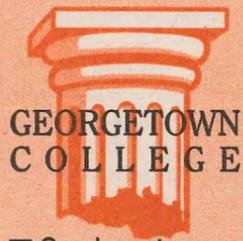


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Although many churches avoid the issue, family violence is a serious problem the church must face head-on, according to family ministry experts. See pages 1, 6 & 7.

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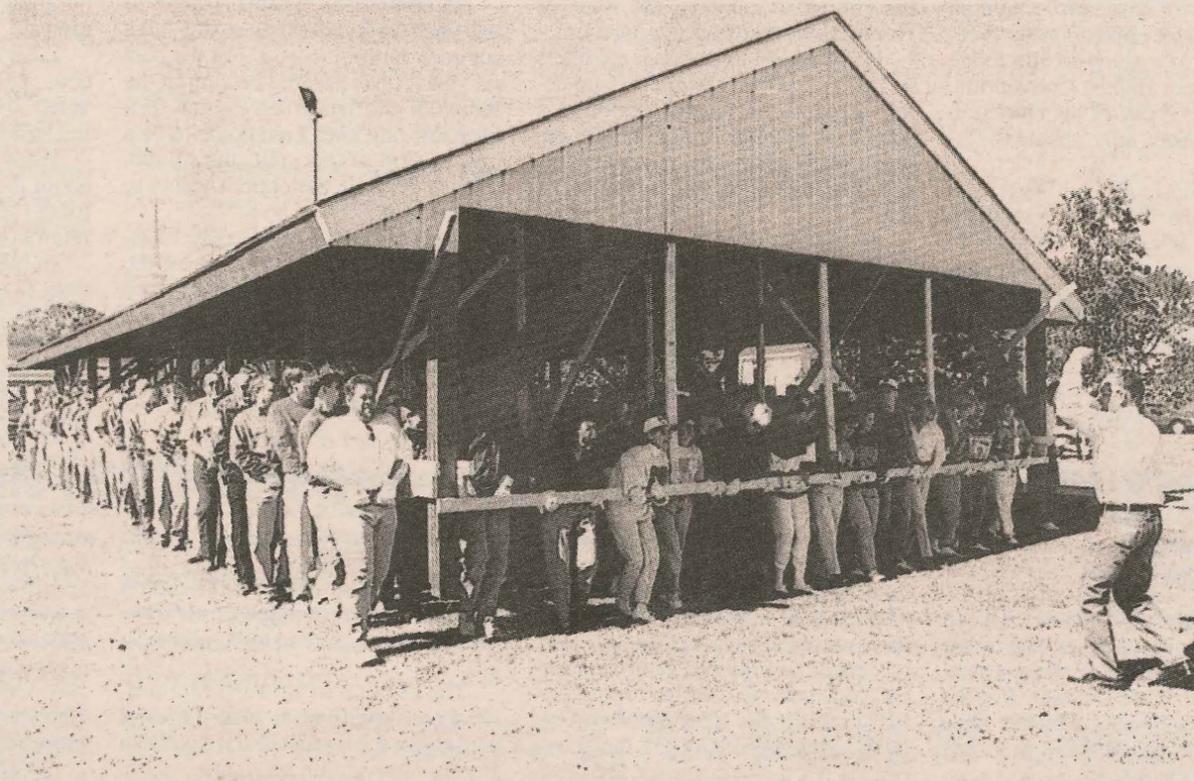
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Abortion ban

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A MOVING EXPERIENCE More than 470 members and friends of Zion Baptist Church in Henderson worked together Oct. 18 to move a 24-by-64-foot shelter weighing between 10,000 and 12,000 pounds. The structure was moved a distance of 200 feet to make room for a new 10,000-square-foot education building. The shelter is used for church fellowships, picnics, Bible studies and other special events. The church's pastor, Dan Garland, has an engineering degree and determined the shelter could be moved with a lot of physical labor and faith. "It was truly an awesome experience and one that will live in the hearts and lives of those present for years to come," said Associate Pastor Jeff Coursey. "As the people cheered and the excitement grew with each step and move of the shelter building, you could just feel the energy that was being generated." (AP photo)

Husband restrained by God's love now

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CHAPLIN—Jim White is an aspiring preacher restrained by the love of God.

That's quite a contrast from his previous condition—held at bay from his estranged wife by a court restraining order.

Today, White is youth pastor at Chaplin Fork Baptist Church in Chaplin and he and his wife, Sheri, are enjoying a new, peaceful life together.

Jim and Sheri White were an unlikely match from the beginning: an Army baby born in Fort Knox and the daughter of an airline pilot who grew up in Southern California's urban sprawl.

"He was different," the trim 35-year-old redhead recalled of meeting her husband-to-be on a double date. "He was very caring and thoughtful. He sent me flowers. I had never experienced that. Everything clicked."

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True religion 'taken hostage' in Bosnian war

By Steven Heilbronner
Religion News Service

FLORENCE, Italy (RNS)—Serbian Orthodox Bishop Trifunovic Lavrentije watched Catholic Croatian soldiers abduct Serbian Christian clergy who never returned. He listened to Muslim fighters recite paeans to Allah before setting ablaze the homes of Catholics. And he watched Serbian Orthodox troops go off to spill the blood of their Catholic and Muslim foes.

From this sample of daily terror, which passes for life on the Drina River near the Serbian town of Sabac where Lavrentije lives, one might infer that the battles raging across the former Yugoslavia are solely religious in nature.

Lavrentije—one of dozens of religious leaders who met in Italy recently to search for a religious response to the rising tide of post-Cold War ethnic conflicts—thinks otherwise.

"Those who started this war did not ask the opinion of their religious leaders," he said. "This is a war for ethnic territories within multi-ethnic and multi-

Messengers face light business agenda

By Mark Wingfield
News Director

OWENSBORO—One of the lightest business agendas in several years will greet messengers at next week's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting in Owensboro.

However, the light agenda may not mean the absence of controversy, due to tensions in the state about the future of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

No recommendation regarding Cedarmore is set to be considered by messengers, but the chances of a motion being brought from the floor appear strong. KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall devoted his column in last week's Western Recorder to the Cedarmore issue. Marshall appealed to messengers not to attempt to solve the Cedarmore issue on the convention floor.

Responsibility for Cedarmore rests with the KBC Executive Board, which will hear a report on the camp at its December meeting, Marshall stressed. "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," he wrote.

Last year, the KBC Executive Board appointed a "transition" committee to make recommendations on possibly moving KBC activities from Cedarmore to other locations, primarily to increase attendance and reduce costs. This committee was charged with developing "a plan to terminate the (KBC's) ownership and management responsibility" of the camp. The content of the transition committee's December report to the Executive Board has not been completed, according to committee Chairman Bob Browning of Somerset.

Aside from the potential of a debate over Cedarmore, election of a new president should highlight business sessions of this year's annual meeting. Names of three candidates have been announced in advance, and none of those candidates claims affiliation with any political group.

Announced candidates are:

■ Tyre Denney, pastor of Alton Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, who will be nominated by Mark Hopper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Frankfort.

■ Bill Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Henderson, who will be nominated by Don Embry, pastor of Airline Baptist Church in Henderson.

■ Bill Tichenor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Princeton, who will be nominated by Floyd Price, pastor

of Scottsville Baptist Church in Scottsville.

Detailed interviews with each candidate have been published in previous issues of the Western Recorder. Other candidates could be announced at the time nominations are received during the convention.

This year's presidential race so far has not carried the political connections of some recent elections. No candidate has been endorsed publicly by either conservatives or moderates, who have been at odds as a result of political conflict within the national Southern Baptist Convention.

No candidates for other positions have been announced.

In other business, messengers will be asked to:

■ Grant permission for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College to conduct a five-year development campaign across the state to increase the school's endowment and donor base.

■ Approve plans to shorten future KBC annual meetings to two days, beginning next year.

■ Approve a slate of nominees to the KBC Executive Board and the trustee boards of the KBC's 11 agencies, institutions and affiliated organizations.

■ Approve a Cooperative Program budget goal of \$18.75 million for the 1996-97 fiscal year, with 37 percent going to the SBC for national and international causes and 63 percent remaining in Kentucky for statewide causes.

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Guide to the 1995 KBC annual meeting

Moving? See page 4 (1107)

BAPTIST BITS

■ **The Mississippi Baptist Convention** approved without debate a 1996 budget of \$23.3 million that includes a change in funding of home missions work in the state. Mississippi will assume full responsibility for home missions work within its borders, thus relieving the Home Mission Board of its nearly \$250,000 annual contribution to the state. At the same time, the Mississippi Baptist Convention in future years will retain a similar amount from receipts forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention.

■ **Iowa Baptists** officially organized the Baptist Convention of Iowa during their annual meeting Oct. 20-21. Baptists in the state have been organized as a fellowship since 1972. Southern Baptist work in Iowa began in 1954. The new state convention will include 103 churches with 12,000 members.

Freemasonry opponent Holly removed from church

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

BEAUMONT, Texas (ABP)—Larry Holly, a conservative layman whose relentless opposition to Freemasonry led to a study of the lodge by the Southern Baptist Convention, has been kicked out of his church in Beaumont, Texas, after raising the issue there.

Holly, a physician, also leads Mission and Ministry to Men, a ministry he describes as offering materials to encourage evangelism and discipleship. Holly maintains a lengthy electronic-mail list by which he regularly offers both devotional thoughts and commentary on current events.

In a note dated Oct. 26, Holly reported he had been asked to leave the

membership of Calvary Baptist Church in Beaumont.

In an earlier note, dated Oct. 16, he described challenging members of the church to confront the issue of Freemasonry in their congregation.

Holly said he told church members he had not spoken about the issue before because he feared becoming a source of conflict in the church. He said a sense of spiritual renewal in his life, however, prompted him to speak out.

At the church's evening service Oct. 15, following a series of revival meetings, a young man asked for prayer for his "indifference and coldness toward God," Holly wrote. The pastor asked if anyone else wished to speak, Holly said, and after a few minutes he went forward.

Holly said he confessed that as the young man's mentor and teacher, he was "largely responsible" for his spiritual emptiness.

He continued: "Pastor, I need to ask your forgiveness because I have not been faithful to you. For the past six years, I have feared becoming the source of conflict in this church. But from this day forth I am going to be a man of God. If that splits the church, then so be it. If the church wants to vote me out, then so be it."

Holly said he went on to say: "Pastor, you and I know that one of the things blocking revival in our church has not been dealt with. And until it is, we can play games all day, but we will not see revival. I am not going to live in fear any longer. That thing is Freemasonry."

Holly said he had "no intention of pursuing the question of Freemasonry any further" in the church, but added, "I do believe that we have the opportunity to have liberty, freedom and revival."

Later that week, the church's deacons reportedly called a meeting and voted to ask Holly to leave for creating strife in the congregation.

Holly declined to be interviewed about the dispute. John Powers, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, did not return a reporter's phone call.

In his Oct. 26 note, Holly said he does not know where he will attend church, but noted that "no other Southern Baptist church in our community would receive us as members," because of his reputation as a Masonry opponent.

Lowery withdraws New Orleans presidential nomination

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS (ABP)—Fred Lowery, a Louisiana pastor and member of the committee seeking a new president for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was the committee's nominee for the post but withdrew suddenly Oct. 31.

Lowery, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bossier City, told his congregation two days earlier that he had been offered the presidency. The search committee, without confirming Lowery as the nominee, scheduled a special meeting of trustees Nov. 8-9 to present its recommendation and vote.

But in a one-paragraph statement faxed to Associated Baptist Press Oct. 31, Lowery said he had decided against the move. "Yesterday, God confirmed in my heart that I was not to go to New Orleans," the statement said.

Lowery's statement came less than an hour after he was shown an ABP story announcing his nomination and quoting both supporters and critics of the committee's choice.

Search committee Chairman Morris Anderson, who earlier would neither confirm nor deny Lowery's selection, told ABP Oct. 31 that Lowery "is not a candidate for the presidency of New Orleans Seminary."

Even before Lowery's name was announced, the recommendation drew complaints from alumni and others, primarily because Lowery lacks an accredited doctoral degree and has alienated some Louisiana Baptists with his leadership style.

Lowery, 52, a New Orleans trustee since 1989, has served on the 11-member committee seeking a successor for Landrum Leavell, who retired last December after 20 years but has remained as interim president. The committee offered the job to Orlando pastor Jim Henry, current Southern

Baptist Convention president, but was turned down in July.

Lowery reportedly told his church he turned the committee down three times before agreeing to be nominated.

The election of Lowery, a prominent conservative, at New Orleans would have placed all six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries under conservative leadership—a key goal of the movement that wrested control of the SBC from moderate Baptists.

Lowery, pastor of the Bossier City church since 1983, was president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention 1989-90, a vice president of the SBC in 1990 and president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in 1993.

Lowery holds a bachelor's degree from Samford University, a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, an SBC school, and a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

According to the admissions office

at Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, the doctorate of ministry is a correspondence degree. When Lowery was awarded the degree in 1978, the seminary was not accredited.

Robert Magee, former chairman of New Orleans' trustees, said Lowery's education is inadequate for the post of president.

"A reputable doctor's degree has recently been considered a prerequisite by other Southern Baptist seminaries in their selection of a president," said Magee, a pastor in Ruston, La. "How can he effectively supervise those who have the ultimate degree when he does not have comparable preparation?"

Other supporters of Lowery's nomination said they were not troubled by the nominee's Luther Rice degree. "Some of our greatest Southern Baptist leaders and pastors have received their degrees from there," said David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, La.

Graves inaugurated at Richmond seminary

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—"Banishment" of moderates from the Southern Baptist Convention has unexpectedly revitalized theological education among Baptists, according to two moderate seminary educators.

"Thank God for being banished. It is perhaps the best thing that could have happened to us," declared Thomas Graves, who was inaugurated as president of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond Oct. 27.

Graves, 48, is a Kentucky native whose father, Allen, was a longtime faculty member of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He, his father, mother, sister, brother, uncle, brother-in-law and sister-in-law all earned degrees at Southern Seminary.

Graves and other moderate seminary educators have left or been forced out of the six Southern Baptist seminaries during the last decade as conservatives have engineered a rightward shift at the schools.

But rather than destroying progressive theological education, those changes have forced Baptist moderates to forge new, improved models for training church leaders, agreed Graves and Russell Dilday, acting

dean of Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, one of about a dozen new seminaries or seminary-type programs among Baptists.

New alternatives in theological training are "bringing new life and color to the landscape, demonstrating again the power of God to bring resurrection out of defeat and discouragement," said Dilday, who was fired as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by conservative trustees in 1993.

"Properly educating the future leaders of our churches and our denomination is one of the only ways, and certainly the most promising way, forward out of our denominational turmoil," Dilday said.

Graves, president of the 164-student seminary since 1991, was officially installed in the post Oct. 27 in a ceremony at First Baptist Church in Richmond. Graves was invested with a towel—symbolic of Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet—instead of the traditional staff or medallion as a symbol of the office.

The new seminary programs are like seedlings sprouting in the aftermath of Southern Baptists' denomi-

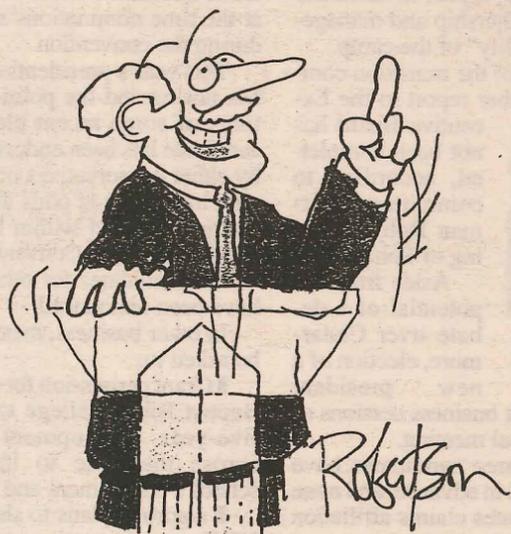
national firestorm, Dilday said.

In contrast to this "lively renaissance," he said, are half a dozen Southern Baptist seminaries left weakened by denominational conflict. Though still standing, he said, they are charred reminders of the glory of an earlier day.

Graves, in his inaugural address, recalled leaving the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987 "with little hope for the future of Baptist life as I had known it." Baptist moderates, laypeople and women all felt alienated by the SBC's conservative swing, he said.

But "destruction can be the best catalyst for creative advance," Graves said. He quoted Richmond faculty member Bill Rogers' observation that "the Southern Baptist Convention fell apart at a very convenient time," because it forced moderates to rethink and reshape the way theological education should be done.

"We moved beyond the battles of denominational warfare to develop a seminary community with an innovative program" stressing spirituality, global ministry and involvement of laity, Graves said.



MY SERMON TODAY ON THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS ENTITLED "I'VE FALLEN AND I CAN'T GET UP."

Innovative revivals successful at two state churches

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

Revivals still can be effective evangelism tools when congregations are willing to try innovative strategies, according to experiences of two Kentucky Baptist churches.

Valley Station Baptist Church in Louisville invited a Christian magician to lead a weekend revival in September; New Friendship Baptist Church near Auburn scheduled a "Month of Sundays" revival featuring a different leadership team each Sunday for four weeks.

Both churches claim great success. About 150 to 200 first-time visitors attended a September weekend revival at Valley Station, led by Christian magician Felix Snipes. The church recorded 30 professions of faith in Jesus Christ and 40 people who rededicated their lives to Christ.

On Friday evening, Snipes led a discussion of astrology and the occult, including the biblical response, Pastor Don Zuberer explained.

"Saturday night was given almost exclusively to a magic show," except for a clearly stated invitation to accept

Christ at the end, the pastor added.

One of the keys to the revival's success was the church's willingness to try a different approach, Zuberer said. "The average church today has to do some different things to reach people," he noted.

But the phenomenal results didn't happen magically, Zuberer said. The church worked and prayed diligently for the event's effectiveness.

The congregation mailed out a professional, colorful brochure to every home in the church's ZIP code area, inviting its 9,000 neighbors to attend. Leaders also printed tickets to be distributed at schools and local businesses, Zuberer explained.

"It's expensive to do what we did," he acknowledged. "But anything you're going to do today from a publicity standpoint that's going to reach people is going to be expensive."

And it paid off. Of all the decisions made that weekend, Zuberer said, the church was most struck by Warren and Adran Riddle, 73 and 71, respectively. The couple received a brochure in the mail, attended the event and made first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

"We've reached people we never would have reached at all," he said. "This is the best attendance we've had in many, many years."

Meanwhile, New Friendship Baptist Church near Auburn was experimenting with some new strategies of its own, both for revival and other ministries.

In a rural setting where numerous members work as schoolteachers and farmers, traditional every-night-of-the-week revival never was successful, said Pastor Dudley Moseley.

"So we had a special revival team come in each weekend, just for Sunday morning and night," Moseley explained. In addition, church fellowships and musical presentations were scheduled for Saturday evenings during the "Month of Sundays" revival.

"It was the most church-building revival we've ever seen," he said.

About the same time, New Friendship began using a SWAT team to get its new children's ministry off the ground.

Designed on the order of vacation Bible school, SWAT—an acronym for Super Wednesday Activity Time—offers Bible study, music and

crafts to more than 60 children every Wednesday of the year.

Two months ago the church's Wednesday night program was non-existent, Moseley explained. Now the church building swarms with mid-week activity.

"The key is patterning it after Bible school," Moseley said, noting he and his wife had questioned why more wasn't done to capitalize on "that one week a year when we fill the church with children from all over the community."

That's why they developed the SWAT approach.

More than 20 adult coordinators and teachers from the church attend Wednesday nights now, to lead the scores of children. They wear SWAT T-shirts and teach and play with the children on their level, Moseley said.

"We begin at 6 with a free Wednesday night dinner," he explained. Then, from 6:30-7:30, the children divide up for interactive Bible study and other activities.

"It's been so successful I know without a doubt it will work in any church," he insisted. "It can open doors for any church."

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College** will host its annual breakfast for alumni and friends Nov. 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Ohio Room of the Ramada Conference Center in Owensboro.

■ **West Kentucky Baptist Association** passed a resolution Oct. 16 opposing the "sale" of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. The resolution further calls for the assembly to be "funded to the extent necessary for its successful operation."

■ **Wendell and Kim Elza** of London received this year's V.V. Cooke Award for service to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. "They are ordinary people who are part of an extraordinary ministry because they have learned the joy of service," said Curtis Mooney, agency president. The Elzas are members of First Baptist Church of London.

■ **Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children** now has a World Wide Web home page on the Internet. The address to find the page is <http://www.iglou.com/kbhc/>.

■ **Correction:** Due to a reporting error, last week's Western Recorder incorrectly stated that Kay Trisler, newly elected executive director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, has a granddaughter. She has a grandson, Jonathan Owen Trisler.

■ **Georgetown College** trustees passed a resolution recognizing the contribution of former Georgetown President H. Leo Eddleman, who died this year. The resolution notes his "distinguished service" to the college.

Scott Countians give \$200,000 to Georgetown

GEORGETOWN—Residents of Scott County pledged nearly \$200,000 to Georgetown College in a single day last week.

The first-ever "Day for Georgetown College" netted \$196,776 in cash, pledges and gifts-in-kind, according to Steve Cook, assistant to the president for church and community relations and coordinator of the event. The event was held Oct. 30.

"We set our base goal for the day at \$125,000 with a challenge goal set at \$138,000," Cook said. "For us to exceed the challenge amount by nearly \$60,000 is incredible."

The gifts will support scholarship programs, capital projects, the academic operating budgets, faculty development and other college needs, Cook said.

"This says to me that the people of Georgetown and Scott County appreciate the college and what it has stood for all these years and are glad for a chance to say so in a tangible way," said Maribeth Hambrick, the event's co-chair and a Georgetown College trustee.

Gardner Daniel, president of Georgetown Bank & Trust, joined Hambrick as co-chair.

Nearly 70 volunteers assisted the college by calling on local businesses and individuals in the community to ask for a gift or pledge to the campaign.

Ninth & O ships 2,700 boxes of 'blessings'

By Marv Knox
Editor

LOUISVILLE—As Bosnian, Serb and Croat leaders journeyed to a military base in Ohio to settle their civil war, hundreds of Kentuckians banded together to express their love for citizens of that war-weary region.

Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville collected a bounty of gifts in its "Shoebbox Blessings" project. Recipients will be refugee children in Bosnia, who have seen the worst of the fighting and mayhem.

Ninth & O collected more than 2,700 boxes of gifts, 214 cases of medical supplies, 153 cases of food, 12 cases of miscellaneous clothing. The goods were shipped to Bosnia Nov. 2 in a 40-foot sea-going container, Pastor Rodney Burnette reported.

"These Bosnian refugee children have lost everything—their homes, their possessions, their peaceful country," Burnette said. "They just don't have anything."

Burnette collaborated with Bill Steele, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board administrator in Eastern Europe, to develop the "Shoebbox Blessings" project.

Gift-givers packed such items as small toys, Bible-story picture books, school supplies, hard candy, stuffed animals, dolls, balls, flashlights, underwear and hygienic items. Boxes were marked to indicate the appropriate age and gender of the recipient. Donors also contributed \$5 per box to pay for shipping.

The gifts, along with the food and medical supplies, will be distributed through Foreign Mission Board-operated feeding stations in Baptist churches in the region.

An article about the project ran in the Oct. 3 Western Recorder and later appeared in other Baptist state papers. Louisville radio and television sta-



SHOEBBOX BLESSINGS Judy Dye (left) and Sandy Browning, both members of Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville, packed shoeboxes filled with gifts for shipment to refugee children in Bosnia. The church's "Shoebbox Blessings" project collected more than 2,500 boxes of gifts, plus food and medicine, for war refugees.

tions also carried the story.

Response was phenomenal, Burnette said. Boxes were collected by 49 churches, four elementary schools, a junior high, several civic organizations and even the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange. Boxes also arrived from as far away as Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina and Missouri.

The project attracted so many gifts, food and medicine that they overflowed the shipping container, Burnette added.

That container, which connects directly to a tractor-trailer rig, is 40 feet long, by eight feet wide, and eight feet

high, said Jim Parsons, Ninth & O's minister of music, who also worked on the project. Another container, or at least a portion of a container, will go out sometime this month, carrying excess gifts and supplies, he said.

The containers should arrive in Bosnia about a month after they leave Louisville, in plenty of time for the gifts to be distributed for Christmas, Parsons reported.

For information about providing gifts and/or supplies for the second shipment, contact Burnette at Ninth & O Baptist Church, 2921 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, Ky. 40208; phone (502) 636-5576.

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BAPTIST FORUM

Ignorant criticism

I was privileged and blessed to hear Dr. Al Mohler speak recently at the annual meeting of Little Bethel Baptist Association. He spoke from Romans 10 about our responsibility for missions and evangelism.

I listened with a critiquing ear to see if I could pick up on some of the false doctrine he is supposed to espouse, according to some letters to the editor. But what I heard was something different.

I heard a man of God who believes and loves the inerrant word of God exalt Jesus as sovereign Lord above man's finite mind and reasoning.

I listened as he exegeted Scripture and made powerful and practical application to our lives. I felt the compassion and urgency as he spoke of the necessity to preach the gospel to a lost and dying world.

He said exactly what Baptists have always preached—a person must believe to be saved; a person must hear to believe; someone must preach for the person to believe. Dr. Mohler is right on target concerning scriptural missions and evangelism.

I'm sure Dr. Mohler is not perfect, as none are. But those who have criticized him in this area have surely done so in ignorance.

Clark A. Brown
Madisonville

Follow guidelines

I have found your paper to be an informational, well written "resource for Christian living." I am amazed at one item; please allow me to explain.

An unusual weekend

A historical event took place in Kentucky Baptist life on Sunday morning, Oct. 19. But that comes later.

A bright, red sun was ending its daily run, its final light scattered by the pines and oaks which ensconced the green fairways of Kentucky Dam Village golf course.

I had arrived in time to check into the lodge, deposit my luggage and briefcase in the room, put on my jogging (walking) suit and hurry across the highway to the course. I needed to forget the miserable UK-Mississippi State game I had listened to on the way down.

Heading west, away from the few remaining golfers, I luxuriated in what is my favorite kind of walk—at dusk, in autumn, on a deserted golf course! I don't know what the Garden of Eden was like, but for me, this is it.

Squirrels scampered here and there, hiding behind trunks of oak as I approached. A crow, startled by my appearance over a rise, begrudgingly gave up his space, fussing all the way off the ground.

In your Opinion section, you list information on your policy regarding letters. I quote, "... provided they do not make a personal attack on anyone." I would be interested to know if it only pertains to those of us outside the profession of newspaper editing.

I am disappointed in Mr. Knox's editorials. He seems taken with Dr. Mohler's ability or inability to administer at Southern Seminary. Mr. Knox "reported" (WR, Oct. 17) on Dr. Mohler's problems, misrepresentations and speaking ability to pull the wool over people's eyes—except his.

In the editorial, Mr. Knox directly attacks Mr. White and "many trustees" that "bought" Dr. Mohler's speech. Perhaps Mr. Knox would have been better off simply calling the trustees stupid. Or maybe instead of reporting how Dr. Mohler and the trustees "glossed over significant facts," Mr. Knox could have used words such as "deception," "treachery" and "lying." But what do I know about writing in an editorial section of a newspaper that gives "practical resources for Christian?? living"?

I wonder if Mr. Knox has shortcomings in his administration of the Western Recorder I could write about to promote ideas for Christian living?

The Recorder should review its policy for letters and see if they are living up to their own guidelines.

Adam Seymour
Louisville

Restore Events

I was disappointed to read that Events for all Kentucky Baptists will no longer be featured in the Western Recorder (WR, Oct. 24). This is one of my favorite parts of the paper, and I believe it is valuable.

Perhaps the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board will reconsider its decision to remove it from the Recorder. Surely they can "directly communicate the information to churches and

church leaders" as well as continue publication of Events.

Carol J. Brewer
Lexington

God's will be done

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Al Mohler compared himself and seminary trustees to Cortes and his men, invading and conquering the Aztec confederacy (WR, Oct. 17).

This is a frightening analogy. Cortes was bold, shrewd and ruthless. He took part in the conquest of Cuba. The governor of Cuba gave him his commission, and then revoked it. Cortes defied him and sailed with a small army in February 1519. He burned his boats and founded the town of Veracruz. He appointed the town council, which gave him a commission to proceed with the invasion of the Aztec confederacy.

Montezuma's subjects were no match for the European guns, armor and swords. A frightened Montezuma, half-convicted Cortes was the Fair God, Quetzaleatl, assigned a large royal palace to the Spaniards, and then allowed himself to be persuaded to live with them.

The rest of the story details a bloody conquest. The wealth of the Aztecs was pillaged; the conquest was swift and terrible. The Spaniards then built New Spain on the ruin of Montezuma's confederation.

I would call upon those who know that great things are wrought by prayer to ask God in a mighty way to empower us to move beyond this tragedy. We cannot allow ourselves to believe God wants our great seminary to be a place where all must keep quiet and bow to the will of a mere man.

This is an urgent call to Southern Baptists: Pray for God's will to be done.

Gwen E. Nimohay
Greenville

ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

I wished for Alice—not for her to make the long trip down and back, but just to be there on that late afternoon; for those 45 minutes of walking together in a place apart from our usual neighborhood concrete walk. For a few moments, I stood beneath a great oak, looking out over three fairways, sprinkled with leaves of gold and brown and red. We would have paused to hug there, I think, out of exuberant joy for the gift of life together.

Sunday morning came early, even with the one-hour turn back of the clock. I was to be at First Baptist Church in Paducah for the 8:15 and 11 services and then hurry out to Briensburg Baptist Church in Benton to make my presentation at the end of their service.

At 7:15, a few minutes before I needed to leave Kentucky Dam Village, I discovered I had forgotten a tie! I called the front desk and asked if anyone there had a tie I could borrow. No luck. It was suggested I might try housekeeping. "I don't think we have one here, but I'll look," responded Mary Speaks to my desperate call. In a few moments, she returned and indicated she had found

one tie and that I could borrow it. As I drove over to get it, I prayed it would have some blue in it to go with my dark blue suit. Unbelievably, it did!

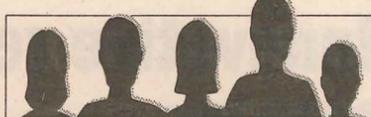
Now for the historical part of my journey. For the first time, perhaps since we began keeping records on it, two churches from West Kentucky ranked No. 1 in Cooperative Program giving—First Baptist Paducah in total CP and Briensburg in per capita CP—both in the same year. And I had the privilege of presenting to each of them, on the same day, an award of appreciation from the entire Kentucky Baptist family.

Since Kentucky Baptists have placed a historical marker at First Baptist Church in Murray where, we believe, the Cooperative Program was born, it is not surprising that this would one day happen.

On my way toward home from Briensburg, I stopped at Kentucky Dam Village, walked back inside the housekeeping building and handed Mary Speaks the tie. I doubt she has ever had a lodge "customer" more grateful for housekeeping services!

It was a good day, and I was glad to have been part of Kentucky Baptist history in the making.

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FAMILY FORUM

Overweight children need healthy help

By Jewell Nelson

Q Did you read in the paper that the number of overweight children has doubled since 1980? What to do?

A I read that disturbing information. Some of the weight increase has been attributed to sitting in front of televisions and computers.

Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper in his book "Kid Fitness" says an overwhelming 98 percent of kids have at least one heart-disease risk factor (high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, obesity or poor heart and lung stamina).

Like anything else we want our children to do and know, adults, especially parents and caregivers, have to be good examples of taking care of the "temple of God."

Shaming, nagging and focusing on the overweight only compounds the problem! Focus, rather, on the whole family becoming involved in physical activities, sports, hobbies and good eating habits.

A checkup by a doctor is important before family members become involved in physical activities not common to them.

Families who join the Y, hike, skate, ride bikes, golf, walk in their neighborhoods and/or enjoy sports are establishing good health habits while enjoying family togetherness.

Kentucky has excellent state parks. Families can visit the parks for a day, or for overnights (at reasonable rates), and enjoy the outdoor trails and other outdoor activities.

The word "diet" should be replaced with "healthy eating habits." If children are fed healthy foods early in life, they can get into good food habits, and obesity is less likely.

Simply replacing high-fat junk food in your house with low-fat, healthy snacks can become a good habit for the whole family. Low-fat cheese on whole-grain crackers, chilled berries, cubed fruits or melons are tasty treats. Raw veggies dipped in salsa or low-fat dip make good snacks. Instead of taking time to stir up high-fat foods to "reward" a child, challenge him or her to a favorite game, a brisk walk or give that time to just listen!

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

Polls show government-backed religion isn't utopia

Advocates of increased governmental involvement in or "support" for religion ought to compare the health and vitality of religious life in America to a country where the government undergirds religion.

"The United States leads the English-speaking union in matters of faith, with levels of belief remaining consistently high in recent years, while inhabitants of ... the United Kingdom have witnessed significant declines in belief during the past 10 to 15 years," reports the Princeton Religion Research Center, headed by pollster George Gallup Jr.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees religious freedom for all citizens, and its clauses ensure government neutrality toward religion. Laws of the United Kingdom, however, go further to prop up the church. Britons even pay taxes to support the state church.

According to the logic of people who advocate a constitutional amendment to "strengthen" the role of religion in America, Brits ought to be much more God-fearing, faithful and church-going than Yankees. Hardly.

Numerous polls have shown that more than 40 percent of Americans attend houses of worship each week. Less than 10 percent of Brits worship weekly. The latest polls show similar results regarding basic theo-

logical beliefs:

■ Ninety-six percent of Americans believe in God, compared to 61 percent of U.K. citizens. Their belief has fallen 15 percent in less than 20 years.

■ In the United States, 65 percent believe in the devil, but only 24 percent in the U.K. believe in Satan.

■ Belief in heaven is held by 90 percent of Americans, contrasted with 50 percent of Britons.

■ Seventy-three percent of Americans believe in hell, but that belief is shared by only 24 percent of Brits.

■ Miracles seem real to 79 percent of Americans, but only 37 percent of Britons share that opinion.

Of course, America is facing a moral and spiritual crisis. Greed, divorce, suicide, fraud, lust, abortion, abandonment, blasphemy and apathy burden our nation. But government regulation and "support" for religion won't fix all that. It sure hasn't made Great Britain a utopia. Believers must address the spiritual and moral climate of our society, but if we ask Uncle Sam to build the platform, we might find it has a trap door.

Marv Knox

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Thank God for a genuine Baptist 'saint': Penrose St. Amant

Editor's note: Nov. 19 marks the first anniversary of the death of Penrose St. Amant, a church historian and unique Southern Baptist. This tribute was written by his colleague and friend, Bill Leonard, director of the religion department at Samford University.

GUEST EDITORIAL

"He was a scholar and a gentleman." That is the way I will remember Penrose St. Amant as long as I live. Penrose personified the truth of that old truism.

As a scholar and teacher, Penrose excelled. He held degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He taught at New Orleans Seminary, was dean and professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and in "retirement" was a peripatetic professor at Golden Gate, Southern and Southwestern Baptist seminaries. At the time of his death, he was teaching at New Orleans Seminary. His legacy deserves to be remembered and celebrated.

Penrose thrived in the classroom. A Southern Seminary student told

me: "It isn't just that you get church history. It's that you get church history through Dr. St. Amant's eyes." Penrose made church history come alive with stories and tales, energy and insight, offered, as his French ancestors would have said, with "savoir-faire" and "joie de vivre."

Penrose passed on that heritage to and through countless Baptist historians. He was friend and mentor to several generations of Baptist professors. Some were students; others were faculty colleagues. Nonetheless, he taught us every one.

Great stories abound about his teaching style and eccentricities. Some, perhaps, were apocryphal, like the story that he came into a Southern Seminary classroom, opened with prayer and began teaching, only to learn—well into the lecture—that it was the wrong class! The conclusion was that the lecture was so good, nobody had the heart to stop him.

In his survey course, he introduced students to the great themes and individuals of the church. But he really loved stories of marginal folks—radicals, free-thinkers and heretics-turned-heroes.

As specialists in American church history, Penrose and I shared an interest in Lorenzo Dow, a 19th century Methodist evangelist and self-styled "eccentric cosmopolite." Dow roamed frontier America and even appeared in Penrose's beloved Louisiana. Penrose was convinced he and I were two of a tiny number who appreciated Dow, perhaps because we too had our share of eccentricities.

When I began studying the Appalachian serpent-handlers and attending their meetings, Penrose was delighted. He always said he wanted us to visit a serpent-handling service together, but we never made it. I wish we had.

You could see Penrose's eccentricity in his sideburns, which swept over his ears like waves crashing against the shore. Faculty colleague Frank Tupper surmised Penrose realized demons sometimes enter human beings through their ears, and so he grew sideburns to keep them out! It worked, because Penrose was not merely a scholar, but a Christian gentleman in the best sense of the term.

You don't have to go far among Baptists to meet folks whom Penrose and his beloved spouse, Jessie, nurtured. He did not force himself on

anyone, but he was there in difficulty. I was a recipient of such care. At a particularly troublesome time in my life, Penrose and Jessie insisted on taking me out for my birthday. It was a small act of great kindness and a gift I can neither repay nor forget. Hundreds of individuals have similar recollections.

Most of all, Penrose St. Amant spent his life calling Baptists to be better than we are. He articulated our history, warts and all, and pointed us toward God's grace. He was a Baptist who understood the radical nature of our heritage—a belief that Scripture must be both learned and lived, that the people of God can be trusted to read and interpret Scripture aright, that salvation is both individual and communal, and that all truth is God's truth, wherever it is found.

These ideas energized him to the end, sending him back into the classroom to pass on Christian and Baptist identity to yet another student generation. To the very end, Penrose was a scholar and a gentleman, a faithful "saint" in name, word and deed.

Thank God.

Bill Leonard
Samford University
Birmingham, Ala.

At least one daddy knows his place at children's birthday bashes

Birthday season has brightened our house one more time.

This is "birthday season," because Lindsay and Molly were born in November three years and three days apart. Since Molly bounced into the world nine years ago, we've celebrated two birthdays in the span of a week every autumn.

Once upon a time, I thought we decided we would take the MCI approach, alternating between "friends" and "family" parties. In a given year, one daughter would get a big bash with friends, while the other celebrated with a smaller family party. The next year, the parties would reverse. This tidy arrangement would alleviate Joanna and me from putting on—or shelling out for—two shindigs in the same

week.

Somewhere along the way, I must've dozed off, and the girls changed the rules. Seems we've had two friends parties and zero family parties for forever. That turned out great this year, because their parties afforded the girls one last fling with friends from school before they headed off to new schools in Texas.

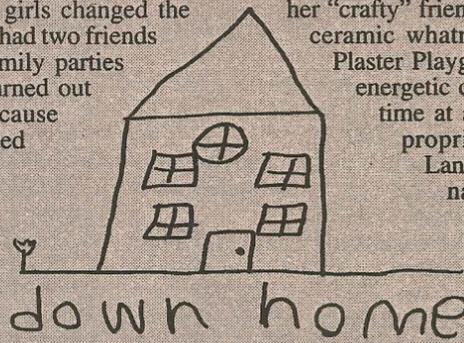
And this year, I finally understood parental roles at birthday parties.

At our house, the mom is the master-

mind. Joanna engineered a couple of splendid, memorable parties. Lindsay and her "crafty" friends enjoyed decorating ceramic whatnots at a place called Plaster Playground. Molly and her energetic crew skated to a grand time at a new rink called, appropriately enough, Ice Land. All of them ate the national food of children, pizza.

My job, on the other hand, was—and shall remain—to do whatever I was told.

At Lindsay's party, the girls intuitively understood I'm craft-impaired or artisti-



cally challenged, so they were glad for me to keep my distance. I carried packages, rearranged gifts and wondered how the woman who works there can make plaster and paint look like marble and jade.

Molly's party was more vigorous. I'm no Brian Boitano, but I am better at staying upright on ice skates than 8- and 9-year-old girls. Once Molly's marauders figured that out, they made me their tractor. Pull a gaggle of girls around an ice rink for two hours, and even ice cubes will make you break out in a hard sweat.

In a flash of Kodaks, the parties ended. All that's left to do is wait for the pictures to develop. And appreciate our kiddoes' wonder years for all they're worth.

Marv Knox

Abusive husband now restrained by love of God

Where to get help

- Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children offers counseling services statewide, as well as temporary shelters for youth and residential care for children in crisis. Call (800) 456-1386.
- Center for Women and Families in Louisville offers assistance and shelter for victims of all types of family violence. Call (502) 581-7200 or (502) 581-7222.
- YMCA Spouse Abuse Center in Lexington offers a wide range of services to victims of family violence. Call (606) 233-9940.
- Barren River Area Safe Space in Bowling Green. Call (502) 843-1183.
- Big Sandy Family Abuse Center in Prestonsburg. Call (606) 285-9079.
- Women's Crisis Center in Maysville. Call (606) 564-6708.
- Family Life Abuse Center in Mount Vernon. Call (606) 256-9511.
- Lincoln Trail Domestic Violence Program in Elizabethtown. Call (502) 765-4057.
- Women's Crisis Center in Covington. Call (606) 491-3335.
- Sanctuary Inc. in Hopkinsville. Call (502) 885-4572.
- Purchase Area Spouse Abuse Center in Paducah. Call (502) 443-6282.
- Resurrection Home in Beattyville. Call (606) 464-8481.
- Safe Harbor in Ashland. Call (606) 329-9304.
- DOVES in Morehead. Call (606) 784-7980.
- Owensboro Area Shelter. Call (502) 685-0261.
- LKLP Safe House in Hazard. Call (606) 439-1552.
- Bethany House Spouse Abuse Center in Somerset. Call (606) 679-1553.

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"Initially, there was the physical attraction," he added. "But it was also her intelligence and good wit. There's been a lot of good times in our relationship. It was like 100 pounds of love and two ounces of cobra venom."

The poison struck right before the wedding.

He forgot their marriage license appointment. She showed up at his workplace, swinging her purse. Later they laughed it off.

Soon the Whites moved to the Chaplin community midway between Louisville and Lexington. But fights erupted again over issues like who would wash the dishes or who left the cap off the toothpaste.

"I would overreact because I was a spoiled brat," Mrs. White said. "When I didn't get my way, I exploded."

And her husband struck back, sometimes leaving black eyes or bruises on her and holes in the walls.

Life heaped on stress too. Their first six years together, they faced various family deaths, illnesses and job losses. Then he hurt his hand in an accident, and after it healed he couldn't find jobs that paid more than \$5 an hour.

He stayed home when their son Erik was born in 1987; three more children followed over five years, including a set of twins. Meanwhile, Mrs. White's college degree earned her a good job as an Internal Revenue Service auditor.

The role reversal didn't sit well with White, who especially resented his inability to become a professional guitarist. He had forsaken everything else to fulfill that dream. Now he had to face the bitter truth: His destiny lay in being a carpenter rather than a musician.

To cope with those feelings, he smoked ever-increasing amounts of

marijuana. Right before his wife's legal action against him, he popped pills and threatened suicide.

However, the court order served as a wake-up call. On the advice of his mother, a member of Chaplin Fork Baptist Church, White sought counseling from Pastor Tom Knight.

Thanks to pastoral visits, late-night calls, Bible study, prayer and the power of the gospel, the pattern of his life changed. The pastor started visiting Mrs. White, too, encouraging her to turn back to the Lord she had known in childhood.

Both began attending church, but since the court order prohibited any contact, they went on alternate Sundays. At last year's spring revival, Mrs. White's resistance broke first, prompted by a message about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meanwhile, though progressing, her husband struggled mightily. He calmed the turmoil with booze. Early one morning, he walked outside with a bottle when a strange feeling overtook him.

"I realized I wasn't letting go," he said. "I poured out the vodka on the ground, got on my knees and said, 'God, take over. You know what's in my heart. Take over.'"

In a matter of days, the Whites were reunited. Eyebrows raised when the family showed up together at Chaplin Fork Church one Sunday.

But witnessing the reunion sparked a mini-revival in the church. Instead of sagging, attendance last summer increased from the mid-30s to the high-40s. Today it averages close to 60.

Over the past year, Pastor Knight has watched a pastor's heart develop in White, expressed through a deep concern for others and a desire to fulfill the Great Commission. And White is very popular with the teenagers, he said.

"One of their biggest compliments



'I got the restraining order out of love'

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CHAPLIN—Spouse abusers aren't always uncaring, unfeeling people, according to Jim White, who disagrees with the contention of a magazine article he read during his marital separation.

"It said if your husband is abusing you, there is no caring or love," he said. "And I said, 'That's not true.'"

"The only time in life I was happy and content was when I met Sheri. But I couldn't shake my excess baggage. I was an unhappy kid and rebelled against a lot of things."

As often happens with abusers, Jim felt great remorse after his abusive encounters with his wife. He apologized and promised never to do it again. Yet, like the apostle Paul writes in Romans 7:19, later he found himself doing what he didn't want to do.

Finally, White saw he had no power to change without God's help.

Now, he no longer feels he must "win" every argument to assert his manhood. In fact, he said, it takes more courage to admit when you're wrong.

"Don't harbor resentment or negative feelings," he advised men caught in similar traps.

"Many times I told Tom (his pastor) I was in a war with myself

and Sheri was closest to it. If you're not being the husband you need to be, get help. Church is the first place to start. There are books, counselors... help is everywhere."

Mrs. White said a battered wife plays a role when she doesn't try to change an abusive situation. However, she cautioned, get mad at the real enemy instead of your husband.

"You're fighting the devil. If he can't get at you and your mate, he'll try to get at your children."

"But I don't read in the Bible where you have to put up with abuse," she added. "I got the restraining order out of love. The only way to wake Jim up was to get him out of the house."

While Pastor Tom Knight was overjoyed to see the Whites reunited, he said each of them had to become whole before their relationship could work.

While salvation through Jesus Christ made that possible, after the Whites reunited they continued counseling to repair old wounds. And though the marriage isn't perfect today, the pastor said it is a beautiful example of God's grace in action.

"It's wonderful to see how that grace works," he said. "I haven't seen the violent outbreaks and negative name calling that used to be there. It's like it gets to the point to where they say, 'God, you take control.'"

is they say he understands who they are and is non-judgmental, but also non-compromising about the truth. They're in love with him. If it was up to them, he would be making a million dollars a year."

White has filled in several times for Knight and preached at two other churches.

"Everything I've heard has been real positive," said Pastor Jeff Fuller of neighboring Chaplin Baptist

Church. "He has communicated well what he wanted to say. Our folks enjoy hearing him."

Though he doesn't know exactly where God will lead, White said the difference between his life today and 19 months ago is like night and day.

"Sometimes I could kick myself for wasting so many years with drugs, alcohol and all that nonsense," he said. "I could have been doing something better."

Author classifies 3 ways churches face family violence

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—The church may have contributed more to the victimization of women and children in the family than to their relief, according to John Sisson, a family ministry expert with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Sisson is author of a new paper titled "Comfort My People: The Church Responding to Family Violence."

"For centuries the church was an integral part of a society which held that women and children were little more than property," Sisson said. "The church at first legitimized spouse battering as a means of correction. Later the practice was outlawed, but it remained largely ignored because it was seen as a personal family matter."

Church history related to the abuse of children is equally grim, he stated, and the church has been far

too silent about such practices.

Sisson said the modern church has responded to family violence with mixed reactions, including total naivete, denial, disbelief, indifference, failed logic, faulty theology and support.

He classifies modern churches in three categories:

■ The 'ostrich' church. Like the ostrich with its head hidden in the sand, such churches remain silent about family violence, either because they are naive or they deny the problem exists, Sisson said.

Testimonies are plentiful from victims of family violence about churches that met their cries for assistance with total disbelief, he noted. "This seems to be particularly true when the accused is a leader in either the church or community. Thus, the 'ostrich' church needs awakening. ... For those who suffer from family violence, the

silence of our pulpits and the inactivity of our ministries is quite deafening, for there are many who long for a fresh word of hope from the church, for words of either condemnation or of counsel, for ministries which might offer help and relief."

■ "Stumbling block" church. While few would admit it, the modern church has kept people away from the hope, love and salvation of Jesus Christ in relation to family violence, Sisson said.

The error of the "stumbling block" church is that of indifference, failed logic or faulty theology, he explained.

This church offers little constructive assistance to the cries for help, sometimes even turning the victims back to their homes with instructions to "suffer quietly for the sake of righteousness" or "be more submissive."

"The 'stumbling block' church is awake, but perhaps needs to walk

more carefully," Sisson said. "The 'stumbling block' church also must awaken to the fact many states now have laws in place, such that the minister may be held legally accountable if he knows of family violence but chooses not to report the case to an appropriate civil authority."

■ Lighthouse church. This church is a symbol of hope, Sisson said. He compared such churches to a lighthouse standing high above a rocky shoreline, serving as a beacon to those who are lost on stormy seas, steering ships away from that which might otherwise shatter and destroy them.

The "lighthouse" church stands as a beacon of hope, extending Christ's love to families who are adrift amidst their own violent storms, he said.

Copies of Sisson's paper, "Comfort My People" are available by calling (314) 635-7931, ext. 442.

Family violence called a real and urgent problem

By Julie Nail
Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—A young, middle-class woman waits in vain for her husband to return home. He has stopped at the bar for a "few drinks" after work.

Now at 2 a.m., she prays he will not come home at all; experience has taught her what will occur when he does.

Within the hour, the woman will be dragged from her bed, beaten and raped. Her young daughter, awakened by the noise, will listen quietly in her room, lest her father's drunken wrath turn on her.

Elsewhere, an infant cries inconsolably in the night. At first, the child's parents attempt to give him comfort. The crying only continues.

Frustrated, the parents seize the infant and shake him. They shout at the child to "Shut up!" Moments later, their son lies limp in their arms. His brain has been irreparably damaged by the momentary force of their anger.

These are true accounts cited by Missouri Baptist family ministry leader John Sisson in a paper titled "Comfort My People: The Church Responding to Family Violence."

Unlike the sensational stories of O.J. Simpson and Susan Smith, these two stories did not make national headlines. "However, they are real," Sisson wrote. "In fact, they represent scenes which are far too real for many families all across our nation."

Sisson, who works for the Missouri Baptist Convention, said he prepared the paper because incidents of family violence are "a frequent yet sad reality of modern family life, impacting and threatening the very lives of both our present and our future generations."

He defines "family" or "domestic" violence as spouse battering and/or the physical abuse of a child. The

term also addresses issues such as emotional abuse, spousal rape, incest, child abandonment and neglect and elder abuse.

Family violence can be summarized as "the physical and/or emotional mistreatment of a family member which has the potential to result in harm to that individual and (ultimately) to others," Sisson concluded.

Religious communities often deny that family violence occurs, said Thelma Burgonio-Watson, a program specialist for the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Seattle. "In all the mainline denominations in the United States and Canada, more and more now because of education awareness, there is a breaking of the silence using our materials or other materials. It cuts across the lines of racial and socio-economic barriers."

Don Anders, coordinator of mission ministries and special projects for the Missouri Baptist Convention, said statistics show family violence increases when the stress levels of society increase.

"Baptists used to deny that such violence was taking place in our Baptist families, but now we are beginning to admit our Baptist families and children are hurting each other," he said.

Sisson called family violence "an equal opportunity crime," noting it occurs among people of all ages, races, socio-economic classes and religious faiths. "Christians are not immune to family violence," he said.

Family violence has a strong correlation with other social issues such as juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, adolescent runaways, violent crime, sex offenses, prostitution and

homelessness, Sisson pointed out.

"It has been estimated that 50 percent of our nation's homeless population consists of women and children who are fleeing from family violence. Furthermore, some of our nation's 'missing children' are now believed to be hidden by a relative who is attempting to protect them from an abusive parent(s), or they may have been kidnapped by a relative for use as a bargaining chip in family disputes."

Getting to the root of the problem isn't always easy.

Sisson explains family violence as a complex, systematic problem with roots that vary from family to family. Because family violence impacts so many different types of families, there are no composite stereotypes that might represent all perpetrators or victims, he said.

However, he suggested some general characteristics that may allow the church to take preventive steps:

■ Some men who batter their partners tend to embrace the more traditional male and female roles and stereotypes. Violence can occur whenever the man's role as family leader is challenged by a "disobedient" wife or child.

■ There is a strong correlation between violence and low self-esteem. A person who may be outwardly confident and genuinely likable may secretly harbor a growing inner frustration that eventually could erupt into violence. The normally passive person also might be a candidate for family violence.

■ There is a strong correlation between family violence and substance abuse. Studies show as many as 67 percent of spouse battering cases were coupled with episodes of substance

abuse, primarily alcohol. Children who have been abused are far more likely to become substance abusers themselves.

■ Perpetrators often are individuals who have not learned to label their feelings, understand them or to release them in a healthy manner. The problem is not with anger per se, but with the way in which the anger is understood and later managed by the perpetrator.

■ Emotional dependence is often a strong theme. A fear of losing the spouse may cause the perpetrator to set up a series of crises, such that his partner is drawn to focus her attention solely upon him and his needs.

■ There is strong evidence to suggest that abuse runs in family trees, extending from generation to generation. Children who witness violence in their family of origin are six times more likely to abuse their own spouse or child when they become adults. Thus, violence is a learned behavior.

■ The perpetrator of family violence often holds unrealistic expectations for his wife and children. If the spouse or child fails to meet these expectations, he or she is punished.

■ Stress has been cited as a major factor in family violence, given that stressful events often serve as a catalyst to trigger violent episodes. The stress may be related to one specific event or it may have accumulated over time.

Sisson emphasizes that regardless of what factors might serve as underlying issues in family violence situations, the perpetrator alone is responsible for any violence that occurs.

"Violence is an act of the will," he said. "It is a choice which one makes in terms of managing his family conflicts. ... The claim 'I just lost it' holds no water, particularly given that most perpetrators manage to find other options for dealing with conflict when out in the workplace or community."



Facts on family violence

■ Family violence is the most under-reported crime in America. Nearly half of all spouse abuse cases (95 percent of which have women victims) are never reported to police.

■ An estimated 4 million American women are battered every year by their husbands or boyfriends—an average of one every nine seconds.

■ Family violence is the leading cause of injury to American women, exceeding automobile accidents, sexual assaults and muggings combined.

■ 42 percent of all female homicide victims (approximately 6,000 annually) are murdered by a male relative or boyfriend.

■ Children in homes where spouse battering occurs are abused at a rate 1,500 percent higher than the national average in the general population.

■ More than 2 million children are abused each year. Conservative estimates are that 2,000 of these cases will result in the death of a child. Deaths from abuse and neglect of children age 4 and younger outnumber those from falls, choking on food, suffocation, drownings, residential fires or car accidents, according to a national study by the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.

■ More than 2.9 million cases of child abuse were reported nationwide in 1993, a five-year high.

Cindy's story: Battered at home next door to church

By Julie Nail
Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Cindy had seen a lot in her seven-year marriage, but she'd never seen her husband this badly out of control.

Holding a loaded shotgun, he ordered their 5-year-old son to get down on his knees and pray. "Daddy's going home to Jesus," the 6-foot-2, 240-pound man told the boy. "And it's your mommy's fault."

As the child prayed and wept, Cindy (not her real name) suggested to her husband he leave the house for a little while to cool off. As soon as he did, she called her parents for help. The next day she filed for divorce.

A self-described "typical Southern Baptist child," Cindy is a pastor's daughter who became a Christian at age 5. She became a wife at 21, dreaming of the ideal, perfect

marriage relationship.

Although she hadn't intended to have children right away, she soon was pregnant. After their son was born, her husband started in with what she termed mental/emotional abuse.

Through his words, Cindy heard her husband calling her "stupid" and "the dumb woman/mother."

The couple lost their second child when she was 26 weeks pregnant. The baby had a disease that strikes one of 60,000 people. Her husband laid the blame on Cindy.

That was when the physical abuse started—pushing and shoving. Her husband claimed Cindy "wasn't fair to him" and didn't give him enough attention.

The birth of another child did not bring peace to the household. Cindy slept with the two children in a single bed. She described the situation as "walking on eggshells," never knowing what kind of mood her husband would come home in

or what little thing might trigger his violent rage toward her or the children.

One night he threw her across the room because he didn't like what she was fixing for dinner. The family lived next to her father's church; her husband was the music director and Cindy played the piano.

"He'd threaten us on the way to church," she recalled.

Cindy began to pray. She felt divorce was not right, and she worried about the effect of a divorce on her father's ministry. She thought she could make things better.

Later, she discovered her husband was a closet alcoholic—literally. His closet, which she had been forbidden to enter, was littered with empty vodka bottles.

"My story is not unique," Cindy said. She is not Nicole Simpson or a rock star's girlfriend, she points out to audiences when she shares her story. "I'm your typical, every-

day walk-of-life person."

After she left her husband, Cindy's mother-in-law told her she admired her for getting out—something the older woman had not had the courage to do in her own marriage.

Still, Cindy suffered for seven years. She stayed, she said, because of fear.

One of her husband's repeated threats was: "I'll take the children—you'll never see them again." Insecurity was another factor. "Your self-esteem is so low you feel you can't make it," she said.

Cindy is making it today—although her struggles continue. Her ex-husband, after dropping out of sight for a time, recently has been seeking extended visitation rights to the children.

But Cindy still tells her story, in hope that churches will become more aware of the problem of family violence and more willing to minister to its victims.

Convention week activities

Monday, Nov. 13

- **Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association** meeting at First Baptist Church of Owensboro. Sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.
- **Kentucky Baptist Music Conference** meeting at Third Baptist Church of Owensboro. Sessions begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.
- **Kentucky Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging** brunch and meeting at Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro. Event begins at 11 a.m.
- **Kentucky Baptist Communicators Forum luncheon** in Nevada Room of Ramada Conference Center, noon.
- **Kentucky Baptist Ministers to Youth meeting** in Ohio Room of Ramada Conference Center, 1 p.m.
- **Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference** at Ramada Conference Center. Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions Fellowship banquet** at Lewis Lane Baptist Church in Owensboro, 6 p.m.
- **Reception for ministers** in Texas Room of Ramada Conference Center, 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- **Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions** at 8:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **Boyce Bible School breakfast** for alumni and friends in Louisiana Room of Ramada Conference Center, 7 a.m.
- **Fun run/health walk**, beginning at Third Baptist Church at 7:15 a.m.
- **Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College breakfast** for alumni and friends in Ohio Room of Ramada Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
- **Annuity luncheon** in Showroom Lounge of Ramada Conference Center, 11:45 a.m.
- **Director of missions luncheon** hosted by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in Texas Room of Ramada Conference Center, 11:45 a.m.
- **Women in ministry luncheon** in Ohio Room of Ramada Conference Center, 11:45 a.m.
- **Southern Seminary prayer time** in Michigan Room of Ramada Conference Center, noon.
- **Southwestern Seminary alumni and friends luncheon** at Moonlight Barbeque, noon.
- **Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship** meeting in Showroom Lounge of Ramada Conference Center, 5 p.m.
- **New Orleans Seminary alumni and friends dinner** at Colby's Restaurant, 5 p.m.
- **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College alumni and friends dinner** at Walnut Memorial Baptist Church in Owensboro, 5 p.m.
- **Theological education dinner** sponsored by Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, Lexington Theological Seminary and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond at Third Baptist Church of Owensboro, 5:30 p.m.
- **Afterglow** sponsored by Conference of Kentucky Baptist Vocational Evangelists in Texas Room of Ramada Conference Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- **KBC annual meeting sessions** at 8:45 a.m., 1:50 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- **Campbellsville College breakfast** for alumni and friends in Texas Room of Ramada Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
- **Cumberland College breakfast** for alumni and friends in Ohio Room of Ramada Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
- **Georgetown College breakfast** for alumni and friends in Kentucky A Room of Ramada Conference Center, 7:30 a.m.
- **Laity luncheon** in Kentucky A Room of Ramada Conference Center, noon.
- **Midwestern Seminary alumni and friends luncheon** at Moonlight Barbeque, 12:15 p.m.
- **Woman's Missionary Union dinner** for missionaries in Ohio Room of Ramada Conference Center, 5 p.m.

KBC speakers include Blackaby, Mohler

OWENSBORO—Messengers to next week's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting will hear reports from their agencies and insitutions, conduct business and hear four keynote messages.

Speakers at the Nov. 14-16 annual meeting include:

■ A.B. Colvin, retired state missions director, who will deliver the convention sermon in place of Roy Honeycutt, who is recuperating from recent surgery. Honeycutt is former president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

■ Henry Blackaby, director of prayer and spiritual awakening for the

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Sunday School Board and co-author of the popular "Experiencing God" discipleship materials.

■ Billy Compton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, who will deliver the president's address.

■ Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The theme this year is "Releasing the Power of the Church Today: Experiencing God, Reaching People and Touching Lives."

Each session will feature special music, including performances by the

Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Kentucky Baptist Singing Women, Kentucky Baptist Instrumental Ensemble, Campbellsville College choir, the state senior adult choir and several church choirs.

The closing session Wednesday evening will include a period of praise and worship, led by Michael Smith, minister of music at Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro.

The program was planned by the KBC committee on order of business, which was chaired by Dan Garland, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Henderson. Other committee members are David Fambrough of Dawson Springs, Tim Frank of Frankfort, James Pierce of Lexington, Bill Fort of Bowling Green and Ron Wells of Oak Grove.

Guide to the 1995 KBC annual meeting

Highlights of KBC annual meeting

■ Tuesday morning, Nov. 14.

Session begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 11:35 a.m.

Appointment of committees and tellers; credentials committee report; music by First Baptist Church of Mount Washington choir; president's address by Billy Compton.

■ Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 14.

Session begins at 1:15 p.m. and concludes at 4:40 p.m. Executive Secretary-treasurer report; music by Kentucky Baptist Chorale; election of president; reports by constitution and bylaws committee and

Executive Board; introduction of motions and resolutions.

■ Tuesday evening, Nov. 14.

Session begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m. Christian education message; election of officers; music by Kentucky Baptist Singing Women and Campbellsville College choir; message by Henry Blackaby.

■ Wednesday morning, Nov. 15.

Session begins at 8:45 a.m. and concludes at noon. Miscellaneous business; reports by resolutions committee and arrangements committee; music by adult vocal

ensemble from Zion Baptist Church of Henderson; convention sermon by A.B. Colvin.

■ Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15.

Session begins at 1:50 p.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Reports by committee on committees and committee on nominations; music by New Direction quartet of Glasgow and state senior adult choir; miscellaneous business.

■ Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

Session begins at 6:45 p.m. and concludes at 8:40 p.m. Miscellaneous business; praise and worship; message by Al Mohler.

Tips for getting around the meeting sites

OWENSBORO—Here are some last-minute tips if you're planning to attend next week's Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting:

■ **Site:** The Ramada Resort and Conference Center in Owensboro. This facility, formerly the Executive Inn Rivermont, overlooks the Ohio River and is located on One Executive Boulevard off Main Street. All Pastors' Conference and KBC annual meeting sessions will be held in the hotel. Most other events and features, including the book store and exhibits, will be in the hotel as well.

■ **Dates:** The Pastors' Conference is Nov. 13. The KBC annual meeting is Nov. 14-15.

■ **Registration:** Begins Monday at 10 a.m. between the hotel's main lob-

by and International ballrooms. Messenger cards are mailed from the KBC Executive Board to churches upon request. Call (502) 245-4101, ext. 249 to request messenger cards. All messengers seeking credentials must have been duly elected by cooperating churches.

■ **Accommodations:** See the ad in the Oct. 17 Western Recorder. An Owensboro hotel list also is included in packets of messenger cards mailed to churches. For more information, call Denise Withers at (502) 245-4101, ext. 212. The Ramada Resort and Conference Center, which will accommodate the majority of overnight requests, has blocked 600 rooms for the KBC. Most of those rooms have been reserved, but some

space still is available.

■ **Food:** The convention hotel has two restaurants, the Patio Dining Room and the Gourmet Room. Room service also is available. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the hotel will offer a cash concession lunch in the Atrium. No advance ticket is required for this option, which will include a salad bar or separate items, such as hot dogs, Polish sausage, sandwiches, chips, bratwurst and desserts. The cost will range from \$4.50 to \$5, excluding drinks.

■ **Parking:** The Ramada offers 700 free parking spaces. A parking garage on Daviess Street, located nearby across from the Riverpark Center, also is available.

Pastors' Conference focuses on 'Man of God'

OWENSBORO—Participants in next week's Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference will focus on "The Man of God."

Pastors' Conference President Rodney Burnette, pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville, announced that theme for the Nov. 13 sessions at the Ramada Resort and Conference Center in Owensboro.

The program will feature five messages interpreting the theme of "The Man of God" by looking at "His Savior," "His Stewardship," "His Study," "His Work" and "His Worship."

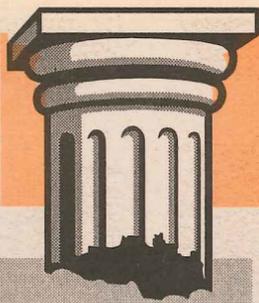
Those messages will be delivered by Ronnie Owens, vocational evangelist from Clinton, Tenn.; Ben Gill, president of RSI, a capital stewardship company based in Dallas; Tommy Lea, dean of the theology school at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Bobby Moore, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Olive Branch, Miss.; and Jack Johnson, president of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission.

Music will be provided by gospel artists Lois Jane and Marshall Kellam, as well as the Mercy Street Trio and

the Macedonia Baptist Church choir. Each session also will include dramatic presentations by Christian dramatists Matt and Darlene Tullios.

The Monday afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m., and the evening session begins at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to Burnette, officers for this year's Pastors' Conference include Vice President Gary Frizzell, pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Ashland, and Secretary Stan Cole, pastor of Kento-Boo Baptist Church in Florence. New officers will be elected Monday evening.



GEORGETOWN TODAY

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Georgetown ranks high once again

Georgetown College ranks among the top third of liberal arts colleges in the United States, according to the "1996 Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges" published by U.S. News & World Report.

Georgetown was listed by U.S. News & World Report among the top 161 national liberal arts colleges for the second consecutive year. The college is one of only three liberal arts colleges in Kentucky and one of only four Baptist institutions in the country that made the survey's list.

In addition, Georgetown was one of only five Kentucky colleges listed in Peterson's Competitive Colleges 1995-1996. Peterson's, a comprehensive source of more than 375 leading colleges and universities in the United States, listed Georgetown for the second consecutive year.

Peterson's uses a variety of factors to identify colleges that have freshman applicants whose credentials are above average when compared nationally, regionally and locally.

Georgetown College also has been named to the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges for 1995, marking the sixth year for this prestigious honor. Georgetown is one of only 124 institutions nationwide that met the distinctive criteria in 1995.

"Being named to the Templeton Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges validates Georgetown College's efforts to foster a Christian environment," said President William H. Crouch Jr. "It's rewarding to be recognized for providing a liberal arts education based on values and integrity."

State-of-the-art Learning Resource Center planned

Plans are being drawn for a new \$12 million state-of-the-art Learning Resource Center, which President William H. Crouch Jr. predicts will be the academic centerpiece of the Georgetown College campus.

The new center will replace the college's outdated library.

To date \$5.9 million in funding has been committed to the project. Crouch said Georgetown College trustees voted in January to proceed with blueprints for the Learning Resource Center.

The two-story, 53,000-square-foot building will be designed in classic Georgian architecture to complement other antebellum structures on campus. It will feature a 125-seat high-tech auditorium; a 100-seat distance learning center; a replica of the Yale Law Library study room, including a 14-foot high fireplace; a three-story entrance hall; movable stacks for book storage; a gourmet coffee shop and patio area to encourage community use of the facility; a book store that will sell a

selection of national newspapers; study tables with computer hookups; and space to accommodate 220,500 volumes of books and 1,050 periodicals.

The building is being designed by the HNTB architectural firm in Indianapolis.

"Library research is central to a college education," said Dr. Gwen Curry, chair of the English department and the 1993 Kentucky Professor of the Year. "Although I have forgotten most of the lectures I heard in college, I still remember the papers I researched and wrote—even for my freshman English class. In the composition classes I now teach, I have long been telling my students that they are connecting with a vast network of knowledge. With the new Learning Resource Center, Georgetown College will literally join this network, and our students will have the same advantages previously available only at larger universities."

The new facility will be located

parallel to Mulberry Street facing toward the center of campus. To accommodate the building, the current art building will be demolished and a new art building will be placed near the Learning Resource Center.

Groundbreaking for the new

Learning Resource Center is tentatively scheduled for May 1996. The project should be completed in about 18 months.

Crouch said a \$5 million endowment will be set up to fund the operating expenses of the center.



College's 'African Five' learn on mission

Three 1995 graduates of Georgetown College and two undergraduates spent their summer doing mission work in Africa.

Known on campus as the "African Five," they experienced many unique and exciting adventures, such as helping people of Third World countries, sampling local food and drink, enduring equator heat that reached 130 degrees, bartering and being poked because they were the first white people many nationals had ever seen.

The group visited four East African countries assisting a Southern Baptist missionary couple who are Georgetown alumni. Because of the sensitive nature of this couple's work, their names and place of service cannot be published.

Georgetown students and alumni participating in the mission project were Shana Harper of Walton, Amanda Gruner of Ft. Thomas, James Lyles of Frankfort, Dana Bloyd of Columbia and Mike Vin-

son of Huntington, W.Va.

The idea for the trip had its beginning when the missionary couple visited Georgetown College two years ago and talked with students about their work. After the five students became serious about going, they had to raise money to cover their expenses.

"We raised money in different ways, but we couldn't have done it without the support of President (William H. Jr.) Crouch, Dr. (Jack) Birdwhistell and everyone on campus," Bloyd said. Birdwhistell is campus minister at the college.

After an orientation upon their arrival in Africa, the group assisted in a crusade in Nairobi, Kenya, their headquarters. This was followed by treks into bush country in Kenya and elsewhere, to deliver food and medical supplies to nationals, give immunization shots and provide other basic health care, entertain children and paint the children's ward of a hospital.

The five young adults, all devout Christians, agonized over the hardships endured by the nationals but gained a deeper appreciation of their faith and what they had at home.

"Not just material things," Vinson said. "It's the sharing of affection. These people don't understand the concept of love as we do."

"Most people have no idea how difficult life is in this part of the world," Lyles added. The missionary "warned us, but until you see for yourself it's hard to comprehend."

Bloyd and Harper remember the children.

"It was hard for me to see the poverty and filth without bringing all the kids home with me," Harper said.

The group entertained children with songs, games, stories and puppet shows. "In one of the first villages we visited, we had about 100 children the first day and by the end of the week there were 300," Lyles said.

Enrollment on the rise at Georgetown

Fall undergraduate enrollment at Georgetown College has increased for the second consecutive year, according to Mike Konopski, director of admissions.

"The fall 1995 figures show that Georgetown has enrolled a total of 1,155 undergraduate students, which is an increase over the fall 1994 enrollment of 1,136," he said. "This year's student body is also diverse, with students coming from 26 states, seven foreign countries and 97 Kentucky counties."

"The 308 first-time freshmen are bringing in the highest average ACT score (24.7) in the history of the college," he added. "In addition, out of the freshman class we have 18 Governor's Scholars, 23 valedictorians, 11 salutatorians, 42 percent who graduated in the top 10 percent of their classes, and a high-school grade point average of 3.43."

In addition to the undergraduates, 306 graduate students enrolled for fall 1995 in Georgetown College's master's degree in education program, a 14 percent increase over the previous fall.

Ben Oldham, dean of education, said the increase is due to Georgetown's easy registration and off-campus classes. "We are holding classes off-campus at eight locations this semester. It's better for our professors to travel to a site convenient to the students rather than having all of them drive to Georgetown."



"AFRICA FIVE" A group of five Georgetown students and recent graduates join two students from Samford University in a puppet show for children in a Kenyan village.



Marshall Ministry Center launched

Georgetown College has announced plans to launch the Bill and Alice Marshall Center for Christian Ministry, to be operational in January 1997.

"The center will be committed to helping Baptists understand who we are and to translate that understanding into tangible ministry and mission," said President William H. Crouch Jr.

William W. Marshall, a 1957 Georgetown alumnus, currently leads the Kentucky Baptist Convention in his position as executive secretary-treasurer. Before coming to the KBC, he served as a pastor and Southern Baptist foreign missionary in the Middle East. He is a Kentucky native and graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Alice Marshall, also a 1957 Georgetown graduate, is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives group and a partner in the retail corporation Wallpaper for Less.

"It was as a student at Georgetown that my Christian calling and vocational mission were experienced," Marshall explained. "It is a 'holy place' in my pilgrimage. Alice and I are thrilled with the intention of Dr. Crouch's vision for a Center for Christian Ministry at Georgetown College and are honored to be associated with it in this special way."

Dr. Dwight Moody has been appointed acting director of the Marshall Center. Moody, a 1972 Georgetown graduate, is pastor of Third Baptist Church of Owensboro and currently serves as a Georgetown College trustee.

The value of a Christian liberal arts education

By Dr. Gwen Curry
English department chair

I have heard people say that the phrase "Baptist higher education" is a contradiction of terms. These people hold some widespread misconceptions.

They think Christian education takes a "work-sheet approach" to teaching—"here are the questions; here are the right answers." They think the teacher stands as the authority and tells the student all the answers: "This is what I believe; now let me tell you what to believe. These are the books you may read, and those are the books you may not read."

About 20 years ago, I had an older student in a literature class that was discussing a short story by James Joyce. This student got up and left the room in the middle of the discussion, saying, "It might be OK to talk about such things, but first you ought to write the truth on the blackboard." Such people think that a Christian higher education consists of Bible classes taught to a specific doctrinal creed. In the minds of such folks, chapel—with doctrinally approved speakers—must always be required.

When I interview candidates for a teaching position at Georgetown

College, they inevitably ask me, "What does it mean to teach at a Baptist college? How much do Baptists interfere with the academic freedom of the teacher?"

I tell them that at Georgetown College I have never been told what to teach, or what not to teach. In freedom, by the light of my own Christian conscience, I select the books, the poems, the plays, the essays I teach in my English classes. I am freer teaching at Georgetown College, a Baptist college, than the teacher at a state school who is not allowed to discuss religion in the classroom. Freedom is intrinsic to education.

Those who have experienced Christian education know that it is really a matter of how you teach more than what you teach. Our students sometimes come to us in a box. It is our job to get them to come out of the box without tearing the box down around them. The community of scholars—teachers and students—starts from the perspective of Christianity as their world view, and they hold everything up to Christ's light—everything they read or hear,

everything they say or do, everything they think.

Think. That is the key. The student at a truly Christian college is encouraged to think. Without fear.

A true Christian education teaches a student how to think, not what to think. There is no forbidden knowledge. Students are free to examine all ideas and reach their own conclusions. Critical thinking is encouraged. We live in a "world at risk." As educators, we must prepare leaders who understand those risks. If we blindfold them (or ourselves), if we refuse to let them read books that portray the secular world they must live in, if we forbid examination and discussion of contemporary issues, who then will be able to lead us through perilous times?

Christ said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Real Christian education is not afraid to examine all sides of an issue. It is not afraid to search for truth.

Christianity has survived for nearly 2,000 years despite human disagreements and divisions, despite

all the doctrinal controversy of all the denominations, all the splits and countersplits and organizational realignments.

Being a Georgetown College faculty member is my calling, my mission in life. As a teacher at Georgetown College, I have the opportunity to demonstrate Christianity by the life I live, by the value I place on each student I teach, by the respect I show my students and my colleagues, by my stewardship of time and energy as well as money. By teaching my students to work up to their potential and by giving them a global awareness, I help to develop leaders who believe in and practice the golden rule in fairness, generosity and tolerance.

I can teach my students values. I can teach them to value altruism over greed, to value cooperation over competition, to value truth over entertainment or appearance, and to value idealism over realism. I can teach them that real power does not lie in the "bottom line," but in making the right ethical and moral decisions and in assuming responsibility for the future. Christian education is not "writing the truth on the blackboard." At Georgetown College we provide a caring Christian community, a safe place for learning—in freedom, without fear.



Financial aid for Baptist students

◆ **Parks Scholarship.** Georgetown College has created a four-year, full tuition, room and board scholarship for one of the nation's top Baptist students. The Paul and Phyllis Parks Baptist Scholars Award will be given to a highly qualified Baptist student who will complete an undergraduate degree in any field of study in preparation for lifelong Christian service. To be eligible, a student must be affiliated with a Baptist church, participate in Christian service opportunities while receiving the award and demonstrate high potential for completing an undergraduate degree at Georgetown. Financial need is not a consideration.

◆ **Pastors' Christian Leadership Scholarships.** Recipients are selected by a committee of pastors and ministers from local churches and college personnel. Students are selected on the basis of their leadership, Christian commitment, an essay outlining their qualifications for the scholarship and a pastor's recommendation. This selective award provides up to 80 scholarships of \$2,000 (\$500 per year) and six half-tuition scholarships amounting to more than \$18,000 over four years.

◆ **Matching Grant Program for Baptist Churches.** Georgetown College will match dollar-for-dollar any church-sponsored grant of up to \$2,500 for admit-

ted students with an ACT of 25 or above. Georgetown also will match dollar-for-dollar a church-sponsored grant of up to \$1,500 for all other admitted students. These special scholarship opportunities are offered to Baptist students enrolling as first-time freshmen or as transfer students.

◆ **Christian Service Grants.** A \$1,000 grant is available to Baptist students who intend to enter a church-related profession. This includes a guaranteed and renewable grant up to four years for a total of \$4,000, one-on-one mentorship programs and weekend preaching and ministry opportunities.

◆ **Minister's Grant.** A \$2,500 grant is available to sons and daughters of ordained Baptist ministers and is renewable for four years, for a total of \$10,000.

◆ **Nelson Scholarship.** The David Nelson Scholarship for Ministerial Students, named after the Georgetown College trustee and longtime pastor of First Baptist Church of Owensboro, is now available to eligible students. Each year, \$2,500 will be awarded to a selected student who has accepted God's call into full-time Christian ministry.

For more information about financial aid, contact the Georgetown College admissions office at (800) 788-9985.

Can you suggest a future Georgetown student?

Do you know a student who could benefit from a Georgetown College education? If so, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Office of Admissions, 400 E. College St., Georgetown, KY 40324 or call (800) 788-9985.

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Familiar Name/Nickname: _____

High School: _____

Year of graduation: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Relationship to Student: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____



Look for Georgetown while surfing the Internet

An Internet e-mail address system has been introduced by Georgetown College, enabling prospective students from throughout the world to instantly obtain information about the college.

The Internet address is admissions@gtc.georgetown.ky.us.

According to Mike Konopski, director of admissions, Georgetown is one of the first colleges or universities in Kentucky have this capability.

"Service is a top priority at Georgetown College, and implementation of the Internet e-mail address is a positive advancement in this area."

Konopski noted that the number of families with personal computers at home is increasing dramatically. Students with home computers can access the Internet e-mail system with one of the popular software packages, such as American Online, CompuServe or Prodigy. Many high schools now have this capability, so that students without home computers can see their guidance counselors about accessing the system.

"The obvious advantage of the Internet e-mail address system is quick turnaround, which is much faster than other delivery systems," Konopski said. "The service is free of charge and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Another feature is that every inquiry to Georgetown College receives an automatic reply so the sender knows immediately that the message has been received."

Georgetown builds home with Habitat

The Georgetown College Habitat for Humanity Building Blitz over Labor Day weekend was a success, with 286 students, faculty and staff participating in the cooperative housing project, said Peter LaRue, assistant professor of music and coordinator of the project.

At the end of the blitz weekend, the volunteers had installed the wiring and the prefabricated exterior and interior of the house. In the weeks since, workers have gotten the house under roof and the siding in place, shingles on the roof, and the electrical and plumbing roughed in.

This house is for the Patricia Cook family and is the seventh house to be built by Habitat for Humanity in Scott County. It is located in Habitat Village off Hickman Street near Gano Avenue Baptist Church. This particular house is a joint effort of Scott County Habitat for Humanity, Georgetown College, the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood and the Federal Home Loan Bank.

The Building Blitz was the idea of LaRue and Georgetown College President William H. Crouch Jr.,

who saw the Habitat for Humanity project as a way for the college to contribute to the community. The president's office pledged \$2,500 toward the project, challenging the campus to match that amount for a total of \$5,000.

Senior Charlotte Stickle, speaker pro tem for the Association of Geor-

getown Students, helped coordinate student volunteers for Labor Day weekend. "Looking back on my college career in 10 to 15 years, this project will be one of the things I'm most proud of," Stickle predicted. "To see students and faculty work side by side on a project just warmed my heart."



LESSON IN LABOR Georgetown student Charlotte Stickle hammers for Habitat for Humanity, where she helped coordinate a Labor Day Weekend Building Blitz.

Georgetown College invites you to its **Alumni and Friends Buffet Breakfast** Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 a.m. in Kentucky A Room at Ramada Resort and Conference Center in Owensboro. For reservations call (800) 788-9985 by Friday, Nov. 10

Program eases transition for freshmen

Moving from high school to college can be a difficult adjustment for many students. But it has become easier at Georgetown College because of the Freshman Experience program.

In seminars, group discussions, informal gatherings, tutorial services and field trips, first-year students are able to bond with other newcomers while developing skills conducive to learning.

"The program serves as a bridge for high school and transfer students so they can be more comfortable in making the transition," said Jane Thomas, director of enrollment services at Georgetown College and administrator of the program. "Young people need to identify with

something, and this can be accomplished in our small-group format.

"We have a session on note-taking. Another is about listening, as many people often hear without really comprehending," she explained. "We talk about taking tests and what to look for on essay, multiple choice or true-false exams. Or, we discuss the difference in reading a textbook on one subject, science for example, compared to reading one on history. Another important topic is tolerance and diversity—how to understand and respect one another."

This fall, students went through the ropes course at Asbury College in Wilmore during a day-long field trip. Exercises on this challenging course are designed to build team-

work, trust and dependency on one another, leadership and group decision-making.

Thomas, who has 12 years of experience in helping freshmen adjust to college life, had 88 students when she implemented the Freshman Experience program at Georgetown College in the 1994 fall semester. Enrollment in the program jumped to 181 for fall 1995.

"We met with student focus groups to learn things they didn't know, but wished they had known before coming to Georgetown," she said. "This was helpful in formulating the curriculum."

The course is an elective, and students receive one hour of academic credit.

Alumni briefs

◆ **Matt Collinsworth**, a 1993 graduate, has won the 1995 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship and a \$15,000 grant with writings reflecting life in his native Eastern Kentucky. The fellowship, one of the largest prizes for creative writing by college students in the nation, can be used by Collinsworth to further his studies however he chooses.

◆ **Marcia Milby Ridings**, who graduated from Georgetown in 1971, took office July 1 as the first woman to serve as president of the Kentucky Bar Association. During her year's tenure she will represent the association in dealings with the Supreme Court, the media, the public and attorneys throughout the state.

◆ **Noah Cooksey**, a 1995 graduate, was awarded a Ful-

bright grant for study abroad, Georgetown's sixth recipient in the last seven years. Georgetown College has produced more Fulbright Scholars during this period than any other private college in Kentucky. Cooksey is spending the 1995-96 academic year in Korea, where he will teach English as a second language to high school students and study Korean teaching methodology.

◆ **Joy Gragg**, who graduated in 1988 from Georgetown, had an article published in the June 1995 issue of the Law Review of the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she is a third-year student. The article, based on a Supreme Court case, is titled "Thunder Basin Coal Co. vs. Reich: District Courts Stripped From Mine Act Review Scheme."

Campus briefs

◆ **Dr. Austin French**, professor of mathematics and computer science, is the 1995 recipient of the prestigious Cawthorne Excellence in Teaching Award. The award was based primarily on classroom performance and French's innovative teaching techniques.

◆ Three Georgetown College employees received the 1995 Rollie Graves Technology Excellence Awards for innovative use of technology. They are **Frank Mason**, business manager/controller, **Dr. Barbara Raffail**, chair of the biological sciences department, and **David Scott**, director of resident services.

◆ **Dr. Clyde Bates**, professor and former chair of the business administration and economics department, and **Dr. Louis Polsgrove**, professor and chair of the education department, retired this spring from the faculty at Georgetown College. Bates had taught at the college for 31 years and Polsgrove had taught for 28 years.

◆ Georgetown College sent 165 students to the 68th Annual Kentucky Baptist Student Convention held in October at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green. That was the largest number of participants sent by a single college in Kentucky, including the host school, Western Kentucky University.

◆ 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. Of the total, new planned gifts came in at more than \$2 million. The fiscal year ended with the faculty and staff, board of trustees, Foundation board and the 1995 senior class all giving at 100 percent.

◆ Tennis players **Melanie Dean**, a senior from Franklin, and **Robert Warford**, a senior from Taylorsville, have been named NAIA National Scholar Athletes. **Michael Baker**, a football and baseball player from Yeaddiss, was named the 1995 KAC A.O. Duer Award winner.

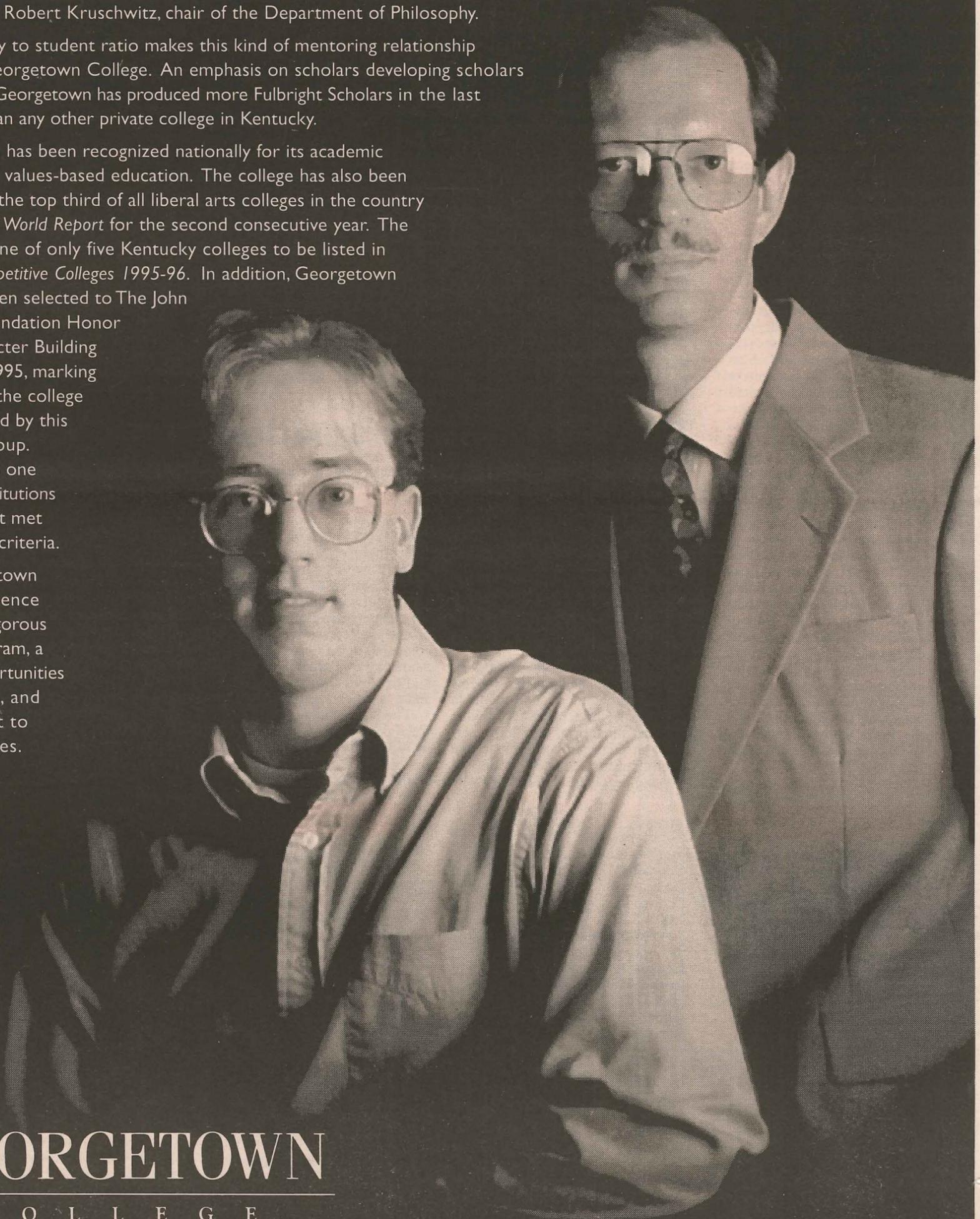
Scholars Developing Scholars

Senior Brian Cabbage was the only Kentuckian to be honored this year with a National Endowment for the Humanities College Younger Scholars Award. Only 150 of the NEH summer grants are given annually. The scholars award allowed Brian to spend his summer studying French philosopher René Descartes under the direction of mentor Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, chair of the Department of Philosophy.

A 1:13 faculty to student ratio makes this kind of mentoring relationship common at Georgetown College. An emphasis on scholars developing scholars explains why Georgetown has produced more Fulbright Scholars in the last seven years than any other private college in Kentucky.

Georgetown has been recognized nationally for its academic excellence and values-based education. The college has also been named among the top third of all liberal arts colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* for the second consecutive year. The institution is one of only five Kentucky colleges to be listed in *Peterson's Competitive Colleges 1995-96*. In addition, Georgetown College has been selected to The John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges for 1995, marking the sixth year the college has been named by this prestigious group. Georgetown is one of only 124 institutions nationwide that met the distinctive criteria.

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House passes ban on 'partial-birth' abortion procedure

WASHINGTON—For the first time since the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision, the House of Representatives has passed a bill outlawing a particular abortion procedure.

Similar legislation is pending in the Senate, where it is likely to pass. President Bill Clinton has threatened to veto the bill if it does not include "adequate" provisions to protect the life of the mother.

The "Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act," passed 288-139 in the House, outlaws a rarely used procedure technically known as dilation and extraction. The late-term procedure involves partial delivery of the unborn child before the skull is stabbed with scissors and the brain suctioned out.

The House-passed bill makes it a felony for doctors to perform the procedure. Doctors convicted under the law could serve up to two years in prison.

Opponents of the bill said the procedure saves women's lives and that it is a first step by abortion opponents to unravel the *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized most abortions.

"This is a dangerous piece of legislation which would ban a range of late-term abortion procedures that

are used when a woman's health or life is threatened or when a fetus is diagnosed with severe abnormalities incompatible with life," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas.

Supporters, meanwhile, argued that the procedure is used most often in elective, not therapeutic, abortions and that many doctors consider it an unacceptable medical procedure.

In a prepared statement, Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., quoted an obstetrician who said in a situation where a mother's life was in danger, "no doctor would employ the partial-birth method of abortion."

The bill would allow doctors to avoid prosecution if they performed the procedure with a reasonable belief it was necessary to save the life of the mother. Opponents said other procedures are more dangerous to the mother and that doctors would have a hard time proving there was no other way to save the woman's life.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, D-Conn., said she was appalled at a suggestion that a Caesarean section could be used as an alternative to a partial-birth abortion. "Women die every year of the complications of Caesarean sections," she said. "Why would

you ask your daughter to shoulder this small but real risk of death unnecessarily and for a fetus with no potential for life?"

Both sides were looking beyond the bill to the larger issue of the legality of abortion.

"This was the beginning of that debate on when life begins," said Rep. Bob Dornan of California, a Republican presidential candidate and abortion foe. "This is a great step forward to defend the sanctity of life."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., a supporter of abortion rights, said the Republican-controlled Congress has now passed 13 anti-abortion measures. The Nov. 1 vote was the "most extreme," she said. "But I know that the people who backed this bill won't stop here. They have stated publicly that this is only the beginning."

But some supporters of the bill said the dilation and extraction procedure is so gruesome that Congress had to restrict it, regardless of the legality of other abortion procedures.

"Only persons whose consciences are seared could participate in such a gruesome method of killing," said Ben Mitchell, consultant on biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commis-

sion.

Martin Haskell, one of the leading practitioners of the procedure, has said about 80 percent of his dilation and extraction abortions are "purely elective," according to a 1993 interview with *American Medical News*, a journal of the American Medical Association.

The Ohio doctor, who described the procedure in a 1992 speech and the 1993 article, and James McMahon of Los Angeles are identified more than any other physicians with the technique. Haskell has said he performs the procedure until 26 weeks of gestation, while McMahon has indicated he does it through 40 weeks. Both doctors have said the majority of babies are alive until near the conclusion of the procedure.

Of the estimated 1.5 million abortions performed each year in the United States, about 13,000 are performed after 20 weeks of gestation, and the majority of those use other procedures, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a research organization specializing in abortion-related issues.

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

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Casey calls for Congress to determine when life begins

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Claiming that most of the nation's social problems stem from the disintegration of the family, former Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey announced Oct. 18 the formation of two grassroots groups that blend his anti-abortion stance with Democratic-styled tax reform proposals.

Casey also called for congressional hearings to answer a question that has confounded philosophers and theologians for centuries: When does life begin?

By forming a lobbying group, Campaign for the American Family, and a non-profit educational group, Fund for the American Family, Casey outlined a broad public policy agenda that will appeal neither to liberals nor hardcore conservatives.

He called for a national "summit on adoption" and opposed welfare reform proposals that "penalize" children. Casey also called on Congress to hold hearings on abortion and tax reform.

"The tax code puts a priority on capital formation at the expense of family formation," Casey said.

"People are just as important as

buildings and machinery, but under the tax code they are not," he added. "The inequity in the tax system has to be addressed."

Casey's opposition to abortion has put him at odds with his fellow Democrats and won praise from conservative groups such as the Christian Coalition.

His more immediate goal—defeating GOP welfare reform proposals that would cut off benefits to women who have children while on welfare—has put him at odds with some of those same conservative groups.

The former governor criticized conservative efforts to end the Earned Income Tax Credit, a program to aid working families, and other Republican tax proposals that he said would only add to the tax burden of most families.

Casey's most dramatic proposal is the call for congressional hearings on when life begins, to be followed by legislation which supporters of legal abortion say would likely mean the death of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized most abortions.

Because the court did not make

the determination of when life begins in its 1973 ruling, the question has been left unanswered. But Congress has the authority to make such a decision as well as the votes to pass such as law, Casey said in an interview.

The Supreme Court "specifically said they aren't going to decide when life begins," Casey said. "Congress can move into the void and make that determination. Congress is a fact-finding body."

In many respects, Casey's agenda mirrors proposals by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops, who have sought to promote a "pro-family" policy agenda that combines opposition to abortion with programs to increase adoptions and boost the economic well-being of families.

As if to underscore that similarity, Casey was joined at the news conference by Mary Ann Glendon, the Harvard law professor who headed the Vatican's delegation to the recent United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., leader of abortion opponents in the House, said at the news conference that the

House is looking at holding hearings next year "that will focus on personhood."

An aide to Rep. Nita M. Lowey, D-N.Y., a leading supporter of legal abortion, predicted Casey's proposal stood a very good chance of passing considering the conservative leanings of the GOP-led Congress.

"It would not surprise me if we had hearings on that subject," said Howard Wolfson, Lowey's top aide, in a telephone interview. "I think that the right to choose has been under attack since this Congress began and I think we are going to see efforts on a variety of fronts to curtail and eliminate the right to choose."

While Casey argued Americans could be swayed against abortion if they were given the chance to hear the facts, Wolfson said he doubted anything could come from hearings.

"The question of when life begins has been an issue theologians, medical ethicists and philosophers have been debating for centuries," he said. "I would doubt the House Judiciary Committee is going to be able to come to any conclusions on the topic after a week of hearings."

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Senate hears testimony on religious liberty amendment

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The Senate has entered the debate over whether a constitutional amendment is needed to protect religious expression from governmental interference.

At hearings in late October, senators heard testimony from supporters and opponents of a proposed measure designed to clarify the role of religion in public life.

Supporters say a constitutional amendment is needed because government-run organizations are suppressing religious freedoms of indi-

viduals. Opponents reject such a measure because they say religious expression already is protected and tampering with the Constitution is dangerous.

"The virus of religious discrimination is regrettably alive and well in America," said Steven McFarland, director of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom at the Christian Legal Society. "Only a constitutional amendment will restore common sense to the interpretation of our misapplied First Amendment."

Oliver Thomas, legal counsel for religious liberty for the National Council of Churches, argued that education and enforcement are needed, rather than an amendment.

"Before we adopt a new constitutional amendment on religion, let's try using the one we have," he said. "According to many conservative religious leaders, the problem isn't so much the law as it is noncompliance with the law by some school officials and lower courts."

Representatives of 14 religious

groups, including several mainline Protestant denominations, the American Friends Service Committee and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, recently wrote to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is holding the hearings. The groups opposed the proposed amendment, calling it "a remedy fraught with danger."

Language for the amendment is still in flux; even supporters have not reached a consensus.

Religion 'taken hostage' in Bosnian war, leader says

"Praying is very important, but it is not enough. Religion cannot become instruments of racism, violence and injustice."
Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen of Haifa, Israel

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religious Bosnia. ... Once again, religion has been taken hostage by the aggressors for their own purposes."

The religious leaders—joined by academics and a handful of politicians—gathered not just to talk about the war a couple of hundred miles to the east in the former Yugoslavia, but to examine what role religion should play amid the growing tide of nationalism and ethnic identity.

One uniform response was a call for an improved ecumenical dialogue among religions, which participants said could ease religious tensions that aggressors commonly exploit to make war.

But beyond putting their respective religious houses in order and making ecumenical overtures to other religions, few of the religious leaders offered any solutions on how to transform a world of warring factions into a world of peace.

"Many people ask what can the church do in this period" to stop the fighting in Bosnia, Lavrentije said. "I'm terribly sorry to say, not much."

"They are doing all that's possible," he said, by trying to feed and house the millions of refugees.

Andrea Riccardi, founder of the Rome-based Roman Catholic lay community of Sant' Egidio, which sponsored the four-day annual meeting—the group's ninth—said religious leaders talking about peace sends a positive message of reconciliation.

"It's not so easy to be acrimonious toward one another when you're seated on the same platform," he said of the gathering, which was given the

hopeful title of "Heavens and Earth of Peace."

There were symbolic moments during the conference that suggested some steps toward reconciliation. Lavrentije, who has witnessed the worsening of relations between the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church since the war broke out, sat on the same stage as a Croatian Catholic monsignor. They pledged to work toward improved relations.

At another session, Northern Irish Protestants and Catholics seemed at ease talking about how to further their homeland's fragile peace process.

Jewish leaders also held court with Vatican cardinals and other officials, while the Muslim imam representing the breakaway republic of Chechnya sat with the Russian ambassador to the Holy See.

No treaties were signed and no deals were cut. Nearly every participant agreed that his or her proper role was to make overtures toward peace, not deal-making.

Yet in surveying the landscape of wars and conflicts that have surged amid renewed nationalist and ethnic identities, most leaders agreed that a new role was being foisted upon them—showing the way toward reconciliation and peace.

Lech Walesa, president of predominantly Catholic Poland and a keynote speaker at the conference, urged the Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and others gathered at the meeting to "set an example for the world by forging a path of peace."

"Either we will take this path," he said, "or we will destroy ourselves."

Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen of Haifa, Israel, told the group that they would be tested by how they promote human rights. "Praying is very important, but it is not enough," he said. "Religion cannot become instruments of racism, violence and injustice."

There were plenty of flash points for the hundreds of religious clergy to focus on—Algeria, Turkey, Burundi, Rwanda, Armenia, Ireland, Israel and more.

But improving ecumenism among Christians in the Balkans, while welcome and in the region's collective interest, Lavrentije noted, would not alone lead to an enforceable peace treaty. "It's up to the politicians," he said.

In a similar vein, Catholic Bishop Bernard Bududira of Burundi said politicians in his homeland and neighboring Rwanda stirred up ethnic hatred that led to hundreds of thousands of deaths.

But like others, Bududira was unwilling to criticize religion for the actions of ostensibly religious individuals. In Rwanda, for example, a number of Catholic priests were accused

of having participated in the massacres of Tutsi and Hutu tribesmen.

When asked what the Catholic Church should do to bring those priests to justice, Bududira suggested the church had little responsibility.

"It's not the church," he said. "It's the man who didn't want to convert his heart. There are some Christians who take up arms but they are not real Christians."

But others said religious institutions need to demonstrate that they are capable of admitting errors and correcting their behavior if they expect to win the respect and admiration of their followers.

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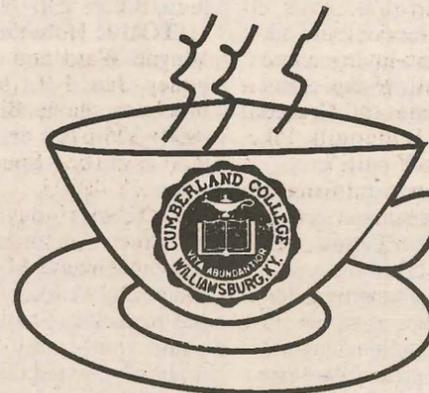
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Baptist missionaries work on both sides of Bosnian war

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (BP)—Confused about whose side you're on in the war between Bosnians, Serbs and Croats?

Southern Baptist missionaries serve both in Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia, and in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, working with Baptists on both sides of the border. These missionaries say Southern Baptists cannot afford to take sides—because they are helping both Serbians and

Croats.

"Our perspective is that there are no good guys or bad guys in this war," said Southern Baptist foreign missionary Randy Bell, who lives with his wife, Joan, in Belgrade. "All sides are guilty and all sides have suffered tremendously. Many innocent people have suffered and died, and we pray for an end to this war.

"Christ offers hope, and we feel that he has called us here to share that

hope," Bell added.

In earlier times, Baptists from all of Yugoslavia worked together under the banner of a single union. But they were forced to divide as the country did, because not even telephone service was possible across the new borders political leaders drew.

Southern Baptist foreign missionary Larry Cox said he saw and heard much evidence of atrocities when he visited the Krajina area of Croatia re-

cently.

But he backed away from blaming one side or another. "Atrocities have been committed by all sides, and they're all guilty in a sense," he said. "This is basically a religious war. Croats are Roman Catholic, Serbians are Orthodox and then you have the Bosnians who are Muslims, added in 1,300 years or so ago.

"There is religious hatred under the political talk."

Bosnian war creates 'donor fatigue'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Some crises inspire generosity—the recent massacres in Rwanda and the famine in Ethiopia a decade ago. But in the case of the war in Bosnia, Americans have a block about giving.

"It has gone on and on and on," said Jack Bode, vice president of the International Rescue Committee. "Donors are beginning to say, 'There are no solutions to this.'"

Agencies that provide food, shelter and medical care to war victims in the former Yugoslavia report that

many potential donors are frustrated over cease fires that don't last, safe havens that don't stay safe and complicated twists in which the groups they thought were aggressors turn into victims.

After making donations when the war began nearly four years ago and responding again during the summer of 1992 to widely published pictures of concentration camps, many Americans are suffering from what professional fund-raisers call "donor fatigue."

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HMB names first regional consultant for bivocationalists

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Every pastor would benefit from being bivocational at least five years, says the Home Mission Board's first regional consultant for such ministries.

Oklahoma pastor and businessman Leon Wilson says becoming bivocational after 20 years as a fully funded pastor changed his concept of ministry and preaching.

"The cultural shock I got in the real world changed my total concept of the ministry. My preaching changed drastically," Wilson says. "I put up with the same frustrations my people

deal with every day."

Wilson has been bivocational pastor of Southpark Baptist Church in Oklahoma City since it was a mission congregation in 1979. Now the church has 450 members and all four staff members are bivocational.

"It's been a dream come true," Wilson says. "We've put the church back in the hands of laypeople."

Dale Holloway, home missionary working with bivocational ministries, says creation of the regional consultant role is "the most important development in my 13 years here." Holloway says he hopes eventually to have seven regional consultants serving across the nation. Consultants will

serve as Mission Service Corps volunteers.

As a regional consultant, Wilson says he will encourage Southern Baptists to intentionally use bivocational ministers. Limited financial resources mean Southern Baptists need to support bivocational ministries, especially in reaching pioneer and inner-city areas, he says.

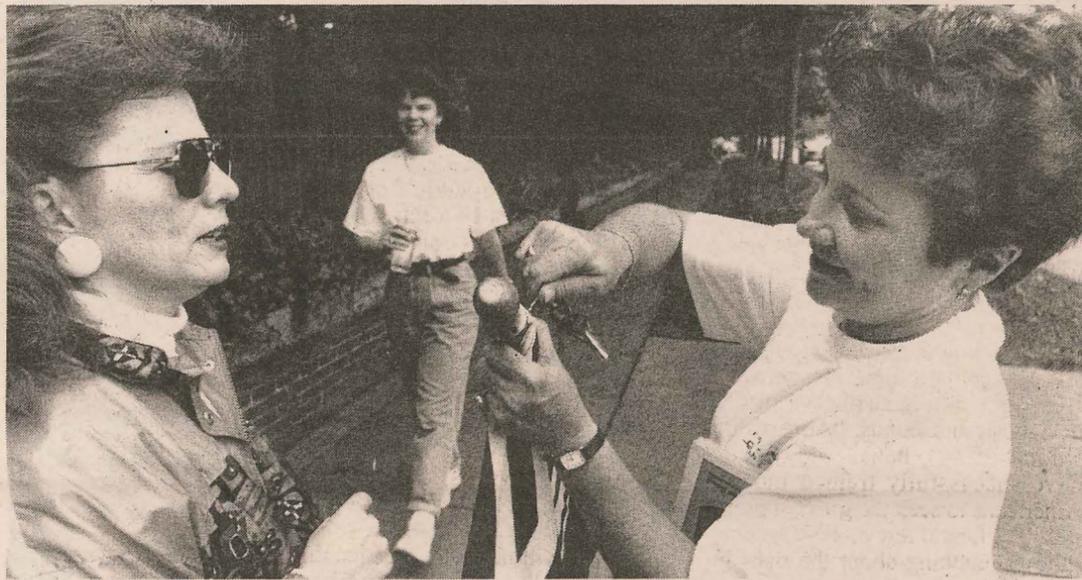
He also will encourage college students preparing for the ministry to develop marketable skills. "Then they will have two resources: their commitment to ministry and their ability to make a living."

Wilson graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and Midwestern

Baptist Theological Seminary in Missouri before serving as a pastor and church starter. When he decided to leave the pastorate, he returned to Oklahoma and began working in his father's truck business. Eventually he became a bivocational pastor.

Wilson is phasing out of the truck sales business to devote more time to his new role as regional bivocational consultant. He will continue working with the "Lube-A-Truk" business he started.

A national conference for bivocational ministers is set for Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in Bolivar, Mo. For information, call Holloway at (601) 845-2107.



GLOBAL PRAYER WALKING Evelyn King (center), a staff member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., nears the end of a 2.3-mile "global prayer walk" Oct. 20. She and about 150 FMB staffers combined fitness walking with praying for World A, that part of the world with little or no access to the gospel. Each participant prayed specifically for one of 100 key cities strategic to reaching people in World A. Shown removing international flags along the walk route are staffers Nancy Sprinkle and Terri Willis. (BP photo)

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Finally though, Timmy's walls caved in. With tears in his eyes, he told his foster parents that when he "whines, argues or gets quiet, it means that little Timmy inside wants to be held and that it would be okay if they

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By Charles W. Cox Jr.

Transitions occur countless times during life—transition from childhood to young adult, transition from single to married, from parent to grandparent and transition from the fulltime work force to retirement.

My family has just completed one of life's transitions. We moved from living in a subdivision to life in the country.

One decision we had to make was how to take care of the land God entrusted to us. Early in the transition it became evident that we needed the advice of an expert.

One of the great side benefits of a transition is that you sometimes meet new people who can assist you through that transition. I met such a person, Joe Burkes.

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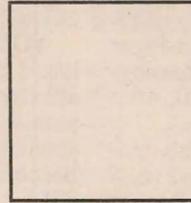
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FINANCIAL FORUM

Common financial mistakes

By Don Spencer

Most individuals can improve their handling of finances simply by avoiding the most common mistakes. How many of the following mistakes are you making?

■ **Neglecting to cover gaps in insurance.** A sure way to wipe out years of hard-earned money is to suffer an uninsured loss. Deficiencies in any area of insurance can be financially disastrous.

■ **Mismanaging credit.** Credit is easily available today. Many people lack the self-discipline needed to manage debt effectively. Financial institutions do not help by promoting high-limit credit cards, five-year car loans and large home-equity loans with liberal repayment terms. Most people should avoid these.

■ **Failing to save regularly.** Saving is essential to financial security. As income increases, savings should increase. Savings should include an emergency fund as well as adequate provision for retirement years.

■ **Making inappropriate investments.** Due to ignorance or greed, or both, many people make an inappropriate investment at least once in life. Some consistently invest in the wrong areas by taking either too much or too little risk.

■ **Failing to take tax breaks.** Tax reduction techniques often are not used. By reducing taxes as allowed by law, one gains more income, and savings levels can be increased.

■ **Overspending.** Living beyond your means always puts your finances in jeopardy.

■ **Neglecting to prepare a will.** While not around to witness the havoc, people who do not prepare basic estate planning documents do their heirs a disservice. It can cost heirs a great deal in terms of inconvenience and money.

■ **Failure to be a Christian steward.** A Christian's perspective on money should be different. God owns it all. We are stewards—managers. Our handling of money should reflect that view.

Don Spencer is a certified financial planner and director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annuity department

Author looks to Bible for investing tips

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

SARASOTA, Fla. (BP)—Christian financial adviser Gary Moore spent more than 15 years keeping pace with the daily fluctuations of Wall Street. But after the stock market crash in the fall of 1987, he came to realize money, upward mobility and other elements of the "American Dream" were unable to provide security and happiness.

That sent Moore on a biblical quest for insight, which resulted in "The Christian's Guide to Wise Investing."

One of the most important things Moore discovered in researching the Scriptures, he said, was that God didn't want 10 percent of his money—God wanted 100 percent.

"I also discovered that I could have avoided 90 percent of my investing mistakes over the years if I had spent a little more of my time reading Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Luke and James," he wrote in his book.

"Proverbs and Ecclesiastes not only provide wise, perceptive, assuring and frank guidelines on the subject, but also prove that God addressed the subject of money and security very early in the history of the faith," Moore explained.

The author of these two books, Solomon, compares the pursuit of wealth to chasing the wind, Moore noted.

That truth has been verified by a recent survey of wealthy individuals, he said. Although respondents had an average income of \$194,000 and assets of \$750,000, two-thirds felt guilty

about being affluent and 40 percent did not feel financially secure, Moore noted.

That is why it is so important for Christians to bring their lives, including financial planning, into conformity with biblical principles, Moore said.

"Most of the problems investors face can be attributed to one thing: self-centeredness," he said. "Two hundred years ago, Adam Smith, the father of modern economics and a professor of moral philosophy, said that self-interest could be good for all of a society if it was enlightened by moral values. If not, self-interest could destroy a society."

Christ wants people to place their trust in him, Moore added, not in savings, investments, institutions or governments. However, since God gave humans a role in cultivating his resources, Christians should be concerned with earning financial returns that can benefit God's work on earth, Moore said.

For believers who want to multiply resources, Moore outlined seven investment principles, which he said will keep use of money prudent but productive:

■ All investments involve risk. The higher the promised return, the greater the risk, including certificates of deposit and bonds. "Advertising, media listings, banks and brokers have successfully trained modern Americans to seek the greatest promises. Far, far too few of these mention little or anything about the risks involved."

■ If it looks too good to be true, it is. The largest single obstacle to in-

vesting success today, he said, is that there are too many ways to make average investments look very attractive; the best returns usually don't come from the top of the lists offering the highest promised returns.

■ Be skeptical but not cynical. While greed and corruption exist in the worlds of insider trading, junk bonds, penny stocks and commodity pits, most of these are far removed from the domain of conservative investors, he said. If investors stick to productive, conservative areas, they will be safe.

■ What goes up will assuredly come down, at least for a while. Successful investors combine a faith in the future with a respect for, and acceptance of, the downs along the way, according to Moore. Thus, he said, those who spend time trying to predict the future would do better evaluating why successful investors make money year after year.

■ Fear and greed may drive Wall Street, but they shouldn't motivate Christians. "Scripture teaches that we are to free ourselves from fear of the future and from greediness," he said. "We should be productive and prudent with money. Our investing will benefit greatly by remaining confident yet conservative."

■ If everyone is doing it, it's wrong. The hardest thing to learn about investing is that following the crowd never works, Moore said. Christians have always been called upon to be different from the world, and "faith will help you practice this principle, and your investing will benefit."

■ Keeping faith with others is good business. Socially responsible investing should be the cornerstone for any Christian who handles money, Moore said. He noted a national study showed over a 30-year period that investing in companies with a written code of principles returned nine times more than a composite of Dow Jones stocks.

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- 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

- **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Robert Oldham resigned as interim pastor at Meadowview Church. Oldham is available for supply and interim work. Call (502) 465-7659.
- **CERULEAN**—Henry Ramey announced his retirement as pastor of Cerulean Church effective Dec. 31.
- **CORBIN**—First Church called Barry Howard of Jacksonville, Ala., as pastor. He will begin his new ministry Dec. 3.
- **EAST BERNSTADT**—First Church celebrated its 75th anniversary Oct. 29. Also, Ken Felty was called as pastor. He will begin his new ministry Nov. 19.
- **GEORGETOWN**—Faith Church ordained JoAnn Parker as a deacon Oct. 29.
- **HARDIN**—Blood River Association will pay tribute to Director of Missions Terry Sills, who will be retiring Dec. 31, with a reception in his honor at the associational office Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m.
- **LONDON**—Jackson Memorial Church called Steve Day as pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Auburndale Church held its fall revival services Nov. 3-5.

West Broadway Church called Claude "Skip" Alexander as pastor. He will begin his new ministry Nov.

- **WINCHESTER**—Calvary Church called Bill Kennon as pastor. Corinth Church called James Sanders as pastor.

Governor invites ministers to lunch

FRANKFORT—Gov. Breton Jones has invited all Kentucky ministers to a "Thanksgiving Ceremony" Nov. 21 at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with gospel and patriotic music, and a light lunch of bean soup and cornbread will be served. Participants are invited to bring a dessert to share potluck style.

Station Church dropped to 5 members but is growing again

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO—Just because a church is down to five people, don't write it off as dead; it just may come back to life.

That's what has happened to Station Baptist Church in Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

In recent years, time had caught up with the 121-year-old congregation. Young people had moved away from the farming community. Those who remained had aged. Church attendance had dwindled to five people.

The church had wasted away, becoming "just a preaching point," ac-

ording to Greg Burton, whose in-laws, Austin and Geraldine Riley, are longtime members of the church.

More than once, the five faithful members thought about giving up, but each time they felt God was telling them to "hold on," Burton said.

Then, the church called retired minister Leslie Moody of Owensboro as interim pastor in November 1991. Moody and his wife, Coreta, had returned to their native Kentucky after spending 30 years in mission work in Dayton, Ohio.

At first glance, even Moody wondered why the church didn't close its doors. But after talking to the five remaining people, Moody agreed with

them that "God was telling them to hang in there; that he was not done with them yet."

Shortly thereafter, another sign of life emerged when some families from nearby Sacramento Baptist Church joined the church. Other people who had connections with the church came back.

Soon, instead of five people, more than 30 people attended regularly. And last spring, more than 100 people packed out the building each night for a revival meeting, according to Moody. Now the church averages 40 in attendance, with as many as 15 visitors each week.

But most importantly, the church

has awakened to a renewed reason for being. No longer just surviving, the church envisions a future.

"We want to reach those who are lost or not involved in any church," Moody said.

Ironically, one sign of life has been elderly in the community who have made professions of faith in Christ. Recently, a man in his 70s professed faith in Christ in his home. And not long ago, Moody led a 93-year-old man to faith in Christ.

Now the church which a few months ago seemed to be in its last days is "the talk of the community," Moody said. "It's not dying anymore. It's come to life."

No room in the C.M.C.

We are all very familiar with the story of Joseph trying desperately to find room for Mary in an inn. We can imagine how he must have felt.

We have experienced something of the same thing recently. We made a commitment over two years ago to build a new Campus Ministry/ Baptist Student Union Center. The new center was four times larger than the old one, so we thought we would have room to grow.

You can imagine how we feel to find that after only ten months of use, we have nearly outgrown the new facility. We are seeing so many wonderful blessings among our students.

Two weeks ago I told you of the Wednesday night prayer meetings our students were having on the front porch of the C.M.C. There was ample room on the huge porch for those 100-125 people to assemble in warm weather. Now that the evenings are much cooler, we have moved inside. The large room will seat about 85, but with well over 100 students in attendance you can see the problem.

On Friday nights we have our BSU praise and worship time. Two weeks ago an overwhelming number of students attended. First the 85 seats were filled, then we told other students to sit on the floor. Still others sat in the windowsills and stood along the wall. There was simply no more room.

We had a time of praise and worship and then an opportunity to share testimonies. One after another student stood to tell what God had placed on his heart. One told of how last year she was not only not a Christian, but did much to make life miserable for students who were Christians. Another told that since he was saved in the spring revival he was so happy to know Christ really

cared for him. The meeting started at 9:15 p.m., and at 11:30 the campus chaplain told the students they had to end the meeting and get to bed.

This past Friday the decision was made to move from the C.M.C. to the chapel. Nearly 200 poured into the room. Another time of praise and worship was followed by testimonies. One student told of several things he had been doing that were not pleasing to God. He also shared with his younger brother the bitter feelings he had for him, and asked his brother to forgive him. They later embraced for the first time in nearly three years.

Another young person told of seeing her father commit suicide this past summer, and the effect it has had on her life. As she spent three days at his bedside watching him die, she determined that she needed Christ in her life.

One student shared that he had been told by some of his house parents and others of his hateful and arrogant attitude. They talked with him on several occasions about his lack of concern for others. He wanted a change.

Other students shared that they had not been happy at Oneida. They had been looking for the day when they could leave. On this Friday night they were telling their peers how God was impacting their lives, and that they now recognized sin in their lives. They were thankful to be here.

One young man stood with tears in his eyes. He told the other students he had seen a real change in many of their lives. He wanted to know how to invite Jesus into his life and have the happiness others were talking about.

I pray for this story to continue!

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Good news from alumni

One of the best gifts we receive from alumni is good news about their lives and ministries. It encourages us to "finish the race" set before us when we hear how God uses these in the field.

W.W. and Mae Thompson live in North Carolina: "The Lord has blessed us with 46 years of preaching. I am 81 and just had a two-month interim with the Quakers.

They now have a good Baptist preacher for their pastor. We have always loved to have a part in this program."

1963 graduate N.T. Neeley, interim pastor of First Baptist, Richburg, S.C., wrote: "We thank God for Clear Creek and appreciate the opportunity to have been able to graduate from such a wonderful Bible-believing school."

William L. Davis, '62, serves Pocahontas (Va.) Baptist Church: "I will never cease to be grateful for the privilege of attending Clear Creek. I take pride in constantly meeting students and hearing of the good work they are doing for our Lord."

Football fans may hear an alumnus sing the national anthem at the Super Bowl. Edgar Perry, '63, is widely known for his translation of the Star Spangled Banner into Apache and his frequent perfor-

mances for conferences, legislatures and other groups around the country.

Since 1969, Perry has directed the White Mountain Apache Culture Center in Arizona. He has dedicated most of his energies to preserve the Apache language. Our campus museum has the first copy of the Apache New Testament Perry helped produce for the American

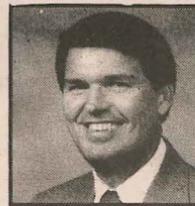
Bible Society. He also has recorded 650 oral histories from tribal elders, makes traditional ceremonial garments, uses video to preserve ancient traditions, language, stories, arts and crafts.

1995 graduate Tim Smith writes: "In this letter you will find my chapel tag I have been meaning to return. In the rush of graduating and

moving out, the task of returning it was overlooked. This may seem like a little thing to you. Nonetheless, the Lord has been dealing with my heart. Even the smallest of things can hinder our relationship with him, and it is my earnest desire to have a clear conscience before him. Please accept my apology, and may the God of all grace be with you."

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

PEOPLE

Ministry's goal: Prevent hunger before it hits

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The basic premise behind the Community Market at the Baptist Center at Western Heights in Knoxville, Tenn., is simple: Prevent hunger before it happens.

That's the theory of Tom Everett, the center's director the past 20 years.

"Several people have told me, 'I don't come to the market until I need it,'" Everett said. The market, however, is designed to prevent hunger rather than respond to it, he said.

The Western Heights center, a ministry of Knox County Baptist Association, has had the market since 1984. The market is open three days a week with food provided by area markets and other agencies.

All the food is given away. All people have to do is show up, Everett said, noting there are no interviews or forms to fill out.

People do take advantage of the ministry. Last year more than 32,000 people came through the market, Everett said.

In order to carry out the ministry, a large number of volunteers are needed, and Knox County Baptists have responded well. Everett said they average about 45 volunteers in the course of a month and some of them help more than once a week. In addition, the center also has volunteers from other denominations who have learned about the Community Market and wanted to help.

Everett noted the market is different from other food programs in that people can come three days a week rather than once a month. This goes back to the principle of trying to prevent hunger rather than responding to a hunger need, Everett said.

Included among the food given away is fresh produce, sweets, snacks, dairy products and meat, he noted.

Canadian church soars to new heights

CALGARY, Alberta (BP)—When a church meets in a ski-jump tower, the cliches which come to mind can be endless.

"Church gets jump-start."

"New church rises above the rest."

"Taking Christianity to new heights."

"Oh, what a heavenly view."

Jeff Christopherson, pastor of the new "ski-jump church," doesn't mind the cliches because he knows the 90-Meter Tower, on the grounds of Canada Olympic Park, is among the most recognizable sites in the city.

But the church's purpose is more than to be recognized for its unusual setting.

In a city where 83 percent of the people don't go to church, Christopherson wants to make worship services accessible and appealing to those who don't normally attend.

"This is another advantage of our location. The 90-Meter Tower is a tourist attraction. People who aren't accustomed to going to church are more likely to visit us for the first time," he says.

Also, because Baptists are such a small minority in Canada, the 16 founding members of the group chose the name Mountain View Christian Fellowship, leaving the word Baptist out of their name but not out of their purpose. The church is supported by the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists.

The group began meeting last spring in home Bible study groups. Since Sept. 10 they have had Sunday morning services at the tower. About 50 people regularly attend, most of whom also attend one of the three home groups.

For \$200 a week they rent the top two floors of the tower, which are above the ski-jump itself. One floor is for children's Sunday school, the other for the worship service. Each floor can accommodate about 80 people.

Since the tower is the only operational 90-meter tower in the world, it stands to reason that Mountain View Christian Fellowship is the only church of its kind.

But some things stay the same, Christopherson asserts: "We support the Cooperative Program and our association. We give to our national offering, Harvest Missions, and we'll



give to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong when those offerings are taken. And like most Southern Baptists we have an evangelistic spirit."

Christopherson, 31, was in the first graduating class of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane. He was pastor of First Baptist Church of North Battleford,

Saskatchewan, for five and a half years before coming to Calgary. He and his wife, Laura, have two children, Kelley and Jamie.

"Our church's vision is to be a church for the unchurched," Christopherson says, adding, "we see the 90-Meter Tower as a means to facilitate that vision."

HIGHER GROUND Jeff Christopherson, pastor of Mountain View Christian Fellowship in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, stands by his church's meeting place, the 90-Meter Tower used in the 1988 Winter Olympics. (BP photo)

This woman offers warm prayers, even amid frozen foods

By Sarah Zimmerman
SBC Home Mission Board

MINERAL WELLS, Texas (BP)—Prayer warms Loraine Finney's attitude, even in the frozen food section.

Finney's favorite T-shirt has a drawing of Jesus' nail-scarred hand, and her favorite hat reads, "I am so blessed."

When Finney wore those items to the grocery store, they caught the attention of another woman who shared her problems with Finney.

"We had prayer right in front of the orange juice," Finney said. "The lady needed prayer, and I pray wherever."

Finney has used an electric wheelchair since 1990 due to a litany of medical problems, ranging from po-

lio and spinal meningitis as a child to strokes and multiple sclerosis as an adult.

"I'm 51, but I wasn't supposed to see age 5," Finney says. "Doctors said if I lived I'd be a vegetable and I'd never walk or talk. I haven't figured out what kind of vegetable I am, but I must be a pretty sturdy one."

Most of her life Finney lived with her parents, but her father died in 1992 and her mother died in 1993. "I've been trying to manage ever since. Some days are hard, but I know prayer handles it."

Finney is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Mineral Wells, Texas. When it's not dark or too hot, Finney takes her wheelchair the 10 blocks from her home to church. For most church services, members pick

her up in a van equipped for wheelchairs, then go to a nursing home to pick up more members for church services.

Finney sings in the church choir, although she has to sit next to the organ because she cannot get to the choir loft.

"I don't complain because I have to sit in a power wheelchair," she said. "I praise the Lord that I have a power wheelchair. I have to sit in a wheelchair to sing, but he's given me the voice. I have to sing."

Before Finney was confined to a wheelchair, she served as a Mission Service Corps volunteer in an apartment ministry. Now that her mobility is limited, her main ministry is calling homebound people.

"I check on people and pray for

them. One lady and I sing for a while (on the phone) as well as having prayer."

The people she calls want to talk about their health or how to handle their frustrations. If someone needs special attention, Finney calls other church members to do the legwork to take care of the need. Finney says she identifies with the people she calls because "it takes someone who is handicapped to know what another is going through."

That doesn't mean Finney hosts a pity party for people she calls. "I'm not thrilled to death to have all these (medical problems), but what you can't do anything about, why cry over it? What you can't do anything about, accept. If you can do something about it, do it."

