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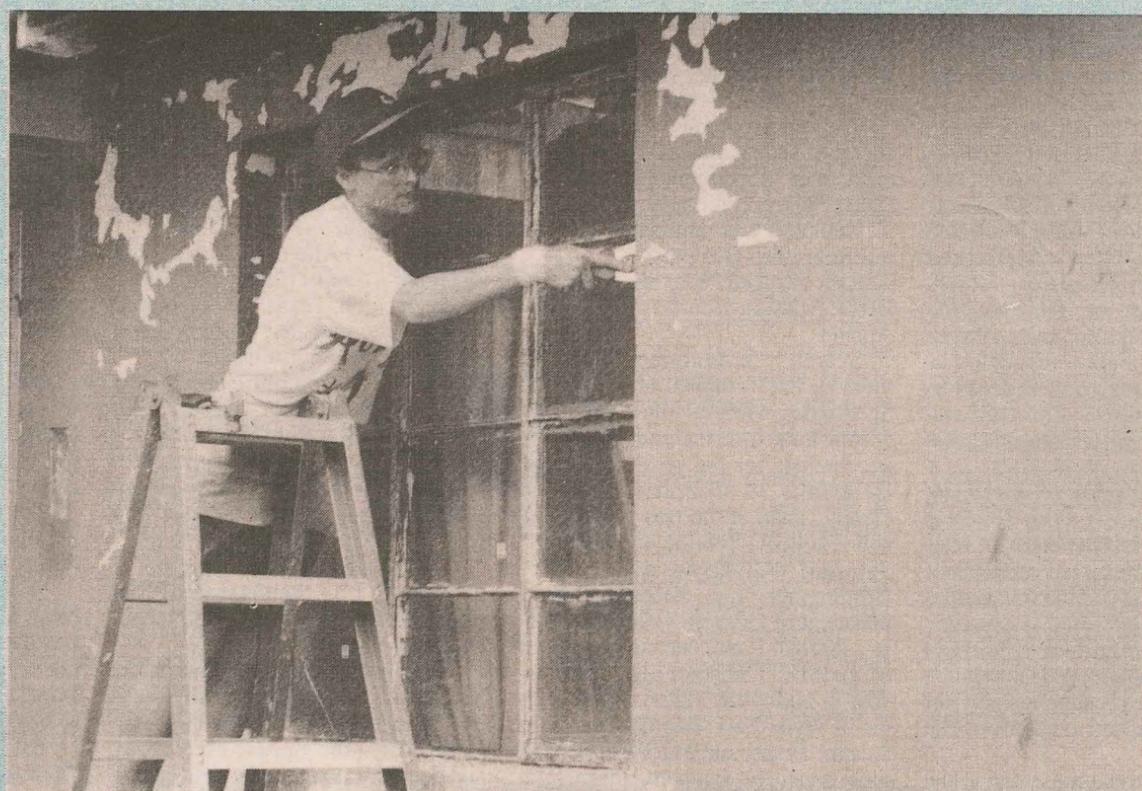
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Former Kentuckian Ken Hemphill has been nominated to succeed Russell Dilday as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. See page 2.

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Kentucky teens change lives of 15 homeowners

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

HOPKINSVILLE—John Routt pointed to the roof at Joe Brewer's home and called, "Cut right along the edge." Sarah Wilkening of De-Haven Memorial Baptist Church in LaGrange adjusted the position of her knife and he added, "Don't get your knuckle down too close. You'll cut it, too."

As he commented on his excellent work crew, the contractor from Sonora marveled, "These girls had never done roofing work before."

"This is a lot of help," added Brewer, a widower who has lived in his home for 28 years. "You've got some nice people here."

The laborers were among 150 high school students, crew chiefs, staffers and chaperones who visited Hopkinsville last week to participate in the first-ever Kentucky Changers work project. The 123 teenagers and chaperones came from a dozen Kentucky churches and one in North Carolina.

Patterned after World Changers, the national Brotherhood program, Kentucky Changers is a state Broth-

erhood effort to repair low-income housing and get teenagers involved in missions.

Last week's work at 15 homes included:

■ Scraping, painting and replacing siding.

■ Repairing windows and installing storm windows and doors.

■ Rebuilding four porches and installing new posts at one house.

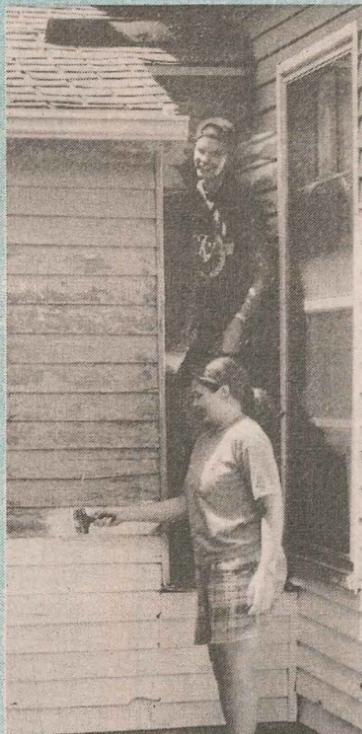
■ Putting on new roofs at six homes, replacing shingles at others and installing new gutters.

■ Pouring concrete for handicapped ramps and a new sidewalk.

"Like the song says, a lot of times we might be the only Jesus someone sees," said Renee Peters, a chaperone from Edgewood Baptist Church of Nicholasville. "It's not just what you say, but what you do."

The volunteers who visited this city of 27,000 people gave more than their time. They paid \$120 apiece for the privilege, with the money used to help pay the program's \$20,000 cost. Tools, training materials, study and devotional guides, brochures and staff were among the expenses, but the largest

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FUN WORK Chris Barrish and Suzanne McCubbin (above) of Bloomfield Baptist Church paint the outside of a Hopkinsville house, with a little slip of paint toward Barrish's face. Renee Peters (top), youth sponsor from Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville, joins in the work scraping off old paint. (Photos by Ken Walker)

Underwood elected to head Oneida

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

ONEIDA—Wesley "Bud" Underwood, 50, has been elected the 10th president of Oneida Baptist Institute, succeeding Barkley Moore, who died Jan. 25.

Underwood was elected to the post on a 14-2 vote by Oneida's trustees July 7. He will begin his new duties Aug. 1.

Oneida is a boarding school for junior high and high school students and is an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The school is located in southeastern Kentucky near Manchester.

Underwood is a 1963 Oneida graduate who returned to work at the school in 1984. He has been dean of boys and director of the work program. In that dual role he has handled discipline among male students and has supervised a massive program in which all students are required to do daily chores, ranging from janitorial work to farming.

Underwood's wife and four children already work alongside him at Oneida. His wife, Martha, has been admissions director.

Their son Harold teaches welding and auto mechanics and coaches two sports. Their daughter Laura teaches physical education and coaches three sports. Their daughter Missy is a substitute teacher and temporary dietician. Their youngest child, Michael, will be a junior at Oneida in the fall.

For the past 10 years, Underwood worked closely alongside Moore and was the former president's own choice to be his successor, according to Dennis Rush, trustee chairman.

"He's nearer to Barkley Moore than anyone I know of, as far as his relationship with the school," Rush said of Underwood.

"Barkley had told two or three of the trustees that if something happened to him, he'd like for Bud Underwood to take his place. I had great respect for Barkley's recommendation because he knew the school, I think, better than anyone else."

Moore was Oneida's president 22 years and with a legendary flair moved the school from the brink of closing to serving about 600 students

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Archaeologists unearth pre-Islamic Christian community

MANAMA, Bahrain (RNS)—Evidence of a pre-Islamic Christian community has been unearthed on an island belonging to the United Arab Emirates, a find that comes as a surprise to the archaeological world.

Excavations carried out this year by London University's school of oriental and African studies revealed what appears to have been a Christian site on Sir Bani Yas Island, off the coast of Ab Dhabi, with at least one courtyard and no fewer than 15 rooms.

Archaeologists concluded that Christians were present at the ancient site when they discovered five intricately carved stucco crosses near a collapsed wall.

One cross is thought to have been originally used in the interior, while four others may have been affixed to the outside.

Although the discovery of a pre-Islamic Christian community was completely unexpected, finds over the past eight years have revealed the presence of ancient churches in

present-day Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, said Geoffrey King, field director of the excavation.

The newly discovered 20-by-30-meter complex is near a courtyard house unearthed last year which had a kitchen and other rooms, "many of which had finely plastered walls and doorways, evidence of the sophistication of its inhabitants," said Peter Hellyer, managing editor of the daily Emirates News and project coordinator of the Abu Dhabi Islands Archaeological Survey Project.

The form of decorations found on the site are consistent with a fifth century to eighth century dating. Muhammad, the founder of Islam, was not born until the sixth century.

Although further excavations will be necessary to identify the precise nature of the newly found site, one theory is that the stuccowork may once have formed part of a frieze around a doorway to a religious edifice, similar in style to a church excavated four years ago on the island of Failaka in Kuwait.

EVENTS
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Ken Hemphill nominated to head Southwestern

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FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Ken Hemphill, a 46-year-old church-growth specialist and former Virginia pastor, is the nominee to become president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A mainstream conservative with a low profile in the 15-year controversy that has racked the Southern Baptist Convention, Hemphill is expected to help calm the furor that erupted at Southwestern after trustees fired Russell Dilday as president in March.

While pastor of First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va., from 1981 to 1992, Hemphill built a reputation as an expert in church growth. The Norfolk congregation grew from 975 resident members to 6,529 during his tenure.

Hemphill is a former Kentuckian, holding two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and having served as pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church in Battletown.

Search Committee Chairman Miles Seaborn announced Hemphill's nomination July 12, although news of the nomination had leaked out the week before.

Hemphill is to be presented to the 40-member board of trustees at a called meeting July 28.

Seaborn, pastor of Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth, described Hemphill as "a peacemaker at heart" who "understands the mandate of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning the 'conservative resurgence' and is personally committed to that mandate and to leading Southwestern Seminary in fulfilling the direction of the convention."

Hemphill, currently director of the Southern Baptist Center for Church Growth in Atlanta, generally espoused neutrality in convention politics while a pastor in Norfolk. He did

come forward, however, to endorse the presidency of conservative-backed Morris Chapman in 1990, a key win for the conservative leadership group which has steered the convention to the right since 1979.

The search committee interviewed a total of six candidates from a list of more than 30 recommendations, said Ralph Pulley, board chairman.

Hemphill was nominated by Darrell Robinson, vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Search committee member Pat Campbell of St. Charles, Mo., said the committee interviewed six finalists for the post: Hemphill; Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.; Richard Melick, president of Criswell College in Dallas; Richard Land, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission in Nashville; Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas; and Mark Coppenger, vice president for convention relations at the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

Hemphill, George, Melick and Smith were invited for second interviews, Campbell said. Trustee Chairman Pulley, considered a major force in Dilday's firing, said Hemphill is "uniquely qualified academically, spiritually and experientially to lead our seminary into the 21st century."

Dilday, 63, was fired March 9 by trustees who accused him of creating "gridlock," blocking conservative reforms they wanted to see at the seminary. But the firing elicited protests from faculty, alumni, donors and at

least one accrediting agency.

Hemphill's nomination has drawn cautious approval from some of those critics, however.

"I'm reasonably excited about him," said Wayne Allen, a conservative trustee who opposed the firing and the tactics trustee officers used. "Of the list of candidates that I heard, he could come closer to smoothing the waters than any of the others."



Hemphill

Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Texas, said Hemphill could be "a pretty good healing influence."

Hemphill holds four academic degrees but none from Southwestern.

"I would have preferred a Southwestern alumnus to someone who does not have those ties," said Roberta Damon of

Richmond, Va., Southwestern's national alumni president. "However, let's wait and see."

Hemphill, a native of Morganton, N.C., holds two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville—the master of divinity and doctor of ministry. He also earned a doctor of philosophy degree from Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. His undergraduate work was at Wake Forest University.

Leon McBeth, Southwestern professor of church history, said the seminary faculty probably would have preferred a Southwestern alum, "but the mere fact he is not a Southwestern grad I don't think will be a problem."

"We're a national denomination now," McBeth added. "And if the man is the right man, I don't think it matters what school he attended. If he is an authentic, mission-minded, evangelical Southern Baptist, he will fit at Southwestern."

Lorin Cranford, professor of New Testament, was more cautious: "This is not going to change the agenda of the trustees. It may slow down the implementation of the agenda."

Likewise, Texas Baptist convention President Jerald McBride, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Angelo, said the make-up of the trustee board will have more influence on the direction of Southwestern than Hemphill's election.

"The board determines the direction of the institution and not the president," said McBride, a former Southwestern trustee. "With the current chairman and the members of Southwestern's board who voted for ... Dr. Dilday's firing, I really see no basis for believing that any substantive changes will be made."

To many observers, however, Hemphill's selection is seen as a hopeful sign.

"I feel pretty good about Hemphill," McBeth said. "Everything I've heard about him indicates he is a balanced, genuine, mainline Southern Baptist, and that's what we're trying to be out here."

Dilday said Hemphill represents "a strong choice" because of his combination of academic preparation and pastoral experience. Those were the same qualifications the trustees sought in 1977, when they hired Dilday, the former president said, "except then there was no expectation of political party identity."

"Most of the critics of the board will be surprised that they chose a person who does not represent the hard-line, right-wing position of the denomination, even though he clearly identifies with the persons now in control of the convention," Dilday said.

With additional reporting from Tim Palmer through Baptist Press

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Women's event planned.** "Expectacular" is the theme for the World Reunion of the Baptist Women scheduled for Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 31, 1995. Women from more than 100 nations will convene prior to the Baptist World Congress. For information, contact the Baptist World Alliance women's department at 6733 Curran St., McLean, Va. 22101.

■ **Black conference praised.** The first-ever separate national conference designed specifically for the needs of black Southern Baptist churches drew a positive response. About 600 people attended the first Black Church Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina July 2-8. One evidence of the response is the California contingency. Representatives of 35 California congregations traveled cross-country to the event.

■ **NAC highlights shown.** Highlights from the National Acteens Convention, held in Birmingham, Ala., in June will be aired during July on the ACTS network and

FamilyNet affiliate stations. The ACTS broadcast is scheduled for July 23 at 11 a.m. EDT. The FamilyNet air times will vary.

■ **"True Love Waits" on TV.** The Inspirational Network, known as ISPN, will broadcast the July 29 "True Love Waits" celebration from Washington, D.C. The live broadcast will air from 6-9:30 p.m. EDT. A shorter version will be rebroadcast Aug. 6 from 8-11 p.m.

■ **SBC anniversary changed.** The coordinator of the Southern Baptist Convention's sesquicentennial celebration next year has resigned since messengers to this year's annual meeting voted to change the type of celebration to be planned. The event had been slated as a large, one-time celebration on the Monday prior to next year's annual meeting in Atlanta. But messengers voted to make the observance an ongoing part of the three-day annual meeting instead. Catherine Allen of Birmingham, Ala., said she believes it would be better for someone else to plan the scaled-back celebration.

■ **Literature cycles changing.** Beginning in the fall of 1995, quarterly literature produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will follow a new pattern. The quarters will be adjusted to run September-October-November, December-January-February, March-April-May, and June-July-August. That corresponds with another change slated for 1995, the adjustment of Sunday school launch week to the first week in September, instead of the traditional time of the last week in September. Woman's Missionary Union has announced it will change the cycles of its quarterly publications to the same pattern.

■ **Southwestern gets \$100,000.** A \$100,000 gift to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will honor the seminary's fourth president, J. Howard Williams. The donor is Williams' youngest son, Kelly Williams of La Porte, Texas. The endowment will fund landscaping improvements and maintenance in the student village named for the former president.



"First the good news, ... the youth raised the money to go to camp this year. Now the bad, ... they did it by selling the church van."

Kentucky teens change lives of 15 homeowners

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expense was for food.

Girls stayed at Hopkinsville Middle School, while boys slept in the high school gymnasium. The middle school served as the command post, with breakfast and dinner served in its cafeteria. Members of Christian County Baptist Association provided the crews with on-site lunches.

To participate, students had to take 10 hours of training on such topics as missions, understanding different cultures, giving their testimony and using their gifts to help others.

"This gives young people a chance to do hands-on missions and see what a difference they can make," said Joe Boone, youth minister from Latonia Baptist Church in Covington. "I've been involved in a lot of youth trips where a few did the work and a lot went along for the ride. At Kentucky Changers, everyone's involved."

The work was accomplished in cooperation with city government, which spent \$25,000 of federal Housing and Urban Development funds for materials. For that money, program director Rick Lucas said they received

double the value due to free labor.

"We had been thinking about this ever since Louisville," said Lucas, referring to a 1992 World Changers project in the state's largest city. "This doesn't compete with World Changers or state camp programs. It draws from its own unique clientele."

The state program fee is about half the cost of World Changers. That doesn't count travel, which also is lower because most participants traveled shorter distances than they would with World Changers.

State Brotherhood Director Bob Simpkins noted Kentucky Changers fills a gap for smaller church groups that can't afford to attend the national events.

"We're excited about what we're learning this year that we can use next year," he said. Plans are underway to return to Hopkinsville next year and do another project in Covington. Simpkins and Lucas hope to see at least 200 teens at each site.

In addition, the state Brotherhood department is working to include Pikeville in next year's national World Changers schedule. Simpkins

said there is a strong possibility it will be on the list but it has not been approved yet.

Besides the enjoyment of helping needy citizens, many teens commented on how the project taught them teamwork. Simpkins said teens were grouped with a variety of fresh faces to give them the chance to make new friends and to see how God could give them power in new groups.

"These young people are on fire for the Lord," he said. "The foundations laid and preparations they made are showing. I've talked with all the teens and crew chiefs. This is the best spirit and most energetic young people we've had on any of the projects we've done."

Their supervisors agreed. Crew chief James Clayton, a member of New Zion Baptist Church in Benton, called his workers "first-class."

"I've changed my attitude toward young people," said the retired carpenter. "They're sure not all bad."

"I was sort of dreading coming up here," chimed in New Zion's Thomas Anderson, co-chief on Clayton's crew. "Not now."

"I've always prayed for ways to witness to people, and this is a good way to do that. When I'm gone I know I'll feel real good. It's a good feeling knowing I've done something for someone else."

Amy Naylor, a high school senior from Fairview Baptist Church near Danville.

"The main thing we had to do was learn to work together or we wouldn't have made it. It's been real gratifying helping someone. Especially because most people we're helping are elderly and couldn't afford it."

Eddie Morris, a 15-year old member of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville

"I was at World Changers in Louisville two years ago and I saw how the kids came to know the people and love them. They'll grow from it, too."

Crew Chief Jerry Vittitoe of Middletown, who used his only vacation week from Ford this year to participate

"It's a good thing to do for the community, and you get in touch with people less fortunate than yourself. There's satisfaction from knowing you did some good and had a chance to show others how much God loves them and you love God."

Matt Wilkening of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Baptist layman Leroy Highbaugh dies in Louisville

LOUISVILLE—Leroy Highbaugh Jr., a prominent Baptist layman and charter member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville, died July 6 at age 71.

He was the retired owner of Highbaugh & Highbaugh Realtors. In business, he was best known for developing the Hurstbourne area of Louisville and the Bluegrass Research and Industrial Park in Jefferson-town.

In ministry, he was known as a compassionate supporter of Baptist educational institutions and inner-city ministries. He served as a statewide coordinator of lay renewal programs through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department.

He was co-founder of Kentucky Southern College, a Baptist liberal arts school in Louisville that existed from 1962 to 1967. He also served as a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Georgetown College and Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.

Highbaugh was well-known among Baptists for his financial and personal support of Christian ministry. He was an active supporter of Jefferson Street Mission and Wayside Christian Mission in Louisville.

He is survived by his wife, Terry; three daughters, Kay Brown of Muncie, Ind., Lynn Mosher and Gayle Johnson of Louisville; a son, Mark, of Louisville; and eight grandchildren.

Underwood named Oneida's president

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annually.

The values of educational basics, biblical faith and work ethic which Moore stressed at Oneida will continue, Underwood said. So will the understanding that Oneida is a school to serve all who need its services.

To illustrate his view, Underwood cited the account in Matthew 25 where Jesus urges Christians to be ministers by saying, "I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was hungry and you gave me food. ..."

Many people see that verse talking only about giving a cup of cold water or a plate of food in Jesus' name, Underwood noted. "To me the critical issue is not necessarily the cup of water, it's the 'when I had the need you came immediately and met it when I had it.'"

In the tradition Moore was known for, Oneida will continue to be a school where administrators and teachers bypass red tape and get the work done while the need exists, Underwood said. If a student needs to be accepted on a day's notice and there is space available, that student will be welcome.

"Barkley and I saw eye-to-eye on just about every issue," Underwood said. "Some things will be different. I hope to take what I've learned from him ... and build on that. But we'll continue to put the needs of children first."

Underwood's own decision to return to Oneida in 1984 epitomizes the kind of extraordinary experiences common to most of the staff Moore recruited over the last 22 years. Salaries of Oneida's faculty and staff are quite small, and many work as volunteers.

After graduating from Oneida in 1963, Underwood attended Camp-

bellsville College for one year. In 1964, he married his wife, who also had been at Oneida and Campbellsville.

They left Campbellsville that same year to help her parents run a Western Auto store in Ohio. In time, the store moved and expanded, and Underwood bought the business from his in-laws.

On numerous occasions, Moore contacted the Underwoods about returning to Oneida, Underwood said. But repeatedly, they felt God's answer was no.

Finally, in February of 1984, Moore asked again and the Underwoods determined the time was right to sell the business and move back to Oneida.

"I made one phone call and sold our home, and I made one phone call the same day and sold our business," he recalled. "Six weeks later I was working on the Oneida campus. God does work in mysterious ways."

With his new job, Underwood admits he has a heavy load to carry.

"I know what is required here," he said. "It's a high-stress job that requires about a 16- or 18-hour day."

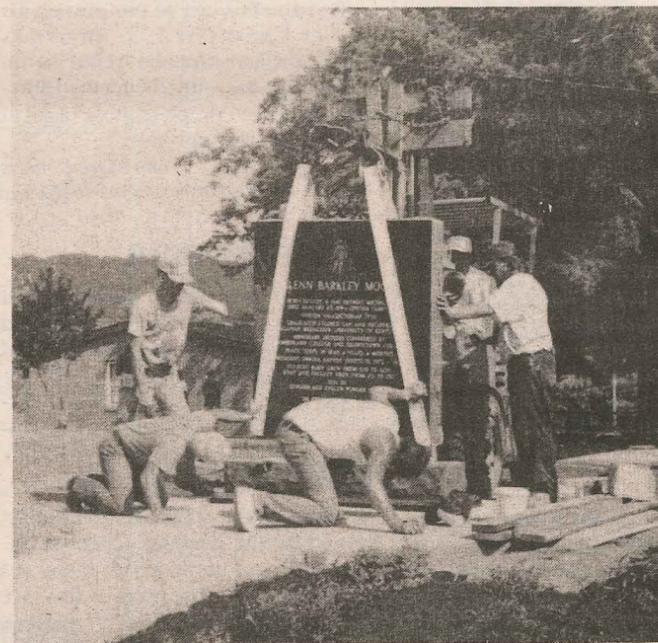
Although some outsiders have worried about Oneida's ability to raise the millions of dollars necessary to keep the doors open without Moore's unique fund-raising skills, Underwood said that isn't a problem.

Worry about finances, while an important consideration, is not the most pressing problem, the new president said. The traditions of volunteer labor and grassroots donations Moore established are continuing.

"Right now I've got 50 volunteers here. I've had volunteers here every day from the time school was out. People come to this school because when they come, they see we're not



Underwood



just talking the talk, we're actually doing it. ... I have no concerns at all about funding."

The biggest problem Underwood faces, he said, will be the struggle to balance his time between school and family.

A key to that will be finding people to perform the jobs he previously did before becoming president.

His son Harold will become dean of boys, but a work program supervisor has not yet been named. That is a huge job that will require a gifted person, he said.

In other administrative changes, Martha Underwood will move from being admissions director to the position of administrative coordinator in the president's office. Billie Faye Hoover, tour hostess and adviser in the girls' dorm, will become admissions director.

An installation service for Underwood is planned for Aug. 25 on the campus.

MONUMENT TO MOORE
Oneida Baptist Institute has erected a memorial marker in honor of Barkley Moore, the school's president for 22 years who died Jan. 25. The marker was dedicated during homecoming festivities July 2. Here, workers position the marker on its foundation. The front of the monument is engraved with highlights of Moore's life and bears an image of his face. At the bottom are the words, "He exercised great faith in God and people." On the back are words to Moore's favorite poem, "Where Shall I Work?" by Stanley Singleton. The 6-foot-tall piece of black marble from India was donated by Sue Adcock of Central City.

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

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Holy ambition

Because we live in a fallen world, it is easy to stay on the horrible horizontal plane of this present life. However, God's word offers a different perspective to his children.

Christians everywhere, myself included, accept the atoning death of Christ and claim his resurrection power. But we need to decide, with Calvary's cross in mind, how to respond to life's problems. Four elements that are vital to a healthy Christian lifestyle are love, forgiveness, obedience and trust.

Too often I, as a child of God, make the choice to make my own decisions. As an example, I may choose not to forgive instead of forgiving as Christ forgave me. If there is a major decision I need to make, I may choose to worry and fret over the outcome rather than to take the problem to God.

When Christians make bad decisions, and we will, other Christians are quick to jump on the bandwagon of condemnation and judgmental self-exaltation. When we have the urge to criticize or to stand in judgment of another, let us not respond as people who live only on the horizontal level of life. Rather, let us live through Christ, the One who loves us, and let our vision be his.

Perhaps this can be our prayer: To love as Christ loved; to forgive as Christ forgave; to obey God as no mortal man has; and to trust my Heavenly Father to complete these tasks in me—this is my ambition.

*John Mark Roberts
Murray*

Share the cure

One of these days, someone will discover a cure for AIDS. All the bad guys being judged and all the good guys victimized by the curse will suddenly have hope. And health insur-

Learning to let go

Most of the secretarial team employed by the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board are married; many are mothers, and more than a few are grandmothers.

Among those who continue to fulfill mothering responsibilities, along with a full-time job, is Cheryl Davis of the church music department.

As a "working mother," special moments in the life of a child take on added meaning. Such a moment was captured by Cheryl, and I share her reflection in this column:

"The day began ordinarily enough. It was Sunday morning, and the sunshine streaming in our windows confirmed our need to hurry if we wanted to arrive at church on time. The three of us had enjoyed a thrilling fireworks display the night before, but this day promised a more usual routine: attend worship services; come home for a tasty, home-cooked meal; and spend a lazy afternoon together. Little did we know what an extraordinary day it would become. You see, our baby boy learned to ride his bicy-

ance—public or private—may even pay for a lot of it.

But what about the Third World nations? Will they have the same chance for the cure as we have? Or will we withhold the cure because they cannot pay the high cost for our research and development?

If this matter follows the historical pattern, profiteers will hold tightly their discovery and extract every last penny they can get, while millions of "those" people—people for whom Christ died—wait for grace to come their way too.

I wonder how Jesus would feel about that. And I wonder when an AIDS-like judgment will fall upon those who profiteer at the expense of throwaway Third World lives, and at the expense of Americans who have no means to purchase the cure.

Is it too much to ask that we decide before the fact of cure-discovery that we will simply give the cure to all in need, whatever the cost? Or is that too much like Christ for us?

Name withheld by request

Grave disservice

"New churches called wave of future for the Fellowship" (WR, May 17) contained inaccurate statements about First Baptist Church of Rock Hill, S.C., and its pastor, Steve Hogg. As a minister of education of that church for 9 years, I feel compelled to respond.

The most troubling part of the story was its characterization of our pastor as an authoritarian leader who stifles democratic decision-making.

Ed Hinson is reported to have said, "Deacons who once enjoyed frank, collegial discussions at meetings were told they now must submit any questions two weeks in advance." This is untrue. Deacons here have always been, and still are, completely free to express themselves in any meeting.

cle today!

"Of course, Brandon isn't a baby any longer. But a flood of thoughts spilled over me as I watched him pedal his way, teetering and struggling toward greater freedom. In the few

short years since his birth, we have known joyful times of celebration: when he learned to roll over that first time, to speak his first words, to call us 'Mamma' and 'Daddy.' There were exhilarating moments as he took his first halting steps, as well as the often frustrating days (months!) of potty training.

"We have experienced frightening times, such as when his temporary heart monitor alarm pierced the night, or when he had tubes surgically placed in his ears. We have delighted in watching him learn to make friends, to smack a baseball, to write the entire alphabet. He has been growing gradually, in small ways, almost imperceptibly. Why does it all seem so sudden?"

"Brandon started kindergarten this year. We've been astonished by his physical growth, more than three inches in height! Even more remarkable has been his emotional develop-

I was a member of this church staff years before Steve was called as pastor. While we agree on the authoritative nature of the Bible, we do not agree on the question of biblical inerrancy. I believe the term "inerrancy" is misleading and should not be used, given the qualifications which inerrantist scholars place on the term "error" as applied to Scripture.

When I disagree with Steve, I have never hesitated to tell him so quite openly. Although we have agreed to disagree on some things, he has never treated me with anything but respect and consideration. I do not believe these are the attitudes and actions of an authoritarian leader.

A grave disservice has been done to First Baptist Church of Rock Hill and to our pastor.

*D. Douglas Margin
Rock Hill, S.C.*

Forum denied

For many of us Southern Baptists at the 1994 convention in Orlando, there needed to be a forum to speak a word of rebuke, at least in a semi-official way, toward the trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. However, due to Adrian Rogers, O.S. Hawkins, the chair, and Dan Robinson, the Southern Baptist voice was never heard. Cecil Sims' motion (to remove trustee officers) was made before Robinson's. What parliamentary rule did President Ed Young use for his "Stanleyization" of Sims' motion?

I feel the chair was dishonest at worst and at best exercised poor parliamentary procedure to stop the effort to address the matter of the trustee leaders. Where was the high-priced parliamentarian when this high jinx was going on? Better yet, where were all those folks that like to get their names in the Baptist annual by rising a point of order.

*Rodger D. Eakin
Fulton*

ment and growing self-confidence. A couple of months ago, he learned to tie his shoes. He could not have been more proud of himself, and we cheered as he reached yet another milestone in a lifetime of challenges and growth.

"Then today, without warning, he took off on his bike! Could it have been just yesterday when he had begged us to put his training wheels back on? Today was somehow different. Perhaps there was something subtly different about Brandon himself. Summoning all the courage he could find, and forgetting his skinned knees and bruised ego, he focused on his goal: learning to ride his 'two-wheeler.' From deep within, the determination and bravery he needed swelled to the surface. And I found strength to let him go. Suddenly, he was pedaling by himself down our long sidewalk.

"His eyes reflected the genuine surprise he felt when he realized he was balancing himself! And the pride and joy in his raised fist said it all: 'I did it, Mommy!' Yes you did, my son!"

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



FAMILY FORUM: AGING

Fountain of youth

By John Lepper

While on vacation in another state, we visited a cave. A plaque on the outer wall caught my attention. It said that a certain early American explorer had been there in search of the fountain of youth. Explorers searched for such a fountain because legend held that its waters would make old people young.

While most thoughtful people have given up on an authentic fountain of youth, many people continue to cling to youth. Our culture's value of youth borders on worship. While oriental cultures revere old age, our society holds youthfulness in high regard. Youth is equated with vitality, energy and the carefree years. Old age often is equated with physical decline, loss of vitality and loss of energy. Youth is something that is desirable and advantageous, while old age is something to be feared, something we move toward with great reluctance.

Let me suggest that every age has its benefits. Youth is something to be desired, but so is old age. Older people have a base of experience and knowledge that can only come with years. They have long and lasting friendships. Many older people have discovered that the secret of life is found in relationships and not in possessions.

Hopefully, as we grow older, we integrate the feeling, thinking and sensing realms of life. Older people have the potential of reaching a level of integrity not attainable by younger people. Older people long ago developed a positive and purposeful sense of identity.

Admittedly, many times older people must deal with losses in life. These losses may be in the form of loved ones. Some of the losses may relate to the loss of vitality. But here again, the older person has an advantage because of life experiences related to loss.

Through the years, we learn to deal with both the good times and the not-so-good. We can thank God that he gives us deep and abiding joy, even into our older years.

Let us thank God for our age, whether young, middle-aged or elderly.

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EDITORIALS

The Bible score: Klingons 2, billions of Earthlings 0

An extra-terrestrial battle for the Bible has sucked scholars into its vicious vortex.

The clash has reached such cosmic proportions that it made the front page of the Wall Street Journal: "Citing deep philosophical differences with fellow scholars, Glen Proechel has resigned from his Bible-translation group. ... The rift will result in two translations of the Good Book for a civilization that, until now, has lacked the Word in its own language, the Klingon language. Klingons, for those who have been off the planet for the past 30 years, are a fictitious alien race from television's 'Star Trek' series."

So, translators are waging a verbal war over how to put the Bible into a made-up language for a people who never existed, except in the make-believe world of TV and movies. Somehow, this new non-language caught on among "Trekkies," fans of the TV series and movies who spend significant portions of their real-life lives thinking about the imaginary world of Klingons and the valiant crew of the Starship Enterprise.

Despite the other-worldly nature of the language, the scholars' debate has a decidedly earthly—and familiar—tone. They're arguing over whether to translate the Bible figuratively or literally.

A literal translation from ancient Hebrew and Greek into Klingon "is not going to make any sense," says Proechel, a language instructor at the University of Minnesota. He favors "retelling the New Testament in the world which the Klingons understand."

But "you don't mess around with the Bible," even if Klingons' mili-

taristic vocabulary cannot account for biblical concepts such as mercy and compassion, counters Lawrence Schoen, a professor of psycholinguistics at Chestnut Hill College in Pennsylvania and head of the literalist translation.

The problem is, Klingon has no word for "God" or "holy" or scores of other biblical images and concepts, Proechel insisted. "Their mode of thought is quite different. Things that are part and parcel of the Judeo-Christian faith—forgiveness, atonement—don't fit into Klingon thinking."

Neither do common earthly images. For example, Proechel translated the well-known line from the Gospel of Mark, "We have five loaves and two fishes" into "vah 'Iwchap cha' gharh wIghaj." The new meaning: "We have only five blood pies and two serpent worms."

So, Proechel and Schoen appear destined to go their own ways, producing Klingon gospels that will be light-years apart. Their clash would be funny if it weren't so ridiculous, not to mention wasteful. Before long, the non-existent Klingons will have two Bibles. Meanwhile, the Bible has been translated into only 337 of the 6,000 languages and dialects spoken by Earthlings.

The Klingon Scripture Debate may cause many Christians to shake our heads and chuckle in disbelief. But it also ought to cause us to wonder how many times we've staged pointless battles and expended energy on silly arguments while real-live people have died and gone to hell.

Marv Knox

Scholars are arguing over how to translate the Bible into Klingon, the language of fictional "Star Trek" characters. Meanwhile, the Bible has yet to be translated into more than 5,500 real-life languages and dialects.

Iranian Christians seek help to end persecution by Muslims

Christians worldwide have been called to the aid of fellow believers persecuted by Islamic extremists in Iran.

The plea for help went out this summer in the wake of the murders of two Christian leaders in Iran, as well as the kidnapping of another. Mehdi Dibaj, an Assemblies of God minister, and Tateos Michaelin, a Presbyterian pastor and head of the Council of Protestant Ministers in Iran, were slain in separate incidents within the past month. Hassan Shahjamali, an Iranian Muslim who converted to Christianity, is believed to have been kidnapped by Iranian officials about three weeks ago. (See page 9 for a news article about Dibaj, Michaelin and Shahjamali.)

The murders and kidnapping are but the latest in an ongoing series of persecutions heaped upon Iranian Christians, close observers have reported. The latest spate of violence is "clearly a calculated and vicious plan to exterminate the Iranian church leadership," according to an Iranian Christian leader in Europe.

He and another Iranian Christian leader pleaded for Christians around the globe to pressure the Iranian government to stop the carnage.

"Urge Iranian authorities to discontinue the arrest, imprisonment, interrogation and torture of Muslim converts," one leader said. "Urge that the government allow believers to attend church, that closed churches be reopened and that the Iranian Bible Society and the Garden of Evange-

lism be reopened."

Iranian Christian leaders also called for pressure upon multinational corporations—such as Nestle, Coca-Cola and Pepsico—that have stepped up their business within the borders of Iran.

Addresses for the Iranian officials are:

■ His Excellency Kamal Kharrazi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, N.Y.; fax (212) 867-7086.

■ Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Embassy of Pakistan, 2209 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007; telephone, (202) 965-4990; fax, (202) 965-1073.

■ His Excellency Hojjatoleslam, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, The Presidency, Palestine Avenue, Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran; telephone, (011) 98-21-6161; telegram, President Rafsanjani, Tehran, Iran; telex, 214231 MITI IP, or 213113 PRIM IR.

Such appeals are not necessarily useless, despite the apparent odds. Last December, Dibaj was sentenced to death by an Islamic court for the "crime" of converting to Christianity. But an international outcry resulted in his release in January.

Letters to Islamic authorities, combined with international government and business pressure, may save Iranian lives.

Marv Knox

Christians in Iran report the country's Islamic government has killed or persecuted numerous Christian leaders in an effort to eradicate the Christian faith within the nation.

Pardon our ruckus; it's the bird-brained chatterers up our chimney

We've been invaded. Squatters moved into our house a couple of months ago. Without invitation; without asking; without so much as a thank-you.

They weren't too bothersome at first. Pretty much kept to themselves and stayed quiet. In fact, we hardly knew they were here.

But when their children showed up, life got much more chaotic around our place. Now, they're constantly raising a ruckus, especially early mornings. We can hardly hear Katy Couric on the "Today" show for their youthful, acquisitive din.

They're not too neighborly either. I think they may be afraid of us, which explains why they never show themselves. I'd call them "chicken," but I know that's not

right. They just pester us with endless, bird-brained chatter.

But what should you expect from birds anyway? They built a nest up in the top of our chimney, where they appear content to live happily ever after.

I'm not enough of an ornithologist to say what kind of fowl they are. Lucky for us, they're not foul-smelling fowl. Yet, we'd never know they're up there if it weren't for their chirping.

Problem is, they really know how to

chirp. And chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp. Things'd be different if they could sing. Like a mockingbird, maybe. These feathered friends are tone-deaf, though.

Everyday, it's the same high-pitched, high-decibel racket. Sounds sort of like a fan-belt slipping when you turn the air conditioner on in your car on a really hot summer day. Only our chimney doesn't come equipped with a switch to turn down the volume on those birds.

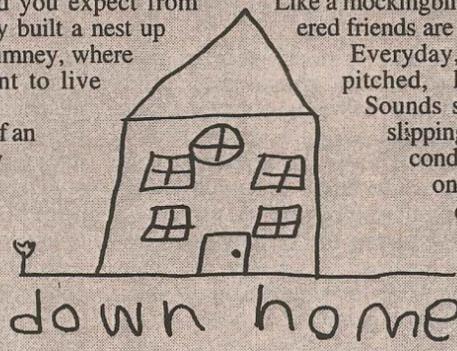
I've thought about borrowing my friend Gary's ladder, climbing up to the top of that

chimney and slinging that nest, but visions of Alfred Hitchcock's fowl film "The Birds" haunt me. We've considered building a fire in the fireplace, but the Humane Society probably would lock us in a pigeon coop and throw away the key. Truth is, I'm the chicken around here. Can't force myself to get hawkish with those birds, no matter how much noise they make.

Earlier today, sitting in church, I suddenly saw a ray of hope. It landed on friends whose children all have moved from home. They live in what's called an "empty nest." Maybe those winged babies will fly away soon and their mom and dad will move to a condo.

The quiet will be heavenly.

Marv Knox



NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Ten Commandments distributed.** A prominent Southern Baptist church in Atlanta has initiated printing and distribution of 50,000 copies of the Ten Commandments in reaction to the court-ordered removal of a copy of the Commandments from the Cobb County Courthouse. Roswell Street Baptist Church of Marietta, Ga., is leading the effort to distribute the copies of the Commandments, which are suitable for framing. "With the removal of one copy, we've been stimulated to do what we should have been doing all along, and that is to comply with the Scripture that says teach these to the children," said Pastor Nelson Price.

■ **Not just book stores.** The latest sales figures for Christian book stores nationwide show that books aren't the most popular items sold there anymore. The book stores now are more of an outlet for gifts and related products, according to a report at the annual meeting of the Christian Booksellers Association, which is considering changing its name to reflect the trend.

■ **School prayer vote permitted.** District of Columbia voters may have the opportunity to decide whether or not to allow prayer at public school functions, due to the June 29 decision of a D.C. Superior Court judge. Judge Jose Lopez ruled that an initiative headed for the D.C. ballot should be left to voters rather than dismissed by the court. However, school prayer supporters still don't have the required number of signatures to get the initiative on the November ballot. The initiative would permit non-sectarian, non-proselytizing, student-led prayer.

■ **Teens favor church attendance.** Despite public perceptions, 49 percent of American teenagers say they consider regular church attendance to be very important, and an additional 34 say it is somewhat important, according to the Gallup Poll. Only 17 percent believe church attendance is of little or no importance. Gallup research shows about 54 percent of U.S. teens attend religious services in a given week.

■ **"Christy" videos available.** Broadman & Holman Publishers has gained exclusive distribution rights to home video versions of the two-hour premiere of CBS television's "Christy" and more than 100 movies produced by Billy Graham's World Wide Pictures. Broadman & Holman is a division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The "Christy" video will be available in October; the Billy Graham films will be available at various times.

■ **Boycott products named.** The boycott protest against marketers of the French abortion pill RU-486 will include over-the-counter drugs Bromatapp and Tolnaftate and prescription drugs Lasix and ATS, according to the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, a sponsor of the boycott. The boycott targets products of Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals and Copley Pharmaceutical.

■ **Religious banners defended.** U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Harris issued a temporary restraining order June 27 enjoining the District of Columbia Armory Board, World Cup 1994 Inc. and the D.C. police from interfering with Paul O'Brien's right to hang political and religious banners at the World Cup games in Washington, D.C. The case began when during the World Cup game between Mexico and Norway, stadium officials and police forced O'Brien to take down a banner saying "Save Bosnia." Later, a banner which said "Jesus" was removed.

■ **'In guns we trust.'** Americans trust the military more than religion, according to a Gallup poll. The military enjoys the confidence of 64 percent of the U.S. public. Religion tied with the police, with 54 percent of the public saying they have either a "great deal" or "quite a bit" of confidence.

Regulation foes praise vote on guidelines

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Opponents of government efforts to define religious harassment in the workplace are praising a House vote that calls on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to revise its current proposed guidelines.

But supporters of the agency's effort to set out workplace standards barring religious discrimination say the action is window dressing.

By a vote of 366-37, the House adopted a bill blocking funding for implementation of religious harassment guidelines. However, the bill does not force—as many opponents sought—the EEOC to scrap religion from the guidelines, which also cover race, color, sex, national origin, age and disability.

"This sends an unmistakable message to the EEOC: Don't tread on religious expression in the workplace," said Steven McFarland, director of the conservative Christian Legal So-

ciety's Center for Law and Religious Freedom.

The bill is "more a statement of principle than anything else," countered Brent Walker, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

No one was happy with the first set of guidelines, issued last October by the EEOC, the federal agency charged with enforcing anti-bias laws in the workplace. But the battle lines were drawn over whether religion should be included or not. Conservatives called for total exclusion of religion, while others demanded a revised, more-specific set of guidelines.

"The failure of the religious right to strip religious harassment from the EEOC guidelines is a victory for people of faith," said Arthur Kopp, president of People for the American Way.

"The EEOC's guidelines, when revised to clarify workers' rights to

religious expression, will help make all Americans safe from workplace harassment based on their religious beliefs."

Opponents of the guidelines suggest their implementation will make workplaces "religion-free zones," while supporters say they will protect workers from being harassed or denigrated because of their beliefs.

Opponents want workers to be able to share their faith. Supporters want workers to be protected from unwanted, overzealous proselytism.

But the EEOC has noted precisely those actions claimed to be at risk would be protected by the guidelines. To be forbidden, the EEOC said in a fact sheet, conduct must be "sufficiently severe and pervasive to be hostile or abusive," as judged by "reasonable people."

"We continue to believe the religion guidelines should be improved, not removed," Walker said.

Court refuses to hear First Amendment cases

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. Supreme Court recently declined to review three disputes raising First Amendment questions.

Without comment, the high court refused to consider lower-court rulings that:

■ Upheld a Des Plaines, Ill., zoning law that permits churches to operate day-care centers in residential zones without obtaining special-use permits.

The zoning ordinance was challenged by a day-care operator who was denied a special-use permit and contended that the law's treatment of churches violated the First Amendment's ban on governmental establishment of religion.

Applying a three-part legal standard known as the Lemon test, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the law. Under Lemon, the ordinance had to have a secular purpose, neither advance nor inhibit religion and avoid excessive entanglement with religion.

The appeals court said the ordinance served the secular purpose of minimizing governmental meddling in religious affairs and is permissible as long as the church-run day-care centers are non-profit operations.

■ Refused to exempt an Oklahoma Baptist church's boarding academy from state licensing requirements.

Calvary Baptist Church in Pittsburg County had sought to have its Christian boarding academy exempt-

ed from state licensing requirements.

A lower court sided with the church, but a state appeals court said a state law that exempts part-time and day-care facilities operated for educational purposes does not apply to full-time boarding facilities. The church appealed to the nation's high court after the Oklahoma Supreme Court refused to review the appeals-court decision.

■ Dismissed a Louisiana man's objection to including the words "so help me God" in the state bar admission ceremony.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the challenge to the religious oath as moot because the plaintiff had been admitted to the bar.

Clinton talks with supporters of religion law

WASHINGTON—Proponents of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act have met with Clinton administration officials to pursue a strategy for applying the 1993 law's enhanced protections for religious practice.

The Justice Department sparked an outcry from religious groups after it told a federal appeals court in April that a Minnesota church should not be allowed to keep tithes contributed by a couple headed for bankruptcy.

The appeals court is reviewing a district court decision ordering Crystal Evangelical Free Church to turn over to a bankruptcy trustee \$13,450 donated by Bruce and Nancy Young during the 12 months before they filed bankruptcy.

Particularly troubling to religious groups was the administration argument that recovering the funds from the church does not violate RFRA, which requires the government to demonstrate that it has a compelling reason to restrict religious practice.

By arguing that creditors could recover money given to a church—while bankruptcy laws shield money wasted on gambling, liquor or pricey vacations—the administration position minimized the effectiveness of RFRA, the religious groups said.

Steve McFarland, director of the

Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, said White House officials asked him to bring together a group of church-state specialists to "help the Justice Department put together a long-range policy for application of RFRA."

McFarland's organization led a coalition of religious groups siding with the church in the bankruptcy case.

Attending the meeting were McFarland, three prominent law school professors who helped craft RFRA and two Baptist church-state attorneys, Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Michael Whitehead of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. President Clinton and White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler made an unscheduled visit with the group, which included three government attorneys.

McFarland said the meeting opened "some important lines of communication between those of us who labored to pass the act (RFRA) and those who are employing it."

Walker said the meeting was set up to discuss the administration's involvement in the bankruptcy case and to urge the administration to "develop a policy of rigorous enforcement

of the law (RFRA)."

Both McFarland and Walker expressed appreciation that the administration listened to their concerns.

"They seemed very interested in exploring ways to get ahead on RFRA cases before they hit," Walker said. "They were also eager to think systematically about how best to respond to these issues."

McFarland said it remains to be seen whether the meeting "bears any fruit" or whether "the Justice Department changes its disastrous position" in the bankruptcy case.

"The fact that they requested the meeting and brought in high-level individuals to listen for an hour and a half to substantive, hard issues gives me some slight degree of optimism," he said.

Walker said officials "did not agree to change their position" in that case, but they "at least listened intently and left open the possibility that they might reconsider."

Both McFarland and Walker said the Justice Department's position in the bankruptcy case is unreconcilable with Clinton's strong support of RFRA.

Walker said Clinton "engaged in substantive conversation" about free-exercise issues in the meeting.

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Upcoming Events.

The Baptist Student Unions on 45 Kentucky college and university campuses are partners—not competitors—with Baptist churches, maintains Don Blaylock, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's student work director.

Unlike some other religious groups on campus, Baptist Student Unions do not conduct Sunday-morning worship services or recruit students away from area churches, Blaylock says. On the contrary, BSUs urge their members to participate in church as well as campus events.

"We are not a church, but the Baptist Student Union is an outreach of the local church," he explains. "We are a specialized ministry. The churches have put us on college campuses to reach students."

That concept lines up nicely with the philosophy of the Southern Baptist Convention's student ministry program, adopted by Blaylock's predecessors from across the country more than three decades ago. The SBC student ministry philosophy states:

"The Christian witness of Southern Baptist work in all institutions of higher learning is in response to our Lord's command to make known the gospel to all men.

"This witness is an integral part of the nature and mission of the church. The role of the churches is indispensable to the maturing spiritual, moral and intellectual lives of students and faculty members.

"Because the university is engaged in the search for truth, of which God is the source, perspective is essential to the realization of the ultimate purpose of higher education.

"The unique nature of the university situation demands a specialized ministry by our denomination to the individuals in the cam-

pus community with their need for redemption and Christian nurture."

Baptists fulfill that philosophy best when churches and campus ministries work together, Blaylock contends. Both BSU and church strengthen the lives of students, who are progressing through one of the most open, inquisitive stages of their lives. And students, with their vigor and vitality, not only power BSU but also strengthen the churches where they attend and, in many cases, serve.

Churches strengthen the BSUs in many ways, he notes. For example, their financial contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention have provided places for the BSUs to meet and salaries for Baptist campus ministers. The churches also have contributed countless numbers of students, many of them already well-trained in Bible knowledge and spiritual disciplines, who provide the backbone for numerous BSU groups. Woman's Missionary Union chapters in many churches also have been "tremendous blessings" to BSU groups, providing meals, scholarships, moral support and other vital forms of aid, such as funds for mission projects. And churches also provide direct financial assistance to the campus ministries, making programs and mission projects possible.

But BSU also strengthens churches, Blaylock adds. BSU chapters do an effective job of reaching students with the gospel message of Christian salvation, and those new Christians join churches. They encourage all their participants to join and attend area churches. BSUs provide discipleship classes and training opportunities that enrich the churches' current student ministries and provide leadership for churches through years to come. Scores of BSU cre-

ative ministry teams also work with churches, supplying workers to conduct retreats, summer ministries and other projects geared at enriching churches and reaching the community.

"We feel the local church is very important, and we want our students to be involved," Blaylock sums up. "We've always been church-oriented, but we are now more than ever."

But beyond the local church, BSU students also travel across the state, throughout the nation and literally around the world—eight of them went to Russia—conducting missions, evangelism and ministry projects.

Their experiences enable them to provide specific ministries to needy people, but they also help them develop strong characteristics that will make them outstanding leaders in the churches someday.

Kentucky BSU builds stronger Christians and hones students' ministry skills by focusing on 12 core areas that have been grouped into six pairs, Blaylock reports.

They are:

- Witnessing/evangelism.
- Churchmanship/enlistment.
- Bible Study/discipleship.
- Worship/fellowship.
- Missions/international students.
- Ministry/social action.

Sometimes, the effort Kentucky Baptists expend in student ministry bears fruit almost immediately, Blaylock says.

For example, three Kentucky BSUs have gone to the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, the KBC's missions partner, to help with student ministry.

Scott Norris of Murray State University is helping launch a BSU at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Laura Carr of Eastern Kentucky University is un-

dertaking a similar feat at Utah Valley State College in Orem. And Duane Berry of Western Kentucky University is working in the BSU at Brigham Young University, the major Mormon school, in Provo, Utah.

Kentucky Baptists' ministry to college and university students can remain strong as long as they provide two vital resources—students and finances, Blaylock said.

To help ensure a core of students with solid Baptist background, the KBC student work department operates Crossover. It's a program designed to involve older high school students in some type of program or retreat at a university or college campus. Crossover is supplemented by pastors and student ministers who alert the student work department about young people as they enroll in college or university.

And to ensure funds to operate their programs, BSUs on the various campuses rely upon the support of nearby churches, Blaylock said.

"We depend on churches and associations for local support, since 92 percent to 93 percent of our budget (primarily supplied through the KBC) already is earmarked for personnel and buildings. It costs to reach students, and the KBC can't take care of all the programming."

Nevertheless, "Kentucky has been fortunate," he reports. "We've been able to reach more students on less money than any other state I know of."

For that, he praises an "excellent staff" of campus ministers statewide. "We follow a team approach to ministry," he says. "And our campus ministers—not only the full-time ministers, but also the part-timers and interns—are very dedicated."

BSU BY THE NUMBERS

Numbers tell an important story about Kentucky Baptist student ministry. Here are some of the statistics that tell the story of student participation in Baptist Student Unions on college and university campuses across the state this past year:

- Total participants, 23,617.
 - Participating campuses, 45. (A BSU will be started at the Middleboro branch of Southeast Community College this fall, bringing the total to 46.)
 - Professions of faith in Christ, 711*.
 - Discipleship training, 2,326*. Key courses of study included "Experiencing God" and "Search for Significance."
 - Personal witness training, 1,914.
 - Bible study, 6,351*.
 - Internationals, 1,361.
 - Student missions offering, \$93,000*.
 - Student summer missionaries, 79.
 - Churches receiving ministry, 800+*.
- * Indicates new record.

BSU OBJECTIVES

- To lead students and faculty members to commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- To involve them in responsible church membership and in denominational understanding and participation.
- To guide them in worship and devotional experiences.
- To involve them in the study of the biblical faith and Christian life.
- To guide them in Christian witnessing.
- To involve them in experiences of Christian community.
- To involve them in Christian social life and recreation.
- To lead them to participate in Christian world missions.
- To lead them to accept and practice the principles of Christian stewardship.
- To lead them to examine academic disciplines from a Christian perspective.
- To enlist and train them for a life of Christian service.

EVENTS

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Church leadership will receive intense training in a particular area of responsibility

by attending the morning sessions or *Leadership Conferences*. Supplemental training or information and awareness of new programs and material is provided through the 55 minute afternoon sessions or *Interest Conferences*. A list of conferences and brief description of each is provided in the promotion packet available from the Church Growth office.



Schedule

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Large group session
- 9:30 Leadership Conferences
- 12:15 Lunch (included)
- 1:00 Interest Conference (choose one)
- 2:00 Interest Conference (choose one)

Love in any Language...

August 14, 1994

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE...
is the language God spoke in Christ.

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE...
is heart language of love through actions.

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE...
is words and works of love to ALL people.

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE...
is telling more than 500 ethnic groups in the United States about Jesus.

LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE...
is Christ in EVERY language--as He commanded.



For more information, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department at (502) 244-6461.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1994 Super Saturday Schedule

- August 13 Madisonville
First Baptist Church
- August 20 Florence
Florence Baptist Church
- August 27 Lexington
Immanuel Baptist Church
- September 10 Ashland
Unity Baptist Church
- September 17 Paducah
Lone Oak Baptist
- September 24 Somerset
First Baptist Church

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Growth and Administration Division coordinates annual Super Saturday events. Check for specific details including conference starting times and registration information.

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Super Saturdays to include Sunday School leadership training

Today's Sunday School offers great opportunities and challenges: reaching new members, teaching effectively, helping Christians grow.

Morning conferences

Using the new series, *Today's (Adults, Youth, Children, Preschoolers): A Profile for Teachers and Leaders*, the following conferences will help you serve today's people through the Sunday School.

Directors/General Officers Learn to plan and implement a growth strategy for your church through proven Sunday School methods, resources and experiences.

Adult Discover improved ways of understanding adults in our contemporary society. Learn keys to reaching and teaching seniors, Boomers, Busters, college and singles.

Children Learn how to identify the needs of children; how they develop; the world they live in; and principles to influence healthy growth.

Preschool Learn about the Preschool child's development—physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, spiritually and morally.

Special Education Your church can minister to the many families who have special needs. Learn how the Sunday School can be a vital part of that ministry.

Afternoon Conferences

Sunday School Directors/Pastors Position your church for growth through the Sunday School. First, receive a fast paced overview of the new Today's series. Secondly, learn about the dramatic changes in the Sunday School literature for this fall and ideas for planning 1994-95.

Teaching the New Sunday School Curriculum for Adults Age group specific conferences will equip you for effective teaching in the 90's. Receive step-by-step instructions for preparation, teaching and application to enhance your ministry to adults.

Teaching the New Sunday School Curriculum for Youth Youth respond to active teaching/learning events. Learn how to use today's new resources to enhance your Sunday School teaching.

Teaching Children's New Sunday School Curriculum Explore the new curriculum for children and discover exciting ways to teach it.

Teaching the New Sunday School Curriculum for Preschoolers Explore new improvements in the preschool Sunday School curriculum.

Flexible Curriculum Get acquainted with a Bible-centered curriculum that can be used at those times when there seems to be nothing to use with school-aged children.

Weekday Programs for Preschoolers How to start and/or improve Mother's Day Out, day care and other weekday programs in your church.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department at (502) 245-4101, extensions 300 or 301.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

DT leaders, take note: Super Saturday has conferences for you

Discipleship Training leaders: Make plans to attend Super Saturday '94. This event offers leadership and interest conferences designed to enhance your Discipleship Training leadership skills.

Choose from the following leadership and special interest conferences:

Discipleship Training Leadership Conferences

Adults A study of *Today's Adults* will help leaders know and understand characteristics of adult life and developmental and ethical issues that adults confront in selected areas of their lives. Discover how Discipleship Training materials can meet some of their needs.

Youth *Today's Youth* will assist leaders to become effective guides and trustworthy leaders for the journey between childhood and adulthood. Gain insight into such topics as: profile of modern youth, understanding the various stages of adolescence and how Discipleship Training materials can assist in the process.

Children's Leaders A study of *Today's Children* will assist leaders to understand the needs of children today, the world they live in, the stress that affects children and tools that

can be helpful in guiding children who make constructive contributions to family, church and society.

Preschool Leaders *Today's Preschoolers* will assist leaders to learn how the changing world begins to impact a preschooler's physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development, and how they can provide positive growing experiences.

Special Interest Conferences

Life Support Leader's Handbook This resource is designed for leaders and facilitators of LIFE Support groups. It includes how to organize the ministry and develop leadership, group dynamics, mechanics of how the group functions, dealing with challenging situations and making referrals.

Bible Drills Are you interested in reaching children grades 4-6, or youth grades 7-9 in Bible Drills? This session will help you know what it takes to begin Bible Drills in your church. NIV option will be available for both children and youth for 1995.

Search for Significance For "approval addicts," "self-blammers," the perpetually shamed," and those caught in "performance traps." This interactive resource helps participants build their

self-worth on the forgiveness and unconditional love of Christ.

TeamKID Want to reach more kids in a way that is fun, flexible and biblically-based? If the answer is "yes," then TeamKID may be just what you need. Kids in Discipleship, a discipleship club for children grades 1-6, is designed to help you reach kids.

Untangling Relationships: A Christian Perspective on Co-dependency This book helps those persons who are codependent or those who live and work with codependents to understand the painful effects of codependency.

This conference will deal with such things as understanding what causes a person to become a compulsive fixer, and why codependency creates tangled relationships.

Wise Counsel Practical training for lay leaders to learn basic counseling skills for use in daily situations. It includes a 10-step counseling model that helps participants learn to counsel families, singles, youth, senior adults and those in crisis.

Questions? Contact Doug Strader or Jim Clontz at (502) 245-4101, extension 337.

Super Saturday dates and location

See other Super Saturday-related features

Super Saturday conference fees

Pre-register until one week prior to your selected conference date. The cost per person is \$8, which also includes lunch and materials. Send your check (payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention) to:

Church Growth and Administration
Kentucky Baptist Convention
 P. O. Box 43433
 Louisville, KY 40253-0433

Please include the names of attendees and the name/location of your church.

Conference fees are refundable only if cancellations are received prior to the conference date. Registrations are transferrable. Each person registered will receive a \$2 coupon toward purchases from the on-site Baptist Book Store on the day of the conference.

Super Saturday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00	General Session
9:30	DT Leadership Conferences
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00	Special Interest Conferences
2:00	Special Interest Conferences

No provided child care

CHURCH MEDIA LIBRARY

Librarians: Come join our team at Super Saturday

Join the Church Media Library team at this year's Super Saturday conferences!

Trained CML regional consultants—Norma Benton, Margie Bowling and Nancy Hasting—will lead a morning conference, "How to Witness with Media." This conference will explore ways of using media to enhance existing programs in your church, as well as cultivate new programs.

Afternoon sessions will provide church media librarians with "Problem Solving PLUS," another way for trained personnel to help with specific CML-oriented problems you are experiencing in your local church. If your library or media



center is established and doing well, come share your methods and successes at Super Saturday.

Come and together let us plant a spiritual garden with media seeds which will better educate and inform your congregation.

Registration

There are six Super Saturday locations.

Check out the one nearest you. Pre-register early by sending \$8 per person (also provide attendees' names and the name/address of your church) one week prior

to your chosen conference date. Send to:

Church Growth and Administration
Kentucky Baptist Convention
 P. O. Box 43433
 Louisville, KY 40253-0433

Registration and payment on a conference day is \$10 per person. The registration fee includes a boxed lunch and all conference materials. Each participant who registers will receive a \$2 coupon redeemable at the Super Saturday Baptist Book Store on conference day.

More help is available

Coming in October!
Fall CML Workshop

Watch for more information in a future Western Recorder EVENTS insert. This workshop is a great educational resource.

A little repetition never hurts...

Super Saturday Dates and Locations

August 13	Madisonville First Baptist Church
August 20	Florence Florence Baptist Church
August 27	Lexington Immanuel Baptist Church
September 10	Ashland Unity Baptist
September 17	Paducah Lone Oak Baptist
September 24	Somerset First Baptist Church

CHURCH RECREATORS

Annual retreat offers church recreators fellowship, sharing of ideas

Kentucky Baptist Church Recreators Retreat

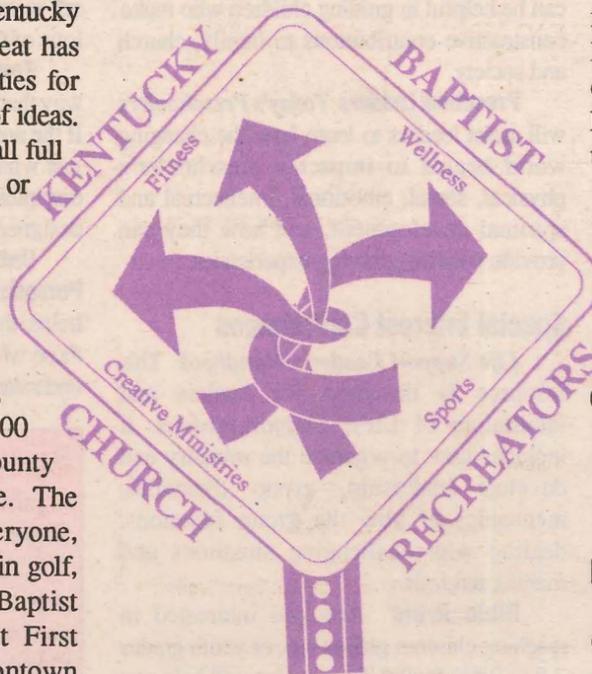
September 8 -
Golf Scramble
Henry County Country Club
New Castle

Banquet
First Baptist Church
Jeffersontown

September 9
Ropes Course

For the past four years, the Kentucky Baptist Church Recreators Retreat has provided its members opportunities for fellowship, renewal and sharing of ideas. The annual retreat, designed for all full time or part time church recreators or those staff members whose responsibilities include recreation, is September 8-9.

The retreat begins with a golf scramble on Thursday, September 8, beginning at 12:00 noon (EDT) at the Henry County Country Club in New Castle. The scramble fee is \$19.00. Everyone, including those not participating in golf, are invited to the Kentucky Baptist Church Recreators Banquet at First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown (Louisville). The evening meal begins at 6:30 Thursday evening. A meeting



I Corinthians 6:19

follows, which will include such topics as Baptist Sunday School Board cuts in church recreation. A ropes course is Friday's agenda. The two-day event ends that afternoon.

For more information, contact Tom Smoot, Associate Director, Student/Church Recreation Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 465.

Looking ahead to fall

Stay tuned for details concerning the Church Recreators' Fun Run/Health Walk at the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Frankfort this November!

Fore!

We all need to find ways to retreat from life's daily routines. Just the word "golf" to many ministers and words like "relaxation, relationship and release" soon is part of the conversation.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Recreation/Student Work Department is hosting the annual Kentucky Baptist Ministers Golf Tournament August 8-9 at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond. The tournament was formerly hosted by ministers themselves. The evening of August 8 will serve as a dinner fellowship, where door prizes will be awarded and tee times for the next day's golf tournament will be announced.

The total fee for this year's golf tournament is \$50 per person. Lodging and food are not provided. The fee is due by July 15 to: Rick Howerton, Baptist Student Union, Western Kentucky University, 1574 Normal Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101. Make checks



payable to WKU BSU.

All participants will soon receive further details by mail.

Call Rick Howerton (502/781-3185) for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Plan a memorable send-off

On-to-College Day is a special event which recognizes each student as they enter classes in the fall. Be sure to include all students whether they remain in the community or leave home to attend college. The emphasis typically includes an On-to-College worship service and luncheon.

Worship service

Plan a Sunday morning service to recognize all students who are "On To College" for the fall term.

- Recognize each student, including their name, address, phone number and choice of college in the order of worship and church newsletter
- Recognize parents and families of students
- Recognize all the college ministry and college workers
- Recognize the Baptist campus minister
- Recognize the college ministry personnel in your church and community

Prayer covenant

- Ask the church to pray for each student
- Write an encouraging note to students
- Enlist prayer partners to pray for the students for four weeks as they begin school
- Recognize the prayer partners and dedicate a prayer to students on DAY OF PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

On-to-College Day and the BSU

- Establishing a relationship between the student and the BSU through On-to-College Day encourages the student to visit the BSU when school begins.
- Ask the director or a student representative to share in the program
- Invite a BSU ensemble or drama team to share in worship

On-to-College Day Luncheon

A luncheon after church is a great time for last good-byes and sharing addresses.

- Make it casual and informal
- Recognize those leaders that made Crossover Graduates Summer a great success
- Draw names for prayer partners for the fall semester
- Share the preliminary plans for Day of Prayer for Students
- Remind the students attending college away that the church is committed to them and there is a ministry for students whenever they are home.

Need additional information?

Contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department at (502) 245-4101, extensions 320 or 321.

EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

EVANGELISM

Learn about cults...
and how to share your faith



Patience Fort
HMB certified consultant
Bowling Green
Mormons



Jack Oliver
Pastor
Vine Street Baptist Church
Louisville
New Age



Dale Griffith
HMB certified consultant
Ashland
Occult



Mark Terry
Associate Professor, Southern Seminary
Satanism

A free event
This conference is an Acteens' Queen Regent
level StudiAct requirement.

Conference on Cults

August 29 • 7:00 p.m.
Louisville, Chapel Park Baptist Church
August 30 • 7:00 p.m.
Radcliff, Stithton Baptist Church

BROTHERHOOD

Looking ahead to fall '94

Brotherhood State Convention

The annual Brotherhood meeting is typically the first week in October. This year's convention is no exception—October 6-8. First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, is the host site.

A golf scramble, a fellowship for laymen, pastors and staff, begins state convention activities at Louisville's Penn Run Golf Course on Thursday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m. (EDT). The cost per person is \$30, which includes green fee, cart and a 5:30 awards banquet at First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, that evening. Pre-registration is needed by September 7. Send your full payment check (payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention) to:

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

With your payment, please include the following information:

- Name of each player
- Address/city/state/zip/phone
- Name of church
- Average score and handicap of each player

For further golf scramble information, call Garland Miller at (502) 955-7372.

Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief training is scheduled on July 23 at the Tates Creek Association Building, Berea and August 6 in Pike Association. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.

Regional Brotherhood

Leadership/Human Needs Workshops

Eight regional Brotherhood Leadership/Human Needs Workshops are scheduled in various Kentucky regions. The workshop dates and sites are:

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| September 1 | Southwestern region
Lone Oak, First Baptist |
| September 1 | Central region
Radcliff, Stithton Baptist |
| September 2 | Southeastern region
London, First Baptist |
| September 2 | Western region
Dawson Springs, First Baptist |
| September 15 | Southern region
Russellville, First Baptist |
| September 15 | North Central region
Ft. Thomas, Highland Hills |
| September 16 | South Central region
Harrodsburg, First Baptist |
| September 16 | Northeastern region
Pikeville, First Baptist |

Each workshop is 7:00-9:00 p.m. local time.

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

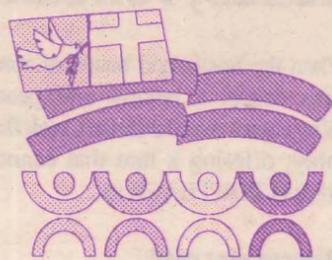
Spreading Christmas cheer

Here's a wonderful opportunity to help a Russian child experience a meaningful Christmas this year!

Your church, WMU, Brotherhood, Sunday School class or other groups can help by providing gifts to fill bags which in Russian say, "God Loves You" and "Happy New Year!" The Russian holiday season is December 29-January 11; Christmas is celebrated on January 7. This special project, jointly coordinated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's WMU state office, Brotherhood state office and Office for Partnership Missions, hopes to provide 15,000 Christmas gift bags to children in Moscow.

Gift bags may be ordered through Partnership Missions at the cost of \$2 per bag. Each bag already has a donated, new toothbrush. Upon receipt of your money, gift bags will be shipped to you along with a list of suggested items needed for older and younger children which your group can provide. A frisbee and a Russian language New Testament Bible will be inserted in each gift bag upon arrival in Russia.

If interested in participating, send a check (payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention) to: *Office for Partnership Missions, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433*



KENTUCKY / RUSSIA
BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP

When sending your check, please include the following information:

- Name of contact person
- Address, city, state, zip
- Daytime phone number
- Name of church/association
- Number of bags requested

Deliver filled gift bags by September 15 to the collection point in your area. Contact your director of missions, associational WMU director or associational Brotherhood director for this specific information.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Get the most out of your marriage

Especially for leaders

Marriage Enrichment: Keys to Effective Programming
September 23
Southern Baptist Seminary
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend a special Family Ministry Luncheon series training event. This seminar is for those who want to offer marriage enrichment in their congregation.

The workshop will provide training in:

- how to help couples deal with stress in today's family living
- how to develop effective training experiences for couples in your church
- keeping the focus on growing strong marriages and developing a community which supports families
- resources concerning family stress and other issues in marriage enrichment

Cost for training: \$25 (includes lunch and materials)

Register for Leadership workshop through The Office of Continuing Education, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280, (502) 897-4315.

Fall Festival of Marriage
A marriage enrichment weekend for couples
September 23-25
Louisville
Southern Baptist Seminary

Fall Festival of Marriages informs you how to:

- nurture and grow your marriage
- reaffirm your commitment
- find new ways to strengthen your marriage
- an opportunity to worship and fellowship with other couples
- relaxation with your spouse

For more information or to receive a brochure, call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 250 or complete the form on EVENTS page 8a.

EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Four fall retreats for women combine missions, fellowship

October 7-8
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
All women

October 14-15
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
Women ages 35-up; nurses

October 21-22
Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
All women

October 22-23
Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
All women

All Kentucky women are invited to participate in one of four fall retreats planned by Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union. The dates and sites are provided above.

The Friday evening annual retreats draw near capacity crowds to the two Kentucky Baptist assemblies—Cedarmore and Jonathan

Creek. The Saturday evening retreat at Jonathan Creek has always had space available in Gray Motel.

Each retreat will begin with the evening meal and conclude with lunch the next day. The cost is \$27.50-\$39.50 depending on the accommodations and the number of persons staying in each room. This includes a \$3 program fee to help cover conference costs.



1994 Retreat Emphases

- Preview of *Women on Mission*
- Challenge involvement in *60 Days of Witnessing*
- Launch into new WMU year and *A Time to Grow*
- Inspirational music
- Missionaries (former home missionary Mildred McWhorter and retired foreign missionary and nurse Martha Robison will attend the October 14-15 retreat)
- Each retreat will include a Late Night fun and fellowship time following the evening session
- Jonathan Creek retreats, in particular, will feature 6:00 p.m. sunset lakeside vespers.

These retreats are great get-a-ways which provide a time of renewal and commitment to God and missions as well as a time for fun and fellowship.

Pre-Registration Information

- Pre-register now to assure your preferred accommodations!
- Pre-registration fee: \$18 per person
- Send payment (check payable to Kentucky Baptist Convention) to your selected assembly retreat site:

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly
P. O. Box 37
Bagdad, KY 40003

Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly
3043 Beal Road
Hardin, KY 42048

- With payment, also include specific retreat date, names of attendees, church, address/city/state/zip/phone

For further information, contact the state WMU office at (502) 244-6485 or complete the form on EVENTS page 8a.

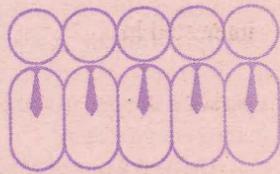
CHURCH MUSIC

Looking for a challenge?

Join the Kentucky Baptist Chorale or the Kentucky Baptist Singing Women!

Kentucky Baptist Chorale

Now is the time to consider becoming a member of one of these excellent musical groups. If you are interested in making a commitment to a year of rehearsals and concerts culminating in a mission trip to Russia, keep on reading!



The Kentucky Baptist Chorale is a male chorus comprised of music ministers from across Kentucky. Since 1965, it has been making significant musical and spiritual contributions in our state as well as national and international events. In recent years the group has been involved in a concert tour of Europe and mission trips to Kenya and Brazil. The Chorale is presently preparing for their July 6-19, 1995 Russian Music Mission Project.

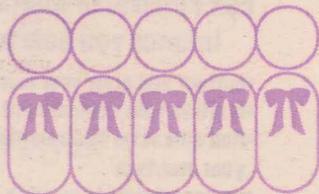
Kentucky Baptist Singing Women

The Kentucky Baptist Singing Women, a newer group, was organized in 1988. Its objective is to encourage musical and spiritual growth among its members. Membership in

this group is open to staff members of:

- Kentucky Baptist churches
- Faculty of Kentucky Baptist institutions
- Southern Seminary students or spouses
- Kentucky Baptist Convention employees or spouses
- Up to two women from each Kentucky Baptist church, as recommended by a minister of music or pastor

The group has previously sung for numerous events, including the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting, the State Evangelism Conference and the annual state WMU meeting. They, too, are planning to participate in the July, 1995 Russian Music Mission Project.



For further information about joining either of these groups, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department at (502) 245-4101, extension 325.

JONATHAN CREEK ASSEMBLY

Refocus, refresh and rekindle

When the hustle and bustle of summer activities cease, a beauty and peaceful tranquility comes over Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, offering a lure that cannot be ignored. It is THE PLACE to...

•Refocus your mind

Get away from the hectic pace of life. Enjoy the clean, fresh air and the warmth of Kentucky sunshine along the serenity and splendor of the colorful autumn. The natural setting will help you clear your mind and refocus your thoughts.

•Refresh your spirit

Get close to God and His creation. Enjoy the fellowship of other Christians. Experience a new the joy of knowing Christ.

•Rekindle your faith

Share with others in the joy of worship. Return home with a new sense of God's presence in your life and a greater desire to serve Him more.

Plan your next retreat at THE PLACE! Call Jonathan Creek—(502) 354-8355—for more details.

Nestled along the shore of beautiful Kentucky Lake, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly offers the serenity of a quiet retreat and the excitement of one of America's most enjoyable recreational settings,

the Land Between the Lakes.

EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

MINISTER/CHURCH SUPPORT

Transitions

We are never far from dealing with another change. Some are major life transitions such as accepting a call to another place of ministry or experiencing the loss of a person very close and vital to us. Retirement from a career is a major transition as is a shift in the kind of vocation one has been doing. And there are the lesser kinds of transition which also demand our attention to make adjustments: The teenager reaches sixteen and becomes a licensed driver; a spouse enters (or re-enters) the work force; leading the church to consider a building project or add a staff minister.

Somewhere in our education or life development, we should have had some training in how to handle transition. Most of us did not. We've watched others and learned (good or bad) how to do it ourselves. Sometimes it goes well and other times we muddle through, not understanding much about where we've come from or where we're going. Since transitions, large or small, are so regularly a part of our lives, we would "do ourselves a favor" to be more deliberate in how we handle them. Biblical models deserve a fresh look to see how transitions were dealt with. We can learn from the lives of Moses, David, Abraham and Paul. Of course, the model of the Master provides clear

insights into the way life's transitions can be handled well.

We would like to grow and be healthier people as we deal with change. It happens to those who:

1. Recognize changes occur both internally and externally. To move through the internal ones, allow the Spirit of God to give affirmation and guidance.
2. External transitions may require a stretching, growing time, a move up to greater competence. This calls for new resources and insights.
3. Draw on their best skills, use their best ideas and then be willing to adapt these when it is appropriate.
4. Have a practical theology of confession and forgiveness. We can't be right all the time, nor are those around us. There are times to pardon the mistakes of others.
5. Maintain a support system which gives accurate feedback both personally and professionally. Others who care about us can be counted on to work with us through the changes.
6. Trust the guidance of the One who said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you. I am with you always."

Guy Futral
Director

Minister/Church Support Division
Kentucky Baptist Convention
(502) 245-4101, extension 243

STEWARDSHIP

Be faithful stewards year-round

As a steward of all that God has given us, we are called to be faithful 365 days a year. It is not enough to vote on a yearly budget and then do little else to promote faithful stewardship.

For more information, contact Doug Strader, Director, Stewardship Office, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40253-0433, (502) 245-4101, extension 335.

What can you do as faithful stewards?

- Have testimonies at least quarterly about how some aspect of the budget is being used to do the Lord's work

- Use the five session undated Sunday School lessons on stewardship with all adults and youth

- Preach sermons on stewardship themes

- Provide a monthly ministry progress report

- Provide individual offering envelopes for all Sunday School and church members

- Mail quarterly giving statements to members

- Find several ways to say "thank you" to all who give financially to the Lord's work

CHURCH CLERKS

Does anyone remember?

Elsewhere in this Western Recorder issue is an advertisement asking Kentucky Baptists to remember those deceased Kentucky Baptist leaders who have had an important influence on our state convention and its missions and ministries projects. You are asked to mail information to Mrs. Louise Duncan, 201 North Main Street, Barbourville, KY 40906. Your information should include only those leaders who have died since September 1, 1993. The information will be added to the Kentucky Baptist Archives. Let us not forget those saints of our times.

Have you found your PC partner?

Some of us "older" persons are learning the new language of personal computers (PC). Yes, it's a challenge. But I'm hearing from our "older" clerk colleagues that the new PC approach to the uniform church letter is ten times easier and time-saving than the typewriter and hand-tally method!

If you are not a PC user, ask around your church for a member who is; ask her or him to be your "PC partner" when attempting to put your church letter (now called ACP) on a computer disk. Happy keyboarding!

Jim Hawkins
Executive Associate
Kentucky Baptist Convention

DIRECTORS OF MISSION

Who is writing your personal ministry story?

One day, some dear soul will go looking for records of your ministry, and how your life made a difference. It will be an important story. Those who follow in your tracks will want to know what you did, how you did it, and where did you get the daily strength and courage.

Every day "history is being made" in your corner of God's vineyard, in the association, in the churches. The first Americans, the Indians, were wise folks. They had "storytellers." Consequently we have much of their story in great detail.

Now we need some Kentucky Baptist "history tellers." Folks who are seriously interested in all the stories and interested in capturing the stories. These persons can serve as collectors and writers and may be candidates for the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission.

As soon as you spot a "history teller," let me know!

Jim Hawkins
Executive Associate
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Louisville, KY 40253-0433

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.

Church Music

These Keyboard Clinics have been cancelled:
 July 30, First Church, Madisonville;
 August 6, Calvary Church, Lexington;
 August 13, First Church, London

The Kentucky Baptist Music Ministry Resource Packets are now available from the KBC's Church Music Department. Call (502) 245-4101, ext. 325 for your free packet.

Upcoming Events

JULY

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

Brotherhood

• July 23
 Disaster Relief training
 Berea
 Tates Creek Association Building

• July 29-30
 Brotherhood Steering Committee meeting
 Hopkinsville

• July 30-August 5
 Jericho Week
 Glorieta

• July 31-August 7
 Kentucky World Changers
 Hopkinsville

WMU

• July 22-23
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

• July 25-29
 GA Camp
 Cedar Crest

• July 29-30
 Mother/Daughter Overnight
 Cedar Crest

• July 30
 Baptist Nursing Fellowship
 Summer Luncheon
 Somerset

• July 30-August 5
 Jericho Week
 Glorieta

AUGUST

Emphasis:
 Assembly Conferences
 On-to-College Day

Brotherhood

• August 6
 Disaster Relief training
 Pike Association

Church Growth SUPER SATURDAYS

• August 13
 Madisonville
 First Baptist Church
 • August 20
 Florence
 Florence Baptist
 • August 27
 Lexington
 Immanuel Baptist

Direct Missions

• August 14
 Language Missions Day

Evangelism

• August 25-27
 Continuing Witness Training Conference
 Ashland, Unity Baptist

• August 29
 Conference on Cults
 Louisville
 Chapel Park
 • August 30
 Conference on Cults
 Radcliff
 Stithon Baptist

Student

• August 13-19
 Student Week at
 Ridgcrest
 • August 14
 On-to-College Day

WMU

• August 1-5
 GA Camp
 Cedar Crest

WMU Associational Council training

• August 6
 Benton
 • August 13
 Paris
 • August 20
 Leitchfield
 • August 27
 Somerset

SEPTEMBER

Emphasis:
 Foundations, SBC;
 Season of Prayer for
 State Missions and
 Eliza Broadus Offering;
 State Missions Day in
 Sunday School and
 Offering; Student
 Join-the-Church Day

The August EVENTS issue will feature scheduled September activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Check the appropriate boxes and mail the provided form below to:
 Communications Office, Attn.: Denise H. Withers, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 43433,
 Louisville, KY 40253-0433. To talk directly to a KBC department, call (502) 245-4101.

Sending a check? Unless otherwise specified,
 make your check out to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

To Receive More Information

- Cedarmore Baptist Assembly (info only)
- Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly (info only)
- Family Ministry**
- Fall Festival of Marriage
- Church Growth**
- Super Saturdays
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Election monitor fines Christian group

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The Federal Elections Commission is threatening to levy a fine of up to \$250,000 against a conservative Christian lobbying group, charging that a television advertisement during the 1992 presidential campaign violated election laws.

In return, the Christian Action Network, in a series of fund-raising letters, is warning that it "could literally be shut down by the federal government in a matter of days" and network President Martin Mawyer may be "forced to go to jail."

The incident dates back to the 1992 election, when the Lynchburg, Va.-based network produced a series of commercials criticizing Clinton's stand on homosexual rights and, according to the FEC, advocated defeat of Clinton in his election bid against

President Bush.

The FEC does not comment on ongoing cases.

The Christian Action Network case is in the agency's "conciliation process," an effort to negotiate a settlement without going to court.

But the the Christian Action Network, in "confidential" and "personal" fund-raising letters to its 70,000 supporters, has charged that "Clinton and his army of government bureaucrats and well-paid lawyers have decided to shut us down. They have trumped up untrue and libelous charges against us—and had the Federal Election Commission fine us the incredible sum of \$250,000."

The complaint against the network involves both the FEC's own internal scrutiny of the 1992 campaign and a complaint filed by the Democratic

National Committee.

The FEC reportedly also is reviewing complaints against televangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition stemming from the 1992 election.

Under federal election law, tax-exempt groups may engage in election campaigns to discuss or debate issues but cannot urge the support or defeat of particular candidates.

In one of the fund-raising letters, dated May 13, Mawyer warned that if the fine sticks "then the militant homosexuals will have won ... and the murdering abortionists will have won ... and the anti-men, anti-family feminists will have won ... and the godless atheists."

The Christian Action Network reportedly has a base of about 70,000 supporters and revenue of about \$2 million annually.

Court strikes down ban on residential signs

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A Missouri city's near-total ban on residential signs went too far in restricting free speech, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled during the closing days of its 1993-94 session.

The high court upheld lower-court decisions striking down a sign ordinance enacted by an affluent St. Louis suburb. The city sought to preserve property values and avoid the visual blight caused by a proliferation of signs.

The Ladue City Council barred residential signs except those providing residence identification, "for sale" notices and safety hazard warnings. The ordinance also permitted businesses, churches and non-profit organizations to display signs not allowed at residences.

The ordinance was challenged by

resident Margaret Gilleo, who sought to display a small sign stating "For Peace in the Gulf" from her second-story window.

The Supreme Court struck down Ladue's sign regulation for a different reason than the one cited by lower courts.

A federal appeals court had concluded that because the ordinance exempted certain signs and treated commercial signs more favorably than non-commercial signs, it regulated speech on the basis of content. Ladue's reasons for enacting the sign ban were substantial, the appeals court said, but not "compelling" enough to justify a content-based restriction.

In a decision written by Justice John Paul Stevens, the high court said the sign ban prohibited too much

speech by closing a "venerable means of communication that is both unique and important."

"It has totally foreclosed that medium to political, religious, or personal messages," Stevens wrote in his decision.

The court's decision has important implications for religious speech, according to a Baptist church-state attorney.

"Although church signs were exempted, the ordinance banned an important medium for religious speech and religiously informed political speech by individuals," said Brent Walker, general counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee.

"The state's interest in eliminating visual clutter is simply insufficient to justify cutting off the right to speak from one's own home," Walker said.

CLC pushes to restore abstinence program

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission is supporting an effort to restore the only federal program promoting teenage sexual abstinence.

Sen. Slade Gorton, R.-Wash., and Rep. Lamar Smith, R.-Texas, are leading an attempt to fund the Title XX Adolescent Family Life program in the 1995 budget.

They are asking for a \$7 million appropriation, the same as in the current budget.

Forty-four members of the House of Representatives have signed onto a letter to a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee asking funding

be restored.

The Clinton administration's removal of the program from the proposed budget prompted the congressional effort.

The administration has proposed establishing an Office of Adolescent Health to address a variety of teenage problems. Abstinence would be a part of this program, which would receive \$6.8 million, administration officials have said.

Members of Congress, as well as advocacy organizations, decried the administration's proposal at a recent news conference.

"It is inexcusable that the Clinton

administration would propose the abolition of the AFL program," said James Smith, the CLC's director of government relations.

The success of Southern Baptists' "True Love Waits" program demonstrates that young people are receptive to the message of sexual abstinence, Smith said.

Other organizations endorsing the effort to preserve Adolescent Family Life include the United States Catholic Conference, Concerned Women for America, American Family Association, Christian Coalition, Eagle Forum, Family Research Council and National Council for Adoption.

Gay-rights bill allows exemption for religion

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A congressional proposal that would prohibit workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation exempts religious organizations.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 has been introduced in both houses of Congress. The bill's exemption covers religious corporations, associations, societies and educational institutions. Taxable, for-profit activities are the only activities not covered by the religious exemption.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., said he introduced the bill as a step forward in the civil rights movement. He heralded the bill as "another milestone in the civil rights march."

"This bill is not about granting special rights; it is about righting senseless wrongs," he added.

Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King lent her support to the legislation. The widow of Martin Luther King Jr. said she supports the bill "because I believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces

to suit political convenience."

Brent Walker, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee, said the committee will take no position on the merits of this bill. "Civil rights is not a part of our agenda," Walker said. "We will be involved to make sure the exemption for religious organizations stays in the bill as it moves through Congress."

"It's important that religious organizations that think homosexuality is a sin be exempted from having to comply with this law," Walker said.

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Jim Bakker halfway home.** Fallen televangelist Jim Bakker was freed from a federal prison July 1 to begin serving the rest of his sentence at a halfway house in Asheville, N.C. He will work at an undisclosed business during the day and return to the halfway house at night. He is to leave the halfway house Dec. 1, having served four-and-one-half years of a 45-year sentence for bilking followers of his PTL Club out of \$158 million. In a prepared statement, Bakker said, "I want to humbly ask for forgiveness to those I have offended or hurt in any way by my sin and arrogant lifestyle. I also humbly ask the family of God to forgive me for the pain and shame I brought on them, and most of all on the name of our Lord."

■ **Religious leaders endorse universal coverage.** Universal health coverage is a moral mandate, not a partisan or political matter, leaders of major United States religious bodies declared in a July 5 statement. Titled "A Pastoral Appeal: Health Care Coverage for All Americans," the statement was endorsed by several Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans, Moravians, Catholics and Church of Christ officials. "Anything short of health care for all is morally flawed," the statement declares. Southern Baptist signers include Jimmy Allen, former head of the Radio & Television Commission, James Dunn of the Baptist Joint Committee, Stan Hastey of the Alliance of Baptists and Cecil Sherman of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

■ **Dobson honored.** James Dobson's latest book, "When God Doesn't Make Sense," was named "Christian Book of the Year" by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association June 25. Member book store managers chose Dobson's book for the honor.

■ **Holocaust not forgotten.** Last year's widely publicized poll which said one-third of Americans believe the Holocaust never happened was a mistake, according to the Gallup Poll, which was not the producer of that poll in question. Gallup officials questioned the findings of the survey done by one of their competitors and discovered a clumsily worded question may have produced bad results. A more precisely worded question asked in recent Gallup polls shows that among people who understand the term "Holocaust," just 2 percent believe it probably never took place.

■ **Baptist camp safe.** The Mississippi Gaming Commission declared June 30 that the neighborhood around Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is a legal but inappropriate site for casino gambling and is considering a permanent ban on any gambling development in the area. Baptists had mounted a massive campaign to oppose construction of a 24-hour-a-day casino within sight of the state Baptist campground.

■ **Religion still relevant.** Just when Americans believe religion may be losing its influence, many say religion is important in their lives and have high faith in religion's ability to address modern problems. According to a Gallup poll, only 27 percent of Americans believe religion is increasing its influence on American life, 69 percent say religion is losing its influence, 2 percent say its influence remains steady and 2 percent have no opinion. Religion's sway in America peaked in 1957, when 69 percent said its influence was increasing; and it ebbed in the turbulent 1960s and '70s, when only 14 percent said it was increasing. However, a recent poll showed 64 percent of Americans expressed confidence in the ability of religion to deal with contemporary problems—the highest confidence level in 13 years.

■ **Baptists aid flood victims.** At least five Baptist disaster relief feeding units were dispatched to aid victims of flooding in parts of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Experts believe clean-up efforts will take six months to a year. Volunteers for the work can contact the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board by calling (800) HMB-VOLS or (404)898-7486.

Hopkinsville center will aid military personnel, missions

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

HOPKINSVILLE—Army green may be the most popular color among military personnel at Fort Campbell, but Christian County Baptist Association knows it's not necessarily the favorite.

That's why the association's new multi-purpose ministry center is being designed to offer a refreshing break from the pressures and routine—and even the color—of the base.

"This need arises out of the unique situation in Christian County with Fort Campbell," explained Larry Baker, director of missions for Christian County Association and a key leader in developing the new facility.

While churches have ministered effectively with many military families, they have been less successful providing for the diverse needs of ethnic family members and single soldiers, Baker said. The multi-purpose ministry center targets both groups.

Tennessee Baptists have joined the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Oak Grove Baptist Church in Oak Grove in full cooperation on the project.

Oak Grove Baptist Church donated a corner of its property—located less than a mile from the main avenue at Fort Campbell—for the center.

An April groundbreaking ceremony initiated the construction phase of the project. About 250 people—including members of two ethnic con-

gregations who will benefit from the building—participated in the service.

The "U"-shaped facility will include a kitchen, restrooms and three large meeting areas.

The two legs of the building will serve as worship centers for Korean and Hispanic missions; the middle—about 110 feet in length—will function as the servicemen's center, Baker explained.

The Hispanic group formed as a mission of Oak Grove Baptist Church in 1990. The Korean congregation, led by Jin Kim, is a mission of Olivet Baptist Church in Oak Grove.

Both missions—which currently share worship space with their parent congregations—eagerly await their move into new worship facilities.

But these groups aren't the only ones anticipating the new center. Ten Baptists in the association already have been trained to teach English as a Second Language when the building opens.

Also, the servicemen's center will accent weekday ministries, refreshments, in-depth Bible study and discipleship opportunities, as well as a comfortable place for military personnel to come and relax with others,

Baker explained.

Associational leaders hope to request a US-2 missionary from the Home Mission Board to staff the building as the need arises, Baker said. But the center's effectiveness will depend largely on volunteer assistance.

Baker named numerous benefits stemming from the center. "This will make a tremendous statement to the military community at Fort Campbell that we do care about them," he said.

"The most important reason we're doing this is to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ."

Revival reported in Pike Association

A wave of revivals this spring among churches in Pike Baptist Association has created more than a little ripple in the baptismal waters. Between March and May 1994, more than 100 people were baptized in Pike Association church, reported Director of Missions Carl Boyd. "I've been here almost seven years, and I've never known a period when there have been as many professions of faith and baptisms," he said.

Of the 22 Southern Baptist churches in the association, about 75 percent held some type of revival service or series of services this spring, Boyd explained.

For example, Meta Baptist Church in Meta registered 37 professions of faith during its revival, and Calvary Baptist in Betsy Layne recorded 11 decisions.

Six performances of an Easter pageant at First Baptist Church in Pikeville drew 4,000 people, 16 of whom found a new faith in Christ.

And in only three sessions of "Friday Night Live" at First Baptist Church in Belfry, 23 teenagers committed their lives to the Lord. The youth event attracts more than 250 people each month.

Boyd attributed the successful revivals to good preparation, a youth emphasis "and the main thing—the work of the Holy Spirit."

"It has certainly encouraged all of our churches," he said, predicting that positive results would spill over into more young people's decisions to accept Christ and to the simultaneous "Here's Hope" revivals scheduled for 1995.

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These persons would be Kentucky Baptist ministers, missionaries, educators, laypersons, institutional leaders and staff and others whose Christian service has significantly benefited our state convention fellowship and mission programs.

We need your help to gather the following information:

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These obituary entries will be reported to the 1994 KBC annual meeting in Louisville. You are an important part of our network to gather information on those servants who deserve to be remembered among Kentucky Baptists.

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Louise Duncan, 1993-94 Obituaries Report

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Two more Christian leaders killed in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (BP)—Two of Iran's Christian leaders have been murdered in what local Christians call a continuing campaign by Islamic militants to exterminate Christianity in Iran.

Another Iranian Christian, a resident of the United States, has been reported missing.

The body of Mehdi Dibaj, an Assemblies of God minister, was found in a park in western Tehran, according to a July 5 statement from IRNA, Iran's official news agency. Police said they discovered Dibaj's body while seeking the killer of Tates Michaelian, 62, pastor of a Tehran church and chairman of the Council of Protestant Ministers in Iran.

Dibaj and Michaelian became the second and third Christian leaders to be murdered this year in Iran. In January, Haik Hovsepian-Mehr, superintendent of the Assemblies of God, also was murdered. He preceded Michaelian as chairman of the Council

of Protestant Ministers in Iran.

Dibaj, 59, had not been seen since July 1, when he left a Christian conference in Tehran suburb to go to his daughter's home. He never arrived, according to Christian sources who monitor church matters in Iran from outside the country.

Michaelian was killed some time after he left home June 29, the sources said. Michaelian's son, Galo, and other relatives were summoned by Iranian authorities to identify the body July 2. They said Michaelian had been shot several times in the head.

Dibaj made international headlines last December when Iranian authorities announced he would be executed for the "crime" of abandoning Islam. But following an international outcry, including a protest by the U.S. State Department, he was released from prison Jan. 16.

At that time government officials said his release was conditional,

pending an ongoing investigation. He had spent 10 years in a prison in Sari, a city in northeastern Iran. During the time in prison Dibaj was tortured and spent two years in solitary confinement in an unlighted, 9-square-foot cell.

Meanwhile, Iranian Christian leaders identified another missing believer as Hassan Shahjamali, an Iranian Muslim convert to Christianity and U.S. resident. Shahjamali went to an airport in the Iranian city of Shiraz to board a flight to Tehran July 1. But he never arrived in the Iranian capital.

Shahjamali traveled from the United States to Iran in May to visit his family, encourage Iranian Christians and share the gospel with interested Iranians. It was not immediately known whether Shahjamali is an American citizen; his wife is an American.

Iranian Christians said they assume Shahjamali is being detained by the Iranian government.

Guatemalan prisoners find Christ, start church

COBAN, Guatemala (BP)—Eleven Guatemalan men arrested in the near-fatal attack on an American woman have found an unexpected freedom behind the bars of a Coban, Guatemala, jail.

The men are among about 130 Guatemalans awaiting trial before a Guatemalan judge for nearly beating June Diane Weinstock to death March 29. Weinstock, an environmental consultant from Fairbanks, Alaska, was assaulted during a Holy Week procession in San Cristobal Verapaz, near Coban.

The attackers reportedly struck Weinstock with machetes, clubs, sticks and stones after a peasant woman accused the American of trying to steal her 8-year-old son. The child later showed up unharmed.

Within a month of their arrests, 11

of Weinstock's accused attackers accepted Jesus Christ as Savior at the Coban jail where they are imprisoned. They and 20 other prisoners—also new Christian believers—formed the Maranatha Baptist Church in April with the help of Guatemalan Baptist leaders.

"One thing they don't lack is enthusiasm in the Lord," Southern Baptist missionary John McLaughlin said of the new converts.

In fact, the prison church members already have started a building fund, McLaughlin said. They currently worship in a prison courtyard.

Meanwhile, Weinstock still can't walk or talk because of injuries sustained in the beating. The attack, and assaults on two other Americans, stemmed from rumors circulated in Guatemala that North Americans

steal children for body parts for organ transplants. The unfounded rumors have circulated in the area for years, particularly among Guatemala's indigenous people.

After the beating, Weinstock lay in a coma for six weeks. She reportedly remains in an Anchorage, Alaska, nursing home in stable condition, but her prognosis is uncertain.

The 11 suspects who have become Christians are committed to telling the truth about what they did, according to McLaughlin. But that has created some tensions both for them and for Guatemalan Baptists working with the new congregation.

Many of those arrested were working on a road construction crew at the time of the attack, the missionary explained. Their bosses, who some crew members say gave orders to collect rocks for the stoning, "are trying to pressure the ones who have made professions of faith not to tell the truth," he said. "But (the new Christians) are determined to do so now that they belong to Christ."

McLaughlin doesn't work with the jail congregation. But he and his wife, Bambi, started The Light Baptist Church, which does.

WORLD VIEW



AFRICA TOUR On his first overseas trip as president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Jerry Rankin (left) greets missionaries Herb Cady (right) and Sam Turner in Kenya. On this recent trip, Rankin and his wife, Bobby, visited missionaries in a number of African countries. (BP photo by Melissa Bird)

■ **Walk a mile in their shoes.** Thieves, hijackers and road accidents are threatening to slow Southern Baptist mission work in parts of Africa to a walk—literally. In recent weeks missionaries in eastern and southern Africa have had five vehicles stolen—two at gunpoint—and four wrecked with major damage. And that doesn't include five vehicles missionaries in Rwanda had to abandon when they fled that country's bloodshed in April.

The good news: No one was seriously hurt in any of the incidents. However, the Foreign Mission Board is self-insured, and replacement cost of the nine stolen or wrecked vehicles could exceed \$250,000. The FMB's 1994 budget for replacing such losses worldwide is only \$400,000.

■ **"True Love Waits" expands again.** Baptists in several African countries have embraced Southern Baptists' "True Love Waits" campaign for sexual abstinence among teenagers. A nationwide chastity rally is scheduled for July 29 in Kampala, Uganda. Other African countries where the campaign is taking hold include Togo and Kenya.

■ **Evangelists asked to sign document.** Evangelists from all over North America will be asked to sign a document called "Biblical Standards for Itinerant Evangelists" in which they pledge to stick close to the Bible, be faithful to their families and have integrity in their finances and ministry. Promotion of this voluntary contract was one result of the North American Conference for Itinerant Evangelists, held in Louisville last month.

■ **MK nearly injured in riot.** A 16-year-old Southern Baptist missionary kid narrowly escaped injury July 3 during a demonstration by rampaging Jewish settlers protesting the return of Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to Gaza. A rock crashed through a bedroom window, with shattering glass barely missing Sommer Hicks, daughter of missionaries Ray and Beverly Hicks of Cincinnati.

The militant Jewish settlers also inflicted about \$1,000 damage on Jerusalem House, a facility owned by the Baptist Convention in Israel. The Hicks family lives on the first floor of Jerusalem House.

■ **Missionaries back to Yemen.** Southern Baptist workers who fled Yemen in early May started planning their return July 8, after northern Yemeni forces declared victory in a 65-day civil war. Altogether, 16 Southern Baptist workers left Yemen in May because of the war. About 50 Baptist workers were in the country when the war broke out.

■ **Movie moves Hindu to Jesus.** A Hindu priest in India recently became a Christian after giving permission for the "Jesus" film to be shown on the temple wall. The priest joined a crowd of more than 500 people who watched one of the first showings of the film in the Lambadi language. Later, he raised his hand to indicate his desire to know Jesus.



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Source: Kentucky State Data Center

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

- **ASHLAND**—First Church called **David Preston** of Louisa as minister to youth and children. He is a graduate of Berea College and Southern Seminary.
- **BAGDAD**—Christiansburg Church called **Adonna Cole** as minister to youth. She will begin her new ministry Sept. 4.
- **CORBIN**—First Church will honor **John Dunaway** on his 25th anniversary as pastor Aug. 28. A special morning service is planned, followed by an anniversary luncheon.
- **EAST BERNSTADT**—Arthur Ridge Church called **Eugene Gentry** as pastor.
- **EDDYVILLE**—First Church licensed **Jody Duncan** to the ministry.
- **FALMOUTH**—Blanket Creek Church ordained **Mike Ammerman, Monroe Brock, John Carr, Bill Covin** and **Lewis Frederick** as deacons.
- **HAZARD**—Petrey Memorial Church will celebrate "Homecoming to the Mountains" Sept. 4. Plans include potluck dinner in the fellowship hall and an afternoon service with guest speaker **Guy Futral**, Kentucky Baptist Convention director of minister/church support. Former pastors and friends are invited.
- **LONDON**—Hawk Creek Church ordained **Dale Wilson, Danny Jones** and **Fred Shell** as deacons July 10.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Ninth & O Church called **Vicke Bowman** as pre-

school ministries director.

Linnie Edwards, longtime member of Highland Church, died July 6. Edwards, 70, had been active in Woman's Missionary Union ministries both in her church and in Long Run Association. She was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Highland and, according to Pastor Phil Christopher, a tireless volunteer. "She spent most of her adult life volunteering for jobs that some wouldn't do and others felt they couldn't do," he said. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; three children, Lanelle, Judy and Jerre Mac; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Scott.

■ **MOBILE, Ala.**—**Garnett Puckett**, former pastor in Kentucky, died recently. He was a 1947 graduate of Southern Seminary, and pastor of Muldraugh Hill Church, Stewarts Creek Church and Palestine Church during his college days. Puckett also was pastor at Jeffersonton Church while he did his graduate work. He is survived by his wife, Maxine.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Temple Church held a note-burning service June 5. The note was incurred when land was purchased for relocation. The church retired the debt of \$50,000 in 10 months.

■ **RADCLIFF**—First Korean Church called **Kwang Pyong Choi** as pastor. He served as pastor in Korea for many years.

The people came

By the hundreds they came, alumni, families and friends. It was Homecoming Day at Oneida.

The day was plain hot but the shadows in the tents where meals were served generated a cooling breeze which made the fellowship very pleasant.

The barbecue team was on the job at 5 a.m. and delicious food was served from 11 a.m. until mid-afternoon.

Members of classes from 1994 back into the '20s were able to relive school days as they studied portraits, group pictures and other memorabilia from the days of their respective class years. One graduate was able to identify 34 of the members in his class picture from 1951.

The air conditioned gym was the site of the class meetings. This portion of the day's activities was so well received and so widely praised that the material has been preserved and will act as the basis for a bigger and better homecoming in the years ahead.

A large and appreciative congregation came to the chapel at three o'clock for the Moore memorial section of the day's activities. Excellent music, led by Judy Sizemore Rose, '56, and firsthand accounts of the life and ministry of Barkley Moore were a blessing to friends and admirers.

Oliver Hawkins Jr., '82, presented plaques and mounted pictures of five new inductees into the Oneida Athletic Hall of Fame. Bud Underwood led in the recognition of members present from the golden anniversary class of '44, presenting each of them with a beautiful print of Marvin Hall.

Lella Colyer responded to our invitation and shared a special story from the life of Barkley Moore. Carolyn Kelly, a classmate, brought

memories from the class of '58. She recalled that Moore always was serious for class pictures. "It seemed he knew he was to do something important in life and he wanted to start early. We nicknamed him 'Professor' and told him that someday he would be president of Oneida. His thoughtfulness of others was legendary."

Preston Baker, class of '28, longtime teacher at Oneida and member of the board of trustees, observed that Moore was the most studious, best scholar and greatest leader he had ever known.

Bill and Peggy Smith were close personal friends of Moore. Bill graduated the year before Moore and then taught during the two years he was assistant to the president (1962-64). He made some very astute observations about Moore: "It didn't take long to realize he had a very keen, deep interest in Oneida Baptist Institute. As a student he began the tradition of homecoming as we know it today; he realized the importance of getting alumni to return and visit.

"He was a man of enormous faith. He loved all people and was comfortable with all kinds of people. He judged people the way our Lord did, by looking on the inside. He would not want us to lose sight of the future prospects of continued service. He would not want us to lose sight of the fact that God is not finished with Oneida."

Oliver Hawkins Sr., principal for 15 years, observed that Moore never expected anyone to work harder or longer than he did. He said Moore often said, "Life is measured by time and you never know how much you have."

To be continued next week

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■ **SANDERS**—Sanders Church called **Bryant Shaver** as pastor June 26. He is a student at Southern Seminary.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—Salem Church called **Leigh Anne Alexander** as minister of music.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Eastern Gate Church called **Jim Yates** of Panama City, Fla., as minister of music. Also, **Mark Jarrett** of Smyrna, Tenn., was called as minister of youth.

■ **SKYLIGHT**—Liberty Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary July 24. Friends and former pastors are invited.

■ **SOMERSET**—Woodstock Church called **Tom Patterson** as pastor. Also, the church celebrated its 125th anniversary June 5.

■ **SPOTTSVILLE**—Spottsville Missionary Church called **Hal Branson** as pastor. He will begin his new ministry in August.

■ **WADDY**—Waddy Church called **Mike Meiller** as minister of music and youth.

■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—**Jim Taylor**, president of Cumberland College, became seriously ill before an emergency appendectomy in late June while attending a meeting in Atlanta. Taylor returned home July 5 and is reportedly making a good recovery.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

■ **John and Deborah Enos**, missionaries to The Gambia, are in the States at 410 Riggs Ave., Erlanger, Ky. 41018. He is a native of Fort Thomas and she is from Louisville.

Harold Kuhnle dies in Lexington at 89

LEXINGTON—Harold Beutlich Kuhnle, former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, died June 30.

Kuhnle was pastor at Immanuel from 1957 to 1969, when he retired and began serving interim pastorates. He also worked as a chaplain at Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Previous Kentucky pastorates included First Baptist Church of Danville, 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville and Third Baptist Church in Owensboro.

During his tenure at Immanuel, one of Kentucky's largest Baptist churches, the congregation relocated to its current site on Tates Creek Road. He also led the congregation to begin Kentucky's first live television broadcast of a church worship service in 1967.

He served on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and numerous committees of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Elkhorn Baptist Association.

Kuhnle is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons, John of Washington, D.C., and Robert of Louisville; a daughter, Mary Dan Kuhnle of Slidell, La.; and four grandchildren.

Clear Creek PKs

Shirtless buddies Brian LaPlante and Matthew Seward cooled off in the campus post office after a round of tennis. While school is out, they play almost every day.

Another favorite activity for these sixth-graders is bike ramping. "We ride across the swinging bridge and ramp off the end," Matthew said. "There's an old stone wall in front of Kelly Hall that's also real good. I've gone across the Kelly Hall porch and ramped over the steps," Brian added.

"We've had a bunch of flat tires and now the rims are bent."

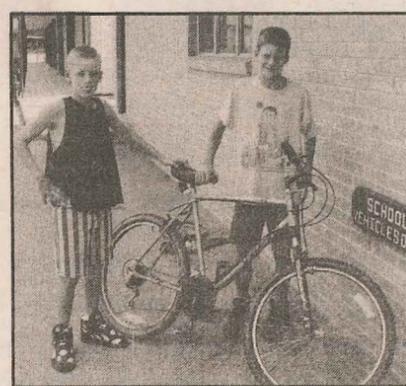
Brian's family came from Clay County. Matthew's moved from Lincoln County. Clear Creek provides "more kids

and a bunch of stuff to do." They especially enjoy the Family Life Center except when the adult basketball and volleyball intramural leagues use the gym. Just as Director of Student Affairs Fred Cummings came in to check his mail, they asked why 12-year-olds couldn't use the weight room.

"He's the one to ask." I detected some concern about facing bullies when they enter middle school in August.

Life on the creek has its adjustments. "Every once in awhile an adult acts like they are our parents." Student families can't have pets. Brian left two dogs with his grandparents. Matthew said, "I used to go to work with my granddaddy. He would give me some money. Here you have to be 16 to work on campus."

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Clear Creek PKs store other unique memories. Building a fort on the top of a ledge deep in the woods. Hiking on Bear Trail. Getting chased by the geese. Watching baby ducks.

Swimming in the creek.

Many of our students state the reason they chose Clear Creek was "it was good for my family." This gives another twist to Scripture, "A child shall lead them."

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

PEOPLE

New literature targets kids' interests today

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—The electronic age has brought different demands into children's classrooms at church, a Baptist consultant said.

"It was a different life when we were kids," said David Morrow of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship and family development division.

"I work with a class of first-through fifth-grade boys in my church, and half of them couldn't fold paper airplanes when I asked them to.

"But if you brought Nintendo in the classroom, those boys would scald me on it. I'm not saying the differences are wrong. We just have to learn how to reach entirely different kids these days," he said.

Morrow taught a workshop introducing TeamKID, a new children's discipleship program, during a recent conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

This new Sunday School Board product is designed to meet the modern challenges of teaching children.

Morrow said a board-sponsored survey found churches are looking for a different way to reach children. They want something that will attract the children and excite them. They want curriculum that calls for fewer teachers and less time to prepare. But churches also want children involved in Bible skill development, he said.

Parents want church to offer something their children want to do, Morrow said. They want them to be able to apply what they are learning, and they want them to learn Bible skill development.

The same survey found that children want activities to be interesting and fun. But they also want them to be meaningful. And they would like to be active while they learn, he added.

Morrow said TeamKID, a 36-week course for first- through sixth-graders, meets for nine months throughout the school year and can meet almost all of the needs expressed in the survey.

"It is designed to be an after-school program, but some people are using it on Saturday mornings or during summer emphasis," he said. "The weekly program can last from one, one-and-a-half, to two hours, depending on what you want. It provides minimum time for leaders to prepare and maximum benefit for the children."

Morrow said ideally no more than 40 children should make up a club, and about one "coach" per seven children should be enlisted.

Casey's story moves Baptist kids to act

By Chip Alford
SBC Sunday School Board

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (BP)—On the nightstand beside her bed, Erica Williams keeps her children's devotional guide opened to a page with a photo of Casey Ottalagano.

It's the first thing the sixth grader sees when she wakes up in the morning and the last thing she notices before going to bed at night. She leaves the photo in sight as a reminder to pray for the 12-year-old New Jersey boy.

"He's been on my heart a lot," said Williams, a member of First Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Ga. "I can't seem to stop thinking about him. I pray for him every night."

After reading about him in "Bible Express," a daily worship guide for children published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Erica and her classmates decided to reach out to Casey.

Casey is a bright, inquisitive boy from Bridgewater, N.J., who enjoys playing video games, working on his computer and studying French with his private tutor. He likes to build things with Legos, too, and he dreams of becoming an architect.

Casey also is a survivor. He's beaten leukemia twice, undergoing two bone marrow transplants and the accompanying rounds of radiation and chemotherapy. Though he's been in remission for five years now, the heavy dosage of chemicals has badly damaged his lungs, making a double lung transplant necessary for his survival.

Once an active boy, today he needs a constant supply of oxygen through tubing attached to his nostrils and is weakened by a simple walk down the hall. He's losing weight,

too, so his mother, Kathy, sometimes makes him fat- and calorie-laden milk shakes.

"Doctors are amazed Casey is alive," she said. "They can't understand it. Very few people make it through two bone marrow transplants. It's really a miracle. We're praying he will make it through this, too."

Casey was only 4 years old when he first was diagnosed with leukemia. He had his first bone marrow transplant in 1988. Doctors harvested his own marrow, cleaned it and then transplanted it back into his body. Six months later, the leukemia reoccurred.

He had his second transplant only a year later. This time the marrow was donated by his younger brother, Dustin, who was only 5 years old.

Casey has been on a waiting list for an organ donor for almost two years now. When organs become available, the transplant will be performed at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital in Pennsylvania.

"That's the hardest part about this," admitted Casey's father, Mark. "Basically, you're waiting for another kid to die."

Casey's parents wear beepers that will sound when the hospital has suitable organs in hand. After the beeper goes off, Casey will have four hours to make it to the hospital and undergo the transplant. He and his parents will be driven by police escort to a local airport and then flown by air ambulance to Pittsburgh.

Casey's story has touched many people, including members of his home church, Bridgewater Baptist. Mary Lois Sanders, one of his former Sunday school teachers, wrote the short article about Casey which appeared in the February 1994 edition of "Bible Express."



That's the book Erica keeps on her nightstand and the one which introduced the Stockbridge Sunday school class to Casey.

"When we saw his picture in Bible Express, we just fell in love with him," said Betty Phillips, a teacher's assistant for the class. "We wanted to do something special for him and his little brother, too. Both of them must be really brave to have faced what they've been through."

The Stockbridge class members wrote personal cards to both Casey and Dustin and also made colorful banners with their handprints stamped on front, a sign of their Sunday school teacher's "hands-on" approach to ministry. They also signed their names and included a notice they are praying for both boys. Now draped on walls near the front stairway, the banners are the first thing visitors to Ottalagano's home are likely to notice.

When asked how it felt to know that children around the country were praying for him, Casey, appreciative but a little shy about all the attention, answered simply: "I guess it's good to know."

FRIENDS FOR LIFE Casey Ottalagano spends many hours working on his personal computer. Here he organizes a printout of his library of animal names. The 12-year-old Bridgewater, N.J., boy has survived two bouts with leukemia and now is in need of a double lung transplant. Children from First Baptist Church of Stockbridge, Ga., meanwhile, are among those fervently praying for Casey and encouraging him. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

Spiritual gifts study yields new volunteers

By Ken Walker
Freelance Writer

NORFOLK, Va. (BP)—When First Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va., started helping members discover their spiritual gifts, many never knew how talented God had made them.

But over the past four years the church has saved thousands of dollars because a retired auto mechanic now oversees the lawn care committee. And a horticulturist now helps senior citizens with their flower beds—and loneliness. Several terminally ill patients and their families have found personal comfort in crisis through First Baptist's ministry care team.

"With spiritual gifts, a lot of people think the only thing you're talking about is glossolalia—speaking in tongues—and many are scared to death of that," said Gail Motley, the church's director of women's ministries and volunteers.

"The church has chosen for so long not to give people instruction on it, but we felt strongly that it needed to be taught. To be the church God intended for us to be and help people grow, this was the only way to go."

Many Southern Baptist churches are now tackling the topic of awaken-

ing members' spiritual gifts, reflected by the steady stream of inquiries to the Norfolk staff.

One of the leaders of this movement said it can help revitalize the convention by getting people in tune with who God created them to be.

"I think one of the difficulties with a lot of our churches is people don't have very high self-esteem," said Wayne Jones, minister of education at First Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn.

"If they can get in touch with the fact that God has created them, they have a great understanding of ministry and are more confident about becoming involved. I think there are a lot of people sitting on the sidelines because they don't think they have much to offer."

Jones, who led the Norfolk church's effort to develop training materials before moving to Franklin, has written two books on the subject: "Using Your Spiritual Gifts" and "Discovering Your Christian Personality," to be published this fall.

He introduced the Tennessee congregation to spiritual gifts two years ago. About 100 members have taken a six-week class called "Gifted Connections."

Many have gone on to some kind of ministry, including one woman who established an intercessory prayer team.

Jones said the biggest challenge is moving beyond talking about spiritual gifts to practical application. Unless members get plugged into ministries, discussion is fruitless, he said.

Just finding a way to attract current members is difficult in the church at Norfolk.

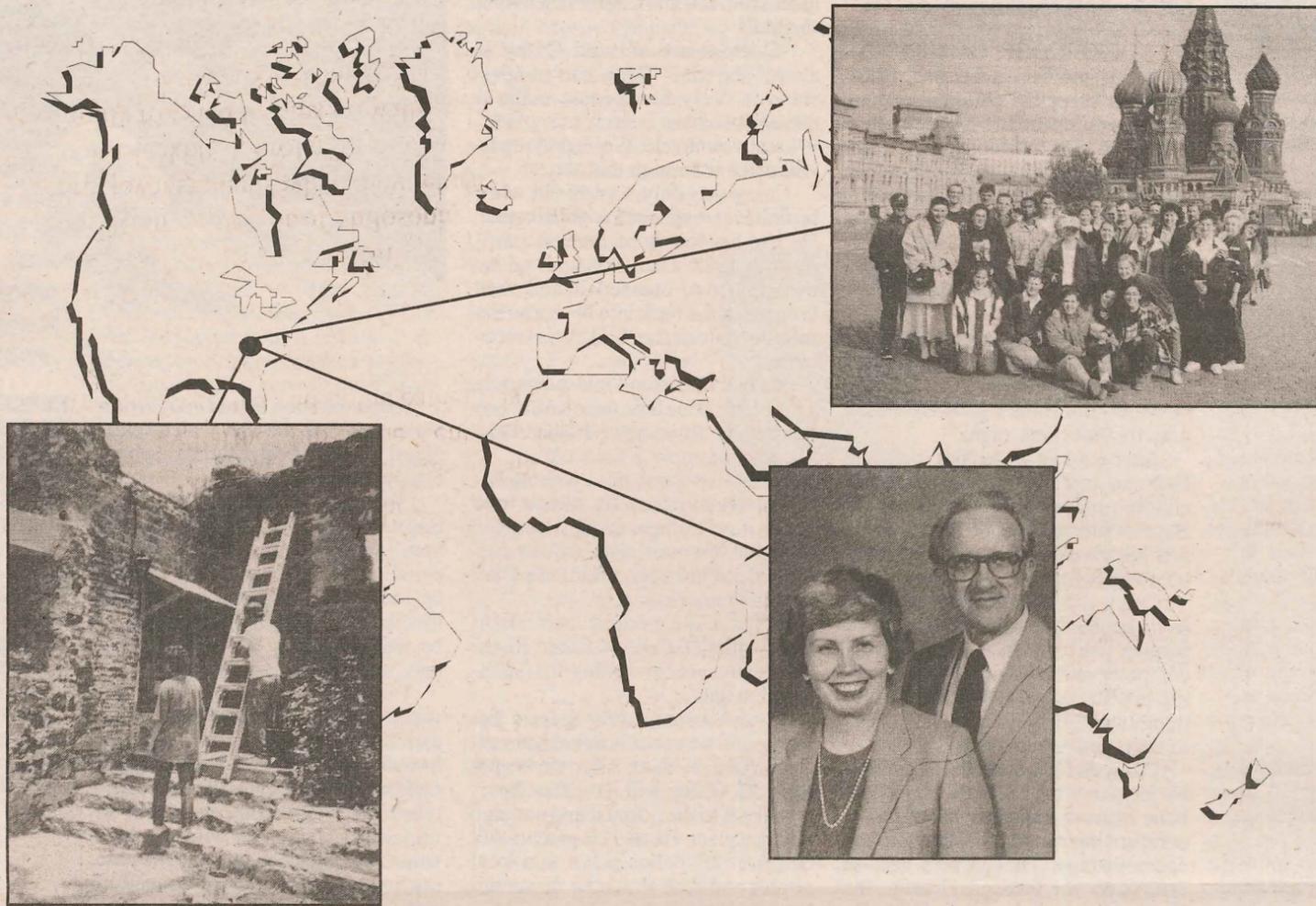
The staff is not "completely happy" with progress to date, said Motley, who joined the church when it began developing its emphasis.

Since First Baptist hasn't attracted many existing members, it is thinking of using its "First Serve" instruction as adult Sunday school curriculum, she explained. Nor do all new members come through the class, which is optional.

Despite these setbacks, a majority of those who complete the gifts course become involved in ministry, she added.

"Once people understand what God has created them to be and how their gifts can be used, they come alive," Motley said. "God puts gifts in our lives for a purpose. We're trying to help people celebrate their gift."

CONNECTING GEORGETOWN COLLEGE TO THE WORLD



Scholars developing scholars in a mission environment

Mission-minded Georgetown College faculty and staff took their ministry around the globe this summer, touching lives in such diverse locales as Russia, China and Mexico.

The Georgetown College Chorale made a historic trip when it toured Russia for the first time in May. The chorale ministered to the Russian people during the 10-day tour which was a joint venture with the Russian/Kentucky Partnership of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The chorale (*top right*) performed in the cathedrals and churches of Moscow and St. Petersburg as well as in the major schools and universities.

Drs. Jim and Ruth Heizer (*bottom right*) spent four weeks this summer teaching English at Yan Tai Shandong Province University in China. This was the couple's fourth visit to China. Jim, professor of history, and Ruth, professor of philosophy, will share their experiences with Georgetown students when they return to the classroom.

Dr. John Blackburn, professor of chemistry at Georgetown College, and his family traveled to Mexico with other members of Scott County's Faith Baptist Church for a 10-day mission trip in June. During the trip, John and his wife, Pat, (*bottom left*) helped restore a Spanish hacienda that is used as a mission by the Nazahua Indians. Accompanying the Blackburns were their two daughters, Jennifer, a Georgetown College student, and Melissa.

SBC Update



Jim Henry, a 1959 graduate of Georgetown College, was elected president at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in

Orlando. Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, won the presidency with 55 percent of the vote. Georgetown alumni have held top positions with the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, but Henry is the first Georgetownian to become SBC president.

Two Georgetown alumnae were elected to help plan next year's program for the Southern Baptist ministers' wives. Alice Marshall '57 was elected president and Jane Allison '56 was elected corresponding secretary.

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