

FOR THE RECORD

Ohio partnership
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Texas Baptists will vote this fall on a proposal that will allow churches more flexibility in contributions counted as supporting the state's Cooperative Program unified budget. See page 2.

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Baptist aid focuses on refugee kids

By Marty Croll
SBC Foreign Mission Board

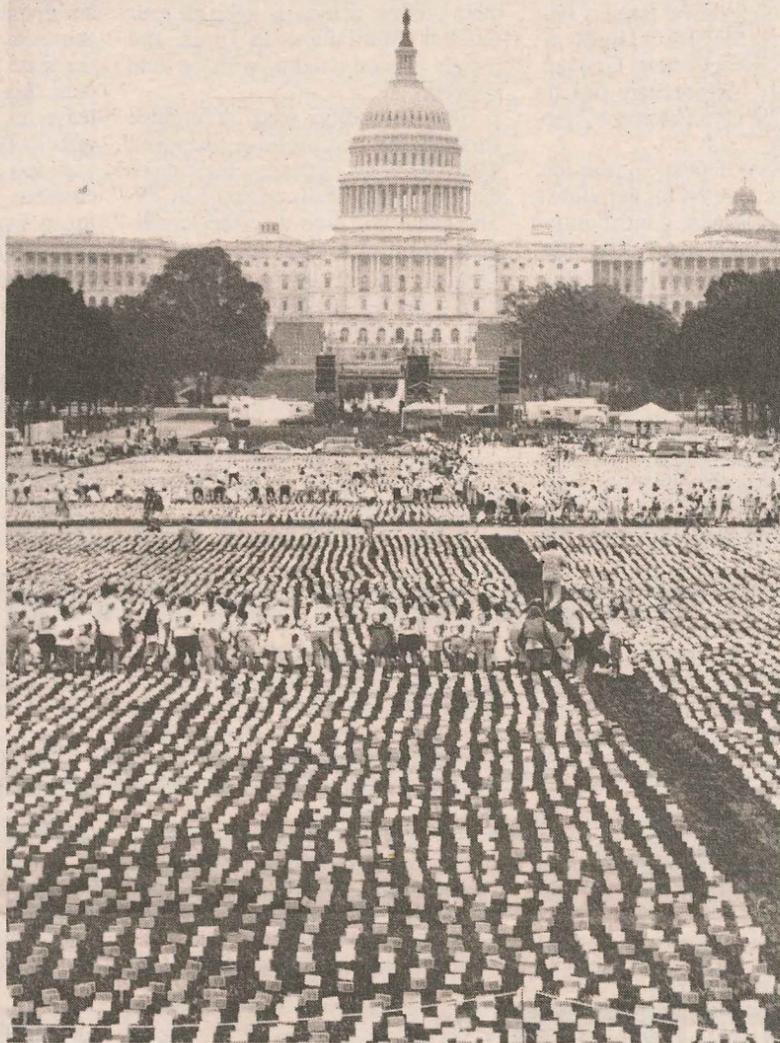
NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—To help stem the rising tide of death in Rwandan refugee camps outside Goma, Zaire, Southern Baptists will concentrate on saving children's lives in two UNICEF camps.

Many are still infants. They will be fed powdered formula mixed with water pumped from nearby streams and purified by solar-powered systems provided through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Southern Baptist water technicians will operate the systems.

UNICEF workers have set up seven camps for children who have become separated from their parents. In many cases, their mothers and fathers were buried in mass graves with other Rwandan corpses that had been rolled into mats and left along the roads to decay.

Southern Baptists have promised to provide teams of doctors and nurses, recruited by the denomination's Brotherhood Commission, for clinics in the child-
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210,000 pledge that 'True Love Waits'



WASHINGTON—In a graphic depiction of commitment to sexual abstinence, more than 210,000 pledge cards signed by teenagers in the "True Love Waits" campaign covered the lawn of the National Mall in Washington July 29.

Each card represented one youth who has pledged to abstain from sex until marriage.

With the U.S. Capitol as a backdrop, an estimated 25,000 Christian teenagers gathered on the lawn to display the pledge cards from across the nation and to participate in an open-air rally.

"It's great to be a part of something this big ... doing something good for God ... something you're supposed to do," said Matt Staples, a member of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville who attended the rally.

The day's events were carried live on a nationwide cable system and covered by major news organizations from as far away as Italy and Germany.

"True Love Waits" is a campaign for sexual abstinence among teenagers launched by the Southern Baptist
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A PICTURE OF ABSTINENCE Multi-colored pledge cards cover the lawn of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., July 29, the day of a national "True Love Waits" rally. Each of the more than 200,000 cards represents one teenager who has pledged to abstain from sex until marriage. (BP photo by Jim Veneman)

Kentucky & Ohio Baptists share long partnership history

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LORAIN, Ohio—Attendance at the tiny Sonshine Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio, more than tripled one Sunday in July.

Even though such an increase didn't exceed the seating capacity, enthusiasm overflowed from the group of Kentucky Baptist mission volunteers whose presence had swelled attendance.

The group from First Baptist Church of Belfry had barely been in Ohio 24 hours, but already their lives had been changed by the partnership

between Kentucky and Ohio Baptists.

"You've already been more of a blessing to us than we could possibly be to you," several of the Kentuckians told the congregation during morning worship.

The Kentuckians led an emotional worship service, which included singing, testimonies and a message by Pastor Stephen Rice. Soon afterward, they rolled up their sleeves for a week of remodeling, painting, canvassing and vacation Bible school impacting three Ohio churches.

It was a week that left a lasting mark on struggling Ohio churches. But the week also left its mark on the

38 Kentuckians who gave up vacation time, traveled to Ohio in a caravan of 10 cars, slept on air mattresses in a church basement—and had the time of their lives.

This trip, the first partnership missions experience for the Belfry congregation, changed lives in both states, Rice explained.

"Our vacation Bible school at Sonshine Baptist Church had perhaps the highest enrollment in that church's history—110," he said. "Those folks were encouraged, which may have been the most important thing that happened."

"But our folks came back saying, 'We'll never be the same.' Everyone came back saying, 'Put me down for next year.'"

Although the Belfry congregation has been generous in its financial support of missions through the years, "it's different when you actually go and do," Rice said.

"Lots of our folks actually called

themselves missionaries. That made me proud as a pastor," he admitted. "I had to say, 'Yes, you are.'"

Scenes like this have been repeated regularly over the last five years of official partnership between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

But Henry Johns, a former Kentucky pastor who is partnership coordinator on the Ohio side, hopes many other Kentuckians will catch the vision.

The partnership officially ends Dec. 31, so Johns wants to see a big push through the rest of the year. And he hopes Kentucky Baptists won't forget about their partners in faith across the river in the years to come.

Kentuckians have a long history of supporting Baptist ministry in Ohio, both in times of official partnership and beyond.

"When you think of it, the majori-
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HELPING HANDS Jennifer Rice (left), a member of Corinth Baptist Church in London, greets an early arrival to a mission day camp in Maumee, Ohio. Rice was part of a Kentucky group working in the Toledo suburb in July, hoping to lay the groundwork for a church start.

Ohio

Come over and help us!

BAPTISTS

Texas committee moves ahead on redefined CP plan

DALLAS (ABP)—Though the Southern Baptist Convention has declared the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship a rival, the SBC's largest affiliate—the Baptist General Convention of Texas—apparently has no quarrel with the organization of Baptist moderates.

The Southern Baptist Convention, as of its June vote, no longer allows its agencies to accept contributions channeled through the Fellowship. But a Texas committee studying missions giving is asking that all churches contributing to the state convention be viewed on an equal plane, whether they support the SBC, the Fellowship or neither.

A Texas Baptist committee studying missions funding approved a plan that affirms the state convention's traditional tie to the SBC yet also sanctions support for the Fellowship. The

proposal, if approved, will allow churches to fund the Fellowship or other groups, or even to keep all their mission contributions in Texas, and remain in good standing with the state convention.

The 22-member study committee adopted the compromise proposal, with five votes opposing, after more than six hours of discussion July 29. The panel will fine tune the recommendation at a final meeting—its fifth—in August, before the convention's executive board takes it up Sept. 13 in Dallas. Eventually it will come as a recommendation to this year's Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting, scheduled Oct. 31-Nov. 1 in Amarillo.

The Texas plan would give the state's 4,381 Baptist churches two broad options:

■ The "BGCT-operated" budget.

This is the traditional Cooperative Program plan, in which contributions are divided between Texas and SBC causes at a percentage determined by the state convention. Churches that pick this option also can decide to leave all their Cooperative Program gifts in Texas, with none going to the national SBC. And the BGCT will continue to allow churches to delete up to five items from the Texas or SBC budgets and still have their gifts counted as "Cooperative Program."

■ The "BGCT-directed" budget. This is a customized approach that allows churches to decide how much of their mission funding stays in Texas and how much goes to support a variety of worldwide Baptist causes. These include the SBC, the Fellowship, the Baptist World Alliance, individual agencies and causes, and special missions offerings for the

BGCT, SBC foreign missions and SBC home missions.

Contributions to both plans would be counted as "Cooperative Program"—a term usually reserved for gifts channeled through the traditional Cooperative Program budget of the BGCT and SBC.

The committee abandoned an earlier proposal to keep all mission gifts in Texas unless a church instructed otherwise.

No "default" option is included in the final proposal, so churches must choose a plan for themselves.

The proposal would make Texas the third state in which Baptists have altered the way Cooperative Program funds are handled. The other states are Virginia and North Carolina.

With 1.6 million Baptists, the Texas convention is the largest affiliated with the SBC.

Baptist World Alliance appeals for freedom, honors Carter

UPPSALA, Sweden (BP)—Baptist leaders from around the world meeting in Sweden July 18-24 pledged to work for reconciliation among people "that the world might believe in Jesus Christ."

Members of the Baptist World Alliance general council also approved a slate of officers for election at the 17th Baptist World Congress next summer.

Nilson do Amarol Fanini, a Brazilian Baptist pastor, was nominated

to a five-year term as BWA president. He would succeed current president Knud Wumpelmann of Denmark. C.B. Hogue, executive director-treasurer of the California Southern Baptist Convention, was nominated as a BWA vice president.

The BWA is made up of Baptist unions and conventions representing an estimated global community of 70 million Baptists in more than 200 countries.

Highlighting the theme of this

year's meeting, a forum on reconciliation celebrated with South African Baptist the progress demonstrated by recent South African elections.

Council members also voted to present the BWA's first human rights award to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman. Carter will be honored with the Carl and Olive Tiller Human Rights Award during the 1995 BWA Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In other action, the council:

■ Set a goal to collect \$1.5 million for an African refugee assistance fund to help Rwandans displaced by that country's bloody civil war.

■ Passed a resolution urging immediate international action to restore peace in Rwanda and Burundi.

■ Responded to reports of continuing religious persecution in a number of nations by passing a resolution reaffirming the "historic Baptist commitment to religious liberty for all people."

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Fellowship's gains slow.** The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship took in slightly more than \$6 million in the first half of 1994, 8 percent more than same period last year. That rate of growth compares with a 72 percent increase reported after six months last year. The figures may indicate a leveling off in the rapid growth experienced by the moderate organization in its first three years. Of the \$6.15 million contributed so far in 1994, 69 percent was earmarked for the Fellowship's own ministries, 16.3 percent was sent to SBC agencies and 7.2 percent went to state conventions. Fellowship-endorsed ministries received 7.5 percent.

■ **HMB warned.** Any attempt by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to punish state conventions which channel money to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will backfire, warned the executive director of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina. In response to a study currently underway by HMB trustees, North Carolina executive Roy Smith said states targeted for potential punishment by conservatives likely would reduce their contributions to the HMB in response. The HMB has no authority to tell state conventions how to do their business, he said.

■ **Service expanded.** The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has expanded operating hours for its customer service lines. Calls will be received from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Central time. The toll-free number is (800) 262-0511.

■ **First black DOM named.** Reggie Thomas, 30, has been named director of missions for Central Baptist Association in Albuquerque, N.M. Thomas

is the first African American to serve as an associational director of missions within the Southern Baptist Convention. He has helped the Baptist General Convention of Texas start 120 new churches since 1990.

■ **Church-starting goal set.** Southern Baptists will be encouraged to start 1,995 missions and churches in 1995 by the Home Mission Board. If the goal is met, that would be nearly 500 more churches started in 1995 than in 1993. Last year, Southern Baptists started 1,500 new congregations, an average of more than four a day.

■ **Investments questioned again.** The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board apparently will be back on the hot seat when the SBC Executive Committee meets in Nashville Sept. 19-21. David Tolliver, an Executive Committee member from Missouri, has announced plans to reopen discussion on concerns of some conservatives that the Annuity Board has not done all it can to stop investing in companies which contribute to abortion-related services. A similar discussion was held at last February's meeting of the Executive Committee.

■ **Grobers killed.** Kentucky native Marjorie Grober and her husband, Glendon, were killed in a single-car accident near Cape Girardeau, Mo., July 29. Grober, 64, had served since 1984 as director of the Arkansas Brotherhood department. Mrs. Grober, 63, was president-elect of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship. She recently completed five years as president of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union.

Joel Gregory remarries in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Joel Gregory, who resigned as pastor of the famous First Baptist Church of Dallas in 1992 and was divorced a year later, remarried July 30 in nearby Fort Worth.

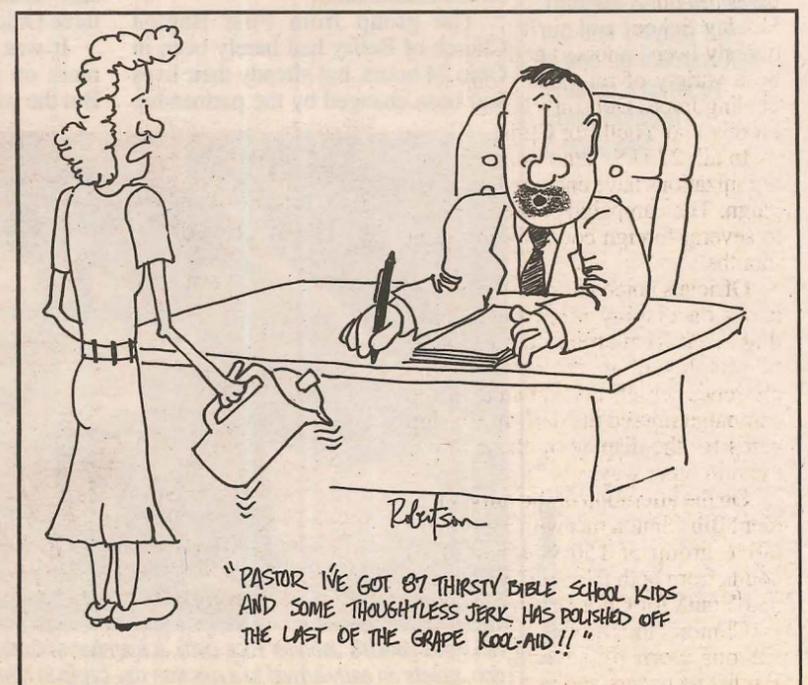
Gregory's new wife, Sherry Elaine Lemon, 41, was a member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth while Gregory, 46, was pastor there. Gregory left that church to become pastor of First Baptist of Dallas in 1990.

After 21 months of sharing pastoral duties with First Baptist's legend-

ary pastor, W.A. Criswell, Gregory abruptly resigned Sept. 30, 1992, in a dispute over Criswell's continued leadership of the church.

Gregory's brief pastorate at the 29,000-member Dallas church is the subject of his forthcoming book, "Too Great a Temptation: The Seductive Power of America's Super Church."

Gregory now works for Greenwood-Mt. Olivet Funeral Home and Cemetery in Fort Worth, going door-to-door selling pre-arranged funerals and burial plots.



Frankfort church grieves doubly in murder case

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT—Members of a Kentucky Baptist church grieve deeply in the wake of a recent tragedy that has called them to minister to the families of both the victim and the accused.

Thornhill Baptist Church in Frankfort received widespread public recognition for its quick response after a faithful member of the church was reported missing July 23.

But days later, the woman's body was located and officials determined she had been murdered. The church found itself in a delicate position since both the victim and her nephew, who was charged with the murder, were members of the church.

"You just try to be a pastor to both sides," explained Pastor William Hartung regarding his part in helping the church cope with the tragedy.

Geneva Vaughan, 77, "was practically a lifelong member of the church," Hartung said. She joined as a young teenager, and she taught Sun-

day school for more than 40 years. Her husband, who died two years ago, was a deacon.

"She was here every time the church doors were open," Hartung said. "She was very faithful and a very generous person in the church's ministries. Several ministries have started because she helped back them financially."

When concern for her whereabouts prompted family members to break into Vaughan's home Saturday, July 23, they discovered her glasses smashed on the floor and a puddle of blood in the dining room. However, neither Vaughan nor her car were on the premises.

She had not been seen since Thursday evening when a friend from church brought her home after an excursion, Hartung explained. Relatives became concerned Friday when she failed to keep an appointment.

The uncertainty of the situation left church members unsure about how best to minister to the family, Hartung added. "We felt so helpless" to do anything.

However, by the next day, the church transformed helplessness into hopefulness by mobilizing a massive search party.

And although the search did not lead directly to Vaughan's location, it served an important purpose for the church, Hartung said. "Going out and looking for her was a way for our people to express their grief and sorrow over this."

Grief and sorrow were compounded two days later when Vaughan's body was discovered in the trunk of her car at Lexington's Bluegrass Field Airport.

Vaughan apparently was kidnapped and murdered during a robbery of her home July 21.

Relatives and church members suffered another blow when Stephen Marshall, Vaughan's 26-year-old nephew and a member of Thornhill Baptist Church, was arrested and charged with her murder. Marshall's mother and grandmother are members at the church, too.

"We're in a state of numbness," the pastor said of the church's re-

sponse. "I won't be able to tell much until a couple of weeks. Right now, everybody's stunned."

But the church has handled the situation quite well, he added. Rather than pitting family members against each other or presuming guilt, the church has emphasized God's love and forgiveness.

Thornhill Baptist, a family-oriented church, averages about 260 people in Sunday morning worship, Hartung said. Many members were in some way related to Vaughan, but "anybody who has been a part of this church for any length of time has been touched by her life."

Tragedy is not new to Thornhill Baptist Church. Less than two months prior to Vaughan's murder, an 18-year-old in the church, Suzanne Elam, was killed in an automobile accident. Elam's father, Tony, serves as the church's minister of music.

The church still was grieving the loss of Elam when Vaughan was killed, Hartung said. "Our minds know it has happened, but it's just hard for our hearts to accept."

"Going out and looking for her was a way for our people to express their grief and sorrow over this."
Pastor William Hartung on the search for Geneva Vaughan

Kentucky Baptists evenly split on gays as Christians

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Kentucky Baptists are evenly divided on whether homosexuals can be genuine Christians, but they strongly oppose homosexuals serving as pastors, according to a new statewide poll.

The Bluegrass State Poll, conducted by the Louisville Courier-Journal in late June, asked 901 Kentucky adults about their views on homosexuality and the church.

About 234 of those surveyed (26 percent) identified themselves as Southern Baptists. This represented the largest single religious affiliation in the survey.

The survey asked three questions about homosexuality and the church:

■ Should homosexuals be pastors?

Among Kentucky Baptists, 83 percent said they oppose homosexuals serving as pastors and 9 percent said they favor the concept. Another 7 percent had no opinion.

By comparison, Kentuckians on the whole also oppose homosexuals as pastors but to a lesser degree, 69 percent against. Kentucky residents on average are twice as likely as Kentucky Baptists to favor homosexuals as pastors, with 18 percent of all respondents saying this is acceptable.

Roman Catholics expressed the least opposition to homosexuals serving as priests, the poll found.

■ Should homosexuals be accepted as church members?

Among Kentucky Baptists, 46 per-

cent opposed accepting homosexuals as church members, while 42 percent approved; 12 percent had no opinion.

Baptist response to this question was closer to the statewide average than on either of the other questions. Among Kentuckians at large, 44 percent approved of homosexuals as church members and 41 percent disapproved.

■ Can homosexuals be genuine Christians?

Despite strongly worded statements against homosexuality from the Southern Baptist Convention through the years, Southern Baptists in Kentucky apparently aren't convinced that homosexuality and Christianity are mutually exclusive.

The poll found 42 percent of Kentucky Baptists believe homosexuals

may be genuine Christians. But the same percentage believe homosexuals may not be genuine Christians. A significant number of Kentucky Baptists (15 percent) had no opinion on the question.

By comparison, 49 percent of all Kentuckians believe homosexuals may be genuine Christians, and 37 percent believe they may not.

Acceptance of homosexuals as genuine Christians is strongest in Kentucky among Roman Catholics (71 percent) and members of mainline Protestant denominations (54 percent), the poll found.

Results of the Bluegrass State Poll are considered an accurate representation of the view of all Kentuckians within a possible margin of error of 3.3 percentage points.

State teens among 210,000 pledging abstinence in D.C.

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Sunday School Board. It has subsequently been endorsed and promoted by a variety of religious groups, including James Dobson's Focus on the Family and Youth for Christ.

In all, 27 U.S. denominations and organizations have endorsed the campaign. The campaign also has spread to several foreign countries in recent months.

Officials noted the 210,000 pledge cards on display represented only those sent from around the nation to be displayed at the rally. Some churches which participated in the campaign missed the deadline to ship cards for the display or chose to use them in other ways.

On the afternoon of the rally, President Bill Clinton met with a representative group of 150 youths and 10 adults from both the Southern Baptist and Youth for Christ groups.

Clinton "took notice of the white ribbons worn by several Southern Baptist teenagers and used that as an

occasion to say the crisis related to teenage sexuality cannot be solved by government programs," said Richard Ross, campaign organizer.

"He said his administration can make a limited contribution, by such actions as changing welfare policies to discourage having babies out of

wedlock, strengthening child support rules to cause biological fathers to take responsibility for their offspring and to make the process for adopting children born out of wedlock easier," Ross added.

Ross said Clinton told the Christian teens that the true answer to the crisis is "for individual teenagers to choose not to have sex out of their own internal sense of morality."

Six contemporary Christian music acts were part of the evening rally. But besides making music, the musicians make a strong case to support sexual abstinence among teens.

"True Love Waits is about raising standards and having young people take a stand not only for abstinence but also for truth," said Geoff Moore of Geoff Moore and the Distance.

Other artists participating in the rally included the Newsboys, Steven Curtis Chapman, Petra, Lisa Bevil and DeGarmo & Key.



KENTUCKIANS TAKE A STAND Teenagers and sponsors from New Heights Baptist Church in Louisville pose in front of the "True Love Waits" display on the National Mall in Washington July 29. (Photo by Chrystal Wickline)

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all delivered to the
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Trustees the same

Some people I respect are expressing guarded optimism about the election of Ken Hemphill as president of Southwestern Seminary. I know him well. He is a good preacher and a successful pastor with a healthy understanding of evangelism and church growth.

But I do not share my friends' feelings about his election. There are not two sets of trustees—one group which lied to Dilday, violated their own procedures and changed the locks of his office doors while they were firing him—and a different group who were led by the Holy Spirit to this man they would have us believe has watched 15 years of struggle for control of the denomination without taking sides or getting involved.

While I disagree with those who are in charge now, I have never made the mistake of thinking they were dumb. They would never elect a president who was not one of them and who would not agree to carry out their agenda. Those who think they would are like Forest Gump—the lovable, slow-witted man who took all things literally and believed everything anyone told him.

I have lived Southwestern from my first class 42 years ago. I do not like what is happening, but I am helpless to stop it and shall continue to grieve.

*Kenneth Chafin
Louisville*

Money tainted?

I am saddened by the decision of the Southern Baptist Convention to

Our growing family

Sweden in July is usually pleasantly cool. It wasn't. At least not the week of July 17-24 when we were in Uppsala participating in the 1994 General Council meeting of the Baptist World Alliance. Temperatures in the 90s made for discomfort in a country which boasts no air conditioning.

I was there as a member of the BWA's Committee on World Evangelization.

Southern Baptists are well represented on the council and provide the largest portion of the BWA's annual budget. But we are only one of 175 Baptist groups in the alliance, many of which were represented at this best-attended meeting in years.

The Baptist World Alliance includes 158,619 churches and 38.5 million Baptists and is still growing. Leadership from smaller and weaker Baptist bodies have opportunity in this forum to experience themselves as part of a larger and stronger family.

Baptist World Alliance leaders have often been able to provide assistance to persecuted Baptist minorities. Few Baptist groups enjoy the relative "strength of numbers" as those of us in America. It may be difficult for Southern Baptists to understand the struggles of Baptists as persecuted

refuse money channeled through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This action chips away at a cherished Baptist distinctive—the autonomy of the local church.

Our church has exercised that autonomy by choosing for ourselves which mission causes we would support with our money. Like many other churches, including those whose pastors now control the SBC, we chose to support some causes outside the SBC while simultaneously supporting causes within the SBC we have loved for years. We wanted to be a "both/and" church—one who supported both the SBC and other mission causes.

This action of the SBC now has the effect of directing our church. We cannot choose to give our money through certain channels. It seeks to force us to become an "either/or" church. This "top down" approach flies in the face of our Baptist heritage.

It also concerns me that some think our money is "tainted." Our church has an outstanding record of financial support for mission causes. Even though much of our money went to causes beyond the SBC last year, we still sent 7.4 percent of our undesignated receipts to SBC causes. That percentage is significantly greater than the percentage given by the vast majority of churches whose pastors have controlled the SBC since 1979.

It is a sad day when the gifts of fellow Baptists given in good faith are considered unacceptable.

*Greg Brooks
Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in
Frankfort and president of Kentucky
Baptist Fellowship*

Not 'Pentecostal'

I read with interest the letter from Lowell W. Abney Jr., in your April 26, 1994 issue about "innovative" churches and, I assume, particularly about the support of the Home Mission Board for the Forum for Leading Innovative Churches in Houston in January 1993 and 1994.

First, he is correct that there are a few churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that do permit (or encourage) members to exercise spiritual gifts traditionally identified with Pentecostal or Charismatic churches.

I am acquainted with few of those churches, but the ones I know support the Cooperative Program and hold to the "Baptist Faith and Message." I do not know of any SBC church that holds the classic Pentecostal doctrine that the only sign you have received the Spirit is that you speak in tongues.

However, these churches often have a worship style and philosophy of ministry more in line with traditional churches, not "contemporary" or "innovative" churches.

Second, the churches most actively involved in the Forum do not practice the "charismatic" gifts, are staunch supporters of Southern Baptist mission endeavors, and hold strongly to the "Baptist Faith and Message." It is neither true nor fair to classify them as "Pentecostal" churches.

Finally, the Forum is planned and led by pastors of nontraditional churches. The attendees pay for the conference. The Home Mission Board put no money into this conference.

*Charles Chaney
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ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

minorities. Our partnership with Russia could be enlightening to many who, going, will observe the results of minority status and, as well, the inner strength of a people tempered on the anvil of persecution.

Russian Baptist Union President Peter Konalvachik was attending this his first meeting and I had several opportunities for dialogue with him through an able translator and friend from the BWA staff, George Bolt-niew. We discussed his planned English-language study in America and his visit with us for our state conference this fall.

The days were full—plenary sessions in the morning and evenings, committee meetings in the afternoon. Tours of Uppsala and Stockholm were planned and conducted inexpensively by Swedish Baptist volunteers.

Although early Catholic missionaries established Christian churches, Sweden later adopted the Lutheran form of Protestantism as its official state religion, now known as the Church of Sweden. Visits in active churches dating back to the 14th century reminded me again of the youth of American churches.

Baptists are a tiny minority in a Sweden whose state church is funded by the government. Free churches, like Baptists, neither request nor re-

ceive such funds. However, the Baptist challenge there is not as a persecuted minority. Rather it is to witness in a society grown secular and indifferent to religion. Only an estimated 10 percent of the population attends church (even though "born into" the church) and in its largest city, Stockholm, only 3 percent.

Our final gathering was a worship experience in the historic Uppsala Cathedral, site of earlier coronations and burials of Sweden's past kings. The majestic organ, a medley of choral music by an ecumenical choir from Stockholm, and a message by a Baptist pastor from Soweto, South Africa, contributed to the realization that we were part of a global worship experience—unlike that of the individual Baptist groups represented.

It would be the rare Baptist church with such an organ; none with such architecture. Most of the choral presentations were in Swedish. The South African minister's words were largely transformed from English into an unintelligible echo in the massive sanctuary.

But we worshiped ... not only in awe of the cathedral's majesty, but in the mystery that the family of Baptists to which I belong really is a part of the leaven of Christ's church throughout the world.

And that is pretty awesome!
William W. Marshall is executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Essential knowledge

By Diana Garland

Researchers have identified behavior patterns in the earliest years of marriage of couples who end up divorcing. What they did not find is almost as interesting as what they did find.

For example, they found that heated arguments (emotionally) did not characterize these marriages headed for divorce. Couples who fight passionately with one another are no more likely to end up divorced than those who argue with quiet reason. There is even less chance of divorce if the conflict (whether hot or cool) is balanced by lots of positive experiences with one another.

They did find that wives who give in rather than argue (over-compliance) are those who have a higher chance of divorcing.

By far the most lethal factor for a marriage is one where the husband "stonewalls" his wife's attempts to have a meaningful discussion. The pattern develops something like this: When there is conflict, the husband feels anxious, upset and angry. He tries to handle his feelings by allowing his eyes to glaze over and fix on a point just over her shoulder. Then he withdraws, hiding in television viewing or going to his study or shop or out with friends to the golf course. The more frustration there is, the more overwhelmed he feels and the more upset she becomes.

What can married folks learn from this research?

First, recognize that conflict which resolves differences is good.

Set aside the hard work of marriage often to play and express appreciation for one another.

Husbands, be brave enough to listen and strong enough to risk speaking your own feelings.

Wives, recognize that your husband's distance may not be that he does not care, but that he cares so much that conflicts make him anxious. If he is not listening, try something different. Start with encouragement and appreciation, then make a request. Tackle a small issue that the two of you can resolve and feel good about. Save the big stuff for later, when you have practiced.

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EDITORIALS

Ohio Baptists plead: 'Come over and help us'

Sixty years ago, William Helton heard the "Macedonian call" from Ohio Baptists: "Come over and help us." Since Helton helped start New Zion Baptist Church in New Miami, Baptists in Ohio and Kentucky have worked closely together to do some of the Lord's work north of our common river.

The Ohio/Kentucky connection has been natural. We share a border, so geographical proximity has strengthened the logic of conducting joint projects. Moreover, many Kentuckians who migrated north in search of jobs took their denominational preferences with them. Later, they called on former neighbors and fellow church members to lend prayer and physical support to their efforts in starting Southern Baptist churches in their adopted state. And with all these connections, Ohio and Kentucky Baptists shared common perspectives regarding evangelism, missions and church life. So, they often did what came naturally; they teamed up to work together at church-starting and ministry in Ohio.

From time to time, the Buckeye/Bluegrass connection also has been formal. In fact, the most recent Ohio/Kentucky Baptist partnership was approved in 1989 for a five-year period that will end this Dec. 31. It's part of an overall partnership program that also links Kentucky Baptists with Baptist brothers and sisters in Russia, in Utah and Idaho, and in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. A key concept of partnership missions is an emphasis on connecting needs with the resources that can meet those needs. When partnerships work, all participants are enriched spiritually and emotionally, even as specific ministries are strengthened through the partnership effort.

At first glance, a partnership with Ohio Baptists might not seem particularly needful. Images of need come quickly to mind when Kentuckians think about Russia and its decades of domination by atheistic communism, or about Utah and Idaho and their domination by Mormons. Ohio, on the other hand, is our next-door neighbor. It's neither as exotic as Russia nor as flavorful as Utah and Idaho. Ohioans are our neighbors and ought to be about as well-off religiously as we are, we think.

The Western Recorder's news director, Mark Wingfield, recently traveled across Ohio with that state's partnership coordinator, Henry Johns. His report, which begins on page 1 of this paper, details need upon need in Ohio. Our northern neighbor is more urban, secular and unchurched than Kentucky. Southern Baptist ministry there is much newer than it is here at home, and the struggles to be understood and to reach people are extremely difficult.

The lead article in this report offers a description of the need in Ohio that bears repeating:

■ Only three of the Ohio Baptist convention's 19 associations are self-supporting.

■ To gain one church five years from now, Ohio Baptists must start three new congregations today.

■ More people live in the metropolitan Cleveland area than in the whole state of Kentucky, yet Southern Baptists have only 33 churches there. That compares to about 2,300 Kentucky Baptist churches.

■ Ohio Baptists have one church for every 21,000 people living in the state; Kentucky Baptists have one church for every 1,500 people.

■ An estimated 7.5 million of Ohio's 12 million residents have not expressed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

■ Seventy percent of Ohio Baptist churches average less than 100 in attendance; only one averages more than 1,000 in attendance.

■ The number of unchurched Ohioans is greater than the populations of at least 80 of the countries where Southern Baptists send foreign missionaries.

Yes, Ohio is nearby and familiar, but its needs are great. Please read our special report on the Ohio/Kentucky Baptist partnership and the challenges Southern Baptists face in one of the nation's greatest mission fields. And as you read, pray. Pray for all of Ohio and the Christians who minister there. Pray for yourself, asking God to show you how you and your church can answer the plea: "Come over and help us."

Marv Knox

Although they have been unofficial partners in ministry for decades, Kentucky and Ohio Baptists' formal partnership ends Dec. 31. Many needs remain, and they demand prayerful action.

Look past charlatans and scalawags and see the 'real' thing

Anti-clergy sentiment seems present in almost every generation. From Elmer Gantry to Jimmy Swagart, the world seems to rejoice at the fall of a man of God.

This is not to say that ministers should not be held accountable for their actions.

It is just frustrating that so many find satisfaction and glee when a clergyman's humanity becomes visible.

The national news media was obsessed with the scandal of Jim Bakker. The modern doctrine of the prosperity gospel as espoused by the pop-

ular televangelist and practiced by his board of directors led to his downfall. The board was composed of faithful Christian leaders who had prospered in the business world, and they wanted Jim Bakker to be just as blessed materially.

Unfortunately, the money distributed had been given in large part by poorer people and folks on fixed incomes. Thus, to pay a minister \$1.9 million a year looks obscene!

But what about the faithful? Have you considered the honest and sincere pastors who visit in hospitals, teach

the word, lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and generally care for the flock of God? Take a look at the consistent evangelists who lead many churches in revivals and crusades. Think of all our career missionaries in America and around the world. These people do not get rich! In fact, many make financial and family sacrifices that the average person in the pew never does.

Please consider one of the finest men of God to ever grace this planet—Billy Graham. Here is a man who has faithfully ministered the word of God for decades. He lives on a very modest salary while fully submitting

to a competent board of directors and a financial auditing agency. Hundreds of thousands have been saved or strengthened by this fabulous ministry.

So the next time you hear someone running down ministers or evangelists, think about how you have been blessed over the years by the "real" thing. If you can make time in your busy schedule, please follow the admonition of a bumper sticker, "Have you prayed for your pastor today?"

Greg Burton, pastor
South Jefferson Baptist Church
Louisville

Although some guys give ministers a bad name, the vast majority faithfully serve the Lord and their flocks.

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Nurturing Christian role models: Even prettier than a high plains sunset

The centerpiece of our family vacation this summer (for me, at least) was a trip to Perryton, a small farming/oil pumping community in the far northern Texas panhandle. It's where I grew up.

We went back for the 30th anniversary of Key Heights Baptist Church, where Daddy was the first pastor.

Perryton's so far up in the panhandle most folks don't realize it's there. Sort of a Southwestern version of Garrison Keillor's mythical Lake Wobegone, Minn. Isolated West Kentucky folks don't have anything on Perryton. You've got to go there to get there. You never "just pass through." It's a good 400 miles from the Texas Baptist Building. It's closer to the capitals of Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma than it is

to Austin.

And, since it's a good 250 miles past the farthest point on our journeys back to family, Joanna and the girls never had the "opportunity" to visit my boyhood home. Until this summer.

Although I can't speak for them, the trip did me good.

It reminded me that God is the Creator of all kinds of beauty.

Most Kentuckians wouldn't understand the beauty of Perryton, which lays flat in the middle of wheat fields. Trees

don't grow unless somebody planted them. The wind never stops. Except for brief growing seasons, the color of the terrain ranges from brown, like dirt, to tan, like ripe wheat. But God designed the Perryton panorama to frame the sky. No Impressionist ever came close to copying its magnificent sunsets, which paint the colors of the rainbow on high, feathery clouds. I almost had forgotten that kind of beauty, and I am grateful for the memory.

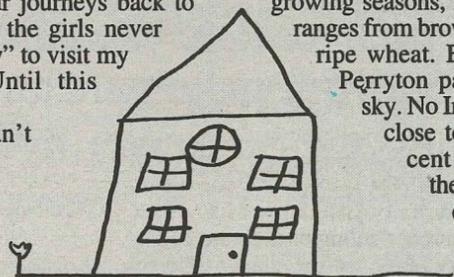
The trip also reminded me of the importance of nurturing role models. Many "Key

Heights kids" returned for the anniversary, and we agreed our home church excelled at providing role models.

I'm sure they didn't always like the style of our clothes or the way we wore our hair, but they showed us God's love by the way they loved us. Chuck Waller took a generation of fourth-grade boys out fishing and also made sure they learned the books of the Bible. Helen Colclasure taught skads of senior girls and embodied the love of God during countless slumber parties. I hope you get the picture: We learned about the love of God by feeling the love of grown-ups around us.

And that's even more beautiful than a panhandle sunset.

Marv Knox



Free church site offered, but leadership not found

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

TORONTO, Ohio—Terrell Moore has an unusual problem.

A Christian woman wants to give Muskingum Valley Baptist Association five acres of land for a church in a community where there currently is no Southern Baptist congregation—a community where the association would like to start a church.

So what's the problem? A year after the offer was made, Moore has not been able to find anyone willing to move to the area and begin a church. Someone with pastoral experience would be great, but a committed layperson could do just as well, he says.

Moore's problem typifies one of the greatest frustrations facing leaders of Southern Baptist work in Ohio. To borrow the words of Jesus: "The harvest is great but the laborers are few."

Opportunities abound—in Toronto and hundreds of other locations—but Baptists willing to venture into new work in Ohio are scarce, says Peter Miller, church starter strategist for the state convention.

Toronto is a picturesque town of 7,000 people on the banks of the Ohio River in the northeastern corner of the

state. There are a few other churches in town, but none with the evangelical zeal of Baptists.

Muskingum Valley Association is neither Ohio's strongest nor weakest association. But it is an area where

Southern Baptists—and evangelicals as a whole—struggle to get a foothold.

Tommy Mills, bivocational pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in nearby Steubenville, Ohio, has trav-

eled to Toronto for once a week for the past year to lead a Bible study in the home of "Mrs. B" Winland, the woman willing to donate land for a church. But the Bible study has not yet developed into the seeds of a new church.

Limited efforts have been made at canvassing the community.

What's needed, Moore believes, is a person or couple willing to move to Toronto for an extended period of time as volunteers. With earnest efforts at surveying and developing relationships, the association might know for sure whether a church could be started or not.

For now, Moore is considering executing an agreement with "Mrs. B" whereby the land is given to the association for a certain amount of time but will revert back to her if a church is not developed.

The location of the property isn't ideal, but churches have done well in much worse locations, Moore notes. And despite the lack of leadership to plant a church, Moore still wonders what God may be trying to say to Baptists.

"If someone gives us five acres of land to start a church, maybe God's up to something," he reasons.



WHAT'S GOD UP TO? Terrell Moore (left), director of missions for Muskingum Valley Baptist Association in southeastern Ohio, wonders what God is up to in the Ohio River community of Toronto. "Mrs. B" Winland (right) believes the town needs a Baptist church, and she's willing to give Baptists five acres of land for a building. But no pastor or church starter has been found. Here, Moore and Winland survey the property she's willing to donate.

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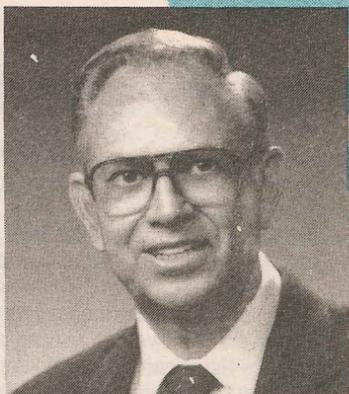
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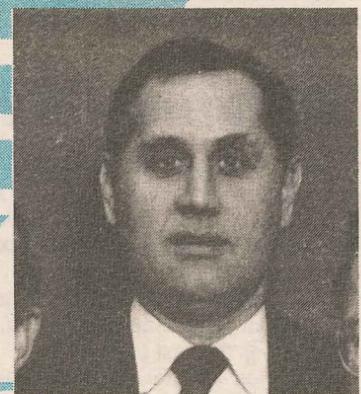
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1 Construction and church starting in Maumee Valley Baptist Association.

Maumee Valley Baptist Association serves three and one-half counties in northwestern Ohio, including the city of Toledo. Only 17 Southern Baptist churches and six chapels serve the 664,000 people who live in this area.

Director of Missions Randy Wood notes "a real need for church-planting in the city," where Southern Baptists have not done well.

Because most of the existing churches are neither large nor strong themselves, they are not able to become sole sponsors of new church starts, Wood explains. But partnerships with Kentucky Baptist churches can enable the association to expand.

"For church starting, our biggest need is sponsorship," he says. "And we have quite a few construction needs."

Untapped opportunities also exist to begin a seaport ministry and resort ministries.

Needs:

☐ Sponsoring church for Haven of Hope Baptist Chapel in Weston, Ohio. This 6-year-old mission baptized 12 people this year and now has about 36 members. However, the church needs financial support.

☐ Repair work on Western Avenue Baptist Church in Toledo. The church owns a big, old brick build-



ing with numerous maintenance problems. Among the most urgent: brick and cistern repairs.

☐ New sewer system for Sylvania Baptist Church in Sylvania, a suburb of Toledo.

☐ New roof on associational office building.

☐ Sponsoring church to start a new congregation in the King's Road area of Maumee, a major Toledo suburb. The association now has its office in what used to be

King's Road Baptist Church. Hundreds of new homes occupied by well-to-do families have sprung up all around that property.

☐ Pastor and volunteers to start a new church in Holloway Road area of Springfield township. The association already has purchased property and is seeking a Home Mission Board-supported church planter to begin the work. Also, a Kentucky church is sought to co-sponsor the new church.

THE FIELDS ARE RIPE Henry Johns (left), former pastor of Versailles Baptist Church in Kentucky, walks with Randy Wood, director of missions for Maumee Valley Baptist Association in northeastern Ohio, on property purchased for a new church start in the Springfield Township. Needed: A pastor and other volunteers.

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2 Co-sponsor for new church in Marion.

Central Baptist Church of Marion, Ohio, has plans to begin a new congregation on the other side of its town of 34,000 people. But they need help from a Kentucky Baptist church willing to act as co-sponsor.

"Our church is fairly strong, but not where we could put someone in there by ourselves," says Pastor Jerry Lewis, a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College who knows firsthand the benefits of co-sponsorship.

He came to Ohio in 1979 to start a new church in Nelsonville, Ohio, with support from Salem Baptist Church of Shelbyville. Despite the distance, "they nurtured us like they were 20 miles away," he recalls.

The new church slated for Marion would serve an area known as Fair Park, a community of about 5,000.

Needs:

☐ Co-sponsoring church for new congregation in Fair Park section of Marion.

☐ Volunteers to help with church starting efforts, including canvassing, vacation Bible schools and the like.

3 Migrant ministry in northeastern Ohio.

Charity Baptist Church still meets in the home of one of its members, but true to its name, already has plans to support a new ministry to thousands of migrant workers.

The new Southern Baptist congregation in Wickliffe, a suburban area of Cleveland, meets on Saturday nights at the home of Roxanne Piercy, a single mother of two teenage daughters.

Last Easter Sunday, two of the church's newest members were baptized in a portable baptistry set up in the living room.

Recently, Piercy and other members of the congregation have become concerned about the thousands of migrants who work in floral greenhouses all along Lake Erie's southern shore. With help from a Baptist missions consultant, they have begun looking toward this previously untouched mission field.

Piercy is seeking appointment through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Mission Service Corps program to direct this new ministry.

And while the birth of a new church in her own home is exciting, "the most exciting thing is the support they're giving me in the missionary work," she says. "They're offering to go out with me. We're a team."



HOME GROWN MISSIONARY Dennis Betts (talking), director of missions for Greater Cleveland Baptist Association, leads a Bible study in the home of Roxanne Piercy (seated next to Betts). With encouragement from this church which meets weekly in Piercy's home, she is beginning a new ministry to migrant workers.

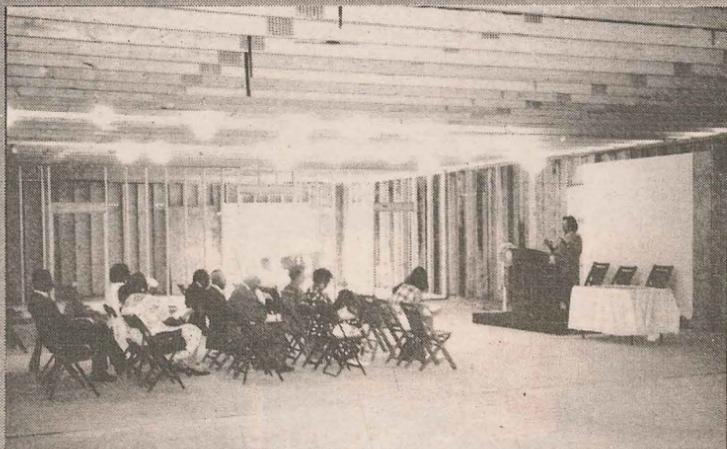
Needs:

☐ Prayer for the growth of Charity Baptist Church as the congregation moves soon to a larger, more public location and for the launch-

ing of the new migrant ministry.

☐ Volunteers, especially those with Spanish-language skills or migrant ministry experience, to help launch the new ministry.

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OPEN AIR MEETING Members of Compassion Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio, gather for Sunday school in their new building before construction is complete. Kentucky volunteers helped get the building under roof.

4 Construction of Compassion Baptist Church in Lorain.

Kentucky Baptist volunteers already have helped Compassion Baptist Church of Lorain, Ohio, get its new building under roof this summer, but it will take a stronger power to ensure the church remains there.

The racially integrated congregation has built its new home on a site which was a prime territory in turf wars between local gangs—and the site of frequent drug deals.

Compassion Baptist Church, which takes its name from the biblical story of Jesus looking out over Jerusalem and having “compassion on them,” is 6 years old. Pastor James Williams and his wife started the church after they were dismissed from another church which did not share their vision for an integrated congregation.

Compassion met in various locations at first, then eventually bought an old church building. That building burned to the ground in February 1993.

On July 17 of this year, the congregation met in its new structure for the first time. Although the building was under roof, the members didn’t have to open any doors to get in, because none had been hung yet. And they could see straight through studded frames from one room to the other.

But they were excited to be in their own church again, thanks in part to volunteers from Kentucky.

Pastor Williams, who works bivocationally as a counselor to hardened juvenile offenders in domestic relations court, is undaunted by the church’s tough neighborhood.

In fact, he hopes to help clean up the “hard-core, drug-infested” area through the church’s witness. For starters, he already has the neighborhood kids watching out for his new building.

Needs:

Prayer for the witness and growth of Compassion Baptist Church.

Additional construction volunteers to finish the building.

5 A new church in the Buckeye Lake region.

Buckeye Lake is the center of a large recreation area and home to about 5,000 in surrounding communities. No Southern Baptist church currently exists in the area. In fact, there is no Baptist church nearby that is strong enough to sponsor a new work.

So Terrell Moore, director of missions for Muskingum Valley Baptist Association in southeastern Ohio, is working with Joe Tatsak, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio, to start the church. Tatsak’s church is located in an adjoining association.

The two men envision launching Baptist ministries that will touch both the permanent residents and the thousands of visitors to the lake and Buckeye Lake State Park.

Members of Tatsak’s church, with help from two summer missionaries, began door-to-door surveys in the community this summer.

“The vast majority of people we’ve run across are not Christians,” Tatsak reported.

Needs:

Leadership, in the form of volunteers willing to help with surveying and witnessing, as well as people willing to begin home Bible studies. Moore notes this situation would be ideal for campers and perhaps for a retired pastor and wife who are interested in missions.

A pontoon boat, to be used for Sunday morning services on the lake targeted for boaters, fishermen and others visiting the lake.

Financial support for the new mission; possibly an ongoing sponsorship from a Kentucky church.

Prayer for workers and for open doors to ministry.

Teams to conduct a tent revival in the area next spring.

6 New church starts in the Canton-Akron area.

An estimated 72 percent of the people living in the boundaries of Summit Baptist Association have no personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That’s 826,210 people out of a population of 1.15 million.

Yet there are only 15 Southern Baptist churches in the entire association, which encompasses Akron and Canton. And few of those congregations are strong enough to sponsor the new churches that Baptist strategists want to begin.

Efforts to recruit church-starting pastors from the Bible Belt have not been fruitful, so associational leaders are hoping God will call out key members of existing

churches as leaders.

Steve Lance, pastor of Pittsburgh Avenue Baptist Church in Canton, has a vision of laying church-starting teams of lay leaders out of his own congregation.

Needs:

Pastors who will commit to church-starting not as a last resort but because God has called and equipped them.

Volunteer teams to help strengthen existing churches through outreach efforts, vacation Bible schools, leadership training and other efforts.

Prayer for God to send leaders to start and nurture new congregations.

7 New building for Baptist Center in Toledo.

Bonnie McMinn, a Mission Service Corps volunteer, has grown the Baptist Center in Toledo’s inner city

into a ministry bursting at the seams. With the help of dozens of volunteers, she offers children’s programs, a clothing closet, food pantry, literacy classes and an after-school tutoring program.

The clothing ministry has assisted 431 people, while the food program has helped 725. Currently the center serves 43 children and 13 teenagers in weekday programs.

“We’ve been operating by word of mouth,” McMinn explains. “If I really advertised, we couldn’t hold everyone.”

Associational Director of Missions Randy Wood says the center offers both help and hope. “People are won to Christ here with regularity. There have been adults saved through the food ministry.”

Needs:

A new, larger building for the Baptist Center. Estimated cost: \$35,000.

Volunteers to help with the center’s various programs for children, teenagers and adults.

8 Partnerships for ethnic and language missions in the Cleveland area.

The metropolitan Cleveland area includes 38 ethnic groups among its 2.7 million residents.

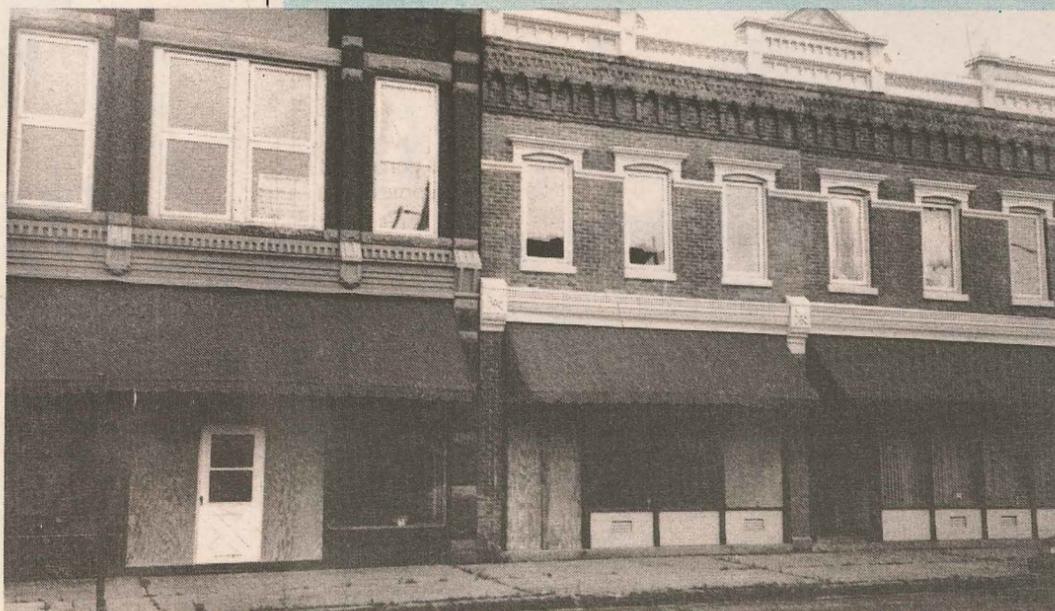
Some of these ethnic clusters are larger than the size of most other towns in Ohio. For example, there are 150,000 Hungarians and 100,000 Czechoslovakians.

The 33 churches and missions of Greater Cleveland Baptist Association include 10 ethnic and language congregations.

Needs:

Partnerships to strengthen existing ethnic and language congregations.

Leaders and resources to begin new ethnic and language congregations.



BUILDING WANTED The Baptist Center in Toledo has outgrown its building and needs a new space such as this building, for sale not far from the current center. Cash needed: \$35,000.

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PASTOR NEEDED Charles Cobb (right), director of missions for Northern Ohio Baptist Association, explains to Henry Johns the desperate need for a pastor at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lorain, Ohio. Johns is a former Kentucky pastor who now serves as coordinator of the Kentucky-Ohio partnership. The Spanish-speaking church owns the building shown behind the men.

9 Pastor for Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lorain.

Lorain County in northern Ohio is home to about 280,000 people, including 20,000 Hispanics. But Southern Baptists' only Hispanic church in the community is just one

step away from closing its doors.

The church had grown up to 100 active members, but since being without a pastor for three years has declined to about a dozen members.

The congregation has its own building, although a debt remains. Charles Cobb, director of missions for Northern Ohio Baptist Association,

believes the church could have a bright future, with a pastor.

■ Needs:

Pastor to serve the church and help it grow again.

Prayer that God would send a pastor and renew the church.

11 Middlefield Baptist Mission.

Southern Baptists have attempted to start a church in Middlefield, Ohio, three times in the past without success. But the latest effort shows much promise, predicts Jack Boggs, director of missions for Steel Valley Baptist Association.

Middlefield sits on the far outer suburban ring of Cleveland. New homes are popping up all over the once-rural area, causing the population to triple in the last five years.

Some churches long-established there continue to serve the rural community, but newcomers have difficulty fitting in, observes Andy Jackson, pastor of Middlefield Baptist Mission, the only Southern Baptist

congregation in the area.

Jackson is a former computer technician who left a \$60,000-a-year job to become a pastor and church planter making less than half that amount. That's a big leap for an average person, but an even bigger one for Jackson, a former cancer patient who was miraculously cured of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, the same disease that killed Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

His new venture of faith also has cost him the security of a generous medical insurance plan with a major retailing chain.

Jackson currently serves as pastor of another small church in the association while attempting to start the Middlefield mission. About a dozen people already attend one

home Bible study, and Jackson is working to start additional Bible study groups to develop a core of members for the new church.

■ Needs:

Prayer for wisdom and opportunities for Jackson and those who work alongside him.

Financial support for the new congregation.

Assistance in securing a storefront meeting place.

Volunteers to help with canvassing and other outreach activities.

12 New Hope Community Baptist Church of Youngstown.

There's one thing Pastor Don Ertel doesn't want anyone to give his church: a building.

Ertel has started New Hope Community Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio, as a cell church. That means the congregation meets in small groups, or "cells," in homes.

A typical gathering begins with fellowship, followed by about 30 minutes of singing and praying. The children then split off for Bible study and crafts in another room, while the adults have their own Bible study.

But for the most part, "we try to emphasize families being together," Ertel explains. "The kids really like it."

The cell church approach produces believers strongly grounded in their faith, Ertel believes. "We have five families in church and all of them tithe."

Ertel has led the new church into a variety of other outreach efforts, including tract distribution, networking, door-to-door surveying, business visitation and soon to come, a housewarming ministry to newcomers.

Since February of 1993, 27 people have professed faith in Jesus Christ through New Hope's ministries.

■ Needs:

"A constant flow of people" to help with surveys, tract distribution and backyard Bible clubs.

Prayer for the growth of new cells and for effectiveness in outreach.

For expansion into the neighboring town of Boardman, Ohio, a community of 58,000 people where there is no Southern Baptist church.



EQUIPMENT NEEDED Karen Crall, a children's teacher at Central Baptist Chapel in Shadyside, Ohio, shows off the dilapidated adult-size tables and chairs in the church's children's classroom.

10 Support for a mission in Shadyside.

Southern Baptists first got a foothold in this Ohio River community through disaster relief ministry in 1991. Torrential rains prompted a massive and sudden runoff from the cliffs above the town, which sits on the river bank.

In about 10 minutes time, buildings were leveled, people were swept away and extensive damage was done to homes, businesses and other property. Southern Baptists from Ohio and Kentucky moved in with disaster relief teams that prepared up to 2,000 meals per day for several days after the flood.

That opened the door to further Baptist ministry in the small mining town, said Terrell Moore, director of missions for Muskingum Valley Baptist Association.

Central Baptist Chapel now meets in a storefront and has developed a growing ministry through Bible study and worship. The church also offers special programs for children, including one which draws nearly 50 children to the tiny building every Wednesday night.

Pastor Walter Mansfield and his wife, Carol, serve the church bivocationally. Because of declines in the area's mining industry, money is in short supply at the chapel. About 80 percent of the chapel's funding comes from outside sources.

■ Needs:

Minor building repairs, including the installation of new lighting.

Furnishings and equipment for a children's classroom. The chapel currently uses adult-size tables that are in such poor repair they often fall down.

Photocopier to reduce the amount of money the chapel must pay to duplicate materials for the children's programs and for various promotional pieces.

Ongoing financial sponsorship.

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13 Building for Carnation City Baptist Church in Alliance.

Located in northeastern Ohio, Alliance is a town of 25,000 people with only one Southern Baptist church. Other churches do serve the community, but two of the more prominent evangelical congregations have experienced drastic declines in recent years.

Carnation City Baptist Church, formerly called Alliance Baptist Chapel, now meets in the basement of a public building.

The location is spacious, but difficult for people to find, says Pastor Carl Bailey. "We could be much further along if we had an appropriate environment."

To that end, the 55 members already have purchased land, for which they paid cash, and have \$23,000 in their building fund. But they need at least \$50,000 to get construction started, along with the assistance of numerous volunteer builders.

"There is an urgent need for a church here," says Bailey, a retired

church planter missionary who has birthed five other congregations.

Needs:

□ Financial support toward the building fund.

□ Volunteers to help construct the new church building.

□ A church or individual to pay for Sunday school literature for the church. This currently is one of the largest drains on the church's tiny budget.



READY TO BUILD Henry Johns, Kentucky-Ohio partnership coordinator, stands with Carl Bailey, pastor of Carnation City Baptist Church in Alliance, Ohio, on the site of the church's future home.

14 Repairs and funding for volunteer missionary housing in Cleveland.

Southern Baptists in the Cleveland area have taken an unusual step toward luring volunteer mission workers to their city by purchasing a three-story apartment building. Through the Missionary Housing Ministry, the association offers low-rent accommodations for short- and long-term volunteers.

However, the building needs additional repairs. And although local Baptists raised a large sum of money to purchase the building, a mortgage of \$51,000 remains outstanding.

Needs:

□ Funds to pay off the remaining mortgage of \$51,000.

□ Replacement of an old boiler system that heats the building.

□ Installation of security features, such as a security door.

□ Various renovation and repair work.

15 Support for Stowe Baptist Center in Columbus.

"Full service" might describe the ministry of Stowe Baptist Center in the inner city of Columbus, Ohio. Director Art Bingham oversees ministries of clothing, dentistry, vision care, tutoring, feeding and English-teaching—and serves as pastor of a church which meets at the center.

Stowe Center serves lunch to up to 200 people four days a week. During summer vacation Bible school sessions, the lunch crowd often swells to 500. Twenty area churches provide these meals.

Kentuckians from Laurel River Baptist Association helped renovate the center's current building from a burned-out bar into a three-story ministry center. The structure which Baptists bought for \$65,000 now is valued at \$350,000.

But with the heavy traffic the center gets, additional repairs continue to be necessary.

Needs:

□ Additional equipment for the vision ministry, in which a local optometrist examines patients who otherwise could not afford treatment.

□ Supplies or financial support to buy supplies for the dental ministry to

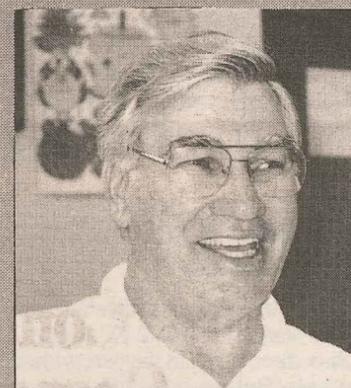
which two Baptist dentists volunteer their time once a week. The center uses about \$300 worth of dental supplies every month.

□ New roof on Baptist Center building.

□ Groups to lead vacation Bible schools and other activities at the center.

□ Minor repairs such as patching holes in the walls, fixing minor plumbing and electrical problems.

□ Advice of a professional heating and cooling engineer on persistent problems with the center's system.



FULL SERVICE SERVANT Art Bingham, pastor/director of the Stowe Baptist Center in Columbus, Ohio, oversees a vast array of ministries, largely supported by volunteers.

How to respond

To respond to any of the needs presented in this special section on the Kentucky-Ohio partnership, contact:

■ Calvin Wilkins or Benton Williams
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State Convention of Baptists in Ohio
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These articles present only a sampling of the opportunities available for partnership missions. Nearly any skill or gift can be put to use in some location.

Pastor-to-pastor: 'Come over and help us'

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

CANTON, Ohio—Peter Kendrick begs Southern Baptists across America to do two things to help strengthen the Baptist outreach to the 11 million residents of Ohio.

First, pray for God to send leaders to start and strengthen churches.

Second, ask, "Am I God's answer to my prayer?"

Kendrick is discouraged because it is so difficult to get pastors to come to Ohio to start new churches—churches he believes are desperately needed if evangelicals are to gain even a foothold in the state.

As missions development director for Summit Baptist Association, Kendrick has actively sought to recruit bivocational pastors to start new churches. He has written letters to friends from seminary days, issued passionate appeals to students preparing to graduate from seminary and more.

Yet out of a goal to secure 22 bivocational or volunteer leaders for new congregations, the association has lured only two.

That frustrates him because the vast majority of new seminary graduates and pastors of existing churches believe God must only call them to already-established churches, he says.

"We pray fervently that God will still call men and their families into missions environments," says Kendrick, himself a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary who answered the call of new work in Ohio. He currently serves as pastor of Crestview Baptist Church in Stow, Ohio.

"I am disappointed that so many pastors want to go to ready-made churches," he explains. "We need to pray for men who still see the challenge of starting new churches."

The need is urgent in the Canton-Akron area of Ohio, he notes, because an estimated 70 percent of the

population is not Christian.

Similar stories abound throughout Ohio, says Peter Miller, church starter strategist with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Money is not the primary obstacle to expanding the Baptist witness in Ohio, Miller says.

"The real thrust is people who are committed to lead other people to start a church. God will take care of the rest.

"Committed leadership—that's it," he explains. "When we get people who say, 'I'm committed' and they stick it out, we grow churches."

Although pastors are needed in many places, Ohio Baptists seek lay leaders as well. In many struggling churches, the presence of just one committed family can mean the difference between life and death.

And in many cases, lay volunteers are just as effective as pastors in laying the groundwork for a new church, Baptist leaders say.

Ohio

Come over and help us!

Kentucky & Ohio Baptists share long partnership history

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ty of the churches in this state were begun by people from Kentucky," says Peter Miller, Ohio's church starter strategist. "I don't know where we'd be without Kentucky

In fact, historians credit Kentucky Baptists with the very beginnings of Southern Baptist work in Ohio.

William Helton, a pastor who had moved to Indiana from Owsley County, led a revival in New Miami, Ohio, in August 1931 that gave birth to New Zion Baptist Church—the first Southern Baptist Church in Ohio.

The seven charter members of that church were transplanted Kentuckians, and the church quickly affiliated with a Kentucky Baptist association.

From that beginning, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio was

formed in 1954. And the links with Kentucky Baptists have multiplied.

Although few of these connections through the years have been centrally planned, Kentucky Baptists have entered into several official partnership agreements with Ohio Baptist. The latest of these partnerships was adopted in 1989 for the period from 1990 through 1994.

But whether an official link-up has been in effect or not, Ohio Baptists have continued to appeal to Kentucky Baptists, like the Macedonians who called out to the early church in Israel, to "come over and help us."

And by nearly any standard of measure, the needs are great:

■ Only three of the Ohio Baptist convention's 19 associations are self-supporting.

■ To gain one church five years from now, Ohio Baptists must start three new congregations today.

■ More people live in the metropolitan Cleveland area than in the whole state of Kentucky, yet Southern Baptists have only 33 churches there.

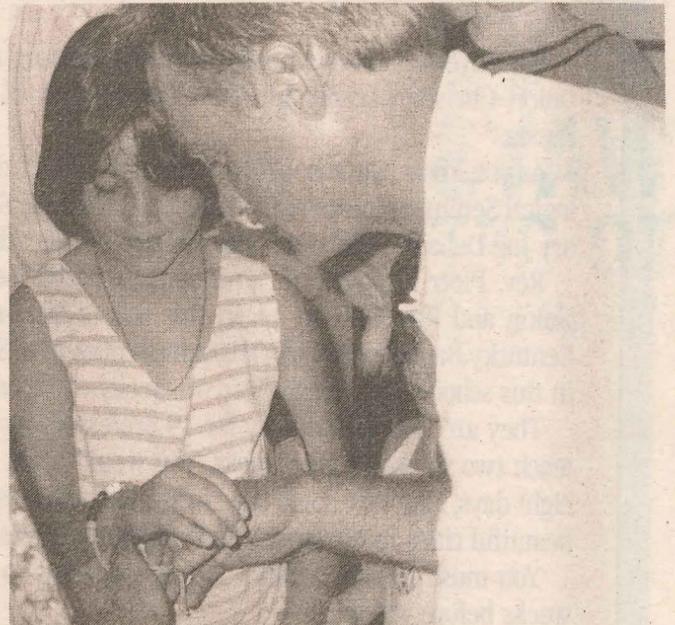
■ Ohio Baptists have one church for every 21,000 people living in the state; Kentucky Baptists have one church for every 1,500 people.

■ An estimated 7.5 million of Ohio's 12 million residents do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

■ 70 percent of Ohio Baptist churches average less than 100 in attendance.

■ Ohio Baptists have only one church which averages more than 1,000 in attendance.

■ More unchurched people live in Ohio than there are total citizens in at least 80 of the countries where Southern Baptists send missionaries.



POWER BEADS Russell Scott (right), a member of First Baptist Church of Belfry, shares a power bead bracelet with a young girl at Sunshine Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. A group of 38 Baptists from Belfry worked in three Ohio churches for a week this summer, leading vacation Bible school, doing construction jobs and offering encouragement. The power bead bracelet contains various colored beads used as a witnessing tool.



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The 1994 KBC Obituaries Report will include information on deceased persons who have served our Lord and Kentucky Baptists in a noteworthy manner. We are including persons who died during the convention year, September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994.

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:

1. Full name of deceased
2. Date of birth
3. Active or retired status in last position held in city, state where located
4. Name of church where member, association, state where located
5. Service or ministry worthy of recognition (briefly stated)

Please forward this information before September 1 to:

Mrs. Louise Duncan
201 North Main Street
Barbourville, Kentucky 40906

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.

We are grateful to you.

Louise Duncan, 1993-94 Obituaries Report

Develop Strong Leaders in Russia

Dear Friends,

We have just received requests for professors to teach in the Russian Baptist Union Christian Leadership Development School for 1994-95 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As you know, the school is an off-campus program of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary located in Mill Valley, California. Southern Baptist foreign missionary Joe DeLeon in Russia is the director of this school.

Rev. Piotr Konovalchik, President/Executive Secretary of the Russian Baptist Union and Rev. DeLeon began this school last year with 21 pastors. Seventeen Kentucky Baptist pastors/DOMs/ministers went to St. Petersburg in 1994 and taught in this school. Most taught for two weeks while one stayed for one full month.

They are asking Kentucky for 19 professors for the next school year. You could teach two weeks or four weeks. You would teach one course four hours daily for eight days, and have some time to see the churches and the area of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, St. Petersburg, Russia.

You must prepare a short 5-6 page syllabus to be translated into Russian four weeks before you go.

It would be wonderful if you could go and teach these young pastors and leaders who will be the future of our Baptist work in Russia.

Qualifications: You must have a college degree and M.Div. from seminary or the equivalent. Your experience in the pastorate, as a director of missions or minister would be required.

The cost of the trip is \$1,995 for two weeks or \$2,195 for four weeks. This includes your airfare from Louisville (all projects will leave from Louisville in 1995), lodging, meals, VISA, FMB required insurance, in-country transportation and sight-seeing.

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Please call the Partnership Missions office at (502) 245-4101 and we will send you additional information and a new Kentucky/Russian Partnership video tape.

Pick out a time when you can go—God has a great blessing in store for you.

Yours in Christ,
Benton Williams, Director
Office for Partnership Missions

List of Classes for the Pastors' School in St. Petersburg, Russia For the 1994-95 year

No.	Course Description	Dates*
1.	111 Christian Ethics	Oct. 28-Nov. 12, 1994
2.	111 Basic Evangelism	Oct. 28-Nov. 12
3.	115 Biblical Hermeneutics	Nov. 11-26
4.	111 Systematic Theology I	Nov. 11-26
5.	112 Systematic Theology II	Dec. 9-24
6.	141 Principles of Church Growth	Dec. 9-24
7.	112 Prac. in Pastoral Care	Jan. 27-Feb. 11, 1995
8.	111 Old Testament Introduction I	Feb. 17-March 4
9.	166 History of the Baptists	Feb. 17-March 4
10.	121 Introduction to Worship	Mar. 31-April 15
11.	112 Old Testament Introduction II	April 21-May 6
12.	114 Princ. & Appr. to Biblical Teaching	April 21-May 6
13.	130 Ethnic Missions	May 12-27
14.	100 Introduction to Church Music	May 12-27
15.	111 Early Church History	June 2-17
16.	Elective	June 23-July 8
17.	131 Church Administration	June 23-July 8
18.	Elective	Aug. 4-19
19.	Elective	Aug. 25-Sept. 9

*These are dates for departure from Louisville and return from Russia

CLASSIFIED ADS

SEEKING: Ballardsville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time youth and children's minister. Ballardsville is located in Oldham County, 25 miles from Louisville. The church is moderate and in a rapidly growing area. Send resumé care of Tony Copeland, Search Committee chairperson, 4901 South Highway 53, Crestwood, KY 40014.

SEEKING: Part-time music minister, Burton Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Call (502) 842-1931 or 782-9165.

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This continues to be a year of blessings for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children as we celebrate 125 years of sharing hope and healing. We are now past the halfway mark in our formal celebration of this significant landmark in our history.

Our latest birthday party was held on Saturday at the Baptist Youth Shelter in Morehead in eastern Kentucky. This event came just three weeks following a similar celebration at the Dixon Temporary Shelter in western Kentucky. The two events were held many miles apart, but the significant common thread between them was a love for children on the part of Baptists at both ends of the state. In both places there was a sincere desire to praise our Lord for his faithfulness in giving us the opportunity as Kentucky Baptists to serve him in this special ministry for so long. I've felt that same spirit of love at each of the other places where we've celebrated as well—Elizabethtown, Pikeville, London and Middletown.

If you haven't joined us for one of these special events, it's not too late. There are three birthday parties remaining and each looks to have its own unique flavor.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, we'll be having a Labor Day weekend celebration at Bullitsburg Baptist Camp in northern Kentucky. This event will begin at 3:30 p.m. with swimming, softball and live musical entertainment. The folks of Erlanger Baptist Church are hosting and will begin serving food at 5:30 p.m. We'll follow the meal with a vesper service at 6:30 p.m.

We are hoping that as many of our northern Kentucky churches as can will allow this special celebration to be their evening service for that night.

Glen Dale Children's Home will have its celebration on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A local committee is already hard at work there planning a celebration around a "country fair" theme.

The final birthday party will be at the Genesis Home in Mayfield on Saturday, Oct. 8. Volunteers and staff are already working there as well to plan a great celebration.

Come join us and learn more about how you're helping children!

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

Build A Church In Russia

There are 150 million people in Russia, Commonwealth of Independent States. Russia is only one of the 15 separate states/countries which once formed the Soviet Union. During the 70 years of communism and the 30 years of the Czars rule no churches were built in the former Soviet Union.

Most of the churches met in homes, old run-down former Russian Orthodox churches, schools, movie houses, cultural centers and in a multitude of other places. Now with communism overthrown, freedom reigns and new church buildings can be built! Praise the Lord!

The economic situation in Russia is desperate. The people have little or no money, not enough to live on, but still they insist on building churches on land which the Russian government has given them. They have two years to put a building on the land that they have or lose it.

Property which has been given to the churches is registered in their name, but if a building is not started within two years the property may be confiscated by the government.



As of Oct. 1, 1993, there were 1,013 churches related to the Russian Baptist Union, but only 22 have a building that resembles a church. Kentucky Baptists are in the process of helping Russian Baptist Churches build 10 buildings in 1994.

We will continue to help on the construction of these churches, since few of them have been finished. There are at least 250 churches who want to build a church building during 1995. Many of these churches have land.

The Russian Baptist Union has identified 24 key priority churches, and the seminary dormitory which need to be built and finished. Some churches need a minimum of \$5,000, while others need up to \$50,000.

You as an individual, church or association can build a church!

We will assign you a church that your church can help raise funds to build. It may be that several churches could go together and commit themselves to helping build one Russian Baptist church.

Here are the first 24 Russian churches and seminary dorm that have been identified as top priority by Rev. Piotr Konovalchik, president of the Russian Baptist Union:

1. Penza	\$10,000
2. Kimri	10,000
3. Tikhvin/St. Petersburg	10,000
4. Ivanova	6,000
5. Yaroslavl	8,000
6. Safonovo/Smolensk	8,000
7. Kolpino/St. Petersburg	20,000
8. Vieburg/St. Petersburg	5,000
9. Ryazan	5,000
10. Sosnovi Bor	15,000
11. Alexandrov	8,000
12. Moskovsky/Moscow	10,000
13. Viazniki City (repair)	25,000
14. Roslavl (Smolensk area)	\$6,000
15. Chakhov (Moscow area)	8,000
16. Christie Bory (Kostroma area)	25,000
17. Ydomla	6,000
18. Zvenigirid (Moscow area)	8,000
19. Volgorechensk (Kortroma)	25,000
20. Vladimir (Viazniki area)	25,000
21. Mourom (Vladimir region)	25,000
22. Mitishi (heating system)	5,000
23. Second Baptist Church	15,000
24. Penza (new church)	10,000
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PEOPLE

Baptist aid focuses on Rwanda's refugee children

Mountains to the Mississippi, which normally appears on this page, is not published this week while Ann Tatum is on vacation. Her column will return next week.

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children's camps for three months beginning in early August. They will bring powdered formulas, medicine and medical devices for children.

The children's camps are located in the region around 15 sprawling camps, where up to 2 million Rwandan refugees are settling in. Thousands are dying from dehydration as cholera and dysentery sap their bodies of needed fluids.

"I've been in war, but I've never seen anything like this," said FMB missionary Clyde Berkley, who surveyed the area in July. "There's just complete disregard for dead people. They don't have the time to think about them. They don't have the strength to think about them."

"What it looked like in many places was what I might think of as hell," said Berkley, a Vietnam war veteran. "We drove through about 20 miles of refugees ... basically on the roads and everywhere."

"It took us about four hours to get through there, and we estimated we saw about 1,000 bodies on the side of the road. On the other side of the road people were cooking their food or selling their potatoes or something."

The refugees belong to Rwanda's Hutu majority, whose militias slaughtered hundreds of thousands of the rival Tutsi minority after a Hutu president died in a mysterious plane crash April 6.

As Tutsi forces took control in the country, Hutus fled, fearing revenge

attacks. A portion of them went into Tanzania to the east. The majority poured over the Zaire border to the west and settled around Goma. Tutsi leaders have asked the Hutus to return without fear of reprisal. Only a few are doing so.

"As we talked to them (refugees) we told them, 'You're better off back in Rwanda than you are here,' but they say, 'No, that's not true.' They're afraid to go back," Berkley said.

Southern Baptists have mobilized missionaries in the area for the relief project, for which the FMB already has released \$250,000. Veterinarian Stan Lee, missionary to Rwanda, will be team leader for the project, Berkley said. Another missionary to Rwanda, Katrina Knox, a nurse, will be medical coordinator.

Larry Pumpelly, a missionary to Uganda, will be project coordinator. A missionary colleague in Uganda, Tad

Tadlock, will coordinate logistics.

Each volunteer medical team Southern Baptists provide will work for two weeks and include three doctors and two nurses.

Berkley is asking Southern Baptists to pray that the first team can come in early August, although flights are booked to Nairobi until mid-August. If not, missionaries will need to fill the gap because the teams currently in place at the clinics will leave then.

FMB leaders also urge Southern Baptists to continue to contribute to hunger and relief to help cover the increasing needs. Contributions may be

sent to the FMB in care of the human needs department at Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230, designated for world hunger and relief.

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May I introduce myself to you?

You may be wondering about this person who has been elected to continue the traditional ministry of Oneida Baptist Institute. My wife, Kay Atto, and I first met when we came to Oneida in 1961, our junior year in high school. I came from a non-Christian background, a poverty-level family from Dayton, Ohio. I enrolled at OBI because I wanted out of the environment in which I had grown up. At Oneida I found a sanctuary where I was free from the turmoil of a lifetime.

Kay and I found teachers and staff who were working for very low incomes, as they do today—people who knew the supreme satisfaction that comes from helping young people, like today. We found a staff who really cared if we were doing well in our studies, just like the staff of today—staff who had time to listen and care for young people as individuals as well as a group. The same is true today.

My wife's parents were able to pay her room, board and tuition; mine were not. I came on a full scholarship, aided by the generosity of OBI and Kentucky Baptists. My mother only paid \$5 the day she enrolled me. I was never told that she was not paying my tuition, and I was encouraged to return my senior year, something we still do today.

When it was time to order class rings, I did not get in line to be measured because I did not have the money. But I was told to get measured anyway, that the money might somehow be provided. It was.

Kay and I graduated in May of 1963 and left for Campbellville College. We later found ourselves operating a business in Ohio. During the next 20 years Barkley Moore contacted us several times. He invited us to return to Oneida, but the

Lord was not opening doors. Then in February of 1984 the Lord led us back to Oneida.

My wife has been the admissions director for the past 10 years, working side by side with Moore. I became the work program supervisor and dean of boys. We were very close to Moore and have a keen understanding of his goals.

Our four children are here with us. Harold, our oldest, has been a teacher and coach for nine years. His wife, Lori, is a teacher, and they have a new daughter, Katy Lu. Our oldest daughter, Laura, ('86) has been a teacher and a coach for three years. Her husband, Dan Stockton, is a teacher, yearbook sponsor and senior sponsor. They have a 1-year-old son, Adam. Our youngest daughter, Missy ('93), is the food service director. Michael, our youngest, will be a junior this fall.

It is our sincere desire to continue the "special" Oneida ministry. We will do all in our power, under God's leadership, to continue this work as you have known it.

Oneida is a unique ministry. God has blessed us through the years because we have been more concerned with meeting the needs of young people than with meeting budgets. The very simple truth that God created these children, Jesus died for them, and we have beds for them, are the basis for our taking them. We pledge not to depart from this policy. Our faculty and staff are equally committed to the needs of our young people. God's promises are the same yesterday, today and forever. On that basis Oneida will grow and be as vibrant tomorrow as she is today.

W.F. "Bud" Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Promise and faith

A talk with new students renews my own calling to walk by faith and trust God's promise. Forty-year-old Terry Hayes dreaded going back to school, "but I know Clear Creek is my best choice. I like the way you are geared up for folks my age."

Alabama natives Andy and Cynthia Potts said, "Our move came down to Andy selling his log truck. A man came today and will buy it. I also have found a teaching job (that doesn't happen often in Bell County), and to top it off, the Brotherhood gave us \$200. This is our first time to leave our home area, but we know we're on the right track."

Shawn Barlow completes 10 years in the Navy on Aug. 1. He and Teresa have three children involved in this "big leap of faith."

Our class schedule enables some students to commute. Johnny Phillips, Stanford, secured more flexible hours from his employer and will take Thursday-Friday classes. David and Donna York have two teenagers and do not feel it is a good time to relocate. He has taken a one-year leave from his job and will commute from Benton, Marshall County, for the three-day program.

John and Rhonda Little sold

their Indianapolis home and stayed with her parents until he completed work on Aug. 5.

South Carolinian Harvey Traynum has completed an internship at his church and serves as singles director. He is excited about following the Lord's will and trusts the Lord to supply his need.

Todd Buckley leaves a charter fishing business in Alaska. His

wife, Jodie, describes their preparations: "We'll drive 24 hours through Canada, have five days with our family in Seattle, and then drive six days to Pineville. I can imagine our children asking almost every 30 minutes, 'Are we almost there?' We have completely liquidated everything except what we can put in a small trailer. None of

Todd's family are saved and can't figure us out."

These new students reaffirm the promise given to me when I came to Clear Creek: "No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised" (Romans 4:20-21).

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Shooting called harmful to anti-abortion movement

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

Paul Hill, the former Presbyterian minister charged with the July 29 murders of a doctor and his escort outside a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic, represents a violent fringe that is dragging down the entire anti-abortion movement, say three Southern Baptists who oppose abortion.

"It is my personal belief that the pro-life movement has been very heavily harmed by those who claim to be pro-life but do not even affirm by their actions the sanctity of human life," said Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Jones said he knows "a number of persons" who privately oppose abortion but reject the contemporary "pro-life" movement because they "have lumped the person who would kill in the name of being pro-life with those who would simply work for legislation or would take a stand against abortion in some public arena."

Each time there has been a publicized killing or wounding by an abortion protestor, "it has made our task more difficult," Jones said. "People don't want to be identified with such inconsistent, radical, un-Christian attitudes and actions."

"What was done in Pensacola is wrong both morally and tactically," said David Gushee, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. "It hurts the cause of those who are committed to changing where we are

in this country related to abortion." "When you engage in violence, random acts of terror, and so on, you lose public sympathy," Gushee said. The American civil-rights movement in the 1960s faced a similar situation when its proponents were divided over the non-violent protest advocated by Martin Luther King and the more radical approach of Malcolm X and the Black Panthers, Gushee said.

of some abortion opponents to resort to murder "doesn't help our cause at all."

"A lot of people put everybody in the same category," Boothe said. "We feel like we're unjustly judged. We certainly don't condone it in any way, shape or form."

Boothe said she has no quarrel with those who emphasize "rescue" tactics like picketing abortion clinics. She said the main goals of groups like Operation Rescue are to draw public attention to abortion and tie up the legal system through civil disobedience.

But it is unfair, she said, to lump people like Paul Hill with the whole "rescue" crowd. "It's been difficult for them. Just by their emphasis, they've had people drawn to them who are very much not in accord with what they believe," she said.

Incidents like the Pensacola shootings actually create public sympathy for pro-abortion forces, allowing them to portray the gunned-down doctor and his escorts as martyrs, Gushee said.

Americans in the middle on abortion—those who are uncomfortable with abortion on demand but undecided about what to do about it—are driven into the arms of the pro-choice movement by an action like this," he said. "Americans as a whole do not embrace terrorism, shootings and the like, so this does not help the cause."

Those advocating violence comprise only a small number of Americans opposed to abortion, Gushee said, "but those who make the loudest noise get the most attention."

Jones said anti-abortion leaders are owning up to the realization that they must better define themselves. In the past, the movement has allowed others to define it—the media, its opponents and its radical fringe, he said.

"We cannot allow the people who take lives to be called pro-life," Jones said. "The first thing we're going to have to do is redefine some of the arguments. If you're pro-life, you are pro-life. That means in no circumstance do you participate in the taking of human life."

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"In our society, if a movement for social change wants to have any hope for making change, it has to be the kind of non-violent, peaceful movement that is in touch with basic American values," Gushee said.

Sylvia Boothe, coordinator for alternatives to abortion ministries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said the willingness

A personal note

A few days before being interviewed for the stories on this page, David Gushee's wife lost the unborn child they were expecting. He said he agreed to speak with ABP because he believes the issue is important and his experience is relevant.

"This past week my wife and I suffered a stillbirth," Gushee said. "Our child had died in-utero at 17 weeks. I had always known that legalized abortion on demand was morally abhorrent, but this past week I held in my hands a 17-week-old fetus.

"And I looked at this child. This child was beautiful. This child was human. A human life that had been cut off in some tragic way we don't understand. I wish that every person in this country could have the chance to know how valuable the unborn life is and how human the unborn life is."

Gushee said as he held the infant he realized that all over America pregnancies were being terminated purposely.

"This is a moral tragedy, and our society is wrong to permit it," Gushee said.

But he and his wife do not advocate killing the people who perform abortions. Instead, concerned Christians should "do things that keep these things from taking place," such as "working with women in a crisis who feel they have no alternative" to abortion.

Baptist ethicists say 'pro-life' label means no killing

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

The rationalization offered by the accused killer of an abortion doctor and his escort—that it is justifiable to take the life of an abortionist in order to save lives of the unborn—just doesn't wash, according to three Southern Baptist ethicists interviewed by Associated Baptist Press.

Most anti-abortion organizations quickly condemned the July 29 murders of John Bayard Britton and James Barrett. But some fringe groups argue that lethal force is sometimes legitimate to combat abortion.

The argument has just enough internal logic to sound appealing, said David Gushee, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

"Christian people are morally obligated to try to prevent the taking of human life, and I believe abortion is the taking of human life," Gushee said. "Then the question is, 'What means are either obligatory or permissible in pursuing that end?'"

"In a society where legal channels exist for legal change, we are responsible to use the legal system," Gushee said. Abortion opponents also are free to "nurture individuals of such char-

acter that abortion is not an option for them" and to establish communities that support them, an area in which, he said, "we are doing pitifully little."

The recent Pensacola shooting of an abortion doctor was the second in that city. David Gunn was killed by an abortion protestor at another Pensacola clinic in March 1993.

Paul Hill, a former Presbyterian minister who wrote a 14-page essay defending the 1993 shooting as morally right, is charged with the July 29 murders.

The logic used by Hill and others to defend the shootings borrows from the "just war" theory developed in the fourth century by the theologian St. Augustine. Just war acknowledges that in a sinful world, force sometimes must be used to resist violence.

However, Gushee said he does not believe the recent incident in Pensacola and the 1993 murder of Dr. David Gunn meet just war criteria.

"In just war theory, the use of force is always the very last resort, and it must also be authorized by legitimate authority," Gushee said.

"I believe in this case the use of force does not meet the last-resort criteria, given the number of things that are not being done by those who are pro-life, and it also does not meet the

legitimate authority criteria. There is no legitimate authority that can be appealed to here."

Not only does society at large reject violence to prevent abortion, but even the anti-abortion movement is divided on the question, Gushee said. "That may be the most significant court of appeal here, and there is no consensus in that group, let alone the general population."

Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, agreed the shootings have no legitimate ethical grounds.

"The first thing I would do is to look at the example of Jesus Christ," Jones said. "Jesus had many opportunities, in a very militaristic, dictatorial society which did not value human life and took it almost randomly, to call upon his followers to strike out, life for life. He did not do that."

Robert Parham of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville said the escalation in violence in the anti-abortion movement is "a direct result of the high voltage rhetoric by religious leaders who talk about the 'slaughter of the unborn' and call abortion 'murder.'"

Parham said "a growing segment of the anti-abortion community" is

moving beyond just-war thinking into "a holy war mentality" that "justifies violence as the God-ordained way to purge evil in the world."

He quoted David Trosch, a Catholic priest who lives 30 miles from Pensacola, who said last year, "If 100 doctors need to die to save over 1 million babies a year, I see that as a fair trade."

Such thinking errs because it "pridefully assumes to know definitively the will of God" rather than considering moral decisions in humility and prayerful hearts, Parham said. It also "ignores the biblical mandate to seek the welfare of neighbor" and "blindly justifies evil means ... to accomplish moral ends."

"Christian ethics teaches that taking a life to save a life is morally wrong," Parham said.

The only way to be proactive on the abortion issue, he said, "is to teach values and have programs that prevent unwanted pregnancies from occurring."

Likewise, Gushee suggested that people who want to make a difference in abortion should do so "by staffing crisis pregnancy centers, by adopting children, by preventing unwanted pregnancies, things that really save lives."

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