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## Kentucky WMU selects Kay Trisler as next leader

By Marv Knox  
Editor

CEDARMORE—Kay Trisler of Harrodsburg has been elected executive director of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Trisler, 53, succeeds Dee Gilliland, who will retire after 11 years as leader of the missions education/action organization. Trisler will become executive director-elect Nov. 1.

The Danville native is president of Kentucky WMU and a vice president of national WMU.

Numerous individuals recommended Trisler, reported Delores Spears of Paducah, chair of the search committee. And the committee agreed, she added, noting, "We pursued her; she didn't pursue us."

Trisler possesses the qualifications the committee sought in a leader—thorough knowledge of WMU, skills and experience in administration, and proven leadership, Spears said.

"In her quiet way, she gets things done," she said.

The Kentucky WMU executive board approved the committee's recommendation last weekend.

"I was not looking for a professional ministry," Trisler recalled. "I



WMU LEADER Kay Trisler (center) has been elected to succeed Dee Gilliland (left) as executive director of Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Delores Spears (right) chaired the search committee that nominated Trisler.

was perfectly happy. ... But the Lord has led me in the past few years, through mentors and friends, to feel I was going to do something different."

Trisler praised Gilliland and her predecessor, Kathryn Akridge. "Our organization is so much better because of them," she said.

Trisler is on the national WMU board that approved a reorganization designed to provide flexibility, engage more members in missions and involve younger women.

She is excited about WMU's future. "The Lord is doing a new thing, and I have a vision for what I'd like to

see us do," she said. Her vision involves helping women and enabling them to "use their gifts for a mission lifestyle."

"I don't have a tangible talent. I can't play the piano, sing or write," she said. "My gift is recognizing gifts in others and encouraging them to use those gifts. Women who are older and middle-aged still have wonderful gifts they must share with younger women, and the best is encouragement."

WMU's greatest challenge is dealing with change, she said. That involves implementing a new flexible structure that emphasizes action, while maintaining WMU's traditional strengths—missions education and prayer for missionaries.

Trisler is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ashland Community College. She is a member of the KBC Executive Board's administrative committee and has been a Western Recorder director and member of the KBC nominating committee.

Her husband, John, is an executive with Lexmark International and a director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. They are members of Harrodsburg Baptist Church. They have two children and a granddaughter.

## Jesus modeled social ministry, Hemphill claims

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—The Bible supports social ministry as an important way to do evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Ken Hemphill claimed.

Effective ministry begins with a vision of the brokenness of humanity, he stressed during the seminary's Melton Institute.

"Jesus was on the way to the Passover feast when he saw a man lying by the pool of Bethesda who had lain there for 38 years," he noted. "People had ignored the man all his life, but Jesus saw him and healed him."

Christians must have a strategy for meeting needs, he said, noting Jesus began at the person's point of need, and that's what churches must do.

But more than meeting physical needs, the church must point out the answer to every person's deepest need—a relationship with Jesus Christ, he said.

"Social ministry will fail if we do not share Christ with people," he insisted.

Social ministry has been at the center of events at Southwestern's sister school, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Southern President Al Mohler is attempting to sell its social work school, claiming the ethics of social work "is not congruent" with the seminary's aims.

## Change takes blame for lack of commitment

By Linda Lawson  
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Challenges caused by change keep Americans from making long-term commitments, a consultant who analyzes emerging trends told Baptist leaders.

Americans talk about "where I currently live, where I currently work or where I currently go to church," Edie Weiner, president of Weiner, Edrich, Brown, Inc. of New York, said during an annual issues briefing at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"We have been through two and one-half decades of so many transitions that it is not transitions but transitionings that are driving us," Weiner said.

As a result, "we are all in a period of social schizophrenia," she added. "We are training our minds to develop alternative, parallel worlds to live in so we can cope with the transitionings that are a part of life."

In addition to their impact on individuals, transitionings also affect church and work, she noted.

In churches, one positive impact may be that "people want more spiritual fulfillment" to cope with change.

At work, many people have more to do than ever before, due to downsizings, but in a time of transitionings, it is important that they have the time to develop new skills, interests and relationships, Weiner said.

"At a time when we need people to be flexible, we've created a situation where people, of necessity, are more rigid," she observed.

Weiner presented what she called a "trends sampler" of social, econom-

ic, political and technological issues. "The challenge," she said, "is to understand the broad range of issues affecting us over the next five to 10 years." Weiner predicted:

■ The way family is defined will continue to change. "In every single society that moves from agricultural to industrial, divorce rates go up," she said, "because wealth is portable and jobs are available."

Less traditional household models that will increase in the next 10 years include the single male head of household with children; parentless households, where children are being raised by neither biological parent; senior adults living with non-relatives; and "true multinational households," where a person works and earns income in one country and sends it to family members living in another.

■ The middle class will meet its demise in the United States. Weiner emphasized she was not talking about the extinction of middle-income people, but the end of a set of values and norms "that enabled us to judge ourselves and our loved ones to determine if we were on track."

The philosophical underpinnings of middle-class values include the notions that children will do better in life than their parents; education guarantees lifelong employment; a well-funded, secure retirement can be assured; and family relationships can remain stable.

"Many of these assumptions have been destroyed," she conceded.

On the other hand, a new professional servant class is increasing. This class is comprised of well-educated people who, "due to downsizing or disillusionment," are operating ser-

vices for everything from cooking, to hospitality, lawn and garden, house cleaning and physical fitness.

■ Americans are "moving away from racism, but we are moving toward classism." Weiner cited the increase in interracial marriages and the larger number of people who can't claim a particular racial identity.

"People don't have a problem with educated, middle-income people of any race moving into their neighborhood," Weiner said. "They do have a problem with the poor moving in."

■ Through international travel and virtual reality entertainment systems, people can experience life in the past, present and future.

"You can go to Epcot (at Disney World) and experience in one weekend more than your grandparents did in their lifetimes," Weiner said.

Also, she noted, children's brains are being challenged earlier with more experience and information. The results are boredom and burnout.

While some people have expressed surprise that sales of books are increasing at the same time more material is available on video and computer, she said the value of reading is to "slow down the pace."

■ The pace of technological advances will continue to increase. Technology and time today are measured in nano units, or "billionths of" a unit or second, she noted.

The use of nano-technology "enables individuals to operate like Dow Jones, McGraw-Hill or the Sunday School Board," she said. For example, a type of periodical flourishing today is the so-called "zine," a magazine designed for an audience of less than 100 people.

## State conventions to tap key issues in fall meetings

By Bob Allen  
Associated Baptist Press

proposal calls for raising the share remaining in Texas by 2.5 percent, to 67 percent.

Texas Baptist leaders say new churches are needed to reach a growing unchurched population, particularly among the state's 5 million Hispanic residents and 3.8 million apartment dwellers. SBC leaders say the cut will hurt Baptist work in America and around the world.

Some observers suggest the cut is motivated by politics. Conservatives control the SBC, but leaders of the 2.5-million-member Texas convention mostly are moderates.

Both sides have fielded candidates for Texas offices. The moderate Texas Baptists Committed is backing Charles Wade, a pastor from Arlington, for president. A conservative group, Southern Baptists of Texas, is supporting Gary Miller, a pastor in Fort Worth.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will consider a change in the way it funds home missions within the state. Under the proposal, the state will continue to send 37 percent of its unified budget to the SBC but will deduct from that portion about \$250,000 to pay for home missions work in Mississippi.

That is about how much normally would come back to Mississippi from the Home Mission Board for joint projects. In the new arrangement, the HMB would no longer send money to Mississippi but also would lose control over work in the state.

The Atlanta-based HMB would receive the same amount from Mississippi in 1996 as in 1995 because of a budget surplus anticipated at the end of the year, said Bill Causey, Mississippi Baptist executive director.

Oklahoma Baptists also will consider cutting back on gifts to the SBC. A proposed budget calls for reducing by 2 percent the SBC's share of the Cooperative Program, to 40 percent.

Oklahoma leaders said they still support the SBC, but they cited a series of budget deficits as reason for keeping more money in the state.

In addition to Texas, contested presidential races are expected in:

■ Louisiana, where Slidell pastor Michael Claunch is being backed for president by Louisiana Baptists Speaking the Truth in Love, a group formed to promote a "conservative resurgence" in the state. He will oppose Eddie Simmons, a pastor from Lake Charles.

■ Arkansas, where Baptists will

elect a new president after being led two years by an avowed conservative, Ronnie Rogers, a pastor from Hot Springs. Observers expect both moderates and conservatives to put up candidates, but neither side has announced nominees.

■ North Carolina, which will elect a president to succeed two-term moderate Alfred Ayscue. Conservatives are expected to back Greg Mathis, a pastor in Hendersonville, who says he is unaligned. Moderates are backing elder statesman Dewey Hobbs, a retired pastor and convention leader.

Baptists in Alabama and Florida will consider colleges. A committee studying Alabama Baptists' affiliation with Samford University is recommending a "new paradigm" for the way the state convention relates to institutions. Samford trustees voted last year to make their board self-perpetuating rather than chosen by the state convention. Under the new pattern, the Birmingham school could offer its slate of board members for the state convention to affirm but not amend.

The Florida Baptist Convention is expected to sever its 112-year relationship with Stetson University over the school's new policy allowing students to use alcohol on campus.

### Transition concerns Brotherhood

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Reorganization of the Southern Baptist Convention topped concerns among trustees of the SBC Brotherhood Commission during their fall meeting.

The commission is slated to merge with the SBC Home Mission Board and Radio and Television Commission into the North American Mission Board. The merger was approved as part of the convention's overall reorganization, and it will cause Brotherhood functions to be relocated from Memphis to Atlanta.

Brotherhood trustees adopted a motion recommending pay incentives for current Brotherhood employees and a resolution of support for employees. They also voiced concern about maintaining the commission's mission and staff.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—Three states will consider altering Southern Baptist Convention funding, several are gearing up for partisan presidential races, while others plan to discuss their relationships with colleges at Baptist state conventions this fall.

Conventions in Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma will consider proposals to cut back on SBC support.

Several moderate state conventions have adapted their funding of the SBC to respond to conservatives' control of the national organization. Adding to the flux this year is a massive SBC reorganization that will reshape denominational agencies and redefine cooperation between national and state conventions.

Texas Baptists will consider cutting state funding to the SBC by about \$1.5 million next year to pay for a five-year project to start 1,400 churches.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas currently forwards to the SBC 35.5 cents out of every mission dollar received from churches through the Cooperative Program. A

## Baptist women worldwide to observe day of prayer Nov. 6

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Baptist women around the world will gather Nov. 6 to observe the 47th Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

The annual event, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance women's department, calls on women to pray for their Baptist sisters around the world, many of whom live under intense persecution and in severe conditions because of their faith.

The emphasis also challenges women to aid ministry efforts among the world's women. In 1994, the offering totalled \$430,000. Half was forwarded to the BWA women's department for worldwide projects. The rest supported ministries sponsored by the six continental unions.

This year's day of prayer will involve 25 million Baptist women from 100 countries and 156 Baptist wom-

en's unions/conventions.

"The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer provides a wonderful opportunity for Baptist women to remember their sisters around the world," said department President Mercy Jeyaraja Rao from Vishakapatnam, India.

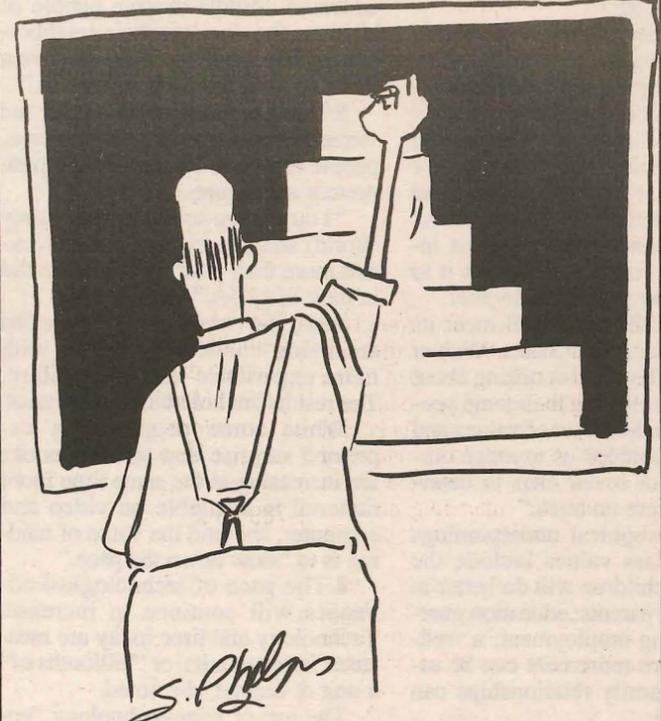
"It is a beautiful experience to know that from the beginning of the day to the late hours of the night, Baptist women are gathered around the

world praying for each other," she noted.

The program for the 1995 day of prayer is included in the current issue of Dimension magazine, produced by Woman's Missionary Union.

Information also may be obtained by contacting the BWA women's department at 6733 Curran St., McLean VA 22101-6005; phone 703-790-8980.

### Former Multi-level Marketing superstar Claude Hoffenpopper teaches evangelism



"You don't have to lead anyone to Christ personally, you just need to sign up ten people who will, who'll sign up ten more people who'll ..."

### BAPTIST BITS

■ **BP, WMU 'net-working.'** Baptist Press and Woman's Missionary Union have set up Southern Baptists' first "home page" offerings on the Internet's World Wide Web. The home page address for Baptist Press is <http://www.goshen.net/BaptistPress> (with only "B" and "P" in Baptist Press capitalized). The WMU address is <http://www/wmu.com/wmu>.

■ **FMB personalizes missions.** Churches can "adopt" an unreached people group Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board leaders told participants in the third Creative Access Network conference. "It's not the task of the Foreign Mission Board to do missions for Southern Baptists, because the Great Commission was given to every believer and every church," FMB President Jerry Rankin said. Instead, the board should "mobilize the resources of Southern Baptists to help them ... reach the world for Jesus Christ."

■ **Brotherhood births MissionKids.** Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission trustees have approved further development of a coed missions education program. MissionKids is

to be offered to children in grades 1 through 6 and is aimed at churches that do not currently offer children's missions education programs, commission officials said. Brotherhood already sponsors Royal Ambassadors for boys in those grades; Girls in Action is the Woman's Missionary Union program for girls.

■ **Ethics center hires Smith.** The Baptist Center for Ethics has hired Harold Smith, a former longtime editor for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, as its project coordinator. Smith will develop study guides and other printed resources, offer leadership training in local churches and help the 4-year-old agency broaden its outreach, said the center's executive director, Robert Parham.

■ **Charges dropped.** The misuse-of-funds case against Florida pastor Bob Parker has been dropped, according to his friend and fellow pastor, Mike Routt of Ashland. A state court ruled against Parker in 1994, demanding that he open the records for the church where he was pastor, First Baptist Church of Markham Woods in Lake Mary. Church mem-

ber Ann Haynes claimed Parker did not properly account for use of a \$416,334 bequest given to the church. Although attorneys and plaintiffs in the case did not return phone calls, deacons who sided with Haynes "have since apologized," Routt reported.

■ **Indiana goes interstate.** The Indiana Baptist, a 5,500-circulation newspaper lauded by Southern Baptist Convention political conservatives for its support for the SBC's "conservative resurgence," has launched an edition for the denomination's largest state convention, Texas. Southern Baptists of Texas, the state's conservative political group, wrapped its four-page newsletter, The Plumline, around the Indiana Baptist and mailed it to 6,000 Texas Baptists in advance of the annual state convention. Indiana Editor Gary Ledbetter called it "a more convenient way" for the Texas group to communicate. Toby Druin, editor-elect of Texas' Baptist Standard, questioned whether the venture, "which is almost totally supported by Cooperative Program funds, is in the best interests of Indiana Baptists."

## Owensboro pastor trades dry land for Navy posting

By Joyce Sweeney Martin  
Staff Writer

OWENSBORO—Pastor Dan Stallard has traded the dry land of Kentucky for the high seas of the Naval Chaplaincy Corps in Yokosuka, Japan.

Yokosuka has the U.S. Navy's largest command religious program. An average of 2,000 sailors worship weekly.

Stallard's interest in chaplaincy began while he was a Marine serving on Okinawa, said his wife, Donna. They spent eight years there, shortly after they married.

After that tour, his mother predicted he would become a military chaplain some day.

In 1991, Stallard began pursuing endorsement as a Southern Baptist chaplain. After graduating from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in 1991, he enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a degree in pastoral care and counseling in 1994. And for the past 26 months, he completed the required two years of pastoral experience at Pleasant Memorial Baptist Church in Owensboro.

Under his leadership the church received 50 new members, doubled Sunday school attendance to 75 and started a deaf ministry.

Stallard also was a member of the Owensboro/Daviess County Marriage Savers task force that designed a community policy on pre-marital counseling. He was chaplain of the Widowed Person's Service and worked in a homeless shelter.

In preparation for his duties, Stallard is attending the Naval Chaplains School in Newport, R.I.

The Stallards and their son Justin, 12, and daughters Tyler, 9, and Hannah, 4, expect to leave for Japan Dec. 1.

## Camenisch sings & dances for missions

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer

STANFORD—Kentucky Baptist Mike Camenisch has joined six other performing artists taking their song and dance—and a passion for ministry—on the road with MissionsUSA Live.

A native of Stanford and member of Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Lexington, Camenisch lacks one semester to graduate from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in communications.

Meanwhile, he's taking a year off to travel with MissionsUSA Live, the second performance team to tour the United States promoting home missions. The team's itinerary includes several stops in Kentucky this week.

"We were put together by the Home Mission Board for the purpose of promoting home missions and raising awareness and presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ through the creative and performing arts," Camenisch explained. "We go out and educate people about home missions. And we encourage them to become missionaries right where they are."

Group members, ranging in age from 19 to 25, serve through the HMB as semester missionaries. They began two weeks of intensive training Aug. 26, and eased into a full-time performance schedule. They travel, perform and lead worship for several weeks at a time.

The seven-member Atlanta-based team was created with next summer's Olympics in mind, Camenisch explained.

The group performs mostly in churches and on college campuses. As summer approaches and the focus turns toward Olympic ministry, performances will concentrate more on conferences and marketplace ministry, he said.

"The reason I'm on this team is to share the gospel with others," he said. "God has given me these talents for a reason—to share his word through interpretive movement and drama and music."

Camenisch took piano for 14 years and polished his creative skills in church and school musical ensembles



MISSIONS PROMOTERS Mike Camenisch (left) of Stanford is a member of MissionsUSA Live, a traveling entertainment troupe that promotes home missions.

as well as on summer resort missions teams at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Despite his talent and determination to find creative methods for ministry, Camenisch also encountered considerable disappointment.

"I tried out for the Son Teams all four years (of college) and never made any of them," he said, referring to the popular summer performing arts/ministry teams organized by the Kentucky Baptist student ministries department. He also was turned down for work at Centrifuge and for several positions in Baptist Student Union.

But after four years, God has worked through MissionsUSA Live to show Camenisch how the pieces of his life fit together, he said. "It's been wonderful so far, because I'm meeting all kinds of people. I'm going places and meeting people who are doing what I feel God wants me to do."

However, performance-oriented jobs shouldn't be glamorized too much, Camenisch warned. "Everything's not all wonderful and glorious," he acknowledged. "It's a lot of hard work. We have our share of problems to overcome."

One of those problems is learning to adjust to living with "six brothers and sisters," Camenisch explained.

On the road, the team travels to-

gether in a conversion van, spending practically all their time together. At their home base, they share a missionary house owned by North River Baptist Church in Roswell, Ga.

So when they aren't living under the stress of traveling and performing together, they are sharing household duties—washing dishes, vacuuming, mowing the yard and cooking, he said.

But Camenisch believes the team's ministry is worth the adjustments and hard work. And he believes God will continue to show him how to use his creative talent in ministry, he said.

"God has promised he'll always be there," he noted. "I take great courage and hope in knowing he's worked in my life since I was little. I joyfully anticipate what's to come."

MissionsUSA Live's calendar is filling quickly, but requests still are being accepted. To book the group, call (770) 591-4872.

MissionsUSA Live will perform in Kentucky this week. They will participate in the Wednesday evening service at First Baptist Church in Morehead Nov. 1 and at Morehead State University's BSU meeting Nov. 2. They will be featured at Solid Rock Cafe, a Christian coffee house in London, at 7 p.m. Nov. 3.

## BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ "The Minister's Wife: Packaging Herself for Christmas," will be the theme of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn Showroom in Owensboro. The event will feature dinner, a Christmas fashion show and entertainment by Alma Randolph. Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance or at the door. For reservations, contact Linda Hopson, 1637 Sioux Pl., Owensboro, Ky. 42303.

■ Kentucky Baptist Women in Ministry will hold its annual luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 14 in the Ohio Room of the Ramada Inn in Owensboro. Carolyn Hale, coordinating secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, will preach. Tickets cost \$9.50, and reservations are required. To order, contact Sherry McGlaughlin at First Baptist Church, Box 113, Winchester, Ky. 40391; phone (606) 744-2884.

■ Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Norton Lectures will feature theologian James William McClendon Jr. at 10 a.m. Nov. 7 and 9 in the seminary's Alumni Chapel and Nov. 8 in Heeren Hall. McClendon, a faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary, will speak on "What Can Christians Know?"

■ Campbellsville College's first music audition day will be Nov. 11 on the college campus in Campbellsville. Other audition days will be Feb. 24 and March 23. For more information, contact music instructor Nevalyn Moore at (502) 789-5342.

## Proposal for transition of Cedarmore nearing completion

By Marv Knox  
Editor

The committee charged with planning the transition of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's relationship to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly is close to completing its task, Chairman Bob Browning reported.

Cedarmore has been the object of two studies in the past five years. Last December, the KBC Executive Board followed up the second study by voting 105-36 "to develop a plan to terminate the ownership and management responsibility" of the camp.

That vote has raised protest from several Kentucky Baptist churches and associations. They have declared the KBC would be derelict in its duty to children and teenagers if it gets rid of Cedarmore.

The decision was made after the

second study committee reported the results of its findings, which mirrored results of the first study.

Four primary reasons were cited for terminating the KBC's current relationship to Cedarmore: The camp never became self-supporting; the cost of operating Cedarmore places an increasing drain on the KBC budget; attendance at Cedarmore is declining, due in large part to demographic trends; and repairs and renovations needed to make the camp viable would cost almost \$4 million.

As stipulated by the vote, KBC President Billy Compton appointed a transition committee. Compton chose Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset and immediate past-president of the KBC, as chair.

"The assignment given to this committee was best described by the word 'transition' in the title given the

committee," Browning said.

"The most important questions this committee needs to answer are these: When the activities, programs and ministries held at Cedarmore are relocated, where will they be held? Will relocation help to strengthen and enlarge the ministries currently conducted at Cedarmore? What will be required to move the activities and programs to new locations? What will become of Cedarmore once all our programs are transferred?"

In order to study those issues, Browning divided the committee into four subcommittees. They "will come well-prepared to answer questions and make recommendations," to the KBC Executive Board in December, he said.

He praised the committee's "commitment and quality of work" and cooperation from the Executive Board

and Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union staffs.

The committee also has "found the leaders at our educational institutions and regional camps to be open to the idea of using their facilities to accommodate the programs currently held at Cedarmore," he said. "As a matter of fact, these leaders are excited about the potential for enhancing and expanding our ministries at locations throughout the state."

"This does not imply that the transition from Cedarmore to other locations will be easy. No one is under that illusion. However this committee is committed to building a bridge from the past to the future and showing Kentucky Baptists how it is possible to make that transition."

KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall addresses the Cedarmore issue in his column. See page 4.

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faith which was once for  
all delivered to the  
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## AIDS calls for Christian compassion

"Just give me a call when he's dead."

Stunned, I hung up the phone in bewilderment that a father could respond so coldly to the news that his son was dying of AIDS.

As the assistant director of a homeless shelter, I discovered no one and no place to care for Richard during the last stage of his life. Richard had been found living in an abandoned building, and with no family willing to care for him, the last resort was a homeless shelter.

For the next month, workers spent their time haphazardly caring for Richard. I tried desperately to find some answers: Why was there no place for Richard? Where was the church? Where were family and friends?

AIDS is an issue we would like to avoid, but the disease is touching the lives of people from all walks of life. The responsibility of Christians to the sick and hurting is unquestionable.

But interestingly enough, AIDS is an issue the church is adept at avoiding. We want to find someone to blame, like the homosexual or the promiscuous, to avoid responding to the crisis. We are more comfortable with people who contracted the disease through socially acceptable means—no fault of their own—like birth or a blood transfusion.

The Bible is clear that when we help those who are "the least of these" it is as if we have helped Jesus himself. It is tragic when people assume

that by loving and helping those with HIV/AIDS, they are condoning sinful activity.

People living with AIDS can lose their health, friends, family, employment, home and sense of identity. Surprisingly, the leading killer of people between the ages of 25 and 40 is AIDS. People in this age category do not yet have the financial security and resources secured to fall back on when they become sick. They usually do not have children who are old enough to care for them.

Rachel, a 28-year-old single mother, is dying of AIDS. She has two children, ages 10 and 8. She struggles in deciding whether to tell the children or shelter them from the terrible reality that mommy is dying and the stigma this disease brings.

Even though she has not told them, I sense they know something is terribly wrong. They wonder why their mother is sick all the time, is hospitalized periodically and cries most of the night. She has made decisions regarding who will care for them when she dies or becomes too ill to manage. She lives in constant pain and depression. Some days are better than others.

Recently, she called me complaining of depression and pain that made me wonder if she would commit suicide. That evening, I took the family to McDonald's. As the children played on the playground, Rachel sobbed she just didn't want to be alone. Not being exactly sure what

she meant, I muttered, "You and the kids can always spend the night in my home." Later, I realized her statement reflected more of a feeling of isolation from bearing the disease alone than being alone that night.

Unless church, family or friends provide support and love, thousands of people will die alone and isolated, like Richard and Rachel.

All over the country, groups of laypeople and clergy are forming to advocate for, minister to and provide direct care for people struggling to live with HIV and AIDS. The AIDS Interfaith Network of Savannah, Ga., is such a group.

After several years of sponsoring faith, hope and wholeness worship services and educating the public about AIDS, the group now is mobilizing congregations to create care teams to work with people who must live with HIV/AIDS. The care teams will help with transportation, meals, respite care and simple friendship.

Even with groups like the AIDS Interfaith Network and the positive changes in attitude and acceptance for people with AIDS, the severity and stigma of AIDS is devastating. Real solutions to the issue of AIDS start by getting involved and ministering to people like Richard and Rachel.

When we attach real people to the problem, we can develop a compassionate approach to the AIDS crisis.

*Dianne R. Fuller, assistant director  
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### VIEWPOINT

## An earnest appeal regarding Cedarmore

At its December 1994 meeting, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board approved President Billy Compton's appointment of a special "Cedarmore transition committee" to "develop a plan to terminate the ownership and management responsibility of Cedarmore" Baptist Assembly.

That committee has been hard at work this past year, committed to fulfill its responsibility to the Executive Board. At this point, the committee is not yet prepared to make a final recommendation to the board. However, a report will be presented to the Executive Board by transition committee Chair Robert Browning.

It is easy to understand that for some Kentucky Baptists the matter is an emotional one. Many have fond remembrances of some high moments of spiritual growth which took place during one of the programs which were conducted there. Most of us have "special places" in our lives where something of spiritual significance took place.

Thus it should not be surprising that some Kentucky Baptists are disappointed that the Executive Board felt it necessary to "develop a plan to terminate the ownership and management responsibility of Cedarmore."

Word has come to me that there likely will arise from the floor of the convention, during annual meeting, a motion which, if approved, would effectively impede the present process

and direction of the Executive Board.

For this reason, I urge messengers to the convention to seriously consider any motions regarding Cedarmore before a vote is taken.

Consider the following:

■ Since 1990, two special committees of the Executive Board have been charged with the responsibility of taking a long look at the future of the assemblies. Each committee built upon the work of the other after hours of research, work and meetings for the four years from 1990 to 1994. The second committee made the recommendation in December of 1994 to establish the Cedarmore transition committee, the third committee, which has been working this past year to fulfill its assignment.

■ The Executive Board in December 1994 voted 105-36 in favor of the recommendation "to develop a plan to terminate the ownership and management responsibility of Cedarmore." The board did not authorize the committee to "sell Cedarmore," which misunderstanding has surfaced from time to time this year in letters or in actions taken by a few churches and associations. The board itself must approve the disposition of Cedarmore.

■ The 187-member KBC Executive Board is comprised of members nominated by each of the 77 associations affiliated with the convention. This is the Kentucky Baptist way of

providing a microcosm of the larger convention. Most Kentucky Baptists would agree that this arena is a better arena for dealing with issues that pertain to Executive Board ministries than the floor of the convention. Technically, the Executive Board is the trustee body for our assemblies.

■ The Executive Board must ultimately approve, amend or reject the final recommendation of the transition committee it established.

■ Since the transition committee has not completed its work to the extent that it is ready to make a recommendation, only an update/report will be made to the board Nov. 13 by Chair Robert Browning.

■ The transition committee has made excellent progress with its assignment and has discovered some significant opportunities for sustaining and even expanding the reach of the programs/ministries which now utilize the Cedarmore facilities.

Since 1951, the KBC Executive Board has had the responsibility for and trusteeship of Cedarmore and, in 1983, the addition of Jonathan Creek. This board deserves the opportunity to fulfill its responsibilities.

Kentucky Baptists should be able to trust its representative Executive Board to do the "right" thing, even in a situation in which any decision it makes will result in some unpopular aspects.

I respectfully encourage the messengers to let the Executive Board complete its responsibility concerning Cedarmore.

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

### ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall



## Learning to relate to extended family

By John Lepper

Marriages bring together two individuals with different histories and different ways of doing things. A worthy goal of all marriages is to blend the two heritages brought by husband and wife.

Countless disagreements arise as couples merge their personalities and backgrounds. While it may be appealing to take sides in the disagreements of extended families, to do so can add fuel to an already difficult situation.

Family therapists call taking sides "triangling."

Triangles often are formed in relationships as one way of coping with stress. Two people with stress in their relationship may draw in a third party who brings temporary relief. However, emotional triangles complicate relationships, with the final result being a greater amount of stress.

For example, a young man and woman marry. Soon the honeymoon is over, and they have their first disagreement. One or the other may wish to run home to mom or dad. To do so is usually unproductive.

Parents may wish to rescue their son or daughter from marital strife. It is usually better for the couple to work out their differences without interference from parents or parents-in-law. If help is needed, a competent pastoral or marriage counselor should be sought.

All families have triangles. Some are harmless, but many are toxic. Here are some thoughts to help you avoid the toxicity of triangles in extended families.

Relate to each person in the extended family on an individual basis. Respect each individual (biological kin and in-law) as a person of worth. Recognize you cannot fix another person's (or couple's) problems. Be wary of trying to mend relationships, even when invited to do so. No matter how worthy the goal, it's often a trap. A family rescuer often ends up becoming a victim.

Remain as emotionally neutral as possible. Identify who owns the problem. It's certainly OK to care about family members, but we do ourselves and them a disservice when we take on their anxiety. Remember, there was only one Messiah.

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

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

## Christians cluster on conservative-liberal spectrum

One small gathering during Pope John Paul II's recent trip to the United States illustrates a growing trend in American religion. The pontiff met with conservative evangelical Christians who share his concerns about religious orthodoxy and public morality.

Such a meeting "would have been unthinkable even a few years ago," noted participant Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship and a conservative leader.

Colson is correct, of course. Southern Baptists who attended an ecumenical gathering the last time the pope came to America were reviled by legions of the faithful. Even today, many Southern Baptists don't want their leaders consorting with non-Baptists.

But the reason the latest group came together transcends differences that divide them. They share concerns for defending "eternal moral truths and Christian orthodoxy." And those concerns are strong enough to set aside—for the moment, at least—theological dividers.

The pope and his new evangelical friends are not unique, report church historians Bill Leonard and Martin Marty. They have documented a trend in which Christians cluster according to their places on the conservative-to-liberal spectrum, rather than merely by denominations. With "brand loyalty" diminishing, Americans increasingly segment according to personal preferences instead of longtime labels.

This is why anti-abortion Catholics, Baptists and Mormons can collaborate. It's why the SBC Pastors' Conference features inerrantist non-Baptists, but not Southern Baptists who don't hold that view of the Bible. It's why Habitat for Humanity pulls participants from across the

denominational landscape.

This trend doesn't mean denominations will die. But it does explain why cause-oriented religious groups flourish, while so many strife-ridden denominations struggle. Local churches can learn from this trend and project cause-oriented visions that unite their people.

Marv Knox

## An excellent choice for WMU

Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union made an inspired choice in selecting Kay Trisler as its new leader.

She is a dedicated and gifted Christian, who has lived out her lifelong commitment to missions support, education and action. She is a consecrated Christian, who obeyed God's call by going back to school to earn a seminary degree after her children were grown. She is a ministering Christian, who time and again accepted the challenges and opportunities of ministry God laid before her. She and her husband, John, are outstanding Kentucky Baptist Christians, who have given themselves tirelessly to Kentucky Baptist causes and to their home congregation, Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

She served on the Western Recorder board of directors and distinguished herself as one of the finest directors the newspaper has ever had. She will make countless contributions to Kentucky Baptist life through her leadership of Kentucky WMU.

Marv Knox

**Rather than group by denominational label, more and more Christians are clustering according to where they fit on the conservative-to-liberal spectrum.**

## Despite leaders, common ground on abortion might be possible

Several years ago, when I was still a normal person and not an abortion activist, I watched a TV program titled "Search for Common Ground."

Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League and Jack Willke of the National Right to Life Committee eyed each other warily. A genial, mild-mannered

man named John Marks stood between them, attempting to elicit points of agreement. It wasn't easy.

While Willke and Michelman did not enjoy themselves, it was an eye-opening experience for me. At different times in my life, I could have stood at either podium—first advocating abortion rights, now taking a pro-life stand.

Having been both places, I can't believe either side is populated by fiends. Abortion activists on either side are motivated by a longing for compassion and justice. No one joins up because it looks like a good time.

I listed all the areas of "common ground" Marks could pry out of his guests, then thought up another dozen or so on my own. These ranged from the practical (No. 5: Mutual support for efforts to combat infant mortality) to the rhetorical (No. 11: Women are as capable as men at making moral, responsible decisions) to the

personal (No. 22: I feel uncomfortable with some of the statements made by leaders on my own side).

The idea of common ground is appealing for two reasons. First, as a feminist in the early '70s, I believed women were inherently gifted as peacemakers and would seek and preserve their own unity in sisterhood. The fuzzy naivete of youth has waned, but I still feel wounded by the painful truth that the abortion debate is chiefly a war between women. I keep thinking it doesn't have to be this way.

Second, the abortion war has set

women against their own children. This conflict is futile, irresolvable and ultimately absurd. No sane country treats a woman and her unborn child as mortal enemies. Instead, both sides can look for ways to help a woman with a problem pregnancy improve her alternatives before the grim choice of abortion presents itself.

Both sides seem to be moving in this direction. As an early abortion-rights advocate, I was fairly triumphalist about the aggressive good abortion would do in setting women free. In contrast, I now hear from the pro-choice movement a milder tone; they recognize abortion is never a happy choice and that it is one, with help, women can make less often.

Likewise, after chanting "It's a baby!" for decades, pro-lifers now speak of recognizing the needs of a woman in a difficult pregnancy and the necessity to lend a hand. This emphasis on the woman's needs is not actually new. Yet until recently, this work was done quietly behind the

scenes and was under-represented in movement rhetoric.

In the years since the Michelman-Willke show, I've learned other abortion activists long for dialogue. Local common-ground groups have sprung up, and I've been privileged to participate in a healthy, friendly one locally. The Washington-based Common Ground Network for Life and Choice keeps these small groups in touch and recently issued a joint paper on adoption. The idea keeps growing. Perhaps common ground really does exist.

It likely will be a grassroots movement, springing up in small groups. Over lunch; between friends. As these connections sprout, so will hope that the warfare can be ended.

When we lay down our arms against each other, we will see the real enemy—forces within society that make unwanted pregnancy so common and so hard.

Frederica Mathewes-Green  
Religion News Service  
Washington

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## I didn't grow up to be like Mike, but he's more than we expected

Anyone who enjoys baseball surely got a kick out of the Atlanta Braves' victory in the World Series.

Ever since Ted Turner put the Braves on the Superstation, the players from Atlanta have been household names. And besides, justice dictates that the best baseball team of the '90s finally ought to win the world championship.

Still, I couldn't root for the Braves this year. I had to pull for the Cleveland Indians.

Not because the Indians hadn't been in the World Series since 1954.

Not because they have the most unique—if not most politically correct—logo, Chief Wahoo.

Not because fans in Cleveland need a lot

more breaks than Atlantans.

No, I rooted for the Indians for one reason alone: Mike Hargrove, their manager.

Mike was one of the first heroes of my childhood. Of course, he was only a kid back then. But he was the quarterback of the Perryton Rangers, our high school football team. And if I couldn't grow up to be Johnny Unitas, I was certain I at least wanted to be Mike Hargrove.

Life in small towns is like that. Little

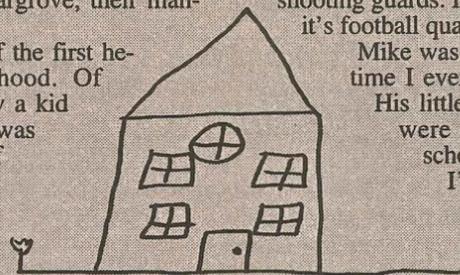
kids practically idolize the high school stars. In Kentucky, they look up to 3-point-shooting guards. In the Texas panhandle, it's football quarterbacks.

Mike was the reason for the first time I ever got jealous of a girl.

His little sister, Cynthia, and I were in the same grade in school. I would've thought

I'd died and gone to heaven if the mighty Mike Hargrove were my big brother.

By all accounts, Mike lived about as straight as he threw a football. Kind to little kids, respectful of his elders, he was a good



down home

# MISSIONS

## 'Fest brings world to Bowling Green

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

BOWLING GREEN—"Mission-Fest '95: Fanning The Flame" brought the world to Bowling Green Oct. 20-22. But the couple who conceived the missions fair saw it as more than an interdenominational party.

"We're fishing for missionaries," explained Diana Caillouet, who spearheaded the project with her husband, Larry. "We hope to get a number of people to become missionaries and for everyone to see that missions is not optional. It's something we should all be doing."

Sponsored by the Caillouet's congregation, Living Hope Baptist Church, the laity-driven weekend combined the efforts of 300 volunteers from 74 churches and an array of denominations.

The festival spotlighted missions efforts from around the world through display booths, books, literature, "meet the missionaries" sessions, videos and puppet shows. Children's crafts, missions games and folk dancing also were part of the weekend.

To add more global flavor to the proceedings, organizers set up an international marketplace. It was stocked with more than 2,000 items from 67 countries.

Jane Hall, a member of Living Hope and participant on the "vision team" that guided the 18-month-long planning process, said most of the

crafts, clothing, artifacts and jewelry were gathered by local residents on business and sight-seeing trips.

The sale represented a chance to visually express her belief that everyone in the world deserves to hear about Christ. "We don't get out of our American mold enough and share that the world is very diverse," she stressed. "We wanted to teach our children to do something more with their lives than just being part of comfortable middle America."

When visitors got hungry, they stopped at the international cafe, which served such treats as baklava from Greece, French truffles, Russian tea cakes, German rye bread and Mexican wedding cookies.

More than two dozen missionaries participated in the event. The keynote speaker was Paul Eshleman, director of Campus Crusade for Christ's "Jesus Film Project."

Based on the Gospel of Luke, the movie has been translated into more than 320 languages and shown in 216 nations. Campus Crusade estimates more than 42 million people have accepted Christ as Savior after watching the film.

"We believe we have a trust to provide it for any village or tribe that requests it," Eshleman said. "Many have not believed because they simply haven't had a chance to hear. It's God's will that all should hear the message."

One way that can happen is for

more people to gain an awareness of what is accomplished by missions, said Ian Buntain, a Southern Baptist missionary in southern Asia.

"It's tremendous to give people exposure to what God is doing around the world," Buntain said of Mission-Fest. "It's good for people to have a world vision."

Pastor Brad Johnson wants Living Hope to double the 42 members who went on short-term mission projects last summer. He also hopes more members will grasp what God is doing around the world.

"We often get ethnocentric," Johnson said. "We think only about what God is doing in our lives, and he's so much bigger than that."

Although the church anticipated 1,500 people would attend Mission-Fest, Diana Caillouet estimated that mark had been surpassed midway through the event. She hopes the festival made a vital impression on many of the younger visitors.

"For our children, we want them to see that missionaries are worthy of being real heroes—someone other than Michael Jackson and Madonna," she said. "Missionaries are the real heroes of the faith."

## SBC missionaries retire in Kentucky

RICHMOND, Va.—Two veteran foreign missionaries—who served overseas for a combined total of 67 years—have retired to Kentucky.

Betty Larimer of Gilbertsville and Sue Meuth of Henderson were among 77 retiring Southern Baptist missionaries who were honored this fall for their 2,205 years of combined service.

Larimer served in Nigeria from 1968 until she retired last June. She was a special project nurse from 1968 through 1971, and then became a tutor at the Baptist School of Nursing in Eku, where she later was principal.

Meuth was appointed to Indonesia in 1955. She was a secretary and interim treasurer for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia, secretary and teacher in an extension seminary and administrative assistant in the Hong Kong mission office. She retired last May.

## Lacy joins CSI staff in Europe

RICHMOND, Va.—Kentuckian Suzanne Lacy has been named a European representative of Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist aid organization.

Lacy will live in southeastern Europe, where she will support CSI projects in developing nations. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lacy of Louisville, her hometown. Green Acres Baptist Church in Louisville is her home congregation.

Lacy is a graduate of Centre College in Danville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

She has been director of missions and ministry at Community Baptist Church in Weymouth, Mass. Previously, she worked with Brazilian Baptist Mission in Rockland, Mass., and the Greater Boston Baptist Association. She also has been a Southern Baptist worker in Georgia.

## Needed: Minister with Children

The First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., is seeking a Minister with Children. This is one of six full-time pastoral ministry positions at the church. FBC is a regional congregation averaging 600-650 on Sundays with a resident membership of 1,400. This historic congregation also has a growing number of young families with children. Inclusive in its theology and creative in its approach to ministry, FBC is seeking a high energy person who reflects this perspective. Resumes should be sent to Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402.

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## Seek security in Prince of Peace, UN challenged

NEW YORK (BP)—The remedy for wars and tribal conflict is not peace treaties but the Prince of Peace, delegates at the United Nations International Prayer Breakfast were told.

"Without spiritual awakening on a worldwide scale, civilization is doomed," said Samuel J. Barkat, a Pakistan native and former vice president at King's College in New York.

Despite 50 years of progress toward the UN's ideals, global and re-

gional conflicts, violence and torture persist. "You are leaders and decision makers, but you are part of a fractured and fragmented humanity," Barkat said.

Scripture describes a state of peace known as "shalom," he said, adding most people live without that peace. Examples of the absence of shalom include ethnic cleansing, racism, religious bigotry, religious oppression and loss of hope.

"We all break shalom. We have done wrong by the failure to show justice and mercy and the misuse of power," Barkat said. "The miracle is God's forgiveness. It is no simple matter; it was very costly to God himself. The price has been paid. Acceptance is up to us."

The prayer breakfast was co-sponsored by Christian Ministries to the United Nations Community led by Southern Baptist home missionary

Ted Mall and Christian Embassy, a Campus Crusade for Christ organization.

The breakfast, held every fall, is becoming a prestigious event for diplomats to attend, Mall said. Every diplomat who signed the guest register will be contacted for a follow-up visit, Mall added.

At least one Muslim and one Buddhist were among those attending, he said.

## Europe warned of 'collapse'

EDINBURGH, Scotland (RNS)—Christianity in Europe faces "collapse" because it has uncritically embraced Enlightenment philosophy and free-market economics, according to Leslie Newbigin, one of the world's most prominent ecumenical leaders.

"The church in Europe today presents a picture which is a hangover from the past rather than a power which can effectively shape the present and the future," Newbigin told a meeting of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Newbigin, a former general secretary of the International Missionary Council and former associate general

secretary of the World Council of Churches, was a bishop in the United Church of South India.

Churches in Europe, "in their desire to be at home in the modern world," have committed themselves to the free-market economy and the Enlightenment philosophy of radical individualism that made that economy possible, he said. European churches have made the free market, not the gospel, their ultimate authority, he added.

"The churches do not say, 'The Almighty Lord has said: Thou shalt not covet' because it would bring down the capitalist system at a blow," he claimed.

### Global Update

■ **Rwandan aid needed.** Rwandan Baptists need help to resume ministry in their battle-scarred land, reported Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid. Baptist leaders, most of them Tutsis, still are burying their dead, Montacute said. Their schools, clinics, churches and convention office must be repaired, and the pastors need food, medical care and bicycles, which will help them travel in their ministries.

■ **Publisher blasted.** Muslim fundamentalists bombed a publishing house this fall, after the company released a book on persecution faced by Bangladesh Christians. Islamic leaders have called for a ban on the book, "Press Matters: Are Christians in Bangladesh Oppressed?"

■ **Jerusalem united.** Christians from 90 countries converged on Jerusalem to express support for Israel's claim over the city. "We want to inspire people to go back to their countries and stand up for a strong, undivided Jerusalem," said Jan Willem Van der Hoeven, director of the International Christian Embassy, which sponsored the event.

■ **Albanian Baptists growing.** Baptist ministry in Albania, formerly a bastion of communism, continues to expand, according to European Baptists. Only three years ago, no Baptist work existed there. Now, Baptists are proliferating in cooperation with the European Baptist Federation and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Welfare cuts** proposed by Congress would undermine programs to feed the poor and offer "stones instead of bread" to hungry Americans, according to Bread for the World, an anti-hunger lobby. The organization was joined by religious leaders from several denominations in delivering plates with stones to members of Congress. "We are struck by the relevance of Jesus' question, 'Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?'" said Bread for the World President David Beckmann.

■ **Catholic Alliance**, a new project of the Christian Coalition, has opened offices in Washington. The Alliance hopes "to identify common issues among ... pro-life, pro-family citizens to promulgate pro-family policies and legislation," explained its executive director, Maureen Roselli.

■ **America's largest** fund-raising organization now is the YMCA, according to The NonProfit Times, a national publication that covers philanthropy. The Y vaulted ahead of Catholic Charities USA and the American Red Cross to take the lead. Its 1994 revenues reached \$1.93 billion, a 10 percent gain over 1993.

■ **Billy Graham** attracted record crowds that averaged 29,600 to his recent crusade in Sacramento, Calif. About 10,000 participants made professions of faith in Christ during the five-day event.

## 'Religious equality' amendment debated

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A proposed "religious equality" amendment is either a badly needed constitutional fix or a dangerous redundancy, according to witnesses who testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

"Before we adopt a new constitutional amendment on religion, let's try using the one we already have," Baptist witness Oliver Thomas urged.

The proposed amendment represents "a serious assault" on the First Amendment clause that bans government from establishing religion, said Thomas, special counsel for religious liberty for the National Council of Churches.

For too long, debate on church-state issues has been dominated by two extremes, he said. One extreme used public schools to advance Protestant religion. The other, an overreaction to the first, turned schools into "religion-free zones," he said.

## Powell divides Christian Right

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Colin Powell's possible entry into the presidential fray has leaders of the Christian Right at odds.

Some conservative Christian activists fear the Republican Party may ease its anti-abortion stand in 1996 to broaden its appeal to moderate voters.

Should that happen, Powell may be just the candidate party strategists crave.

"We're alarmed by what seems like a move by the Republicans toward the big-tent philosophy," said Paul Hetrick, a spokesman for Focus on the Family President James Dobson. "Opposition to abortion is far more important to us ... than whether a Republican or a Democrat sits in the White House."

Dobson recently sent a hot letter to Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition and conservative leader William Bennett, accusing them of being willing to compromise on abortion in order to win the presidency.

"This posture may elevate your influence in Washington, but it is unfaithful to the principles we are duty-bound as Christians to defend," Dobson wrote. Reed defended the action, and Bennett was unavailable for comment.

Longtime observers downplayed the possibility of a split among the Christian Right over Powell.

"There's too much at stake," insisted James Davison Hunter, professor at the University of Virginia.

"Both are wrong, and both have failed," he insisted.

Thomas advocated "common ground" initiatives, which have enabled more than 300 school districts nationwide to agree on the forms of religious expression that are permissible in public schools.

"I appeal to your conservative nature," he told the senators. "The most liberal, radical thing we could do today is amend the First Amendment. Don't do it."

Other witnesses, however, argued that education alone will not correct the problem.

A "virus of religious discrimination" afflicts America's schools, claimed Steven McFarland of the Christian Legal Society. After "exhausting the alternatives," his organization concluded a constitutional amendment is needed, he said.

Furthermore, a new amendment would not change the First Amend-

ment's establishment clause, but rather clarify it, stressed Forest Montgomery of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Douglas Laycock, a law professor at the University of Texas, divided the need for an amendment into two sections. "With respect to religious speech, there is no need for an amendment," he said. But with respect to benefits that might be available to religious institutions, current laws leave room for improvement.

Assistant Attorney General Walter Dellinger testified that an amendment would only complicate the difficult issue of religion in the public sphere.

Referring to the "common ground" approach advocated by Thomas, Dellinger said the Clinton administration is trying to reduce polarization by helping school districts understand what kind of religious expression already is permitted in public schools.



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## FINANCIAL FORUM

### Spending & saving at Christmastime

By Doug Strader

How much money will we spend on Christmas this year? How much can we afford to spend? How will our spending at Christmas teach our children about our priorities? Will our spending honor our commitment to Jesus?

These are some of the questions Christians need to keep in mind as we approach Christmas this year.

We are celebrating the coming of Jesus into the world to be our Savior. We want to make sure we do not miss the reason for our Christmas celebration.

What are some things we can do that will keep our focus Christ-centered?

Find a family that is in need and make sure they have adequate food, clothing and other necessities. Give gifts to the children in these families.

Visit a homeless shelter, shut-ins, rest home or hospital and sing Christmas carols. Take some home-made cookies and candy to give away.

Help your church reach her goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

How do you determine how much you will spend on your family at Christmas?

As a family, decide how much money you have to spend on each one. It is easy to be persuaded to overspend.

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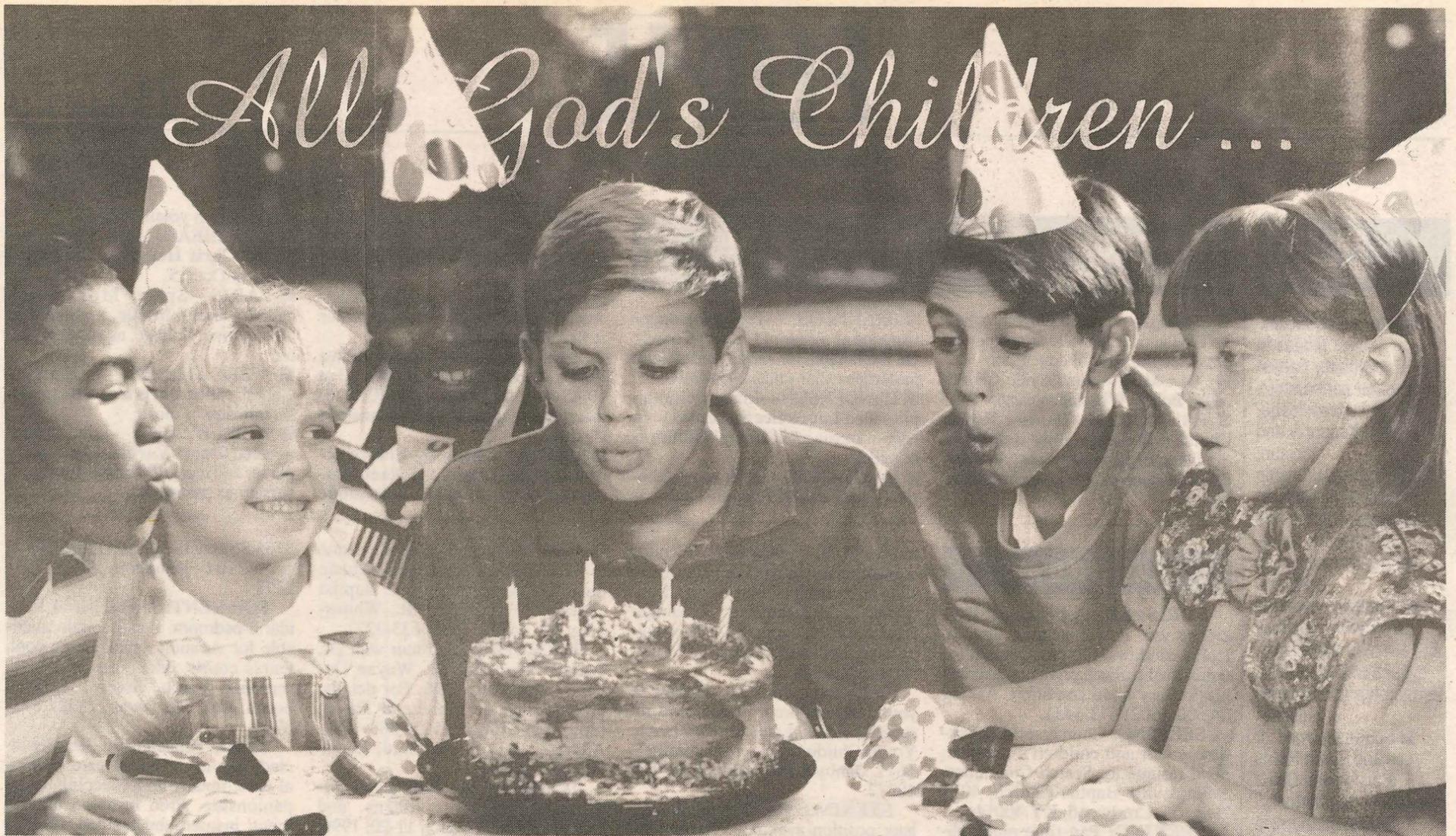
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Just remember that most credit cards have an interest rate of 18 percent to 20 percent or higher! It is almost always unwise to pay for Christmas purchases on credit.

It is much better to discipline yourself and save weekly for the purpose of paying cash for your Christmas purchases. Many banks and credit unions will be happy to open a savings account for that purpose.

It may seem difficult to save in January for Christmas a year away. However, you will discover that it is much easier to save money and make a little interest than it is to make monthly payments with a high interest rate.

Doug Strader is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department



## Steven's Story

All God's children are special but it's not always easy being a kid in today's world. Steven knows that. Before he came into the care of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children he was the victim of severe abuse and neglect. He was hurt physically and emotionally. He was told he was worthless ... and believed it. He was told he was unimportant ... and believed it.

But Steven found out something different from Kentucky Baptists. Just five days after arriving, he was the center of attention at his 10th birthday party—complete with cake, balloons, and gifts. Suddenly—for the first time in his life—Steven was feeling special.

The birthday party didn't solve all of Steven's problems. There's a long way to go for that. But it was a beginning. It was a first encounter with the compassion of a loving and living Lord made possible because Kentucky Baptists cared about him and more than 2,200 other children and families enough to share the love of Jesus!

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# PEOPLE

## PRAYER PARTNERS

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

- Uncertain relationship between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Western world, especially evangelical believers.
- Spiritual power for Larry and Joy Lindsey and Norman and Martha Lytle, Kentucky-Russia partnership missionaries in Moscow.
- Spiritual power for Lee and Sarah Bivins and Joe and Gloria DeLeon, Kentucky-Russia partnership missionaries in St. Petersburg.
- Greater Boston Baptist Association Director of Missions Ignatius Meimaris as he leads the association in plans for the Kentucky/Boston partnership.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CECILIA**—Cecilia Church called **Jeff Wise** of Louisville as temporary part-time minister of education.

■ **COLUMBIA**—Sparkville Church called **Bobby Wheeler** as pastor.

■ **FALMOUTH**—Turner Ridge Church will ordain **Dale Beighle**, a Southern Baptist missionary to Africa for 20 years, to the gospel ministry Nov. 5.

■ **FRANKFORT**—**Dale Niswonger** resigned as pastor of Calvary Church. He is available for supply and interim pastorates. Call (502) 695-4919.

■ **HENDERSON**—Immanuel Temple called **Laura Lee Steiner** as minister of music and **Sherry Tillman** as organist.

■ **LA GRANGE**—DeHaven Memorial Church called **Warren Taylor** as

minister of music/media/outreach. **Patrick Davis**, **Neal Kimbell** and **Darrel Whiteley** were ordained as deacons.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**Ron Hidgon** celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor at Broadway Church.

Eighteenth Street Church will host Burger & Fries in concert Nov. 12 at 10:45 a.m. Call (502) 778-3016 for more information. **Randall Constant** is pastor.

■ **MIDWAY**—Midway Church ordained **Doug Logan** and **Paul Simmons** as deacons Oct. 15. **Jon Goode**

was called as youth minister.

■ **MOREHEAD**—First Church ordained **Chris Hedges** to the gospel ministry Oct. 15.

■ **PARIS**—Spears Mill Church called **Chad Linville**, a student at Georgetown College, as youth minister.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church called **Chris Krause** as interim minister of music.

■ **WHITLEY CITY**—First Church honored **Daryl Varble** with a silver platter and reception on his 10th anniversary as pastor Oct. 1.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** 15-passenger 1984 Dodge van. Power steering, brakes, locks, windows, tilt, cruise, cloth interior, dual air/heat, privacy sunscreen glass. Very good condition. Asking \$4,500. (502) 673-3451.

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

**SEEKING:** Part-time music director for Sunday services and adult choir. Warm, music-loving church. Crescent Springs BC, N. Ky. Association. Send resumé to: Crescent Springs BC, 627 Buttermilk Pike, Crescent Springs, KY 41017.

**NEEDED:** Music minister for Baptist church. Reply: Music, Cindy Sheldon, 9809 Scythia Rd., Lewisport, KY 42351.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of

music, 15-20 hours a week. Blended contemporary and traditional worship style in growing church. Salary negotiable. Send resumé to: Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church, 3821 Hunsinger Lane, Louisville, KY 40220, Attn: David Jamieson.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of youth and children. Please send resumé to: Ashby Lane Baptist Church, Youth-Children Search Committee, 6617 Ashby Lane, Louisville, KY 40272.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister position available. Please send resumé to: Valley View Baptist Church, P.O. Box 468, Vine Grove, KY 40175. For other information, call (502) 877-2150, 8-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

**WANTED:** 12' x 60' or larger mobile unit to buy (preferably office space unit) to be utilized for classroom space. Call (502) 877-2150, 8-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music for a mid-sized church in

southeastern Kentucky. Send resumé to: J.T. Ward, chairman, Music Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 317 Madison St., Whitesburg, KY 41858; (606) 633-2277.

**TOUR:** Holy Land tour with Dr. Wayne Ward and Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Jan. 1-9, 1996. For details, brochure, phone BibleLand Travel, (800) 325-6708 or (502) 583-1080. Address: 1024 South Third, Louisville, KY 40203.

**TOUR:** 10-day Holy Land pilgrimage; includes Athens and Corinth, Greece. March 11-20, 1996. Only \$1,795 from New York. Call Pastor Jack R. Studie for a color brochure and more information, (502) 247-8331. Experience you can trust!

**NEEDED:** 35 enrolled youth and hundreds unenrolled need dedicated young, Christian man with the call of God on his life and a sense of commitment to youth ministry. If interested in this part-time position, send resumé to Greenwood Baptist Church,

5165 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42104. Telephone (502) 781-2378.

**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. Call Pat Owen, (502) 895-8752.

**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:** 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.

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

## Harvest time at Oneida

It seems like only a few weeks ago we were planting the many acres of corn. Harvest time is a special time of year. Our harvest will not be quite as good as last year's bumper crop, but it will be a much better harvest than average.

Considering the drought and heat this summer, we have much to be thankful for. Each time the plants were beginning to show signs of stress, the Lord provided a little shower.

We have had so many volunteers here this summer and fall to help finish the installation of some new equipment on the farm. I say "new;" it is new to us. Most of the grain distribution system has been given to us. Many wonderful friends across the state have contributed various pieces to give us a complete system. When God promises to meet our needs, it is his privilege to choose how to bless. Many times the needs are met by used items no longer needed by other Christians. We have had very little expense in the system that would be worth about \$40,000 new. Our volunteers spent many days in the hot sun and other days in the pouring rain to get it finished.

The harvested corn comes in from the field and goes into the grain dryer. It takes about one hour to dry 160 bushels of corn. The corn then goes into an elevator, and from there into a grain bin. Later it will go into an overhead storage unit to be ground and mixed with other feeds and nutrients. You know the rest of the story; the hogs eat the feed, and we eat the hogs.

When the harvest is complete, we hope to fill each of the three 3,300-bushel grain bins.

Our entire farm has gone through some tremendous changes the past few years. Most visitors are very impressed with the modern facility.

It is so exciting to see the boys who work on the farm mature as young men. Farm work is trying at times. A great responsibility comes with working on the farm. More than once the farm manager has had to call some boys back to the farm to complete an unfinished task.

We know that most of these young men will not be farmers, but the things they are learning every day will help make them more prepared to meet challenges and demands later in life. When given instructions for a task, it is important to fol-

low those instructions. On more than one occasion, a young man has decided to try to complete the task with his own insight and wisdom. It is a much more humble young man who has to walk a half mile back to the farm and explain to the farm manager why his tractor is stuck. Sometimes a frightened young man has to explain how equipment was broken because he did not care for it as he was told.

When a young man is told to care for a new litter of sick piglets and some die because he did not follow instructions, he learns an important lesson of

life.

Harvest time is special in many ways. It is wonderful to see all that God has done for us since the last harvest. He continues to meet our needs, often supplying things before we even know of the need.

It is with a humble heart that we say, "Thank you, God, for all the many marvelous things you have done for us." We never forget to praise him for the provisions he has made for us, including the many wonderful friends who support and pray for us.

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

### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## News from the field

Several alumni have corresponded with us in recent days. They tell the story of Clear Creek's continuing influence.

Frank and Frances Noel, '48, are both disabled and miss the fellowship of regular worship at Hurstbourne Baptist in Louisville. Their oldest son, Timothy, is pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist in Danville: "We are proud of him."

The average stay for a pastor in Southern Baptist churches has increased, but most will never match the record of 1961 graduate John Cummings. Last August marked his 30th anniversary at Middleburg Church, Casey Association.

R.B. and Mildred Hullette attended Clear Creek in the spring of 1946. They worked in camps that summer, and he transferred to Carson-Newman. After earning an M.Div. at New Orleans, he served as a pastor for 38 years. "Sandy and I have fond memories of Clear Creek, and consider the few months spent there as basic to many wonderful years in the ministry."

Half of the directors of missions in the West Virginia convention are Clear Creek graduates. J. Pat Garland, '83, serves the Tug Valley Association. He has been very suc-

cessful in securing volunteers and funding to start several new churches. His love for his alma mater is reflected in the decision to place the school in his will.

Gene McFadden, '65, was the first woman to graduate with the three-year diploma. She now teaches senior adult women at Locust Grove Church in Cadiz. Her husband, Robert, died June 6, 1995.

Former professor Tommy Farmer, '77, fulfilled a long-held dream on Sept. 4. The Senior Adult Academy and Research Center on Aging was launched in Fort Worth, and he now works with the development of the institution on a full-time basis. "My excitement is growing daily as I talk with people of all ages about the potential for

this work with the growing senior adult population." The new work will conduct controlled researched in aging and provide seminars.

Students on campus recently completed mid-term exams. That is always a stressful time but doesn't compare with the stresses of ministry after graduation. Hundreds of alumni daily face the test and give evidence of completing the course.

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

## Point of Grace fits 4 'square' pegs on music disc

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (RNS)—The women in Point of Grace know some people regard them as ultraconservative and narrow-minded.

And they say, "Hallelujah!" "We're not going to be surrounded by people just like us," conceded Heather Floyd, a vocalist in the award-winning contemporary Christian quartet. "We just have to be strong in our beliefs and not compromise and not apologize."

"We're not weirdoes. We've decided to live a life that God wanted us to live."

That life includes saving their virginity for marriage, speaking out against abortion and homosexuality and speaking in favor of "family values" and morality.

With those strong opinions, it goes without saying that members of the group—Denise Jones, Terry Jones, Floyd and Shelley Phillips—are not afraid to speak their minds.

So far, that sense of purpose has garnered the group a 1994 Dove Award from the Gospel Music Association as new artist of the year and a record, "The Whole Truth," that was No. 1 on the Christian charts for 13 straight weeks.

Point of Grace also has had nine consecutive No. 1 singles on the Christian charts.

"Go figure," the 25-year-old Floyd says with a laugh. "It's just incredible. We still love what we do, and even though all this stuff's going on, we don't see it."

"People are measuring our success more than we can measure our own success. (But) true success comes in still being at peace in your relationship with God."

On the other hand, it doesn't hurt when group members' lives as a whole seem blessed.

Point of Grace formed in 1990 when the four members were students at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Calling themselves Say So, the quartet started as a summer fling.

"We had an open summer, so we went out doing cover songs by Sandi Patty, First Call, Truth, Wayne Watson," Floyd recalls. "But at the end of the summer, people kept calling. We weren't ready for that. We had to make a decision."

They decided to continue. The next year, Say So released a record, then traveled to a Christian convention in Colorado, where they met executives from Word Records. A record deal with Word led to "Point of Grace," a Top 10 Christian album.

Earlier this year, the group released its second effort (third if you count Say So), "The Whole Truth," and embarked on its first headlining tour. After a couple of years of opening for other artists, being the star of the show is daunting, Floyd said.

"It's kind of hard, because we'd always been the opening act, and that's a comfortable place to be," she explained. "You don't have the huge responsibility of holding the show."



We had to prepare ourselves.

"But people have heard our songs on the radio, and we know that they came to see us, so that gives us a little boost. Still, sometimes before I start singing one of my solos, I feel like I'll forget my lines. Then I realize that the people in the audience are pulling for me, and it won't really matter if I do."

Along with the music, Point of Grace is entering another arena for ministry: books. With the help of ghostwriter Davin Seay, the group

plans to write a book, to be published by Simon & Schuster, that focuses on "morality in the '90s."

The group already is battering down the hatches, preparing for a storm.

"We're preparing for conflict and controversy," Floyd acknowledged. "Some of the people who read it will probably think that we're close-minded."

"We try not to judge anybody. We base our beliefs on the Bible."

**GRACEFUL SOUND** Point of Grace.—Denise Jones (left), Heather Floyd, Terry Jones and Shelley Phillips—performed prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting last summer in Atlanta. (BP photo by Bob Carey)

## Music uplifts RTVC 'Covenant'

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Four singers have lent their voices to support the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's "Covenant" ministry.

Elizabeth Dietsche, Larry Orrell, Pamela Rayside and Wayne Meachum have recorded new albums, and a portion of the proceeds will help the commission acquire and produce "Christian family values" TV programming.

The endeavor is part of Covenant, the commission's attempt to turn American children and teenagers away from pornography and violence.

The commission operates the ACTS—American Christian Television Service—network on cable and the FamilyNet broadcast network.

Dietsche, twice runner-up in the Miss Oklahoma pageant and a runner-up in the Miss Colorado pageant, holds a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Denver in Colorado.

"Sharing my God-given talents to help bring about more wholesome media through Covenant is a dream come true," she said.

Dietsche has a special burden for starving children in the United States and donates 20 percent of her concert proceeds to Feed the Children ministry.

Her Covenant album is "Singer of My Soul."

Orrell's name has been familiar

in gospel music circles for more than three decades. He has been a guest on numerous Christian television programs, and his music is heard on radio stations around the world.

"As a veteran of the Christian music industry, I'm excited to be a part of this (Covenant) project that uses media to teach Christian family values to children, young people and adults," Orrell said.

"Grace" is the title of his Covenant album.

Rayside's contemporary Christian music appeals to young people. As a writer of lyrics and music, her compositions incorporate both the struggles and successes experienced in the everyday lives of Christians.

"Covenant supports the values I believe in—the importance of the family," she said. "I'm privileged to be associated with a fellowship that gives Christian young people and adults an alternative in media."

Her Covenant album is "Living Water."

Meachum is a Dallas attorney with a law degree from Baylor University.

"The Covenant fellowship stands for the highest ideals in Christendom," Meachum said. "It's an honor and privilege to be part of a movement so in tune with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

His Covenant album is titled "Family Ties."

## Musicians' on-the-road lives: Cramped, trying & spiritual

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—The air conditioner on the bus went out again, and the heat index is 110 degrees. Lunch is a ham-and-cheese sandwich, the sixth ham-and-cheese lunch in six days. The money bag gets lost just before time to sell T-shirts and tapes.

But when the music begins, it's time to hop on stage and sing praises to God, for the umpteenth night in a row.

Welcome to the world of a Christian musician on the road.

Raughnsen Payne, a two-year missionary with the Southern Baptist Home Mission, started many days as a trumpet player for The Continentals with a plate of scrambled eggs in front of him.

Host families who housed the musicians wanted to make a special breakfast for their guests, and usually it was scrambled eggs. On many mornings, he would have given about anything for a plain bowl of cereal, he recalled.

After breakfast, the singers and instrumentalists boarded buses and found a seat—next to someone different from the day before. The group was given "friendly reminders" to "spread yourselves around," Payne explained. The rotating seating arrangements also discouraged budding TCs (tour couples), since dating was not allowed on tour.

"Bus life was packed," Payne said. "You wore the same clothes over and

over and over. You just got used to it."

For Brian Smith, the bus way of life did not end for several years. Smith played trombone with the group Truth.

"You live with these people," Smith said. "In effect, you're roommates: 20 of you on a bus. There are no secrets. If one is having financial difficulty, everybody knows it. If one is having romantic trouble, everybody knows it."

"On one hand, it's a blessing because you get prayer support. On the other hand, it could be a curse if you are a person who likes privacy."

Emily Adkisson and Jeremy Asher, who were vocalists for The Continentals last summer, described a similar life.

For Adkisson, a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Florence, Colo., the hardest part of the tour was being away from her family for so long. That trial was rivaled by the daily grind of a routine, she said. It was hard to get up, travel all day, set up and then do a concert with a high energy and excitement level.

Such tribulations were coupled with bizarre occurrences like the bus engine cracking, singers getting terribly ill and going through seven bus drivers on one tour.

But "can you imagine how boring tour would be if nothing went wrong?" asked Asher, a member of Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, La.



# Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union

**Project HELP: AIDS** is the national ministry project of Woman's Missionary Union. The purpose of this national ministry project is to share the gospel while meeting both physical and spiritual needs, and mobilizing WMU resources to develop ministry models for meeting needs of those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

WMU, SBC put together a 30-page kit, containing information on key elements of confronting and combating the suffering caused by HIV/AIDS. Kentucky WMU brought together an AIDS Task Force and "Kentucky-ized" the national kit. All the information from the national kit is included in the Kentucky 60-page edition. It is available from Kentucky WMU for \$5.



It is difficult to imagine someone being unaware of the magnitude of suffering caused by AIDS. News reports, books, magazine articles, movies, songs and political demonstrations focus on the personal and social cost of HIV infection. Yet, despite massive media attention and public education, rates of infection are rising in many countries and among many groups. And behind every statistic is a hurting human being in need of ministry.

The Bible describes Jesus' ministry to the sick and infected of His day. He touched them, spoke to them, comforted them, healed their souls as well as their bodies. He noticed them. Christians today are faced with the choice of noticing Persons With AIDS (PWAs) and their families and friends and ministering to their needs, or of turning away and pretending that HIV will never touch them. We have the choice to act like Jesus or to ignore PWAs. Woman's Missionary Union wants you to join us in caring for people as Jesus cares for them!

Individuals and churches are encouraged to minister to PWAs and families/friends throughout the year. In fact, this can be a lifetime ministry project because AIDS is not going away in any of our lifetimes. But on February 11, 1996, WMU members will lead their church families to participate in **Dare to Care**, a nationwide ingathering of items needed by local AIDS ministries, plus \$1.00. Each church will select a local AIDS ministry to receive the items collected. The money will be given through the WMU Vision Fund to support the work of the House of Hope in Vittoria, Brazil, a hospice for people infected with AIDS. **Project Help: AIDS** is both local and global ministry.