

FOR THE RECORD

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Parents find faith amid son's drug abuse

By Dianne Shaw Casolaro
Freelance Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Royce and Sandra Watkins know that successful careers, a nice home and positions of church leadership don't exclude Christians from struggles.

The Southern Baptist couple from Birmingham, Ala., had all these things and more, yet they faced a silent battle. They watched, prayed, cried and wrestled as their oldest son, Tim, struggled with drug abuse for three years.

They could not understand why God didn't take Tim's addiction away, even after he became a Christian. Finally, Tim's drug dependence led to his death from an overdose in late 1988.

The Watkinses, Louisiana residents at the time, were in Birmingham on business when they learned of their son's death. A phone call from their

pastor, Fred Lowery of First Baptist Church in Bozier City, La., gave Sandra the staggering news her 20-year-old son had died.

Tim and two friends had a party in the Dallas apartment Royce had rented in preparation for the family's move there. The friends were unable to wake Tim after a night of illicit drug use.

Upon receiving the heart-wrenching phone call, Sandra recounted: "I was so stricken with grief and surprise. I just said, 'Jesus.' I felt warmth surround me. I knew he was really there with me all the time."

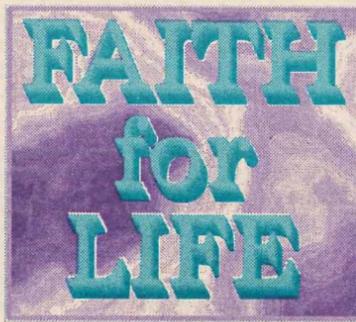
Almost immediately there came a knock at the door of Sandra's hotel

room. The maid, who was a Christian, responded to her tears and offered comfort.

"Certainly you question God" in such situations, Royce said. Over a period of three years "you think 'Enough already!'"

Because of his son's weakness, Royce also questioned himself as a parent, wondering if he could have acted differently to prevent the drug abuse.

Royce said he never understood the hold drugs can have on people, even though he is national sales manager for a pharmaceutical company. Drugs took away Tim's ambition and changed his per-



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Beware threat of litigation, churches told

NASHVILLE (BP)—Churches will face an increased likelihood of litigation in the remainder of the 1990s, according to an expert in church law and tax matters.

Richard Hammar, an attorney and editor of "Church Law and Tax Report" of Matthews, N.C., said he believes litigation will intensify because an increasing number of people are training for the legal profession and because of recent trends in litigation.

Hammar addressed 100 church staff members attending a recent seminar on "Legal Issues in the Church," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

As civil lawsuits against churches become increasingly common, larger churches face the biggest threat, he said.

A 1993 legal survey done by "Church Law and Tax Report" found a direct correlation between the size of a church and the amount of damages it pays in civil suits. Larger churches routinely must pay more in damages than smaller churches for the same act, he said.

The survey found churches have been sued for disputes involving employees, membership, clergy, property, zoning, taxes, personal injury and sexual misconduct.

Hammar said churches may be vulnerable to litigation on sexual misconduct in four areas: sexual contact with a preadolescent, sexual contact with a teen, seduction and harassment.

Churches are uniquely vulnerable to sexual misconduct charges, he said, because they are "institutions of trust, and predators use this to their advantage."

Churches are particularly vulnerable if they have no screening procedures for those who work with children, Hammar advised.

Churches may be found liable through negligence in selection, supervision or retention of those

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READY TO WAIT Teen-agers from Shively Baptist Church in Louisville eagerly show off the rings they're wearing as reminders of their pledge to abstain from sex outside of marriage. More than 70 Shively youth have signed abstinence pledges as part of the national "True Love Waits" campaign. Fifty of those teens received these symbolic rings from their parents in a recent ceremony at the church. The commitment service capped a weeklong "True Love Waits" emphasis, which included Bible study, music and educational sessions for both youth and parents.

Barna calls America's spiritual state 'Absolute Confusion'

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

GLENDALE, Calif.—America's moral and spiritual condition could best be described as "Absolute Confusion," according to pollster George Barna.

That's the title of his new book, the third in a series of annual profiles of American attitudes on a wide range of issues.

There's good news and bad news for the church in this report.

The good news is that there is plenty of room for the church to make a significant impact on a deteriorating culture, Barna writes. "Millions of

adults are desperately seeking the keys that will unlock the secrets to achieve significance in life and bring them greater fulfillment. ... Comparatively few have arrived at what is deemed to be a reasonable or satisfying conclusion."

But the bad news is that the church hasn't fared well in influencing society so far, he adds.

With that in mind, he offers nine challenges to Christians, based on findings from this year's report and previous reports:

■ **Churches need strong leaders.** "The need for strong, visionary leaders is acute," he notes. "To revolutionize a secularized culture such as ours,

we need the cream of the crop at the helm of each church, to motivate, encourage and direct our ministry energies."

In another of his books, "Today's Pastors," Barna gives further explanation to this challenge: "Our churches are failing to have much influence because we have good-hearted, well-intentioned pastors in our churches, who, by their own admission, do not possess the ability to lead people."

■ **Teach the basics.** "Before we can hope to create a church that is a spiritual force to be reckoned with, the people who are the church must have a solid comprehension of what they believe and why," Barna sug-

gests.

The problem today, he explains, is that most church members don't know the basics of the faith they espouse. And in real life, Christians make decisions off-the-cuff, without any sense of a holistic, biblical worldview, he says.

■ **Focus on the unchurched.** The American church is ministering on automatic pilot, Barna charges, rather than by the Great Commission.

"Evangelistically, we have a terrible track record. Concerning discipleship, our record is no better," he adds.

Meanwhile, one of every four American adults is unchurched, and

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BAPTISTS

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■ **Dan Quayle** will autograph his newly published book, "Standing Firm," at the Southern Baptist Convention bookstore in Orlando, Fla., June 14. The visit is part of the former vice president's national tour to promote his memoirs, published by Zondervan.

■ **The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship** will host two events during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., next month. On June 13 and 14, the Fellowship will host a hospitality room at the Clarion Hotel. On June 14, the Fellowship will sponsor a luncheon and dialogue session at College Park Baptist Church.

■ **The Baptist World Alliance** is providing relief funds to Rwandan Baptists and ministries to Rwandan refugees. Contributions may be sent in care of Baptist World Aid, 6733 Curran St., McLean, Va. 22101.

■ **Racial prejudice** and bigotry have no place in the Christian church, President Paige Patterson told students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during the last chapel service of the semester. But due to the Southern Baptist Convention's history, "Southern Baptists have a lot of makin' up to do," he declared. Scripture clearly teaches that all are equal before God, he said.

Dilday and trustees still at odds over severance

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Fired Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Russell Dilday said he plans to vacate his seminary-owned house by a June 7 deadline, but his long-range plans are on hold as negotiations continue over severance benefits promised by trustees.

More than two months after trustees dismissed Dilday as president—a post he held for nearly 15 years—terms of the severance plan have not been finalized.

Dilday said an attorney is representing him in negotiations with leaders of Southwestern's trustees. At issue are terms that would permit trustee officers to cancel severance benefits at any time they perceive Dilday has made statements or been involved in activities harmful to the seminary.

"My effort in negotiation is to avoid being muzzled or limited in my activity and to give the severance some sort of permanence so we can make further plans," Dilday said.

One tangible and immediate concern for Dilday is a place to live. Trustees permitted Dilday and his wife, Betty, to remain in the seminary-owned president's home for 90 days after the March 9 firing. Dilday said they have submitted a contract on a house in Fort Worth, and if financing is approved they will move "in a

couple of weeks."

That arrangement "still is somewhat temporary, because we don't know what our longer range future is going to be," Dilday said. He said he will need to be employed another two or three years to accumulate adequate retirement resources.

Dilday declined to discuss details about the negotiations but said he has been paid the first two month's salary and office expenses promised in a severance package approved by the board of trustees when they fired him.

Provisions of the trustee-approved severance package require Dilday to take no employment for 60 days (a deadline which passed May 8), not to join a competitive venture, and to do "only those things that are supportive of the seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dilday initially said he could live with those restrictions, noting nothing in the provisions would prevent him from speaking his convictions.

However, he did not see a written severance document until two or three weeks later. He said he balked at signing the agreement because of language that would place conditions on what he could do or say and give the board of trustees arbitrary power to determine if he keeps faith with those conditions.

The document includes this language: "Should the executive committee of the board of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary deem that Dr. Dilday has not acted in good faith with regard to this agreement, the committee may in its sole discretion terminate any benefits which have not been paid."

Two days after Associated Baptist Press reported the impasse over Dilday's severance benefits, Baptist Press issued a story critical of ABP's coverage. Baptist Press quoted trustee Chairman Ralph Pulley as saying the severance agreement is clear enough as originally written.

"The application of these conditions is not difficult to ascertain," he said. "Dr. Dilday must not directly or indirectly, personally or collectively, criticize or attack the seminary, its faculty, student body, board of trustees or the Southern Baptist Convention which owns the institution. ... He certainly is entitled to his personal views, provided the public or private expression of those views does not violate the conditions and requirements described in the severance package."

In other recent developments:

■ A mostly orderly procession of 403 graduates received degrees at the school's spring commencement May 13 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Students broke into sustained applause when told their diplomas would bear Dilday's signature.

■ Dilday said he will not attend the June 15 annual gathering of Southwestern alumni and friends or the

June 14-16 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Advance ticket sales for the alumni luncheon are reportedly well behind last year.

■ Longtime administrator and teacher Scotty Gray has been appointed acting dean of the seminary's school of church music. He succeeds James McKinney, who retires July 31 after leading the music school 38 years. Gray, executive vice president at Southwestern and a member of the music school faculty since 1966, will assume the role of dean in addition to his current responsibilities Aug. 1.

Ironically, Dilday recommended the music deanship be added to Gray's responsibilities in a cost-cutting staff realignment proposal that trustees blocked immediately before firing Dilday.

■ Scott Collins, the seminary's public relations director, has resigned to take a similar post with Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas. "I felt I couldn't work in that environment anymore," he said.

■ Friends and supporters of the ousted president have scheduled a dinner to honor Dilday and his wife June 6 at a Dallas hotel.

■ Four former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention announced their agreement with the trustees' decision to fire Dilday. Supporting the firing are Jerry Vines, Adrian Rogers, Charles Stanley and Bailey Smith.

Preacher of convention sermon won't be a messenger

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (ABP)—For the first time in memory, the annual sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention will be preached by a pastor whose church cannot send messengers to the annual meeting.

Bobby Boyles was pastor of First Baptist Church of Moore, Okla., last year when he was selected to preach the 1994 convention sermon. Boyles' associate pastor at the time, Fred Powell, chaired the committee on order of business which nominated

Boyles.

Since that time, however, Boyles split the Moore church by taking several hundred members with him to form a new church in southwest Oklahoma City. The Moore church's deacons and personnel committee had asked Boyles to resign, citing problems with his leadership style and other issues.

The new church formed in February by Boyles and his followers is Eagle Heights Church. Eagle Heights

has petitioned Oklahoma's Capital Association for membership and is contributing to the association and also through the Cooperative Program unified funding plan for both the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and the SBC.

However, the SBC constitution allows convention messenger representation only to churches which have been bona fide contributors to the convention's work during the previous year. For this year's convention,

that record must be established between Sept. 30, 1992, and Oct. 1, 1993, said Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary.

A spokesman for the SBC Historical Commission in Nashville said convention documents describe no qualifications for the preacher of the annual sermon. "Taking it to the extreme, if the committee nominated the pope as the preacher and the messengers approved its report and nomination, the pope would preach," he said.

Baptists called weary in doing

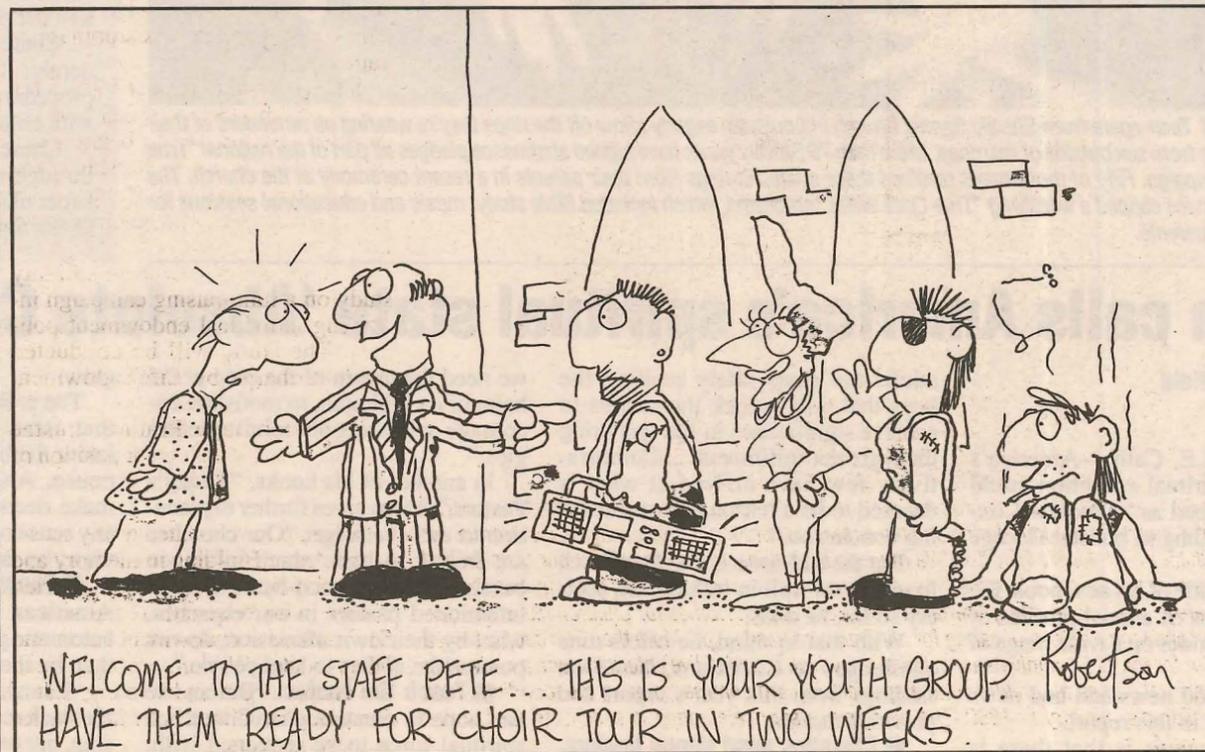
WASHINGTON (BP)—North American Baptists have grown "weary in well-doing," William Brackney told the North American Baptist Fellowship during its April 24-25 meeting in Washington.

Brackney is principal of McMaster Divinity College in Ontario, Canada.

He said Baptists have "capitulated to the mainstream," which has carried them off "into organizational complexity."

He called on Baptists to "reclaim our radical congregational nature and follow Christ where he will lead us, beginning with where we live and work."

Brackney called on Baptists to regain energy to fight church-state issues, do evangelism, return to congregational life, pay more attention to leadership development and respond to critical world issues.



Elk Creek marks 200th anniversary

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

TAYLORSVILLE—When Elk Creek Baptist Church was born in 1794, the two-year-old Commonwealth of Kentucky still was in its infancy.

And the church was well into its formative years by the time the city of Taylorsville was established five years later.

This year, Elk Creek celebrates 200 years of growth and ministry. And although 200 may seem old, the church is finding ways to keep its ministry new, Pastor Bob Hughes explained.

The church celebrated its 200th anniversary May 15 with morning worship, dinner on the grounds and a 2 p.m. service. Five former pastors participated in the festivities, and Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, delivered the morning message.

Ten people gathered to establish Buck and Elk Creek Baptist Church, as it then was named, on April 27, 1794.

The church quickly developed a tradition of cooperation with and support for other churches.

From its membership, several new congregations were formed: Buck Creek Baptist Church (now Finchville Baptist Church), Little Mount Baptist Church in Taylorsville and First Baptist Church of Taylorsville. In 1803, representatives from Elk Creek helped form Long Run Baptist Association.

A full history of the church is being prepared by the anniversary committee.

Elk Creek Baptist is the oldest Baptist church in Spencer County and one of the three oldest in the Louisville area, Hughes noted.

Yet the church is also new, "for every church must renew itself in every generation," the pastor wrote in a recent letter to the church and community. "There is much that is new in our fellowship—new looks, new ways of doing things, new members, new ideas.

"While spiritual needs don't change, and while the gospel never changes, the ways in which the gospel is proclaimed and the particular needs of people do change," Hughes continued. "Elk Creek Baptist Church wants to change in whatever ways necessary to meet the changing needs of our community."

Hughes also described the church as Christ-centered and friendly, concerned for the spiritual well-being of the community it serves.

Sponsors sought for Russia missionaries

By Marv Knox
Editor

The gospel's a bargain in Russia, and Kentucky Baptists ought to invest heavily, Benton Williams believes.

Through its partnership with the Russian Baptist Union, the Kentucky Baptist Convention can sponsor a Russian home missionary for just \$6.58 per day, reported Williams, director of KBC partnership missions.

"The director of missions for the Russian Baptist Union has a vision to send out 1,000 home missionaries to start new churches, missions and preaching points in the next five to 10 years," said Williams.

"The cost for support would be \$200 per month," he added. "There would be \$100 set aside for salary and \$100 set aside for rent of an apartment for the missionary family, rent for a mission building to start new work, tracts, Bibles and the missionary's retirement and insurance package. Total support would be \$2,400 per year.

"This will make it possible for thousands of Russian people to hear the gospel, plant churches and proclaim the good news—once forbidden to be preached. God has opened this remarkable window of opportunity."

Individuals, churches, associations and church groups, such as Sunday school classes, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood chapters, can sponsor a missionary, he noted.

The Russian Baptist Union requires a two-year commitment of support to move a missionary to the field, Williams added. "His two years would be spent in training and missionary service, church planting, church development and supervised evangelism. After the second year is completed, the missionary would depend for support on the church he has started, if at all possible."

The KBC partnership office plans to send each sponsor a picture of the missionary pastor and his family, along with information about him, his church and the home city.

Less than five months into the partnership, Kentucky Baptists already have committed to sponsor 35 missionaries, Williams said. The funding is channeled through the KBC to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which transfers it to the Russian Baptist Union, which pays the missionary pastors.

Although the launch of the missionary sponsorship is a high priority,

the partnership needs more Kentucky Baptist volunteers for hands-on mission projects later this year, Williams stressed. Needs include:

■ Twenty volunteers for various construction, evangelism and vacation Bible school teams that will travel to Russia throughout the summer.

■ Three participants in an evangelism, discipleship and vacation Bible school trip set for June 15-29.

■ Five medical personnel, including a dentist and an ophthalmologist, for a medical/dental trip Aug. 17-31, and a dentist for a similar trip Sept. 15-28.

■ Ten members of a deaf evangelism team, scheduled for Sept. 7-13.

■ Six participants in a preaching, evangelism and discipleship trip set for Sept. 29-Oct. 13, and eight participants for a similar trip Nov. 17-30.

■ Eight members of a Woman's Missionary Union team that will visit Russia in November.

Mission opportunities also are available closer to home, Williams said. The partnership office has information about partnership projects in Utah-Idaho, Ohio and eastern Kentucky.

For information about the partnership, call (502) 245-4101.

Clear Creek trustees OK budget & more

PINEVILLE—Trustees of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College approved a \$1.9 million budget for 1994-95 during their April 26 meeting in Pineville.

Bob Browning, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset, addressed the trustees. He encouraged them to fulfill the expectations of the convention and the students.

Among other actions, trustees:
■ Approved use of \$27,500 in undesignated estate gifts to complete construction of Hemlock Heights student housing and the classroom renovation project.

■ Reviewed construction plans for a new health services center and authorized construction to begin when sufficient funds are on hand to place the structure under roof. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$115,000.

■ Approved plans for a feasibility study on a fund-raising campaign involving individual endowment policies. The study will be conducted without charge by LifeEndowment Inc.

■ Named Tom Prather, trustee chairman, to the volunteer position of assistant to the president for development.

■ Named a renovated music facility the Asher Building in memory and appreciation of George and Harriett Asher, who bequeathed the school \$1.7 million in endowment funds, and Mary Asher Wilson, who provided the chapel organ and was organist at First Baptist Church of Pineville for at least 60 years.



FIRST LADY SPEAKS Libby Jones, wife of Gov. Brereton Jones, speaks about the priority of Kentucky's children during an anniversary celebration for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in Pikeville May 14. "We must do everything we can to protect our children and be sure we are providing the type of environment in which they can grow up healthy and safely," Mrs. Jones said. "Certainly, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has a wonderful and long tradition of caring for children who need help." More than 500 people turned out for the 125th anniversary celebration, which included live entertainment, a midway of carnival games for children and a special program commemorating the founding of the children's ministry in 1869. The next anniversary celebration is scheduled for London June 4.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **David Gray** has been named administrator of Tri-County Baptist Hospital in LaGrange. The 30-year-old Glasgow native formerly was administrator of the Public Hospital of Salem, Ill.

■ **The first Graf Spinal Stabilization surgery** performed in the United States was done at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville April 13. The procedure to restore stability of the spine was done at Baptist East by Thomas Lehmann, one of only two U.S. physicians approved to perform the technique.

■ **Ted Taylor** has been named assistant professor of Christian studies at Campbellsville College. For the past eight years, he has been minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church of Starkville, Miss. He formerly served Audubon Baptist Church in Louisville.

■ **Cynthia Searcy**, a Georgetown College junior volleyball player from Versailles, has won the A.O. Duer Scholarship Award from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The award is presented annually to one varsity-member junior athlete in the NAIA. Searcy was selected from a field of 6,500 candidates. She is the second Georgetown athlete to win the award. Georgetown is the only Kentucky school ever to have a student win this award in its 27-year history.

■ **Alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary** now may buy memberships in the seminary's health and recreation center. For information, call (502) 897-4720.

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Don't say 'liar'

On March 16, I watched on C-Span an Oxford-style debate in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Before the debate, rhetoric experts from Oxford were asked if there was proper language to be used, and could they use swear words. They said there was only one word they could not use—"liar" or "lying." If they did, they were required to withdraw it.

In the March 15 issue of the Western Recorder, the editorial headline stated, "They lied to Dilday; have they been lying to you?"

The last paragraph of the editorial was as follows: "Is it because party bosses have been lying to Southern Baptists, just like they lied to Russell Dilday?" (Party bosses??)

I was very much offended by the use of such harsh language. In my opinion, it is never Christlike or appropriate to call another person a liar.

Furthermore, persons can view the same situation differently, and it does not mean either is lying.

If Oxford doesn't allow the use of "liar" or "lying," then surely editors of Baptist papers must refrain from such language. Please, sir, take it back—withdraw it!

A letter from Cal Guy appeared in the Indiana Baptist. I concur with this excerpt from the letter: "If Dr. Dilday wanted the best for Southwestern, he would have swallowed his pride for her good and not have ignited this firestorm that is being blamed entirely on the trustees."

We all need to remind ourselves of Galatians 2:20.

Lillian Butler
Mayfield

Sin of intolerance

What disrupts Southern Baptist unity?

One might blame diversity. How-

ever, diversity alone is not to blame for the lack of unity, because Southern Baptists historically have lived and cooperated with diversity.

The problem has a more "sin"-istic nature than found in diversity. It is a problem of intolerance. Conservatives are intolerant of moderates. Moderates are intolerant of conservatives. Both accuse the other of distorting the gospel of Christ, and both are self-proclaimed standard-bearers of truth.

Both are responsible for the gulf within our convention, and both participate in the sinful nature that is the root of the problem.

If reconciliation is to be found within the Southern Baptist Convention, it must be accomplished by riding the SBC of sinful intolerance. How?

The Apostle Paul provides an answer. He too is concerned with unity, and in Philippians 2:3-4 he prescribes the principles for extinguishing the sinful fire of intolerance. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interest of others." Survey the motives which govern your decisions and behavior. If we could employ Paul's principles, surely the sin of intolerance would lose its grip and the Kingdom of God would be near.

We all participate in and contribute to the diversity that forms the SBC, but let none of us be guilty of participating in the sin of intolerance which divides the SBC.

Ron Kafer
Owensboro

Support graduates

Although it happened 53 years ago, I still remember my high school graduation. Louisa May Alcott wrote, "Life is my college; I want to graduate with honors."

Edith G. Oldham
Louisville

Let them pray

I agree with the writer about student-led commencement prayers (WR, April 26).

When I graduated from the Kentucky School for the Blind in 1963, prayers were still constitutional in school. Much of my Bible knowledge was gained through caring teachers and housemothers who were glad to teach us without indoctrinating us in any particular denomination. Much would be lacking if some religious parts are taken out of the school programs.

May God continually bless your work, especially the tape ministry that enables those of us who are not able to read print to keep up on the news from our denomination.

Dorothy Gaw
Harlan

Please, please—not the Annuity Board

A well-respected Kentucky Baptist pastor dropped by my office a few weeks ago. Anticipating his retirement soon, he asked me whether I thought he should leave his retirement corpus with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

His visit followed soon after the firing of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Russell Dilday and the earlier "flap" the Annuity Board president, Paul Powell, had experienced on the floor of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee meeting in February.

Before I proceed with this article, I want the reader to know that I encouraged him to leave his corpus with the Annuity Board but to keep open his withdrawal options.

It distresses me that an increasing number of pastors have become concerned about the future of their retirement and are asking the question my pastor-friend asked. That ought not to be! After all these years of planning and investing in a retirement program, this friend should not have to carry

that kind of concern and insecurity. But many now do.

The following possible scenario is out there, and I think Kentucky Baptist folk need to know about it.

If either an irresponsible or incompetent board of trustees or a similar administration adopt bad investment policies, a sizable reduction in earnings inevitably will follow. That translates into a lower than anticipated (planned on) annuity income for annuitants.

If earnings under-perform the market substantially, the board of trustees would then be open to a class-action suit.

Such an action likely would hasten the departure of many, if not most, of the Annuity Board's most competent staff whose work has contributed significantly to the excellent earnings record achieved by the Annuity Board, to the benefit of all of us.

However, the most potentially menacing reality lies in one factor—more than 50 percent of the \$4 billion-plus Annuity Board corpus consists of funds belonging to large institutions

such as hospitals, colleges and others.

Other financial institutions which would welcome the opportunity to manage Baptist funds are not unnoticed by large Baptist institutions not likely to tolerate "political tinkering" with the retirement benefits of their employees.

If several of these institutions began withdrawing their corpus, resulting in a kind of "run on the bank," the impact would be felt by those in the church plans. The bottom line would be downward.

What Alice and I do with the corpus of our retirement held in trust by the Annuity Board will depend on the stability of the Annuity Board at the time of our retirement.

I urge Southern Baptist leadership to assure all Southern Baptists that the Annuity Board will be protected from the kind of political instability that would make likely a devastating "run on the bank."

In the meantime, Baptist institutions and ministers alike are watching very closely.

(Kentucky trustees are Clark Brown of Madisonville and Gene Flynn of Lexington.)

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



FAMILY FORUM: MARRIAGE

Violent anger

By Diana Garland

No one arouses more anger in us than our spouses. Sometimes anger becomes violent. How should Christian partners prevent and respond to violence?

First, recognize what the violence means. Sometimes people strike out in frustration, sensing that words have failed to express the depth of frustration and hurt. Such expressions signal danger. Stop; get away from one another. When the anger has subsided and both can talk calmly, face the failed communication together.

What is keeping us from feeling understood? How can we keep one another from lashing out again? Set a rule: Use only voices to communicate anger, never hands or objects.

If partners cannot find ways to improve their communication, it is time to seek help. Your pastor or another professional in your church can help you find a reputable counselor.

Violence which forces the other to do something or punishes the other carries a different meaning. One slaps or hits the other to stop words of anger or to emphasize a command. The goal is not communication but control. Talking usually will not keep such violence from occurring again, even. If one partner is frightened or bruised, or if the violence happens again, seek help.

As Christians, our love for one another requires that we "speak the truth" (Ephesians 4:25) and name the sin between us. Love "rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6); only then can the trouble be confronted and changes be made. Above all, we must not assume that to forgive means to forget or excuse the sin of violent anger. Love insists that sin be confessed and that repentance bring true change.

Christian love requires that we not allow our partners to continue in sin. If the violence is hurtful or repeated, love your partner enough to seek help for both of you. Leave until you have assurance that true repentance and change have taken place, not only to protect yourself, but also as an act of love for your partner.

Diana Garland is dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work and director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry at Southern Baptist Seminary.

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

EDITORIALS

Fellowship's rank-&-file not ready to exit SBC

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has dashed the short-term hopes of people who want the 3-year-old moderate movement to split from the Southern Baptist Convention and form a new denomination.

Ironically, holders of that hope represent opposite poles of Southern Baptists' long and tedious theological/political conflict. Some left-wing Baptists would like the Fellowship to evolve into a new denomination so they could stop relating to the SBC, which they see as a mean-spirited behemoth. Their rightward counterparts would like to rid the SBC of an outfit they see as a hypocritical, irritating leech on the convention's financial bloodline. Participants in the Fellowship's 1994 general assembly this month weren't inclined to oblige.

The issue surfaced through a proposal that would have shut off Fellowship funding for the six SBC seminaries. If the proposal passed, the Fellowship would have eliminated the SBC seminaries from all Fellowship giving plans by Oct. 1, unless churches and/or individuals specifically designate funds to the schools. Currently, two of the Fellowship's three giving plans channel money to SBC seminaries; last year's contribution totaled about \$500,000. The proposal would have diverted that money to new moderate seminaries, as well as to scholarships for Baptist students at university divinity schools.

The proposal provided a window into the Fellowship's innermost feelings, a view often smudged by political rhetoric. SBC conservatives have portrayed the Fellowship as a heretical pack of denominational wolves, who intend to start a new convention but who prey on the SBC's loyal "sheep" by pretending to be part of the SBC too. Conservatives have a vested interest in that interpretation, since scaring Southern Baptists away from the Fellowship would keep them in the SBC fold. Many Fellowship members have disputed that characterization, saying they truly are Southern Baptists; they just want SBC-free options for some ministries. Their vested interest, of course, is to relate to as many Southern Baptists as possible so they can recruit new members for the Fellowship and maintain funding for Fellowship causes.

The seminary-defunding proposal allowed observers to short-circuit the rhetoric and see what the majority of grassroots Fellowship folks really feel.

A strong vote to defund the seminaries would have been interpreted as a big step away from the SBC. It would mean many Fellowship members were willing to turn their backs on the schools that provided them with ministerial training for generations. It would signal a pulling away from the moorings of denominational identity.

Such an outcome could have been expected for two reasons. First, the firing of President Russell Dilday at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary outraged and alienated many moderate and unaffiliated Southern Baptists this spring. Conservative trustee officers lied to Dilday about their intentions, fired him, locked him out of his office and took 12 days to explain their actions. Second, new moderate schools are springing up like spring daffodils, and they need money—even money the Fellowship has been giving to SBC seminaries.

But a strong Fellowship majority, estimated to be 60-70 percent by

most observers, set that rationale on its ear. Rather than step away from the SBC, they voted to continue funding the seminaries. Even though conservatives control the trustee boards of all six seminaries, Fellowship members said they want to keep the contribution lines to SBC schools flowing. Theirs wasn't the kind of vote you would expect from a people bound for a new denominational promised land. Even if some Fellowship leaders want to take them there, they said they don't want to go.

So, a simple schismatic solution slipped away. SBC conservatives aren't likely to be rid of Fellowship members any time soon. And Fellowship people who don't want to be Southern Baptists will have to settle for individual separation, not a corporate pull-out.

For now, the issue is settled as far as the Fellowship is concerned. The members have spoken; they're not leaving. SBC conservatives who want to get rid of the Fellowship don't have such a clear path.

Three options appear:

■ They can drive Fellowship supporters out of the SBC.

This is the alternative favored by hard-right leaders who have said all along they want to "purify" the convention. They're the ones arguing that SBC entities shouldn't accept money from the Fellowship. Such a move would split the Fellowship and the SBC. But SBC separation from Fellowship churches will be more difficult, since most Fellowship churches also contribute to the SBC's Cooperative Program budget, the prime criteria for affiliation with the convention.

■ They can try to absorb Fellowship support.

This would require opening up the SBC, allowing meaningful involvement with Southern Baptists who have disapproved of the political tactics of current SBC leaders. It would mean placing such people on the boards and committees of the convention, even though they have not been aligned politically with the conservative movement. It also would mean utilizing people who don't articulate their conservative theological views exactly as the conservative party has mandated. The SBC presidential election will provide a preview of this development. If Jim Henry—who represents conservatives tired of the political-right's politics—defeats Fred Wolfe, the party candidate, the SBC might begin to open a bit.

■ They can coexist peacefully with the Fellowship.

The ministries and enterprises of the SBC and the Fellowship are not mutually exclusive. They can continue side-by-side indefinitely. Some Southern Baptists will support only one group; some will support only the other; some will support both. Coexistence would allow Baptists to agree to disagree about denominational politics, cease fighting, wish each other the best and get on with missions and ministry. Unfortunately, the rhetoric of the SBC's political leaders thus far has disallowed this approach. They have declared the Fellowship anathema—a label not conducive to peaceful, if distant, relationships.

The Fellowship has declared it isn't ready to leave the SBC. How will the SBC respond? The future of the denomination is riding on the answer.

Marv Knox

By turning down a proposal to defund the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminaries, the majority of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship voters said they're not ready to leave the SBC, despite claims to the contrary from adversaries at the far ends of the convention's political spectrum.

Remember at least 58,000 reasons to observe Memorial Day

Memorial Day used to feel distant.

Nobody in our family possessed a memory of the Civil War. We were born in the cusp of conflict: My grandfathers came along too late for World War I and too early for WW II. Daddy and my uncles didn't finish school in time to go to Korea. And my cousins, brother and I came along too late for Vietnam.

Viet Cong shrapnel tore a hole in Aunt Mary's little brother's leg, but I never met him, and that's the closest I came to knowing a casualty of war. No flag-draped coffins; no Purple Hearts.

So why was I blinded by tears as I stood in the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial?

Maybe it was the names. More than 58,000 names chiseled into black slabs that

cut a V-shaped scar into The Mall. Start thinking about more than 58,000 sons, brothers, husbands, fathers and friends, and who wouldn't cry? Their laughter and labors, spread throughout 58,000 lifetimes, would have made fine monuments to peace, not war.

Maybe it was the mementos. Flags, of course. Dog tags. A 25-year-old photograph of a smiling Army private, wrapped in a plastic sandwich

bag to protect it from rain. An Army boot filled with flowers. I kept returning to that

photo, imagining parents parting with a Kodak treasure, brought from Wyoming or Kentucky for a precious few moments of painful closure on a life snuffed out.

Maybe it was the people. A crippled guy in a fatigue jacket in a wheelchair, staring intently at a name, not moving for an eternity. A woman (mother or wife?)—crayon and typing paper in hand—

making a rubbing of another name. Cheerful teen-agers on school trips, seeing a "sight" from

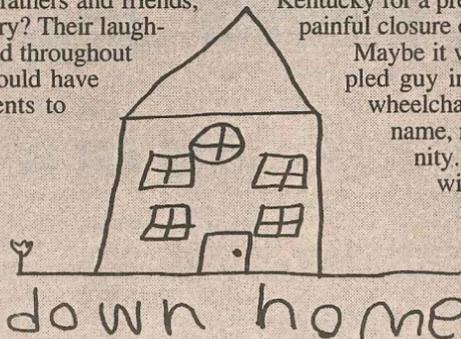
history they cannot feel. An old man with a camera, trying to take a picture so his flash

won't burn out the name he wants to record forever.

Maybe it was me. Scanning faceless names by the hundreds, I glimpsed my face reflecting off the marble, behind those names. Their names covered my face, as their lives covered my own. That's when I stopped seeing and felt the pain, the loss, the sacrifice.

Of course, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial reminds us of history we'd rather forget. But Memorial Day is a time to remember. Not the division, nor the riots. Not even the battles. Remember the lives, the love, the sacrifice. And vow to wage peace, so war won't steal another 58,000 American treasures.

Marv Knox



Barna sees 'Absolute Confusion'

What Americans believe

- GLENDALE, Calif.—Based on research gathered over the last three years, pollster George Barna offers this profile of the aggregate belief system of Americans:
- Four out of 10 people believe Jesus made mistakes.
 - Two out of three people reject the notion of absolute truth.
 - One out of three adults believe God is something or someone other than the perfect, all-powerful, omniscient Creator of the universe who lives and rules the world today.
 - Three out of five do not believe in Satan.
 - About half believe all religious faiths are basically the same.
 - Three out of five say all people pray to the same god, regardless of what name or character that god is addressed by.
 - Bible knowledge is thin. Most Americans can't name half the Ten Commandments or who preached the Sermon on the Mount.

Source: "Absolute Confusion," George Barna.

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at least that many more are only nominally churched, Barna reports. "In other words, probably more than half of all adults in this country are not really living in a true community of faith."

■ **Live love.** The American church could set itself apart from the larger society drastically by one action, Barna suggests: Aggressively pursuing interracial harmony.

"What a clear and powerful message we would send to a me-first, materialistic, distrusting world by truly serving other people, sacrificing to meet their needs, consistently striving for unity with others—especially when those others are of a different color, upbringing or locale."

Based on current trends, the consequences of not pursuing racial harmony are likely to be dire, he projects. "We can virtually count on race riots ripping America apart in the next 10 years unless radical steps are taken by key people in our nation to defuse the impending explosion."

■ **Live differently.** Despite the Bible's admonition for Christians to be in the world but not of it, polls consistently find little difference in attitudes and actions between Christians and non-Christians in most areas, Barna reports.

■ **Use resources wisely.** The American church and American Christians have a skewed understanding of how to use the resources God has given them, Barna asserts.

"The issue we must focus on is not a lack of funds but how we use the resources at our disposal," he says, noting that Christian churches in America collect \$50 million annually—more than the annual budget of many nations of the world.

But that money gets spent in ways inconsistent with the Great Commission, he says. For example, American churches spend five dollars on buildings and property maintenance for every one dollar spent on evangelistic activity.

■ **Strengthen the family.** Americans have heard plenty about the problems facing the family today, Barna says, but not nearly enough about what to do to strengthen families.

■ **Learn media discernment.** Despite Christians' protests about the negative influences of modern media, they are just as likely as anyone else to be influenced by these forces, Barna says.

"The truth is that Christians are virtually indistinguishable from other adults in their media consumption habits," he writes.

■ **Pray earnestly.** In extensive studies of churches that have become healthy models of ministry or that have reversed a severe decline to become healthy again, two things have been present in every case, Barna reports. Those things are a visionary leader and a "deep, lasting commitment to prayer."

Breyer's record skimpy on abortion & church-state

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptist and evangelical leaders are eyeing Stephen Breyer's limited judicial record on abortion and church-state issues as he prepares for confirmation hearings to become the next justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thirty-seven days after Associate Justice Harry Blackmun announced his retirement, President Bill Clinton named Breyer as his choice for Blackmun's replacement. Breyer has served since 1981 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Breyer's involvement in no more than four church-state cases caused Americans United for Separation of Church and State to express concern.

"Nominees for the Supreme Court must have a clear understanding of the importance of religious freedom and its constitutional corollary, separation of church and state," said Executive Director Barry Lynn. "Without a clear court trail to follow, the only way we will learn where Judge Breyer stands on church-state controversies is if the

Judiciary Committee does its job properly through appropriate questioning."

Brent Walker, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee, was more optimistic about Breyer. He said Breyer's opinions seem to be faithful to the compelling state interest test in free exercise cases and to the Lemon test in establishment clause cases.

Walker described Breyer as "a balanced separationist who seems willing to enforce both religion clauses in a way that takes into account the impact that judicial decisions have on ordinary individuals."

Michael Whitehead, general counsel for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, also found some consolation in the nominee's church-state record, although in a different light than Walker.

"We find some reason in his record to hope that he might be less sour toward religious accommodation in public life than are supporters of the Lemon test," he said. "If he just interprets the religion clauses instead of inventing new barriers,

religious freedom as intended by the framers will benefit."

On the abortion issue, Breyer's record was no surprise to abortion opponents but his participation in only two abortion rulings elicited some anxiety from abortion-rights advocates.

In 1990, Breyer joined in a majority opinion overturning regulations which restricted abortion counseling and referral in federally funded family planning clinics. He sent a confusing signal in a 1989 decision in which he did not vote to strike down a law requiring the consent of both parents before a minor could have an abortion.

"President Clinton has again demonstrated that he is the political captive of pro-abortion special interest groups," said Doug Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee.

"Judge Breyer will pass the liberal litmus test on abortion rights, but at least he is on record supporting the right of teen-agers to be involved in their parent's daughter's abortion decision," said Whitehead.

Clinton administration clears way for abortion pill

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The French firm that makes the controversial abortion pill RU-486 has been persuaded by the Clinton administration to give the U.S. patent rights to a New York organization, which will open the door for testing and possible approval for use of the drug by American women.

Roussel Uclaf, the French manufacturer, has been reluctant to seek U.S. approval to market the drug because of the charged political climate surrounding abortion. But at the urg-

ing of Donna Shalala, secretary of Health and Human Services, the company donated its U.S. patent rights to Population Council, a New York-based non-profit research organization.

RU-486, or mifepristone, is praised by abortion-rights advocates as a safe, non-surgical alternative to abortion. Critics say its use is immoral and will increase the number of terminated pregnancies in America.

"When the history of the late 1990s is written, President Clinton

and HHS Secretary Donna Shalala will be recorded not as great liberators of women but as accessories to the murder of women and their unborn children," said Ben Mitchell, director of biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Population Council will begin testing the drug this fall in hopes of getting quick approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. If approved, the drug could be available from U.S. doctors as early as 1996.

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35 Ideas for Family Enrichment Ministries

Family ministry can be a helpful tool for every Kentucky Baptist church, says John Lepper, director of family ministry with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"Virtually every church is doing something in family ministry," he explains. "But they may not have an intentional family ministry program."

Family ministry is a broad term that encompasses a variety of programs and emphases. Lepper compares it to evangelism, because both evangelism and family ministry sometimes appear to be programs and sometimes appear to be emphases that permeate every part of a church's life.

For example, churches ought to

ask questions such as "When we have Sunday school, how are we helping families?"

And it's important for churches to realize family ministry touches all types of families, Lepper says. "When we talk about family emphasis, we're not talking about marital status.

"More than 40 percent of adults

today are singles. But they all are a part of a family. ... So when we speak of family ministry, we're speaking of relationships."

For more information about making family ministry a priority in your church, contact Lepper at the KBC by calling (502) 245-4101 or writing to him at Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40243.

■ Plan a Family Life Weekend. This may also be called a Family Life Revival. It could include a series of meetings with sermons, presentations or activities designed to strengthen families.

■ Preach a sermon series based on family issues identified by people in the congregation as current needs.

■ Show the interactive video series "Hope, Help & Healing for the Family" produced by the Baptist Center for Ethics. This video series is designed to foster small-group discussion throughout and comes with a booklet of suggested discussion questions.

■ Form a family ministry committee to map out a strategic plan for meeting the needs of families.

■ Plan a "Covenant Marriage" event, using materials produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. This is an 11-session marriage enrichment series.

■ Offer training in "Parenting by Grace," an 11-session course with materials produced by the Sunday School Board.

■ Show the video "What Can Families do to Redeem TV?" produced by the Baptist Center for Ethics.

■ Offer a conference or series of sessions on "When Crisis Comes Home," based on the study book written by John Lepper and produced by the Sunday School Board.

■ Provide resources for Christian sex education, either through conferencing or materials to be used by families at home.

■ Participate in a Fall Festival of Marriage, held annually in a number of locations. The next one scheduled in Kentucky will be held Sept. 23-25 in Louisville.

■ Provide resources and training for families to engage in family Bible study and worship.

■ Offer a conference or support group for blended families.

■ Observe Single Adult Day in your church.

■ Observe Senior Adult Day in your church.

■ Teach the "Making Peace with Your Past" study course produced by the Sunday School Board. This series is designed to help adults who were raised in dysfunctional families.

■ Hold a single adult revival, with a specific emphasis on meeting the needs of singles and on reaching singles with the gospel.

■ Plan a single adult fellowship banquet.

■ Work with other churches in your association to hold an associational senior adult revival.

■ Plan regular associational senior adult meetings for fellowship, conferences and Bible study.

■ Plan a marriage enrichment retreat away from the church.

■ Join the "Marriage Savers" movement sparked by syndicated columnist Michael McManus with his book of the same title.

■ Hold a family needs forum. This works well on a Sunday night as a way for church families to give input about their needs and wants.

■ Schedule fifth Sundays as family nights and provide related activities.

■ Promote a Sunday night at home emphasis, encouraging church members to spend quality time with their families one or two Sunday nights rather than coming to regular church activities.

■ Schedule a money management workshop to help families learn better how to handle their finances.

■ Offer an engaged couples retreat periodically, to help couples prepare for marriage.

■ Provide after-school programs for latch-key children.

■ Place quality family ministry resources in your church library.

■ Schedule a family commitment service during a regular worship time.

■ Schedule parent dedication services as a means to encourage new parents and emphasize the important role the church family plays in developing children.

■ Implement a Deacon Family Ministry plan.

■ Schedule testimonies from members of the congregation during regular worship times that will emphasize special experiences in family enrichment.

■ Produce seasonal worship guides. Ask church members to contribute original writings to a devotional book keyed to significant seasons, such as Advent, Easter or Thanksgiving. These guides can be used in personal or family devotions at home.

■ Plan a family sports competition, in which families become teams in a variety of games with other family teams.

■ Offer a parents' night out program to provide child care periodically on a Friday or Saturday night so couples or single parents can have some quality time to themselves.

Based on information provided by John Lepper of the KBC family ministry department and Al Price of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

EVANGELISM

YouthFest program agenda and details at-a-glance

Friday evening, June 24	<p>Theme: Christ - Our Hope 5:30 p.m. EDT Doors open to Civic Center <i>Registration begins in Civic Center lobby for those not pre-registered.</i> 7:00 YouthFest Rally featuring: Kevin Landgrave - Praise Music David Garrard - Christian Illusionist Rodney Gage - Youth Evangelist/Communicator 4 HIM - Contemporary Christian Music</p>
Saturday morning, June 25	<p>Theme: Growing in Christ - Our Hope 8:30 a.m. Registration, Civic Center lobby 9:00 YouthFest Rally featuring: Rodney Gage Kevin Landgrave 4 HIM Mark McClintock & Friends -Ventriloquist Summer missions Son Teams</p>
Saturday afternoon, June 25	<p>Theme: Sharing Christ - Our Hope 1:00 p.m. Registration 1:30 YouthFest Rally and Challenges featuring: Kevin Landgrave, 4 HIM, Rodney Gage, Here's Hope for Youth - Share Jesus Now</p>

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Registration information

- Pre-registration fee: \$4 per person prior to YouthFest; \$5 per person fee at the door

•A contact person pre-registers their group. Send one check, payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Mail check to:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CWE seminars offer attendees half of credit hours required by state

Church weekday education teachers and leaders are required by the state of Kentucky to receive 12 approved credit hours each year. This includes individuals who teach in any regular weekday program

at a church, including Mother's Day Out. The Kentucky Baptist Convention is offering three six credit hour approved seminars in June to assist teachers and leaders in their credit training.

The June 4 seminar at Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is filling fast. Seminars at Hopkinsville's First Baptist Church on June 11 and Ashland's Rose Hill Baptist Church June 25 still have openings.

"An Apple for the Teacher" is the theme at each seminar. Quality conferences, such as Bushels of Teaching Ideas (age-related) and those emphasizing creative art ideas, musical fun with preschoolers, teaching the differently disabled and emergency preparedness, are



available at all three locations, too.

Dr. Kathryn Chapman is the keynote speaker at the June 4 seminar at Southern Seminary; Dr. Sybil Waldrop is the featured speaker at Hopkinsville.

Scheduled on June 25 at Rose Hill is a variety of stories, music and fun activities in place of a keynote speaker.

The cost per person for each seminar is \$10, which includes lunch.

Make checks payable to: Sunday School Department, KBC and mail to the following address:

Sunday School Department
 Kentucky Baptist Convention
 P. O. Box 43433
 Louisville, KY 40253-0433

For more information, contact Jewell Nelson, associate director, Sunday School Department, at (502) 245-4101.

CHURCH GROWTH & ADMINISTRATION

Kentucky Baptist Secretaries Association eighth annual meeting

July 28-30 • Georgetown College

The eighth annual summer conference will celebrate *A Ministry Fashioned by God*. Kentucky Baptist secretaries who serve in Kentucky Baptist churches, associations, institutions, and denominational work are invited to strengthen their skills and take their ministry further during this three day conference.

You may register by contacting the Church Growth office at the Kentucky Baptist Convention (502/245-4101) or Mrs. Jean Bowden, KBCSA treasurer, Versailles Baptist Church (606/873-7338) 125 E. Green Street, Versailles, Ky 40383.

Track A session I, II, III, IV
Church Secretary Certification Seminar
 Sara Farmer, SBC Church Administration Department
"Personal Issues that Impact Your Work" and *"Records Management"* are the third and fourth modules in the Secretarial Personal Enrichment Program. All modules are being taught on a rotating basis so that certification may be completed at three consecutive annual conferences.

Track B
Professional Development
Church Finances and Taxes session II or III
 Don Spencer, Annuity Director, KBC
Office Skills session II or III
 Dr. Sam Southard, Minister of Pastoral Care;

Senior Research Professor Southern Seminary

Ministering in Times of Crisis session I/IV
 Mrs. Pam Lyon, Secretary Hillcrest Baptist, Hopkinsville
 One of the newest additions to the *Church Secretaries Desk Reference Series*; this will be offered for Church Study Course credit.

Beginning a Search for Significance session I & IV
 Mrs. Michelle Turner, Administrative secretary, Church Growth Division, KBC
 This material helps individuals consider the source of their self-worth and to experience the love and acceptance of the Heavenly Father.

Schedule

Thursday, July 28	
1-4:00 PM	Registration
3-5:00	Session I
5:15	Regional Meetings
5:30	Dinner
7:00	General Session & Worship
9:30	Gift Swap & Fellowship
Friday, July 29	
7:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Worship
10:00	Session II
12:15	Lunch
1:30	Session III
6:00	Banquet & Fashion Show
Saturday, July 30	
7:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00	Worship
10:00	Session IV
12:15	Lunch & General Session

EVENTS

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MINISTER/CHURCH SUPPORT

Ready and willing to help

What services are available to churches through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Minister/Church Support Division office?

1. Search committees may request assistance by scheduling an orientation/training meeting. A representative will come to their church to discuss the search process, good methods to use and tools to accomplish the work.

2. Resumes of prospective ministers for pastor and staff vacancies will be sent upon request. These are shared without evaluation or recommendation and may be used by the committee as they see fit.

3. Assistance when a church needs an interim minister or a supply preacher for one Sunday. Names of persons available to serve these needs will be given to the committee.

4. Consultation for conflict management is available. When conflict becomes uncomfortable and hinders ministry, reaching out for help is appropriate. A consultant can assist with a process that works toward resolution of the conflict and restoration of the health of the congregation.

Guy Futral, Minister/Church Support Division office, KBC (502) 245-4101, ext. 243

What services are available to ministers through the Minister/Church Support Division office?

1. Personal consultation regarding possible relocation. When to move and when to stay are questions every minister faces. It is helpful to consider the issue with one who is not personally involved.

2. Sharing biographical/resume material with prospective churches. Persons who want to consider a change may open a file with this office and have their material sent to appropriate churches when they request names. The files are for all categories of church staff ministers.

3. Assistance with resume preparation. The resume is of great importance since this is often the only information the committee has about prospects. Helping ministers get good, pertinent information on the resume is the top goal.

4. Counseling referral and assistance with the counseling fee is available to Kentucky Baptist ministers and their families. Contact needs to be made through the Division office.

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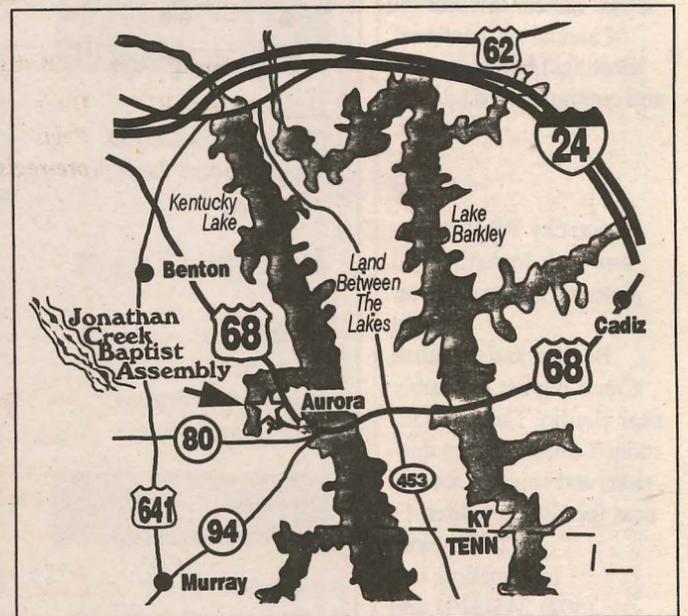
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STEWARDSHIP

A catch-up event for tithers

How are you doing so far on your church budget this year? Could you use a little "shot in the arm" to encourage your membership about their stewardship responsibilities?

A *Giving Update Sunday* can serve both as a review of your church's giving progress and as a challenge to members to catch up if they are behind in their financial commitments.

What are the steps to an effective update Sunday?

1. Set the date early. It should be near midyear of the current budget year.
2. Select an update theme.
3. Order materials early. Order materials at least six weeks before Update Sunday from SBC Stewardship Services.
4. Announce Update Sunday activities.
5. Prepare and mail update letter. Mail this letter from the pastor to every family one week before Update Sunday.
6. Prepare the state of giving sermon (pastor).

A GIVING UPDATE SUNDAY

7. Enlist two persons to share their giving testimony.
8. Prepare special bulletin insert. This insert should reflect the church's giving progress for the current budget year.
9. Schedule youth/adult devotional.
10. Teach stewardship lesson.
11. Schedule an audiovisual. Appropriate filmstrips are available from Stewardship Services to use on the evening of Update Sunday.
12. Plan an after church fellowship.

For more information, contact:

Doug Strader
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Louisville, KY 40253-0433

EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

OTHER EVENTS

Office for Evangelism

Here's Hope motivational rallies (last session of annual associational meetings) begins in July and continues through this October.

WMU

Kentucky WMU sponsors Girls in Action and Acteens Camp at Cedar Crest in Bagdad and Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly near Hardin. The self-contained camp stresses missions and spiritual awareness for girls in grades 4 - 12. For more information, call (502) 245-4101 and ask for WMU.

Church Music

The following Key-board Clinics have been cancelled:
 July 30, First Church, Madisonville;
 August 6, Calvary Church, Lexington;
 August 13, First Church, London

Upcoming Events

MAY

Emphasis:
Chaplaincy ministries
Annual Church Council planning

Memorial Day is May 30.

Student

•May 30
 Beginning term for summer missionaries

JUNE

Emphasis:
Annuity Board ministries
Baptist heritage
Conferences at Ridgecrest, Glorieta, Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek

Father's Day is June 19.

Brotherhood

•June 6-10
 Camp staff training
 Cedarmore

•June 13-17
 RA, Pioneer, HSBYM camp
 Boys grades 4-12
 Camp Rabro

Church Music

•June 11-19
 All State Youth Choir Retreat and tour
 Georgetown/Ridgecrest

•June 18-24
 Church Music Leadership Week
 Ridgecrest

Office for Evangelism

•YouthFest '94
 State Youth Evangelism Conference
 Frankfort
 Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center

SBC

•June 14-16
 SBC Annual Meeting
 Orlando, Florida

Student

•June 11
 In-State Teams' Dinner Theatre
 Cedarmore

WMU

•June 12-13
 WMU Annual Meeting at SBC
 Orlando

•June 13-17
 GA/Acteens camp
 Jonathan Creek

•June 13-19
 Camp staff training
 Cedar Crest

•June 17-18
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Jonathan Creek

•June 20-24
 GA camp
 Jonathan Creek

•June 20-24
 GA camp
 Cedar Crest

•June 21-24
 National Acteens Convention
 Birmingham, Alabama

•June 25-July 1
 Jericho Week
 Ridgecrest

•June 27-July 1
 GA camp
 Cedar Crest

•June 27
 GA camp
 Jonathan Creek

JULY

Emphasis:
Christian literature--state papers, denominational publications and missionary magazines
Conferences at Ridgecrest, Glorieta, Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek

July 3 - Christian Citizenship Sunday

Independence Day is July 4.

This includes events through mid-July.

Church Music

•July 9-15
 Church Music Leadership Week
 Glorieta

•July 18-22
 Children's Music Camp
 Cedarmore

Discipleship Training

•July 2-8
 Discipleship Training Week
 Glorieta

•July 16-20
 Discipleship Training Week
 Ridgecrest

WMU

•July 6-7
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

•July 11-15
 GA/Acteens camp
 Cedar Crest

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
 Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
Discipleship Training
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Evangelism, Office for

- YouthFest '94
Partnership Missions
 Kentucky/Russia
 State partnerships
Sunday School
 CWE Seminars

To Register

- Evangelism, Office for**
 YouthFest '94 (\$4 pre-reg., p/person)

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 Address _____ City _____
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 Church _____ Association _____
 Leadership Position _____
 Registration fee (if applicable) \$ _____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

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CHURCHES

Churches can be charged with copyright violations too

NASHVILLE (BP)—Using a photocopy machine may be hazardous to a church's financial health if those using the machine violate federal copyright laws.

That's the warning of Larry Cannon, legal consultant for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Some churches have paid large financial prices and suffered embarrassment for the temporary "convenience" of photocopying original writings or music without proper permission from the owner, he said.

"The owner of a creative work has the right by federal law to copy the work, prepare derivative works, distribute the work for sale or rental, perform the work publicly and display

the work," Cannon said.

Public performances such as singing a song or playing a video require permission and, in most cases, payment of a fee for that privilege. The exception is performance of religious music at religious assembly. But Cannon said the word "religious" is crucial to the exception.

For example, showing a video or portion of a video as the basis for discussing a teaching point is an exemption under the law. But to show the same video as a means of entertaining a group does not qualify, even if the showing takes place at church.

"Fair use," an exception some people use to justify copying or using materials without permission or pay-

ment, is not widely applied to churches, Cannon said.

Duplicating tapes of a church's worship service to distribute to homebound members may require payment of a fee to the companies that hold copyrights to the music used in those services, he said. Some churches find dealing with that process too complicated, thus they duplicate only the sermon portion of the service.

Cannon suggested an economical means for churches to secure permission to copy music and cover fees is to secure a church copyright license from Christian Copyright Licensing Inc. of Portland, Ore.

For an annual fee, ranging from \$85 for a church with fewer than 100

members to a maximum of \$600 for a congregation of 10,000 or more, churches may legally copy the music of more than 1,000 publishers for congregational use. These include the Sunday School Board's Genevox Music Group, Broadman Press, McKinney Press and Van Ness Press. For information, call (800) 234-2446.

Another organization, Church Music Publishers Association of Nashville, offers a free brochure on "The Church Musician and The Copyright Law." To obtain a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the association at Box 158992, Nashville, Tenn. 37215. For \$2, the same organization will provide a list of church music copyright holders.

Sexual misconduct a legal threat to churches, expert says

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who work with children and youth, he said. Accusations and litigation in this area can be "devastating at all levels," he warned. "The reputation of the church suffers for years."

Among his recommendations to prevent possible problems with sexual abuse of children and teen-agers:

■ A six-month rule, a requirement that a person be a member of the

church for at least six months before working with minors.

■ Screening forms, which could be completed by both volunteer and paid workers with minors, including questions about criminal convictions, prior church membership and volunteer work. He also suggested prospective workers with children and youth should be asked if they ever were the victim of child molestation.

■ A church policy, which might include quoting the state child abuse reporting law, a list of the symptoms of abuse and procedures for reporting suspicions to a designated person.

■ Church member education, which could take the form of books, audio and video tapes or training manuals in child abuse prevention.

People who have had prior convictions in child sex abuse should "never again" be allowed to work with minors, Hammar advised. "According to medical science, pedophilia is widely considered to be an incurable disorder. Pedophiles are thought to be highly promiscuous, with each having between 100 and 500 victims.

"While grace and forgiveness are important, you have a duty to children in the church," he cautioned, adding that other opportunities for volunteer service exist apart from working with minors.

Other areas Hammar advised churches to consider as possible sources of litigation include:

■ Incorporation. A church that is not incorporated may face litigation seeking damages not only from church assets, but also from governing board members and individual church members. Some churches, he said, may have been incorporated long ago, and the term for incorpora-

tion expired after 20 or 50 years, without anyone taking notice.

- Negligent supervision.
- Clergy seduction.
- Counseling ministries and services.
- Basis for employee termination.
- Wording of church deeds, relative to donated property and future disposition or use of the property.

Tips to reduce legal threat

NASHVILLE (BP)—While churches can't eliminate the possibility of getting sued, they can take steps to reduce the threat of "successful lawsuits" against them, a lawyer for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board said.

Norm Finney, the board's manager of legal services, said churches should review four areas:

■ **Property.** Are there "attractive nuisances" such as pools, ponds and cliffs on the church property that could result in accidents and injuries? Do any church fixtures need repair? Is church equipment in good working condition? Does playground equipment meet "industry standards" related to safety? Is there adequate signage for information and protection and are the warnings enforced? Is the church equipped with adequate lighting? Are fire exits properly marked?

■ **Personnel.** Does the church have an appropriate screening process for paid and volunteer child care and youth workers? Are drivers of church vehicles licensed and do they have good driving records? When staff members are terminated, are they treated fairly?

■ **Policies.** Does the church have written policies concerning certain procedures, such as who can drive church vehicles or sign church documents? Does the church have policies stating what should be done in emergency situations or when child abuse is discovered, and are church workers/members aware of them? Does the church have adequate liability insurance coverage and are there any gaps in the coverage?

■ **Practices.** Are church payroll records routinely audited? Are church-sponsored recreational activities being properly supervised? Is there a plan for routine maintenance of church vehicles?



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Christian parents find faith amid son's drug abuse

"When you pray and pray and pray for so long and you've done all you can do, finally you're to the point of being really angry with God."

Sandra Watkins, on her grief over her son's drug abuse

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sonality.

He told his parents that obtaining drugs consumed him; his first thoughts in the morning and his last thoughts at night were of how he would buy drugs.

Finally, Tim broke free of his addiction, although temporarily. During that time, he made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

But his body's craving for drugs led Tim to begin the drug use again.

About two weeks before his death, Tim's parents realized he was involved with drugs again.

"When you pray and pray and pray for so long and you've done all you can do, finally you're to the point of being really angry with God," Sandra explained. She turned her back on God because she couldn't understand why the addiction continued.

"I could never treat my child the way he was treating me," Sandra said she thought at the time. "I didn't want any part of God. It was a miserable two weeks."

But when she cried out to God in that hotel room, none of that mattered, she said. God's comfort was immediate.

"The power is so strong," she said. "You absolutely know another person is with you."

Tim's funeral was attended by a large number of teens, including many of his "drug friends." Lowery preached an evangelistic sermon at the request of the family and called

parents and teens to a time of commitment.

Soon after Tim's death, the family found written in the front cover of his Bible his salvation date and Scriptures underlined for strength to battle his addiction.

"We felt God saw he would not be able to overcome his addiction and it was God's mercy that took him (to heaven)," Sandra said.

Even with that assurance, they still questioned why the addiction happened in the first place. They have found hope and strength in Scriptures as they try to understand.

By studying Hebrews, Sandra said she has learned that to become like Christ, people have to suffer through grief and heartache. God allowed this tragedy so she might become more like him, she said.

She also read 1 Peter 5:10 daily: "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you."

"That carried me through," she said.

For Royce, the "be grateful for trials" teachings of James 1 have become real. Tim's addiction and death "made us grateful for brokenness. We can speak from grace instead of about grace," he said.

The couple, who now live in Birmingham and are members of the Church at Brook Hills, said their faith and hope in the Lord is stronger be-

cause of the experience. Had it not happened, "We would have so much pride in what we had done in raising our family," Sandra commented. "When you're broken, you realize your source is the Lord."

Throughout the ordeal, the Watkinses worked to keep their home from crumbling, cleaving to and depending on the Lord and each other.

Youngest son Jim, now a student at Baylor University, continued to show his brother love despite Tim's mistreatment, Royce said. And Jim comforted his parents by assuring them they were not "bad parents" because of Tim's addiction.

The family acknowledged they made mistakes relating to Tim's drug abuse.

"We went through almost two years trying to keep it a secret," Royce admitted. "That was the wrong thing. You should get it out in the open and have friends praying for you."

"We were so ashamed," Royce said.

"We felt we had a certain image to uphold," Sandra added, pointing out Royce was a deacon and they worked in the youth department at church. She also was an administrator in the school system.

"People had no idea what we were going through," she recalled.

Royce said he can't imagine how anyone who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus Christ can handle the anguish and emotions they have faced.

Yes, they believe they will see Tim again one day in heaven, but "you never get to the point you don't miss him or think about him," Sandra said.

When he sees boxes of memorabilia or his sons' pictures in his den, Royce thinks about the hunting and fishing trips and other fun times they had together, as well as the difficult times. "I always thank God for his grace and his protection and for how he saw us through that ordeal," he said.

And they find comfort, too, in knowing Tim's death wasn't in vain.

Shirley Purcell, a neighbor, said watching the way the family handled Tim's death reinforced her need to be involved with a church and to have a closer relationship with God.

Purcell also has a young son, Jarrett, whom Tim befriended. As Sandra emotionally related the story, 9-year-old Jarrett told his mother: "Tim died for our family. If he hadn't died, you would never have taken me to Sunday school and I would never have known Jesus."

The Watkinses' home has endured quakes that could have crumbled their structure, or at least left cracks in the foundation. Yet they have survived with their foundation intact and reinforced.

"God showed us job advancements and social status really aren't that important," Royce said. "The things I was striving for can be taken away 'just like that.' This event increased our growth and faith in God."

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Remembering with love

With Memorial Day approaching as a time for us to remember and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country, I have been thinking about many of the people who have been important in my life who have now gone on to be with the Lord. I realize that I wouldn't be the person I am today or have had the solid foundation that has helped me in life without the influence of these individuals. I am grateful for all that their lives have added to the richness of my own life.

The time has passed for me to say "thank you" to these individuals personally, but one of the ways I have found to be a special way of honoring their memories is through memorial gifts to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. I feel good about this because I know how these gifts are used to help boys and girls who are hurting. I know how the gifts are used to help young women facing crisis pregnancies and couples wanting to adopt. I know how these gifts help to bridge the gaps between individuals and families who benefit from our counseling program. I know how these gifts are used to help young people go to college or get their start in life.

But, to be completely honest, I make memorial gifts because of what they do for me as much as for any other reason. Memorial gifts are my opportunity to celebrate a life in a meaningful way. They are my way of extending the goodness of the life of the person who has now passed away. Through my memorial gift, I feel like that person is continuing to have a positive impact upon the world. Quite simply, memorial gifts are my way of cherishing happy memories.

I also like to celebrate the lives of those important to me who are still living by making honor gifts from myself. I know for time to time, there is no greater honor than to help a child.

Honor gifts express so much because they allow me to say "thank you" to special people in a way that expresses Christ's love and compassion.

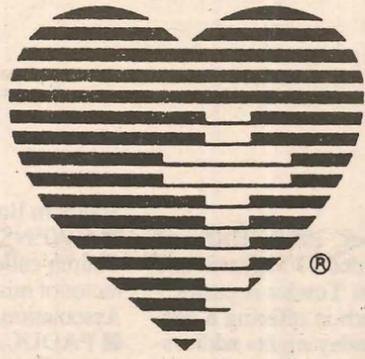
As you think about those who are special to you, think also about helping children. I think you'll find this kind of giving special too.

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

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Curtis C. Mooney



Here's Hope. Share Jesus Now.

'Top 100' Churches: Total Baptisms for 1993

<u>Church</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>
1. Vine Grove	Vine Grove	113	New Hope Missionary	Radcliff	39	Sebree First	Sebree	30
2. Highview	Louisville	112	Paducah First	Paducah	39	St. Matthews	Louisville	30
3. Porter Memorial	Lexington	95	38. Hopkinsville Second	Hopkinsville	38	Eastern Gate	Shepherdsville	30
Oneida	Oneida	95	Richmond First	Richmond	38	Lewisport	Lewisport	30
5. Living Hope	Bowling Green	82	40. Shively	Louisville	37	Pikeville First	Pikeville	30
6. Ninth and O	Louisville	73	41. Kento-Boo	Florence	36	Central	Winchester	30
7. Binghamtown	Middlesboro	72	Sandusky Chapel	Monticello	36	77. Henderson First	Henderson	29
8. Glendale	Bowling Green	71	Crestwood	Crestwood	36	Jenkins First	Jenkins	29
9. Camp Pleasant	Frankfort	66	44. Erlanger	Erlanger	34	Bethel	Berea	29
10. Faith First	Regina	61	Hickory Grove	Independence	34	Lawrenceburg First	Lawrenceburg	29
11. Mountain Ash	Williamsburg	60	New Bethel	Benton	34	81. Calvary	Lexington	28
12. Hardin	Dexter	59	Central	Corbin	34	Fairview	Ashland	28
13. Severns Valley	Elizabethtown	58	Reidland	Paducah	34	Hyland	Henderson	28
14. Little Flock	Shepherdsville	55	Mt. Washington First	Mt. Washington	34	Mt. Zion	West Paducah	28
15. Rose Hill Missionary	Ashland	54	50. Southside	Princeton	33	Bethlehem	Louisville	28
Immanuel	Glasgow	54	Immanuel	Erlanger	33	Walton First	Walton	28
17. Franklin Crossroads	Cecilia	52	Murray First	Murray	33	87. Crofton	Crofton	27
18. Liberty	Madisonville	49	Immanuel	Covington	33	Greenview	Florence	27
19. Emmanuel	Mayfield	48	Green Ridge	Lewisburg	33	New Salem	London	27
20. Pleasant View	Waynesburg	47	Valley Creek	Elizabethtown	33	Bellevue	Owensboro	27
Walnut Street	Louisville	47	Carlisle Avenue	Louisville	33	Springdale	Goshen	27
Unity	Ashland	47	57. Edgewood	Nicholasville	32	Immanuel	Harrodsburg	27
23. Hill Top Missionary	Pine Knot	45	Post Oak	Russellville	32	Coxs Creek	Coxs Creek	27
Mt. Elmira	Shepherdsville	45	Marion	Marion	32	94. Hillcrest	Hopkinsville	26
25. Campbellsville	Campbellsville	43	60. Highland	Princeton	31	South Campbellsville	Campbellsville	26
DeHaven Memorial	LaGrange	43	Clear Springs	Russell Springs	31	Coral Hill	Glasgow	26
27. Calvary	Glasgow	42	Mill Creek	Stoney Fork	31	Green River	Cromwell	26
Zion	Henderson	42	Gardenside	Lexington	31	New Salem	Coxs Creek	26
Lone Oak First	Paducah	42	Immanuel	Lexington	31	99. Big Bone	Union	25
30. Hillvue Heights	Bowling Green	41	North Frankfort	Frankfort	31	London First	London	25
Cedar Creek	Louisville	41	Stithton	Radcliff	31	Hopewell	Harrodsburg	25
32. Florence	Florence	40	Bowling Green First	Bowling Green	31	Robards Missionary	Robards	25
Beacon Hill	Somerset	40	Cedar Grove	Shepherdsville	31	Bellview	Paducah	25
34. Oak Grove First	Oak Grove	39	69. Central	Winchester	30	Owensboro First	Owensboro	25
Buck Run	Frankfort	39	Louisa First	Louisa	30			

Here's Hope for Increasing Your Baptisms

Every church has the opportunity to increase its baptisms in the 94-95 year by:

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 - B. Agree to be trained in October 1994 in sharing his/her faith through the use of the Roman Road booklet and/or Marked New Testaments.
3. Agreeing also to participate in the 1995 *Here's Hope. Jesus Cares for You.* Harvest Revivals (March 12 thru September 30).

PEOPLE

KENTUCKY KERNELS

Baptists at one time had a seminary in Covington called the Western Baptist Theological Institute. Classes began in the fall of 1845, just months after the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. However, disagreements between Kentucky Baptists and Ohio Baptists—representative of differences between Northern and Southern Baptists over slavery—led to the school's demise. After several years of legal actions, the school's assets were divided between north and south, with the southern portion being incorporated into Georgetown College.

Source: "Baptists in Kentucky, 1776-1976."

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

- **BAGDAD**—Gregory Nimmo resigned as pastor of Beechridge Church to become pastor at Hustonville Church.
- **BOWLING GREEN**—Paul Robinson resigned as interim music director at Burton Memorial Church.
- **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Robinson Creek Church called Tony Cress as minister of youth and education. Elkhorn Church called Shayla Ward as summer worker with children and deaf. Saloma Church called John Chowning as interim pastor. Palestine Church called Kelly Calmes as director of music.
- **CORBIN**—Central Church licensed J.D. Payne to the ministry May 15.
- **CYNTHIANA**—Allen England resigned as minister of education and youth at Cynthiana Church to become minister of education at Highland Church in Florence, Ala.
- **GEORGETOWN**—Mark Pennington resigned as pastor of Mallard Point Church. His wife, Stacey, will become chaplain at Danbury Federal Prison for Women in Danbury, Conn.
- **LEWISPORT**—Lewisport Church called Michael Hail as pastor, beginning May 30. He previously served as pastor at Kelly Church in Hopkinsville.
- **LEXINGTON**—Bill Lindsey resigned as minister of youth at Garden-side Church.

Terry Keith was ordained to the gospel ministry at Grace Church, where he serves as minister of music.

Jonathan Chappell was ordained to the gospel ministry at Southern Heights Church May 8. He recently resigned as minister of music to become minister of music and education at Seneca Church in Seneca, S.C.

■ **LONDON**—Bald Rock Church called Marvin Helton as pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Highview Church called Billy Holyfield of Hattiesburg, Miss., as minister to single

adults.

Since October 1993, Hillcrest Church has recorded 17 baptisms and 45 additions. Ron Towles is pastor.

Lyndon Church is offering a special series on Sunday nights addressing the theme "Issues Every Family Faces." Remaining topics in the series include sex abuse, May 29; domestic violence, June 5; and divorce, June 12. All sessions begin at 6 p.m.

Yorktown Church ordained Joe Fields, Steve Baker, Carl Alexander, Leatha Shuffett, Eunice Chism, Tammy Fields, Sue Fields, Greta Yonts and Rhonda Thompson as deacons May 22.

Eileen Campbell-Reed has been elected to the executive board of

Southern Baptist Women in Ministry.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Buena Vista Church called James Spaulding, director of missions in Daviess-McLean Association, as interim pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Immanuel Church called Steve and Nancy Cothran of Tampa, Fla., as staff ministers; he as associate minister; she as associate minister to children and education.

■ **PERRYVILLE**—Homecoming will be celebrated at Beech Grove Church May 29, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be served before the 2 p.m. service.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—The children's choir of Bullitt Lick Church performed "Back at the Creekbank" May 21-22.

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Work program awards day

On May 3 we recognized a special group of students at Oneida Baptist Institute—those who have excelled in our unique work program. W.F. "Bud" Underwood, dean of boys/work program supervisor, presided over the chapel service. Our dormitory deans assisted in recognizing workers and handing out certificates. Jack Tillman, farm manager, gave honors to our best farm workers.

Classifications of awards for both girls and boys included "good worker," "outstanding worker" and "cleanest room."

In addition to the many students who proudly accepted certificates in these areas, others received special awards as follows:

■ **Most Improved:** Alison Tinsley, Lisa Moon, Josh Moon, Brian Fisher and Clem Browning.

■ **Room Monitor Award:** Mike Mullins.

■ **Special Service:** Daniel Nichols, Allison Whittinghill, Mwabi Kaira, Adulis Beyenne, Clem Browning, Mati Safi, Nathan Ewing, Josh Stanton, Luke Gipson and David Jones.

"Most Improved" awards are given to those students who have shown the greatest improvements in job performance, attitude and the ability to work with or lead others.

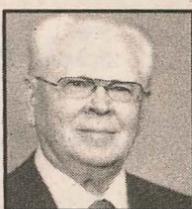
Special Service awards are given to those who have done far more than what was required.

One of the unique aspects of our work program is that our students do not get paid. They are required to work in order to help keep our costs down, to help them develop pride in a job well done and to remind them that they must clean up their messes—which has a tendency to make them think before making a mess.

The following are remarks made to our student body by Underwood:

"Many times new or prospective students tell me 'I'll come to your school, but I won't go to church and I won't work.' It's sad to say, but we've lost some of the traditions on which this country was founded ... Honesty and integrity were critical issues with our forefathers, and of course, work ... I truly hope during this year you have found your niche. Some of you have done that through achieving academic excellence. Some have enjoyed the fine arts. Others of you have been involved in a sport in which you've found supreme satisfaction. ... For you young people here today whose niche has been the work program, I want to say 'Thank you.' ...

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A.B. Colvin

"Work is an important part of our Oneida heritage.

"Students who are involved in athletics, band, drama or academic team are exempt from the work program because they spend as much time—sometimes more—in these activities as they would in the work program.

There are some people who join these activities just to avoid the work program. But we feel that is all right; the important thing is to get them involved in something constructive in which they can find satisfaction."

Underwood concluded by reminding awards recipients "We have printed Ecclesiastes 9:10 on these certificates: 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.' I want to encourage you young people that whatever it is in life that you're going to grab hold of, give it your best. ... There's a great deal of satisfaction in knowing you've done something well."

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Equipped for pastoral care

"If God can't solve your problems, you don't need a counselor," was Knox County native Bill Scott's attitude when he came to Clear Creek in 1980. He was so negative about counseling he thought anyone who sought it had abandoned their faith. Through classes of professor Dudley Pomeroy he "got an appetite for pastoral care." He graduated from Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary with a degree in pastoral care and counseling and in June completes a chaplain residency at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Colleagues at Central have nicknamed him "Dr. Death" because anytime there's a death, they call him for ministry. "You have to learn to shield yourself some to maintain stability but still be present and show compassion," Scott said. His responsibilities also include relating to families in the cancer unit and critical surgery recovery. Director of Pastoral Care Mary Harrison noted: "Bill has been an asset to us. Since the majority of our patients are from Southeastern Kentucky, he understands the family relationships and dynamics. He has researched and set up support groups for cancer patient families."

Scott's Clear Creek experience raised his awareness of people needs. "I'm no longer quick to condemn. I'll always remember Dr. Pomeroy's advice: 'You can disagree, but do it in love.'"

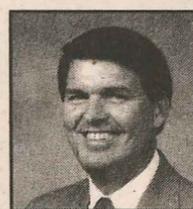
Wilma Scott acknowledges people who know her at Clear Creek probably would not recognize her now. "I would not come out of my apartment then. Now I'm an open person and experiencing a whole new world. I'm also grateful for what counseling has meant to my life." She is office manager for a Lexington psychiatrist.

The Scotts are glad to hear Clear Creek will be opening a counseling center in cooperation with Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Both of them indicate their contacts with patients still reflect society's stigma about someone going for counseling. "People never think twice about going for a broken arm, but counseling is different. God can solve our problems, but can't he use a born-again counselor to help?" Scott asks. Clear Creek is glad to have a part in equipping Christ-centered counselors and chaplains like Bill Scott.

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Bill Whittaker

New Mexico church offers horse parking

By Patrick Johnson
Deming Headlight

DEMING, N.M. (BP)—Not everything has gone the way of the horse and buggy. In fact, at one Baptist church, the horse and buggy haven't gone anywhere at all.

Madeleine Martinez, one of a small but growing flock at the Son-Shine Baptist Church 10 miles south of Deming, N.M., started the Son-Shine Saddleites—a little club for those who want to bring back the age-old tradition of riding horses to church.

"Eventually, we want to get a horse and buggy to pick up all the children for Sunday school," Martinez said after Sunday services at the church.

"It's a country church tradition we're bringing back," said Pastor Fred Nims. About five churchgoers now make the weekly trek to the Son-Shine services on horseback, Martinez said.

Nims, who became pastor in December 1993 and already has seen its flock grow from five members to more than 20, said the congregation recently built a hitching post out back of the church.

A lean-to for tack and saddle as well as a watering trough also will appear soon, he said.

Nims said he hopes the Saddleites will help the congregation grow by attracting more horse lovers to the church.

One recent Sunday two ponies and a mule stood hitched behind the church, waiting patiently in the sun for the service inside to conclude.

Martinez said it takes her a little over an hour to ride from her house on Star Route 1, covering the four-mile trek on the back of her trusty steed, Popcorn.

Travis McGuinn, his sister Jessica, and Jennifer Littleton now also ride to church each Sunday. After sermons they ride around in the desert brush outside the church, chasing each other.

"We think of ourselves as a beacon in the desert," said congregation member Dave Adams. "We have a lot of love and fellowship here."

For the children and other riders, the Saddleites is mostly a way to bring back old-timey feelings, when things weren't as rushed and the Sunday horseback rides to church were akin to meditation.

And there are other reasons. "I don't have to get car sick anymore," Littleton said. "Only saddle sores."

Chaplain finds fast track to ministry

By David Winfrey
SBC Home Mission Board

TALLADEGA, Ala. (BP)—A shouting Baptist minister is nothing new unless he is trying to be heard over the roar of V-8 racing engines.

As chaplain to stock car drivers and fans, Frank Stark says his current job description parallels the one at his former pastorate in Strafford, Mo.

"We're not organized as a church, but this is my field right here," he says, motioning to the pits of the Talladega Superspeedway where drivers and mechanics prepare for a race that afternoon.

"We have weddings here, counsel with the bereaved, talk with people, listen to them, pray with them, share their burdens and their joys," he says. "You do basically the same things. It's just that your congregation's a lot farther away from home."

Drivers describe Stark as a friend and confidant in an increasingly competitive profession. Often, more than 50 racing teams with \$60,000 automobiles compete for only 40 starting positions in a race, explains Bob Loga, president of the Automobile Racing Club of America.

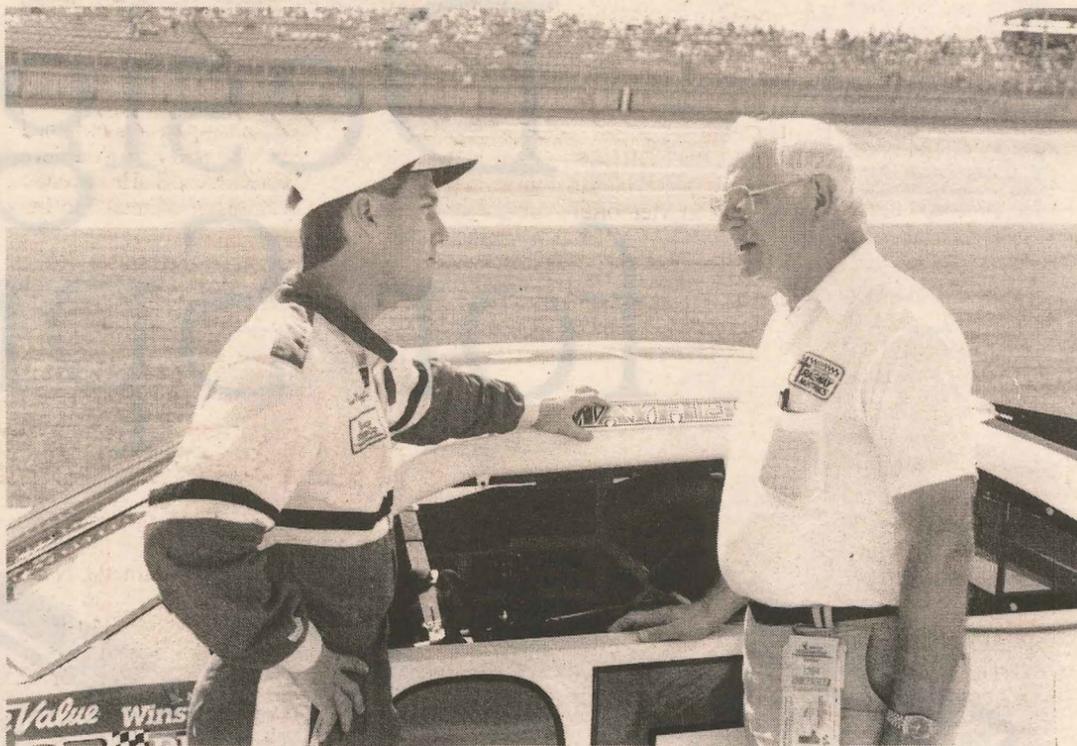
"He always has time to stop and talk," says ARCA driver Loy Allen Jr. "He's always uplifting when you meet him because he has such a positive attitude."

Part-time driver Jim Elliott agrees. "He's just been a good friend and a special person," says Elliott, who was married five years ago by Stark under his tent outside turn three at Talladega. "I always want to look him up as soon as I get to the race track so I can shake his hand and feel good."

Stark began hosting services for fans in 1982 after finding no worship service at his first trip to a NASCAR race. "Seeing 135,000 people with no church, I said, 'Here's a tremendous opportunity. Somebody ought to do something.'"

Four years later, Stark became chaplain to the racers, crews, families and officials of ARCA, the second-largest sanctioning body for racing, next to NASCAR. In addition to leading a weekly worship service, Stark also staffs the infield care center during ARCA races.

Before the green flag drops, Stark often shakes hands with each driver during introductions, wishing them



"Godspeed and God's safety." Before and after races, Stark roams the pits, offering a pastor's heart to those who can't get to a church on Sunday.

"We've had some scary moments and some stressful times," says Kay Keselowski, wife of 1989 ARCA champion Bob Keselowski. "Frank has helped me put that in perspective as far as putting trust in God."

Stark's sermon illustrations often include racing analogies. At Talladega, he compares knowing about Jesus and having faith in him to the difference between a fan knowing about cars and a driver who gets in one and races around the track, putting his faith in the work of his mechanics.

Stark's interest in racing began when he was young. "When I was just a small kid, dad used to take me to the old jalopy races back home," he recalls.

While a pastor in Springfield, Mo., Stark often spent Friday nights with a deacon who managed the local fairgrounds track. In time, Stark was asked to give the invocation before races and to help minister to drivers' families after wrecks.

Stark began vacationing at Talladega and other tracks, hosting worship services and Saturday night country singings with people trained

to share their faith.

In 1985, he left his church to begin Raceway Ministries Inc., establishing a non-profit organization and becoming a Mission Service Corps volunteer with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

His decals include a portion of Acts 20:24, "If only I may finish the race." He explains, "One driver said, 'That's been my prayer all season.'" Raceway Ministries has attracted the attention of others, and Stark has trained several groups to develop similar ministries at local tracks or on other circuits.

He says he wants local congregations to adopt race tracks and host the worship services for fans because they are better prepared to meet the ongoing ministry needs of those they reach. Of the 18 NASCAR tracks, 13 now have locally led ministries to fans, he says.

"The most difficult part is trying to get the church to see that this is a mission field," he reports.

And then it takes perseverance to see race track ministries bear fruit, he explains, since most unique ministries take time to gain legitimacy.

"You have to build a good track record," Stark says. "No pun intended."

FAST TRACK Frank Stark (right), chaplain to the drivers, officials, mechanics and families of the Automobile Racing Club of America, talks with Jeremy Mayfield, a former ARCA driver who now races in the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. Stark's ministry is endorsed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. (BP photo by David Winfrey)

'Can Lady' has done a ton of work for God

CLEVELAND, Miss. (BP)—Frances Wong walks seven miles a day. She likes the exercise, and along the way she's done a ton of work for the Lord.

A ton (2,060 pounds) is the approximate weight of the aluminum cans she has picked up since last May from the streets of Cleveland, Miss.

Because of her walks, the Mississippi Delta woman has earned the title of "Can Lady for the Lord," a moniker given by a neighbor child.

Not only does she help with the town's litter problem, for the last several years Wong has recycled the cans and donated the money to student summer missions at Delta State Uni-

versity's Baptist Student Union.

Bill Kirkpatrick, BSU director at Delta State, reported her can money has brought in \$566 toward this year's BSU goal of \$7,300.

"Every can I pick up, I say, 'Lord, this is yours,'" explained Wong, who said sometimes people give her money thinking perhaps she is in need. She does wear raggedy clothes in the winter, she said, but that's because she gives as much of her money as possible to the Lord.

Wong became involved with the BSU five years ago. She's at the BSU center about five hours on Wednesdays—setting the table, running the kitchen and mopping the floors after

the free lunch for 80 to 110 students.

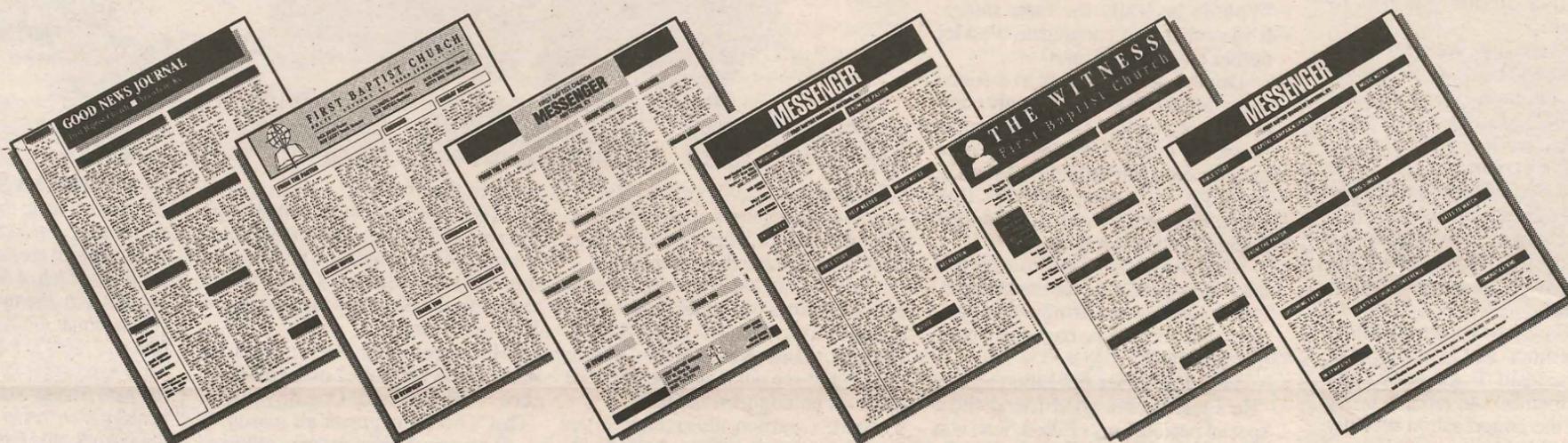
"It is a blessing to see all these young people come together in fellowship and love in Jesus," she said.

Wong feels a special affinity for missions because she is a product of missions herself.

Born in Louise, Miss., the daughter of Chinese immigrants, she converted to Christianity in China. Her parents had sent her to a Baptist girls' school in Canton to learn the culture, language and history of China.

"That's why every December when the Lottie Moon Offering (for foreign missions) comes around, I give what I can because it reached a lost soul like me in China."

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