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A FAREWELL SONG The Kentucky Baptist Chorale and the Kentucky Baptist Singing Women have joined voices for a two-week concert tour of Russia July 6-19. In conjunction with the Kentucky-Russia missions partnership, the group of 65 musicians has scheduled 10 performances in the Moscow and St. Petersburg areas. The two choirs gathered at the Baptist Building in Louisville July 6 for a final rehearsal before boarding the plane to Moscow. At right, Dave Love, minister of music at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green, joins in a farewell prayer with his children, Caleb and Drew, and other choir members before heading to the airport. Above, Love joins the Chorale and Singing Women in rehearsal led by John Dickson (top photo), professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and music minister at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville. Dickson directs the Kentucky Baptist Chorale. Pamela Hopton-Jones, assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, conducts the Singing Women.

Cornerstone Counseling offers help statewide

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer

Three years ago, it didn't take much digging for Curtis Mooney to unearth the need for more Christian counseling services to be offered across Kentucky.

But he had no idea how quickly the foundation laid by opening a Cornerstone Counseling center in Bowling Green would develop into a network of 14 counseling centers across the state.

"We definitely have touched a nerve," said Mooney, president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The idea for Cornerstone Counseling centers grew out of 1992 fact-finding tour Mooney took across the state. Everywhere he went, pastors and directors of missions told him people were hurting but had no place to go for affordable counseling in a Christian setting. Social service professionals confirmed the need for more counselors as well.

After the trip, Mooney, his staff and the KBHC board of directors explored the possibility of providing counseling services across the state.

Long known for its work with campus-based residential care for children, in recent years the 125-year-old agency had added pregnancy counseling, adoption services, foster care. See *Cornerstone Counseling* ..., page 8

People of faith are happier, U.S. poll shows

NEW YORK (ABP)—People who read their Bibles, attend church and value their relationship with God are more satisfied with their lives than those who don't, according to a recent survey commissioned by the American Bible Society.

According to the study, most Americans are either "very satisfied" (53 percent) or "somewhat satisfied" (40 percent) with their overall quality of life. However, people who prioritize spiritual and moral values are more likely to be "very satisfied" with their lives than those who don't read the Bible, attend church or prioritize moral living.

Fifty-eight percent of respondents who read the Bible at least once a week reported being very satisfied with life, compared to 49 percent of those who read the Bible less than once a year. Fifty-nine percent of those who attend church weekly reported being very satisfied with life, compared to 49 percent of those who attend less frequently. See *Poll: People of* ..., page 9

Family's 4 AIDS cases prompt dad's appeal

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a yearlong series of articles the Recorder will carry in conjunction with Woman's Missionary Union's 1995-96 ministry emphasis on AIDS.

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

ATLANTA (RNS)—Jimmy Allen, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is on a crusade—an intensely personal and painful one.

It concerns AIDS. Through a Job-like sequence of events, Allen has lost a daughter-in-law and grandson to the disease, a second grandson is dying from it, and one of Allen's sons is entering the early stages of AIDS.

Upset with the way the Christian community has responded to his family's experience, Allen—once the leader of the nation's largest Protestant denomination—says churches must take a larger and far more sensitive role in ministering to those affected by the disease.

"Compassion needs to be rediscovered in the working of the churches, a compassion that reaches out to

the lepers, the outsiders," Allen said in an interview. "We need to risk the fact that there may be somebody offended by our ministry to people in the AIDS community."

Speaking between tears, Allen told his story this summer to more than 3,000 people attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. WMU groups nationwide will emphasize AIDS-related ministries as a year-long project beginning in October.

Allen's story underscores the pervasive and unpredictable nature of the AIDS crisis and the pain it brings to those who are rejected by the religious community.

Allen said his daughter-in-law, Lydia, and 8-month-old grandson Bryan succumbed to AIDS in the early 1990s. Another grandson, 12-year-old Matt, is dying from it as well. Lydia received a tainted blood transfusion during her first pregnancy.

Lydia's husband, Scott, was pastor of a Disciples of Christ congrega-

tion in Colorado when the family learned about the bad transfusion in 1986. Allen said Scott's church fired him within a week.

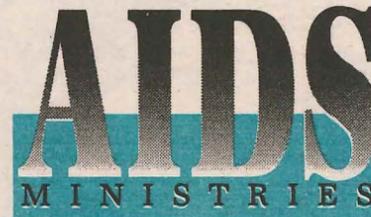
Now another of Allen's sons, Skip, who according to Allen is gay, has entered the early stages of AIDS.

Allen is working on a book about his family's experience called "Burden of a Secret: A Story of Truth and Mercy in the Face of AIDS." It is scheduled for publication in September.

In person Allen tells his story in the slow, sad voice of a loving grandfather who watched Matt endure rejection after rejection from the Christian community.

When Matt was 3, Allen said he went from church to church in the Dallas area—in a variety of denominations—seeking a Sunday school that a boy with the HIV virus could attend. Time and again, the churches turned Allen away, he said.

Each of those churches now has an AIDS ministry. See *Family's 4 AIDS* ..., page 8



BAPTISTS

WMU will publish Fellowship materials

"We hope and pray that all Southern Baptists will see this decision as the fulfillment of our commitment to meet the needs of local Southern Baptist churches."

Dellanna O'Brien, WMU executive director

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Churches desiring information about both Southern Baptist Convention missionaries and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries will benefit from new brochures to be published by Woman's Missionary Union in 1996.

WMU has announced plans to begin offering new information supplements to some of its existing products. The supplements will feature missions education information related to Fellowship missionaries, while the primary publications will continue to feature missionaries appointed by the SBC home and foreign mission boards.

The new materials are being developed in response to recommendations adopted by WMU's executive board in January 1993. At that time, the executive board voted to produce missions education pieces for other evangelical Christian groups as requested by those groups.

The supplementary materials for the Fellowship will not be the first venture for WMU outside traditional Southern Baptist markets. WMU already produces a Mission Friends product designed specifically for Korean Baptist churches.

Negotiations are underway with several Baptist groups in North America about the production of tailor-made missions education resources, WMU officials said.

However, none of WMU's new partnerships is likely to generate as much controversy as the partnership with the Fellowship.

Conservative leaders within the

SBC view the Fellowship as a break-away denomination no longer loyal to the SBC. Many Fellowship supporters, however, view themselves as dissenting Southern Baptists, but nonetheless still Southern Baptists.

"We are aware that our decision to produce materials in cooperation with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will concern some Southern Baptists," said WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien. "But we hope and pray that all Southern Baptists will see this decision as the fulfillment of our commitment to meet the needs of local Southern Baptist churches."

Churches wanting these new materials will have to specifically order them, she said. "No church or individual will receive these materials unless requested."

WMU's main age-graded periodicals will continue to feature information only about SBC missionaries, she emphasized.

O'Brien said WMU's willingness to help Southern Baptist groups—and other evangelical groups—in producing missions education materials grows out of its desire to encourage and equip all believers to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Our effort is to win the world for Christ," added WMU President Carolyn Miller. "If that is to be accomplished, all Christians must be involved."

"Southern Baptists cannot do it alone," she added. "We need to recognize that we share the responsibility with other evangelicals."

Morris Chapman, president of the

SBC Executive Committee, termed WMU's announcement "astonishing."

"In light of WMU's strong appeal to have its loyalty to the SBC recognized in the restructuring report adopted just last month in Atlanta, I am disappointed," he said.

Messengers to the June 20-22 SBC annual meeting in Atlanta approved a conventionwide restructuring plan that reduced the role of WMU, but approval came only after the report was amended to "welcome the continued role of WMU in supporting missions."

"The decision of the national WMU leadership to customize materials in support of the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship—the Southern Baptist Convention's most vocal critic—will be regretted throughout the SBC," Chapman said.

Larry Lewis, president of the SBC Home Mission Board, issued a statement which urged that WMU "continue its historic role of supporting only the two Southern Baptist mission boards."

SBC Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin was visiting missionaries in South America and unavailable for comment.

WMU administrator June Whitlow said WMU is committed to publishing the Fellowship supplements for one year. After that, she said, they will be continued only if enough are sold to recover the costs of production.

Compiled from Woman's Missionary Union news releases and reports in Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press

SBC to transfer ownership of African-American seminary

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention has voted to transfer ownership and operation of American Baptist College to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The college, which has been owned and operated by the two conventions since 1924 under the name American Baptist Theological Seminary, is the only four-year accredited Bible college designed primarily for training African-American church leaders. The school, which enrolled 200 students in its fall 1994 term, has struggled in years to stay solvent in spite of consistent funding from Southern Baptists.

The recommendation to transfer ownership was approved by messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Atlanta. It will require ratification by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and a second SBC vote in 1996.

Integration of the SBC's six seminaries has diminished the need for a segregated minister-training school, said Tom McCoy, pastor of Thompson Station Baptist Church in Thompson Station, Tenn., and chairman of the SBC's Seminary Commission.

McCoy told SBC messengers the African-American convention has agreed to assume full responsibility for selecting trustees to govern the

school and to assume financial support and full ownership of the school.

Steve Carleton, executive director of the SBC Education Commission and executive secretary of the Seminary Commission, relayed a message to the SBC meeting from Henry Lyons, the new president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

"Dr. Lyons asked me to please express a deeply felt gratitude on the part of National Baptists for the decades of support from Southern Baptists and to assure them that National Baptists can support that school and are thankful for all Southern Baptists have done," Carleton said.

The proposal, first approved by the Seminary Commission Jan. 24, was ratified by the SBC Executive Committee in February and approved by American Baptist College trustees May 5.

The school is scheduled to receive \$256,832 in SBC funds in the current budget year.

The recommendation calls for continued SBC funding of the college at current levels through the 1995-96 budget year.

The action authorizes the transfer of all endowment funds to the school and gives National Baptists an unrestricted deed to the property. Land and buildings are estimated to be worth in excess of \$1 million.

Mabe resigns as seminary vice president

LOUISVILLE—Tom Mabe, the chief fund-raising officer of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has resigned to take a new position in Virginia.

Mabe, vice president for institutional advancement, will become director of development at Virginia Baptist Homes, based in Culpeper, Va. He will continue to serve as a consultant to the seminary for three years, according to a seminary news release.

Mabe has been a seminary vice president since 1987. Currently, he supervises offices of development, public relations and alumni services.

His resignation is effective July 31.

In Virginia, he will be in charge of securing financial resources for Virginia Baptist Homes' three Virginia Baptist communities. Virginia Baptist Homes is an agency of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

"I have made this decision primarily for two reasons," Mabe said. "The time for change in career directions has come, and the Virginia Baptist Homes has an excellent fund-raising program already in place upon which I can build an expanded program of resources. The second reason ties in with the first in that I need to get closer to my family which needs more personal involvement from me in the next few years."

Mabe's tenure as Southern's development officer has covered both high points and low points. He gave leadership to securing funds for construction of the multi-million dollar Honeycutt Campus Center and more recently helped secure a \$2.7 million gift to endow the seminary's new Billy Graham School.

However, amid controversy that has enveloped the seminary since Al Mohler became president in 1993, development efforts reportedly have fallen on harder times. Mohler has moved the seminary in a more conservative direction, and many alumni and former donors have reported this shift has alienated them from the seminary.

The seminary budget for fiscal year 1995-96, which will begin Aug. 1, anticipates 53 percent less in gift income than the current year's budget.

Meanwhile, seminary administrators are struggling to cut expenditures as income and student enrollment drop. Ten professors recently accepted an early retirement incentive, and 11 administrative positions were eliminated in a cost-cutting move.



Six Paducah churches create VBS marketplace

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

PADUCAH—A tranquil Paducah churchyard became a boisterous Antioch marketplace for 200 vacation Bible school children June 19-23.

Much like the Antioch of A.D. 49, children in period dress visited tents at the "Agora," or marketplace, where they tasted fresh foods, weighed herbs and spices, ground their own salt, dyed clothing, competed in Olympic-type athletic events and molded clay.

And much like the ancient Antioch marketplace, participants came from a variety of religious and social backgrounds.

Baptist Tabernacle joined five other downtown churches of four other denominations to provide "Antioch 49," a week-long marketplace VBS held on the grounds of Grace Episcopal Church in Paducah last month.

Children were divided into groups representing city-states the Apostle Paul visited. Carrying banners identifying their region, they and a city-state leader experienced the marketplace together each day.

"Vendors," or teachers who operated the booths, used time with each group of students to explain life in New Testament times. Many of the activities related directly to a particular Scripture or Bible story.

And once each day, every city-state attended the "apostle's school" located under the church's bell tower, where a pastor from one of the participating churches led the day's Bible study.

This is the third year Baptist Tabernacle has participated in the eclectic event, explained Frank Queen, pastor of the church since 1992. Queen described Tabernacle as a small and aging—but active—congregation.

"We're active in the community," he said, citing the church's participation in the Paducah Cooperative Ministry and in joint musical presentations with other churches at Christmas, in addition to the Bible school.

However, the 70 regular attenders at Baptist Tabernacle know they never could provide such a high-caliber

experience as the VBS if it were up to them alone, Queen said. "We didn't have enough people to have our own day school."

So by joining forces with five other downtown churches, nearly 100 leaders could provide quality fun and education to about 200 children during the week.

Other churches included First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal, Broadway United Methodist and First Christian.

Children were exposed to many activities in a fast-paced event with new activities every day. Mary Grace Haugh, 8, said she liked learning to weave the best. Megan Lyles, also 8, of Grace Episcopal, said making pottery was her favorite.

As a retired chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Tabernacle member Harley Dixon felt right at home working in the ecumenical Bible school.

"This is my kind of thing," Dixon said as he fit a cross beam onto a cross he helped a child fashion in the carpenter's shop. "It's amazing how much we're alike and how little we're different, and yet how we major on the differences."

"I really like the cooperative approach to Bible school," added Barbara Williams, a member of Broadway United Methodist Church who worked at the weaving tent. "It's always nice to work with people you don't see every day."

Nelle Kester of First Presbyterian Church helped apprentice scribes write Greek letters on clay boards.

"The more things churches do together, the more unaware they are of small things that separate them and the greater strides we can make" toward understanding, Kester said.

Queen agreed. Participating "helps us to see who we are, and what our distinctives are, but (also) to appreciate others," he said.

Using the marketplace strategy and incorporating a number of denominations has worked well in downtown Paducah, Queen said. "If you're willing to stretch, this is an exciting way of doing Bible school," he explained.



ANTIOCH ADVENTURE A downtown Paducah churchyard was transformed into a first century Antioch marketplace during a June 19-23 interdenominational vacation Bible school. Nearly 200 children at the interactive event learned first-century skills in addition to studying about the Apostle Paul's journeys. ■ TOP: Training little fingers to weave yarn requires tremendous concentration. ■ LEFT: A brave instructor holds a nail while children learn the art of metal stenciling. ■ RIGHT: Girls experiment with different colored dyes on T-shirts.

Carnes resigns as president of Kentucky Foundation

Richard Carnes has resigned as president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to become president of the new Woman's Missionary Union Foundation in Birmingham, Ala.

Carnes, who has been the Kentucky Baptist Foundation's chief staff officer since 1988, will begin his duties at the WMU Foundation Sept. 1.

The WMU Foundation has been created to strengthen the ministry of Woman's Missionary Union. The 107-year-old WMU provides missions education and sponsors missions activities for women, girls and small children. It also has been the lead promoter of Southern Baptists' home and foreign missions offerings.

Last January, WMU's executive board voted to begin the foundation to support national missions projects of WMU, to provide contingency funds for its own operations and

WMU work within the states and to assure the financial security of WMU into the future.

Carnes is the perfect person to launch this new enterprise, said June Whitlow, WMU's senior associate executive director.

"When the WMU executive board established the foundation last January, their desire was to have a person with financial expertise as well as a missions commitment to become its founding president," she said. "With Richard Carnes we have both, and we are delighted."

Carnes has been a Kentucky Baptist Convention staff member for 13 years. He began as an administrator in the KBC Executive Board's business division before taking the helm of the Foundation.

During his tenure as its leader, the Foundation has moved from a section

of the business division to an agency of the KBC. The staff has doubled, from two to four employees. In addition, the Foundation has received the largest endowment gift in KBC history, and assets have almost tripled, from \$18 million to \$53 million.

Foundation Chairman Charles Barnes of Louisville lauded Carnes' service.

"Richard Carnes will be greatly missed," Barnes said. "He has done an outstanding job for the Foundation and Kentucky Baptist ministries. On behalf of the board of directors and all Kentucky Baptists, I want to express our deepest appreciation for his service."

"I have been honored to serve Kentucky Baptists," Carnes said. He expressed gratitude for the work and support of Barnes and the Foundation board, as well as KBC Executive Sec-

retary-Treasurer Bill Marshall, KBC Business Manager Barry Allen and Foundation staff members Janet McCarter, Barbara Spencer and Laurie Valentine.

"While I will miss the immediate fellowship with Kentucky Baptists, I am very excited about the opportunity to serve all Southern Baptists through support of the mission and evangelism enterprises of Woman's Missionary Union," he said.

Carnes is an Alabama native and a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham. He also earned a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation will begin the search for a new president immediately, and the selection process will be released to the Western Recorder very soon, Barnes said.

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Level the field

I don't share your fears of religious liberty falling in the wake of the Supreme Court's Rosenberger ruling (WR, July 4). Rather, I see a welcome end to the practice of allowing every form of public expression except Christianity.

The question that needs to be asked is why it's fine for any religion other than Christian—secular humanists, evolutionists, gay rights advocates, et. al.—to speak in public forums. But if Christians exercise their right to free speech, it violates the separation of church and state.

Why is it OK to censor and oppress Christians in public schools—not as a matter of tax-funded policy, but of simple speech? A decade after Congress passed the Equal Access Act, and years after the Supreme Court upheld its constitutionality, Bible clubs and others are routinely forced to take legal action to gain access that is supposedly guaranteed by law.

Were it not for the Christian legal groups defending the right of believers with school boards and in the courts, their rights would routinely be suppressed. Sadly, in the last 30 years the First Amendment that was created to protect free speech is now used to censor it. Thomas Jefferson would turn over in his grave were he to observe this suppression of freedom.

Since Christianity is always a matter of free choice, I don't see this as a matter of trying to force views on anyone. It is only reasonable for believers to expect a level field in the area of public policy.

*Ken Walker
Louisville*

No place for liberals

Thanks to Howard Cobble, Walter Nunn and Susan McBride. By resigning their positions in the Southern

Pickin'

The weeds had grown head-high along River Bend Road, down on Rough River. It was cool for a July evening.

Most of the boats were in dock for the night, with an occasional distant droning, perhaps from a persistent fisherman heading in.

It was the usual walking route Alice and I take when we're down at the lake, an estimated two-mile round trip, mostly over a gravel surface.

Having walked this route numerous times over the past five years, I was surprised by what we saw along the right side of the road—some of the best-looking blackberry patches I had ever seen. We picked a few for our immediate pleasure but, having no containers, decided to wait until morning to harvest the crop.

I found myself excited early next morning, putting on a long-sleeve shirt, boots and heavy rubber bands around the legs of my blue jeans. With the fondness chiggers and other insects have for Alice, she refrained

Seminary alumni association, they have made it much easier for the leaders of the conservative resurgence to gain control of that organization.

They have joined a growing list of moderates (liberals) who have helped the conservative cause with resignations or early retirements: Randall Lolley, Lloyd Elder, Keith Parks, Paul Simmons, Molly Marshall, etc. Each of these helps to ensure that liberals will never have a say in how this denomination is run.

Had the leaders of the conservative resurgence been forced to fire any of these, the conservative cause might have gotten bad publicity and lost some votes at the convention.

I do hope these leaders follow through with their resignations and lead their churches to leave the convention. That would save the leaders of the conservative resurgence the trouble of having to kick them out. There is no place for liberals in the Southern Baptists Convention.

*Michael Barley
Louisville*

Modern slavery

After 150 years, and 130 years after the emancipation of slaves in America, the current leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention has decided to confess the sins of their forefathers.

Would these same leaders have advocated racial justice and brotherhood in 1845 or in 1860 or in the early decades of the 1900s, for that matter? It does not move me profoundly that they are congratulating themselves on confessing the sins of others at such a late date.

It is especially ironic that these same leaders have imposed an intellectual tyranny on the seminaries. Are those who surrender to their "narrow-gauge" theology in order to keep their jobs any less slaves than were those who wore shackles on their legs?

from begging to go along.

The cliffs restrained the early morning sun, and the dew from the trees which sheltered the clumps of blackberry shoots sprinkled my straw hat.

I cannot recall ever having picked such large berries in the wild. Some shoots had grown up into the scrub trees and dangled their fruit in clusters which I picked by the handfuls. A snake scurried away when my foot banged against a rotting log. I preferred not to suspect it might have been a copperhead.

In the midst of my "pickin'," my memory carried me back to childhood when my rural mail-carrier dad had spotted blackberry vines ready for picking.

I could almost smell again the "coal-oil" (kerosene) that he daubed on us before we drove to the chosen spot. I don't recall looking forward to blackberry pickin', for I can remember the sting of the briars when I pulled back from being startled by spiders. Mostly I remember the itching from the chigger bites which spot-

Whatever happened to the spirit of Roger Williams, who forfeited his salary and scorned the state church? Who are the true Baptists?

*Joseph R. Estes
Louisville*

Not disgusting

I am compelled to respond to the letter "Disgusting paper" from Bill Mays (WR, June 20). Though I applaud Mr. Mays' willingness to stand on his opinion, I am dismayed by his obliviousness to his own prejudices and inaccurate comments—the very things he accuses the Western Recorder of doing.

The majority of articles have not reflected personal bias—Mr. Mays' first claim. I wonder how he presumes to know your personal biases.

Second, I think the paper reflects the majority of Kentucky Baptists. I have no proof, but neither does Mr. Mays to state the opposite.

Third, he implies that because the paper does not support his views the paper has "sunk." Should we who support the paper now assume it was sunk when it agreed with him?

Finally, he uses emotional words, unsupported by fact or example: "anger and disgust," "constant slander," "prejudicial."

Mr. Mays has the right to his opinion. He doesn't, however, have the right to pick at the Recorder's splinter while ignoring his log.

I read the Recorder "religiously." I find many things I agree with—many things I don't. The articles are stimulating and thought-provoking. I learned long ago not to blindly accept what I've always believed, but to question things in light of new information. I can't do that if I never read anything of differing positions. But if I radically don't like what I read, I can cancel my subscription rather than lowering myself to name-calling and throwing unsupported accusations.

*E. Carolyn Tucker
Dixon*

ted my legs and arms in spite of all of his preventive efforts.

Soon after we returned with several gallon buckets of berries, mother began the process of cooking them.

I can picture the hot kitchen and the big cloth mother kept in her apron pocket to wipe the sweat from her brow as she converted those berries into a winter's supply of delicious jam and jelly, taken later to store on the basement shelves.

In the midst of the pickin', I found myself wanting to be back there again; not so much to pick berries, but to be with mom and dad as they worked together to make it through the hard times of the late 1930s and early 1940s. Blackberry pickin' and canning were just two of the ways they loved us.

When I had filled my two half-gallon containers, I left the remaining for others who might chance upon them.

Upon returning to Louisville later that afternoon, Alice baked crust, and we had the best blackberry cobbler you've ever tasted.

Come to think of it, I haven't found the first chigger bite, either!

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



Grandparenting by Grace

By John Lepper

"Congratulations! By God's grace, you have graduated to grandparenting!" so says the author of the book, "Grandparenting by Grace." This resource material was published last year by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and follows in the pattern of "Parenting by Grace."

When we say "congratulations" to grandparents, we are speaking to 60 million Americans. Fully 94 percent of all older adults who have children are grandparents; nearly 50 percent are great-grandparents.

Congratulations, grandparent. You play a vital role in families. You have significant influence as you guide and nurture your grandchildren and as you support their parents.

Parents sometimes feel overwhelmed in their task of raising children. The tendency in our society today is to view parents as the only proper source of child correction and guidance. This need not be the case.

Congratulations, grandparent. Your role is both challenging and fulfilling. "Grandparenting by Grace" helps you meet the challenge by providing a clearer understanding of your role as a grandmother or grandfather. The material is based on biblical concepts and makes many practical applications. A leader's guide is available to help a group facilitator lead this 12-week course.

The foundational biblical truth upon which "Grandparenting by Grace" is based is that God's grace is sufficient in all seasons of life. Grandchildren are God's gracious gifts to grandparents. Grandparents are God's gifts to families.

Grandparents have a vital role. But what is that role? Some grandparents have had positive experiences, while others have had negative ones. No matter your experience, you can discover the joys of grandparenting.

Congratulations, grandparent! While there is no grandparent university, "Grandparenting by Grace" is a beginning place to fill this void. The material provides a wealth of practical guidance for grandparents. It can help them discover and live out God's grace in relation to their grandchildren.

John Lepper is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

Yes, it's romantic, but 'Bridges' glorifies adultery

Music swelled as the ashes of Iowa farmwife Francesca Johnson blew past a covered bridge and settled onto the creek bank below. She floated down to the remains of the love of her life. The ashes of photographer Robert Kincaid already were scattered from that bridge. In death, Francesca and Robert shared what her earthly obligations denied. They remained together, forever.

At that moment, the movie's musical score failed to match the crescendo of moviegoers' sniffles. They heaved heavy, wistful sighs, groped for tissues and stumbled, red-eyed, into the aisles.

Outside the theater, critics and audiences alike have raved about "The Bridges of Madison County." They praise its romance and tenderness. They laud its bittersweet longing and simple elegance. Meryl Streep gives meaning and poignancy to Francesca. Clint Eastwood's Robert is thoughtful and sensitive, with not a trace of Dirty Harry.

So what's wrong with this picture? As art and entertainment, it's on a different plane than "Natural Born Killers" and "Basic Instinct," the violent films decried by presidential hopeful Bob Dole. This movie never considers violence, much less glorifies it. It affirms a strong, poetic woman rather than debasing voluptuous females. In 2 hours and 20 minutes, it only emits one dirty word.

So what's wrong with this picture? Its beauty seduces middle-class, middle-aged Americans. It glorifies adultery, if not for a one-night stand, then for a four-day fling. People who should know better praise Francesca for deciding not to abandon her family; they don't question why she betrayed her loving and faithful—albeit boring—husband. It's as if Richard Johnson sinned against his wife because he was earnest and dull, and Robert Kincaid redeemed her with four days of picnics, adventurous stories and, yes, passionate sex.

"The Bridges of Madison County" prompts viewers to consider relationships from a different angle. It turns the tables on status quo philandering. Instead of a testosterone-high husband rejecting his wife and kids for a buxom young beauty, "Bridges" immortalizes an emotionally starved housewife who finds spiritual release in the arms of an artiste.

In case you haven't figured it out, this movie oozes romance. Francesca glows when she dances with Robert, who frees her momentarily from a brown Midwestern middle-class farm/cell. Although she refuses to run away with him because she loves, and feels obligated to, her family, they remain silent and distant sweethearts to their deaths.

Romance aside, the religious people who will see this movie must not forget it's about adultery. We may hate gratuitous violence and loveless sex of baser films. But we dare not wink at middle-aged sin.

Ironically, Francesca's paradox of romance versus responsibility pales next to the puny reasoning Christian viewers have slathered on this movie. With clergy sexual misconduct and marital infidelity ravaging the church, you'd think Christians would be the last to sing the praises of this paean to passion. You'd be wrong. Many people who run for a rope every time a minister or deacon strays also gush over "Bridges." Is sin acceptable just because it's as alluring as Francesca? Is adultery OK as long as it's romantic? You know the answers.

If you see the film, have a good cry. But don't whitewash the fact Francesca, for whatever reason, betrayed her marriage.

"Bridges" romance seduces moviegoers; it begs them to make excuses for Francesca. Don't yield to the temptation. No matter how romantic or how beautiful, adultery is sin. And, to paraphrase another famous movie character, "Sinful is as sinful does."

Marv Knox

The romance of "The Bridges of Madison County" seduces moviegoers; it begs them to make excuses for Francesca Johnson. Don't yield to the temptation. No matter how romantic or how beautiful, adultery is sin.

War in Somalia slaughters 'sheep' & scars 'shepherds'

I am one of God's sheep.

The problem is, my grazing land is located in Mogadishu, Somalia.

There are few of us sheep left. Some have been frightened away. Others have scattered into the nearby desert sands of Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya. Many have been driven across oceans into lands foreign to our flock—England, Italy, Canada and the

United States. Never again will they lie down in the green pastures we thought God had prepared for us together. Year after year, we have searched for still waters and a place at the table among the enemies of our faith.

Many shepherds came to our aid during Somalia's civil war and fam-

ine; bringing food, hope and God's message. The believing sheep were encouraged, and prayers were answered. Now the world has turned its back on our country. Now it is difficult for us sheep not to fear the evil one.

How long, how deep is this valley of the shadow of death? When will we come out on the other side?

Where is my shepherd?
Where have the believers gone?
Who will now hear my cry?

I am one of God's shepherds.

The problem is, after four years, we've had to evacuate Mogadishu, Somalia.

Since 1991, the cost of shepherd-

ing the flock of Christ has required an often-painful re-evaluation of faith, hope and love. I've held newborn sheep in my arms as they died. Helplessly, it seems, I've watched those of the flock of God ravaged by evil wolves posing as warlords and gun-carrying adolescents. I have witnessed sheep that I covenanted to feed crammed into boats and cattle trucks. They disappeared into refugee camps, bombed-out cities and countries seemingly beyond the reach of shepherding staffs and comforting rods.

One black day, three of our sheep were murdered simply because they belonged to the flock of God. I could not attend the burial of their bodies without endangering the remaining scattered and frightened sheep.

How God's sheep need a shep-

herd!

But, seemingly, Mogadishu is closed now to shepherds. And it is deadly for sheep. The world has left Somalia to lie in the bed they have so evilly constructed.

What's a shepherd to do?
Where are my sheep?

"So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them" (Ezekiel 34:5-6).

"Oh, Lord, let there be sheep and shepherds that I know not of."

Name withheld to protect the author

GUEST EDITORIAL

A wonderful trip to the plate capped a long, arduous softball season

The ol' diamond looked extremely rocky for the Cardinals as the sun sat on Molly's first softball season.

The Cards finished regulation play two games below .500. And although they upset the T-Birds in the first game of the season-ending single-elimination tourney, they faced the dreaded Comets. Only Rick Lotz, our always-upbeat manager, spoke of defeating the Comets, who dominated the league.

Closer to our own home plate, Molly had endured a long and arduous season. Her fielding and throwing improved week by week; not bad for an 8-year-old. But at the plate, she went 0-for-forever, and that's tough at any age.

Not that she hadn't tried. She spent

hours and hours in our yard, wearing out her daddy's arm swinging at balls. Coach Eddie Yount arrived early for practice, just to work with Molly, trying to explain how to watch the ball, time her swing and step toward the pitching machine. All to no avail.

"Daddy, do you ever pray that I'll hit that ball?" she asked me one evening as we drove home from the ballpark.

"Baby, I sure do," I told her.

"Me too," she added. "I've even prayed

just to hit a foul ball."

Well, our hearts pounded as Molly came up to bat in the last half of the last inning of the game against the Comets. The score was tied, 9-9.

Most Cards fans probably were waiting for Molly to bat so we could get to the top of the lineup. Beth and Lauren were sure to drive in a run to defeat the mighty Comets. But Molly batted first, and she watched the first pitch.

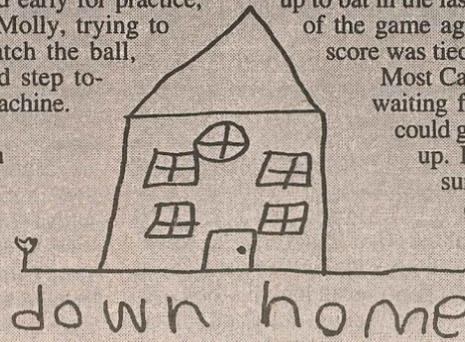
As pitch two hurtled toward the plate, Molly cocked her elbow, grimaced a little and swung with all her 50 pounds of might.

And then she made the most beautiful sound of the season. Crack! The bat struck the ball, and Molly ran safely to first base. She saved the best for last, and we nearly cheered ourselves hoarse.

I'd like to tell you Molly went on to score the winning run, and the Cards grounded the Comets. Unfortunately, the Comets' third basegirl made an unbelievable catch to save a run, and the champs went on to take the game from our team.

Still, we went home feeling like the Cards won the World Series. Not just because Molly learned to hit, but also because fine people like Rick and Eddie care enough to make kids feel like winners. No matter what the score.

Marv Knox



Clinton orders clarification on religion in schools

**"Americans should never have to hide their faith, but some Americans have been denied the right to express their religion, and that has to stop."
President Bill Clinton**

VIENNA, Va.—President Clinton issued a landmark directive July 12 that ordered the Education Department and Justice Department to provide clear guidelines for allowable religious expression in public schools.

Clinton's move was widely interpreted as a pre-emptive strike against a proposed constitutional amendment on religious freedom backed by Christian conservatives, though the president did not mention the measure in his remarks.

Reaction to Clinton's speech was mixed. Advocates of strong church-state separation hailed the president's effort to clarify existing law on religious expression. But backers of closer church-state ties said Clinton's initiative doesn't go far enough.

Speaking to religious leaders, students and teachers gathered at James Madison High School in Vienna, Va., Clinton said he has ordered Education Secretary Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno "to provide every school district in America before school starts this fall with a detailed explanation of the religious expression permitted at school."

Among the principles outlined in Clinton's directive are the rights of students to pray individually and in groups during the school day and to wear religious messages on their clothing if they are allowed to wear comparable non-religious messages.

In addition, the directive notes that students can participate in religious events before and after school and can wear religious garb, such as head scarves and yarmulkes, Clinton said.

"What we have to do is to work together to help all Americans understand exactly what the First Amendment does," Clinton said. "It protects freedom of religion by allowing students to pray and it protects freedom of religion by preventing schools from telling them how and when and what to pray. The First Amendment keeps us all on common ground."

Clinton's directive, however,

makes clear that organized public-school prayer—advocated by many conservative Christians—should remain illegal.

The directive also states that teachers and school administrators are prohibited from soliciting, encouraging or discouraging religious activity while in their roles as government employees.

Clinton said students should be allowed to express their religious beliefs in their homework, artwork and other assignments as long as the expression relates to an assignment.

There are "rare" cases, he also said, in which students are prevented from exercising rights such as reading a Bible in study hall or saying grace before a meal.

"Americans should never have to hide their faith, but some Americans have been denied the right to express their religion, and that has to stop," he said.

"The First Amendment does not—I will say again, does not—convert our schools into religion-free zones."

Still, he said, "I... believe the First Amendment as it is presently written permits the American people to do what they need to do."

That is the point at which Clinton differs with religious conservatives who are advocating a religious liberty amendment to the Constitution.

"We continue to disagree with the president about the proper remedy to the infringement of religion in America's public schools," said Michael Smith, governmental affairs director with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Smith noted that messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention's June meeting adopted a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment that would protect religious liberty.

Smith said he found much to agree with in Clinton's speech but believes the president was motivated by reelection politics more than concern for religious liberty. The speech was

"part of a larger attempt to rehabilitate the president's image among evangelicals and social conservatives who are deeply troubled about this administration's advocacy of radical social policies, especially in the area of abortion and homosexuality," Smith said.

Richard Land, CLC executive director, said Clinton's comments described the current status of the law but did not take into account looming threats from a secular society and confused court system.

"Some in our society are attempting to alter that status by further restricting students' religious expression, while others, including the Christian Life Commission, are trying to solidify and further protect those free-exercise rights through the passage of a constitutional amendment, which would put those rights beyond the reach of future administrations and the Supreme Court," he said.

On the other hand, the Baptist Joint Committee praised the president's speech and reiterated its position that a constitutional amendment is unnecessary and unwise.

The president "made it clear that the First Amendment provides adequate and sufficient safeguards for the free expression of religion," said James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee.

"Using the presidential pulpit like no recent president has, Mr. Clinton made clear that religious liberty is the pre-eminent American value," added BJC General Counsel Brent Walker. Walker embraced Clinton's rejection of the need for a constitutional amendment, saying, "Education about existing rights is the key."

Clinton said his directive "borrows heavily and gratefully" from a statement produced in April by a broad coalition of religious and legal groups who "put themselves on the solution side of this debate." The document, titled "Religion in the Public Schools: A Joint Statement of Current Law,"

spells out what the diverse groups agree to be current church-state law.

The statement was drafted by a coalition including the Baptist Joint Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Committee, the American Muslim Council, the Anti-Defamation League, the Christian Legal Society, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Council of Churches, People for the American Way and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and endorsed by 24 other organizations.

Clinton said he chose the Virginia school as the venue for his speech because it offers a course, called "Combating Intolerance," which teaches about religious differences.

He praised the school's namesake, James Madison, the nation's fourth president, for helping to create the Bill of Rights, especially the First Amendment, whose first clause prevents governmental establishment of religion and governmental prohibition of the free exercise of religion.

Clinton also cited his own religious experience in speaking about the importance of balancing religious freedom with the rights to religious expression. "I really do believe in the constancy of sin, the constant possibility of forgiveness, the reality of redemption and the promise of a future life," he said.

"But I'm also a Baptist who believes that salvation is primarily personal and private, that my relationship is directly with God and not through any intermediary," Clinton said. "Other people can have different views, and I've spent a good part of my life trying to understand the different religious views, celebrate them and figure out what brings us together."

Compiled from Religion News Service, Associated Baptist Press and Baptist Press reports

Highlights of Clinton's directive

VIENNA, Va. (RNS)—Here are the main points of President Clinton's directive on religious expression in public schools:

- Students have the right to pray individually and in groups during the school day. However, students do not have "the right to have a captive audience listen, or to compel other students to participate."

- Students may read the Bible or other Scriptures, say grace before meals and pray before exams "to the same extent they may engage in comparable non-disruptive activities."

- Students may discuss religious topics with their peers, but school officials should intercede if student speech is considered harassment.

- School officials cannot authorize organized prayer at graduation ceremonies or organize religious baccalaureate ceremonies.

- Teachers and school administrators cannot solicit, encourage or discourage religious

activity while in their roles as government employees.

- Public schools can teach about religion but not provide religious instruction. For instance, courses dealing with the history of religion, comparative religion and the Bible as literature are permitted.

- Students may express their religious beliefs in homework, artwork and other assignments when the expression relates to a school assignment.

- Students have the right to distribute religious literature when other literature unrelated to school activities is permitted for distribution.

- Students may wear religious messages on their clothing if they are allowed to wear comparable non-religious messages.

- Student religious groups have the same access to school facilities as other comparable student groups.

Court upholds Bible club access

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. Supreme Court declined June 29 to disturb a federal appeals-court ruling that a Ladue, Mo., junior high school could not open its facilities after hours for groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts while denying access to a parent-led Bible club.

Ladue school officials established a policy in 1986 that permitted use of facilities by a broad range of groups from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on school days. In response to complaints about the religious content of the Good News-Good Sports Club, the district amended its policy by closing the facility except for scouting clubs and athletic groups.

When the amended policy was challenged, a federal district court upheld the school officials. But that opinion was reversed by the appeals court's finding that the amended policy resulted in viewpoint discrimination.

The appeals court based its ruling on a 1993 Supreme Court ruling that a New York school district that opened its facilities for after-hours

use by a range of community groups could not deny access to a religious group.

Such a denial, the high court ruled, constituted viewpoint discrimination and violated the religious group's free-speech rights.

The appeals court rejected the school district's argument that the discrimination was justified by the compelling interest of complying with the Constitution's requirement of church-state separation.

While the court's refusal to review the Missouri case does not necessarily translate into an endorsement of the appeals court's ruling, it is not inconsistent with the high court's own rulings concerning the principle of equal access for religious groups.

In addition to the 1993 New York case, the Supreme Court upheld a 1984 statute guaranteeing equal access for religious groups to public secondary school forums, and in 1981, justices ruled that state universities must provide religious groups equal access to campus facilities.

Congress considering bills on abortion

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Congressional Republicans have introduced a series of bills aimed at narrowing abortion rights.

On June 15, the House voted 230-196 to forbid abortions on military bases. The same week, hearings were held in the House on bills that would eliminate plans to make abortion training a requirement for medical residents and outlaw a controversial late-term abortion technique.

"What's happening is you've got a Congress that's finally starting to respond to the majority opinion in this country that opposes unrestricted abortions," said Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right To Life Committee, an anti-abortion group. "But this legislation is not going to place sweeping new limits on abortion."

The measures have the support of the Christian Coalition, which included weakening abortion laws as part of its "Contract with the American Family" announced in mid-May.

"The Christian Coalition is setting the agenda in Congress," said Gina Shaw, a spokeswoman for the National Abortion Federation, an association of abortion providers. "They want to ban abortion, but they're politically savvy and know that if they try to ban abortion directly the American public won't stand for it. They're trying to do a lot of little things that seem to do nothing, but taken together make abortion very difficult."

Mike Russell, a spokesman for the Christian Coalition, acknowledged the group is making a "concerted lobbying effort" to pressure the House

and Senate to act on abortion.

"There's no coincidence that these issues are being talked about now," Russell said. "When our contract was introduced, (House) Speaker (Newt) Gingrich promised quick markups on bills and floor action on these issues."

While abortion foes are buoyed by the congressional support, abortion-rights advocates see the new bills as a potential reversal.

"As a senior woman in the House, this is a day I dread," said Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo. "I see us rolling back on women's rights. ... This is the beginning of chopping away at the rights we spent much too long to ascertain."

Ron Fitzsimmons, director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said, however, he does not see the bills as a serious threat because Democratic President Bill Clinton supports abortion rights.

"I'm not especially worried because we have Clinton on our side," said Fitzsimmons. "They can pass a bill outlawing third-term abortions and Clinton is going to veto it. If Bob Dole or Phil Gramm is elected president, then this would be very serious."

A House hearing was held June 14 on a bill to eliminate a requirement by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education that hospital residency programs teach future obstetricians how to perform abortions. The council is a medical residency review board that finalizes all residency requirements.

A House hearing the next day focused on a bill that would make it a felony for a doctor to perform a so-

called "partial abortion." The late-term procedure involves partially extracting the fetus from the mother before it is aborted. "Partial abortion" is not a medical term, but one that abortion opponents coined.

Abortion-rights advocates say the procedure is the safest form of late-term abortion but is seldom used—usually only to save the life of the mother or when severe fetal abnormalities make it impossible for the baby to survive outside the womb.

But abortion foes such as Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., who introduced similar legislation in the Senate, call the procedure "grotesque" and "disgusting." At Thursday's hearing opponents of the procedure provided five posters depicting it in graphic terms.

"Partial birth abortion" is described by opponents as an abortion in which the person performing the abortion partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before stabbing the baby through the skull with scissors and removing the brain with a suction machine.

Schroeder accused abortion foes of using inflammatory rhetoric to seek to narrow women's rights. She said a doctor—not politicians—should decide what medical procedure is necessary in the operating room.

"There are very, very, very few of these procedures," said Schroeder. "These are heartbreaking procedures. But sometimes everything goes wrong. These are choices that should be made by the woman, her husband and the doctor. I don't think we want the government to make these choices."

Bill proposed to protect 'parental rights'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Several congressional members and conservative Christian groups joined forces June 27 to support proposed legislation they say will prevent government intrusion into parental upbringing of children.

The bill, the Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 1995, is sponsored by Reps. Steve Largent, R-Okla., and Mike Parker, D-Miss.

"Parents face increasing intrusions into their legitimate decisions and prerogatives by government agencies in situations that do not involve traditional understandings of abuse or neglect but simply are a conflict of parenting philosophies," the proposed bill states.

The measure would require that government have a compelling reason to interfere with parental rights. The legislation says protecting children from abuse and neglect is "a compelling government interest."

At a news conference, Largent cited examples in news reports of alleged governmental intrusion in parents' lives. In one instance, a Pittsburgh-area father was sued by a school for taking his son out of study hall and gym at the end of the school day so he could tutor the boy at home.

The Christian Coalition included the Largent-Parker proposal in its 10-point "Contract with the American Family" when the group announced its legislative agenda last month.

"We are here today to affirm that government doesn't raise children. Parents do," said Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition.

Other groups voicing support for the bill included the Family Research Council, a Washington-based lobbying group, and the Traditional Values Coalition, another lobbying group based in Anaheim, Calif.

Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, said the legislation would help ease what he called a "virtue deficit" in the country.

Critics of the bill say they favor increased communication between parents, educators and government officials rather than new legislation.

Dobson joins opposition to Beijing conference

DENVER (RNS)—In an address to a family conference, radio psychologist James Dobson attacked an upcoming United Nations conference on women as "the greatest threat to the family in my lifetime."

Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, an evangelical organization based in Colorado Springs, Colo., aimed his broadside at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women scheduled in Beijing in September.

"You will not believe what they hope to accomplish there—including the complete destruction of the fami-

ly," Dobson told 2,700 participants at the International Congress on the Family. The meeting was co-sponsored by Focus on the Family and the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Dobson's criticism is part of what is planned to be a concerted effort by conservative religious groups concerned about what they see as a liberal agenda at the U.N. conference on the status of women.

"They absolutely hate the family, the radical feminists who are behind this thing," Dobson said of the U.N. conference.

Church Women United, an interfaith organization participating in Beijing, declined comment. But Dobson's attack brought a rejoinder from Catholics for a Free Choice, an abortion-rights group that will send seven delegates to Beijing.

"The conference on women is about making women equal partners in society," said Catholics for a Free Choice spokeswoman Denise Shannon. "The radical right wing, including religious fundamentalists, find that notion threatening, so they distort the conference's agenda when they make these absurd claims."

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Lutheran membership slips.** Membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America dipped slightly between 1993 and 1994, with the denomination reporting it lost 12,752 members. The ECLA remains the nation's fifth-largest Protestant body, behind the Southern Baptist Convention, United Methodist Church, National Baptist Convention USA and the Church of God in Christ.

■ **Disciples link for seminary.** Disciple Renewal, an evangelical group within the mainline Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has reached a formal agreement with Denver Seminary, a Conservative Baptist Association school, for the training of theologically conservative pastors. Disciple Renewal will select instructors who will offer courses in Disciple history, theology and church organization, while helping students stay close to their denominational roots.

■ **Adventists oppose date setting.** The Seventh-day Adventist Church, a worldwide organization founded on the concept that the Second Coming of Christ is imminent, has issued a statement opposing the setting of dates for his return. "While anticipating Christ's return, Adventists reject any attempt to set specific dates for the event," the church announced in a statement released by the office of its president.

■ **Nun will sue seminary.** A Roman Catholic nun fired by a southern Indiana seminary for publicly dissenting from church teachings said she will sue to get her job back. Sister Carmel McEnroy was fired in April from St. Meinrad School of Theology, where she had taught since 1987, after she signed an open letter to Pope John Paul II asking him to reopen discussion of his opposition to the ordination of women. McEnroy contends St. Meinrad officials violated her employment contract.

■ **Maryland funds pope line.** Maryland's Gov. Parris Glendening has been criticized by church-state separation groups for using state funds to set up a toll-free telephone line to dispense information about Pope John Paul II's planned October visit to Baltimore. "Promotion of the pope's visit should be left to the Archdiocese of Baltimore, lest the impression be created that the state of Maryland is granting special favors to one church," said Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Glendening, a Catholic, said the toll-free line was necessary for safety and traffic.

■ **Gingrich supports vouchers.** A Mississippi mother who went to court to stop local public school students from praying over a school intercom would have been better off sending her children elsewhere, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told a town hall meeting in Roswell, Ga. Gingrich used the lawsuit brought by Lisa Herdahl to support his argument that tuition vouchers could help reform the "anti-religious bias" of public education. "My attitude is that we'll give you a voucher for the value of your child's education. Go find a school you like. But don't dictate to everybody else in your community based on your particular prejudices."

■ **Bishops speak on welfare.** Roman Catholic bishops June 28 urged Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kans., to retain welfare coverage for unwed teen mothers in proposed reform legislation. In a letter to Dole, the bishops criticized conservative Republican proposals to end welfare payments to single mothers under 18 and women who bear children while on welfare, saying such proposals would lead to an increase in abortions and hurt poor people.

■ **Pope speaks on women's rights.** Pope John Paul II issued perhaps his strongest appeal ever for women's rights July 10, urging "real equality in every area" and apologizing for the Roman Catholic Church's past repression of women. At the same time, the pope reaffirmed the church's ban on female ordination and on abortion and contraception.

Cornerstone Counseling offers statewide network

Who needs a counselor?

- According to officials with Cornerstone Counseling, an individual, couple or family may need a counselor if:
- An individual's functioning is interfering with family life or job performance.
 - An individual is overly depressed, anxious or angry.
 - An individual is self-destructive or a threat to others.
 - A couple has trouble communicating.
 - A couple faces unresolved issues related to their individual roles.
 - A marriage appears to be threatened.
 - Parent-child issues interfere with family functioning.
 - Communication difficulties disrupt the family.
 - Family roles create problems.
 - Family members are having difficulty working together.
- This is not an exhaustive list. Many other reasons prompt people to seek professional counseling.

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care and independent living services to its menu of ministries.

KHBC personnel felt a counseling dimension would further fill out the "continuum of services" by providing preventative care before problems become so severe that more drastic measures must be taken, Mooney said.

And it would fit the need-based philosophy of the KBHC ministry, he added. "When we see a need, we ask how we can do something about it."

KBHC opened the first Cornerstone Counseling center in Bowling Green in 1992, in partnership with Warren Baptist Association. In the three years since, new centers have been added at the rate of about one every three months.

The interest which has been generated in the program has been "phenomenal" and has confirmed that the ministry is on target, said Cornerstone Director Jane Parker.

Not only has the number of centers mushroomed since the first one opened in October 1992, but the number of clients served has grown as well. During the 1992-93 fiscal year, Cornerstone counselors saw 151 clients; during 1993-94, they saw 483. This year, they will have reached

more than 1,300, according to KBHC Public Relations Director Robert Reeves.

Parker stays on the go constantly, trying to keep up with requests to open, staff and supervise centers, according to Reeves. Initially, "we envisioned two centers opening each year," he said. Instead that number has more than doubled.

Today, Cornerstone offices are located in Ashland, Berea, Bowling Green, Corbin, Erlanger, Frankfort, Harold, Henderson, Hopkinsville, London, Madisonville, New Castle, Pineville and Somerset.

As director, Parker works with associations and churches in setting up the centers and provides clinical supervision for the counselors.

Each Cornerstone office operates through a partnership agreement between KBHC and a local Baptist group. In most cases, this group is an association or a group of churches. However, in Pineville, the partnership is with Clear Creek Bible College, and in Corbin, it is with the Baptist Medical Center.

The sponsoring group provides office space, volunteer receptionists, scholarship money to ensure that no one is denied help for lack of money and an advisory board.

KBHC provides professional Christian counselors, clinical supervision of the counselors' work and day-to-day management of the program.

Centers offer eight to 16 hours of counseling each week. The number of sessions a client needs is determined by mutual agreement between the client and the counselor. The standard fee is \$60 per hour, but scholarships are available from partner groups which can reduce the out-of-pocket expense to a client to as little as \$10 per hour. No one is turned away for lack of money.

Most of the counselors work for Cornerstone part-time. They make their primary livelihood in private practice or in a state or private mental health agency. Each must hold at least a master's degree.

These counselors could be making more money through some other means but choose to work with Cornerstone "out of a firm belief in what we are trying to do," Parker said. "Through Cornerstone, we're able to deal with the whole person, including the spiritual."

Mooney agreed. The heart of the ministry is that Christians who are in crisis "want help in a way they can understand," he said. "They want help in the context of what they believe."

For example, the Christian context drew counselor Sheila Talley of Frankfort into the ministry. "To have an agency in which I can fulfill my calling and utilize my spiritual gifts is a real blessing," she said.

Since Talley believes no counseling methodology is ever value-free, she wanted to work in a place where she could "share my Christian values and my faith."

Working in an agency which up-front identifies itself as "Christian" gives Talley the freedom to pray with clients, to share her personal faith in Jesus with them and to encourage them to consider "the spiritual component and how that fits into all that's happening in their lives," she said.

Parker attributes the success of the ministry not only to its firm Christian foundation, the strong partnership relationships and the cadre of committed counselors but also to low overhead and minimal bureaucracy.

"It's a great program because there are no wasted efforts or funds," Parker said. KBHC is non-profit and the sponsoring groups are all in it "for ministry as well," she said.

And the timing was right, she said. "When we heard pastors and directors of missions across the state asking for help, we responded quickly."

Cornerstone Counseling centers

- **Ashland**
1502 Harlan St.
(606) 329-2522
Partner: Greenup Baptist Association
- **Berea**
1435 Richmond Road
(606) 986-0685
Partner: Tates Creek Baptist Association
- **Bowling Green**
1227 Park St., Suite 3
(502) 842-2769
Partner: Warren Baptist Association
- **Corbin**
1 Trillium Way
Baptist Regional Medical Center
(606) 523-8559
Partner: Baptist Regional Medical Center

- **Erlanger**
3001 Riggs Ave.
(606) 727-9946
Partner: Northern Kentucky Baptist Association
- **Frankfort**
1075 Collins Lane
(502) 830-0442
Partners: Franklin Baptist Association, Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort First Baptist Church and Immanuel Baptist Church
- **Harold**
266 Cherry St.
(606) 478-3300
Partners: Pike and Enterprise Baptist associations

- **Henderson**
2470 S. Green St.
(502) 830-0442
Partner: Green Valley Baptist Association
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Family's 4 AIDS cases prompt father's appeal for compassion

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AIDS program, Allen said, and he hopes more will follow their example.

But for Matt, the experience was a lonely and alienating one, Allen said. "Today Matt believes in God but writes off churches with the flat statement, 'They kicked me out,'" Allen told the WMU audience.

In recent months, Allen said he's heard from people across the nation who have felt rejected because of AIDS.

They are part of a "fellowship of pain," he said. "It comes from all styles of people from all denominational backgrounds, from all geographical and economic backgrounds."

Allen's son Scott is an example. After losing his pulpit, Scott embraced Taoism, a Chinese-based religion and philosophy—a transition, Allen said, that has been a "painful

process" for both him and his son.

Unlike Scott, however, the 67-year-old Allen, former president of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission, said he still has hope in Christianity.

"He (Scott) had been so scarred, so wounded by the rejection of the churches," Allen said in the interview. "I was wounded, but I had walked with the Father (God) so long that I knew that the churches were dysfunctional but the Father was not."

Lessons of compassion are detailed throughout the New Testament, but churches sometimes worry more about other things, such as gaining "numerical strength," Allen said.

Many church members continue to express unreasonable sentiments about the AIDS virus, Allen said. Some believe they can contract the disease through casual contact despite medical and scientific reports to the

contrary. Others view all AIDS sufferers as shameful because they consider homosexuality sinful, and gay men were the first victims.

Allen said he believes the Bible condemns homosexual behavior, but that doesn't keep him from loving his son Skip.

"Skip and I still do not agree about the nature of the matter of acting out on homosexual impulses, but we love each other past that," Allen said. "My basic viewpoint has not altered, but my peripheral vision has grown tremendously."

Church members must stop leaving the care of AIDS patients to "the Samaritans"—the gay community and the entertainment industry—and get personally involved, Allen said. He was referring to the Gospel parable in which an injured traveler is helped by someone outside the established religious community.

"The people in the Christian community have passed by and let the outsiders—the Samaritans—take charge," he said. "That has to change."

Allen's desire for church involvement brings him to tears.

"I hope it becomes a joyous discovery of compassion," he said in the interview. "Nothing kills a church quicker than a cold heart, and nothing really warms the heart as much as the spirit of God moving through you to help somebody who needs help who is in desperate shape."

And, Allen quickly added, such aid has its own rewards.

"The return is that there is a fire of love and compassion that comes afresh within the church itself," he said. "I think we are seeing an issue that may well determine the vitality and the life of the churches themselves."

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Poll finds people of faith more satisfied than others

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tend church once a week or more reported high satisfaction, compared to 46 percent who don't attend church.

Americans who prioritize "leading a moral life" were more likely to be very satisfied (60 percent) than those who don't (39 percent). And 59 percent who said they prioritize their relationship with God were very satisfied, compared to 43 percent who do not value a spiritual relationship.

People who prioritize their relationship with God were far more satisfied with their spiritual life than those who don't (69 percent to 30 percent).

Other survey questions assessed religious habits and attitudes and opinions about the Bible. Findings include:

■ Religion is an important priority for large numbers of Americans. Thirty-seven percent of those surveyed described "striving for a right relationship with God" as one of the one or two most important things to them.

■ Americans go to church about as often as they eat out. Fifty-five percent said they attend church at least weekly while 53 percent go out for

dinner once a week. Far fewer Americans say they read a novel (27 percent), buy a lottery ticket (25 percent), participate in competitive sports (11 percent), go dancing (10 percent) or go to the movies (9 percent) at least once a week.

■ Most Americans own and read the Bible. Twenty-four percent read their Bibles daily and 23 percent at least once a week, according to the survey. Fifty-nine percent read it at least once a month. Twenty-two percent said they never read the Bible, and 7 percent said they do so but less than once a year.

■ Most people find the Bible useful. Ninety-two percent of respondents agreed with the statements, "The Bible is a good source of moral teaching, independent of religious significance" and "The Bible offers good guidance on how to live our lives." Only 59 percent, however, said they turn to the Bible for advice.

The national survey, performed by KRC Research & Consulting, questioned 1,212 U.S. residents between March 30 and April 7. The study reported a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3.4 percent.

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New resource offers flexibility in training for evangelism

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Flexibility is the key characteristic of the newest witness training process developed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Titled "People Sharing Jesus," the process teaches a number of witnessing approaches, said Jerry Pipes, HMB associate director of personal evangelism. It can be taught in a variety of settings, and the materials can be adapted for churches with smaller budgets.

"Seventy-three percent of Southern Baptist churches are not doing anything to equip people in personal evangelism," Pipes said. "With People Sharing Jesus, we've tried to give them what they've asked for and something that will fit into their existing church structure."

"People Sharing Jesus equips congregations to share Christ where they live, work and play," Pipes said. "Christians learn to sense where the other person is and share Christ at their point of need."

Based on a newly published book by Darrell Robinson, HMB vice president for evangelism, the process is relational and intentional. Participants are taught to develop relationships with non-Christians and to make a point of sharing Christ with them.

"This is a tool to help you witness according to your own giftedness and personality type and the need of the person with whom you're sharing," Robinson said.

The process can be taught in small-group discussions, retreat settings, worship services, a seminar series or individual studies.

Most will talk about religion, professor says

By Pat Cole
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—After seven years of dispatching seminarians to share their faith, a Kentucky evangelism professor has concluded Christians can expect a warm response to their gospel witness.

"People in the United States are interested in religion as a major aspect of their lives," said Harry Poe of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Over the seven-year period, students have expressed surprise at this fact and realized that they had always had opportunities to witness that they had never taken advantage of."

Poe has taught evangelism on the Louisville school's campus as well as at off-campus centers in Tennessee, Maryland, Massachusetts and South Carolina. He also taught for three years at a Baptist seminary in Minnesota. The experience of evangelism students was "startlingly similar" in every region, Poe said.

As part of his courses on evangelism, Poe requires all students to engage in at least one conversation per week with a non-Christian with the intention of sharing the gospel. Students then present Poe verbatim accounts of the conversations, which are

used as a basis for class instruction.

In a recent course, 27 students reported a total of 245 conversations with non-Christians. Of the 245 encounters, students were able to present the gospel on 131 occasions, resulting in 39 conversions. Many conversions came after several conversations with the individuals.

The most important factor in presenting the gospel other than the Holy Spirit is style, Poe explained. "Most people aren't interested in a lecture or a debate," he said. "Yet they are open to talking about religion."

Poe does not restrict students to a particular plan for how to witness. Instead, he urges them to remember Christ's presence with them, draw from their experience as a believer and listen to the needs of the other person.

"I hold to the very simplistic assertion that 'Jesus is the answer,'" Poe said. "Our major concern is understanding the question they are asking so we can explain how Jesus is the answer."

Poe noted students are surprised to find how often conversations about faith are begun by non-Christians.

"They reported that they found themselves in a conversation and suddenly realized that they were talking

about matters for which the gospel provides answers," he said. "Students who had been afraid to share their faith observed that once they were willing to talk with other people about their faith in Jesus Christ, the opportunities came to them."

In addition to having a spirit of prayer and a non-argumentative style, Poe made three other observations from his students' experiences. He said believers who witness should:

■ Rely on the Holy Spirit as the primary figure at work in a witnessing encounter.

■ Be consistent in their witness since multiple conversations are often necessary before a person responds positively to the gospel.

■ Remember that people who do not have the gift of evangelism still can do the work of an evangelist.

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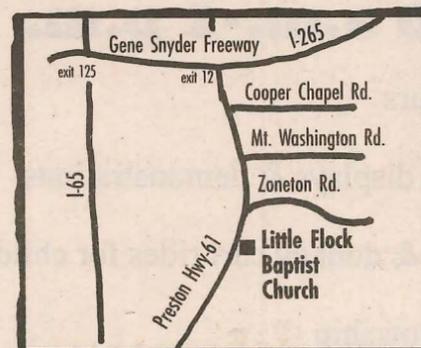
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Gordon: Witnessing to New Agers takes patience, creativity

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Witnessing to people involved in New Age movements requires creativity and patience, said a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board specialist in world religions.

"New Agers are some of the hardest people to witness to because of their beliefs. They believe they are God and there is no such thing as sin,"

said Bill Gordon, associate director of the HMB interfaith witness department. "On the other hand, they're open to spiritual things and willing to talk."

During home missions week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, Gordon told of a Christian who asked a New Age participant a typical witnessing question: "If you

were to die tonight and God asked you why he should let you into heaven, what would you say?"

The man thought for a minute before replying: "I am God and I can't imagine asking myself that question."

New Age movements have no central headquarters that define their beliefs, but those involved in New Age movements typically believe that

all reality—everything from animals to space—is God.

Reincarnation is another common New Age belief. Consequently, New Age adherents are likely to say they have eternal life, but they don't mean they believe they will spend eternity in heaven with Christ. Instead, they believe they will come back to earth in another life form, Gordon said.

Tips for witnessing to New Agers

Interfaith witness expert Bill Gordon offers this advice about witnessing to people in New Age movements: "Point out inconsistencies between what they claim to believe and how they live. Our life experiences give credibility to the Bible."

For example, some New Age adherents believe they are God or all of life is God. So ask the person who claims to be God about his life, Gordon suggested. If he admits to having a few problems, ask, "Have you ever wondered why you're having these problems if you're God?"

Another New Age belief is that sin does not exist. Ask the person espousing that theory why he carries keys and locks doors if sin does not exist, Gordon suggested.

Patience is another key to witnessing to New Age believers, he said. "View it as seed-planting. It may take several years, but they can be reached."

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HOT TIPS

■ **Build a church**
Opportunities still exist for Kentucky Baptist churches to help build a church in Russia. For details, call the KBC Partnership Missions office at (502) 245-4101.

■ **Marriage retreat**
Kentucky's annual Fall Festival of Marriage is set for Sept. 22-24 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. For registration information call (615) 251-2277.

■ **Mountain meet**
Ministers and their families from Eastern Kentucky are invited to the annual Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida Baptist Institute July 31-Aug. 2.

■ **Golf retreat**
The annual Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament will tee off July 31-Aug. 1 at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond.

■ **Keyboard retreat**
Mark your calendars for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's keyboard retreat Sept. 22-23 at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. Concert artists will include Ron Boud and Don Phillips. For details, call the KBC church music department at (502) 245-4101.

EVENTS FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

CHURCH MEDIA LIBRARY WORKERS, DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS, YOUTH EVANGELISM LEADERS

Super Saturdays train caring disciplers, youth workers

Discipleship Training leaders, church media library workers and youth evangelism leaders will find special help at this year's Super Saturday conferences.

Super Saturdays, the biggest one-day training event in Kentucky this year, will feature a number of special-interest conferences for these leadership groups.

Unique conferences for Discipleship Training leaders will help you find new ways to lead your church to experience God and know the mind of Christ. You'll find new ways to meet the needs of hurting people in your community.

Church media library workers will examine the new church media library series books, get practical help from people with answers to tough questions and network with other church library workers.

A special conference this year will provide information on youth evangelism and discipleship through "M-Pact" clubs on school campuses. These student-initiated and student-led clubs are for all Christian students, not just those involved in athletics.

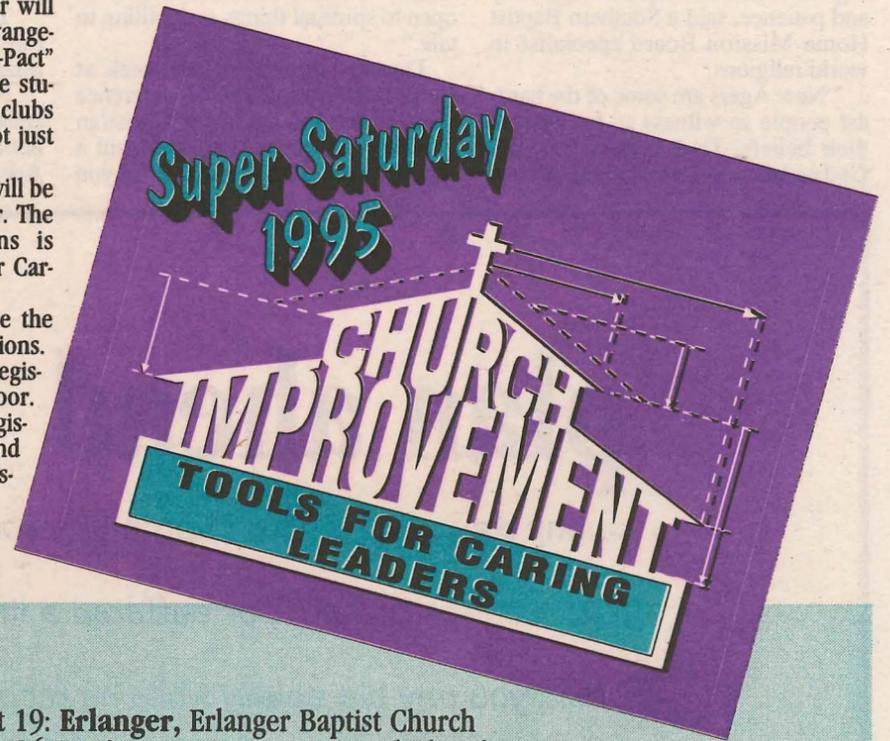
Super Saturday conferences will be offered in six locations this year. The theme of this year's sessions is "Church Improvement: Tools for Caring Leaders."

■ **Dates and locations:** See the adjacent box for dates and locations.

■ **Cost:** \$8 per person pre-registered or \$10 per person at the door.

■ **How to register:** Send registration to KBC Church Growth and Administration, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433.

■ **Information:** Call (502) 245-4101.



Super Saturday dates and locations

August 12: **Owensboro**, First Baptist Church
August 12: **Ashland**, First Baptist Church
August 19: **Corbin**, Central Baptist Church

August 19: **Erlanger**, Erlanger Baptist Church
August 26: **Lexington**, Porter Memorial Church
August 26: **Paducah**, First Baptist Church

MARRIED COUPLES, FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERS

Fall Festival considers romance in marriage

Whether you're newly married or you've been married a lifetime, the Fall Festival of Marriage offers a refreshing weekend retreat to strengthen your relationship with your mate and with God.

Fall Festival of Marriage is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. This year's retreat is scheduled for Sept. 22-24 in Louisville.

Sessions will be held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Lodging is available at area hotels.

Keynote speaker will be Steve Pettit, director of Commission Ministries in Melrose, Fla. The weekend schedule also includes a variety of small-group sessions, worship, recreation and fellowship.

"Regarding Romance" is the theme of this year's sessions. Issues to be addressed include romance, friendship, intimacy, communication, stress, sexuality, finances, conflict resolution, defensiveness and more.

The retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 and concludes with a worship celebration Sunday, Sept. 24.

This is an ideal retreat to attend as a couple, but also consider inviting other couples from your church to attend. Groups of 10 or more couples may qualify for a \$20 discount per couple.

■ **Cost:** \$100 per couple, not including lodging. Significant discounts are available for advance payment and when groups of 10 or more couples register together.

■ **Information and registration:** For a brochure or more information, contact the KBC family ministry department at (502) 245-4101.



Church Recreators Retreat

Sept. 7-8
Park Mammoth Resort
Park City

■ **Who?:** All full-time and part-time church recreators and activities ministers are invited

■ **Schedule:** A golf scramble will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7, with a banquet that night and program the next day for golfers and non-golfers alike

■ **Cost:** \$10 registration fee payable to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. No additional cost for banquet. Golf scramble is \$18 per person. Lodging available for \$44 single/\$56 double.

■ **Registration:** Call KBC student department at (502) 245-4101.

Help us send 15,000 Christmas gifts to a Russia

Kentucky Baptists will make Christmas brighter for 15,000 Russian children through the third annual Children's Christmas Gift Project.

Kentucky Brotherhood and Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union are sponsoring this project in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's partnership missions office.

All Kentucky Baptists can help with this project by filling gift bags. See the list of items to be placed in bags below.

Here's how to help:

1. Determine how many gift bags your class, missions organization or church will provide.
2. Send \$3 per bag to Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433. The

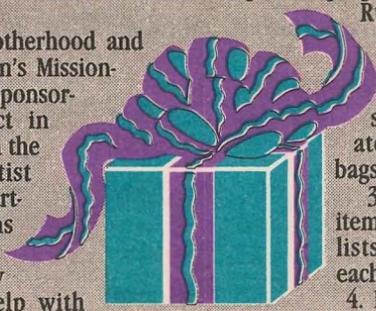
money will pay for the gift bag, a yo-yo and Russian New Testament to be placed in the bag and for the shipping to get the bag to Russia. After your

\$3 per bag is received by the KBC, you will be sent the appropriate number of gift bags to fill.

3. Purchase new items according to the lists below and fill each gift bag.

4. Deliver your filled gift bags to the drop-off point designated in the information you receive by mail from the KBC.

Even though Christmas is several months away, now is the time to begin planning to participate in the Children's Christmas Gift Project. For more information, call (502) 244-6489.



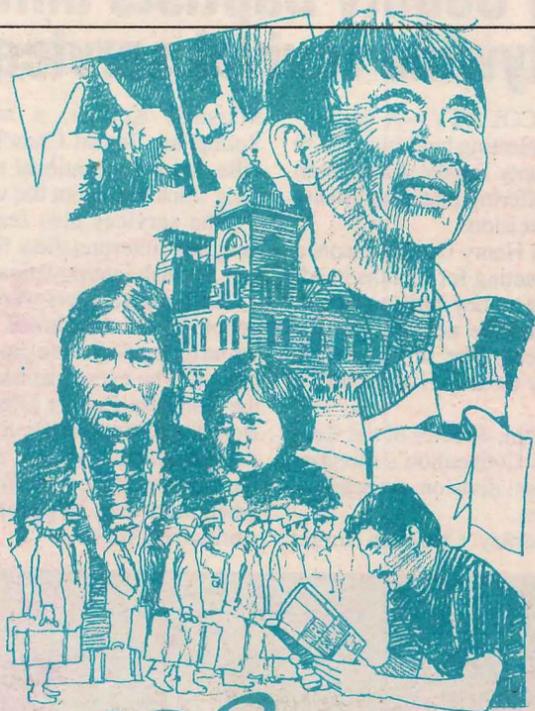
Gift bag items for younger children

- 1/2 lb. hard candy, individually wrapped and put in a Ziplock bag
- Child-size toothbrush, taped together with a tube of toothpaste
- Comb
- T-shirt (medium or large youth)
- Two pairs of white children's socks
- Two pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Box of eight crayons
- Notepad (no larger than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2)
- Inexpensive handkerchief

Gift bag items for older children

- 1/2 lb. hard candy, individually wrapped and put in a Ziplock bag
- Adult-size toothbrush, taped together with a tube of toothpaste
- Comb
- T-shirt (medium or large adult)
- Two pairs of white adult-size socks
- Two pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Ballpoint pen
- Notepad (no larger than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2)
- Inexpensive handkerchief

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS



The Legacy Continues

Baptist churches across Kentucky and the United States will celebrate Language Missions Day Aug. 13. If your church isn't planning to participate in this celebration, consider these facts:

- Almost half the people living in the United States consider themselves "ethnic" in some way.
- Americans speak 636 languages and dialects, and Southern Baptists bear witness among 102 of these groups.
- One-sixth of the Southern Baptist Convention's congregations are language missions or churches.
- Kentucky Baptists minister among about a dozen language groups.
- Many opportunities exist for new language congregations and ministries to be started in Kentucky.

For information about language missions opportunities, call the Kentucky Baptist Convention's direct missions department at (502) 244-6461.

PASTORS, STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORS

12 steps to a giving emphasis

Does your church need a renewed emphasis on financial stewardship?

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department suggests these 12 simple steps to create a "Giving Update Sunday":

1. Set the date early.
2. Select an update theme.
3. Order materials from the Southern Baptist Stewardship Services catalog early.
4. Announce and promote Update Sunday activities.
5. Prepare and mail Update letter to members.
6. Pastor prepare Update sermon.

7. Enlist people to share testimonies about giving.

8. Schedule devotionals for youth and adult Sunday school classes.

9. Teach Sunday school lessons on stewardship.

10. Prepare a special bulletin insert.

11. Schedule an audiovisual for Sunday evening.

12. Have an after-church fellowship Sunday evening.

For more information about promoting stewardship in your church, call the KBC stewardship department at (502) 245-4101.

DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS

Record-keeping helps church

It may seem like tedious work, but keeping accurate records of your church's Discipleship Training classes can help your church, your association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Accurate record keeping can help church leaders plan for the future, both by seeing what courses are most popular and by helping to see needs that are going unmet.

Accurate record keeping and reporting also helps your association and the KBC know what kind of training events to offer.

Report all your Discipleship Training records on the Annual Church Profile. People are to be counted in enrollment/participation for every training activity in which they are involved.

For assistance, contact the KBC Discipleship Training department at (502) 245-4101.

Jonathan Creek booking retreats

If you're planning a fall retreat or training session for a church group, consider the benefits of a get-away to Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. This is a great time to begin thinking about fall plans and booking space.

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

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Jonathan Creek provides clean, comfortable facilities at competitive rates. And the staff works diligently to meet the meeting needs of churches, associations, family reunions and other groups.

It's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas events and winter retreats either.

For information or to schedule an event, call Sherrie Phillips at (502) 354-8355.

■ **Space available**
Fall dates are open for church special events at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in West Kentucky. Plan your church retreat or meeting at this Baptist camp located on Kentucky Lake and nearby many other attractions.

■ **Super Saturdays**
The annual Super Saturday training conferences are scheduled for six locations in August. See the article in this Events section for details.

■ **Secretaries**
Church secretaries from across Kentucky will gather in Murray July 27-29 for their annual training conference. Call Cathy Heberer at (502) 245-4101 for details.

■ **Recreators retreat**
Church recreation leaders will gather for a golf scramble and retreat Sept. 7-8 at Park Mammoth Resort.

KBC Calendar

July 31-August 3

- Mountain Missions Conference, Oneida Baptist Institute

August 5

- WMU associational council training

August 6

- Day of Prayer for World Peace

August 6-10

- BSU On-to-College retreat

August 12

- WMU associational council training
- Super Saturday at First Baptist Church of Ashland and First Baptist Church of Owensboro

August 13

- Language Missions Day
- On-to-College Day

August 15

- KBC committee on committees meeting at Baptist Building

August 19

- WMU Associational Council training
- Super Saturday at Central Baptist Church of Corbin and Erlanger Baptist Church in Erlanger

August 20-27

- Church Music Emphasis Week

August 22

- KBC public affairs committee meeting at Baptist Building

August 24

- KBC resolutions committee meeting at Baptist Building

August 26

- WMU associational council training

- Super Saturday at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington and First Baptist Church of Paducah

September 3-9

- Brotherhood Leadership Week

September 5

- Southwestern region Brotherhood leadership Hope for Hurting Humanity workshop at Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton and central region workshop at Bardstown Baptist Church

September 7

- KBC committee on constitution and bylaws meeting at Baptist Building
- Southeastern region Brotherhood leadership Hope for Hurting Humanity workshop at First Baptist Church of Hazard and western region workshop at Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Owensboro.

September 7-8

- Church recreators retreat at Park Mammoth Resort



Ministers invited to the fore!-front

The annual Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Golf Tournament will tee off at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond July 31 and Aug. 1.

All Kentucky Baptist clergy are invited to participate. Laity are welcome to play, but only ministers will compete for prizes.

Information on tee times will be sent to each participant after registration is received.

■ **Cost:** \$55, including two days of green fees and two days of cart fees. Each player is responsible for his or her own lodging and meals.

■ **To register:** Contact Rick Howerton at 1805 West-avenue, Bowling Green, Ky. 42104, (502) 843-9462.

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■ **Amos study offered.** A preview of the Southern Baptist Convention's 1996 winter Bible study on Amos will be offered at Campbellsville College Aug. 3-4. Featured speaker will be Greg Earwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Murray. Earwood holds a doctorate in Old Testament from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For registration information, call (502) 465-8158.

■ **Baptist studies offered.** Lexington Theological Seminary will offer a Baptist studies course in its fall session, beginning Aug. 31. The course title is "Baptist Theological Traditions." It will be taught by Mark Medley, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The course is designed for Baptist seminary students but is open to others who would like to audit the course. The class will meet from 6:30-9:15 p.m. on Thursdays. For registration information, call Ruth Kitchen at (606) 252-0361.

■ **Phones on loan.** Cellular One of Southeast Kentucky is supplying free service on the cellular network this summer to Cumberland College's Mountain Outreach and Appalachian Ministries volunteers.

■ **Dinner theater planned.** Glen Dale Children's Home, a ministry of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, will present a dinner theater at 7 p.m. July 21 in the campus dining room. Two Kentucky Baptist Convention student ministry teams, Son Celebration and Son Share Players, will perform. Cost for the dinner theater is \$10 per person or \$54 for a table of six. The two student ministry groups also will perform at a pizza party the next night. For reservations or information, call (502) 369-7380.

■ **Jones named counselor.** Bridgette Jones of Louisville has been named a counselor in the college and career program of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. She also works with Spring Meadows Children's Home as an assistant teaching parent. She previously worked for Ten Broeck hospital and Maryhurst, both in Louisville.

■ **Moak named vice president.** James Moak has been named vice president for finance and administration with Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. He most recently has been vice president for planning and development for Healthcare Recoveries Inc., one of Louisville's fastest-growing companies. Moak succeeds Larry Dauenhauer, who is retiring after 37 years of service.



James Moak

■ **Child Care Days set.** Child Care Days, the annual open house and informational event about the work of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, have been set for July 29 at the agency's Glendale campus and Aug. 5 at the Middletown campus. At Glen Dale Children's Home, visitors may take campus tours, see project displays and demonstrations, visit a petting zoo and take donkey cart rides. Lunch will be provided. At Spring Meadows Children's Home in suburban Louisville, campus tours and a program are planned. Lunch also will be provided. The Glen Dale event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Spring Meadows event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Henry County Baptists unite in countywide revival services

HENRY COUNTY—A countywide revival meeting held June 25-30 in Henry County Baptist Association featured no offering plates but plenty of spiritual decisions.

Baptists in Henry County planned the revival meeting for months in advance, raising money early so collections would not be necessary at the revival services. The services were held in Henry County High School's gymnasium.

Larry Martin, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions and evangelism division, preached at all six services.

Contemporary Christian singer

Marshall Kellam, a member of Springdale Baptist Church in Louisville, led congregational singing and sang solos throughout the week.

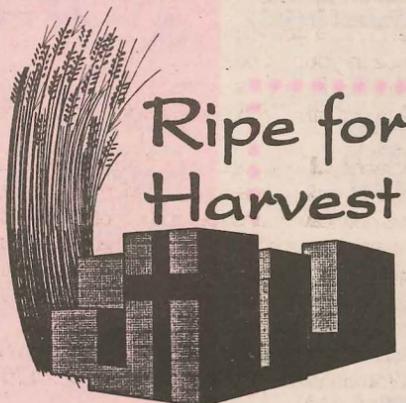
The services also featured sign language interpretation for the deaf and Spanish interpretation.

Each night, letters were read from people across the United States who wrote to say they were praying for the revival. The event had been listed on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's toll-free prayer line.

The greatest visible response of the week occurred on Friday night, when more than 30 people registered spiritual decisions.



JOYFUL NOISE Music evangelist Marshall Kellam leads the congregation in praise during a countywide revival meeting in Henry County. (Photo by Steve McGlamery)



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Repentance movement gaining steam nationwide

By John Dart
Religion News Service

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—At 125 sites where white frontiersmen or troops were said to have massacred Native Americans last century, white Christians will gather next year in repentance rituals asking Indians for forgiveness.

Similar rites will occur between 1996 and 1999 from France to the Holy Land, along the 10th-century routes of the marauding Crusaders.

And Japanese Christians will express remorse next year for their country's actions in World War II, going to Pearl Harbor where a U.S. veteran of the 1941 attack will extend forgiveness.

Such ceremonies of contrition are part of a global wave of regret sweeping religious circles.

Pope John Paul II conceded July 3 in a letter that the church had impeded women's rights. Southern Baptists, at their annual meeting in June, apologized for their denomination's proslavery origins 150 years ago and repented of the sin of racism. Earlier, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America repudiated the anti-Semitism of Martin Luther.

While such expressions have gained worldwide attention, however, they have occurred in piecemeal fashion and without the kind of ceremonial ritual common at many religious events. But recently, under the leadership of evangelical author John Dawson, founder of the International Reconciliation Coalition in Los Angeles, apology and repentance have assumed a more formalized approach.

Dawson is bringing together victims and antagonists in history-making rites, such as those planned in 1996 at Indian massacre sites. His year-old "Healing America's Wounds" is "a virtual textbook for the (reconciliation) movement," said Peter Wagner, a Fuller Theological Seminary professor and prayer coordinator for A.D. 2000, an international evangelistic consortium that is adopting Dawson's programs.

Dawson calls the principle behind the rites "identificational repentance," meaning that lingering resentments by one category of people against another still hamper good relationships.

"We sometimes are still the beneficiaries of offenses committed against other groups, such as land gained from treaties broken against American Indians," Dawson said.

Christians have obligations "as reconcilers (to) identify with the dark side, Anglos going first," Dawson said. In his book, he said much has to be done beyond winning forgiveness. Reconciliation involves seeking justice with disadvantaged people and "pursuing intimate fellowship with previous enemies," he wrote.

Dawson's reconciliation work has spanned the globe, soothing many of history's festering social wounds.

The global March for Jesus, which took place in 600 U.S. cities in May, had repentance and reconciliation as a theme this year, and it was no coincidence that Dawson chaired the U.S. advisory board to the event.

Dawson also spoke in May at a gathering of 15,000 Christians at Aloha Stadium near Honolulu where descendants of early Christian missionaries and of a fruit packing company asked forgiveness for their forebears' sins against native islanders.

In Europe, Dawson contributed to plans for a repentance rite for the persecution of Jews and Muslims during the Crusades.

And in April, a Dawson-inspired service recalling the World War II Nazi invasion of Holland attracted about 600 German Christians, who met at the border with 3,000 other Christians, mostly Dutch.

"One Dutch woman said she was raised to hate Germans, but she was there praying tearfully with three Christians from Germany," said Gary

Best of Vineyard Church in Langley, British Columbia, a speaker at the gathering.

Dawson admits to an evangelistic motive in his work: He hopes the reconciliation movement will vindicate the Christian message in the eyes of non-believers.

Otherwise, he said, "the kingdom of God will be vilified publicly as long as self-righteousness marks our relationship with the world and with each other."

Despite generally favorable reaction to the trend toward reconciliation, the movement has drawn skepticism in some circles.

The apology for racism by the predominantly white Southern Baptist Convention signaled that it is "open season" for recruiting members of black churches unaffiliated with the denomination, said Caesar A.W. Clark of Dallas, an official with the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., the nation's largest black denomination.

"Southern Baptists have been working overtime to win National Baptists," Clark said.

Christian efforts to apologize to American Indian descendants have received a mixed response, said Lakota Sioux Richard Twiss, director of the International Bible Society's Native American ministry. "Some see it as a good sign for changes to come, but the skeptics say we've heard this all before," Twiss said.

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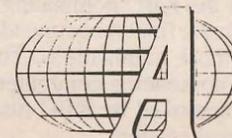
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PEOPLE

Kentucky volunteers help Ohio church's expansion



BUILDING BROTHERS The Wilcox brothers—Wesley, Billy, Dan and Jerry—joined other members of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church of Bremen in a recent church construction project in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Executive Board includes more women

Seventeen women are serving on the 185-member Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board this year, marking the highest percentage of women ever on the board.

Executive Board members are nominated by their associations, not by the KBC. However, each association is required to nominate more people than the number of vacant seats, and the KBC nominating committee makes a final recommendation based on those nominations. The report of the nominating committee then must be approved by KBC messengers in annual session.

Women "have shown to their associations they are capable, responsible and willing to work hard," said Jim Hawkins, executive associate with the KBC Executive Board.

Most of the women currently on the Executive Board have been very active in Woman's Missionary Union, according to Hawkins. "They

Mid-Continent in Baptist association

MAYFIELD—Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College has been approved for membership in the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

The association is a non-profit network of United States colleges and schools which have historically cooperated with Southern Baptists through Christian education.

The association has been closely linked to the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission. However, with the pending dissolution of the Education Commission, the association is expected to carry a greater load of responsibility for keeping Baptist colleges and schools working together.

Directors of the association are the chief academic officers of each of the member institutions. Stephen Carleton, executive director of the Education Commission, currently serves as executive secretary of the association.

are in touch with missions as well as with the needs of the local church."

Women currently serving on the Executive Board are Wilma Simmons of Ekron, Jo Florence Cordell of Williamsburg, Kay Trisler of Harrodsburg, Dorothy Crace of Ashland, Mary Pat Price of Paducah, Linda Hopson of Owensboro, Jean Cravens of Lexington, Anna White of Versailles, Ruthanne Boyles of Frankfort, Louise Carwile of Louisville, Pat Reaves of Louisville, Wiggie Fields of Louisville, Joana Johnson of Louisville, Jackie Perkins of Bremen, Sharon Spratt of Elizabethtown, Ann Harmon of Shelbyville, Jo Garnett of Danville, Deborah Harston of Bowling Green and Bettie Wright of Barlow.

BUCYRUS, Ohio—Kentucky volunteers teamed up with Ohio volunteers last month to build a 7,200-square-foot addition to a Baptist church building in northwest Ohio.

Twenty-four youth and adults from Mount Pisgah Baptist Church of Bremen traveled to Bucyrus, Ohio, June 18-23 to lend a hand in the construction effort.

A week before the Kentuckians arrived, a group of 100 Ohio volunteers got the structure under roof in only four days. The Kentuckians took the project the next step forward, putting on siding, pulling wiring and doing miscellaneous carpentry tasks.

"They put us months ahead," Pastor Bruce Workman said of the Kentucky volunteers. "It would have taken us all summer to do what they did in a week."

Workman is a Kentucky native and graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

In five years as pastor of the Ohio congregation, Workman has grown it

from an average attendance of four to more than 60.

In addition to the construction work, the Kentucky volunteers led backyard Bible clubs at two locations in Bucyrus.

At one of the Bible club sites, the volunteers gave a Bible to a young boy who never had a copy of the Scriptures of his own. He received the Bible with delight and exclaimed, "Oh, this is mine? This is for me?"

Jerry Wilcox, a deacon at Mount Pisgah and a member of the construction crew, said the week was a life-changing experience. "It was a tremendous experience and blessing ... an answer to prayer. Until you've experienced it yourself, you don't know what a blessing it is."

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ALLEN		
Bays Fork	0.00	3,494.15
Big Spring Missionary	0.00	0.00
Dover Missionary	0.00	0.00
Holland	1,031.19	543.05
Liberty	1,694.25	1,961.44
Mt Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	526.85	795.41
New Middle Fork	107.00	50.00
New Salem Missionary	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	100.00	200.00
Scottsville	38,857.49	50,461.28
Trammel Fork	250.00	0.00
White Plains	3,283.85	3,865.96
SUBTOTAL	45,850.63	61,371.29

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
ANDERSON		
Alton	7,978.52	4,898.15
Ballard	2,881.28	1,257.00
Fellowship	405.00	405.00
Friendship	0.00	300.00
Glensboro	1,914.32	1,675.32
Goshen	449.00	410.00
Lawrenceburg First	58,433.03	73,129.00
Mt Pleasant	311.66	614.51
Pleasant Grove	0.00	100.00
Sand Spring	28,748.24	26,644.90
Tyrone	347.00	594.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	101,468.05	110,027.88

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BELL		
Arjay	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,610.19	1,439.18
Binghamtown	4,500.00	4,625.01
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	589.76	813.30
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	9,048.00	7,284.00
East Jellico	1,761.21	1,194.00
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Ferndale Southern Bapt Mission	245.49	169.04
Pineville First	16,309.33	15,818.19
First Blackmont	400.00	332.80
Fonde	439.74	543.61
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
First Southern Bapt of Chenoa	243.00	243.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	2,872.70	2,294.69
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	1,053.69	1,093.61
Pioneer	145.88	131.91
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	270.00	270.00
Mt Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	83.61	174.41
Northside Missionary	0.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	8,720.88	7,736.46
Pathfork	938.28	444.84
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,645.40	1,463.00
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	528.36	563.79
Southside	1,805.69	1,372.52
Mt Hebron	60.00	0.00
Stoney Fork	460.00	0.00
Trinity	573.04	200.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	48.00	96.00
Varilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	814.71	762.16
Wasioto	450.00	450.00
West Cumberland Avenue	634.11	543.79
West Pineville	2,320.74	2,900.15
SUBTOTAL	58,571.81	52,959.46

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BETHEL		
Adairville	11,101.00	12,220.00
Auburn	3,014.34	2,723.34
Calvary	5,110.84	4,617.10
Dripping Spring	7,311.24	8,687.41
Elkton	19,971.66	19,074.99
Eastside	0.00	0.00
Russellville First	42,000.03	38,033.36
Forest Grove	2,399.11	2,246.49
Grace Southern	1,167.00	1,275.00
Guthrie	7,945.52	7,959.43
Keysburg	2,598.64	3,077.30
Mt Gilead	2,735.13	3,709.46
Mt Zion	362.25	561.93
Middleton	6,509.26	6,015.56
New Union	7,427.40	6,419.82
Post Oak	12,600.00	12,600.00
Russellville Second	18,125.77	14,871.85
Sharon Grove	3,378.00	2,396.00
Spring Valley	365.73	478.53
Tiny Town	900.00	900.00
Trenton	7,188.00	7,771.00
Walnut Grove	11,743.09	13,633.10
Whippoorwill	2,083.57	2,017.16
Southern Heights	4,023.69	1,123.51
Woodlawn	3,671.29	4,129.10
SUBTOTAL	183,552.56	176,541.44

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BLACKFORD		
Blackford	13,190.32	13,440.81
Central	1,874.72	2,052.21
Chestnut Grove	3,528.74	3,648.71
Dawson Memorial	632.78	681.65
First Lewisport	973.08	0.00
Friendly Grove	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
New Life	263.19	739.93

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Hawesville	35,368.17	31,335.30
Lewisport	23,147.78	26,645.98
Mt Eden	1,841.00	2,618.00
Newton Springs	2,406.00	2,501.00
Panther Creek	1,696.01	1,758.48
Patesville	0.00	0.00
Pellville	18,515.48	19,594.65
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
Roseville	0.00	0.00
Union	6,953.72	6,164.73
West Point	268.70	249.03
SUBTOTAL	110,659.69	111,430.48

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BLOOD RIVER		
Altona	12,001.18	15,169.30
Bethel	15,355.85	23,412.39
Bethlehem	1,257.69	1,929.09
Blood River	1,040.01	187.21
Briensburg	95,894.56	93,492.32
Calvert City First	24,856.93	27,162.48
Cherry Corner	5,426.98	5,147.88
Coldwater	245.00	255.00
Dexter	1,617.31	4,343.58
Elm Grove	18,623.74	19,092.86
East Marshall	1,590.18	1,792.73
Murray First	122,634.08	114,868.88
First Benton Missionary	12,898.62	11,814.64
Flint	6,212.05	5,285.67
Benton First	17,399.22	22,222.78
Elva	879.80	1,229.93
Gilbertsville	8,347.63	9,496.60
Grace	1,028.42	933.23
Hamlet	3,114.25	3,356.30
Hardin	14,470.39	16,450.77
Hazel	23,103.60	28,943.88
Kirksey	974.00	1,054.00
Lakeview	3,507.31	3,674.32
Ledbetter	649.49	507.89
Locust Grove	11,363.18	11,761.35
Memorial	18,284.74	17,440.33
New Bethel	3,780.00	3,780.00
New Harmony Missionary	22,376.64	22,954.62
New Providence	255.93	149.03
New Mt Carmel	1,939.47	1,980.12
New Zion	11,300.40	10,840.73
Northside	3,709.00	4,173.00
Walnut Street	1,391.99	1,524.57
Oak Grove	3,060.82	3,124.51
Hilltop	345.24	291.25
Olive Missionary	6,871.53	8,689.28
Owens Chapel	3,415.50	3,279.00
Plain Gospel Msnry Bapt Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	1,800.00	1,800.00
Pleasant Valley Missionary	843.75	843.75
Salem	7,087.47	7,686.24
Scotts Grove	3,004.53	3,103.04
Sharpe Missionary	3,544.35	3,298.20
Sinking Spring	315.00	315.00
South Marshall	310.00	230.00
Spring Creek	3,056.25	3,000.00
Sugar Creek	600.00	600.00
Union Ridge	1,378.00	2,497.00
Vanzora	3,612.19	4,052.65
Westside	13,409.60	15,501.04
West Fork	5,850.76	4,911.63
Zions Cause	7,244.35	6,465.82
SUBTOTAL	533,278.98	556,115.89

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BOONES CREEK		
Allansville	4,726.13	5,594.31
Beech Grove	830.60	472.41
Boone's Creek	21,779.99	19,718.12
Calvary	4,701.81	5,545.65
Central	90,796.11	88,218.04
Clay City	878.00	771.00
Corinth	5,645.98	4,890.66
Cow Creek	2,226.00	2,588.00
Emmanuel	755.35	774.81
Ephesus	1,200.00	1,400.00
Faith	120.00	135.00
Irvine First	2,407.83	2,950.81
Friendship	5,655.39	4,902.71
Heidelberg	377.03	345.31
Howards Mill	3,405.00	3,003.00
Ivory Hill	1,069.43	1,123.85
Jeffersonville	3,667.92	3,136.83
Kiddville	1,445.03	1,428.75
Macedonia	3,296.60	3,422.59
New Hope	859.76	561.14
Means	1,707.61	2,228.86
Mt Olive	590.00	701.00
New Harmony	629.21	598.25
Northside	2,339.09	3,119.07
Panola	1,184.45	1,114.47
Powells Valley	891.23	954.74
Providence	1,750.00	1,755.00
Providence	1,989.00	2,513.00
Reid Village	1,665.71	2,379.63
Salem	2,733.00	3,234.00
Spring Street	2,751.70	2,730.00
Thomas	270.00	290.00
Valley View	130.54	0.00
Williams Memorial	2,277.71	2,389.82
SUBTOTAL	176,753.21	174,990.83

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BOONEVILLE		
Big Creek	760.55	937.07
Booneville First	2,222.95	2,308.58
Crane Creek	145.10	100.00
Southside	87.52	207.44
Calvary	76.66	154.96
Garrard	723.25	959.00
Gray Fork	225.00	200.00
Horse Creek	30,789.88	33,311.25
Island Creek	1,140.39	2,214.68
Lerose	120.00	193.58
Lilly Grove	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	6,158.00	6,073.00
Macedonia	4,673.69	3,122.14
Manchester	17,987.46	14,521.03
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	1,068.62	1,159.36
New Prospect	954.90	814.29
New Zion	312.89	399.10
Oneida	8,336.21	7,512.83
Pleasant Point	340.94	344.77
Pleasant Run	5,893.29	5,512.21
Second Black Water	822.34	941.06
Turkey Missionary	0.00	0.00

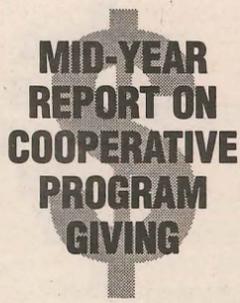
Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Vincent	52.38	70.50
White Hall	0.00	0.00
Zion	1,674.00	1,987.00
Royal Oak	140.47	243.31
SUBTOTAL	84,706.49	83,287.16

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BRACKEN		
Aberdeen	7,194.95	7,583.05
Augusta First	0.00	295.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00
Calvary	437.50	710.00
Central	11,715.84	11,202.32
Clearfield	0.00	492.00
Dover	60.00	60.00
Ewing	1,575.00	1,575.00
Carlisle First	5,870.82	4,579.25
Morehead First	1,834.75	2,531.00
Irvingville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	2,750.18	2,757.05
Cherry Corner	805.00	115.00
Germantown	1,787.50	1,346.50
Heseltun	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	2,604.00	2,261.00
Lewisburg	1,907.11	1,346.16
Locust Grove	592.96	691.20
Mays Lick	201.00	400.00
Maysville First	2,753.64	2,946.88
Mt Olivet	2,756.36	3,183.87
Mt Pisgah	411.88	521.39
Oak Ridge	631.27	765.86
Union	408.74	317.53
Owingsville	4,701.90	4,786.25
Plainview	539.77	512.23
Vanceburg First	1,685.00	1,800.00
Sharpsburg	225.00	225.00
Slaty Point	293.70	394.62
Southern Manor	0.00	0.00
Stonelick	675.93	644.67
SUBTOTAL	54,419.80	54,042.83

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
BRECKINRIDGE		
Bewleyville	345.00	390.00
Black Lick	0.00	0.00
Cloverport	7,123.16	6,828.31
Corinth	8,636.22	9,501.55
Dry Valley	0.00	0.00
English	460.00	484.00
Friendship	900.00	900.00
Garfield	524.80	0.00
Goshen	1,537.00	1,891.00
Hardinsburg	25,738.48	26,046.04
Hites Run	2,614.72	2,269.46
Macedonia	2,151.06	2,449.00
New Bethel	4,991.14	5,135.99
New Clover Creek	1,576.02	1,879.96
Pisgah	621.32	985.74
Sharpe River	1,889.77	2,322.39
Stephensport	251.96	217.85
Walnut Grove	874.00	931.75
SUBTOTAL	60,234.65	62,233.04

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
CALDWELL-LYON		
Adriel	675.00	675.00
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Beulah Hill	1,773.17	1,8

GIVING



Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Sugar Grove	6,616.32	6,485.65
Temple	19,107.81	14,176.14
Owensboro Third	74,011.41	56,500.63
Utica	7,989.80	6,697.15
Walnut Memorial	7,809.60	12,228.54
Ridgewood	972.93	774.32
Garden Green	480.00	540.00
Whitesville	2,700.00	2,700.00
Wing Avenue	9,539.42	4,991.33
Yellow Creek	36,927.39	41,318.14
Yelvington	3,145.08	3,073.47
Victory	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	724,725.80	701,078.53

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
ALLDENE	450.00	200.00
Bethel	0.00	25.00
Corinth	250.00	200.00
Green Hill	975.17	886.72
Holly Grove	1,110.61	2,524.51
Liberty	386.00	376.39
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	400.00	0.00
Mt Roberts	1,918.48	1,787.18
Mt Washington	600.00	600.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	1,360.51	1,445.67
Union Band	0.00	0.00
Whickerville	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	7,450.77	8,045.47

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
EAST UNION	0.00	0.00
Big Oak	0.00	0.00
Black Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00
Kensee	518.96	485.30
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00
Pleasant View	2,776.13	2,335.50
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	3,295.09	2,820.80

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
ELKHORN	1,166.61	1,619.41
The Church at Andover	23,070.94	24,122.13
Brookside	2,410.53	2,916.82
Beckerville	280.66	226.85
Calvary	70,226.66	42,696.47
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	3,590.86	4,433.16
Central	1,833.00	1,639.00
Central	13,664.43	15,346.54
Chey Chase	12,903.50	26,434.00
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	2,920.00	2,764.00
Clover Bottom	1,000.00	1,000.00
Crossroads	7,500.00	5,000.00
Davids Fork	10,224.19	2,232.78
Dry Run	1,281.47	1,928.93
Durbin Memorial	5,044.04	2,965.33
East Hickman	4,805.93	6,156.64
Edgewood	21,099.56	21,704.47
Faith	0.00	4,650.00
Faith	961.00	1,189.11
Lexington First	0.00	9,617.51
Paris First	16,796.18	16,463.03
Winchester First	34,094.38	29,707.21
Mt Sterling First	1,533.32	2,691.68
Corbin First	4,200.00	2,350.00
Gano Avenue	15,615.92	20,116.74
Gardenside	33,399.55	32,753.92
Georgetown	17,025.80	18,586.59
Glens Creek	2,961.00	3,303.00
Grace	19,302.32	11,852.55
Great Crossing	10,754.16	9,158.81
North View	16,766.29	15,583.56
Highlands	700.00	900.00
Hillcrest	5,193.63	4,049.52
Hillsboro	1,207.80	1,469.64
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	179,427.81	196,865.30
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	1,975.14	1,125.43
Long Lick	2,438.66	1,576.16
Lyle Road	0.00	251.39
Penn Avenue	838.00	589.00
Mallard Point	1,931.15	1,813.32
Midway	1,666.61	1,666.71
Millersburg	0.00	0.00
Millville	9,006.02	11,058.28
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mt Freedom	2,344.79	3,442.97
Mt Pleasant	10,429.21	10,008.22
Mt Vernon	1,912.05	1,762.12
Nada Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Hope	5,800.29	7,101.53
Nicholasville	3,094.20	4,980.00
Parkway	10,639.32	10,442.27
Pinkard	8,396.96	9,424.77
Shawhan	90.00	267.00
Revelation	278.26	171.10
Porter Memorial	136,718.34	151,850.36
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	23,607.59	22,336.83
Royal Springs	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave	6,503.04	6,762.99
Sadleville	72.00	0.00
Seventh Street	190.21	0.00
Silas	639.99	688.69
South Elkhorn	21,832.47	18,416.85
Southern Heights	15,209.42	15,355.74
Southern	75.00	100.00
Spears Mill	2,045.50	3,896.00
Victory	7,695.21	9,982.20
Open Door Community Church	557.65	359.41
Springdale	450.00	450.00
Palomar	0.00	3,037.80
Stamping Ground	3,768.97	4,841.52
Stonewall	0.00	0.00
New Hope Community	589.07	289.78
Tatesbrook	12,762.65	7,198.09
Trinity	0.00	5,583.00
Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00
Versailles	46,275.11	46,005.11

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
White Sulphur	1,126.36	2,983.42
Woodland Avenue	900.00	900.00
SUBTOTAL	884,820.78	911,212.74

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
ENTERPRISE	1,864.00	1,928.00
Allen First	300.00	300.00
Topmost	800.00	1,062.62
Benedict	923.46	630.00
Brushy Fork	630.00	630.00
Garrett First	975.42	875.37
Fitzpatrick First	1,915.95	1,344.50
Inez First	8,948.25	8,083.16
Prestonsburg First	10,466.66	12,176.32
Ivyton	0.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	433.62	466.16
Pine Creek	0.00	0.00
Lancer	996.24	1,364.44
Liberty	491.59	558.47
Licking River	2,091.80	866.59
Martin First	155.19	175.47
Maytown First	450.00	450.00
McDowell First	1,771.30	2,540.64
Mt Beulah	628.00	496.00
Paintsville First	10,102.48	14,710.12
Pleasant Home	470.00	522.00
Salysville First	1,080.00	1,080.00
Tomahawk Baptist Mission	465.21	1,076.62
Warfield Missionary	2,310.00	1,584.00
West Van Lear	621.82	697.24
Wheelwright First	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	48,090.99	52,987.72

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
FRANKLIN	325.79	847.00
Immanuel	2,744.44	597.40
Bellepoint	5,440.00	5,460.00
Bethel	0.00	200.00
Buck Run	20,722.61	24,556.07
Calvary	8,291.75	4,791.00
Camp Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	309.00	0.00
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	30,095.11	28,484.52
East Frankfort	3,299.14	3,662.71
Evergreen	0.00	5,224.63
Frankfort First	2,000.00	0.00
Forks of Elkhorn	3,786.04	4,282.48
Farmdale	1,100.00	1,900.00
Hillcrest	5,235.00	5,328.64
Lebanon	176.47	100.00
Memorial	14,979.50	16,883.00
Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	6,543.65	5,627.02
North Fork	2,727.47	690.90
North Frankfort	1,729.80	900.00
Peaks Mill	163.77	699.13
Pleasant Ridge	2,259.61	2,508.82
Providence	3,802.36	3,853.61
St John	3,530.66	3,598.07
Swallowfield	450.00	454.00
Thornhill	20,549.64	24,874.86
Trinity	550.00	400.00
Westview	1,759.33	1,775.10
SUBTOTAL	142,571.14	147,699.02

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
FREEDOM	9,000.00	11,250.00
Branham Grove	180.00	120.00
Burkesville	4,359.49	3,560.08
Cave Springs	4,141.00	4,390.00
Central Grove	1,768.17	1,546.44
Fairland	221.84	200.00
Grace Union	0.00	0.00
Green Grove Missionary	544.10	420.00
New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	1,084.00	1,656.00
Stony Point	7,160.31	7,287.71
SUBTOTAL	28,458.91	30,430.23

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
GASPER RIVER	6,023.00	6,773.00
Aberdeen	1,948.00	1,618.00
Barnetts Lick	647.74	770.52
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Big Muddy	0.00	0.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00
Carve Rock Missionary	897.96	1,041.49
Chapel Union	343.80	376.44
Huntsville Missionary	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,330.49	1,467.46
Morgantown First	11,006.01	10,120.39
Mt Liberty	150.00	100.00
Mt Olivet	1,413.91	1,068.63
Mt Vernon	1,358.10	1,051.00
New Harmony	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	2,208.30	2,775.59
New Midway Missionary	442.82	509.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary	360.00	320.00
Quality	686.49	718.49
Richland Missionary	2,301.23	2,774.03
Rochester Missionary	1,808.50	1,674.80
Rock Spring	0.00	0.00
Salem	2,606.00	2,594.00
Sandy Creek	1,098.00	1,053.00
Union Missionary	1,893.80	1,867.06
Woodbury	213.63	0.00
Walnut Grove Missionary	318.39	578.78
SUBTOTAL	39,056.17	39,251.68

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
GOSHEN	0.00	0.00
Grandview	0.00	0.00
Hanging Rock	1,190.21	1,195.21
Broadway	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Little Flock Missionary	0.00	0.00
Millwood	45.00	45.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Sulphur Wells Missionary	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	1,235.21	1,240.21

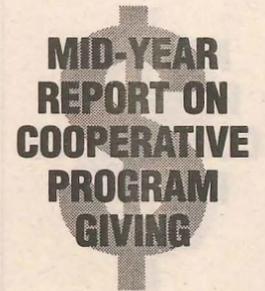
Association/Church	CP94	CP95
GRAVES COUNTY	180.00	180.00
Baltimore	0.00	0.00
Bell City	609.00	633.00
Bethany	991.30	1,459.04
Clarks River	22,204.17	10,485.23
Clear Springs Missionary	746.77	0.00
Cuba	4,487.14	3,344.41
Dublin	0.00	0.00
Enon	1,600.00	1,600.00

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Farmington	5,506.82	6,587.85
Fellowship	736.12	608.94
Mayfield First	53,005.54	50,074.15
Emmanuel	3,330.56	2,033.55
Hardmoney	900.00	1,800.00
Hickory	3,120.00	3,470.00
High Point	42,918.68	42,998.00
Liberty	17,185.88	18,536.13
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	25.00	225.00
Melber	583.31	749.97
Millers Chapel	0.00	80.00
Mt Haven	549.14	463.06
Mt Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	1,495.82	1,500.00
New Concord	400.00	300.00
New Home	1,352.00	1,367.00
New Hope	754.34	450.00
New Liberty	359.54	235.39
New Life	52.00	0.00
Northside	17,339.00	16,172.00
Oak Grove	450.00	450.00
Greater St Paul	0.00	0.00
Pilot Oak	2,852.35	2,963.95
Pleasant Grove	2,797.45	3,838.00
Pryorsburg	1,693.60	1,855.32
Sand Hill	0.00	0.00
Sedalia	5,851.76	1,653.61
Sharon	7,674.07	7,858.76
South First Street	0.00	0.00
Trace Creek	2,250.00	2,458.45
Viola	1,013.99	1,225.87
Water Valley	200.00	150.00
West Broadway	1,356.23	1,426.82
Wingo	4,789.31	849.08
SUBTOTAL	211,360.89	190,082.58

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
GRAYSON COUNTY	180.00	200.00
Big Clifty First	3,441.46	4,617.17
Clarkson	5,578.20	7,995.72
Leitchfield First	33,236.03	28,107.37
Holly	1,093.00	649.00
Liberty	2,680.00	1,283.00
Little Clifty	5,951.73	2,615.92
New Hope	202.50	210.00
New Harvest	252.24	167.57
Shrewsbury	750.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	53,365.16	45,645.75

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
GREEN VALLEY	2,527.73	2,128.02
Airline	14,812.25	17,430.47
Ambassador	1,289.45	1,586.51
Audubon	13,450.00	14,571.00
Bellfield	11,145.00	10,514.00
Bethel	2,712.90	2,641.03
Cairo	210.00	0.00
Calvary Missionary	5,361.38	5,377.86
Cash Creek	5,031.17	4,909.08
Cherry Hill	856.81	186.90
Morganfield First	23,980.13	22,823.37
Corydon Missionary	2,061.61	3,529.25
Dupee	90.00	135.00
Eastview	2,280.4	

GIVING



Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Calvary Hill	2,250.00	2,250.00
Crab Orchard	3,091.31	2,100.00
Double Springs	6,002.14	3,935.84
Drakes Creek	1,009.56	1,052.43
Fairview	10,962.94	10,899.56
Freedom	2,544.00	3,462.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	197.00	194.00
Harris Creek	149.18	833.59
Houstonville	3,195.00	3,195.00
Locust Grove	450.00	450.00
McKinney	3,803.82	4,678.91
Mt Hebron	1,489.91	1,343.30
Mt Salem	5,528.84	3,135.80
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	1,182.74	1,221.12
Olive	802.43	1,093.90
Parlor Grove	1,918.00	2,131.00
Pilot	243.46	306.55
Pleasant Point	3,233.00	3,910.94
Pleasant View	17,046.36	21,216.74
Polly Ann	1,064.46	1,532.67
Pond	806.55	431.71
South Fork	55.30	272.18
Watts Chapel	405.00	405.00
Stanford	12,932.45	13,143.96
SUBTOTAL	82,624.31	85,760.67

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LITTLE BETHEL		
Charleston First	4,922.95	7,209.13
Concord	5,952.24	7,802.80
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	795.42	866.30
Diamond	500.00	540.00
Dixon First	3,524.80	3,731.33
Dunn	4,213.11	5,263.01
Dawson Springs First	8,665.00	7,280.00
Earlington First	38,334.21	42,991.65
Madisonville First	92,205.18	87,691.58
Grapevine	5,265.31	10,522.23
Green Grove	495.00	495.00
Hanson	7,264.69	8,007.99
Providence First	23,803.84	22,014.19
Harmony	1,059.09	1,417.00
Johnson Island	3,234.00	2,280.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	16,968.57	20,321.57
Freedom	0.00	308.72
Lakeview Missionary	900.00	900.00
Manitou	3,080.19	2,591.00
Mortons Gap First	2,550.73	2,494.53
Mannington	420.00	320.00
Nebo	4,709.71	4,757.93
New Hope Missionary	229.00	190.00
New Salem	3,857.50	3,691.62
Nortonville	2,064.36	2,959.24
Olive Branch	5,713.72	5,965.83
Park Avenue	8,466.94	8,741.71
Pleasant Grove	3,479.14	2,475.07
Pleasant Valley	6,001.18	3,427.25
Pleasant View Missionary	1,359.02	1,764.81
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	561.10	522.90
Providence Second	544.43	516.70
Richland	365.00	378.00
Salem	9,018.24	19,021.20
Madisonville Second	35,401.97	39,894.49
Mortons Gap Second	3,228.61	3,001.89
Silent Run	2,141.28	2,641.27
Slaughters	3,800.00	3,000.00
Slover	1,003.54	909.96
Suthards	1,708.00	1,844.00
Victory	18,947.00	22,241.00
White Plains Missionary	1,141.66	2,613.09
Zion Brick	740.51	225.00
SUBTOTAL	338,676.24	365,860.99

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LITTLE RIVER		
Bethany	1,882.61	2,133.58
Caldwell Blue Spring	7,262.80	8,278.63
Buffalo Lick	3,437.88	1,833.08
Cadiz	19,048.61	21,106.04
Canton	3,327.58	4,053.83
Cerulean	4,950.66	6,172.88
Delmont	2,058.26	1,670.54
Donaldson Creek	2,588.95	3,527.81
New Jerusalem	450.00	0.00
East Cadiz	10,160.67	11,919.14
Hurricane	10,717.64	16,046.58
Liberty Point	8,923.81	7,564.62
Locust Grove	7,235.79	7,573.34
Maple Grove	1,900.00	1,450.00
New Hope	7,808.06	8,486.64
Oak Grove	7,956.88	7,697.12
Rock Front	456.85	570.04
Rocky Ridge	2,203.92	1,486.03
South Union	1,051.35	779.87
Trigg County	460.00	582.00
Wallonia	1,680.00	2,400.00
SUBTOTAL	105,562.32	115,331.77

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LOGAN		
Antioch	2,414.72	2,670.70
Beechland	3,410.90	3,470.90
Bellview	481.52	605.48
Britmart	1,583.91	1,017.50
Cave Spring	3,202.44	2,904.68
Center	1,500.00	2,010.00
Concord	724.83	1,024.23
Elk Lick	15,598.39	17,063.20
Epley	1,904.60	1,900.03
Green Ridge	3,305.67	3,563.54
Guptons Grove	1,282.74	1,339.11
Liberty	10,910.00	11,861.00
Mt Pleasant	19,130.15	17,333.78
Mt Tabor	3,115.00	3,175.00
Muddy River	81.63	513.11
New Cedar Grove	1,442.48	1,662.68
New Friendship	3,751.12	4,522.42
New Hope	2,497.11	2,605.73
Oak Forest	560.14	350.00
Oak Grove	15,639.03	16,685.00
Pleasant Hill	143.42	264.40
SUBTOTAL	92,679.80	96,542.49

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LONG RUN		
Fourth Avenue Church for Deaf	0.00	0.00
Arcade	800.00	0.00
Ashby Lane	1,047.00	1,252.60
Auburdale	8,877.41	8,816.90

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Audubon	1,333.36	906.35
Baptist Tabernacle	2,146.46	2,002.26
Bashford Manor	1,437.66	1,731.15
South Waterson Trail	450.00	450.00
Baxter Avenue	2,312.88	1,650.10
Beargrass	0.00	0.00
Beechland	19,860.91	19,776.48
Beechmont	21,054.06	19,373.36
Beechwood	8,120.00	8,200.00
Bethany	9,450.00	12,300.00
Bethel Flock	70.00	50.00
Bethlehem	17,454.91	20,803.85
Broadway	0.00	0.00
Brooks	2,764.23	3,490.26
Brookview	1,424.93	1,300.10
Buechel Park	2,225.00	2,220.80
Carlisle Avenue	21,900.00	24,750.00
Cardinal Hill	2,750.00	2,892.00
Cedar Creek	16,536.63	9,946.03
Chenoweth Park	675.00	718.67
Charlestown Road Bapt Mission	0.00	0.00
Chapel Park	4,935.72	5,056.00
Clifton	7,410.27	7,538.33
Clifton Heights	0.00	0.00
Cove	225.00	200.00
Crescent Hill	2,486.08	2,805.25
Davis Memorial	0.00	0.00
Deer Park	11,742.92	3,593.54
East Audubon	1,019.32	1,635.49
East Baptist Ministries	0.00	0.00
Eastern Gate	5,165.99	4,926.39
Eastern Parkway	1,601.15	1,363.65
Eastwood First	1,593.12	1,505.67
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	1,292.37	1,432.47
Elk Creek	842.06	2,515.67
Fairdale First	7,448.43	7,569.65
Fairmount	1,072.57	1,207.67
Farmdale	19,881.63	21,788.66
Filipino Baptist Mission	0.00	60.00
Fern Creek	920.97	1,341.00
Jeffersonville	7,175.49	7,092.44
German Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	375.00	390.00
Taylorsville First	12,559.25	7,579.01
Middletown First	8,248.14	11,543.62
Fisherville First	3,230.28	3,827.59
Foster Avenue	4,747.99	2,833.95
Fourth Avenue	810.00	540.00
Franklin Street	585.26	646.29
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	7,307.50	7,299.16
Grace	675.00	600.00
Green Acres	8,707.99	4,567.38
Cloverleaf	10,645.20	14,790.58
Harmony	1,250.00	800.00
Hazelwood	7,708.00	6,899.75
Highland	2,184.64	3,359.64
Highland Park Second	423.85	0.00
Highland Park First	16,749.55	15,029.92
Highview	43,666.67	46,000.05
Hillsdale	6,857.35	7,128.33
Hillview	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hopewell	6,632.67	6,334.44
Hurstbourne	51,008.73	59,064.29
Immanuel	1,320.39	913.20
Hunsinger Lane	3,079.00	4,752.29
Kenwood	1,876.00	1,886.00
Keys Ferry	249.00	170.00
Kings	24,182.52	33,315.58
First Korean	400.00	690.00
Kosmosdale	1,426.50	1,426.50
Bicknell Avenue	250.00	575.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	2,742.07	2,941.64
Living Hope	0.00	3,800.72
Lees Lane	4,489.63	4,894.00
New Heights	0.00	3,300.00
Little Flock	4,800.00	5,600.00
Long Run	324.82	579.55
Lyndon	24,218.34	18,373.20
Louisville Christian Deaf Church	1,053.66	1,160.95
Lynn Acres	345.00	2,011.95
Memory Lane	0.00	0.00
Manly Memorial	78.25	94.95
Lakewood	11,931.15	8,252.75
Maple Grove	11,176.31	11,275.68
Melbourne Heights	11,630.89	7,688.05
Meadow Hill	7,561.50	7,952.19
Midlane Park	0.00	878.65
Minors Lane	1,859.88	1,158.58
Morningside	100.00	85.00
Mt Hermon	0.00	0.00
Mt Elmira	1,931.56	2,250.00
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	3,405.41
New Salem	0.00	300.00
Ninth and O	22,557.00	1,000.00
Mt Nebo	200.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	200.00	125.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	13,723.21	10,895.92
Parkland	13,837.91	14,095.63
Green Hills	4,072.06	5,665.99
Parkwood	10,016.23	9,161.69
Penile	3,812.41	3,567.10
Pleasant Grove	3,287.33	3,421.69
Plum Creek	5,953.00	10,371.08
Poplar Level	843.81	1,873.40
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	1,449.10	1,188.68
Ralph Avenue	31,592.17	27,875.31
Ridgeview	821.82	1,494.71
Ridgewood	0.00	195.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	20,965.62	24,150.59
Rutledge Road	2,535.51	2,485.12
Shively	57,201.18	64,697.00
First Southern	14,987.64	9,943.67
New Cut Road	1,716.96	2,411.72
South Jefferson	15,285.00	14,751.00
Yorktown	0.00	37.92
Southside	10,761.28	10,284.73
St Matthews	2,060.00	1,822.00
St Matthews Hispanic Bapt Miss	2,112.22	2,622.00
Summitt Hills	4,751.04	4,393.72
Springdale	3,200.00	9,000.00
Sunnyside	2,813.73	1,997.14
Shalom	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Third Avenue	4,755.95	5,897.53
Thixton Lane	1,427.00	1,972.00
Valley Station	13,745.10	14,123.66
Valley View	43,833.06	2,678.97
Van Buren	832.69	2,379.05
Victory Memorial	330.33	1,172.59
Vine Street	2,251.44	2,126.75
Walnut Street	50,793.19	60,264.34
West Broadway	10,881.03	10,267.21
West End	0.00	0.00
Westport Road	38,027.13	53,198.29
Woodland	8,799.78	10,068.93
Oakland	0.00	0.00
Upper Room	576.80	465.10
SUBTOTAL	957,912.80	949,370.86

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LYNN		
Aetna Grove	6,995.89	7,403.69
Aetna Union	0.00	0.00
Bethel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Boiling Springs	3,676.97	4,460.17
Bonnieville	1,450.00	2,075.00
Falling Springs	0.00	0.00
Friendship #2	0.00	880.00
Hiawatha Missionary	0.00	0.00
Knoxes Creek	1,488.34	2,333.27
Leitchfield Crossing	1,380.93	1,554.88
Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00
Lucas Grove	2,480.00	2,871.11
Mt Moriah	7,157.65	6,025.42
Mt Olivet	900.00	900.00
Mt Pisgah	598.96	175.52
Mt Tabor	3,060.00	3,060.00
Munfordville	21,692.71	22,510.24
Oak Hill	4,171.36	4,991.10
Elk Creek	375.00	250.00
South Fork	12,963.17	9,798.02
Three Forks Bacon Creek	900.00	900.00
Upton	7,864.17	7,931.22
SUBTOTAL	77,155.15	78,119.64

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
LYNN CAMP		
Calvary	3,324.54	3,189.33
Candle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	903.00	630.00
Indian Creek	506.00	562.00
Keck	869.93	912.94
Liberty Missionary	222.97	443.49
Lovell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Grays	3,348.44	2,236.37
Lynn Camp	5,019.82	5,329.00
Merrimac	0.00	0.00
Mt Ararat	0.00	0.00
Green Acres	796.72	637.99
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
North Corbin Missionary	799.20	1,250.63
Paint Hill	0.00	0.00
Piney Grove	6,466.97	5

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Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Oakland Avenue	169.00	180.00
Crescent Springs	8,788.29	8,769.31
Brooksville	544.10	924.60
Decoursey	2,971.68	2,952.77
East Bend	772.34	2,304.00
East Dayton	360.00	360.00
Elsmere	2,664.16	4,447.20
Erlanger	73,561.63	50,568.20
Erlanger Deaf Mission	216.89	403.64
Fairlane	9,337.80	10,457.18
Bellevue First	4,500.00	5,458.35
Cold Spring First	22,321.41	25,836.89
Covington First	1,908.00	1,952.90
Covington First (Ninth Street)	301.50	299.50
Dayton First	1,411.34	797.24
Ft Thomas First	1,782.00	0.00
Highland Heights First	16,498.28	13,886.78
Ludlow First	18,914.97	20,277.06
Newport First	9,772.67	9,528.38
First Twelve Mile	5,166.35	6,109.89
Walton First	18,143.64	11,813.56
Flag Spring	200.00	200.00
Florence	86,446.72	86,956.46
Ft Mitchell	8,671.23	11,593.97
Grace	3,014.74	3,120.02
Grant's Lick	15,512.64	17,738.99
Greenview	26,246.19	26,029.13
Hebron	10,653.71	9,190.51
Hickory Grove	8,875.00	9,000.00
Highland Hills	19,714.54	17,250.23
Immanuel	969.99	956.94
Kento-Boo	1,875.05	1,458.31
Kenton	2,071.75	1,798.01
Latonia	38,838.07	37,792.11
Licking Valley	2,567.53	2,377.59
Macedonia Missionary	0.00	0.00
Madison Avenue	996.00	1,590.00
Main Street	4,558.74	3,872.02
Mentor	2,670.54	3,057.46
New Banklick	3,111.58	2,896.12
Oak Island	2,659.18	1,805.31
Oak Ridge	16,627.00	18,092.54
Persimmon Grove	500.00	500.00
Petersburg	1,084.30	940.81
Piner	100.00	900.00
Pleasant Ridge	4,870.32	5,367.85
Rosedale	2,298.00	1,038.78
Sand Run	5,133.19	5,321.92
Second Twelve Mile	3,825.03	3,175.42
Silver Grove First	594.56	764.99
South Side	1,950.00	1,950.00
Trinity	3,940.25	2,705.82
Union	4,025.00	7,232.66
Victory	620.01	0.00
Visalia	270.50	0.00
West Covington	1,575.00	1,700.00
Wilmingon	2,842.85	4,306.79
Woodhaven	0.00	220.00
SUBTOTAL	580,742.18	547,512.70

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
NORTH CONCORD		
Apple Grove Missionary	0.00	0.00
Artemus First	0.00	1,135.45
Barbourville First	44,040.69	40,865.95
Beech Spring	0.00	0.00
Big Brush	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Centennial	0.00	0.00
Coles Branch	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Coalport	0.00	0.00
Davis Chapel	0.00	0.00
Dewitt	1,312.32	812.84
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Springfield	823.65	1,087.11
Fellowship Missionary	0.00	0.00
Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00
Greasy Creek	45.00	45.00
Green Road	0.00	0.00
Highland Park	6,951.67	7,728.26
East Barbourville	4,326.00	5,912.00
Himyar	0.00	0.00
Horn Branch	0.00	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Locust Grove	900.00	900.00
Northside	521.16	729.72
Old Flat Lick	0.00	0.00
Pinie Chapel	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
River	102.00	286.00
Roadside	1,243.00	1,336.73
Salem Missionary	55.00	0.00
Salt Gum	111.65	0.00
Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00
Swan Pond	3,036.87	3,026.51
Turkey Creek	1,547.35	1,481.80
Union Mission Church	0.00	0.00
Walker	265.00	270.00
Warren	0.00	0.00
Young Grove	240.00	93.00
SUBTOTAL	65,521.36	65,710.37

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
OHIO COUNTY		
Adaburg	126.31	263.71
Barnetts Creek	1,178.00	1,027.58
Beaver Dam	55,287.99	57,879.18
Bells Run	2,334.05	2,288.70
Centertown	3,722.94	3,970.64
Central Grove	0.00	0.00
Clear Run	1,973.55	1,520.46
Concord	2,989.85	2,825.11
Cool Springs	210.00	0.00
Ridgecrest	1,226.76	1,144.86
Deanfield	816.77	1,010.95
Dundee	276.99	300.00
East Fork	621.65	780.51
East Hartford	528.02	500.00
Fairview	1,355.02	1,219.00
Fordsville	16,012.88	14,311.21
Green River	5,204.06	6,906.50
Hartford	19,975.31	19,895.56
Independence	853.13	907.33
McGrady Creek	409.99	71.83
McHenry	2,948.00	2,908.00
Mt Carmel	14,312.56	12,960.38
Mt Zion	505.00	501.19
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	694.35	793.78
New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00
Olaton	376.95	244.50
Pleasant Grove	543.22	621.50
Pleasant Hill	964.83	1,050.70
Pond Run	2,884.62	2,928.74
Providence	2,038.35	2,643.67
Rockport	1,350.00	1,350.00
Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	1,016.15	1,114.73
Slaty Creek	2,497.34	2,015.37
Smallhouse	494.05	524.43
Waltons Creek	751.06	996.64
West Point	1,762.34	757.11
West Providence	1,306.71	1,336.45
Woodwards Valley	494.47	699.07
Zion	6,962.71	6,182.52
SUBTOTAL	157,005.98	156,451.94

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
OHIO RIVER		
Baker	1,470.00	1,540.00
Calvary	478.58	442.45
Birdsville	217.10	467.16
Burna Community	530.00	405.00
Caldwell Springs	1,327.76	1,304.62
Carrsville	215.69	172.43
Cave Springs	51.00	0.00
Central	0.00	20.00
Corinth	450.00	400.00
Crooked Creek	1,515.33	1,405.92
Deer Creek	4,598.53	5,305.67
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,991.43	1,951.34
Dyer Hill	2,950.00	2,683.00
Emmanuel	4,560.14	4,639.21
Emmaus	78.00	0.00
Fellowship	1,085.00	1,249.00
Friendship	14,150.34	17,128.31
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	1,800.00	1,800.00
Hampton	2,083.12	2,136.72
Luka	1,588.00	1,696.00
Lake City	5,443.25	4,681.61
Lola	4,475.81	444.21
Marion	50,119.00	44,826.35
Mexico	23,991.82	23,266.29
Mint Springs	126.00	5.00
Ohio Valley	3,538.00	2,770.00
Old Salem	7,586.18	7,327.64
Pinckneyville	5,903.44	6,948.24
Repton	1,332.14	1,473.85
Salem	23,713.25	25,126.68
Marion Second	887.08	200.00
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Smithland First	2,750.00	1,850.00
Sugar Creek	2,132.00	2,280.00
Sulphur Springs	846.00	802.00
Tilne First	676.22	837.12
Union	6,651.27	7,272.31
Smithland Second	1,117.75	1,142.68
SUBTOTAL	178,429.23	176,000.81

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
OHIO VALLEY		
Bethany	1,022.36	1,880.11
Blackford	136.00	136.00
DeKoven	1,098.73	765.48
Clay First	18,404.09	17,253.45
Sturgis First	34,808.74	35,930.83
Grangertown First	9,811.71	11,010.44
Grove Center	100.00	0.00
Mt Olive	1,879.90	537.01
New Harmony	1,187.94	1,574.00
New Hopewell	985.29	694.34
Northside	0.00	450.00
Old Bethel	600.00	960.00
Pride	1,258.00	1,374.00
Sullivan	5,291.80	6,789.07
Uniontown	3,552.64	1,456.68
Calvary	80.00	70.00
Countryside	4,799.27	3,346.11
Whispering Meadows	25.00	75.00
Woodland	1,592.43	1,184.97
SUBTOTAL	85,141.90	85,487.49

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
OWEN COUNTY		
Beech Grove	1,034.92	995.82
Caney Fork	911.71	994.81
Cedar Hill	5,315.10	5,869.28
Concord	1,512.00	1,518.00
Dallasburg	966.93	874.07
Elk Lick	1,226.30	1,343.81
Owenton First	38,555.47	38,467.60
Gratz	432.35	744.26
Greenup Fork	1,535.00	1,776.00
Harmony	1,330.68	1,008.59
Long Ridge	8,456.90	9,810.00
Lusby Mill	5,101.90	5,489.43
Monterey	3,978.05	3,599.32
Mt Pleasant	2,251.20	2,545.83
Mussel Shoals	192.00	173.00
New Columbus	6,745.97	6,444.13
New Liberty	5,541.27	6,628.49
Old Cedar	1,162.59	1,194.99
Mt Zion	300.00	300.00
Pleasant Ridge	4,307.00	4,875.00
Richland	4,885.87	3,678.34
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	4,857.51	4,565.94
Squiresville	2,863.00	2,586.00
SUBTOTAL	103,463.72	105,482.71

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
PIKE		
Alex	1,600.00	450.00
Belfry First	6,743.80	10,932.94
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	1,317.27	1,353.75
Calvary Southern	3,475.00	4,059.00
Cumberland Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith Baptist Mission	4,086.34	4,835.23
Elkhorn City	4,034.54	4,871.66
Faith First	3,319.16	2,186.91
Jenkins First	5,899.27	5,260.61
Feds Creek	0.00	0.00
Pikeville First	38,993.47	34,561.60
Phelps First	529.36	396.18
Grace	7,588.18	6,829.94
Hellier	470.98	708.31
Immanuel	4,499.98	11,373.23
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	1,193.00	1,897.00
Meta	7,760.88	8,466.01
Mouth Card	6,619.18	1,980.51
McVeigh	3,604.45	4,419.00
Forest Hills First	5,318.49	3,925.24
Sidney Missionary	5,034.09	4,853.36
Stone	1,758.19	1,926.29
Sutton	2,106.28	2,306.79
Mayflower Unity	1,123.00	1,091.71
Virgie	5,566.66	5,322.86
SUBTOTAL	122,641.57	124,008.13

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
PINE MOUNTAIN		
Craft Colly	842.80	920.68
Deane	2,496.00	3,000.00
Fleming	2,623.26	2,507.56
Haymond	500.00	500.00
Mt Olivet	1,400.00	525.00
Big Leatherwood First	3,195.75	3,125.00
West Cumberland Missionary	538.18	794.00
SUBTOTAL	11,595.99	11,372.24

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
PULASKI		
Acorn	865.36	848.84
Bethany	2,146.00	2,205.00
Bethel	6,334.62	6,980.32
Antioch Shores Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,589.68	0.00
Bronston First	1,934.65	1,802.83
Buck Creek	65.55	56.38
Barnesburg	3,473.67	4,307.28
Burnetta	2,688.00	2,756.00
Calvary	8,493.34	7,311.63
Camp Ground	5,389.09	6,089.33
Cedar Point	1,808.00	2,117.00
Clifty Grove	378.00	466.00

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
RED RIVER		
Cumberland	477.42	428.10
Buena Vista	6,378.74	7,827.77
Duke Memorial	5,922.21	6,204.63
Denham Street	450.00	450.00
Eden	354.50	438.99
Eubank	5,355.28	402.00
Ferguson	6,931.28	7,112.19
Somerset First	146,238.69	152,014.52
Burnside First	1,530.00	1,418.43
Beacon Hill	70,859.77	58,816.82
Community Baptist Mission	701.11	844.30
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	2,736.00	450.00
Flat Rock	771.84	1,036.21
Floyd Switch	504.00	819.00
Glenwood	100.00	160.00
Green Grove	0.00	0.00
Good Hope	560.88	558.07
Sunrise	1,229.35	1,063.58
High Street	19,698.76	23,931.90
Jasper Bend Missionary	639.06	615.57
Hopeful	0.00	301.28
Immanuel	9,410.14	10,095.45
Immanville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	403.70	440.46
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Lakeside Baptist Mission	460.50	362.30
Malvin Hill	646.03	761.92
McKinney Missionary	120.00	160.00
Mt Pisgah	1,751.00	1,466.00
Neeley's Creek	1,166.21	1,188.78
Mt Union	1,168.00	1,357.00
Mt Victory	343.90	553.40
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	881.00	975.00
Northside	10,081.95	12,127.82

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Association/Church	CP94	CP95
SOUTH UNION		
Alsie Missionary	19.60	0.00
Big Cane Creek	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill Missionary	50.00	50.00
Cane Gap	0.00	0.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00
High Cliff	284.23	182.38
Kentucky Hill	360.00	320.00
Jellico Creek	0.00	0.00
Mountain Ash	781.75	0.00
North End	0.00	0.00
Oswego	450.00	450.00
Patterson Creek	245.03	0.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	486.00	559.00
Red Bird	462.66	433.34
Ryans Creek	277.58	266.16
Tannery Hollow	540.00	540.00
Saxton	252.40	193.89
Wolf Creek	875.31	750.77
Youngs Creek	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	5,084.56	3,745.54

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
SULPHUR FORK		
Antioch	0.00	200.00
Ballardsville	13,167.98	14,753.36
Bedford	7,668.00	9,771.00
Buckner	7,255.84	7,190.66
Centerfield	1,800.77	2,061.73
Corn Creek	868.78	465.11
Covington	602.88	624.68
Crestwood	33,071.93	33,831.48
DeHaven Memorial	36,412.90	38,933.73
Eighteen Mile	214.17	225.00
Harrods Creek	250.00	0.00
LaGrange Heights	846.35	723.73
Liberty	118.69	575.11
Milton	4,198.51	3,987.89
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00
Providence	2,803.76	2,663.44
Rolling Hills Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Sligo	5,715.61	5,716.90
Union Grove	2,288.00	357.00
Westport	9,736.48	11,988.08
SUBTOTAL	125,020.65	134,068.90

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
TATES CREEK		
Berea	25,699.36	29,830.20
Bethel	2,835.57	4,747.36
Bethlehem	900.00	900.00
Blue Lick	275.95	376.60
Broadway	1,432.00	1,555.00
Calvary	625.00	781.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	5,258.63	6,183.61
Emmanuel	3,825.39	3,452.28
Unity	2,201.87	2,326.26
Richmond First	64,075.28	50,019.76
Fellowship	1,126.23	1,307.45
Freedom	225.00	225.00
Galilee	883.75	2,017.50
Gilberts Creek	100.00	300.00
Gilead	135.00	225.00
Gethsemane	2,225.00	2,888.00
Good Hope	2,260.43	1,646.00
Harris Memorial	0.00	778.05
Hays Fork	3,361.63	4,577.87
Kirksville	10,536.63	9,963.12
Knob Lick	0.00	350.00
Liberty Avenue	3,244.61	3,253.74
Liberty	90.00	90.00
Linden Street	182.00	235.00
Middletown	3,703.46	3,659.66
Mt Tabor	4,764.15	5,880.90
Peytontown	802.48	1,016.92
Pilot Knob	315.00	471.93
Red House	16,473.07	17,784.84
Rosedale	10,713.19	9,481.37
Upper Silver Creek	6,280.79	9,154.03
Red Lick	90.00	100.00
Stoney Run	0.00	0.00
Owsley Fork	1,454.00	2,257.00
Tates Creek	3,035.35	3,704.80
Union City	6,046.42	6,692.90
Valley View	35.00	45.00
Viney Fork	1,935.30	1,950.06
Waco	18,145.78	15,537.94
Wallacetown	2,582.50	2,779.92
Westside	2,689.48	3,375.95
White Hall Baptist Mission	456.07	652.02
White Lick	3,976.05	4,081.38
SUBTOTAL	214,997.42	216,655.42

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
TAYLOR COUNTY		
Campbellsville	102,677.17	116,407.08
Acton	474.33	1,793.46
Eastside	370.00	385.00
Elk Horn	19,739.19	16,324.73
Fairview	700.37	726.81
Friendship	5,044.00	5,507.00
Good Hope	14,637.72	14,250.64
Green River Memorial	8,930.64	10,400.06
Liberty	2,882.20	3,220.80
Meadowview	1,869.42	1,668.23
Mt Gilboa	4,054.69	4,432.75
Palestine	21,008.65	21,634.40
Pitman Valley	160.00	160.00
Pleasant Hill	27,536.32	26,242.04
Robinson Creek	4,593.22	4,588.98
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	150.00	340.00
South Campbellsville	8,899.70	12,925.30
Salem	8,361.12	7,443.31
Saloma	2,609.49	2,444.98
Lowell Avenue	12,987.35	13,107.86
Yuma	1,494.83	1,702.68
SUBTOTAL	249,180.41	265,706.11

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
TEN MILE		
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	1,099.01	1,332.68
Glencoe	6,236.66	6,432.54
Macedonia	8,922.43	7,345.82
Mt Zion	2,788.00	2,519.00
New Bethel	11,091.04	12,152.19
Oakland	1,412.00	354.14
Paint Lick	4,632.29	3,172.49
Pleasant Home	8,445.10	10,341.34
Crane Creek	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	2,281.00	1,712.00
Stewartsville	1,065.59	933.93
Ten Mile	6,267.25	5,738.85
Vine Run	9,450.43	9,057.64
Warsaw	7,519.00	5,176.86
Sparta	871.32	1,385.26
SUBTOTAL	72,081.12	67,654.74

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
THREE FORKS		
Airport Gardens	1,400.00	1,575.00
Berea	80.00	0.00
Big Creek	5,060.62	5,531.05
Blackey	310.00	290.00
Caney	874.66	847.04

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	160.00	180.00
Emmanuel	3,884.96	5,887.69
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Hazard First	16,364.88	16,025.42
Hindman First	14,206.66	15,234.14
Wooton First	1,243.00	1,346.00
First Creek	1,034.63	1,055.73
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	2,358.57	2,304.27
Jeremiah Missionary	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	450.00	400.00
Lothair	2,776.66	2,503.96
McIntosh Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	3,479.66	2,824.52
Mouse First	282.00	403.00
Muncy Creek	305.00	200.00
Premium	2,104.00	1,750.00
Petrey Memorial	5,020.20	4,755.55
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Jeff Missionary	941.00	739.00
Rockhouse	1,923.12	2,007.61
Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Upper Second Creek	691.59	778.52
North Fork	3,138.02	4,160.37
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Smithsboro	8,959.72	10,530.37
Typo	0.00	150.00
Vioco	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	25,434.67	22,364.49
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	102,483.62	103,843.73

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
UNION		
Beaver	2,916.91	3,072.26
Berlin	720.88	999.24
Berry	0.00	0.00
Blanket Creek	3,672.81	3,381.07
Butler	2,096.59	2,427.97
Cynthiana	33,561.78	32,297.69
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	7,938.43	9,363.31
Forest Hill	0.00	50.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	180.00	180.00
Oakwood Avenue	0.00	0.00
Powersville	1,530.00	1,360.00
Richland	0.00	1,100.00
Union	1,011.00	1,150.00
Willow	1,560.19	1,575.00
SUBTOTAL	55,188.59	56,956.54

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
UPPER CUMBERLAND		
Ages	0.00	0.00
Black Mountain	209.29	243.15
Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,800.00	1,800.00
Central	7,463.00	8,308.00
Chevrolet	633.60	736.21
Cloplint	450.00	450.00
Cloverfork	450.00	450.00
Coxton	45.00	0.00
Dione	1,852.00	3,622.00
Elcomb	2,808.25	2,478.73
Evarts	5,029.58	5,049.34
Cumberland	2,809.61	4,063.80
Baxter First	1,239.85	2,286.21
Loyall First	13,131.32	13,718.37
Verda First	0.00	112.00
Friendship	960.92	881.52
Harlan	35,806.46	37,040.89
Huff Settlement	180.90	182.69
Jones Creek	0.00	50.93
Kelly Street	2,129.35	1,819.16
Lenarue	826.56	781.43
Liggett	720.21	695.29
Locust Grove Missionary	450.00	400.00
Lynch	400.00	450.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
Owsley Fork	0.00	0.00
Pansy	1,450.00	1,398.00
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney	450.85	547.53
Red Bud Missionary	0.00	0.00
River Ridge Missionary	0.00	0.00
Riverside	695.14	901.82
Sunshine	1,616.71	1,036.11
Teetersville	4,856.08	4,735.59
Totz	2,339.71	2,060.55
Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00
Wallins	2,152.58	2,047.63
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	300.00	343.04
SUBTOTAL	93,256.97	94,427.99

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
WARREN		
Andrew	500.00	350.00
Barren River	2,249.05	2,318.11
Bethany	3,875.92	4,091.90
Bethel	525.00	0.00
Burton Memorial	5,120.89	4,581.80
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cedar Bluff	435.80	183.38
Brownsville Missionary	4,600.00	5,545.00
Clear Fork	4,367.74	5,460.57
Dedicated	336.00	336.00
Eastwood	41,187.77	49,028.11
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	33,661.61	24,456.55
Forest Park	17,026.11	11,285.01
Friendship	955.82	1,085.81
Glen Lily	1,706.49	1,637.58
Glendale	1,076.96	975.00
Greenwood	10,993.41	11,974.36
Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	323.85	507.04
Hillvue Heights	2,308.45	616.67
Iva	46.00	0.00
Jackson Grove	279.29	411.46
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	74,172.22	81,823.79
New Gasper	0.00	66.00
Martinsville	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	2,563.39	2,719.93
Oak Forest	942.06	1,184.85
Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	47.89	0.00
Oakland	8,980.17	9,046.32
Plano	2,166.40	1,918.06
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary	0.00	0.00
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	7,440.16	8,168.00
Rich Pond	21,472.41	26,261.25
Richardsville	923.01	831.48
Rocky Springs	1,087.20	917.67
Smiths Grove	6,927.57	6,186.74
Southside	523.41	608.44
White Stone Quarry	247.00	800.00
Woodburn	9,923.57	7,262.69
SUBTOTAL	268,992.62	272,641.57

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
WAYNE COUNTY		
Big Sinking	0.00	0.00
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	100.00	450.00
Cooper	810.00	810.00
Elk Spring Valley	8,256.24	9,450.50
Gap Creek	704.00	713.28
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	225.00	225.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Meadow Creek	225.00	200.00
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	13,950.00	14,061.47
Mt Zion	4,037.00	4,050.00
New Charity	337.50	337.50
New Salem	2,113.00	2,159.00
Newtown	524.00	748.00
Oak Grove	450.00	711.84
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	25.00	250.00
Sandusky Chapel	1,080.00	1,080.00
South Main Missionary	0.00	78.21
Spann Hill	155.71	579.21
Stuebenville	4,271.94	4,603.48
Zion	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	37,264.39	40,507.49

Association/Church	CP94	CP95
WEST KENTUCKY		
Antioch	1,105.97	979.51
Bardwell	26,103.73	14,647.73
Cayce	1,350.00	1,350.00
Burkley	990.00	990.00
Bethlehem	11,663.38	10,508.17
Beulah	9,223.00	11,304.0

PEOPLE

PRAYER PARTNERS

Pray for these specific needs related to Kentucky Baptist Convention partnerships with Baptists in Russia, Utah/Idaho and Boston:

- Interpreters, some of whom are not believers, who work with Kentucky volunteers in Russia.
- The upcoming 1995 children's Christmas gift bag project. KBC churches will fill 15,000 bags for Russian children.
- The Kentucky Baptist Chorale and Singing Women as they conclude their tour of Russia this week.
- The Kentucky deaf evangelism team that will go to Russia this fall.
- Pastors and their families as they minister in areas of Utah where the presence of Southern Baptists is resented.
- Churches and individuals to be called out for work through the upcoming Boston partnership.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

- **BEDFORD**—Kevin Head resigned as pastor of Mount Hermon Church June 11 to finish his doctorate degree at Southern Seminary.
- **CARROLLTON**—Prestonville Mission called Steve Butcher as pastor June 2.
- **CLERMONT**—Harold Adams resigned as pastor of Clermont Church July 2 to accept a pastorate in Owensburg, Ind. His wife, Rebecca, resigned as pianist of Kosmosdale Church in Louisville.
- **COVINGTON**—Latonia Church ordained Janice Hacker, Linda Foxx, Robert Webster and Buddy Hoskinds as deacons June 25.
- **EMINENCE**—Eminence Church ordained Carol Lacquement Penick to the ministry July 9. Penick, who previously served as an assistant pastor of the church, now resides near Roanoke, Va., where she serves as a pastoral counselor.
- **GEORGETOWN**—Faith Church called Greg Earwood as pastor. He has been pastor of First Church in Murray.
- **GREENVILLE**—Second Church called Bob Thurman of Columbia, Mo., as associate pastor.
- **HENDERSON**—Community Church has voted to purchase 3.5 acres of property for its first building.
- **HOPKINSVILLE**—First Church called David Scott as minister of music. Also Max Sturdivant Jr. was called as minister of youth and activi-

- ties.
- **JEFFERSONVILLE**—Foy Back resigned as pastor at Jeffersonville Church June 18 to become pastor at Cornerstone Church in Lexington.
- **LA GRANGE**—Eighteen Mile Church called Bob Brubaker of Florence as pastor.
- **LEXINGTON**—First Church called Wayne Noble of Foley, Ala., as minister to children and education. Noble is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Walnut Street Church ordained Marshall Lee to the gospel ministry.

Eileen Bartlett resigned as minister to children at Broadway Church to become associate director with St. Matthews Area Ministries.

- **MAYSVILLE**—Central Church has called Robert Donovan as pastor. He previously served First Church of Olive Hill.
- **MILTON**—Corn Creek Church called Gary Neeley, an Alabama native, as pastor.
- **MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.**—Debbie Simmons Stull, daughter of Barbie and Bill Simmons, retired staff member at Calvary Church in Lexington, died unexpectedly June 21 in Morehead City. The family may be contacted at 1043 Elmendorf Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40517.
- **MOUNT OLIVET**—Mount Olivet Church began a new 15-minute radio broadcast July 2. Call (606) 724-

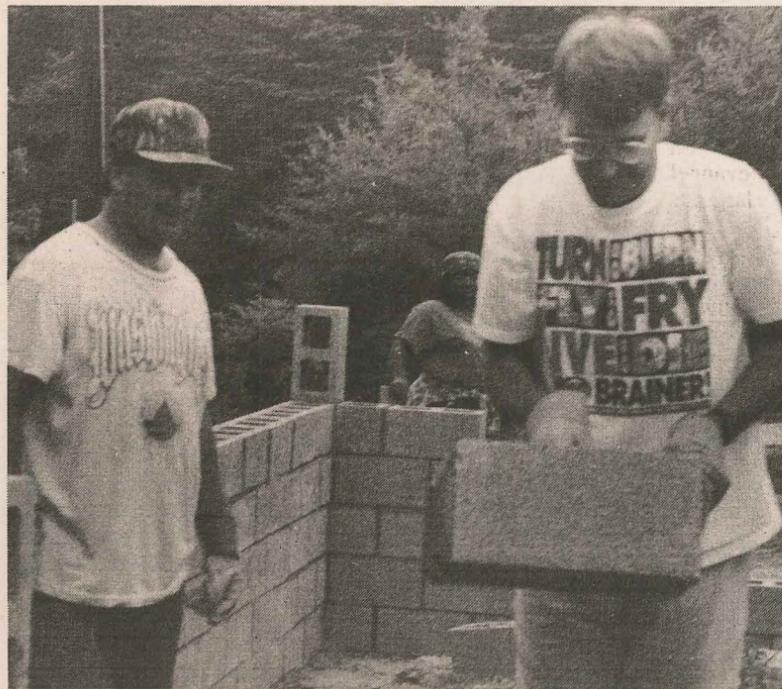
5580 for more information. Bruce Truman is pastor.

- **PADUCAH**—Schneidman Road Church called James T. Garland as interim pastor.
- **RICHMOND**—Neal Prather is available for full-time or bivocational pastorates. Call (606) 623-1835 for information.
- **VERSAILLES**—Gary Belcher resigned as minister of music and ed-

ucation at Versailles Church to become minister of music and senior adults at Lynwood Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

- **WINCHESTER**—New Hope Church called J.D. Payne as pastor. He was ordained by Central Church in Corbin July 9.

Central Church called James Stevens as minister of music.



FIRM FOUNDATION Mike Barrett (left) and Jake Huffman (right) of Corinth Baptist Church in McQuady help lay the foundation for a home being built through the Mountain Outreach program of Cumberland College. The home will be occupied by a Whitley County family. Eighteen other volunteers from Corinth Baptist Church participated in this recent construction project, one of dozens coordinated by Mountain Outreach this summer.

From beginner to scholarship winner

A girl named Crystal turned out to be an unmined gem for basketball coach Ed Lowdenback.

Crystal Harrison drew Lowdenback's attention when she arrived at Oneida in March 1994. Her 6'4" height prompted him to issue her an early call to play the following season.

Crystal had never before played basketball. From Queens, N.Y., she had attended a fine arts school. Already a junior, Crystal had always focused on music. "I didn't even like basketball!" she exclaimed. "At home whenever my father watched it on TV, my mother and I would tell him to turn it off!"

Lowdenback remembered that his new recruit was somewhat clumsy at first. "She was a two-handed thrower, but she learned quickly... As soon as I saw her running at practice, I knew she was an athlete."

The coach was pleased to see that Crystal improved "probably quicker than any athlete I've ever seen. She had a lot of natural talent and also a hard work ethic."

Able to play either right- or left-handed, she scored 23 points in her last game of the season. Crystal had the distinction of being the 10th leading rebounder in the state last season, and led our girls' team to tie for first place in Kentucky rebounds.

Crystal not only contributed natural talent and hard work, but a good spirit as well.

Basketball was not Crystal's only interest while at Oneida. She also participated in track and field, B.S.U., drama, choir, band and volleyball. For a time, the basketball season overlapped with band and drama. "Without making excuses or missing practices, she kept all three coaches happy," Lowdenback said.

In the spring of this year, Crystal was contact-

ed by Alice Lloyd College of Knott County. The school was offering her a \$50,000 scholarship over five years. Although the basketball coach was anxious to recruit Crystal, admissions personnel had one concern—her grades.

One of the main reasons Crystal had come to Oneida was her poor grades at her Queens school.

Soon after arriving at Oneida, Crystal made improvements. "I just hadn't been trying," she said. "When I came here I started to try, to care."

Understandably, the admissions department at

Alice Lloyd was not sure Crystal was a good risk. So they struck a deal; Crystal could earn the scholarship if she would make A's or B's in all primary subjects the last quarter of her senior year.

Crystal understood: "I had to prove I could do the work." She was determined to meet her goal. Yet she didn't want to alarm her parents, who already knew of the scholarship offer. She grinned sheepishly, admitting, "I didn't tell my parents about the grade thing."

Perhaps that made her push even harder to achieve the grades. Crystal graduated with a President's Award, and will begin her studies at Alice Lloyd in the fall. She hopes to become a clinical psychologist.

Coach Lowdenback was proud, stating, "This is the first time I've heard of a first-year player getting a major scholarship." He hopes Crystal's accomplishment will open more doors for our girls' program. Still, it was a bittersweet ending to his 1994-95 season. "I'm really going to miss her smile," he said.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

More than just a preacher

One of the joys in my work comes when I meet the people who support us. A special visit occurred in Atlanta during the Southern Baptist Convention when 1955 alumnus Chester Hall Sr. and I called on Gerry Bowen.

Bowen first heard about Clear Creek in 1970 as chairman of the pulpit committee at Carlton (Ga.) Baptist Church. He had a pastor friend with whom he discussed pastoral prospects. "When I got Bro. Hall's resume, I asked him, 'What about this Clear Creek? Is this little school another Bob Jones place?'" He told me, "You won't go wrong there; they are fundamental Baptists."

Bowen still recalls the committee visit to hear Hall preach. "He wasn't preaching to please a committee; he was a pastor preaching to his church." Hall has received some kidding about his height, but Bowen says, "He might be small in stature, but he is a giant of a pastor. Notice I didn't say preacher. There's a world of difference in having just a preacher or a pastor."

Hall served the Carlton congregation from 1970 to 1982, and the two have remained close friends. "Bowen was a very faithful deacon and a tremendous influence. People

respected his leadership and opinions." The church now manages the Bowen scholarship endowment that assisted 24 college students in 1994.

Last year, these longtime friends talked about needs at Clear Creek. We were seeking help with the Health Services Center, and Bowen gave funds to complete a medical examination room in honor of his

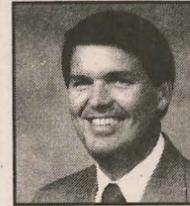
decedent pastor.

Declining health took Bowen from his farm and Angus cattle. Death has twice made him a widower. He continues to experience the victory of faith. We stood to leave his apartment and the three of us joined hands in prayer. I again remembered how precious the bonds are between a pastor and the flock.

Future Clear Creek students will be blessed because a 1955 graduate fulfilled his calling as a pastor. The greatest blessing Clear Creek could have is for our graduates to be faithful servants. I occasionally teach preaching and believe good preaching is important, but I really want our preachers to be pastors. Yes, Bowen, there is a big difference.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Baptists spread across Nairobi with message of hope

By Linda Lawson
SBC Sunday School Board

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—As individuals and in small groups and massive crowds, Kenyans in recent days have heard clearly and repeatedly, "There is hope" in Jesus Christ.

Since early June, leaders of 100 Baptist churches in the greater Nairobi area—helped by 500 Southern Baptist volunteers and Foreign Mission Board missionaries, staff and trustees—have conducted an intensive evangelism effort in East Africa's largest city.

The emotional and visual focus of the six-week Greater Nairobi Evangelistic Crusade in and around the Kenya capital city was a five-day open-air revival meeting in a downtown park. About 100,000 people—including Kenya President Daniel arap Moi—attended its final service.

Teams now have begun following up the thousands of people who have indicated a desire to become Christians. The teams will work to organize and strengthen new churches resulting from the crusade.

Final figures won't be available until the end of July, but likely will reveal 10,000 to 12,000 individual responses to the gospel and about 100 new Baptist churches established during the crusade.

Early records from the crusade show 50 new churches started in the city and 50 more in three adjoining associations.

Kenyan and Southern Baptist lead-

ers believe the project will have lasting effects on Baptist work in Nairobi and surrounding communities.

The project incorporated training, evangelism and follow-up phases in an effort to move the Baptist Convention of Kenya toward its goal of tripling the number of churches from 2,000 to 6,000 by the year 2000.

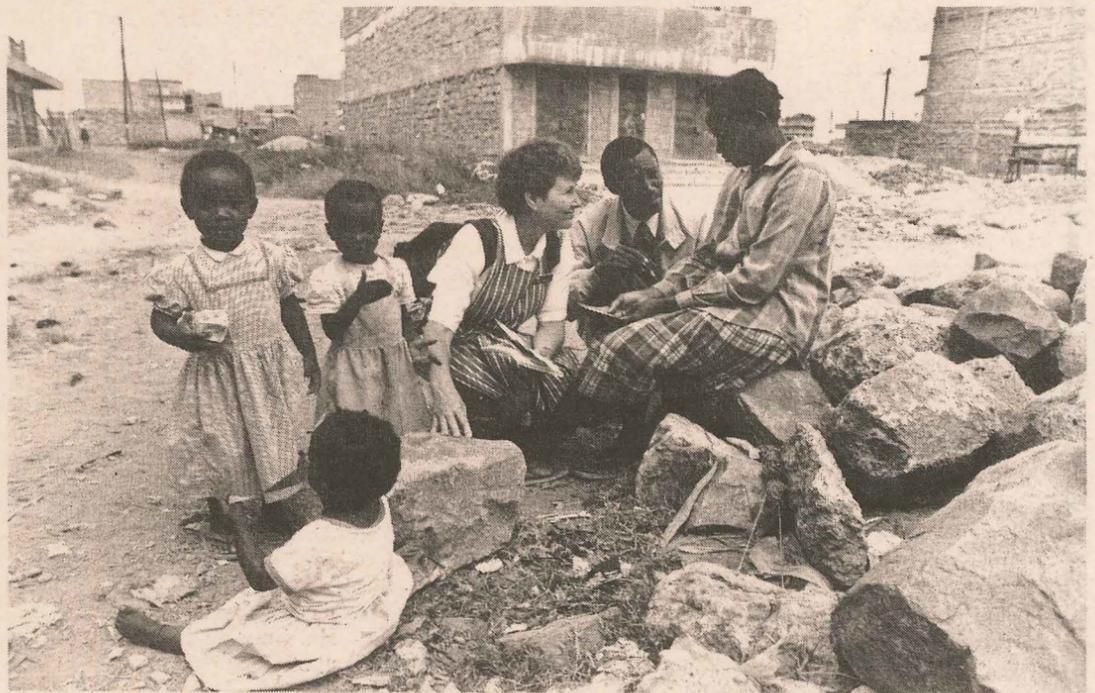
In Nairobi alone, about 5,300 people made professions of faith in Christ in street witnessing and in mini-rallies at 21 locations during the three weeks leading up to the revival.

During the week of the June 28-July 2 crusade, 514 people prayed to become Christians. More decisions were registered the week of July 3 as Kenya Baptists and Southern Baptist volunteers followed up on crusade responses.

The downtown crusade drew several thousand each of the first four days. President Moi attended on July 2—and hosted a two-hour worship service that morning for government officials, Kenyan Baptist leaders and Southern Baptists at his official residence in Nairobi. Moi is a professing Christian and a member of the African Inland Church.

Attendance in many participating churches tripled during the preliminary phases of the project, said missionary Jack Yates.

Volunteer Jimmy Draper, honorary crusade chairman and president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, noted cards were filled out on most people making professions of faith. Information included names



and addresses and the time of day best for a personal visit. "I think the follow-up will be incredible," he said.

With his wife, Carol Ann, and other volunteers, Draper worked three days during crusade week in the middle-class Nairobi neighborhood of Kayole. He walked the streets witnessing and conducting daily noon-time rallies with Kayole Baptist Church pastor Mark Owino. The next week they witnessed and led follow-up studies with new Christians in Kibera, a sprawling slum.

In 1990, Draper led an evangelistic effort in the coastal city of Mombasa, where more than 50,000 people responded to evangelistic witness during mass rallies and crusades. "This has been so different," he said. "Here it has been one or two (decisions) at a time" in the neighborhoods.

Still, "Kenyans are so responsive," he added. "They're hungry to know the truth. They believe there's one God. Too many just don't know who he is."

SHARING HOPE Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff member Mary Arrington of Richmond, Va., and Kenyan pastor Ben Wanzame share the gospel with a young woman in the Kajole area of Nairobi. Preliminary reports indicate about 5,300 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during street witnessing and mini-rallies preceding the Greater Nairobi Evangelistic Crusade June 14-27. (BP photo by Roy Burroughs)

Missionaries commit to Jewish evangelism, reconciliation

JERUSALEM (RNS)—About 160 Christian missionaries from six continents met recently in Jerusalem to recommit themselves to evangelizing Jews in Israel and worldwide by stressing "reconciliation" for past Christian anti-Semitism.

In a statement issued at the conclusion of the conference the group cited a passage in the Gospel of Matthew that notes the literal meaning of "Yeshua"—the Hebrew-Aramaic name from which "Jesus" is derived—refers to his original mission: to "save" fellow Jews from their sins.

In view of that, the statement continued, it was "profoundly tragic" that the name of Jesus has been "misused to perpetrate atrocities which Jewish people have suffered throughout the centuries, even up to our own time. We therefore call upon all who identify themselves and their faith with the name of Jesus to honor the meaning of his name.

"To do so requires both compassion for the Jewish people and the courage to meet them with the message of salvation in Jesus ..."

The statement also was critical of

Christians who refrain from evangelizing Jews.

"While religious relativism is to be expected in today's secular society, it is both distressing and shameful to find it within churches. Any church or denomination that presumes to say that the Jewish people (or any other people) can be reconciled to God outside of Jesus does not honor Jesus."

The conference was sponsored by the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism and held June 18-23. This was the Lausanne Consultation's first meeting in Israel, where Ortho-

dox Jewish leaders are vociferous in their opposition to Christian attempts to convert Jews.

As many as 6,000 Israeli Jews have reportedly accepted Jesus as the Messiah and belong to about three dozen congregations.

Jim Sibley, a Southern Baptist missionary in Israel, said in an interview that the conference site—a kibbutz hotel on Jerusalem's southern rim—was selected in part because of its distance from the city's center, thereby discouraging any protests. None occurred during the conference.

Holocaust views divide Jews and Arabs, as well as Christians

JERUSALEM (BP)—The death of 6 million Jews in Nazi German death camps 50 years ago still casts a long shadow over many areas, including the Arab/Jewish conflict in the Middle East.

For Jews, the event is one of pivotal importance in their religious, cultural and political identity, yet many Arabs are hardly aware it happened, according to speakers at the Fifth International Conference on Jewish Evangelism held in Jerusalem in late June. The meeting was sponsored by the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism.

"Despite five decades having passed since the liberation of the death camps of the European Holocaust, the trauma remains fresh and continues to blight successive generations," said Evan Thomas, pastor of

a Messianic Jewish congregation in Natanya, north of Tel Aviv.

But Arab believer Salim Munayer told the conference: "Most Palestinian believers do not know about, nor share the historical experience of Jewish people in Europe, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. For many, it is an unbelievable story and they feel it has been used against them to justify the mistreatment of the Palestinian people. I encourage Jewish believers to better understand how to impart their history and experiences in a non-threatening way in reconciliation between two peoples."

Part of the lack of understanding must be traced to ignorance, according to conference speaker Lisa Loden.

"In Palestinian schools in the Israeli Arab sector, the amount of time given to the study of the Holocaust is

one lesson in the curriculum," she said. "It has been said that the Arab peoples have no consciousness of the Holocaust. As the Holocaust is a major factor of the collective mentality of the Jewish people, this is lamentable."

But the needs in education cut both ways, she indicated. "On the other hand, how much time is given in Israeli schools to the study of Palestinian history or literature? How much does the Jewish person understand the collective mentality of the Palestinian, when on even official levels often great pains are taken to deny the existence of a distinct Palestinian people?"

Jewish Messianic believer Tsvi Sadan reminded the conference of the Holocaust's ugly realities in Christian/Jewish perceptions. "Nazi sol-

diers who tortured my father in the Warsaw ghetto and in the death camps of Dachau and Auschwitz were proud of their uniforms, especially their shiny belt buckle with its engraved slogan, 'In God We Trust,'" said Sadan, dean of Messianic College in Jerusalem.

"Anyone who wishes to discuss the post-Holocaust God and the post-Holocaust Messiah must first accept ... that the 'final solution' was invented and executed by Christian nations, perverse as this may sound," he said.

"The identification of the perpetrators of the Holocaust as Christians and the uniqueness of the Holocaust must both be recognized lest Auschwitz be trivialized and Christians find refuge in the comforting knowledge of man's universally sinful nature," Sadan said.

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