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'We need a lot of prayer,' partnership worker says

By Marv Knox
Editor

"Pray for Russia," Larry Lindsey urged fellow Kentucky Baptists shortly before he boarded a plane to return to Moscow.

"We need a lot of prayer," repeated Lindsey, a field coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's mission partnership with Russian Baptists. He was pastor of Plum Creek Baptist Church in Taylorsville until he and his wife, Joy, moved to Russia early this year.

Although all Kentucky Baptists cannot traverse the eight time zones to participate directly in the partnership, they can lend prayer support to the ministry, he insisted. "The main thing is prayer. We seek everybody's prayer."

Besides prayer for millions of Russians who have not heard the gospel, for missionary families working to build a strong base of ministry while they learn the difficult Russian language and for continued development of the Russia/Kentucky Baptist partnership, Lindsey requested prayer for three specific concerns:

■ "Pray for the team coming to teach women's ministry in and around Moscow next month," he said. The team, led by Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union Director Dee Gilliland, will train Russian Baptists in how to develop work among women, who comprise the majority in their churches.

"This is an important need," Lindsey stressed. "The Russian leaders want help desperately."

■ "Pray for our children's gift

evangelism," he added. Gifts already have been collected, and a team of Kentucky Baptists will help distribute them—along with the Christian message—to children in orphanages and hospitals immediately after Christmas.

"It's a large task to receive and distribute 15,000 gifts, and we've got many details to work out," he said. "But we see already how the Lord is bringing things together."

Russians are elated that Kentucky Baptists want to brighten the lives of needy Russian children, he reported. "When we tell them these gifts are all put together by volunteers, it really expresses a lot of love to the Russian people."

■ "Pray for Benton Williams and Calvin Wilkins," Lindsey pleaded. Williams is the KBC's partnership

director, and Wilkins is its partnership coordinator.

"We depend on volunteers," Lindsey said of the partnership effort, which sponsors evangelistic, medical, construction and education projects in the Moscow and St. Petersburg regions.

"We ask people to step forward and meet those needs," he said. "And Benton and Calvin have a big job in trying to fulfill the needs."

■ "Pray about your own participation in the partnership and in doing the Lord's will in Russia," Lindsey stressed.

"We need help in Russia. There are millions of people just waiting for somebody to come tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ."

The partnership offers Kentucky
□ See 'Pray for us' ..., page 14

Authority with affection said to yield self-esteem in children

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Combining authority with a heavy dose of affection is the best chance parents have of raising children with high self-esteem and a commitment to traditional religious values, a Kentucky author said.

Parents are responsible for modeling God's justice and his grace, said Debbie Lloyd, who is also a mother and a Woman's Missionary Union leader at First Baptist Church in Shepherdsville. "Children need to know God loves me just because, but there are some requirements of me. We must represent God not just as sovereign judge but as love."

During a conference for women Oct. 6-8 in Birmingham, Ala., Lloyd described how parenting styles can affect children's beliefs.

The most effective parents set limits and explain why certain behavior is appropriate, she said. "By offering an explanation for why we

behave a certain way, we give children good reasons to reject sin in the future."

Authoritarian parents control their children through power but demonstrate little emotional support, Lloyd said. They tell their children, "I'm in charge. Do what I say," without nurturing or showing love for the child.

Children of authoritarian parents are likely to have low self-esteem, a sense of alienation, a rules-oriented morality and low conformity to parental values, Lloyd said. Such children typically are not involved in church, and they perceive religion as restricting and legalistic, she said.

Permissive parents, on the other hand, provide few rules for their children, she said. They may be indulging parents who let children rule the household or negligent parents who offer children neither regulations or support.

Permissive parenting also can
□ See Authority with ..., page 14



FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES Residents of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Glen Dale campus have a new friend in Kentucky First Lady Libby Jones. A group of Glen Dale residents recently toured the governor's mansion and capitol grounds as guests of Mrs. Jones. She invited the group to Frankfort after having attended three of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's 125th anniversary events this year.

Comprehensive sex education has failed, researcher says

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

BOSTON (ABP)—Comprehensive sex education, mandated in 17 states and supported in 30 more, has failed, according to an article in the October 1994 Atlantic Monthly by Barbara Dafoe Whitehead.

Whitehead, vice president of the Institute for American Values in New York City, gained national prominence for an earlier article for the magazine contending "Dan Quayle Was Right" about his criticism of media for glorifying non-traditional families, illustrated by a TV sitcom character's decision to have a child out of wedlock.

Whitehead's latest foil is compre-

hensive sex education, advocated by Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders and the educational and health community and criticized by conservatives and religious groups which advocate abstinence-only training for teenagers.

Proponents of comprehensive sex education—which begins in kindergarten and lasts through high school, examining sexuality not only biologically but also developmentally and socially—contend the approach is "reality-based." Given the statistics on increased sexual activity at younger ages, the traditional call for teenagers to abstain from sex no longer works, they say. Their solution is to educate teenagers about sex and to provide them the resources they need to minimize pregnancy and the spread

of sexually transmitted diseases.

But, Whitehead said, research indicates that current sex education programs demonstrate little effectiveness in changing sexual behavior.

"The sex-educators' rhetoric is double-edged," Whitehead wrote. "Their claims raise the inevitable question, 'How realistic is their approach to solving the problems associated with teenage sex?'"

Modern sex education "is rooted in a deeply technocratic understanding of teenage sexuality," Whitehead wrote. "It assumes that once teenagers acquire a formal body of sex knowledge and skills, along with the proper contraceptive technology, they will be able to govern their own sexual behavior responsibly."

Educators offer their approach "as an alternative to what they see as a failed effort to regulate teenage sexuality through social norms and religious values," calling on parents to "face facts" that traditional standards for teenage sexuality are breaking down.

"To be sure, sex educators have a point," Whitehead acknowledged. "Traditional sexual morality, along with the old codes of social conduct, is demonstrably less effective today than it once was in governing teenage sexual conduct."

As a technocratic approach, however, comprehensive sex education is only as good as the proven effectiveness of its techniques, she continued.
□ See Comprehensive sex ..., page 13

BAPTISTS

BAPTIST BITS

■ **The two television services of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission** paid their own way in the last fiscal year, according to Richard McCartney, the commission's executive vice president. The networks are ACTS, a cable service that reaches 20 million homes, and FamilyNet, a broadcast service that reaches 50 million homes. Cooperative Program money given to the Radio & Television Commission was applied to other ministries, such as radio programming and development of prime-time specials for broadcast on major networks, McCartney said.

■ **Christine Adams has been named women's ministry consultant** with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. She has been special ministries associate for Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

■ **Rates for the first six months of 1995 will not increase for participants in three Annuity Board medical plans** that cover church ministers, church staffs and seminary students, the Annuity Board announced. The unchanged rates apply to the Comprehensive Medical, Major Medical and Catastrophic Medical plans, as well as long-term and life disability coverages.

Trustees affirm Mohler's role in Marshall's ouster

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have affirmed President Al Mohler's handling of a controversial personnel matter and his "understanding and application of the Abstract of Principles" in the case.

During their Oct. 11 meeting in Louisville, seminary trustees approved a one-page document titled "Statement on the Resignation of Dr. Molly T. Marshall."

The vote on this issue was not disclosed, since it was taken during an hour-long executive session. The statement was presented by the board's academic personnel committee, which the day before had reviewed Mohler's actions in the Marshall case and declared him to have acted appropriately.

However, when the committee asked the full board to affirm Mohler, trustee Charles Updike of the District of Columbia asked several questions the trustee chairman determined could only be answered in executive session since they related to a personnel matter. Updike asked what process Mohler had followed in dealing with Marshall and what actions he had taken.

Marshall, an associate professor of theology, announced her forced resignation from the seminary faculty in August. Her announcement concluded weeks of negotiations with Mohler, who had threatened to fire her for teaching outside the Abstract of Principles, the seminary's doctrinal statement.

Mohler has declined to state publicly what charges would have been brought against Marshall had she not

Trustees commend 2 Kentucky pastors

LOUISVILLE—Two Kentucky pastors who recently led an effort to affirm Al Mohler's work as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary were applauded by the seminary's trustees Oct. 11.

Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, and Mike Routt, pastor of Eastern Gate Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, were on hand for the opening session of the trustee meeting. Hancock brought the morning devotion, in which he admonished trustees to be "laborers together with God."

After the message, trustee Chairman Rick White of Tennessee thanked Hancock for placing a full-page ad in the Oct. 4 issue of the Western Recorder in which about

500 individuals affirmed Mohler's leadership. Hancock then introduced Routt as another person instrumental in arranging the statement of affirmation.

In his comments, Hancock commended the trustees for the seminary's more conservative direction under Mohler. "We're grateful as pastors here in this city," he said.

Routt has been a prominent figure in Kentucky Baptist Convention politics, pushing for the KBC to adopt the more-conservative stance of the Southern Baptist Convention. Hancock, who is Mohler's pastor, has been a figure in recent SBC leadership, previously serving as chairman of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. He is expected to be a candidate for KBC president in November.

resigned. However, Marshall's critics have accused her of theological liberalism related to her views on women's issues and the doctrines of salvation and eternal security of the believer. Marshall has said her views have been misrepresented and that her teaching has been within the Abstract.

The trustee statement affirms Mohler and his administrative staff for their "leadership and actions before, during and after" Marshall's resignation. "The entire seminary community should know that the board trusts the judgment of the president in his understanding and application of the Abstract of Principles as it relates to this case."

While affirming Marshall's "giftedness as a teacher" and support

among students and faculty, the statement says the president has a higher purpose of "preserving the confessional integrity of our beloved seminary."

In other action, trustees approved a procedure to prevent seminary investments in abortion-related companies, approved giving the seminary's E.Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award to W.A. Criswell and amended the seminary charter to require all elected professors to be members of "Southern Baptist" churches.

Criswell recently marked his 50th year as pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas. He has been a prominent figure in the control of Southern Baptist Convention leadership by conservatives since 1979. The Mullins

award is the seminary's equivalent to an honorary doctorate.

The seminary's current investment policy prohibits investments in companies which have "any substantial and identifiable interest or activity related to gambling, tobacco, beverage alcohol, pornography or abortion."

To strengthen this position, trustees voted to establish a standing committee of the financial board that will review all investments. This committee is instructed to define "substantial and identifiable interest" in tobacco, gambling, alcohol and pornography as anything more than 2 percent of a company's total revenue. This definition does not apply to the abortion issue, which is "understood as 0 percent."

The charter change related to faculty members' church membership should have no immediate effect, Mohler said. The charter originally said professors must be members of "regular" Baptist churches.

John Allen, chairman of the trustee executive committee, said the word understood as "regular" in 1859 would best be understood today as "Southern." Mohler said the change was simply to remove "archaic language" from the charter.

When asked what defines a Southern Baptist church, Mohler said the seminary's definition is linked to the Southern Baptist Convention's own definition for seating messengers at annual meetings. That definition requires churches to be "in friendly cooperation with" the SBC and to contribute to SBC causes.

While the change in wording should have no immediate impact on faculty, it could if the SBC should change its definition of what constitutes a Southern Baptist church.

Marshall wins teaching award

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Ousted seminary professor Molly Marshall has won a top teaching award from Kentuckiana Metroversity, a consortium of schools in Louisville and southern Indiana.

Marshall, an associate professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who will leave her post Dec. 31, won the Special Merit Award for Instructional Development—the competition's grand prize.

The award, which was presented for Marshall's work in a course on feminist theology, recognizes excellence in teaching and formation of curriculum, said Thomas Diener, Metroversity's executive director.

The award honors "creative approaches to subject matter and service to students," he said.

However, Marshall's course is not expected to be taught at Southern Seminary any time soon.

This summer, she announced her resignation from the faculty rather than face dismissal charges at the initiation of President Al Mohler.

During 10 years on the seminary faculty, Marshall withstood repeated charges of liberalism and was exam-

ined and exonerated by trustee committees.

Marshall said she found some level of vindication in the honor.

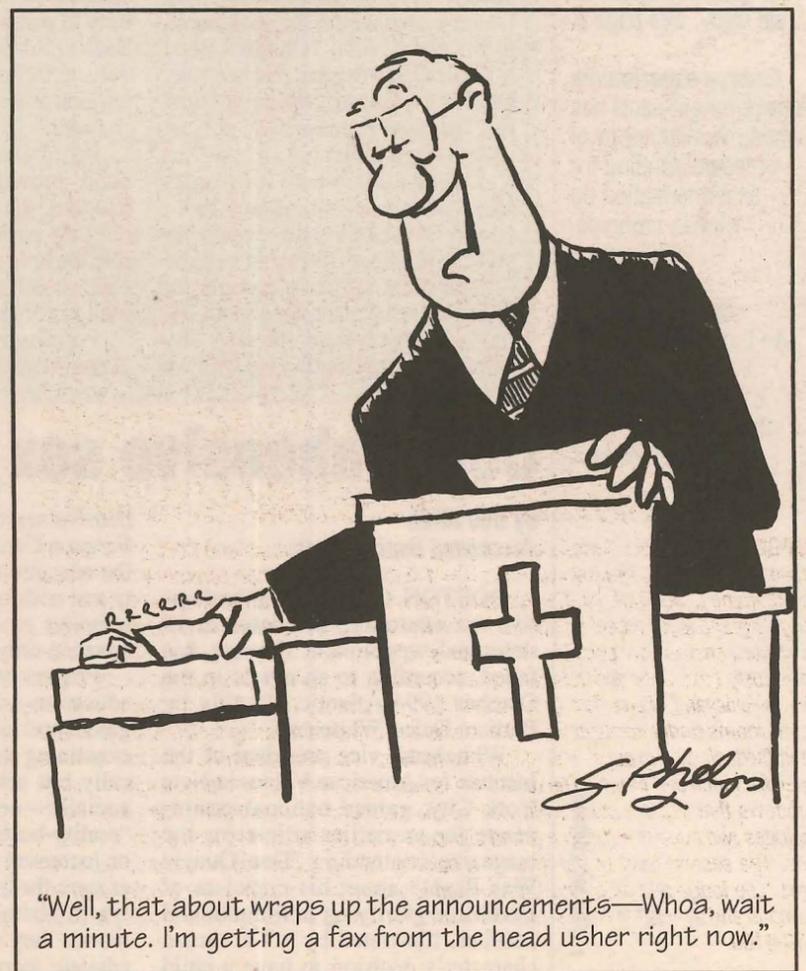
"I want to say how meaningful it is to receive the affirmation of academic colleagues in this area," she said. "Their perception of the needfulness or appropriateness of this course is most reassuring."

Judges all mentioned "how this (feminist theology) course could contribute to positive change in church and in society," she noted.

The course was designed to "sensitize men and women to the oppression of women in the Christian tradition," Marshall said. "It explores several important questions: Why have women been excluded from leadership in the church? Why have women been portrayed as defective, as the inferior sex? Why, to this day, is the role of women in ministry such a controversial issue?"

The course focuses on "neglected passages of Scripture—passages that relate to, affirm and mention the ministries of women," she added.

The course also examines how to lead churches to be more inclusive and studies "traditional hierarchical theological constructions of the place of men and women in society."



"Well, that about wraps up the announcements—Whoa, wait a minute. I'm getting a fax from the head usher right now."

Kentucky Brotherhood celebrates year of building

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

SHEPHERDSVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention's first statewide affiliation with Habitat for Humanity was announced Oct. 7 at the Kentucky Brotherhood Convention in Shepherdsville.

Kentucky Brotherhood Consultant Rick Lucas said Kentucky's new Hope for Homes project is supplying funding and volunteers for a four-bedroom home currently under construction in Boyle County.

Habitat, the nationwide program that has built 25,000 homes for low-income families, provided the building site, insurance and management supervision, and selected the family for the pilot project. The 37-year-old single father who will buy the home is disabled because of a genetic disorder. He and his three children will move in to the Kentucky Brotherhood-built home soon, with dedication ceremonies scheduled Nov. 13.

Kentucky Brotherhood will invest \$10,000 in similar projects each of the next three years, Lucas said.

"Missions Involvement Through Evangelizing the Lost" was the theme of the annual convention at First Baptist Church in Shepherdsville.

The convention attracted 126 registrants, a figure Brotherhood Director Bob Simpkins hopes to boost next year through regional "mini-rallies." One-day leadership workshops in Hazard, Owensboro, Cynthiana and Paintsville will precede the state convention in Richmond Oct. 5-7.

Besides helping Habitat, Baptist Builders occupied center stage at the

convention through their assistance with the first Kentucky Changers project in Hopkinsville last July. Twenty adults served as crew chiefs for the youth missions program.

Through the week-long Kentucky Changers project, Kentucky Baptist youth renovated 15 homes in Hopkinsville. Volunteers will return to the southwestern Kentucky city the week of July 8, 1995, and will work in Covington the week of June 17.

The Brotherhood department has filmed a 12-minute promotional video for churches interested in joining next year's Kentucky Changers program. After its premiere showing, Hopkinsville Mayor Wally Bryan expressed his thanks to the convention.

"This was an incredible experience for Hopkinsville," he said. "It's one of the most inspirational things that's happened in the city in my five years as mayor. No city ever became great filling potholes. You have to have a dream and be creative. That's what Kentucky Changers was for us."

After recalling residents' comments about the youths' courtesy and constant prayer, Bryan added, "Politics and government aren't going to solve our problems. Where it's going to happen is down in the ditches, where you were."

Simpkins cited Kentucky Changers as one of the Brotherhood's three outstanding accomplishments during the past year.

The two others he cited were "Blitz" training, a comprehensive three-day enlistment session, and disaster relief after ice storms and flooding in the Lexington and Frankfort areas last winter.

Certificates were presented to dozens of volunteers for the relief work. Pins were awarded to volunteers who worked after Hurricane Andrew in 1992, last summer's Georgia floods, and to those who have logged between 500 and 2,000 hours of service in various disaster relief projects.

Disaster relief coordinator Larry Koch of Campbellsville announced a new three-tiered "team" approach that begins in January.

It is designed to help identify volunteers who are able to respond quickly when needed.

Phase one training, which will be done around the state, will qualify volunteers to serve on the white team. It covers the basics of disaster preparedness and has a \$15 materials fee.

Blue team training in Franklin will employ a hands-on approach to feeding units, water purification systems, mud-out equipment and related subjects. This phase carries a \$10 charge.

Simpkins will conduct the advanced training for the third level, known as the gold team. All of the nearly 2,000 people trained thus far will be "grandfathered" onto the gold team.

However, advanced training within three years will be required to remain there. And those who fail to respond after four calls for help will be dropped to a lower level.

Baptists' disaster relief program brought praise from Don Jones, a vice president with the American Red Cross, featured guest speaker the second night.

Jones said Southern Baptists had cooked 80 percent of the 18 million meals the Red Cross has served since

New Kentucky Brotherhood officers

- President: Richard Easterling, Liberty.
- Vice president: Paul Anderson, Somerset.
- Secretary: Charles Miller, Hodgenville.
- Assistant secretary: Lewis Cook, Washington.
- Regional coordinators: Southwestern, Ralph McConnell, Hopkinsville; Southern, Micky Sutherland, Elizabethtown; North Central, Mike Klein, Lexington; Central, Brent Harris, Louisville; South Central, Randall Rogers, Greensburg; Southeastern, David Lyons, Barbourville; Northeastern, Harold Moore, Ashland; and Western, Bob Morrison, Madisonville.
- Other coordinators: "Experiencing God," Carl Powell, Richmond; marketplace, Don Putnam, Lexington; professional areas, James Everett, Frankfort; Hope for Homes, Ken Bullock, London; Baptist Builders, Tal Fannin, Murray; prayer/giving, Calvin Bohannon, Hardinsburg; prison ministries, Don Bratcher, Owensboro; music missions, G.T. Cowan, Winchester; disaster relief, Larry Koch, Campbellsville; lay revival, Mike Melloan, Owensboro; sports missions, Jerry Vittitoe, Louisville; medical/dental profession, Herbert Booth, Florence; and missions education, Glen Canada, Campbellsville.

Hurricane Bob in 1991.

"We absolutely could not feed the masses of people without the Baptist Brotherhood's effort," said Jones, a member of First Baptist Church in Springfield, Va.

Kentucky Brotherhood gave Jones a plaque in recognition for his contributions to disaster relief work. Other awards were given to the late Leroy Highbaugh of Louisville for lay renewal work and C.A. Easterling of Somerset, who was named "Outstanding Man of the Year."



LODGE DEDICATION Charles Osborne (left), chairman of Cumberland College's trustees, presents a plaque to Elenore and Peter Kleist during the dedication ceremony for the new Cumberland Lodge Oct. 10. The dedication ceremony included an announcement that the lodge's grand foyer would be named for the Kleists, whose support provided the leverage to make construction possible. The Kleists, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Fort Meyers, Fla., previously have provided scholarship and building support to Cumberland College and Ohio Wesleyan College. The Cumberland Lodge currently has 17 guest rooms, with 34 more rooms under construction. The rooms and adjacent meeting facilities are available to individuals and groups. The lodge also includes the Athenaeum Restaurant, which is open for lunch and dinner. The restaurant is appointed with elegant furnishings and large windows that allow a panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. The Kleist Foyer includes two huge fireplaces, a grand staircase and a dome painted with a mural of cherubs. The second level of the foyer is a balcony sitting room and continental breakfast area. The lodge and adjoining Cumberland Museum are located a few blocks from the campus and are visible from I-75. For information on reservations at the lodge, call (606) 539-4100.

BLUEGRASS BURGOU

■ **"Classic Copies" on display.** An exhibit titled "Classic Copies" is on display at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary through Dec. 13 in the North Gallery of the seminary's Campus Center. The exhibit features oil replicas of selected masterpieces from the history of Christian art. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays.

■ **Campbellsville alumni top goal.** Alumni of Campbellsville College have pledged \$818,839 toward the school's current capital campaign, surpassing a goal of \$800,000. When gifts of alumni contributed through other phases of the campaign are added, total alumni support amounts to \$1.5 million, said President Ken Winters.

■ **Visitation day planned.** Cumberland College offers a visitation day for high school juniors and seniors and their parents Oct. 29. The day's activities include information sessions, visits with current students, lunch, campus tours, financial aid information, departmental information sessions and a football game. For information, call (800) 343-1609.

■ **Ministers' wives to meet.** The annual fellowship dinner of Kentucky Baptist ministers' wives is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 5:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in Frankfort. Tickets are available in advance by sending \$10 per ticket to Mandy West, 3287 Bowie Court, Lexington, Ky. 40517-3909. Additional tickets will be sold at the convention for \$12 per person.

■ **Offering goal set.** Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has set a goal of \$950,000 for this year's

Thanksgiving Offering. The goal is \$50,000 higher than last year's, which Kentucky Baptists exceeded. The theme of this year's offering is "Thank You for Giving to the Lord."

■ **Galatians conference set.** A conference to prepare ministers to teach Galatians during the 1995 Midwinter Bible Study will be offered Nov. 3-4 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. David Dockery, vice president for academic administration and dean of the theology school, will be the primary conference leader. For registration information, call (502) 897-4315.

■ **Keyboard consultant named.** Nina Belle Durr has been named keyboard consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department. She is from Georgetown, where she serves as pianist at Faith Baptist Church. In her KBC role, Durr will plan annual keyboard festivals and coordinate clinics for church accompanists. For information, call (502) 245-4101.

■ **Witt elected.** Claude Witt, executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, has been elected vice president of the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

■ **Correction:** The recommendations of the Executive Board to the Kentucky Baptist Convention printed in last week's Western Recorder contained a typographical error. Recommendation No. 2 should have listed the Cooperative Program division of funds as 37 percent to Southern Baptist Convention causes and 63 percent to KBC causes.

OPINION

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

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Thanks, Kentucky

We wrote this letter to thank you in the Lord for the successful Kentucky-Brazil Partnership, for the love you revealed and for your missionary vision.

Our church feels the effects of the presence of the Kentucky Baptist missionary crew in our city. We praise the Lord for the brothers and sisters that came down to Brazil and for the pastors that were in charge.

The mission is working normally. We have already had a conference series, children's classes, and we have felt God's hands guiding us through the way.

We praise God for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and for the brothers that were touched by God to provide the labor. We don't know who bought material for the chapel, but our God knows, and we pray that God may bless them.

We know that all the people that participated in the partnership were chosen by God because now we're seeing the results. May our great God bless you all, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and all the related people who worked in this ministry.

*Jonas Honoratto
Colatina, Espirito Santo
Brazil*

Stay & pray

What I just read sounded like the Southern Baptist Annuity Board had not checked out all of the companies it invests in (WR, Sept. 27).

It doesn't matter if it's United Way or any other similar programs. I have been a Southern Baptist as long as I can remember. We do not support anything that has anything to do with abortion. That's taking a child's life. I

have been fighting against it for years; so have the people of my church.

Annuity Board representatives better implement a ban. It wouldn't be so hard for me to do so, but then I am a woman, I have been a Sunday school teacher, worked with the youth, messenger, and now I fight for abused children, the elderly and against abortion. I also fight against gay rights.

I have written to Clinton and told him I was praying for him and hoped he would change the bill about abortion. He needs prayer. The Southern Baptist Convention also needs prayer. Satan is trying to undermine the SBC. We have to stay together and pray for all.

*Audrey E. Holland
Mt. Sterling*

Sad, not amusing

Were it not for the serious nature of the Dr. Al Mohler-forced resignation of Dr. Molly Marshall from her position at Southern Seminary, the full-page affirmation ad (WR, Oct. 4) would be amusing.

Do the signees think just because they either agree with the result or simply ascribe to Dr. Mohler's authority to wield such power that it was the right, godly, Christian thing to do? Friends, one thing the history of the church in the world teaches us: When what we do seems to carry the weight of "public opinion," we are probably wrong. If we find ourselves choosing sides with the powers-that-be, we may be seeking temporal security which allows little room for reliance upon the Holy Spirit's guidance and provision.

From where I sit, feel free to purchase all the ad space in all the publi-

cations that will accept your business. It will not change the disapproval many other believers have with the seminary president's actions in this matter.

*Ed Canada
Middletown*

No affirmation

I, the undersigned, do not affirm the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. (WR, Oct. 4). I do not commend Mohler for his apparent lack of vision. I am deeply troubled and saddened by his interpretation and defense of the Abstract of Principles as he thinks the long-dead founding fathers of this once-world-renowned institution intended.

In exercising the responsibilities of his office, Dr. Mohler seems to display arrogance, not courage, and has definitely not acted in a Christ-like manner (e.g., "quit or be removed" is not an act of courage). I am ashamed of Dr. Mohler for the manner in which he views the accountability of his office to those who hired him.

In fulfilling his responsibilities, drastic mistakes have been made. Hence, greater conflict has erupted, deeper sadness has bellowed its lonely cry to the heavens, the priesthood of believers has been compartmentalized, and a slow, wailing dirge of lament has arisen over the beech trees. Yet, with all this, Dr. Mohler seems unable to see the long-term results of his actions and statements.

I, too, pledge my prayer support for Dr. Mohler, for the dearly-departed faculty and student body as he leads Southern into the 19th century. I, the undersigned, am definitely not convinced that "he should be here at all."

*Jeffrey M. Twyman
Louisville*

A family man

Each year at their annual meeting, Kentucky Baptists select one from among them to receive the mantle of president. The election Nov. 15 in Frankfort will mark the 13th president with whom it has been my privilege to serve.

The multitude of speaking engagements and committee meetings now behind, the president focuses on his address and the final details that require his attention. It's countdown time! Even so, our KBC president, Bob Browning, generously set aside a Saturday morning for some fellowship with me.

I had celebrated on Friday night the 90th anniversary of the Pulaski Baptist Association meeting. A traditionally strong Cooperative Program supporting association, Pulaski finished eighth this year among 78 associations. Our president's church, First Baptist of Somerset, ranked fifth among 2,300 KBC churches.

Bob picked me up at the motel, both of us in jogging suits. Have you ever had breakfast at Amon's Bakery in Somerset? Amon and Rosemary Stephens, members of First Baptist,

own and operate this pleasant and homey bakery-restaurant.

I dare not tell what I ate, and to top it off, I was given a carton crammed full of delectable pastries to take with me!

Appetites satisfied, we drove through town to their home for a three-mile walk in his neighborhood. After more than 12 years as pastor of

First Baptist, I shouldn't have been surprised that he could call folks by name as we passed them along the way. It reinforced my hunch that it is the pastors who stay a long time with a congregation who may have the most lasting impact, not only in the church but in the community. The neighborhood was quiet; the squawking of crows across a distant field a pleasant contrast with city noises.

We talked about his year as president; the many opportunities to speak across the state; the generosity of his church in permitting him to fulfill his responsibility. We talked about his love for the pastorate; his commitment to being shepherd; of wanting to keep the church focused on their mission.

Later I sat with Jackie and Bob around their table. And we talked

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some more—about their recent journey to Russia; their deepened commitment to missions and to the partnership concept. We talked of family; how quickly children fly the nest. Josh, their "youngest bird" nested on the couch behind us and ventured to the table on a couple of occasions. I admired the face he had carved in the Halloween pumpkin, the centerpiece of the table. A freshman, he would likely be the last of three to leave the nest.

Our conversation surfaced two special insights into our president's commitments to family: He makes a special effort to come home each day as his junior daughter and freshman son arrive from school; to "be there" for them. And, for bookmarks, this pastor uses pictures of Jackie and their children. At this stage of his life, Bob Browning has his priorities in order.

Shortly before noon, Bob drove me back to the motel. Soon I was headed toward Prestonsburg to meet Saturday and Sunday commitments. The mountains were ablaze with color.

Incidentally, if you have never driven east on Highway 80 in mid-October, with a big cup of milk and a box full of pastries, you haven't lived!

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FAMILY FORUM: MARRIAGE

Together

By Diana Garland

Q My wife and I have such different interests. We don't even like the same TV shows. We love one another deeply and enjoy one another's friendship, but I feel like we're missing something other couples have.

A No one has established how much togetherness and shared interests make for an optimal marriage, and for a very good reason. There simply is no such optimum.

Obviously, when we share the same values, we do not tend to have as much marital conflict over such matters as how to spend limited funds and what channel to watch on TV.

On the other hand, the kind of conflict that sometimes occurs when values clash can provide opportunity for both persons, through compromise and concern for the other, to grow and change.

The real measure is not how much we do together, but whether what we do together is that to which God calls us as a couple. Is our marriage fruitful? Are we ministering together as yoke-mates in caring for family, community and God's good creation? Do we celebrate the good gift we are to one another with frequent doses of playfulness?

In Ephesians 5, Paul describes marriage as a mirror of the sacrificial love of Christ for the church.

Are we being a picture of that kind of love, so that others can catch a glimpse of Jesus in how we care for one another?

Those questions are primary. If you are about the work God has given you to do as a couple, then all else will fall into place. It probably does not matter so much if you watch the same TV shows or not, or if you go to football games together or one of you goes with friends while the other does something else. Don't let the world tell you what an "ideal marriage" is. If you both sense that your marriage works, then rejoice. If one of you feels a need for more togetherness, then take the time to talk it through. Pray for guidance in centering your marriage in God's plan.

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

EDITORIALS

Stewardship reflects gratitude and love for God

As leaves turn golden and crimson and begin their gentle descent to earth, most Baptists know without a doubt what season it is: Budget planning and stewardship time. Autumn's cool breezes remind us a new year cannot be far behind, so churches start evaluating programs and figuring how much money they'll need to pay salaries, buy supplies and do ministries next year. And preachers mount up their courage, climb into their pulpits and preach sermons on stewardship.

Preaching about stewardship must be a daunting task. Imagine standing before a crowd that pays your salary and telling them God wants more. Not a pleasant thought. But those sermons are important in reminding God's people who and Whose we are.

As Christians, we operate within a different worldview than the secularism that defines most of society. One theologian has defined secularism as "the refusal to let God be God." It's a reliance on human beings and a faith that material things will provide meaning for life. As Christians, we understand this world and life itself are gifts from God, Who created all that is. We realize fulfillment in this life and hope for eternal life are found in Christ, Who redeemed all of creation from the idolatry and me-first selfishness of sin.

So, Christian stewardship isn't about figuring out how much money we must give to (a) keep the church afloat another year or (b) keep the

preacher off our backs. It's deciding how we can respond to God, Who gave us life and all we enjoy, and to Christ, Who gives life meaning. It's coming to some conclusions about how we can relate to God, Who loaned us all we call ours, and to Christ, Who loved us so much he gave his own life on our behalf.

Do you remember falling in love? Grateful for the love and attention of that special person, you schemed to show your love in abundance. Gifts, favors and time all were lavished upon your beloved, without counting the cost. That's a good picture of Christian stewardship. It's not just a feeling that we "ought" to tithe; it's a deep-dwelling desire to show our love for God. If we feel the depth of God's love expressed in the beauty of creation and the sacrifice of Christ, we will reciprocate by committing all that we have and all that we are to God's use every day.

Some people will say, "I love God, but I have expenses; I can't afford to tithe." Well, faith is a relationship that begins where you are. Give as you are able, but don't limit yourself to dollars-and-cents gifts. Offer your time, talents and energy to God. These gifts are vital in demonstrating our love for God and in extending the Kingdom of God to others. By expressing our love for God, we can become channels of God's blessing and love to others.

Marv Knox

When Christians reflect on how much God has done for us through the goodness of creation and the love of Christ's sacrifice, stewardship becomes the simple act of reciprocating that love, not only with our offerings, but also with the gifts of our time, talents and energy.

Cooperative Program funds a wide range of ministries with the SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention conducts ministry, evangelism, missions, education and benevolence across the United States and around the world. Southern Baptists number more than 15.4 million members in over 38,500 churches, 1,200 associations, 36 state conventions and three fellowships.

Southern Baptists work together in an extensive ministry that includes about 5,000 home missionaries and 4,000 foreign missionaries in more than 130 countries.

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This worldwide mission enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient and equitable Cooperative Program, which is being honored in Southern Baptist churches during October. A portion of the undesignated gifts of individuals received by SBC churches become Cooperative Program dollars. These churches send funds to their state conventions. A percentage of those receipts is forwarded to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to the SBC agencies and institutions. The Kentucky Baptist Convention

sends 37 percent of its undesignated receipts to the SBC and retains 63 percent for ministry in the state.

Financial cooperation enables Southern Baptists to support international and national mission ministries through the following Southern Baptist Convention entities:

■ Executive Committee, Nashville. The SBC's fiscal agent, which acts on behalf of the convention between annual meetings.

■ Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Coordinates the work of

about 4,000 missionaries, with a goal of 5,000 missionaries by the year 2000. The FMB ministry is supplemented by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

■ Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Supports almost 5,000 missionaries across the United States, Canada, American Samoa and the Caribbean. The HMB ministry also is supported by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

■ Annuity Board, Dallas. Provides retirement, insurance and financial programs to meet the needs of active

and retired ministers and denominational employees, seminarians and others. Also provides emergency assistance and relief to retired ministers, widows and children of deceased annuitants.

■ SBC seminaries—Golden Gate in Mill Valley, Calif.; Midwestern in Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans; Southeastern in Wake Forest, N.C.; Southwestern in Fort Worth, Texas; and Southern in Louisville—equip pastors, missionaries, church planters, educators, social workers, chaplains, counselors and musicians to share the gospel.

■ Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville. Provides investment and estate-planning services for SBC agencies, institutions and individuals, consistent with the highest ideals of Christian stewardship.

■ Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn. Challenges men and boys to learn about, pray for, give to and participate in missions.

■ Christian Life Commission, Nashville and Washington, D.C. Applies biblical, moral principles to life situations, addressing such issues as

abortion, AIDS, euthanasia, genetic engineering, alcohol and drug abuse, church and state separation, racial prejudice, gambling, poverty, pornography, domestic violence and business/government ethics.

■ Education Commission, Nashville. Provides support for the 71 affiliated colleges, universities, academies and Bible schools.

■ Historical Commission, Nashville. Conducts a program of recording, procurement, preservation and utilization of historical materials.

■ Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth. Ministers on 1,200 cable systems through the ACTS satellite network, supports the Family-Net broadcast program service; and presents the gospel through radio outlets nationwide and on Armed Forces Radio.

■ Stewardship Commission, Nashville. Promotes the Cooperative Program, and also leads in stewardship development and promotion of endowment and capital giving.

James Austin, vice president
SBC Stewardship Commission
Nashville

October is Cooperative Program Month in the Southern Baptist Convention.

As he waved his blazing stick, I knew I was meant to be a daddy of girls

In the interest of truth, allow me to cast aside political correctness and state an undeniable fact: Boys and girls are wayyyy different.

While the politically correct were holed up monitoring college lectures or doing whatever p.c.-ness mandates for splendid fall weekends, Molly and I joined 100 dads and their 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-year-old offspring out in the woods. We were attending the fall campout, the big event for the YMCA's Indian Princesses and Indian Guides.

The Y's idea is to provide dads and their young kiddoes with opportunities to do meaningful stuff together. So we break up into tribes (we're the Kiowa), and get together for fun at least once a month. Campouts are the ultimate deals, when we gath-

er at Camp Piomingo on the bluffs overlooking the Ohio River for a couple of days of togetherness communing with nature.

Tribes are segregated by gender, so tribal meetings are daddy-and-daughter or daddy-and-son affairs. But the campouts bring entire nations of tribes together, which means girls and boys both accompany their dads into the woods. There, along with learning to make necklaces out of leather, even not-so-astute observers of the human condition can detect significant dif-

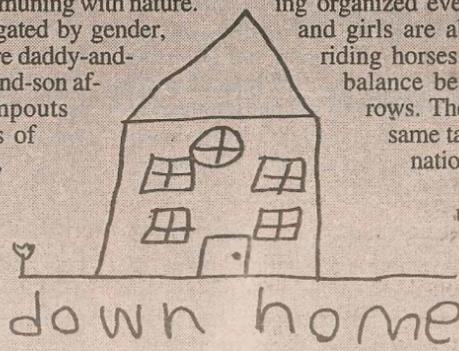
ferences between girls and boys.

The differences aren't so apparent during organized events. At this age, boys and girls are about equally adept at riding horses, running, walking on balance beams and shooting arrows. They also have about the same table manners and inclination to avoid bathing.

The differences show up during free time.

Girls are noisier; boys are more dangerous. Girls organize games of pretend; boys thrive on chaos.

This was our fourth campout, and the



same thing has happened every time. When scheduled activities are over, girls head for the cabin, and boys make a beeline for the fire. The girls can break your eardrums with their yelling and racket. But boys can stop your heart; they poke the fire, jump over the fire, stick sticks in the fire and carry fire around with them.

Watching kids at camp is almost a primal experience. You can understand how, in primitive societies, men became the hunters and fighters, while women became the tenders and nurturers.

And you can understand why, in modern society, mothers send dads out into the woods with their offspring while they enjoy peace and quiet at home.

Marv Knox

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Dahmer baptized.** Convicted serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was baptized recently by a minister of the Church of Christ. Dahmer, 33, is serving 16 consecutive life sentences for the gruesome murders of 17 young men. Roy Ratcliff, who baptized Dahmer in a whirlpool at the Columbia Correctional Center in southeast Wisconsin, said he is convinced Dahmer has made a genuine commitment to God.

■ **Harris to have surgery.** Five-time Grammy and 10-time Dove winner Larnelle Harris is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery in December. As a result, Harris will miss this year's "Young Messiah" tour for the first time since the tour's inception in 1990. Doctors say Harris, a Louisville resident, will have a 12-week recovery period and could be back on the road by spring.

■ **Abortion loophole found.** Abortion clinics in Pennsylvania have found a way around a new state law which requires doctors to notify women orally of risks and alternatives at least 24 hours before an abortion. Patients can dial up a three-minute recorded message from a doctor by telephone the day before their appointment, technically fulfilling the notification requirement. A spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office said the practice violates at least the spirit of the law, if not the letter.

■ **You can call her Patty.** Singer Sandi Patti is now Sandi Patty. The award-winning gospel artist was born into the Patty family, but when promotional materials came out for her first album, a misprint changed the last letter of her name. "People thought it was the cutest thing," she explained. "My name didn't mean as much to me then, and it seemed like a hassle to change it." But now, the singer said, she realizes family names are important, and therefore she decided to make the switch.

■ **Focus says family not dead.** In an unusual twist, Focus on the Family wants a more liberal definition of "family" than the U.S. government. Focus on the Family has criticized a recent report by the U.S. Census Bureau, which suggests the traditional family is becoming obsolete. According to the Census Bureau, only half of U.S. children live in "traditional nuclear families." But such families are defined by the Census Bureau in a way to exclude adoptive parents, widowed single spouses, families blended due to death, foster parents and families with other relatives living in the home. Focus on the Family says a more important statistic is that three-fourths of American children still live with two parents.

■ **Teacher fired.** A high school teacher who refused to provide his students a minute for silent reflection at the start of the school day was fired by the Gwinnett County School Board in Georgia Sept. 22. Brian Brown, who taught American government at South Gwinnett High School, said a new law requiring a moment of silence was an unconstitutional attempt to return prayer to public schools.

■ **2 million gather at poles.** An estimated 2 million students across the nation gathered to pray before the start of school Sept. 21 as part of the "See You at the Pole" emphasis, according to National Network of Youth Ministries.

■ **Virgins take out ad.** Five high school seniors from First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., made a bold statement for sexual abstinence last spring. After signing "True Love Waits" pledge cards with about 650 others from their church's youth group, the students discovered a way to tell students at Dr. Phillips High School about their commitment to abstain from sex outside marriage. Robby Hurd, Toby Ayers, Bobby Fritts, Brad Crosby and Justin Carpenter purchased a full-page in the school's yearbook to tell about the pledge each of them had taken. "We decided this would be a good way to take a stand," Hurd said. "It held us accountable to the whole school."

Panel recommends embryo experiments

WASHINGTON—A government panel has recommended approval of federal funding for experimentation on early human embryos, saying embryos do not have the same "moral status" as infants and children.

The report, written after four months of work by a 19-member National Institutes of Health Human Embryo Research Panel, recommends research on embryos produced by in vitro fertilization or flushed from the woman prior to implantation in her uterus.

The panel recommended research be limited to the first 14 days of the embryo's life but allowed for some exceptions.

The panel classified types of embryo research in three categories: Ac-

ceptable for funding; warranting additional review; and unacceptable. Among research the panel found acceptable were studies on improving the possibility of a successful pregnancy, research on fertilization and genetic diagnosis.

Federal funding of embryo research has, in effect, been prohibited since 1979.

The report must be reviewed by the advisory committee to the director of the National Institutes of Health. In a meeting Dec. 1 and 2, the committee will present its recommendations to the director, Harold Varmus.

A public comment period is open until Nov. 1. Written comments may be sent to: Division of Science Policy Analysis and Development, National

Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 1- Room 218, Bethesda, Md. 20892.

A spokesman for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said he hopes Christians will flood the government agency with protests.

Every citizen should express "moral outrage" to the National Institutes of Health, President Clinton and Congress, said Ben Mitchell, CLC consultant on biomedical and life issues.

"Embryos are not static entities," Mitchell said. "They are developing human beings in a dynamic process of growth—unless killed. It is clearly wrong to create a human person with the express purpose of killing her."

Based on a Baptist Press report

Doctor performs drug-induced abortions

NEW YORK (ABP)—RU-486, the French abortion pill, is still illegal in the United States, but a New York gynecologist says he has found a way to terminate pregnancies with other drugs that are readily available in U.S. pharmacies.

The New York Times reported Oct. 10 that the doctor, Richard Hausknecht, a long-time abortion rights activist, claims to have performed 126 abortions using a combination of two drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The procedure, which is effective only in the first eight weeks of pregnancy, involves an injection of methotrexate, a drug that inhibits tissue growth and has been used in treatment of tumors, followed four days

later by a suppository of misoprostol, a drug approved for preventing stomach ulcers but used also to hasten labor for pregnant women.

Typically, the drugs, like RU-486, causes a miscarriage within three days. Hausknecht said the drugs alone worked in 121 of the cases and in five cases surgery was needed to complete the procedure.

Hausknecht told the newspaper his goal is "to show the medical community that there is a safe, simple, effective, legal technique of terminating pregnancies that is private and inexpensive."

Once a drug is marketed, physicians are allowed to use it for "off label" purposes as well, an FDA spokesman told the Times, but con-

tended that women should be made aware that Hausknecht's procedure is experimental.

Another doctor studying the drugs for use in abortions, Mitchell Creinin at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, labeled Hausknecht's treatment "unethical" and "using humans as guinea pigs for unproven treatment."

Hausknecht said he does not believe he needs FDA approval to perform the procedure, but he formally requested it anyway in September. The agency is required to rule on such requests within 30 days. He said he expects it to be approved.

Comments should be directed to the Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.

Bill introduced on religious freedom at work

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A New York congressman introduced a bill Oct. 6 designed to protect religious freedom in the workplace.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., introduced the Workplace Religious Freedom Act (H.R. 5233).

If approved, the bill would amend Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the requirement that employers attempt to accommodate the religious practices of employees.

Title VII requires employers to accommodate an employee's religious practices unless such action poses an undue hardship on the business.

But Nadler said that protection has been eroded by two recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

"This anti-discrimination statute was designed to ensure that religious Americans not be forced to choose between their jobs and their religious obligations—such as observing the Sabbath or other religious days, or wearing religiously mandated articles," Nadler said. "Title VII struck a reasonable balance between the religious rights of working people and the needs of private business."

"Unfortunately, in two separate decisions, the Supreme Court upset this delicate balance."

In *Trans World Airlines vs. Hardison*, the court effectively relieved employers of any meaningful obligation to accommodate the religious practices of their employees, he said. And in *Ansonia Board of Education vs. Philbrook*, the court ruled that any reasonable accommodation satisfies the Title VII requirement, meaning the employer did not have to consider more onerous alternatives suggested by the employee, he said.

"Accommodating the religious practices of employees is fair, reasonable, good business sense and entirely feasible in the workplace," he added.

New U.S. law will impact some church drivers

WASHINGTON (BP)—A law enacted by Congress and published by the Department of Transportation in February will require drug and alcohol testing on all drivers who operate buses or vans and who are required to have a commercial driver's license.

That includes all churches and other charitable organizations, which are considered "nonbusiness private motor carriers of passengers" by the federal motor carrier safety regulations.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 1995, for organizations with more than 50 drivers, and Jan. 1, 1996, for those with fewer than 50 drivers.

Vehicles included in the regulations are those designed to carry more than 15 passengers including the driver, or that have a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds. Many church vans are not impacted by the regulations, but most church buses will be included.

To be in compliance with the new laws, churches will have to have qualified drivers, comply with the hours of service requirements and maintain their vehicles.

Churches will not have to maintain driver qualification files, records of duty status or most maintenance records.

Although the laws for church vehicles do not require record keeping, churches are required to register with the Federal Highway Administration and mark their vehicles with the church or organization name, city, state and DOT number.

Registration is done by filling out and submitting Form MCS-150 to a local bureau of motor carrier safety office.

Additional information is available from the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Motor Carrier Standards, Room 3107, 400 Seventh St. S.W., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4023.

Juanita Spicer dies

LOUISVILLE—Juanita Spicer, longtime secretary to former Western Recorder Editor C.R. Daley, died Oct. 8 in Louisville after a long battle with cancer. She was 76.

Spicer served the Western Recorder from 1966 until 1984.

She was a native of Trimble County and earlier had been secretary for Beechwood Baptist Church in Louisville. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church.

During funeral services Oct. 10, Daley eulogized her as a dedicated employee and lay minister who loved to study and teach the Bible.

Spicer was preceded in death by her husband, Pete. She is survived by two sons, Phillip Spicer and Danny Spicer; a sister, Dorothy Smalley; a brother, Donald Arnette; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paducah crusade praised for integration

PADUCAH—An interdenominational crusade in Paducah last week also turned out to be an inter-racial success story.

"It is rare to look out and see a crowd that is as racially mixed as the one I'm seeing in Paducah," evangelist E.V. Hill said of the event. "I'll be talking about Paducah for a long time."

Hill, a black Baptist pastor from Los Angeles, drew crowds of 4,000 to 5,000 people each night of the Oct. 11-15 crusade at the Mid-America Expo Center. Hill was invited to Paducah by a coalition of area churches and business organizations, as well as the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce.

Several pastors among the organizers said Hill's message of racial harmony and reconciliation through Jesus Christ was good medicine to counter several recent incidents of racial tension in West Kentucky.

The Paducah crusade was "more racially mixed than what I would see in New York, and that is where inte-

gration is said to have begun," Hill said.

"But I think it is evidence that we are seeing more efforts of integration and cooperation in the South, where the stereotype is separation. I think it is because preachers are no longer preaching separation but are preaching togetherness," he explained.

That kind of pastoral support made the Paducah crusade a success, said Hill, who normally preaches to either all-white or all-black audiences.

He praised white pastors in Paducah for following the lead of black pastors, who organized the crusade.

"Generally, the white preachers will send their fraternal greetings. It is unique here that the white preachers have not only made announcements about the crusade but urged their members to come and their choirs to sing. That type of cooperation is something we don't even get in Billy Graham crusades."

Hill also praised the Paducah community for its unique cooperation be-

tween business and religious leaders.

The pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Los Angeles told the Kentucky crowd about his unusual experiences ministering to people of diverse backgrounds.

He said his church has committees made up of former prostitutes, pimps, alcoholics and even "one transvestite who is a committee of one."

These people now minister to others afflicted by the same problems they used to have, Hill said.

"People have to be saved where they are," he explained. "Whatever God has delivered you out of, I want you to talk about it."

He urged Christians to "come out of the closet" with their faith.

And, he said, Christians must realize that all people, regardless of skin color, are the same family. "They've got different color skin, but they're all kin," he said.

Based primarily on information provided courtesy of Bill Bartleman and Robin Divine of the Paducah Sun

Pastors' Conference to feature Blackaby

"Experiencing God Again" is the theme for this year's Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, which will include two messages from Henry Blackaby, co-author of the popular "Experiencing God" curriculum.

The Pastors' Conference will meet Nov. 14 at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort, beginning at 1:15 p.m. and concluding at 9:30 p.m.

Blackaby, a prayer specialist employed jointly by several Southern Baptist Convention agencies, will speak during both the afternoon and

evening sessions.

Larry Lewis, president of the SBC Home Mission Board, also will speak in both sessions, first on "Experience God Through Missions" and second on "Experience a New Vision."

Other speakers include Bill Jagers, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's evangelism office, and James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga.

Jagers, who is heading statewide participation in the SBC's 1995 simultaneous witnessing effort, will speak on "Experiencing Here's

Hope" in the afternoon session.

Merritt, a popular preacher and current member of the SBC Executive Committee, will speak on "Experience a Fresh Anointing" in the evening session.

The conference also will include a number of musical presentations, congregational singing and election of new officers.

This year's officers, who planned the program, are President Paul Blizard of Paducah, Vice President Rodney Burnette of Louisville and Secretary Dewey Keys of Glendale.

Littauer inspires women at Paducah event

By Tracey Buchanan
State Correspondent

PADUCAH—With a blend of humorous and poignant stories, Florence Littauer challenged and inspired more than 350 women at the third annual women's conference at First Baptist Church of Paducah Sept. 23-25.

The conference, titled "Celebrate! Rejoice in the Lord Always," drew participants from 10 states, but primarily from West Kentucky.

"It was a tremendous success," said Brenda McElroy, co-chair of the conference. "Society sends women so many messages about who they ought to be and how they should perform that the result is confusion and stress. This conference was designed to give

women a break from all that hits them day in and day out. It was a chance for them to relax and receive some inspiration."

Littauer said she believes women need to overcome society's old lessons and use their intelligence, common sense and intuition.

"We as women need to accept responsibility for our lives," she explained. "We need to be able to adjust to our situations and not be happy only if everything is just right."

"Many of us spend our whole lives blaming our situation on someone else. We need to stop blaming and move on to take constructive action for the areas that need to be repaired."

She encouraged women not only to build up each other, but also their children, their husbands and others.

Littauer is a speaker and author of 20 books. She and her husband, Fred, travel extensively speaking to Christian groups.

"We were thrilled to have someone of Florence's magnitude come to Paducah," said Erin McCallon of First Baptist Church. "She is a dynamic lady—very funny, intelligent and insightful."

Christian artist Cynthia Clawson also performed an hour-long concert during the conference. Woman also were able to choose between six special-interest seminars.

One of the main benefits of the experience was mutual encouragement, said Sharon Carpenter, co-chair of the conference. "Being around other women and realizing I'm not alone encourages me."

Professor recommends sending students paper

FORT WORTH, Texas—A professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has urged Kentucky Baptists to provide the Western Recorder for Kentuckians who attend the Fort Worth school.

Royce Rose, an associate professor of administration, noted the gift subscriptions should be seen as an investment in leadership.

"Southwestern Seminary has students who call your convention home

and students who leave here to serve in your state," he said. "As one who teaches denominational polity and administration, I would like to call on the churches to help us complete the education of your students. ...

"It would seem appropriate for each church in Kentucky who sends its men and women to Southwestern or other seminaries to keep its students informed by providing these students with information about Bap-

tists. A gift subscription to the Western Recorder is a small investment in those who will lead our churches and denomination."

Rose issued his plea through an open letter.

Western Recorder gift subscriptions cost \$10.60 per year and may be ordered by calling (502) 244-6470 or writing to the Recorder's circulation department at Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Mercer sends nine to Idaho.** Nine Kentucky pastors recently led simultaneous revivals in Idaho as part of a coordinated effort by Mercer Baptist Association. The association paid most of the expenses as a way of supporting the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. Participants in the recent revivals were Mark Baldauff of Calvary Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Bob DeFoor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Art Hardin of Kirkwood Baptist Church in Salvisa, Don Reed of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Lewis Walter of Pioneer Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Lester Caldwell of Northside Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Richard Collins of Fairlane Baptist Church in Alexandria, Dale Denton of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Danville and Bob Jones of Lawrenceburg. "Overall it was a great week in Idaho for these pastors, and the Lord really changed their lives as well as the lives of the individuals in the church in Idaho," Hardin reported.

■ **Davis Memorial on upswing.** Davis Memorial Baptist Church in Louisville has experienced growth at the site it nearly abandoned in a desperate move to survive. Instead of moving, the church stayed put and rebounded with new vigor, Associate Pastor Wes Brockway said in a recent interview with the Louisville Courier-Journal. Attendance has risen from about 25 two years ago to more than 70 today, and the congregation recently dedicated its renovated facilities. "We feel like the Lord has blessed us," said Pastor Craig Smith. "We're thankful for that."

■ **Kentuckians to Antigua.** Thirteen members of two Kentucky Baptist churches spent a week as volunteer missionaries on the Caribbean island of Antigua this summer. The volunteers from Calvary Baptist Church in Glasgow and Hardyville Baptist Church of Hardyville worked in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to lead vacation Bible schools and revival services. They worked with 997 children in the Bible school. The pastor of the Antigua church where the Kentucky teams worked, Mark Azille, is to speak at Calvary Baptist Church Oct. 20-23. He will lead a revival meeting and speak about his work on the island. For information, call (502) 651-8572.

■ **Cumberland honors grads.** Cumberland College has added Robert J. Day, ('84) pastor of Alliance Bible Church in Anchorage, Alaska, and David Emmert, ('85) a Southern Baptist missionary to Ethiopia, to its Alumni Hall of Fame.



■ **Here's help!** Minister search committees don't have to go it alone. Help is available from the Kentucky Baptist Convention's minister/church support office. This office maintains files of current resumes for pastors, ministers of music, ministers of education, ministers of youth, ministers to children, ministers to senior adults, ministers of recreation and ministers of administration. This KBC office can provide additional guidance for search committees, including statistics on salaries paid by churches of comparable size. Call (502) 245-4101.

■ **Free gift** The Kentucky Baptist Foundation has a free gift for everyone who stops by their exhibit during the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in Frankfort Nov. 14-16. Look in messenger packets for more information.

■ **Music planning** It's not too early to begin planning to participate in the annual State Youth Choir Festival Feb. 24-25, State Handbell Festivals March 4 and March 18, or Kentucky All-State Children's Choir. See the display information on this page for dates and deadlines.

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

EVENTS

PARENTS, CHILDREN, MUSIC LEADERS

Audition for All-State Children's Choir

If your child loves to sing, don't miss the opportunity to help him or her audition for the Kentucky All-State Children's Choir.

This 71-voice, auditioned choir for children in grades four through six is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department. Any child active in a children's choir at a Kentucky Baptist church is welcome to audition.

Children selected for this year's choir will gather for a retreat at Cedarvale Baptist Assembly April 21-23. The retreat will conclude with the children leading in a Sunday morning worship service and giving a Sunday evening concert.

The All-State Children's Choir gives children an opportunity to sing with other highly motivated and talented young musicians, learn from an excellent choral conductor and meet new friends from all over the state.

It also strengthens the children's choir programs in participating local churches.

This year's retreat leaders are June Bailey, conductor, KBC children's music consultant; and Paula Roberts, accompanist.

■ **Auditions:** Children's choir di-



rectors from each church must send an audition tape of interested children from their churches to the KBC church music department no later than Jan. 20. For information on how to prepare the audition tape, call the church

music department at (502) 245-4101.

■ **Fee:** There is no fee to audition. However, children selected for the choir will be asked to pay about \$65 to cover meals and lodging for the retreat, cost of music and a shirt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bring everyone to church Oct. 30

Super Sunday, the statewide high attendance day in Sunday school, is less than two weeks away.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, Baptist churches across the state will strive to have their highest attendance ever in Sunday school. The statewide goal is 200,000 people in Sunday school.

Remember these tips to prepare for a happy day in Sunday school on Super Sunday:

■ Begin contacting inactive church members, inactive Sunday school members and prospects now.

■ Ask every class to set an attendance goal that is "more than ever before."

■ Set a church-wide goal.

■ Ask classes to set a goal for total contacts.

A reminder to Sunday school leaders: Call your associational office at the designated time on Sunday afternoon to report attendance figures. Associational offices will report to the KBC Sunday school department from 4:30-6 p.m.

FAMILY MINISTERS, CHURCH STAFF, DEACONS

How will the church respond to divorce?

Last year in Kentucky, 21,711 marriages ended in divorce.

These 43,422 adults and their 16,844 children lived through one of life's greatest traumas and perhaps had no place to find spiritual help.

Your church could provide help and hope to these broken families through a divorce recovery ministry. To find out how, attend a divorce recovery leadership training event planned for Jan. 27-28 by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

Workshop leaders and their topics:
■ James Stillwell, minister with sin-

gle adults at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, keynote speaker, focusing on the basics of a divorce recovery ministry.

■ Tina Cundiff, director of children's ministries at Immanuel Baptist Church, on how to help children cope with divorce.

■ Mike Thomason, pastor of Temple Hill Baptist Church near Glasgow, with an inspirational message about the need for divorce recovery.

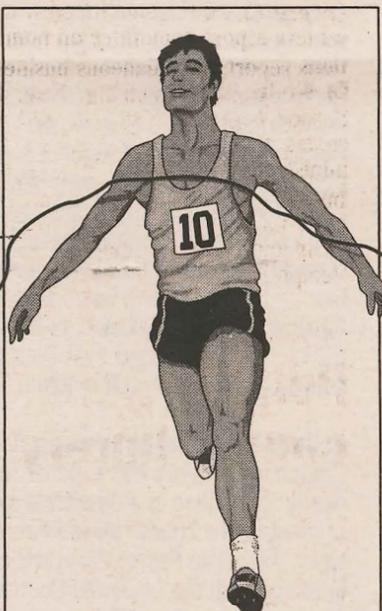
■ Bonnie Booher, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, with a testimony about her participation in a divorce recovery ministry.

■ **Date and times:** Jan. 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

■ **Place:** Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, 3728 Taylorsville Rd., Louisville.

■ **Cost:** \$25, which covers the cost of two resource books, refreshments and a continental breakfast. A special fee of \$7 is available for anyone who already has the books.

■ **Registration:** Pre-register by sending your name, address, phone number, church name and fee to the KBC Family Ministry Department, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253.



Annual Fun Run & Health Walk

■ **What:** A 5K (two mile) course for runners, joggers and walkers.

■ **When:** Tuesday, Nov. 15, during the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in Frankfort. The event begins at 7:15 a.m.

■ **Where:** Meet at the front of the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn.

■ **Why:** Live longer, work off the fat from Monday night banquets, feel good about yourself and have fun!

■ **Information:** Contact Tom Smoot, Kentucky Baptist Convention, (502) 245-4101.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING LEADERS, CHURCH STAFF

'M' Night's motivation should be no mystery

What's an M Night? It doesn't stand for Monday, although some happen then. It doesn't stand for money, because it doesn't cost anything to attend. So just what is an M Night?

The "M" stands for mobilization, and it's an annual discipleship training event held in Baptist associations nationwide. These associational events draw a combined annual attendance greater than the SBC annual meeting.

The theme of this year's rallies is "Disciple All: Evangelize the Lost."

M Nights are held in each association on different dates, but they generally share some common characteristics. This year's events will provide information about resources such as:

■ Bible drills.

■ "TeamKID," a new weekday program for children.

■ "FirstPlace," an outreach tool that helps people live more healthy and

productive lives.

■ "Baptist Adults," a resource now available in an attractive multi-color design.

■ "Fresh Encounter," a resource to lead your church in spiritual renewal.

■ "Mind of Christ," a scriptural process by which believers learn to conform their thoughts and character to be more like Jesus.

■ "Witnessing through Your Relationships," a course to help adults recognize and utilize witnessing opportunities.

■ "Learning to Share My Faith," a revised, easy-to-use course in six sessions.

■ "KidShare," a 12-week support group for children whose parents are divorced.

■ "Recovering from the Losses of Life," a process to help individuals understand stages of grief.

■ "Conquering Chemical Dependency," a course to guide chemically dependent people as they acknowledge

their addiction, deal with guilt and depend on God to restore them.

For information about the M Night in your area, contact your associational office.



EVENTS



What to know before you go

Convention sessions will be held in the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

Limited paid parking is available at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza. Free parking is available at Broadway and Wilkinson streets, close to the Kentucky River, between Wilkinson and the Kentucky River across the the Holiday Inn, adjacent lots off Mero Street during evening hours.

During the lunch break on Tuesday only, 350 boxes lunches will be available in the Civic Center for \$7 each. Tickets for the boxes lunches will be sold during registration on Monday.

Restaurants within walking distance of the Civic Center include Gabrielle's and Checkers in the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza. A guide to other restaurants will be distributed in messenger packets given out at registration.

Messenger cards are available from the Baptist Building by calling Pat Beverly at (502) 245-4101, ext. 254.

Hotel space is still available, although the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza is full. For information about available rooms, call Denise Withers at (502) 245-4101, ext. 211.

CONVENTION MESSENGERS

KBC annual meeting set for Nov. 15-16

The 157th annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will convene Nov. 15-16 at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

To be seated as a messenger, individuals must present an authorized messenger registration card indicating election as a messenger by a cooperating Baptist church.

Requirements for messengers are as follows:

Each church with 100 members or less which is sympathetic with the work of the KBC and has contributed to the work of the KBC during the previous fiscal year is allowed two messengers.

Qualified churches are allowed one additional messenger for every 250 members beyond the initial 100 or for every \$250 contributed to the Cooperative Program in the previous fiscal year.

No church will be allowed more than 10 messengers.

Messenger registration cards are available from the KBC Executive Board by writing to Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40243, or calling (502) 245-4101.

Here is a summary of the annual meeting program:

Tuesday morning, Nov. 15. Session begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. Appointment of committees; appointment of tellers; credentials committee report; committee on order of business report; theme inter-

pretation by Mike Williams and Bill Jagers; reports on foreign missions, Woman's Missionary Union, home missions, Cooperative Program, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College; music by choir of First Baptist Church of Somerset; president's address by Bob Browning.

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 15. Session begins at 1:15 p.m. and concludes at 4:40 p.m. Report on Cumberland College; Executive Secretary-Treasurer's report by Bill Marshall; presenta-

Wednesday morning, Nov. 16. Session begins at 8:50 a.m. and concludes at noon. Theme interpretation by Mike Williams and Bill Jagers; reports from Western Recorder, Campbellsville College, conventionwide education, Baptist Healthcare System; resolutions committee report; arrangements committee report; music by choir of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington; convention sermon by Billy Compton.

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16.



tion on Kentucky-Russia partnership; music by Russian Baptist Good News Musicians; constitution and bylaws committee report; election of president; Executive Board report and recommendations; motions and resolutions.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. Session begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9:05 p.m. reports from KBC church growth and administration division, KBC public affairs committee and Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; election of officers; music by Kentucky Baptist Chorale and Kentucky Baptist Singing Women; message by Calvin Miller.

Session begins at 1:50 p.m. and concludes at 4:50 p.m. Reports on Temperance League, KBC missions and evangelism division, Christian education, Historical Commission, Oneida Baptist Institute; music by Georgetown College Chorale; committee on committees report; committee on nominations report; miscellaneous business.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 16. Session begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:45 p.m. Reports on KBC minister/church support division, KBC business division; miscellaneous business; music by Franklin Association choir and orchestra; message by Ken Hemphill.

KBC Calendar

- October 21-22**
 - Ministers' Wives Retreat at Cedarmore
 - Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women Retreat at Jonathan Creek
- October 22-23**
 - Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women Retreat at Jonathan Creek
- October 24**
 - School of Discipleship at Stanford Baptist Church
- October 24-25**
 - State Senior Adult Choir Festival at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green
- October 27-30**
 - Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union executive board meeting at Cedarmore

- October 30**
 - Sunday school high attendance day
- November 6-12**
 - Royal Ambassador Week
- November 10**
 - KBC committee on nominations meeting at Baptist Building
- November 11-12**
 - Acteens Leaders Retreat
- November 12**
 - Disaster relief training at South Fork Baptist Church in Hodgenville
- November 13**
 - American Bible Society Day
- November 14**
 - KBC credentials committee meeting in Frankfort
 - KBC Executive Board meeting in Frankfort

- November 15-16**
 - Kentucky Baptist Music Conference at Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort
 - Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association meeting at Crestwood Baptist Church in Frankfort
 - Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions Fellowship meeting at First Baptist Church of Frankfort
 - Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference at Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center
- November 20-23**
 - Foreign missions study
- November 29**
 - KBC Executive Board nominating committee meeting at Baptist Building

MEDIA LIBRARIANS Help for your church library

Almost everything you ever wanted to know about the ministry of a church media library will be yours to check out at the Church Media Library Workshop Oct. 22.

This workshop is designed for anyone with a responsibility for or interest in church media libraries. Participants will receive instruction in basic and advanced aspects of church media library work, find help for problem-solving and acquire new materials.

Leaders include Floyd Simpson, Baptist Sunday School Board; Norma Benton, president of Kentucky Baptist Media Library Association; Margie Bowling, Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville; Keith Freeman, videographer; Nancy Hasting, Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville; and Paul Bowling, book repairer.

Date and time: Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Place: Erlanger Baptist Church, 127 Erlanger Rd., Erlanger.
Registration: \$10 at the door, which includes lunch, informational materials and a \$2 book store coupon.
Contact: Ruby Morgan, Kentucky Baptist Convention media department, (502) 245-4101.

Library learning
 The Church Media Library Workshop, scheduled for Oct. 22 at Erlanger Baptist Church in Erlanger, will offer guidance to both beginning and experienced church media librarians. For information, call Ruby Morgan at (502) 245-4101.

Be there!
 Sunday, Oct. 30, is high attendance day in Sunday school across the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The statewide goal is 200,000 people attending Sunday school that day.

Watch for 'M' Night
 Anyone interested in discipleship will find help and inspiration at associational M Nights being held across the state this fall. Check with your association for dates and times of the discipleship training rally in your area.

Run for fun!
 The annual Fun Run/Health Walk during the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15. To participate, meet at the front of the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn in Frankfort.

Divorce recovery
 A training workshop for leaders of divorce recovery programs will be offered Jan. 27-28 at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church in Louisville. For information, call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department at (502) 245-4101.

BAPTISTS

Southern dedicates new Graham School

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Amid professors clad in full academic regalia and with seminary trustees looking on, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary dedicated its Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth Oct. 12.

"I stand here and testify we will share Christ's love in a way that all that we say and do will reach out in his name," said Thom Rainer, dean of the Billy Graham School. "I stand here and testify that we will do missions and evangelism with the firm biblical conviction that the lost are indeed lost without Christ. We will be urgent."

Nevertheless, he said, the Graham school will "not operate from the posture of pride or power but from the servant posture and prayer."

The school's formation was announced in October 1993 on the eve of the inauguration of seminary President Al Mohler. It is the only school the evangelist has allowed to carry his name.

In February, Mohler chose Rainer, pastor of Green Valley Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and the author of five books on evangelism, to lead the new school. It began operation in August with an enrollment of 61 students and eight professors.

FMB missionaries to get pay raise

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees voted Oct. 12 for the first across-the-board pay raise for missionaries since 1991 and heard the denomination's president challenge Southern Baptists not to splinter their giving to the Cooperative Program unified budget.

Trustees also unanimously elected David Button of Canton, N.Y., as vice president for public relations and development and applauded the naming of Louis Moore of Nashville as associate vice president for communications and director of news and information.

In other action during their Oct. 10-12 meeting, trustees:

■ Appointed 39 people to missionary service.

■ Projected long-range administrative changes for Europe.

■ Authorized a study of the board's policy prohibiting hiring of more than

one person from the same family on the FMB staff.

■ Revised its policy for handling missionary terminations or resignations related to lifestyle and performance issues.

The missionary pay raise came as trustees approved a 1995 budget of \$186.2 million, including a previously unallocated \$1.5 million in receipts from the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program.

"We've said missionaries will get a raise when Southern Baptists give the Foreign Mission Board a raise," said Carl Johnson, FMB vice president for finance. "They've done that."

The pay raise, to take effect Jan. 1, will amount to \$60 a month for each missionary couple, \$36 a month for single missionaries, \$32.40 for shorter-term International Service Corps couples and \$19.80 for ISC singles.

In a separate action, trustees granted FMB staff a one-time payment of

\$600 in December. Staff salaries have fallen behind cost-of-living increases over the past decade.

SBC President Jim Henry of Orlando, Fla., appealed for Southern Baptists not to tamper with the Cooperative Program.

Henry urged those in Southern Baptist institutions and state conventions who would fragment and "overreact to what's gone on" in the SBC's theological and political controversy to "stay the course" and help focus Southern Baptist resources on the task of reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

In other board action, trustees voted to delay the process of forming separate administrations for Eastern and Western Europe. About 18 months ago they directed staff members to begin studying how and when such action would take place. But the process lost steam as Rankin came to the board several months later and reorganized overseas operations.

Baptist missionaries returning to Haiti

DAVIE, Fla. (BP)—Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board personnel who left Haiti during the summer finally returned to the island nation Oct. 13 to prepare for relief projects involving at least 150 Southern Baptist volunteers.

The missionaries planned to arrive in Haiti about 12 hours after the leader of Haiti's military junta—Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras—left for exile in Panama. The group includes missionaries Mark and Peggy Rutledge, International Service Corps volunteers Ed and Mary Brentham and journeyman Todd Lowe.

They flew from Miami to Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, aboard American Airlines, which resumed flights to

Haiti Oct. 12. U.S.-based commercial airlines hadn't traveled there since the United States banned air traffic to and from the Caribbean nation June 25.

The Southern Baptist team will pave the way for upcoming relief projects in Haiti sponsored by the FMB and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

"Pray for our safety, but especially for wisdom," said Mrs. Rutledge before leaving for Haiti. "There are so many needs and we should be very sensitive to what the Lord would have us do in setting priorities."

Eventually, at least 150 volunteers are expected to work in projects such as food distribution, water well repair and water purification, medical care

and construction. Volunteers may begin working in Haiti by late October, said Ronald Wilson, who directs FMB mission work in the Caribbean.

The FMB has contributed \$386,000 for the relief effort and more than \$400,000 for a two-year project in water well repair. The Brotherhood Commission is enlisting volunteers.

Qualified volunteers for the Haiti relief projects may call the Brotherhood Commission at (800) 280-1891 or (901) 722-3787. Financial contributions for the projects may be sent to the FMB's human needs department at Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230-0767 or to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Baptist Joint Committee back on its feet, Dunn reports

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Baptist Joint Committee is back on its feet financially after losing the support of its largest member-denomination three years ago, Executive Director James Dunn told his board of directors in their annual meeting Oct. 3-4.

The Southern Baptist Convention, a founder of the BJC and member for more than 50 years, withdrew its \$400,000 in annual support in the early 1990s and established a more conservative voice in Washington through the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Cash reserve funds dropped to about \$30,000 last year but have rebounded to \$118,800, Dunn said.

"There have been a couple of times the last few years when we were scraping bottom."

The SBC defunding changed forever the picture of BJC support, Dunn said. A few years ago, funding came almost exclusively from member denominations. Today, the BJC's largest supporters are not denominations, but Baptist state conventions, congregations, individuals and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The BJC board approved a 1995 budget of \$815,700, 3 percent larger than this year's budget. It projects \$291,000 from the Fellowship—up from \$190,000 in the 1994 budget—along with \$165,000 from Baptist state conventions, \$114,000 from

churches and \$108,000 from individuals.

Other supporters in the budget include the American Baptist Churches USA, \$57,000; Baptist General Conference, \$9,400; the North American Baptist Conference, \$6,600; Progressive National Baptist Convention, \$6,000; National Baptist Convention of America, \$4,000; National Baptist Convention USA, \$2,000; National Missionary Baptist Convention, \$2,000; and Seventh-Day Baptist General Conference, \$1,000.

While the Fellowship is the BJC's largest supporter, it has declined to accept representation on the BJC's board, Dunn said. "They are sending us the largest hunk of our support

Missionaries back in Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries have re-established a physical presence in Rwanda—more than five months after evacuating the African country in April when it plunged into ethnic bloodshed.

"We're just trying to pick up the pieces like the rest of the country," said Foreign Mission Board missionary Larry Randolph, administrator of the Southern Baptist mission organization in Rwanda.

"We're trying to get in contact with Baptist leaders, see what happened to our property and see what we can do to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the Rwandans."

At least three Baptist pastors were among the Rwandans killed, Randolph confirmed. He also has been told that "four or five" evangelists who worked for the Baptist Union of Rwanda are dead.

Only six of the 35 ordained Rwandan Baptist pastors have been located, "though we assume, and hope, that most of them are scattered in the refugee camps," he said.

Almost all other surviving Baptist leaders also remain out of the country, and likely will for some time. So missionaries have many added tasks now.

The fate of properties has provided some good news. Most Baptist-owned buildings are pockmarked with bullets, but "at least 90 percent of the buildings in Kigali are structurally sound," Randolph said.

Southeastern establishes college, church-planting degree

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees established the Southeastern Baptist Theological College, approved a new master of divinity with church planting degree and took initial steps toward offering a doctor of philosophy degree during their Oct. 10-11 meeting.

Gerald Cowen, professor of pastoral ministries and church leadership at

the seminary, was elected to serve as dean of the newly established college.

"It's a marvelous day for theological education in our Southern Baptist Convention," Cowen said. "Qualified undergraduate students may begin their studies in our new college as early as next January and earn a major in biblical studies, and we have also kept our associate of divinity degree program intact by putting it under the

auspices of the college."

The master of divinity with church planting degree approved by the trustees marks a one-of-a-kind program offered only at Southeastern, said Keith Eitel, professor of Christian missions. Students in the program will complete the last two years of their studies on the mission field while at the same time fulfilling the service requirement necessary to be

considered for appointment as career missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board.

Trustees also approved plans to begin the admissions process for a proposed Ph.D. program, which Southeastern President Paige Patterson said should be in place by December. Final approval for the program curriculum is slated for the trustees' spring 1995 meeting.

BAPTISTS

Kentucky teens participate in pilot for Centri-Blast

By Keith Beene
SBC Sunday School Board

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn.—Kentucky had the second-largest delegation of any state at the first-ever Centri-Blast celebration Oct. 7-8 in Hendersonville, Tenn.

A contingent of 246 Kentucky youth were among 757 participants in a trial run of Centri-Blast, a new program of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board fashioned after the popular Centrifuge summer camps.

The program blends equal parts of high-energy recreation, contemporary worship and youth-oriented seminars into a weekend format.

Centri-Blast is designed to help Christian youth in their relationship with Christ and to show other youth that being a Christian can be exciting, said Lance Howerton, the event's coordinator.

The weekend conference began on Friday evening with a street fair consisting of carnival games, karaoke, food and fun.

After partying on Friday night, youth were treated to a Saturday morning concert by Christian recording artist Cindy Morgan, winner of the 1993 Dove award for best new

artist of the year.

Kyle Matthews, a youth speaker and songwriter, served as the youth pastor for the worship celebrations. As an added bonus to the worship gatherings, Doug Berkey, a dramatist, entertained youth with intricate juggling routines, pantomimes and contemporary sketches of obscure Bible characters.

Over the weekend, youth could choose four seminars from a list of topics such as "Dead End" (suicide), "When Worlds Collide" (race relations), "What About Me?" (self-image), "Almost Over The Edge" (stress), "The Crime Obscene" (pornography) and "Lies in Disguise" (New Age movements).

Joe Palmer, Centrifuge section manager at the Sunday School Board, said the idea for Centri-Blast came from youth ministers who wanted a spiritual-renewal event for their youth during the non-summer months. "At the close of Centrifuge each year, when we would meet people, they would say that Centrifuge was so great, but they really just needed a shot in the arm during the year."

With further refinements based on input from the Tennessee pilot and a November pilot in Atlanta, Palmer

hopes to develop a format that eventually will be offered in multiple locations two times a year.

Kentucky participants in the pilot project came from Airline Baptist Church in Henderson, Campbellsville Baptist Church in Campbellsville, Dallasburg Baptist Church in Owen-

ton, First Baptist Church of Fulton, First Baptist Church of Calvert City, First Baptist Church of Central City, First Baptist Church of Greenville, Gethsemane Baptist Church in Louisville, Highview Baptist Church in Louisville and Sacramento Baptist Church in Sacramento.

BALANCING ACT Teenagers attending a pilot for the new Centri-Blast weekend participate in a small-group demonstration that stress and tension are a lot like keeping a bunch of balloons in the air at once. (Photo by Terri Lackey)



Try Your Hand at Some Missions Math

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Hint: It's a math problem with a missions solution.

International Baptist Theological Seminary is on the move. This pivotal school for Baptist theological education and missions in Europe is relocating from Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to Prague in The Czech Republic. And it needs volunteers to help. Lots of volunteers.

The seminary is asking Baptist churches to supply enough 15-member volunteer teams to work two-week shifts for 50 weeks a year to help restore and repair buildings on the new Prague campus. While the seminary plans to begin classes in Prague in the fall of 1995, the renovation project will take up to three years to complete. So, that's... 15 persons per team x 50 weeks x 3 years = 2,250 volunteers.

To learn more about our innovative missions solutions, including the Prague Project, call the Global Missions Office of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We'll be glad to send you an introductory packet that includes an up-to-date list of worldwide opportunities for volunteer missions. Call toll-free, 1-800-352-8741; ask for extension 333.

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High court declines to hear case on church personnel

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A fired United Methodist Church minister alleging sex and race discrimination has lost her suit against the church's Northern Illinois Conference.

Without comment, the U.S. Supreme Court refused Oct. 11 to review lower court rulings that the First Amendment prohibits courts from intervening in employment disputes affecting clergy.

Darreyl Young is a female African American who served for four years as a probationary minister in the church. When she was denied a promotion and terminated, Young sued, claiming Methodist officials violated a federal ban on discrimination.

A federal district court dismissed the lawsuit, holding that the constitutional separation of church and state prevented the court from considering Young's claim.

Upholding the district court, a fed-

eral appeals court said religious bodies may make "apparently arbitrary decisions" affecting the employment of clergy and remain "free from civil review having done so."

Young had asked the high court to review the lower court rulings, arguing that the federal Civil Rights Act's ban on racial and sexual discrimination is a neutral, generally applicable law that outweighs the church's right to free exercise of religion.

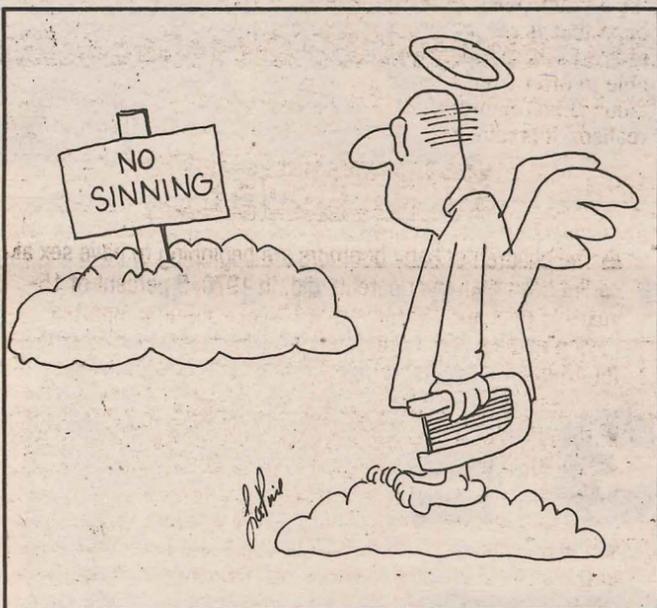
In other actions so far this term, the Supreme Court has:

- Refused to review a federal appeals court's ruling that the presence of a 43-foot-high concrete Latin cross in a San Diego park violates the California Constitution's ban against religious preference by government.

- Declined to intervene in a zoning dispute between Alhambra, Calif., officials and a convent that operates a Catholic girls school on a 20-acre site in the city.

- Left standing a federal appeals court decision that struck down a Clearwater, Fla., ordinance which imposed substantial record-keeping and disclosure requirements on charities and religious organizations that solicit funds in the city. The appeals court said the ordinance violates both the establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment.

- Left standing a ruling by the Puerto Rico Supreme Court upholding a law that requires all preschools, elementary and secondary schools to be licensed by the Puerto Rico Education Department. The Association of Christian Academies and Colleges of Puerto Rico argued that the licensing law—which requires schools to make certain disclosures and affirmations about their resources and operations—interferes with the free exercise of religion.



CLASSIFIED ADS

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music. Position includes discipleship training responsibilities. Send resumé to Minister of Music Search Committee, Immanuel Baptist Church, 800 Rhodes Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

NEEDED: Christian school in Hopkinsville, Ky., in search of daycare director. Call (502) 885-2417 for more information.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Utica Baptist Church, Utica, Ky. Send resumé to Search Committee, Utica Baptist Church, Utica, KY 42376.

HOMECOMING: First Baptist Church of West Liberty, Ky., invites all former pastors and members to come celebrate 81 years of praising the Lord at the annual homecoming service on Oct. 30, 1994.

SEEKING: Grand Rivers Baptist in Ohio Valley Association seeks part-time music director. (502) 363-4033.

SEEKING: Accepting resumé for minister of youth & education. Send to Search Committee, Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 66, Eureka, MO 63025, by Nov. 18.

NEEDED: Full-time youth minister. Please send resumé to: Youth Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 756, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

NEEDED: Part-time minister of music. Please send resumé to: Music Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 756, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

NEEDED: First Baptist Church in Somerset is receiving resúmes for the position of youth minister. If interested, mail to FBC, P.O. Box 797, Somerset, KY 42502.

MISSIONS: Youth groups needed in Atlanta, Orlando, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Toronto and Buffalo for 1995 summer mission projects. We provide meals, lodging, assignment. For more information, costs, call Dr. Harry Fowler, Youth on Mission, Box 2095, Rocky Mount, NC 27802. (919) 985-4499.

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Genesis Home update

We closed out our 125th birthday parties at the Genesis Home near Mayfield on Oct. 8. It was a good day to celebrate the care of children and the special ministry which is provided there.

I like to think back to the time almost two years ago when I first saw the property and building that is now Genesis Home. I, Western

Region Director Bill Heaton, and then-Board of Directors Vice Chairman Willis Henson met with Ted and Lois Courtney and viewed property they owned that had previously been used as a nursing home.

They had a wonderful dream for a ministry to children in that place.

We, too, had a dream for a treatment home in western Kentucky, but

until that meeting thought the cost would prevent that dream's realization for many years to come.

The Courtneys' generosity would help bring both dreams to reality, however, and last fall we were pleased to receive the first children into care. My only regret is that Ted died three months before the program opened and never got to see his dream realized.

During the last year, the Genesis Home has provided a home and special help to 21 young women.

These girls have suffered some of the most severe forms of abuse and neglect and the emotional difficulties they have as a result have made their care a great challenge.

It has been worth the struggle, however, for we have seen young women whose lives have been changed because we were there for them.

We have learned through Genesis the value of a treatment team composed of a psychiatrist, psychologist, social workers and child care workers. I have been very pleased that the team and our staff have been able to hang in there with girls who others might have given up on.

As I think about Genesis, I want to ac-

knowledge the special work of Bill Heaton. He has gone far beyond the extra mile to see that this program succeeds.

Heaton, Director Stan Brown, and all of the staff are making a tremendous difference in the lives of young women who need to know Christ's love and compassion.

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

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Comprehensive sex education fails, researcher says

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While sketchy, research on sex education programs raises skepticism about them, she reported.

"Comprehensive sex education places its faith in the power of knowledge to change behavior. Yet the evidence overwhelmingly suggests that sexual knowledge is only weakly related to teenage sexual behavior," Whitehead said.

A study by Douglas Kirby of ETR Associates, a non-profit health-education firm in Santa Cruz, Calif., showed that sex education programs help students know more about sex but have little effect on teenagers' decisions to engage in or postpone sex, to use contraception or on the likelihood of teenage pregnancy.

Another study found sex education helped diminish teenagers' shyness about discussing sex, "a mildly positive effect" that might encourage girls to talk to their mothers and thus avoid pregnancy. More important than communication, however, the study found, are parental discipline and supervision. One study shows that teenagers with moderately strict parents had the lowest level of sexual activity, while teens with very strict parents had higher levels and those with very permissive parents the

highest levels.

Some comprehensive sex education programs promote heavy petting, or "noncoital sex" as a "safer" alternative to sexual intercourse, a position some researchers now believe is counterproductive.

"There is not a shred of evidence to support the claim that noncoital sex, with or without communication, will reduce the likelihood of coitus," Whitehead said. In fact, she said, several studies show the opposite.

"Outercourse is a precursor of intercourse," she said.

While the current preoccupation with discussing sex in values-neutral terms is bearing little fruit, there are other programs which emphasize responsibility, Whitehead noted. "Sex education works best when it combines clear messages about behavior with strong moral and logistical support for the behavior sought."

One example she cited is a program in Atlanta for minority eighth-graders at risk for unwed motherhood and venereal disease. The program's goal is to help boys and girls resist the pressures to have sex by employing older teenagers to teach kids how to say no. By the end of the ninth grade, only 24 percent of the program group had engaged in sexual intercourse,

compared with 39 percent in the non-program group.

"Abstinence programs can help students put off sex," Whitehead said.

In contrast, in New Jersey, one of the nation's most-lauded comprehensive sex education programs has had little noticeable effect on teenage pregnancy, she said. Since 1980, the percentage of teen births to unwed mothers has increased from 67.6 percent to 84 percent.

One reason for the failure of sex education, Whitehead said, is wrong-headed thinking about adolescence by many professionals concerned with youth sexuality.

Adolescence is "a modern social invention," designed to deal with the modern problem of the lengthening period between biological and social maturity, Whitehead said. Formerly, adolescence "provided institutional reinforcement for the moratorium on youthful sexual activity, giving young people the opportunity to acquire the competencies and credentials of adulthood before they took on the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood."

"In the past decade or so, however, a new way of thinking about teenage sexuality ... contends that teenagers should be expected to express themselves sexually as part of their normal growing up, but should be able to do so protected from the risks of early sexual activity. The way to protect teenagers is to give them the interpersonal skills and the technical

tools to manage their own sexuality."

The shift has assigned a dramatically different role for adults, who under the classic model are "custodians of the moratorium" on teenage sex. "In the contemporary model, adults have a more limited responsibility. Their job is to train teenagers in the management of their own sexuality and to provide access to contraceptives."

The decision to have or not have sex "becomes a matter of following individual dictates rather than following socially instituted and culturally enforced norms."

Comprehensive sex education "implicitly acknowledges a lifting of the moratorium and a return to a more Darwinian sexual environment," Whitehead said. "What sex educators are offering now is training in sexual survival."

"Once the kids have been equipped with refusal skills, a bottle of body oil and some condoms, 'reality-based' advocates send them into the world to fend for themselves. Perhaps that is the best protection that today's school and health leaders are able to offer from a harsh and predacious sexual environment. But it is not realism. It is retreat."

THE FACTS OF LIFE

■ The children of baby boomers are beginning to have sex at earlier ages than their parents did. In 1970, 5 percent of 15-year-old girls and 32 percent of 17-year-old girls reported having had sex. By 1988, the figures increased to 26 percent for 15-year-olds and 51 percent of 17-year-olds.

■ By age 19, 80 percent of today's young women have had sexual intercourse. A 1988 survey of boys said one-third had had sex by age 15 and 86 percent by age 19.

■ More teenagers report multiple sexual partners today than in the past—from 38 percent of sexually active girls in 1971 to 59 percent in 1988—and more report having sex at least once a week.

■ The largest relative increase in sexual intercourse has occurred among girls age 15, from 4.6 percent in 1970 to 25.6 percent in 1988.

■ Despite reported high levels of contraceptive use among teenagers, a million girls each year become pregnant.

■ About 37 percent of teenage pregnancies end in abortion, 14 percent in miscarriage and less than 10 percent in adoption.

■ Daughters in single-parent families are more likely to engage in early sex than girls who grow up in two-parent families.

■ Both parents and teenagers in divorced families have more permissive attitudes toward sexual intercourse outside marriage. There is evidence of a kind of trickle-down in families, not just from parent to child but also from older siblings to younger. Teenagers with sexually active siblings are more likely to begin having sex at an early age.

■ Religiously observant teens are more likely than others to refrain from early sex. The highest level of premarital intercourse occurs among teens with no religious affiliation.

Source: Barbara Dafoe Whitehead in "The Failure of Sex Education," *Atlantic Monthly*, October 1994.

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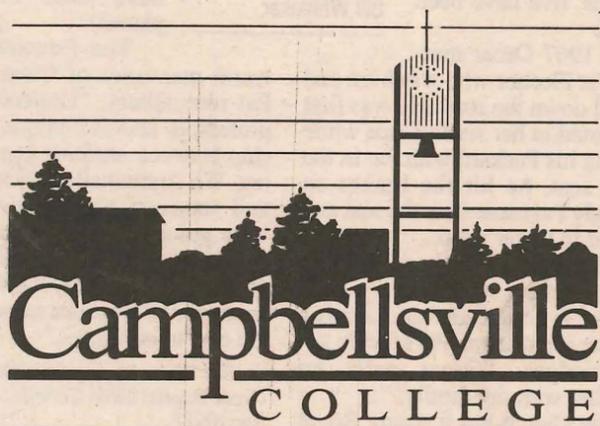
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This year, 650 Kentucky women will die of breast cancer, the No. 2 cancer killer among Kentucky women. But early detection through mammogram screenings can cut the risk of death due to breast cancer considerably. Among women who discover they have breast cancer when the disease is in its early stages, 93 percent are still alive five years later. Mammograms, a special kind of X-ray, can detect small lumps in the breast up to two years before they can be felt by a woman or her doctor.

Women ages 40-49 should have a mammogram at least every two years, and women 50 and above should have one every year.

Source: Cabinet for Human Resources and American Cancer Society

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Warren Association elected **Jerry Oakley**, a native of Wingo, as director of missions. He is a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary. He previously was pastor in Owensboro, Columbia and Springfield, Tenn. He was pastor at the Springfield church for the last 17 years. He was moderator in three associations. He also served on the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board and was president of the KBC Pastors' Conference.

■ **CORBIN**—First Church ordained **Jack Cloyd, Tommy Faulkner and Guy Jones** as deacons Oct. 2.

■ **EKRON**—Buck Grove Church called **David Campbell** as pastor. He previously was pastor at Christiansburg Church in Bagdad.

■ **FLORENCE**—**Robert Dale Campbell** resigned as minister of music and youth at Greenview

Church to become minister of music and youth at First Church in Waverly, Tenn.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Hillsdale Church called **Gary Quinney** as minister of education.

Retrouvaille, a program for strengthening struggling marriages, will offer a weekend conference Nov. 11-13. For more information or to register, call (502) 636-0296.

■ **MADISONVILLE**—First Church ordained **Alan Buckner, Charles Chinn, Mark Foster, Mark Fredrick, Roger Garms, Ben House, Charles Norvell and Tom Rhoads** as deacons Oct. 2.

■ **MURRAY**—First Church called **Boyd Smith** of Moss Point, Miss., as minister of youth, university students and activities Oct. 9

■ **MYRA**—Faith Church will host the gospel group **The Chandlers** in

concert Nov. 11. Here's Hope Revival 1995 will feature **LaVerne Butler**, president of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, as speaker. **Dave Hammond** is pastor.

■ **PROSPECT**—First Church will host a youth rally Oct. 21-23 at 7-8:30 p.m., with a different guest speaker each night. Call (502) 228-3286 for information.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—**Darryl Church** resigned as youth minister of Buffalo Lick Church.

■ **SOMERSET**—First Church called **Bill Adcock** of Hopkinsville as minister of music.

Bethany Church called **Elmer Wiley** as interim pastor. He began his new ministry Oct. 1.

■ **WEST POINT**—West Point Church has celebrated its centennial anniversary throughout the year. One Sunday each month has featured a former pastor as guest speaker. The final service will be Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. All former members and friends are invited. Call (502) 922-4220 for information.

'Pray for us,' partnership worker asks

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Baptists an outstanding opportunity to minister in Jesus' name, he said.

As the partnership nears the end of its first year, it is "working well with the Russian people," Lindsey said. "Our volunteers are finding out the Russians are very, very loving people, and they're finding out the same thing about Kentucky Baptists."

Although Southern Baptists missionaries are developing a strong base in Russia and the partnership is off to a solid start, crying needs remain, Lindsey insisted. "Volunteers say, 'We need more missionaries in Russia,'" he reported. "I say, 'Maybe the Lord is calling you.'"

But well short of a lifetime commitment, volunteers are needed to spend two weeks encouraging and helping Russian Baptists, Lindsey said. He described meeting Russian Baptist home missionaries who were conducting the lone Bible studies in huge cities.

"Sometimes people hold back" from volunteering for the partnership, he noted. "But they shouldn't. They need to contact our partnership office so they can see what it's all about."

For more information, write to KBC Partnership Office, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253; or call (502) 245-4101.

Authority with affection builds child's esteem

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produce children with low self-esteem, Lloyd said. Children lack self-direction and they are often rebellious because "they are crying out for rules and restrictions," she said.

Parents who nurture and exercise control are most likely to have children with strong self-control, greater sense of responsibility for the welfare of others and greater shared values

with their parents, Lloyd said. They have a greater commitment to and acceptance of traditional religious values, and they view religion as liberating.

But parents cannot rely solely on their parenting style to teach children about God, Lloyd said. Parents need to tell and retell biblical stories, she said.

Lloyd suggested families should

have structured time for learning and worship at home, including time to pray and celebrate.

In addition to structured times, parents should look for opportunities to teach their children about God in the natural flow of life, Lloyd said.

As children mature, they also need to be taught to demonstrate their faith through acts of service and witness, she said.

'Whatever thy hand findeth to do'

(Continued from last week)

Last week I shared with you the successes of our soccer teams and band so far this year.

We are having a good year in golf, though not one of our best. Our record is 7-11 with four boys going to regional competition. Golf coach David Robinson ('82) reports that senior Gabe Wyatt is one of the most outstanding golfers ever to play on the Oneida golf team. Gabe is from Bowling Green, and is here for his second year. He is very likely to go on to state competition.

Our girls' volleyball team also is having a good year. Our record of 3-2 in the region is one of our stronger starts.

Coach Laura Stockton ('86) feels we have a good chance of having one of our best seasons. This year's team has 36 girls competing for 12 positions. There are six players on the varsity team and six on junior varsity, leaving 24 on the bench.

Many schools would cut several from the team to get a more manageable group. Oneida does not normally cut students who are willing to be a part of the team, come to practices and give their best. We want the girls on the bench to understand that they also are important, and are very much a part of the team.

Stockton says: "The success of this year's team will not depend on the final win-lose record or the outcome of the tournament, but instead on individual and team improvement. They've come a long way since the first match, and if they continue it will be a winning season."

The cross country team has had a wonderful season. The boys' varsity and junior varsity won first place in the Three Rivers Conference. The

girls won second place, although they won first place in every meet prior to the conference.

The boys' team has placed first in every meet except one, and they came in second in that one. The girls' team has won five first place awards, two second place and one third place.

The middle school boys' team also has had a good season. Brett Spilatro is an 8th-grader from New Jersey, here for his second year. He placed 7th out of 74 runners. Zech Siler, a 3rd-grader from Oneida, came in 30th out of 74, even though he was running against 6th-, 7th- and 8th-graders.

THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

The middle school academic team and our high school BETA Club also are off to a good start. This is the first year for BETA Club; it replaces the high school academic team.

Drama rehearsals are now underway for our fall production. We have had an outstanding drama program for many years. The Oneida Players will present "Phantom of the Opera" Nov. 18 and 19.

In a few weeks we will begin our winter sports season. Students will be able to choose from swimming, diving, boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling.

Every year we are blessed to see students who never before have taken part in many of these activities make that first giant step to being involved. We use these activities as catalysts to stir their interests in other areas.

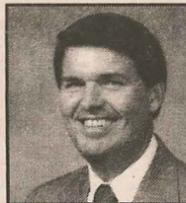
Time and time again we have seen students who have done nearly nothing prior to coming to Oneida. Here they find the joy of success, the pride and self-confidence that come from competition.

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

Steadfast sacrifices reap results

In a beautiful valley between Clinch and Holston Mountains, 13 miles out of Bristol, Va., sits Walnut Grove Baptist Church. The attractive white frame building could be the subject of artists and photographers. The congregation formed in 1892 after the river flooded and destroyed the bridge; people on that side of the river could no longer get to church. For the past 22 years 1979 graduate Oscar Edwards has been pastor. They averaged 150 in worship before construction to repair a major slide on a nearby mountain crossing cut into attendance last year. More than half of the worshippers continue to come despite a five-mile detour. In the past few months, five have been saved.

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

In 1967 Oscar married Pat Fleenor who was born and reared down the road. He was first interested in her sister. Once while driving his Packard with Pat in the back seat, he hit the brakes so strongly Pat came over the seat and landed in Oscar's lap.

Church is a family affair with Pat's parents as members. Her brother is songleader and another brother is a deacon. Pat quickly acknowledges, "Oscar pulls no punches with my family."

The church has a strong Royal

Ambassadors chapter, and a group has gone to the state track meet for several years.

Soon after Oscar went to Walnut Grove, 1972 graduate Jack Siler came for revival and showed slides of Israel. "He suggested the church send me to Israel with the group from Clear Creek. Dr. Aldridge talked to me the whole time about the school. At the end of the trip, he said, 'See you this fall.' I went to see the school the day before classes started. I came home and resigned my job at Advance Auto Parts. We lived three months in a second-floor apartment in Kelly Hall, then moved to the Courts apartments" (which have since been replaced).

The Edwards have warm memories of Clear Creek. Pat remembers: "Understanding professors and the unique fellowship between students kept us going. We commuted every weekend and returned exhausted. Others were going through the same. We determined if we all worked together, we could do it! We decided we needed to be steadfast regardless of the cost to ourselves."

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

PEOPLE

He can visit 5 countries and still be home for dinner

BALTIMORE (BP)—The Chinese seamen waved to Southern Baptist missionary Don Gerlach as he clamored out of the blue van that serves as his headquarters. He greeted them warmly, climbed up the gangplank and stepped onto Mainland China.

China, docked at Baltimore's Ruckert Terminal, is his only stop this warm Saturday morning. But Gerlach, who operates Baltimore Baptist Port Ministry, often visits as many as five countries a day, "and I still make it home in time for supper," he laughs.

Gerlach explains that by order of maritime law, a ship bearing a flag of a particular country is actually a part of that country. Happenings on board are subject to the laws of the ship's home port. Thus, when the 63-year-old boards ships from five different countries, he actually, by law, visits the five countries.

Working from his home and van,

Gerlach stocks literature, Bibles and tapes for distribution. Everything he offers to visiting seamen he gives without charge. His wife, Kay, handles much of the appointment-making, material-gathering and background work. Volunteers sometimes accompany the missionary.

Most ship crews welcome the former sailor, who feels right at home at the stern of a 500-foot cargo vessel. Upon boarding any ship, he first finds an officer in charge and explains his purpose. On the rare occasion he is turned away, it is usually by an American crew. He says crews from the former Soviet Union generally welcome him now.

"We can get into places the Foreign Mission Board can't," Gerlach says. The seamen, who spend as much as four months on the sea in one trip, often voice appreciation that someone cares enough to visit them and care for their needs.

With no building upkeep or pro-

gram planning, Gerlach goes armed with the word of God, ready to share with anyone who will listen. He relates to crew members on a personal level, learning about their families and way of life back home.

"We don't have a lot of planning to do," he says. "It's just filling the van with materials about Jesus and going."

And go he does. Last year, Gerlach boarded more than one-fourth of the ships that docked in Baltimore ports, offering Bibles—or tapes if Bibles weren't available—in the sailors' native languages, and spreading God's love with clothing, local information and, often, shuttle service to the malls.

Gerlach began as a volunteer when the idea of a port ministry was first presented. For seven years he worked without monetary compensation until the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed him and his wife as Mission Service Corps workers.

Gerlach gave up his career in en-

gineering to devote himself to the work. He and his wife were appointed home missionaries in 1986.

Both Gerlach and his wife accepted Christ in 1970, just after their 10-year-old son was killed in an accident. Gerlach remembers following his wife down the aisle and telling the pastor, "I need help."

"Will you accept the help that God offers?" the pastor asked.

Gerlach's reply, "Yes," was the beginning of a lifetime of service.

When the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware wanted to begin a port ministry, a friend thought the couple might be interested.

The job grew and grew until one day the two found themselves appointed missionaries. "It happened and we let it happen," he says. "We didn't plan to do anything—we just accepted Christ."

Southern Baptists have about 35 port ministries of various types across the United States.

Volunteers take moving role as missionaries

By David Winfrey
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Some Southern Baptists have found ministry to be a moving experience.

In Virginia and Georgia, volunteers help locate and move furniture for homeless families who find housing.

"This apparently has been a real problem for a number of families," said Joe Watson, a member of Briarlake Baptist Church in Atlanta. "They get jobs and they can get into apartments through various programs, but furniture is a big-ticket item that they're not able to deal with."

About a dozen members of Briarlake started their ministry in May of last year. The project allows the team to share the gospel and encourage families to be a Christian witness in their new neighborhood, Watson said.

"Probably none of us likes to move furniture. But if you want to serve, (the Lord) opens up areas," he said. "It's really an outreach ministry. It

gets us into areas where people definitely have problems."

In Hampton, Va., Peninsula Baptist Association offers a similar ministry, named Operation Daystar, which resulted in at least 100 professions of faith in Jesus Christ, said home missionary Lynn Latham.

"I started it because we have a lot of refugees, and they needed furniture," said Latham, director of church/community ministries for the association. "I began asking the churches for furniture. We had so much we ended up with three buildings full."

About 25 of the association's 65 churches and missions participate, she said, adding coordinators try to get churches that will deliver from the same area as the person with the need.

More than just another community service, churches use the furniture ministry to ask recipients about their spiritual needs as well as material needs, Latham said. "They don't go in without making a Christian witness."

Government and civic agencies

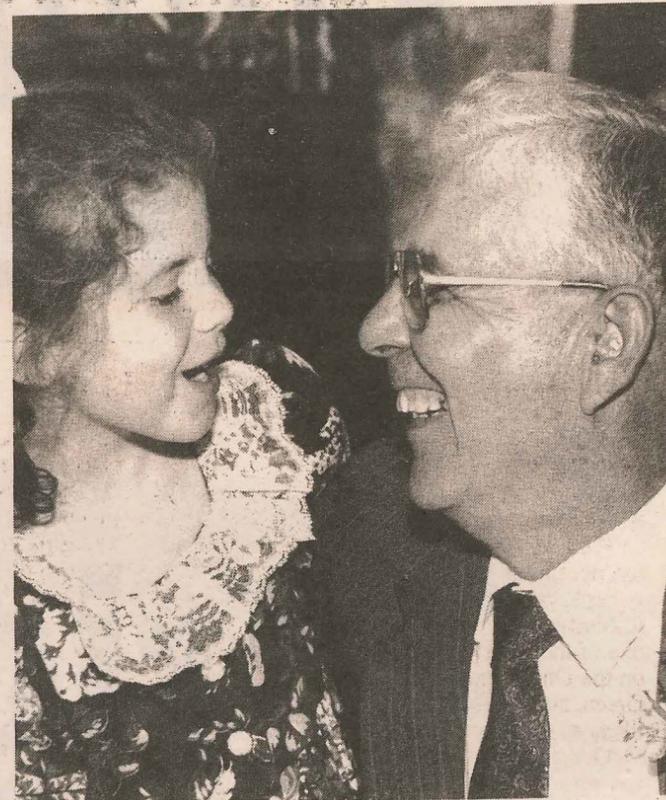
were initially hesitant to work with a religious group, but workers have earned their trust, she said.

"They saw that even though my main intent is to share the Lord, I'm not real pushy about it," she said. "They trust us, they work with us and we have wonderful opportunities."

In Atlanta, Watson's group has seven pickup trucks to move furniture to their storage warehouse and to the new homes. Workers discover the needs, move the furniture and present each family with a cookbook and a Bible.

"When we move in, we have a dedication service of the home," he said. "We not only share the plan of salvation, we want to be sure they're a Christian witness in that community that they're moving in."

Families also are encouraged to be involved in a local church, he said. Some men who receive the group's help volunteer to work on other jobs, he added. "They're able to get into the sharing ministry too. It makes them feel like they're wanted."



Vietnamese woman finds freedom in Christ from superstition

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—When Hoa Nguyen arrived at the Jacksonville airport in March 1992, she was a superstitious Vietnamese fortuneteller rooted in a life ruled by her dead ancestors.

"The night we met her plane, we wanted to photograph her, her grown daughter and her grandson," said Louise Cantrell of First Baptist Church. "She resisted in terror because three people in a picture means death. I had to stand with the family to protect them from death by photograph."

Today, however, Hoa Nguyen has no fear of death.

"I fear not anyone, anything," she testified.

Hoa Nguyen now knows freedom from fear through her relationship with Jesus Christ. "Jesus is God, the true God," she said. "I worship the true God."

In Cuu Long, South Vietnam, Hoa Nguyen worshiped her ancestors, trying daily to appease them by lighting candles at their altars and throwing parties for them on the anniversaries of their deaths.

A widow, Hoa Nguyen made her living trading items and telling fortunes. "I would just tell the future by using cards," she said through an interpreter.

Hoa Nguyen knew little of what her own future held, however.

While in Vietnam, Hoa Nguyen had lived with a U.S. serviceman and became pregnant. When her daughter, now grown, decided to live in the United States under the Amerasian Act, Hoa Nguyen accompanied her.

It was on her first day in the United States that Hoa Nguyen began to see Jesus Christ at work. Three Christians—Cantrell and two pastors from Vietnamese Christian Church—had

come to greet her. They also had prepared a place for her family to live and helped Hoa Nguyen get a job.

While Hoa Nguyen appreciated the Christians' assistance, she wanted nothing to do with Jesus Christ. She reacted to their invitations to Christ with anger and cursing.

In a matter of weeks, however, Hoa Nguyen's heart softened and she surrendered her life to Christ. As she was about to be baptized at Vietnamese Christian Church, she asked Pastor Quang Nguyen to hold her under for a long time to make sure all the demons left her.

"Before I became a Christian, there could be demons in me, but after my baptism the demons flee," Hoa Nguyen said.

The day Hoa Nguyen claimed Christ as her personal Savior a change occurred.

"This lady has now become a soul-

winner, and the light of the Lord absolutely beams on her face," Cantrell said. "That dark, dreadful, fearful spirit of evil has indeed been washed away—not by the water but by the blood."

Because of Christ, Hoa Nguyen has given up smoking and drinking beer, she said.

Her focus in life now is to tell others why she worships Jesus Christ.

"Everybody, like her friends, comes to see her, and she tells them how she met Jesus and how he has done a wonderful thing," Pastor Nguyen Nguyen of Vietnamese Christian Church said.

Prayer and Scripture have replaced superstition and fortunetelling in Hoa Nguyen's life, she said.

"Every morning before I go to work, I and my daughter and my grandson gather together and pray," she said.

WAY TO GO, GRANDPA!
Southern Baptist missionary Sam Waldron gets a hug from one of his biggest supporters—his granddaughter Heather—after a recent service honoring 98 retiring missionaries. Waldron and his wife, Mary, served 28 years in the Philippines. (BP photo by Sandy King)

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