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Super Saturday urges witness through friendships

By David Winfrey
News Director

BOWLING GREEN—A Christian's desire to tell others about Jesus is often related to that person's excitement about his or her relationship with Christ, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions director said last week.

"If people are not excited about their faith in Jesus Christ and the opportunity to share him, then evangelism is a job rather than a joy," said Larry Martin, director of missions and evangelism for the state convention.

Martin spoke at one of six "Super Saturday" training events sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Another session was held the same day in Florence, and four more are scheduled within the next month.

Martin linked Christians' interest in the Great Commission to make disciples with their fulfillment of the great commandment to love God with all their hearts. "It may be that before we start with evangelism training, we need to start with spiritual renewal," he said. "People who are really renewed in Christ are the people who share him with joy."

Martin stressed relational evangelism, or making friends with non-Christians with the intent of getting to tell them about Jesus. Martin credited the material he used to KBC consultant Art McPhee.

Martin said some evangelism has focused too much on cold calls or events such as revival meetings when most people accept Jesus as their personal Savior through a process.

Martin estimated that 95 percent of evangelism training focuses on the moment of conversion when less than 5 percent of the population is ready to respond so quickly. "We see evangelism as an event, as a moment of persuasion. But we don't see the other stages that lead to it."

Rather, relationships allow Christians to meet people at any stage, lead them to better understand Christianity

and invite them to develop relationships with Christ when appropriate.

Jerry Oakley, director of missions for the Warren Association, agreed.

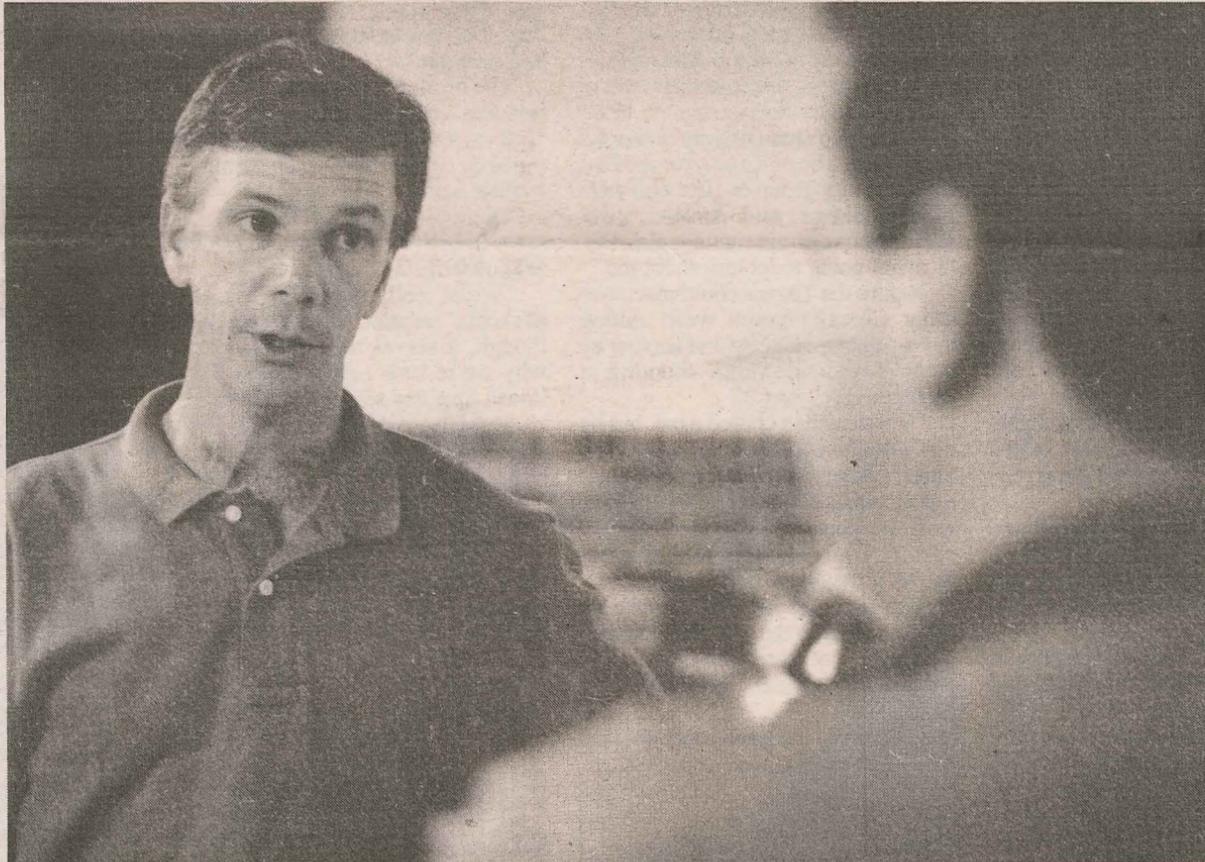
"I feel like we have in part stressed methods of confrontation," he said. "If their method of witnessing is more expressing what God is doing for them, they'll be more comfortable."

Relationships also become more important as society grows increasingly secular, Martin added.

"People will tend to think about God in the abstract. They may think about the church, but they will not relate the two," he said, adding that the idea of a personal relationship with Christ is equally foreign.



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GOLF TALK Larry Mize (left) talks with a golf fan last week at South Jefferson Baptist Church in Louisville. Mize, who was in town for the PGA championship tournament, is among several professional golfers who participate in Bible studies on tour and talk about their faith.

Pro golfers share faith with others

By David Winfrey
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Inside the circle of golf's elite players is an even smaller group who are shooting for something they can't display in their trophy cases—a better relationship with God.

About 30 members of the Professional Golf Association constitute a network of Christian professional golfers involved in weekly Bible studies, speaking engagements and witnessing materials to share their faith.

Last week, Larry Mize, winner of the 1987 Masters tournament, spoke at South Jefferson Baptist Church. Standing before an audience of about 80 church members and golf fans, he introduced his talk with, "I'd like to tell you a little bit about my golf, my life and my faith."

Earlier that same day, Paul Azinger addressed a "Breakfast of Champions," sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Consultant: Understand small churches before trying to lead them

By Chip Alford
SBC Sunday School Board

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Leading a small church to grow requires first understanding its unique characteristics, a church leadership consultant said.

About 22,000 Southern Baptist congregations are classified as small churches, according to Barry Campbell of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's pastor-staff leadership department.

Churches in that class have less than 300 members, fewer than 150 enrolled in Sunday school and less than 100 attending Sunday school, he said.

Small churches are unique, but they share common characteristics, he said. "Primarily, they are single-cell en-

ties," explained Campbell, author of "Unleashing the Power of the Small Sunday School."

He addressed church leaders during the national Sunday school leadership training conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Decision-making in small churches has been compared to a "family chapel," where everyone gets involved but power is limited to one strong leader or a handful of influential members.

"A lot of church business is taken care of in advance of the business meeting" by these leaders, Campbell said.

Members of this power base can be church deacons, officers, the nominating or finance committees, or families who have been members many years, he said.

In his early days as a pastor, Campbell said, he often viewed these powerful leaders as the enemy.

"But 95 percent of the time, they are not the enemy," he said. "They are simply people who have had authority thrust upon them. Often it's because they have been willing to do things no one else was willing to do."

Pastors, too, can be very powerful in small churches, Campbell said, especially those who have a long tenure with one church. On the other hand, many small churches are used to pastors staying only a few years, so they avoid giving the pastor too much power, he added.

Those called to lead small churches must also understand that their history is very important to these congregations.

"You must understand their stories; know where they've been and what they're about," Campbell said.

Other common characteristics of small churches, he said, include:

■ A strong emphasis on relationships.

■ Limited resources. "They, usually, though not always, have less money. ... But in some ways they have unlimited resources because they can offer an intimacy that a larger church usually can't match."

■ Greater comfort with projects or events than ongoing processes or programs. "Homecomings and special events like that are very important to these churches," Campbell said. "I don't think we need to fight against them or overcome them; we need to go with them."

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BAPTISTS

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Assets of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board** reached \$5.42 billion on June 30, a 13.1 percent increase in the past year.

■ **Jon Walker**, associate editor of SBC LIFE, newsjournal of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will become editor of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Home Life magazine Sept. 1.

■ **With the latest disbursement of \$50,000** to help black churches rebuild buildings destroyed by arson, Southern Baptists have contributed and given out nearly \$300,000 to that cause, according to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

■ **Four volunteer teachers** are needed immediately after volunteers canceled plans to work at the Samoa Baptist Academy on the U.S. territory of American Samoa. Teachers are needed for fourth grade, fifth grade, language arts and social studies. For more information, contact the Home Mission Board at (800) HMB-VOLS.

■ **Michael Johnson**, who became the first man to win gold medals in the 200- and 400-meter sprints during Atlanta's Olympics, is a graduate of Baylor University. In an interview with the Texas Baptist college's alumni magazine, Johnson credited Baylor coach Clyde Hart as one of the reasons he chose to attend the school. Johnson earned a marketing degree from Baylor's business school.

Calvinist meeting continues to grow in size, influence

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Founders Conference, an organization of Southern Baptist Calvinists, continues to grow in size and influence.

The group's annual conference, held July 23-26 on the campus of Samford University, drew 342 participants, a 30 percent increase over the previous high. The first Founders Conference held in 1983 attracted nearly 100 people.

At this year's meeting, leaders announced formation of a publishing arm and elected an executive director.

The first product of Founders Press is "From the Protestant Reformation to the Southern Baptist Convention: What Hath Geneva to Do with Nashville?" The book, billed as part of a "Founders Heritage Series," was written by Tom Ascol, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Fla.

Ascol is the conference's new executive director, a part-time position he will hold in addition to his pastorate. He was a key organizer of the conference in 1983.

"No one is publishing specifically with our focus and theological conviction in our context," Ascol explained in an interview with Baptist Press. "I feel like it's a matter of stewardship. We must try it."

Ascol said Founders Press will publish various types of literature, including devotional, doctrinal and expositional materials for use by laity, clergy and scholars.

The Founders Conference is so named because many of the early leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention embraced a Calvinistic theology. Calvinism is a theological system identified with the 16th century Reformation theologian John Calvin.

Most Southern Baptist theology in the 20th century has been influ-

enced more by Arminianism than Calvinism. The two theological systems agree on some points but differ on issues such as predestination, election of the saints and the extent of Christ's atonement.

Calvinism is often described around five points, which form an acronym on the word tulip: Total depravity of humankind, unconditional election of the saints, limited atonement, irresistible grace and perseverance of the saints.

Calvinists believe that before the foundation of the world God predestined some humans for salvation and others for damnation. Thus, Christ's sacrifice on the cross was effective only for those who were predestined, or elected, to receive God's grace, they assert. Further, Calvinists believe God's grace is so irresistible to the elect that all who have been predestined to believe in Christ will do so.

The Founders Conference and the

Calvinist movement among Southern Baptists have gained added influence in recent years with the rise to prominence of several advocates of the theology. Among them: Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; Mark Copinger, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.; and Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University.

Speakers at this year's Founders Conference included George Martin, new missions professor at Southern Seminary; evangelist R.F. Gates; Mark Dever, pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.; Bill Haynes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, Fla.; Geoffrey Thomas, pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Aberystwyth, Wales; and Mark DeVine, assistant professor of theology at Midwestern Seminary.

Mission team caught in inner-city cross fire

By Marv Knox
Texas Baptist Standard

CHICAGO (ABP)—Two Texas Baptist youth on a mission trip were wounded by cross fire during a shootout Aug. 3 in inner-city Chicago.

Ali Stanke, one of nine youth on the trip from Seventh & James Baptist Church in Waco, was grazed by a bullet. She was treated at a hospital and released. She and a friend flew home the next day.

Linda McManness, one of four adult sponsors, was shot in the thigh. She stayed in the hospital two nights and rode home with the rest of the group at the end of the week-long mission trip.

The Texans had just completed their orientation at Uptown Church in inner-city Chicago when they got trapped in the cross fire between two gun-toting teens.

"We walked out of the church about 10 minutes after 9 (p.m.)," said Susie Shearer, youth minister at the Waco church. "Although it was dark

outside, I wasn't too concerned. The area was well lit with a McDonald's across the street, and there was a lot of activity on the street."

The group was partway down the street when a boy on a bicycle sped by, followed by a group of girls who were running, Shearer said. An adult sponsor heard one of the running girls say, "I'm not going to let him shoot me."

Before the Texans could react, two other Chicago youth were among them—one in the street and another by them on the sidewalk—shooting at each other.

"We crouched behind a car, but by that time, two people had been hit," Shearer noted. "We stayed down until a policeman came." The youngsters with the guns fled. Neither Uptown pastor Tom Maluga nor Shearer knows if they have been arrested.

The shooting sounded a wake-up call to people in the Uptown community, a 12-block area that is home to people who speak 82 languages, Maluga said.

"For them, it caused more anguish

than if someone from the community had been hit."

The brush with urban violence by a mission group is unprecedented at Uptown, even though hundreds of volunteers serve there each summer, Maluga said.

The shooting has impacted Uptown Church in several ways, Maluga acknowledged.

"We're really somewhat in a state of shock," he said. "On the other hand, though, it serves to refocus us as to why we're here ... to help people to know, love and serve Christ."

Maluga, who moved from Texas last year, said risk is inherent in many ministries.

"Part of the reason there is risk here is because of the tremendous need. By and large, the church and Christians have pulled out of the cities fleeing risk and seeking comfort. People here are from unreached nations all over the world. When you pull out the light, what's left? Darkness. So, it's a matter of putting the light back where it needs to be."

Film on Southern picked for festival

LOUISVILLE—"Battle for the Minds," a new documentary focusing on conflict at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary over the role of women in ministry, has been accepted into the Louisville Film and Video Festival.

The film is tentatively scheduled to be shown at Louisville's Baxter Street Theaters sometime during the festival, which runs Nov. 6-10. More precise scheduling information will be available later this fall.

Andy Perry, a spokesman for the festival, said "Battle for the Minds" was accepted into the festival because it is a "good work" with local interest.

The documentary, directed by Steven Lipscomb, focuses on the seminary's spring 1995 semester and also includes extensive footage and interviews from the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Atlanta that summer.

Author looks at Baptists in the White House

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Glen Stassen's interest in the presidency was sparked when his father worked in the White House for the Eisenhower administration.

Years later, the former Christian ethics professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is taking a pensive look inside the Oval Office for an article in Baptist History and Heritage journal.

Stassen's article will compare Warren Harding, Harry Truman, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton—all identified as Baptists who have held the nation's highest office.

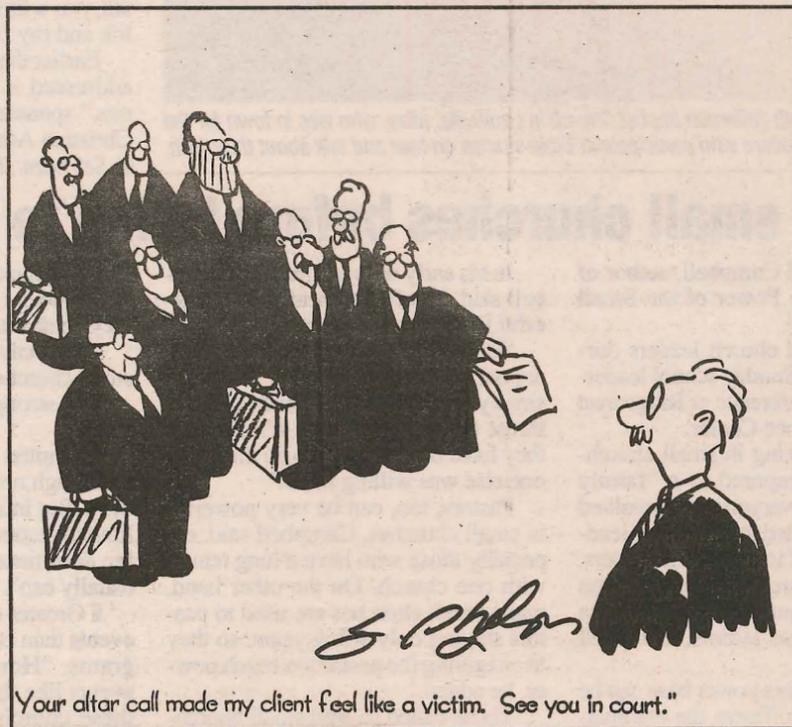
Stassen said his father struggled with how to apply his faith to his job as Eisenhower's special assistant for arms control. That struggle gave rise to the junior Stassen's inspiration and curiosity about Christian ethics.

Later he taught a course on the presidency at Berea College and studied the topic further in post-doctoral work at Harvard.

Stassen said President Bill Clinton, despite criticism of his character, is a more active Christian than Truman or Harding. But Stassen added: "Jimmy Carter stands head and shoulders above the rest letting his faith impact policy."

Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter will write a guest editorial for the January issue. Other writers include Mel Hawkins, professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, and Derek Davis, director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor University.

The journal, published by the Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission, will release the special edition, "Baptists and the White House," in January 1997.



Your altar call made my client feel like a victim. See you in court."

Partnership brings Boston Baptists to Clay County

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer

HANOVER, Mass.—Now that Fellowship Baptist Church has its first Kentucky mission trip under its belt, members of the 12-year-old metro-Boston congregation said they have a greater appreciation for partnership missions.

"I always had looked at partnership missions from our point of view," said Eileen Stout. "I always thought once we got established as a church, we might not need help from other churches. Now I know that's not true. Everyone benefits by having help from outside."

Stout and 18 other youth and adults from Fellowship Baptist Church became the first mission team from Boston to work in Kentucky as part of the Kentucky-Boston mission partnership.

They spent a week in Clay County in Eastern Kentucky in July, working in three established churches, leading vacation Bible schools and doing light carpentry tasks.

Members found, to their surprise, more similarities to Southern Baptist work in New England than they had expected, Stout said.

They found a largely unchurched

area. At least 70 percent of Clay County's 22,000 people don't attend any religious services, according to local Director of Missions Bill Nichols. In Greater Boston, on a typical weekend, at least 90 percent of the population doesn't attend any place of worship—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or other.

"We had in our minds that all of Kentucky was heavily church," Stout said.

They found churches similar in size to Fellowship. In fact, Fellowship's average attendance of 100 is twice as large as most of Clay County's churches, according to Nichols.

They found struggling churches, "not necessarily able to make it on their own," Stout said. "Even though they had been Southern Baptist for a long time, because of their sociological situation, they needed help."

They found that in order to be effective, they had to be just as flexible as all the church groups from the South that travel to Hanover to help Fellowship.

"We had made good plans and thought we knew what to expect, but reality was a bit different," Stout said.

For example, when they led vacation Bible school, most of the peo-

ple attending were unchurched teenagers instead of the 3-to-12-year olds they had planned for.

At Lilly Grove Baptist Church, an African-American congregation near Manchester, the Fellowship group put the teenagers to work helping teachers.

But when they discovered the teens were not church kids, "we had a class for them," Stout said.

By the end of the week, eight teens—almost half the 20 students at Lilly Grove—had made professions of faith in Jesus, Stout said.

At New Prospect Baptist Church near Oneida, 16 of the 40 enrolled were 13-to-18-year-old teens. Two teens made professions of faith.

At Big Creek Baptist Church near Hazard, instead of repairing the roof as planned, three group members painted, dug a ditch and worked on the parsonage.

And they discovered first-hand how important following through on commitments really is.

A few days before they were to make the two-day drive to Kentucky, their plans almost fell apart. A Kentucky church which was scheduled to join in making roof repairs at Big Creek church cancelled out because they needed to repair tornado damage

on their own building.

Also, transportation plans fell through. And one of the group's leaders learned he could not get time off from work.

Group members met with the church deacons and Pastor Randy Ferron to pray. After prayer, they still felt God had called them to go, Ferron said.

From then on, everything fell into place, both Ferron and Stout said. Instead of roof repairs, Big Creek Church leaders asked the team to do odd jobs, and instead of leasing transportation, the team decided to use their own vehicles. And, at the last minute, the team member's boss let him take time off.

When they arrived at Lilly Grove for the first day of VBS, Lilly Grove's pastor had not rounded up any pupils.

According to the pastor, a Kentucky group scheduled to conduct VBS for the church last year had cancelled at the last minute. This year, the pastor waited to see if the promised group from Massachusetts would really come. "He wanted to see if we were going to be obedient," Stout said.

"When we were, he gladly rounded up the kids."

Construction to begin on youth shelter

SOMERSET—Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new Baptist children's shelter near Lake Cumberland will be held Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.

The new Southern Region Shelter of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children will be the first facility built as part of a \$2.65 million capital campaign in the southern region of the state.

Positioned on a 100-acre site, the new shelter will provide care for 16 children who have emotional and behavioral problems stemming from chronic abuse, neglect or family crisis. It will replace an aging facility on White Street in Somerset.

The Baptist child-care agency also plans to construct a wilderness camp treatment program and an administration/classroom building at the site, which is located off Forest Ridge Road about 10 miles south of Somerset.

Already, \$1.6 million has been committed toward the capital campaign's first-level goal of \$1.8 million.

In addition to the new facilities, campaign funds will be used to endow the children's home's professional Christian counseling ministry in south-central Kentucky and to expand foster care, family preservation and family reunification programs in the region.

"We are absolutely thrilled to see the beginning of construction of this much-needed facility," said Oscar Hornsby, campaign chairman. "There is still much work to do to completely fulfill the goals of the campaign, but I am excited about the way people of this area are responding."



FRIENDLY FACES Amanda Collins (right), a member of Florence Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky, paints the face of a young girl attending a recent block party the Florence church held in nearby Ludlow. More than 600 people attended the block party, designed to lay the foundation for a new church start. The church served 800 plates of free food and offered carnival games, free clothes, live concerts and family portraits. Earlier this summer, the Florence church conducted backyard Bible clubs in 20 locations simultaneously, with a total enrollment of 858. At least 24 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as a result. Both these events are part of the church's ongoing Hope Ministries, which targets 15 multi-housing communities in Northern Kentucky.

Homes for Children names search committee

LOUISVILLE—A seven-member committee has been appointed to search for a new president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The search committee, appointed by board chairman Terry Lester, will be chaired by Herb Booth, a Northern Kentucky physician and member of Florence Baptist Church.

Other members of the committee are Gerald Sharon, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas; Mira Ball, a layperson from Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington; Jane Cross, a layperson from Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville; Lester, pastor of First Baptist Church of London; Lynn

Parrish, a layperson from First Baptist Church of Pikeville; and Ken Reinhardt, a banker and member of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

Curtis Mooney left the children's home presidency earlier this summer to accept a position with a similar agency in Houston.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Campbellsville** University has signed Olympic swimmer Michael Lilitahl of Venezuela, who will attend the Kentucky Baptist school in the fall.

■ **Ernie Stamper** has been named vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Georgetown College. Stamper joins the college after a 28-year career with Ashland Inc.

■ **Paducah native** Steven Curtis Chapman, who releases his new "Signs of Life" recording Sept. 3, will perform in Louisville Nov. 30. Tickets for the show at Louisville Gardens go on sale Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at the box office or through TicketMaster, (502) 361-3100. Other regional shows include Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 17; St. Louis, Nov. 22; and Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 1.

■ **Volunteers** are urgently needed to teach two-week sessions of a pastor's school in Tambov, Russia, beginning in September and continuing through the 1996-97 academic year. Courses to be taught include Old Testament, New Testament, theology, ethics, leadership, church music and worship, evangelism, world religions, preaching, pastoral care, church history and others. Some seminary training is required, as well as experience teaching the subject. For information, contact the KBC partnership missions office immediately at (502) 245-4101.

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

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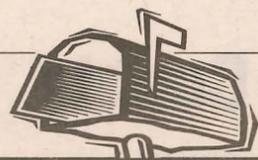
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BAPTIST FORUM

Not an endorsement

Certain clarifications are needed regarding the article "Kentucky Fellowship still studying options in education" (July 30, page 2). The article is certainly correct in saying that various options are under consideration to provide quality theological education for Kentucky Baptist churches.

It is also true that we are "exploring options in Internet course work." Unfortunately, the fine work of Bob Moore who has developed the Virtual Baptist Seminary on the Internet was mentioned in that context. Our committee has talked with and learned a great deal from Moore, whose visionary work is clearly on the frontier of cyberspace technology.

Readers should be aware, however, that conversations are not the same as commitments. Those who sign onto the Virtual Baptist Seminary at this stage should not do so believing those courses will eventually count toward a seminary degree offered by the Kentucky seminary. There is no formal relationship between the Virtual Baptist Seminary and the Kentucky seminary effort.

A formal announcement will be made concerning the seminary at an appropriate time. The committee is working diligently toward the development of a seminary program worthy of the investment and level of expectations that have existed so long among Kentucky Baptists.

We covet your continued prayers.

Paul Simmons
Louisville

Override the veto

I feel compelled to respond to a letter in Baptist Forum (July 16, page 4).

I strongly disagree with the author's position toward President Clinton's veto of the partial-birth abortion

Worth its salt

Our office subscribes to a news clipping service which provides stories about Baptists. These stories are taken from many of Kentucky's newspapers, which, by the way, number more than 100.

Overall, the stories reflect positively upon our Baptist family, depicting many of the significant ministries carried out by Baptist churches, associations and institutions. I am always encouraged when Executive Board ministries are reported positively, such as the ministry of the Brotherhood's disaster relief units following the recent tornado in Bullitt and Nelson counties.

Baptists probably have not been noted for "promoting" themselves to the general public, a reflection, perhaps, of the pietistic stream in our tradition. Even some Baptists have expressed surprise to know how extensive is our institutional mission in the

bill. I am repulsed at the thought of a little child's body being manipulated in such a manner as to expose the back of the skull, remaining "technically" unborn, and then killed.

I cannot imagine a situation where this procedure would be acceptable. This child is almost born. If the doctor were to deliver the baby's head and then perform this procedure, it would be considered murder. We cannot become a society that kills its babies for convenience or because they will be born less than our idea of perfect.

We all need to contact our representatives in Washington and express our anger. This veto must be overridden. We cannot expect God to continue to bless America if we continue on this path we've chosen.

Kevin McPherson
Elizabethtown

Going elsewhere

Like Martin Luther King, I had a dream. I came to Louisville bright-eyed and optimistic that the denomination I had grown up in would continue to support the vision it helped develop in me.

That vision involved ministering to the whole person out of a call from Jesus in Matthew 25. That desire to minister to the "least of these" drove me to move more than 1,000 miles from my home to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Now the Carver School of Church Social Work is about to close. I have a deep love and respect for those who have chosen to remain here. I feel some of the faculty that will be in place for the last year of the program are not aware of the heritage of the Carver School and won't carry on its legacy. It appears their priority is to graduate a handful of students with an inadequately accredited degree.

For this reason, I have chosen to finish my master's degree in social work at an institution that aligns with my understanding of the Scriptures.

I am moving to Rochester, N.Y., to study under some of the greatest teachers of church social work left in the world. Even though that program is not accredited yet, I am willing to

place my trust in these individuals.

Finally (I never thought I would say this), thank you to the media which has struggled along with us to find answers to what is happening behind these cold brick walls. I fear that one day the total story will be seen, and Baptists will have to hang our heads in shame over how we acted, or didn't act.

Alan Caruthers
Louisville

America's two dilemmas

The greatest threat facing America today is that her people are losing their fear of God. As described in Romans 3:18, "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

A person's actions in society represent the reflected influence of their home life—the family. If they don't respect parental authority, they won't respect any other authority; governmental, nor God's either.

Thus, the increase in immorality, violence and unlawful acts are spilling out degrading influences into the schools, the business world, even government. It is a collective montage of diminished family authority and morality that is called "modern times."

The family—the simplest form of human government instituted by God—should be a sanctuary of spiritual awareness and consequently radiate a positive moral influence into the whole community.

The causes—uncaring, indifferent attitudes—must be remedied before the effects—immoral, violent acts—will diminish. Each person, each family must realize we are our brother's keepers, and we are responsible to God for our actions, or inactions.

The greatest challenge facing families today is protecting their young from the wrath of God, which is yet to come, as noted in Romans 2:5.

Thus, proper training of our young is of the utmost importance, and it must begin in the home—as stated in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Ted A. Smith
Ashland

Baptist life.

Any paper worth its salt will report news accurately and editorialize fearlessly. My appreciation for the Western Recorder began with Chauncey Daley and, as he epitomized those two principles, so have each of his successors.

For the nearly 14 years in this job, I have looked forward to Tuesdays like some folks look forward to Fridays. Tuesday is when the Western Recorder is distributed to our offices.

And when I finish reading that week's issue, I know more than I knew the day before about our mission together as Kentucky Baptists.

I happen to be one of those Kentucky Baptists who believes that without the mission of the Western Recorder, the larger mission of Kentucky Baptists would be only vaguely understood and supported.

Indeed, the Western Recorder is worth its salt!

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



FAMILY FORUM

Dismantling resentment

By Harry Rowland

Q. I tried to make friends at a new church, not break up any group. I resent the anonymous note encouraging me to visit other churches. I'm fed up with "Christian" singles.

A. Many singles do not realize the negative influence resentment has on self-esteem and spiritual life. This is because we view resentment as reasonable. We conclude that "I have a right to feel the way I do about this."

But resentment contaminates our lives much as an oil spill contaminates a beautiful beach. When an oil spill touches a beach, it is changed from a picture-postcard with hundreds of beautiful memories into a messy swamp where nothing appears beautiful. Anonymous notes are seldom enjoyable or deserved. But resentment is far more devastating than that note. If allowed to fester, all of life becomes tainted by this memory and a desire to get even.

You should dismantle your resentment so it won't contaminate your life:

■ Refuse to play the old videotapes. You have a choice of what motivates you in life. You must refuse to watch the reruns of yesterday's hurts.

■ Relinquish innocence. Honestly evaluate your contribution to the problem and try to see the other person's point of view. This doesn't mean they were right, but it does disarm many unhealthy feelings.

■ Resist resentment buildup. Time may heal all wounds, but a healthy dose of effort on your part helps. Don't pick at the "scabs," but welcome healing.

■ Rid yourself of all claims to justice. The temptation is to determine "I'll get even with you if it's the last thing I do." You must remember God's statement, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay" (Hebrews 10:30).

Resentment begins with an incident (what happened), then proceeds to the embellishment (what you think happened). At this point, you face a crossroads. If you allow the event to expand, you create a malignancy for yourself. Or you can choose to dismantle your resentment.

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ON MISSION TOGETHER



William W. Marshall

state. Individual institutions are well-known in their areas, but their role in the larger mission may often be missed by the focus on the local.

Every week I read my copy of the Western Recorder carefully to be certain I don't miss anything. A part of the Kentucky Baptist mission is the Western Recorder. It is through this ministry that Kentucky Baptists keep aware of the "total mission," not just one aspect of it. And those who do not take this opportunity to be informed will likely never have a fully-informed appreciation of Kentucky Baptist life.

Attending an annual meeting gives a sampling of our mission together, and a careful reading of the annual Book of Reports is informative. However, it is in the week-by-week reporting of Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention news that we have our best opportunity to feel the heartbeat of Kentucky

HE SAID/SHE SAID

It's tough being a '90s father, but even tougher being a mom

HESAIID



Mark Wingfield

I really ought to find a book on how to handle children constructively when they're being difficult, I thought to myself the other night amid the boys' 15th whining spell since dinner.

Then reality rolled over me like a speeding Hot Wheels car: When would I find the time to read this most helpful book, assuming I found the time to search out and purchase it?

When I'm not at work, I spend most of my waking hours wrestling with these children. I'm too busy living out the disastrous scenarios described in most child-rearing books to have time to read about the scholarly solutions.

It's not easy being a sensitive male and emotionally correct father of the '90s. Even though I have an advantage in getting out of the house to go to work, sometimes I feel like I don't have enough brain power (or even physical power) to meet the non-stop demands of the day.

What I need is a super-speedy computer strapped to my waist that spits out helpful hints right at the moment of crisis. Or it could be like one of those amazing hand-held computers the attendants at rental-car companies use now—the little ones that have no wires attached to anything yet somehow spit out detailed receipts when you return the car to the parking lot. The hand-held parent-attendant computer would spit out little pieces of paper with pertinent suggestions for every parenting challenge.

On second thought, maybe that's not such a bright idea. It would only be a matter of days before our preschool children would have captured the computer and reprogrammed it to serve their purposes.

SHESAIID



Alison Wingfield

Don't you feel sorry for him? If he thinks two or three hours in the evening is a challenge, I'd hate to see this '90s sensitive male take on whole days at a time.

Mark is a wonderful father and does spend a lot of time with our children. But it is amusing to see how exhausted he is when he and the boys do a Saturday outing (without mom).

I love my kids, and I feel we made the right decision for our family for me to stay at home for now. But that doesn't mean I don't get frustrated.

When you are expected to know the answers to the difficult questions of the universe, provide non-stop entertainment, keep on hand all sorts of edibles for snacking and sense a fight at 50 paces—breaking it up before an emergency room visit is required—it can tax your abilities to the limit.

Add to those requirements bathroom monitor duty (yes, we are now potty-trained!), and you get a good picture of my day.

At the same time I am taxed to my limit, I find myself facing sheer boredom. Throwing in a load of laundry, cleaning up the kitchen and even playing with the kids are not the most intellectually stimulating activities in the world. You know you're in bad shape when a trip to Target becomes the highlight of the day.

If it weren't for the unexpected kisses and hugs, the giggles and silliness, and the joy of watching our boys learn and grow, I'd ask for a transfer.

Is the Christian Coalition Christian?

In recent weeks, allegations have grown increasingly louder that the Christian Coalition is merely a front for the Republican Party. But that's not true.

What the Christian Coalition appears to be, however, is a front for a small segment of the Republican Party—specifically, the segment that embodies the theocratic vision of televangelist Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition.

Just ask Dave Jenkins, a conservative Republican in Texas' 11th district. In March, Jenkins was one of four candidates in that district's Republican primary race for Congress.

In an interview published in the July/August issue of Church & State magazine, Jenkins said he agrees with the Christian Coalition "85 percent of the time." He favors school prayer, opposes gay rights and wants to abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. So naturally he responded when the Coalition sent him a 91-question survey of his opinions on social, economic and foreign policy issues.

When an edited version of only six of those answers appeared in a "Pro-Family Voter's Guide" the Texas Christian Coalition distributed just days before the primary, Jenkins said he discovered the Coalition had an agenda other than fairness. He believes the guide was stacked to favor one of his opponents, 29-year-old political novice Jay Mathis.

"People were surprised, because this thing paints me as a complete liberal," Jenkins said in the interview. "Even our incumbent Congressman (a Democrat) has a 34 percent approval rating from the Coalition. They didn't even give me that. It shows that on every single issue, Jay Mathis supports them and I don't."

But Jenkins at least made an appearance in the 11th district voter's guide. The two other candidates, Jim Broyles and Brian Pardo, both were listed as having "no response" to the Coalition's survey, even though both men insist they returned completed surveys to the Coalition.

"The Christian Coalition is anything but Christian when it comes to politics," Pardo told Church & State magazine. "Their sole agenda is their moral agenda, and if you don't agree with their moral agenda right down the line, then they will do anything within their means to damage your campaign."

Seeking the life of truth

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a brilliant young theologian and pastor whose life collided with Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich in Germany. He became a leader in the Confessing Church which refused any compromise with the Nazi government.

In April 1943, he was arrested and incarcerated in Tegel, a military prison, for his participation in a plot to overthrow Hitler. On April 9, 1945, as Allied troops approached the concentration camp in Flossenbürg, Bonhoeffer was tried for treason, found guilty and hanged.

The church is fortunate to have several books from Bonhoeffer's pen. "The Cost of Discipleship" is the work most often associated by believers with his name, but there are several other challenging works by him.

Here are some of his words I recently discovered: "He who can no longer listen to his brother will soon no longer be listening to God either."

These words have haunted me for weeks. They are pregnant with truth, and their truth is disturbing.

Within our society and within the church, I have been disturbed by a growing acceptance of the lie. The New Testament encourages believers to speak the truth with love. It seems, however, that we are losing the capacity to speak the truth.

I have encountered, across the years, individuals more willing to perpetuate a lie than to seek the truth. I am constantly astounded by people who intentionally distort and confuse in order to achieve their personal agenda. This happens in politics and in religion.

I believe this happens because we are no longer willing to listen to one another. We no longer seek to understand. Our personal agendas are so consuming that we distort what has been said so that it will conform to our perceptions of what we want to believe.

In so many instances, our hearts and ears are closed to others. I do believe that somewhere in our being we are aware of this deception, and it is symptomatic of a larger illness.

MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

Jenkins and Pardo are not alone in raising complaints about the Christian Coalition's political tactics.

Now the Federal Election Commission has joined the march, charging the non-profit organization has violated its tax-exempt status by promoting specific candidates for office.

On top of that, the Coalition's own treasurer has alleged that the organization has made questionable payments to a businessman who has close ties to Christian Coalition President Ralph Reed. The treasurer also has cited evidence of the Coalition channeling funds to help specific candidates.

The problem is not the political positions the Christian Coalition takes, whether you like them or not. Even the most politically conservative Christians should be concerned about the Christian Coalition's tactics. Here's why:

■ The Christian Coalition has become a stealth political organization, claiming to be non-partisan while subtly (or sometimes not-so-subtly) crossing the line into partisan promotions.

■ The Coalition's "voter's guides," the foundation of their get-out-the-vote operations, blatantly distort the positions of candidates. For example, the guides often look at incumbents' voting records on certain obscure bills to identify their positions, disregarding the person's larger voting record and stated positions.

■ Churches that entangle themselves with the Christian Coalition, particularly by distributing these stilted "voter's guides," jeopardize their own tax-exempt status, not to mention their reputations in their communities as places where truth is told.

■ To label any one narrow political agenda "Christian" to the exclusion of all others insults Christ and his church. "Christian" is a theological term, not a political term.

It is appropriate for Christians to encourage everyone to exercise good citizenship and vote. It is appropriate for Christians to run for public office and clearly represent their religious and moral convictions.

What is not appropriate is skirting the limits of the law while claiming to represent Jesus the Christ. That's why the Christian Coalition isn't Christian.

— Mark Wingfield

Sunday school is more than lesson, educator advises

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

In addition to last weekend's Super Saturday conferences, four others are scheduled:

- Aug. 17 in Louisville.
- Aug. 24 in Lexington.
- Sept. 7 in Somerset and Paducah.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Baptist Convention at (502) 245-4101.

BOWLING GREEN—Teachers of adult Sunday school classes may present the lesson content perfectly and still not teach the class, a veteran minister of education warned during a Super Saturday training session Aug. 10.

"We need to teach more than content. We need to hit the mark in their lives," said Darryl Wilson, minister of education at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

Wilson taught a session for leaders of adult Sunday school during the Super Saturday conference at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. His session was one of dozens of special interest conferences offered related to Sunday school, discipleship training, church music, evangelism and church media libraries.

Wilson emphasized the importance of teaching the biblical content of a lesson, but he warned that teaching has not occurred until that content intersects with the needs of class members' lives.

"Until they have learned, you've not taught," he explained.

Sunday school teachers must take responsibility to ensure their class members learn, Wilson suggested.

This is done by knowing class members, loving them and preparing adequately to teach them, he said.

"You've got to know your members in order to teach to meet their needs," Wilson said.

The most important part of any Bible study lesson is application, he explained, adding that good application cannot be given unless the teacher understands class members' backgrounds and current needs.

Wilson noted that at least 50 percent of the material in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is application rather than background content. Likewise, analysis of sermons by the greatest preachers reveals messages with at least 50 percent application, he said.

When teachers know the needs of their class members

and strive to touch those needs through their teaching, they will be more loving, Wilson declared.

And being a loving teacher is more important than being a brilliant teacher, he said. "It is better to be a loving teacher than one who knows everything about the Bible."

Wilson encouraged teachers to start preparing their lessons early in the week, even if they only search out the biblical text and begin meditating on it at first. "God can speak to you through the week and give you illustrations," he said.

Ultimately, the Sunday school teacher must lead his or her students to meet God, he said. "Lead them to meet God, and their lives will be changed. Lead them to meet God, and they'll come back."



Youth teachers can bridge Sunday school gap

BOWLING GREEN—Youth Sunday school teachers should work to bridge the gap between why students come to church and why they should, a consultant told leaders.

"We have to remember there are distinct differences between why teenagers come and what we expect of them," said Sean Keith of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Keith was speaking at the Super Saturday training event, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Among the reasons teenagers come to Sunday school, teachers said during the conference: food, habit, to be with friends and what youth evangelist Jay Strack calls the "drug problem," they are drug in by their parents.

But Sunday school should reflect a vision to accomplish six things, Keith said. They are:

■ **Teaching the Bible.** Teachers could double their influence if they encouraged students to share what they learned with one person each week, Keith said.

■ **Fellowship.**

Keith encouraged teachers to ask students to pray for prospects. Doing so would make them more receptive to visitors in class, he added.

■ **Worship.**

Sunday School Board teaching literature includes an evangelistic lesson every quarter, he noted.

Keith also encouraged teachers to have annual planning meetings with students. "Visualize where God wants you to be and then plan to get there."

Does your church look like Little Bo Peep or the Good Shepherd?

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

BOWLING GREEN—Is your church the church of Little Bo Peep or the church of the Good Shepherd?

Finding the answer to that question will tell whether your church is concerned about outreach or not, according to Chip Miller, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday school department.

Miller was one of dozens of speakers leading conferences during a Super Saturday event at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green Aug. 10. In a session on creative ideas for outreach, he cited the children's poem about Little Bo Peep, who lost her

sheep and didn't know where to find them. The last line says: "Leave them alone, and they'll come home ..."

That may be true for Little Bo Peep's sheep, but it's not true for God's sheep, Miller said. People who are lost from God will not naturally come to God if left alone.

Miller said this realization leaves the church with one important question: "We've got to decide if we're going to be the Little Bo Peep church or the church of the Good Shepherd."

Though they would deny it, many churches have Little Bo Peep mentalities, Miller warned.

Effective outreach requires a church to make intentional decisions, he said. "A church has to come to the

conclusion that they want new people—and the inherent problems new people bring.

"If your church is interesting in doing outreach, it takes more than saying it. You need a philosophical commitment."

Whatever way a church seeks to do outreach, the members of the church will be the key, Miller said. "It's not programs but people. People reach people."

One model Miller outlined to engage Sunday school classes in intentional outreach and inreach is called "The Ministry of Encouragement." This model was developed by Gary Bearce of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

It calls for multiple people in a Sunday school class to take responsibility for contacting one to five people during a four-week period. The first week requires a card or letter; the second and third weeks require phone calls; the fourth week requires a face-to-face contact.

Not every member will be willing to go through all four steps of such a program, Miller acknowledged. But that's fine, he said, because at least they might take a first step.

"Contacting one person is a 100 percent improvement over what most people do," he said.

For more information about "The Ministry of Encouragement," contact Miller at the KBC.

Stages of faith development

BOWLING GREEN—The Christian life is a progressive journey through stages of development, Darryl Wilson told teachers of adult Sunday school during Super Saturday Aug. 10.

Wilson and other Super Saturday leaders used materials developed by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to explain six stages, or biblical dimensions.

Every person falls within one of these six categories, Wilson said. The goal of the Christian life is to move to the sixth dimension.

Identifying where members of a Sunday school class fall on this grid helps the teacher understand how to challenge them, Wilson suggested.

1. Innocence. This is the state of preschoolers and young children who have not yet reached the age of accountability for their sins.

2. Secular. Anyone past the age of accountability who is not seeking God is classified as a secular person. Such a person has chosen, either intentionally or unintentionally, not to accept the gospel.

3. Seeker. This is the person who is beginning to ask spiritual questions and is seeking for God.

Conversion

4. Believer. This is the beginning level of faith, a stage in which the person believes but has done little to act on that faith beyond professing faith in Christ.

5. Follower. At this stage, the believer puts faith into action and attempts to live like a believer. Faith influences actions.

6. Discipler. This is the person who not only lives out his or her personal faith but actively disciplines others. Wilson explained: "This person is not just bearing fruit but planting trees."



TEACHING TOOLS Patty Grable, a preschool director at Henderson Memorial Baptist in Hopkinsville, leads a session at the Super Saturday training conference. Grable detailed teaching tools that churches can use in their children's ministry regardless of budget.

Yancey's 'Jesus I Never Knew' wins book of the year award

ANAHEIM, Calif.—“The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey has won the Christian Book of the Year award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

The fifth annual award, presented jointly with the Christian Booksellers Association, was given July 13 to Yancey, a best-selling author and editor-at-large for Christianity Today magazine.

The Christian Book of the Year Award honors a book for having the most significant effect during the preceding calendar year.

In addition to the book of the year, 22 Gold Medallion Book Awards were presented by the publishers' as-

sociation.

Winners of the Gold Medallion Book Awards include Frank Peretti in the fiction category for “The Oath” and Franklin Graham in the biography/autobiography category for “Rebel With a Cause.”

Yancey, who has won eight Gold Medallion Awards since 1978, also was honored this year in the inspirational category for “Finding God in Unexpected Places.”

Winners in other categories included:

■ Bible study: “The Handbook for Bible Study,” by Lee Gugliotto.

■ Christian education: “The Jesus Expedition Very Exciting Bible

School,” edited by Debbie Bible.

■ Christian living: “Life on the Edge,” by James Dobson.

■ Christian ministry: “The Purpose-Driven Church,” by Rick Warren.

■ Christianity and society: “Hitler’s Cross: The Revealing Story of How the Cross of Christ was Used as a Symbol of the Nazi Agenda,” by Erwin W. Lutzer.

■ Classics: “My Utmost for His Highest—Journal Edition,” by Oswald Chambers.

■ Commentaries: “Word Biblical Commentary Vol. 33B: Matthew 14-28,” by Donald A. Hagner.

■ Devotional: “Abiding in Christ,” by Cynthia Heald.

■ Elementary children: “Paw Paw Chuck’s Big Ideas in the Bible.”

■ Family and parenting: “God’s Design for Sex Series,” by Stan and Brenna Jones.

■ Marriage: “Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts,” by Les Parrott III and Leslie Parrott.

■ Missions/evangelism: “Evangelism That Works,” by George Barna.

■ Preschool children: “Mouse in King Solomon’s House,” by Mack Thomas.

■ Reference: “Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary,” edited by Ronald Youngblood.

■ Theology/doctrine: “Faith Alone—The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification,” by R.C. Sproul.

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***ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL TIME.**

Christian Coalition financial chief alleges wrongdoing

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The Christian Coalition's suspended chief financial officer has claimed she was asked to hide a \$60,000 contribution given to aid President George Bush's 1992 re-election bid.

The donation was made by John Wolfe, a wealthy Ohio businessman whose family owned the Columbus Dispatch newspaper. Wolfe, who has since died, reportedly sent a letter to Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson in which he said: "It is my understanding you could use some financial help with that (campaign literature) project for the president and therefore, on the recommendation of Lyn, I am pleased to send you a contribution of \$60,000."

"Lyn" was a reference to Lyn Nofziger, a longtime Republican political consultant who was President Ronald Reagan's political director, the Washington Post reported.

Judy Liebert, the Christian Coalition's chief financial officer, told the Associated Press she was instructed by the group's executive director, Ralph Reed, to list the contribution as coming from an anonymous source.

The Christian Coalition's non-profit status makes it illegal for the group to support or oppose specific candidates. Wolfe's contribution also would have exceeded the \$1,000 federal limit for personal contributions to a presidential candidate.

However, Mike Russell, the Christian Coalition's chief spokesman, said the group's records show that Wolfe's name was listed as the donor, and he denied Liebert's allegation about Reed.

Russell said in a statement that Reed "has always insisted that (the) Christian Coalition strictly adhere to the law."

Russell also said Wolfe's letter reflected a misunderstanding of the organization's activities. Wolfe was contacted about the misunderstanding, asked if he wished to withdraw his donation, and must have said no, Russell said.

The Christian Coalition already is the target of Federal Election Commission charges that it has illegally spent more than \$1.4 million to elect Republican candidates in violation of its non-profit status.

Liebert was suspended by the Christian Coalition after taking complaints about the organization's financial dealings to federal authorities.

Do guides imperil churches' tax status?

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Baptist leaders disagree over whether churches using Christian Coalition voter guides in upcoming elections jeopardize their tax-exempt status after the Federal Election Commission filed a lawsuit against the group.

The FEC charges that the Christian Coalition violated election laws when it did not report money spent from its corporate treasury to "influence the election of candidates for federal office" during the last three federal election campaigns.

The FEC also charged July 30 that the conservative Christian organization spent money on voter guides and get-out-the-vote efforts in consultation and coordination with specific Republican candidates for federal office.

Tax laws for non-profit groups are not an issue with the FEC civil suit against the Christian Coalition.

But former IRS Commissioner Don Alexander said churches must be "pure as the driven snow." Churches cannot support or oppose candidates for public office in any way, he said.

If churches use the voter guides and the guides are found to be partisan electioneering, the churches' tax-exempt status could become an issue, according to some Baptist leaders.

"Churches must beware," said Brent Walker, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee. "Their tax category is even more restrictive than the Christian Coalition's. If churches embrace the voter guides or participate or acquiesce in their distribution, they will jeopardize their tax exempt status."

But Will Dodson, director of government relations at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said churches "shouldn't be wary at all." He said the Christian Coalition voter guides simply record the voting record of candidates and their positions on issues.

Dodson said churches should be concerned about "government interfering in their business." He said that as far as he knew, the Southern Baptist Convention has not promoted the use of the Christian Coalition guides to

member churches, although individuals within the convention may have.

In 1992, Ed Young, then SBC president, signed a Christian Coalition letter to "Christian leaders" asserting that churches could use the guides.

The voter guides are "in full compliance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines governing voter education that may be conducted by 501(c)(3) organizations," stated the letter, also signed by Pat Robertson; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.; and Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Young signed the letter as pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston and as SBC president. The letter told churches how to obtain free copies of the guides.

Joe Haag, associate director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, said churches "should beware of any voter guide that purports to be non-partisan but on reading is clearly in support or opposition of one candidate."

Mize: 'I want to glorify God through my golf'

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Working to explain Christianity to golf fans and other players on tour, their efforts have paid off with new Christians, said Mize. Among them have been Corey Pavin and Scott Simpson.

"It's exciting how God's working. We're just excited to be in there plugging," he said.

At South Jefferson, Mize chronicled his career, from working to make the PGA tour to winning the Masters and his play since.

"I do enjoy speaking to non-believers, because I believe God can use me in that regard," he said afterward.

During his address, he said he became a Christian after the birth of his first child in 1986.

"God was already getting my attention," Mize said.

"Everything I thought would make

me content wouldn't," he said. "There was still something missing, and God was letting me know through the birth of my son that what was missing was Jesus Christ."

Although he grew up in a Baptist church and had an intellectual belief in Jesus, Mize said he had not given control of his life to God.

Mize noted that Christianity does not temper his drive to win.

"God still wants me to work very hard ... but I want to glorify God through my golf," he said.

"You can be competitive in this life. You can be successful in this life and still have a relationship with Jesus Christ."

In fact, it was after becoming a Christian that Mize hit what is probably golf's most famous chip shot, beating Greg Norman in sudden death play to win the 1987 Masters tournament.

"It's been a wonderful career," he said in summary. "But it can't compare with knowing Jesus Christ as my Savior."

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Court ruling allows vouchers to be used for private schools

CLEVELAND (RNS)—An Ohio state court ruled July 31 that a school voucher program in Cleveland allowing students to use public money to pay tuition at private and religious schools is constitutional.

The ruling, certain to be contested, is a major victory for school-choice supporters. If the ruling is upheld, it would make Ohio the first state to allow parents to use tax money, in the form of government-issued vouchers, to pay for tuition at religious schools.

Under the Ohio program—aimed at between 1,500 and 2,000 mostly poor public school students in kindergarten through the third grade—parents will be given up to \$2,250 to spend at local private and religious schools this fall. The program is expected to cost about \$5.3 million.

"This decision is a huge victory for school choice and a major breakthrough for the hopes and opportunities for low-income children," said Clint Bolick, litigation director of the Washington-based Institute for Justice, which helped defend the program.

But Barry Lynn, executive director of the Washington-based Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said he is confident the ruling will be overturned.

"There is no other court in America that has upheld vouchers for religious schools," he noted.

Religious leaders respond to welfare bill

WASHINGTON (RNS)—President Clinton's pledge to sign Republican-sponsored legislation to overhaul the nation's welfare system has drawn reactions in the religious community ranging from anger and disappointment to interest in new opportunities.

The bill turns most welfare responsibilities over to the states, puts a time limit on benefits and tightens eligibility for a number of programs, including food stamps and Medicaid.

"The bill has tremendous opportunities for rescue missions and other faith-based social service organizations," said Stephen Burger, executive director of the International Union of Gospel Missions, a network of mostly

inner-city rescue missions.

He pointed especially to a clause in the legislation that allows states to contract with religious organizations to provide social services to the poor but bars the use of welfare funds "for sectarian worship, instruction or proselytization."

"This is where it gets muddy," Burger said. "If you say 'God bless you' to a homeless person, is that proselytizing? Can we pray before meals in the presence of people who come to us using government vouchers?"

Other groups involved in aiding the poor, however, responded with dismay.

"Congress' action on welfare re-

form and the president's decision to sign such fatally flawed legislation is distressing to all who care about the most vulnerable among us," said Roman Catholic Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston.

Bishops charge the legislation will throw more people into poverty, result in more abortions and unfairly punish legal immigrants.

David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, the grassroots Christian anti-hunger lobby, noted that "virtually all the charities of the religious organizations in the country" are opposed to the law. "All of us who work with the poor know it's going to hurt them really bad."

Federal commission formed to study gambling

WASHINGTON—President Clinton signed a measure Aug. 3 to set up a commission to study the effects of gambling on crime, families and the economy.

"Too often, public officials view gambling as a quick and easy way to raise revenues, without focusing on gambling's hidden social, economic and political costs," Clinton said.

The measure will create a nine-member National Gambling Impact

Study Commission to conduct a two-year study. The president, speaker of the House and Senate majority leader each will pick three panel members.

"This is a very important piece of legislation," said Will Dodson, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's director of government relations.

"It is important now that the individuals appointed to the commission be of the highest credibility and char-

acter in order to withstand the many pressures they will face."

The measure was sponsored by Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., and Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va. "The fastest growing industry in the nation is the gambling industry," Simon said.

The last national study of gambling came in 1976, when few states had legalized gambling.

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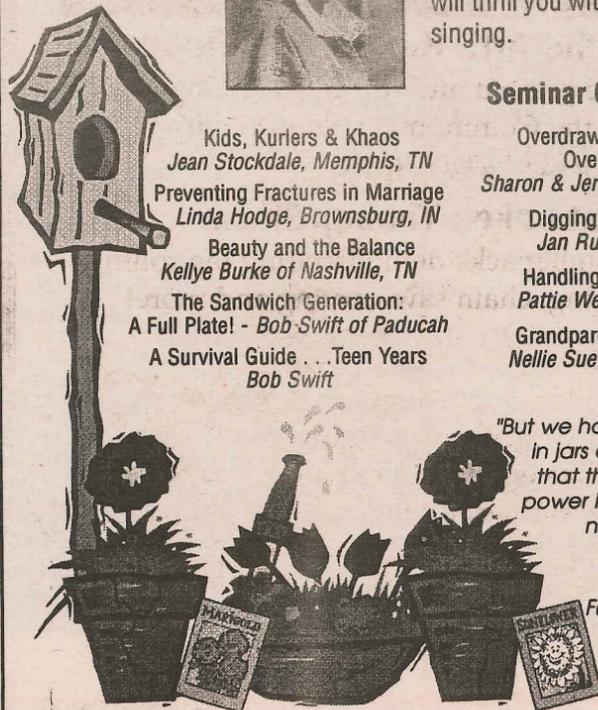
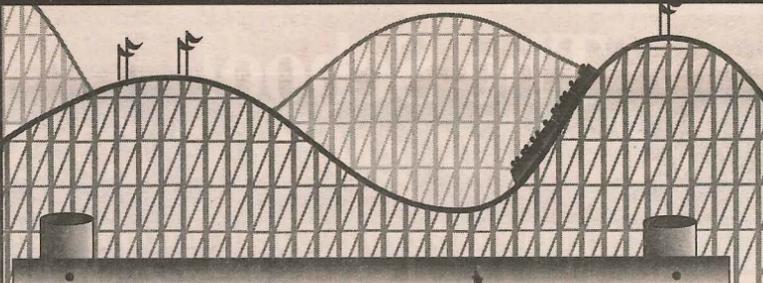
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OUTREACH

Consultant: Follow Jesus' example to meet unchurched

By Chip Alford
SBC Sunday School Board

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—When it comes to reaching secular adults, Jesus not only gave words to follow, he literally showed what to do by his example, a Southern Baptist Sunday School Board consultant told church leaders.

"If we are going to reach secular people for Christ, the best place to start is to look at what Jesus did," David Apple, an adult consultant for Bible teaching, said at National Sunday School Leadership Training July 29-Aug. 2 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Whether responding to a woman caught in adultery, a sick man by the pool or a rich young ruler, "he accepted people; he was willing to approach them; he loved them," Apple said.

Another significant lesson from the ministry of Jesus, Apple said, is "he didn't always wait for people to come to him. He went to them."

"Most of us have come from a Christian culture that says we're going to stay here in church and wait for people to come to us. But I don't think that's going to happen anymore. We are going to have to go where they

are."

The number of secular adults reveals an overwhelming opportunity for ministry, Apple said. In the United States alone, about 120 million people, 14 and older, can be described as "secular."

They can be divided into three groups Apple said:

■ **Ignostics**, those with no Christian memory who are ignorant of Christian doctrine and lingo.

■ **Notional**, those who think of themselves as more or less Christian because they assume their culture is more or less Christian.

■ **Nominal**, those who are somewhat active in church but have not made a profession of faith in Christ.

Christians seeking to reach secular adults must help them change their negative image of the church, Apple said. They can do so by making it easier for them to attend worship and Bible study by offering optional meeting times such as Saturday night or during the week.

They also can concentrate on making visitors feel welcome and comfortable and avoiding "churchy" terminology that might confuse the unchurched, he said.

Church members also need to communicate in ways secular adults under-

stand. "Say it in a practical way. Say it in a personal way. Say it in an up-tempo way," Apple said.

A focus on developing relationships with secular adults also is vital, he said. He noted five "relational questions" every person asks during first contact with a group:

- Do I fit in here?
- Does anyone want to know me?
- Am I needed?
- What's the advantage of being involved here?
- What is required of me?

Christians should help secular adults find positive answers to these questions during their first contact with them, Apple said.

Churches interested in reaching secular adults must develop a strategy for doing so, Apple said, possibly identifying specific target groups they want to reach.

"For example, one church in Oklahoma decided they wanted to reach newlyweds, so they set up a booth at a local bridal fair. They gave out information and talked with people during the fair and they came away with more than 500 prospects. More than 200 ended up getting involved in a special Bible study they had for newlyweds and more than 100 got saved."

Who are secular people?

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—One of the first steps Christians must take in reaching secular adults is understanding who and where they are, said David Apple, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Quoting George Hunter's "How to Reach Secular People," Apple listed during National Sunday School Leadership Training these characteristics of secular people:

- They are essentially ignorant of basic Christianity. They don't know the language.
- They are seeking life before death, not after it.
- They are conscious of doubt more than guilt.
- They hold a negative image of the church.
- They experience multiple alienations (from family, from meaning in life, etc.).
- They are basically untrusting.
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WORLD VIEW

■ **Sect leader defends drinking bleach.** The leader of a small Hong Kong Christian sect known as the Church of Zion has created a flap by telling followers to drink bleach despite doctors' warnings. "The Bible has reference to living water ... rain has hydrogen peroxide," Leung Yat-wah said. He told 1,000 followers hydrogen peroxide, from ordinary bleach, could cure ailments from sore throats to cancer and the AIDS virus. Doctors warn drinking bleach could cause seizures, respiratory failure and heart attacks.

■ **Use of tax money protested.** Plans to earmark about \$60,000 in taxpayer money to help pay for next month's visit to France by Pope John Paul II has sparked a small flurry of protests, including a lawsuit, Reuters reported. "We're not against the pope's visit," said Andre Fitament, head of the group filing the suit. "But public subsidies planned for this visit contradict republican law, which since 1905 has decreed a separation between church and state."

■ **Gypsies mark "forgotten Holocaust."** Gypsies from across Europe gathered at the former Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp Aug. 2 for an annual ceremony to mourn the mass murder of Roma people by the Nazis during World War II. Up to 1.5 million people were killed at Auschwitz during World War II, and among them were 21,000 Gypsies.

■ **Ruling orders professor to divorce.** Egypt's highest appeals court upheld a ruling ordering a happily married professor to divorce his wife because his writings are considered insulting to Islam and he is unfit to be married to a Muslim. The husband and wife are reported to be out of the country and said they would not divorce. The case is part of an effort by conservative Muslims to replace Egypt's secular law with Islamic law. The professor said his writings are a scholarly analysis of the Koran.

Prayers offered for Hong Kong Baptists

HONG KONG (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance general council offered its prayer and support to Hong Kong Baptists as they await the transition to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

"We are here to celebrate with our Baptist brothers and sisters in Hong Kong our love and appreciation for them and our solidarity with Hong Kong Baptists as they revert back to the People's Republic of China," said Denton Lotz, Baptist World Alliance general secretary. Lotz spoke on behalf of the 500 Baptists from across the

globe who met in Hong Kong in July.

Hong Kong Baptists said they were confident about their future, which they expect to be full of change.

"We face a new era and there are numerous challenges for individual Christians and churches," said Cecil Chan, president of the Hong Kong Baptist Convention. "There are 1.2 billion people in China who share our culture, and in less than 360 days, the barrier to spread the gospel in China will be removed."

Hong Kong Baptist pastors and

singing groups have visited churches in China to promote understanding and cooperation. Hong Kong Baptists, who speak mostly Cantonese, are being encouraged to learn Mandarin, the predominant language in China.

In addition to encouraging Hong Kong Baptists, the general council also addressed the issue of worldwide persecution of Christians.

The council passed a resolution about the large numbers of Christians who have been subjected to persecution, imprisonment and martyrdom.

Heart transplant is first for Paraguay, Baptists

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay (BP)—In July, doctors at the Baptist Medical Center in Asunción, Paraguay, performed what is believed to be the first heart transplant in an overseas Southern Baptist mission-related hospital—and the first in Paraguay.

Receiving a new heart was Pedro Nunez, 36. He was released July 22, still recovering.

"The practice of organ donation in Paraguay is relatively unknown, and not well accepted due to cultural and religious beliefs," said Marlin Harris, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionary and the medical center administrator.

Many Paraguayans fear an incomplete body might not be received well by God in the next life.

FMB missionary Hebert Palomino, medical center chaplain, was called to counsel the families of

Nunez and the donor, Juan Bautista Chaparro, 41, who had suffered a massive cerebral aneurysm.

"It was not an easy task to be involved in," said Palomino, a former Texas pastor and native of Colombia. "On one hand, there was a family in despair, sadness, disappointment and grief. On the other hand, there were the expectations and hope of a patient and his relatives who were eager for him to live."

Paraguay media responded with wide coverage. Palomino, who has appeared frequently on a Paraguayan television talk show, was invited along with Jose Corvalan and his transplant team to tell viewers about Nunez.

The spiritual impact was significant.

"Through this historic chain of events, the Lord spoke to Pedro about

more than physical life. Just days after the transplant, Pedro believed and received Jesus Christ as a born-again Christian," Palomino said.

On July 18, the donor's widow and daughters and Nunez, his wife and five children participated in a thanksgiving service in the medical center chapel. An overflow crowd spilled into an adjoining hall.

The Baptist Medical Center was started by Franklin Fowler, a former missionary and FMB staff member.

The transplant educated the public about the tremendous value and need for organ donation, Harris said.

"We are now in a new era. We do not fully understand why the Lord chose to use our institution for this event of such national prominence, but we know he has his purpose, and we desire to be faithful to it."



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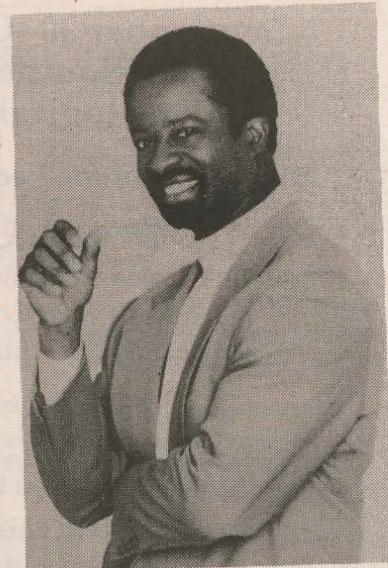
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FINANCIAL FORUM

An allowance can teach child about money

By Doug Strader

Money management is a family matter that includes the children.

The younger the children, the less they can be involved, but as they grow older they can be more involved in managing their own money.

Preschool children usually have difficulty understanding the value of money. When I offer my preschool grandchildren a quarter or a dollar, they usually take the quarter. But by the time children reach their first year of school, they have learned that a dollar is worth more than a quarter. Children must be taught the value of money, and one way to accomplish this task is by giving an allowance.

Children should be given an allowance when they are old enough to begin understanding the value of money. The allowance could be for such things as school supplies, church giving and personal needs. An allowance teaches children about freedom and responsibility. Therefore children must be allowed to make some mistakes as they learn the value of money and how it is to be spent.

By age 6, children can manage a small allowance. By age 9 or 10, a child can begin to manage a larger allowance given once or twice a week. The amount given should match the child's maturity. If you give a child too much or too little, it frustrates the child. It also does not teach good money management.

As a child grows older, the amount should be increased to meet his or her needs. Remember a child must be free to spend and be responsible for the use of an allowance. That usually entails learning some difficult lessons. Parents should give some guidelines up front, but not control how the allowance is spent.

Most children should be expected to do certain chores around the house, but it is usually best not to pay children for assigned tasks. An allowance is not earned; it is a gift.

Giving an allowance provides an excellent way to teach a child about living responsibly by being a good money manager.

The bottom line is that parents and children must work together to establish the ground rules, establish the amount and frequency of the allowance.

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

Female groups imitate Promise Keepers

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Five years ago, Christian men drawn to the emerging Promise Keepers movement began attending mass rallies in stadiums across the country, pledging to make their faith and families paramount in their lives.

Now, it appears to be the women's turn.

In churches and sports arenas from Kansas to southern California, plans are underway for female versions of Promise Keepers meetings.

Some of these organizations' goals resemble their male counterpart—turning women into more "godly" resources for their families, churches and communities. Other groups are interested in helping women adjust to life with a man who comes away from a Promise Keepers rally ready to take on more duties at home.

Organizers of the women's groups view themselves as part of a spiritual renewal movement that has special appeal for evangelical Christians.

Connie Shaedel, the widow of a man who found spiritual renewal in the Promise Keepers movement, co-

founded Promise Reapers in 1995 to help women experience a recharged faith.

A year later, it now has prayer groups in more than a dozen states, including Minnesota and Texas.

Organizers say one reason behind these new women's groups is that men often return from Promise Keepers rallies ready to make all kinds of changes in their lives—sometimes taking their families by surprise.

Men may be prepared to attend church more often and to lead Bible studies with their families at home. Others may decide to spend more time with their children. They also may want to take on some roles previously performed by their wives, such as handling household finances.

"If a man's going to step up and take up leadership of his home and a woman's been doing that ... there can be a difficult transition," Shaedel said.

Lori and Bob Beckler of Wichita, Kan., established Heritage Keepers after hearing the comments of women whose husbands came home from Promise Keepers events with renewed enthusiasm about their families. Many women felt as if they needed a spiritual boost as well.

Their organization also plans to explain Promise Keepers' philosophies to women so they can better assist their husbands and themselves in adjusting to the new relationships the ministry encourages.

Catherine Clark Kroeger, president emerita of Christians for Biblical Equality, applauds the idea of women gathering to improve their spiritual lives, but said their relationships with men should focus on mutuality and interdependence rather than one partner dominating another.

Women and men in abusive relationships may misinterpret Promise Keepers' concept of male leadership in the home, she said. "If it means putting them (women) into a subservient position where they will be prone to more abuse, then it becomes a very bad thing."

Promise Keepers spokesman Steve Chavis said his organization has no plans to develop its own ministry for women. "We're comfortable with our calling to reach men."

But Chavis said the new women's ministries were a positive sign.

"If it speaks to them and springs from their need ... and it's of God, then we don't stand in the way of that."

European women's synod demands more inclusion

GMUDEN, Austria (RNS)—More than 1,000 women, most from Europe but representing 45 countries, adopted a statement demanding women's full participation in their churches, including ordination to the Roman Catholic priesthood.

The ecumenical European Women's Synod also called for the separation of church and state in Europe and urged efforts to overcome poverty in Europe, especially in the nations of Eastern Europe.

In a five-page statement adopted at the end of the July 18-21 meeting, del-

egates spelled out a host of concerns touching on politics, economics, spirituality and personal development.

"Women's rights are fundamental human rights," the declaration said. "We demand their implementation in Europe as well as on the global level."

"We reject as illegal every form of violence, against women, physical, structural and cultural."

On spiritual issues, the Gmuden declaration stated that "women have spiritual and religious authority in all spheres of life."

"We therefore demand access to all church ministries, including the ordained ministry of women in the Roman Catholic Church."

The statement said the women were "inspired by creation spirituality" and affirmed "the spirituality of women's experiences as a new mysticism and prophecy born in the solidarity and struggle for justice, peace and the integrity of creation."

Previous national "women's synods" have been held in The Netherlands, Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Guide to women's spiritual renewal

Here's a list of new women's groups designed to renew women's commitment to their faith and families:

■ **Promise Reapers**
P.O. Box 924887
Houston, TX 77292
(713) 957-2000

■ **Women of Faith**
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2100 North Collins Blvd.
Third floor
Richardson, TX 75080
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■ **Chosen Women: Daughters of the King**
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 - The 38 summer missionaries who are winding up their service in New England and heading back to college campuses across the nation.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

- CADIZ—Donaldson Creek Church called **Bob McIntosh** as pastor.
- LOUISVILLE—Penile Church will celebrate its 42nd homecoming Aug. 18. The event will include a potluck dinner to follow the 10:45 a.m. service, music by **Pat Geary-Whitaker** and **Victorias**. Former pastors are invited to participate. Call **Dottie Geary** at (502) 367-8880 for more information.
- MACKVILLE—**Lee Lambert**, pastor of Mackville Church, died May 29 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Lambert, 56, had

served the church since 1992. He is survived by his wife, Della Walden Lambert; two daughters, Janet Klarich of Knoxville, Tenn., and Melissa Lambert of Harrogate, Tenn.; and one grandchild. Mrs. Lambert has moved to Harrogate, Tenn. Mackville Church has called **Robert Oldham** of Campbellsville as interim pastor.

- MAYFIELD—Emmanuel Church ordained **David Lee** and **Gene Mason** to the deacon ministry June 30.
- NEWPORT—First Church called **Kenneth Willoughby** as pastor. Willoughby previously was pastor at Great Crossing Church in George-

town. He will begin his new ministry Aug. 18.

■ RADCLIFF—Stithon Church called **Walter Davis** as pastor. Davis is a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn. He will begin his new ministry Aug. 18.

■ RICHMOND—Unity Church ordained **Scott Basham**, **Don Fowler** and **Jim Garrett** to the deacon ministry Aug. 4.

■ SMITHLAND—**Russell Joiner** resigned as pastor of Mint Springs Church.

Dyer Hill Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary Oct. 6. Anyone with pictures, clippings or other memorabilia of the church, please send to **Betty Mitchell**, 952 Mitchell Rd., Burna, Ky. 42028.

Churches to host youth rally

About 20 churches will host Carpe Diem '96, a youth rally featuring musician **Michael O'Brien** Saturday, Aug. 24 at First Baptist Church of Junction City.

Last year's rally, involving 18 churches drew about 200 people, said **Matt Flanagan**, youth minister of First Baptist.

The program, featuring drama, praise worship and small group discussions, will begin at 4:30 p.m. The concert will start at 7 p.m. For more information, call **Flanagan** at (606) 273-4325.

Arson damages Baptist church

LOUISVILLE—An evening fire at Arcade Baptist Church Aug. 6 damaged the nursery and two classrooms, said **Mary Hall**, wife of pastor **James Hall**.

Renovation will take several weeks before members of the predominantly Anglo congregation can worship in the sanctuary, she said.

Though ruled an arson, officials do not suspect the fire is related to the more than 40 recent church fires throughout the Southeast, the Louisville Courier-Journal quoted a U.S. Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms spokesman as saying.

Neighbors cooking outdoors noticed smoke coming from the building about 9 p.m., **Hall** said.

She credited their call to authorities and the fire department's quick response with preventing the fire from causing further damage.

"We were fortunate that the neighbors saw it," she said.

The church has insurance, and members will meet in the gym until renovations are completed, she said.

Among the tasks to be done: cleaning the air conditioning ducts, seats, carpet, drapes and walls damaged by smoke.

This past Sunday was homecoming for the congregation, organized in 1958, **Hall** said. About 150 people were expected for worship and dinner, although the music program was postponed.

Allens appointed to serve as home missionaries to Ohio associations

Former Kentucky pastor **Larry Allen** and his wife, **Mary**, were appointed recently by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to be home missionaries to Ohio.

Allen, a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will serve as director of missions in Toledo, Ohio.

Allen was pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Elizabethtown and Salem Baptist Church in Cave City.

Recently, he was pastor of a church in Elyria, Ohio.

"It is my goal to strengthen existing churches, start new churches and lead the associations in ministry opportunities," said **Allen**, a native of Harvey, Ill.

Mrs. Allen will serve in church and family ministries.



Larry and Mary Allen

'I rarely got in trouble'

A fact of life is that whether we like it or not, good parenting requires discipline. Few of us enjoy this part of parenting. Telling a child he must stay in his room, he cannot leave the house, he will not get his allowance or he must have the occasional spanking is not enjoyable. But as every parent knows, rules and guidelines must be respected. Allowing a child to do as he pleases will not only produce an unhappy child, it will also produce a child who does not get along well with society.

What is the purpose of punishment? Is it to prove to the child that you are in charge? Is it to make you feel you have fulfilled your parental responsibility? Or is punishment given to teach a lesson? My experience has been that children not only learn from discipline but also, sometimes secretly, appreciate the fact that clear guidelines are provided.

One of the many aspects of our Oneida ministry is discipline. It may come in the form of a verbal reprimand, an extra hour of work, an essay to write for a careless word spoken, a few days of work on the farm or in extreme cases, expulsion.

All of these forms of discipline are given with the intent of teaching a child to respect rules and authority. Frequently I receive a letter from a student who wants to return to Oneida after being expelled. Many times the letter comes just a few days after his/her leaving our school. One such letter came this week. Let me share part of it with you and see if you agree with me that discipline can and should be a learning experience.

"... I loved being at Oneida because I felt like I actually had a chance to succeed and I screwed it up. All I wanted was to graduate from Oneida because that was where I wanted to be. I loved being on the mowing crew and I really enjoyed being in

the band last year because I had a lot of fun with it. I also felt like anytime I needed someone to talk to about anything there was always someone there ready to listen. I would give anything right now to be able to come back ... I realize I made some mistakes when I was there but I have really learned from those mistakes and I feel if I could come back to Oneida I would not make those mistakes again.

"When I was at Oneida I rarely got in trouble. I got hours occasionally but not very many, and I would usually have them worked off the same day I got them. But I would seriously do anything for a chance to come back to Oneida because I feel that Oneida was the best for me ... When I came to Oneida, my grades improved and I felt that I improved as a person because I was in a good atmosphere.

"Before, I skipped school occasionally because it was boring, I didn't understand half the materials I was supposed to be learning, and I didn't have anyone to help me. When I came to Oneida, I found good people that were willing to help me with my school work. With that help, school became

more interesting and I really enjoyed being in the classes.

"Sir, if I could get just one more chance at Oneida I assure you that I would stay on top of my school work, I will not accumulate more than six hours, and I will not get into any more trouble whether it be at school, at work or at the dorm. I thank you for your time and that I can be considered in receiving one more chance because I assure you I will not let you down."

I think we can agree that a lesson has been learned and the discipline was a success.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

From golden memories to a glorious future

Graduates from six decades of ministry training returned to campus for the annual alumni conference.

The celebration marked 50 years of cooperative work with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. **Bob Jones**, recently retired director of the direct missions department, said, "During my 27 years, there is no way we could have done what we did in Kentucky, especially in the eastern part, without the help of Clear Creek."

The class of 1947 was represented by retired Winchester pastor **Arlon Davis**. He was also the first alumni president, and he gave the first gift to launch the alumni scholarship endowment.

It was 50 years ago that **D.M. Aldridge** first came to campus. As president emeritus, he continues to be one of our strongest supporters. **Aldridge** reminded us the greatest servants of God have been trained individuals who trained others.

The closing message was brought by **Middlesboro Pastor W. B. Bingham**. Alumni heard testimonies from four anniversary class representatives.

David Lyons was president of the class of 1956. "Clear Creek taught us how to live by faith, and how to treasure the word of God."

Raymond White, class of 1966, from Cookeville, Tenn., said, "Life is exciting. It is good to know the Lord! There is so much to do, and so few to do it."

Alan Shouse, class of 1976 moved from Owensboro to West Virginia. "God used Clear Creek to teach me discipline, and gave me divine confidence of his ability to use me if I let him."

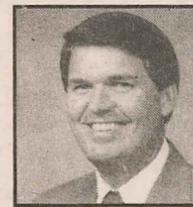
Bill Rhodes, class of '86, came to Clear Creek at age 41. He challenged us never to forget founder **L.C. Kelly's** dream. "Let these young students come, but don't forget us older ones."

Columbus, Ohio, pastor **Ron Hopkins** completed two years as alumni president and transferred the gavel to **David Evans**, 1992 graduate and pastor of Rock Lick in Somerset. The new vice president is Tennessee director of missions **Tommy Holtzclaw**, a 1975 graduate and former faculty member.

Retired Danville pastor **Bill Hall**, a former trustee, recently told me: "Clear Creek is best known by your graduates. They have a zeal for evangelism and those I have worked with were always good representatives of the school."

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

MINISTRY

AIM '96 effort shares Christ with the world in Atlanta

By Sarah Zimmerman
Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—If Olympic gold medals were given for evangelistic effort, Southern Baptists would be top contenders.

At least 845 people reported becoming new Christians through Baptist Olympic ministries.

About 8,000 volunteers served with Atlanta International Ministries '96, Southern Baptists' outreach for the games.

In addition, churches conducted ministries using such witnessing materials as a Christian trading pin and pocket guide to Olympic events that included an explanation of Christianity.

AIM '96 operated several ministry centers inside the Olympic ring—a three mile-wide circle in downtown Atlanta where 80 percent of the games occurred.

The ministry sites drew people by offering free water, a place to rest, entertainment and children's activities.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board sold 3 million pocket guides which used the "More Than Gold" theme to emphasize that a relationship with Jesus Christ is more valuable than a gold medal.

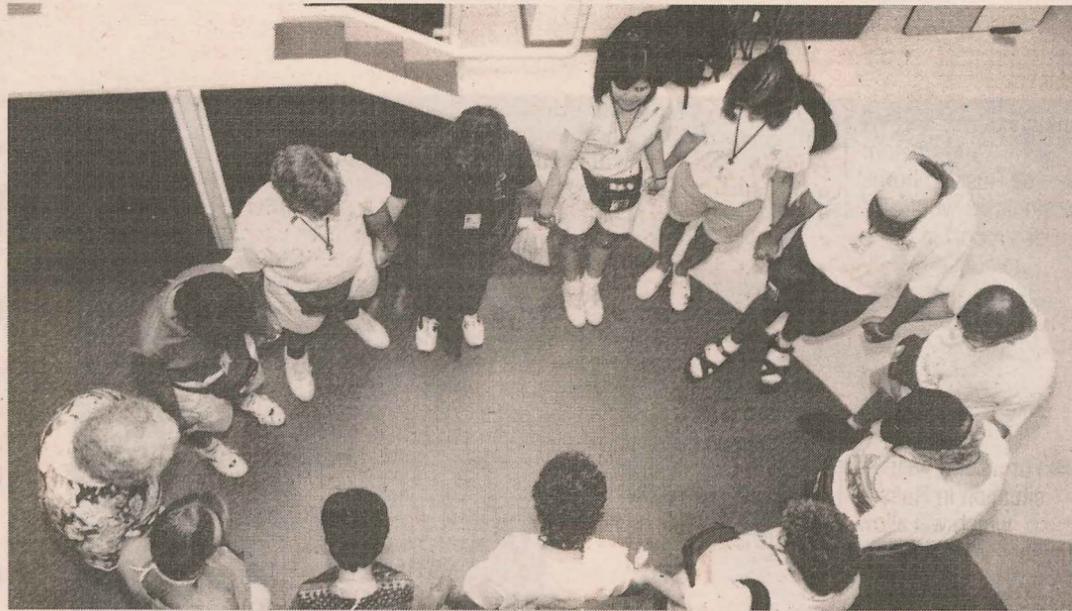
By Aug. 5, the HMB had received

1,470 response cards from people who had read the guides. In addition to the 845 new Christians, 625 people asked for Bible study material. The HMB also received 55 responses from people in other countries, said Jack Smith of the HMB personal evangelism department.

At Olympic venues from Tennessee to Savannah, Ga., more than 100 Southern Baptist creative arts teams entertained crowds waiting for events to start. The teams also performed in city parks and shopping areas, drawing crowds with their talent and sharing the gospel as people gathered.

Tourists driving to Atlanta for the games were likely to encounter the "More Than Gold" message at rest stops from Alabama to South Carolina. Baptist volunteers gave away plastic bags with lip balm, sunscreen and pocket guides to tourists from all 50 states and more than 100 countries.

Nearly 2,000 Atlanta families opened their homes to families and friends of athletes through an ecumenical program called Atlanta Host. Atlantans provided beds, breakfasts and rides to public transportation, and Southern Baptist participants reported opportunities to share their faith and make life-long friends.



In addition to ministry among spectators, volunteers worked with security officers and athletes.

Lowell Lawson of the HMB chaplaincy staff organized a chaplaincy program for security officers. He also matched security personnel with local volunteers who helped them experience local culture.

Overall, the response to the Southern Baptist ministry was excellent, said Debbie Wohler, a shift supervisor for the AIM '96 ministry center.

Supplies such as welcome bags,

Frisbees and pins were constantly in demand. Twenty thousand welcome bags shipped to Atlanta July 30 had almost disappeared by the next afternoon.

Heat and humidity drew people to the Baptist sites, which offered free water and bathrooms. One person's job was to keep the bathroom lines moving and share the gospel with those in line.

Ministry will continue during the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Aug. 15-25.

CLOSING PRAYER
Volunteers with Atlanta International Ministries finish their day with prayer. About 8,000 Baptists volunteered with AIM '96.

Baptists help with athletes' worship in Olympic Village

By Johnny Pierce
Georgia Christian Index

ATLANTA (ABP)—American swimmer Josh Davis showed up at the Olympic Village worship service Sunday, July 28, with a smile on his face and a gold medal around his neck. It was but one of three such treasured awards Davis had just won in the 1996 Summer Games.

Though understandably proud, Davis, a committed Christian, was seeking a proper perspective for his accomplishments. The medals, he said, simply meant that he could swim faster than others.

He wanted to worship and fellowship with other Christian athletes from around the world, he said, to remind him of the true source of his value.

After the Olympics, Davis will return for his final semester at the University of Texas. He left school two years ago to focus on his new marriage and the intensive training.

What about the future? "I'm going to keep swimming. I love it," replied Davis with a grin of satisfaction on his boyish face.

The trip to Atlanta was not as successful for track and field athlete Kurvin Wallace. He injured his leg in practice just days before the scheduled competition. It ended his dream of being the first athlete from the tiny island of Nevis in the West Indies to ever participate in the Olympics.

Wallace sought prayers and comforting words for his disappointment from chaplains at the Georgia Tech Baptist Center, which served as the

primary religious activities center in Olympic Village.

Whether in victory or defeat, Olympic athletes called upon a carefully selected and well-trained staff of 37 chaplains. Among them were several Baptist ministers filling key roles in the planning and conducting of religious activities for the Olympians.

Elmer Goble, director of volunteers for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was enlisted nearly two years ago to oversee religious services for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. He brought both the expertise of working with volunteers and the experience of being a chaplain at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1993 World University Games in Buffalo.

Another Baptist, Gary Leazer, as-

sisted the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games in developing proper materials and accommodations for the varied faith traditions represented by the athletes and team officials from 197 nations. As an interfaith witness consultant, Leazer, with financial support from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, developed a schedule of religious services and helped enlist workers.

The bombing in downtown Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park created less alarm for those inside the highly secured Olympic Village than the general public, according to the chaplains.

It is not that the athletes lack concern, chaplains reported, but their discipline to stay focused on the competition allows them to avoid most any distraction.

Salon employee witnesses while athletes wait

ATLANTA (BP)—Olympic athletes with appointments for a new look were likely to hear about new life.

The Olympic Village where athletes lived was a city unto itself. Athletes and workers with high-level security passes could eat fast food, go bowling, swim, get a massage and drink all the Coca-Cola they wanted.

They also could have their hair cut and styled for free. When a group of Christian hair stylists was awarded the contract to provide salon services at the village, they asked Bonnie Megowan to work with them.

The member of Atkinson Road Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Ga., is a scissors mechanic; her job is to keep scissors in top working order.

Considering the competition for the contract, Megowan said, "It's really miraculous that we got the bid at all."

Stylists at the Olympic Village salon gave an average of 400 haircuts a day, Megowan said. In addition to sharpening scissors, Megowan served as receptionist, garbage collector and shampoo person at the salon where some athletes waited more than an hour to have their hair done.

While they waited, Megowan found many open doors to share the gospel.

"The Bible says go into all the world, and here the world is across town," Megowan said. "You wouldn't believe the people I've gotten to witness to. It's beyond once in a lifetime.

It's once in forever," she said, trying to express her enthusiasm.

Upon meeting a woman from Zaire, Megowan mentioned that children at her church were praying for the athlete's country. The woman was surprised and thankful. Megowan was familiar with Zaire because she leads Girls in Action, and they had studied the African country.

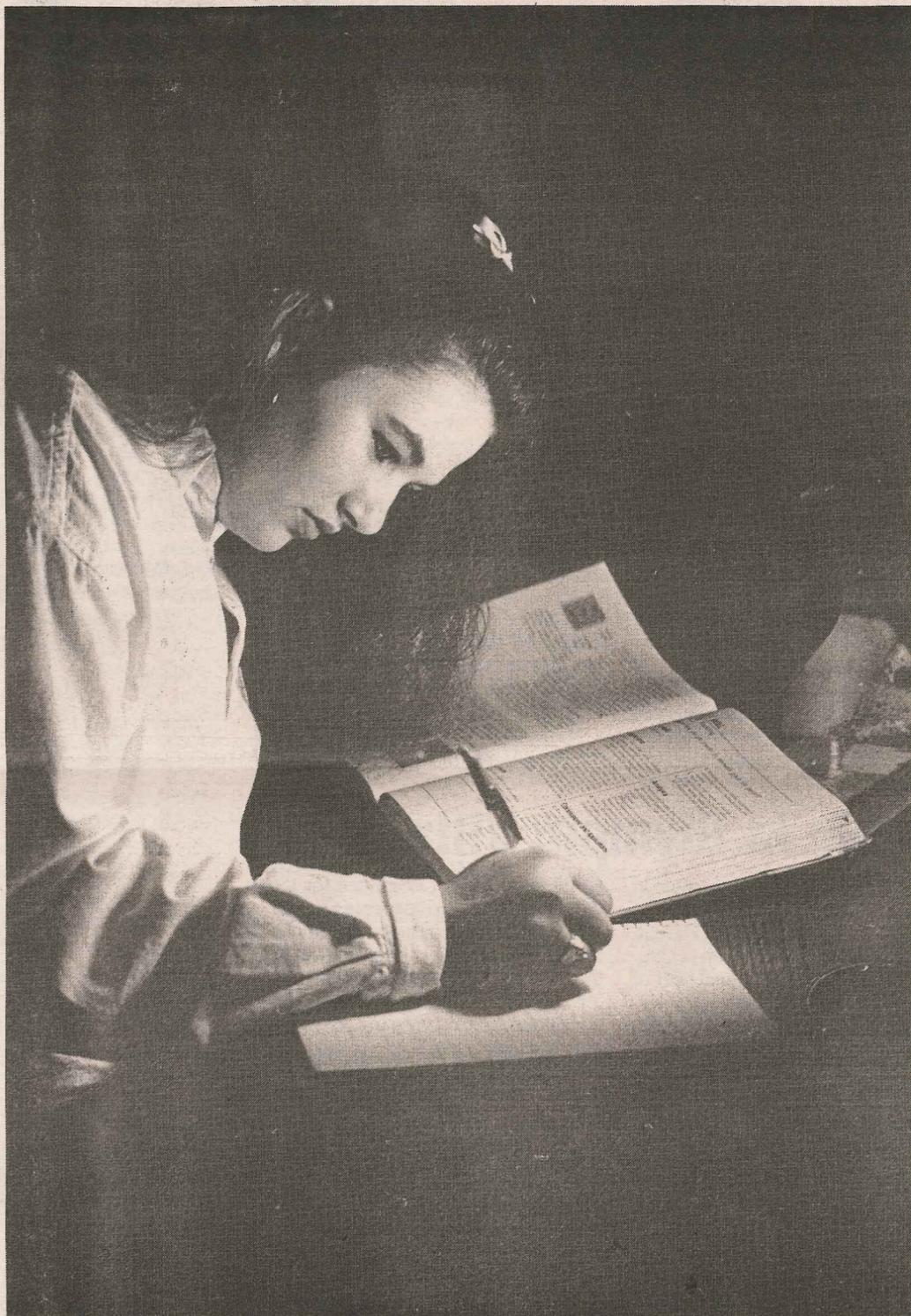
Lapel pins with the "More Than Gold" logo that can be used to explain the plan of salvation were one of Megowan's favorite witnessing tools. Frequently athletes gave hair dressers souvenir Olympic pins from their countries as tips. "It was just so natural to give them a pin back and tell them what it means," she said.



SINGING PUPPETS Puppeteers from a North Carolina youth team perform in Atlanta outside the Georgia State Baptist Student Union during the Olympics.

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