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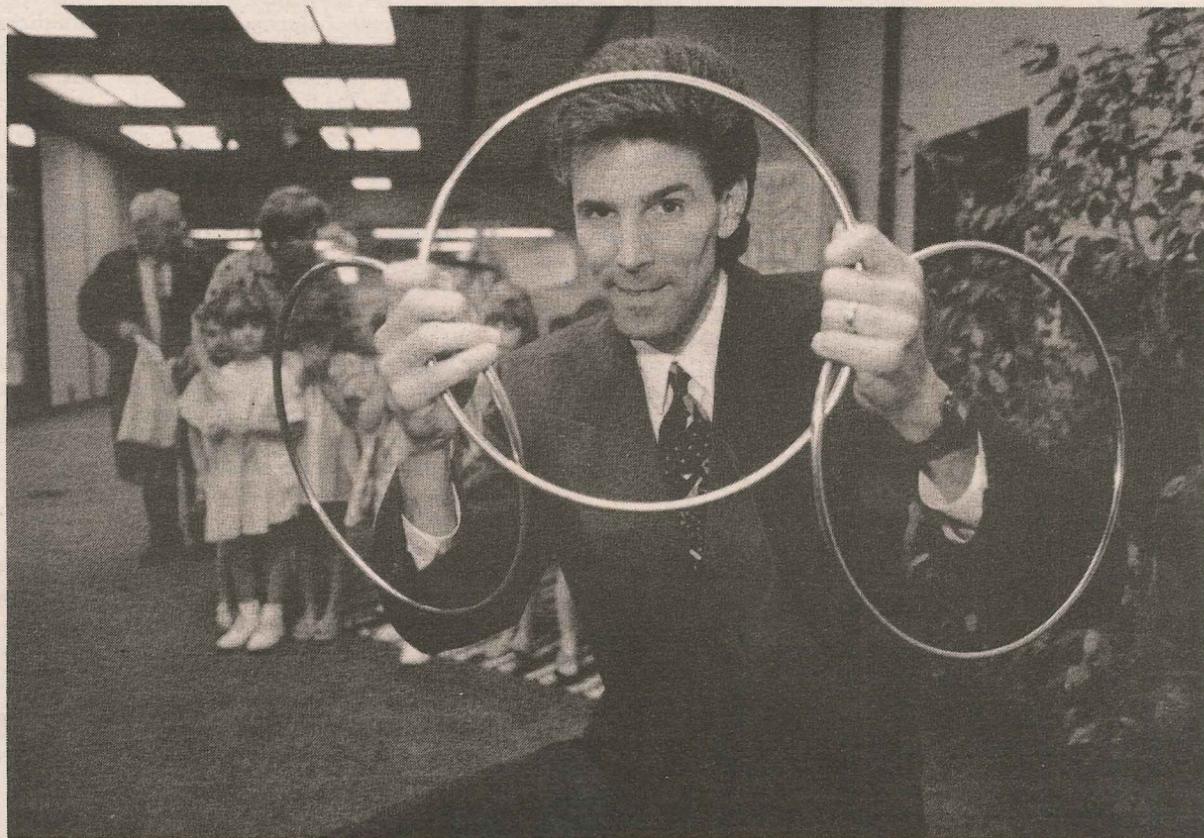
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**WORKING IN CIRCLES** David Garrard, children's minister at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, pulls ministry moments out of his magic tricks.

## Garrard's ministry magical but not illusive

By Pat Cole  
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—David Garrard uses illusion to communicate truth.

He is a Kentucky minister whose platform is magic and a magician whose convictions are Christian.

Garrard plies his talents nationally before a variety of audiences. His venues include churches as well as regional and national Christian gatherings. He also entertains at secular functions such as business and professional organization meetings, trade shows and banquets.

Regardless of the setting, the tall, stylishly-clad magician strives to capture the attention and imagination of his audience. He also directs his words and actions in a way which will cause audience members to ponder

their ultimate convictions and values.

In Christian contexts, Garrard peppers his magic act with a clear gospel message. The desire to blend magic and ministry led him in the 1970s to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received the master of divinity degree.

"I came to Southern Seminary with the vocational goal of being the Grady Nutt of magic," he said. Garrard admired the way Nutt, who died in an airplane crash in 1982, was able to knit humor with the gospel.

Garrard also was influenced by Andre Kole, a Christian illusionist who does numerous shows on college campuses. For the most part, however, Garrard was forced to figure out for himself how to incorporate magic into a ministry.

"Unfortunately, they didn't offer Magic 101 at Southern," Garrard not-

ed with a chuckle. "And that was before (the creative ministry movement) got its full head of steam."

As a child, Garrard was introduced to a few magic tricks by his father. When he was 13, Garrard joined the Georgia Magic Club and began learning from other magicians. He soon started receiving invitations to perform at birthday parties and Cub Scout banquets throughout metropolitan Atlanta. During his college days at Samford University in Alabama, Garrard performed at youth and student functions in churches.

In seminary, Garrard formed friendships which helped him receive engagements nationally, he said.

Garrard began to establish another key element of his vocation during seminary—children's ministry. He began working with children through

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## Kentuckians help move seminary to Czech site

By Joyce Sweeney Martin  
Staff Writer

PRAGUE, Czech Republic—The International Baptist Theological Seminary's move from Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to Prague is complete, thanks in part to the work of more than 700 volunteers from 15 countries—including 25 from Kentucky.

Trustees of the school voted in 1993 to move the school from Switzerland, citing tighter immigration laws, rising operating expenses and the changing religious landscape in Eastern Europe. The property was sold to a Swiss insurance underwriting firm for \$20 million.

In recent years, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board had transferred the Ruschlikon property to the European Baptist Federation and cut all funding to the seminary amid charges of liberalism at the school. The school was founded by the FMB in 1949.

So when seminary president John David Hopper promised students in March that the relocation of the school would be completed by fall, many wondered if it would happen.

But, as the Oct. 3 opening day nears, the 16-acre site is looking more and more like an academic setting for the 33 students who are enrolled for the 1995-96 school year, according to Don Mantooth of Morehead, who coordinates Kentucky volunteer efforts in Prague.

And those who had strong emotional ties to the picturesque Ruschlikon campus overlooking Lake Zurich are beginning to see the beauty in the Prague site as well, he said.

"I thought I would be disappointed, because Ruschlikon was such a beautiful place," Mantooth said after he and a group of 10 Kentuckians re-

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## To drive away fear, look ahead, not behind

RIDGECREST, N.C.(BP)—Single adults who are driven by fears should stop looking through their rear-view mirrors, according to Harold Ivan Smith, a speaker and author from Kansas City, Mo.

"How come rear-view mirrors are so small and windshields are so wide?"

Smith asked during a conference at the recent Single Adult Labor Day Getaway at Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center. "Because it's more important where you're

going than where you've come from.

"How many single adults ... have switched, and they have a rear-view mirror the size of the windshield, ... and they're trying to peer into the future God's calling (them) to through some tiny little window?"

Smith said fear in a person's life can be influenced by the voices he or she listens to.

"If we keep listening to the fear-mongers, this world is in big trouble," he said. "There are some single adults who have listened to hate radio more than they've listened to Jesus—and

they've read a certain author's book more than they've read the (Bible)," Smith said.

Some "fear prophets" talk as if "God has resigned, the Holy Spirit has quit and Jesus is just totally incapacitated," Smith said. "But this is my Father's world. The last time I checked, he's still in control—and nothing's going to happen that God isn't going to see us through."

Sometimes single adults and others become preoccupied with their own pasts, Smith suggested. But he added, "The only person that's interested in your past is the devil."

**LIVING SINGLE**

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## BAPTIST BITS

■ **Jack Brymer**, who resigned last year as editor of the Florida Baptist Witness citing "harassment" from the paper's governing board, has been named director of publications of Samford University. Brymer, 59, also will teach occasional courses in the university's journalism and mass communications department.

■ **The Florida Baptist Convention** is one step closer to severing all ties with Stetson University in a dispute over the school's new policy allowing alcohol consumption on campus. The state convention's Board of Missions approved breaking the bond Sept. 8, clearing the way for a vote by messengers to the annual state convention this fall.

■ **David Hankins**, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, La., and former chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, has been nominated to a new position with the Executive Committee. If approved this week, Hankins will become vice president for convention policy, a position with primary responsibility for guiding the legal transitions forthcoming with restructuring of SBC agencies.

## Accreditation team to visit Southern in November

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Three accrediting agencies will make a joint visit to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Nov. 8-10 to investigate concerns arising out of turmoil on campus last spring.

The visiting team will include representatives from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada—the seminary's primary accrediting agency—as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council on Social Work Education, which accredits the seminary's Carver School of Church Social Work.

The team's investigation reportedly will focus on President Al Mohler's firing of Diana Garland as dean of the Carver School after she told students Mohler's hiring policies jeopardized the school's accreditation.

The investigation also is expected

to focus on events transpiring after the firing, including trustee-adopted changes in the faculty hiring process and implementation of what critics have called a virtual "gag" order against employees criticizing the president or trustees publicly.

The accrediting agencies will not discuss specifics of an ongoing investigation until final rulings have been made.

However, sources close to the process at Southern said scheduling this joint visit has been problematic. The team reportedly wanted to visit the campus early in the semester, preferably in September, but could not work out a date when Mohler was available.

The date finally selected comes a month after the Oct. 9-11 meeting of seminary trustees, rather than a month before.

Seminary insiders cite this as a critical difference, since trustees reportedly will decide the future of the

Carver School at their October meeting. Since those options include either closing the Carver School or transferring it to another Baptist institution, accreditation problems related only to the social work school could be a moot point by the time of the accrediting team's visit.

However, even with the Carver School issues removed, the seminary still faces its most serious threat to accreditation in recent history, according to several sources familiar with both the seminary and the accreditation process.

ATS, for example, does not concern itself with the particular policies an institution sets but rather whether the institution follows those policies. Thus, making sudden changes in the hiring process that impact employees seeking future advancement come under scrutiny.

The visiting team will include both staff members from the three accrediting agencies and representatives

from peer schools.

For this investigation, ATS official Dan Aleshire, a former professor at Southern Seminary, has removed himself to avoid any conflict of interest. Michael Gilligan will be the ATS staff coordinator.

Results of the investigation will not be made public perhaps until early next year, although the visiting team will have an exit interview with Mohler in November.

The ATS team will file a written report with the agency's commission on accreditation, which does not meet until the third week of January. Seminary officials will be informed of any actions taken against the seminary by the ATS commission and will have one month to respond. Only after that period, concluding perhaps the end of February, will any sanctions be made public.

Both SACS and the Council on Social Work Education follow similar procedures.

## Alabama Baptists ponder ties to 2 schools

TALLADEGA, Ala. (ABP)—Ongoing disputes with two universities have raised questions about more than \$6 million in Alabama Baptist support for the two schools.

In the end, the convention's State Board of Missions voted during its Sept. 7-8 meeting to include both the University of Mobile and Samford University as contingency items in a \$31 million state convention budget to be presented to messengers at the state convention this fall.

Before receiving state convention funds, the University of Mobile must live up to a 1994 agreement to answer questions about alleged financial irregularities related to a satellite campus in Central America. And the state convention must approve a new funding plan for agencies and institutions which accommodates a 1994 move by Samford trustees establishing themselves as a self-perpetuating board.

Earlier, the Alabama board rejected a suggestion that the \$4.1 million earmarked for Samford and \$1.9 for Mobile in the 1996 budget be desig-

nated for scholarships for Baptist students. Alabama Executive Director Troy Morrison said he did not want to hurt the two schools, but that the state convention is prohibited from giving money to institutions that violate its bylaws.

An ad hoc committee monitoring the dispute with the University of Mobile said the school had failed to comply with a 1994 agreement requiring it to submit quarterly financial reports to the state convention. Only one of the three due reports had been submitted and it contained several omissions, said Glenn Slye, chairman of the committee.

Slye said the university also continues to violate an agreement to stop promoting its Latin American campus as being related to the Alabama Baptist State Convention and is not abiding by fund-raising guidelines.

Mac Carpenter, a certified public accountant from Dothan and chairman of the state convention's audit committee, also cited reluctance by university officials to turn over required financial materials and "a pat-

tern of deficiencies that were not being improved" regarding the handling of funds.

The "new paradigm" for relating to Samford University calls for funding of agencies and institutions based on their contribution to the purposes of the convention. Under the proposal, agencies receiving state-convention funding would have the option of continuing to have their trustees elected by the convention or presenting a slate of nominees to the state convention for affirmation with no possibility of amendment.

Ron Madison, chairman of the study committee, compared the new pattern to changing relationships in families which have to adjust as children grow into adulthood. "We are saying to our entities that you are adults and we are willing to relate to you as adults relate to parents. We are going to give you the right to choose. You do not have to usurp it."

The State Board of Missions approved the plan two-to-one. It now goes up for approval at the state convention's annual meeting this fall.

## RTVC trustees see hope for ACTS network

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—A new agreement is in the works to keep ACTS, Southern Baptists' TV network, on the Faith & Values Channel, but details of the agreement are not being released.

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission, which owns ACTS, adopted a resolution Sept. 12 affirming—at least in principle—negotiations that RTVC President Jack Johnson said are aimed at keeping ACTS on the channel.

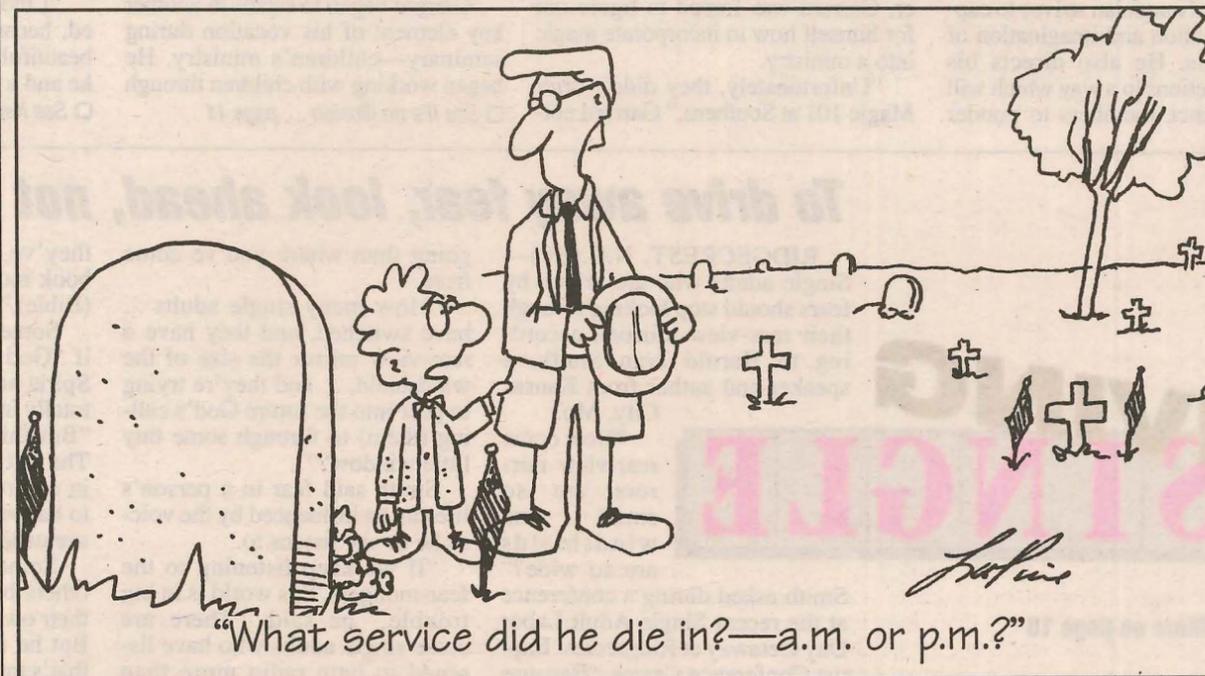
The proposed agreement now on the table includes a "confidentiality clause," prohibiting the discussion of terms, according to an agency news release.

In August, Johnson said those negotiations were at an impasse and ACTS might be forced off the air. Since 1992, ACTS has shared time on the Faith & Values Channel with VISN, an interfaith network based in New York.

With the channel-sharing agreement due to expire this summer, VISN complained privately that ACTS—with its eight hours of evangelical programming a day—targeted too narrow an audience.

At a meeting Sept. 12, RTVC trustees authorized Johnson and his staff to hammer out final wording of a new programming agreement with VISN. Any agreement reached would be approved by the commission's executive committee and executed by the staff, the resolution says.

"I think we're going to be able to reach a satisfactory conclusion in our negotiations," Johnson told trustees. "We're getting close."



## Denney also to be nominated for KBC presidency

By Marv Knox  
Editor

LAWRENCEBURG—Tyre Denney, pastor of Alton Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, has been added to the field of candidates for the Kentucky Baptist Convention presidency.

He joins Bill Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Henderson, who previously confirmed he will be nominated for the presidency when the KBC holds its annual meeting in Owensboro Nov. 14-15.

Denney will be nominated by Mark Hopper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Frankfort.

"Tyre Denney would make a good, solid president for all Kentucky Baptists," said Hopper, who contacted the Western Recorder to announce the nomination.

Denney, 65, has served well this year as the KBC's second vice president, and he is well regarded by many churches, who ask him to lead their revivals, Hopper said. He added he believes Denney represents the kind of stable, mature leadership the convention needs, noting Denney has served the same congregation for almost 30 years.

"Tyre's heart is as big as the world, and his interests are numerous," Hopper stressed. "He is genuinely passionate for people. He has a love for folks that truly is unique."

Denney noted he hadn't given the KBC presidency any thought until Hopper contacted him regarding the possibility about a month ago.

"Mark called and said he'd been praying and thinking about this," Denney recalled. "I don't know why he thought about me. ... I've spent my time out here on this hill (just off the Highway 127 bypass on the outskirts of Lawrenceburg) doing our church's work."

However, Denney said his experiences as a KBC officer have convinced him he should serve the convention if chosen to do so.

"In this past year, serving as second vice president has given me the opportunity to work closely with the state convention staff," he said. "I've developed a keener awareness of what's going on in our state. I've seen a great many people doing good work."

"I would enjoy the privilege of working with (KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer) Bill Marshall and the other folks. I have developed a keener appreciation for what we're doing as Kentucky Baptists and in our missions endeavors."

Both Hopper and Denney said the nomination is not a part of any partisan political movement that has been present in the Southern Baptist Convention for the past couple of decades.

"Tyre is just a worthy candidate," Hopper said. "There's no politics in-

involved. I'm not going to campaign for him. I truly believe he has no agenda except to see the Kentucky Baptist Convention thrive."

"I'm not a politician. I'm not a member of either (conservative or moderate) camp," Denney added. "I don't want to sound pious, but I'm just for the Lord, not a political group."

"I'm theologically a conservative, but politically I'm a 'nothing.' I just want to stay focused on the Lord's work."

As president, Denney would want to support that focus for the KBC and help strengthen relationships, he said.

"I'm impressed by the harmony—that we work well together," he said of his observations of KBC life.

As an example, he pointed to the KBC Executive Board's meeting last May. "We worked in a spirit of harmony," he said. "We had differences of opinion, but nobody got mad."

"We've got a bunch of great men and women who are working together and doing wonderful work in a whole lot of places. I can't emphasize how good it makes me feel to see Kentucky Baptists working together."

Thinking about a possible presidency, he recalled a quote from former Southern Baptist Convention statesman Herschel Hobbs, who told Life magazine that, as SBC president he was "head of a headless organization."

"If I am elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, I'll be the head of a headless organization," he said. "It's the Lord's work, I'm just glad to be a part of it."

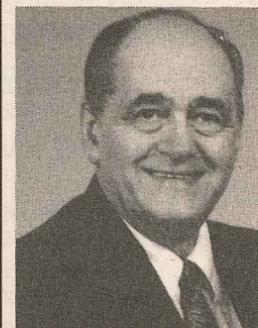
Denney has been a part of Kentucky Baptist life for more than 28 years, since he became pastor of Alton Baptist Church—his one and only pastorate.

Denney, a native of Georgia, was 29 years old and involved in finance in Birmingham, Ala., when he accepted God's call to ministry.

He went back to school and graduated from Samford University in Birmingham. He rode a train back and forth from Alabama to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville for two semesters. Then he became pastor at Alton in June 1967, and he has stayed right there.

Alton has 800 members and ministers on a continuing basis to about 500 people, he said. Sunday school attendance averages slightly more than 200, and a total of about 300 people attend the two morning worship services.

Denney calls his three-decade ministry in the same place a blessing. "I've had the blessing of serving here," he said. "And it's a special blessing to see people who were children when I came here grow up to be leaders in the church. I'm seeing more and more of that these days."



Tyre Denney

## Marv Knox leaving Recorder for position in home state

DALLAS—Marv Knox has announced his resignation as editor of the Western Recorder to become associate editor of the Baptist Standard, the weekly Baptist newspaper in his home state of Texas.

Knox, 39, was elected unanimously by the Standard's board of directors Sept. 12. He will begin his new responsibilities Dec. 4.

He will work with the Standard's newly elected editor, Toby Druin, who has been that paper's associate editor for 19 years. Druin, who will turn 61 in October, intends to serve as editor four years until retirement.

"Marv Knox is known across the nation as an outstanding editor and journalist," Druin said. "Under his leadership, the Western Recorder has become what many consider the most exciting of all our state Baptist papers. It will be exciting to work with him as we attempt to continue and build on the tradition of the Baptist Standard and its service to Texas Baptists."

The Baptist Standard, with a weekly circulation of 210,000, is the most widely circulated Baptist newspaper in the United States. By comparison, the Western Recorder has a circulation of about 50,000.

Under Knox's leadership since 1990, the Western Recorder has maintained—and at times increased—its circulation while most other state Baptist newspapers have experienced significant decline in readership. During Knox's tenure, the Recorder has been cited for several innovations and achievements, including introduction of a contemporary design, a strong emphasis on family issues, editorial and news writing, publishing partner-

ships with four smaller state conventions, introduction of several self-help columns and Knox's personal column, "Down Home."

"During the past five years, Marv Knox and his staff have made the Western Recorder the premier publication among Baptist newspapers," said Don Mantooh, chairman of the Recorder's board of directors and pastor of First Baptist Church in Morehead.

Mantooh said Knox has enjoyed "the full support" of the Recorder board. He praised the editor for standing "firmly behind the principles of a free Christian press during an era of controversy and changing leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Knox said the decision to leave Kentucky and return to Texas has been "the most difficult of my ministry."

"That is a tribute to Kentucky Baptists, whose warmth and love have made our family feel happily at home these past five years," he explained.

Knox said the Baptist Standard is the only existing publication he would have considered moving to from the Recorder.

"The chance to serve on the staff of my home state paper fulfills a boyhood dream," he said. "And the opportunity to work alongside Toby Druin, who has been a friend and inspiration to me literally all my life, also is like a dream come true."

Knox was born in Fort Worth, Texas, while his father was attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Soon after, his father was called as pastor of Keeler Heights Baptist Chapel in Borger, Texas, where Druin was a local newspaper

editor and volunteer music director for the church.

The two families have remained close ever since, and Knox said Druin has been a mentor to him from the earliest days of his decision to become a Baptist journalist.

The move to Texas also will place Knox and his immediate family close to their extended family. "We are thrilled that we will have the opportunity to live within 25 miles of 10 of the 13 members of our families, counting parents, siblings and their children," he said. "This is a blessing from the Lord that we never thought we would receive."

Knox was elected editor of the Western Recorder in May 1990, one year after the death of the previous editor, Jack Sanford.

Both Knox and Mantooh said the newspaper's current health and strong staff should make for a smooth interim and transition.

"As I look back on these past five years, my greatest sense of satisfaction comes from knowing that the Western Recorder has built a strong, committed staff, and that they and the board of directors share my commitment to providing Kentucky Baptists with 'practical resources for Christian living,'" Knox said. "I am exceedingly confident that those high ideals of ministry through Christian journalism will remain a hallmark of the Recorder throughout the years to come."

The Recorder's board has the responsibility for selecting a new editor, a decision which must be ratified by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board. The Recorder board has appointed a four-mem-

ber editor search committee, to be chaired by Frank Hatfield of Shepherdsville. Other members of the committee are Tom Curry of Louisville, Bill Thurman of Lexington and Mantooh.

### Statement from Recorder chairman

"The members of the board and I regret the loss of Marv Knox and his family to both the Western Recorder and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. At the same time, we accept the pain of our loss and rejoice with Marv, Joanna, Molly and Lindsay, who will be returning home to family, friends and the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

"During the past five years, Marv Knox and his staff have made the Western Recorder the premier publication among Baptist newspapers. Under his leadership and vision, the Western Recorder has been transformed from a feature magazine to a newspaper, has become a centerpiece of communications for Kentucky Baptists, has begun publishing state papers for four other Baptist conventions, and has had a dynamic facelift.

"Marv, with the full support of the board of directors, has stood firmly behind the principles of a free Christian press during an era of controversy and changing leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention. His courageous dedication to the truthful and unbiased reporting of the news and the writing of editorials has won him the respect of fellow Baptists on both sides of the controversy. His strong Christian faith and his dedication to historic Baptist principles have been in evidence with every weekly publication of the Western Recorder.

"Friends from the mountains to the Mississippi will know that they have a lifelong friend in Texas, and Marv, Joanna and the girls will always know the welcome mat is out and the light is left on just for them."

—Don Mantooh, chairman of the Western Recorder board of directors

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

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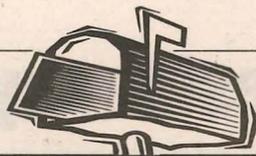
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## BAPTIST FORUM

### Christ or humanity?

Regarding "Calvinists seek return to 'orthodoxy' of SBC founders" (WR, Aug. 8), Webster defines orthodox as "conforming to established doctrine, especially in religion."

I question the "established" doctrine. Is it of Christ or Calvin? Is it of Calvin or Mohler? Who are Southern Baptists going to follow?

If Christ, then we must turn away from false teachers. If men, then let us put on the robes of pomposity or creedism and look at more Bible revisionist theology which will lead us down the road to a devil's hell!

*Adrian Owen Smith Sr.*  
Owensboro

### More than prayer

The Sept. 5 Western Recorder arrived with another article regarding Woman's Missionary Union. In the same mail was a plea from Kentucky Brotherhood asking for help in preparing 6,000 bags for Russia. Have Southern Baptist Convention leaders gone to sleep at the wheel?

Women were active in missions long before men thought about missions. Women have led the way in prayer and financial support, mission study and training.

Now that WMU is doing the same thing the Sunday School Board has done for years, leadership in the Foreign Mission Board and other SBC agencies are asking us to pray they will not make the horrible mistake the Sunday School Board has made for years, namely, producing literature and making it available to everyone.

### Was it really necessary?

Because foreign missions has been for years the major recipient of Southern Baptist financial support, anything which brings the Foreign Mission Board into conflict with its constituency creates uneasiness across our large denomination.

Such was true when the FMB defunded the seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. That decision precipitated the resignations of several prominent FMB staff, including the premature departure of its president, Dr. Keith Parks. While that is now history, its reality did change things significantly for some of the FMB's formerly supporting constituency and in some of its relationships with European Baptist leadership.

Further, it was out of that context the former FMB president agreed to lead the mission program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The continuing reaction to this newly formed organization of Southern Baptists has produced another major crisis among Southern Baptists. Woman's Missionary Union, in extending their services, has agreed to

Southern Baptists aren't the only ones who order from the Sunday School Board or make purchases at the Baptist Book Store. God has called out persons other than Southern Baptists to accomplish his world-wide task of missions and evangelism.

I pray for WMU. If they are going to provide the mission education materials we need to prepare a new generation of missionaries, they surely do need our prayers.

Let's be good stewards. Women do a better job at missions in the local church than men. Let's pray for WMU and give them our full support.

*Franklin Dee Skaggs*  
Calhoun

### Prayer as a weapon

Prayer, as encouraged by the president of the Foreign Mission Board, Jerry Rankin (WR, Sept. 5), is to be used as a weapon to gain advantage over those who do not agree with current Southern Baptist leadership.

In this scenario—failing to bring the Woman's Missionary Union into the flock of shorn sheep—he presumes to enlist 40,000 pastors, along with other ranking WMU officers, to pray that the national WMU leaders will capitulate and be "dipped" into the brine of regimented relics. Having failed to pressure the good ladies, Rankin now looks to God as the only remaining hope. Somehow, it is difficult to think God cares about any of this ugly Christian behavior.

Petulant prayer is not pretty. The attempt to promote prayer as a means of procuring control over others is an odd juxtaposition of the teachings of Christ.

The issues that absorb Southern Baptist leadership affirm the argument that control is to be achieved at any cost. The attempted use of prayer as a weapon to gain control over those who think for themselves demonstrates a singular lack of appreciation

for the priesthood of the believer and the purpose of prayer. The appeal for thousands to pray for a purely selfish end should be beneath those who attempt to lead in spiritual undertakings.

*Edward Clark*  
Danville

### Keep Cedarmore

The prospect of selling Cedarmore disheartens me. It is my understanding that the land for Cedarmore was donated to Kentucky Baptists for the purpose of leading people to Christ and strengthening believers.

I have served as both a youth counselor and a summer staff worker at Cedarmore. As food-truck driver, I got to deliver food to the boys' and girls' camps. Many people from across the state, and even some from other states, served on the staffs of these camps. I still correspond regularly with some of these people. I cherish these relationships.

Aside from the staffers, I got to know many campers and camp leaders. I saw friendships established, lives changed, broken relationships healed and people led to Christ. Our youth came home from Cedarmore this year saying they were blessed as much there as they have ever been at Centrifuge.

Experiencing all of this has made Cedarmore a "Beth-El"—a place to meet God—for myself and others. I have seen Cedarmore welcome churches, youth groups, college students, inner-city kids and internationals. Just because we now have a newer second camp at Jonathan Creek, let's not forsake Cedarmore, which has just as much potential and is more centrally located. We have provided Cedarmore as a retreat to Kentucky Baptists for several decades; how can we now let it go?

*Tim Mitchell*  
Florence

Foreign Mission Board has involved itself in making the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship such a major issue on their agenda.

I do not understand why Southern Baptist convention leaders cannot go on about their already heavy responsibilities without burdening the entire Southern Baptist family with their "over reaction" to this small organization of Southern Baptists whom some SBC leaders have consistently labeled as "insignificant."

It is difficult to see how a public disagreement between the Foreign Mission Board and WMU will benefit missions or our missionaries for whom, in behalf of all of us, the Foreign Mission Board bears ultimate responsibility.

Foreign missions is still the "flagship" of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Foreign Mission Board has weathered some big "hits" for some of their previous decisions, and they will likely weather this one.

In the meantime, however, some Southern Baptists wonder just how much damage the "flagship" can sustain without reducing its effectiveness for the challenging waters of the 21st century.

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## FAMILY FORUM

### 'Meat market' vs. meet market

By Harry Rowland

**Q** I'm tired of my church's ministry to singles. It's just a "meat market"

**A** Experiences where people come to singles ministries for reasons other than spiritual growth are not new. In fact, some churches have used the "meat market" complaint as rationale for not developing a ministry to singles.

As Christians, we have to get out of our comfort zones. The comfort zone for too many Christians is to get rid of sinners. If a person doesn't get his or her act cleaned up, comes looking for a mate rather than for Bible study, or doesn't take spiritual commitment seriously, then it's "one, two, three strikes, you're out."

We need to stand back and ask ourselves what God wants us to be in the world. Does he want us to be "holier than thou" people, or to live out our faith among sinners? Jesus' comfort zone included the sinner.

Yes, there have been times when I have been embarrassed by the actions, attitudes or words of visiting non-Christians. But instead of being incensed, we can be thrilled that we are drawing people who don't yet know all the "rules."

We err when we beat them up for coming as they are. We need to trust the Holy Spirit to deal with the people he brings our way. Our job is to love them, build bridges and help lead them to Christ.

Of course, in doing this we are walking a fine line, but it's always going to be that way when reaching non-Christians.

It is no secret that one issue every singles ministry faces is promiscuity. Yet most surveys show sexual activity among singles to be basically the same for those in the church as for those outside. The only difference is that—because non-Christians usually don't try to hide it—it will be more noticeable. But it's a lot easier to work with a problem when it is admitted than when it is hidden.

God will do his part as we do ours. There have been countless singles who came for a "meat market" only to find a "meet market" with Christ as the One they met.

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

### ON MISSION TOGETHER



**William W. Marshall**

produce and provide CBF mission information to Southern Baptist churches who request it.

This action has drawn sharp criticism from some SBC agency leadership, including FMB President Jerry Rankin. His precedent-setting letter to virtually all SBC church leadership, including pastors, WMU leaders, directors of missions, and present and former missionaries, brought an immediate rebuttal from Dr. Dellana O'Brien, executive director of the national Woman's Missionary Union, all of which has now spilled over into the Baptist public arena, including Kentucky

Having given 19 years of service to Southern Baptists through our Foreign Mission Board, I am grieved and burdened by what this open conflict may mean, not only throughout the SBC, but in our own Kentucky Baptist "body-life."

I do not understand why our Foreign Mission Board leader chose to deal with such a disagreement in so public a forum.

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# EDITORIALS

## Churches need leaders unafraid of facing change

Have you heard the seven deadliest words ever uttered in any church? "We've never done it that way before."

They indicate symptoms of a fatal phobia that grips the hearts of countless people, including many members of Christian congregations. Unfortunately, churches fear and resist change, perhaps more than any other institution. Four reasons stand out.

First, change represents the unknown. We can't predict the results of fluctuating events. More to the point, we can't be certain how change will impact us. A change in the number and type of people attending a congregation may mean a change in the focus of its ministries, a shift in its worship style, upheaval in its structure.

Second, change disrupts the status quo. That's why comfortable people resist change so forcefully. We're inclined to preserve the pace and rhythms that seem natural—and secure—to us. If a church grows rapidly, long-term members might be forced to accommodate changing schedules, parking patterns, seating arrangements and worship emphases. Even more threatening, they might find newcomers intruding into their circles of relationships.

Third, change upsets the power structure. That's why members who have a degree of authority fight change like troopers. Relinquishing power means loss of control. New leaders might push the church outside its comfort zone, and that threatens the vision and security of members who are accustomed to calling the shots.

Fourth, many people resist change in church because the house of

God is their last outpost for "the way things used to be" in an ever-changing world. With jobs, neighborhoods, the media and life in general in states of flux, small wonder they want to keep church "just like it was."

Every occasion of resistance to change seems reasonable to the resistor. If change made sense and felt comfortable, people wouldn't avoid it like the plague. Still, change is an unavoidable part of life.

In his video, "Paradigm Pioneers," futurist Joel Barker asserts that people at greatest risk are not risk-taking change-agent "pioneers." Rather, the "settlers," people who settle in and make no changes, risk being overwhelmed by change and its impacts on their world.

Cited in Net Results magazine, Barker claims people who handle change well share three characteristics:

■ **Decisiveness.** These people are willing and able to make clear decisions, even with incomplete information.

■ **Courage.** They act on their intuition and assessment of facts, even in the face of great risk.

■ **Commitment.** They will stick with the task, despite all the changes and subsequent challenges.

As church members, we should pray that God would give us leaders—both laity and clergy—willing to be decisive, courageous and committed. Even in the face of change.

Marv Knox

(Net Results magazine is available for \$29.95 per year. Address: 5001 Avenue N, Lubbock, Texas 79412-2993.)

**We need church leaders—laity and clergy alike—who are decisive, courageous and committed. Even in the midst of change.**

## America must recognize its silent racism, repent & be reconciled

For all the O.J. Simpson trial has given and taken from society, its most important contribution may be spotlighting the profound chasm between blacks and whites in America today.

Since the racially charged language of retired police detective Mark Fuhrman came to light, most whites have expressed denial that they—or anyone they know—uses the "n" word. But black America is shocked by the denial. As one friend said: "If

you are black, you hear the word every day. Maybe no one says it out loud, but you hear it."

An African-American father tells me he hears it as he tucks in his young son at night and reads him Bible stories of the Israelites in captivity. He tells the child he will grow up in a land that assumes he is guilty of a crime even if he never thinks about it.

My always impeccably dressed friend assures me she has never been denied a seat in a restaurant, but she hears the "n" word every time she is

ushered past empty tables and tucked away in a corner where other diners won't notice her.

Despite the victories of the civil rights movement, racism is alive and thriving. It has simply moved underground.

And as white Americans celebrate how far we've come toward civil rights, black Americans wonder if

we've made any progress at all. Says Eugene Rivers, an African-American

minister from Boston, "Most blacks in this country were better off in slavery than they are today." He claims that with the terrible conditions of the inner city, the hopeless future for many black men and the endless cycle of poverty for many black women and children, the lives of many African-Americans were better when they lived in physical chains rather than today's societal ones.

Rivers, a Harvard grad who heads the Ten Point Coalition, an inner-city initiative, contends blacks and whites

have never been more polarized. He claims we are witnessing the beginning of American social apartheid.

A recent experience illustrates his point: Shopping in a downtown store in another city, I chatted with the shop owner who complained about the high cost of doing business. I nodded sympathetically, and he asked me where I was from.

"Washington, D.C.," I said. "Oh, then you understand the problem," he said. "You've got one of them as mayor down there too."

After a moment, I realized that because we shared the same skin color, this man felt free to call African-Americans "them." Then I understood what my African-American friends had said. I witnessed social apartheid in what appears to be an integrated country.

How can we deal with this insidious problem? Rivers, who has spent his life with it, cites only one answer.

Because the cancer of racist attitudes and reactive anger is so deeply rooted in our souls, Rivers believes

only God can heal our problems. He preaches personal conversion, asking believers to return to the message of repentance and renewal. He asks them to expose racist attitudes, and then he challenges them to roll up their sleeves and bring their congregations into the cities to tutor, offer employment and provide spiritual support.

Today, few whites preach against the attitudes that lurk beneath the surface, leaving black Americans hurt, frustrated and angry and whites wondering what the problem is. While many congregations happily give to missions overseas, few venture into their own inner cities.

Listening to the Fuhrman tapes has exposed us all to the great racial rift that threatens America. Now we need to take a hard look at our souls and search for any racism, anger or hatred that still grips us, threatening our very existence as one nation under God.

Dale Hanson Bourke, publisher  
Religion News Service  
Washington

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## The wages of fashion sin is having children who dress just like you did

For hundreds of years, philosophers and college freshmen have debated whether time is cyclical or linear.

If time travels in cycles, then certain patterns appear over and over again. That's why some people say history repeats itself.

For example, cyclical theorists cite the decline of the Roman Empire and predict American society will fail. They also think Notre Dame will win the NCAA football championship again and again.

But if time moves in a straight line, then one event merely leads to the other. History is a progression of events strung together in cause-and-effect relationships.

For example, linear theorists believe the two world wars weren't two cycles of history. Rather, the Allied reaction to World

War I fueled the Germanic quest for power, and that produced Hitler's Germany. Linear historians also provide hope for the Cleveland Indians, who haven't won a World Series since baseball was played with rocks.

The linear view enjoys stronger theological support.

It allows us to see God's relationship to people as steady and progressive. The apparent cycles of history are the result of people's tendency to sin and God's tendency to be both just and merciful. We

fall into the same traps of sinfulness that snared our ancestors, but God continues to forgive us when we repent.

This week's theology lesson was prompted by a clothing catalog that sneaked into our home deep in the folds of the Sunday paper. When I opened it up, I stared directly into an ad for teen clothing that came right out of 1972. Bell bottoms, platform shoes, polyester.

"What have I done to deserve this?" I cried. "Why should I suffer the outrageous fortune inflicted upon my parents

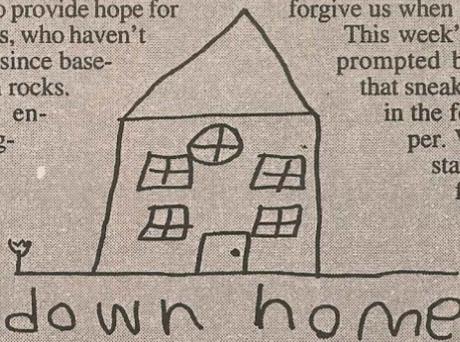
so many years ago? Why should I suffer the indignity of parenting children who would wear tie-dyed T-shirts and hip-hugger jeans?"

A cyclical historian would say this is just another turn in the circle of life, played out on the stage of fashion.

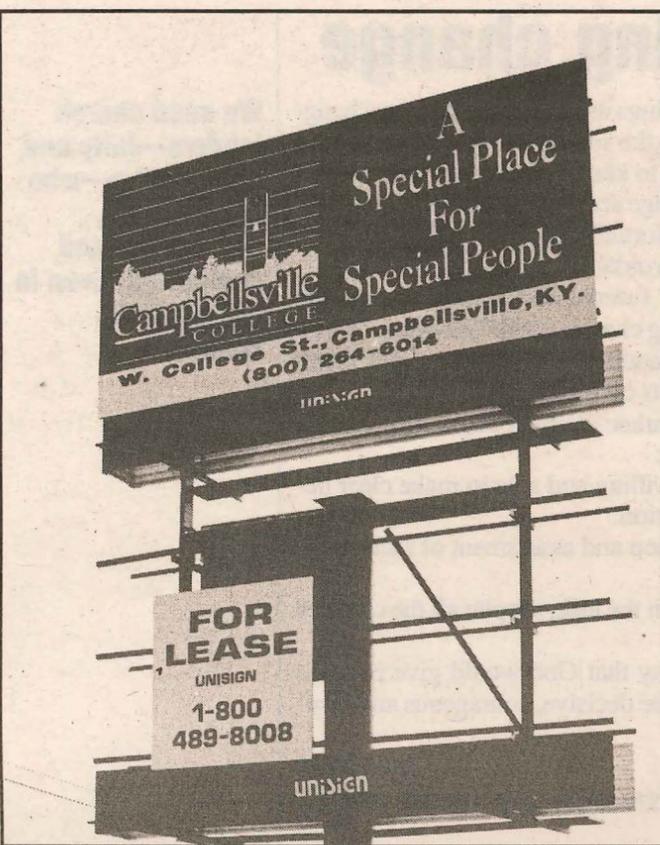
Unfortunately, it's more than that. As a linearist, I'm afraid the revisitation of "Mod" clothing is more than mere repetition of a meaningless cycle.

It has everything to do with the consequences of sin. Those of us who perpetrated aesthetic abominations and fashion foibles upon our parents are doomed to endure similar indignities decades later. That's justice.

Marv Knox



# KENTUCKY



**HIGH SIGN** Campbellsville College is featured on this new billboard in central Kentucky as a gift from Unisign Corp. of Ivel. (Photo by Lynne Pendygraft)

## Kentucky volunteers help International Seminary move

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turned from a two-week mission trip in July. "Granted, the campus will not overlook Lake Zurich, but I was thrilled with Prague."

The campus is located in a "very, very beautiful" green-belt preserve of northwest Prague, a city largely untouched by the ravages of World War II. With many of the 22 buildings dating back to the 18th century, Mantooth thinks they will be "a collection of jewels" when restored to their original glory.

In addition, the campus is "taking on a beauty and a new comeliness that comes with Christian ministry that will be done there," Mantooth said.

In Prague, Kentucky volunteers worked alongside more than 100

Czech, Ukrainian and Moldavian construction workers who have been hired for the project.

The Kentuckians used chain saws to clear trees and underbrush. They painted dorm rooms, the student lounge and post office. They moved furniture. They performed house-keeping tasks for other volunteers.

One Kentucky crew did "the grunt work" involved in moving the school's library, according to Mantooth.

A German company specializing in moving libraries packed the school's 55,000-volume library and large periodical collection in 1,800 labeled boxes, loaded them into five large freight containers and shipped them by rail over the 300-mile route

to Prague.

But it was the Kentuckians who unloaded the boxes and carried them into the newly remodeled library.

"The Germans were so well organized that by the end of three days, all the books were in their proper places on the shelves," Mantooth said.

Mantooth said he not only fell in love with the campus, but also saw first-hand the difference the more relaxed visa requirements of the Czech government makes. The Swiss government had consistently refused to issue student visas since 1990.

One of the first students to arrive in Prague was a Rwandan man who had studied in Ruschlikon last year. Because Swiss law does not allow students to bring their families with them, the man had to leave his wife and two preschoolers in Rwanda.

However, after six months, the Swiss government gave approval for special visas for his family because of the war situation in their homeland. But by that time, his wife and children had fled Rwanda for a refugee camp. It took another six months for him to find them.

Now, the family has been reunited in Prague.

In addition to less restrictive immigration laws, Czech law allow students to work in the local economy; Swiss law did not.

And operating costs for the seminary will be one-third of the costs in Ruschlikon, Mantooth said.

Relocating the seminary to the geographical center of Europe not only will "make it easier for students to come" but also position Baptists in the middle of the open doors of Eastern Europe, Mantooth said.

In Prague, the seminary is situated in the midst of 800 million people served by the European Baptist Federation and its 46 Baptist unions, 10,050 Baptist churches and 726,593 members.

Funds for the school's \$1.9 million

annual budget come from the European Baptist Foundation, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, salary support for missionaries on the seminary's staff, student fees, annual gifts and endowment income. Seed money for the endowment will come from the sale of the Ruschlikon site.

Of the \$20 million generated by the sale, about \$4 million was spent to purchase the Prague property. Another \$3.3 million will be spent on renovations. Another \$2 million was spent on moving the seminary and relocating faculty and staff.

Other proceeds from the sale will pay past debts (\$2.1 million) and transfer ownership of the Ruschlikon chapel to Baptist churches in Zurich (\$400,000), school officials said.

The remaining \$8.25 million will launch the endowment, which will funnel about \$500,000 a year into the school's operating budget. The school is seeking to raise an additional \$6.5 million for the endowment, to pay operating expenses and provide student scholarships.

Although much has been accomplished on the restoration, much remains to be done. Work on several buildings has not yet begun, including a conference center which will eventually house the chapel.

One of the four main buildings is more than 200 years old and will require extensive renovation. It will eventually house administrative offices.

More land needs to be cleared and landscaping completed.

Mantooth said volunteers are needed for Kentucky teams scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 9, 1995 and Aug. 10-24, 1996. Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington also plans a trip in July 1996.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mantooth at (606) 784-5768.

With additional reporting by Associated Baptist Press

### BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Georgetown listed.** Georgetown College ranks among the top third of all liberal arts colleges in the United States, according to the Sept. 18 issue of U.S. News & World Report. The magazine listed Georgetown College for the second consecutive year in its "Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges."

■ **Jim Henry to speak.** Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry will speak at a conference on "Church Growth: Myths and Realities" at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Oct. 24-26. The conference also will feature workshops built around results of a recent research project on worship styles, evangelism methodologies, church growth trends and "surprising" trends in church growth. For registration information, call (502) 897-4108.

■ **Georgetown enrollment up.** Fall enrollment is up for the second consecutive year at Georgetown Col-

lege. Undergraduate enrollment this fall is 1,155, up from last year's 1,136 students. "The 308 first-time freshmen are bringing in the highest average ACT score (24) in the history of the college," said Mike Konopski, admissions director. "In addition, out of the freshman class we have 15 Governor's Scholars, 23 valedictorians, 11 salutatorians and 42 percent who graduated in the top 10 percent of their classes."

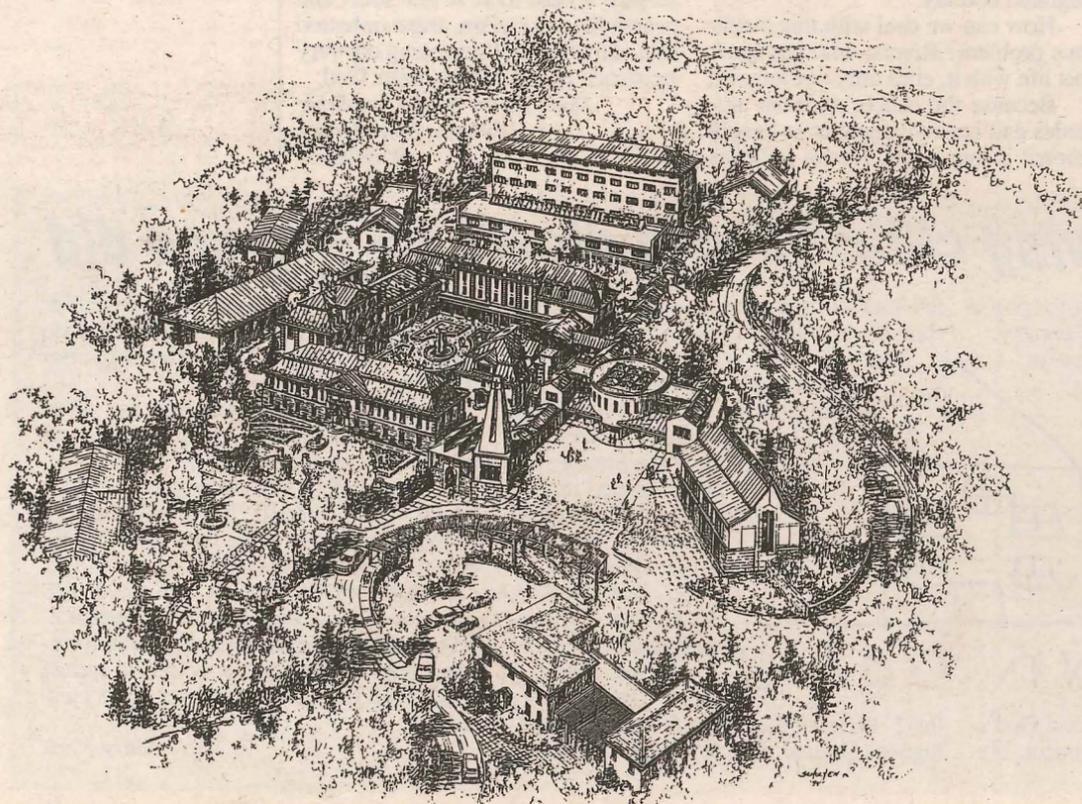
■ **Giving increases.** Giving to Georgetown College broke all records in 1994-95, with the college exceeding its highest-ever annual fund goal of \$800,000 and total gifts topping \$4 million.

■ **Poetry sought.** The Southeast Writers Association is seeking original Christian poetry from little-known or previously unpublished poets for publication in a new magazine called "Joyful Noise: A Journal of Christian Poetry." Interested individuals are invited to submit up

to three original poems reflecting a Christian viewpoint, in any poetic style. Send poems by Dec. 15 to Joyful Noise, Box 401, Bowling Green, Ky. 42102.

■ **Missions event planned.** Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green will host an extensive Missions Festival Oct. 20-22, with 50 countries and 23 missionaries highlighted in an exhibit hall and in an ongoing series of programs.

Paul Eschelmann, director of the "Jesus" film project, will be the keynote speaker. The event will include not only missionary speakers, but food tasting, children's activities, film showings and other activities.



## Clinton calls U.S. clergy to prayer, 'common ground'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—President Clinton asked a group of 80 religious leaders Sept. 8 for their prayers as he tries to balance the federal budget and deal with "hot-button" issues such as affirmative action, immigration and welfare reform.

Bob Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pomeroy and immediate past president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was among the select group of religious leaders invited to Clinton's third annual White House prayer breakfast.

In a wide-ranging speech to Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy, Clinton sounded a familiar call for Americans to seek "common ground" and rise above partisan bickering.

He used the example of Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr., who had just broken Lou Gehrig's consecutive-games record, as a reminder of the importance of values and responsibility.

"There was a reaffirmation of ... responsibility, personal responsibility, the dignity of work," said Clinton, who was on hand at Orioles Stadium at Camden Yards when Ripken broke the record. "I think it sort of rein-

forced to me this idea that in spite of all the differences in this country there really are a lot of things that bind us together, that we believe very deeply."

Clinton reminded his diverse audience of his administration's recent distribution of guidelines on religious expression in public schools.

"We made it clear that under our law, schools are not religion-free zones," he said.

Clinton also said the Department of Education is encouraging schools to offer "character education" programs that teach good citizenship and other basic values.

"There will be more and more ... deliberate efforts to teach these values in our public schools," Clinton said. "There is evidence already that in the schools that have a thoroughgoing, comprehensive, disciplined commitment to this, the dropout rate is down and student performance is up."

Referring to upcoming congressional battles over welfare, affirmative action, immigration and the federal budget, Clinton said the debate must be based on sound moral con-

siderations.

"It's not just a matter of debits and credits," the president said. "It's also a matter of values and responsibilities."

Clinton urged that the budget be balanced by doing the "right things."

Harkening back to a term he used in his 1992 presidential bid, Clinton spoke of the need for a "new covenant," saying that people with political power must wield it carefully and not mechanically when dealing with issues like the budget.

Reaction to the speech was positive, even among conservative clergy who disagree with Clinton on certain issues.

Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, praised Clinton's speech but discussed differences with him over abortion and homosexuality.

"It was probably the best speech I have ever heard him make regarding values in the nation," said Argue.

Other clergy also expressed support for the president's remarks.

James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said he was "very im-

pressed with (Clinton's) warmth and commitment and affirmation of values and call for civil, reasonable, dialogue and toleration of one another."

Clinton continued his tradition of recommending books, suggesting his audience read Benjamin Barber's "Jihad vs. McWorld." The author predicts that ethnic, racial and religious conflicts are likely to increase with the globalization of the economy.

"He argues—I believe correctly—that it is even more important today for the United States of America to succeed, even more important today for democracy to work, even more important today for the basic values ... to be made real in the lives of ordinary citizens," Clinton said.

Clinton told the religious leaders that while no one has all the answers to the problems of the future, values can help sustain people. Churches set an example for America, he said, by serving the needs of people.

"When you're living in a time like this, when people are torn from pillar to post, having those basic values to fall back on, knowing that there is a church with a larger ministry, is important," he said.

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## Politics a mission field for Christians, Ralph Reed says

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed said Sept. 8 his 1.6-million-member organization seeks to be neither "a wholly owned subsidiary of the Republican Party or any politician," nor just another special interest group.

"We must not become to the Republican Party what the AFL-CIO, the feminists ... have become to the Democratic Party," Reed told an overflow crowd of more than 4,000 local and state activists and leaders at the opening session of the fifth annual "Road to Victory" conference.

"They are no longer servants, they are power-brokers," Reed said of the labor and women's groups that play a role in liberal circles similar to that of religious conservatives in GOP politics. "We will not become as they

have become.

"Politics for us is a mission field, not a smoke-filled room," Reed added.

Reed's speech was a prelude to a string of scheduled appearances by all but two of the major contenders for the GOP presidential nomination as well as top leaders of the Republican-controlled House and Senate.

Yet Reed insisted that "we did not come here ... to endorse any candidate. ... We did not come here to be courted" by the candidates.

"The question is not, 'Who will we endorse?' but, 'Who will endorse our agenda?'" Reed said. "We seek to do more than just elect a president. We seek to restore and heal a nation."

Reed repeatedly underscored the Coalition's roots in Christianity.

"We don't bear the name Ronald

Reagan or Bob Dole or Newt Gingrich," he said. "We bear the name which is above every name. We bear the name to which every knee shall bend."

The commitment to Christianity, he said, "lays on us a burden and a responsibility. The responsibility is not ultimately to win; it is to be found faithful. The burden is to remember who we serve and who animates us."

Reed read from a "pledge card" he said was used by Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when recruiting volunteers for various civil rights campaigns in the South.

The pledge card committed the signers not only to non-violence, but also to prayer for one's foes, meditation on the teachings of Jesus and a search for reconciliation and justice

rather than victory. Reed said the cards would be passed through the convention.

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington-based advocacy group and frequent ideological opponent of the Christian Coalition, called Reed's invocation of King disgraceful. Lynn pointed especially to what he called the contradiction between the SCLC commitment to reconciliation rather than victory and the name of the Coalition conference—"Road to Victory."

"Ralph Reed told one truth during this speech," Lynn said, "that he doesn't want the Christian Coalition to be a subsidiary of the Republican party. Instead, he wants the Republican Party to be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Christian Coalition."

**"Politics for us is a mission field, not a smoke-filled room."**

*Christian Coalition  
Director Ralph Reed*

## Act like Lincoln, author says

WASHINGTON (BP)—Opponents of legalized abortion, especially politicians, should adopt a position similar to Abraham Lincoln's attitude toward slavery in order to make gains in the national controversy, according to a cover article in the September issue of Atlantic Monthly.

However, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said that approach—to tolerate, restrict and discourage—would be unacceptable to a majority of people who strongly oppose abortion.

Focusing on capturing public sentiment, not on overturning the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, is the best course for anti-abortion crusaders, according to the Atlantic Monthly article written by George McKenna, a political science instructor at City College of New York.

Like opponents of slavery and racial segregation, anti-abortionists should patiently seek not only to win

legally but also to develop a moral consensus, McKenna wrote.

"The lesson for pro-life advocates is that they need to take time to lay out their case," he explained. "They may hope for an immediate end to abortion, and they certainly have a First Amendment right to ask for it, but their emphasis, I believe, should be on making it clear to others why they have reached the conclusions that they have reached."

A politician devoted to both the anti-abortion cause and building support for it should look at Lincoln's rhetoric toward slavery.

This position is flawed, said Ben Mitchell of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"If Mr. Lincoln tarried on the issue of slavery, most of the slaves would live and eventually go free. While we tarry on the issue of abortion, children continue to be killed," Mitchell said.

## Political landscape divisive, evangelical author says

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Christian Coalition's heavy political clout—demonstrated in the 1994 elections and the emerging 1996 presidential race—points to a more polarized, divisive American future, warns evangelical author and professor Tom Sine.

Sine is currently making talk-show rounds promoting his new book, "Cease Fire: Searching for Sanity in America's Culture Wars."

At a Sept. 6 news conference in Washington, Sine said the coalition formed by the Religious Right and the secular right has the upper hand in the nation's culture wars and predicted the movement will continue to gain strength through the 1996 elections.

"What I think we're moving into is replacing the social engineering of the liberal left with the moral engineering of the Religious Right," he said.

Lost in that development, he predicted, will be "the Judeo-Christian commitment to the

common good," which will be replaced by a "Darwinian survival-of-the-fittest economics where everyone pursues their own self interest."

"It's ironic to me that those on the Religious Right have adopted this Darwinian (view), but it's very much the center of their agenda," he said.

Sine told reporters he is frustrated by the polarization that marks church and society.

"To be a mainline Protestant in many churches, you have to be a liberal Democrat," he said, "and you cannot be considered a born-again Christian, an evangelical in America, if you are not a right-wing Republican."

That type of division is not found among evangelicals worldwide, he said. "Only in America."

Evangelicals in other countries are in the forefront of those advocating increased funding to help those in need, Sine noted. "Only in America are conservative Christians lobbying for cutbacks" in programs that help the needy.

## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Gospel hits Billboard charts.** Gospel music has reached Billboard magazine's "Top 200," with Michael W. Smith's latest album, "I'll Lead You Home," at No. 16 and four others further down the chart. This marks the first time sales from Christian book stores are being counted in all of the trade publication's charts. The change is possible now that Christian book stores, where 80 percent of Christian music is sold, are using the same electronic system to record music sales as secular stores.

■ **McDonald's most recognizable.** The McDonald's logo and the shell logo used by an international petroleum company ranked higher in recognizability than the Christian cross in a recent survey of 7,000 people in six countries. The survey, headed by Sponsorship Research International, involved participants in Australia, Germany, India, Japan, Great Britain and the United States. The cross was correctly identified as a Christian symbol by only 54 percent of survey participants, compared to 88 percent who correctly identified the Shell Oil and McDonald's logos. Most recognizable was the Olympic logo, with 92 percent identifying it correctly.

■ **Weapons disappearing from ads.** Newspaper advertisements for movies contain fewer images of weapons, especially guns, than at any time in the past two decades, according to a study by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The study analyzed movie ads in the weekend entertainment sections of four major daily newspapers from 1972 to 1992.

## Senate opens religious liberty hearings

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Hearings on a proposed religious equality amendment to the U.S. Constitution got underway Sept. 12 with a Baptist pastor urging the Senate Judiciary Committee to avoid tampering with religious liberties.

The nation should look to religious institutions, not government, for moral and religious leadership, said James Forbes, senior minister of Riverside Church in New York City.

"Government would do best to remain neutral and allow churches, synagogues and mosques and other religious institutions to do our job without even well-meaning meddling from government officials," Forbes said.

Current laws already protect "many rights to truly voluntary religious expression" in public places, said Forbes, one of five witnesses to testify in the first of a series of hearings.

Another witness recounted her family's struggle against school-sponsored prayer in a small Mississippi town. Lisa Herdahl sued to stop officials in Pontotoc County from broadcasting prayers over a school intercom system and providing religious instruction in classes, she said.

"I am a Christian, and I am raising my children as Christians," she said. "I believe that it is my job as a parent, and not the job of the public schools, to teach my children about religion and prayer. Religion is

something that my children learn at home and in church, and I did not and do not want the public schools telling them when and how to pray."

Herdahl said her children have been ridiculed and harassed and she has received death threats because of publicity about her suit. She said her family's experience demonstrates that public schools are not as hostile to religious practices as some people suggest.

"I have heard from families all over the country, many of whom have faced similar violations of their religious freedom," she said. "The pressure these families face to accept religious oppression is, in my opinion, far greater than the pressure against those who push for government-sponsored prayer."

Ronald Rosenberger, whose lawsuit against the University of Virginia recently went to the Supreme Court, related a different experience, labeling his encounter with the university as "religious apartheid."

The university denied Rosenberger funds to publish a Christian magazine while giving funds to other student groups.

The high court, in a 5-4 ruling, agreed with Rosenberger that the refusal amounted to religious discrimination.

"What is shocking to me is not the fact that I won," he said, "but that four of the nine justices failed to see the light. Four of the highest judges in our nation, not to mention the

judges in the lower courts who ruled against us, believe that the University of Virginia was justified in denying Wide Awake equal access."

"This means that replacing just one justice could give us a strikingly different decision in future religious liberty cases," Rosenberger said.

Rosenberger advocated a religious equality amendment—a proposal in the Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family" that has yet to be introduced in Congress.

Witnesses and senators alike cited administration guidelines recently distributed by the Department of Education to public schools that outline what religious expression is permissible under current law. The guidelines drew mixed reviews.

Colleen Pinyan, coordinator in the office of public affairs of The Rutherford Institute, criticized the guidelines, testifying they "oversimplified" some of the issues while ignoring others. For example, they did not address the right of elementary school children to form Bible clubs, she said.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and committee chairman, said the guidelines probably won't have much impact because they contain no "enforcement mechanism."

However, he quickly added that the guidelines represent an important first step, indicating this issue concerns Americans from the president on down.

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# KBC ACCOMMODATIONS

The 158th Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting is November 14-15 at Owensboro's Ramada Resort and Conference Center, formerly the Executive Inn Rivermont. The hotel and meeting complex is located at One Executive Boulevard on the banks of the Ohio River west of downtown Owensboro.

The facilities listed below represent hotels and motels with blocked rooms. Room rates are for 1-4 persons per night. Pay close attention to reservation deadlines. **Individuals making reservations must identify themselves as attendees of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in order to receive established room rates. Make your reservations early!**

**Please note:** The Executive Office of the KBC Executive Board makes every effort to advise Convention messengers concerning good lodging at a variety of prices in any host city. Messengers should be aware, however, that lodging other than that listed may be available. Also, individuals are expected to exercise personal discretion in the selection of appropriate accommodations. Telephone a hotel if you have specific questions about its services or policies.

Facility	Rates + 9.18% tax	Blocked Rooms	Deadline
<b>Ramada Resort &amp; Conference Center*</b> One Executive Boulevard 1/800/626-1936; 1/502/926-8000	High rise: \$51 single; \$55 double; \$100 suite Pool area: \$48 single; \$52 double East/West wing: \$45 single; \$49 double	600	October 30
<b>Holiday Inn*</b> 3136 West Second Street 1/502/685-3941	\$52 singles; \$52 doubles (2-4 persons, 2 beds)	80	October 31
<b>Days Inn*</b> US 231/US 60 Bypass 1/502/684-9621	First level: \$38 single; \$42 doubles Second level: \$36 single; \$40 doubles \$4 per additional persons	60	October 31
<b>Hampton Inn**</b> 615 Salem Drive 1/502/926-2006	\$60 flat rate (singles and doubles)	25	October 23

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# EVENTS

FOR ALL KENTUCKY BAPTISTS



## MINISTERS' WIVES

### Ministers' wives retreat to celebrate blessings

Ministers' wives from across Kentucky will "Celebrate the Blessings in Good Times in Bad" during the ninth annual ministers' wives retreat.

Keynote speaker is Dixie Mylum Lusher, a minister's wife, mother, grandmother, former college professor and author of "Centennial History of Kentucky WMU." She will talk about "joy stealers" and "joy restorers" in sessions throughout the retreat.

In addition to worship and fellowship times, the retreat will offer a variety of conferences, including "The Ministry of Hospitality," "Your Personality Style," "Money—Madness or Mercy" and several classes related to crafts.

■ **Dates:** Oct. 20-21.  
■ **Location:** Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

■ **Times:** Retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and concludes at 2 p.m. Saturday. Early bird conferences start at 3:30 p.m. Friday, and bonus conferences will extend until 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ **Cost:** \$45.  
■ **Registration:** Pre-registration is due by Oct. 2. Send \$15, which will be deducted from the \$45 total, to Peggy Berry, KBC minister/church support division, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433.

■ **Information:** Call (502) 245-4101, extension 243.

### Help for terminated ministers

If you are a pastor or church staff member who has been involuntarily terminated, or if you are under pressure that could soon lead to an involuntary termination, the KBC has a special invitation for you and your spouse.

Twice each year, the KBC minister/church support division offers a free retreat for ministers who have been involuntarily terminated. This retreat is free to the minister and spouse and provides a time of heal-

ing and listening to the experiences of others who have been down the same road.

■ **Dates:** Oct. 16-18  
■ **Location:** Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville.  
■ **Contact:** Call Guy Futral or Peggy Berry at (502) 245-4101. Also, if you know of someone who should be invited to attend this conference, please call the number listed above and provide that information so an invitation can be sent.

### Stewardship consultants ready

Eight stewardship consultants are available statewide to help Kentucky Baptist churches.

These consultants have been equipped by the KBC stewardship department as a way to be most responsive to the needs of the KBC's 2,200 churches.

The stewardship consultants are:  
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■ Truett Cocanougher, Mays Lick, (606) 763-6260.

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■ Rick Robbins, Cloverport, (502) 788-4231.  
■ Bill Simmons, Lexington, (606) 272-1228.  
■ Gayle Toole, Nicholasville, (606) 885-6211.

Contact any of these consultants directly, or call the KBC stewardship office at (502) 245-4101.

### Sunday school director seminar

A national seminar for Sunday school directors is coming to Kentucky Oct. 27-28.

The goal of this National Sunday School Director Seminar is to equip Sunday school directors in administration, growth, outreach-evangelism, teaching improvement and training. The two-day event will offer the equivalent of a week of training at Ridgecrest.

The seminar also will benefit pastors and ministers of education.  
■ Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville.

■ **Cost:** \$59 per person.  
■ **Registration:** Call (615) 251-2477, call the KBC Sunday school department at (502) 245-4101 or sent payment to National Sunday School Director Seminars, Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## CHURCH MUSICIANS

### Annual music conference set for Owensboro

Two concerts, fellowship, worship, special-interest conferences and a banquet will highlight this year's Kentucky Baptist Music Conference, held immediately to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

This year's conference at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro will feature concerts by the adult ensemble of First Baptist Church of Paducah and the Sanctuary Choir of Third Baptist Church in Owensboro.

All Kentucky Baptist music ministers, music educators and others interested in church music are invited to attend.

■ **Date:** Nov. 13.  
■ **Time:** Starts at 11 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 p.m.  
■ **Cost:** Membership dues, which range from \$5 to \$15 per year, plus \$10 to attend the banquet.

■ **Registration:** Contact the KBC church music department at (502) 245-4101.

### Women unite in World Day of Prayer Nov. 6

Join women around the world in a day of prayer Nov. 6, as part of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Baptist women in more than 200 nations will join in prayer on this day and the surrounding days. Prayers will focus on the ministry and needs of women around the world.

This year's theme focuses on celebrating the hope of Christ through prayer and praise.

The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer was initiated in 1948 by European Baptist women as a project of reconciliation after the war.

For more information or to request supporting materials, contact Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union by calling (502) 245-4101.

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

■ **Library workshop**  
The Fall Church Media Library Workshop is Oct. 7 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. For information, call Ruby Morgan at (502) 245-4101.

■ **Ministers' wives**  
The annual retreat for ministers' wives will be Oct. 20-21 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

■ **Day of prayer**  
The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer is scheduled for Nov. 6.

■ **Music conference**  
This year's Kentucky Baptist Music Conference will be held at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro Nov. 13.

## KBC Calendar

### September 22-23

■ Brotherhood fishing tournament at Laurel River Camp  
■ Language Leadership Conference at Baptist Building

### September 22-24

■ Fall Festival of Marriage at Southern Seminary

### September 28

■ KBC credentials committee meeting at Baptist Building

### September 29-October 1

■ State Student Convention at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green

### October 5

■ KBC committee on nominations meeting

### October 5-7

■ Brotherhood Convention at First Baptist Church of Richmond

### October 7

■ Fall Church Media Library Workshop in Elizabethtown

### October 8

■ Bold Mission Thrust Launch Day n World Hunger Day

### October 10

■ KBC administrative committee meeting at Baptist Building

### October 16-17

■ Cooperative Ministry Evangelism Clinic in Paducah

### October 16-20

■ Student Missions Emphasis

### October 19-23

■ Foreign missions study

### October 21-22

■ Ministers' Wives Retreat at Cedarmore

### October 23-24

■ Senior Adult Choir Festival at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington

### October 26-28

■ Kentucky WMU executive board meeting

### November 3-4

■ International Student Conference at Barren River State Park

### November 5-11

■ Royal Ambassador Week

### November 9

■ KBC committee on nominations meeting at Baptist Building

### November 10-11

■ Junior-Senior Weekend for Acteens

### November 11

■ American Bible Society Day

### November 13

■ KBC Executive Board meeting

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■ **Contact:** Call Doug Strader or Jim Clontz at the KBC discipleship training department at (502) 245-4101 or write to the KBC at Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253.



# PEOPLE

## Be realistic about relationships, singles advised

**"We have some fairy tale expectations. I need to be in tune with reality—expectations of what marriage itself brings."**  
Dianne Swaim

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Marriage may not be the fantasy land some single adults envision it would be, according to a single adult minister who spoke at the Single Adult Labor Day Getaway at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Single adults should avoid mistaken ideas about dating and marriage relationships, said Dianne Swaim, a single adult consultant and single adult minister at Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark.

"We have some fairy tale expectations," she said. "I need to be in tune with reality—expectations of what marriage itself brings."

Swaim told a group of single women they should avoid several illusions about relationships:

■ **That relationships always will be good.** "That's simply not true. There are some times that the relationships are going to be very, very shaky at best," she said, noting some relationships will break down or be personally destructive.

"But there are also times that these relationships can have their dips and they can come right back up and they can still be good. Just

because a relationship has its bad moments does not make it an unhealthy relationship," Swaim said.

■ **That any Christian man would make a good husband.** Swaim said some Christians are not good "mate material" and are not

possibly marrying someone ... who has been divorced."

Anyone considering marriage to a divorced person should attend a divorce recovery workshop, she said.

"You don't have to be divorced to go ... and you may need to know some of the

we expect a person to fill our needs when it's a God-shaped vacuum, and only God can fill those needs," Swaim said. "Anytime we look to another person to fill our needs, we're going to be in trouble."

■ **That loneliness is a good enough reason for marriage.** "In a period of discontent and unhappiness, ... we are prime candidates for falling in love, and anyone handy can be the object of our projections," she said.

■ **That compatibility is enough for a good relationship.** "Love and compatibility are two very different things. We need both in one person," she said. "You don't want just compatibility and

no love."

■ **That romantic love is enough for a good relationship.** "Ladies, love does not conquer all," Swaim said. "There are too many people who are divorced who still love the person they're divorced from."

"Romantic love is the greatest cause of divorce in America today," said Swaim, quoting a writer with whom she agrees. "I believe that's true, because so many people marry under the fairy-tale idea of romantic love."

# LIVING SINGLE

ready for marriage.

"Listen, there's a lot of nerds sitting on church pews. There are a lot of real dangerous people sitting on church pews, and if you don't believe that, you get involved with one of them," Swaim said. "I've known too many friends who got just hoodwinked by a con artist in church."

■ **That one cannot be happily married to a previously married person.** "That's not an expectation of God," Swaim said. "The older you get, ... the more your chances are of

things that are taught there."

■ **That God has chosen only one ideal spouse for each person who marries.** Swaim criticized the "idea that God created only one person in the world for you and then hid him. Think about that. ... That's not the way God works."

"God's will is often permissive—and his will can be a lot wider than the narrow boundaries sometimes that we want to put on it," she said.

■ **That a relationship can meet all a person's needs.** "Sometimes

### Intimacy a 'lost art'

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Intimacy is becoming a lost art in America, according to Carolyn Teague, director of Inner Change, a ministry based in Little Rock, Ark.

But substitutes for intimacy won't do, Teague said. Such substitutes may include sexual relations outside of marriage used as "counterfeit intimacy," she said. "It's exciting, it's exhilarating, but it's wrong and it's counterfeit, ... and it won't work."

To develop intimate relationships, a Christian should take risks and trust only God, Teague said. "What must you do when people disappoint you? Don't hold a grudge. Don't preoccupy on what they did, because who is that is really going to hurt? You."

"We need to refuse to trust other people to come up to our expectations. ... What we need to do is to let God fill up our lives with his care for us," she said. "Then when some person or some word or some act crushes you, it's not going to get to you like it could if you're not trusting God to meet your needs."

### Focus on becoming right person

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—If you're single and looking for a spouse, focus on becoming the right person rather than on seeking the right person, according to a single adult ministry leader.

"We're so busy looking for the right person when we need to be becoming the right person," said Steve Cretin of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board during the Single Adult Labor Day Getaway at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Becoming the right person means living a godly life and doing God's will, Cretin noted. "When we're talking about God's will in a dating relationship (and) God's will

in the choice of a mate, I think ... we need to look at ... if we are totally and completely committed to him. He'll take care of the rest."

Another key part of becoming the right person is being led by the Holy Spirit, Cretin suggested. "I think the best quality we can build in our lives is the fruit of the Spirit. Basically, we will let God live through us."

In seeking God's will, Cretin said, Christians should keep certain things in mind. "We need to obey the will already revealed. Here's a book (the Bible) full of it. Don't expect God to show you more than you'll do."

"Be willing to accept the will of

God. ... God's will is not for our approval; it's for our obedience. ... He's not going to reveal any more than we're willing to obey," Cretin said.

"Did you ever think," Cretin asked the singles about possible future spouses, "that God is waiting for you to become the right person before he puts you together?"

Cretin urged the group to avoid dating non-Christians. "I don't believe in missionary dating, folks," he said. "God loves them as much as he loves us, ... but there's every difference in the world in the direction they're going and the direction we're going."



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# PEOPLE

## Kentuckian among teen authors for magazine issue

NASHVILLE (BP)—Any parent of a teenager could probably tell you his kid doesn't feel the least bit awkward about dishing out advice.

Moms and Dads likely bear the brunt of questionable counsel from their pubescent offspring daily.

But young people do have good advice rolling around in their noggins, and much of it is godly, according to the editor of "Living with Teenagers," a magazine for parents of adolescents produced by the Southern Baptist

Sunday School Board. That's why the team that edits the periodical gave 16 teens a chance to offer advice formally to parents through articles in the November issue.

One of those teens is Allison Lepper, a 10th grader from Crestwood and a member of Crestwood Baptist Church. Her father, John, is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

"We think good teenagers get sold short, and they think so too," said the

magazine's editor in chief, Ellen Oldacre. "That's why we dedicated an entire issue for teenagers to give their parents some godly advice.

"We know a lot of parents pick up this magazine every month, and we thought parents might hear advice differently if it came from a teenager they don't live with."

Oldacre acknowledged the concept of allowing teens to write the copy for the entire November issue was risky.

"It was a risk, but they did better than many of my adult writers. Every one of them sent their articles back on time," she said. "One even sent a revised version two weeks later right on deadline. He said he had reworked it and felt it was more God-led. Of course, I used it.

"I've had dealings with countless writers, both amateur and professional, but I have never encountered the level of conscientiousness I found in these teens," Oldacre wrote.

## It's no illusion: Garrard pulls ministry out of magic tricks

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a field education assignment at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville. Until that point, Garrard had not dreamed of children's work as part of his vocation.

"Through that opportunity, I was able to discover gifts and a part of God's will for my life," he said.

He later was asked to stay on as

the part-time children's minister and now he's heading toward his 20th anniversary with the church. His part-time status gives him time to accept 60 to 75 performance engagements per year.

"The St. Matthews people have been good to encourage me," he said. "The children's leadership has been so terrific. If I'm away, I know they

will carry on."

Like most people in his role, Garrard recruits workers, reviews curriculum, plans events and counsels children. Yet his magic serves as an entree to the children's undivided attention.

"I use the magic as a springboard and it gives me the right to speak for three or four minutes," he said.

Recently in a preschool class, about 15 children sat on the floor with their eyes riveted on Garrard. He wowed the children with a book that spewed flames, the classic connecting rings and various sleight-of-hand routines.

After he finished the tricks, Garrard told the children there was a magician in the Bible whom people started to worship.

"Should we worship a magician?" he asked the children.

"No," they replied in unison. "Who then should we worship?" he asked.

"God," they shouted. Garrard sometimes encounters people who question the wholesomeness of his act by quoting scriptural admonitions against magic. Yet Garrard said he understands the thrust of those Scriptures to be speaking against idolatry.

"I tell people that I understand their feelings, but that I disagree with them, because I know how simple these things are to do," he said. "I don't have supernatural power."

The tedious preparation Garrard pours into his routine attests to the fact that he lacks unearthly abilities. He belongs to three professional organizations and scans professional journals in search of ideas. Then he puts his own creative genius to work trying to adapt magic tricks that are related to movies, literature or current events.

In secular settings, Garrard realizes he was invited to entertain rather than preach. Nevertheless, he tries to incorporate elements in his act that demonstrate integrity and morality.

## KBC resolutions requested in advance

Resolutions to be considered by messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in November should be submitted in advance if possible, according to Robert M. White, resolutions committee chairman.

The resolutions committee will review proposals before the annual meeting in order to consolidate resolutions on similar topics and be better prepared for the convention.

Send proposed resolutions to White by Nov. 1 at Box 485, Clay, Ky. 42404-0485. Submissions should be neatly written, titled and dated and should include the name, address and church of the author.



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## CLC trustee stripped of credentials at Beijing conference

BEIJING—A trustee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, sent to the United Nations World Conference on Women to represent Southern Baptists, was stripped of her credentials Sept. 12 after participating in a demonstration against the United States.

At the close of a Sept. 12 afternoon press briefing by the official U.S. delegation to the conference, Nancy Schaefer and six other women raised a banner which read "U.S. Delegation Ignores Pro-family Women."

A United Nations security guard escorted the women to a holding room, where he confiscated their badges, took photographs of the badges and instructed the women to return the next morning, Schaefer said

in a written statement.

The women did not receive their badges the next day, however, according to a staff member of Family Concerns Inc., the Atlanta ministry founded by Schaefer. Without the badges, Schaefer and the other women were virtually confined to their hotels.

Schaefer said she and the six unidentified women decided to stage the protest because they were dissatisfied with the U.S. delegation's agenda and its response to their concerns, expressed in a Sept. 11 meeting between the U.S. delegation and "pro-family" representatives.

On behalf of 21 organizations, Schaefer had written a letter Sept. 8 to Madeleine Albright, U.S. ambassa-

dor to the U.N. and head of the U.S. delegation, asking for a meeting. Groups signing the letter included Focus on the Family, Eagle Forum, Concerned Women for America, American Life League and the National Association of Evangelicals.

The U.S. delegation informed Schaefer about 90 minutes beforehand that she and others could meet with some of its members Sept. 11. Tom Minnery of Focus on the Family, Diane Knippers of the Institute on Religion and Democracy and Ellen Lucas of the International Catholic Organizations Center joined Schaefer in the meeting.

They met with nine members of the delegation, including Veronica Biggins, vice chair, and Melinda

Kimble, head of the negotiating team. Albright had returned to the United States.

In the 30-minute meeting, the four "pro-family" delegation expressed concern that the U.S. team was promoting such things as abortion, the funding of the French abortion pill RU-486, the "redefinition of the family" and the "undermining of parental rights." They also challenged the inclusion of "sexual orientation" as a protected status in the Platform for Action.

After that meeting, the women decided to make a banner to communicate their message to the media. It was made of a sheet, construction paper, pins, needle and thread, Schaefer said.

*Based on a Baptist Press report*

## Leader of black Baptist convention questions SBC resolution

DALLAS (RNS)—The president of the nation's second-largest African-American Baptist denomination has rejected the Southern Baptist Convention's apology for racism, saying more action is needed.

Edward Jones told 4,000 delegates attending the annual convention of the National Baptist Convention of America, which concluded Sept. 8 in Dallas, that the apology offered in

June by the primarily white SBC was belated and needed to be more than words.

"The civil rights struggle is still going on, and we need more than an apology," Jones declared.

Southern Baptist voices were silent during the racist atrocities of the past, Jones said. And he questioned whether the apology would have come if Southern Baptists didn't see a

need to increase their numbers by targeting the fast-growing black middle class.

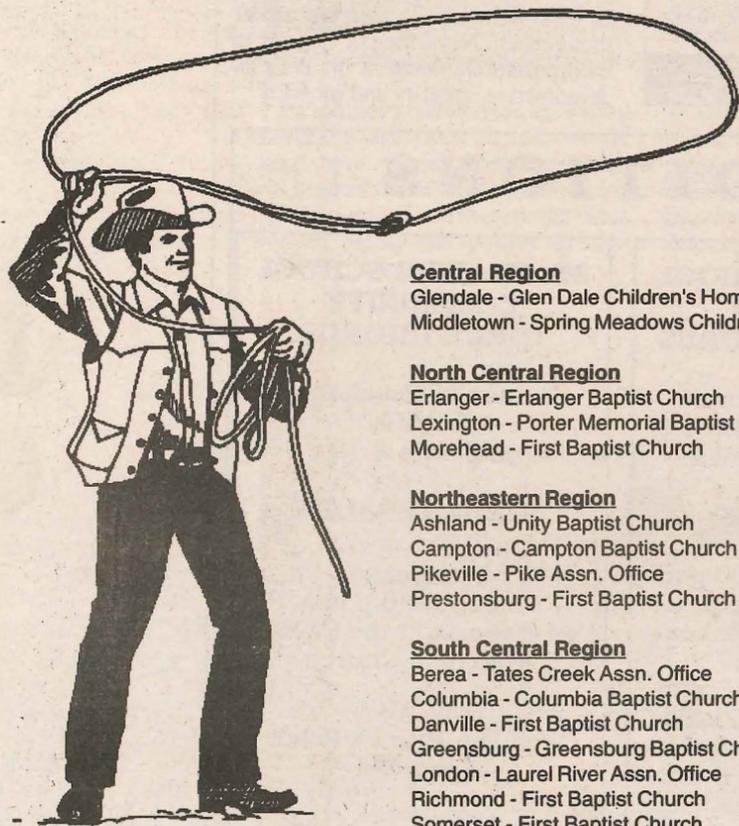
"You may say an apology is better late than never," said the convention president. "True. But is the apology valid?"

Richard Land, president of the SBC Christian Life Commission and a leader in the apology effort, said his denomination is sincere in wanting to

be more racially inclusive.

"We are not trying to steal sheep from the National Baptists," Land said. "It's never too late to do the right thing. If Rev. Jones had been in the meetings where this resolution was hammered out and ... seen the spirit of reconciliation and healing that swept through the messengers, he would have a different conclusion about this."

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Danville - First Baptist Church  
Greensburg - Greensburg Baptist Church  
London - Laurel River Assn. Office  
Richmond - First Baptist Church  
Somerset - First Baptist Church

### Southeastern Region

Hazard - First Baptist Church  
Manchester - Island Creek Baptist Church  
Pineville - First Baptist Church  
Williamsburg - Main Street Baptist Church

### Southern Region

Bowling Green - Eastwood Baptist Church  
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Morgantown - Gasper River Assn. Office  
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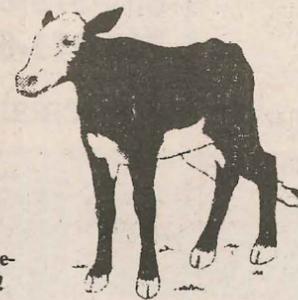
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## FINANCIAL FORUM

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By Laurie Valentine

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You may want to designate that your gift be used for a specific ministry or program, rather than giving the organization the choice on how to use the gift. You also may want to permit the organization to use only the income earned by the gifted property, an arrangement called an endowment fund.

You also have the choice of giving the gift directly to the organization or you may wish to make the gift to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for investment and management for the benefit of the causes you select.

No matter what causes you choose to support—a specific need at your church, a scholarship fund, Brotherhood disaster relief, WMU, home or foreign missions—there is a way to make a gift that will accomplish your giving objectives.

For assistance or more information about donating capital assets to Baptist causes, contact the Kentucky Baptist Foundation at (502) 245-4101.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel and acting chief operating officer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

## Church discovers orchestra within congregation

LOUISVILLE—South Jefferson Baptist Church in Louisville had an orchestra and didn't even know it.

After inviting a junior high girl to play her flute in worship, Music Minister Eric Timerding discovered she wasn't the only member of the congregation willing to play an instrument.

A clarinetist came forward to volunteer her services, then five more

flutists, two alto saxophone players, a tenor saxophone player, four trumpeters, a baritone player, a violinist, a viola player, a percussionist and two pianists.

The group ranged in experience from first-year trumpet and violin students to some adults who hadn't played since high school days. So Timerding began by rehearsing simple hymn arrangements with his new-

found orchestra.

After beginning rehearsals in January 1995, the orchestra played for the church for the first time in February. They now rehearse weekly and have played for the church once a month, except during the summer.

The church apparently likes what they hear: they recently agreed to purchase orchestrated versions of the Baptist Hymnal.

### Correspondent writes book

LOUISVILLE—Ken Walker, a freelance writer and state correspondent for the Western Recorder, has co-authored a new book, released this month by Broadman & Holman.

"Warriors" is the story of Tom Sirotnak's journey to faith in Jesus Christ after a life of wild partying, drinking and sexual immorality.

Sirotnak was captain of the University of California's football team in the early 1980s. In this book, he says his previous pursuit of a macho image was wrong. Standing up for Christian values in today's world is the toughest and most rewarding job a man can take on, he declares.

Walker is a member of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville and is a frequent contributor to the Western Recorder, Baptist Press, Home Life magazine and other Baptist periodicals.

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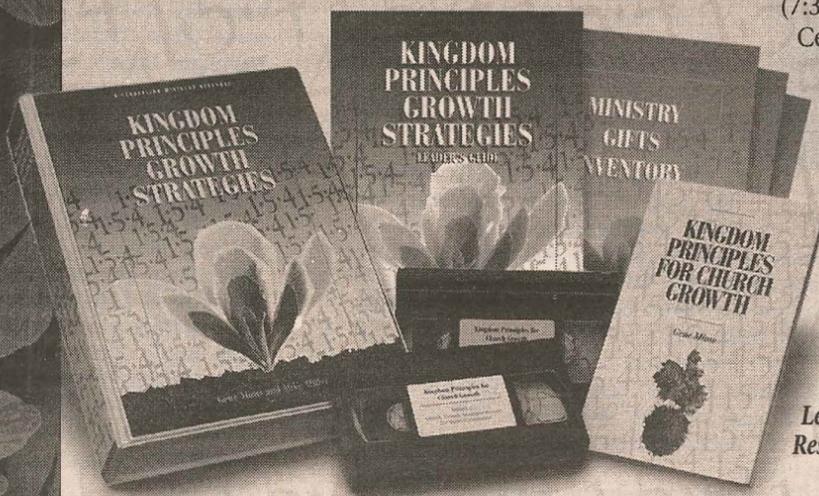
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- Egor Vedenyapin, an eye surgeon and Baptist leader in Tambov, Russia, who has hepatitis C and has been on interferon for a year. Due to stress, Egor has fallen ill again and now has liver problems. He will be hospitalized for two months.
- Michelle St. Clair, International Service Corps volunteer in Penza, Russia.
- Planning for the Kentucky-Boston partnership.
- Safe travel for Lavid Robertson of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and his wife as they travel to Louisville.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CADIZ**—Canton Church celebrated its annual homecoming Sept. 10. Oak Grove Church celebrated its homecoming Aug. 27. Also, the church hosted the migrant ministry Aug. 13 with 15 migrant workers present.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Robinson Creek Church celebrated its homecoming Sept. 10.

■ **CROMWELL**—Green River Church called **Larry Brown** as pastor.

■ **ELKTON**—Elkton Church ordained **Tim Carter**, **Johnny Knuckles** and **Terry Rager** as deacons Sept. 17.

■ **ELSMERE**—**Michael T. Smith** resigned as pastor of Elsmere Church Aug. 31, to become minister of music and education at Southside Church in Covington.

■ **FULTON**—First Church called **John David Laida** as interim pastor.

■ **GEORGETOWN**—Dry Run Church called **Greg Humpert** as pastor. He previously served at Trinity Church in Hopkinsville. Also, the church will hold homecoming Oct. 15, with **Harold Polk** as speaker.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Carlisle Avenue Church will honor **Mildred Stelzer** with a reception on her 40th anniversary as secretary and hostess from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 24.

Gethsemane Church will hold a tent revival Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 16-18 at 7 p.m. **Ron Towles**, pastor of Hillcrest Church, will be the evangelist. **David Kerr** will be the music evangelist. **David Livingston** is pastor.

■ **NICHOLASVILLE**—Edgewood Church called **Kyle Wiley** as minister of youth and education. Wiley previously served as minister of youth at Bethlehem Church in Mount Eden.

■ **OLATON**—Fairview Church called and ordained **Charles Brown** as pastor.

■ **PHILPOT**—Dawson Church celebrated its 90th homecoming Sept. 10. The church presented a drama of the life of the church performed by church members.

■ **PRINCETON**—Caldwell Blue Spring Church celebrated homecoming Sept. 3.

■ **RUSSELLVILLE**—First Church called **Art Rogers** as minister of youth and associate pastor.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Bardstown Junction Church called **Gene Smith** as minister of youth. He previously was interim minister of youth.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**WANTED:** 15-passenger van in good condition to buy for church. (502) 477-2047.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth and children's minister. Send resumé to: Search Committee, Ballardsville Baptist Church, 4912 Hwy. 53, Crestwood, KY 40014.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of Barbourville is currently accepting resúmes and applications for minister of music and education. All resúmes should be sent to 201 North Main Street, Barbourville, KY 40906, Attn: Search Committee.

**CARE:** Kinnett Care. Services include live-in and hourly care, personal care, meals, housekeeping, companionship. Free in-home assessment; insured and bonded. Call 24 hours, (502) 499-7777.

**SEEKING:** Minister to children at Broadway Baptist Church. Part-time position. Please send resumé to: Children's Minister Search Committee, Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.

**FOR SALE:** 3.5-ton G.E. heat pump, A/C works only—no heat. Approximately 10 years old. Also, 3 brand-new urinals. Call Danny Perkins, Calvary Christian Center (502) 538-6994, P.O. Box 416, Mt. Washington, KY 40047.

**WANTED:** Blood River Baptist Association is searching for a director of missions. Please send resumé to: Blood River Association, P.O. Box 18, Hardin, KY 42048, Attn: Search Committee.

**SEEKING:** Part-time music/youth director (will consider someone interested in just the music position). Send resumé to First Baptist Church, P.O. 577, Lebanon Junction, KY 40150; phone (502) 833-4954.

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**SEEKING:** Part-time song leader; Sunday services and adult choir. Contact Irvington Baptist Church, Box 371, Irvington, KY 40146; phone (502) 547-4705.

**SECURITY:** Need security at church, business or home? Call Bob at ADT Security Systems, Lexington, (606) 254-0837 or (502) 343-4056.

**FOR RENT:** Sanibel Island, Florida: 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo available for vacation rental. Large pool, tennis courts, bikes, canoe, kayak, screened porch, lovely secluded beach. Weekly rates August-December 16, \$550. Call Pat Owen, (502) 895-8752.

## Angels rejoice in heaven over one soul who repents

Last Wednesday night was a special occasion for our school and church. We witnessed the baptisms of three young people. Two were sons of two of our faculty/staff and the third was a dorm student.

The children who were baptized were the sons of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Walton. Walton first came to Oneida as a junior in high school from Georgetown. He graduated in 1973 and never forgot the blessing Oneida was to him. His wife, Cheryl, is our art teacher. Their sons, Cory and Zachary, were baptized on Bill's and Cheryl's 20th anniversary.

The third young man to be baptized was a sophomore. Ace came to Oneida after failing the seventh grade. He was especially weak in math. We did not feel that Ace was in need of our Special Help program, but did need the structure Oneida had to offer.

At the end of seventh grade, Ace had a 2.88 grade point average. That put him on the honor roll for most of the year. He made nearly all B's in math that year.

At the end of his eighth grade year Ace had a 2.63 g.p.a. and was again on the honor roll. He did not do as well last year, but still managed to stay on the honor roll. He took Algebra I last year and made a C average for the year. Not too bad for a boy who was very weak in math.

Ace was in the choir last year and spent over half of his Sundays traveling with the choir and me to dozens of churches. He nearly always has a smile on his face and is a blessing to be around.

One week after school started this year he accepted Christ into his life. He knows it will not be easy and there will be many times of trials and temptations, but he is excited about having Jesus in his heart.

Ace is active in our Baptist Student Union. He has had his eye on a certain young lady who

is also a Christian, and I feel she had some influence in his decision.

Our BSU has been a real blessing to our young people over the years. We recently dedicated our BSU center in honor of Martha Bain Rice, who founded our BSU in 1949. We had the first high school BSU in Kentucky and the second in the nation. There are only six high school BSUs today.

I remember well our BSU meetings and the blessing the fellowship was to me. As a young Christian, it was a blessing to spend time with other Christians and be reminded of our responsibilities to the other students, especially the lost.

Last week our BSU sponsors took the group leaders off campus for a time of prayer, devotions, testimony and fellowship. Several came back and commented about the sincerity and concern these students have for others.

One BSU sponsor told me that it was the best group he had worked with, and that he had high expectations about the influence these young people were going to have on the other students.

We try to share with our students the need of Christ in their lives. We hope that between Sunday school, church on Sunday morning and evening, chapel every school day, BSU and having faculty/staff who are concerned Christians, we will be able to lead them to the Lord.

While we rejoice over those who become Christians, we also grieve over those who do not. Please pray that we will be able to influence our students in a way that will lead them to the Lord.

Thank you for helping us minister to these young people.

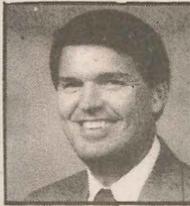
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### THIS IS ONEIDA



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### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Following the call at age 57

Jesse Baxter thought he was doing enough: "I kept saying, 'I'm a deacon; I teach Sunday school; I'm doing this and that.' But I felt the Lord calling me again."

This time he listened. He told his wife Daisy he was quitting his job, they were selling their house, and he was enrolling in Clear Creek Bible College.

The Baxters have followed each other's directions since they married June 23, 1955, after meeting at the Shelby Theatre on April Fool's Day that year.

They were both 17, neither active in church. Baxter started going to church when he was about 23: "The only reason I even went then was because some good friends at Highland Baptist kept insisting. I went to get them off my back. I went and was saved."

Most longtime residents in the community knew Baxter out of the pew, though. He worked 22 years as an attendant at Cubert's Chevron at 11th and Main. For the past three years he worked for Tom Engle Chevron in Middletown. "My employer even offered me a bigger raise to stay. The money is not it. I want to be involved in vocational ministry," he explained.

After 30 years at Highland, the Baxters wanted to minister at Henderson House Mission of First Baptist. He began to assist

the Rev. Marvin Byrdwell with Bible study, coffee house support group and children's classes at the mission of Main Street. He also taught the sanctuary Sunday school class at FBC.

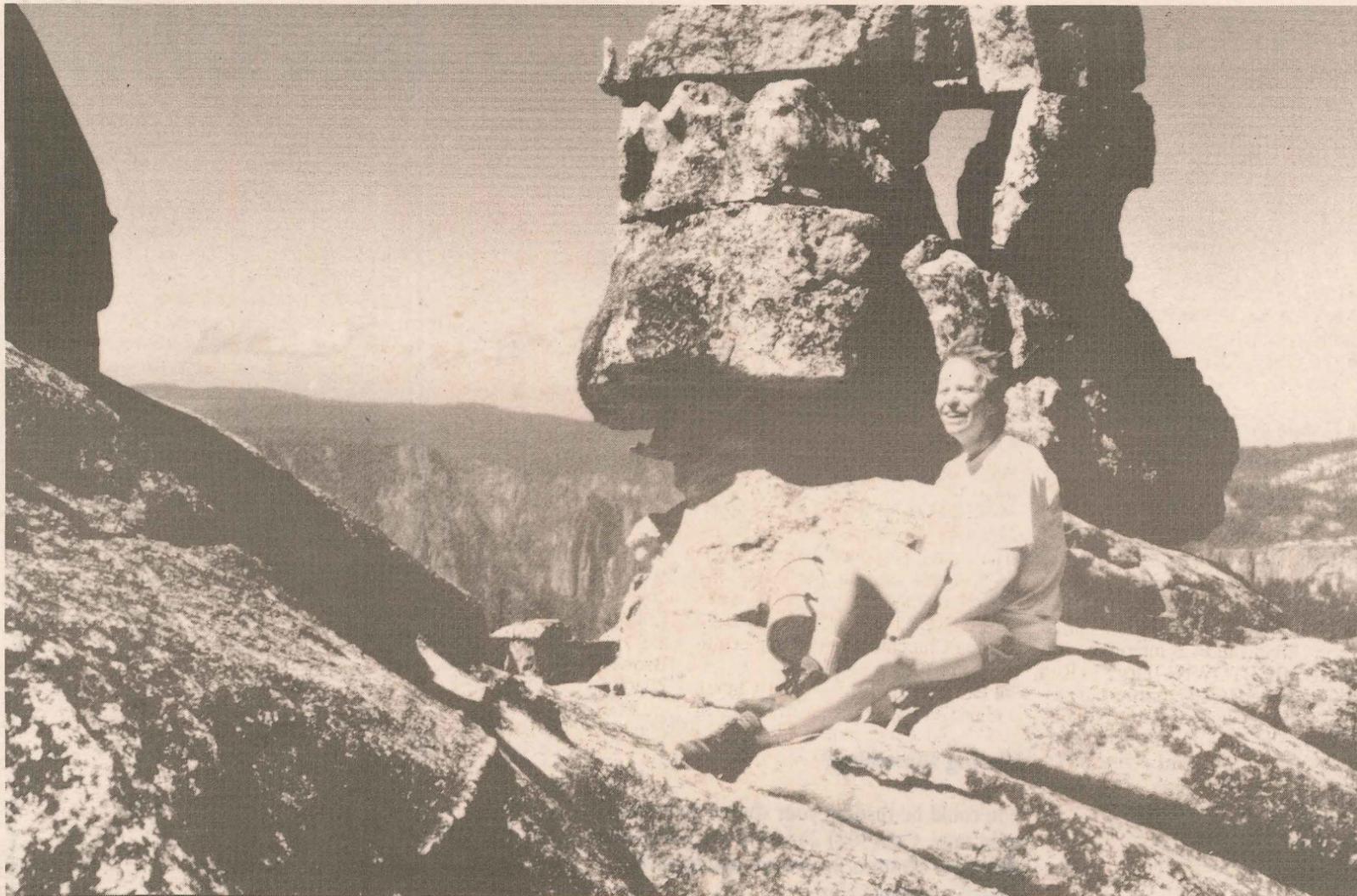
Baxter was moderator, Brotherhood director and finance director for Shelby Baptist Association, and executive board member with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Daisy, who has cared for children in their home, served as Woman's Missionary Union director, Baptist Women director, Sunday school teacher at a nursing home and nursery worker throughout the same time. She said about her husband's ministry decision: "I felt it coming for several years. I wasn't a bit surprised. I am 100 percent behind him."

Baxter had mixed emotions as he looked ahead to the commitment. The 57-year-old said, "I am excited, enthused, ... it's a great spiritual blessing but at the same time, I go with fear and with questions if it's going to work out. Yet, at the same time, God will take care of us. ... I am going with the assurance of the prayer support of First Baptist and knowing that God will lead me."

(Thanks to Duanne Puckett, Shelbyville Sentinel-News editor)

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# MISSIONS



**HIGH CALLING** Home missionary Steve Hughes (left) combines student missions and outdoor adventure programs with Christian outreach to the 2,400 employees and 4 million annual visitors to Yosemite National Park. Adrian Holguin (below), was one of several Home Mission Board Innovators assigned to work with Hughes this summer. Holguin, 25, is from Albuquerque, N.M. (BP photo by David Winfrey)

## 'Mountaintop' experiences abound for missionary in Yosemite National Park

By David Winfrey  
SBC Home Mission Board

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (BP)—The first time Steve Hughes came to Yosemite National Park, the central Texan barely knew a backpack from the backcountry.

But after 19 years in resort missions, Hughes has become as adept at camping and chucking rocks at bears as he is at evangelism, ministry and teaching.

Since 1990 he has directed Yosemite Resort Ministries, combining student missions and outdoor adventure programs with Christian outreach to the park's 2,400 employees and 4 million annual visitors.

Hughes' mission field may be the most picturesque of any in America. From Half Dome's peak to Yosemite Falls, the park features dramatic landmarks drawing tourists from around the world.

But the remoteness from other Southern Baptists and the transitory nature of park workers combine to make this rocky soil to cultivate, in more ways than one.

"In a resort setting, it's about five years before people say, 'Maybe they're OK,' and seven or nine years before they say, 'Maybe they're staying,'" he explained.

While Hughes' ministry is long-term, he uses short-term college students for the summer staff of Yosemite Resort Ministries. School is in session each summer as Hughes offers hands-on home missions train-

ing.

This year, 38 students led projects ranging from Bible studies and tourists' worship walks to prayer meetings and Christian sports clinics for local residents.

"My ministry in the summer is to expose students to different viewpoints of ministry," said Hughes, 38. "So many people are scared of trying something new because it might fail."

Most students serve as Innovators, a program coordinated by the Home Mission Board. They raise their own support working in the park, and they participate in ministries afterward. Hughes encourages students to befriend co-workers and be open to witnessing opportunities.

"The thing I love about the Innovators is it's often the first time they've had a close relationship with a non-Christian," he said.

Hughes tries to instill in them the same enthusiasm for Christian ministry he gained in 1975, when as a 19-year-old he tried a summer experiment in backcountry witnessing.

Bill Sims—Hughes' predecessor at Yosemite—recruited him and two other Texas A&M students for eight weeks of hiking and sharing the gospel with anyone they met on the trail or at their campsite.

"I had never been backpacking in my whole life," Hughes recalled. "It was quite the eye-opening experience for me. God used it as a real builder for my faith."

The trio stopped only once a week to share their testimonies with a

church. "They would give us a love offering to buy our backpacking food for the next week."

Not all their contacts professed faith in Jesus Christ, but as Baptist Johnny Appleseeds they sowed the gospel with hundreds of hikers, preparing the way for other Christians to harvest.

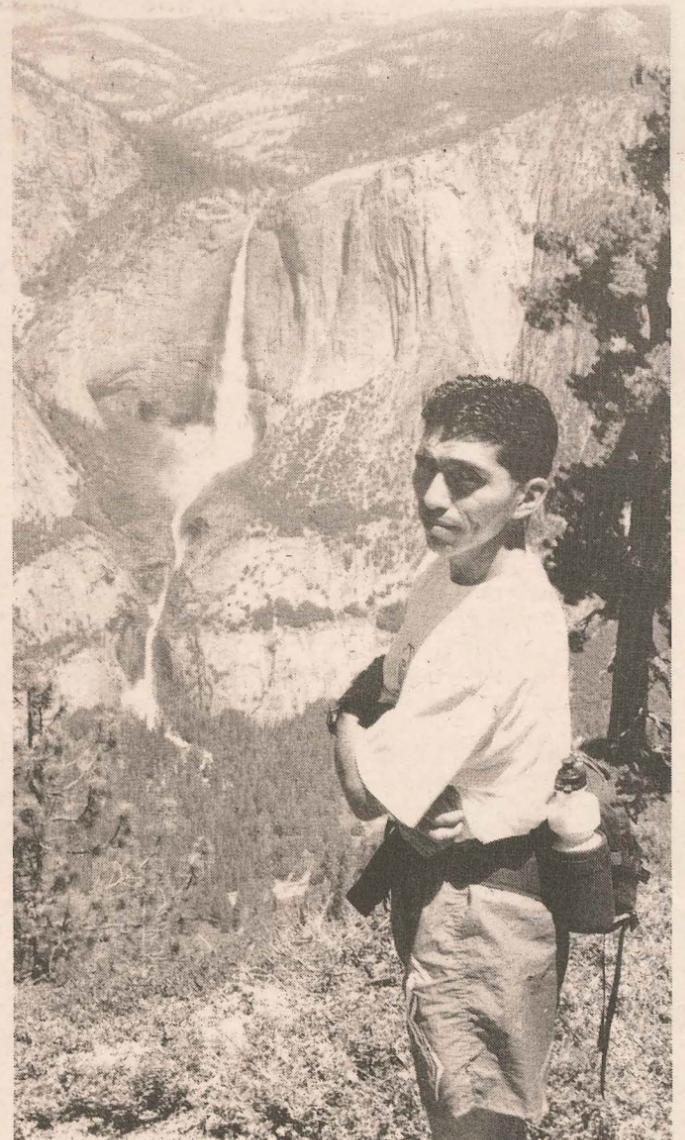
"In any witnessing situation, hopefully you will leave the impact of the gospel in their lives so the next time someone shares Christ with them they'll be more open to it," Hughes said. "You see that little gleam in their eye that says they understand a little more."

Hughes said he felt the call to resort missions that summer. After college he taught school—a job that left his summers free for directing backpacking ministries in Texas' Big Bend National Park.

In 1990, he was asked to direct Yosemite Resort Ministries. "This job is what I always dreamed of in college," he said. "It was 14 years later until I got a full-time job doing this."

In addition to directing students in the summer, Hughes serves as pastor of a church in El Portal, a community just outside the park gate. Hughes hopes to focus on growing the congregation of about 50 in the next couple of years as the Park Service expands housing there.

He also hopes members will take ownership of more ministry opportunities in the park, to continue them year-round—not just when the Innovators come in the summer.



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