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 President Bill Clinton addressed a joint meeting of two Baptist groups, where he cited an array of Scripture, while calling for a moral understanding of "family values." *See page 7.*

IRINGA, Tanzania (BP)—Five Southern Baptist missionaries were kidnapped and drugged Aug. 5, but a missionary pilot eventually rescued them the next day after pleading for God's help while searching the vast Tanzanian bush region from which they had disappeared.

Kidnapped were Foreign Mission Board missionaries Sandra Harrington, 35, of Newport News, Va.; her daughter, Christine, 10; David Moreland, 50, and Mildred Moreland, 43, of Monroe, La.; and Joanna Giddens, 10, daughter of missionaries Ed and Nancy Giddens of Sepulveda, Calif.

The pilot, Mike Cannata, arranged a rescue from the ground after spotting the abductees at the edge of a wild game park outside Morogoro, Tanzania. The five were in good health and recovering at the home of a missionary friend Aug. 7.

"That was a miracle. That was just the Lord. He just guided the plane," Cannata said afterward.

The kidnap victims had been taking a rest stop along the main dirt road through the Mikumi National Park Aug. 5 when three armed men approached them. Harrington's husband, Bill Harrington of Richmond,

Va., had walked away from the car and was returning when he saw bandits beating David Moreland and forcing others into the car.

Harrington, a 42-year-old physician, watched as his wife and only child were taken away in the missionaries' vehicle. He knelt in the road and flailed his arms to stop passing cars. One vehicle sped past. The next turned around and picked him up. After an unsuccessful chase, Harrington sought help from authorities.

Meanwhile, the bandits had driven their five hostages out into the bush where the thieves robbed them and forced them to ingest a powdered drug to make them sleep. The assailants then drove off into the bush, leaving the five to fend for themselves against wild game running loose in the area and with night falling rapidly.

Moreland was struck in the face

with a gun butt. The threats ended, however, when the bandits learned the Morelands and Harrington were missionaries, he said.

Several hours after the abduction, police located the stolen missionary vehicle. The four-wheel-drive Nissan had been wrecked. A man, apparently one of the bandits, was dead at the wheel.

Meanwhile, other missionaries cooperated with police in a search that ran well into the night. The plane search started after daybreak.

Cannata had been flying about 45 minutes when he realized there were too many roads and too much area for a party of planes to search, let alone the sole plane he was piloting. He couldn't even see the five vehicles on the ground searching with him.

"I started praying: I said, 'God there is just no way I'm going to be able to find these people today.'"

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**Counselor says to love kids in ways they need it**

By Linda Lawson  
 SBC Sunday School Board

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Children may not feel loved by their parents, even though the parents feel they truly love and care for their children, according to a Christian counselor.

So what's the problem? "Children are behaviorally oriented, and parents are verbally oriented," explained Ross Campbell, a psychiatrist at Southeastern Counseling Center in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Campbell led sessions on parenting during an Aug. 5-11 conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

For example, Campbell said when a parent is away from home and calls to tell a young child he loves him, the child may enjoy hearing the words but much of the meaning of the verbal message is lost on the child.

"Of course, we should tell our children we love them, but this will not be sufficient" to meet their emotional needs, he emphasized. Children have emotional tanks that must be filled by parents, primarily in behavioral ways.

"Parenting is something that must be done all the time. We have to keep that emotional tank filled all the time. The child who grows up with a full emotional tank is going to turn out OK," said Campbell, author of the book *Parenting: The Art of Raising Children*. See *Counselor: Show kids ...*, page 8



**NEW STORE** Mary Jane Middlebrooks (left), an employee of the Baptist Book Store in Louisville, tallies a bill for a customer at the store's new location, 2120 S. Hurstbourne Parkway. The store reopened in its new quarters Aug. 7. Store manager Cody Rogers said the new location includes an enhanced gift area, a large music and video department with built-in video monitors and areas to feature best-selling products, special values and new releases. The store also features more modern displays throughout, designed to make merchandise easier to see. The new location is farther south on Hurstbourne than the old location and is near the intersection of Hurstbourne and Taylorsville Rd.

**Will snack-pack mentality change communion?**

By Adelle Banks  
 Religion News Service

CHICAGO (RNS)—It looks like one of those small plastic syrup containers you'd get at a fast-food restaurant—tidy, neat and hermetically sealed.

But this latest innovation in product packaging is no dining-table give-

away. It's Holy Communion—grape juice and a wafer—for Protestant churchgoers loathe to drink from a common cup or who want to take Communion away from their house of worship.

Compak Corp., a seven-employee company based in Chicago, will begin selling "Remembrance" Communion sets in November.

The idea for the product, named after the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, "Do this in remembrance of me," came to Compak CEO Jim Johnson, a businessman and land developer, in a vision.

"He really feels like God has asked him to do this in hopes of creating a product that would bring more people to church." See *Broadman & Holman ...*, page 9

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## BAPTIST BITS

■ **Negotiations to keep ACTS**, the Southern Baptist cable TV network, on the air are "at an impasse," network president Jack Johnson said Aug. 8. A special meeting of Radio & Television Commission trustees set for Aug. 11 was cancelled due to a breakdown in negotiations between the RTVC and VISN, their partner in the channel-sharing arrangement.

■ **The Alliance of Baptists** has expressed support for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, an organization recently defunded by two other Baptist groups in protest of the Peace Fellowship's welcoming stance on homosexuality. Alliance directors voted unanimously to endorse a statement affirming the Peace Fellowship, which has been defunded by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the American Baptist Churches.

## Seminary questions could be clarified this fall

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

LOUISVILLE—After three months to cool off from a stormy spring semester, students are scheduled to return to classes at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Aug. 28.

But the question for which no one has an answer—not even seminary administrators—is how many students will show up.

Enrollment at the Louisville seminary has been dropping for several years, but even the most optimistic seminary officials admit the student head count is likely to drop more significantly this fall.

The reasons cited for the decline mostly relate to the changing direction of the seminary under its new administration, which is steering the school in a more conservative direction and therefore changing the pool from which potential students are drawn.

Pivotal events of spring and summer accelerated this change: The firing of Diana Garland as dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work; trustee actions to strengthen the authority of the president and weaken the authority of the faculty; introduction of a new set of criteria for faculty hiring; 10 faculty members taking an early retirement option; a financial crunch that caused the seminary to cut nearly \$1 million from its budget; and the announcement that three of the seminary's accrediting agencies are planning to investigate

the school.

Neither maintaining nor increasing enrollment has been a stated objective of the new administration. Rather, the focus of President Al Mohler's leadership has been on tightening organizational and academic structures, as well as changing the seminary's identity within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Estimates of fall enrollment vary widely, but the total on-campus enrollment is projected by various campus sources to hit somewhere between 800 and 1,200. On-campus enrollment last fall was 1,450.

David Dockery, vice president for academic affairs, said he has an idea how enrollment will come out, but it's premature to voice that projection. The one thing he will say for sure: "Enrollment will be down from last fall."

Pre-registration of current students, held last spring, was about the same as the year before, Dockery said. But how many of those students actually will return remains to be seen.

A seminary document detailing projections of new student enrollment, obtained from a source other than Dockery's office, estimates a 24 percent decline in new students this fall. The only degree program projected to realize an increase is the master of divinity in missions, a new degree associated with the seminary's Billy Graham School.

No new students will be accepted into the Carver School of Church Social Work, pending a trustee study of

the school's future. That report should be given at the October trustee meeting.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the Carver School's future—and an exodus of social work faculty over the summer—a full range of courses will be offered in the fall semester, according to Dockery and Janet Spessart, acting dean of the Carver School.

Spessart and Diana Garland are the only two remaining full-time Carver School professors out of six on faculty last spring. Their work will be supplemented by visiting professors and adjunct professors.

"We will be able to offer a full scale of classes that are completely staffed by capable and competent people," Dockery said.

Overall, the seminary will enter the fall semester with 14 fewer faculty and administrative staff on board than last fall, Dockery said. This reduction in personnel expenses is the primary way the seminary has cut the mandated \$914,000 from its budget, Dockery and others said.

However, the faculty losses will not create staffing problems in any area of the seminary's academic program, Dockery said. "I think everything is very adequately covered, both by new people who have been added, the use of visiting faculty and by some capable adjuncts from the area."

Despite tense interactions between faculty and the president and trustees last spring, Dockery said he sees promise of hope for the fall.

"I think there's a hopefulness for a

very positive fall that exists on campus," he said. "Even though numbers are down, there's a hopeful and optimistic attitude that we'll have a good fall."

Dockery specifically cited as hopeful several conversations during the summer between Mohler and the seminary's faculty committee.

John Hendrix, chairman of the faculty committee, confirmed his group met twice with Mohler and arranged two other meetings between Mohler and portions of the faculty.

These were "rather lengthy conversations," Hendrix said. "They were pretty direct, but not volatile by any means."

While the meetings perhaps helped further the conversation, there has been no major change of sentiment on the part of the faculty or the president, he said. "The main thing I can say about the summer is we're trying and he's trying."

Relations between the president and faculty will come under closer scrutiny in September or October, when three accrediting agencies will make a joint visit to the seminary campus. The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council on Social Work Education all are scheduled to send representatives.

Their investigation reportedly will focus on Mohler's firing of Garland as Carver School dean, changes in faculty hiring and promotion policies and the general fallout of last spring's controversies.

## Atlanta church limits Stanley's leadership

ATLANTA—Charles Stanley has survived an attempt to oust him as pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta but has relinquished all administrative duties for an unspecified period of time.

A group of eight church members called for a church conference Sunday evening, Aug. 13, to discuss whether Stanley is qualified to continue as pastor of the 14,000-member church since he and his wife are separated and she has filed for divorce.

Stanley is one of Southern Baptists' most visible preachers, because of his service as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1984-85 and because of his international television ministry, called "In Touch."

He and Anna, his wife of 40 years, have been separated since 1992. Anna Stanley first filed for divorce in June 1993. She later sought a legal separation instead, but she refiled for formal divorce in March of this year, saying attempts at reconciliation had failed.

Stanley, 62, has remained in the pulpit despite criticism that his family problems disqualify him as pastor. Many church members—and Stanley himself—say the Bible limits the pastorate to men with intact first marriages.

Stanley has insisted he is still seeking "reconciliation" with Anna. He told the congregation for the first time Aug. 13 he will resign completely if the divorce she seeks becomes final.

Although Stanley addressed the overflow crowd at the called church conference, a letter to the congregation from Anna Stanley was not read. Jimmy Draper, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, had been asked by Stanley to moderate the meeting. Draper ruled the letter was personal in nature and should not be read. His ruling was sustained by the congregation after it was challenged from the floor.

The four-hour church conference was preceded

the day before by a four-hour deacons' meeting, in which Stanley and the deacons worked out a three-part compromise.

That compromise was approved by the congregation the next night, but only after church members debated the biblical qualifications for pastors, particularly from I Timothy. Stanley's supporters argued he should not be disqualified as a pastor because of his marital problems.

Under the agreement:

■ Stanley will relinquish all administrative duties Sept. 1 and be replaced by a seven-man team appointed by the deacons.

■ A committee appointed by the deacons will study the biblical qualifications for pastors and deacons and recommend a church policy.

■ Another committee will study the feasibility of constituting the church's northside satellite congregation into a separate church, which apparently would end plans for the historic downtown church to relocate to the suburbs.

Stanley's son, Andy, has been associate pastor of First Baptist Church and the primary worship leader for the northside congregation, which draws about 3,000 people each week. Andy Stanley resigned that post Aug. 2, apparently due to a disagreement about his father's continuing role as pastor.

Andy Stanley told his congregation in a letter Aug. 13 that despite his love for both his parents, "I felt my father should step down as leader of First Baptist of Atlanta."

Three days prior to Andy Stanley's resignation, longtime First Baptist administrator Nolen Rollins resigned. In a letter to friends, Rollins later said, "I have become increasingly less able to give full support without compromising my personal integrity."

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## Baptist Building annex finally under construction

By Marv Knox  
Editor

The roar of heavy equipment and the clang of steel echo across the grounds of the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville these days.

After more than two years of planning and two cost-scuttled designs, an 11,100-square-foot Baptist Building annex is taking shape. The facility will house the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the Western Recorder. A second phase, which will involve renovation of current WMU and Western Recorder offices, will create a new home for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's archives.

The KBC Executive Board approved the concept of an expanded Baptist Building in May 1993. It created a committee to study the feasibility of building a facility to house the four KBC entities, which occupy the current Baptist Building with the Executive Board staff.

A year later, the board voted to spend up to \$1.5 million to construct the facility. It also specified that the building be funded by cash already on hand in designated capital-improvement accounts.

"We have diligently stayed within that \$1.5 million budget," reported Jerry Dooley, a Louisville layman and chairman of the board's building committee.

All bids for the first plan, which would have connected two wings of the Baptist Building, came in over the allocation, Dooley said.

Next, the committee and architects proposed a free-standing building immediately west of the Baptist Building. That structure would have housed all four organizations, but it also cost too much, he added.

Finally, the committee approved a smaller building that will contain the Foundation, WMU and Western Recorder, along with plans to renovate Baptist Building space for the archives. That arrangement, plus all architectural fees, site preparation, utilities displacement and expanded parking, will fall within the \$1.5 million budget, Dooley said.

The Executive Board approved the expansion because it understands the building is needed to keep up with KBC growth, he said.

"Expanding needs triggered it," Dooley said of the project. He cited an array of current difficulties associated with too-tight quarters.

"The WMU, Western Recorder and Foundation all have separate boards, and they could move off-campus if we could not take care of them," he said. "Bill Marshall (the KBC's executive secretary-treasurer) expressed the desire to keep them located near the Executive Board staff, and the board agreed."

The project will achieve its purpose, Dooley predicted. "This building will provide each of the entities with more space, and that space will be better designed for the purposes for which it will be used."

The building also will provide an additional benefit, in that it will enhance the identities of the Foundation,



WMU and Western Recorder, he said. It will allow for more efficient building management and cost analysis, he added. And although his committee was not given long-range tasks, Dooley said, the relocation of the new building's occupants will free space for the Executive Board staff.

Dooley credited a KBC tradition of setting aside funds for capital needs with providing Kentucky Baptists with the opportunity to build a major facility debt-free. He also lauded a previous KBC decision to purchase the property on which the new building sits.

"We can credit wise counsel," he

said. "Historically, Kentucky Baptists have preserved cash that can be available for construction projects, so that we do not have to pay financing costs." The system has been used to construct Baptist Student Union centers across the state, he noted.

"It's refreshing to be able to do a project like this and not have any (ongoing) programs constrained," he said. "It's also encouraging to be able to provide for the convention for many years to come."

The building contractor, F.W. Owens of Louisville, predicts the building will be ready for occupancy by late December or in January.

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION** A new building to house two agencies and one auxiliary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is taking shape on a lot adjacent to the Baptist Building in Louisville. The new building will become home to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the Western Recorder early next year. An expanded space will be created in the existing Baptist Building for the Kentucky Baptist Convention archives. The view shown here is looking from the rear of the new building, toward Shelbyville Road. The existing Baptist Building is outside the picture, to the left.

## Mountain conference energized despite power failure

By Joyce Sweeney Martin  
Staff Writer

ONEIDA—The lights may have been off for a time at this year's Kentucky Mountain Missions Conference, but it didn't seem to dim the singing, preaching and fellowship.

When a thunderstorm knocked out power to the meeting site at Oneida Baptist Church just minutes before the Monday evening worship service was to begin, the meeting was moved to the nearby auditorium of Oneida Baptist Institute.

And then, the power went out there too.

But that didn't faze more than 150 ministers and spouses gathered. Worship went on. "Amazing Grace" never sounded better," said Bob Jones of

the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff.

The darkness didn't unnerve the conference preacher either. Lincoln Bingham, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Louisville, used a penlight to read from John 12 and preach on "Service that Satisfies our Saviour." Bingham encouraged his listeners to follow the biblical examples of Mary the worshipper, Martha the worker and Lazarus the witness as they seek to be "light in the darkness" of the world.

At the conclusion of the service, conferees gathered on the candle-lit patio of the Oneida Baptist Church parsonage for food and fellowship.

This was the 47th Mountain Missions Conference, which is sponsored by the KBC and the Southern Baptist

Home Mission Board in cooperation with Oneida Baptist Institute and Oneida Baptist Church.

In addition to keynote preacher Bingham, KBC missions and evangelism division director Larry Martin led four Bible studies on the book of Amos during the three-day event.

Martin laced his teaching with personal experiences from nearly 20 years in home mission work in Detroit and Boston. He challenged conferees to learn from those stories how to "confront social injustice and make a difference where you live."

He cautioned listeners that they, like Amos, should expect some people to be apathetic or resistant to the message of God's judgment and his accompanying offer of forgiveness.

"During the tough times, your

sense of God's call to ministry and your commitment to servant leadership will keep you going," he said.

Also during the conference, workshops offered included counseling, led by Bob and Edie Fields of London; deacon ministry, led by Dan Garland of Zion Baptist Church in Henderson; computers, led by Al Griffin of Oneida Baptist Church; and crafts, led by Donna Atto of Oneida Baptist Institute.

After the Tuesday evening service, a reception was held to honor KBC direct missions director Bob Jones and his wife, Maxine. Jones, who attended his first Mountain Missions Conference in 1958 and who served as mountain missions director from 1968 to 1975, will retire at the end of 1995.

## Cobble leaving Severns Valley Church for Georgia pastorate

ELIZABETHTOWN—Howard Cobble, a prominent state pastor and former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has resigned as pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown to return to a Georgia pastorate.

Cobble has served the Elizabethtown church—one of the KBC's largest congregations and a perennial top-giver to the Kentucky Cooperative Program—for the last 14 years.

He has been a trustee of Baptist Healthcare System and Campsville College and previously served as

president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference. Cobble was elected KBC president in 1987 and preached the KBC's convention sermon in 1984.

He has served as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's alumni association.

Cobble announced to his congregation Aug. 9 that he has been called as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton, Ga.—a church he previously served as pastor from

1967 to 1974.

Cobble moved to Severns Valley in 1981 from Atlanta. He previously served in Birmingham, Ala., and Hopewell Baptist Church in Harrodsburg.

Cobble is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and holds both master's and doctoral degrees from Southern Seminary.

During his tenure, Severns Valley has grown from 1,881 to 2,965 in Sunday school enrollment, and average Sunday school attendance has grown from 869 to 1,024. Worship

attendance has increased to 1,200.

In addition to launching a variety of new ministries at the church, Cobble led the Elizabethtown congregation to start three mission churches locally and two mission churches in Ohio. Most recently the church has helped launch Northside Baptist Mission in Elizabethtown, which soon will constitute as a church.

Cobble's last Sunday at Severns Valley will be Aug. 27. The church will honor the Cobbles with a reception from 4 to 6:15 that afternoon, followed by a program of music.



Howard Cobble

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all delivered to the  
saints.—Jude 3*

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## Bitter fruits

"Rosenberger decision undermines religious liberty" (WR, July 4) made me think. It causes one to ask: What kind of nation do we want? Do we want one whose places of higher education fund every idea, except that of Christianity, while seeking to curtail the expression of a church's faith as it speaks on moral issues?

Your editorial caused me to think if "conventional wisdom" is very wise. In referring to the Establishment Clause, it is interesting to note two things: First, the Constitution expressly forbids Congress from respecting an establishment of religion. Nothing in the Constitution or the writings of our founding fathers ever thought that our government should be exempt from God. Second, it is interesting that you either put Wide Awake Productions on the same level as a church, or Christianity as a religion.

If we regard Christianity as a religion that cannot be allowed to be established in our colleges and universities, then we have a real problem. If we accept Webster's definition of religion as "any specific of conscientious pursuit," then anything that is taught in religion. Then secularism is a religion that is established by the government. This, then, is a direct violation of the First Amendment.

It does make one think that when we complain about the violence around us, the religion our government has established may well be bringing its bitter fruits for us to eat while we decry the thought of letting God's word bear on our situation.

Eddie Reynolds  
Shepherdsville

## Divisive spirit

William Hagan's letter, "False doctrine" (WR, July 25), portrayed

## It happened at church

Memory escapes me as to where and when I heard a speaker declare: "Christian work is a happy choice. The pay often is low, but the retirement benefits are 'out of this world.'"

I personally believe that wholesome Christian people have greater value in this life than any other category of human beings. For one thing, spiritual joys are more lasting and bring deeper satisfaction. We've had hardships too, but character grows most in difficult times, and that is satisfying.

I'm thinking now of the lighter times of laughter and wholesome fun that church life affords. It is surprising how many downright funny things happen in and around the church and its various related fellowship occasions.

Ministers are often endowed with a keen sense of humor. What assembly could equal the gathering of old friends at meals and other break times during denominational committee and board meetings? Talk about stories and experiences to tell about—nearly everyone has a new one, a re-

the spirit that contributes to the division of our convention. Don't be so quick to tell your brother his view is false doctrine.

Election and predestination are neither man-made nor false doctrine. These teachings do not conflict with John 3:16, nor do they discourage missions. John 3:16 says "whosoever" believes. However, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father draws him" (John 6:65). Why would God draw one whom he knew was not going to respond?

## BAPTIST FORUM

People who are spiritually dead can't respond. They must be quickened. Romans 11:29 tells us God doesn't change his mind about those he chooses. God's moving will prevail. So if God chooses to extend his call to a sinner, that sinner will respond.

Acts 13:48 says, "As many as were appointed (ordained) to eternal life believed." Salvation is of the Lord. Jesus says in John 6:37, "All that the Father gives me will come to me." Also, in John 17:6, Jesus says that we belonged to God before God gave us to him. What about that?

Mr. Hagan indicated those who don't preach what he does are false teachers and have no place in the Southern Baptist Convention. Isn't that the spirit that has hurt our great denomination? We Baptists have always worked with differences.

John P. Weaver  
Ashland

## 'Equal' terms

My July 25 Western Recorder and July 15 Illinois Baptist came in the same mail, both containing much valuable information.

Illinois Baptist readers learned June Cooperative Program gifts rose 16.84 percent over 1994, and that year-to-date CP totals are up more than 2.5 percent over 1994. This is

cent experience or observation; many serious, but some hilarious.

I started my brief series of columns under the label, "It happened at church." Though the following incident did not occur in the church house, it was directly connected with a church auxiliary meeting during my one-year tenure as pastor's assistant at

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



Franklin Owen

Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., between seminary graduation and army chaplain service in Europe in World War II.

The Sunday school superintendent's cabinet (general officers and 14 department superintendents) was meeting at the home of Mrs. T.H. Johnston on the corner of 19th Street and 11th Avenue South (as memory serves me). It was the Christmas season, and Miss Virginia Tullis, a noble nurse and superintendent of the Primary C department (eight-year olds) had undertaken to do a bit of Christmas shopping after her day's work at Hillman Hospital. This caused her to meet into our meeting a little late. She seemed quite amused about something, and we pressed her to tell us what was funny.

(As we children used to say, "Her 'tickle box' was turned over.") I'll relate her story of 53 years ago exactly as I remember it: The elevator was crowded with jostling Christmas shoppers, their arms full of bundles and boxes. A lady whirled suddenly toward a male passenger to her right and slightly behind her and began beating him over the head with a long package and berating him verbally. The car stopped at the next floor, and the man ran out with the lady right behind him continuing to swing her package and scold him. The elevator car door closed, and as the car proceeded on its way a small child back in the corner holding her mother's hand said, "Mama, that lady was mashing' me, and I pinched her."

part of a sustained growth in CP missions.

The Recorder, not mentioning SBC-wide increases, did report: "Contributions to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship rose 9 percent in the first half of this fiscal year."

The 1994 KBC Annual indicates our state convention, through "Cooperative Program/other" monies, gave \$284,147 to operate our state paper. No income is reported from the CBF, nor do we know of CBF ownership or control of our paper.

With subscriptions, over half of the money for our paper comes from Southern Baptist churches giving to world missions through the growing Cooperative Program. The balance is from advertisements, investments, etc. Yet, I am told, "When it comes to national budget reports, we treat the SBC and the CBF on equal terms." Why?

Since 1982, part of my income has been Cooperative Program monies distributed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It would be the height of ingratitude for me to give equal treatment to other mission programs which do not pay my salary. News reporting is one thing; promotion is another. Our cooperative giving has risen significantly since 1982. It is still true: "You increase what you emphasize."

R. Charles Blair  
Clinton

## Same name

Please note that there are at least two men named Ken Walker living in Louisville who have connections to local Baptist churches and to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The opinions expressed by the Ken Walker who writes for the Western Recorder and other Baptist publications are not necessarily the opinions held by Ken (Kenneth R.) Walker.

(Ken) Kenneth R. Walker  
Louisville

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It was a case of overwhelming circumstantial evidence, yet a perfectly innocent man. I've often thought about him. He knew that he was innocent, but didn't know what he was innocent of. He knew that he didn't do it, but I doubt if he ever learned what it was that he did not do.

Franklin Owen is the retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He also is pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Bracken Association



## FAMILY FORUM: SINGLES

### Friends forever?

By Harry Rowland

Q Being single means my friends are important to me. But my friendships never last. They come and go and never get past a certain point of intimacy. Are friendships forever?

A One thing is certain: How we define who our friends are differs widely. The relationships some would regard as friendships, others regard as acquaintances. Then, what others regard as friendships, some regard as romantic encounters. And what others regard as friendships, some pronounce as a brotherly or sisterly bond.

But it's even more complicated than this. Research shows that those whom we trust and respect the most—and regard as friends—may also be those with whom we have little contact. Further, our highly regarded friend my not regard us in a reciprocal way. Part of maintaining friendships is the ability to find out these inequalities and be able to accept them rather than making demands that each person have equal regard for the other.

It is important for singles to have variety in their friendships—other singles, married adults, same-sex and opposite-sex, older and younger. Having various types of friends enriches our lives and allows us diversity in our experiences.

Above all else, friendships are important for singles. Barbara Sroka states that friendships are more essential and helpful in fulfilling our daily interpersonal needs than are dating, marriage, business and even family relationships.

What constitutes a friendship depends on who you talk to. Many list qualities such as integrity, acceptance, understanding, trust, etc. I like Gail Sheehy's three hallmarks of friendship: loyalty, forgiveness and reciprocal human nourishment. These allow for risks within friendships, friendship failure, forgiveness and consistent growth.

Friendships are never perfect, since imperfect people are involved, but they can be satisfying. To have friendships that last, make sure you aren't asking a friend to do in your life what only God can do, and that you concentrate on being a friend rather than having friends.

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## Suit lays siege to charities; you can help them

A billion-dollar battle is about to begin in the federal courts. Its outcome could determine the fate of religious and other charitable organizations nationwide.

Dorothy Ozee, the grand-niece of a woman who donated her estate to a Lutheran foundation, has filed a suit challenging the right of charities to issue gift annuities. A gift annuity allows a donor to give money to a charity and receive income in return, usually at a reduced tax rate, until death. After death, the funds belong to the charity. Gift annuities were developed more than 150 years ago by the American Bible Society.

The suit alleges gift annuities are commercial transactions and should be regulated by banking and insurance laws. It claims the distribution of actuarial tables by the American Council on Gift Annuities, which are used to determine payments to donors, is price-fixing and violates anti-trust laws. It charges that commingling multiple charities' funds in a common investment pool violates securities laws. And it asks the defendants to pay damages equal to three times the amount of money involved.

In addition, Ozee's attorneys have upped the ante by asking the court to declare the suit a class action, which would include thousands of churches, hospitals and universities across the nation. They specifically have asked that the Baptist Foundation of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention be named as defendants in the case.

Opponents claim greed fuels the suit. Ozee is the donor's disgruntled distant relative who desires a larger share of the 90-year-old woman's estate, they noted. And the attorney who filed for the class action boasts the case is a "billion-dollar lawsuit," from which he stands to receive lucrative contingency fees.

In contrast, the suit could damage religious and other charitable orga-

nizations seriously. "Every charity in the country is in jeopardy because of the implications of this lawsuit," said Tal Roberts, chair of the American Council on Gift Annuities. "This could cripple charities precisely at the time when the federal government is looking to charities to take on more of our needs."

Fortunately, lawmakers have joined the battle on the side of the charities. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) and Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) have introduced the Charitable Giving Protection Act of 1995 in the Senate. A companion bill is to be introduced in the House.

Lawmakers see a clear need for rushing to the defense of the nation's charities. "Every dollar lost is a child unvaccinated, a baby unfed, a sick person with no medical care, a Boy Scout troop that will cease to exist, a house for a poor family that will not be built and a scholarship that will not be granted," Hutchison reported.

The bill responds to the attacks Ozee's suit makes on gift annuities, ensuring their legality and securing their implementation. Nevertheless, it does not free them from appropriate safeguards. "My bill does not exempt charities from liability for fraud," Hutchison said.

The bill would support longstanding practices of charities, such as the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, enabling them to help faithful Baptists provide for their own security in their senior years and also contribute to the cause of Christ far into the future.

Senate support for the bill is needed desperately. You can let Kentucky Sens. Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell know how you feel by writing to them at the Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-1701.

Marv Knox

**Contact Sens. Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell and ask them to support the Charitable Giving Protection Act of 1995. The fate of charitable organizations depends upon it.**

## A mother's love for her son shapes view of war in Bosnia

It is a simple family dinner. Everyone is laughing and teasing, discussing the day's events and making plans for the evening.

Everything is routine except for the sadness that overwhelms me as I look at my 12-year-old son. He looks no different today than he did yesterday. His hair is tousled and sun-streaked, his cheeks smooth and tanned. He is still a little boy to me.

But today as I look at him I realize that if I lived in Bosnia, in a so-called "safe haven," my son would have been taken from me. He would have been considered a potential enemy to the invading forces, a possible soldier in the war that has ripped the region.

I look at his spindly arms and know that he probably couldn't hold a gun if he tried. Just the other day, he

learned to hold a baseball bat. He is still a child, just like the boys his age who live in Bosnia.

But if my son lived there, I would be begging for his life. His crime would be that he was born in the wrong place at the wrong time, that he had spent his childhood in a country where adults couldn't live together in peace.

This child has a gentle spirit. His teacher last year praised him as a "peacemaker," someone who could bring the other boys together. I love that about him. But it wouldn't make a difference if the Serb forces came to claim him. They would care only about his age and the implied threat of his gender.

I keep thinking about the mothers who held their sons for one last time,

and tears form in my eyes right in the middle of dinner. I am overwhelmed by the sense of loss and the guilt that I am doing nothing to help those other mothers who love their sons as much as I love mine.

Chase looks over at me and sees my tears. "What's wrong, Mom?" he asks.

I struggle for words to explain my emotions. "I keep thinking that if we lived in Bosnia, they would take you away from me," I say.

"Why aren't we helping those people?" he asks me, surprising me with his understanding of the situation.

My husband breaks in to explain. "If we got involved in their war, American soldiers would be killed," he says.

It sounds lame at first, an excuse for avoiding a messy conflict. I have heard the same explanation from pol-

iticians and strategists, and I always wonder why they can't find a way to stop the insanity.

But then I look at my son again and realize that in a few more years, he could be an American soldier. I wouldn't want him to go to war then any more than I can fathom giving him over to the enemy now. I am a mother who loves her children more than she loves ideals.

I realize then that these dinner-table tears are not just of sorrow. They are also tears of shame at my own selfishness and frustration over a situation that I am not willing to help solve.

I hug my son tight, thanking God that I am not a mother in Bosnia who is crying out for help.

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Faith is more than just believing Apollo 13 will come back from the moon

A sportswriter penned a column last week in praise of a fading icon, Mickey Mantle. He claimed Mantle helped define the American ideal for boys who grew up in the '50s. They wanted to be baseball heroes, just like Mickey.

I know what he means. Except I spent my childhood in the '60s, and I followed a different class of heroes. I wanted to be an astronaut, just like John Glenn, or Alan Shepard or Gordon Cooper.

Our daughters, Lindsay and Molly, find many of my childhood memories fascinating. (Well, OK, they find many of them weird, but that's a generational thing.) Just the other day, I was explaining how astronauts used to be bigger than basketball stars, rock legends, Ninja Turtles and Mighty

Morphin' Power Rangers—all rolled into one.

Back then, we didn't have designer sneakers, commercials disguised as movies and toy stores the size of small countries. Still, the marketing aimed at kids was awesome, and the U.S. space program dominated the boys' market.

For example, NASA taught me to actually like taking a bath. That's because Mother bought me shampoo that came in the shape of a Gemini capsule and bubble bath in a

bottle designed to look like a booster rocket. I stayed in the tub until my toes looked like raisins.

Lindsay and Molly, who still think bathing is cruel and unusual punishment, thought this spaceman-in-the-bathtub story was sort of interesting. Not because they liked the idea of washing their hair, but because Joanna and I took them to see "Apollo 13," the harrowing story of the trip Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert took to the dark side of the moon. And back

I wanted the girls to see this movie be-

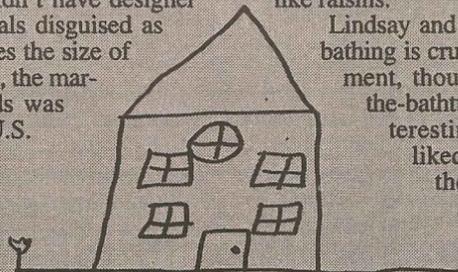
cause I wanted them to learn more about the chapter of American history that so dominated my childhood imagination. We sat spellbound as we watched actors recreate the astronauts' courageous ride and the ground crew's inventive, can-do response to the grave situation.

"It's a good thing this movie is true," Joanna said afterward, "or the critics would kill such a happy ending."

Looking back, I recall the Apollo 13 crisis quite clearly, except for one detail. I never felt scared; never doubted those heroes would come home safely. In my 13-year-old mind, astronauts could do anything.

Since then, I've redirected that faith to the One who never fails. God can do anything.

Marv Knox



down home

# BAPTISTS

## Patterson calls Kentucky one of SBC's 'weak' states

**"Al Mohler has the brains of Erasmus and the courage of Luther."**  
Paige Patterson

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

Kentucky is one of four "weak" states that has not come into line with the Southern Baptist Convention's new conservative leadership, according to Paige Patterson, an architect of the SBC's conservative movement who now is president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Patterson spoke about Kentucky in an interview published in the July issue of "Texas Baptist," a newspaper edited by Texas Baptist conservative leader Walter Carpenter. Carpenter also is a trustee of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Baptists in states such as Oklahoma, Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, Florida and Georgia "realize better than most that their future is with the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the seminaries over and above what is going on in each particular state," Patterson said.

However, he named four states

which continue to defy this superior alignment with the SBC's new direction: Kentucky, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia.

Kentucky's situation ought to be helped, Patterson said, by the presence of Al Mohler as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Patterson said Mohler's presence "will mean that they recover their evangelical emphasis" in Kentucky.

State conventions like the four he named—conventions he labeled as "not in harmony with the SBC"—are "primarily aging state conventions," Patterson said. "Frankly, I think that time is on the side of the SBC."

The colleges and universities of these "aging" conventions "are moving further out of their orbits and are less and less involved with the things that the churches are interested in," he said.

In states such as Kentucky, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia, the Baptist churches that are growing and in-

fluent "are not involved with the state convention, and they are committed to what's going on in the Southern Baptist Convention," Patterson said.

These state conventions face a situation they have "no opportunity of winning," he added. "Eventually they will have to decide whether they are going to decline perceptively or whether they want to be a part of the overall program and grow."

Elsewhere in the question-and-answer interview, Patterson declared that "the worst of the problems" at Southern Seminary are over. "Al Mohler has the brains of Erasmus and the courage of Luther," he said.

Patterson commended the seminary's trustees for empowering Mohler and standing behind him despite controversy. "Southern Seminary has an evangelical future now, and it will be a very happy and influential future."

In posing a question to Patterson, Carpenter noted from his work on the

HMB trustee's personnel committee that any applicant for home missions service who is found to have participated in protests against Mohler at Southern will not be considered. "We agree with Mohler that students are there only to learn, not to participate in management or politics," Carpenter said.

Among Patterson's other observations in the four-page interview:

■ Conservatives in Texas "could learn something from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship," he said. "In Texas I would have a very strong conservative fellowship. I probably would not start a separate state convention at this time because time is on your side."

■ Southeastern Seminary's influence in the past is the reason more than 80 percent of Baptist churches on the East coast are plateaued or declining, Patterson said. Under previous administrations the seminary became "a cause of the crippling of the churches."

## Missionaries kidnapped; missionary pilot rescues them

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You're going to have to show me," related Cannata, son of retired FMB missionaries to Africa Sam and Ginny Cannata.

A narrow dirt track had made an impression on him when he first came into the area, he said. After flying the length of one of the roads missionary colleagues had agreed to search, he doubled back. African guards suggested the pilot go another way, but Cannata said, "I saw this road, and I want to go down it."

"I want God to get the glory," Cannata said. "He literally kept the lions away, and he helped us find (the ab-

ductees) in good time."

The carjacking occurred while the Harringtons and Morelands were en route to Iringa from Dar es Salaam. Moreland, a pilot, was planning to fly the Harrington home to Kigoma, about 250 miles to the northeast. Harrington directs the Baptist hospital at Kigoma. Joanna Giddens was going home with Christine Harrington for a visit.

After being reunited with his family and hearing their story, Harrington explained to colleagues that the abductees had been certain they were going to be killed.

"The thieves said in Swahili to

each other, 'Should we shoot them one at a time or shoot them all together?'" Harrington said. "Then they asked my wife to stand up. She was sure they were going to shoot them."

After capturing the missionaries and driving down a dirt road, the bandits began frisking their captives. Mrs. Harrington hid a locket—which her husband had given her for their 10th anniversary—hanging on a gold chain from her mother.

"They felt it in her bra, and they asked what that was. She said it was just her bra, and they accepted that and went on," Harrington said.

She also slipped off her diamond

engagement ring and wedding band and stashed them in her pocket. "Since the outfit was loose, the captors missed them," her husband said.

Moreland, 51, a missionary pilot, was bloodied in the face by several jabs with a gun butt.

"He wouldn't get down or couldn't get down as quickly as they wanted," Harrington said. "Even as thieves, at least they had some consideration for women more than the men. I think they just wanted to show (them) they meant business, using David as their target."

He said the bandits asked Moreland, "Are you a padre?" their way of asking if he was a priest.

"He said, 'Yes, I am. I'm a missionary,'" Harrington said. "Instead of shooting right then, they had a conference. After the conference, they came back with this powder that they'd mixed up in a slurry—this orange powder, which apparently was the contents of capsules, or they'd crushed up some pills.

"They mixed it with water, in front of them. They gave my wife a glass and they told her to drink it. She thought it was poison, and so she said no. And they said, 'You'd better drink it.' The other missionaries told her to go ahead and drink it. And then the others went ahead and drank theirs.

"Fortunately, the thieves had some knowledge of medicine, somehow, because they adjusted the dose for the size of the person."

The bandits ordered the missionaries to lie down on some fabric the Harringtons had bought to recover a chair. After the thieves became convinced the victims were sedated, they drove back to the main road.

As the drug began working, Mrs. Harrington's nursing training kicked in.

"As soon as the thieves went away, she encouraged everyone to put their fingers down their throat and make themselves vomit," her husband said. "But a sedative reduces your gag reflexes."

## Home missionaries face increasing violence

By David Winfrey  
SBC Home Mission Board

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Home missionaries Ken and Eileen Goode weren't too surprised when their Ford Bronco was stolen or the battery from their other vehicle disappeared.

The couple simply thought it was their turn to experience crime in inner-city Albuquerque. "Every Ford in Albuquerque gets stolen once," joked Eileen.

But later they learned the incidents were related to their work fighting drugs and gangs, and the stakes got higher—including death threats and a drive-by shooting in which no one was hurt.

Their story is not unique.

Baptist missions leaders say more home missionaries are encountering violence in their ministries. This year at a training conference, Home Mission Board staff sponsored sessions on coping with violence.

More than half of the 45 missionaries attending said they had encountered violence during their work. Some incidents were directed at missionaries. Others resulted from the high-crime communities in which they serve.

All these stories indicate home missionaries are at greater risk today than in recent history, said Gerry Hutchinson, director of the HMB's church and community ministries department.

"We have missionaries who live and work in a war zone," he said. "I'm certainly hearing more of those stories than I can think of five years ago."

Among the stories:

■ Home missionary Larry Miguez's 21-year-old foster son was killed in a drive-by shooting two years ago. The shooting occurred about eight blocks from the Rachel Sims Baptist Mission in New Orleans where Miguez serves.

■ Also in New Orleans, a drive-by shooting in March killed a 14-year-old and injured two 15-year-olds walking near the Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans. Director Herbert Martin heard the shots and told students to hit the ground. Afterward, he found bullet holes in the center's van and air conditioner.

■ Eileen Goode said she's already counted 10 shootings within a one-mile radius of the Albuquerque center this year.

■ Ken Dean, a church and community ministries consultant for three associations in Los Angeles, said his family has been

threatened because of his work with gang members.

At Glorieta, Jack Poe, chaplain to the Oklahoma City Police Department, offered a variety of suggestions during his seminar on coping with violence. Poe has gained notoriety as a chaplain to those working in the aftermath of the April 19 federal building bombing.

"The key words are alert and avert," said Poe, who focused his remarks on how to deal with upset clients. "Alert and avert" refer to knowing warning signs that someone is prone to violence and avoiding confrontational situations.

After Poe described the typical person likely to express frustration through violence, missionary Tobey Pitman said, "We find just about all those characteristics in the people who come into our shelter."

Several missionaries agreed that they must be cautious, but insisted they must be active in their community to be where God has called them.

"I don't let (threats) stop me from doing what God has called me to do," Dean said. "I know violence is there, but I'm a praying person and I believe God is going to protect me."

## Clinton calls for family values of work & commitment

By Bob Allen  
Associated Baptist Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (ABP)—A scripture-spouting President Bill Clinton called Americans to embrace the "family values" of hard work and commitment to others at a Baptist meeting Aug. 9.

Clinton addressed a historic joint session of the predominantly African-American Progressive National Baptist Convention and the mostly white Alliance of Baptists in Charlotte, N.C.

The president called on Americans to repudiate the politics of polarization. He called the joint meeting of black and white Baptists "a good example" for the nation.

"I believe as strongly as I can say we have to find common ground instead of trying to tear each other apart," Clinton said.

"Whether we like it or not, we are all in this together," Clinton said. "Whether we like it or not, we are an American family and we behave like a good family or a bad family or a little bit of both, but we are a family. We have got to get together."

The president decried partisan rhetoric that criticizes policies from the sidelines but does not solve social problems.

"We can stand some good preach-

ing, but we've got to be Good Samaritans too," Clinton said, referring to the gospel story in Luke. "It also means that when we look at our neighbor and see that sty in his or her eye, we've got to make sure the beam's out of ours," he added.

"There's been a lot of talk for 15 or 20 years about family values," Clinton said. That discussion is often limited to concerns like violence and sex in the media, while ignoring other social and economic issues that also are important to building strong families, he observed.

"Isn't raising a family fundamentally about the obligations we owe to other people in the family?" Clinton said. "Isn't it fundamentally about the responsibility we have to fulfill those obligations and then to behave in such a way that we can make the most of our lives?"

Clinton said it is wrong to expect the government to solve America's problems, but it is just as wrong to destroy programs that help people in the name of personal responsibility.

"The point I am trying to make is all these problems we face as an American family or in our individual families, they have a moral aspect which needs some preaching and behaving, and they have a communal aspect which may need a little help

from Samaritans."

Clinton pointed to the problem of teen pregnancy as an example.

"People obviously have to make a decision not to do that," he said. "That's a matter of personal ethics and discipline and values. And we're just kidding ourselves if we just pretend that there's some picture-pretty social program that will solve this.

"On the other hand, when people do want to behave, they're entitled to a little help from their friends. If a young girl has a child and wants to get off welfare and wants to go to school or go to work, then there has to be some child care.

The president outlined a list of "family values" he said government can help promote for the nation:

■ **Debt reduction.** "If you were running a family right, you wouldn't saddle your kids with unnecessary debt," Clinton said. But the young and the aged should not be forced to bear the brunt of reducing the nation's debt, he added.

■ **Child care.** "If you're running a family right you'd first and foremost try to take care of your children," Clinton said. "We don't have to cut Head Start or college loans and make it more expensive to educate the children to balance the budget. We can do them both."

■ **Elder care.** "The third thing that you want your family to do is to take care of your parents," he said. "We don't have to balance the budget by exploding the cost of Medicare to ordinary people."

■ **Working families.** "If people leave welfare and they show up for work every day and they've got kids in the house, what kind of message does it send to them if they're in poverty? It's not the right message ... We don't believe people who work 40 hours a week and have kids should be in poverty."

Clinton also used the Baptist platform to address the issue of tobacco use among teenagers.

"Tobacco is very important to the economy of this fine state. ... There are a lot of wonderful people in this country who make a living as tobacco farmers," he noted. "That's important to understand.

"But we cannot pretend we are ignoring the evidence," he continued. "If you wanted to do something to reduce the cost of health care, help over the long run to balance the budget and increase the health care of America, having no teenagers smoke would be the cheapest, easiest, quickest thing you could ever do to change the whole dynamic of health care in America."

## CLC files brief on homosexual case

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has joined in a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a controversial Colorado initiative prohibiting special rights for homosexuals.

The case, *Romer vs. Evans*, is expected to be one of the most closely watched in the high court's next term, which begins in October.

In February, the justices granted a review of a Colorado Supreme Court opinion. That state court ruled on a 6-1 vote that Colorado's Amendment 2 was unconstitutional. Amendment 2 was a 1992 initiative prohibiting cities and towns from passing laws that grant special civil rights protections to homosexuals as a class.

The friend-of-the-court brief signed onto by the CLC and written by the Christian Legal Society argues Amendment 2 would protect religious freedom in a way religious exemptions would not.

The Colorado court said such exemptions would provide adequate protection for religious organizations, who fear they would be forced to hire homosexuals against their religious convictions.

"There is a veritable explosion of instances where either individuals of faith or religious organizations are being forced to comply with gay-rights ordinances and other non-discrimination regulations where sexual orientation describes a protected class," the brief says. "Amendment 2 holds considerable promise as a barrier to these restrictions on religious exercise and interventions into the internal operations of religious organizations."

## Poll: 'Born-again' voters lean toward Dole but uncertain

GLENDALE, Calif.—Among Republican candidates for president, Bob Dole currently has the greatest support among conservative Christians, but that might not be enough to help him defeat Bill Clinton, the Democratic incumbent, according to pollster George Barna.

The Barna Research Group polled a representative national sample of American voters in July, asking who would "make the best president" if the election were held today.

The results show Clinton could win in a landslide against either Phil Gramm or Pete Wilson as his Republican opponent. A race between Clinton and Dole would be neck-and-neck, the poll found.

However, a significant number of voters, 38 percent, said they don't know who would make the best president if the election were held today.

By a 2-to-1 margin, Dole current-

ly would garner the greatest support among "born-again" Christians, the poll found.

But that doesn't mean all "born-again" Christians should be cast as conservative Republicans, warned Barna. "While journalists and media professionals often describe born-again Christians as conservative, Republican and a solid voting bloc, it appears that all three of these descriptions are an inaccurate portrait.

"By a huge margin, born-again Christians are more likely to be conservative than to be liberal in their political and social views," he explained. "However, Christians are more likely to be middle-of-the-road in their views than to hold conservative views."

The terms "born-again" and "Republican" should not be used interchangeably, Barna said. Among voters classified as "born-again," more

people identify themselves as Republicans than as Democrats. But both parties claim a significant portion of the "born-again" population, and neither has a clear majority.

Forty-one percent of "born-again" adults identify themselves as Republicans, while 32 percent identify themselves as Democrats and 18 percent as independents.

Further, only one out of every four "born-again" voters is a conservative Republican, Barna said. "The born-again population is substantially divided in character."

In addition to the 25 percent of this group classified as conservative Republicans, 20 percent are moderate Republicans, 13 percent are conservative Democrats, 17 percent are moderate Democrats, 11 percent are moderate independents, 8 percent are conservative independents and 6 percent are either liberals of any party affilia-

tion or registered under another party.

"Born-again Christians come in all political shapes and sizes," Barna said. "Over the past decade, we have seen a fragmentation of the segment. Where Ronald Reagan unified the Christian body to a large extent, George Bush was not a strong enough leader or spiritual presence to maintain that unity.

"The last three years have brought about a sharpened division within the born-again community on political issues," he continued. "What we have today are three very distinct niches: the conservative Republicans, the moderate Democrats and unpredictable independents, who vote on the basis of a handful of issues rather than in response to party loyalties or relationships."

Barna concluded: "There is not a single Christian coalition, but several that are forming today."

## CLC and others concerned about Beijing women's conference

WASHINGTON—The upcoming United Nations women's conference in Beijing, China, continues to be protested by conservative politicians and religious groups.

At a July 27 news conference, members of Congress and of the International Coalition in Defense of Womanhood criticized what they called an anti-family effort strongly pushed by the United States delegation to the conference. They also denounced holding the meeting in China, citing the communist country's flawed human rights record and its coercive abortion and sterilization policies.

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission is a member of the

coalition which held the news conference.

The U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women is scheduled for Sept. 14-15 in Beijing.

The conference's agenda is a "sell-out to radical feminists," said Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Calif. The 121-page draft document for the conference "lurches well beyond political correctness," she charged.

Coalition members charged the conference's draft document attempts to redefine the family and the sexes by refusing to describe gender as male and female. This has led some to charge that the writers want to include homosexuals and transsexuals under the definition of gender.

In a written statement, the Christian Life Commission urged Congress to pass legislation already introduced which would prevent participation by the White House's delegation unless dissident Harry Wu is released by China and the Chinese government assures freedom of speech, assembly and press for all participants.

The CLC plans to send two representatives to the meeting, including CLC board member Nancy Schaefer of Atlanta.

The CLC will "send representatives to Beijing to fight our government because it wants to stand against the values that our nation stands for and that our people stand for," said James Smith, the CLC's director of

government relations.

Meanwhile, one U.S. delegate to the conference has attempted to blunt the criticism of this coalition and other opponents of the Beijing conference.

"We were stunned when we learned people were saying we were re-defining gender," said Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, one of the senior U.S. delegates.

"We are participating in this conference because we all have a stake in how women are treated around the world," said Margolies-Mezvinsky, a former member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

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## Counselor: Show kids love the right way

**"Focused attention is spending time with the child in such a way that the child, at that moment, feels he is the most important person in the world to the parent."**

Ross Campbell

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books "How to Really Love Your Child" and "How to Really Love Your Teenager."

He listed four behaviors through which parents can communicate love to their children—eye contact, physical contact, focused attention and discipline.

"Most eye contact with children is negative—giving instructions or reprimands," Campbell said. "It is very easy in today's society to allow distractions to keep us from giving loving eye contact."

However, he noted, "one of the great things about eye contact is you can do it even at a distance."

The importance of physical contact often is recognized by parents when their children are young. They make the mistake of thinking it is less important as the child grows older, when actually it becomes more important, Campbell said.

"Boys will accept physical contact as much as girls up to about age 7," he said. "Parents then make the mistake of thinking they don't need it. Girls go right along appreciating physical contact."

"About the only way you can keep the emotional tank of a teenager filled is with physical contact," he said. This

may include a touch on the shoulder, tousling the hair, "whatever is natural. If you haven't established physical contact as a means of communication, it can be difficult."

While eye contact and physical contact take little concentration, "focused attention takes sacrifice," Campbell said.

"Focused attention is spending time with the child in such a way that the child, at that moment, feels he is the most important person in the world to the parent," he said.

Again, he warned, too many parents feel teens need less of their attention when they actually need more. This is especially true in what he termed the "grunt stage," when teens respond to virtually any parental question with a grunt or one-word answer.

"The grunt stage is a strong defense system," Campbell said. "Bombarding them with questions is one of the worst ways to try and open them up when they don't want to talk."

Instead, he suggested, find ways to be together in a non-threatening environment. For example, he said he used to take his teenagers out to eat where they had to wait in line. In the process of waiting, without the pressure to talk, defenses came down.

Parents should think of discipline more as training than as punishment, Campbell said. "Punishment is a form of discipline, but it is the most negative."

To discipline a child effectively, a parent must understand how God loves, how adults love and how children love, he noted. "Only God can truly love unconditionally. The best we adults can do is reciprocating love. This is far above the way a child can love."

"Children have no concept that we need their love. They are only aware they need love themselves," he continued.

"When a child's emotional tank is filled, he doesn't have a compulsion to misbehave. The No. 1 reason a young child misbehaves is not feeling loved."

"Once we understand how a young child loves, we can understand how to discipline the child. Discipline has to be logical and rational," Campbell said.

He noted most Christian parents are doing a better job with their children than they think.

"As long as the child really knows he is loved, there is room for parents to make mistakes," he said.

## State legislator introduces bill on school prayer

FRANKFORT—A Kentucky legislator has introduced a bill on school prayer which could be considered by the General Assembly next year.

Rep. Robert Damron, D-Nicholasville, said he has enlisted 39 co-sponsors for Bill Request 83, which would add language to the Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding school prayer.

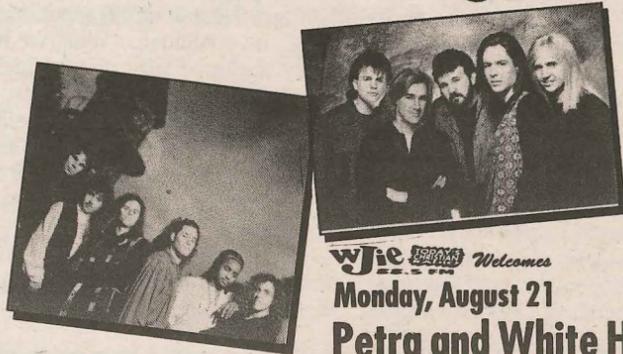
The bill reads: "No school board, administrator or teacher shall prohibit students from praying during non-instructional times, including, but not limited to baccalaureate services, athletic events and extracurricular activities, when the prayer is voluntary and student-initiated."

On July 6, the bill was approved by the subcommittee on students and curriculum of the interim committee on education. It now goes to the full House education committee.

"This legislation is not as broad as we would like to see," Damron said. "However, my intent is to enact legislation that will stand any constitutional challenge. Based on prior court rulings, this legislation should be upheld, as it has in other states."

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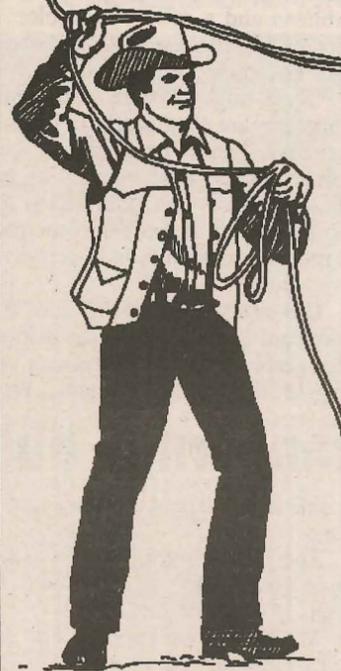
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# PEOPLE

## Broadman & Holman selling Communion-to-go sets

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ple together in the taking of the Communion," said Dick Anderson, Compak's vice president for sales.

Critics think the new-fangled product robs Communion of its communing aspect—its sense of unity.

"It's part of the throwaway culture," said Ralph Van Loon, executive director of the Liturgical Conference, an ecumenical organization in Silver Spring, Md., that encourages creative liturgies. "It's almost suggesting a kind of a 'McCommunion.'"

But Anderson defended Remembrance, saying the product is simply a step beyond the already popular throwaway plastic juice or wine cups

some Protestant churches use for Communion. With many people concerned about health and hygiene, "this is a responsible position for the churches to take," Anderson said.

Whether Remembrance is responsible or irreverent, it certainly is revolutionary.

Each Remembrance vessel is shaped like an individual dairy creamer, but there is an additional layer on top.

Unseal the first layer to reach the wafer. Snap and peel off the second seal and—voilà!—the grape juice is ready to drink.

And unlike a dairy creamer, Remembrance requires no refrigeration. It has a one-year shelf life.

Broadman and Holman Publishers, a Southern Baptist distributor of Bibles, books and Communion ware, is promoting the product's portability.

"It makes Communion available for outdoor worship services, for homebound ministry, prison ministry, youth mission trips, a variety of locations and occasions where a traditional service just wouldn't be possible," said Libby Eaton, the Nashville-based company's supplies marketing manager.

Remembrance also is a time-saver, its promoters say.

At Johnson's former church, the 6,000-member nondenominational New Hope Community Church in

Portland, Ore., where Remembrance was tested, Communion for 2,800 people used to take 10 person-hours, between setup and cleanup. Remembrance cut the setup time to 40 minutes.

Such convenience doesn't come cheap. Eaton estimated Remembrance costs about 14 cents per communicant, compared with 7 or 8 cents for traditional Communion.

But with cleanliness next to godliness in the eyes of many churchgoers, Compak sees a bright future for Remembrance. And then who knows? The company's "double-lidded cup" patent has lots of possibilities besides Communion, Anderson noted.

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Libby Eaton of Broadman & Holman

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**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Ky., is seeking resumes for a minister of youth and college students/director of the Christian Life Center. Seminary degree required. Send resume to: Dr. Marty Brooks, 230 S. Fifth St., Williamsburg, KY 40769.

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## State's first AIDS facility honors Miller

LOUISVILLE—Kentucky's first facility devoted to the medical and nursing needs of HIV/AIDS patients has been named for Stephen Miller, who died in 1989 and was the son of Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders Chip and Nancy Miller.

Chip Miller is director of the KBC's Sunday school department. He and his wife have spoken widely on the need for churches to minister to people with AIDS and their families.

Lyndon Lane Nursing Center in Louisville dedicated its new Stephen Miller Speciality Unit June 15. The 12-bed unit takes an entire wing of the facility and it caters to younger adults who are living with AIDS and other diseases, such as cancer, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

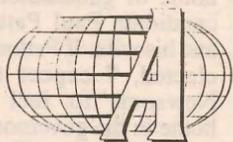
Chip Miller said the idea for the specialty unit came from Brian Williams, Lyndon Lane's administrator and a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

Until the Stephen Miller unit opened, the state had only two nursing-home beds set aside for AIDS patients. The closest comparable facilities to the Lyndon Lane unit are in Indianapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

William Templeton, a prominent physician specializing in infectious diseases, has been named medical director of the unit.

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- Safety for construction volunteers working on Russian church buildings.
- Upcoming Bible distribution in Russia.
- Volunteers as they return from Russia to Kentucky to share their experiences.
- Churches and individuals planning projects for the 1996 Boston partnership.
- Campus ministers on Boston-area campuses.
- Campus ministers as they share Christ on Utah/Idaho campuses.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Lowell Avenue Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary Sept. 10. A special worship service is planned followed by a singing celebration at 2 p.m.

■ **CATLETTSBURG**—Thomas Melvin earned the diploma in pastoral ministries from the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute in Nashville. The diploma will be presented by Pastor Edgar Caldwell at Hyland Heights Church Sept. 10.

■ **COVINGTON**—Oak Ridge Church ordained Dean Broaddus, Phil Broaddus and Lanny Mallory as deacons.

■ **FISHERVILLE**—Larry Nobles resigned as pastor at Green Hills Church to move to Memphis, Tenn.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Naomi King Walker has been called as music/children's pastor at Immanuel Church. She has been associate music minister at Lyndon Church in Louisville.

Wallace Kent recently celebrated his 24th anniversary as pastor at Crestwood Church.

■ **FRANKLIN**—Frank Dorris resigned as part-time director of missions for Simpson Association to provide more time as pastor at Big Muddy Church in Morgantown. Dorris resides in Bowling Green.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—Hilda Clifton recently retired as minister of youth with Gano Avenue Church after 40 years of service to Kentucky church-

es. Among churches she previously served: Gardenside Church, Cane Run Church and Porter Memorial Church, all in Lexington. In retirement, she will continue as librarian at Gano Avenue.

■ **HAWESVILLE**—Mt. Eden Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary Aug. 20. Representatives from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Blackford Church, Blackford Association and former pastors will take part in the all-day event.

■ **HENDERSON**—Green Valley Association has called David Bratcher as interim director of missions. He is a retired pastor and was director of missions for the association in the 1960s.

Immanuel Temple called Steve Steiner as minister of youth. He will begin his new ministry Aug. 20.

■ **INDEPENDENCE**—Beechgrove Church celebrated its 125th anniversary Aug. 12.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Porter Memorial Church will sponsor a Pre-See You at the Pole rally Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Dave Adams will speak to the youth and contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James will perform.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Youth and adults from Melbourne Heights Church took a local missions trip July 17-20 and led a vacation Bible school for Immanuel Church in Louisville's inner city. Attendance grew from nine to

30, and both churches received a blessing, said Bryon Fortner, minister to students at Melbourne Heights.

Hurstbourne Church called Jeff Hicks, KBC Sunday School department associate, as interim minister of education.

Mark Andrist, former music minister at Eighteenth Street Church, will present a youth concert at the church Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.

Buechel Park Church called Todd Greve as minister of music. Greve previously served churches in Virginia and the Louisville area.

Beechwood Church hosted an interracial "celebration of freedom" picnic with Pilgrim Missionary Church July 2. Approximately 150 members shared the experience, which was a repeat of former years.

The youth group at Rockford Lane Church will sponsor a free Christian rock concert featuring "Conviction" and special guests "Infinity" Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Call (502) 447-2591 for information.

■ **PRINCETON**—Southside Church will hold revival services Aug. 27-30 at 7 p.m., with foreign missionary Ralph Bethea as evangelist. Ron Green will be the music evangelist. Ronnie Sivells is pastor.

■ **REYNOLDS STATION**—Harold Mayfield, pastor at West Point Church, will retire Aug. 20.

■ **RICHMOND**—Unity Church ordained minister of music John Francis to the gospel ministry July 2. Also Phil Champion was called as minister of youth and Marion Turley was called as associate to the pastor.

## Altona Church holds all-day youth event

CALVERT CITY—"Church is more than sitting in services three times a week; it can be fun."

That was the message of a "Youth Uniting 1995" event held July 29 at Altona Baptist Church, according to Pastor Ronnie McPherson.

McPherson teamed up with volunteer youth workers Tim and Renee Vied to organize five hours of recreation, fellowship, food and worship for the church's fourth through 12th graders.

A dunking booth, beachball volleyball, blind kickball and a human pyramid set a carnival-like atmosphere for the 61 young people who participated. Twenty-five adults worked the booths and prepared food for the lively crowd.

Two one-hour worship celebrations featuring contemporary Christian music videos and messages geared to the youth rounded out the day's activities. Former University of Kentucky football player Richard Abraham of Paducah and Russ Davidson, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Marion, challenged the youth to take a stand and make a difference in the world.

## 'End of our rope'

A wonderful letter came last week from a mother who was very happy about the progress her son had made here. I will share part of it:

"I am writing in regard to my son, David (not his real name), who attended Oneida last year in the eighth grade. My husband and I truly believe that Oneida Institute was directly responsible for saving our family and preventing David from being returned to the foster care system.

"When David was accepted at Oneida we were at the end of our rope and our family was at the brink of despair....We felt our only hope of saving the rest of our children...was to do an adoption interruption on David and in effect sacrifice him for the good of his brothers and sisters. We had seen David fail at many schools, get charged with shoplifting, and make everyone miserable with his lying, hostile, demanding behavior. We knew with his mind and his talents he was capable of so much but we had almost lost hope of ever seeing any of his potential realized. Also, although we still loved David very much, we did not like him much anymore.

"This summer, for the first time since David was eight years old we have had a great summer. Our children have enjoyed being together and we have seen once again how much David has to offer our family. He has gentled toward the younger children, participated in family activities, and shown some respect for his family and parents.

"And the reason for the change in David is the year he just spent at Oneida. For although ... it was not easy for the staff there to deal with David, you hung in and gave him a chance and he was able to complete his first successful year at school since first grade. It was the first year since first grade that he managed to stay at one school

for the entire year.

"We are so ... pleased with Oneida that we have discussed it with David and we have come to the agreement that he will continue school there until he graduates.

"Only last week there was an article in the newspaper on juveniles ... who were in serious trouble with the school and the law and the mother of one of the young men made the statement that her son had been at Oneida and done well but that she took him out ... he immediately lost his way. When I read the article I thought that only by the grace of God was that not David's picture and name in the paper."

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One of our biggest challenges is finding people willing to help with our work. I thank God each day for those who do.

Please pray that we will be faithful and diligent. You are a part of our efforts. Our victories are yours.

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

## Sunday afternoon on Robertson Creek

My schedule included preaching Sunday night at Grace Church in Pike County. I took the laptop computer for some catch-up work.

I asked Doc Newsom if the church office could be open during the afternoon. That was no problem. "But what about lunch?" He and Bill (I haven't heard the rest of the story on that—her name is Eliza) invited me to eat and then "go see how the poor folks live up in the holler."

The restaurant had many faces familiar to Doc and Bill. At church Bill is a pew hopper, and when we eat out, she's a table hopper," Doc explained.

After lunch, we attended a reception at the home of gubernatorial candidate Paul Patton and his wife. If Patton is elected, I expect the Newsoms to feel at home in the governor's mansion.

The Newsoms live on property her great grandfather received through an early land grant. Ducks swim in Robertson Creek as it placidly winds its way between the house and the main road. A big garden waited for rain to fill out the corn. A row of flowers was the source of beautiful arrangements Bill placed on the Lord's Supper table each Sunday.

History, family and love permeate their home. Four huge bottles

contain Bill's 2,000 pencil collection, and each of her 900 bells hold a story.

The master bedroom wall had a younger-looking photo of KBC missions leader Bob Jones. "He preached the revival when I was saved," Doc recalled.

From his woodworking shop Doc sent a cutting board to my wife. Bill gathered some home-canned treats—corn relish, cinnamon pickles, pepper jelly and pear jam.

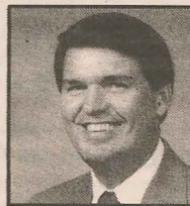
We didn't need any supper before church, but Bill insisted, "You've got to have some mountain pudding and ice cream. It's just out of the oven." We fellowshiped on the back porch as hummingbirds fought over a feeder.

As we headed to church, Doc said, "I'll tell you what I tell Bob Jones. Whenever you're up this way, just consider the Newsoms your motel. Bring your wife next time. We'll show her how poor folks live."

Driving back to Pineville, I had a sandwich Bill prepared for the trip home. The computer was on the back seat—it hadn't been out of the case. The Lord provided something much better.

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Welfare mother stood on Bible to get ahead in life

By Frank Sikora  
Religion News Service

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (RNS)—As a girl, Martha Hawkins would watch her mother, Sallie, tackle a stack of fresh vegetables and turn them into a feast.

Martha soon picked up the culinary style, and by the time she was 12 she began to dream about owning a restaurant of her own in an old-fashioned house.

But the dream faded and, in 1979, when she was 31 and on welfare, Martha Hawkins tried to commit suicide, taking an overdose of tranquilizers.

"I'm just tired of this life and all its problems," she had said.

But with the Bible as her foundation, she cast off welfare, regained her pride and ultimately realized her dream. Today, her popular eatery is frequented by the local elite, and among her satisfied customers are several of Hollywood's biggest stars.

Married and pregnant at 16, young Martha had dropped out of school in the 10th grade. After eight years, she and her husband divorced.

For Hawkins, life became a bleak struggle to survive. A single parent, she had no job and was on welfare. She and her four sons, ages 9 to 16, lived in a Montgomery housing project frequently visited by police responding to calls relating to drugs and violence.

When her sons found her nearly unconscious that day in 1979, she was

taken to Greil Hospital, a mental health facility.

Placed in a room alone, she would sit and ponder her life. One day she noticed a Bible on the night stand. She picked it up and began reading.

She had tried to read some of it when she was younger, but there had never been time. The problems of life had been too demanding. But now she had time. She read for a day and into the night, repeating the overriding theme of it.

"God loves me," she said. "I'm not alone. God loves me. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

For several weeks she stayed at the facility, meeting with doctors but mostly reading the Bible.

One day she told a doctor: "You can't help me. I have to help myself, because I'm the problem."

She returned to the housing project and to welfare, but vowed to fight her way out of poverty. She took a job cleaning houses, but she never lost sight of her goal to own a restaurant and cook like her mother.

Meanwhile, her sons worked hard on their school assignments and athletics. Two of them earned scholarships. A third went to college on a government grant.

Inspired, Hawkins went to class again and earned her high school equivalency diploma, then enrolled in night classes at the local branch of a state university.

She kept trying to start the restaurant. Banks turned her down when

she applied for a loan. The federal Small Business Administration also rejected her, saying she had no business experience and no collateral.

She turned back to the Bible, reading it and then putting it on the floor and standing on it. She raised her eyes to the ceiling and said: "Lord, this Bible is my foundation. I'm counting on your promise. You love me. I'm not alone."

Meantime, through her domestic work, Hawkins met lawyer Calvin Pryor. She told him about her dream to own a restaurant in an old house.

"I may have something for you," he said. "But you'll have to paint it and fix it up."

The house, at 458 Sayre St., is a two-story frame structure built near the turn of the century.

"When I saw it, it was like the one I had pictured in the dreams," she said. "I fell in love with it."

Pryor arranged for her to use it rent-free until she got on her feet. She saved money and bought paint and brushes, and spent hours working at the house. She combed yard sales and bought used china and silverware; she stitched and sewed napkins and curtains. Slowly, her dream began to take shape.

But she still had no money.

Then, in 1988, a Montgomery group known as the Black Women's Leadership and Economic Development Project heard of Hawkins' plans and agreed to give her a loan of \$2,500 and a matching grant.

In October 1988, Martha's Place

opened for business. The first day she was up and ripping into a stack of greens and other vegetables, rattling pots and pans.

Since then Martha's Place has achieved more than a little recognition. Among its diners have been Alabama politicians as well as renowned actors such as Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek, who came for dinner when shooting the motion picture "Long Walk Home," and Walter Matthau, who was in nearby Wetumpka shooting "The Grass Harp."

"He wanted to hear my story about how I got started," she said. "The next day he called me to tell me how much he enjoyed being here and said he had but one regret. He said he hated it that he didn't take some fried chicken home with him."

Hawkins says her life has turned around.

"I have more problems than I ever had, a lot more than when I tried to kill myself," she said. "But I'm not the problem anymore. I don't look at life in the negative. I get up at 3 o'clock sometimes and work 14 to 16 hours a day, and I'm full of energy. Just being able to do that is a lot to be thankful for. I feel the Lord has been with me, has been my close friend."

Long ago she got off welfare and moved from the projects.

Despite her success, she hasn't forgotten her Bible readings that lit up her dream into a reality. Visitors at Martha's Place see a sign on the wall that reads: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

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## Layman raced toward chaplaincy ministry

By Sarah Zimmerman  
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Last year Brent Houston quit his job, sold his Florida home and moved to Bryson City, N.C., so he could go to motorcycle races.

He's not a fanatical spectator though; he's a layman who became Southern Baptists' first and only chaplain to motorcycle racers.

Endorsed by the Home Mission Board's chaplaincy commission, he is the official chaplain for the Western/Eastern Road Racers Association and the AMA/Prostar motorcycle drag racers. His only salary comes from offerings taken during chapel services at the races.

"I made \$9,000 last year, but I wouldn't go back" to his previous job of selling John Deere tractor parts, Houston says. "My heart is deeply into the relationships and opportunities for discipling."

About 10 years ago, Houston's church in Florida was challenged to be involved in an outreach ministry during Daytona Bike Week. Houston had done some drag racing in the 1960s, so he volunteered.

He developed relationships with the bikers and began traveling with them to races outside Florida. When a biker was killed

at a race in Atlanta four years ago, Houston was asked to notify the family and perform other ministerial duties.

Eventually, Houston was asked to lead chapel services at the tracks.

"The only thing I knew to do was teach Sunday school," Houston says. "I found a core of Christians looking for a service like they were missing at home. I soon found out that leading chapel services was the tip of the iceberg."

Since quitting his full-time job, Houston goes to motorcycle races across the country from early March to the first week in November. He and his wife relocated to North Carolina because it was more centrally located to the race tracks than Florida.

Injuries are common in motorcycle racing, and Houston frequently spends time in an emergency room waiting area, encouraging the biker's spouse and notifying extended family members of the injury.

Financial pressure is another stress of motorcycle racing. A racing bike can cost more than \$50,000, Houston says, and winners are the only people who make money at a race.

Races attract as many as 300 riders, Houston says. As they travel and compete together, they be-

come like a congregation, with Houston taking a pastoral role.

While Houston ministers during the races, he encourages bikers to be involved in their local churches when they are home.

Houston's primary goal is to disciple Christians. Winning bikers become sport heroes, and Houston wants them to take advantage of the chance to witness.

"Nobody wants my autograph, but sports figures have an incredible opportunity to share Christ," Houston says.

Because of the injuries, motorcycle racing is dominated by people ages 18 to 23, Houston says. Someone who is still racing at 25 is considered a legend, he adds.

Retiring before age 25 is hard, especially for the winners, Houston notes. "You're used to cheering crowds and big trophies ... I tell them that God has given them a talent to go fast. Make the best of that while you can. But there's more to life than racing."

**AT THE RACES** Chaplain Brent Houston (right) talks with national FUSA champion David Sadowski before a qualifying session for a motorcycle race in Atlanta. One of Houston's goals is to help discipline Christian racers like Sadowski, so they in turn will share Christ with their fans. (BP photo by John Swain)





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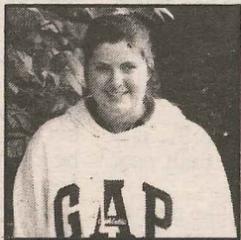
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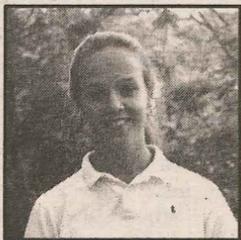
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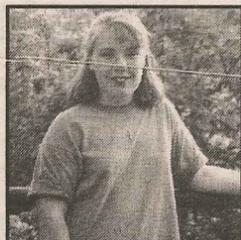
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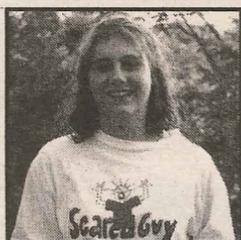
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