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MUSIC MAKERS More than 70 instrumentalists participated in the first Church Music Instrumental Workshop, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention church music department April 15-16 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. Camp Kirkland (right), renowned composer of instrumental and choral music for the church, was guest clinician. Instrumentalists included violinists Angela Perkins and Rosemary Peace (top left), and Karen Grammer on the French horn. About four or five churches in the state currently have church orchestras. (Photos by Suzanne Darland)

Missionary stories move WMU to tears

By Marv Knox
Editor

WINCHESTER—Only the sound of sniffles interrupted the report of a pair of hunger-relief workers who have spent the past few years beating back starvation in war-ravaged Somalia.

They told their story to a weeping audience during the 1994 annual meeting of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union last weekend at Central Baptist Church in Winchester.

"Making a World of Difference" was the theme for the meeting, and this couple—who worked night and day to prevent 50,000 Somalians from starving, and whose identities cannot be revealed in order to protect their colleagues and their ministry—embodied the idea.

"We've spent three years watching people carry weapons and cause pain," he reported. "At one time, we lost about 20 children per night. Malnutrition afflicted 86 percent of the people who came to our feeding station. When you walk into Somali refugee camps, you see what sin has done to a people."

He told about:

- Visiting a hospital and seeing a 3-year-old girl who weighed only nine pounds and watching her mother, who had been raped continuously for three years, "rocking silently in the corner, steadily losing her mind."

- Not being able to eat his lunch and trying to give it to children in the camp, only to watch them fight for it.

- Muslim mothers calling to him, "Take my baby, pagan!" because they knew a relief worker's care was the only way to stave off starvation.

- Visiting a village that once was home to 5,000 Somalians and finding only 90 left alive, and using the stocks of guns to scrape the earth to dig a pit to bury the skeletons.

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Americans' faith grows with age, poll says

PRINCETON, N.J. (RNS)—As Americans age, religion claims an increasingly important role in their lives, according to pollster George Gallup.

Although most people experience a gradual decline in energy, memory, health and physical senses as they age, religious belief tends to provide a higher level of comfort and happiness to them, Gallup claims. This is reflected in the degree of older people's involvement in activities of organized church life.

"Among the young in this country, belief levels are high, with nearly all people already believing in

God or a universal spirit," Gallup reports. "But such beliefs are not always translated into actions until later in life.

"As Americans grow older, they make firmer choices in religious preference, attend religious activities more often and think more about how they have led their lives," Gallup explains.

A summary of Gallup Poll findings over the years shows:

- While 59 percent of adults under age 30 report religious group membership, this increases to nearly 75 percent among those ages 50-64. By age 65, 80 percent claim

membership in a church or synagogue.

- 69 percent of people ages 50-64 say religion is "very important" in their lives. This proportion increases to three-fourths among people 65 and older.

- Only 32 percent of adults under age 30 claim they attend weekly worship services, contrasted by 44 percent of those ages 50-64 and 52 percent among those 65 and older.

- Americans tend to gravitate more toward Protestant denominations as they age, while their preference for the Roman Catholic faith gradually decreases.

Kentuckians' fervor mobilizes Russia missions partnership

By Marv Knox
Editor

An early wave of volunteers has propelled the Kentucky-Russia Baptist partnership to a strong start, Coordinator Calvin Wilkins reported.

The Kentuckians also encountered experiences that will stick with them for a lifetime, participants said.

Although the Kentucky Baptist Convention is only in the first months of its joint missions venture with the Russian Baptist Union, 78 volunteers already have flown to Moscow or St. Petersburg, Wilkins said.

"We've really seen more than we expected the first year," he noted. "People were anticipating going to Russia since the partnership was announced a year ago," and they have signed on in record numbers.

For example, 236 Kentucky Baptists have been processed to go to

Russia this year, with more projects yet to be staffed, he said. That compares to a total of 165 volunteers who participated in the final year of the Kentucky-Brazil partnership, which ended last December.

Kentuckians were so eager to minister in Russia that they actually jumped the gun on the start of the partnership. The KBC's Baptist Healthcare System sponsored a medical-dental mission trip last fall, several months before the partnership officially got under way.

In addition to the medical/dental ministry, pioneer volunteers have participated in three other priority projects—constructing or renovating buildings, educating ministers and discipling laypeople.

Formation of the first construction team was "nothing short of miraculous," said team leader John Edwards, a carpenter from Ashland and a veter-

an mission builder.

Nine people from Greenup Baptist Association—including eight from Edwards' church, First Baptist of Russell—signed on in just four days, only three weeks prior to their March 16 departure date.

"Three people didn't even have birth certificates, much less passports and visas," Edwards recalled. "They were told, 'Unless God works a miracle, you can't go.' But God sanctified the whole project. Everybody went."

Even with the "passport miracle," the group had to be flexible, said Harold and Laverne Barnes of Bagdad, where he is manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

They were to refurbish a building given to the Baptist church in Ryazan, out from Moscow. "But the weather had been so cold, the Baptists there could not work, and they were not ready for us," Harold Barnes said.

So, most of the crew stayed in Moscow and helped convert the former offices of the Russian Baptist Union—located in a run-down hospital donated by the government—into dorm rooms for students at the new seminary next door.

They got as much done as three crews were expected to do, said Billy Jackson, a Southern Baptist missionary who coordinates the construction projects. Now, even though desperate seminary students have moved into the building, another crew is needed to complete drywall work and hang doors. And another team will go to Ryazan, where church members have raised their roof three feet to make room for a balcony.

Meanwhile, Baptists in Ryazan will continue their stepped-up ministry in two orphanages, thanks to training from the Barneses and Ron
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BAPTISTS

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■ **The committee** seeking a new executive director for the Northwest Baptist Convention is accepting nominations. Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by a letter of recommendation. Nominations may be sent to 9590 SW Brentwood Place, Tigard, Ore. 97224.

■ **Stung by criticism** that the Southern Baptist Convention's critique of Freemasonry in 1993 amounted to a tacit endorsement of the fraternal order, trustees of the SBC Home Mission Board, which authored the report, have issued a "clarification." The statement, adopted unanimously by trustees meeting April 12-13 in Atlanta, emphasizes that trustees do not believe individuals can attain heaven through membership in the Masonic Lodge without professing a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The statement reiterates the "longstanding position of the Home Mission Board" that "universalism"—which teaches that salvation can be found outside Christianity—is "unbiblical and heretical" whether advocated by an individual, religious body or "a fraternal order."

Allen calls seminary trustees to account for wrongs

CARROLLTON, Texas (ABP)—Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary should apologize to Southern Baptists for seven "wrongs" committed in the firing of seminary president Russell Dilday, according to trustee Wayne Allen.

"Failure to do so is to refuse to be accountable," the Dallas-area pastor said.

In a press release issued April 19, Allen said Southern Baptists "should demand accountability" from trustees. Allen and like-minded board members apparently have fallen two votes short of the required 20 votes needed to call a meeting to make amends for the way the firing was handled.

"In spite of the fact that 18 trustees have requested an emergency meeting, the chairman, vice chairman and secretary refuse to have a meeting ..."

wrote Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Carrollton, a Dallas suburb.

Trustee Chairman Ralph Pulley, a Dallas attorney, has said he would not call such a meeting.

"Unless there is an absolute demand by fellow Southern Baptists that such a meeting be held, it appears that in spite of the desires of 18 trustees—almost 50 percent of the board—the meeting will not be held," Allen said. "Surely that tells us something."

Allen, himself a staunch conservative, cited seven "wrongs" for which he says trustees need to answer and make amends:

■ The "plot" to fire Dilday was "carefully orchestrated and planned" by a group of trustees, without the knowledge of the rest of the board, at least a week and probably longer before the meeting at which it happened.

■ There was a "deliberate plan," Allen said, to keep him and other trustees from knowing about the effort to fire Dilday.

■ Dilday, students, faculty and some trustees were led to believe an attack on Dilday was imminent.

■ Each day of the three-day March board meeting, trustee leaders denied that a move against Dilday was afoot.

■ Pulley and other trustee officers were out of line when, 30 minutes prior to their last session, they told Dilday he could accept a buyout or be fired. The leaders "did not have the authority to make such an offer," Allen said, since the full board had not approved it.

■ Neither were Pulley and the others empowered to hire former seminary Vice President John Seelig to handle public relations for the seminary immediately after the firing,

Allen said.

■ Changing the locks on Dilday's office and his computer-access code created the public perception that Dilday was guilty of some criminal or immoral act.

Meanwhile, Dilday's firing appears likely to increase attendance at next month's annual meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Greensboro, N.C.

Dilday's firing sparked a surge in inquiries about the Fellowship's general assembly, said David Wilkinson, communications coordinator for the Atlanta-based Fellowship.

Though Wilkinson is uncertain about how precisely those calls and letters will translate into attendance, he predicts the Fellowship's fourth annual gathering will exceed an attendance record of 7,000 established last year in Birmingham, Ala.

Texans consider restructuring giving plans

DALLAS (ABP)—Texas Baptists, largest funders of Southern Baptist missions worldwide, may keep a lot more of their money at home under a historic plan now under consideration.

Under the proposal, being studied by a special committee, all missions contributions from a Texas Baptist church would stay in the state convention unless the church specifies otherwise.

Currently, the Baptist General Convention of Texas automatically sends about 37 percent of all undesignated receipts to the national coffers of the Southern Baptist Convention—\$21 million in 1993. Since those funds account for about 15 percent of all SBC funding, such a change would have a major impact on the denomination's funding.

The proposal is one of several suggestions being considered by the Cooperative Missions Giving Study Committee, formed last year to consider how to "enhance cooperative missions giving in Texas." The committee's recommendations will be presented for approval to the state convention in the fall.

No recommendation has been

agreed upon, and none is likely to be finalized until the committee's last scheduled meeting July 29. But the idea of a Cooperative Program with a focus on Texas Baptist causes was the consensus favorite among the committee's 22 members during their April meeting.

The historic proposal would redefine the Cooperative Program for Texas Baptists. Gifts for the Texas convention's Cooperative Program budget and those designated for worldwide Baptist causes all would be considered "Cooperative Program" gifts. Each church would be required to designate how its gifts beyond Texas would be distributed.

Funds designated for "worldwide Baptist causes" could include a variety of things, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or any other Baptist entity.

For that reason, Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, moved quickly to oppose the idea. Chapman defended the traditional link between state conventions and the SBC as the best structure.

"There is no 'BGCT Cooperative Program,'" Chapman said. "The Co-

operative Program is a partnership which involves churches, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. When any of the three participants is omitted, you have a funding system, but not the Cooperative Program.

Texas Baptists are not the only ones tinkering in Virginia, for instance, offer churches three budget options, including one that supports the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Interest in the Texas committee's work has intensified since Russell Dilday was fired by the conservative trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary March 9. Critics of the firing have called for Texas Baptists to voice their displeasure by withholding their financial support of the SBC, which has been controlled by conservatives since 1979.

The 22-member Texas committee, chaired by Cecil Ray of Georgetown, was appointed by the 1993 state convention.

Ironically, Ray is former national director of the SBC's Planned Growth in Giving emphasis, designed to support the strengthening of the SBC Cooperative Program.

Former Kentuckian Katrina Knox safe from Rwanda, ready to return

The tribal warfare wreaking havoc in Rwanda is a "terrible, horrible bloodbath, and a lot of innocent people have been killed," said former Kentuckian Katrina Knox, one of 11 Southern Baptist missionaries who safely evacuated the country.

Knox and the other Southern Baptist missionaries forced to flee the central African country are watching a land they love die. And as TV news cameras scan the destruction, they fear they will recognize the victims.

Knox has returned to her hometown of Columbia, Tenn., for a brief vacation. Before going to Rwanda as a missionary, she was active among Louisville churches while a student at Southern Seminary.

Knox will travel to Nairobi May 7, where she will join the other mission-

aries in exile. "We're praying things will calm down and we'll be able to go back in and do survey work."

In the meantime, all the Southern Baptist missionaries face painful fears about what has become of the Rwandan Baptists they left behind.

"It even hurts too much to call the names of our Rwandan Christian friends when we're praying for them because there are so many who have probably died," said missionary Diane Randolph.

"We won't go back to the Rwanda we know," added missionary Marlene Lee. "Many people we know and love will be gone. But we have been called to a people, and when we return we will be taking something back to them they desperately need—hope and love."

Ferguson, trustees pledge cooperation

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have pledged to work with Milton Ferguson during his last two years as president of the Kansas City, Mo., institution.

Ferguson, 65, announced his retirement, effective July 31, 1996, during the opening session of the board of trustees' annual meeting April 18.

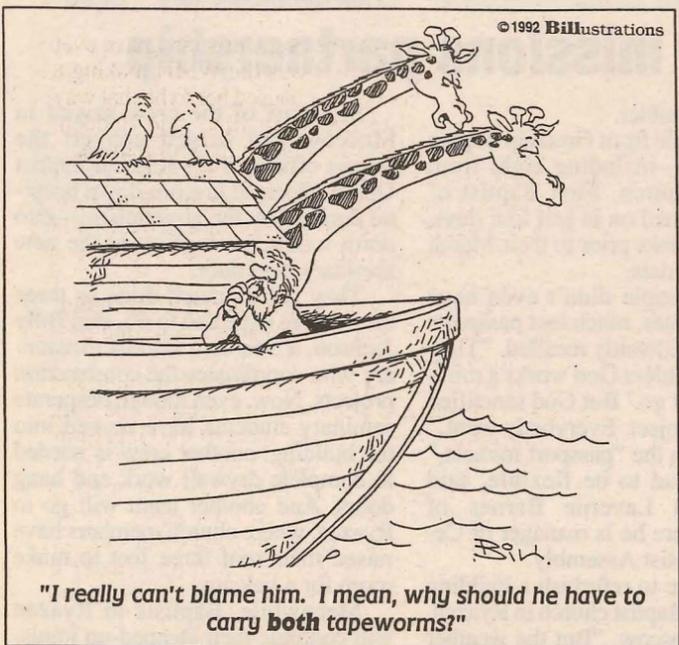
Ferguson said he had discussed his retirement plans over the course of "several months" with trustee Chairman James Jones, evangelism director for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, and more recently with the board's executive committee.

However, he insisted the decision was "totally voluntary and positive in purpose and intent."

In turn, trustees unanimously adopted a resolution April 19 expressing "deep gratitude to the Lord" for Ferguson's "life, his leadership and his ministry" to Midwestern Seminary. They also resolved to "cooperate" with Ferguson in providing an atmosphere in which all seminary constituencies "can work together in confronting the challenges and opportunities of the future."

Ferguson told trustees he wanted to activate his retirement "in a way and at a time which would facilitate an orderly, effective transition and thereby undergird the stability and the progress of Midwestern Seminary as we move forward into the future."

Trustees authorized a five-person committee to outline a search process for a new president. The committee will report at the board's semiannual meeting Oct. 17-18. Dennis Wood, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Tempe, Ariz., is the committee's chairman.



"I really can't blame him. I mean, why should he have to carry both tapeworms?"

KENTUCKY

Missionaries share moving stories at WMU event

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■ A time when relief workers spent all their energy trying to keep children and pregnant women alive, and how silent the place was, because the children were too weak to cry.

"People ask me, 'How do you take it?'" she reported. "Making a world of difference is how we take it. We make it because of the prayers of Kentucky Baptists. ... When you tell me, 'All I can do is pray,' you're giving me the best gift you possibly could."

Jerry Rankin, new president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, also urged Kentucky Baptists to give of themselves and their means to support the cause of Christ.

"Why has God blessed us?" Rankin asked, taking note of Southern Baptists' wealth compared to most of the world. "Not because he loves us most or because we're more deserving. We have been so richly blessed so that we who have Jesus Christ and so much of this world's goods can reach out, touch the world and make a difference."

Last year, Southern Baptist foreign missions efforts led to baptisms of 262,000 new Christians and the start of 2,000 churches, Rankin reported. This week, 33 new missionaries are being appointed, bringing Southern Baptists' foreign missions force to more than 4,000 for the first time.

Yet despite those successes, millions upon millions of the world's people still have not heard of Christ, he said. "The first commandment of Jesus was to 'look unto the fields white unto harvest.' Jesus was telling

us to see a lost world."

Kentucky Baptists must love those people who do not know Christ and, propelled by that love, send out missionaries and support them in constant prayer, Rankin urged.

The WMU meeting attracted 1,828 participants, including 415 members of Girls in Action, the missions group for elementary-school girls, and 140 Acteens, participants in the missions group for teen-aged girls. The adults heard from several other missionaries.

Mildred McWhorter ministered in Houston for 30 years, until the bones in her feet broke from pounding the pavement. Now she has moved back home to Georgia with her 89-year-old mother and is an evangelism consultant for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

But people have the same need for Christ, whether they're among 3.5 million people in Houston or 350 people in Central Hatchee, Ga., she said.

She's been leading rowdy rural Georgia kids to faith in Christ, just as she did Mexican gang members in Houston's densely populated ghettos.

And leading people to Christ is something Kentucky Baptists can do, if they love people and make sharing Christ a priority, she said.

Larry Harris, a native of Bellevue in northern Kentucky, described ministry with Chinese people in Hong Kong.

"I had to find a greater balance between doing things for God and being with him," Harris said of his ministry. That has enabled him to adapt to a new worldview necessary

to communicate the love of Christ in the Chinese culture, he said.

Jim McKinley, a Kentucky native and veteran of 34 years in Bangladesh who now works part-time for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, affirmed the importance of women in missions.

He told the stories of six women who shaped his life and ministry.

"These beautiful women have made a difference," he said.

Nathan Porter, the Home Mission Board's hunger consultant, urged the women to see their place in missions.

"Jesus doesn't have any second-class followers," Porter insisted. "God doesn't give gifts to some and not to others. Jesus said, 'You will do greater things than I.' He wasn't talking about white, male preachers; he was talking about all of us."

Lee Ann Matthews, a nurse in Louisville who grew up in a missionary home in the Philippines, described how encouraging and important were the cards, letters and gifts she received as a "missionary kid" and as a volunteer missionary in Africa.

"Many thanks to you from thousands of missionary kids all over the world," she said.

Larry Nobles, a home missionary pastor of Green Hills Baptist Church in Fisherville, admitted, "A lot of us in churches make a difference—but not necessarily a positive difference—in people's lives."

Noting his life had been shaped by Christian people who had cared for him, he urged Kentucky Baptists to "touch people and help them love Jesus more."



MISSIONS MOMENTS The annual meeting of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, held in Winchester last weekend, included both missionary testimonies and business sessions. ■ Above: Mildred McWhorter, former home missionary in Houston, signs autographs for GAs. ■ Left: Officers for the coming year include Sara Billups, vice president (left); Kay Trisler, president; and Joyce Thompson, recording secretary.

Kelly Hooker, a missionary to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, said God is blessing Baptists' efforts in the United States' northern neighbor. Still, less than 10 percent of Canadians attend church, and Southern Baptists have only 110 small churches there.

From the story of Moses, Hooker realizes God will give his followers stability, companionship, protection and leadership.

And that is a privilege open to all Christians, she said. "How great is God's love in allowing us to join him in making a difference in lives."

3 elected to lead summer camps

WINCHESTER—Three women have been hired to direct Kentucky Baptist mission camps for girls this summer, reported Kay Trisler, president of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

The elections highlighted business conducted by the Kentucky WMU executive committee during the organization's annual meeting last week.

Ann Carol Grant of Sumter, S.C., will be the Girls in Action/Acteen camp director at Cedar Crest, near Bagdad. She will be assisted by Kathy Green of Lynchburg, Va. Both Grant and Green plan to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville this spring.

Joyce Paris of Sturgis will return as director of the GA/Acteen camp at Jonathan Creek, near Hardin.

Peter a model for following Christ

The life of the Apostle Peter provides a pattern for following Christ, Bobbie Patterson told participants in the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting.

"Peter truly 'made a world of difference,' said Patterson, associate executive director of the Southern Baptist WMU, echoing the theme of the meeting.

"He responded to God's call over and over in his life," she said. "He grew as he experienced ups and downs in his life and learned from his

In other business, the WMU executive committee:

■ Honored Kentucky WMU Executive Director Dee Gilliland for 10 years of service.

■ Voted to employ legal counsel. Kentucky WMU never has hired an attorney, noted Trisler, although it previously utilized the donated services of former Kentuckian Henry Huff.

■ Changed the title of Maribeth Hambrick of Georgetown, who helps raise money for three WMU endowments. The title was switched from endowment consultant to development specialist to more closely reflect titles used by the national WMU.

■ Accepted a memorial report in honor of the late Phyllis Parks of Bowling Green, a former state WMU vice president.

experiences, and he never gave up being an apostle."

The resurrection of Jesus made the difference in Peter's life, Patterson added, noting it transformed him "from Peter the coward (who denied he even knew Jesus) into Peter the bold."

And by faithfully following Christ, Peter became a model Christian, she said, explaining he remained obedient to Christ, overcame prejudices and set aside traditions to reach people with the gospel.

Ministers attest to WMU's effectiveness

By Marv Knox
Editor

WINCHESTER—The relationship between preachers and Woman's Missionary Union provides fodder for countless jokes in Baptist churches. But a parade of ministers at the Kentucky WMU annual meeting claimed the women's missions organization has made a world of difference in people's lives.

WMU is "the engine that drives the car" of the church, explained Bob Browning, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset.

"Thank you for teaching, doing, giving to missions, praying for missionaries, leading us, being pacesetters, challenging us and being good role models," he said. "Keep on keeping on. I want WMU to grow stronger, because we need you so much."

KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall echoed those sentiments.

"We are laborers together with God," Marshall said, quoting Scripture and the motto on a WMU coffee cup.

"Kentucky WMU has about it a long-term commitment" to Kentucky Baptists, he added, pledging to return that commitment.

"Generally speaking, WMU women are some of the most committed people to the cause of Christ through the local church," added Bob DeFoor, the KBC's first vice president and pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church in Harrodsburg.

"WMU not only makes a world of difference around the world, but it also makes a world of difference right at home—in our communities

and in our churches," he said.

Ken Bolin, the convention's second vice president and pastor of Manchester Baptist Church in Manchester, said WMU has influenced him since he was a child.

"Everything I really needed to know about missions I learned from the WMU," he said, paraphrasing the title of a best-selling book. "As a child, I learned from WMU that my pennies, nickels and dimes were supporting someone overseas."

WMU first influenced Steve Hadden through the life of his mother.

"My mother was the best Christian I have ever known, and I believe it was the WMU making a difference in her life that caused her to be that way and make a difference in my life," said Hadden, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown.

And that influence continues, he added: "You keep making a difference by reminding us missions is what we're about. There are so many side roads, but thank God, there's a WMU to keep our focus on missions."

The WMU's work with children is like building a campfire, said John Wallace, a retired pastor from Lexington.

"You place things in their lives that might not immediately bring any warmth or light," he said. "But one of these days, the spark of the Holy Spirit will start a 'fire' that will shine all their lives."

Bill Ellis, campus minister at Northern Kentucky University, described how many WMU members impacted his life and taught him an important lesson: "God doesn't need us to make a world of difference. But he wants us, calls us and desires us to make a world of difference."

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all delivered to the
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Church concerns

I am writing regarding stories about "innovative churches" (WR, Jan. 25). Southern Baptists understand "innovative" is not necessarily scriptural or in agreement with traditional Southern Baptist doctrine. As a former staff member of one of the churches, I know some of them practice and preach doctrine far removed from what could be considered Baptist or evangelical.

Many churches in this group embrace such practices as speaking and singing in tongues, word of knowledge, faith healing, prosperity and "personal prophecy." Their doctrine and practice more in common with Pentecostal and charismatic churches than Southern Baptist churches.

All Southern Baptists should be concerned when the Home Mission Board funds and supports such groups. They should voice their concern. The board should investigate these groups and their potential for perverting the gospel and bringing further blight to our convention. Charismatic/Pentecostal influence may well be the next major crisis affecting Southern Baptist life.

As a pastor, I am gravely concerned that Cooperative Program funding of such groups is occurring. With so many competing requirements for the church missions budget, I have difficulty promoting HMB support to my congregation knowing that some of that funding is going to organizations that my congregation would consider as engaging in questionable practices; doubtless, if informed, many other church leaders would agree.

Many of these churches fill a valid need and are doctrinally sound, but some are receiving HMB support

with little or no investigation of their doctrine or polity.

Lowell W. Abney Jr.
Drakesboro

us yet another lesson, this time through his death?

Lisa Edwards
Hardyville

Only 20

The small town lost some of its character last week. The small church lost even more.

Everyone who knew him called him by his last name. He influenced many lives, but was never in the spotlight; he was righteous, yet meek. He became ill, but didn't complain. He quietly went about doing his Father's work. He preferred it that way.

There is a troubling sadness that occurred with his death. A sadness that mocks our very existence as Christians.

His funeral was held in the small church where he had been a deacon for many years. Until his illness, he was a rock for the church, always present, always setting an example.

Where were the people whose lives he had touched? Let's hope they were not too busy. Let's hope they had a valid excuse.

The church was the perfect setting for his funeral. After all, the building would be packed for the service.

Other than the familiar servants, choir members, instrumentalists, preacher and family members, the atmosphere was unsettling. Only 20 of us attending? A quick glance confirmed the time was close to the hour. An even quicker glance confirmed you weren't coming.

Why not? Will you children and grandchildren ever know the importance of showing respect for Christians when they die? Will you tell them the good deeds this man has done? Will his memory be a guide for them? Will we allow Messick to teach

inequities have been addressed with some success.

I cringe when I read about cultures which physically emasculate women to remove from them the possibility of pleasure in their sexuality; or other societies which sew up young girls to protect them from "communal disgrace."

Sarah will not come into such a society, I am grateful to say. But she will come in, nonetheless, to a culture which still does not value or reward women equally in the workplace. She will be born in a state which, until January, had the smallest number of female members of any state legislature.

She comes to a family of Baptists—her parents, both sets of grandparents, and her one remaining great-grandparent and great uncle.

But even here she will find that Baptists differ as to the role of women in the church. And she will have some decisions to make on her own about that.

Raggedy, what will she do if she, like a growing number of other Baptist young women, believes that the Lord has called her to preach? What will I tell her if she asks me? What

A free mind

Here are words by Thomas Jefferson. I found them enlightening when considered within the context of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"Almighty God hath created the mind free; that all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens ... tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the Holy Author of our religion, who being Lord both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercion on either; ... that all presumptions of legislators and rulers, ... who, being themselves but fallible and uninspired men have assumed dominion over the faith of others, setting up their own opinions and modes of thinking as the only true and infallible and as such endeavoring to impose them on others, hath established and maintained false religions over the greatest part of the world ... that to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves, is sinful and tyrannical; that even the forcing of him to support this or that teacher of his own religious persuasion, is depriving him of the comfortable liberty of his contributions to the particular pastor whose morals he would make his pattern ... truth is great and will prevail if left to herself, that she is the proper and sufficient antagonist to error, and has nothing to fear from the conflict, unless by human interposition disarmed of her natural weapons, free arguments and debate ..."

It's ironic these wise words came from a Deist. Hmmm ...

Kelly Hudson
Bowling Green

will I say to her when she hears that some Baptists believe that God does not call women to preach and other Baptists believe he does?

I can show her the biblical passages from which both sides of the question base their position. And if she asks, I will tell her what I believe.

But she will have to decide, Raggedy, for she alone must respond to God's touch upon her life. I cannot decide for her. If she should decide to preach, she will still be part of a minority, she will find resistance and, though increasing, relatively few places of service.

She will come into this world as Sarah Edwards Clifton, named for the fearless 18th century preacher, Jonathan Edwards' wife, Sarah, from Alice's family line. We will pray that she will be fearless in discerning and doing the will of God.

But for now, before she faces the decisions of a mature woman in a vexing world, she will walk through the land of childhood. And we look forward to being there for her as she makes the journey.

And I'm anxious for her to meet you, Raggedy.

(Sarah Edwards Clifton was born at 2:53 p.m. April 14, 1994.)

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

BAPTIST FORUM

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Waiting for Sarah

It's me again, Raggedy Ann, waiting for the call from Sharon and Steve that Alice and I should get on to the hospital. The little guy who comes in to hug you now and then is about to have a baby sister.

He already knows her name and has touched and spoken softly to Sarah, cloistered inside her mother. She is ready to come out into the real world now.

It is to a restless world she comes; a world upset in so many ways, with almost everything hanging in the balance.

Real flesh and blood, Raggedy, not like you. She can no longer stay in the womb; nor sit in your red chair month after month, year after year, untouched by pleasure and pain, the same smile sewn in place across her face. She will cry sometimes.

Why am I so agitated and yet so thankful this morning, Raggedy? Is it because after all these years I have at last come to the awareness that Sarah will enter a world which continues to relegate women to somewhere just below men? It is still clearly a "man's world," Raggedy, even if some of the

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



Influencing others

By Harry Rowland

Q I want to be a Christian influence at work. As a single, how can I do this and not have others read into my concern more than is there?

A As a single, your genuine Christian concern may, at times, be construed as romantic interest, especially by those who never have been shown Christian concern. Here are some guidelines that singles have found effective:

■ Define the relationship's boundaries. If you are just friends, say so.

■ Anticipate the "What about us?" question. Know your feelings. Rehearse your answers. Be specific. Be firm.

■ Say no to romantic relationships on office time. Do solely business at the office. Don't work on romantic relationships on office time, even those that are outside the job.

■ Avoid flirting or responding to flirtation. Focus on your work.

■ Don't feed the gossip mill. Even casual conversation about your concern for another when discovered by the person can be misconstrued as romantic.

■ Watch for the double entendre. A female flight attendant attempting to be cute announced, "I'll be passing through the cabin serving juice, tea, coffee—or anything else you want." More than a few men looked up from their newspapers. Conversation in the workplace is becoming more suggestive, crude and offensive, but you don't need to be a part of it. The flight attendant could later have said, "You took it the wrong way," but who would have believed her?

■ Remember that one escalation on your part may lead to more. Don't assume people who make advances will be satisfied if you give them some small satisfaction. They may expect more.

■ Be a good employee. Let those around you see that you care about your work, and you will win their respect.

Paul wrote, "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your own hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders" (1 Thessalonians 4:11). We are to earn the right to share a Christian witness.

Harry Rowland is pastor of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church.

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

Team up & exercise stewardship of resources

Tread gently on God's creation; this is Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

You probably heard that Sunday was Earth Day. Earth Day gets all the publicity every year, as people plant trees, go to fairs, line up in a parade or two, and even go out and clean up a roadway or vacant lot.

But Earth Day was only the start, the beginning of Soil and Water Stewardship Week. The emphasis has been sponsored 40 years by the National Association of Conservation Districts. The association works year-round, primarily fighting water pollution, soil erosion and similar calamities. During this week, it appeals to churches, schools and other groups to help with the task.

This year's theme, "Partners in Stewardship," emphasizes how ecological destruction harms everybody and how it's a problem to be solved together. Unfortunately, ecological issues often pit citizens against each other. The interests of businesses, land owners, ecologists, manufacturers, home owners and academicians compete for superiority.

But the National Association of Conservation Districts attempts to get all the players to see that everyone's best interest is served by preserving the natural resources. This year, the association is urging potential adversaries to team up for the good of the whole.

An old bumper sticker could provide this year's motto: "Think globally; act locally."

The association is encouraging various institutions in American communities—churches, schools, governments, youth organizations, businesses—to team up on a single project. Perhaps it's cleaning up a section

of a river, or reclaiming neglected land, or preserving a local lake. The idea is to join forces to make tangible ecological improvements in each community. The goal is to establish a trend for continued improvements nationwide.

Such a project could be spearheaded by a church, a mission group or a Sunday school class, producing positive results for both church and community. The association's resource packet provides pointers for how to create a stewardship partnership:

- Dream the dream. Locate a preservation project.
- Set goals. Determine specifically what is to be accomplished through the project.
- Prepare plans. Write a plan for accomplishing the goals, paying attention to each detail—from securing workers and permission to work, to obtaining necessary supplies and/or finances.
- Identify and recruit helpers. Determine the individuals and organizations that can make the project successful, and enlist their support.
- Check with city hall. Let government officials know about the plans and obtain necessary permits.
- Spread the word. Publicize the project in the community, allowing others to join in.
- Secure resources. Raise money, get supplies.
- Do the project.
- Celebrate. Enjoy the accomplishment, and share it with all who will benefit from this improvement in the community.

Marv Knox

"... The land is mine: for you are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the country you shall possess, you shall grant a redemption of the land."

Leviticus 25:23b-24

Look to WMU as a model for making peace among Baptists

Would-be peacemakers seeking a model for reconciliation within the Kentucky Baptist Convention need look no further than Woman's Missionary Union. Kentucky WMU held its 1994 annual meeting last weekend and set two standards for peaceful Baptist relationships.

First, WMU kept "the main thing the main thing." From gavel to gavel, the meeting focused on WMU's reason for being—missions.

Baptist women from throughout Kentucky heard firsthand reports of missions ministries in Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Appalachia, the Philippines, Brazil, Nigeria, Somalia, Canada and Houston. They watched dramatic interpretations of the meeting's theme, "Making a World of Difference," performed by members of Baptist Student Unions on college campuses across the state. They learned how they can participate in missions in 14 small-group sessions and heard more about foreign missions in four others. They sang a hymn commissioned especially for them, "Jesus Can Make a World of Difference," written by Jimbo Stevens, interim music minister at the host church, Central Baptist in Winchester. They opened their Bibles and studied how Peter, Jesus' most enthusiastic disciple, learned to make a difference in his world. They prayed for missionaries on six continents and in all 50 states.

Second, WMU affirmed the entire Kentucky Baptist Convention. Participants welcomed and heard from representatives of the two politi-

cal wings of the convention, as well as a host representing the majority in-between.

They asked pastors from across the commonwealth to present their spiritual testimonies and to pray. In that group they included one of the most outspoken conservative leaders in the state, along with the immediate past president of the moderate Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. They gave a prominent place on their program to Jerry Rankin, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, now led by conservative trustees, and they asked at least one discussion-group leader to provide information about the missions program of the moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Even as their actions acknowledged and affirmed the diversity of the KBC, their focus clearly demonstrated that the cause of Christian missions is large enough and strong enough to bridge the chasm between the two groups and to provide them with common ground upon which to build a solid future.

Thank God for the courage and wisdom of Woman's Missionary Union. If all Kentucky Baptists would work the way WMU does—maintaining its vision for Christian missions and embracing other Baptists who will affirm and commit to that vision—denominational discord would be history in our state.

Marv Knox

If Baptists as a whole would act more like Woman's Missionary Union—maintaining a vision for missions and working inclusively with other Baptists who share that vision—our convention controversy would be finished.

Forget hitting & catching; this kid has what it takes to play baseball

Looks like we may have a future major leaguer in the family.

Molly has taken up tee-ball, and I'm predicting athletic prowess, immense popularity and lucrative bubble gum endorsements.

(For the woefully under-initiated in modern sport, tee-ball is a version of baseball for young kids. Instead of swinging at a pitched ball, tee-ballers take aim at a waist-high ball atop a tee that looks like a of plastic pipe stuck to home plate.)

I've been waiting 10 years for a child to express interest in a sport I can understand. When I watch football, they head for the other room. When we go fishing, they play in the mud. They've decided a basketball

goal is about four feet too high.

Once I tried to interest Lindsay in soccer. It's pretty easy to figure out, and it's excellent exercise. So I asked her if she wanted to sign up.

"Daddeeee," she said in a voice wavering from consternation to horror in just two syllables.

"If you play soccer, you (gasp) sweat!"

Who could contemplate such an ignoble existence? Sweating is yucky.

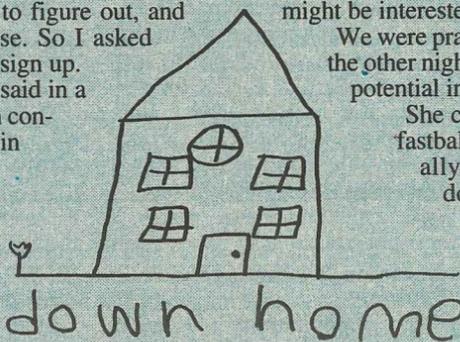
So I dropped the soccer idea. But I jumped at the opportuni-

ty to buy a new bat, ball, glove and tee when Molly claimed she kinda, sorta, might be interested in playing baseball.

We were practicing in the backyard the other night, and I saw big-league potential in the child.

She can't hit the high inside fastball yet. Her arm's not really strong. And she doesn't exactly have a golden glove. But she's got what it takes to go far with our national pastime.

The kid can spit. I had just retrieved a long throw when I turned and



glimpsed her squirting at a dandelion.

"What are you doing?" I asked, shocked to catch her indulging one of baseball's more vulgar habits.

"Spitting," she answered. "Don't you know? All great baseball players spit."

She had a point. Tune in ESPN or WGN or Ted Turner's station, and you'll see ball players spitting every which way.

Good father that I am, I taught her to launch the liquid missiles so they don't dribble down her chin. Like great hitting, technique is everything.

The Bible says God gives all of us gifts. Some are just, uh, more unusual than others.

Marv Knox

Should public schools have a prayer at commencement?

YES

By Michael Whitehead
General Counsel
SBC Christian Life
Commission

After the Lee vs. Weisman decision in June 1992, the American Civil Liberties Union did mass mailings to school officials claiming all prayer at public school commencements were now illegal. The ACLU "prayer police" threatened to sue any official caught allowing prayers, even student-led prayers, at commencements. Intimidated school officials promptly struck invocations and benedictions from their programs. One school ordered the class president not even to say a prayer of thanks for the food at the senior banquet. Other schools made student speakers sign oaths not to pray or use religious words during commencement programs. In response, one California senior began his speech with a loud sneeze, at which point the entire senior class stood and said in unison: "God bless you!"

One can almost hear historic Baptists like John Leland and Roger Williams leading the cheers in support of the students and in defiance of Caesar's ridiculous gag order. Parents and public officials should defend the liberty of students to initiate and lead in commencement prayers.

Commencement prayers are legally permissible. In Lee, a 5-4 majority held that school-initiated, school-sponsored prayers violated the Establishment Clause. The court limited its holding to the particular facts, in which a school principal invited a local minister to pray at the commencement.

The Lee decision did not prohibit student-initiated, student-led prayer. The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld this interpretation of Lee, in Jones vs. Clear Creek Independent School District, decided in November 1992. A Texas school allowed the senior class to vote on whether to have a student-led prayer at commencement. The court held that school officials did not "sponsor" or "endorse" the prayer merely by allowing students the freedom to choose whether to say a prayer. Rather, the school showed "benevolent neutrality" toward speech on all subjects or viewpoints, including religious speech. The U.S. Supreme Court, in June 1993, refused to disturb the Fifth Circuit decision, which belied the ACLU charge that Jones was "clearly bad law." For now, Jones is the law of the land in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana, and is persuasive authority in all the other states.

In free speech cases, the Supreme Court follows the "bedrock principle" that government may not censor speech simply because someone finds the words or ideas "offensive or disagreeable" (Simon & Shuster vs. N.Y. Crime Victims Board, 1991). If God's name used in profanity is protected speech, even if offensive to some, then God's name invoked in prayer by a non-official is protected speech, even if offensive to non-believers.

Commencement prayers are socially profitable. Critics fret that prayers will fracture our pluralistic society along religious lines, whereas

secular programs will preserve peace. But how does religious censorship build religious understanding? Schools can teach tolerance for diversity by letting students lead in prayer.

Constitutional rights do not depend on majority vote, but there is no constitutional right to stop students from praying at a commencement, just because I find the prayer offensive or disagreeable. In such cases, majority rule is the fair and democratic way to decide community desires.

What if parents influence student choices? Marvelous! Parental influence is desirable; only government interference is disdained.

What about the religious peer pressure students may feel during a commencement prayer? Surely the presence of family and friends relieves this concern. Frankly, family and friends are more concerned about drugs, guns and sexual diseases in the schools rather than too much religious peer pressure. Caesar has an odd solution—hand out condoms, put in metal detectors and kick God out from the commencement. (Of course, the omnipresent God can't really be "kicked out.")

Baccalaureate is great—as an additional opportunity. (Even here, some officials are afraid to let the baccalaureate be held on the school premises, or to attend it, or to let the school name be used.) But students choosing to pray at commencement will be good for the community, and will not likely result in overexposure of the students to God. Let students pray.

Most importantly, com-

mencement prayers can be divinely powerful. Critics quote Jesus' words about praying in private closets, and they urge us to go and do likewise. They don't mention how often Jesus prayed in public; in groups of believers and unbelievers; on the mount; on the cross. Jesus prayed to and talked about his Father continuously.

If his Father continues to have life-changing convictions about the God of the Great Commission, they must model Jesus' lifestyle and speech patterns in public. Can you imagine Jesus as a "senior speaker" at his commencement obeying a state order not to mention the name of Jehovah? Neither can I.

But what about towns where Baptists are a minority? Religious liberty is still the rule.

In I Kings 18:24, Elijah challenged the majority religion to an equal-opportunity prayer meeting: "Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord." God can handle the competition, even from false religions. Let the students pray.

Critics call commencement prayers "water-weak," "least common denominator," "innocuous," "non-sectarian"—whatever that is—and "worthless." But Psalm 145:18 says: "The Lord is near to all who call on him." Don't ask Baptist students or any other students to pray "non-sectarian" mush to a brand-X god. Let there be real, robust prayers, in Jesus name, by whosoever will. Let God grade the prayers, not church-state "experts." Let God decide when and how to release real power for real revival in our land. Let the students pray.

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Michael Whitehead

NO

By Brent Walker
General Counsel
Baptist Joint Committee

Are there ways to pray at graduation time that are both constitutional and biblical? Most definitely! Should we have public prayer at school-sponsored commencement exercises? Absolutely not!

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned against practicing our piety before others. He told us not to pray on the street corner, but to go into our room and shut the door and pray to our Father who is in secret (Matthew 6:1, 5-6). Certainly there is a place for corporate prayer. Jesus prayed that way too. But it should always take place when people have voluntarily assembled to worship God, not to watch students graduate from school.

Happily, the Supreme Court agrees with this biblical principle. Two years ago, in Lee vs. Weisman, the Court ruled that school-sponsored graduation prayer is unconstitutional. Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative Reagan appointee, wrote the majority opinion. He reasoned, "The Constitution forbids the state to extract religious conformity from a student as the price of attending her own high school graduation." He went on to observe, "What to most believers may seem nothing more than a reasonable request that the non-believer respect their religious practices, in a

school context may appear to the non-believer or dissenter to be an attempt to employ the machinery of the state to enforce a religious orthodoxy."

Think about it. It makes good sense. To disallow public prayer at a graduation ceremony doesn't keep a single person from praying. Every person in the auditorium or stadium can pray silently, incessantly, fervently for the well-being and good fortune of the graduating class each in his or her own way. But when public prayer is allowed from the podium, the state crosses the line of neutrality toward religion and violates both the First Amendment's establishment clause and the consciences of those who do not wish to pray.

Conceding the constitutional infirmities of a school official or a minister giving the prayer, some have suggested putting it to a vote of the students. And if a majority wants it, then allow a student to give a "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing" prayer. This is wrong-headed for several reasons.

While private student prayer is perfectly permissible at school—in the classroom, lunchroom or the playing field—substituting a student to pray at a graduation ceremony doesn't cure the constitutional problem. First, since the prayer will be delivered in the context of a school-

sponsored event, it still violates the Constitution even if given by a student. (Of course, if the entire ceremony is turned over to the students and parents to organize, and student prayer would be permissible. But I don't know many school districts eager to do that.) Second, our constitutional rights are not up for a vote—by Congress, a city council, a school board or even a student body. The Bill of Rights is by definition "counter-majoritarian"; those rights do not depend on the approval of the majority. Do you think the students could get together and vote to suspend the free speech and free press clauses? Of course not. Neither can they suspend the establishment clause.

Finally, how about these "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing" prayers? Those who argue for such prayers talk "non-sense." Real prayer is never non-sectarian. It always comes out of someone's religious tradition. If it somehow could be shorn of its religious character, it would no longer be a prayer. It would simply be a nice thought. And, when school officials get involved in the futile effort of trying to make a prayer "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing," it creates "excessive entanglement" between church and state, another classic violation of the First Amendment.

Recognizing these insurmountable problems, some are so bold as to suggest that we allow students to pray specifically sectarian prayers, but take turns from one year to the next. Let everybody have a crack at it. In our pluralistic nation involving hundreds of religious traditions, how can this be done? It can't. Even if it could, how would you like it when it comes time for the Satanists to pray?

There simply is no biblical or constitutional support for this kind of thing. So, let's do it the old-fashioned way—at a church-sponsored, voluntarily attended baccalaureate service. The school can even announce and allow its facilities to be used for the service as long as other community groups are given similar privileges. That way like-minded students and adults can come together to pray, sing hymns, hear a sermon and otherwise worship as they choose without fear of violating the Constitution or ravishing the consciences of those who don't want to pray.

As we approach public school graduations this year, we should make every effort to avoid politicizing the sacred act of prayer to Almighty God. Let's use this season as an opportunity to teach our students a lesson about civic toleration and mutual respect for our religious differences, not to give them a lesson in how to run roughshod over the Constitution and the rights of others.

"Certainly there is a place for corporate prayer. Jesus prayed that way too. But it should always take place when people have voluntarily assembled to worship God, not to watch students graduate from school."
Brent Walker



OPINION

Regain control

The firing of Russell Dilday and the manner in which it was done seems to have been the "feather which broke the camel's back" for traditional Southern Baptists. Finally, we seem to be realizing what our present convention leadership's goals, aims and intentions were from the beginning.

It is time for "real Southern Baptists" to become political, elect messengers, send to the next convention and retake control of our convention from the fundamentalists who took it from us. Why should we join the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and just give away our convention? Our convention was taken over by political power and getting the votes out and it can be retaken the same way if we will just stand up and be counted.

If more of our pastors were like Southside Baptist's pastor, W. Clay Smith of Louisville, and let our people know what is really happening in our convention, I guarantee that a reversal of the present trends will begin at the next convention meeting.

Joan Eakin of Fulton in her letter (WR, April 12) has the right idea. Elect Dilday as president of the convention and begin the process of cleaning up this mess we have allowed to happen while we sat idly by and felt helpless to do anything about it.

*Don Eaton
Somerset*

Thanks, Kentucky

Thank you again for another check from the Kentucky Baptist Convention in the amount of \$41,030.07 for flood relief.

We appreciate the generosity and compassion of Kentucky Baptists.

Would you believe we are dealing with flooding again?

We still have a long way to go on rebuilding from the '93 flood. Your gifts will help.

*Donald V. Wideman
Missouri Baptist Convention
Jefferson City, Mo.*

Go to Russia

While I was away on a mission trip to Russia, Red River Baptist Association started a new mission—Grace Baptist in Malone. People have been saved, and they are giving to missions! Glory!

Then before their new director of missions (that's me) could slow them down, they voted support for our weakest church. We saw the need at our quarterly Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union meeting—held at Little Cane Creek Baptist (the weak one), and jumped into action without a lot of "committee work," just led by loving care (the blessed Holy Spirit).

I began to think, "With that amount of support (\$200 monthly and a \$500 gift) that would care for a church-starter missionary on the field in Russia." Really? Yes!

Lord, I have no excuse not to participate. Many in Kentucky are already joining in this special type of mission through our partnership missions office.

I gave \$10 American money at Sistrorestk one Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Leonid said in class on Tuesday that was twice the amount they get each week. They rent a second-floor hall in the house of culture. The mission is one year old. Brother Leonid Goncharinko is one of 20 pastors and trainees in St. Petersburg where our Foreign Mission Board directs the school sponsored by Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and Kentucky Baptist Convention. They are a vibrant, dynamic and mighty group! Pray for them.

*Edmon Burgher Jr.
Clay City*

Stop the ads

Enough is enough! I was appalled to read the paid advertisement titled "More about the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship" (WR, April 5).

You have told me that you are for healing of the divisions and difficulties within our convention. If that be true, I want to appeal to you and the board of directors of the Western Recorder that such advertisements, paid for by the moderates, the conservatives or anyone else be stopped.

If we are to see healing in our convention and unity among brothers in Christ, it is time we stop slapping one another. If one group buys a half-page ad this week, then the other side buys a three-quarter page ad the next week. Where does it stop?

Please, for the unity of our convention, for the spirit of our fellowship and for the kingdom of God, let's demonstrate our willingness to be Christ-like and mature enough to bring healing and not more division and hurt.

*Rodney Burnette
Louisville*

Accountable to God

The attempt of Southwestern Seminary trustees to explain the firing of Russell Dilday proves the SBC and its theological education is decaying.

If a man is expected not to think on his own and have the God-given freedom of self-expression, not to be open to others who have different viewpoints, not to love the Scriptures that challenges him to search, think freely led by the Holy Spirit, and not be pressured by others' claims about Scripture, and if complete and total submission of the president to the trustees' is a requirement, then he is guilty.

Given these reasons, perhaps Southwestern's trustees can find cause for the firing. But many people understand this action as manipulation and control.

The trustees' letter states that SBC trustee boards are "answerable only to the convention." They might remember that even SBC trustees answer to a higher authority—one who does not reside in Dallas, Memphis, Houston, Atlanta or Nashville, but within all persons who seek him.

Russell Dilday has served his Lord and Southern Baptists well. His treatment is a disgrace to the cause of Christ. The explanation of his firing is as absurd as the action itself, and is further evidence of the insatiable appetite for control by the SBC's so-called "conservative resurgence."

May people of courage, integrity and Christian principle such as Russell Dilday continue to stand firm, shining as examples of what the SBC has been as opposed to what it has become.

*James Abernathy
Crescent Springs*

SBC left me

I have been a Southern Baptist since before I was conceived. I have attended nine national meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention in my lifetime, so I am very familiar with the happenings within the convention.

I have watched and listened as the recent so-called "non-political, non-overtaking, never meeting in secret" leaders have seemingly taken over.

I have not left the SBC, however the SBC has left me.

Did Jesus die only for those who call themselves the "conservative resurgence within the SBC," or was his death and subsequent resurrection also for prostitutes, homosexuals, moneylovers, abortionists and other "sinners" like me? When will we admit that Jesus was not a Southern Baptist, did not speak in King James English, and was not a U.S. citizen?

Just as God led Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles and Peter to the Jews, he still leads us today in reaching people through many different channels. To those who still hold the belief that the SBC is the one and only way to serve Christ, I recommend reading and studying Paul's letter to the churches in the region of Galatia. Maybe it will, as it did me, set others free from the law of the SBC by strengthening their faith in Jesus and removing their need for strict conformance.

*Luke Matthews
Owensboro*

God's warning

Baptists are so busy fighting and feuding we no longer have the time or energy to do the work of the Lord. "Your way versus my way" has taken the place of God's way.

The Southern Baptist Convention has become a world of politics that makes what goes on in Washington seem tame. This one is fired, that one should be and everyone is mad at everyone else. Matthew 12:25 clearly tells us a house divided against itself will not stand. Unless we as Baptists get our act together, we are going to see this denomination fall apart, and there won't be anything left to fight over.

All of this at a time when a large percentage of our churches report zero growth or a loss in membership and finances seem to be drying up. Pilate washed his hands, Nero fiddled while Rome burned and Baptists fight while violence sweeps the nation. Teens turn to drugs to find the meaning of life or to escape from it, 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce, and souls are dying without ever hearing about the Savior while we play the Family Feud game.

In Matthew 25 is the story of a servant who failed to do what his master expected of him, and he was cut off and cast out. We are Christians, God's

servants, given a task to do, and we are goofing big time! The statistics speak for themselves.

God is warning us. Will we listen?
*Pat Yeary
Pleasureville*

Satan's laughing

I don't like to think of the devil laughing. It must be a joyless, bone-chilling sound that adds to the horror of hell. I don't like to think of Jesus weeping. Yet he wept over Jerusalem, and he must be weeping over the Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptists are making it impossible for God to answer Jesus' prayer "that they might be one."

I am among those excluded by the current leadership and fellowship of the SBC over minor theological differences and misunderstandings. I love Jesus. I love and believe the Bible and strive to understand and practice it. I love Southern Baptists.

I want to be accepted and welcomed as a full partner in our historic mission, but not at the expense of integrity.

I want to hear Satan wailing in anguish because he almost destroyed the SBC but the people woke up and returned to putting Jesus first and loving and accepting one another. I want to hear Jesus laughing because we have experienced a new baptism of love, trust and commitment to telling a lost world about his saving work.

*Earl Hohman
Frankfort*

VIEWPOINT

Where does life come from? The Holy Scriptures tell us that life comes as a gift, only from God. It cannot be bought or sold: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Which Job attested to: "In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind" (Job 12:10).

Does life have a "pattern"? Thus the cycle of life and death are definitely personal and private events that occur at God's appointed time and place—within the individual entity that is blessed to hold the gift of life, but only for a time.

God used the holy Trinity as a pattern in creating man—God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit: "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness'" (Genesis 1:26).

Thus, man is the only created being that also is a trinity—body, soul and spirit. No other created being bears such close resemblance to the Creator Father as man does.

David, the mentioned man in the Bible, second only to Jesus Christ, held his own creation as a sacred and marvelous act of wonder. That God could "see" the unformed substances come together in an unexplained way in the otherwise closed realm of his mother's womb. To heighten this mystery, God knew this forming embryo as "David"—before any human knew it as "David." Summarily, as follows, "For thou hast possessed my inward parts; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. My substance was not hidden from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!" (Psalm 139:13-17).

When does life begin? Life begins at conception—the instant the mother's egg undergoes cellular change because of the growth within—immediately after, and because, it has been fertilized by the father's sperm. This is when life begins.

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MISSIONS

Kentuckians' fervor sets Russia partnership in motion

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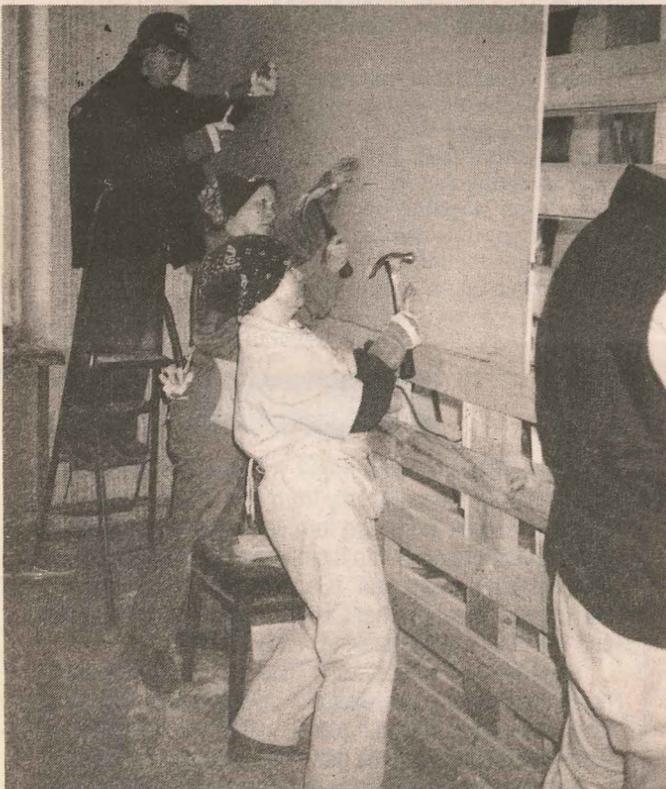
Chastain of Westminster, director of missions at Crittenden Baptist Association.

"We taught older teens and younger adults how to work with children," Laverne Barnes said. "We sort of felt intimidated at first. But as we worked with them, we saw they wanted anything we were able to teach."

That eagerness is reflected in other aspects of the Ryazan church's ministry, Harold Barnes said. Church members want to complete the renovation on their building, keep the house where the church meets and convert it for a variety of ministries, start mission congregations in two nearby cities, set up a ministry in a second state-run orphanage, buy a bakery so they can supply bread to children in both orphanages and maintain their prison ministry.

VERSATILE VOLUNTEERS

Women work alongside men as they position sheet-rock in the new Russia Baptist Union offices in Moscow. These volunteers from First Baptist Church of Russell served on the first of many construction teams Kentucky is sending as part of its five-year missions partnership with Russia.



Such eagerness is not a trait unique to Baptists in Ryazan, other Kentucky volunteers reported.

"What caught me by surprise most was the enthusiasm and commitment of the Russian Christians," said Kenneth Murphy. "I had anticipated them being stoic, and in many ways they were, but in terms of their faith they are outgoing and sincere."

Murphy, pastor of Finchville Baptist Church in Finchville, teamed up with Alan Chamness, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Henderson, to teach people who will be interpreters for the partnership. Murphy found the work so fulfilling he's returning with his wife, Robbie, later this spring.

"They were the best students ever," he reported. His students—many of them credentialed professionals in other fields—insisted on evening classes in addition to all-day sessions.

"They'd have stayed up all night if we had been able to," he said, noting sessions lasted until about midnight.

Peggy Kemp of Cadiz and Jane Dyers of Elkton, both retired schoolteachers, found a similar situation in St. Petersburg, where interpreter classes also lasted well into the night.

They felt their work was helpful, since the student interpreters had learned textbook English, not the Kentucky version, Kemp said. "The interpreters have a difficult time understanding Americans, and particularly Americans with Kentucky accents. A lot of the words we use are not English."

Kemp and Dyers set out to fix that problem, helping the Russians hear the nuances of "Kentucky twang," she added. "God came along and used what my friends would consider my weakness—this Kentucky way I talk. Isn't that great?"

Another team of teachers journeyed to St. Petersburg to train preachers.

They were impressed with the preachers' commitment and earnest-

ness, said Harold Greenfield of Princeton, director of missions for Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association. He worked with Bill Tichenor, pastor of First Baptist Church in Princeton, and Ed Burcher of Clay City, director of missions for Red River Baptist Association.

Greenfield also traveled to Kingisepp, near Estonia, to scout a construction project for a team from Caldwell-Lyon Association.

The Baptist church in Kingisepp meets in a building that formerly was a communist cultural center, which still has a hammer and sickle on the front. The construction crew will help members renovate a two-story log building.

Rick Lucas, head of Kentucky Baptist Builders, also led a survey team to Moscow and the surrounding region, and visited six construction sites.

"The most obvious needs were economic, because of the vast rate of inflation," he noted. "Almost every church had started a project but had been unable to complete it because of a lack of funds. It was not uncommon to see a foundation but no walls or walls with no roof because the church ran out of money."

Construction is a popular draw for Kentucky teams, Wilkins said. Every construction project slated for this year has been staffed. "We could've filled more," he added. "The problem is having missionaries and field coordinators at each site. They can't be two or three places at once."

A team of Kentucky volunteers tried to visit as many places of need as possible while working in Russia. Delores Spears of Paducah, former president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, joined that group immediately after Christmas.

Their purpose was to celebrate Christmas—observed Jan. 7 in Russia—with children, particularly orphans.

"We shared the true story of Christmas in the many places we vis-

ited," she said of the Christian holy day, banned for seven decades by the communists.

And although the rewards of ministering to Russian children were great, Spears' group witnessed intense need.

"They (Russians) continue to suffer with extremely depressed conditions," she explained. "The people have very little meat to eat. A man in Khabarovsk was arrested for selling human flesh."

The volunteers praised Southern Baptist missionaries as well as two Kentucky couples who coordinate the partnership in Russia—Lee and Sarah Bivins in St. Petersburg and Larry and Joy Lindsey in Moscow—for braving such conditions.

"I cannot say enough about the hospitality they provided us," said Linda Ward, a member of First Baptist Church of Russell who participated in a construction team.

The Kentuckians also were amazed at the Russian Christians.

They admired Southern Baptist missionaries, whose South American attitude is outgoing, said John Edwards. But the Russian Baptists warmed up to their American colleagues in a couple of days, he added.

"I could not control my tears as I listened to the impassioned prayers of the people," Spears recalled. "Though I could not understand a word they were saying, I felt their fervor."

"They have a deep faith born out of suffering," added Lucas.

Most of the volunteers said they hope to return to Russia before the partnership ends, and they encouraged other Kentuckians to participate. "God is really in this partnership," Kemp insisted. "I hope we send our best and finest people."

And Kentucky Baptists who cannot go to Russia still are needed for prayer and support, Laverne Barnes said. "If you can't go, send money to help build the churches. A small amount will go a long way."

Church's mission to Russia transforms concern into action

By Marv Knox
Editor

RUSSELL—Eight members of First Baptist Church of Russell transformed their pastor's concern into a mission of mercy.

Pastor Chris Johnson was attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Conference in late February when he heard an appeal for volunteers to go to Russia.

They were to comprise the first construction team to participate in the KBC's new partnership with the Russian Baptist Union. And partnership Director Benton Williams admitted he was getting desperate.

"John Edwards immediately came to mind," Johnson recalled, thinking again of a layman in his church. Not just any layman, but a carpenter for Armco Steel who had helped build about 48 mission churches.

"I felt strong leadership from the Spirit that I needed to talk to John about it," Johnson said.

Johnson called Edwards on Tues-

day. By Sunday, all eight members of the team—Edwards, Barbara and Larry Crotty, Harold Howard, Dan and Myrna Kearns, and Hugh and Linda Ward—had signed on.

That same day, the church took up an offering to help with expenses and collected about \$3,300, and added another \$300 later. Greenup Baptist Association contributed \$2,000 more for the trip, which involved another member of the association, John Powell of First Baptist Church in Flatwoods, and five other Kentuckians.

In Russia, they began renovation on an old building in Moscow. They gutted the second floor and put up new walls for 17 dormitory rooms to house seminary students.

The team credits the prayers of church members back home for much of their success, Edwards said. He also credits the hard work of the women, who labored with the men.

"I hadn't done that before, but we were willing to be used in whatever manner we could," said Linda Ward, who added volunteers don't need to

have special skills to contribute to the partnership. "Anybody willing to go can make a contribution. Anybody can pick up garbage and sweep and carry things and hammer nails."

The group also was spurred by being the first of many Kentucky construction crews expected to work in Russia, Edwards added.

"We were the first; we had to make an initial relationship to the people in the Baptist center," he explained. "They were looking to us to see if we could do what we promised. That was a real load to carry."

So were the tools they transported to Russia—seven footlockers of equipment purchased by the KBC.

But the pressure and the labor were worth the opportunity to meet and work with Russian Baptists and missionaries, the volunteers said.

"The Russians are loving people once they get to know you," Howard said. "And they take their religion very seriously."

"This was the first time I encountered missionaries," added Linda

Ward. "They helped us so much and live under such circumstances and do so much. I don't think there ever will be a time when mission support is called for that I could not give."

That attitude has been translated to the folks back home, Johnson said.

First Baptist members felt excitement as the volunteers prepared for Russia. "There was a real sense as they went that they were representing Christ and the church," he noted.

"We've felt a sense of renewal and revival as our church was able to participate in worldwide missions."

"Twelve to 15 people outside that group have said they want to go too. We're hoping our church will send a whole team in 1995."

The partnership has strengthened the church, Ward added. "Our church is really on fire for the Lord right now."

And the Russell volunteers want to share that "fire" by telling the Russia-Kentucky partnership story with other churches. Their church's telephone number is (606) 836-5111.

Vietnam still restricts churches

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Improved relations between Vietnam and the United States have opened doors to markets—but not churches.

"Vietnam is a country that's run with tighter controls on religion than China," said a Christian observer who regularly works in Vietnam. "It's too early to tell what all will change as Vietnam opens to the United States."

When the South Vietnamese government fell to the communists 19 years ago, 35 Southern Baptist missionaries and journeymen were working with nearly 50 churches and congregations. Today only one Baptist church exists in the country: Grace Baptist Church in Ho Chi Minh City.

Hanoi's tight controls on religion aren't likely to change significantly despite market reforms, said the observer, who requested anonymity. Still, restrictions on religious freedom have eased somewhat in the past year.

"We're seeing changes in Vietnam because of the gradual normalization of relations with the United States, but

it's far from clear what's to come in Vietnam. For now, it's still very illegal (for foreigners) to do religious work in the country."

Government restrictions bar foreigners from starting churches or evangelizing, but opportunities do exist for Christians to work legally in the country. American Christians teach English as a second language work in agricultural development projects and offer medical treatment.

In seeking an end to the United States' 19-year-old trade embargo—which was lifted by the Clinton administration Feb. 3—the Vietnamese government released a number of Christian leaders from prison. And in recent months, Vietnamese officials have allowed local Christians to begin importing from 10,000 to 12,000 Bibles a year.

Government officials also have given the Roman Catholic Church permission to begin printing Bibles inside Vietnam—the first such permission in 20 years.

Women's ordination fails in Wales

LAMPETER, Wales (RNS)—The Anglican Church in Wales fell out of step with the Anglican churches in the British Isles April 13 when its governing body rejected a bill to ordain women priests.

The Church of Ireland ordained its first women priests in 1990; the Church of England followed suit in March 1994.

Although lay members of the Welsh Anglican governing body voted to approve women's ordination, the measure failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority among members of the clergy. The five-member bench of Welsh bishops had voted last year to approve women's ordination.

However, Archbishop Alwyn Rice Jones, who heads the church in Wales, announced that the bishops would bring the matter of women's ordination back to the governing body in 12 months and begin the voting process all over again.

"The world is watching us carefully and judging us, judging God, judging Christ by our woolly responses to the great questions of the world surrounding us," said Jones, who characterized women's ordination as "the most sensitive" matter in the church today.

"We will find ourselves increasingly out of step with other provinces in the Anglican communion," he declared.



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Boyce to offer associate degree; all fees changing

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—There's good news and bad news for students in the Boyce Bible School program of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The good news: Boyce will now offer an associate of arts degree, which will be more portable and prestigious than the current diploma.

The bad news: It's going to cost more.

Trustees of the Louisville seminary last week approved the new associate degree, along with sweeping changes in the way matriculation fees are calculated both for Boyce students and for students enrolled in the seminary's master's and doctoral programs.

The associate of arts degree will require only two additional courses beyond requirements for the current Boyce diploma. Southern Seminary President Al Mohler stressed to trustees that the school does not want to get in the business of awarding bachelor's degrees.

Boyce's program will continue to serve students 21 years of age and older, while encouraging younger students to attend a four-year college or university. Eighteen hours of the 64-hour degree program must be taken on campus. Boyce operates 25 off-campus centers across the United States.

Under the new price structure, Boyce students on the Louisville campus will pay a \$350 matriculation fee per semester, plus \$75 per course. Currently, on-campus Boyce students pay a \$550 matriculation fee per semester, regardless of course load.

The difference for a typical student taking four courses will be about \$100 per semester, or an 18 percent increase.

Under the new structure, students at off-campus Boyce centers will pay a matriculation fee of \$100 per semester, plus \$50 per course. Currently, off-campus students pay \$40 per credit hour.

This could mean either an increase or decrease, depending on the number of courses a student normally takes.

Students enrolled in Southern's primary master's and doctoral programs also face increases beginning next fall.

On the master's degree level, Southern Baptist students will pay a \$500 matriculation fee per semester, plus \$75 per course, up to a maximum of \$950 per semester. Non-Southern Baptist students will pay double those fees.

Southern Baptist students will be defined as those who are members of churches which qualify as cooperating churches eligible for messenger representation at Southern Baptist Convention annual meetings, Mohler explained.

The new structure will mean an increase of \$150 per semester, or 23 percent, for a typical student taking four courses.

New fees for Southern Baptist doctoral students will be \$900 per semester for the doctor of ministry program and \$1,500 per semester for research doctorates such as the doctor of philosophy, doctor of education and doctor of musical arts. However, students in the research doctorate programs will be eligible for stipends of \$650 per semester for up to eight semesters.

Other seminary fees will increase from 3 percent to 10 percent.

Mohler told trustees the increases are necessary to keep the seminary operating in the black and are in line with the fees being charged by the other five Southern Baptist seminaries. The fees remain substantially lower than those at non-Southern Baptist seminaries, he noted.

In other action, trustees:

■ Welcomed Dennis Williams as new dean of the Christian education school and elected him professor of Christian education with tenure.

■ Approved a \$17.48 million budget for 1994-95, a 6.6 percent increase over the current year. The budget shifts funds in several areas to accommodate creation of the new Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth. It projects a slight decline in contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program.

■ Approved a new policy for faculty and staff on disciplinary action short of dismissal.

■ Rescinded an action taken last April to create a board of overseers for the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry.

■ Revised bylaws of Boyce Bible School to require all personnel to affirm the seminary's Abstract of Principles, as well as the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement.

■ Appointed a committee to study the seminary's investment policy related to social issues. The seminary already has a prohibition against investing in companies with interests in gambling, tobacco, alcohol, pornography or abortion.

■ Heard progress reports on plans to construct a north wing on the Honeycutt Student Center, providing new space for a cafeteria, conference rooms and a banquet hall. Trustees also heard an initial report on the feasibility of converting Rice Hall and Judson Hall into guest housing for conferences.

■ Heard reports that applications for the PhD program are up to 56 this year, compared to 14 last year; and that the seminary has received nearly \$8 million in major gifts since Aug. 1.

■ Approved a policy on paid work outside the seminary which encourages faculty to work in local churches but establishes a process to review long-term commitments annually.

■ Re-elected the current slate of officers, including Chairman Rick White of Tennessee, First Vice Chairman John Allen of Mississippi, Second Vice Chairman David Miller of Arkansas and Secretary John Hicks of Kentucky.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Rick White released a two-page statement on recent expenditures on the seminary president's home. The report came seven months after the Western Recorder unsuccessfully sought details of the renovations done to the home before Mohler and his family moved in.

Some seminary students and alumni had expressed concern about the cost of the renovations on the president's home and office suite, on the heels of an over-budget presidential search process and other major expenses related to the presidential transition.

White told trustees most of the \$134,673 in renovations done this year would have been necessary regardless of who was president, due to the poor condition of the facility, built in 1913. The brief period the home was empty before the Mohlers moved in was an ideal time for the work to be done, he said.

The statement reports \$83,459 in contingency funds were spent on "accelerated deferred maintenance," such as plumbing, painting, storm doors and windows, carpeting, basement waterproofing, alarm and telephone systems, furnace, and various woodwork and columns.

Another \$51,214 was spent to create usable space in the basement, where Mohler's office and extensive library fence enclosing a portion of the back yard.

Southern names education dean

LOUISVILLE—Dennis Williams has been named dean of the school of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

President Al Mohler appointed Williams, professor of educational ministries and administration at Denver Theological Seminary, to the post April 19. The seminary's board of trustees voted the same day to elect the new dean to the faculty as professor of Christian education with tenure.

The appointment fills an eight-month vacancy created by the resignation of former dean Bill Rogers. Rogers and another dean left administrative posts last July, citing philosophical differences with Mohler, whose election last spring signaled a more conservative era in the 134-year-old seminary.

Williams has taught at the Denver seminary—a Conservative Baptist school—since 1971. Earlier, he worked 12 years as a minister of education, youth and music in churches in Arizona and Texas.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., and a master's degree in music from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.

He holds the master of religious education and doctor of education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mohler outlines seminary objectives through end of 1995

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—The future of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary became clearer last week as new President Al Mohler outlined for trustees 40 program objectives to be accomplished in the next 18 months.

Trustees heartily endorsed the report, and then moved to support it by approving a \$17.48 million budget for 1994-95 and pledging to raise \$100,000 in gifts to the seminary themselves.

The camaraderie and humor displayed at this year's spring meeting stood in stark contrast to last spring's meetings, which ended with three trustees resigning in protest of the board's actions. With those resignations, dissenting voices on the conservative-led board virtually were eliminated.

And with the transition last sum-

mer from former President Roy Honeycutt to Mohler, conservative trustees believe they gained leadership more sympathetic to their concerns. Throughout this year's spring meeting, trustees were profuse in their praise of Mohler's first eight months in office.

Mohler presented trustees with a document titled "Foundation '95," which outlines 16 "central commitments" and 40 "program objectives" to be accomplished by the end of 1995.

The central commitments largely mirror statements Mohler has made previously, such as reaffirming the seminary's commitment to the local church, making Southern Seminary the flagship seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention and streamlining seminary administration to better serve changing needs.

One of the new items found in the central commitments is Mohler's de-

sire to create a core curriculum which would be required of all master's-level students in the seminary's five schools. Such a core curriculum would be unique among American seminaries, he said.

Another new item is Mohler's vision to "celebrate the growing ethnic, racial and national diversity of the seminary community."

Some of the 40 program objectives already have been accomplished, some were acted on by trustees during this meeting and others are yet to be fulfilled.

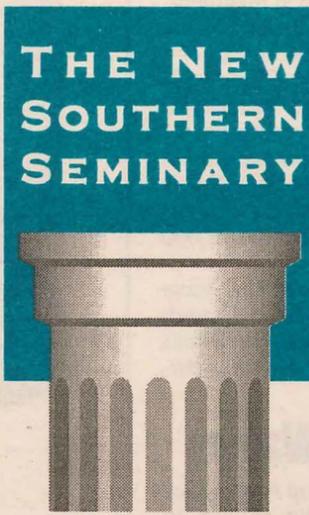
Among the objectives:

■ A stronger emphasis on the spiritual development of students through discipleship and prayer ministries.

■ Creation of a doctor of missiology degree.

■ Launching an annual Pastors' School.

■ Computerizing the seminary library's catalog system.



EDUCATION

Balcony worship commemorates 'silenced voices'

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—A small segment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary community held a solemn, symbolic service of memory and hope April 20.

Forty worshipers—15 men and 25 women—sang and prayed in the balcony of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, adjacent to the seminary campus in Louisville.

They marked the first anniversary of a stand-in balcony protest in the seminary's Alumni Chapel.

In the first service, balcony-standing worshipers protested the rightward shift of seminary trustees, which had resulted in election of the school's ninth president, Al Mohler, and the resignation of numerous faculty members.

In the second service, they mourned the "silencing of voices" on the campus and elsewhere and expressed hope for a brighter future.

"Those who felt they had no voice in recent years have searched for a symbol to express that sense of voicelessness," said Bill Rogers, professor of Christian education. "Last year in Alumni Chapel, we experienced some sense of finding that voice through this symbol."

The symbol of standing in the balcony to worship recalls others who had no voice in their day and whose worship was isolated in the balcony—Hebrew women in biblical times and U.S. slaves in the South, he said.

The words of the worship highlighted other "silenced voices":

- Forty seminary faculty and staff who have resigned, retired or died in the past four years.

- The five tribes of Native Americans whose "trail of tears" led them from the Southeast to Oklahoma in 1838-39.

- Martin Luther King Jr. and other African Americans.

- Residents of Sarajevo.

- Displaced Jews.

- Women in ministry.

Collectively, they symbolized "many groups and individuals who have felt voiceless in the experience of the SBC over the last decade," Rogers said.

They also talked about candles and lilies, symbols of hope, and of God's power to bring justice and liberation.

They didn't stage their meeting in Alumni Chapel because they didn't wish "to be antagonistic or aggressive with those who have the majority voice," Rogers noted.

Views differ over Baylor's new seminary

By Chuck Lindell
Austin American-Statesman

WACO, Texas (ABP)—Baylor University will return to the seminary business this summer—leaving conservatives galled, moderates elated and Texas Baptists more divided than ever.

The George W. Truett Theological Seminary, founded by Baylor, will open later this year. In 1907, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded on the Baylor campus.

Southwestern, which later became one of six seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, has been the latest battleground in the struggle between conservative and moderate Baptists.

The new Truett Seminary, created in response to fears that Southwestern will become a "fundamentalist" institution, will be more than a training ground for Baptist pastors and lay leaders. It already is a strong political statement from moderate Baptists.

"Truett Seminary will be the flagship of mainstream Southern Baptist life in terms of theological education," Dean Robert Sloan said. "Texas Baptists have rejected the fundamentalist movement."

Classes will begin in August. Expect controversy to continue long after.

"It's a slap in the face," said Jack Chambers of Austin, Texas, an outspoken proponent of the conservative Baptist cause.

"I think this is an attempt by the so-called moderates in the Southern Baptist Convention, especially those in Texas, to create a training camp for a new generation of moderate pastors

and missionaries," he said.

Chambers fears that moderates, whom he characterizes as more tolerant of liberalism, will allow unbiblical teachings into the classroom and, therefore, behind the pulpit.

But Sloan said the seminary will remain true to Baptist principles such as the authority of Scripture and a commitment to evangelism.

"The fact is we are not a theologically liberal institution; we are a mainstream Baptist institution," he said.

As many as 100 students will be accepted for the first year. Eventually, enrollment could reach 1,000.

Given the turbulent nature of the conservative-moderate rift, Baylor's seminary never was going to have a quiet opening. But events at Southwestern Seminary, 90 miles to the north in Fort Worth, shifted greater attention to Truett and cemented its position as Texas' moderate seminary.

In March, Southwestern's conservative-led trustees fired President Russell Dilday, creating a wave of controversy that has yet to subside.

Moderates have had a field day with the dismissal, calling it arrogant, political and mean-spirited proof of conservative intolerance.

Enter Truett, which has the benefit of Baylor's good name among Baptists, offering a distinctive place for moderate students to learn.

"We will be perceived as the mainstream seminary," Sloan said. "Southwestern will be regarded more and more as extremist—a marginal institution to Southern Baptist life."

Since Dilday's dismissal, Truett has been inundated with telephone calls, some from Southwestern students contemplating a transfer. Some

observers expect a portion of \$15 million in canceled Southwestern donations to end up at Truett.

The seminary was conceived in 1990, when Dilday's job was again on the line. Baylor President Herbert Reynolds delivered a message to Southwestern's trustees: If you fire Dilday, Baylor will start its own seminary.

Though Dilday kept his job, Baylor decided to proceed with a seminary, realizing it was only a matter of time before Southwestern was brought into the conservative fold, Sloan said.

Baylor reserved the name George W. Truett, adding yet another bit of controversy.

Truett had entered Baylor in 1893 after spearheading a statewide campaign that saved the university from financial ruin. He went on to become pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, distinguishing himself as a preacher and a leader.

But today, First Baptist is a conservative stronghold, and former pastor Joel Gregory blasted Baylor for a "grossly unethical" attempt to "co-opt Truett's legendary reputation for what is a renegade effort."

Ridiculous, Sloan said.

Truett "was one of the greatest figures in the history of Baylor University," he said. "George Truett was a great preacher, and we want to emphasize preaching."

Though Truett Seminary will be linked with the moderate cause, Sloan is hoping for a broader appeal.

"If all we are is a reaction to the fundamental-conservative takeover, then I don't think we have a future," he said. "Reactionary institutions don't have a long life."

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Robert Sloan, dean of the new George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Baptist seminarians staying closer to home

NASHVILLE (BP)—It doesn't require an advanced degree to discern that Southern Baptist theological education is changing.

But accrediting agency official Daniel Aleshire is willing to go one step further and offer some ideas on why changes are occurring. Aleshire, associate director of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, is a former faculty member at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He offers his own analysis of theological education in the current issue of "Baptist History and Heritage," published by the Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission.

Among the trends he notes over the last 25 years:

- Within both ATS and the SBC, theological schools have experienced an increasing number of women enrolling and seeking ministry.

- The average age of students attending theological schools has risen.

- Students are increasingly inclined to attend a seminary in their immediate geographical area—regardless of its denominational affiliation—than to relocate to attend a seminary of their own denomination.

Total enrollment of Southern Baptist students at the SBC's six seminaries declined from 9,595 in 1988 to

8,777 in 1992, Aleshire reports. Yet at the same time, enrollment of Southern Baptist students at non-SBC seminaries increased from 830 in 1988 to 1,172 in 1992.

"The data suggests that an increasing number of Southern Baptists are, either for geographical location, denominational controversy, or other reasons, increasingly attending non-SBC funded schools," Aleshire says.

Since World War II, Southern Baptists have formed as many seminaries as Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians and Lutherans combined, he says.

The SBC officially sanctioned New Orleans Seminary, Golden Gate Seminary, Southeastern Seminary and Midwestern Seminary, in addition to Southern Seminary and Southwestern Seminary, which predate World War II.

Other Southern Baptist-related seminaries founded since World War II include Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis; Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.; a divinity school at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.; and a master of divinity program at Criswell College in Dallas.

At least three other Baptist-related

universities are considering, or have taken actions to start university-related divinity schools or seminaries.

Aleshire predicts Southern Baptist theological education in the future will be more diverse, more heterogeneous and more regionalized.

SBC seminaries unique

NASHVILLE (BP)—The six seminaries supported directly by the Southern Baptist Convention are unique among theological schools in the United States and Canada, according to Daniel Aleshire, associate director of the Association of Theological Schools. He notes four major differences between SBC seminaries and other ATS schools:

- SBC schools are larger. The smallest SBC seminary is significantly larger in enrollment, budget and size of faculty than the average of all ATS schools.

- SBC schools receive more denominational funding. While the average ATS institution receives approximately 18 percent of its educational and general budget from religious organizations, SBC seminaries receive 50 percent to 78 percent of theirs from the denomination.

- SBC schools spend less per student. The average expenditure for all ATS schools in the 1992 reporting year was about \$16,000 per student. The average for the six SBC seminaries was \$8,543.

- SBC schools are fewer. Southern Baptists have far fewer seminaries per church member than any other major denomination in the United States.

GIVING

MID-YEAR REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING

These figures reflect gifts of Kentucky Baptist churches through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program during the six-month period ending Feb. 28, 1994. Designated gifts are not reflected here. Questions or corrections should be addressed to the KBC accounting department at (502) 245-4101.

	CP93	CP94
ALLEN ASSOCIATION		
Bays Fork	0.00	0.00
Big Spring Missionary	0.00	0.00
Dover Missionary	0.00	0.00
Holland	182.00	1,031.19
Liberty	1,302.89	1,133.85
Mt Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	414.20	282.85
New Middle Fork	0.00	82.00
New Salem Missionary	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	100.00
Scottsville	20,034.63	25,148.57
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00
White Plains	1,356.68	2,310.56
SUBTOTAL	23,290.40	30,089.02

	CP93	CP94
ANDERSON ASSOCIATION		
Alton	5,071.50	5,224.31
Ballard	1,702.39	2,286.03
Fellowship	270.00	270.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Griensboro	1,242.05	1,308.68
Goshen	323.00	312.00
Lawrenceburg First	40,565.26	37,047.62
Mt Pleasant	0.00	133.66
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Sand Spring	19,114.68	21,838.22
Tyrone	0.00	229.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	68,288.88	68,649.52

	CP93	CP94
BELL ASSOCIATION		
Arjay	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	895.98	1,095.41
Binghamtown	3,000.00	3,000.00
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	397.95	403.26
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	5,150.00	7,116.00
East Jellico	1,015.00	1,159.21
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Ferndale Southern Bapt Mission	141.64	160.01
Pineville First	10,071.87	11,273.48
First Belmont	300.00	250.00
Fonde	253.22	278.37
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garmead	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
First Southern Baptist of Chenoa	84.00	162.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	2,112.81	1,943.03
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	594.16	664.00
Pioneer	103.36	97.72
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	90.00	180.00
Mt Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	185.45	62.19
Northside	0.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	5,298.43	5,981.08
Pathfork	205.48	639.22
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,320.86	1,128.50
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	372.23	355.39
Southside	1,528.64	1,659.69
Mt Hebron	40.00	50.00
Stoney Fork	330.00	340.00
Trinity	568.61	573.04
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tuggsville	36.00	48.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	591.35	524.20
Wasio	300.00	300.00
West Cumberland Avenue	475.76	444.47
West Pineville	1,356.45	1,548.80
SUBTOTAL	36,819.25	41,432.07

	CP93	CP94
BETHEL ASSOCIATION		
Adairville	6,594.00	7,680.00
Auburn	2,001.00	2,093.87
Calvary	2,976.00	3,326.50
Dripping Spring	5,212.43	5,100.15
Elkton	8,583.39	11,624.98
Eastside Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Russellville First	27,670.02	28,000.02
Forest Grove	1,607.67	1,590.40
Grace Southern	825.00	789.00
Guthrie	5,527.10	5,517.08
Keysburg	1,407.52	1,648.46
Mt Gilead	2,875.68	1,725.12
Mt Zion	259.95	258.25
New Union	6,467.86	5,193.60
Post Oak	6,666.65	8,400.00
Russellville Second	12,613.05	12,464.45
Sharon Grove	2,322.00	2,799.00
Spring Valley	216.39	365.73
Tiny Town	500.00	600.00
Trenton	4,680.00	4,392.00
Walnut Grove	7,575.59	7,652.99
Whippoorwill	1,179.37	1,333.22
Southern Heights	4,893.35	2,859.43
Woodlawn	2,669.97	2,526.52
SUBTOTAL	115,323.99	117,940.77

	CP93	CP94
BLACKFORD ASSOCIATION		
Blackford	6,795.11	8,982.26
Central	1,036.70	1,224.68
Chestnut Grove	1,950.97	2,213.20
Dawson Memorial	146.05	242.45
First Lewisport	242.69	525.98
Friendly Grove	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00

	CP93	CP94
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Altona	8,591.85	7,410.38
Bethlehem	11,856.40	10,752.27
Bethlehem	473.95	859.08
Blood River	321.32	692.16
Briensburg	63,490.83	71,592.65
Calvert City First	13,716.31	15,093.70
Cherry Corner	5,241.69	3,728.15
Coldwater	260.00	135.00
Dexter	1,051.12	774.86
Elm Grove	12,522.52	12,762.95
East Marshall	1,019.04	1,040.50
Murray First	69,407.68	86,901.95
First Benton Missionary	11,789.00	9,043.02
Flint	3,017.36	3,284.46
Benton First	12,287.26	11,117.84
Elva	291.45	605.47
Gilbertsville First	5,553.75	5,740.65
Grace	3,141.63	677.96
Hamlet	2,115.10	1,956.00
Hardin	8,393.06	9,493.51
Hazel	18,312.51	15,193.35
Lakeview	2,545.00	2,709.48
Kirksey	2,616.06	3,309.00
Ledbetter	644.44	410.04
Locust Grove	8,221.79	7,353.95
Memorial	14,181.17	13,157.54
New Bethel	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony	16,766.62	13,538.38
New Providence	124.35	255.93
New Mt Carmel	1,451.09	1,237.89
New Zion	7,377.47	7,544.51
Northside	2,404.00	2,517.00
Walnut Street	698.44	892.61
Oak Grove	1,564.42	2,035.20
Hilltop	202.89	235.54
Olive	6,688.87	4,861.76
Owens Chapel	1,884.63	2,268.00
Plain Gospel Msny Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope	3,158.72	1,200.00
Poplar Spring	3,158.72	1,200.00
Pleasant Valley	562.50	562.50
Salem	5,678.15	4,333.76
Scotts Grove	2,412.96	1,922.07
Sharpe Missionary	2,510.60	2,435.65
Sinking Spring	175.00	210.00
South Marshall	180.00	190.00
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,056.25
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Union Ridge	1,623.48	948.00
Vanzora	2,212.39	2,452.66
Westside	7,574.33	9,103.33
West Fork	3,461.24	3,903.39
Zions Cause	5,881.30	5,056.22
SUBTOTAL	361,571.74	366,476.57

	CP93	CP94
BOONES CREEK ASSOCIATION		
Allansville	3,636.63	3,131.83
Beech Grove	373.31	552.44
Boones Creek	14,472.38	15,693.17
Calvary	4,345.67	3,117.62
Central	58,615.90	59,797.63
Clay City	551.00	543.00
Corinth	4,732.39	3,881.36
Cow Creek	1,460.00	1,392.00
Emmanuel	399.32	528.28
Ephesus	1,036.04	800.00
Faith	82.00	90.00
Irvine First	1,241.22	1,579.87
Friendship	4,092.96	2,920.07
Greenbriar	15.00	10.00
Heidelberg	263.98	254.10
Howards Mill	2,269.00	1,668.00
Ivory Hill	983.47	681.34
Jeffersonville	1,796.07	2,604.13
Kiddville	728.63	597.60
Macedonia	2,146.33	2,150.83
New Hope	4,427.90	626.51
Means	1,343.80	1,103.96
Mt Olive	399.00	396.00
New Harmony	190.50	438.94
Northside	1,879.11	1,428.08
Panola	786.68	659.25
Powells Valley	679.48	514.95
Providence	1,183.00	1,254.00
Providence	1,542.00	1,321.00
Reid Village	1,066.34	1,113.99
Salem	2,283.67	1,876.00
Spring Street	1,711.64	2,131.70
Thomas	995.33	180.00
Valley View	163.38	130.54
Williams Memorial	1,041.83	1,191.93
SUBTOTAL	118,934.96	116,660.12

	CP93	CP94
BOONEVILLE ASSOCIATION		
Big Creek	505.51	484.89
Booneville First	1,856.50	1,731.41
Crane Creek	152.55	145.10
Southside	0.00	25.32
Garrard	632.15	488.75
Gray Fork	50.00	125.00
Horse Creek	34,006.62	21,511.53
Island Creek	840.03	706.72
Lerose	90.00	120.00
Lilly Grove	20.00	0.00
Lytleton	4,270.00	4,035.00
Macedonia	4,203.73	3,418.69
Manchester	11,490.31	13,612.27
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	843.07	708.98
New Prospect	636.62	631.79
New Zion	254.02	214.24
Oneida	4,249.08	5,251.87

	CP93	CP94
BRACKEN ASSOCIATION		
Aberdeen	4,927.71	4,832.71
Augusta First	127.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00
Calvary	375.00	312.50
Central	6,601.57	7,706.62
Clearfield Mission	0.00	0.00
Dover	60.00	60.00
Ewing	990.00	1,050.00
Carlisle First	3,961.52	3,903.49
Morehead First	1,480.03	1,340.75
Irvingsville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	1,801.45	1,953.54
Foxport	675.00	690.00
Germantown	1,363.00	1,240.00
Heslton	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	2,231.69	1,842.00
Lewisburg	1,307.20	1,292.65
Locust Grove	423.49	362.93
Mays Lick	650.00	201.00
Maysville First	1,982.09	1,786.26
Mt Olivet	2,850.11	1,783.96
Mt Pisgah	0.00	276.92
Oak Ridge	494.40	474.90
Union	33.91	294.64
Owingsville	2,861.11	3,265.83
Plain View	293.66	206.79
Vanceburg First	1,055.00	1,170.00
Sharpsburg	150.00	150.00
Slaty Point	162.33	212.25
Stonelick	441.40	442.69
SUBTOTAL	37,298.67	36,852.43

	CP93	CP94
BRECKINRIDGE ASSOCIATION		
Black Lick	85.00	225.00
Bewleyville	180.00	0.00
Cloverport	3,602.86	5,432.93
Corinth	5,912.75	5,757.48
Dry Valley	0.00	0.00
English	300.00	350.00
Friendship	600.00	600.00
Garfield	1,020.82	524.80
Goshen	795.75	1,047.00
Hardinsburg	17,718.30	17,219.98
Hites Run	1,495.60	1,574.97
Macedonia	537.21	1,671.56
New Bethel	2,032.00	3,888.14
New Clover Creek	1,046.01	1,0

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	CP93	CP94
Sacramento	3,832.01	3,650.89
Seven Hills	5,973.67	4,834.65
Sorgho	3,448.13	3,355.67
South Hampton	2,524.12	2,835.58
Stanley	1,052.18	798.08
Station	240.00	240.00
Sugar Grove	5,146.30	4,315.03
Temple	9,923.79	12,939.36
Owensboro Third	34,927.05	55,693.83
Utica	1,936.96	7,989.80
Walnut Memorial	5,239.43	5,040.85
Ridgewood	604.19	664.81
Garden Green	351.00	300.00
Whitesville	1,800.00	1,800.00
Wing Avenue	6,739.84	7,326.42
Yellow Creek	23,682.29	24,982.44
Yelvington	1,505.03	2,025.87
Victory	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	452,121.98	502,162.71

EAST LYNN ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Allendale	150.00	300.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Corinth	50.00	150.00
Green Hill	720.92	647.44
Holly Grove	1,232.97	1,110.61
Liberty	1,050.00	274.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	300.00	300.00
Mt Roberts	1,515.93	1,334.39
Mt Washington	400.00	400.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	846.88	934.09
Union Band	181.90	0.00
Whickerville	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	6,448.60	5,450.53

EAST UNION ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Black Oak	0.00	0.00
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Cane Gap Missionary	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00
Kensee	359.40	346.52
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00
Pleasant View	1,135.86	1,751.65
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	1,495.26	2,098.17

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Broadway	13,350.61	16,059.82
Brookside	1,333.40	1,594.91
Becknerville	149.86	163.51
Calvary	41,516.44	52,038.96
Cane Run	3,085.65	2,525.18
Central	3,000.00	1,283.00
Central	9,948.06	9,613.40
Chevy Chase	3,142.83	5,467.56
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	1,396.03	1,937.00
Clover Bottom	750.00	750.00
Crosswoods	3,788.64	5,500.00
Davids Fork	5,362.83	6,530.68
Dry Run	806.30	757.77
Durbin Memorial	4,634.43	3,608.59
East Hickman	4,384.85	3,532.35
Edgewood	15,907.35	13,599.56
Faith	0.00	3,735.52
Faith	946.00	721.00
Lexington First	0.00	0.00
Paris First	11,952.94	11,703.96
Winchester First	17,662.42	24,643.42
Mt Sterling First	175.00	533.33
Corbin First	4,599.34	1,200.00
Gano Avenue	10,657.38	10,062.44
Gardenside	22,185.81	22,800.51
Georgetown	13,070.57	11,821.88
Glens Creek	2,866.00	2,395.00
Grace	6,500.00	13,141.32
Great Crossing	8,157.55	8,189.96
Northview	10,904.25	11,857.59
Highlands	2,200.00	400.00
Hillcrest	3,675.05	3,214.46
Hillsboro	1,073.15	765.22
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	116,004.60	119,992.13
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	1,024.11	1,335.25
Long Lick	1,062.73	1,596.29
Lyle Road	150.00	0.00
Penn Avenue	0.00	601.00
Mallard Point	1,307.79	1,541.62
Midway	1,249.98	1,041.65
Millersburg	73.00	0.00
Millville	4,949.68	6,411.08
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mt Freedom	3,127.00	1,467.21
Mt Pleasant	6,794.10	7,291.70
Mt Vernon	1,302.56	1,266.04
New Hope	3,889.51	3,324.26
Nicholasville	3,471.71	3,094.20
Parkway	7,979.88	7,348.11
Pinckard	4,387.93	5,514.42
Shawhan	150.00	90.00
Revelation	275.93	212.68
Porter Memorial	90,403.11	94,141.87
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	15,459.89	14,928.28
Royal Springs	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave	4,010.53	4,245.86
Sadieville	499.29	72.00
Seventh Street	129.54	190.21
Silas	483.97	423.31
South Elkhorn	17,200.12	15,617.37
Southern Heights	9,153.24	10,439.98
Southside	300.00	75.00
Spears Mill	1,655.00	1,118.50
Victory	4,082.00	4,847.00
Open Door Community Church	0.00	404.70
Springdale	200.00	300.00
Stamping Ground	3,119.99	2,633.40

	CP93	CP94
Stonewall	0.00	0.00
Tatesbrook	0.00	9,097.71
Trinity	0.00	0.00
Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00
Versailles	26,552.91	32,018.73
White Sulphur	1,400.00	558.00
Woodland Avenue	500.00	600.00
SUBTOTAL	561,532.84	605,987.46

ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Allen First	950.00	1,240.00
Topmost	50.00	200.00
Benedict	644.16	604.35
Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00
Garrett First	557.90	651.94
Fitzpatrick First	1,240.02	1,759.83
Inez First	5,899.05	6,429.65
Prestonsburg First	8,438.78	6,790.53
Ivyton	0.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	447.21	257.73
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Lancer	937.00	637.31
Liberty	280.04	350.50
Licking River	1,353.76	1,394.94
Martin First	97.31	97.65
Maytown First	100.00	300.00
McDowell First	1,685.74	1,137.62
Mt Beulah	194.00	426.00
Paintsville First	9,223.47	8,422.47
Pleasant Home	364.00	305.00
Salyersville First	720.00	720.00
Tomahawk Baptist Fellowship	0.00	143.81
Warfield Missionary	1,252.00	1,545.00
West Van Lear	276.33	431.64
Wheelwright First	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	35,130.77	34,265.97

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Faith	275.35	0.00
Immanuel	7,047.35	2,544.44
Bellepoint	4,334.00	4,040.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Buck Run	12,617.48	14,766.73
Calvary	4,434.28	5,450.06
Camp Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	309.00
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	21,675.03	20,320.71
East Frankfort	1,806.96	2,020.52
Evergreen	0.00	0.00
Frankfort First	2,000.00	2,000.00
Forks of Elkhorn	3,452.48	2,587.18
Farmdale	0.00	500.00
Hillcrest	4,340.00	3,269.00
Lebanon	916.58	176.47
Memorial	15,861.00	12,179.50
Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	4,184.40	4,319.74
North Fork	634.25	2,785.66
North Frankfort	990.00	1,503.81
Peak's Mill	0.00	38.28
Pleasant Ridge	1,529.43	1,581.00
Providence	2,838.73	2,507.70
St John	1,654.08	2,448.55
Swallowfield	650.00	250.00
Thornhill	17,277.99	12,962.14
Trinity	0.00	550.00
Westview	993.91	1,080.54
SUBTOTAL	109,513.30	100,191.02

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Albany First	4,500.00	6,000.00
Branham Grove	120.00	120.00
Burkesville First	3,118.64	3,145.02
Cave Springs	2,182.00	2,590.00
Central Grove	745.86	1,083.97
Fairland	0.00	221.84
Grace Union	0.00	0.00
Green Grove	0.00	544.10
New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	834.00	748.00
Stony Point	4,745.64	4,755.35
SUBTOTAL	16,246.14	19,208.28

GASPER RIVER ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Aberdeen	3,399.00	4,026.00
Barnetts Lick	876.00	1,075.00
Bethel	474.47	449.54
Big Muddy	0.00	0.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00
Carve Rock	686.83	585.54
Chapel Union	0.00	0.00
Huntsville Missionary	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,261.31	898.40
Morgantown First	6,904.61	5,745.23
Mt Liberty	50.00	150.00
Mt Olivet	819.83	978.64
Mt Vernon	1,417.30	1,017.10
New Harmony	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	939.47	1,119.53
New Midway	0.00	442.82
Pleasant Grove	200.00	240.00
Quality	871.64	686.49
Richland Missionary	1,886.38	1,121.35
Rochester	1,526.60	1,208.50
Rock Spring	0.00	0.00
Salem	1,286.00	1,607.00
Sandy Creek	568.33	549.00
Union Missionary	983.60	1,333.50
Woodbury	483.06	213.63
Walnut Grove	197.07	174.61
SUBTOTAL	24,831.50	23,621.88

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Grandview	0.00	0.00
Hanging Rock	1,350.92	778.01
Broadway	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Little Flock Missionary	0.00	0.00
Millwood	25.00	30.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Sulphur Wells Missionary	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	1,375.92	808.01

GRAVES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Baltimore	140.00	120.00

	CP93	CP94
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Bell City	367.52	408.00
Bethany	481.12	604.81
Clarks River	16,623.02	15,212.07
Clear Springs	903.97	708.77
Cuba	4,905.58	3,440.59
Dublin	0.00	0.00
Enon	1,000.00	1,000.00
Farmington	4,092.60	3,758.73
Fellowship	112.00	488.05
Mayfield First	37,246.22	38,161.40
Emmanuel	2,198.01	2,294.37
Hardmoney	600.00	600.00
Hickory	2,080.00	2,080.00
High Point	29,007.00	29,748.00
Liberty	8,499.90	10,614.39
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	202.60	25.00
Melber	559.15	416.65
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mt Haven	371.65	374.20
Mt Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	975.00	995.81
New Concord	200.00	300.00
New Home	633.34	899.00
New Hope	181.00	598.00
New Liberty	196.92	359.54
New Life	248.80	52.00
Northside	9,100.00	11,467.00
Oak Grove	300.00	300.00
Greater St Paul	0.00	0.00
Pilot Oak	2,091.35	1,888.60
Pleasant Grove	2,875.90	1,805.50
Pryorsburg	1,107.64	858.36
Sand Hill	0.00	0.00
Sedalia	3,989.49	3,242.66
Sharon	5,838.29	5,253.39
South First Street	0.00	0.00
Trace Creek	1,333.32	1,500.00
Viola Missionary	562.93	776.54
Water Valley	120.00	150.00
West Broadway	960.54	948.70
Wingo	6,932.90	4,789.31
SUBTOTAL	147,037.76	146,239.44

GRAYSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Big Clifty First	130.32	120.00
Caneyville	2,367.69	2,652.28
Clarkson	4,003.67	3,481.64
Leitchfield First	20,897.20	24,902.69
Holly	488.00	878.00
Liberty	1,441.00	1,793.00
Little Clifty	4,147.43	4,289.62
New Hope	135.00	135.00
Shrewsbury	800.00	750.00
SUBTOTAL	34,410.31	39,002.23

GREEN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

	CP93	CP94
Advance	1,366.50	1,751.27
Airline	8,691.05	9,366.82
Ambassador	244.45	806.28
Audubon	7,968.00	8,304.00</

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	CP93	CP94
Pleasant Valley	3,065.61	2,920.72
Poplar Spring	180.00	180.00
Rowletts	799.02	681.84
Salem	2,192.58	2,021.45
Shady Grove	1,086.52	1,189.33
Siloam	0.00	0.00
South Fork	494.30	484.90
Three Springs	264.06	255.29
Walnut Hill	90.00	90.00
Zion	45.00	45.00
SUBTOTAL	84,009.87	80,215.50

LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Blue Lick	1,481.66	1,607.12
Calvary Hill	1,375.00	1,500.00
Crab Orchard	2,168.80	2,371.31
Double Springs	4,428.21	4,223.20
Drakes Creek	725.08	673.60
Fairview	5,058.82	7,276.27
Freedom	1,142.00	1,794.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	100.00	160.00
Harris Creek	54.93	0.00
Hustonville	2,080.00	2,130.00
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
McKinney	2,673.44	2,618.79
Mt Hebron	1,168.04	1,016.53
Mt Salem	3,401.44	3,615.16
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	1,273.71	0.00
Olive	790.01	416.83
Parlor Grove	848.00	1,363.00
Pilot	127.91	164.16
Pleasant Point	2,007.00	2,224.00
Pleasant View	11,375.33	13,029.47
Polly Ann	483.41	917.85
Pond Missionary	696.75	683.17
South Fork	237.10	55.30
Watts Chapel Baptist Church	270.00	270.00
Stanford	8,246.90	8,726.00
SUBTOTAL	52,513.54	57,135.76

LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION

Charleston	4,721.51	3,109.95
Concord	5,673.91	4,473.39
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	627.76	487.13
Diamond	360.00	360.00
Dixon First	1,382.87	2,430.35
Dunn	2,928.97	2,638.28
Dawson Springs First	4,165.00	5,065.00
Earlington First	25,238.28	29,752.55
Madisonville First	76,906.04	64,266.02
Grapevine	628.55	3,118.51
Green Grove	300.00	330.00
Hanson	4,747.13	4,913.19
Providence First	15,618.24	17,180.96
Harmony	844.41	895.09
Johnson Island	2,164.00	2,292.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	13,055.38	10,920.44
Freedom	0.00	0.00
Lakeview Missionary	600.00	600.00
Manitou	1,923.35	1,982.10
Mortons Gap First	1,487.88	1,740.46
Mannington	240.00	300.00
Nebo	2,973.05	3,261.74
New Hope	160.00	163.00
New Salem	2,436.56	2,525.60
Nortonville	272.56	879.46
Olive Branch	2,840.74	3,808.67
Park Avenue	5,626.48	5,829.33
Pleasant Grove	2,192.36	2,539.60
Pleasant Valley	0.00	4,238.72
Pleasant View Missionary	887.67	879.58
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	320.00	296.30
Providence Second	392.12	378.27
Richland	624.00	250.00
Salem	569.84	2,932.47
Madisonville Second	19,307.85	24,379.48
Mortons Gap Second	1,930.47	2,317.94
Silent Run	1,249.81	1,349.94
Slaughters	2,400.00	2,300.00
Slover	654.54	692.74
Suthards	1,208.00	937.00
Victory	10,210.00	12,737.00
White Plains Missionary	2,177.85	564.98
Zion Brick	120.00	440.51
SUBTOTAL	222,167.18	230,557.75

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Bethany	1,380.97	1,097.60
Caldwell Blue Spring	4,032.66	4,866.55
Buffalo Lick	4,132.90	1,813.11
Cadiz	12,950.86	13,804.58
Canton	2,105.61	2,029.96
Cerulean	2,925.37	3,751.29
Delmont	1,278.53	1,169.73
Donaldson Creek	1,829.72	1,480.43
New Jerusalem	250.00	250.00
East Cadiz	5,024.37	6,656.68
Hurricane	6,026.75	9,217.64
Liberty Point	6,120.63	5,964.50
Locust Grove	5,149.38	5,006.18
Maple Grove	1,100.00	1,300.00
New Hope	3,904.80	5,386.51
Oak Grove	5,570.57	5,748.46
Rock Front	343.76	283.00
Rocky Ridge	450.00	1,434.85
South Union	1,225.16	822.63
Trigg County	397.60	312.00
Wallonia	0.00	1,680.00
SUBTOTAL	66,199.64	74,075.70

LOGAN ASSOCIATION

Antioch	1,978.33	1,641.71
Beechland	2,381.00	2,437.56
Bellview	3,066.83	481.52
Britmart	847.98	1,091.74
Cave Spring	1,887.36	2,177.74
Center	525.00	1,000.00
Concord	418.37	476.95
Elk Lick	8,557.56	10,136.44
Epley	1,477.63	1,311.98
Green Ridge	1,809.24	2,267.29
Guptons Grove	680.15	858.54
Liberty	6,282.00	6,055.00
Mt Pleasant	14,479.48	13,201.65
Mt Tabor Missionary	2,135.00	2,080.00
Muddy River	100.00	56.03
New Cedar Grove	856.40	1,019.30
New Friendship	2,949.28	2,490.63
New Hope Missionary	2,210.40	1,770.34
Oak Forest Missionary	723.35	460.14
Oak Grove	11,965.43	10,683.03
Pleasant Hill	237.50	143.42
SUBTOTAL	65,568.29	61,841.01

LONG RUN ASSOCIATION

Jefferson St Community at Liberty	0.00	0.00
Fourth Avenue Church for Deaf	0.00	0.00

	CP93	CP94
Arcade	1,800.00	800.00
Ashby Lane	0.00	617.00
Auburndale	4,666.68	5,877.41
Audubon	333.34	833.35
Baptist Tabernacle	1,776.54	1,480.49
Bashford Manor	1,248.78	1,101.86
South Watterson Trail	300.00	300.00
Baxter Avenue	1,801.05	1,694.19
Beargrass	0.00	0.00
Beechland	14,108.49	13,482.74
Beechmont	12,714.74	14,054.07
Beechwood	5,700.00	5,420.00
Bethany	5,050.00	6,300.00
Bethel Flock	40.00	40.00
Bethlehem	11,847.48	11,243.17
Broadway	1,087.66	0.00
Brooks	1,636.63	1,900.21
Brookview	757.32	833.73
Buechel Park	1,500.00	1,475.00
Carlisle Avenue	16,010.00	13,750.00
Cardinal Hill	1,867.00	1,630.00
Cedar Creek	11,939.04	11,807.40
Chenoweth Park	482.85	450.00
Charlestown Road Bapt Mission	0.00	0.00
Chapel Park	3,363.01	2,898.93
Clifton	4,475.65	4,996.94
Clifton Heights	0.00	0.00
Cove	44.00	150.00
Crescent Hill	1,469.60	862.03
Davis Memorial	1,423.97	0.00
Deer Park	5,262.36	9,256.34
East Audubon	987.55	682.65
East Baptist Ministries	644.34	0.00
Eastern Gate	1,715.22	2,717.61
Eastern Parkway	1,276.01	998.74
Eastwood First	947.03	1,086.75
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	1,349.95	927.28
Elk Creek	813.32	0.00
Fairdale First	4,923.52	4,906.14
Fairmount	696.60	738.75
Farmdale	12,771.18	13,404.77
Filipino Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Fern Creek	301.00	545.97
Jeffersonton	5,383.58	4,738.26
Germantown Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	525.00	225.00
Taylorville First	7,587.17	6,686.09
Middletown First	0.00	7,451.99
Fisherville First	5,322.21	2,272.15
Foster Avenue	2,113.15	2,258.01
Fourth Avenue	540.00	270.00
Franklin Street	369.00	423.34
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	5,762.88	4,802.23
Grace	408.30	450.00
Green Acres	7,037.32	5,374.04
Cloverleaf	6,472.44	5,964.25
Harmony	1,125.00	950.00
Hazelwood	2,857.00	3,988.00
Highland	600.00	1,416.65
Highland Park Second	455.46	216.54
Highland Park First	9,622.63	11,291.95
Highview	26,250.00	26,666.67
Hillsdale	4,607.74	4,479.30
Hillview	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hopewell	4,271.81	4,421.73
Hurstbourne	31,510.53	33,280.55
Immanuel	924.60	900.97
Hunsinger Lane	0.00	1,410.79
Kenwood	1,252.00	1,044.00
Keys Ferry	0.00	249.00
Kings	15,107.04	15,161.28
First Korean	80.00	240.00
Kosmosdale	951.00	951.00
Bicknell Avenue	200.00	250.00
Lake Dreamland	474.68	0.00
Hillcrest	1,066.89	1,771.20
Lees Lane	3,743.00	3,030.44
New Heights	250.00	0.00
Little Flock	0.00	2,700.00
Long Run	271.88	324.82
Lyndon	28,206.75	17,968.35
Louisville Christian Deaf Church	623.24	761.18
Lynn Acres	1,390.00	345.00
Memory Lane	26.39	0.00
Manly Memorial	75.35	53.60
Lakewood	7,279.41	6,515.57
Maple Grove	8,452.24	7,489.18
Melbourne Heights	11,606.26	8,564.89
Meadow Hill	4,511.48	4,970.07
Midlane Park	0.00	0.00
Minors Lane	668.00	1,324.06
Morningside	146.00	50.00
Mt Hermon	0.00	0.00
Mt Elmira	896.86	1,306.56
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	0.00	0.00
Ninth and O	9,905.00	10,638.00
Mt Nebo	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	0.00	150.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	8,125.00	9,712.24
Parkland	8,810.39	9,934.68
Green Hills	2,150.15	2,631.19
Parkwood	5,231.05	6,962.52
Penile	2,356.03	2,003.89
Pleasant Grove	4,302.37	2,967.33
Plum Creek	4,604.01	4,482.05
Poplar Level	1,188.02	477.91
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	1,430.06	1,101.23
Ralph Avenue	18,313.64	22,794.34
Ridgeview	953.00	721.82
Ridgewood	0.00	0.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	12,173.65	13,551.53
Rutledge Road	3,103.95	1,560.23
Shively	31,658.75	37,725.18
First Southern	625.20	11,180.62
New Cut Road	1,012.39	1,131.91
South Jefferson	9,718.00	10,177.00
Yorktown	1,289.90	0.00
Southside	7,602.74	5,807.85
St Matthews	1,551.00	1,461.00
St Matthews Hispanic Mission	1,241.60	1,465.22
Summit Hills	2,580.97	3,144.79
Springdale	600.00	1,800.00
Muddy River	3,177.93	2,115.08
Shalom	0.00	0.00
Third Avenue	3,386.90	3,243.13
Thixton Lane	750.00	869.00
Valley Station	9,405.78	8,654.32
Valley View	37,401.94	31,888.57
Van Buren	1,452.52	832.69
Victory Memorial	1,624.75	264.14
Vine Street	1,505.25	1,499.77
Walnut Street	49,535.07	45,475.33
West Broadway	4,471.66	7,650.92
West End	0.00	0.00

	CP93	CP94
Westport Road	23,476.87	27,576.72
Woodland	5,696.60	5,889.53
Oakland	0.00	0.00
Upper Room	437.78	396.74
SUBTOTAL	635,006.12	646,210.70

LYNN ASSOCIATION

Aetna Grove	4,876.53	4,510.72
Aetna Union	20.00	0.00
Bethel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Boiling Springs	1,880.61	2,155.72
Bonnieville	600.00	1,050.00
Falling Springs	0.00	0.00
Friendship #2	0.00	0.00
Hiawatha Missionary	0.00	0.00
Knoxes Creek	258.38	670.00
Leitchfield Crossing	590.63	679.28
Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00
Lucas Grove	1,354.97	509.34
Mt Moriah	6,451.13	4,600.37
Mt Olivet Missionary	600.00	600.00
Mt Pisgah	302.36	270.67
Mt Tabor	2,040.00	2,040.00
Munfordville	16,659.78	14,846.76
Oak Hill	2,947.53	2,877.40
Pike View	250.00	250.00
South Fork	5,931.14	8,959.86
Three Forks Bacon Creek	600.00	600.00
Upton	5,702.59	4,971.20
SUBTOTAL	51,065.65	49,591.32

LYNN CAMP ASSOCIATION

Calvary	2,420.97	2,190.45
Candle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	253.40	284.00
Indian Creek	474.00	339.00
Keck	568.93	559.20
Liberty Missionary	266.48	167.07
Lovell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Grays	3,669.13	1,766.13
Lynn Camp	3,519.00	3,382.82
Merrimac		

	CP93	CP94
Licking Valley	1,359.95	1,796.51
Macedonia Missionary	0.00	0.00
Madison Avenue	275.80	657.00
Main Street	2,898.49	3,031.54
Mentor	1,667.67	1,857.78
New Banklick	1,865.49	2,012.25
Oak Island	1,796.74	1,802.12
Oak Ridge	10,112.59	11,229.00
Persimmon Grove	0.00	500.00
Petersburg	514.55	736.98
Piner	200.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	1,572.34	3,395.30
Rosedale	1,741.00	1,440.00
Sand Run	3,359.27	3,519.41
Second Twelve Mile	2,579.46	2,649.30
Silver Grove First	390.50	345.32
South Side	1,350.00	1,350.00
Trinity	3,498.74	3,637.70
Union	2,487.00	1,995.00
Victory	348.59	620.01
Visalia	197.50	144.50
West Covington	1,010.00	1,050.00
Wilmington	3,027.58	1,927.70
Woodhaven	436.54	0.00
SUBTOTAL	370,359.04	398,684.69

NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION		
Apple Grove	0.00	0.00
Artemus First	0.00	0.00
Barbourville First	29,766.18	29,963.71
Beech Spring	0.00	0.00
Big Brush	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Centennial	0.00	0.00
Coles Branch	0.00	0.00
Concord	25.50	0.00
Coalport	0.00	0.00
Davis Chapel	0.00	0.00
Dewitt	346.55	1,059.88
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Springfield	323.09	497.99
Fellowship Missionary	0.00	0.00
Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00
Greasy Creek	30.00	30.00
Green Road	0.00	0.00
Highland Park	4,500.57	4,578.88
East Barbourville	3,389.00	2,314.00
Himyar	0.00	0.00
Horn Branch	0.00	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Locust Grove	600.00	600.00
Northside	429.13	198.12
Old Flat Lick	0.00	0.00
Pine Chapel	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
River	314.00	102.00
Roadside	924.00	408.00
Salem Missionary	0.00	0.00
Salt Gum	114.98	111.65
Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00
Swan Pond	1,996.48	1,714.79
Turkey Creek	927.85	934.20
Union Mission Church	0.00	0.00
Walker	238.00	175.00
Warren	0.00	0.00
Young Grove	551.00	117.00
SUBTOTAL	44,476.33	42,805.22

OHIO COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Adaburg	171.03	0.00
Barnetts Creek	840.36	666.91
Beaver Dam	35,612.44	38,323.76
Bells Run	1,382.35	1,596.85
Centertown	2,460.53	2,481.96
Central Grove	73.04	0.00
Clear Run	1,383.41	995.78
Concord	1,250.38	1,702.32
Cool Springs	210.00	210.00
Ridgecrest	855.18	773.51
Deanfield	491.53	543.88
Dundee	731.00	210.55
East Fork	415.95	364.02
East Hartford	0.00	398.26
Fairview	1,037.00	917.00
Fordsville	10,381.45	11,060.30
Green River	4,267.47	3,290.89
Hartford	11,322.58	13,239.85
Independence	659.83	546.94
McGrady Creek	389.24	289.55
McHenry	2,163.00	2,036.00
Mt Carmel	10,253.39	9,691.16
Mt Zion	310.00	340.00
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	518.61	470.09
New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00
Olaton	390.50	262.75
Pleasant Grove	407.20	353.38
Pleasant Hill	511.70	555.55
Pond Run	2,517.58	1,727.57
Providence	1,251.11	1,344.14
Rockport	799.98	900.00
Rosine	30.00	0.00
Hartford Second	809.95	678.22
Slaty Creek	1,682.28	1,768.85
Smallhouse	415.50	342.82
Waltons Creek	553.62	455.63
West Point	1,429.78	1,545.13
West Providence	685.74	895.84
Woodwards Valley	539.14	494.47
Zion	4,675.48	4,764.53
SUBTOTAL	103,879.41	106,238.46

OHIO RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Baker	1,125.00	947.00
Calvary	352.17	333.77
Birdsville	207.00	217.10
Burna Community	150.00	350.00
Caldwell Springs	896.13	1,024.46
Carrsville Missionary	68.93	133.42
Cave Springs	184.00	51.00
Central	90.00	0.00
Corinth	350.00	300.00
Crooked Creek	993.28	1,056.91
Deer Creek	3,322.35	2,780.17
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	938.06	1,258.07
Dyer Hill	2,170.00	1,496.00
Emmanuel	3,563.74	3,190.49
Emmaus	105.00	78.00
Fellowship	955.93	711.00
Friendship	11,378.03	6,702.97
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	750.00	1,200.00
Hampton	1,558.35	1,378.63
Iuka	615.00	1,110.00
Lake City	3,519.25	3,927.88
Lola	276.39	300.36
Marion	35,711.65	35,377.00
Mexico	12,149.94	16,535.14
Mint Springs	277.91	86.00
Ohio Valley	1,091.00	2,539.00
Old Salem	4,470.08	4,960.24

	CP93	CP94
Pinckneyville	4,658.68	4,076.64
Repton	834.25	854.22
Salem	17,774.79	20,253.53
Marion Second	932.27	733.22
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Smithland First	1,725.00	1,750.00
Sugar Creek	1,351.00	1,509.00
Sulphur Springs	558.00	657.00
Tiline First	455.96	429.96
Union	1,978.99	4,303.74
Smithland Second	854.63	769.86
SUBTOTAL	118,392.76	123,381.78

OHIO VALLEY ASSOCIATION		
Bethany	8,535.72	242.22
Blackford	68.00	68.00
DeKoven	1,523.57	926.97
Clay First	13,403.20	13,022.43
Sturgis First	32,160.97	27,121.69
Grangertown First	6,890.73	6,667.19
Grove Center	704.42	100.00
Mt Olive Missionary	471.24	185.90
New Harmony	359.13	517.94
New Hopewell	522.78	669.80
Northside	352.80	0.00
Old Bethel	360.00	240.00
Pride	1,991.79	1,258.00
Sullivan	3,155.53	3,635.49
Uniontown	2,130.00	1,615.08
Calvary	30.00	60.00
Countryside	3,611.30	3,021.65
Whispering Meadows	0.00	25.00
Woodland	1,236.76	1,113.05
SUBTOTAL	77,507.94	60,490.41

OWEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION		
Beech Grove	666.40	706.06
Caney Fork	458.53	634.81
Cedar Hill	4,312.07	3,257.65
Concord	1,018.00	1,006.00
Dallasburg	5,438.91	636.18
Elk Lick	706.51	815.59
Owenton First	27,900.39	26,448.29
Gratz	0.00	432.35
Greenup Fork	1,194.00	978.00
Harmony	1,083.10	0.00
Long Ridge	4,521.00	5,553.90
Lusby Mill	2,804.61	3,144.60
Monterey	3,516.13	2,819.48
Mt Pleasant	1,254.45	1,472.34
Mussel Shoals	126.92	135.00
New Columbus	4,483.56	4,330.16
New Liberty	3,228.04	3,518.09
Old Cedar	849.39	785.01
Mt Zion	200.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,400.00	2,747.00
Richland	3,960.45	3,052.51
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	3,125.00	3,339.00
Sparta	546.84	427.65
Squiresville	1,882.00	2,019.00
SUBTOTAL	75,676.30	68,258.67

PIKE ASSOCIATION		
Aflex	1,200.00	1,200.00
Belfry First	3,208.98	4,073.15
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	1,564.06	553.67
Calvary Southern	1,910.00	2,204.00
Cumberland Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith Baptist Mission	1,828.60	2,880.91
Elkhorn City	2,995.60	2,727.24
Faith First	1,737.96	2,258.23
Jenkins First	3,848.52	4,585.67
Feds Creek	400.00	0.00
Pikeville First	29,540.59	27,661.76
Phelps First	362.20	334.02
Grace	4,299.43	4,511.31
Hellier	300.20	320.41
Immanuel	3,498.77	3,243.53
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	1,810.00	882.00
Meta	4,522.28	5,186.64
Mouthcard	5,423.40	4,631.76
McVeigh	2,712.00	2,300.45
Forest Hills First	2,288.30	3,467.89
Sidney Missionary	3,804.13	3,061.26
Stone	1,681.94	1,107.85
Sutton	1,903.01	1,403.65
Mayflower Unity	805.80	787.00
Virgie	3,303.37	3,579.90
SUBTOTAL	84,949.14	82,962.30

PINE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION		
Craft Colly	596.37	457.06
Deane	1,637.00	1,692.00
Fleming	1,670.15	1,805.67
Haymond	0.00	500.00
Mt Olivet	875.00	875.00
Big Leatherwood First	2,022.00	2,163.75
West Cumberland	358.66	538.18
SUBTOTAL	7,159.18	8,031.66

PULASKI ASSOCIATION		
Acorn	648.55	609.32
Bethany	1,212.00	1,412.00
Bethel	3,577.88	3,733.08
Antioch Shores Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	3,418.64	1,589.68
Bronston First	1,266.63	1,357.62
Buck Creek	0.00	65.55
Barnesburg	2,269.77	2,320.79
Burnetta	1,773.00	1,826.00
Calvary	5,525.00	5,596.00
Camp Ground	2,908.09	3,449.48
Cedar Point	1,435.00	1,233.00
Clifty Grove	224.00	244.00
Cumberland	264.30	284.44
Buena Vista	4,982.41	4,402.75
Duke Memorial	3,595.14	4,138.97
Denham Street	300.00	300.00
Eden	218.15	230.26
Eubank	2,789.47	1,964.15
Ferguson	4,712.74	4,581.99
Somerset First	111,735.61	99,787.13
Burnside First	1,060.00	1,020.00
Beacon Hill	28,198.43	52,973.18
Community Baptist Mission	380.31	486.09
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	2,036.00	1,956.00
Flat Rock	464.29	455.69
Floyd Switch	174.00	304.00
Glenwood	90.00	80.00
Green Grove	0.00	0.00
Good Hope	224.26	404.74
Sunrise	676.19	841.95
High Street	14,819.34	12,113.66
Jasper Bend	430.44	446.76
Hopeful	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	6,243.77	6,472.27
Immanuel	0.00	0.00
King Bee	307.68	281.00
Liberty	130.21	0.00

	CP93	CP94
Lakeside Baptist Mission	357.25	290.30
Malvin Hill	540.13	466.60
McKinney	120.00	120.00
Mt Pisgah	1,268.47	1,198.00
Neeley's Creek	640.56	702.23
Mt Union	723.00	768.00
Mt Victory	112.00	156.95
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	126.71	0.00
New Enterprise	627.00	555.00
Northside	7,866.38	6,212.69
Oak Grove #1	713.82	572.18
Oak Grove #2	441.00	395.00
Okalona	1,700.25	1,912.63
Piney Grove #2	1,177.96	1,019.67
Woodstock	4,647.00	4,571.00
Pleasant Hill	22,311.00	23,702.20
Pleasant Run	1,666.00	2,050.00
Pleasant View	2,581.72	1,835.74
Pulaski	720.46	767.81
Quinton	556.22	473.95
Rock Lick	2,046.47	2,271.50
Sinking Valley	797.00	764.00
Slate Branch	1,056.04	1,255.13
Sloans Valley	1,004.35	904.23
Sunnyside	757.78	777.25
SUBTOTAL	262,649.87	270,703.61

RED RIVER ASSOCIATION		
Beattyville	1,607.81	1,805.90
Brush Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Campton	2,708.51	1,210.92
Little Cane Creek	89.08	108.79
Faith Baptist Church	1,891.87	2,028.51
Jackson First	0.00	3,400.61
Frenchburg	3,414.20	3,284.45
Stanton	4,147.02	3,473.90
West Liberty First	1,584.26	2,806.00
SUBTOTAL	15,442.75	18,119.08

ROCKCASTLE ASSOCIATION		
Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	3,959.99	5,634.20
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	23.63	171.86
Copper Creek Missionary	45.34	0.00
Fairview	1,799.15	838.90
Mt Vernon First	15,279.80	16,033.54
Flat Rock	150.00	150.00
Freedom	1,560.00	2,540.00
Livingston	311.19	258.32
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Mareburg	1,241.00	1,297.00
Mt Pleasant	1,530.00	1,570.00
Mt Zion	270.00	219.0

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	CP93	CP94
Ryans Creek	183.29	181.54
Tannery Hollow	360.00	360.00
Saxton	718.50	252.40
Wolf Creek	487.84	436.80
Youngs Creek	96.77	0.00
SUBTOTAL	3,317.65	3,606.20

SULPHUR FORK ASSOCIATION

Antioch	0.00	0.00
Ballardsville	10,306.00	8,805.22
Bedford	3,600.00	4,917.00
Buckner	3,890.74	4,693.11
Corn Creek	0.00	219.57
Covington	516.68	381.59
Crestwood	24,745.95	23,615.46
DeHaven Memorial	20,520.48	22,742.26
Eighteen Mile	141.50	189.17
Harrods Creek	0.00	250.00
LaGrange Heights	1,105.50	581.12
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Milton	3,185.38	2,945.36
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00
Providence	1,394.24	1,865.68
Rolling Hills Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Sligo	4,151.88	4,129.47
Union Grove	263.00	135.00
Westport	4,450.00	6,113.35
SUBTOTAL	78,271.35	81,583.36

TATES CREEK ASSOCIATION

Berea	20,399.60	15,843.53
Bethel	961.06	1,422.10
Bethlehem	600.00	600.00
Blue Lick	226.45	191.35
Broadway	924.00	926.00
Calvary	242.00	339.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	1,975.70	3,633.12
Emmanuel	2,644.16	2,431.07
Unity	846.62	1,270.56
Richmond First	46,023.89	44,852.40
Fellowship	584.63	758.12
Freedom	150.00	150.00
Galilee	908.27	489.52
Gilberts Creek	100.00	100.00
Gilead	90.00	90.00
Gethsemane	2,006.00	1,522.00
Good Hope	704.16	1,818.43
Harris Memorial	521.00	0.00
Hays Fork	2,100.36	2,070.50
Kirksville	6,090.75	7,094.55
Knob Lick	277.35	0.00
Liberty Avenue	2,060.70	2,207.95
Liberty	60.00	60.00
Linden Street	0.00	121.00
Middletown	2,210.77	2,501.49
Mt Tabor	2,939.25	3,240.30
Peytontown	574.48	566.97
Pilot Knob	135.00	180.00
Red House	10,165.02	11,606.02
Rosedale	8,018.63	7,386.64
Upper Silver Creek	2,678.45	4,114.88
Red Lick	60.00	60.00
Stoney Run	0.00	0.00
Owsley Fork	1,184.00	777.00
Tates Creek	1,938.31	1,803.68
Union City	4,025.91	4,031.09
Valley View	30.00	25.00
Viney Fork	1,024.44	1,273.58
Waco	12,821.63	11,541.19
Wallacetown	1,989.51	1,624.59
Westside	1,886.17	2,111.12
White Hall Baptist Mission	69.37	289.55
White Lick	2,309.07	2,626.00
SUBTOTAL	144,556.71	143,750.30

TAYLOR COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Campbellsville	79,979.37	62,634.01
Acton	0.00	474.33
Eastside	275.00	200.00
Elk Horn	12,723.40	11,697.57
Fairview	468.02	467.46
Friendship	2,597.00	3,041.00
Good Hope	9,609.31	7,473.69
Green River Memorial	6,374.16	5,644.54
Liberty	1,742.10	1,936.30
Meadowview	1,183.11	1,285.17
Mt Gilboa	2,718.53	2,844.96
Palestine	14,984.67	15,605.02
Pitman Valley	100.00	120.00
Pleasant Hill	20,101.42	18,569.70
Robinson Creek	5,593.37	3,100.85
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	150.00	150.00
South Campbellsville	4,225.83	5,785.01
Salem	6,204.96	5,595.03
Saloma	1,788.49	1,649.77
Lowell Avenue	9,220.88	8,631.26
Yuma	998.59	959.83
SUBTOTAL	181,038.21	157,865.50

TEN MILE ASSOCIATION

Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	484.95	595.08
Glencoe	4,194.17	4,258.40
Macedonia	5,497.57	5,939.58
Mt Zion	2,056.40	1,829.00
New Bethel	7,676.85	7,362.61
Oakland	1,141.37	1,412.00
Paint Lick	3,675.23	3,242.49
Pleasant Home	5,194.02	5,629.34
Crane Creek	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	1,395.00	1,367.00
Stewartsville	637.68	738.23
Ten Mile	4,591.45	4,110.00
Vine Run	5,819.92	6,334.72
Warsaw	5,475.00	6,212.00
SUBTOTAL	47,839.61	49,030.45

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

Airport Gardens	175.00	875.00
Berean	120.00	80.00
Big Creek	5,546.30	3,930.88
Bluegrass	0.00	0.00
Blackey	0.00	195.00
Caney	537.10	553.81
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	120.00	120.00
Emmanuel	3,266.00	3,401.42
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Hazard First	18,505.78	10,460.92
Hindman First	9,725.25	9,504.16
Wooton First	328.00	804.00
First Creek	944.52	511.94
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	2,285.74	1,994.88
Jeremiah Missionary	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	250.00	300.00

	CP93	CP94
Lothair	2,281.68	1,938.69
McIntosh	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	2,106.64	2,335.00
Mousie First	204.62	208.00
Muncy Creek	438.00	205.00
Premium	1,731.00	2,104.00
Petrey Memorial	3,887.63	3,607.70
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Jeff Missionary	768.00	626.00
Rockhouse	961.04	1,372.71
Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Upper Second Creek	511.06	458.90
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Smithsboro	5,723.21	5,963.98
Typo	0.00	0.00
Vico	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	17,514.59	17,381.43
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	77,931.16	68,933.42

UNION ASSOCIATION

Beaver	2,002.28	1,797.64
Berlin	351.25	492.69
Berry	0.00	0.00
Red Creek	2,403.20	2,543.63
Butler	1,100.90	1,368.34
Cynthiana	20,940.95	22,881.38
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	5,624.47	5,240.61
Forest Hill	0.00	0.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	120.00	120.00
Oakwood	200.00	0.00
Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00
Richland	0.00	0.00
Union	674.00	674.00
Willow	552.65	966.19
SUBTOTAL	34,989.70	37,104.48

UPPER CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

Ages	0.00	0.00
Black Mountain	126.34	142.74
Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,000.00	1,200.00
Central	5,624.87	5,126.00
Chevrolet	439.44	424.24
Clospint	300.00	300.00
Cloverfork	300.00	300.00
Coxton	120.00	20.00
Dione	2,052.00	930.00
Elcomb	1,537.45	1,897.61
Evarts	3,173.96	3,450.49
Cumberland	719.00	1,576.00
Baxter First	851.22	777.30
Loyall First	8,640.97	8,859.76
Verda First	0.00	0.00
Friendship	753.53	630.88
Harlan	21,098.63	23,686.82
Huff Settlement	139.98	113.95
Jones Creek Missionary	13.47	0.00
Kelly Street	1,424.99	1,435.21
Lenarue	416.22	565.94
Liggett	294.82	476.40
Locust Grove Missionary	250.00	300.00
Lynch	300.00	250.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
North Evarts	0.00	0.00
Pansy	1,034.10	1,015.00
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney	462.33	213.41
Red Bud Missionary	0.00	0.00
River Ridge Missionary	0.00	0.00
Riverside	238.51	475.74
Sunshine	1,398.58	1,239.47
Teetersville	4,965.97	3,223.95
Totz	1,678.46	1,519.89
Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00
Wallins	917.86	1,390.08
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	101.00	200.00
SUBTOTAL	60,373.70	61,740.88

WARREN ASSOCIATION

Andrew	100.00	250.00
Barren River	938.42	1,559.91
Bethany	2,236.93	2,644.13
Bethel	0.00	525.00
Burton Memorial	3,506.53	3,447.15
Calvary	5,642.77	0.00
Cedar Bluff	273.64	304.76
Brownsville	3,000.00	3,100.00
Clear Fork	3,407.28	3,148.41
Dedicated	219.82	168.00
Eastwood	31,380.15	31,821.89
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	26,654.61	24,406.99
Forest Park	9,235.06	9,701.97
Friendship	730.37	611.78
Glen Lily	1,022.30	1,033.30
Glendale	849.06	639.52
Greenwood	8,262.40	7,528.66
Hall Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	187.26	223.83
Hillvue Heights	1,338.77	2,308.45
Iva	0.00	46.00
Jackson Grove	457.97	222.52
Hillview	60.00	0.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	31,788.36	49,666.15
New Gasper	400.00	0.00
Martinsville Missionary	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	1,590.52	1,669.86
Oak Forest Missionary	636.07	652.26
Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Oakland	4,227.69	6,215.39
Plano	1,080.00	1,279.00
Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	46.87	0.00
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	4,562.99	4,495.26
Rich Pond	12,287.68	11,809.05
Richardsville	428.00	674.00
Rocky Springs	669.58	618.66
Smiths Grove	4,452.52	4,627.97
White Stone Quarry	367.00	147.00
Woodburn	5,300.00	5,446.45
SUBTOTAL	167,340.72	180,993.32

WAYNE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Big Sinking	0.00	0.00
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Cooper	405.00	540.00
Elk Spring Valley	3,333.00	4,522.85
Gap Creek	569.00	451.00
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	150.00	150.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Meadow Creek	150.00	125.00
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	9,300.00	9,300.00
Mt Zion	2,928.00	2,635.00

	CP93	CP94
New Charity	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,123.00	1,409.00
Newtown	744.00	354.00
Oak Grove	260.00	300.00
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	250.00	25.00

Youth Ranch honors founders

ELIZABETHTOWN—Five Elizabethtown men, whose dream to help young people resulted in what is now the Baptist Youth Ranch, were honored April 16 as part of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's 125th anniversary celebration.

Judge R.R. Thomas, Port Wheeler, Hugh Gwynn, Bill Swope and the late Glen Hodge Sr. were recognized as the driving forces behind the beginning of the home, which opened in 1977 as an independent youth outreach and became part of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in 1981.

Of the five men, Thomas, Wheeler and Gwynn attended the celebration, where Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children President Curtis Mooney praised them for their vision.

"We are here today because of the vision these men had for meeting the needs of abandoned and abused boys of this area," Mooney said. "Since the work began, there have been literally hundreds of boys who have been helped."

The concept emerged from a 1976 Christian Fellowship Breakfast, where several people noted a need for a facility to help boys in the area.

The Youth Ranch works with up to 10 boys at a time who are in need of special therapeutic treatment. The boys range in age from 13-18 and typically come from backgrounds of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect.

The men were recognized as part of the 125th anniversary celebration activities for Kentucky Baptist

Homes for Children, which was founded in 1869.

The Elizabethtown event was the first of nine that will be held across the state this year.

The next celebration is scheduled for the Big Sandy area at First Baptist Church in Pikeville May 14.



BALLOON BOUND Strutter the Clown helps two members of his audience find their way out of a tangle of balloons during Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's recent 125th birthday celebration at the Baptist Youth Ranch in Elizabethtown.

Willing to lead

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children celebrates 125 years of caring for children this year. On April 16 we held the first of nine birthday parties. This one was held at the Baptist Youth Ranch in Elizabethtown. We had an excellent day with entertainment ranging from gospel music to "Strutter" the clown.

In the family room at the Youth Ranch, I noticed a shovel marked with the date May 17, 1977, hanging over the fireplace. The shovel is symbolic of the beginning of the program through the leadership of five men 17 years ago. I thought about the many hours of planning, sweat and worry each of those men must have put into making a new ministry come to life.

Later I had the opportunity to meet three of the men—Judge R. R. Thomas, Port Wheeler, and Hugh Gwynn—and give them a certificate of appreciation for their work on behalf of children. Glen Hodge, Sr., another of the original five, is deceased, and Bill Swope could not be with us.

I have tremendous admiration for these men, for the women who began the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home 125 years ago, and

for each of the individuals who had a part in founding our other programs. To begin a work, to build a building, to set up the original board, to hire the staff and to secure the funding all takes enormous effort. It is no easy task to go out on a limb and say, "I want to do something for children and I will make a personal commitment to see that it happens."

Judge Thomas said in his remarks to our group that there were many obstacles to overcome in beginning the program. But the reality he noted is that because the effort was made then, there is now in place a tremendous program that meets the needs of boys who are hurting.

As we concluded our recognition time, I could not help but think of the hundreds of boys over the past 17 years who have been served because those five men were willing to step forward and say, "We will do something for children. We will build them a home."

I'm so glad they did!

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

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Curtis C. Mooney

Kentuckians help prepare new resource packet about AIDS

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Three Kentuckians have played leading roles in preparing a resource packet for AIDS ministry published by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The trio—Bill Amos, James Hyde and Nancy Miller, all of Louisville—will lead AIDS-related seminars during the Fellowship's general assembly May 5-7 in Greensboro, N.C., said Carolyn Dipboye of Oak Ridge, Tenn., co-chair of the organization's ethics and public policy ministry group.

"HIV/AIDS Ministry: Putting a Face on AIDS" is the ministry group's first resource packet, Dipboye said.

The packet includes practical teaching helps, a glossary of terms, a listing of organizations offering further information and assistance, and an annotated bibliography.

The project was chaired by Hyde, director of the ethics and pastoral counseling program at the University of Louisville, and Miller, mother of a son killed by the virus and an AIDS educator.

The packet includes articles by

eight writers, she said. Hyde studies "the distinctive nature of the grief experienced by persons living with AIDS and its implications for pastoral ministry," Dipboye said. Miller suggests church ministries to help families of AIDS victims. Amos, an author, counselor, former pastor and current doctoral student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, proposes ministries to AIDS victims and guidelines for church day-care programs.

Amos, Hyde and Miller's seminars at the Fellowship meeting will be "When AIDS Came to Our House" and "When AIDS Comes to Church."

One of three documentaries to be shown at the meeting will tell the story of Belinda Smith, a young Baptist mother and AIDS educator from eastern Kentucky who died after she contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion.

The resource packet can be purchased for \$7 at the Fellowship seminars or for \$10 from the Fellowship office at Box 450329, Atlanta, Ga. 30345-0329.

Pavy named campus minister at Campbellsville

CAMPBELLSVILLE—Ed Pavy, a veteran Kentucky Baptist minister of education and youth, has been named campus minister at Campbellsville College in Campbellsville effective May 1.

Pavy's position carries dual appointment—with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, which supports campus ministers across the state, and with Campbellsville College, a KBC school.

Pavy has been minister of education and youth at Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville since 1989. Previously, he held similar positions at First Baptist Church of Williamsburg and Jeffersontown Baptist Church in Jeffersontown.

He has been a part-time Baptist Student Union director at Union College in Barbourville and a summer missionary.

He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Emily Brook and E.J.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Day care director, salary negotiable and based on experience. Send resumé to Personnel Committee, Lynn Acres Baptist Church, 5007 Southside Dr., Louisville, KY 40214.

FOR SALE: PA/sound system, 6-channel, 6300 Sound Tech, 125 watts per channel, 2 JBL cabinets, 4 mikes, all cords included. \$1,200. (502) 538-8321.

SEEKING: Cloverport Baptist Church is seeking a part-time minister of youth and music (25-30 hrs/wk). Apartment and utilities provided. Send resumé to Cloverport Baptist Church, Cloverport, KY 40111. Phone (502) 788-6650.

AVAILABLE: Kentuckian serving in Canada last 2-1/2 years seeks pastor's position. Relocating to be closer to family. SBC seminary graduate. Nine years experience. Outreach, family oriented. Information: call (502) 358-3554, ask for John.

WANTED: Part-time minister of music/youth. Green Acres Baptist Church. Send resumé to Don Barnett, Personnel Chairman, 6310 Gayle Dr., Louisville, KY 40219. (502) 452-3287.

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KENTUCKY KERNELS

The presidential mansion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, built in 1913, is a duplicate of "Homewood," a famous residence built in Baltimore, by one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Louisville residence was built by one of Carroll's granddaughters, who was married to the Episcopal bishop of Kentucky. The home on Lexington Road was purchased in 1943 by Baptist layman V.V. Cooke and then given to the seminary as a home for the school of church music. It became the president's home in 1960.

Source: *Southern Seminary*

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CAMPBELLSBURG**—Cove Hill Church called **Larry Inman Jr.** as pastor April 10. He currently is a student at Southern Seminary.

■ **CLINTON**—West Kentucky Baptist Association's semi-annual meeting marked three major events. The Associational Center at Clinton, containing offices, a media library and an Elisha Room for guests, entered in 1989, was dedicated with a note-burning. An associational partnership covenant with Booneville-Irvine Baptist Association in eastern Kentucky was adopted. And a Book of Remembrance was presented to West Ken-

tucky Director of Missions **Charles Blair** containing letters from many of his ordination on the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—St. Matthews Church called **Joyce Oliver** as interim minister of education and administration April 10.

Buechel Park Church ordained **Julia Yuen** to the gospel ministry April 17. Yuen is currently minister to children and a student at Southern Seminary.

■ **NICHOLASVILLE**—**Ed Pavy** resigned as minister of education at Edgewood Church to become BSU

Former pastor and KBC president Harold Wainscott dies March 21

COVINGTON—Harold Wainscott, retired pastor and former Kentucky Baptist Convention president, died of cancer March 21. He was 76.

A graduate of Georgetown College in Georgetown and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Wainscott served as pastor of a number of Kentucky Baptist churches. Most recently, these include Florence Baptist, Central Baptist in Corbin, First Baptist in Pikeville, Third Baptist in Owensboro, and Latonia Baptist in

Covington, from which he retired in 1981.

Wainscott was president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1971-72, and an instructor at Southern Seminary's Boyce Bible School. He received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Georgetown College in 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Cornelia Wainscott; a daughter, Harolyn Sharrpe of Shelbyville; two granddaughters; his mother, Lillian Wainscott of Newport; two brothers; and two sisters.

campus minister at Campbellsville College.

■ **OWENSBORO**—**Robert Jolly** resigned as pastor of Buena Vista Church to become pastor of First Church in Cumming, Ga.

■ **PERRYVILLE**—Beech Grove Church will celebrate its founding May 29, beginning at 10:15 a.m. There will be a 2 p.m. service after lunch.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—Salem Church called **Troy Bryant**, of Dublin, Ga., as part-time minister of youth and children. Bryant is currently a student at Southern Seminary.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **Robert and Margaret Fortenberry**, missionaries to Botswana, have arrived on the field at P.O. Box 1559, Gaborone, Botswana. She was

born in Elizabethtown.

■ **Robert and Mavis Hardy**, missionaries in East Asia, are in the States at 3149 Dolly Ridge Dr., Birmingham, Ala. 35242. He is a native of Logan County.

■ **Robert and Lisa Moor**, missionaries to Tanzania, are on the field at Box 1099, Bukoba, Tanzania. He was born in Louisville.

■ **James and Jenny Musen**, missionaries to Kenya, are on the field at P.O. Box 426, Ukunda, Kenya. He was born in Boyd County and lived in Ashland. She was born in Bowling Green and lived in Smiths Grove and Center.

■ **Brad and Sally Womble**, missionaries to Niger Republic, are on the field at B.P. 10038, Niamey, Niger Republic. Hopkinsville is her home.

70-year-old Sunday school teacher creates 'Life of Christ' exhibit

SOMERSET—A storage room at Duke Memorial Baptist Church in Somerset has been transformed into a men's Sunday school classroom and an exhibit area about the life of Christ.

Norfleet Godby, who teaches a small Sunday school class of adult men at the church, volunteered to move to a smaller classroom to allow space for other classes that were growing and needing more space.

The room they received actually was an "abandoned library" being used for a storage room, Godby explained. Members painted and cleaned it out, clearing all the stored

material from the shelves.

"As the Christmas season drew near, I used the nativity scene and other Christmas decorations" to decorate the shelves, Godby said. "It occurred to me, Why not extend the exhibit to include the complete life of Christ?"

Godby led a search for figures, pictures and other items delineating significant events throughout the life of Jesus. The result was a permanent exhibit.

Godby, who is 70 years old, has served many years in the church as teacher, music director and choir member.

Drama and bridge builders at Oneida

Shakespeare wrote, "All the world is a stage." That may be true. Our script as Christians should be the Bible, the word of God. We should want our roles to be portrayed as spotless before God. He is our director, leading and guiding us.

At times we feel that the "show" (our lives) is in trouble. But with the Lord we are forgiven and put back on the path to stardom with him. Our goal, when the curtain goes down on our lives, is to have acted in accordance with his word. Have our lives honored God?

Each student who comes to Oneida is given an opportunity for a new beginning. Each student is given a chance to succeed. There are no small roles in God's kingdom. He loves each of us the same. As a staff member at Oneida, I was given a chance, a new beginning, an opportunity to succeed. Barkley Moore offered me the privilege to serve here at Oneida.

I answered God's call to serve and I haven't been the same since. I surrendered to a call to missions years ago and the Lord led me to Oneida. The drama program at Oneida is my mission.

Each student who comes to Oneida learns discipline. It takes discipline for the drama student to memorize lines, to overcome stage fright and to make it through long play rehearsals. But when everything is ready and the young actors step out on the stage and give it their best, they feel they have done a huge accomplishment. They learn what the Scripture says: "Everything thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

The Oneida players perform two productions each year. Some of our favorites have been "The Body and the Wheel" (a passion play), "Oklaho-

ma," "The Sound of Music," "The King and I," "A Man Called Peter," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Harvey," "Tom Sawyer," "The Robe," "Anne of Green Gables," "The Miracle Worker," "The Homecoming," "Where the Lilies Bloom" and "A Christmas Carol."

We are now in full swing with rehearsals for our spring production, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." The musical will be presented May 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. Plan to join us.

We now turn from drama to bridge building.

Eleven of our more advanced drafting students recently prepared model bridges for the annual contest sponsored by the J.B. Speed School of Engineering in Louisville. Schools from across the state were invited to participate. Bridges were constructed from about 3 ounces of balsa wood and were judged on ultimate load and efficiency of structure.

Students were limited to the packet of materials provided by the contest. They had to build bridges to match predetermined load points.

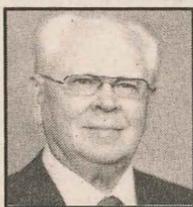
Oneida won the highest team average efficiency rating. Varonk Kulviriyavanich constructed our winning bridge, earning first place in both load and efficiency categories. Varonk's bridge held 371 pounds with an efficiency rating of 1,748 times its own weight.

Thanai Baingern won second place in efficiency with a bridge holding 262 pounds. Allen Rice won third place with a structure holding 247 pounds.

Written by *Debbie Winters*, drama coach, and *John Smith*, drafting teacher, with *Denise Spencer*

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

THIS IS ONEIDA



A.B. Colvin

Women in ministry

On the day senior Nancy Stephens spoke in chapel, a letter came from "a Christian woman" stating she would no longer support Clear Creek because of "your lack of support for women in ministry." The writer knows neither me nor Clear Creek. I certainly wish she could meet Nancy Stephens.

Nancy never attended church until a teen-ager and only heard God's name taken in vain. At age 18 she married "a good, godly man. He led but never pushed me toward Christ. Through his influence I came to know the Lord. Coming from a family with a cruel father, it was difficult to think of a Heavenly Father who really loved me."

When her husband announced his call to the ministry, her first thought was "Ed, you're crazy! You have obviously misunderstood." Ed is legally blind. With the help of family and other students, he commuted to Clear Creek his first year. Nancy stayed in Northern Kentucky, working, trying to hold the family together, dealing with a son who was into drugs, but still rebelling against God's call. She remembers the Lord called her name softly one morning and said her place was at her husband's side.

Nancy came to stand by her husband's side but also in answer to God's call to prepare herself for a ministry of her own. As a high school dropout and out of school for 20 years, she wondered if she could do it.

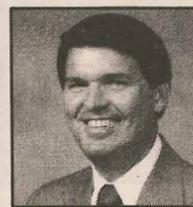
"Does God call women to minister?" Nancy asked. Her response is mine. "Yes. I do not believe he calls them to pastor churches, but

they do have many other opportunities to serve. Preaching isn't the only thing. I intend to walk by my husband's side and to be a ministry team. I am thankful for most of the men at Clear Creek who have accepted me as a partner in ministry."

Nancy and Ed graduate May 6. She represents an emphasis Clear Creek has had since its founding. All of our classes are open to women. We have never made ordination the basis for breaking fellowship. I could write many columns about women who have graduated from Clear Creek and hold critical ministry positions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. We are grateful to fulfill the biblical mandate to train all whom the churches send our way.

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky. 40972

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

MINISTRY

Time will open doors for public housing ministries

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Public housing residents "have had their fill of people coming into the community for a short while to make themselves feel good," Marshall Truehill said. "You have to stay long-term to make a difference."

Truehill, a Southern Baptist who was raised in New Orleans public housing, now works with Faith in Action Evangelistic Team and Baptist Mission. The group challenges Christians to minister in public housing projects, which Truehill calls "some of the nation's most troubled communities."

Single adults at New Orleans' First Baptist Church accepted Truehill's challenge three years ago by beginning Saturday morning Bible studies and recreational activities at the Florida Housing Project. The sessions have become a church-wide project supported by deacons and the church budget.

The first week 110 children attended, and attendance now reaches nearly 300 every week. Classes range from groups of 25 preschoolers to 40 teen-age boys. The program was a model for participants in a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board conference in March.

Volunteers from First Baptist admit it took several weeks to work out logistics such as scheduling and preparing sack lunches. It also took a while to establish discipline, but now the children's worst punishment is to be sent home.

Martha James, one of the first volunteers for the program, said behavior problems are usually attempts to get attention. "All they need is love," she said.

Mary Smith, another long-term volunteer, said anyone could be part of such a ministry. "One thing you can do is hug. God can use anyone with a willing heart."

Volunteers who make long-term commitments to public housing ministries need a break from the responsibility, Truehill said. No volunteer works at the New Orleans site every Saturday, because they need leisure time for themselves and time with their families, he said.

In addition to Saturday morning activities, a church meets on the Florida housing property every Sunday. One member is the resident council president, who made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ after observing a volunteer explain the plan of salvation with a bracelet.

The resident council is typically elected by residents to represent their interests to the housing authority and other officials. Establishing a good relationship with the resident council is essential to a successful ministry, Truehill said.

Before starting a ministry at a public housing project, ask council members how the church can serve residents, Truehill suggested. Match their needs with the church's abilities, but do not make any promises to the resi-

dent council, he said.

The resident council will probably be the group to determine what facilities the church can use, if any, and what times and days the building is available. At the Florida Housing Project, the church uses a community building on the property.

Another important contact is the housing authority, Truehill said. The government group responsible for the public housing will be concerned about liability, he said.

ABCs of housing ministry

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Four objectives of a public housing ministry can be remembered as "ABCD," said Marshall Truehill, who works for a New Orleans organization called Faith in Action.

The four objectives are:

- Affirm residents. Help them understand God loves them, the volunteers love them and they are worth loving. Foster higher self-esteem and build relationships.
- Bless residents by providing

things such as food and clothing. People in public housing communities "have tremendous needs, and you won't be successful in ministry without meeting the physical needs," Truehill explained.

■ Congregationalize residents by involving them in an existing church or starting a church for them.

■ Develop the community. Acquire and install recreational equipment and clean up the area.



Multi-housing ministries often require multiple approaches

HOUSTON (BP)—Multi-housing ministers deal with extremes. They often encounter small groups, big problems and unexpected results.

Stan Felder is an example. He wanted to lead a big congregation. Instead he started an outreach in Houston's Springbrook apartment complex, known for the lowest rent in the area.

They average 30 at services, but 140 people made professions of faith in Christ the first year.

"It's more like a family than a church," said Felder, a special education teacher. "We do stuff all week long."

"When families move in," he explained, "they can't move out. There's no place to go ... unless they get a better job."

Felder said he encourages the residents to memorize Scripture.

"It dawned on me that our teaching won't change their lives," he explained. "It's the word of God."

Several young people in the mission can quote the book of Philippians. One boy memorized the books of James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter and 1 John.

They started seven years ago as part of the Westview apartment missions, an outreach of First Baptist Church in Houston.

"We couldn't bus everybody to church," Felder recalled. So they decided to have services at the complex. The manager liked the results and furnished a free apartment for the group.

Since then they've gone through 22 managers and three owners. Some were hostile.

"We've almost been kicked out three times," Felder said.

They even had their last service one day and started loading furniture. Then word came giving them permission to stay.

"When the mission field moves in, most Baptist churches move out," Harvey Kneisel said. "We're utilizing the mission field that's there."

Kneisel is minister of missions at First Baptist in Houston. He helped start the apartment outreach nine years ago at Westview Baptist Center. Then they had 90 people at services in apartment complexes around Houston; now there are 2,500.

Felder helped 13 students enter

Baptist colleges from his church. Now seven of those feel a divine call to full-time Christian service. Springbrook also has licensed three young men to preach.

"We've seen such a small group go so far," Felder said, adding, "They're not average Christians."

At the other end of the country, another church planter tries to adjust to the change in multi-housing.

Bill Moore wants to start a new mission in Missoula County, Mont.—and is using bridge spikes and blue tarp. A mobile home park there doesn't have a building for meetings.

"(It's) probably the worst area in our whole community for abused children, home life and stealing," he said.

Moore is a retired church planter. His latest project is in West View Mobile Home park, with 385 units and 1,330 people.

"It's bigger than many Montana towns," Moore explained.

One in four Montana residents now lives in a mobile home. Building costs are high. Available land is scarce.

Missoula County has grown from 53,000 to 70,000 in the last five years.

"It's hard to pull them out of the trailer park to get them in church," Moore added. "But the people have said they would go to church—if it was in the park."

Other missionaries agree. The people in multi-housing areas are interested when the church goes to them. Barbara Oden is trying to do that in New York City.

She's helped start 32 apartment congregations in Houston and is co-author of the book, "Multihousing Congregations."

"The needs of people are basically the same," Oden said. "People in New York City are sick of the crime ... They're looking for somebody to come along with a change."

Several churches in the south Bronx want to start an outreach in high-rise apartments. Oden is setting up a school for lay missions in multi-housing. Building managers there welcome any program for residents.

"The pastors are real open," said Oden. "It's going to take all of us ... to get the job done."

ACTIVE LEARNING Donna Bass (center) leads a group of girls in a Bible study at the Florida Housing Project in New Orleans. Organizers say effective ministry in public housing requires a long-term commitment. Bass, a member of First Baptist Church of New Orleans, has volunteered in the Saturday morning Bible studies for two years.

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