities has resulted in instant "success," Tomlin says.

The reason: In Germany, people don't respond immediately to the gospel, he explains. After months or a year of coming to religious activities, they may start asking serious questions. After more time passes, they will make a thoughtful, deliberate choice.

But when they commit to Christ, he says, they are faithful.

German unification brings new missionary challenges

Continued from page 1

ding and a marriage, explains Hans Guderian, church growth director for the Baptist Union's Home Missions Office. Emotion and celebration have settled down for the long haul.

"If a couple in love had to live separately 40 years (then) come together, they would cry, then recognize they developed a bit separately," he says.

The unified Baptist group now has 87,000 members in 593 churches and 315 missions/preaching points.

But the changing economic situation continues to affect many churches and pastors in the east.

East Germany had many small churches that could maintain a pastor when he also received government-subsidized housing, medical care and other coverage. Unified Germany offers some similar benefits, but the cost of housing, food and transportation

has skyrocketed for eastern pastors. Small churches must grow or merge to support a pastor, or depend on lay leadership.

There's plenty of work for churches all over Germany. A year-long focus on evangelism by the union begins in May 1995. Baptists plan everything from personal evangelism to big events for all ages.

Their 10-year goal: 2,000 new churches in places where there's little or no evangelical witness.

German Baptist researchers have found 1,980 baptisms of 5,000 people or more with no Baptist church; 1,630 towns have either no church or only a state-supported church. Baptists also have identified cities of 100,000 people or more where they hope to start additional churches until there is at least one congregation for every 10,000 people.

Germany is a very secular society, but people are more "open" to religion now than in other times, Baptists report.

"They're asking about the meaning of life, about the future, about hope," says Wilfried Bohlen, German Baptists' director for pioneer missions. "But they don't ask the Christian church. They look to the sects, esoteric New Age movements."

East German Christians have experience working in an overwhelming secular society.

At the same time, East Germans, especially Christians, have not welcomed the different kind of secular onslaught resulting from the fall of the Wall.

"A society was put on top of us that was called Christian, a western-American one. We were shocked to see that most of what came here had

little to do with faith," says Ulrike Holitschke of Weimar. "It was a market society selling Christianity."

Ulrike and her husband, Marco, faced years of difficulty for their faith. He was an honor student but denied the chance to study medicine in former East Germany because of his open Christian faith. Many such stories exist.

"Every Christian knew when he decided to go with Jesus Christ that he wouldn't be allowed to make a career or be able to do what he was capable of," Holitschke says. "But Christ is more important to me."

For years, their Weimar congregation consisted of 11 determined and dedicated people. They knew a very different day had dawned when the German Baptist Union asked if they wanted an American missionary to work with them.



NEW BELIEVER Steffen Rietzel served as a Berlin Wall border guard before the fall of communism. He moved to the West German city of Regensburg and is making a new life there. Through the witness of family members and the Regensburg Baptist Church, he has become a Christian.

Missionaries can't return to Lebanon

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Missionaries will be denied the right to live and work in Lebanon for at least another six months.

A U.S. State Department undersecretary, Thomas Donilon, has informed Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin that a travel ban on Americans in Lebanon was extended into its eighth year Feb. 24.

In a letter to Rankin, Donilon noted that groups in the past who targeted and kidnapped Americans still operate in the country. But he did offer a glimmer of hope for the future.

The travel ban, which has come up for review annually since it was imposed in 1987, will now be reviewed twice a year. That change results from an order by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, according to Donilon, assistant secretary for public affairs.

Donilon's comments came in reply to a letter from Rankin asking that the ban be lifted—at least for those who want to perform religious, charitable or humanitarian services. Rankin cited the improved situation in Lebanon and

the pressing needs of the Lebanese people.

The original travel ban came as murders, kidnappings, bombings and plane hijackings had become commonplace, posing a greater threat to the lives of Americans than the State Department was willing to allow. All Americans—including 22 FMB missionaries—were told to leave Lebanon as a result.

Several FMB representatives forced from their ministries at the time said they felt it was their right to decide how much danger they should risk. Some sought special exceptions, but to no avail.

Missionaries continue to serve in a support role to Lebanese Baptists from a base in Cyprus, a Greek- and Turkish-occupied island about eight hours by boat off the coast of Lebanon. Lebanese Baptist ministries include a convention of churches throughout the country, a school, publications center and theological seminary in Beirut. Until they left in 1987, FMB missionaries had maintained a presence in the country since 1948.

Bulgarian law restricts 'sects'

VARNA, Bulgaria (BP)—A new law passed by Bulgaria's parliament targets religious sects.

The law, passed in late February, will require groups such as the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses to re-register with the government within the next three months.

The measure apparently will not affect Baptists and other evangelicals, who already have been victims of a months-long campaign of hostility and propaganda. Some churches also have had problems renting public meeting rooms and constructing buildings. Southern Baptist mission workers have had trouble getting residency permits.

Baptist leaders have publicly de-

nounced the law anyway, charging it violates human rights, said Boshidar Igoff, general secretary for Bulgarian Baptists. "Everybody knows that nobody from these groups will receive a new registration."

Baptists and other church bodies affiliated with the Evangelical Alliance in Bulgaria already are registered, Igoff said. Other groups in the alliance are Pentecostal, Church of God, Congregational and Methodist.

But the new law will affect many Christian para-church organizations, such as an independent evangelical Bible school in Varna, Igoff said. Foreign representatives of such groups may have trouble remaining in Bulgaria.

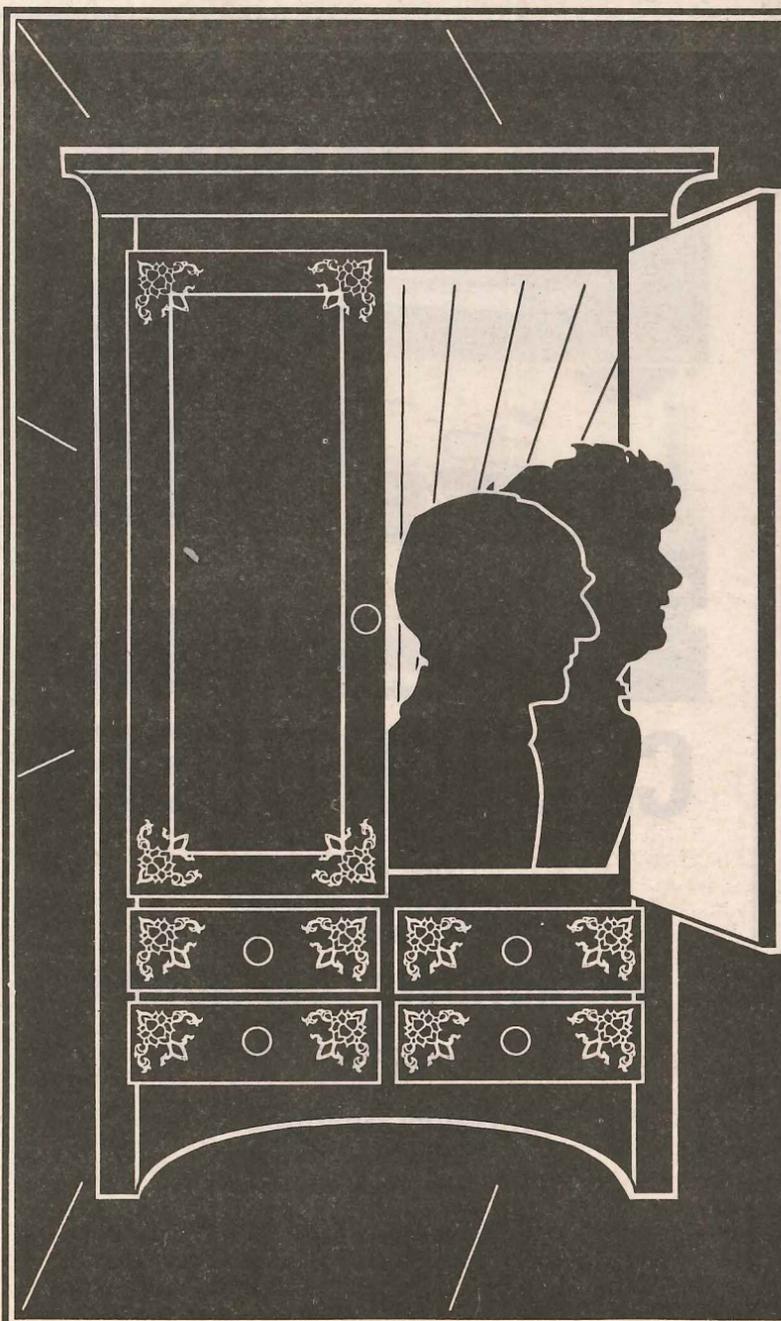
Baptist aid continues in Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—Despite the departure of U.S. forces from Somalia, Southern Baptist relief workers continue to work in the country feeding the hungry and tending the sick.

The only concession to the late-March U.S. troop withdrawal: standby reservations on United Nations flights if evacuation becomes necessary.

Tension remains high for Southern Baptist workers and for a tiny minority of Somali Christians. They realize the new peace accord will not likely end violent persecution of those who worship outside the Muslim faith.

The need for protection took on a deeper urgency in mid-March when an active Somali Christian was murdered. Most Christians assume he was executed simply for being a Christian.



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PEOPLE

Billie Payne receives Long Run's Clarence Jordan Award

Kentucky man heard around the world

MYRA—Dave Hammond's preaching has become a voice heard 'round the world. A 15-minute time slot on a shortwave Christian radio station in Upton has enabled Hammond to offer weekly evangelistic sermons that are received in about 140 countries across the globe.

The ministry is financed by 30 members of Faith Baptist Mission in Myra, where Hammond is bivocational pastor. These "faith partners" contribute \$10 monthly to support the cost of the air time.

Shortwave radios are inexpensive and the only type of radio available in many places, Hammond explained.

"I don't know how many listen," he said, but estimated that 1.6 billion shortwave radio sets currently are in use around the world.

At least one man has gotten the message loud and clear. Michael Richards, who lives in Jamaica, wrote to Hammond to say he listens to the program every week and has become a Christian. "We have sent Michael four Bibles, Christian tracts on salvation and a 'Survival Kit,'" Hammond noted. "We stay in constant communication with him."

Hammond ends each of his programs with an invitation for listeners to accept Christ as Lord and Savior, he said. "How many have received Christ I'll never know until I get to heaven," he added. "This is our way of fulfilling the Great Commission, ... to go to the uttermost parts of the earth."

LOUISVILLE—Billie Payne received the 1994 Clarence Jordan Award from Long Run Baptist Association March 31 at a banquet in her honor.

Payne, minister of activities at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville since 1978, is a community leader in inner-city ministry.

The award's namesake, Clarence Jordan, was a pioneer in racial reconciliation in the South in the 1950s and '60s. He founded Koinonia Farm, a model for racial harmony and equality, near Americus, Ga. That ministry has spawned the Habitat for Humanity international housing program.

Prior to his ministry in Georgia, Jordan ministered to poor and disenfranchised people in inner-city Louis-

ville while earning two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He died at age 57 in 1969.

Payne was picked for the annual Jordan Award because of her outstanding long-term ministry, said Chris Sanders, chair of the association's Christian life committee.

"The award goes to someone whose ministry reflects Clarence Jordan's ministry," Sanders said. "It also goes to someone whose ministry reflects the best Baptist principles—particularly the priesthood of the believer, that everyone, black and white alike, is equal in the sight of the Lord."

Payne's daily activity "is a humble ministry that is intimately involved with people in the inner city,"

he added. "Billie Payne embodies ser-vanthood—the spirit of this award."

Walnut Street Pastor Bob Long praised Payne for her dedication and compassionate effectiveness. He told banquet participants her ministry touches an estimated 2,000 people per week, particularly children who need love and Christian attention.

An article in Walnut Street's weekly newsletter also affirmed the value of Payne's ministry.

"The reputation of Walnut Street as a church which reaches out to the inner-city has been promulgated mainly by her efforts through the Christian activities ministry," it said. "Her devotion to people who have limited resources has endeared the surrounding community to her and

her church."

Payne was featured in a newspaper article (WR, May 4, 1993) in which her supporters called her the "Baptist Mother Teresa."

"I'm not Mother Teresa," she said. "I just try to do the best I can to help people see the love of Jesus. ..."

"Inner-city children need love so much, and they need the love of God. But many inner-city children don't know what love is. They need to experience the love of a human before they can know the love of Jesus."

She is a member of the Family Resource Center Advisory Council at Englehard Elementary School, the board of directors of the YMCA's Camp Piomingo and the Center City Youth Council.

Americans see themselves as more religious, but country less so

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for every 900 Americans, the highest ratio of any country in the world, the magazine reported.

■ 46 percent describe themselves as "born again."

These results generally mirror statistics reported in recent years by other pollsters, such as George Gallup and George Barna.

And while the numbers suggest Americans are as religious as ever, the magazine said, most Americans see their culture as less influenced by religion or even hostile toward their moral or spiritual values.

For some this is experienced as open hostility from society in gener-

al, an opinion voiced by 30 percent of Americans surveyed. But even more Americans detect hostility from specific social institutions—television, 62 percent; newspapers, 46 percent; Congress, 47 percent; President Clinton, 34 percent.

While Americans apparently would like society's moral commitment to more resemble their own, they don't want to limit individual freedom.

Six out of seven Americans (84 percent) say government policies should reflect moral values, and 55 percent say God is the moral guiding force in American democracy. Yet 91 percent say individual freedom is an

essential element of democracy, and 53 percent say church and state should be kept separate.

That creates a dilemma for Americans, U.S. News concluded. "As a people, we are uneasy with the perpetual tension between our religious impulses and our unwavering commitment to a secular society."

While Americans may be as outwardly religious as their forebears, the

magazine said, the content of their faith is changing. They are more eclectic in their faith, more tolerant of other beliefs, and less devoted to the dividing lines of denominations and dogma.

The survey found that 70 percent of Americans believe "each individual must determine what is right or wrong." And 48 percent say "there is no one set of values that is right."

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AIDS: 'Not a matter of if, but when'

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—It is not a question of if, but when your church will be touched by AIDS, according to Eric Raddatz, executive director of the Baptist AIDS Partnership of North Carolina.

Raddatz spoke March 28 at the second annual AIDS Conference co-sponsored by the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. The conference was designed to "put a face on AIDS" and to alert the body of Christ that its task is enormous, he said.

Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, reminded the group AIDS is not a uniquely American phenomenon. It has "reached epidemic proportions in some parts of the Third World," he explained. "Outside the United States, AIDS is almost exclusively spread through heterosexual activity and drug use."

Land, an outspoken critic of homosexuality, said the church must offer compassionate assistance to people with AIDS.

"The only ethical issue for those of us reaching out to people with AIDS is whether we will be Christlike or whether we will deny someone because of his lifestyle," Land said. "I have no doubt that if Jesus Christ were walking the earth today incarnate, he would be ministering to people with AIDS."

"No matter how people acquire AIDS, Jesus Christ loves them, Jesus Christ hurts for them and Jesus Christ died for them."

Land said churches should prepare for ministry to AIDS patients by developing AIDS ministry teams and helping families in caring for an AIDS patient.

Fear of infection should not hinder Christians from an AIDS ministry, said Rebecca Meriwether, deputy chief of the communicable disease section of the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources. "In a usual ministry situation, the chances of getting infected are practically none."

The number of people with AIDS in the U.S. is estimated at 800,000 to 1.5 million, she said.

Clinton affirms Christian faith

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bill Clinton believes in Jesus Christ but not in using the office of the presidency to force his beliefs on others, he told ABC News recently.

Clinton told ABC News religion correspondent Peggy Wehmeyer, in interviews aired March 22 and 23, that he's comfortable using language referring to Jesus Christ as his Savior.

"As a Christian, that's how I know God," Clinton said. "I mean, I know God through Jesus. That's what the Christians do."

What he is not comfortable with, Clinton said, is using his office to say, "You must do that, you must believe that, you must be governed by these laws, because that's what the Bible told me to do to you."

Clinton, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., said he has had an aversion since youth to people who seemed to be publicly pious.

"I've never wanted to be seen as a Pharisee," he said.

Nonetheless, personal faith is important to him, he said.

"I do not believe I could do my job as president, much less continue to try to grow as a person, in the absence of my faith in God and my attempt to

learn more about what it should be and to grow," he said.

ABC's two-part report also highlighted the rift between Clinton and some American evangelicals, including many fellow Southern Baptists.

One of the president's critics is Ed Young, president of the 15.4-million member Southern Baptist Convention. "The agenda that he is pursuing is totally, in my view at least, contradictory to the faith that he has professed," Young told ABC.

Clinton discussed the abortion and homosexual issues during his interview.

"I think there are too many abortions in America," he said. "I think there should be much more adoption in America. But I do not believe that it is self-evident from the Bible that all abortions are murder."

The issue of homosexuality, he said, "did not make it into the Ten Commandments, but 'thou shalt not bear false witness' did. And so I would say if you don't want to vote for me, that's fine."

"But it's not right to go around saying that everybody's Christianity or religious faith or character should be evaluated totally in terms of these two issues."

Alcohol label bill up for vote

WASHINGTON (BP)—A bill requiring warning messages in alcohol advertisements is expected to be voted on soon for the first time by a congressional committee.

The Senate Commerce Committee, on which Kentucky Sen. Wendell Ford sits, may consider the Sensible Advertising and Family Education Act shortly after Congress reconvenes April 11.

The SAFE Act would require health and safety warnings to be in all alcohol ads broadcast on radio and television or printed in newspapers, magazines or promotional displays.

The legislation (S. 674) was introduced in two previous Congresses without receiving a committee vote.

"We have labored for four years to see the SAFE Act come to a vote, and now that time is almost at hand," said James Smith of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. "We believe we have a chance to pass the bill in the Commerce Committee, but this will only happen if concerned citizens are involved."

The alcohol and broadcasting industries have mounted strong opposition to the legislation.

The companion bill in the House of Representatives is H.R. 1823. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., and Joseph Conyers, D-Mich., are the prime sponsors.

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"We hope to have 200 volunteers a week now through September," said Ray Gilliland, Home Mission Board disaster relief coordinator.

Flooded rivers in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois caused millions of dollars of damage in nearly 140 communities last year. Some homes were totally

destroyed, but others need extensive repairs, Gilliland said.

"We still have a number of displaced persons. Some of them have been out there seven or eight months," said John Farris, volunteer coordinator for Missouri Baptists.

Most of the cleanup has been done, but volunteers are needed to rebuild houses, from tearing out walls and replacing sheetrock to replacing floors, Farris said.

Some people are living in "sub-human" conditions, but they do not ask for more help because they feel like they have been given too much already, said Mary Ellen Sanders, who lives in St. Charles County, Mo.

Volunteers skilled in hanging sheetrock, framing, plumbing, painting and making electrical repairs are needed, but all volunteers do not have to be skilled.

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CAMPTON**—Joseph Proffitt Jr., former pastor of Campton Church, died Feb. 21 at age 67. He taught school and pastored in Pound, Va., 31 years. After retirement he returned to Campton and was active in the church until recent illness forced him to stop.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Youngers Creek Church called Jeff Rafferty as minister of youth and children March

30. Also, Billy Day was called as minister of music, beginning April 17. Valley Creek Church celebrated a groundbreaking for its new 500-seat worship center April 10. Steve Hill is pastor; Pete Nolan is chairman of the building committee.

■ **FORT THOMAS**—Highland Hills Church called William Humphrey as minister of pastoral care. Also Nick

Friends praise Natcher's life

Continued from page 1

"For 40 years, this great and good man was one of those politicians who made this country work," Bridges said. "Mr. Natcher was a faithful Christian believer, a disciple of Jesus, an honorable man."

Natcher was the kind of public servant who inspires confidence in the goodness of the people who serve in government, he added. "Because he was part of the government, I knew the American character was intact, the American dream was alive and the American vision was undimmed."

Now that Natcher is gone, Bridges urged other politicians to take up his legacy. They must "now come forth where this nation can see them and hear them and touch them and follow in his tracks."

Foley reported that Natcher once said what he wanted to be his epitaph, "He always tried to do it right."

A friend of Natcher's who knew him for 70 years affirmed that inscription would be accurate.

Jo T. "Top" Orendorf, a retired Bowling Green banker and lawyer, said that if he had been able to bid farewell to his friend, he would have said: "Goodbye, Bill. You did it right. See you soon."

About 900 people attended the funeral, including about 200 from Washington. Guests included two cabinet secretaries, Kentucky's members of Congress, the governor and other state government officials, Natcher's staff and former colleagues.

Also attending were his two daughters, Louise Murphy of Los Angeles and Celeste Jirles of Cambridge, Ohio, and their families.

The service was held at Eastwood Baptist Church, since First Baptist's sanctuary is being rebuilt due to a 1991 fire.

Benge was called as director of youth activities and Eve McNary was called as director of small groups and activities.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Bob DeFoor celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor of Harrodsburg Church.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Richard Landon is celebrating his 20th anniversary at Trinity Church. He was associate pastor for six years before becoming pastor in 1980.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Carol Yates resigned as child care director of Lyndon Church. Carol Brown was called as interim child care director.

Auburndale Church will hold revival services May 8-11 with Angel Martinez as evangelist.

Arcade Church will dedicate its new fellowship hall and gymnasium May 1 at 1:30 p.m. Both buildings were destroyed by fire in 1991. The service will follow a potluck dinner.

■ **RADCLIFF**—Stithon Church called Joe Hammond as minister of youth.

■ **RUSSELL SPRINGS**—First Church called John Wilson as associate pastor. He and his wife, Marge, served as volunteer missionaries to South Africa.

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Oneida Mountaineer Band

Three of our band students participated in the regional honors band held at Eastern Kentucky University Feb. 19-20; Sarah Perrine, David Hambaugh and Kris Perry.

Sarah is a senior from Oneida. She plays clarinet and has been in the OBI band for five years.

David is a ninth-grader from Louisville. He plays trumpet and has been in the band for three years.

Kris is a junior from Shelbyville. His instrument is tenor sax and he has been a part of the band for five years. Kris also is our band president this year.

On March 5 we took 11 students to the regional band solo competition at Eastern. Our students came out with five superior and six excellent ratings.

Those earning superior ratings were as follows: Brandy King of Brooksville, xylophone; David Hambaugh of Louisville, trumpet; Julie Horensky of Waynesville, N.C., trumpet; Andy Greene of Ashland, alto sax; Courtney Samuels of Rochester, N.Y., clarinet.

Those earning excellent ratings were as follows: John Owens of Paducah, trumpet; Brandy Spratt of Nashville, Tenn., flute; Chris Waddle of Berea, trumpet; James Elliot of Felicity, Ohio, alto sax; Earl Thrasher of Detroit, Mich., baritone horn; Jason Gardner of Antioch, Tenn., concert tuba.

Brandy Spratt also achieved three personal superior ratings as our drum major at band field show competitions last fall. She is a sophomore and also is involved in drama.

The Oneida Mountaineer Band participated in six field show competitions as well as presenting its field show at our family day program.

During the winter months we have a pep band that adds spirit to our basketball games.

Spring events for our band this year include participation in the Dogwood Arts Band Festival in Knoxville, Tenn., April 8-9. The festival hosts a concert band competition as well as a televised parade through downtown Knoxville.

The band also will participate in the regional band contest at EKV April 16. The contest will be at 1 p.m. in Brock Auditorium.

Byron Perrine has directed our band this year.

He took over last year on an interim basis after the death of our previous director, Ed Kourey.

Perrine also teaches Russian and German. Until taking on the duties of band director, he also served as our assistant principal for teacher evaluation and supervision. Perrine also has coordinated our beginning teacher internship program.

Perrine's son, Bill, was our summer band director and assistant band director during the busy field show marching season. Bill is a 1992 graduate of OBI and is presently attending

Transylvania University. Our students not only excelled at the contest this year as individuals, but demonstrated a fine team spirit as well. Perrine noted when band members were not performing, "They came to cheer on their classmates."

"That type of friendship and team spirit is what Oneida is all about," he added.

Written by Byron Perrine with Denise Spencer

A.B. Colvin is administrator of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

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A.B. Colvin

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This exchange will greatly benefit us, since trimming and bundling is extremely time consuming. In fact, if the labels were trimmed before being sent to us, it would save churches and individuals mailing expense.

Shelby Castlen, secretary to the president who has spearheaded this project, told how the first box got its start. "We had a Hobo Soup lunch in Kelly Hall with 28 students and staff contributing a can of Campbells vegetable soup and an afternoon of work. All the soup was placed in one big pot, a little corn-

bread was added, and we had lots of fun and talk while we cut and tied 46,000 labels."

Clear Creek's first couple, Bill and Rebecca Whittaker, have taken hundreds home to trim at night. Young Disciples trimmed 16,480 in one afternoon! Other volunteers include preschoolers, senior citizens, WMU groups and professors.

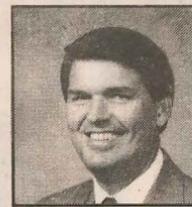
Please check with grocery stores in your area, and if they participate in the label program, ask for a certificate for Clear Creek.

One church wrote: "We asked our pastor to advertise our label project in the church bulletin. We designed flyers for the bulletin. Each one contained a poem created by a member of the youth group. Church members placed the flyers on refrigerators. We also attached collection bags throughout the church. Some of our slogans were: 'Help Put Clear Creek Baptist Bible College on the Road,' and 'Our Church Wants to be Labeled.'"

Please discuss the label project in your church and collect, trim and mail labels to us. With your support we will reach our goal of 1 million labels.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Baptist artist Babbie Mason appreciates family time

By Rich Reasoner
Georgia Christian Index

MARIETTA, Ga. (BP)—Most people don't enjoy doing the laundry or cleaning up after breakfast. But Babbie Mason—contemporary Christian singer, songwriter, wife and mother—thinks it's fun.

Mason makes approximately 150 concert appearances worldwide each year and has written countless popular songs for herself and other Christian artists. With the recent release of "Standing In the Gap For You," Mason has completed 10 of her own albums.

Among her popular songs: "The Only Hope," "God Has Another Plan" and "Each One Reach One."

In recent weeks, however, she also has found time to do things in life that make her happy besides songwriting and performing in front of thousands of people. Now, on "regular" mornings she gets up and fixes breakfast for her son, Chaz, puts in a load of laundry and does 20 minutes on the exercise machine.

Family is important to Mason and her husband, Charles, who are members of Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga. In fact, her ministry involves her whole family.

Her husband is her business manager and the sound and lighting crew at each concert. Her son often travels with the family for performances, has

"cameo" appearances on stage with Mason and is her biggest fan.

"In one way (my career) has forced us to be flexible," Mason said. "We really needed routine. You know, cooking chicken, matching socks, going to Wal-Mart kind of stuff. That's what I'm craving for now."

Mason's busy music career started when she was only 6 years old. Her family owned an old upright piano that was so big they couldn't get it into their Michigan house.

"I played that piano in the garage in the dead of winter," she recounted. "The kids in the neighborhood would come by and we'd sing and play. Then the neighbors started coming over."

Mason's parents realized by that time she had a gift for music, and they decided to let her have formal training on the piano.

After three years of lessons, her father, then pastor of Lilly Springs Baptist Church in Jackson, Mich., asked her to play in the church to fill a vacancy. She went on to serve her father's church as pianist and choir director nearly 20 years.

It was in Jackson in the late 1970s she met her husband, Charles. He was coaching her little brother's baseball team. After marriage, Babbie and Charles moved to Atlanta.

She taught music at a local middle school and found other ways to per-

form and express her love for music. Little by little, the doors that would lead to a performance career began to open.

Mason said she believes at this point in her career it was her faith in God that developed her ministry.

"That has been the motto of our ministry. The Lord has always allowed one thing to lead to another," she said.

"If you do what you are called to do, the Lord will do the rest," she declared.

Although Mason is experiencing much success, she said she tries not to lose focus of her mission. "The industry is becoming so market-oriented that I think we are losing our mission. I try not to get wrapped up in comparing myself to others," she said.

No. 1 hits on the Christian music charts are not the reason she sings, she added. "The music I produce is to minister to people, to encourage them and lead them to the Lord."

And although her ministry takes her around the world, she still finds time to attend Eastside Baptist Church. She also finds time to make a difference in her own community as a regular visitor to youth detention centers, jails, prisons and crisis pregnancy centers.

Ministry is more than a 90-minute concert, Mason said. Her desire, she said, is "to make a great commotion over the Great Commission."



FAMILY VALUES Although she now sings worldwide, Baptist laywoman Babbie Mason says she values "normal" time with her husband and son.

'Shadowlands' depicts faith accurately, professor says

DALLAS (BP)—The current movie "Shadowlands" does more than dramatically tell the story of renowned Christian author C.S. Lewis and his romance with poet Joy Gresham, according to Baptist college professor and Lewis authority George Musacchio.

It offers, he said, the rarest of motion picture portrayals—a fair, sympathetic depiction of mature Christians whose lives and relationships are shaped by their "honest, tough-minded faith."

"Joy Gresham was an intellectually dynamic and honest woman whose Christian faith was central to the developing of her friendship with Lewis, which eventually became love," Musacchio said.

He applauded the film's treatment of the relationship between Gresham and Lewis—a friendship based on mutual respect that gradually developed into romance—and its portrayal

of intellectually honest faith and un-sentimental love amid tragedy.

"The honest toughness seen there contrasts with a lot of the soupy stuff we get into," he said.

Musacchio's interest in the author of the "Chronicles of Narnia" children's books and modern classics of popular theology such as "Mere Christianity" dates back more than 15 years.

During his quarter-century of teaching at California Baptist College in Riverside, Calif., Musacchio joined the Southern California C.S. Lewis Society and served four years as founding editor of its quarterly journal, "The Lamp Post."

He now is professor of English and chairman of arts and sciences at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

"Shadowlands," the movie directed and produced by Richard Attenborough, is vastly superior to the

1988 BBC teleplay of the same name, according to Musacchio.

Both productions overly dramatized Lewis' "crisis of faith" after his wife's death from cancer, he said. "They presented Lewis experiencing a faith crisis different from the normal grieving process."

But while the BBC version left the implication that Lewis never regained his Christian convictions, Musacchio maintained the big-screen treatment "effectively resolved" the issue in a scene where Lewis reassures his stepson of heaven's reality.

Ironically, both the BBC production and the movie were scripted by William Nicholson.

Though Lewis undoubtedly grieved deeply for his wife and may have been angry with God privately for a time, the scene in which he raged against God's injustice was "out of character" for him, according to Musacchio.

"In fact, there is evidence that Lewis carried on with friends and conducted business very stoically and calmly right after his wife's death," he said.

The film is likely to spark a renewed and deepened interest in Lewis' writings, Musacchio predicted.

The movie "doesn't carry a heavy religious message," but Musacchio praised it in that regard. Rather than preach to the audience, Nicholson and Attenborough simply present an honest and ultimately tragic love story involving two mature Christians.

"I suppose the message of the film might be put: 'Love can hurt, but it's worth it,'" he said.

"Seen simply as a middle-aged love story, it is very touching in itself. You don't have to be a fan of Lewis to enjoy that."

But, he suggested, bring a box of Kleenex.

BAPTIST ROOTS The new contemporary Christian group "Point of Grace" was formed at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Members of the group are Denise Jones, Heather Floyd, Terry Lang and Shelley Phillips.

'Point of Grace' got their start at Baptist college in Arkansas

NASHVILLE—A four-way friendship forged at a Baptist college in Arkansas has developed into one of the hottest new groups in contemporary Christian music.

"Point of Grace," a female quartet composed of Heather Floyd, Shelley Phillips, Terry Lang and Denise Jones, is a new group signed by Word Records.

Their talent was "discovered" nationally after they won the grand prize group competition at the Christian Artists Seminar in Estes Park, Colo.

But the foursome already had a

loyal following in Arkansas and surrounding states under their original name, "Say So."

Three of the women come from the same home church in Norman, Okla. But the group formed with the addition of a fourth in an impromptu singing session around a piano at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Word spread fast about the foursome's talent, and soon they were singing at churches, camps and retreats. By the time of their graduation from Ouachita, the four had commit-

ted to touring full time and had produced an independent album.

A set of grandparents encouraged them to attend the Estes Park seminar and paid their way.

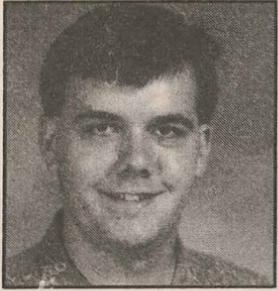
At the heart of their ministry is a deep commitment to speaking the truth about family issues, sexual purity and the grace of God.

"We have to admit our backgrounds are pretty unusual," said Shelley Phillips. "None of our parents are divorced, we all have sisters, and we all have remained sexually pure and drug-free."



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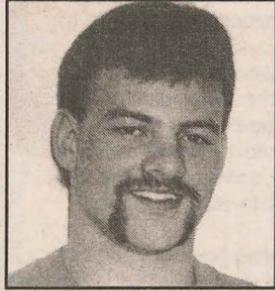
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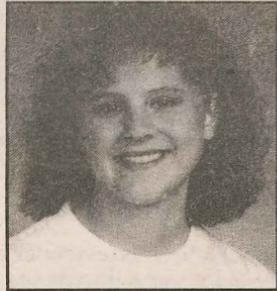
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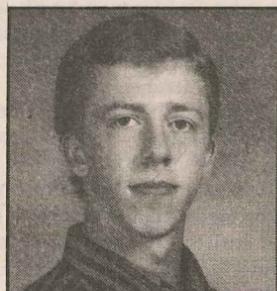
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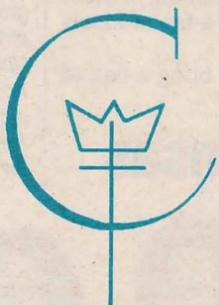
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