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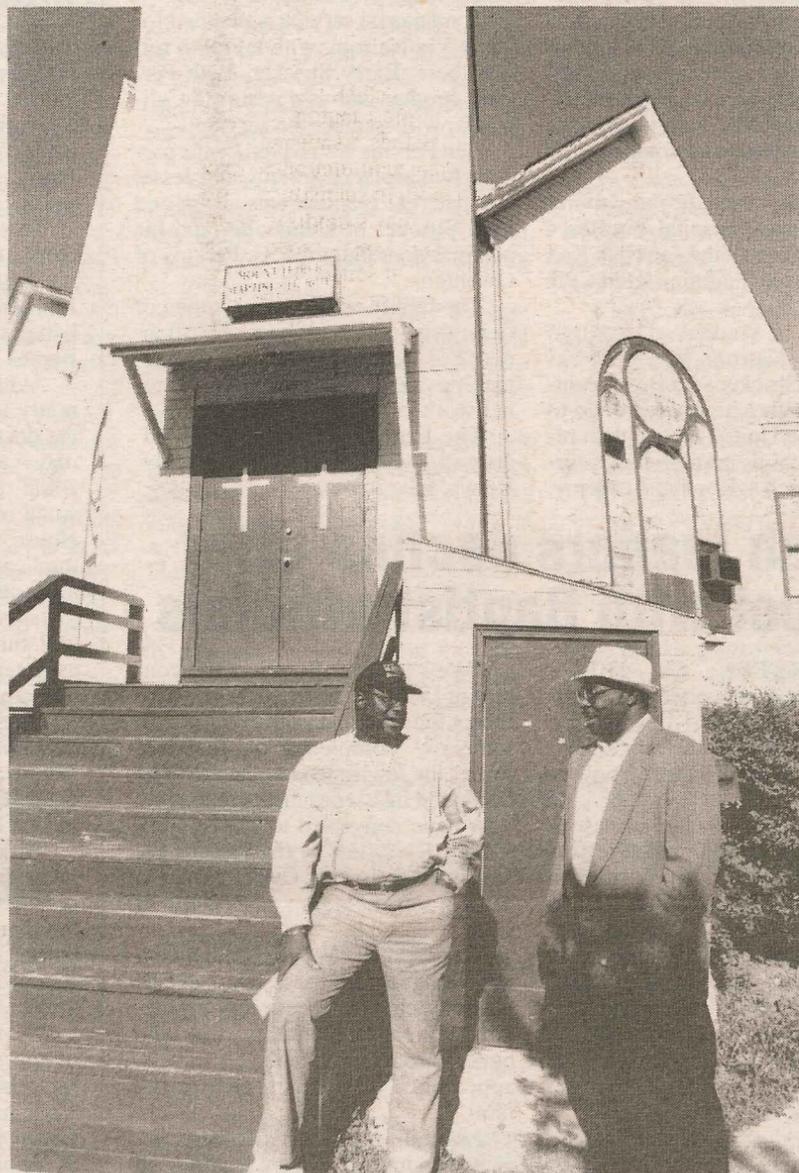
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Singles leader: Churches can use us or lose us

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CAVE CITY—If churches don't empower and encourage single Christian adults, they'll go elsewhere with their ideas and resources, said a single author and magazine editor.

"It's happened before," said Steven Felts, managing editor of Christian Single magazine. He cited Campus Crusade for Christ, Navigators and Young Life as examples of organizations that benefit from singles who fail to plug in with churches.

"All those ministries are out there because at one time a generation of people wanted to reach their culture in ways not in line with the traditional church."

Felts was keynote speaker for the annual single adult retreat sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministry department. Felts has written "Start a Revolution," a book encouraging single Christians to fulfill God's call in their lives.

"If (singles) don't find a place within the church, they're going to take it outside the church," he said.

The conference spotlighted the value of singles to churches, which one seminar leader said remain distinctly married cultures.

Churches aim the bulk of their ministry at couples ages 35-44, which is the smallest category demographically, said Tim Cleary, single adult ministry specialist at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

By contrast, some project that singles (more than 40 percent now) could become a majority of the population

by 2010, Cleary said.

Felts agreed. "I know a church not long ago that did an entire sermon series on the family of the '90s. It was an eight or nine week series and not one sermon was on singles, because to them singles aren't a family. But how can you talk about the family of the '90s and not once mention (nearly) half the adult population?" Felts said.

Cleary noted, "Most singles aren't in church for a number of reasons. While not every church can have a single adult ministry, I believe every church in America can minister with single adults."

One barrier to reaching this large segment of people is old perceptions, according to Felts.

In the past, churches ministering to singles projected a "Statue of Liberty" attitude, Felts said, reaching out to the tired, poor, hungry and destitute.

Consequently, such ministries attracted singles from dysfunctional backgrounds, said Felts. The result was that singles were viewed as "weirdos" who emotionally drained the church.

That stereotype lives on through the philosophy of church growth, which stresses attracting young married couples, he said. Conversely, singles are seen as non-committal, financially draining and short-tenured—"here today and gone tomorrow."

"Some of those things are true for some, but for a great number of singles none of these things are true. In some churches a huge portion of their finances are given by singles, but it's

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Poll: Number of 'born-again' Catholics rising

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

A growing number of American Catholics could be classified as "born-again" Christians, according to evangelical Protestant pollster George Barna.

In his just-released annual survey of the state of American faith, Barna reports a 41 percent increase over two years in the number of American Catholics who meet his definition of "born-again" Christian.

The findings are significant because Protestants and Catholics traditionally have held different ideas about how a person is reconciled with God or achieves eternal salvation. In the past, many conservative Protestants have considered Catholics non-Christians who need to be evangelized.

That attitude has been changing
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Devotion book explores favorite Bible verses

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

Ever wonder what Vice President Al Gore's favorite Bible verse is?

Despite his well-publicized efforts to help keep the White House's Lincoln bedroom occupied with Democratic donors, it's not Matthew 25:25—"I was a stranger and you took me in."

Actually, Gore's favorite verse is Matthew 7:12—"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye also even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

Gore is one of 365 public figures who cite their favorite Bible verses and expound upon them in a new devotional book compiled by Art Toalston, editor of Baptist Press.

"Lamp Unto My Feet" features a brief devotional for each day of the year. Each day's entry cites the contributor, the Bible verse that has been the most pivotal in his or her life and a few words of explanation.

Contributors range from the political to the religious, and from athletes to scientists.

Toalston said he got the idea for the book after astronaut Dave Leest-

ma carried a microfiche Bible on the space shuttle Atlantis in 1992.

"I began wondering what verse or verses of Scripture this astronaut might cite as pivotal to his life," Toalston writes in the introduction to his book. "Then I began wondering what Scriptures might be pivotal to other Christians in the sciences—and in the entertainment industry, government, business, sports, the arts, education and other fields."

So Toalston began writing well-known people of faith and asking them what verses of Scripture meant the most to them. Ultimately, he received replies from enough people to fill the year-long devotional book.

Participants include Mary Kay Ash, Pat Boone, Bobby Bowden, Brett Butler, Johnny Cash, Roy Clark, Van Cliburn, Charles Colson, Adolph Coors IV, Dave Dravecky, Millard Fuller, George Gallup Jr., Billy Graham, Jerome Hines, Tom Landry, Art Linkletter, Marilyn McCoo, Deborah Norville, Dan Quayle and Mister Rogers.

Some give simple explanations; others relate more lengthy stories. All reveal a bit of their personal journeys as Christians.

Rosa Parks cites Psalm 23 and tells how she learned this passage as a schoolgirl and how it gave her strength during the Civil Rights Movement.

"Today" show weatherman Willard Scott cites Matthew 5:9—"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Jimmy Carter cites Ephesians 4:32—"And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Pat Day, perhaps Kentucky's best-known jockey, cites John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Out of the 365 entries in "Lamp Unto My Feet," a few naturally duplicate verses, although the book includes references from Genesis to Revelation. Thirty-two verses are cited more than once.

The most popular verse, Proverbs 3:5-6, is cited by 17 people: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

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BAPTISTS

Missionary kid Ben Perkins dies at 16

NAIROBI, Kenya—Benjamin Ray Perkins, the 16-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries Ken and Beth Perkins, died early Easter Sunday while suffering a severe asthma attack.

The Perkins family lives in Nairobi, where they are engaged in a number of humanitarian efforts in East Africa.

Ken and Beth Perkins both are Kentucky natives and graduates of Georgetown College. They are scheduled to return to Georgetown on furlough this summer as missionaries in residence.

Ben Perkins had suffered with asthma most of his life, but had not had any serious attacks recently, said his grandmother, Elva Stricker of Louisville. The attack that killed him struck in the early morning hours of

March 30.

The time from the initial onset to death was short, Mrs. Stricker said. Ken and Beth Perkins attempted to counter the asthma attack by giving Ben a couple of injections of an appropriate medicine, said James Westmoreland, the FMB's assistant area director for eastern and southern Africa.

Ken Perkins then began driving Ben to the nearest hospital, but Ben's heart stopped before they arrived. Ken Perkins reportedly administered CPR to no avail.

Ben was a student at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, where he excelled. Mrs. Stricker said Ben recently told his mother he wanted to go to college in the United States, then return to Nairobi as a missionary journeyman to teach at Rosslyn Academy.

"He was a leader in his class, a fine student and an outstanding Christian young man," Westmoreland said.

A memorial service is planned for April 5 in Nairobi, with burial to follow there. Barry Stricker, Beth Perkins' brother who is a pastor in California, will conduct the service.

Ben Perkins is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jeremy and Jesse; his maternal grandparents, Jesse and Elva Stricker of Louisville; and his paternal grandfather, R.C. Perkins of Owenton.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in honor of Ben Perkins to the Southern Baptist Convention hunger fund to aid relief work in Somalia.

The Perkins family may be addressed at P.O. Box 39973, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Orthodox view of God topic of new journal

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The first issue of a new theological journal will address what its editor calls a 'growing battle that could "dwarf" the biblical inerrancy controversy of recent years.

The orthodox definition of God is the topic of the inaugural issue of "The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology," to be published quarterly by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"American Christianity is currently locked in a struggle over the doctrine of God that in time may well make the battle for the Bible of the past 20 years look small in comparison," said Paul House, editor of the journal. "Its implications are far reaching for all denominations, and no group that ignores this theological issue will survive with its ecclesiastical integrity and doctrinal purity unscathed."

Questions at the heart of this controversy, House said, include: Who is God? Is God fully sovereign? Is God able to do anything? Is God limited in some way?

The new journal replaces "Review & Expositor," which had been the theological journal of Southern Seminary for 93 years before it was removed from the school by its editorial board in 1996.

Contributors to the first issue of the seminary's new journal include Carl F.H. Henry; D.A. Carson of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; Douglas Geivett of Talbot School of Theology at Biola University; Southern Seminary President Al Mohler; Daniel Akin, dean of Southern's theology school; Craig Blaising, professor of Christian theology; Daniel Block, professor of Old Testament; Ben Mitchell, assistant professor of Christian ethics; and Georgia pastor Tim McCoy.

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Allison retiring at Mid-America.** Gray Allison has announced plans to retire as president of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., June 30. Allison was the school's founding president and has served 25 years. The school's new president, named the same day Allison announced his retirement, is Michael Spradlin, who currently directs the seminary's northeast branch in Schenectady, N.Y.

■ **ABF marks 50th anniversary.** The Association of Baptist Foundations will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 27-29 when executives of Baptist foundations from across the United States gather in Boston. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation is a member of the association.

■ **Presidential traits listed.** Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board have approved a list of 12 traits they will seek in a new president to succeed Paul Powell upon his retirement in 1998. The list narrows the search to an ordained Southern Baptist minister who is "a man of vision," supports the SBC, has had successful management experience, has appropriate education and understands the fiduciary responsibility of the Annuity Board. Nominations with accompanying resumes should be sent to J. Ray Taylor, Presidential Search Committee, 3695 Encanto, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

■ **Boyce students start churches.** Students in Boyce Bible School programs have helped start 18 new African-American churches, according to Bob Johnson, dean of the Louisville-based program of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Boyce last year developed a fast-track program for training African-American church planters in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Students in six pilot projects related to that effort already have started 18 congregations.

■ **Seminarians get aid.** Members of Fairview Baptist Church in Greer, S.C., delivered a tractor-trailer full of flood relief supplies to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last week. The supplies, intended for students and faculty who lost personal belonging in last month's floods, included clothes, cleaning supplies, furniture and other items. Leftover items will be shared with local relief agencies, a seminary spokesman said.

■ **FMB gives annual report.** Missionaries and local Baptists working in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board started 2,367 new churches last year and baptized 283,674 new Christians. Total membership in churches related to Southern Baptist mission work overseas grew to 4.1 million in 39,876 churches. Despite advances in many regions, 66 mission fields showed no new church starts for the year.

Jewish leaders decline offer to meet with Baptist officials

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Leaders of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League have declined an invitation to meet with Southern Baptist Convention leaders.

The Jewish leaders cited as reasons their offense at a resolution on Jewish evangelism adopted by messengers to last year's SBC annual meeting and the request to include a Jewish Christian at the proposed conference table.

Phil Roberts, director of the SBC Home Mission Board's interfaith witness department, and James Sibley, HMB national coordinator for Jewish ministries, wrote to the two Jewish organizations Jan. 28.

"We would propose a small, private dialogue between a few Southern Baptist representatives, a few representatives of the rabbinic community and at least one Jewish Christian," they wrote.

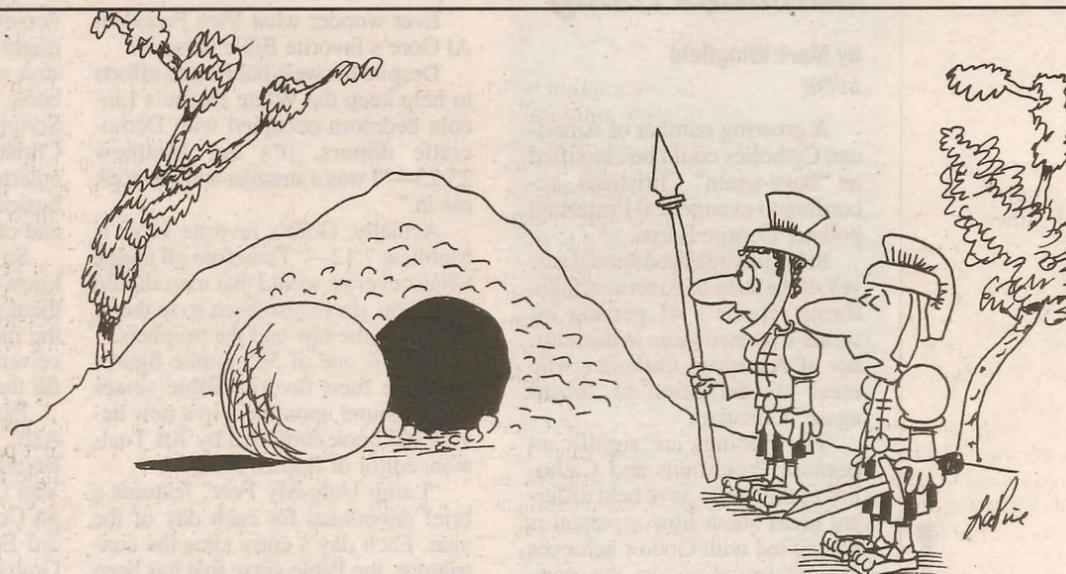
David Harris and Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee and Abraham Foxman and Rabbi Leon Klenicki of the Anti-Defamation League recently replied that they would not accept the invitation.

"We categorically reject the concept of 'Jewish Christians,' nor do we accept the idea that such converts are somehow 'completed' or 'fulfilled' Jews," the Jewish leaders stated. "The continued insistence that former Jews who have converted to Christianity remain Jews flies in the face of the Jewish community's absolute right to its own self-definition as a people of God."

They added: "We do not and cannot dialogue with those who have so blatantly challenged our spiritual legitimacy and authenticity, and who have, by extension, called for the disappearance of Judaism as a living faith."

Last fall, the HMB's Roberts accepted an invitation from Rudin to sit on a panel at the National Workshop for Christian/Jewish Relations in Connecticut and an invitation to answer questions at the National Anti-Defamation League meeting in New York.

Roberts confronted a hostile audience at both gatherings, where he explained and defended the SBC resolution and Southern Baptists' desire to tell all people about Jesus.



"Well, this leaves only taxes as being certain."

Consultant: Good ministries learn what singles need

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CAVE CITY—When Tim Cleary hosted his first singles seminar, he chose the topic of loneliness. He was pretty lonely when he led it because just one person attended.

Addressing the Kentucky Baptist Convention's singles retreat, Cleary said that effort bombed because he failed to recognize the needs of the church's singles.

Churches wanting to minister effectively to singles should start by discovering their needs, said Cleary, single adult ministry specialist for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"We talk about programs, budgets and planning, but often we never get around to worrying about people," he said.

Singles comprise a diverse group that spans never-marrieds, divorced people, widowed and single parents. Thus, if a church is wondering what to do, he said, the No. 1 rule is to ask single adults.

Leaders also should examine who they intend to reach and their needs, Cleary said. Ministry components in-

clude setting goals, training other leaders, planning, publicity and budgeting, he said.

As volunteer director of single adult ministries at First Baptist Church of Nashville, Cleary oversees outreaches to five target audiences—including a group of 20-somethings that mushroomed from four to 40 during an 18-month period.

"We started with a hodgepodge of folks and grew because we were willing to make mistakes," he said. "Cast your rock in the water and be willing to do something."

Relationships are a key for any ministry, he added. "Identify people in the church, collect names. Be sensitive to their needs and know they're there."

Ministry also takes place through peer groups, such as Sunday school classes, he said. A Bible study class for entertainment industry workers is the fastest-growing in the Nashville church where he volunteers, he said.

Strategies for getting singles involved in the church must be carefully planned, he said. Using the word "adults" instead of "singles" in class titles helps because many singles simply want to blend into the church.

Cleary also noted the importance of keeping a healthy focus in what a singles ministry tries to accomplish.

For example, some singles' ministries' primary goal is to entertain, while others focus on sympathy or help groups.

The former often gets low commitments and limited spiritual growth, while the latter can find people staying in divorce recovery forever.

A more healthy ministry, he said, would "empower" members, stressing salvation through Christ, healing, spiritual gifts and high expectations.

Cleary said such ministries should include:

- **Instruction.** Providing valuable information.

- **Modeling.** Leading by example.

- **Apprenticeship.** Teaching others and turning duties over to them.

- **Authority.** Giving others responsibility so they learn to handle it.

- **Stewardship.** Teaching others to accept responsibility for the outcome of their efforts.

Cleary noted that successful long-term singles ministries should never be planned with only the current members in mind: "It's a high-attrition ministry. People get married,

Singles resources offered

- "Single Adult Ministry Journal," (719) 635-6020.

- The Southern Baptist Association of Ministers with Single Adults in Nashville, (615) 251-2231.

- Network of Single Adult Leaders in Grand Rapids, Mich., (616) 956-9377.

- "Single Pursuits," a Bible study curriculum designed specifically for singles, (800) 458-2772.

- "Start A Revolution: Nine World Changing Strategies for Single Adults," a book by Stephen Felts, (800) 458-2772.

- "The Single Adult Ministry Solution," A leadership guide including a copy of Felts' book, a leaders' manual and a dozen cassette tapes, (800) 458-2772.

change jobs and move around."

Finally, he said, the best way to build is through prayer. "I've prayed for months for the right single person to come and get others inspired. Most of us are shooting in the dark. We have to depend on God."

Singles minister says payoffs worth the work

CAVE CITY—Despite its ups and downs, Jim Trader said the singles ministry at First Baptist Church in Henderson has been worth the work.

After feeling led by God to start the ministry in 1993, Trader approached the staff with the idea. Leadership agreed a singles ministry was needed, but it initially attracted only two singles. Little growth occurred during the next six months.

Singles' attendance now is near 50 on Sundays, he said.

"This is a very important and normally neglected area," he said. "The church doesn't want to focus on singles."

The singles' ministry involvement includes:

- Participating in a monthly devotional and prayer time at a flea market in neighboring Evansville, Ind.

- Leading a monthly worship service at a senior citizens apartment complex.

- Spearheading the church's van ministry, which provides transportation for handicapped and senior citizens.

- A weekly visitation program. That is one of the keys to growth, along with prayer, the Trader said.

Trader leads an annual seminar for churches in the area. Of the 30 churches in Green Valley Baptist Association, only four have ministries to singles, he said.

The work has been fruitful, he added. Other than children, singles comprise the largest number of baptisms in the church, he said.

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not recognized," Felts said.

"A lot of churches don't realize singles are integrated into many ministries of the church and contribute in positive ways."

Felts said another misperception of unmarrieds is that they experience more problems with morality. He recalled an occasion when he served as an assistant pastor and two lay leaders in the church had an affair.

At a deacon-staff meeting, the pastor announced a new policy that barred staff from counseling members of the opposite sex without another person present.

Then he turned and quipped, "Especially you single guys."

The assumption is that single people fall into immorality more easily, Felts said. In fact more married pastors experience moral failures, said Felts, who at 41 has never married.

"I think one reason more single ministers are able to stay pure is because they recognize the potential and keep their guard up," he suggested.

Felts said it remains to be seen if the Christian community as a whole will reach out to singles, but he cited some positive developments.

Second Baptist Church in Houston attracts more than 1,500 singles on Sunday. Its singles minister, Ben Young, hosts a syndicated radio program. While Young is married, many backing the broadcast are singles.

In Dallas, Prestonwood Baptist Singles Minister Doug Hudson teaches a weekly Bible study attracting more than 2,000 singles from an ar-

ray of denominations. The study gives Prestonwood a chance to influence the teaching that participants take back to their churches, Felts said.

This inter-denominational outreach illustrates the openness singles have to working with others, regardless of church background. However, he said, the drawback of this "minority mindset" is singles don't see themselves as being able to be used powerfully by God.

Felts said one reason he wrote his book was to emphasize to singles that God has given them personality traits, dreams, spiritual gifts and the empowering ability of the Holy Spirit.

This includes those in their 20s who have grown up in an era of constant change, he added.

"In the not-too-distant future, we are going to have some adverse times in the church. When adversity strikes, you can't keep going at it the same old way. You've got to have somebody who is creative enough to think outside the lines," he said.

Singles "are those kind of people. Unfortunately, if the only means they can find to get involved is outside the church, our greatest resource will be gone already," Felts said.

Added Cleary: "Paul was a single adult. That's why there's all those hellos and good-byes in the first part of his books. Jesus was a single adult. What does that say about the potential of singles to change the world?"

The March 21-23 singles conference drew approximately 230 people to the Cave City Convention Center. The retreat featured specialty seminars for "twenty somethings" and the deaf.



Felts

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

- **Georgetown open for summer.** The addition of the Cincinnati Bengals summer training camp to the summer schedule won't keep Georgetown College from hosting other guests. The Baptist school located near Lexington anticipates more than 6,000 other guests to participate in events on campus this summer, in addition to the thousands of people who will come to watch the Bengals practice in July and August. The college currently is building a new athletic and conference center complex near the main campus that will be used by the Bengals and other groups.

- **Comet talk hosted.** "Hale-Bopp: The Great Comet of 1997" will be the subject of two presentations at Georgetown College April 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. in the planetarium of Asher Science Center. The presentation will be made by Roberta Burnes of Lexington, writer for "Skydate," a show heard on WEKU-FM.

- **Estate seminar offered.** Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville will host a seminar on family estate planning April 13 at 5:30 p.m. The seminar is open to anyone who wants to learn about wills, estate planning or charitable giving. The speakers will be Warren Nash of Georgetown College and Richard Carlton of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

- **Shaped-note singing planned.** The Louisville chapter of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada will present its seventh annual Shaped-note Singing April 5 at Harrods Creek Baptist Church in Brownsboro. Participants in the free event are asked to bring covered dishes for a midday dinner on the grounds. For information, contact Bev Tillman at (502) 897-4605 or Bob Meek at (502) 893-2190.

- **New Centrifuge at Campbellsville.** Campbellsville University will be the site for the first-ever Centrifuge summer camp for at-risk youth this July. The pilot project is a joint effort between the university, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

- **Preview open to prospective students.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will host a ministry preview conference April 18-19 for prospective students. A \$10 fee for singles and \$15 fee for couples will pay for two nights lodging and meals. For more information, call the admissions office, (502) 626-5525.

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How should we define who's a cult?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week's Recorder carried an article on Mormonism that identified the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a cult. In light of that, and of the apparent mass suicide of 39 members of a little-known religious group in California last week, Stanford pastor Tim Boschen has written this response. Boschen is a former military chaplain who now serves as pastor of Stanford Baptist Church.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for many years has defined as cults religious groups that place their own teachings above those of historic Christianity. According to this definition, cults claim to be Christian but deviate in theology from historic Christian teaching.

The HMB identifies five major characteristics of cults: (1) single charismatic leader or authority figure who is the sole source of revelation from God; (2) belief in supplemental revelation; (3) accepts a new written authority; (4) believes it is the one true church; (5) advances a changed theology.

By Tim Boschen

The greatest problem for me in the speaker's definition of a cult is that what she proposes fits early Christianity quite well.

I think we would all agree that Jesus was a single charismatic leader and authority figure who was the sole source of divine revelation for the early church. We, too, believe in a supplemental revelation called the New Testament. Jews refer to the Old Testament as the Hebrew Scriptures, Torah, etc.

The Gospels, Epistles and other New Testament writings were a new written authority for the early church which no doubt saw itself as the one true expression of God's people gathered in his name. It goes without saying that Paul, John and the other New Testament writers advanced a new theological paradigm.

The term "cult" is a loaded expression and can be explosively counterproductive when used with the wrong person at the wrong time. Whether or not you agree with their teachings, referring to them as a cult in the same way that one uses the term on the

Branch Davidians will prove unhelpful in the witnessing enterprise.

While the theological differences between evangelicals and Mormons are many, using theology and doctrine as the primary differentiating methodology for defining the word "cult" will be abortive. If you believe Mormons are lost, calling them a cult will not get you any closer to them to present them with the saving grace of God in Christ.

I will dare to offer an alternative. There are many persons doing research in the field of cult information who use psychosocial dynamics as the primary definitive tool.

In this case, one would define a religious cult as one that: has a single charismatic leader or authority figure who is the sole source of revelation from God (in this I totally agree with the HMB's definition); mystically manipulates adherents with a higher sense of purpose; demands purity from adherents with emphasis upon simplistic splitting of the world into good and bad; has group basic assumptions that may not be questioned by any member (they need not be those of the leader figure); is obsessed with confession as a way of purifying one's self into self-surrender; has an esoteric language that both defines and constricts the individual member; makes human experiences subordinate to the claims of doctrine; claims the right to dispense existence to those who are worthy (use of excommunication, etc.).

Further categories include prolonged thought reform as a tool of indoctrination; sleep deprivation as a tool of indoctrination; a teaching environment that is totally controlled so friends and family are not welcomed; family and old lifestyles are forgotten; lack of privacy; the old identity is assaulted by the group and rebuilt; a system of rewards and punishments; total emotional involvement in the new idea is encouraged and expected by the group; thought reform is complete when the recruit goes out to win others, and the old identity is finally lost and a new self formed.

Along with a psychiatrist, I once helped a young woman exit a cult that,

at one time, had been an independent fundamental Baptist church, using my counselee's term.

Since social, transportation and communication technologies are changing at a feverish pace, and many Christians are having difficulty dealing with the degree and rate of change, it is important to recognize that cults and religious fundamentalism both are rising from the same seed bed. The seed bed is named cultural change.

Both groups find their genesis and empowerment in persons who are made anxiously vulnerable by change and desire someone to deliver them from a disturbing future. It is a wonderful idea to keep watch on the eyes of religious cult formations as long as we do not ignore the logs that may appear dimly in the tears of our own. Any religious group can become a cult if the set of dynamics needed for cult formation is present.

Some might believe that persons who join with religious cults are insane or unstable. These persons are usually no more disturbed than the general population, according to studies done on persons exiting cult groups. However, as with the recent group suicide in California, something psychological does happen that is not yet fully understood by experts in this field.

In my opinion, we need to distinguish between groups with which we differ theologically and doctrinally, such as the Latter-day Saints and Jehovah's Witnesses, and those that are dangerous to physical life and emotional well-being such as the Branch Davidians and the People's Temple. Using the above categories, we might call the People's Temple a cult and the Mormons some other term.

Are the Mormons physical or intrapsychic threats to the well-being of persons? I think not. Do their teachings differ from evangelical doctrine? Yes, absolutely. Aren't they out in the religious marketplace selling their church and its teachings to families and communities? Oh, yes, they are in large numbers.

Then what should we do? Resist the temptation to call them a cult and get there first with the grace-filled, loving message of Christ.

that is shown during prime-time. Twenty years ago people would have been outraged over what is shown on television today. But slowly our outrage is put into the "beaker of neutrality." At the outset it appears harmless, it may even be exciting, but the gap it brings leaves a gulf as wide as the Mississippi as moral erosion joins with spiritual decay.

So if you find yourself in a beaker of slowly heated water, you need to jump out as quickly as possible. Because the longer you stay, the more comfortable you become. Satan has a way of keeping you comfortable at being at ease in Zion.

Are you active in the body of Christ or sitting in the Lazy-Boy of self and sin? You need to answer that for yourself and make the decision.

Robert Blackburn, pastor
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COMMENTARY

How warm is the water?

I remember two things from my high school science class. First, I found out how to burn skin with sulfuric acid. Second, I watched a frog die very slowly.

My teacher placed this little frog in a beaker of cool water. Beneath the beaker was a lit Bunsen burner with a very low flame. It heated the water at such a slow rate that the frog never even knew the water was getting warm. Several hours later, inside the beaker was a boiled frog. The frog didn't even make a move to remove itself from the water to a safer environment.

As I thought about that gruesome experiment, I realized how the frog in the beaker teaches us lessons for our Christian life. There are times when we find ourselves in the "bea-

ker of life" and we do not even know we are eroding away spiritually. It is what is known in the Bible as being "at ease in Zion." I wonder,

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within the body of Christ, have we become at ease in Zion?

This thing called erosion never is sudden. Gardens do not become overgrown with weeds overnight. It is slow, methodical and quiet. No building suddenly crumbles. It takes years of neglect and of not being aware of the situation. Rivers and streams meander their way through valleys and hills, changing course without being noticed. No marriage just suddenly breaks apart.

Slowly things are accepted. Take, for example how television programming has eroded into the "garbage"

CHILDREN

Build foundation for teaching about Christ on cross

By Jewell Nelson

Q. At Easter my preschooler's teacher told the children about Christ dying on the cross for our sins. Aren't preschoolers too young for that?

A. Preschoolers need to be given information they can comprehend.

Let's assume that Christian parents want their children to grow up to accept Christ as Savior.

Let's assume parents want their children to grow up to understand and intelligently use mathematics.

Let's assume parents want their children to become avid readers of quality literature.

Assume, also, that parents want their children to grow up to be sexually responsible and loving spouses and parents. How and when should parents of young children begin teaching any one of these areas?

Should they begin math by telling preschoolers about algebra and geometry? No, begin math with the young child by showing what is meant by big, little, up, down, over, under. Share shapes that are squares, rectangles or triangles. Count objects. Begin with one and two. Increase the difficulty as the child grows. It takes a foundation now to make algebra and geometry understandable later.

Should reading begin with Shakespeare? No, begin by looking at picture books with the young child. Increase the sharing and reading of books to meet the age and interest of the child. Build a reading foundation.

Should the teaching of sexuality begin with the birth of babies? No, begin by teaching about fingers, toes and nose and other body parts. Use correct anatomical terms. Teach healthy respect and care of the body as the child grows. Teach the child how to be a good spouse and parent by example.

Should a child's theology begin with Christ on the cross? No, begin by sharing words of love, helping and caring, and pictures from the Bible. Sing songs about Jesus that are not symbolic and that are on the child's level of understanding. Talk and read about Jesus as a baby, a boy, a man who helped other people. Build a biblical foundation. Then as the child reaches the age of accountability, Christ and the cross will have meaning.

Jewell Nelson is associate director of the KBC's Sunday school department.



HE SAID/SHE SAID

Easter teaches us about life but also about life after death

HE SAID



Mark Wingfield

We normally think of Easter mainly as a happy time, but in reality it creates all kinds of memories—happy, sad and sometimes silly.

I recall the Easter pageant my home church did most years, and the one year in particular the new minister of education was given the role of the Roman Centurion who after Jesus dies says, "Surely, this was the Son of God." Not a tough line, but a crucial one.

This particular actor was not renowned for his humility, so few people were surprised when he flubbed his one line, boldly declaring at the most serious moment of the drama, "Surely, I am the Son of God."

We all laughed until it hurt and tears were streaming down our faces.

Other Easters bring tears of another kind. This year, our Sunday school class was greeted with the sad news of the sudden death of the son of a missionary couple most of us know and had prayed for. Ben Perkins, the 16-year-old son of Ken and Beth Perkins, had died earlier that morning as the result of an asthma attack.

Because our class has adopted the Perkins family as one of several missionary families to pray for regularly and stay in contact with, the news hit hard. In fact, it knocked the wind out of an otherwise festive day. Our teacher walked to the bulletin board and pointed to the place where we have a photo of the Perkins family posted. It was hard for us to think about our lesson on the resurrection of Jesus; compassion for our missionary friends overwhelmed us.

Yet I think we learned this Easter. We learned something more about the tension between this life and the life to come. We learned that resurrection is not just a concept but a reality.

We were reminded once again that in the drama of real life, we are not the Son of God. Jesus is, and it's a role only he could fill.

SHESAI



Alison Wingfield

This Easter and the Holy Week preceding it were difficult for me. Whenever you experience another "first time" without a loved one, it is hard.

But it wasn't hard just because it was another holiday without my mother. In some ways this was tougher than Christmas, because last Easter was the last time the boys got to be with their grandmother before she died.

Last Easter was a time when we were very intentional about the memories we were making, because we all knew it would be her last. Mother dressed in a pretty suit which she had just bought the previous fall, and went to the effort to put on makeup. She took off her oxygen tubing so we could take her picture with the boys without this symbol of her rapid decline. The framed picture still sits in the den where she proudly put it after I sent it to her.

We had a wonderful Easter lunch, with my dad, grandmother, mother, mother-in-law and the boys. And then the boys hunted Easter eggs in the front yard, stopping each time they discovered a plastic egg and sitting down to eat the jelly beans hidden inside.

And then there was this Easter. Resurrection has taken on a whole new meaning for me. We were privileged to be a part of singing John Rutter's "Requiem" to kick off our Holy Week contemplation. While painful to sing about death and dying, it also was a healing experience as we claimed the victory of resurrection and life.

And on Easter Sunday morning, when our choir sang "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on," I remembered that mother is indeed free. Sing loud, mom.

Ali's appeal for tolerance is intolerant

Kentucky's own Muhammad Ali has become the latest spokesman for the most prevalent heresy in American culture today.

Ali, an African-American Muslim, currently is touring the country with the co-author of his new book, Thomas Hauser, a white Jew. Their book, "Healing: A Journal of Tolerance and Understanding," promotes the idea that all religions ultimately lead to the same God. For anyone, especially Christians, to take a more narrow view is racially motivated hate-filled bigotry, they contend.

In one passage, Ali writes: "My mother was a Baptist. She believed Jesus was the Son of God, and I don't believe that. But even though my mother had a religion different from me, I believe that on Judgment Day my mother will be in heaven. There are Jewish people who lead good lives; and when they die, I believe they're going to heaven. If you're a good Muslim, if you're a good Christian, if you're a good Jew; it doesn't matter what religion you are, if you're a good person you'll receive God's blessing."

Elsewhere, Ali and Hauser state: "The great monotheistic religions of the world all worship the same God. They just call him by different names."

In a recent interview with Religion News Service, Hauser added this: "Muhammad is not attacking other people's religion. What he is saying is, 'There are people out there who are proselytizing very hard, saying that the only way you can be saved is to embrace Jesus Christ as your Savior' and 'You are interpreting the word of God for me.' What Ali is saying is, 'I question your validity to do that and this is why.'"

The RNS story also talks about how Ali enjoys sparring with Christian "fundamentalists," a label apparently given to anyone who believes Jesus is the only way to salvation.

Unfortunately, Ali and Hauser are not alone in expressing the view that all religions lead to the same God. This concept permeates American culture today, and it has seeped into the thinking of too many Christians as well.

The truth is that Christianity by definition is an exclusive religion. The belief that there is one God and only one way to God stands at the center of the

Christian gospel. Nowhere does the New Testament teach that there is any other way to God but through a personal commitment to Jesus as the Messiah.

Jesus said it clearly, as recorded in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

And the essence of the gospel is expressed in John 3:16-18 as well: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. ... He who believes

in him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

We simply cannot have it two ways. If there were another way for sinful humanity to be reconciled to God, why would God have sacrificed Jesus on the cross? And what would be the meaning of the resurrection? Why would God go to such extraordinary lengths to do something that was not needed?

Contrary to what Ali and Hauser assert, making this claim that Jesus is the only way to God is not a statement of intolerance or hatred. Hatred would be to say, "I know the way to eternal life and you can't go there." Instead, Christianity says, "God loves you and wants to be reconciled with you; here is the way to be reconciled."

Though the message of Christianity is exclusive, the reach of Christianity's good news is inclusive—it extends to all who will believe.

Unfortunately, Ali and Hauser's claim that Christians have at times shown hatred toward people of other faiths has some credence. Such behavior is not what authentic Christianity is about.

But in hearing the appeal for tolerance, authentic Christians cannot water down the essence of their beliefs by agreeing that all paths lead to the same God. We must champion the right of every person to express his or her religious convictions, and others should afford us the same courtesy.

For Ali or anyone else to demand that Christians deny the centrality of Christ perpetuates an intolerance of another kind.

—Mark Wingfield

He is risen indeed

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on the resurrection of Jesus.

By Carey Newman

The recent issue of Newsweek had featured a long article on the resurrection of Jesus. Of the many quotations from ministers, theologians and religious leaders, one statement in particular caught my friend's attention.

The theologian was adamant that the resurrection was something that happened to and with the disciples. He argued that resurrection had occurred for them at the moment they believed. Moreover, he summarized Easter this way: "To believe in the possibility of resurrection is the essence of Christianity."

Puzzled, my friend asked: "What's wrong with this? It just doesn't sound right."

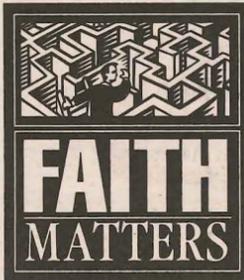
There should be no doubt that faith

is an important part of the Easter message. Hearing the good news is not enough; the gospel requires, demands and even elicits our response of faith (fulness). But as vital as faith is, it is not the most important part of the equation. The New Testament boldly

and scandalously claims that the resurrection was something that happened to Jesus—and not just to the disciples. "God raised Jesus" is an oft-repeated confession that throws light on the inner workings of Christianity.

Christians believe the resurrection is an act of God, a miracle. Specifically, Christianity claims that the resurrection of Jesus should be attributed to God's activity. It is a miracle whereby God reversed the powers of death.

Further, Christians claim the resurrection is a historical event. It is something that happened. It is not just a possibility; it is a part of history.



Christians assert that God did, does and will yet again enter into the course of history. The resurrection demonstrates God's objective involvement in this world and should never be depicted as simply a subjective experience of Jesus' disciples, ancient or modern.

Christians also understand that Jesus was the object of God's miraculous power. God's intention to bless the whole world with salvation found concrete expression in Jesus' resurrection.

Jesus is the beginning of the age to come, and he is the singular agent through whom God shares resurrection life with everyone. To accentuate the subjective act of belief misses the way in which God placed upon the shoulders of Jesus the weight of the entire world. It is the resurrection of Jesus which determines the destiny of every believer.

I looked at my friend and said, "He is risen!" He answered confidently, "He is risen indeed!" *Christians stake their lives on the fact that the resurrection is something that happened to Jesus—God raised him—and it is in that historical event that Christians deposit their faith.*

CLASSIFIED ADS

Court rules on three cases

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court acted on a trio of religion-related cases March 17 but the cases broke no new ground in the church-state area. In one ruling, the Court refused to review a lawsuit by TV evangelist Robert Tilton's church that claimed it should be allowed to pursue conspiracy and racketeering charges because of the network's 1991 "PrimeTime Live" report portraying Tilton as an insensitive fraud. The suit accused the Trinity Foundation, a church-monitoring group, of manufacturing false evidence against Tilton and the church. In a second ruling, the justices rejected an appeal by the city of San Francisco that sought to allow it to keep a 103-foot-tall Christian cross in a public park. The Court refused to hear the city's argument that the cross, erected in 1934, should be viewed as a cultural landmark and not a government endorsement of religion. In the third case, the justices let stand rulings that said Gerald D'Amelia Jr., of the Orange County, N.Y., district attorney's office, is not immune from being sued over a 1993 incident in which he refused to drop sex abuse charges against a suspect until she swore her innocence on a Bible in her church. The woman is suing D'Amelia, alleging his conduct amounted to an unlawfully coerced religious practice.

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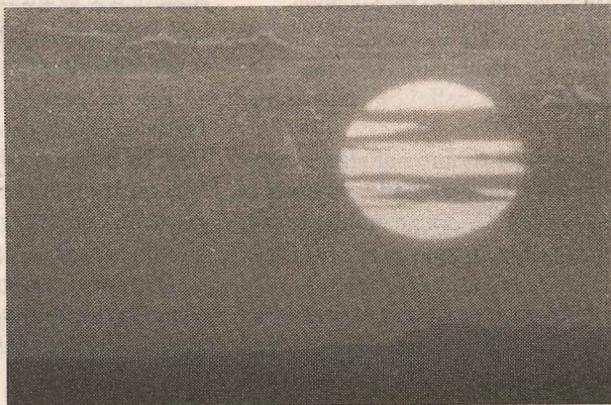
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Poll says number of 'born-again' Catholics has risen

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in recent years and so too, apparently, has the attitude of many American Catholics.

The apparent shift surprises no one more than Barna, who was raised in the Roman Catholic church but says he was "born again" through the witness of an evangelical Protestant church. Today, Barna attends an evangelical church in California.

For purposes of his demographic studies, Barna does not ask people whether they consider themselves "born again." Rather, he classifies as "born again" anyone who affirms two statements:

■ "I have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in my life today."

■ "I believe that after I die I will go to heaven because I have confessed my sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior."

Overall, only 43 percent of the population fits this classification in the 1997 study, up from 39 percent the previous year and 36 percent the year before that.

This nationwide increase is due mainly to changing answers from Roman Catholics, Barna said. In 1995, only 22 percent of Roman Catholics met Barna's criteria for "born-again" Christians. In 1997, that jumped to 31 percent. That represents a 41 percent increase in the number of American Catholics who meet Barna's definition of a "born-again" Christian.

Barna said he has not yet studied the exact reasons behind this trend, but he offered two observations.

First, "there are a lot of different kinds of almost para-church movements taking place within Catholic circles," he said. "There is a great effort to bring Catholics back to the Bible."

Second, "there seems to be a lot more lay involvement in their faith, particularly because they now have fewer priests," he said. "This is encouraging a lot of people to rethink some of the old notions and perceptions."

Baptist reaction to this shift ranged from pleased to skeptical.

Hal Poe, an authority on evangelism and academic administrator at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., finds Barna's explanation plausible.

"Although most Protestants are unaware of it, there is a phenomenal renewal occurring in the Catholic church," Poe said. "The major growth in Bible study in America is happening among Catholics—because it's new."

This emphasis on renewal and personal Bible study, made possible by Vatican II, is just now beginning to be seen outside the Catholic church, Poe said. "You're going to see dramatic changes in the Catholic church in the next 50 years."

Marvin Anderson, a church history professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said Baptists should be findings in interpreting Barna's findings.

Catholics easily could interpret Barna's diagnostic questions differently than evangelical Protestants would, Anderson said. For example, Catholics could view Barna's refer-

ence to a "commitment to Jesus Christ" as what happened at their confirmation after completing study of the church catechism, he said, rather than as a specific personal decision to follow Christ as Savior.

Yet Anderson agrees that a renewed emphasis on the Bible and personal Bible study is sweeping the Catholic church in America. "Within that context, there could be some tremendous self-discoveries," he said.

Bill Gordon, an interfaith witness expert with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, cast even stronger doubt on the way Barna's questions are phrased.

Both questions are "terrible questions as far as determining whether a Roman Catholic is saved," Gordon said. Terms such as "commitment," "confessed" and "accepted" don't mean the same thing to a Catholic as to an evangelical, he said.

A Roman Catholic official who relates to the Southern Baptist Convention agreed there might be room for different interpretations of Barna's questions, but he also affirmed that change has swept the American Catholic church in the last 30 years.

"I do think the preaching in the last 20, maybe 30 years has been more evangelical in Catholic churches," said Frank Ruff, liaison to the SBC from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"In popular Catholic conversation, talking about relationship with Jesus is just customary, where we wouldn't have used that terminology 40 years ago," said Ruff, who lives in Frank-

lin, Ky. "I don't know if the reality is any different, but we wouldn't have used that terminology."

Ruff said he doubts many Catholics would interpret Barna's second question—about going to heaven because of accepting Jesus as Savior—the same way Protestants would.

For example, the Catholic church does not teach the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" as taught in the Baptist church, he said. If the question means a person is going to heaven because of a one-time commitment to Jesus, as Baptists teach, most Catholics would say no, he explained.

"If, on the other hand, it is interpreted to mean I go to heaven because of my faith in Jesus, then Catholics would say yes. There the emphasis is on what gives them the ability to go to heaven, on how the door gets opened rather than on the assurance that it is opened."

Catholic worshipers traditionally assumed parishioners had made an initial commitment to Jesus, and so the focus of preaching was on how to live out that commitment, he said.

But even that has changed now, Ruff said. "I think we've made a big mistake in times past by assuming that most everybody's on the trail."

Regardless of the reasons behind the trend Barna sees, major points of disagreement still exist between Catholics and evangelical Protestants.

Catholics and evangelicals do not agree on issues such as church government, the process that leads to salvation, baptism, the role of the sacraments and the person of Mary.

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Learning to think

By Robert Dunston

The final statement of Cumberland College's mission statement reads: "Cumberland encourages students to think critically and creatively so that they may better prepare themselves for lives of responsible service and leadership."

Thinking critically often seems to imply we are destroying some idea. But we interpret critical thinking as analyzing an idea. Physicians analyze our condition and prescribe correct medication to restore us to health. Chemists analyze samples to determine what chemicals are in them and whether the samples are dangerous or not. Pastors analyze a text from the Bible using their faith, knowledge and experience to make that text speak to us with the power and challenge of God.

Students need to know how to think critically. Paul warned the church at Ephesus that the members should reach a maturity and unity of faith so they would no longer be "children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14). Not

everything we hear should be believed. We all practice critical thinking, and we certainly need to teach the next generation to do the same.

Creative thinking is just as important. We now realize that people learn in different ways, which means teachers must be able to teach in different ways. Jesus used

parables like no one else ever had to teach people. He made stories real and their lessons crucial to living life. He used nature, people, buildings and Roman coins as illustrations of greater concepts that each generation needs to embrace. Thus when we teach at Cumberland College and train others

to teach, we strive to be creative. The object of critical and creative thinking and education in general is to give back to our world. Thus we encourage our students at Cumberland to think beyond themselves and their professional lives and make definite plans to be involved in their world through service and leadership. As our students give back to our world, we all are blessed.

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Senior adults ... Opportunity of a lifetime

Laurie Valentine, our trust counsel, and I participated in the recent senior adult celebrations sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention family ministry department led by John Lepper.

It was our joy to participate with the 1,620 Kentucky Baptist seniors (a record attendance) who gathered in Mt. Washington, Owensboro, Murray and Pineville. What a tremendous group of loyal Baptists.

I was reminded again of how indebted we are to this generation of seniors, not just Kentucky Baptists, but the entire nation's population of senior adults. These are the pioneers, founders, builders and sustainers of our churches, church-related organizations and the on-going ministries in which those organizations are engaged.

These senior adults have matured in their Christian faith and experiences by serving Christ through their churches and church-related organizations.

A natural tendency is for them to conclude it's someone else's turn to do the dreaming, building and sustaining for the future. May they be reminded that God told

Joshua, "You are very old and there are still large areas of land to be taken over" (Joshua 13:1).

Eldred Taylor reminded us at the senior celebrations that Caleb was 85 years old when he led in the defeat of the Anakites (Joshua 14:11-12). I have confidence our Kentucky Baptist seniors will "keep on keeping on" serving Christ as long as they live.

I trust they also realize they now have the opportunity of a lifetime to make a lasting difference in this world for the cause of Christ beyond their lifetimes.

My senior adult friends and colleagues in the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has blessed you; you have and continue to be blessings to

others. Please give Laurie Valentine and me the privilege of showing you how to continue what you started by investing for eternal gains "so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life" (I Timothy 6:19).

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Barry Allen

Baptist group won't back this religious freedom amendment

Rep. Ernest Istook's "Religious Freedom Amendment": "To secure the people's right to acknowledge God: The right to pray or acknowledge religious belief, heritage or tradition on public property, including public schools, shall not be infringed. The government shall not compel joining in prayer, initiate or compose school prayers, discriminate against or deny a benefit on account of religion."

WASHINGTON—Southern Baptists' government affairs agency is breaking with other conservative Christian groups by not supporting a proposed Constitutional amendment from Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Okla., which he says will protect religious expression in public places.

Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission leaders agree with Istook that a constitutional amendment is needed, but they oppose this proposal, said Will Dodson, the CLC's director of government relations.

Istook said he soon will introduce the amendment to Congress. It is the latest overture in an ongoing attempt by advocacy groups and several in Congress to legislate on the controversial issue of broadening constitutionally-protected religious expression.

Istook, as well as Reps. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Richard Arney, R-Texas, previously proposed amendments, but their inability to agree on language doomed the effort.

Istook told a news conference the amendment is needed because references to the nation's religious heritage

are being driven from the public stage.

He cited a recent court order removing a cross that has been a long-time fixture in a San Francisco park.

Others decried instances where students were prevented from giving out valentines that mention God or carrying Bibles unless they were wrapped in brown paper.

"This is our peaceful answer to that assault," Istook said.

The most prominent backer of the latest amendment language is the Christian Coalition. "Sadly, there is a war going on against religious freedom in America," said Executive Director Ralph Reed, who said the Christian Coalition will spend up to \$2 million promoting Istook's proposal.

Other organizations supporting Istook are the Family Research Council; Toward Tradition, a conservative Jewish group; Concerned Women for America; National Clergy Council; and Americans for Voluntary School Prayer, a new group co-founded by former Rep. Bill Dannemeyer, R-Calif.

Dodson, however, said this pro-

posal would allow local governments to favor one religion more than others in the community since the text does not place limitations on what type of acknowledgments are proper.

"The Istook language provides that government has the right to make acknowledgments and that this right 'shall not be infringed.' The Baptist Faith and Message makes it clear that 'The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work.' We do not need, nor do we desire, government's help to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ," Dodson said.

"Southern Baptists have always sought public policy wherein government respects the liberty of conscience

of all people."

In opposition to this amendment or any other similar legislation is the Coalition to Preserve Religious Liberty. "This debate is not about people who care about religion on the one hand and people who don't on the other," said Mark Pelavin, associate director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and chairman of the coalition's legislative task force.

The Baptist Joint Committee opposes any of the proposed religious liberty amendments as unnecessary.

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By Betty Johnson
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For those of us who have been blessed with children, the months of May and June take on special meaning.

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For most of us, these holidays bring to mind warm memories of cherished times with persons who have loved, supported and sacrificed to make our lives richer and more fulfilling. Mothers and fathers who take seriously their God-given responsibilities to love and nurture their children are blessed beyond measure when seeing their considerable efforts result in maturing, responsible and thoughtful children.

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Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Healthcare System or Baptist Healthcare Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., president of Baptist Healthcare Foundation, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, Ky. 40207. (502) 896-5003 or (800) 224-4745.

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GIVING

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
ALLEN		
Bays Fork	4,312.03	0.00
Big Spring	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	0.00
Holland	1,146.48	549.00
Liberty	1,088.11	1,235.54
Mount Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	723.59	667.51
New Middle Fork	25.00	176.46
New Salem	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00
Scottsville	29,584.88	27,346.94
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00
White Plains	2,515.50	4,159.97
Subtotal	39,395.59	34,135.42

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
ANDERSON		
Alton	3,399.47	3,445.59
Ballard	360.39	1,093.00
Fellowship	270.00	270.00
Friendship	300.00	0.00
Glensboro	1,292.60	1,227.10
Goshen	374.00	323.00
Lawrenceburg First	55,679.66	55,674.59
Mount Pleasant	1,134.88	500.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	75.00
Sand Spring	20,325.78	16,845.20
Tyrone	561.00	275.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	83,697.78	79,728.48

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BELL		
Arjay	0.00	64.96
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,320.27	1,121.53
Binghamtown	3,522.72	3,250.02
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	488.70	457.17
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	4,267.00	4,164.00
East Jellico	1,256.09	1,223.76
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Ferndale Southern Bapt Mission	0.00	282.27
Pineville First	11,088.40	16,547.01
First Blackmont	350.00	300.00
Fonde	362.80	242.35
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	27.50
First Southern BC of Chenoa	135.00	162.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	1,801.07	1,640.84
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	103.94	565.67
Pioneer	0.00	80.98
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	180.00	150.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	95.46	142.49
Northside Missionary	0.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	5,611.00	5,144.85
Pathfork	290.85	193.76
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	894.60	1,221.02
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	309.59	397.88
Southside	1,613.46	1,734.07
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00
Stoney Fork	330.00	40.00
Trinity	150.00	100.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	36.00	60.00
Varilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	461.92	396.88
Wasoto	300.00	300.00
West Cumberland Avenue	705.98	495.28
West Pineville	2,916.86	2,468.21
Whipple	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	38,591.71	42,974.50

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BETHEL		
Adairville	9,120.94	8,307.00
Auburn	2,149.36	2,174.08
Calvary	3,926.04	2,923.90
Dripping Spring	7,861.31	6,782.33
Elkton	12,333.31	11,283.31
Eastside	332.93	0.00
Russellville First	33,903.76	31,526.33
Forest Grove	2,420.91	1,866.05
Grace	738.00	699.00
Guthrie	4,845.19	5,492.84
Keysburg	1,261.62	1,455.52
Mount Gilead	2,790.34	3,121.50
Mount Zion	612.65	386.75
Middleton	2,361.89	3,695.69
New Union	4,250.22	4,738.68
Post Oak	9,999.96	8,571.40
Russellville Second	13,345.93	11,426.35
Sharon Grove	1,908.00	1,795.00
Spring Valley	599.39	649.87
Tiny Town	700.00	600.00
Trenton	6,673.00	5,411.00
Walnut Grove	8,540.77	9,316.81
Whippoorwill	1,527.95	1,973.80
Southern Heights	1,200.00	0.00
Woodlawn	3,278.12	5,085.73
Subtotal	136,681.59	129,282.94

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BLACKFORD		
Blackford	10,940.17	10,871.68
Central	1,531.92	1,690.86
Chestnut Grove	2,725.12	2,626.70
Dawson Memorial	409.20	428.55
First Lewisport	155.14	1,016.01
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
New Life	353.28	522.87
Hawesville	14,025.16	20,879.39
Lewisport	18,435.15	18,866.80
Mount Eden	2,159.00	1,636.00
Newton Springs	628.00	1,688.00
Old Panther Creek	1,203.12	1,407.50

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Patesville	0.00	0.00
Pellville	16,026.85	12,805.71
Roseville	0.00	0.00
Union	5,308.37	5,274.31
West Point	216.00	282.38
Subtotal	74,116.48	79,996.76

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BLOOD RIVER		
Altona	7,515.32	0.00
Bethel	14,191.03	14,076.02
Bethlehem	1,463.04	1,291.31
Blood River	0.00	339.65
Briensburg	92,006.97	83,455.35
Calvert City First	14,156.20	12,697.85
Cherry Corner	4,057.27	4,397.55
Coldwater	300.00	150.00
Dexter	2,011.99	2,437.36
Elm Grove	15,677.56	13,982.30
East Marshall	1,753.19	1,350.02
Murray First	56,210.52	88,633.05
First Benton Missionary	8,335.00	8,646.00
Flint	3,395.52	3,399.65
Benton First	15,307.12	18,239.53
Elva	917.44	1,175.04
Gilbertsville	6,780.84	6,165.38
Grace	3,181.40	614.17
Hamlet Missionary	1,984.19	2,037.53
Hardin	12,703.59	11,308.74
Hazel	19,650.68	21,864.00
Kirksey	874.00	599.00
Lakeview	3,154.50	2,320.33
Ledbetter	340.31	288.04
Locust Grove	8,600.34	11,397.00
Memorial	10,297.32	9,447.49
New Bethel Missionary	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony	16,038.97	15,300.48
New Providence	172.15	122.70
New Mt Carmel	1,823.86	1,293.73
New Zion	9,140.95	9,012.94
Northside Missionary	2,606.00	2,735.00
Walnut Street	907.62	914.04
Oak Grove	3,948.44	2,864.76
Hilltop	193.05	211.45
Olive Missionary	6,764.31	7,670.77
Owens Chapel	2,206.00	2,474.00
Plain Gosepl Missionary Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	1,200.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Valley Missionary	562.50	562.50
Salem	5,680.01	5,270.08
Scotts Grove	2,335.68	2,823.07
Sharpe Missionary	2,234.20	2,547.10
Sinking Spring	270.00	140.00
South Marshall Missionary	120.00	145.00
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00
Symsonia	6,000.00	5,200.00
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Union Ridge	2,354.00	1,752.00
Vanzora	2,508.95	2,837.69
Westside	10,801.87	11,136.53
West Fork	3,926.61	3,258.55
Zions Cause	5,964.19	5,087.04
Subtotal	398,544.70	411,331.79

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BOONES CREEK		
Allansville	3,398.83	3,522.29
Beech Grove	348.59	316.29
Boone's Creek	15,821.68	13,919.86
Calvary	4,890.39	3,175.98
Central	57,185.02	57,863.60
Clay City	306.52	512.00
Corinth	3,122.52	3,463.02
Cow Creek	2,108.00	1,833.00
Emmanuel	433.56	528.30
Ephesus	1,500.00	500.00
Faith	90.00	90.00
Irvine First	2,333.78	2,054.16
Friendship	3,053.82	3,798.92
Heidelberg	213.43	159.65
Howards Mill	3,953.50	2,252.00
Ivory Hill	842.21	911.79
Jeffersonville	1,745.53	2,161.09
Kiddville	947.01	1,037.14
Macedonia	3,167.19	3,099.08
New Hope	580.07	353.75
Means	1,565.98	1,253.63
Mount Olive	326.00	359.00
New Harmony	261.89	300.69
Northside	5,033.02	2,815.89
Panola	703.73	753.37
Powells Valley	773.08	674.00
Providence	1,519.00	1,227.00
Providence	1,746.00	1,563.00
Reid Village	1,085.24	1,465.14
Salem	1,958.00	2,125.00
Spring Street	1,380.00	2,218.00
Thomas	965.44	679.41
Valley View	0.00	0.00
Williams Memorial	1,703.62	1,644.02
Subtotal	125,420.13	118,630.07

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BOONEVILLE		
Big Creek	585.80	567.68
Booneville First	1,755.33	1,611.46
Crane Creek	0.00	100.00
Southside	211.24	282.81
Calvary	235.55	114.77
Garrard	723.00	761.00
Gray Fork	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	23,284.94	23,704.28
Island Creek	839.05	1,108.53
Lerose	200.00	125.00
Lilly Grove	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	4,394.00	3,960.37
Macedonia	2,461.79	2,673.82
Manchester	9,962.66	12,768.47
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	961.78	840.61
New Prospect	866.39	466.07
New Zion	320.87	239.91
Oneida	3,852.66	4,975.31
Pleasant Point	300.00	300.00
Pleasant Run	2,858.11	3,067.76
Second Black Water	453.22	531.46
Turkey Missionary	150.00	0.00
Upper Buffalo Mission	0.00	0.00
Vincent	57.70	28.10
White Hall	0.00	0.00
Zion	1,511.00	1,097.00
Royal Oak	215.63	190.05
Subtotal	56,200.72	59,514.46

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BRACKEN		
Aberdeen	4,897.57	4,814.69
Augusta First	40.00	200.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Minerva	0.00	0.00
Calvary	420.00	520.00
Central	9,929.09	8,401.15
Clearfield	849.00	755.00
Crossroads	0.00	0.00
Dover	60.00	60.00
Ewing	1,050.00	1,050.00
Carlisle First	3,207.68	3,096.70
Morehead First	2,126.72	777.00
Irvingsville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	1,969.61	2,568.95
Foxport	461.01	400.00
German town	1,385.86	932.00
Heselton	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	1,360.39	1,703.81
Lewisburg	1,164.66	997.07
Locust Grove	554.27	470.69
Mays Lick	26.50	256.00
Maysville First	300.00	344.77
Mount Olivet	1,846.43	2,228.66
Mount Pisgah	536.59	426.14
Oak Ridge	13,063.86	367.62
Union	89.50	299.00
Owingsville	1,680.55	1,815.80
Plainview	345.04	140.26
Vanceburg First	1,225.00	1,350.00
Sharpsburg	150.00	150.00
Slaty Point	299.00	297.00
Southern Manor	0.00	0.00
Stonelick	440.17	402.37
Subtotal	49,478.50	34,824.77

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
BRECKINRIDGE		
Black Lick	505.00	262.00
Cloverport	4,796.11	4,155.21
Corinth	8,850.63	5,811.25
Dry Valley	0.00	0.00
English	204.00	320.00
Friendship	700.00	600.00
Garfield	297.45	0.00
Goshen	1,231.00	1,716.00
Hardinsburg	19,121.87	17,896.95
Hites Run	2,233.49	1,875.42
Macedonia	971.00	867.00
New Bethel	1,885.80	2,435.63
New Clover Creek	1,169.58	1,264.08
Pisgah	645.04	466.29
Rough River	1,897.90	2,089.57
Stephensport	65.67	41.85
Walnut Grove	599.63	653.20
Subtotal	45,174.17	40,539.45

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
CALDWELL-LYON		
Adriel	375.00	450.00
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Beulah Hill	991.24	1,144.08
Calvary	8,772.39	

GIVING



Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Holly Grove	1,773.92	2,019.29
Liberty	200.00	154.16
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Mount Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mount Roberts	1,284.78	1,304.17
Mount Washington	400.00	400.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	1,552.34	1,549.83
Union Band	0.00	0.00
Whickerville	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	6,210.81	6,125.93
EAST UNION		
Black Oak	0.00	0.00
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00
Kensee	271.92	243.25
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	271.92	243.25
ELKHORN		
The Church at Andover	1,706.39	1,455.61
Broadway	20,463.01	17,887.09
Brookside	2,003.38	1,858.18
Becknerville	121.89	177.77
Calvary	33,047.05	33,426.75
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	3,450.49	3,657.05
Central	917.00	917.00
Central	11,769.95	10,444.30
Chevy Chase	12,340.00	8,560.22
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	2,243.00	1,862.00
Clover Bottom	750.00	725.00
Crosswoods	5,322.24	4,202.16
Davids Fork	900.00	750.00
Dry Run	2,012.38	1,318.01
Durbin Memorial	1,849.59	2,333.37
East Hickman	4,653.45	4,370.53
Edgewood	17,687.01	15,692.52
Faith	0.00	0.00
Freedom Church of Lawrenceburg	567.04	478.82
Lexington First	1,828.53	5,715.16
Cornerstone	9,192.66	7,302.56
Paris First	16,129.55	12,714.50
Winchester First	20,640.98	17,562.21
Mount Sterling First	1,791.64	2,020.86
Corbin First	5,083.29	6,745.08
Gano Avenue	11,932.25	12,406.51
Gardenside	12,904.70	26,186.86
Georgetown	15,747.35	11,159.87
Glens Creek	2,710.00	2,419.00
Grace	4,875.00	7,250.00
Great Crossing	5,916.84	4,934.40
North View	9,824.07	10,225.53
Highlands	3,012.63	1,430.75
Hillcrest	1,050.00	150.00
Hillsboro	948.54	833.23
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	138,913.21	122,711.49
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	754.66	734.66
Long Lick	1,344.00	1,227.90
Lyle Road	239.11	0.00
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00
Mallard Point	1,788.49	1,782.00
Midway	1,474.99	1,041.65
Millersburg	0.00	0.00
Millville	5,299.84	7,181.92
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mount Freedom	3,938.86	3,124.57
Mount Pleasant	3,341.43	6,868.02
Mount Vernon	1,294.88	1,223.23
Nada Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Hope	7,842.92	5,763.83
Nicholsville	6,149.98	5,536.20
Parkway	6,892.22	7,108.92
Pinckard	6,032.33	6,712.95
Shawhan	543.00	0.00
Porter Memorial	120,572.07	103,764.04
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	13,579.72	15,830.63
Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave Road	4,783.61	5,041.01
Sadieville	155.01	85.43
Seventh Street	0.00	81.35
Silas	611.40	693.13
South Elkhorn	8,470.77	8,639.31
Southern Heights	12,760.27	10,196.62
Southside	0.00	0.00
Spears Mill	967.00	1,536.00
Victory	6,819.98	6,801.26
Open Door	455.83	626.78
Springdale at Man O War	300.00	300.00
Palomar	3,430.47	2,579.24
Stamping Ground	1,982.27	1,037.00
Stonewall	0.00	0.00
New Hope	297.98	243.91
Tatesbrook	3,901.60	4,901.31
Trinity	1,730.00	962.00
Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00
Versailles	32,108.56	32,871.35
White Sulphur	2,341.73	1,303.33
Woodland Avenue	500.00	600.00
Subtotal	647,010.09	608,283.94
ENTERPRISE		
Allen First	1,400.00	1,340.00
Topmost	100.00	200.00
Benedict	402.99	552.55
Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00
Garrett First	541.64	710.72
Fitzpatrick First	640.00	434.21
Inez First	4,234.55	4,076.66
Prestonsburg First	6,644.41	8,254.83
Ivyton	0.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	391.35	512.75
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Lancer	730.39	825.03
Liberty	1,308.50	582.62
Licking River	450.00	450.00
Martin First	281.69	234.03
Maytown First	300.00	300.00
McDowell First	2,298.48	1,866.50
Mount Beulah	555.00	310.00
Paintsville First	13,183.74	18,176.04
Paintsville First Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Home	360.00	400.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Salyersville First	870.00	720.00
Tomahawk Baptist Mission	947.57	714.21
Warfield Missionary	900.00	1,165.00
West Van Lear	438.02	482.87
Wheelwright First	0.00	30.00
Subtotal	37,458.33	42,758.02
FRANKLIN		
Faith	436.50	0.00
Immanuel	1,458.35	1,533.33
Bellepoint	4,899.38	2,870.00
Bethel	1,660.00	400.00
Buck Run	20,128.07	22,124.76
Calvary	1,585.79	2,037.22
Camp Pleasant	500.00	500.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	19,092.49	21,497.14
East Frankfort	3,661.75	3,240.14
Evergreen	0.00	1,538.48
Frankfort First	667.00	0.00
Forks of Elkhorn	2,311.56	2,668.22
Farmdale	1,450.00	1,450.00
Hillcrest	4,197.00	4,075.81
Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Memorial	12,964.47	13,174.58
Mount Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	5,763.87	4,464.76
North Fork	599.36	570.58
North Frankfort	2,103.00	338.00
Peaks Mill	689.73	647.07
Pleasant Ridge	1,676.93	1,336.67
Providence	2,877.06	2,522.37
Saint John	2,678.46	2,583.44
Swallowfield	692.00	693.50
Thornhill	15,886.16	16,349.49
Trinity	550.00	725.00
Westview	988.91	1,218.45
Subtotal	109,517.84	108,555.01
FREEDOM		
Albany First	11,136.00	8,100.00
Branham Grove	120.00	60.00
Burkesville	2,227.87	1,937.48
Cave Springs	2,963.00	2,823.00
Central Grove	1,282.00	1,257.55
Fairland	0.00	0.00
Grace Union	0.00	0.00
Green Grove Missionary	0.00	489.00
New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	706.60	946.00
Stony Point	4,695.28	4,691.35
Subtotal	23,130.75	20,304.38
GASPER RIVER		
Aberdeen	4,727.00	4,712.00
Barnetts Lick	1,184.00	1,318.00
Bethel	715.73	721.10
Big Muddy	1,050.00	900.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00
Carve Rock	879.34	544.98
Chapel Union	471.12	395.28
Huntsville	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,089.05	972.82
Morgantown First	7,193.21	7,515.99
Mount Liberty	50.00	50.00
Mount Olivet	1,476.28	1,154.52
Mount Vernon Missionary	1,219.00	1,215.00
New Harmony	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	1,709.78	540.12
New Midway	735.00	528.00
Pleasant Grove	145.00	240.00
Quality	1,263.33	939.66
Richland	2,801.60	1,980.16
Rochester	1,305.00	2,578.15
Rock Spring	0.00	0.00
Salem	2,342.00	1,793.96
Sandy Creek	1,751.02	568.00
Union	1,549.10	1,406.40
Woodbury	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	307.38
Subtotal	33,656.56	30,381.52
GOSHEN		
Grandview	0.00	0.00
Hanging Rock	808.40	855.37
Hopewell	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Little Flock Missionary	0.00	0.00
Millwood Missionary	30.00	30.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
Sulphur Wells	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	838.40	885.37
GRAVES COUNTY		
Baltimore	120.00	120.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Bell City	423.36	616.17
Bethany	1,118.14	1,017.76
Clarks River	1,500.00	3,000.00
Clear Springs Missionary	0.00	0.00
Cuba	2,007.47	2,296.28
Dublin	0.00	0.00
Enon	1,400.00	1,200.00
Farmington	5,704.26	5,696.04
Fellowship	284.62	149.12
Mayfield First	30,000.00	30,000.00
Emmanuel	300.00	373.18
Hardmoney	1,250.00	1,500.00
Hickory	2,340.00	2,340.00
High Point	33,800.41	23,071.00
Liberty	12,202.64	12,392.83
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	150.00	150.00
Melber	550.04	541.63
Millers Chapel	173.43	195.18
Mount Haven	327.15	438.35
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	719.12	999.99
New Concord	0.00	244.05
New Home	1,073.00	1,260.00
New Hope	271.00	236.00
New Liberty	256.78	147.87
New Life	0.00	191.30
Northside	13,665.03	14,707.32
Oak Grove	317.07	300.00
Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00
Pilot Oak	1,857.68	2,022.40
Pleasant Grove	3,828.68	0.00
Pryorsburg	0.00	1,187.12
Sand Hill	0.00	21.75
Sedalia	2,453.01	1,546.09
Sharon	6,154.67	4,969.11
South First Street	0.00	0.00
Trace Creek	1,666.69	1,833.30

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Viola	1,072.29	1,227.47
Water Valley	150.00	150.00
West Broadway	942.99	835.87
Wingo	845.99	130.94
Subtotal	128,925.52	117,108.12
GRAYSON COUNTY		
Big Clifty First	140.00	120.00
Caneyville	3,273.18	2,250.48
Clarkson	7,110.73	5,987.54
Leitchfield First	19,153.95	30,342.35
Holly	697.00	453.00
Liberty	908.32	921.32
Little Clifty	2,875.89	2,529.59
New Hope Missionary	150.00	150.00
New Harvest	200.00	172.96
Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	34,509.07	42,927.24
GREEN VALLEY		
Advance	2,253.95	2,687.15
Airline	12,007.67	11,883.35
Ambassador	1,177.74	1,083.33
Audubon	10,058.00	10,527.23
Bellfield	9,448.10	7,946.00
Bethel	1,782.13	1,909.58
Calvary Missionary	5,558.37	3,211.01
Cash Creek	2,502.98	2,131.63
Cherry Hill	0.00	0.00
Morganfield First	17,672.15	18,320.35
Corydon Missionary	2,614.79	3,204.86
Duoy	90.00	75.00
Eastview	1,109.66	1,975.68
Finley	2,585.10	2,257.95
Henderson First	46,798.82	51,616.38
Community	933.00	963.00
Geneva	1,279.00	1,545.00
Greater Norris Chapel	0.00	0.00
New Hope	2,006.49	2,278.54
Hyland	11,702.80	11,206.72
Immanuel Baptist Temple	11,783.22	11,068.21
Lawndale	1,312.92	1,129.83
Mount Pleasant	991.57	992.20
Niagara Missionary	0.00	0.00
Poole Missionary	2,753.68	4,405.60
Rangers Landing	351.68	381.88
Robards	2,826.97	2,733.53
Sebree First	11,569.88	12,197.62
Spottsville	3,621.00	3,162.12
Victory	0.00	0.00
Watson Lane	4,060.00	1,160.00
Zion	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	170,851.67	172,053.75
GREENUP		
Ashland	620.19	1,039.06
Barretts Creek	169.82	169.94
Belmont	645.11	672.79
Blackburn Avenue	120.00	120.00
Burnaugh	5,838.55	3,527.13
Cannonsburg First	4,614.69	4,496.71
Oakland Avenue	14,262.80	19,271.70
Central	900.00	600.00
Chadwicks Creek	525.46	719.09
Cherryville	635.00	660.00
Crane Creek	522.00	507.09
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Danleyton	548.82	367.23
Southside	0.00	0.00
Emily Northup	0.00	0.00
Everman	0.00	0.00
Fairview	6,230.20	9,399.46
Faith	242.70	262.95
Ashland First	9,685.52	9,415.10
Grayson First	6,838.09	9,187.27
Garner Missionary	2,006.72	1,811.27
Greenup First	2,820.00	2,624.00
Louisa First	14,855.00	12,891.91
Olive Hill First	5,670.42	5,550.50
Raceland First	1,132.50	1,132.50
Sandy Hook First		

GIVING

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Lonoke	457.18	512.76
Mount Tabor	599.27	724.00
New Liberty	0.00	0.00
Park City	5,091.63	6,749.64
Pleasant Valley	3,378.84	3,092.40
Poplar Spring	300.00	300.00
Rowletts	894.79	754.39
Salem	1,352.35	1,291.38
Shady Grove	873.50	1,300.50
Siloam	0.00	0.00
South Fork	1,120.00	805.00
Three Springs	274.26	271.77
Walnut Hill	180.00	180.00
Zion	44.00	45.00
Subtotal	90,782.34	89,814.35

LINCOLN COUNTY		
Blue Lick	1,708.34	1,652.97
Calvary Hill	4,003.27	1,750.00
Crab Orchard	720.00	1,560.00
Double Springs	3,008.26	3,041.68
Drakes Creek	920.95	777.35
Fairview	7,881.70	6,844.05
Freedom	4,096.00	2,775.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	74.00	76.00
Harris Creek	811.45	461.78
Houstonville	2,250.00	2,170.00
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
McKinney	4,324.91	3,727.87
Mount Hebron	1,113.75	922.07
Mount Salem	1,027.02	2,373.65
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	2,223.23	2,806.39
Olive	234.37	213.30
Parlor Grove	1,553.00	1,367.00
Pilot	198.46	158.16
Pleasant Point	2,207.00	2,430.00
Pleasant View	15,256.61	13,680.15
Polly Ann	991.82	728.40
Pond	248.09	236.08
South Fork	257.10	260.73
Watts Chapel	270.00	270.00
Stanford	10,122.80	9,807.66
Subtotal	65,802.13	60,390.29

LITTLE BETHEL		
Charity	0.00	0.00
Charleston	5,238.44	5,406.16
Concord	3,062.13	3,059.85
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	575.02	577.76
Diamond	450.00	0.00
Dixon First	2,488.93	2,623.89
Dunn	3,043.59	2,928.87
Dawson Springs First	5,004.00	4,606.00
Earlington First	26,449.78	21,638.37
Madisonville First	57,510.16	61,857.12
Grapevine	6,967.14	6,020.00
Green Grove	405.09	330.00
Hanson	6,939.18	4,389.07
Providence First	14,819.36	13,612.05
Harmony	970.00	781.00
Johnson Island	1,983.00	1,496.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	10,175.03	11,677.69
Freedom	327.07	168.37
Lakeview	600.00	600.00
Manitou	907.00	1,666.50
Mortons Gap First	1,858.94	2,199.84
Mannington	240.00	120.00
Nebo Missionary	3,120.50	3,125.59
New Hope	89.00	84.00
New Salem	2,360.97	2,197.58
Nortonville	2,582.40	2,155.51
Olive Branch	5,009.05	4,875.97
Park Avenue	8,958.78	6,565.89
Pleasant Grove	1,673.55	1,787.88
Pleasant Valley	2,399.96	2,460.62
Pleasant View Missionary	1,548.93	1,325.72
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	316.85	438.10
Providence Second	429.30	275.34
Richland	130.00	438.00
Salem	15,440.62	15,464.17
Bicknell Second	18,130.41	23,736.30
Mortons Gap Second	1,634.04	1,566.22
Silent Run	2,303.39	1,701.33
Slaughters	2,400.00	2,375.00
Slover	631.14	616.80
Suthards	1,568.00	1,125.00
Victory	12,790.00	14,205.00
White Plains	1,330.79	2,475.33
Zion Brick	150.00	150.00
Subtotal	235,011.54	234,903.89

LITTLE RIVER		
Bethany	1,560.00	957.54
Caldwell Blue Spring	5,507.94	6,042.95
Buffalo Lick	2,076.58	1,244.53
Cadiz	35,200.83	11,752.09
Canton	3,755.34	2,614.81
Cerulean	5,037.00	4,163.62
Delmont	644.55	1,020.18
New Light	0.00	0.00
Donaldson Creek	3,439.91	2,678.30
New Jerusalem	300.00	150.00
East Cadiz	7,822.76	8,419.26
Hurricane	12,299.15	10,740.33
Liberty Point	8,769.37	7,279.53
Locust Grove	5,159.34	4,566.05
Maple Grove	900.00	700.00
New Hope	7,204.74	7,521.26
Oak Grove	5,257.42	5,773.51
Rock Front	264.00	166.00
Rocky Ridge	1,015.28	824.11
South Union	1,449.03	909.90
Trigg County	594.00	483.88
Wallonia	1,800.00	1,800.00
Subtotal	110,057.24	79,807.85

LOGAN		
Antioch	2,465.45	2,016.80
Beechland	2,474.10	2,408.28
Bellview	670.70	619.26
Britmart	1,212.04	692.84
Cave Spring	2,471.20	2,139.60
Center	1,750.00	1,500.00
Concord	2,237.49	883.05
Elk Lick	15,430.78	11,705.76
Epley	1,010.61	1,359.88
Green Ridge	516.81	315.04
Guptons Grove	708.21	673.76
Liberty	7,560.00	6,925.00
Mount Pleasant	17,305.22	17,853.23
Mount Tabor Missionary	2,310.00	2,260.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Muddy River	821.33	470.67
New Cedar Grove	1,828.81	1,518.77
New Friendship	3,624.70	2,496.47
New Hope	1,864.03	1,322.96
Oak Forest	250.00	250.00
Oak Grove	12,999.02	13,467.00
Pleasant Hill	475.00	177.20
Subtotal	79,985.50	71,055.57

LONG RUN		
Fourth Avenue Church for Deaf	0.00	0.00
Arcade	200.00	550.00
Ashby Lane	1,314.02	987.13
Auburndale	4,500.00	4,694.76
Audubon	1,000.30	1,733.48
Baptist Tabernacle	1,196.12	1,391.27
Bashford Manor	1,920.00	1,196.98
South Waterson Trail	1,250.00	300.00
Baxter Avenue	1,126.75	1,295.85
Beargrass Missionary	0.00	0.00
Beechland	12,627.85	12,627.33
Beechmont	7,807.16	11,850.00
Beechwood	5,034.00	4,500.00
Bethany	9,150.00	9,445.00
Bethel Flock	40.00	0.00
Bethlehem	12,099.00	13,427.00
Broadway	24,694.12	6,400.92
Brooks	3,052.15	2,953.93
Brookview	827.16	849.75
Buechel Park	1,000.00	1,120.00
Carlisle Avenue	18,000.00	17,500.02
Cardinal Hill	844.50	1,126.00
Cedar Creek	12,220.36	7,216.03
Chenoweth Park	450.00	450.00
Chapel Park	2,642.00	3,293.30
Clifton	3,908.88	4,903.07
Clifton Heights	0.00	0.00
Cove	273.18	161.68
Crescent Hill	485.71	1,240.29
Davis Memorial	107.70	50.00
Deer Park	6,102.46	5,781.05
East Audubon	807.01	514.30
Eastern Gate	2,937.23	3,203.32
Eastern Parkway	972.49	1,010.49
Eastwood First	851.60	946.36
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	1,179.67	1,024.82
Elk Creek	1,298.21	1,762.37
Fairdale First	6,882.80	4,435.13
Fairmount	725.71	1,456.16
Farmdale	14,433.80	15,363.42
Filipino Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Fern Creek	1,041.65	1,125.00
Jeffersonton	3,175.72	4,695.64
Germantown Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	360.00	450.00
Taylorsville First	10,421.72	7,353.32
Middletown First	8,096.54	3,937.81
Fisherville First	3,494.82	3,117.29
Foster Avenue	1,710.74	2,432.91
Fourth Avenue	1,080.00	540.00
Franklin Street	0.00	261.25
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	6,634.38	5,791.34
Grace	0.00	450.00
Green Acres	2,391.03	1,316.76
Cloverleaf	14,138.23	7,307.00
Harmony	600.00	600.00
Hazelwood	8,887.00	7,073.00
Highland	1,402.37	1,532.63
Seaton Park	0.00	0.00
Highland Park First	7,971.54	6,962.21
Highview	41,626.66	34,866.70
Hillsdale	6,441.52	3,928.77
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Hopewell	5,176.99	3,714.59
Hurstbourne	30,224.39	36,723.94
Immanuel	507.67	540.18
Hunsinger Lane	5,552.87	6,097.74
Taylorsville Second	0.00	0.00
Kenwood	1,200.00	1,200.00
Keys Ferry	300.00	250.00
Kings	22,999.21	20,704.17
First Korean	900.00	660.00
Kosmosdale	951.00	951.00
Bicknell Avenue	0.00	200.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	1,511.83	1,577.82
Living Hope	5,065.48	5,532.48
Lees Lane	4,003.49	3,907.58
New Heights	0.00	300.00
Little Flock	4,200.00	4,200.00
Long Run	409.76	386.55
Lyndon	2,774.87	13,316.42
Louisville Deaf Church	1,436.49	879.74
Lynn Acres	1,450.00	400.00
Memory Lane	0.00	0.00
Manly Memorial	445.65	125.25
Lakewood	9,564.00	10,821.59
Maple Grove	6,026.78	6,743.36
Melbourne Heights	5,062.63	6,226.92
Meadow Hill	5,561.41	5,343.90
Midlane Park	466.84	273.71
Minors Lane	1,245.80	490.90
Morningside	0.00	0.00
Mount Elmira	2,000.00	1,000.00
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	200.00	0.00
Ninth and O	14,000.00	12,000.00
Mount Nebo	100.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	100.00	130.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	8,839.94	8,181.30
Parkland	12,128.28	9,463.81
Green Hills	0.00	4,729.54
Parkwood	8,884.63	7,603.13
Penile	1,323.72	1,581.61
Pleasant Grove	1,369.84	1,865.00
Plum Creek	6,162.61	4,999.05
Poplar Level	1,566.34	1,523.91
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	762.80	783.97
Ralph Avenue	17,325.05	19,854.90
Ridgeview	710.89	1,131.24
Ridgewood	0.00	167.00
Riverside	426.53	0.00
Rockford Lane	15,397.73	18,240.69
Rutledge Road	0.00	1,641.20
Shively	40,844.00	55,013.00
First Southern	6,228.53	5,146.69
New Cut Road	2,034.61	1,918.15
South Jefferson	8,684.00	10,843.00
Yorktown	180.00	0.00
Southside	1,884.14	4,033.46

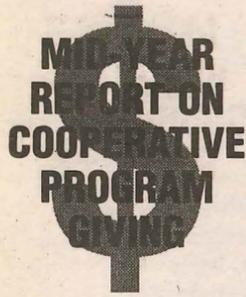
Association/Church	CP97	CP96
St Matthews	1,903.87	1,907.00
St Matthews Hispanic Mission	0.00	0.00
Summitt Hills	3,153.83	2,779.84
Springdale	4,400.00	4,400.00
Oak Forest	2,122.95	1,111.02
Sunnyside	0.00	0.00
Third Avenue	1,525.76	1,546.51
Thixton Lane	1,800.00	1,200.00
Valley Station	10,868.98	9,294.00
Valley View	2,331.59	1,666.64
Van Buren	492.21	0.00
Victory Memorial	1,216.02	1,083.21
Vine Street	0.00	1,069.43
Walnut Street	17,491.29	43,173.35
West Broadway	10,195.54	6,657.57
West End	0.00	0.00
Westport Road	24,135.41	33,564.86
Woodland	6,170.00	7,033.85
Oakland	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	639,434.11	660,408.61

LYNN		
Aetna Grove	6,228.32	5,231.60
Aetna Union	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Boiling Springs	2,019.66	2,448.97
Bonnieville	1,350.00	1,250.00
Falling Springs	0.00	0.00
Friendship #2	240.00	480.00
Hiawatha	0.00	0.00
Knoxes Creek	752.92	0.00
Leitchfield Crossing	937.20	1,126.31
Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00
Lucas Grove	2,664.29	2,060.59
Mount Moriah	0.00	1,078.21
Mount Olivet	500.00	500.00
Mount Pisgah	310.26	119.10
Mount Tabor	2,040.00	2,040.00
Munfordville	9,438.23	6,467.73
Davis Memorial	3,174.32	3,233.37
Pikeview	250.00	250.00
South Fork	12,392.10	5,569.77
Three Forks Bacon Creek	600.00	600.00
Upton	6,221.90	6,041.14
Subtotal	49,119.20	38,496.79

MCCREARY COUNTY		
Whitley City First	11,239.96	10,019.83
Bethel	1,686.46	529.84
Pine Knot Southern	948.67	994.60
Greenwood Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hill Top	124.00	0.00
Marshes Siding First	0.00	0.00
Stearns First	4,420.58	5,592.12
Walkers Chapel	701.20	646.71
Subtotal	19,120.87	17,783.10

MERCER		
Benton	2,119.46	1,

GIVING



Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Hebron	7,483.58	7,755.98
Hickory Grove	7,867.16	7,375.00
Highland Hills	22,727.22	18,288.01
Immanuel	1,395.55	825.46
Kento-Boo	0.00	1,275.00
Kenton	1,966.80	1,398.91
Latoria	16,532.20	14,981.20
Licking Valley	2,057.57	1,696.21
Macedonia Missionary	0.00	0.00
Madison Avenue	0.00	186.67
Main Street	3,409.23	3,202.64
Mentor	2,809.38	2,369.14
New Banklick	2,800.95	2,822.95
Oak Island	1,357.94	927.69
Oak Ridge	2,320.41	12,779.50
Persimmon Grove	500.00	780.00
Petersburg	681.61	718.38
Piner	700.00	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	4,333.38	3,959.70
Rosedale	1,068.73	1,681.59
Sand Run	3,319.71	3,212.68
Saratoga Community Mission	0.00	0.00
Second Twelve Mile	2,471.06	1,943.84
Silver Grove First	708.98	612.00
South Side	1,100.00	1,550.00
Turfway Comm. Church Mission	0.00	0.00
Trinity	658.39	1,010.09
Union	5,927.00	4,638.00
Visalia	0.00	0.00
West Covington	1,200.00	1,200.00
Wilmingon	2,136.69	2,036.34
Woodhaven	484.00	441.00
Subtotal	372,308.02	362,827.29

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Adaburg	21.51	139.96
Barnetts Creek	1,160.55	638.48
Beaver Dam	42,380.10	42,567.37
Bells Run	1,404.00	1,405.35
Centertown	2,788.02	3,213.00
Central Grove	0.00	0.00
Clear Run	0.00	1,293.35
Concord Missionary	1,050.02	1,849.76
Cool Springs	0.00	0.00
Ridgecrest	891.58	899.85
Dunfield	566.86	481.28
Dundee	270.00	270.00
East Fork	919.24	504.57
East Hartford	712.95	653.63
Fairview	1,885.00	836.00
Fordsville	5,156.52	6,484.29
Green River	4,324.52	4,286.21
Hartford	10,672.51	12,402.72
Hartford	878.46	586.06
Independence	338.89	71.55
McHenry	2,472.30	1,750.00
Mount Carmel	9,214.83	9,573.05
Mount Zion	551.00	355.00
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	388.32	538.69
New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00
Olaton	150.00	150.00
Pleasant Grove	714.09	363.27
Pleasant Hill	489.08	452.99
Pond Run	2,115.28	2,120.43
Providence	1,923.91	1,894.11
Rockport	900.00	900.00
Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	1,185.54	722.81
Slaty Creek	1,455.55	1,312.08
Smallhouse	346.86	370.45
Waltons Creek	695.55	518.51
West Point	551.96	517.85
West Providence	995.46	1,008.89
Woodwards Valley	0.00	818.46
Zion	5,062.36	5,486.48
Subtotal	103,632.82	107,436.50

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Baker	864.00	1,078.00
Calvary	674.16	418.80
Birdsville	489.99	323.40
Burna Community	270.00	270.00
Caldwell Springs	1,353.80	817.28
Carrsville	39.13	207.45
Cave Springs	240.17	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Corinth	303.00	300.00
Crooked Creek	1,020.96	808.60
Dunn Creek	3,792.57	3,244.75
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,106.78	1,255.85
Dyer Hill	2,139.00	2,244.00
Emmanuel	2,951.97	3,203.78
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	783.00	784.00
Friendship	18,146.67	15,098.56
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	1,200.00	1,200.00
Hampton	1,459.17	1,240.98
Iuka	1,191.00	1,089.00
Lake City	3,124.70	3,674.92
Lola	399.88	226.90
Marion	29,787.30	31,383.00
Mexico	15,755.73	13,308.55
Mint Springs	0.00	0.00
Ohio Valley	3,350.65	2,560.00
Old Salem	3,652.11	5,170.63
Pinckneyville	5,422.44	3,942.03
Repton	1,079.18	928.27
Salem	23,774.65	19,893.55
Marion Second	1,121.94	1,297.84
Shady Grove	924.96	475.04
Smithland First	1,200.00	1,400.00
Sugar Creek	1,438.00	1,774.00
Sulphur Springs	750.00	517.54
Tiline First	730.07	474.36
Union	5,554.93	4,986.20
Smithland Second	1,318.10	855.63
Subtotal	137,460.01	127,952.91

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Bethany	1,058.64	1,050.25
Blackford	102.00	102.00
DeKoven	603.08	486.12
Clay First	12,793.74	12,330.06
Sturgis First	22,814.93	20,079.46
Grangertown First	7,439.85	7,482.38
Grove Center	0.00	0.00
Living Water	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	360.17	312.32
New Harmony	2,925.00	2,028.00
New Hopewell	840.22	523.44
Northside	490.64	363.25
Old Bethel	360.00	600.00
Pride	1,405.45	1,428.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Sullivan	4,136.62	4,839.54
Uniontown	250.00	60.00
Calvary	40.00	50.00
Countryside	5,598.48	3,282.43
Whispering Meadows	50.00	100.00
Woodland	1,037.80	924.62
Subtotal	62,306.62	56,099.87

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
OWEN COUNTY		
Beech Grove	812.84	749.21
Caney Fork	647.35	707.26
Cedar Hill	4,713.82	4,447.84
Concord	500.00	1,018.00
Dallasburg	723.68	521.36
Elk Lick	816.14	902.71
Owenton First	33,440.59	30,866.18
Gratz	0.00	262.77
Greenup Fork	1,273.00	1,309.00
Harmony	2,227.10	0.00
Long Ridge	5,648.00	5,782.00
Lusby Mill	5,142.51	2,687.60
Monterey	2,405.26	2,496.24
Mount Pleasant	2,218.23	2,290.32
Mussel Shoals	154.00	168.00
New Columbus	3,779.56	3,833.11
New Liberty	3,786.16	3,659.09
Old Cedar	988.26	600.07
Mount Zion	350.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	3,736.00	3,137.00
Richland	3,220.00	2,760.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	1,863.00	4,308.09
Squiresville	1,822.00	1,891.00
Subtotal	80,267.50	74,396.85

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
PIKE		
Aflex	300.00	300.00
Belfry First	5,320.92	7,004.84
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Calvary Southern	2,748.00	2,761.00
Cumberland Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith Baptist Church of Myra	3,414.99	2,786.16
Elkhorn City	3,124.73	2,683.55
Faith First	1,449.75	1,604.84
Jenkins First	4,877.70	4,804.78
Feds Creek	0.00	0.00
Pikeville First	19,048.90	21,957.11
Phelps First	137.00	0.00
Grace	4,311.25	5,137.53
Hellier Missionary	558.04	491.48
Immanuel	5,804.81	6,163.48
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	400.00	482.00
Mata	9,008.23	4,982.82
Mouth Card	1,669.33	1,694.74
McVeigh	2,544.00	2,802.00
Forest Hills First	2,722.96	2,772.28
Sidney Missionary	2,771.79	4,140.68
Stone	1,368.58	1,523.42
Sutton	735.90	1,346.90
New Zion Unity	900.85	672.45
Virgie	3,500.00	3,676.59
Subtotal	76,717.73	79,788.65

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
PULASKI		
Acorn	622.00	573.40
Bethany	1,959.00	1,468.00
Bethel	4,537.41	4,645.92
Antioch Shores Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bronston First	1,842.53	1,406.23
Buck Creek	152.25	35.94
Barnesburg	2,925.06	3,667.01
Burnetta	1,505.96	1,644.10
Calvary	7,655.03	5,813.47
Camp Ground	5,024.79	4,901.01
Cedar Point	1,529.00	1,535.00
Clifty Grove	376.00	301.00
Cumberland	372.08	362.17
Buena Vista	6,563.47	6,118.48
Duke Memorial	3,520.09	4,274.34
Denham Street	300.00	300.00
Eden	284.16	295.62
Eubank	3,876.98	3,540.17
Ferguson	5,241.83	4,610.65
Somerset First	113,978.62	69,063.68
Burnside First	1,078.48	989.83
Beacon Hill	36,122.98	40,459.31
Community Baptist Mission	1,165.03	1,000.21
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	722.25	854.00
Flat Rock	869.82	814.86
Floyd Switch	384.00	370.00
Glenwood	180.00	120.00
Good Hope	334.74	387.15
Sunrise	731.71	646.75
High Street	16,957.22	16,962.59
Jasper Bend Missionary	338.38	330.09
Hopeful	161.00	0.00
Immanuel	6,904.28	7,862.72
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	218.73	290.06
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Lakeside Baptist Mission	367.91	359.99
Malvin Hill	633.89	565.12
McKinney	120.00	100.00
Mount Pisgah	1,054.00	985.00
Neeleys Creek Missionary	615.07	629.26
Mount Union	933.00	946.00
Mount Victory	457.98	270.25
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	874.00	795.00
Northside Missionary	11,074.88	10,763.68
Oak Grove #1	1,355.96	691.42
Oak Grove #2	508.00	418.00
Okalona Missionary	3,141.29	2,627.11
Piney Grove #2	926.22	934.65
Woodstock	2,569.00	1,123.00
Pleasant Hill	33,289.89	38,537.50
Pleasant Run	2,564.00	2,338.00
Pleasant View	2,025.21	2,021.23
Pulaski	819.42	883.14
Quinton	916.34	972.48
Rock Lick	2,574.91	2,449.90
Sinking Valley	1,355.00	1,193.00
Slate Branch	1,972.08	1,260.43
Sloans Valley	0.00	250.00
Sunnyside	1,290.23	956.92
Subtotal	299,873.16	258,423.84

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
RED RIVER		
Beattyville	2,293.36	1,646.94
Brushy Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Campton	2,914.00	2,821.50
Little Cane Creek	82.86	92.04
Faith	2,659.05	1,901.45

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Jackson First	1,833.19	1,663.13
Grace	790.13	528.60
Frenchburg	3,350.95	3,546.00
Stanton	5,811.96	6,179.09
West Liberty First	2,863.00	2,893.00
Subtotal	22,598.50	21,271.75

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
ROCKCASTLE		
Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	7,232.20	6,217.43
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	534.55	560.74
Copper Creek Southern Msnry	0.00	42.10
Fairview	1,079.86	219.05
Mount Vernon First	14,467.02	15,261.82
Flat Rock	150.00	125.00
Freedom	2,236.00	2,967.00
Livingston	332.62	250.85
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Marebong	1,271.00	1,574.00
Mount Pleasant	1,940.00	1,680.00
Mount Zion	296.34	226.87
Northside	6,368.12	2,147.02
Ottawa	3,387.00	2,971.44
Pine Hill	483.76	394.59
Pleasant Run	320.00	221.00
Poplar Grove	513.03	635.56
Roundstone	0.00	0.00
Sand Hill	435.41	241.48
Scaffold Cane	1,110.25	856.68
Valley	354.94	296.88
Subtotal	42,512.10	36,889.51

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
RUSSELL COUNTY		
Clear Springs	300.00	300.00
Clear Fork	500.00	500.00
Dunnville First	397.14	284.18
Fairview	2,173.50	3,339.48
Friendship	300.00	300.00
Indian Hills	0.00	122.75
Jamestown First	4,504.02	4,264.41
Liberty	5,670.20	4,667.50
Mount Olive	1,652.88	1,098.42
Mount Vernon	2,151.37	2,402.80
Pleasant View	350.00	100.00
Poplar Grove	832.72	791.88
Providence	0.00	0.00
Russell Springs First	16,424.56	11,123.99
Sano	0.00	0.00
Welfare	1,157.44	0.00
Windsor First	556.50	273.67
New Victory	241.00	216.30
Subtotal	36,711.33	29,78

GIVING

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Rolling Hills	153.79	0.00
Sligo	3,988.35	4,391.65
Union Grove	332.00	296.00
Westport	5,593.36	7,752.85
Subtotal	102,968.66	96,140.04

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
TATES CREEK		
Berea	20,841.04	23,184.38
Bethel	4,839.98	3,140.87
Bethlehem	600.00	600.00
Blue Lick	194.60	361.60
Broadway	365.00	1,157.00
Calvary	624.00	0.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	13,922.62	1,504.13
Emmanuel	1,987.09	1,960.11
Unity	668.26	1,692.75
Faith Decision	0.00	0.00
Richmond First	38,610.71	45,917.42
Fellowship	205.78	831.22
Freedom	150.00	150.00
Galilee	1,649.60	1,584.25
Gilberts Creek	0.00	150.00
Gilead	150.00	150.00
Gethsemane	1,977.00	2,065.00
Good Hope	0.00	1,174.00
Harris Memorial	528.26	727.99
Hays Fork	3,122.83	2,827.20
Kirksville	4,711.52	3,422.58
Knob Lick	100.00	140.00
Liberty Avenue	228.28	2,178.59
Liberty	60.00	60.00
Linden Street	388.00	119.00
Middletown	2,024.09	2,637.45
Mount Tabor	4,676.75	4,212.45
Peytontown	798.59	431.74
Pilot Knob	270.00	225.00
Red House	12,727.25	12,649.72
Rosedale	5,687.36	4,802.91
Upper Silver Creek	6,514.14	5,947.52
Red Lick	50.00	60.00
Stoney Run	50.00	0.00
Owlsy Fork	770.00	1,330.00
Tates Creek	1,397.41	2,989.90
Union City	6,407.55	4,942.09
Valley View	102.00	30.00
Viney Fork	1,604.20	1,526.04
Waco	12,113.76	10,664.07
Wallacetown	1,753.74	1,101.90
Westside	2,822.79	2,175.90
White Hall	855.42	526.62
White Lick	3,244.32	2,479.19
Subtotal	159,743.94	153,830.59

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
TAYLOR COUNTY		
Campbellsville	80,607.45	42,762.00
Acton	728.35	620.28
Eastside	250.00	250.00
Elk Horn	634.24	146.80
Fairview	605.12	538.99
Friendship	5,133.00	3,957.00
Good Hope	10,553.30	9,912.63
Green River Memorial	5,051.00	6,196.00
Liberty	2,381.60	2,095.50
Meadowview	3,746.62	2,377.01
Mount Gilboa	3,353.42	2,988.09
Palestine	8,815.00	14,940.05
Pitman Valley	120.00	120.00
Pleasant Hill	18,168.78	21,197.58
Robinson Creek	1,607.57	3,125.33
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	240.00	250.00
South Campbellsville	7,571.30	8,253.07
Salem	5,638.84	5,463.80
Saloma	3,030.37	2,417.77
Lowell Avenue	9,530.36	9,482.87
Yuma	1,363.94	1,286.93
Subtotal	169,130.26	138,381.70

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
TEN MILE		
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	1,046.16	931.89
Glencoe	4,445.30	4,477.09
Macedonia	4,967.83	5,309.60
Mount Zion	2,055.70	1,781.40
New Bethel	8,454.15	8,267.14
Oakland	998.00	1,608.30
Paint Lick	4,243.73	1,927.49
Pleasant Home	8,023.91	6,973.49
Poplar Grove	1,739.00	1,560.00
Ten Mile	4,792.60	3,888.85
Vine Run	8,886.85	2,981.06
Warsaw	4,080.53	3,905.09
Sparta	870.76	891.56
Subtotal	54,604.52	44,502.96

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
THREE FORKS		
Airport Gardens	1,050.00	1,050.00
Berean	20.00	0.00
Big Creek	3,542.01	4,955.73
Blackey	268.00	230.00
Caney	696.10	583.70
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	120.00	120.00
Emmanuel	4,407.35	4,704.94
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Craft Colly	441.01	647.71
Hazard First	9,290.12	13,004.78
Hindman First	10,415.80	8,541.65
Wooton First	1,002.93	813.00
First Creek	784.33	708.35
Deane	2,736.66	2,849.00
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	1,095.86	1,335.09
Jeremiah	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	250.00	300.00
Lothair	1,538.76	1,640.75
Fleming	762.49	1,534.06
McIntosh Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Haymond	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	1,218.50	1,679.67
Mouise First	82.00	209.00
Muncy Creek	125.00	150.00
Premium	1,515.00	1,750.00
Petrey Memorial	4,573.94	3,566.63
Jeff Missionary	727.00	475.00
Rockhouse	974.13	1,247.98
Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	1,050.00	1,050.00
Upper Second Creek	959.00	818.72
North Fork	3,803.74	3,120.95
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Big Leatherwood First	2,058.00	1,691.00
Smithsboro	8,293.62	7,688.68
Typo	0.00	0.00
Vicco	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	13,301.37	15,302.22
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	77,102.72	81,768.61

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
UNION		
Beaver	2,085.89	2,082.76
Berlin	442.11	749.23
Berry	0.00	0.00
Blanket Creek	2,577.26	1,725.77
Butler	1,557.47	1,937.82
Cynthiana	25,605.60	18,452.14
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	7,897.28	4,712.79
Forest Hill	0.00	0.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	120.00	120.00
Oakwood	100.00	0.00
Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00
Richland	0.00	0.00
Union	1,050.00	1,695.00
Willow	1,426.00	1,000.00
Subtotal	43,881.61	33,495.51

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
UPPER CUMBERLAND		
Ages	0.00	230.02
Black Mountain	196.31	201.87
Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,200.00	1,000.00
Central	5,410.00	5,118.00
Chevrolet	341.27	354.96
Clospint	300.00	300.00
Cloverfork	300.00	300.00
Coxton	0.00	0.00
Dione	1,709.00	1,447.00
Elcomb	2,293.21	2,113.74
Evarts	4,353.64	3,405.53
Cumberland	3,525.32	3,440.32
Baxter First	1,070.57	1,422.10
Loyal First	9,287.28	7,339.44
Verda First	112.00	56.00
Friendship Missionary	609.92	455.92
Harlan	29,749.88	28,799.09
Huff Settlement	150.01	168.64
Jones Creek	60.00	52.00
Kelly Street	1,703.75	1,590.86
Lenarue	125.00	0.00
Liggett	441.31	482.95
Locust Grove	250.00	300.00
Lynch	1,300.00	300.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
North Evarts	0.00	0.00
Pansy	1,029.00	974.00
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney	433.95	528.44
Red Bud Missionary	0.00	0.00
River Ridge Missionary	0.00	0.00
Riverside	945.18	610.79
Sunshine	1,033.54	581.80
Teetersville	917.80	0.00
Totz	1,443.22	1,508.93
Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00
Wallins	2,209.73	1,388.69
West Cumberland Missionary	247.00	923.00
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	308.23	270.69
Subtotal	73,056.12	65,664.78

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
WARREN		
Andrew	250.00	250.00
Barren River	50.00	693.29
Bethany	2,931.70	3,075.88
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Burton Memorial	3,504.49	2,503.70
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cedar Bluff	148.42	649.77
Brownsville Missionary	3,400.00	3,200.00
Clear Fork	3,599.20	3,424.66
Dedicated	210.00	324.87
Eastwood	10,404.67	28,751.77
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	14,006.72	16,507.92
Forest Park	8,438.80	6,725.58
Friendship	786.22	724.71
Glen Lily Missionary	1,080.70	1,380.47
Glendale	750.00	650.00
Greenwood	9,449.59	9,045.11
Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	458.16	479.85
Hillvue Heights	4,333.36	3,800.35
Iva	0.00	0.00
Jackson Grove	416.94	54.08
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	73,922.71	61,081.52
New Gasper	0.00	0.00
Martinsville	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	1,361.50	1,711.28
Oak Forest	769.65	795.94
Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mission Hispana at Glen Lily	0.00	0.00
Oakland	6,550.67	5,256.74
Plano	1,337.77	1,810.45
Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	5,942.55	4,287.60
Rich Pond	17,471.15	16,785.12
Richardsville	877.41	793.74
Rocky Springs	717.60	648.44
Smiths Grove	6,062.94	4,085.02
Southside	709.84	581.57
White Stone Quarry	812.00	948.00
Woodburn	5,830.42	4,361.47
Subtotal	186,585.18	185,388.90

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
WAYNE COUNTY		
Big Sinking	0.00	0.00
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	300.00	300.00
Cooper	540.00	540.00
Elk Spring Valley	8,360.15	7,532.81
Gap Creek	712.05	634.00
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	150.00	150.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Meadow Creek	150.00	125.00
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	9,300.00	7,750.00
Mount Zion	2,960.00	2,680.00
New Fork	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,391.00	1,454.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
Newtown	518.00	526.00
Oak Grove	390.02	554.41
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	246.50	250.00
Sandusky Chapel	360.00	600.00
South Main Missionary	30.00	30.00
Spann Hill	249.93	426.75
Steubenville	2,445.99	3,027.90
Zion	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	28,328.64	26,805.87

Association/Church	CP97	CP96
WEST KENTUCKY		
Antioch	483.73	567.87
Bardwell	11,773.99	10,997.41
Cayce	1,500.00	1,300.00
Burkley	110.00	880.00
Bethlehem	7,344.83	7,436.80
Beulah	8,504.00	6,967.00
Crutchfield	1,400.37	1,017.5

PEOPLE

PRAYER PARTNERS

Pray for these specific needs related to Kentucky Baptist partnerships with Russia and New England:

■ Nancy and Mel Skinner as they meet with pastors in Moscow to plan for beginning new churches, strengthening existing ones and training church leaders.

■ Clay and Connie Cartwright and the Tambov, Russia, Bible Fellowship.

■ Missionary journeyman Brad Senter as he settles into his ministry in Tambov, Russia.

■ Dick Risas, director of missions for Massachusetts Baptist Association.

■ Pastor Randy Reno and members of Christ Baptist Church in Upton, Mass.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **CORBIN**—White Oak Church called **Graden Sears** as interim pastor. Sears recently celebrated his 81st birthday and 61 years in the gospel ministry.

West Corbin Church will hold revival services April 13-16. **Lincoln Bingham** will be guest speaker.

■ **COVINGTON**—Immanuel Church will host the Zion Hope Church choir of Walnut Hills, Ohio, in concert April 6 at 6 p.m. Call (606) 431-3476 for more information.

■ **JELICO, Tenn.**—Tannery Hollow Church called **Lester Cox** as pastor.

■ **LA GRANGE**—Beulah Land Church will host a concert April 19 at 7 p.m. Also, a revival will be held April 20 at 6 p.m. and April 21-17 at 7 p.m.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Beechland Church will present a series of spring concerts: Southern gospel music April 13 at 6 p.m.; contemporary Christian April 20 at 6 p.m.; alternative Christian April 27 at 6 p.m. Call (502) 935-1313 for information.

Anne Smith celebrated her eighth anniversary as minister of education at Highland Church.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Hall Street Church will honor **Wendell Rone Sr.** with a reception for his 60 years in the gospel ministry, April 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. He was pastor of several Kentucky churches and

president of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield.

■ **ROCKHOLDS**—Meadow Creek Church called **Dale Phipps** of Woodbine as pastor.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Pleasant Grove Church will host GospelFest featuring the Hoppers of Madison, N.C., and the Journeymen, April 10 at 7 p.m. Call (502) 543-7336 for information.

■ **SOMERSET**—Duke Memorial Church called **Terry Harbison** as minister of youth.

Carmel Hoskins resigned as pastor at Flat Lick Church.

■ **WESTPORT**—Westport Church called **Lynn Traylor** as pastor. He will begin his new ministry May 11. He previously was interim pastor and minister of youth at First Church in Sonora.

Oldham County hymn sing will be held at Covington Ridge Church April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—Red Bird Church called **Johnny Hash** as pastor. He previously was pastor at First Church in Rockholds.

Bart Powers, pastor of Wofford Church for more than 33 years, recently resigned. He will be available for revivals and pulpit supply. He can be reach at (606) 549-1532.

Goldbug Church called **Steve Mayle** as pastor.

Jerry Lowrie celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor at Main Street Church March 2.



MISSIONARIES Billy and Emily Wellman

Past Kentuckians appointed by HMB

ATLANTA—Former Kentuckians Billy and Emily Wellman have been appointed as missionaries in Ohio by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

A Greenup native, Wellman served as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Flatwoods from 1976-80. He has served as a chaplain and pastor in Ohio since then.

He now serves as associational missionary for Scioto Valley Baptist Association in Jackson, Ohio. Mrs. Wellman is developing a ministry for pastors' wives.



50 YEARS Betty Newcom (left) was honored by Sullivan Baptist Church in Sullivan for teaching the preschool class of 3-year-olds to 5-year-olds for 50 years. Newcom also serves the church as organist and assistant clerk. Known affectionately as "Ms. Baby Ann," she is shown here with a former student, Sherry Bean Litchfield, and present student, Sydney Pogue.

OBI students take first place and make history

Several exciting events took place during the past few weeks.

You may remember reading in an earlier article about a wrestling tournament we hosted on our campus. One of the young men I wrote about was a boy by the name of Jack. He is a senior from Felicity, Ohio, and earlier won first place in the 135-pound class in district competition.

Jack earned the right to compete in state competition when he placed fourth in the region. We are proud of Jack and his ninth place win at the state level.

A first for our school took place when the girls' varsity cheerleading squad competed in the Kentucky Association of Pep Organizations and Squads for region 13. Our girls won the right to compete in state competition when they won first place in the 49th district and second place in the region for girls' varsity traditional routine.

The squad is led by Donna, a senior from Winchester, who has been on the squad five years. Donna expressed the excitement of the squad when she said, "I'm so glad this has finally happened."

The rest of the squad going to state included Shawna, a sophomore from Grey Hawk; Abigail, a freshman from Somerset; Christina, a sophomore from Oneida; Candace, a junior from Mt. Sterling and her sister Dawn, a sophomore; Lolita, a freshman from Tompkinsville; and Majic, a senior from West Chester, Ohio. The team manager was Renee, a junior from Oneida. The squad also won the K-Pep Award, given to the school with the most spirit and displaying the best sportsmanship.

Oneida Baptist Institute's Beta Club recently

competed in the district section of the Kentucky Governor's Cup composition contest. Patricia, a senior from Oneida, won first place, while Majic, a senior, and Jennifer, a junior, tied for third place. Only four ribbons are given in this competition, and Oneida brought home three.

Being district winners automatically qualified our three ladies for regional competition. Our region consists of 18 different school systems. This meant in order to qualify for state,

the Oneida ladies would have to write a better essay than approximately 50 other students.

We were extremely proud of Patricia when she made school history by being the first Oneida student to qualify to advance to the State Governor's Cup competition, when her essay earned her a third place trophy.

Another exciting event took place when some of our students entered the balsa wood bridge competition sponsored by the University of Louisville's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Brandon, a sophomore from Florence, won first place in the efficiency rating category. His bridge, weighing about three ounces, carried a load 1,821 times its own weight. The total load carried by this nearly lighter-than-air bridge was 306 pounds.

Brandon also won first place in the most strength category. His efforts won him cash prizes of \$50 and \$30, respectively.

Aaron, a junior from Greenview, Ill., won third place with an efficiency rating of 1,426 and a load of 251 pounds.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

'Good-Bye Frosty Winter'

The city park in Tambov, Russia, had a banner which read "Good-Bye Frosty Winter." The clear sky and bright sun on March 8 certainly encouraged spring fever. Melting snow and ice provided plenty of slush, and an occasional sharp blast of wind cautioned that winter's last grip could still tighten again. But not many people could stay inside on such a beautiful day.

Two cadets from the Tambov Military Institute let me take their photo after I used the word "dook" (friend) and told them I was from America. The Ferris wheel and another child's ride operated. I followed one family inside a building I thought was a theater, paid my admission and discovered it was a wax exhibit. The excellent full-size displays included The Last Supper. After the show I enjoyed a Sprite and watched families and young couples stroll by.

The scene contrasted with the realities of economic difficulties. Pensioners, teachers and miners wait months for wages. Lita, in whose apartment I stayed, asked if I could help secure employment in American for her son-in-law. A Moscow Times story described impending cabinet changes.

But hope also was there. "Inflation has slowed enough that we can do some planning," Pastor Genadi said. He showed me the site for the new church, an imposing structure located near 50,000 apartment dwellers and a busy market. Baptized at age 19 in a secret church ceremony to avoid Communist detection, Genadi has led the Truth Baptist Church for 25 years. "I always knew we would get our freedom, but when it came we were not ready. With the open door of opportunity, we didn't have trained leaders." This need underscored the pastor's excitement for the pastor/church planter school that has met in his church for the past year. "We have 100 towns in Tambov region

that need a Baptist church. The school can help prepare workers for these cities. Several of the students will work in ministries of our church as we expand." Three Clear Creek professors now have taught in the pastors' schools. I hope others can go. Thank you Kentucky Baptists for a Cooperative program grant that helped send me to Russia.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Congresswoman says faith fuels 'Clean Congress' push

By Kim Lawton
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Sitting in her cramped Capitol Hill office, Rep. Linda Smith, R-Wash., points to a Washington Post newspaper on her coffee table and shakes her head. On the front page are new revelations about President Clinton's role in authorizing overnight White House stays for Democratic Party contributors.

"It just makes me so sad. What kind of example are we setting for our children?" asks the 46-year-old grandmother of six.

But hers is a bipartisan sorrow. In January, Smith was one of four Republicans who voted against Newt Gingrich's re-election as Speaker of the House because of the pending ethics investigation against him. For Smith, that vote was a matter of keeping faith with the American people. "I felt they would trust us more if they could trust how we operate," she says.

Since her election to Congress in 1994, Smith has been making enemies on both sides of the political aisle with her outspoken crusade for financial ethics and campaign finance reform. A member of the Assemblies of God denomination, she says her position flows directly from her Pentecostal religious beliefs.

"The Bible is very clear about the relationship between money and power, and money and justice," she says.

The crusade has been a lonely one for Smith, a social and economic conservative who favors a balanced budget amendment and staunchly oppos-

es abortion. Often she has been thrust into unfamiliar coalitions with new political allies while much of her natural constituency in the conservative and Christian communities has either stayed on the sidelines or come out in opposition to her proposed reforms.

But Smith is undaunted. "In fact," she says, "the more I know, the more I am determined that this place has to be changed."

Overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds has been a hallmark of Smith's political career. A former tax consultant who was elected to the state legislature in 1983, Smith came to Washington, D.C., as part of the "Republican Revolution" that took control of Congress in 1994.

During that election, Smith made Washington state history as the first person ever to qualify for a general election ballot as a write-in candidate. The write-in campaign was organized just a few weeks before the primary.

"Even people who don't usually believe in miracles had to call that a miracle," Smith says.

When she arrived on Capitol Hill she was shocked to see how much big money politics was integrated into the process, she says. She describes how freshmen members of Congress immediately are trained to raise money from lobbyists and special interest groups.

"I felt that the money was too close to the vote," she says. "How can I be just to the people at home wanting me to balance all values and all voices when one voice comes with \$10,000 or \$5,000 or \$1,000?"

So Smith began her outspoken "Clean Congress" campaign. She prohibited her staff from participating in the almost nightly round of special interest-sponsored fund-raising events, and she began introducing legislation to reform the campaign finance system by eliminating political action committee donations and placing restrictions on party spending.

Smith says her views on the subject were shaped by her faith.

An evangelical Christian, Smith is active in a Bible study and prayer group that meets on Capitol Hill.

"I am one who believes there are principles for leadership and those principles demand that a leader be a servant first. I must always do the best I can to be fair and just and keep a balance in my decision-making," she says.

In the Bible, she adds, "God warns leaders about the love of money."

Smith's efforts drew the ire of colleagues from both parties, including fellow Christians. Many accused her of being self-righteous and judgmental.

Looking back, Smith concedes that in her anger over the system, she may have hurt people she didn't mean to. "I was pretty strong-spoken," she admits, adding that she can now understand why she upset so many colleagues.

"Most of them are individually very, very good ... and they don't want to be treated as though they are guilty for something they don't think they did or that they are not responsible for," she says. She said she be-



lieves most members are caught in a system they don't know how to change.

Smith's campaign also drew the attention of special interest groups, who targeted her for defeat in the last election. In her re-election bid, Smith only accepted contributions from individuals, who each gave less than the federal limit of \$1,000. Her opponent ran three times as many TV ads as she did, all financed, Smith says, by special interest "soft money."

"It truly tested whether or not I would do what I said," she says.

It was a close race. The day after the election, both the Washington Post and the New York Times reported Smith had lost.

But after the absentee ballots were counted, she was officially certified the winner on Dec. 5 by a margin of 887 votes.

CRUSADER Since her election in 1994, Rep. Linda Smith has drawn ire from both sides of the political fence for her "Clean Congress" campaign. "The Bible is very clear about the relationship between money and power, and money and justice," she says. (RNS photo)

Road-kill ministry stops 'em dead in tracks

By Mary Branson
SBC Home Mission Board

SALCHA, Alaska (BP)—On a deserted stretch of Alaska highway, a late-model Ford Bronco maneuvers cautiously over patches of black ice. Suddenly, the car's headlights lock the gaze of a 1,000-pound bull moose.

There's a futile attempt at breaking, a 40-foot skid, then impact.

The driver gets out to check the damage. The massive animal, now lifeless on the shoulder of the road, has crushed the front passenger side of the car.

It's 12:30 a.m. Eager to report the damage to his insurance company, the driver calls the state police on his cell phone: "I've hit a moose."

Twenty miles away, in Salcha, population 1,000, pastor Richard Faught and his wife, Sherry, are sleeping when the phone rings. A dispatcher tells Richard about the accident. "We'll be right there."

Faught calls Debbie Duncan, a church member who lives near the accident. He asks her to ward off poachers by sitting on the moose.

With more than 600 pounds of usable meat on a bull moose, the Alaska law that gives roadkill moose and caribou to rotating charities sometimes is ignored by greedy motorists.

Faught heads to the accident scene while his wife begins the arrangements that have become a way of life for many of the 60 members of Sal-

cha Baptist Church.

She calls Gary Johnson, asking if he can take his wrecker to mile 314 on the highway. Johnson separates himself from the warmth of blankets and heads out into the 30-below-zero night.

At 1 a.m., Johnson spots the pastor standing beside the road, waving both hands.

Despite the freezing weather, Faught's face is wet with perspiration and his jacket is unzipped. He has already field-dressed the carcass, strenuous work.

He calls to Johnson, "Let's get this meat in before it freezes."

Fastening chains around its legs, the men hoist the moose onto the wrecker. They drive to Salcha church's log parsonage, back the wrecker up to the garage and release the moose.

They replace the chains with rope and hang the moose from a child's swing set, positioned in the garage for this purpose.

In the morning, Sherry Faught calls Duncan and Ramon DeLeon, pastor of the Hispanic Baptist Mission in Fairbanks, 37 miles to the north, and sets a time for moose cutting.

(In summer, a moose must be prepared immediately to avoid spoilage. In winter, the garage is cool enough to protect the meat.)

Early in the day, the Salcha pastor, Duncan and DeLeon begin cutting, grinding and wrapping the usable

meat.

It used to take a lot longer because they had only a grinder on an electric mixer until a church in Ocala, Fla., donated a commercial grinder, saving two or three hours on each moose cutting.

They toss the scraps and the damaged meat into a bucket to give to dog mushers.

"That's a ministry in itself," Faught said. "Providing meat for the dogs gets us in the door to invite the mushers to church."

The November sun sets at 4 p.m., but the workers won't be finished until late into the night. It takes 10 to 12 hours for two or three men and women to prepare a moose for the two freezers in the garage.

As the men pack the last moose steak into the freezer, the outreach begins. The meat along with canned goods, salmon steaks that members netted from the Copper River and perishable food items donated by the Fairbanks Food Bank will be distributed to hungry families in the area.

Those families will have a better opinion of Southern Baptists. Some will decide to check out Salcha Baptist Church.

And some could make Jesus their personal Savior because of the love shown through Salcha's 10-year-old roadkill ministry.

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Canadian missionary says he acts locally to reach globally

VANCOUVER, B.C. (BP)—"Think globally, act locally" is more than a catchy phrase to home missionary Jim Graham. It's at the heart of his ministry to immigrants.

Graham and his wife, Becky, made a commitment to foreign missions 12 years ago. They didn't know it would mean serving in their homeland of Canada.

A native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Graham was ready to go where God led him. Through God's timing and circumstances, the Grahams were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to Vancouver, British Columbia, home to 1.5 million people.

"In Vancouver, approximately 56 percent of the population is made up of minorities," he said. "Unofficially, we have about 400,000 Chinese immigrants living here, in addition to people coming from Vietnam and Korea. Vancouver is virtually a city of Asians."

The great influx of immigrants provides the Grahams with a unique opportunity not only to minister to these newcomers but to the communities in their home countries.

"Many times our Chinese Christians return home to start churches in China," Graham said. "Even those who have not yet become Christians will call me from China and ask me to talk to their friends about Jesus. When you plant a church here, it ends up reaching the world."

Immigrants to Canada often are more open to hearing about Christianity because they are encouraged to maintain their cultural individuality. In fact, there is a minister for cultural diversity in the Canadian cabinet. As a result, immigrants feel comfortable exploring aspects of their new home while remaining loyal to their own customs.

"They want to learn more about us," Graham said. "They are eager to know us and to ask questions about us. That includes learning about Jesus Christ."

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