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Technology speeds path to depression

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

A recent newspaper editorial cartoon showed a man balancing a portable computer in his lap, tape recorder in one hand and cellular phone in the other. His eyes appear ready to pop out.

Advising his patient he is taking in too much information, the doctor says, "No e-mail or fax for six weeks, and I'm cutting you back to one on-line service and basic cable only."

Funny, yes. But Christian mental health professionals frequently list technological overload as one of the reasons they believe depression is becoming a more serious problem in America.

Coupled with such factors as breakdown in families, the fast pace of modern life leaves many people feeling isolated and unable to cope, these professionals report.

"The bottom line with depression is people feel worthless," said Paul Weaver, state director of the office of

consumer advocacy in Kentucky's Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. He is a member of Lexington's Chevy Chase Baptist Church.

"Society is moving too fast, and people who have too little family often lose their identity. With that, people begin to feel worthless or of little

of equipment it will make things easier for us," she said. "But when we get the equipment, we need more data."

These rapid developments are making life more complex, particularly for people over 40, agreed Wayne Oates, the author of numerous books on pastoral care who gained international respect as a professor at the University of Louisville's medical school.

Oates joked that he has struggled with the monster known as computers just after having mastered the typewriter.

But it is no laughing matter for those who feel "marginalized" in this technological age, including teenagers. High school dropouts or low achievers who wind up in low-paying or low-skill jobs often feel "left out" in a society where many cruise through computer networks.

"I've seen teens deeply depressed and some who have killed themselves because of it," Oates said. "Many

Depression & the church

value. Sometimes people feel the whole world has gone mad."

"Stress and change are continual, so many of us respond by becoming depressed," said Jane Parker, director of Cornerstone Counseling, a ministry of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

"Technology changes so fast we tend to think if we get the latest piece

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PLACE IN HISTORY The 1841 founding of Greenup Baptist Association has been commemorated on the first state historical marker erected in Northeastern Kentucky in nine years. It was installed March 18 at the intersection of Ky. 207 and Sandsuck Road, midway between Argillite and Hunneywell. Shown standing beside the marker are most of the committee members who worked to get the marker erected: Cecil Fannin, Oakland Avenue Baptist Church of Catlettsburg; Bailey Sadler, Fairview Baptist Church of Westwood; Dorothy Crace, Oakland Avenue Baptist Church; Virginia Graber, First Baptist Church of Ashland; Gomer Blevins, Central Baptist Church of Ashland; Joe Parrot, First Baptist Church of Greenup.

Baptist Healthcare System board breaks ties with KBC

By Mark Wingfield
Interim Editor

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Baptist Healthcare System unanimously voted March 19 to break formal ties with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and name their own successors to the agency's board.

Currently, the KBC elects three-fourths of Baptist Healthcare System's 24-member board of directors as part of a covenant agreement ratified between the two entities in 1986.

That covenant agreement has allowed the president of Baptist Health-

care System to recommend individuals for the trustee board to the KBC committee on nominations. Beyond controlling three-fourths of the board appointments, the KBC has retained no significant ability to direct the affairs of the hospital system.

Baptist Healthcare System is one of the largest non-profit hospital systems in Kentucky, with facilities in Louisville, Paducah, Lexington, Corbin and La Grange. The system employs 6,800 people and includes 1,546 licensed beds in its five hospitals.

In the current budget year, the

KBC contributes only \$5,000 to Baptist Healthcare System.

While the March 19 vote was to dissolve the entire covenant agreement, "the only change which the board sought was the right to elect its own members," President Tommy Smith said in a March 20 letter to Bill Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer.

"Please be assured that the board takes great pride in the spiritual foundation which was in part laid by the vision, love and compassion of the Baptists in Kentucky," Smith wrote. "This move was not made in order to

Adult children becoming caregivers for aging parents

NASHVILLE (BP)—Children who once received the tender care of their parents today are finding themselves responsible for their aging parents.

Across the United States, a caregiving crisis is exploding.

As Christians, children are commanded to honor and obey their parents. But what happens when a parent gets Alzheimer's disease or becomes cranky with the natural aches and pains of aging? What happens when the parent is forgetful or confused and can't seem to remember what happened two hours ago?

How do adult children balance the needs of the parents with the needs of their spouses and children? How does a church care for the aging portion of its members?

"Caregiving to aging parents affects all of us," says Debra Bruce of Jacksonville, Fla., co-author of "My Parent, My Turn," recently released by the Broadman & Holman publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Her coauthor is Harris McIlwain, a board-certified gerontologist from Tampa, Fla.

"Like raising a child, caregiving has no 'manual' to tell you what to do when a parent seems forgetful or depressed or fails to take her medication or bathe," says Bruce, a pastor's wife and author of several Christian books, including "Reclaiming Your Family: 7 Ways to Gain Control over What Goes On in Your Home." Bruce and her husband, Robert, also are authors of "Becoming Spiritual Soul Mates with Your Child," released in April by Broadman & Holman.

According to U.S. Census Bureau reports, Americans 85 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the country's population, now representing 1.2 percent. See Adult children ..., page 17

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BAPTISTS

SBC inadvertently linked to gambling

Pressler to speak at New Orleans SBC

NEW ORLEANS—Paul Pressler, considered the primary architect of the Southern Baptist Convention's rightward shift since 1979, will speak at this year's SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

Pressler, a layman from Houston, will give one of five theme interpretations during the June 11-13 meeting in the Superdome. His slated topic is "If My People ... Turn."

Although Pressler gained notoriety for his work to bring about change in the convention, this will be the first time he has given a scheduled address to the full convention.

Keynote addresses include the SBC president's message by Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla.; the convention sermon by Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark.; and a closing message by Bill McCartney, founder of Promise Keepers.

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has found itself in two unplanned alliances with gambling interests in recent weeks.

First, the management consulting firm hired by the Executive Committee to assist in denominational restructuring has been reported to have ties to the Texas state lottery.

The Executive Committee voted Feb. 19 to spend up to \$495,000 to employ an unnamed management consulting firm for the restructuring task. Later, it was announced that a contract had been signed with Coopers & Lybrand, a management consultant firm based in Atlanta.

Ironically, Coopers & Lybrand also certifies the results of drawings in the Texas state lottery; and the firm's name is routinely mentioned during televised lottery drawings.

David Hankins, vice president for convention policy and staff liaison with the implementation task force that recommended the consulting firm, expressed "regret that there is a connection, however minimal" between the management firm and the lottery. Hankins also said SBC leaders did not know about that connection when they signed the contract with Coopers & Lybrand.

Southern Baptists "remain staunchly opposed to all forms of gambling, illegal or legal," said Morris Chapman, president of the Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, some Southern Baptists who reserved rooms in New Orleans in June for the SBC annual meeting got a shock recently when they received confirmation or cancellation form notices with an advertisement for a casino on the back.

Jack Wilkerson, convention manager and vice president for business and finance for the SBC Executive Committee, said he understands the concern of people who received the forms—which also have an advertisement for the airport shuttle.

The notices were sent on pre-printed forms used by the New Orleans housing bureau, Wilkerson said. Although it reads "SBC Housing Bureau" on the return address, it comes from the New Orleans Housing Bureau and has a New Orleans city and street address.

"It simply was whether we wanted to have a custom-printed form, without the casino advertising, and pay a thousand additional Cooperative Program dollars to do so," he explained. "With the rising costs of the annual meeting, we elected not to have a custom form for the SBC."

North Korean aid shipped out

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The first shipment of Southern Baptist food aid for North Koreans suffering from flood-induced famine is crossing the Pacific. Others will follow.

A load of 609 boxes of food from North Carolina Baptists is to arrive by ship in South Korea April 11 for repacking and shipment north. Two more shipments are to reach North Korea May 1.

So far, churches in 13 states have promised up to 45 large shipping containers. Participating states: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Resolution on racism must include action, Tupper says

By Mark Wingfield
Interim Editor

LEXINGTON—The resolution on racism passed by the Southern Baptist Convention last summer must be completed with concrete actions, theology professor Frank Tupper said in a recent speech at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Tupper, who teaches at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented a historical perspective on selected aspects of Baptist theology.

Tupper applauded the SBC resolution on racism as "bold" but said it "does not reference the concrete concerns of African-Americans nor identify specific steps to accomplish

reconciliation with African-Americans."

Just a few days after Tupper's speech, SBC President Jim Henry announced the formation of an inter-agency task force to seek some practical applications of the resolution on racism, a move Tupper commended in a subsequent interview.

"Racial reconciliation cannot be confined to the church house," Tupper said in his speech. "The task of racial reconciliation must address the school house and the jail house, the state house and the White House in order to overcome the alienation, discrimination and deprivation of African-Americans today."

"The words of a resolution can be

empty and hollow, but the deeds of reconciliation are demanding and costly," he asserted.

Tupper traced the history of the SBC Christian Life Commission, from its founding as the Social Service Commission headed by Jesse Weatherspoon at Southern Seminary. He also related how Weatherspoon, influenced by Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel movement, set an early agenda for Southern Baptists on racism.

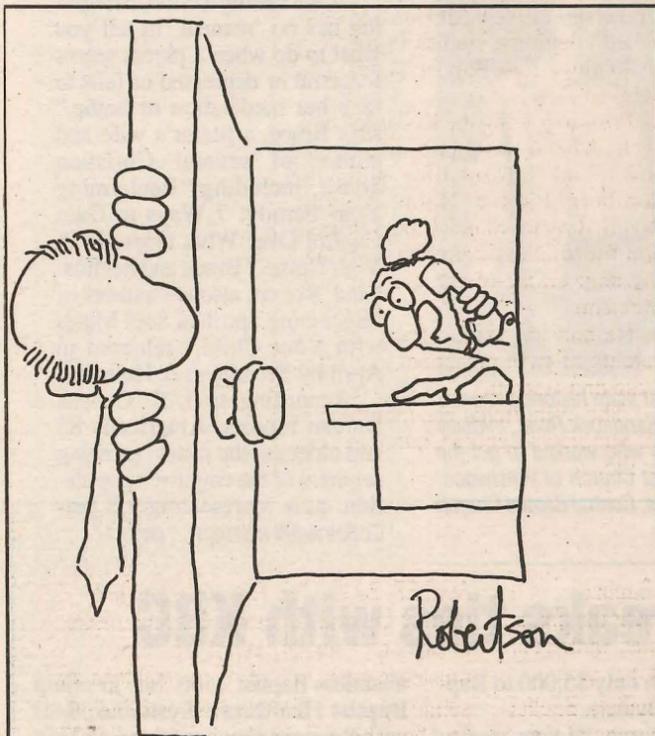
In his Lexington speech, Tupper also addressed historical Baptist visions of missions and biblical authority.

On the issue of biblical authority, Tupper cited E.Y. Mullins as "the

most significant systematic theologian in the history of Southern Seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention." Mullins was president of Southern Seminary at the turn of the century and chaired the committee that drafted the first Baptist Faith and Message statement in 1924.

While Mullins affirmed the Bible as "final for us in all the matters of our Christian faith and practice," he taught that its infallibility "must be determined by its purpose."

Given his view of biblical authority, Mullins "would not qualify as a candidate to teach Christian theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary today," Tupper said. "Neither would I."



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BAPTIST BITS

■ **Church settling debt.** Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, has reached an agreement with bondholders that could prevent the church from having to sell its property. The church filed for bankruptcy protection in January, with a \$15 million debt. The church and bondholder reportedly have agreed to a schedule of reduced payments.

■ **Pugh retiring.** Quinn Pugh, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York the past 12 years, has announced his retirement to be effective July 31.

■ **Displaced ministers noted.** Both Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Georgia Baptist Convention recently have announced new initiatives to assist ministers who are terminated from church positions. In both cases, the new programs will focus on providing counseling, housing, food, insurance and temporary employment.

■ **Advanced seminary course set.** Three Southern Baptist seminaries have joined hands with two evangelical seminaries to create an in-

tensive academic honors program at a training center in Blackwell, Texas. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will join with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Denver Theological Seminary to offer the Advanced Leadership Training Semester. The program will cover a summer and fall term with a faculty drawn from each of the schools.

■ **Music reunion slated.** Church music students and professors from the 1950s era at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are holding a reunion April 18-20 at the Louisville school. For information, call Neta Kolb Burgess at (903) 832-1248 or Hugh McElrath at (502) 895-3903.

■ **Rates won't rise.** Rates for the Annuity Board's comprehensive medical plan for church employees and seminarians will not increase July 1, the Annuity Board announced. Another rate review is scheduled for fall 1997.

■ **CP steady at mid-year.** Gifts to the national Cooperative Program

unified budget are down less than 1 percent in the first six months of this fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee reported. Since Oct. 1, gifts have totaled \$72.97 million, down 0.96 percent from the first six months of last year. Designated gifts for the six-month period are up 6.21 percent over last year. Despite the small reduction in undesignated gifts, funding for the SBC's program allocation budget is running \$2 million ahead of budget.

■ **Bugg to Richmond.** Charles Bugg, pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., has been named to the preaching faculty of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Bugg, a former preaching professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will move to the Richmond seminary in the fall.

■ **Cobb to seminary board.** Reba Cobb of Louisville has been named to the board of trustees for Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Cobb is executive director of the Center for Women and Families in Louisville and a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

KENTUCKY

With a taste for missions, couple ready for Samoa

By Melanie Childers
Staff Writer

AMERICAN SAMOA—Missions volunteers Hattie and Harold Stephens may be Kentucky Baptists, but you won't find any bluegrass growing under their feet.

Stephens, 73, and his wife, Hattie, 68, can close up their home in Fort Thomas and move halfway across the world in less time than many couples take to plan a week's vacation.

The Stephenses recently returned from a three-month stint as teachers at Samoa Baptist Academy, a school in American Samoa operated by Happy Valley Baptist Church and supported in part by the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Sickness among the school's faculty caused a shortage of teachers late in 1995. The Stephenses were contacted to fill in, and within a week they had packed their bags and boarded a plane headed for the South Pacific islands.

This isn't the first time they've answered the call to missions service on a moment's notice.

After his retirement from Cincinnati Bell in 1983, Stephens began substitute teaching in the Fort Thomas public school system, where his wife worked as a teacher's assistant. But they also hoped to find places of service in a mission setting, they said.

In 1987, the couple attended a con-

ference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico "with the idea of looking around in the West to see if there was a way to teach in an Indian area," Stephens said.

Instead, conference leaders at Glorieta announced the need for teachers in American Samoa.

"We expressed a little interest, and eight days later we were on our way there," he said.

Mrs. Stephens took a leave of absence from her job in Fort Thomas, and the couple served during the 1987-88 academic year as volunteer teachers at Samoa Baptist Academy.

Since that time, they have served through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as teachers in China for a year, and then through the Home Mission Board they worked at Valley Baptist in Harlingen, Texas, for four years. Stephens taught mathematics and Mrs. Stephens served as librarian.

They had just returned to Kentucky in May 1995 and moved into a new home in November, when they were asked to consider returning to American Samoa early this year.

Friends and staff at their church, First Baptist in Fort Thomas, maintain close contact with the couple while they're out, keeping their needs updated on the church prayer list. But they're no longer surprised when the Stephenses suddenly disappear on another mission, explained Terri

Springer, the church's minister of education.

"They're amazing," Springer said. "They have a real gentle spirit, but at the same time, you know whatever they're doing, they're ... really committed to it."

Each time they return from a trip, they just slip back into their place at the church without fanfare or proclamation, Springer added.

The Samoa academy, which offers instruction to 200 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, enjoys a high academic reputation.

"Ours is considered to be one of the strongest on the island," he said, noting new students nearly always have to be placed on a waiting list.

As in China and elsewhere, working with students from a Christian perspective brings the couple fulfillment, Stephens said.

In contrast to many public schools where teachers have only fleeting contacts with students, the Stephenses "get to know every student, every family" at Samoa Baptist Academy, he said. "We live right on campus; it's almost like a family relationship."

He listed numerous former students and friends who have moved into successful careers, mended broken family relationships and even made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

"It's not the things we've done, but the associations we've had with those

students, that makes our lives so rich," he said.

Although they had lived there before, moving back to the island in the South Pacific required certain adjustments, the couple said.

"It's very hot there—extremely hot; hotter than anyplace we've ever been," Stephens said, noting the rain and wind also pose difficulties.

The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends about 1:45 p.m., since the heat becomes unbearable later in the day, Stephens said.

And animals in American Samoa create a whole different set of noises than Cincinnati suburbs, Stephens added, referring to a pig pen about 30 feet from their bedroom window, which always stayed open.

Nevertheless, "there is no place on earth I would rather be than right here, right now," Mrs. Stephens wrote in a letter.

Her husband agreed.

"I'm 73 years old and Hattie is 68," he said. "But we're in relatively good health. Our children are all educated and care for themselves. We have abilities that we've developed over the years" of working with people of other languages and cultures.

"We just feel God has blessed our lives in such measure, we have a compulsion to do what we can do as long as we can do it," Stephens continued. "It has enriched our lives beyond our expectations."

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Harold Stephens

Wingfield nominated to become Western Recorder editor

LOUISVILLE—Mark Wingfield has been nominated to become editor of the Western Recorder, the weekly newspaper affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Wingfield, 34, was unanimously approved for the post by the Western Recorder's board of directors April 2. The nomination by the Recorder's board must be confirmed by the KBC Executive Board May 6 to be effective.

The Recorder is an agency of the KBC with its own board of directors to manage the newspaper's affairs and set its policies. However, a covenant agreement between the Recorder and the KBC stipulates that the KBC Executive Board must confirm by simple majority vote the person selected as editor by the Recorder board.

Wingfield has been serving the

Recorder as interim editor since last December, when the former editor, Marv Knox, became associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas. Wingfield joined the Recorder's staff in July 1991 as news director.

Wingfield was by the Recorder board by a four-member editor search committee, chaired by layman Frank Hatfield of Shepherdsville. Hatfield said the search committee reviewed the resumes of 13 other candidates.

"We are convinced that Mark's experience with the Recorder, his commitment to continuing the direction set by the board for the Recorder, plus his vision for the ongoing improvement of the Recorder make him clearly the best choice for the editor's position," Hatfield said.

Other members of the editor search committee were Tom Curry of

Louisville, Don Mantooth of Morehead and Bill Thurman of Lexington.

"I deeply appreciate the confidence the search committee and the entire board of directors have expressed in me," Wingfield said. "My commitment to Kentucky Baptists is to continue to produce a newspaper that is innovative, relevant, factual and easy to read."

During Wingfield's tenure as news director, he and Knox redesigned the 171-year-old publication and received national recognition for news, feature and editorial writing, as well as the visual presentation of the paper.

"I take seriously the Western Recorder's positioning statement that we provide 'Practical Resources for Christian Living,'" Wingfield said. "My emphasis will continue to be upon addressing religious trends and

real-life issues that impact all Christians, while providing concise and factual coverage of Baptist issues."

Wingfield holds the bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of New Mexico and completed additional studies in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to joining the Recorder staff, he had been associate director of news and information with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, director of news and information for Southwestern Seminary and assistant editor of the Baptist New Mexican.

He and his wife, Alison, are the parents of twin preschool-age boys, Luke and Garrett.

The Wingfields are members of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Cheerleaders win title.** Campbellsville College's cheerleading squad won the National Christian Collegiate Cheerleading Competition title at Wheaton College March 30.

■ **Estate seminar set.** Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas will hold a family estate protection seminar April 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. The seminar, which is open to the public, will be led by Richard Carlton of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Warren Nash of Georgetown College. For information, call (502) 863-8224.

■ **"Guys & Dolls" coming.** Campbellsville College will stage a production of the Broadway musical "Guys & Dolls" April 18-20. Performances are in the College Theater at 8 p.m. each night. For tickets, call (502) 789-5226.

■ **Still honored.** Cumberland College will award the honorary doctor of humanities degree April 15 to Kentucky's poet laureate, James Still of Hindman. Still is best known for his novel "River of Earth," but has written scores of poems, stories and books about Appalachia.

■ **Leonard at Georgetown.** Baptist historian Bill Leonard will deliver the annual Danford Thomas Lecture Series address at Georgetown College April 16. Leonard, a former faculty member at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is chairman of the religion department at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

■ **Musical to premier.** The world premier of a new musical drama based on Marjorie Holmes' best-selling novel "Two from Galilee" will be presented at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville

April 27, 29 and 30. The novel and play portray the mutual love and divine mission of Mary and Joseph. Word Inc., the musical's publisher, plans to videotape the seminary production for later distribution. To obtain complimentary tickets, call (502) 897-4507.

■ **Cumberland gets grant.** Cumberland College has received a \$100,000 grant from the Charles Schell Foundation of Cincinnati. The grant will be used for educational assistance loans, to be given interest-free to qualified students.

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

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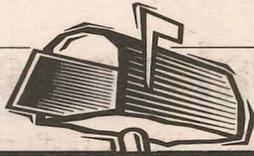
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BAPTIST FORUM

Coppenger was wrong

We are sinners. All have sinned. Mark Coppenger is a sinner. He was a sinner before he got saved. He was a sinner after he got saved. I'm a sinner too. And we are in good company: Paul the apostle was a sinner. You're a sinner too.

Need I remind of other sinners? King David. The Apostle Peter. John, the beloved disciple. The whole motley crew of disciples were sinners! Billy Graham, Billy Sunday, Billy Carey, Billy Clinton and Billy the Kid, all are/were sinners. You know you might be a sinner if you're breathing.

Whether we go as far as Coppenger and claim that those sinners who aren't saved are somehow "badder" than we sinners who are saved, we often treat them that way.

Is sin what is bad? Or is sin what is bad for us? Perhaps there is truth in both statements, but the first consideration in regard to sin is that sin is that which is bad for us. Of course, sin is never harmful only to the one who commits sin. This is where we get the idea that those who sin are bad people.

The fact remains, however, that all sin and come short of the good things God has planned. And, as the Bible often reminds us, it is the good religious folk whose sin is most condemned by God. For those who've had a chance to partake in God's undeserved kindness and forgiveness to turn to the rest of a hurting and needy humanity and say, "You're bad!" is surely not far short of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. (Which is, of course, a sin and sort of bad.)

Dan Trabue
Louisville

Partnership opinions

I was impressed by Editor Michael Clinginpeel's March 14 editorial in the Religious Herald of Virginia. Since Kentucky Baptists are so heavily involved in partnerships, the article is highly relevant.

"As a missions strategy, partnership missions has its detractors. Opponents argue it is little more than sanctified tourism, a method for Christians to see the world while assuaging the guilt induced by expensive travel. It robs the denominational missions enterprise of precious dollars, opponents continue. Money spent by volunteers, in excess of \$1,000 a person for travel and on-field expenses, could be used to fund career missionaries who live on the field, know the nationals, speak the language and have specific missions training. It also robs missionaries of time, say opponents of partnerships. Career missionaries are forced to spend too much of their time catering to the needs and

Coppenger was right

Editor Wingfield, in a rather confused editorial, has distorted Mark Coppenger's speech in Virginia. The editor believes Coppenger stated the "right thing in the wrong way" and charges Coppenger with using "the language of hate" in stating that non-Christians are "bad." Yet the editor later declares that "badness ... is a condition that afflicts all humanity."

One shudders to think how the editor would characterize Paul's description of non-Christians in Romans 3:9-18, or Jesus' description in John 8:39-47. Moreover, the editor's statement that Coppenger "seems to take much more delight in pronouncing the judgment of God than even God does" is the language of malignity.

Having actually heard Coppenger's address recently, I believe a burden, indeed, a love for the lost was his motive for reminding us of mankind's wicked sinfulness. Simply put, if man is not bad, he has no need for the Savior or to be evangelized.

Could it be that the editor and Coppenger represent two contrary belief systems or theologies: Coppenger holding to man's inherited and complete depravity; the editor, to the un-ordered Pelagianism of the man on the streets?

Russell Fuller
Professor of Hebrew
Mid-Continent College
Mayfield

Not bad theology

The letter from John Routh (March 26, page 4) regarding the "bad theology" editorial was right on target! Before anyone refers to a preacher's message as "bad theology" it must be determined that the message was not scripturally based.

In this matter, we encounter the sound Bible doctrine of "total depravity." The question is: "How far did Adam fall?" The Bible declares, systematically, repeatedly and clearly, that Adam's fall was a total descent

wishes of the volunteers.

"These negatives, all of which enjoy some measure of truth, are not the whole story, however.

"Many missions volunteers bring to their assignments considerable spiritual gifts, along with the prayers and material backing of their congregations. In a week or two church buildings are built, Bibles are distributed, medical and dental clinics are held, vacation Bible schools are conducted and revivals are preached. The teams accomplish tasks that career missionaries cannot, or should not, do because they must focus on a larger strategy of witness and training.

"One of the strongest arguments for missions partnerships is what it accomplishes in the lives of volunteers. Almost uniformly they are forced to move outside their comfort zone—eating different foods, living in novel conditions, negotiating relationships in a strange language and taking on tasks for which they are unprepared.

into spiritual death (Romans 5:12), Satanic control (Ephesians 2:1-3) and absolute rebellion against God (Titus 1:15-16). Just read Titus 3:3.

A person who is rejecting Christ as Lord and Savior is not "good." "There is only one good, that is God!" (Mark 10:18.) A lost person is a godless person (Romans 3:12-18.) How can a person be considered "good," while defying the command of God to repent?

All this is not to say we are not to love and reach out to the lost person. We were all loved before we were saved! (Romans 5:8).

But it is not "bad theology" to preach the total depravity of a sinner who is not under the blood of Jesus. To believe otherwise is to deny the necessity of the cross, and to cut the nerve of missions and evangelism. Is a lost person partially lost, or a little bit lost, or almost saved? One more inquiry: Can anything good come out of the flesh? All a lost person has is flesh! (Romans 7:18-20).

Bill Hall
Danville

More Baptist Forum appears on page 6 this week.



FAMILY FORUM

My son won't pay attention in classes

By Wade Rowatt

Q My boy will not behave in Sunday school and at school. He talks and writes notes to his buddies. He is only 13, but he can do better. He even makes wisecracks about the teachers to get the other kids to laugh. He just cannot seem to sit still and pay attention to his teachers. What can we do?

A Your son could be acting the way he does for several reasons. Possibly it is a combination of things.

Being 13 is not easy, and it could be he is having trouble feeling good about himself. He might be covering up a low self-image by trying to draw attention to himself. He feels overlooked, left out and passed by unless he is the center of attraction. He covers his bad feelings about himself by making others see him. Try affirming his good points and ignoring the less-acceptable behavior. At least he is present and most likely is learning more than he lets on.

He could have a problem called Attention Deficit Disorder. He may need to see a counselor or the family physician. Perhaps he cannot stay focused when he tries.

Your teenager could be worried or grieving over something. If he has had a major loss or problem in the last six months, get him to talk about it.

On the other hand, the problem could be with school and Bible study classes. Maybe they do not meet his level of ability. The material or the methods may be over his head or beneath his ability. Compare notes with other parents.

He will probably throw up a smokescreen and make light of your concerns at first. Be prepared to listen and to patiently lead him to explore his feelings. Don't give up easily.

Of course, this could all be attempts to flirt and get a special girl's attention.

Whatever the cause, you could set up a system of rewards and penalties that he receives for changing his actions. He is old enough to become responsible for how he manages his feelings. If misbehaving costs him more than it is worth, he will attempt to change. If good actions are worth his effort, then he will try harder.

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ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

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

HE SAID/SHE SAID

Warning: Send your husband to video store at your own peril

HE SAID



Mark Wingfield

Surely it is a sign of the times that going to the video store—or worse, sending a significant other—has become one of the most frustrating experiences of life.

A friend once remarked that he's convinced those security scanners at the door also double as brain erasers for patrons entering the video store. The evidence: You may think of 10 movies you'd like to rent before you get to the store, but once inside, your brain goes

completely blank.

Maybe this could be a case for the "X-Files."

Another of the great mysteries of movie life is why major video stores stock 50 copies of titles like *Die Hard III* and only one or two of anything we ever want to see.

Of course, the concept of what "we" want to see is another problem altogether. Really, how many romantic comedies can a real man take until his brain turns to fuzz?

My job in our relationship is to expand our video horizons—and cultural experiences—by bringing home special finds, usually in Swahili with English subtitles. Of course, these videos always are on the shelf, so it's a lot easier than waiting for one of the 50 copies of *Die Hard III* to come back in.

The ultimate test of relationships, though, is taking friends to the video store with you, in hopes of finding something to be watched by you and your spouse and he and his spouse and anyone else who wanders into the house. The other family has seen everything you want to see, and you've seen everything they want to see.

Makes a pretty good case for old-fashioned conversation instead.

SHE SAID



Alison Wingfield

I should know better by now. Every time Mark says, "Do you want me to pick up a video on the way home?" I should just say no.

He doesn't always miss the mark. He has come up with a few good ones. But his track record on movies is definitely a thumbs down.

Whenever he brings a movie home that we have talked about, he assumes that just because we discussed it, I said I wanted to see it. It is usually the

opposite in fact.

Renting something on a Friday evening, when the shelves are decimated, is risky business—there is no telling what he will come home with. It takes some guts just to put it into the machine. It is amazing how many truly bad movies there are out there. I ought to know. We have rented most of them.

I have to admit that I am stuck on a certain genre. A serious movie, or even a thriller (sans the blood and guts) is fine now and then, but romantic comedies are pure entertainment. Why should I get more stressed out than I already am on Friday night? And when you get one of those foreign films where you actually have to think and keep your eyes open to read the subtitles, forget it!

Good movies, on the other hand, should be seen more than once. Mark can't understand how I can watch certain films over and over again.

Of course, it could be worse. He could be like my Dad, who, when he can't find anything else goes back to the tried and true and rents "The Battle of the Bulge" (which, I must admit, is one of the best war movies ever made).

Next time Mark comes home with an odd movie, I'm going to open up a book instead.

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Assisted suicide debate needs analysis

If you think the debate over abortion has been difficult to digest, get ready for an even tougher issue in medical ethics. The right of doctors and others to assist terminally ill patients who want to end their own suffering is the new source of debate.

And it's an issue that should be debated and thought through before hasty policies are made or hard-and-fast battle lines are drawn.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian has drawn national media attention for his controversial efforts to help patients die. A year ago, both the courts and public opinion were running strongly against him. But in recent months, courts have opened new doors that appear to favor the right-to-die movement. (See story on page 9.)

Now we appear headed for a national debate over when, how and if a person may help someone else end his or her own life. As this debate unfolds, here are some key questions that ought to be asked:

■ *What is the difference between withholding life-prolonging treatment and providing life-ending treatment?*

With the advent of "living wills," many Americans have declared their desire not to be placed on respirators or other life-sustaining devices when they become terminally ill. This may include a desire not to continue receiving water and other essentials. But what is the difference between standing back and letting death take its course versus taking a more active role to hasten death?

■ *Is suicide a sin?* The Christian church sometimes has taught that suicide is a sin, maybe an unpardonable sin. If you consider this to be true, is it true under all circumstances?

■ *Is life ever not worth living?* Answering this question requires us to examine the very meaning of

life and God's purpose in giving us life.

■ *If it is possible that life may cease to be worth living, who should have the right to make that determination?* Is this a decision to be made by God alone? By the person who is ill? By the caretakers—and potentially the heirs—of the one who is ill? By government?

■ *What does advocating a right-to-die philosophy do to one's concept of faith in God?*

If you admit that someone who is terminally ill has the right to decide exactly when to die, does that discount God's power and wisdom? Is this bit of personal freedom worth the potential cost of missing some God-appointed moment in the latter stages of life? Or is this part of the free will God has granted all humans?

■ *Should government take any role in this matter at all?*

The assisted suicide debate is creating yet another divide between social conservatives and fiscal conservatives. While social conservatives generally want government to prohibit assisted suicide, many fiscal conservatives think government has no place dictating such a fundamental item of personal liberty. Religious conservatives are left questioning whether a "less government" policy should go so far as to prohibit the courts from enforcing certain codes of behavior.

■ *Is it possible—or even desirable—for Christians to develop a consistent life ethic?*

Should not the same ethic that speaks against abortion and assisted suicide also speak against capital punishment? Or is there a justifiable difference between taking the life of an innocent and taking a life as a form of punishment?

— Mark Wingfield

Who's your neighbor?

I was quite fascinated by a newspaper graphic that showed how much Medicare money is used that is not medical. For example, lots of money is spent on taxi fare to transport people to the doctor, the hospital, etc.

In a conversation with someone I noted that we have become dependent on the government to do what our neighbors should do.

"Many people in the cities don't know their neighbors," she replied.

"Just another indication that we are a government-controlled people," I said.

In Russia, there is the great danger that the people will elect to go back to the "old ways" (communism) because they can't do for themselves. There is within our country the temptation to go deeper into those ways because we don't want to do for ourselves.

What has all this got to do with church, Jesus or Christianity? Jesus Christ has called all of us who are believers to be brothers and sisters in common fellowship, thus answering the question of "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus taught us to "go the extra

mile," explaining the Christian mission. Thus, in any community where there are many Christians, there should never be a need for anyone to call upon the government to pay a taxi. We should know our neighbors and be their keeper.

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

The Bible says so.

Can it be that we just want someone to do it for us? Even to the point of practicing our Christianity?

Floyd Price, Pastor
Scottsville Baptist Church
Scottsville

The standard

Since 1884, the world standard for time has been set by the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. We call it GMT, or Greenwich Mean Time.

This time was originally kept by accurate clocks which were corrected periodically. All that has changed now. There are atomic clocks in 24 countries which keep time by counting the number of vibrations per second in the certain atoms. These atomic clocks are more accurate than the time of rotation of the earth itself. A bureau in Paris now compares read-

ings from the atomic clocks to give an accuracy within one hundred-millionth of a second a day. The old standard is gone because the new standard is more accurate.

For 3,000 years now, the biblical writings have been a standard of a different kind—the standard for human morality, for personal relationships and for our relationship with God. It is accurate in these areas of life. Paul told his young friend, Timothy, that the sacred writings "are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." He goes on to remind Timothy that "all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness..." 2 Timothy 3:15-16.

The Bible continues to be "accurate" as a rule for life—as an instruction book on how to be fully human in all relationships—and as "a guide to our feet and lamp to our path." We discard it for other standards at our peril.

Read this powerful word every day—memorize it—pray it—meditate on it. It's a standard which lasts forever.

E.B. Smith, Interim Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church
Lexington



Wrong argument

As I reread the article about Mark Coppenger (March 19, page 2), it occurred to me that Coppenger may have confused two aspects of the human condition. More importantly, in the process, he also missed a larger point.

Coppenger points out that unsaved man is wholly bad in that he is in rebellion with God. Consequently, the listener may infer that saved man is wholly good. If this is Coppenger's belief, then he is conveniently blending "practical" and "positional" goodness. Positionally, I am a saint. In practical terms, I'm not. Like Paul laments in Romans 7, it is not without trying. However, while I may have moments of consistency between walk and talk, my flesh causes me to fall short of perfection.

Moreover, by centering his argument on the magnitude of unsaved man's depravity, Coppenger frames the wrong argument. Rather than acknowledging the extent of our natural depravity, it is more profitable to recognize the separation that our depravity has created. Any argument about the magnitude of unsaved man's depravity is irrelevant. It doesn't matter whether the unsaved are just a little bad, sorta bad, totally bad or anywhere in between. The size of the gap between God and man is meaningless. It's still a gap, there's only one

way across and you can't jump.

Barry Haworth
Louisville

God have mercy

If Congress will rewrite the part of the budget that has to do with the partial-birth abortion legislation, because of the health of the mother, President Clinton says he will sign it.

This has nothing to do with the health of the mother. The baby is already partly out of the birth canal. Talk about consideration for the mother! What woman giving birth to a baby would want to stop the process to have a baby's skull bashed in and its brains sucked out?

The law does not permit anyone to crush a born baby's skull and suck out its brains. It is legal to kill a pre-born baby for any reason, at any time. In either case the baby feels the pain.

Have we as a nation sunk so low that we are willing to "sit on our hands" while such cruelty is being performed on a helpless baby and not protest?

God have mercy on the United States of America.

Augusta Weisenberger
Owensboro

A secular tabloid

I have read the Western Recorder for over 30 years. In the earlier years, I read it quite regularly, particularly when C.R. Daley was the editor. My reading now is infrequent and a source of agitation and anger when I do read it.

Maybe you do not remember the standards and commitments of the Western Recorder under Daley's

leadership. The staff now seems to have an agenda of its own in promoting positions and taking sides which, in my opinion, are in variance with most Baptists in Kentucky. Articles which seem intended to inform are filled with personal judgments and opinions. And of all things, publishing articles by the Associated Baptist Press is an outrage. Most Kentucky Baptists are supportive of the Southern Baptist Convention, not a renegade group which formed its own association. Unfortunately, the Western Recorder now has some characteristics peculiar to the secular tabloids.

According to your own rules, you do not accept for publication letters making a personal attack on anyone. That is as it should be. But should not the same apply to staff at the Western Recorder as well? Your constant criticism and vendetta against the administration at Southern Seminary and Albert Mohler in particular is appalling. Where are your standards?

I pray that the next editor of the Western Recorder will be a man of integrity and high standards.

Rolands L. Rizenbergs
Lexington

Editor's note: In order to provide a breadth of coverage, the Western Recorder draws upon a variety of news services, including Baptist Press, Associated Baptist Press, Evangelical Press and Religion News Service. Of those, two are controlled by religious bodies: Baptist Press by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee and Evangelical Press by the National Association of Evangelicals. Both Associated Baptist Press and Religion News Service are independent news services.

COMMENTARY

Churches can learn a lesson from Wal-Mart

My grandfather is 94 years old, and he acts 60. He has unbelievably good health and an active lifestyle. My grandmother is almost as active at 88.

They live in It, Miss. That's the name of the community just off Interstate 55 South, between Gallman and Wesson, Miss.

There is a sign proclaiming "This is It." I have always wanted a second sign not far down the road reading "That was It."

Every Thursday, my grandfather drives about 20 miles to Wal-Mart in Hazelhurst. That is senior adult day, and he can get free coffee.

He doesn't miss that day at Wal-Mart.

When I envision my grandfather at Wal-Mart, I see him making sure everyone knows he's in the building. After all, when you're 94, you want everyone to know you're still alive.

When I asked my grandfather why he drives the 40-mile roundtrip for a free cup of coffee, he said, "Well, I like the free coffee, and I also like the way the clerks hug on me."

Once when my grandfather went to Wal-Mart, it just happened to be his birthday. When he entered the door, he found the clerks had thrown him a birthday party—cake, candles, balloons, ice cream and a newspaper photographer were all there. (Of course, there was free coffee also.)

Wal-Mart knows my grandfather, and they know his name and when his birthday is.

Now it is very interesting that my grandfather does not go to church. He is a Christian, and my grandmother doesn't miss church. But my grandfather just doesn't go.

And I think I know why.

At Wal-Mart, he gets what he doesn't get at church. The ingredients he misses at church? Hugs, people knowing his name, birthday parties, a sense of belonging and being appreciated.

You see, it doesn't matter if you are 4 or 94, you like this type of attention.

Age is not the issue. The issue is feeling like you belong and that you are a part of what's going on.

If my grandfather were in your church, would he get the Wal-Mart reception?

Ken Marler
Southern Baptist Sunday
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Nashville

COMMENTARY

Betting on Bob

There's a struggle under way for the soul of Bob Dole, and it could not have come at a more inopportune time. It involves the dual roles Dole is currently playing as Senate majority leader and presidential candidate.

The flashpoint is gambling, and the senator's final disposition in this matter will tell us a great deal about whether he can both run for president and run the public's business in the Senate.

Here's how the fight is shaping up:

On one side are corporate gambling interests, which, to put it mildly, have been rolling Sweet Sevens throughout the nation in the past five years, as states hungry for revenue scrambled to make casino gambling legal.

And while gamblers may believe that all it takes to get rich is a small investment and a lot of luck, Gambling Inc. knows better. Instead, it makes practical investments, including a nearly half-million-dollar contribution to the Dole campaign, according to a recent Washington Post report. In return, these keepers of the one-armed bandits hope to stifle criticism of their trade.

Enter Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., a courageous congressman who, like many Americans, is alarmed at both the growth of gambling and what it is doing to the quality of our national life. Wolf has secured House approval of a bill to study gambling's effects on Americans. But the measure languishes in the Senate.

So the question is obvious: Will Dole,

who is on record favoring such a study, also bring the bill before the Senate for a vote, and thus open the way for a national gambling commission? Or will he instead placate his financial benefactors, who would like nothing more than for this bill to die a silent death? Only time will tell.

Clearly, as majority leader, Dole is obliged to allow this legislation to be fully considered by his Senate peers. But with his campaign running dangerously low on money, it will be tempting not to discourage financial supporters. I know how such decisions are made. I used to make them.

If Dole puts his political interests before the nation's interests, he should be prepared to duck the avalanche of well-deserved criticism. Here is the senator who—rightly, in my opinion—attacked Hollywood for the part it has played in our moral decline. By not allowing the Senate to vote on this legislation, however, he would be saying that he believes gambling is, at worst, a morally neutral presence in society.

He should read the recent Washington Post series on gambling and its human cost. The Post looked beyond the rhetoric that gambling is the cure for financially ailing communities desperate for revenue. Instead, readers are left with the clear impression that the only beneficiary will be Gambling Inc.

The last time a national commission studied gambling and tried to curb its excesses was 1976. In that year, Americans legally bet \$17 billion. In 1994, Americans legally bet \$482 billion—28 times as much. Gambling was once limited to Nevada. Today, 26 states

have casino gambling. And seven cents out of every dollar produced by the American economy was spent trying to prove that it's possible to get something for nothing. The result of this misplaced hope can be devastating.

The nation is strewn with the depleted checkbooks of those who have succumbed to the gambling mania. The Post series, for example, told the story of Betty Yahey of Concordia Parish, La. Thanks to video poker, the "crack cocaine" of legalized gambling, she lost her life's savings of \$191,000.

Wolf's commission, if allowed to form, would bring other such stories into public view. A gambling commission might also shed more light on the handmaiden of gambling: crime, often of the organized variety. Does anyone doubt that the gaming industry is terrified of the publicity such a commission might generate?

President Clinton has promised to veto a bill that would curb excessive litigation against businesses, and Republicans are, with good reason, pointing to the fact that one of the biggest contributors to Clinton's re-election campaign is the Trial Lawyers Association. If Dole caves in to the big gambling money, citizens might well conclude that he, too, cares more about his contributors than the interests of the American people. It will be one more bit of evidence that Washington—Republican and Democrat—has little desire to lift itself out of the muck of politics as usual. (RNS)

Charles Colson
Prison Fellowship

KENTUCKY

History

■ **1924:** Kentucky Baptist Hospital opened in Louisville, built for \$600,000, of which Kentucky Baptists provided half and half was taken on as debt. The first appeal to form a Baptist hospital in Kentucky reportedly appeared in the Western Recorder in 1892. When the hospital first opened, daily room rates ranged from \$2.50 to \$10. Use of the delivery room cost \$12.50.

■ **1951:** Kentucky Baptist Hospital Commission, a forerunner of Baptist Healthcare System, appointed the administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital to oversee construction of Baptist hospitals in Paducah and Lexington.

■ **1953:** Western Baptist Hospital opened with 117 beds in Paducah.

■ **1954:** Central Baptist Hospital opened with 173 beds in Lexington.

■ **1968:** The three hospitals were reorganized into a single corporation under the name Baptist Hospitals Inc.

■ **1975:** Baptist Hospital East opened with 253 beds in Louisville.

■ **1978:** The original Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville changed its name to Highlands Baptist Hospital.

■ **1982:** Baptist Hospitals Inc. assumed management of Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Corbin.

■ **1982:** Baptist Hospitals Foundation was established to receive philanthropic gifts for the hospitals.

■ **1985:** Highlands Baptist Hospital changed its name to Baptist Hospital Highlands.

■ **1986:** Baptist Regional medical Center opened with 210 beds in Corbin as a replacement for Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

■ **1986:** Baptist Hospitals Inc. signed a covenant agreement with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, granting the hospital system primary governance of its affairs but providing that the KBC would continue to appoint a majority of the agency's trustees.

■ **1988:** The Baptist Hospital Highlands complex was sold to Jefferson County and the Highlands hospital was merged with Baptist Hospital East.

■ **1991:** The Baptist Hospital doing business as Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin merged into Baptist Hospitals Inc., which in the same year changed its name to Baptist Healthcare System.

■ **1992:** Baptist Healthcare System acquired Tri-County Community Hospital in La Grange and changed its name to Tri-County Baptist Hospital.

■ **1996:** Baptist Healthcare System announced its intention to dissolve the covenant agreement with the KBC and begin appointing its own trustees.

Baptist Healthcare breaks with KBC

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been through," a reference to the last 17 years of conflict within the national Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist Healthcare System has related directly only to the KBC, not the SBC. However, KBC politics have at times been impacted by controversy in the national convention.

Smith acknowledged the SBC conflict has not yet caused any negative ramifications for Baptist Healthcare System. Neither has the agency experienced any difficulty with the KBC in the trustee selection process, he said.

Marshall confirmed that he has not perceived any threat to the Baptist Healthcare System Board from the KBC.

"I regret they felt they had to do this," Marshall said. "Since the establishment of the covenant with them, there has not been a single incident related to their trustee selection which was not favorable to them. Even so, it is clear the SBC controversy has been making them nervous for several years."

Smith said the dissolution of the covenant agreement does not mean the hospital system intends to change the way it does business.

"The only requirement we have is to give the convention notice that we are terminating the covenant relationship," he explained. "That's all the

transition that will happen."

According to terms of the covenant, either Baptist Healthcare System or the KBC has the right to terminate the agreement with one year's notice.

Smith said he did not yet know whether that means the KBC will appoint trustees to the Baptist Healthcare System board one more time in November or not.

At the same time the board voted to dissolve the covenant, it also voted to appoint a special committee to guide the board's relations with the Baptist community. That committee will be chaired by Gene Cravens of Lexington. No other details of the committee's structure or task were released.

Marshall said he sees a potential hope for the KBC's continued relationship with Baptist Healthcare System through this committee.

"It is my hope that during the one-year interim which the covenant requires before it can become effective, we can together develop a mutually acceptable new relationship," Marshall said. "Since there are members of that board who share this hope, I want to reserve judgment about this until we see what develops."

For his part, Smith said Baptist Healthcare System "will continue to tap the rich resources of Baptist churches throughout the state for fu-

ture trustees. We also will continue to provide quality care for those who cannot afford the care they need."

Last year, the hospital system provided \$11.45 million in charity care.

Smith said the hospital board desires to strengthen the ministry of chaplains in the hospitals and to continue participation in medical missions projects with Kentucky Baptists.

Smith said the board believes Baptist Healthcare System holds rights to all of its assets and has the right to continue using the name Baptist.

"I don't know that anyone has the name Baptist trademarked," he said. "Legitimately, we can use it."

Pulling away from KBC control does not mean the five Baptist hospitals intend to change their policies on abortions, Smith also said.

Abortions are performed only rarely at any of the hospitals, and then only when the mother's life is at risk, he said. "To the best of my knowledge, we've never done what you would call elective abortions."

Members of the Baptist Healthcare System board agreed at the March 19 meeting not to talk with the media about the vote to dissolve the covenant, said Ken Chafin, chairman of the board's administrative committee. The board appointed Smith to be the sole spokesperson for the board, Chafin said.

Baptist hospitals in Kentucky

- Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.
- Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.
- Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.
- Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin.
- Tri-County Baptist Hospital in La Grange.

HOSPITAL RELATIONSHIPS ELSEWHERE

■ **Georgia.** Georgia Baptist Healthcare System, which operates Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, is controlled by the Georgia Baptist Convention. All trustees of the healthcare system are appointed by the Georgia convention's executive committee. Last year, the convention entertained a proposal to sell the hospital to Columbia/HCA but eventually declined to sell.

■ **Missouri.** The Missouri Baptist Convention has broken ties with its two hospitals. Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis became independent in the late 1950s after accepting a controversial \$50,000 donation from Anheuser-Busch. Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City parted with the convention in the late 1980s due to concerns about federal regulations and the need to approve new programs more quickly. Both hospitals since have merged with other hospital networks.

■ **Mississippi.** The Mississippi Baptist Convention elects all trustees for Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson and elects one-third of the trustees for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Baptist Memorial

Hospital is a joint venture between Baptists in Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. Each state convention appoints one-third of the hospital's trustees.

■ **Alabama.** The Alabama Baptist Convention has no control over the several Baptist hospitals in that state. Those hospitals historically have related to associations. For example, Birmingham Baptist Association is related to Baptist Health Systems there.

■ **North Carolina.** The State Baptist Convention of North Carolina appoints all trustees for North Carolina Baptist Hospitals in Winston-Salem. The state convention funds a major portion of the hospital's pastoral care department.

■ **Tennessee.** The Tennessee Baptist Convention relates to three Baptist hospitals in the state in different ways. In practice, Baptist Hospital in Nashville broke away from the state convention a few years ago, although the convention still appoints individuals to a non-governing board. However, the state convention still elects

trustees for Baptist Health System of East Tennessee, based in Knoxville, and one-third of the trustees for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

■ **South Carolina.** South Carolina Baptist Hospitals Inc., based in Columbia, only a few years ago broke its ties with the South Carolina Baptist Convention. The hospital now elects its own trustees as an independent board.

■ **Texas.** The Baptist General Convention of Texas relates to seven medical centers or hospital systems across the state. The state convention appoints most or all trustees to each agency. Cooperative Program funds provide for chaplaincy programs at each hospital.

■ **Virginia.** Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg broke away from the Baptist General Association of Virginia in the late 1970s, primarily over the issue of abortion. However, the state convention still funds the hospital's pastoral care school.

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One man's story: 'A battle ... but one you can win'

Signs of clinical depression

- Inability to have pleasure: can't relax or watch a movie.
- Fatigue that lasts beyond a few weeks. Examples are wanting to sleep constantly, or the smallest task becoming a major one.
- Increase in irritability and inability to get along with people normally close to.
- Loss of feelings, such as love or a feeling of numbness. Inability to be intimate.
- Difficulty with normal activities.
- Pessimism.
- Sense of hopelessness; despondent and distraught.
- Constant mood swings.
- Disorganized thinking.
- Irrational thoughts and feelings.
- Changes in appetite; significant weight loss or gain.
- Inability to concentrate or focus on activities such as job, books or TV.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services

LEXINGTON—Paul Weaver's list of educational achievements include a master's degree in pastoral counseling, a master's in education and a doctorate in education.

Despite this impressive background and a career in teaching and educational administration spanning more than two decades, he also suffers from clinical depression. He estimates he has spent about \$100,000 out of his own pocket for treatment the past nine years, and he knows his problem won't easily go away.

"I know it's a battle I will fight for the rest of my life, but you can win," Weaver said. "It's the hardest battle I've ever faced in my life and I wake up to it every morning."

Since 1993 he also has fought on behalf of fellow victims as the state director of consumer advocacy in Kentucky's Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

In this position, one of 28 in the United States, he also represents people with bipolar disorders (formerly known as manic depression) and

schizophrenia.

His expensive bout with depression is why he favors insurance coverage for psychological illnesses equivalent to physical diseases. Although classified as mental illness, depression often has physical roots, he said, particularly in hereditary influences.

He said one recent medical study of 22 families showed one generation after another suffering from depression. Through participation in a National Institute of Mental Health study, Weaver's family traced its history of clinical depression back five generations.

"This is not something a person chooses or can just get rid of," he said. "If you look at the brain scans of a person who is depressed, the brain color is dark purple. But after taking anti-depressants, a scan will show yellows and reds. Serotonin (in medication) helps nerves transmit to each other."

His experience also has convinced him that many church members suf-

fer from depression or need counseling but won't get it because of the fear of being "stigmatized."

Weaver speaks out to help combat such stereotypes, and also to let others know that depression isn't confined to certain types of people or occupations.

the case, he said, and usually any violence is directed inward.

However, it is true that depression can adversely affect an individual's job performance and may cause the person to be fired.

One of Weaver's responsibilities is to educate employers and speak up on behalf of those who suffer intimidation or discrimination because of the disease.

His office fielded 1,000 requests for assistance last year. While more than he can handle, he refers many callers to a network of mental health agencies, centers, clinics, hospitals and doctors.

"It's the most gratifying thing to see someone who thinks they have no chance and then use state and federal government agencies to protect them," he said.

"Often, I can pick up the phone and get immediate help from a judge, lawyer or other official and get quick results. That's state government at its best."



"People think that depressed people can't function successfully with these illnesses, but they do," he said. "You deal with people every day who have mental illnesses. They can be your mother, father, sister, neighbor, friend or co-worker."

Another misconception about those with clinical depression is that they will become violent. That isn't

Churches can offer help with depression, but few do

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Several months ago at his Louisville-area church, Wayne Oates felt overwhelmed as he listened to a woman's testimony about how she had overcome depression.

He knew her well; more than 15 years ago he had counseled with the woman, then so distraught she had been thinking of suicide. But this Sunday morning she told of being delivered, with no reoccurrences of depression.

"I told her she had brought an act of grace to us," said the former professor at the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Plenty of people are depressed but are afraid to admit it. If a person is in a psychiatric hospital, we don't put their name on the prayer list, send them cards and wish them well."

But churches should do more to

support people suffering from depression, Oates and other mental health professionals suggest.

Congregations should do the same things they would for anyone in a medical emergency, said Paul Weaver, a Lexington layman who works in the state mental health department. For example, church members should take food to the family, help them pay bills and provide child care, he said.

Members can also present a caring presence by offering a listening ear, compassion and patience, said Jane Parker, director of the Cornerstone Counseling ministry of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Depressed individuals "often withdraw from church because they have the impression you have to have it all together to be in church," she said. "I think sometimes the church covertly gives that message as we focus on intact families. It's how we say what we say that can alienate people in pain."

Even though serious depression may require professional care, Oates said lay counseling may offer an effective means of help in some cases.

He recalled a man with suicidal tendencies whom he convinced to go to the hospital. During his treatment, Oates helped organize a five-deacon support network. The men visited the hospital and helped him deal with various personal and family problems.

Churches also can offer studies that help people break past, hurtful family relationships, said John Lepper, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department.

For example, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board offers materials on divorce recovery and recovering from life's losses, he said. One popular study, "Making Peace With Your Past," now includes a sequel, "Moving Beyond Your Past."

In addition, church members can

help sufferers by modeling honest, healthy relationships, Lepper said. People with struggles need to know they don't have to be perfect or please everyone to be all right, he explained.

The latter is a common problem for pastors, Lepper added. "When a pastor thinks he must be pleasing and can't disagree with anyone, he's setting himself up for depression. Often our faith and belief system work against us. We have the misimpression that all anger is bad."

Finally, Oates said the church can be more open about the fact that depression exists and offer encouragement to hurting members. He believes more pastors should preach sermons that "put heart into people."

"We talk about being bought with a price," he said. "That's not just the resurrection of Christ but the sense of worth he has placed on all of us. We're valued, necessary and needed. You don't hear that very often."

Ever-present technology speeding the road to depression

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have no purpose or goal. They haven't found their niche in the world."

Nor are these isolated views of the maddening pace of technological developments. A recent New York Times story quoted a group of scientists as saying the rate of contemporary change is taking place a million times faster than humans' ability to adjust.

However, depression is caused by many more things than technological acceleration. Among them:

■ Biological and hereditary factors, which Weaver cited as the leading cause of depression.

■ Racial, economic and ideological polarization of society, which Oates said is pulling people apart.

■ Obsessive tendencies such as perfectionism or paranoia. "Today

we're either great successes or failures," Oates said of some persons' drive to win at all costs. "There's no in-between lines."

Weaver pointed out that some situations naturally lead to depression, such as the short-term stress of a divorce, loss of a job, loss of a loved one or illness. But when various stresses mount over a period of time, situational depression can lead to clinical depression, he said.

Clinical depression also may be caused by a shortage of the chemical serotonin in the brain or by damaged brain cells, Weaver noted.

"Depression is not a weakness; it's a disease," Weaver said. "It's not a sin; it's an illness. To tell someone with clinical depression to pull yourself up is like telling someone with cancer to be tough and your blood cells will heal themselves."

The mental health advocate said that during any six-month period, 10 million Americans—including 80,000 Kentuckians—suffer from clinical depression.

Symptoms of depression include a feeling of hopelessness, pessimism, fatigue, lack of sleep, inability to carry on normal activities, and constant mood swings.

Weaver believes fighting clinical depression calls for medication to treat the physical aspects, psychotherapy to help reorganize victims' thinking and life, and spiritual healing.

"The combination of spiritual healing and physical and emotional help are a tremendous team when treating depression," he said. "The medicine helps the body while faith helps us to face issues that everyone faces."

In some Christian circles, psychia-

try and medication are controversial issues, but Oates said depression is not just a spiritual problem. Various chemical substances in medications can correct imbalances in people's brains, he said.

"Prayer and Scripture are important, but not alone," he said. "There are people in the field of Christian psychology who think that, but at work they use anti-depressants like everyone else."

Parker never advises anyone to rely strictly on medication. She said those with depression also need counseling to help them address intensely personal issues like guilt and trust.

"Those of us who spend time with these people offer God's grace to them in a way they can't offer it to themselves or accept on their own," she said. "As far as we're concerned, what we do is sacred ground here."

Fight over same-sex marriage shaping up nationwide

WASHINGTON (BP)—Opponents of same-sex marriages took a double hit March 25.

Not only did Colorado Gov. Roy Romer become the first governor to veto a bill which would have prohibited same-sex marriages, but the mayor of San Francisco officiated at a "wedding" for 175 homosexual couples on the first day of the city's same-sex marriage ordinance.

"Monday was a wake-up call," said Robert Knight, director of cultural studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, "but it was only the latest in a series of events that show how seriously the homosexual rights movement takes this issue. None of this is definitive, because people all over America are waking

up to the threat and are responding."

As an example, Knight cited a survey reported March 29 which showed 74 percent of Hawaii residents oppose same-sex marriage, an increase of 3 percent from the month before, he said. In a case going to trial this summer, a Hawaii court is expected to declare homosexual marriage constitutional.

"So same-sex marriage is like a used car—the closer you look at it, the uglier it gets," Knight said. "It sounds like an extension of tolerance at first, but upon closer look it is revealed as a major power play by homosexual activists to harness government to force the affirmation of homosexuality on an unwilling populace."

If same-sex marriage is made le-

gal in Hawaii, it likely would be considered legal in all other states, unless a state is able to show it has a compelling policy opposing such unions.

The Hawaii case has prompted action not only in the Colorado legislature but in several others. South Dakota, Utah and Idaho have enacted laws either denying recognition to such out-of-state marriages or limiting marriage to a union between a man and a woman. A similar bill is awaiting the governor's signature in Georgia. Legislators in about two dozen other states have attempted or are considering such legislation.

A bill limiting marriage to a man and a woman may be introduced in Congress as early as May.

In Colorado, Romer, a Democrat,

said he vetoed the legislation because it would have placed same-sex marriages on the state's list of prohibited marriages, which include bigamy and incest, the Washington Times reported. He called the bill "mean-spirited," saying, "We can reaffirm our commitment to marriage between a man and a woman without condemning those who have different relationships."

Romer said he would sign legislation which does not explicitly ban homosexual marriages but says the "strong public policy of Colorado (is) that marriage shall only be between a man and woman" and that "it is the policy of Colorado only to recognize marriages from other states that are between a man and a woman."

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2 court rulings favor assisted suicide

WASHINGTON (BP)—For the second time in a month, a federal appeals court has overturned a law that prohibits assisted suicide.

On April 2, a three-judge panel of the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a New York law prohibiting physician assistance in a suicide. In his opinion, Judge Roger Miner said there was no difference between the prescribing of drugs for a suicide than the withdrawal of artificial life support.

On March 6, the Ninth Circuit Court in California overturned a Washington law banning assisted suicide. In its opinion, the Ninth Circuit said there was a "constitutionally protected liberty interest in determining the time and manner of one's own death."

In the latest ruling, Judge Miner wrote: "The withdrawal of nutrition brings on death by starvation, the withdrawal of hydration brings on death by dehydration, and the withdrawal of ventilation brings on respiratory failure."

"By ordering the discontinuance of these artificial life-sustaining processes or refusing to accept them in the first place, a patient has-

tens his death by means that are not natural in any sense. It certainly cannot be said that the death that immediately ensues is the natural result of the progression of the disease or condition from which the patient suffers," he continued.

"Moreover, the writing of a prescription to hasten death, after consultation with a patient, involves a far less active role for the physician than is required in bringing about death through asphyxiation, starvation and/or dehydration.

"Withdrawal of life support requires physicians or those acting at their direction physically to remove equipment and, often, to administer palliative drugs which may themselves contribute to death. The ending of life by these means is nothing more nor less than assisted suicide," Miner wrote.

In the earlier Washington case, the Ninth Circuit has asked for briefs to be submitted to decide whether the full court should rehear the case.

Both the Washington decision and the New York decision are expected to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Indian gambling gets setback

DALLAS (BP)—Gambling opponents hailed a March 27 Supreme Court decision barring federal lawsuits against states in disputes over Indian reservation gambling.

In a case pitting the Seminole tribe against the state of Florida, the court ruled 5-4 that Congress cannot try to resolve disputes between Indian tribes and states over on-reservation gambling by making the states and their elected officials targets of federal lawsuits.

Writing for the majority, Chief Justice William Rehnquist stated that the Eleventh Amendment prevents Congress from making any state capable of being sued in federal court.

"The ruling put the brakes on a runaway train without derailling the train or destroying the track," said Weston Ware, associate director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

In 1987, the court had ruled that a state cannot ban gambling on Indian reservations within its borders unless it outlaws that same kind of gambling elsewhere.

Congress responded with the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988. It required tribes to negotiate with states before starting any type of gambling on reservations. It also re-

quired states to negotiate with the tribes in good faith.

Since Congress passed that act, Indian gambling has expanded as states that allowed some legalized gambling—such as charitable casino nights for non-profit organizations—agreed to on-reservation casinos, fearing federal lawsuits. And the casino industry has been the winner, Ware said.

"Since 1988, a number of states have succumbed to the pressure of outside money funding tribes in their efforts to secure agreements allowing major casinos on reservations," he said.

Nationally, 126 Indian tribes in nearly two dozen states have on-reservation gambling.

The March 27 ruling struck down the provision allowing tribes to sue a state in federal court if they felt the state failed to negotiate in good faith. Federal law still allows tribes to appeal to the secretary of interior if negotiations with states stall. They also can sue in state court.

Ware praised the decision as protecting the rights of Indian tribes while at the same time making the state "more of an equal partner" in decision-making about what occurs within its borders.

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Membership down.** Membership in many mainline Protestant denominations is continuing to slide, according to the National Council of Churches' 1996 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches. The biggest loser: the Presbyterian Church (USA), down 98,630 people or 2.6 percent. Other declines include the United Church of Christ, down 1.89 percent and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), down 2.13 percent.

■ **Comic strip pulled.** The Los Angeles Times pulled the "B.C." comic strip scheduled to run Palm Sunday because of its religious content. The cartoon showed one of the strip's regular characters, Wiley, writing a poem, "The Suffering Prince," and making reference to a person being "cleansed by the blood of the lifeless

knight." A spokeswoman for the Times simply said, "We exercised our editorial judgment."

■ **Evolution bill dies.** The Tennessee Senate defeated a bill March 28 that would have allowed school boards to fire teachers who told students that evolution is a fact. The bill was defeated 20-13.

■ **Church settles civil suit.** President Bishop Edmond Browning of the Episcopal Church has announced that the church reached an agreement to settle its civil suit against former church treasurer Ellen Cooke, who had admitted embezzling church funds. The agreement includes transfer to the church of "substantially all (Cooke and her husband's) liquid assets, valued at approximately \$100,000."

■ **Coalition appoints urban official.** The Christian Coalition has named a conservative African-American minister and radio talk show host as a national representative to educate minority voters about the political organization. Earl Jackson, host of the nationally syndicated "Earl Jackson Across America" program, will serve as the national liaison for the Coalition's urban development program.

■ **More religion majors.** A growing number of college students are majoring in religion, according to a study by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles. However, not all those students are particularly interested in the Christian religion. In the 1994-95 academic year, more than 44,000 freshmen at 427 U.S.

colleges and universities declared religion or theology their major. Some schools, like Southern Methodist University in Dallas, have doubled their number of religion majors. These students are studying a broad range of religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism and mysticism.

■ **Pope urges "new feminism."** Pope John Paul II appears to have opened the door a bit further to the role of women in the Catholic Church, stating in a document released March 28 that they should be encouraged to promote a "new feminism" in educational and decision-making roles. The pontiff noted such an approach would reject the temptation of imitating models of "male domination." But the pope showed no signs of softening his opposition to women's ordination.

Kentucky students join Panama City's Beach Reach

"It was a great experience for us as mission-oriented people coming and working together and creating a tremendous network—all for the same cause."

Keith Inman, student minister at Murray State University

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (BP)—When it comes to spending spring break on the beaches of Florida, most college students don't mind dishing out massive amounts of money for food, fun and entertainment. It's just part of the trip.

This year, however, those vacationing in Panama City Beach discovered they could obtain a few things for free, thanks to Baptist students from Kentucky and elsewhere.

Transportation, food and entertainment were among the luxuries made available to thousands of spring-breakers visiting the sugar-white beaches in March during "Beach-Reach '96," an evangelistic thrust sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Florida Baptist Convention.

In Panama City Beach, nearly 400 Baptist Student Union students from 20 colleges, universities and churches took a break from their studies to participate in the evangelistic event to share their faith in Christ with fellow students. They utilized free van rides, pancake breakfasts and entertainment and fun at a "coffeehouse" to ultimately offer the free gift of eternal life.

Gulf Beach Baptist Church in Pan-

ama City Beach served as the local host church for the effort.

All of the BSU students completed six weeks of training involving spiritual growth and sharing their faith in Christ prior to participating in BeachReach.

"The week of missions and ministry was a tremendous success," said Keith Inman, on-site BeachReach coordinator in Panama City Beach and student minister at Murray State University in Kentucky. "It was a great experience for us as mission-oriented people."

Most all of the BSU students never had participated in an evangelistic effort of this type, Inman said. "It took the students a while to get prayed-up and to receive courage and strength and to learn that people out there are open and eager to talk about spiritual things," he said.

Each morning during the project, the BSU students served more than 2,000 free breakfasts of pancakes and orange juice to the spring-breakers in the parking lot of Miracle Strip Amusement Park, a popular Panama City Beach hangout. During the meal, the BeachReach students dispersed among the crowd to share the gospel message.

During one pancake breakfast, Joni Hannigan, BSU director at Indiana University, and several BSU students presented the gospel message to a runaway teenager from the Atlanta area. The teen later made a profession of faith in Christ and was reunited with her parents.

As the daily afternoon sun beamed down on the "miracle strip," the BSU students headed to the beaches, utilizing witnessing surveys and recreational activities including volleyball, sand sculpting and tug-of-war to draw crowds of onlookers. Upon concluding the activities, the students scattered to share the gospel message with their peers.

The lower-than-normal temperatures at night didn't chill the spring-breakers' efforts to check out the local Panama City hot spots. Many of them, not wanting the responsibility of operating automobiles, were eager to catch a ride with the numerous church and BSU vans patrolling the beach. Nearly 4,000 students took advantage of the free rides nightly from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"We just want you guys to have fun and stay alive," said Steve McLemery, a student from South West Oklahoma State University.

"There's no catch at all."

According to Inman, many local business establishments helped promote the free service. "Clubs, bars, motels and bartenders distributed hundreds of our yellow cards displaying the phone number for the free rides," he said.

Gulf Beach Baptist Church, near the east end of the beaches, served as a base station for the van rides. Several BSU students joined the passengers to strum up conversations, invite them to the coffeehouse and ultimately attempt to share the gospel.

Diedre McIntosh, a BSU student from University of Kentucky, discovered the van rides were personally rewarding after she shared God's love and forgiveness with a "less than sober" passenger.

"He just wanted to know that someone cared, and I was fine with that," McIntosh said. "The guy believed he couldn't be forgiven because of things in his past. He didn't think there was hope, but I assured him that with God's forgiveness he could change his future."

This year's effort in Panama City resulted in 32 students making professions of faith in Christ and more than 50 rededications.

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CBF Coordinator for Baptist Principles

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00

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GIVING

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
ALLEN		
Bays Fork	3,494.15	0.00
Big Spring	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	0.00
Holland	543.05	549.00
Liberty	1,256.18	1,235.54
Mt Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	555.25	667.51
New Middle Fork	25.00	176.46
New Salem Missionary	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	200.00	0.00
Scottsville	33,199.09	27,346.94
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00
White Plains	1,929.60	4,159.97
SUBTOTAL	41,202.32	34,135.42

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
ANDERSON		
Alton	3,117.29	11,660.91
Ballard	562.00	1,093.00
Fellowship	270.00	270.00
Friendship	300.00	0.00
Glensboro	974.32	1,227.10
Goshen	246.00	323.00
Lawrenceburg First	45,676.49	55,674.59
Mt Pleasant	184.00	500.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00	75.00
Sand Spring	19,485.50	16,845.20
Tyrone	222.00	275.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	71,087.60	87,943.80

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BELL	0.00	64.96
Arjay	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	922.51	1,121.53
Binghamtown	3,000.00	3,250.02
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	590.26	457.17
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	4,393.00	4,164.00
East Jellico	830.00	1,223.76
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Ferndale Southern Bapt Mission	107.26	282.27
Pineville First	8,671.98	16,547.01
First Blackmont	332.80	300.00
Fonde	400.92	242.35
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	27.50
First Southern BC of Chenoa	162.00	162.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	1,848.38	1,640.84
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	697.55	565.67
Pioneer	83.69	80.98
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	180.00	150.00
Mt Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	110.27	142.49
Northside Missionary	400.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	5,111.13	5,144.85
Pathfork	289.85	193.76
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	931.14	1,221.02
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	383.49	397.88
Southside	997.52	1,734.07
Mt Hebron	0.00	0.00
Stoney Fork	0.00	40.00
Trinity	150.00	100.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	60.00	60.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	503.76	396.88
Wasoto	300.00	300.00
West Cumberland Avenue	348.35	495.28
West Pineville	1,821.13	2,468.21
Whipple	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	33,626.99	42,974.50

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BETHEL		
Adairville	9,067.29	8,307.00
Auburn	1,656.73	2,174.08
Calvary	2,799.58	2,923.90
Dripping Spring	5,651.15	6,782.33
Elkton	12,424.98	11,283.31
Eastside	0.00	0.00
Russellville First	23,508.35	31,526.33
Forest Grove	1,367.81	1,866.05
Grace Southern	851.00	699.00
Guthrie	5,055.00	5,492.84
Keysburg	2,062.69	1,455.52
Mt Gilead	2,000.87	3,121.50
Mt Zion	370.41	386.75
Middleton	4,157.39	3,695.69
New Union	3,014.34	4,738.68
Post Oak	8,400.00	8,571.40
Russellville Second	9,365.39	11,426.35
Sharon Grove	1,799.00	1,795.00
Spring Valley	270.22	649.87
Tiny Town	600.00	600.00
Trenton	5,514.00	5,411.00
Walnut Grove	9,459.76	9,316.81
Whippoorwill	1,233.97	1,973.80
Southern Heights	622.43	0.00
Woodlawn	2,478.17	5,085.73
SUBTOTAL	113,730.53	129,282.94

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BLACKFORD		
Blackford	8,516.99	10,871.68

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Central	1,319.23	1,690.86
Chestnut Grove	2,254.32	2,626.70
Dawson Memorial	382.30	428.55
First Lewisport	0.00	1,016.01
Friendly Grove	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
New Life	497.50	522.87
Hawesville	20,670.42	20,879.39
Lewisport	18,343.29	18,866.80
Mt Eden	1,553.00	1,636.00
Newton Springs	1,593.00	1,688.00
Old Panther Creek	1,057.23	1,407.50
Patesville	0.00	0.00
Pellville	12,271.13	12,805.71
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
Roseville	0.00	0.00
Union	4,052.07	5,274.31
West Point	142.88	282.38
SUBTOTAL	72,653.36	79,996.76

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BLOOD RIVER		
Altona	10,173.40	0.00
Bethel	17,240.39	14,076.02
Bethlehem	1,246.42	1,291.31
Blood River	187.21	339.65
Briensburg	64,964.86	83,455.35
Calvert City First	19,287.43	12,697.85
Cherry Corner	3,048.14	4,397.55
Coldwater	180.00	150.00
Dexter	2,404.54	2,437.36
Elm Grove	13,025.67	13,982.30
East Marshall	1,209.32	1,350.02
Murray First	80,578.38	88,633.05
First Benton Missionary	7,862.23	8,646.00
Flint	3,119.13	3,939.65
Benton First	14,120.66	18,239.53
Elva	710.33	1,175.04
Gilbertsville	6,145.36	6,165.38
Grace	603.90	614.17
Hamlet	2,225.83	2,037.53
Hazel	18,718.37	21,864.00
Kirksey	694.00	599.00
Lakeview	2,782.63	2,320.33
Ledbetter	341.21	288.04
Locust Grove	7,293.79	11,397.00
Memorial	11,870.17	9,447.49
New Bethel Missionary	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony Missionary	16,089.82	15,300.48
New Providence	72.40	122.70
New Mt Carmel	1,346.76	1,293.73
New Zion	7,286.23	9,012.94
Northside	2,817.00	2,735.00
Walnut Street	1,000.00	914.04
Oak Grove	2,069.03	2,864.76
Hilltop	175.15	211.45
Olive Missionary	4,852.44	7,670.77
Owens Chapel	1,950.00	2,474.00
Plain Gospel Msnry Bapt Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	1,200.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Valley Missionary	562.50	562.50
Salem	4,969.73	5,270.08
Scotts Grove	2,004.08	2,823.07
Sharpe Missionary	2,302.60	2,547.10
Sinking Spring	210.00	140.00
South Marshall	180.00	145.00
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00
Symsonia	0.00	5,200.00
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Union Ridge	1,598.00	1,752.00
Vanzora	2,693.62	2,837.69
Westside	10,888.45	11,136.53
West Fork	3,716.93	3,258.55
Zions Cause	4,886.94	5,087.04
SUBTOTAL	368,825.05	400,023.05

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BOONES CREEK		
Allansville	3,612.39	3,522.29
Beech Grove	296.41	316.29
Boone's Creek	12,923.55	13,919.86
Calvary	4,184.42	3,175.98
Central	54,790.68	57,863.60
Clay City	528.00	512.00
Corinth	3,311.32	3,463.02
Cow Creek	1,902.00	1,833.00
Emmanuel	508.68	528.30
Ephesus	800.00	500.00
Faith	90.00	90.00
Irvine First	1,971.50	2,054.16
Friendship	3,242.14	3,798.92
Heidelberg	204.11	159.65
Howards Mill	1,990.00	2,252.00
Ivory Hill	740.57	911.79
Jeffersonville	2,095.89	2,161.09
Kiddville	890.42	1,037.14
Macedonia	2,235.87	3,099.08
New Hope	453.43	353.75
Means	1,452.89	1,253.63
Mt Olive	519.00	359.00
New Harmony	398.10	300.69
Northside	1,986.85	2,815.89
Panola	823.22	753.37
Powells Valley	583.33	674.00
Providence	1,082.00	1,227.00
Providence	1,612.00	1,563.00
Reid Village	1,437.20	1,465.14
Salem	2,092.00	2,125.00
Spring Street	1,747.00	2,218.00
Thomas	180.00	679.41
Valley View	0.00	0.00
Williams Memorial	1,549.07	1,644.02
SUBTOTAL	112,234.04	118,630.07

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BOONEVILLE		
Big Creek	566.38	567.68
Booneville First	1,410.77	1,611.46
Crane Creek	0.00	100.00
Southside	125.12	282.81
Calvary	100.86	114.77
Garrard	579.00	761.00
Gray Fork	200.00	0.00
Horse Creek	23,670.38	23,704.28
Island Creek	1,530.82	1,108.53
Lerose	103.58	125.00

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Lilly Grove	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	3,986.00	3,960.37
Macedonia	1,054.00	2,673.82
Manchester	10,327.40	12,768.47
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	749.15	840.61
New Prospect	486.65	466.07
New Zion	246.35	239.91
Oneida	4,860.47	4,975.31
Pleasant Point	219.50	300.00
Pleasant Run	3,454.92	3,067.76
Second Black Water	585.68	531.46
Turkey Missionary	0.00	0.00
Vincent	0.00	28.10
White Hall	0.00	0.00
Zion	1,263.00	1,097.00
Royal Oak	155.67	190.05
SUBTOTAL	55,675.70	59,514.46

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BRACKEN		
Aberdeen	5,051.30	4,814.69
Augusta First	120.00	200.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00
Calvary	430.00	520.00
Central	6,964.63	8,401.15
Clearfield	253.00	755.00
Crossroads	0.00	0.00
Dover	60.00	60.00
Ewing	1,050.00	1,050.00
Carlisle First	3,475.58	3,096.70
Morehead First	1,495.00	777.00
Irvingville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	1,683.58	2,568.95
Foxport	0.00	400.00
Germantown	854.50	932.00
Heselon	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	1,522.00	1,703.81
Lewisburg	804.11	997.07
Locust Grove	396.41	470.69
Mays Lick	400.00	256.00
Maysville First	2,180.03	344.77
Mt Olivet	2,136.86	2,228.66
Mt Pisgah	308.78	426.14
Oak Ridge	447.40	367.62
Union	193.96	299.09
Owingsville	3,139.89	1,815.80
New Hope	264.61	140.26
Vanceburg First	1,350.00	1,350.00
New Mt Carmel	150.00	150.00
Slaty Point	242.62	297.00
Southern Manor	0.00	0.00
Stonelick	437.43	402.37
SUBTOTAL	35,411.69	34,824.77

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
BRACKEN		
Breckinridge	250.00	85.00
Black Lick	0.00	262.00
Cloverport	4,111.68	4,155.21
Corinth	6,334.30	5,811.25
Dry Valley	0.00	0.00
Salem	360.00	320.00
Friendship	600.00	600.00
Sharpe Missionary	0.00	0.00
Goshen	1,221.00	1,716.00
Hardinsburg	17,852.71	17,896.95
Hites Run	1,775.66	1,875.42
Macedonia	1,599.00	867.00
New Bethel	2,191.54	2,435.63
New Clover Creek	1,238.36	1,264.08
Pisgah	588.80	466.29
Rough River	1,516.42	2,089.57
Stephensport	169.35	41.85
Walnut Grove	555.30	653.20
SUBTOTAL	40,364.12	40,539.45

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
CALDWELL-LYON		
Adriel	450.00	450.00
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Beulah Hill	1,221.29	1,144.08
Calvary	5,390.01	5,713.22

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Association/Church	CP95	CP96	Association/Church	CP95	CP96	Association/Church	CP95	CP96	Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Immanuel	433.23	588.29	South Elkhorn	11,322.53	8,639.31	Bell City	409.00	616.17	Wildwood	6,905.60	7,668.89
Island	8,761.13	9,754.79	Southern Heights	10,394.59	10,196.62	Bethany	854.49	1,017.76	Willard	819.17	902.91
Karns Grove	3,133.23	2,205.81	Southside	100.00	0.00	Clarks River	7,985.23	3,000.00	Wilson Creek Missionary	951.00	1,100.00
Lewis Lane	16,375.45	23,825.64	Spears Mill	2,940.00	1,536.00	Clear Springs Missionary	0.00	0.00	Wolf Creek	1,556.10	1,947.59
Livermore	8,481.42	8,414.89	Victory	6,545.65	6,801.26	Cuba	2,237.88	2,296.28	SUBTOTAL	177,743.19	188,659.66
Macedonia	14,042.53	14,229.81	Open Door Community	260.90	626.78	Dublin	0.00	0.00	HENRY COUNTY		
Maceo	4,653.07	5,175.11	Springdale	300.00	300.00	Enon	1,200.00	1,200.00	Bethlehem	3,549.08	3,597.90
Masonville	4,625.59	3,816.37	Palomar	2,028.16	2,579.24	Farmington	4,271.35	5,696.04	Campbellsburg	1,349.84	1,243.32
Mt Vernon	788.47	338.17	Stamping Ground	3,144.35	1,037.00	Fellowship	495.50	149.12	Campbellsburg Second	0.00	0.00
New Liberty Mission	0.00	0.00	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	Mayfield First	35,074.15	30,000.00	Franklinton	2,006.69	2,002.56
Newman	2,943.94	2,702.66	New Hope Community	178.74	243.91	Emmanuel	1,421.12	373.18	Eminence	3,120.89	2,094.75
Pack	864.00	0.00	Tatesbrook	4,549.79	4,901.31	Hickory	2,300.00	2,340.00	New Castle First	1,395.00	1,320.00
Panther Creek	5,266.39	5,580.20	Trinity	4,333.00	962.00	High Point	27,340.00	23,071.00	Hopewell	25.00	0.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00	Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00	Liberty	12,437.57	12,392.83	Lockport	1,472.90	1,823.82
Parrish Avenue	5,341.92	7,377.96	Versailles	29,979.74	32,871.35	Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	Orville	1,112.00	1,747.00
Pleasant Grove	13,202.03	13,693.33	White Sulphur	2,067.04	1,303.33	Lynnville	150.00	150.00	Pleasureville	5,253.13	3,918.78
Pleasant Memorial	3,214.07	2,342.38	Woodland Avenue	700.00	600.00	Melber	499.98	541.63	Port Royal	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	3,337.57	3,863.06	SUBTOTAL	611,459.27	600,662.56	Millers Chapel	40.00	195.18	Smithfield	0.00	984.86
Red Hill	1,004.00	808.00	ENTERPRISE			Mt Haven	283.15	438.35	Sulphur	531.20	758.00
Sacramento	3,780.40	3,615.16	Allen First	1,283.00	1,340.00	Mt Pisgah	0.00	0.00	Turners Station	0.00	0.00
Seven Hills	3,981.19	3,261.52	Topmost	200.00	200.00	Mt Olivet	999.99	999.99	Union	833.54	940.85
Sorgho	3,285.24	4,029.07	Benedict	717.01	552.55	New Concord	200.00	244.05	SUBTOTAL	20,649.27	20,431.84
Southeast	209.76	205.38	Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00	New Home	848.00	1,260.00	IRVINE		
South Hampton	3,032.65	3,132.74	Garrett First	647.83	710.72	New Hope	374.00	236.00	Annville	650.00	600.00
Stanley	526.03	942.49	Fitzpatrick First	879.50	434.21	New Liberty	235.39	147.87	Clover Bottom	100.00	0.00
Station	240.00	1,249.07	Inez First	5,188.20	4,076.66	New Life	0.00	191.30	Deer Stable Missionary	0.00	0.00
Sugar Grove	4,638.45	6,470.55	Prestonsburg First	8,005.04	8,254.83	Northside	10,041.00	14,707.32	Egypt	1,063.00	1,204.00
Temple	11,362.48	5,805.02	Ivyton	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	300.00	300.00	Gray Hawk	1,506.66	1,899.97
Owensboro Third	39,925.27	30,450.64	Jacks Creek	269.83	512.75	Pilot Oak	1,967.10	2,022.40	McKee	4,941.19	3,951.29
Utica	5,350.38	5,256.25	Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	1,577.80	2,482.40	Mt Zion	79.50	115.00
Walnut Memorial	7,668.41	8,267.93	Lancer	906.73	825.03	Pryorsburg	1,132.92	1,187.12	New Zion Missionary	60.00	0.00
Ridgewood	661.75	643.05	Liberty	300.97	582.62	Sand Hill	0.00	21.75	Oak Grove	359.33	637.87
Garden Green	360.00	390.00	Licking River	641.59	450.00	Sedalia	906.09	1,546.09	Old Orchard	321.60	164.40
Whitesville	1,800.00	1,800.00	Martin First	110.07	234.03	Sharon	5,039.24	4,969.11	Stone Coal	120.00	120.00
Wing Avenue	3,594.33	1,237.31	Maytown First	300.00	300.00	South First Street	0.00	0.00	Tyner	548.84	551.86
Yellow Creek	27,759.09	27,650.13	McDowell First	1,551.82	1,866.50	Trace Creek	1,583.50	1,833.30	Wind Cave	0.00	0.00
Yelvington	1,934.50	1,973.14	Mt Beulah	308.00	310.00	Viola	664.41	1,227.47	SUBTOTAL	9,750.12	9,244.39
Victory	0.00	0.00	Paintsville First	10,888.74	18,176.04	Water Valley	150.00	150.00	JACKSON COUNTY		
SUBTOTAL	470,310.33	461,449.87	Paintsville First Mission	0.00	0.00	West Broadway	921.69	835.87	Black Water #1	0.00	0.00
EAST LYNN			Pleasant Home	300.00	400.00	Wingo	696.52	130.94	Drip Rock Missionary	0.00	0.00
Allendale	200.00	0.00	Salyersville First	720.00	720.00	SUBTOTAL	125,957.07	119,590.52	Indian Creek	0.00	0.00
Bethel	25.00	0.00	Tomahawk Baptist Mission	593.22	714.21	GRAYSON COUNTY			Letter Box	0.00	0.00
Corinth Missionary	100.00	50.00	Warfield Missionary	984.00	1,165.00	Big Clifty First	140.00	120.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Green Hill	662.65	648.48	West Van Lear	443.90	482.87	Caneyville	3,124.18	2,250.48	Mauldin	0.00	0.00
Holly Grove	1,699.57	2,019.29	Wheelwright First	0.00	30.00	Clarkson	5,861.52	5,987.54	Old Path Missionary	0.00	0.00
Liberty	241.39	154.16	SUBTOTAL	35,659.45	42,758.02	Leitchfield First	21,725.75	30,342.35	Pine Hill	0.00	0.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	FRANKLIN			Holly	399.00	453.00	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00	Faith	847.00	0.00	Liberty	866.00	921.32	LAUREL RIVER		
Mt Roberts	1,090.73	1,304.17	Immanuel	0.00	1,533.33	Little Clifty	1,645.14	2,529.59	Arthur Ridge	0.00	0.00
Mt Washington	400.00	400.00	Bellepoint	4,270.00	2,870.00	New Hope Missionary	135.00	150.00	Baldrock	344.83	465.88
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00	Bethel	0.00	400.00	New Harvest	86.85	172.96	Bond	1,920.21	1,246.70
South Summersville	1,081.55	1,549.83	Buck Run	14,592.04	22,124.76	Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00	Calvary	4,769.68	5,175.50
Union Band	0.00	0.00	Calvary	3,217.73	2,037.22	SUBTOTAL	33,983.44	42,927.24	Corinth	25,368.32	26,234.52
Whickerville	0.00	0.00	Camp Pleasant	0.00	500.00	GREEN VALLEY			East Bernstadt First	16,418.31	15,624.69
SUBTOTAL	5,500.89	6,125.93	Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00	Advance	1,597.06	2,687.15	East Pittsburg	1,130.18	1,373.27
EAST UNION			First Corinthian	0.00	0.00	Airline	11,615.01	11,883.35	Emmanuel Missionary	180.02	168.05
Black Oak	0.00	0.00	Crestwood	18,010.64	21,497.14	Ambassador	1,028.41	1,083.33	Greenmount	642.65	678.95
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	East Frankfort	2,688.58	3,240.14	Audubon	9,451.00	10,527.23	Hart	1,956.00	2,438.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00	Evergreen	3,686.15	1,538.48	Bellfield	6,836.00	7,946.00	Hawk Creek	861.15	1,075.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00	Frankfort First	0.00	0.00	Bethel	1,778.85	1,909.58	Hazel Patch	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00	Forks of Elkhorn	2,985.52	2,668.22	Calvary Missionary	3,691.46	3,211.01	Jackson Memorial	134.84	40.95
Kenese	332.44	243.25	Farmdale	1,100.00	1,450.00	Cash Creek	3,248.10	2,131.63	Laurel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	3,967.72	4,075.81	Morganfield First	13,784.50	18,320.35	Laurel River	2,095.55	3,012.75
Louden	0.00	0.00	Lebanon	100.00	0.00	Corydon Missionary	2,587.75	3,204.86	Level Green	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00	Memorial	14,602.50	13,174.58	Dupee	90.00	75.00	Liberty	4,235.87	5,365.31
New Hope	0.00	0.00	Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00	Eastview	1,183.26	1,975.68	Lick Fork Missionary	750.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00	Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00	Finley	2,124.57	2,257.95	Lily	3,140.06	3,058.05
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	North Benson	4,100.76	4,464.76	Henderson First	57,268.78	51,616.38	London First	29,365.11	48,134.22
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00	North Fork	690.96	570.58	Geneva	1,462.00	1,545.00	Long Branch	688.00	863.00
SUBTOTAL	332.44	243.25	North Frankfort	522.00	338.00	Greater Norris Chapel	0.00	0.00	Mt Zion	404.65	437.21
ELKHORN			Peaks Mill	336.87	643.07	New Hope	1,972.60	2,278.54	New Salem	928.06	1,051.72
The Church at Andover	994.84	1,455.61	Pleasant Ridge	1,567.97	1,336.67	Hyland	10,221.10	11,206.72	Pilgrims Rest	0.00	0.00
Broadway	16,137.58	17,887.09	Providence	2,443.95	2,522.37	Immanuel Baptist Temple	10,816.14	11,068.21	Pine Grove	1,067.00	1,444.00
Brookside	1,861.31	1,858.18	St John	2,626.55	2,583.44	Lawndale	942.93	1,129.83	Pleasant Grove	914.95	849.31
Beckerville	169.77	177.77	Swallowfield	150.00	693.50	Mt Pleasant	1,126.73	992.20	Providence	4,240.00	4,297.00
Calvary	29,362.23	33,426.75	Thomhill	16,411.82	16,349.49	Niagara	0.00	0.00	Old Salem	100.00	100.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	Trinity	400.00	725.00	Poole	10,096.62	4,405.60	Sinking Creek	600.00	600.00
Cane Run	3,021.80	3,657.05	Westview	1,090.28	1,218.45	Rangers Landing	348.72	381.88	Slate Hill	897.00	955.00
Central	733.00	917.00	SUBTOTAL	100,409.04	108,555.01	Robards	3,010.50	2,733.53	Slate Lick	0.00	0.00
Central	9,907.93	10,444.30	FREEDOM			Seebree First	12,951.67	12,197.62	South Fariston	109.95	61.12
Chevy Chase	19,823.51	8,560.22	Albany First	7,500.00	8,100.00	Spottsville Missionary	3,233.02	3,162.12	Swiss Colony	7,490.73	7,222.30
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00	Branham Grove	60.00	60.00	Victory	283.04	0.00	Union	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	1,727.00	1,862.00	Burkesville	2,250.89	1,937.48	Watson Lane	1,740.00	1,160.00	Weaver	409.47	540.89
Clover Bottom	750.00	725.00	Cave Springs	2,676.00	2,823.00	Zion	4,500.00	0.00	West London	871.91	538.66
Crosswoods	0.00	4,202.16	Central Grove	907.96	1,257.55	SUBTOTAL	178,989.82	171,090.75	Robinson Creek	0.00	0.00
Davids Fork	2,232.78	750.00	Fairland	200.00	0.00	GREENUP			White Oak	209.90	200.00
Dry Run	1,105.45	1,318.01	Grace Union	0.00	0.00	Ashland	1,028.77	1,039.06	SUBTOTAL	112,244.40	133,252.05
Durbin Memorial	2,112.42	2,333.37	Green Grove Missionary	420.00	489.						

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
McKinney	3,281.49	3,727.87
Mt Hebron	883.69	922.07
Mt Salem	1,983.50	2,373.65
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	1,221.12	2,806.39
Olive	894.08	213.30
Parlor Grove	1,342.00	1,367.00
Pilot	225.26	158.16
Pleasant Point	2,684.94	2,430.00
Pleasant View	14,663.92	13,680.15
Polly Ann	1,042.97	728.40
Pond	307.28	236.08
South Fork	109.21	260.73
Watts Chapel	270.00	270.00
Stanford	10,055.96	9,807.66
SUBTOTAL	59,468.79	60,390.29

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
LITTLE BETHEL		
Charleston	4,836.13	5,406.16
Concord	4,909.31	3,059.85
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	657.60	577.76
Diamond	360.00	0.00
Dixon First	2,876.29	2,623.89
Dunn	3,619.85	2,928.87
Dawson Springs First	5,440.00	4,606.00
Earlington First	30,069.15	21,638.37
Madisonville First	58,524.34	61,857.12
Grapevine	6,614.27	6,020.00
Green Grove	330.00	330.00
Hanson	5,252.96	4,389.07
Providence First	16,180.43	13,612.05
Harmony	887.00	781.00
Johnson Island	1,773.00	1,496.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	13,288.07	11,677.69
Freedom	183.57	168.37
Lakeview Missionary	600.00	600.00
Manitou	1,784.55	1,666.50
Mortons Gap First	1,549.07	2,199.84
Mannington	240.00	120.00
Nebo Missionary	3,293.46	3,125.59
New Hope Missionary	100.00	84.00
New Salem	2,281.77	2,197.58
Nortonville	2,243.96	2,155.51
Olive Branch	4,433.70	4,875.97
Park Avenue	5,726.36	6,565.89
Pleasant Grove	1,634.49	1,787.88
Pleasant Valley	2,306.23	2,460.62
Pleasant View Missionary	1,314.46	1,325.72
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	260.50	438.10
Providence Second	330.79	275.34
Richland	218.00	438.00
Salem	11,400.12	15,464.17
Madisonville Second	26,931.30	23,736.30
Mortons Gap Second	2,075.28	1,566.22
Silent Run	1,691.78	1,701.33
Slaughters	1,875.00	2,375.00
Slover	586.50	616.80
Suthards	1,313.00	1,125.00
Victory	15,182.00	14,205.00
White Plains	1,962.39	2,475.33
Zion Brick	150.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	247,286.68	234,903.89

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
LITTLE RIVER		
Bethany	1,526.46	957.54
Caldwell Blue Spring	5,124.82	6,042.95
Buffalo Lick	1,833.08	1,244.53
Cadiz	15,272.88	11,752.09
Canton	2,588.60	2,614.81
Cerulean	3,910.25	4,163.62
Delmont	1,105.61	1,020.18
Donaldson Creek	2,247.88	2,678.30
New Jerusalem	0.00	150.00
East Cadiz	7,719.35	8,419.26
Hurricane	14,546.58	10,740.33
Liberty Point	4,875.21	7,279.53
Locust Grove	5,800.54	4,566.05
Maple Grove	1,450.00	700.00
New Hope	5,109.90	7,521.26
Oak Grove	5,186.89	5,773.51
Rock Front	375.04	166.00
Rocky Ridge	1,186.03	824.11
South Union	500.66	909.90
Trigg County	355.00	483.88
Wallonia	1,800.00	1,800.00
SUBTOTAL	82,514.78	79,807.85

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
LOGAN		
Antioch	1,778.45	2,016.80
Beechland	2,400.35	2,408.28
Bellview	0.00	619.26
Britmart	742.99	692.84
Cave Spring	2,205.08	2,139.60
Center	1,340.00	1,500.00
Concord	515.90	883.05
Elk Lick	11,131.47	11,705.76
Epley	1,327.26	1,359.88
Green Ridge	2,665.39	315.04
Guptons Grove	884.27	673.76
Liberty	9,351.00	6,925.00
Mt Pleasant	10,999.65	17,853.23
Mt Tabor	2,125.00	2,260.00
Muddy River	288.81	470.67
New Cedar Grove	1,221.35	1,518.77
New Friendship	2,698.52	2,496.47
New Hope	1,579.47	1,322.96
Oak Forest Missionary	200.00	250.00
Oak Grove	10,896.00	13,467.00
Pleasant Hill	264.40	177.20
SUBTOTAL	64,615.36	71,055.57

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
LONG RUN		
Fourth Avenue Church for Deaf	0.00	0.00
Arcade	0.00	550.00
Ashby Lane	851.24	987.13
Auburndale	5,880.37	4,694.76
Audubon	853.35	1,733.48
Baptist Tabernacle	1,290.60	1,391.27
Bashford Manor	1,177.58	1,196.98
South Waterson Trail	300.00	300.00
Baxter Avenue	1,087.44	1,295.85
Beargrass	0.00	0.00
Beechland	13,034.79	12,627.33
Beechmont	13,373.36	11,850.00
Beechwood	5,500.00	4,500.00
Bethany	7,800.00	9,445.00
Bethel Flock	50.00	0.00
Bethlehem	13,686.49	13,427.00
Broadway	0.00	6,400.92
Brooks	2,175.79	2,953.93
Brookview	852.83	849.75
Buechel Park	1,470.80	1,120.00
Carlisle Avenue	13,750.00	17,500.02
Cardinal Hill	1,965.00	1,126.00
Cedar Creek	6,935.69	7,216.03
Chenoweth Park	493.67	450.00

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Charlestown Road Bapt Mission	0.00	0.00
Chapel Park	3,387.54	3,293.30
Clifton	4,147.93	4,903.07
Clifton Heights	0.00	0.00
Cove	125.00	161.68
Crescent Hill	1,132.19	1,240.29
Davis Memorial	0.00	50.00
Deer Park	911.80	5,781.05
East Audubon	1,043.33	514.30
East Baptist Ministries	0.00	0.00
Eastern Gate	2,953.91	3,203.32
Eastern Parkway	1,195.87	1,010.49
Eastwood First	1,198.11	946.36
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	706.20	1,024.82
Elk Creek	2,003.07	1,762.37
Fairdale First	5,757.23	4,355.13
Fairmount	944.46	1,456.16
Farmdale	14,172.69	15,363.42
Filipino Baptist Mission	60.00	0.00
Fern Creek	1,341.00	1,125.00
Jeffersonton	4,434.95	4,695.64
Germantown Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	240.00	450.00
Taylorville First	3,681.37	7,353.32
Middletown First	8,440.11	3,937.81
Fisherville First	2,392.91	3,117.29
Foster Avenue	1,912.83	2,432.91
Fourth Avenue	0.00	540.00
Franklin Street	313.01	261.25
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	5,179.20	5,791.34
Grace	450.00	450.00
Green Acres	4,567.38	1,316.76
Cloverleaf	9,926.80	7,307.00
Harmony	500.00	600.00
Hazewood	4,899.75	7,073.00
Highland	1,899.98	1,532.63
Highland Park Second	0.00	0.00
Highland Park First	10,405.76	6,962.21
Highview	28,500.03	34,866.70
Hillsdale	4,778.50	3,928.77
Hillview	2,000.00	0.00
Hopewell	4,166.53	3,714.59
Hurstbourne	38,158.22	36,723.94
Immanuel	646.86	540.18
Hunsinger Lane	1,367.00	6,097.74
Kenwood	1,286.00	1,200.00
Keys Ferry	0.00	250.00
Kings	19,562.54	20,704.17
First Korean	420.00	660.00
Kosmosdale	951.00	951.00
Bicknell Avenue	375.00	200.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	1,981.77	1,577.82
Living Hope	1,546.72	5,532.48
Lees Lane	2,093.98	3,907.58
New Heights	1,800.00	300.00
Little Flock	3,500.00	4,200.00
Long Run	394.18	386.55
Lyndon	15,938.34	13,316.42
Louisville Baptist Deaf Church	625.90	879.74
Lynn Acres	1,077.95	400.00
Memory Lane	0.00	0.00
Manly Memorial	53.85	125.25
Lakewood	4,371.62	10,821.59
Maple Grove	7,593.51	6,743.36
Melbourne Heights	3,784.12	6,226.92
Meadow Hill	5,305.30	5,349.90
Midlane Park	509.04	273.71
Minors Lane	727.22	490.90
Morningside	85.00	0.00
Mt Hermon	0.00	0.00
Mt Elmira	1,500.00	1,000.00
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	3,405.41	0.00
New Salem	300.00	0.00
Ninth and O	0.00	12,000.00
Mt Nebo	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	50.00	130.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	6,884.95	8,181.30
Parkland	9,366.90	9,463.81
Green Hills	3,085.52	4,729.54
Parkwood	7,015.80	7,603.13
Penile	3,078.22	1,581.61
Pleasant Grove	3,421.69	1,865.00
Plum Creek	6,994.20	4,999.05
Poplar Level	822.66	1,523.91
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	775.14	783.97
Ralph Avenue	18,852.20	19,854.90
Ridgeview	798.31	1,131.24
Ridgewood	0.00	167.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	12,549.67	18,240.69
Rutledge Road	1,603.31	1,641.20
Shively	42,555.00	55,013.00
First Southern	4,654.42	5,146.69
New Cut Road	1,525.51	1,918.15
South Jefferson	9,583.00	10,843.00
Yorktown	37.92	0.00
Southside	6,788.12	4,033.46
St Matthews	1,655.00	1,907.00
St Matthews Hisp Bapt Msn	1,046.00	0.00
Summit Hills	2,701.61	2,779.84
Springdale	6,600.00	4,400.00
Sunnyside	1,047.43	1,111.02
Shalom	0.00	0.00
Third Avenue	4,285.00	1,546.51
Thixton Lane	1,172.00	1,200.00
Valley Station	9,320.85	9,294.00
Valley View	1,845.65	1,666.64
Van Buren	1,903.00	0.00
Victory Memorial	641.50	1,083.21
Vine Street	1,423.81	1,069.43
Walnut Street	43,947.52	43,173.35
West Broadway	6,254.72	6,657.57
West End	0.00	0.00
Westport Road	39,312.13	33,564.86
Woodland	6,710.13	7,033.85
Oakland	0.00	0.00
Upper Room	242.13	206.29
SUBTOTAL	622,209.99	660,614.90

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
LYNN CAMP		
Calvary Missionary	2,310.77	1,921.72
Candle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	510.00	856.44
Indian Creek	295.00	216.00
Keck Missionary	480.06	580.18
Liberty Missionary	257.12	376.16
Lovell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Grays	1,503.50	1,443.61
Lynn Camp	3,759.00	4,098.63
Merrimac	0.00	0.00
Mt Ararat	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	481.61	308.05
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
North Corbin Missionary	819.15	923.55
Paint Hill	0.00	0.00
Piney Grove	4,549.22	5,521.09
Pleasant Ridge	210.00	210.00
Poplar Grove	456.00	465.23
SUBTOTAL	15,631.43	16,920.66

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
MCCREARY COUNTY		
Whiteley City First	9,332.59	10,019.83
Bethel	1,561.47	529.84
Pine Knot Southern	963.10	994.60
Greenwood Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hill Top	688.00	0.00
Marshes Siding First	0.00	0.00
Stearns First	5,083.37	5,592.12
Walkers Chapel	662.22	646.71
SUBTOTAL	18,290.75	17,783.10

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
MERCER		
Benton	1,636.05	1,798.67
Bethel	7,140.76	8,723.96
Bruners Chapel	19,392.39	21,012.92
Buena Vista	90.00	360.00
Burgin	7,570.14	7,851.62
Calvary	5,350.94	5,247.55
Cornishville	875.00	1,225.00
Deep Creek	3,985.91	3,773.96
Ellers Memorial	5,056.23	4,494.57
Fellowship	4,275.00	4,755.00
Harrodsburg	11,949.89	11,218.52
Hopewell	7,943.73	12,020.65
Kirkwood	3,909.00	2,486.00
Dry Branch	0.00	0.00
Pioneer	3,260.00	4,259.00
Salvisa	9,600.00	8,800.00
Shakertown	780.00	1,143.85
Shawnee Run	4,704.70	4,189.25
SUBTOTAL	97,519.74	103,360.52

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
MIDDLE FORK		
Big Rock Bottom	0.00	0.00
Gays Creek	0.00	0.00
Mt Paran	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL		

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Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Rosedale	286.00	1,681.59
Sand Run	3,557.53	3,212.68
Saratoga Community Mission	0.00	0.00
Second Twelve Mile	1,894.24	1,943.84
Silver Grove First	547.61	612.00
South Side	1,050.00	1,550.00
Turfway Comm Church Mission	0.00	0.00
Trinity	1,581.77	1,010.09
Union	4,405.66	4,638.00
Visalia	0.00	0.00
West Covington	1,100.00	1,200.00
Wilmington	2,687.69	2,036.34
Woodhaven	0.00	441.00
SUBTOTAL	365,909.12	362,827.29

NORTH CONCORD		
Apple Grove Missionary	0.00	0.00
Artemus First	1,135.45	2,254.94
Barbourville First	25,494.77	32,317.58
Beech Spring	0.00	0.00
Big Brush	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Centennial	0.00	0.00
Coles Branch	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Coalport	0.00	0.00
Davis Chapel	0.00	0.00
Dewitt	545.22	1,213.91
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Springfield	710.46	787.09
Fellowship Missionary	0.00	0.00
Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00
Greasy Creek	30.00	15.00
Green Road	0.00	200.00
Highland Park	5,195.34	5,000.84
East Barbourville	2,281.00	4,500.00
Himyar	0.00	0.00
Horn Branch	0.00	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Locust Grove	600.00	600.00
Northside	433.02	392.63
Old Flat Lick	0.00	0.00
Pinie Chapel	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
River	120.00	69.00
Roadside	815.89	1,209.94
Salem Missionary	0.00	0.00
Salt Gum	0.00	278.98
Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00
Swan Pond	1,890.91	3,027.08
Turkey Creek	963.85	1,058.50
Union Mission Church	0.00	0.00
Walker	180.00	150.00
Warren	0.00	0.00
Young Grove	93.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	40,488.91	53,075.49

OHIO COUNTY		
Adaburg	173.41	139.96
Barnetts Creek	906.78	638.48
Beaver Dam	40,184.51	42,567.37
Bells Run	1,545.00	1,405.35
Centertown	2,687.63	3,213.00
Central Grove	0.00	0.00
Clear Run	1,520.46	1,293.35
Concord Missionary	2,146.31	1,849.76
Cool Springs	0.00	0.00
Ridgecrest	730.07	899.85
Deanfield	772.80	481.28
Dundee	165.00	270.00
East Fork	529.90	504.57
East Hartford	272.36	653.63
Fairview	701.00	836.00
Fordsville	9,725.83	6,484.29
Green River	4,672.36	4,286.21
Hartford	12,815.56	12,402.72
Independence	810.02	586.00
McGrady Creek	35.33	71.55
McHenry	2,047.00	1,750.00
Mt Carmel	8,576.23	9,573.05
Mt Zion	326.00	355.00
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	543.23	538.69
New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00
Olaton	169.50	150.00
Pleasant Grove	406.09	363.27
Pleasant Hill	768.87	452.99
Pond Run	2,332.44	2,120.43
Providence	1,792.17	1,894.11
Rockport	900.00	900.00
Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	754.36	722.81
Slaty Creek	1,367.34	1,312.08
Smallhouse	324.84	370.45
Waltons Creek	443.87	518.51
West Point	503.25	517.85
West Providence	943.14	1,008.89
Woodwards Valley	699.07	818.46
Zion	4,112.58	5,486.48
SUBTOTAL	107,404.31	107,436.50

OHIO RIVER		
Baker	918.00	1,078.00
Calvary	335.65	418.80
Birdsville	467.16	323.40
Burna Community	270.00	270.00
Caldwell Springs	938.48	817.28
Carrsville	134.70	207.45
Cave Springs	0.00	0.00
Central	20.00	0.00
Corinth	300.00	300.00
Crooked Creek	958.16	808.60
Deer Creek	3,304.51	3,244.75
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,479.79	1,255.85
Dyer Hill	1,673.00	2,244.00
Emmanuel	2,110.89	3,203.78
Emmaus	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	794.00	784.00
Friendship	13,240.19	15,098.56
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	1,200.00	1,200.00
Hampton	1,415.54	2,740.98
Iuka	1,161.00	1,089.00
Lake City	2,968.67	3,674.92
Lola	235.50	226.90
Marion	27,826.35	31,383.00
Mexico	15,220.31	13,308.55
Mint Springs	5.00	0.00
Ohio Valley	1,845.00	2,560.00
Old Salem	4,846.03	5,170.63
Pinckneyville	4,768.94	3,942.03
Repton	993.11	928.27
Salem	18,796.67	19,893.55
Marion Second	125.00	1,297.84
Shady Grove	0.00	475.04
Smithland First	1,250.00	1,400.00
Sugar Creek	1,398.00	1,774.00
Sulphur Springs	651.00	517.54

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Tiline First	542.16	474.36
Union	4,717.01	4,986.20
Smithland Second	744.87	855.63
SUBTOTAL	117,654.69	127,952.91

OHIO VALLEY		
Bethany	1,880.11	1,050.25
Blackford	85.00	102.00
DeKoven	417.68	486.12
Clay First	11,356.76	12,330.06
Sturgis First	23,266.16	20,079.46
Grangertown First	7,285.76	7,482.38
Grove Center	0.00	0.00
Living Water Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mt Olive	537.01	312.32
New Harmony	1,052.00	2,086.00
New Hopewell	409.10	523.44
Northside	250.00	363.25
Old Bethel	600.00	600.00
Pride	1,374.00	1,428.00
Sullivan	3,742.77	4,839.54
Uniontown	1,456.68	60.00
Calvary	30.00	50.00
Countryside	2,432.61	3,282.43
Whispering Meadows	0.00	100.00
Woodland	920.30	924.62
SUBTOTAL	57,095.94	56,099.87

OWEN COUNTY		
Beech Grove	598.50	749.21
Caney Fork	667.63	707.26
Cedar Hill	3,488.38	4,447.84
Concord	1,018.00	1,018.00
Dallasburg	556.12	521.36
Elk Lick	729.63	902.71
Owenton First	25,945.10	30,866.18
Gratz	744.26	262.77
Greenup Fork	1,122.00	1,309.00
Harmony	1,008.59	0.00
Long Ridge	5,818.00	5,782.00
Lusby's Mill	4,238.74	2,687.60
Monterey	2,377.45	2,496.24
Mt Pleasant	1,640.52	2,290.32
Mussel Shoals	117.00	168.00
New Columbus	4,018.61	3,833.11
New Liberty	4,293.14	3,659.09
Old Cedar	783.94	600.07
Mt Zion	300.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	3,245.00	3,137.00
Richland	2,758.34	2,760.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	2,937.58	4,308.09
Squiresville	1,571.00	1,891.00
SUBTOTAL	69,977.53	74,396.85

PIKE		
Aflex	300.00	300.00
Belfry First	7,973.95	7,004.84
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	875.22	0.00
Calvary Southern	2,752.00	2,761.00
Cumberland Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith	2,996.04	2,786.16
Elkhorn City	3,064.43	2,683.55
Faith First	1,291.61	1,604.84
Jenkins First	3,803.16	4,804.78
Feds Creek	0.00	0.00
Pikeville First	23,328.98	21,957.11
Phelps First	266.44	0.00
Grace	4,441.27	5,137.53
Hellier	435.43	491.48
Immanuel	8,421.57	6,163.48
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	1,127.00	482.00
Meta	6,083.12	4,982.82
Mouth Card	1,382.41	1,694.74
McVeigh	2,808.00	2,802.00
Forest Hills First	2,470.94	2,772.28
Sidney Missionary	2,913.87	4,140.68
Stone	1,207.91	1,523.42
Sutton	1,477.31	1,346.90
Mayflower Unity	704.67	672.49
Virgie	3,460.10	3,676.55
SUBTOTAL	83,585.43	79,788.65

PULASKI		
Acorn	570.18	573.40
Bethany	1,461.00	1,468.00
Bethel	4,282.13	4,645.92
Antioch Shores Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bronston First	1,155.57	1,406.23
Buck Creek	56.38	35.94
Barnesburg	2,229.86	3,667.01
Burnetta	1,855.00	1,644.10
Calvary	5,307.02	5,813.47
Camp Ground	3,773.59	4,901.01
Cedar Point	1,384.00	1,535.00
Clifty Grove	327.00	301.00
Cumberland	275.51	362.17
Buena Vista	4,813.95	6,118.48
Duke Memorial	4,141.96	4,274.34
Denham Street	300.00	300.00
Eden	306.05	295.62
Eubank	387.00	3,540.17
Ferguson	4,516.05	4,610.65
Somerset First	104,934.72	69,063.68
Burnside First	909.00	989.83
Beacon Hill	40,556.80	40,459.31
Community Baptist Mission	725.28	1,000.21
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	300.00	854.00
Flat Rock	591.44	814.86
Floyd Switch	552.00	370.00
Glenwood	100.00	120.00
Good Hope	385.15	387.15
Sunrise	674.56	646.75
High Street	15,771.63	16,692.59
Jasper Bend Missionary	318.32	330.09
Hopeful	252.55	0.00
Immanuel	6,338.32	7,862.72
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	292.13	290.06
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Lakeside Baptist Mission	248.17	359.99
Malvin Hill	517.27	565.12
McKinney Missionary	60.00	100.00
Mt Pisgah	946.00	985.00
Neeleys Creek Missionary	756.00	629.26
Mt Union	824.00	946.00
Mt Victory	240.42	270.25
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	601.00	795.00
Northside Missionary	7,355.02	10,763.68
Oak Grove #1	703.92	691.42
Oak Grove #2	492.00	418.00
Okalona Missionary	1,893.76	2,627.11
Piney Grove #2	1,199.89	934.65
Woodstock	2,624.00	1,123.00
Pleasant Hill	31,367.44	38,537.50

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Pleasant Run	2,171.00	2,338.00
Pleasant View	1,986.48	2,021.23
Pulaski	687.65	883.14
Quinton	538.46	972.48
Rock Lick	2,566.70	2,449.90
Sinking Valley	1,056.00	1,193.00
Slate Branch	1,415.22	1,969.43
Sloans Valley	1,112.19	250.00
Sunnyside	1,004.65	956.92
SUBTOTAL	272,211.39	258,423.84

RED RIVER		
Beattyville	1,533.27	1,646.94
Brush Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Campton	2,363.35	2,821.50
Little Cane Creek	122.90	92.04
Faith	1,636.13	1,901.45
Jackson First	2,041.87	1,663.13
Grace	367.38	528.60
Frenchburg	3,273.97	3,546.00
Stanton	5,487.32	6,179.09
West Liberty First	3,893.00	2,893.00
Calvary	20,719.19	21,271.75
SUBTOTAL	20,719.19	21,271.75

ROCKCASTLE		
Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	5,993.95	6,217.43
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	461.21	560.74
Copper Creek Southern Msnry	38.72	42.10
Fairview	2,163.30	219.05
Mt Vernon First	14,274.64	15,261.82
Flat Rock	240.81	125.00
Freedom	2,481.00	2,967.00
Livingston	338.57	250.85
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Maretburg	1,466.00	1,574.00
Mt Pleasant	1,450.00	1,680.00
Mt Zion	250.93	226.87
Northside	2,560.06	2,147.02
Ottawa	2,737.65	2,971.44
Pine Hill	371.02	394.59
Pleasant Run	100.67	221.00
Poplar Grove	991.30	635.56
Roundstone	0.00	0.00
Sand Hill	212.60	241.48
Scaffold Cane	832.14	856.68
Valley	324.22	296.88
SUBTOTAL	37,288.79	36,889.51

RUSSELL COUNTY		
Clear Springs	150.00	300.00
Clear Fork	600.00	500.00
Dunnsville First	272.95	284.18
Fairview	2,600.85	3,339.48
Friendship		

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Crestwood	22,692.81	26,636.10
DeHaven Memorial	25,310.58	25,932.43
Eighteen Mile	125.00	0.00
Harrods Creek	0.00	1,377.72
LaGrange Heights	416.07	287.77
Liberty	119.51	279.15
Milton	2,402.21	1,491.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00
Providence	1,757.48	2,449.55
Rolling Hills Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Sligo	3,664.83	4,391.65
Union Grove	357.00	296.00
Westport	7,557.42	7,752.85
SUBTOTAL	87,423.54	96,140.04

TATES CREEK

Berea	18,327.40	23,184.38
Bethel	2,703.61	3,140.87
Bethlehem	600.00	600.00
Blue Lick	253.65	361.60
Broadway	1,076.00	1,157.00
Calvary	781.00	0.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	1,945.43	1,504.13
Emmanuel	2,275.39	1,960.11
Unity	1,998.86	1,692.75
Richmond First	25,454.82	45,917.42
Fellowship	682.07	831.22
Freedom	150.00	150.00
Galilee	1,261.65	1,584.25
Gilberts Creek	200.00	150.00
Gilead	150.00	150.00
Gethsemane	1,931.00	2,065.00
Good Hope	1,058.00	1,174.00
Harris Memorial	514.27	727.99
Hays Fork	3,344.41	2,827.20
Kirksville	7,739.30	3,422.58
Knob Lick	250.00	140.00
Liberty Avenue	1,248.42	2,178.59
Liberty	60.00	60.00
Linden Street	141.00	119.00
Middletown	2,317.49	2,637.45
Mt Tabor	3,703.50	4,212.45
Peytontown	879.68	431.74
Pilot Knob	135.00	225.00
Red House	11,808.23	12,649.72
Rosedale	5,711.25	4,802.91
Upper Silver Creek	6,222.53	5,947.52
Red Lick	70.00	60.00
Stoney Run	0.00	0.00
Owsley Fork	1,352.00	1,330.00
Tates Creek	2,284.96	2,989.90
Union City	4,402.33	4,942.09
Valley View	35.00	30.00
Viney Fork	1,271.70	1,526.04
Waco	9,243.60	10,664.07
Wallacetown	1,883.54	1,101.90
Westside	2,348.46	2,175.90
White Hall Baptist Mission	452.77	526.62
White Lick	2,596.81	2,479.19
SUBTOTAL	130,865.13	153,830.59

TAYLOR COUNTY

Campbellsville	95,123.39	42,762.00
Acton	1,568.40	620.28
Eastside	260.00	250.00
Elk Horn	12,842.79	146.80
Fairview	457.90	538.99
Friendship	4,095.00	3,957.00
Good Hope	9,554.19	9,912.63
Green River Memorial	6,674.52	6,196.00
Liberty	2,132.80	2,095.50
Meadowview	1,201.28	2,377.01
Mt Gilboa	2,761.04	2,988.09
Palestine	13,591.85	14,940.05
Pitman Valley	120.00	120.00
Pleasant Hill	15,370.80	21,197.58
Robinson Creek	3,074.05	3,125.33
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	240.00	250.00
South Campbellsville	7,794.15	8,253.07
Salem	4,721.61	5,463.80
Saloma	2,170.54	2,417.77
Lowell Avenue	7,902.56	9,482.87
Yuma	1,057.99	1,286.93
SUBTOTAL	192,714.86	138,381.70

TEN MILE

Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	789.12	931.89
Glencoe	4,237.06	4,477.09
Macedonia	4,635.36	5,309.60
Mt Zion	1,583.00	1,781.40
New Bethel	8,091.57	8,267.14
Oakland	354.14	1,608.30
Paint Lick	2,441.12	1,927.49
Pleasant Home	6,826.95	6,973.49
Poplar Grove	1,403.00	1,560.00
Stewartsville	933.93	407.75
Ten Mile	3,661.55	3,888.85
Vine Run	6,095.38	2,981.06
Warsaw	3,207.18	3,905.09
Sparta	980.19	891.56
SUBTOTAL	45,239.55	44,910.71

THREE FORKS

Airport Gardens	875.00	1,050.00
Berean	0.00	0.00
Big Creek	3,184.66	4,955.73
Blackey	193.00	230.00
Caney	489.75	583.70
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	140.00	120.00
Emmanuel	5,212.09	4,704.94
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Craft Colly	628.05	647.71
Hazard First	11,018.90	13,004.78
Hindman First	10,109.15	8,541.65
Wooton First	971.00	813.00
First Creek	692.61	708.35
Deane	1,868.00	2,849.00
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	1,601.25	1,335.09
Jeremiah Missionary	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	250.00	300.00
Lothair	1,673.69	1,640.75
Fleming	1,688.16	1,534.06
McIntosh Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Haymond	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	1,686.38	1,679.67
Mousie First	76.00	209.00
Muncy Creek	150.00	150.00
Premium	1,750.00	1,750.00
Petrey Memorial	3,139.35	3,566.63

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Red Hill	0.00	0.00
Jeff Missionary	564.00	475.00
Rockhouse	1,239.56	1,247.98
Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Mt Olivet	525.00	1,050.00
Upper Second Creek	358.43	818.72
North Fork	2,557.65	3,120.95
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Big Leatherwood First	2,089.00	1,691.00
Smithsboro	6,693.60	7,688.68
Typo	150.00	0.00
Vico	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	16,012.21	15,302.22
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	77,586.49	81,768.61

UNION

Beaver	2,102.51	2,082.76
Berlin	656.11	749.23
Berry	0.00	0.00
Blanket Creek	2,248.42	1,725.77
Butler	1,675.29	1,937.82
Cynthiana	15,708.76	18,452.14
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	6,217.47	4,712.79
Forest Hill	50.00	0.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	120.00	120.00
Oakwood Avenue	0.00	0.00
Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00
Richland	0.00	0.00
Union	800.00	1,695.00
Willow	1,137.00	1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	31,735.56	33,495.51

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Ages	0.00	230.02
Black Mountain	173.80	201.87
Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,200.00	1,000.00
Central	5,052.00	5,118.00
Chevrolet Missionary	496.74	354.96
Clospint	300.00	300.00
Cloverfork	300.00	300.00
Coxton	0.00	0.00
Dione	2,892.00	1,447.00
Elcomb	1,913.46	2,113.74
Everts	3,319.09	3,405.53
Cumberland	2,555.28	3,440.32
Baxter First	1,570.60	1,422.10
Loyall First	9,782.33	7,339.44
Verda First	112.00	56.00
Friendship Missionary	594.79	455.92
Harlan	26,795.94	28,799.09
Huff Settlement	138.12	168.64
Jones Creek	27.03	52.00
Kelly Street	1,095.60	1,590.86
Lenarue	532.58	0.00
Liggett	407.92	482.95
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
Lynch	300.00	300.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
North Everts	0.00	0.00
Pansy	977.00	974.00
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney Missionary	294.59	528.44
Red Bud Missionary	0.00	0.00
River Ridge Missionary	0.00	0.00
Riverside	579.66	610.79
Sunshine	436.11	581.80
Teetersville	0.00	0.00
Totz	1,248.32	1,508.93
Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00
Wallins	1,232.39	1,388.69
West Cumberland Missionary	794.00	923.00
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	194.22	270.69
SUBTOTAL	65,615.57	65,664.78

WARREN

Andrew	250.00	250.00
Barren River	1,320.87	693.29
Bethany	2,693.06	3,075.88
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Burton Memorial	3,004.12	2,503.70
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cedar Bluff	93.98	649.77
Brownsville Missionary	3,845.00	3,200.00
Clear Fork	3,709.57	3,424.66
Dedicated	210.00	324.87
Eastwood	20,416.67	28,751.77
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	18,456.55	16,507.92
Forest Park	8,295.35	6,725.58
Friendship	647.05	724.71
Glen Lily	1,031.78	1,380.47
Glendale	650.00	650.00
Greenwood	7,523.57	9,045.11
Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	318.91	479.85
Hillvue Heights	0.00	3,800.35
Iva	0.00	0.00
Jackson Grove	262.33	54.08
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	40,523.63	61,081.52
New Gasper	66.00	0.00
Martinsville	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	1,786.58	1,711.28
Oak Forest	796.59	795.94
Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mission Hispana	0.00	0.00
Oakland	5,721.19	5,256.74
Plano	1,306.75	1,810.45
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary	0.00	0.00
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	5,382.86	4,287.60
Rich Pond	12,444.17	16,785.12
Richardsville	346.07	793.74
Rocky Springs	666.16	648.44
Smiths Grove	3,759.66	4,085.02
Southside	526.09	581.57
White Stone Quarry	200.00	948.00
Woodburn	5,880.66	4,361.47
SUBTOTAL	152,135.22	185,388.90

WAYNE COUNTY

Big Sinking	0.00	0.00
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	300.00	300.00
Cooper	540.00	540.00
Elk Spring Valley	6,234.26	7,532.81
Gap Creek	425.28	634.00
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	150.00	150.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Meadow Creek	125.00	125.00

Association/Church	CP95	CP96
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	9,411.47	7,750.00
Mt Zion	2,740.00	2,680.00
New Charity	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,441.00	1,454.00
Newtown	418.00	526.00
Oak Grove	397.41	554.41
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	0.00	250.00
Sandusky Chapel	720.00	600.00
South Main Missionary	63.21	30.00
Spann Hill	415.00	426.75
Steubenville	3,003.90	3,027.90
Zion	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	26,609.53	26,805.87

WEST KENTUCKY

Antioch	646.87	567.87
Bardwell	9,758.50	10,997.41
Berlin	900.00	1,300.00
Burkley	880.00	880.00
Bethlehem	7,263.14	7,436.80
Beulah	7,447.00	6,967.00
Crutchfield	857.98	1,017.53
Columbus	2,298.27	1,961.67
Davids Chapel	0.00	0.00
East Hickman	236.00	239.00
Arlington First	3,415.00	4,664.00
Clinton First	16,239.28	10,107.31
Hopewell	40.27	31.64
Fulton First	20,378.04	22,544.79
Kirbyton	807.48	1,027.79
Hickman First	1,838.00	1,420.15
Green Valley Missionary	0.00	0.00
Milburn	1,799.32	1,656.11
Mississippi	7,873.05	8,169.45
Liberty	1,200.00	1,300.00
Moscow	3,278.94	3,327.94
Mt Moriah	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	1,636.00	1,129.00
New Harmony	0.00	500.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Mt Carmel	900.00	900.00
Oak Grove	502.74	646.56
Oakton	500.00	500.00
Obion	55.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
Riceville	0.00	0.00
Clinton Second	706.53	565.00
Shiloh	1,200.00	1,200.00
Springhill	839.57	802.51
Sassafras Ridge	656.67	810.44
West Hickman	6,644.46	7,112.64
SUBTOTAL	100,798.11	99,782.61

State's first Haitian Baptist church ordains pastor

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer



Joseph Gaston

LOUISVILLE—Kentucky Baptists' only Haitian congregation ordained Joseph Gaston as pastor March 24 at Lynn Acres Baptist Church.

For Gaston, ordination was the culmination of a "call to serve God" which began at age 5 in his native Haiti.

Raised in a Roman Catholic environment, Gaston planned to channel his service to God through the priesthood. But in 1976, while attending an evangelical revival meeting, he was "converted," he said.

Since that time, juggling multiple responsibilities has been the pattern of Gaston's life, he said. In Haiti, he was a math, Spanish and economics teacher and served as music and education

director for a Baptist church in Port Au Prince. At the same time, he attended seminary there.

When he and his family emigrated to New York City in 1986, Gaston continued that pattern, working with college-age adults in a large Haitian Baptist church while continuing his teaching career.

A contingent of New York Haitian Baptists made the trip to Louisville for Gaston's ordination. Jean Baptiste Thomas, pastor of New York's French Speaking Baptist Church and director of the Boyce Bible School extension in New York, preached the ordination sermon.

Last fall Gaston, his wife, Marie, and their four children moved to Louisville, where he completed work at Boyce Bible School and entered the master of Christian education program at Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary.

And in October, Gaston took on the pastorate of the First Haitian Baptist Mission, which meets at Lynn Acres Baptist Church in Louisville.

The mission, which began in 1992, was about to close after the previous pastor moved away, Gaston said. In spite of his heavy academic schedule, "I couldn't let it go," Gaston said.

Since October, attendance at the mission has grown from 10 to 40 people. Louisville is home to about 150 Haitians. Since the first Haitian church in Brooklyn, N.Y., affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in the late 1950s, the number of Haitian Southern Baptist congregations has grown to more than 200, according to Southern Baptist Home Mission Board statistics.

Developing a ministry among Haitians in Louisville is difficult, Gaston

said, because most are new believers. Currently, he focuses on teaching members "the basics of Christianity" while praying for the day he can train them to be church leaders.

For now, "you name it, I do it" in the church, he said.

Family finances have been difficult too. In New York City, in addition to his teaching salary, his wife also had a good-paying job. So far, she has not found work in Louisville.

"We live by faith," he said.

But Gaston remains undaunted. After he completes a master's degree, he hopes to pursue a doctorate at Southern Seminary. "Then," he said, "I want to make myself available to do whatever God has for me to do."

Perhaps that will be to go back to Haiti to start a seminary where more Haitians like himself can be trained to spread the gospel, he said.

Georgetown basketball coach Jim Reid dies April 4



Jim Reid

GEORGETOWN—Jim Reid, head men's basketball coach at Georgetown College, died April 4 after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held April 6 in the John Hill Chapel on campus, with burial in Georgetown Cemetery. A separate memorial service for students was held April 8.

"The Georgetown community mourns the loss of one of our most successful and beloved alumni," said Georgetown College President William Crouch Jr. "Throughout his 23-

year career as head coach of our men's basketball team, Jim exemplified integrity and dedication both on and off the court. The many players he coached over the years will remember him as a deeply caring individual with an outstanding knowledge of the game of basketball."

Added Assistant Coach Happy Osborne: "A man's life is judged by how many people he touched. Jim Reid has touched thousands of lives. He will be greatly missed."

Reid, 48, not only was beloved by

the Georgetown community; he also was the winningest basketball coach in the college's history. Aside from Denny Crum at the University of Louisville, Reid recorded the most wins—more than 500—of any coach in the state of Kentucky.

Reid was born in Beaver Dam March 25, 1948. As a student, he played basketball at Georgetown under coach Bob Davis. He became one of the top scorers in the history of the college, averaging 21 points per game.

After graduation, Reid became assistant coach at Georgetown, obtained a master's degree and at the age of 25 was named head coach.

He received numerous honors during his tenure at Georgetown, most recently being named NAIA National Coach of the Year.

Reid is survived by his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Shannon Reid Shepherd; a son, Jack Taylor Reid; his mother, Gladys Robinson Reid of Beaver Dam; and a brother, John Harlin Reid of Lexington.

Schuller's son named successor

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (RNS)—Robert A. Schuller, 41, has been named the eventual successor of the ministry his father began in 1955 with what was then an innovative drive-in church in Garden Grove, Calif.

Schuller's father, Robert H. Schuller, founded the Crystal Cathedral and its "Hour of Power" television broadcast.

The younger Schuller's official title is vice chairman of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, an organization that includes the massive glass-walled Crystal Cathedral, a church and retreat center known as Rancho Capistrano that is run by the younger Schuller, and the elder Schuller's "Hour of Power" television program.

"I suspect he's going to be in the cathedral until the day he dies," Robert A. Schuller said of his father, who will turn 70 in September. "But in any event, in a case of any injury..., we are prepared to carry on the ministry of the Crystal Cathedral."

The elder Schuller said in an inter-

view that he plans to be in the pulpit and on television for years to come. However, he said he is "excited" about his son taking his place.

"I think it's fantastic. It's an answer to prayer," he said. "No one else was considered because no one else comes close to meeting the qualifications ... He understands our ministry and our faith and our worship and our theology because he grew up in it."

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You can take pride as Kentucky Baptists in knowing that you are a part of helping many of these children. Because you care enough to make gifts through the Thanksgiving Offering, memorial remembrances, the Mile of Pennies program, and at other times, you are helping to make possible one of the most dynamic child care ministries in the United States. Did you know that more than a quarter of the children in private out-of-home care in our state are being

cared for by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children? Your children's ministry has the reputation of being a "can do" organization that is willing to reach out with the compassionate arms of a loving Savior to calm fears and bring healing to those who are hurting. Because of your faithfulness, this ministry reached out to more than

2,200 children and families last year in a way that brings honor to our Lord. And because you cared in this powerful way, the angels in heaven rejoiced over many who came to know him personally.

Despite all of this, however, our Lord is calling us to do much more. Right this minute there are more than 170 children on our waiting

list. They need us but we don't have a place for them. If things go as they did last year, we will end up saying "no" to more than 1,000 children.

Hug your kids today. Pray for them and pray for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Curtis Mooney is president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown, Ky. 40243. Call (800) 456-1386. WWW address: <http://www.iglou.com/kbhc/>

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FINANCIAL FORUM

Charitable gifts don't have to be all-or-nothing

By Laurie Valentine

Making charitable gifts during your lifetime does not have to be an all-or-nothing proposition. There are a number of gifting opportunities that allow you to make a charitable gift now, while retaining the right for you or a loved one to receive income for life or a term of years.

One way is through creation of a charitable remainder trust. This is an arrangement whereby you, as donor, transfer property to a trust which provides that you (or you and/or someone else) will receive a designated income interest for life or a term of years. At your death or the end of the term of years, the charity will receive the remainder of the property in the trust.

There are two options for the income interest you will receive. The type of payment and the amount of payment are choices you make. If you choose a charitable remainder annuity trust, your payments will be a fixed amount determined at the time the trust is created. If you would rather have a payment that varies with the investment experience of the trust assets, a charitable remainder unitrust would be the option for you. This pays you an amount each year equal to a fixed percentage of the value of the trust.

Creating a charitable remainder trust may allow you to make a larger gift during your lifetime for charity than you ever imagined possible. The availability of an income tax deduction equal to the present value of the charity's remainder interest in the trust, coupled with a potentially larger income stream from the trust than you were earning on the asset you gift to the trust, may make this an effective way to meet personal financial needs and accomplish charitable giving goals.

Using appreciated capital assets such as stock or real estate can increase the benefits of making a charitable remainder trust gift. If you wanted to make the asset more productive by selling it and reinvesting it, you would incur capital-gains tax liability. Gifting an appreciated asset to a charitable remainder trust allows you to avoid the capital gains on the sale of the asset by the trust, and may result in a larger income depending on the payment option you select.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Environmental effort gets mixed reviews

WASHINGTON (BP)—An evangelical Christian lobbying campaign to support the Endangered Species Act has drawn mixed reactions from Southern Baptist leaders.

The campaign by the Evangelical Environmental Network, which claims to represent more than 1,000 local congregations, involves a \$1 million effort in public service announcements in 18 states to support federal funding to enforce the act.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and human beings are called to be stewards of God's gorgeous garden," said Ron Sider, professor of theology and culture at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa., when the campaign was launched earlier this year. Most of the nation's evangelical Christians, Sider said, citing surveys, have a deep concern about the environment and want strong laws to protect it.

One 60-second radio ad sponsored by the network begins, "In the Book of Genesis, Noah builds an ark and saves all living species from destruction. Well, today God's creatures are threatened by our own great flood—of pollution or habitat destruction. And that's why America has built an ark—the Endangered Species Act."

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, declined two years ago to sign the Evangelical Environmental

Network's "Evangelical Declaration on the Care of Creation" because of concerns about some of its language. However, the commission devoted its 1991 national conference to environmental concerns, and the agency offers a number of environmental-related materials.

Concerning the Endangered Species Act, however, Land said it "has been, on the whole, an unmitigated disaster ... a classic example of how federal policies and federal bureaucracies often have an effect exactly the opposite of that which was intended."

The act "has done little to protect 'endangered' species and, in the process, has done much to ruin individual human lives and to trample upon basic property rights," Land continued. "Federal bureaucrats have used the Endangered Species Act to seize from property owners the right to build homes, plow fields, build fences and even clear firebreaks to protect their homes on their own property."

Meanwhile, one of the original signers of the Evangelical Environmental Network's declaration was David Gushee, assistant ethics professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He endorsed the campaign to preserve the Endangered Species Act, saying, "I see it as not only a human responsibility but also a Christian responsibility to be

wise stewards of God's creation and to protect the diversity of the non-human creation God has made. When we as human beings are responsible for the extinction of a species, I think this should be understood as a sinful act, and we need to exercise appropriate care over creation."

Forrest Mims of Sequin, Texas, a Southern Baptist who has written more than 50 books and articles on science and technology, said he agreed with the network's concern for protecting species but was cautious about federal efforts in this area.

He cited a situation in which the federal government attempted to regulate development in central Texas that might adversely affect a particular species of bird, which led landowners to begin killing the birds. "So the end result was that very likely, more birds were destroyed by landowners concerned about government regulation of their land than might otherwise have been destroyed," Mims said.

Commenting on the theological concerns raised by the network, Mims said, "The Scripture not only gives us stewardship of the Earth, but God created the species for man; he did not create man for the species. That's not to say that I endorse human beings eliminating endangered species. It's simply that we have to have the proper perspective on this as Christians.

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David Gushee, ethics professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Adult children now caring for aging parents

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cent of its citizens. Unfortunately, they also are the poorest and the sickest segment.

In 1900 there were 3 million Americans 65 and older in the United States, or about 4 percent of the population; by 1991, the number of seniors had increased to about 31.8 million.

The United States has more older adults than the entire population of Canada.

Bruce explains she and McIlwain wrote the book to give the facts along with practical and Christian advice. "Our goal through the book is to allow the parent to remain independent and 'age-in-place' for as long as she can, helping her to make the home a safe environment," Bruce says.

Education, prevention and balance are the keys to preventing disasters before they happen, Bruce says.

"Education is the key to maintaining balance," she explains. No one

can do everything perfectly; they have to be satisfied with being "good enough."

"To achieve balance in your life as caregiver, it is important to get in touch with your feelings," Bruce and McIlwain write. "Talk about the pressures of caregiving with your spouse, a close friend, your pastor or a mental health counselor. Nothing can be clearly resolved without open discussions."

Bruce and McIlwain caution caregivers to realize negative feelings are normal. There is no relationship immune to anger or resentment.

"Balance must be achieved to protect yourself and your immediate family," Bruce says.

The promise to "honor your mother and father" extends to being there during all parts of life, especially during the senior years, says McIlwain, who underscores the need of giving every person dignity, no matter what their health or situation.

The benefits of caring for the aging are many and varied, Bruce says, noting, for example, it allows Christians to put "feet to their faith."

"We need to realize that God made the strong to care for the weak," she explains. "In this case, the caregivers are the strong ones, but they will receive the benefit of abiding love from parents who once took care of them. It's a feeling you cannot describe; however, it makes you feel a deeper purpose in this earthly life."

The most important factor for caregivers to have is empathy, Bruce says.

"Remember that you will be old someday too," she says. "Remember this as you have to wait for your aging grandmother to get dressed. Reflect on this when you wonder why she complains of 'hurting' all the time. Show the agape love that Christ taught us—to love that person so much that we will minister to them right where they are."

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PRAYER PARTNERS

Pray for these specific needs related to Kentucky Baptist partnerships with Russia, Boston and Utah-Idaho:

- Kentucky Baptist Student Union teams preparing to go to Russia this summer.
- Moscow coordinators Larry and Joy Lindsey as they reapply for visas.
- Field coordinators Bob and Nancy Walden, who will arrive in Moscow May 3 to assist Larry and Joy Lindsey.
- Russian elections set for June 16.
- Volunteers needed for summer programs at the Southern Baptist mission church in Helper, Utah.
- A couple with construction skills to coordinate construction projects in the Boston area.
- Leaders needed to disciple new Christians in newly formed congregations in the Boston area.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

- **ANNVILLE**—Bond Church called **Denny McCowan** as pastor. He will begin his new ministry April 15.
- **BELFRY**—First Church called **Timothy Chapman** as minister of music.
- **EAST BERNSTADT**—Laurel Chapel Church called **Bucky Blair** as pastor.
- **HODGENVILLE**—Middle Creek Church ordained **Neal Despain** to the deacon ministry March 31.
- **HORSE CAVE**—Horse Cave Church called **Toby Nunn** as interim pastor.
- **LOUISVILLE**—Beechmont Church called **Wayne Deffinger** as minister of youth March 31. He will enter Southern Seminary in August.

Cloverleaf Church will hold dedication services for newly expanded facilities May 19 at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Gethsemane Church will hold revival services April 14 at 10:55 a.m. and 6 p.m. and April 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. **Monty Carter**, KBC evangelism associate, will be the evangelist. **David Livingston** is pastor.

- **MOUNT EDEN**—Mount Moriah Church called **Tom Conway** as pastor. He is a student at Southern Seminary working on his doctoral degree.
- **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First Church completed a seven-week Sunday school enrollment/attendance emphasis March 31. Eighty-seven

new people were enrolled. A total of 649 were present for Sunday school.

- **SHELBYVILLE**—Burks Branch Church ordained Pastor **Billy Betts** to the gospel ministry March 24.
- **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Pleasant Grove Church recently presented a musical drama, "Joy Comes in the Morning."

Mount Eden Church recently recorded a total of 17 decisions: nine professions of faith and eight rededications. Revival services will be held in May. **Don Daniel** is pastor.

- **WHITLEY CITY**—First Church ordained **Jeff Strunk** and **Larry Jones** as deacons March 17.
- **WILLIAMSTOWN**—**Tim Bailey** resigned as youth minister at Williamstown Church March 31.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

- **Steven and Mary Joe Cooke**, missionaries to Chile, are in the States at 5108 Dogwood Place, Charlotte, N.C. 28212. She was born in Louisville.
- **Jim and Jean Leeper**, Baptist representatives to Germany, are on the field. Their address is Gertruden Strasse 17a, 46537 Dinslaken, Germany. He grew up in Dayton.
- **Keith and Kathie Reynolds**, missionaries to Honduras, are on the field. Their address is Apartado 2730, San Pedro Sula, Honduras. He was born in Hazard.

18th Street Church on rebound

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—After several years of steady decline, 18th Street Baptist Church once again is growing and ministering to the community, according to Pastor Randy Constant Jr.

Internal problems, an aging congregation and a changing neighborhood reduced the church from a peak 1970s attendance of 1,150 to just a handful of people in recent years, Constant said.

But since Constant became pastor in August 1994, the church has grown rapidly and has started several ministries to the community, according to church member Larry Ferguson.

"The people were ready to work when I came," Constant explained.

That work has paid off. Last year, the church baptized 24 people and received eight more through transfer of

letter from other churches. More than 70 people now attend Sunday morning worship services.

And with improved financial support, the church increased its missions giving through the Cooperative Program and Long Run Baptist Association from 2 percent to 10 percent of its income, the pastor explained.

The key to the church's comeback has been "reaching out to the community," according to Ferguson.

Weekly Bible classes in four area nursing homes and in two retirement homes, transportation on the church bus for weekly shopping trips for area senior adults, deliveries of Meals on Wheels and a food pantry make the church known in the community, Ferguson said.

Additionally, Bible studies and a basketball program for youth, and a renewed focus on children draw as many as 25 children and youth to the church.

Marcum retiring at Brandenburg

BRANDENBURG—Billy Marcum will retire May 12, after serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Brandenburg more than 28 years. Marcum has served as a pastor of Kentucky Baptist churches for 45 years.

Special services are planned for May 12, including a reception for Marcum and his wife, Betty Jean,

from 4-6 p.m. A retirement service will be held at 6 p.m.

All friends and members of the churches Marcum has served are invited to attend the retirement celebration events.

The Marcums plan to continue living in Brandenburg, and he will be available for pulpit supply and revivals.

Do we really grow everything we eat on the farm?

(Twelfth in a series)

I do not know how many times I have been asked if we really grow everything we need right here on our farm. I wish I could say "yes," but I cannot. Even though we do not raise everything we eat on the farm, we do raise a lot of our food.

In 1908 while on a fundraising trip to New York, our founder, James A. Burns, accepted a check for \$5,300. It came from a lady who wished to be anonymous, and was the amount Burns had requested to purchase our farm. He knew we could do a lot for ourselves if we could raise more of our food.

From our earliest days, students have helped raise our food. At first everything had to be canned, as refrigeration was not available to Oneida at that time. Today we have three large, walk-in freezers where food can be stored until it is needed.

Over the years we have raised, at one time or another, about everything we have needed. Until the late 1960's we still had our own dairy cattle, raised chickens for eggs and meat, and raised a lot of our pork and beef. Some years we even had a small greenhouse.

Today we have one of the most modern swine facilities around. The new swine barns were just completed in 1995. We can easily raise 1,600 hogs per year. Of that number, we normally butcher about 350-400 for our own use and sell the rest as feeder pigs. We do not have enough pasture to support a breeding stock for our beef cattle, but we normally have about 75 head of cattle on our farm.

Many, many acres of field corn must be grown every year to supply enough feed for our cattle and hogs. Our boys cannot call it a day until the last bale of hay and the last ear of corn is in.

Over the years we have raised tons and tons of potatoes. Our gardens have produced fresh vegetables for daily use, and also thousands of gallons of frozen foods. Nearly every year we have plenty of my favorite food; fresh sweet corn.

There have been some years recently when we would put out as many as 3,000 tomato plants, 2,000 cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower plants, 1/2 acre of strawberries, several hundred head lettuce plants, 1/4 acre of watermelon, along with beets, beans, squash, cucumbers, asparagus, radishes, pumpkins, peas, sweet potatoes, and anything else that can be grown.

Since all children love vegetables, (you don't believe that, do you?) we try to raise vegetables that can be eaten fresh. Our students, like most kids, are not crazy about "veggies," so we serve all we can during the spring, summer and fall. We do not freeze much except sweet corn.

One of the most exciting things I have done here was to raise 1/4 acre of watermelons. To take about eight boys to the "patch" and have them harvest 25-30 of those big watermelons, then deliver them to the kitchen, is a joyous event. Before those boys can wash their hands, get a tray and go through the serving line, the girls have cut the melons up and are serving them.

We do raise a lot on our farm and in our gardens. And no one is going to minimize the importance of those crops for keeping food costs to a minimum. But the most important crop we raise on the farm is young men! More than a few "boys" who work on the farm become "young men." We have never had a "bad crop" of young men.

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

THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Reaching youth with love

Senior Cheryl Hammons defined her ministry in a chapel testimony. "I am called to be a witness to the lost, to work with children and youth, to be Darrell's wife and assist his ministry and to continually seek God's will for my life. My ministry is just as important as Darrell's."

"The pastor and his wife should work as a team," Cheryl said, as she lamented the attitude of pastors who say, "It's my ministry and my wife can only serve at my convenience."

Darrell and Cheryl met in a Dayton, Ohio, church youth group. They married right out of high school. Darrell was ordained a deacon and became youth leader. At a youth camp, God called him to vocational ministry. Pastor Doug Surber, a Clear Creek alumnus, brought them for a campus visit. Darrell describes their four years as "a journey of faith. We have learned God is adequate to do what he promises."

Cheryl described the changes they made. "I thought I gave up so much to come here. The children left grandparents, but they received younger grandparents. Kelsey asked me 'Why does Marita (Rice) act like my grandmother?' We had a home I loved, and I knew I

couldn't give up my home. Three weeks ago we moved from campus to Pineville. Kelsey and I were driving from the campus and she asked, 'Mama, when we go by our old house, can we stop and kiss it?' We stopped and she kissed and hugged the cottage. 'Mama, we don't need that big house in Pineville, we were just fine here.' Dayton is where we're from, but Clear Creek has become our home."

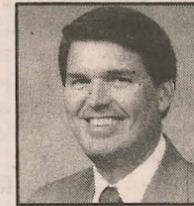
"I left friends, but God gave me a senior class, quality friends for a lifetime. What did I give up when we came to Pineville? Nothing. What did we gain? Everything."

Darrell and Cheryl fondly remember a youth leader under whose ministry they came to Christ. "He was a construction worker without any youth work training. But he loved us, and that kept us coming. We are thankful for good Bible training from Clear Creek, but our ministry will be built on love."

At First Baptist Church, Pineville, Darrell is minister of education and youth. Much of the youth ministry occurs in their home.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Missionary's cooking classes point to 'bread of life'

By Keith Hinson
Florida Baptist Witness

BORNEM, Belgium (BP)—Classes in breadmaking can serve as an opportunity to share about Jesus, the "bread of life," according to Laurie Ingram, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionary to Belgium.

"There was a store in downtown Antwerp called Home Baking, which had a demonstration kitchen. I rented the kitchen," Ingram recounted, "and offered two different eight-week classes in American cooking."

In the first course, Ingram taught her students how to make cornbread, biscuits and banana bread. In the other course, she offered instruction on cooking American desserts, such as chocolate cake and apple pie.

"During each class, I would have a five-minute devotional and talk about my faith in Christ and the personal relationship I have with him," Ingram said.

Although she hasn't seen any converts yet, the Illinois native plans to offer the class again in her family's new city of residence. "I have just been asked to offer it here at the local cultural center in Bornem where we

just moved this past summer," she noted.

Ingram's love for cooking led her to collect recipes from other foreign missionaries and to publish them in a new book, "There's A Missionary Loose in the Kitchen."

"When I was still in the States, I was very involved in Woman's Missionary Union," Ingram said. "For years, I wished there was a resource which included recipes and information from various countries which I knew was reliable."

Ingram gathered the recipes by putting a notice in Intercom, a publication for FMB missionaries, and by writing to missionaries around the world. The book's chapters are divided according to nine geographical regions with recipes from several continents and nations.

"Our family tried all of the recipes before they went into the book—a full year of international flavors. The kids would come home from school and ask, 'What country are we eating tonight, Mom?'" Ingram said.

Ingram described her husband, Cliff, and her three children, Caleb, 9, Bethany, 7, and Joel, 5, as people who will eat quite a wide range of foods.

Asked if she had prepared any rec-

ipe they would not eat, Ingram said, "There were a couple. The ones they absolutely refused to eat didn't make it into the book. I figured if our group of adventurous eaters wouldn't eat it, not many others would either."

Even now, Ingram said her family still tries "two to three new recipes a week. ... If we don't try something new, they want to know what's wrong."

Ingram said she believes cooking classes could be an effective means of outreach for American churches. "I think it would especially be beneficial in a culture where people have at least some religious background and where Baptists are not seen as a cult as they are in Belgium," she said.

When people in Belgium learn she and her family are Baptist, "the first question we get is, 'Are you a Jehovah's Witness?' ... Most people wonder how such nice people like us got trapped in a cult. They never heard of Baptists."

Evangelical Christians are only one-half of 1 percent of the population in Belgium, Ingram noted. "Belgium is about 90 percent Roman Catholic. However, statistics show that less than 10 percent ever attend mass. The predominant religion is

humanism and materialism."

The attitude of many people in Belgium is that "religion is something which was good in history, but that they are way beyond that now and they have progressed beyond the need for religion," Ingram said.

Ingram nevertheless remains undaunted in sharing her faith in Christ. "Through my church I gained an understanding of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and how important it is to share that message with others," she writes in the introduction to the cookbook.

Ingram credits her grandmother with helping nurture a love for cooking. "My father's mother was the world's best cook and baker. ... I gained a love of just being in the kitchen and trying lots of different recipes," Ingram said.

The book includes such dishes as "Pumpkin Soup" from the Cayman Islands, "Corn Pie" from Chile, "Soy Lemon Chicken Wings" from Hong Kong, "Spiced Coconut Custard" from Sri Lanka, "Paprika Chicken" from Hungary and "Sesame Seed Cookies" from Jordan.

Ingram's book is available through local Baptist Book Stores or Woman's Missionary Union.

Churches raising stink about some too-fragrant worshipers

By Jorge Aquino
Religion News Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Christians gather for worship on Sundays with Bible, Sunday school lesson and tithing check in hand. But many also come bearing unwelcome gifts of overpowering personal fragrance—Chanel No. 5, Obsession, White Shoulders or Brut.

Now, in the dawning age of "multiple chemical sensitivities," a Sunday-morning baptism in after-shave or cologne could become a thing of the past.

MCS is not an affliction recognized by medical authorities, but growing numbers of Americans claim exposure to pungent perfumes, cosmetics or cleaning products can make them sneeze, wheeze, sniffle, faint or suffer seizures.

Responding to their complaints, some San Francisco-area churches have curtailed the use of odoriferous cleaning agents in church buildings—and invited congregants to leave their scents at home.

"Most people haven't a clue that something like this can make you ill," says Nancy Hill, a member of Danville Congregational Church in Danville, Calif.

Hill fell ill for five days last August after a powerful encounter with Pine Sol, which had been used to clean the church's floors.

"I walked into the sanctuary and felt my throat going into spasm and felt the headache. I had to get out of there," says Hill, 57, who has fought off her sensitivities for 10 years.

The church immediately sought scent-free alternatives to Pine Sol and began studying whether other sub-

stances might be having an effect on the health of churchgoers.

Elizabeth Felts, the Danville church's senior minister, wrote an article in the church's Sunday newsletter inviting members to abstain from wearing fragrances.

"The offenders were both women and men, actually. A handful of people wore quite a lot," says Felts. "But for people who are chemically sensitive, any is too much."

"It's generated a lot of interest," she says, noting that the local press sent camera crews to the church after her invitation was reported.

Nationally it is not clear how many churches are taking similar measures. But at least two other California churches have similar policies.

Hill says one perfume wearer became annoyed after Hill had to break off a social-hour conversation because of difficulty breathing.

"We'll have to communicate by notes," sniffed Hill's interlocutor. And after minister Felts invited members to cease their perfume use, Hill says another woman boasted to a friend of Hill's that "I'm wearing perfume and I'm proud of it."

"It's not 100 percent supported," says Hill. Sometimes "I feel like a pariah in the church. ... This is a very isolating experience."

On the other hand, Felts says she has received calls of support from people throughout the state.

"There are a lot of people out there who don't realize how this can make some people suffer," says Felts. "And there are a lot of people out there who are suffering who didn't realize anyone else had the same illness they had."

"So we're just trying to raise people's consciousness."

Church's banner ministry opens eyes, hearts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Bob Morton never expected a church's eye-opening banner ministry would also open his heart to the gospel of Christ.

But when he and his wife, Joyce, visited Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., in December 1987, the banners at the annual "singing Christmas tree" made a lasting impact, he said.

The road to that event and since has been one of resistance and hardship for Morton. But it eventually led to his profession of faith in Jesus Christ in June 1988, when he left behind a life of alcohol and hostility, he said.

"I was raised in a Christian family," Morton said. "I walked the aisle and was baptized at 8 or 9 years of age, but I did it more for their convenience than mine."

He soon got mixed up in alcohol, cigarettes and a sinful lifestyle. After the couple's move from North Carolina to Memphis in 1968 to get a fresh start, Mrs. Morton attended First Baptist Church of Fishersville, Tenn., and prayed regularly for her husband.

Morton had little to do with Christianity but had felt a sense of conviction. "I'd tell her to go to Sunday school and that I would meet her at church, and then I wouldn't go," Morton said. "I felt like the preacher was talking to me only."

"I couldn't be satisfied with anything I did," he said. "I couldn't eat enough. I couldn't drink enough. It was the Lord dealing with me. He put me under conviction."

Attending Bellevue's annual Christmas presentation in 1987 with his wife didn't help matters any.

"I was ignoring the whole thing, until the banners came up," Morton said. "The first one that came in front of my face was 'I Am.' That sort of struck a note in me to find out what 'I Am' was."

Morton struggled with a stronger conviction for the next six months, until it came to a head on

June 19, 1988. On that Sunday afternoon, while barbecuing outside, Morton went into the garage and turned on the radio in his wife's car, planning to listen to some music.

He found some music, but not the kind he expected. Instead, Morton heard his wife's tape of Sandi Patty singing, "How Great Thou Art." And it made an impact.

That night, Morton went to church with his wife, walked the aisle and publicly confessed his faith in Christ. "Of course, I was saved that afternoon in the garage," Morton said.

God had answered Mrs. Morton's prayers, which she had continually lifted since her conversion seven years before.

"I had thought that it was hopeless and was so discouraged in my heart and spirit," she admitted. "I can't describe the feeling and the gratefulness to the Lord for the work I saw him do in Bob's heart. It's like having a whole new husband."

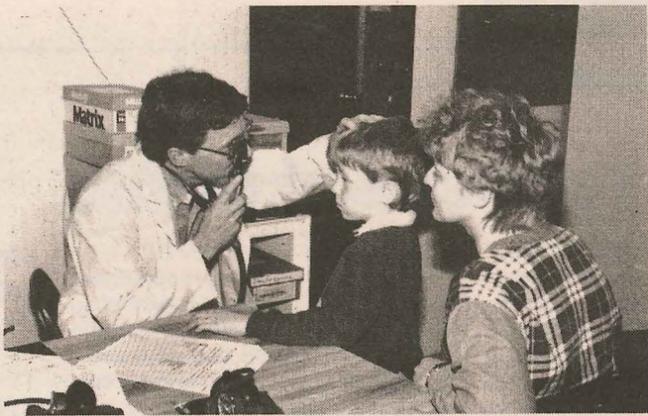
The change was immediate. "I poured out the whiskey and never even wanted another drink," Morton said. He also gave up the cigarettes a few weeks later, and he said his marriage has been greatly strengthened as a result of his salvation.

"We are best friends now," Morton said.

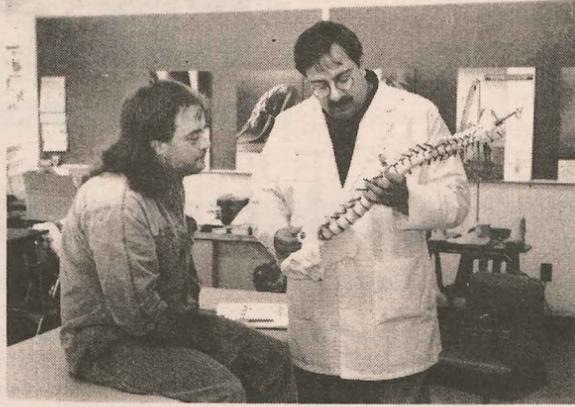
His wife agreed. "There's a deepness to our love and commitment that wasn't there before, because now our lives are centered around Christ," she said.

About a year after his conversion, the Mortons joined Bellevue, where Morton is now a member of the banner ministry, whose Scripture-based banners seek to undergird the sense of worship at the church—and whose "I Am" banner made such a profound impact on his life nearly eight years earlier.

"I've gotten involved in everything I can get involved with," Morton said. "I'm not qualified to do a lot, because I don't have a lot of education, but the Lord has a place for all of us."



Phillip Latham, M.D., screens a pediatric patient.



Mike Muscarella, director of rehabilitation services, Western Baptist Hospital, demonstrates how the spine responds to pressure.

Baptist Healthcare medical mission team reaches out to southeastern Kentucky



Elaine Leasor, R.N., Central Baptist Hospital, handles a diabetes test.

In March, Baptist Healthcare System's commitment to community outreach extended once again to Oneida in the heart of Clay County in southeastern Kentucky.

In partnership with Oneida Baptist Institute and the Booneville-Irvine Baptist Association, Baptist Healthcare dispatched a 22-member medical team to offer free health screenings and general medical check-ups to residents of Oneida and the surrounding communities, some of which are among the poorest in the state.

The in-state medical mission initiative brought together medical, pastoral and support personnel from Baptist Regional Medical Center, Central Baptist Hospital, Western Baptist Hospital, Tri-County Baptist Hospital, Baptist Hospital East and Baptist Home Health.

Joining the Baptist Healthcare team were Lewis Graham, D.M.D. and Connie Graham;



Steve Todd, D.M.D., prepares to perform a dental check on a young patient.

Steve Todd, D.M.D., and his dental assistant Debbie Morris; Phillip Latham, M.D., pediatrician; and Marquetta Barker, R.N. All arrived in Oneida with a shared objective: to meet some of the unmet healthcare needs of the area. And that they did.

From March 14 through 16, the Baptist Healthcare team screened and cared for 317 individuals — ranging in age from two to 93. The healing ministry touched individuals not

only in Oneida but from such neighboring communities as McKee, Big Creek, Booneville, Beverly and Manchester.

Baptist Healthcare extends its gratitude to Oneida Baptist Institute and the Booneville-Irvine Baptist Association for their support of this outreach endeavor. And Baptist Healthcare salutes its medical mission team members who made a difference in the quality of life and health in a southeastern community.

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