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## APA resolution discourages use of 'conversion' therapy for gays

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The American Psychological Association adopted a carefully crafted resolution this month aimed at discouraging the use of so-called "reparative," or "conversion," therapies that seek to change gays and lesbians to heterosexuals.

But the APA, while saying there is no scientific proof that such therapy works and that there is some potential for harm in its use, did not dismiss the technique altogether. It said the therapy should be used only with "informed consent," requiring psychologists to tell the client that being gay is not an illness and the risks and benefits of conversion therapy remain unknown.

The resolution was sharply criticized by Exodus International, an "ex-gay" Christian ministry, and by the Family Research Council, a conservative advocacy group.

Bob Davies, North American director for the Seattle-based Exodus International, called the resolution a "first step in the wrong direction."

"Restricting the freedom of choice for gays seeking change is a very dangerous precedent," Davies added. "Obviously, gays and lesbians who seek change must be self-motivated and not coerced, but 'coercion' to remain gay is equally unethical."

The Family Research Council also criticized the APA's call for therapists to read clients a statement declaring that homosexuality is not an illness and that the benefits of reparative therapy remain unknown.

"Forcing therapists to read any such statement to their clients represents gross interference with therapists' free speech rights, conscience and professional clinical judgment," said Robert Knight, Family Research Council's director of cultural studies. "Therapists are going to have to lie to their clients and patients about what it means to be gay."

But a spokeswoman for People for the American Way, a Washington-based liberal civil rights organization, welcomed the resolution. "The idea that homosexuality is a condition from which one should be cured is old-fashioned bigotry passing as science," said Judith Schaeffer, deputy legal director.

The APA represents about 151,000 researchers, educators and clinicians.

In 1973, overturning decades of psychological conventional wisdom, the APA adopted a resolution declaring homosexuality is not a mental illness.

## One size doesn't fit all for Bible study

By Mark Wingfield  
Editor

LOUISVILLE—An effective adult Bible study teacher must know not only who is in the class but what influences shape how each person thinks and learns, a teaching consultant advised Kentucky Baptists.

"Those you do not know, those you do not understand, you will have trouble reaching and teaching," said Bob Metcalf, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

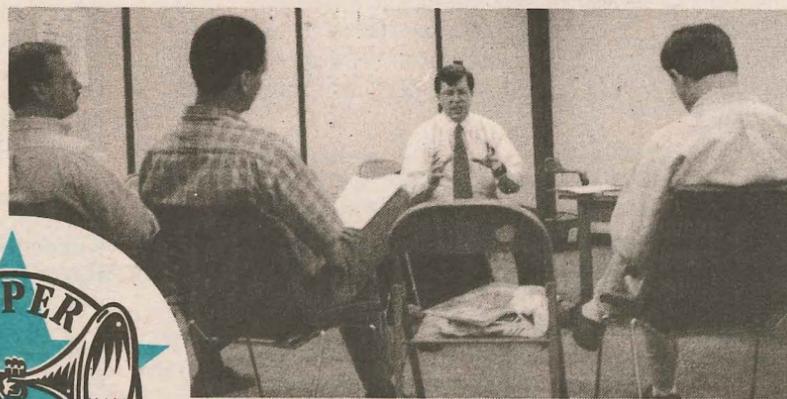
Metcalf was one of dozens of seminar leaders on hand for a Super Saturday leadership training conference held at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville Aug. 16. Similar conferences, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, already have been held in Erlanger, Paducah and Lexington; two final conferences are scheduled for Sept. 6 at Central Baptist Church in Corbin and Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro.

Metcalf outlined three ways Bible study teachers should look at class members to gain a better understanding of how to teach effectively: generational worldview, learning style and stage of spiritual development.

Beyond this, he added, teachers must realize that not all needs will be met in the classroom.

Metcalf urged teachers to reach out to their class members in ministry throughout the week and through building personal relationships that teach by example more than by word. "A lot of what we do in teaching has to be won in the hospital room, at the funeral home or by attending the child custody hearing," he explained.

Both in the classroom and away from the church, teachers will be more successful if they understand the generational influences that shape their class members' views, Metcalf said. He referred extensively to a Sunday School Board product called "Vision,



**SUPER SATURDAY** ■ Top: Bill Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Henderson, leads a seminar on preaching and worship resources during the Aug. 16 Super Saturday conference at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville. ■ Bottom: Participants in a Super Saturday conference discuss teaching concepts in a small group.

Variety & Vitality," written by Louis Hanks.

In this book, Hanks outlines common characteristics of four generational groups found in adult Bible study classes.

■ **PowerBuilders.** Hanks identifies those born between 1901 and 1924 (96- to 73-year-olds) as the PowerBuilder generation. If you're going to teach this group, you'd better have a King James Version of the Bible, you'd be wise to employ hymn-singing to reinforce theological truth and you're likely to succeed most often with a lecture-type presentation, he says.

■ **PeaceMakers.** Hanks groups those born between 1926 and 1944 (71- to 53-year-olds) as PeaceMakers. Members of this generation bring strong relational skills to the learning process, enjoy intergenerational Bible study and are open to discussing new ideas, he says. However, they prefer highly organized class structures and do well with discussion-and-debate teaching formats.

■ **PathFinders.** Hanks classifies the baby boomer generation, those born between 1945 and 1963 (52- to 34-year-olds) as PathFinders. If you're going to teach this generation □ See Leader: One size ..., page 8

## Ellison to lead Kentucky Baptist Assemblies

By Mark Wingfield  
Editor

James "Rusty" Ellison has been named the first president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies Inc., the newest agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Ellison, 48, currently is pastor of Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville. He will begin his new responsibilities Oct. 1, but will continue to live in Louisville, where KBA will establish an office.

Ellison was elected to the post unanimously Aug. 19 by KBA's board of directors.

Effective Sept. 1, KBA will assume ownership and management of

two camps previously operated by the KBC Executive Board. Those camps are Cedarmore, located in Shelby County, and Jonathan Creek, located on Kentucky Lake in West Kentucky.

"I feel very strongly that this is a God-given opportunity to bring a new day of glory to our assemblies," Ellison said. "I'm under no illusion that it's not going to be a huge task. But I honestly believe God is behind this."

Ellison said one of his goals will be to raise Cedarmore to a "first-class standard." Cedarmore, the oldest of the two camps, faces much greater need for capital improvements than Jonathan Creek.

"It is hard for me to contain my excitement for what I believe can be out there," he explained. "I believe it is the desire of the overwhelming majority of Kentucky Baptists to see that succeed at a new level and become a first-class camp place."

However, Ellison said he does not intend to neglect Jonathan Creek either. As a former resident and pastor in West Kentucky, he appreciates the unique contribution of Jonathan Creek to that region, he said.

Before assuming his current pastorate in Louisville, Ellison was pastor of First Baptist Church of Benton in West Kentucky. He has lived in Paducah twice previously.

Willis Henson, chairman of the KBA board and acting president of the agency, praised Ellison's background □ See Ellison elected ..., page 3



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# BAPTISTS

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **Boston missionary dies.** Willy Marquez, catalytic language missionary with Greater Boston Baptist Association, died Aug. 19 from injuries sustained in a fall from a ladder. Marquez was known to many Kentuckians who have participated in the Kentucky-New England partnership. He also spoke to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board in May 1996 and at a World Missions Conference in Franklin earlier this year. He is survived by his wife, Julie, and two daughters, Minerva and Lystra.

■ **Faculty added.** Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has added four new faculty members. Stephen Rummage, 28, a former Louisiana pastor and instructor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named instructor of preaching. Kenneth Magnuson, 35, a recent doctoral graduate from the University of Cambridge, England, was named instructor of Christian ethics. Josef Solc, 54, former pastor of Hulon Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, was named assistant professor of theology and missions. Greg Harris, 41, an adjunct professor at Southeastern, has been named assistant professor of Bible and theology.

■ **Integration effort awarded.** Norris Fulfer and James Coffee have received this year's African-American Southern Baptist Convention Heritage Award from the SBC Sunday School Board. Coffee is pastor of Community Baptist Church of Santa Rosa, Calif., the first African-American church admitted to a Southern Baptist association in 1951. Fulfer was moderator of Redwood-Empire Baptist Association at the time and cast the tie-breaking vote to admit the black congregation.

■ **Compromise proposed.** North Carolina Baptist Convention leaders have approved a compromise plan that would modify the convention's ties with Meredith College, a women's school located in Raleigh. Under the agreement, the school no longer would receive funds from the state convention and the convention no longer would elect the schools' trustees. The school would maintain its Baptist ties by establishing an endowed scholarship fund for Baptist students and creating an office of church relations. The deal still must be approved at the state convention's annual meeting in November.



"And now, if everyone would stand, mingle, shmooze and make nice for the feel good part of our service."

## Boyce professors under closer scrutiny

By Mark Wingfield  
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Closer scrutiny is being given to the beliefs of adjunct faculty teaching in Boyce Bible School, but that has not resulted in any teacher's contract not being renewed last spring or this fall, according to Danny Akin, vice president for academic administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Boyce Bible School is a division of Southern Seminary that provides theological training for individuals without undergraduate degrees. Boyce students may work toward a diploma or associate's degree.

Boyce's main campus in Louisville and its 26 extension centers around the nation are staffed by adjunct faculty members, often current or retired pastors of area churches.

Akin affirmed in an Aug. 20 interview that a more intentional effort is being made to ensure that Boyce faculty members affirm the same doctrinal and theological beliefs the seminary's full-time faculty members are judged by. That includes signing the seminary's Abstract of Principles and the "Covenant Agreement" developed between seminary trustees and administration in 1991.

Boyce faculty also are being asked to respond orally to five questions the seminary's trustees have outlined as criteria for full-time seminary faculty. According to Akin's description, in those questions prospective faculty members are asked to affirm:

■ The "full truthfulness and inerrancy of the Bible."

■ That abortion is wrong except in cases where it is necessary to save the life of the mother.

■ That homosexuality is "a sin, but one that can be delivered from."

■ The "exclusivity of the gospel, that Jesus is the only Savior."

■ That "God calls men to the assignment of leadership in the home and the church, and therefore men are called to the office of senior pastor and women are restricted from that."

These five questions serve as "guidelines" and "criteria" in hiring Boyce faculty, Akin said, although he declined to say whether they are applied in the same all-or-nothing manner in which full-time seminary faculty are selected.

"We expect all our Boyce faculty to be able to affirm the Abstract, to affirm the Covenant and give affirmation to the general theological convictions our trustees have asked us to affirm and follow," Akin explained. "We try to implement that in a gracious and reasonable manner."

Akin admitted there has been some confusion due to the more intentional effort to make such inquiries about the beliefs of Boyce faculty.

"There was some confusion about a couple of situations, but we have met and steps are being taken right now to ensure that we get off to a great start for the fall," Akin said. "Every single contract that has come over to me this spring and fall, that has been submitted from the dean of the Boyce

School, I have signed."

There has not been "a single prospective teacher at Boyce who has been turned down," Akin said.

"We're moving in a direction where we want to have even as our adjuncts people who agree with the direction of the seminary," he explained. "But we are trying to be gracious."

Bob Johnson, dean of the Boyce School, confirmed that confusion over the process resulted in rumors flying around the seminary community, including rumors that he had been ousted as dean.

"Those rumors never were true," he said. "There was confusion about communication. That is true."

Johnson indicated that some Boyce faculty members, when confronted with the five questions, thought they should exclude themselves from teaching because they could not in good conscience affirm all five points. That resulted in contracts for at least two individuals not being presented to Akin for approval, Johnson said.

However, once Akin was informed about those withdrawals and the specifics of each situation, he affirmed that he would have approved both of those individuals for Boyce assignments this year, Johnson said. One of those adjunct professors has been reinstated; the other has chosen not to be.

"No one is out. No one has been turned down by the administration," Johnson said. "Two people eliminated themselves; one is back."

## Baptist student ministry marks 75 years

By Chip Alford  
SBC Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)—In a small office overlooking the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tenn., something started 75 years ago that has resulted in hundreds of thousands of decisions for Christ, at least that many young people becoming involved in career or short-term missions projects and millions of dollars being raised for international and North American missions.

That "something" was Southern Baptist work among college students, a ministry the late Frank Leavell launched with two desks, a typewriter, a stenographer and a dream.

The dream got a name two years later when Baptist college students agreed on the title "Baptist Student Union" for their on-campus organizations. What began as a presence on a dozen campuses in the South grew into a ministry that has touched all 50 states and dozens of countries around the world.

"I'm convinced student ministry is one of Southern Baptists' best-kept secrets," said Bill Henry, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's national student ministry. He celebrated student work's diamond anniversary Aug. 10-15 with students and leaders attending Student Week conferences in Glorieta, N.M., and Lake Junaluska, N.C.

"Most Southern Baptists don't realize they have the largest collegiate

ministry in the nation," Henry said, adding the program is bigger than Campus Crusade, Navigators and InterVarsity combined. Last year alone, more than 237,000 students on 1,000 campuses were reached through BSU ministries.

"But it's not the size of our ministry that excites me," Henry said. "I'm proud of the difference that is being made in the lives of college students. This is an incredibly important investment for Southern Baptists."

Henry said Southern Baptist Convention student work in 1996 resulted in 5,500 professions of faith. In addition, students gave \$3.2 million to support missions, sent out 27,000 student missionaries and helped start 362 new churches or missions.

While that is good news, much work remains to be done, Henry said. He cited these statistics to illustrate:

■ Of the 600,000-plus Baptist students on college campuses, only a third were being reached by SBC student ministry programs in 1996.

■ The U.S. student population as a whole topped 14 million in 1996 and is expected to jump to 16.6 million by 2005, an 18-percent increase.

Making a significant impact on campus in the new millennium, Henry said, will require "a radical new approach that captures the imagination and commitment of students."

Toward that end, Henry has announced a new initiative called CrossSeekers. It has three primary components: a grassroots disciple-

ship emphasis; a series of "catalytic" discipleship events; and a publishing venture.

Henry said CrossSeekers will challenge students to make covenants with God as an expression of their decision to live as his disciples, then join with like-minded students for support and spiritual accountability. Students making the covenant will agree to the following statements:

■ I will be a person of integrity.  
■ I will pursue consistent spiritual growth.

■ I will speak and live a relevant, authentic and consistent witness.

■ I will seek opportunities to serve in Christ's name.

■ I will honor my body as the temple of God, dedicated to a lifestyle of purity.

■ I will be godly in all things, Christlike in all relationships.

Phase two of CrossSeekers focuses on discipleship events held around the country with concerts by popular contemporary Christian music artists and messages from widely known Christian authors and speakers. Built around the CrossSeekers covenant, Henry said he expects these events to attract tens of thousands of students during the next few years.

With a target audience of 10,000-15,000, the first event is scheduled Sept. 4-6, 1998, in New Orleans. Henry said he envisions three such CrossSeekers events in 1999 and five in 2000, all held in different areas of the country.

## Bill would prevent same-sex marriage in Kentucky

FRANKFORT—The Kentucky General Assembly won't be in session for another five months, but two bills already have been pre-filed that seek to keep the state from recognizing same-sex marriages.

The interim joint committee for judiciary legislation held a preliminary hearing Aug. 19 on the two bills, with emotional testimony given both from supporters and opponents of same-sex marriages.

"The idea of same-sex marriage is ridiculous," said Sheldon Baugh, R-Russellville, sponsor of a resolution before the House of Representatives. Baugh's resolution would prevent the commonwealth from recognizing same-sex unions as legal marriages.

The other bill, sponsored by Sen. Tim Philpot, R-Lexington, would forbid judges to issue domestic-violence protection orders in cases involving couples of the same gender.

Advocates of both bills claim legal action is necessary in light of a 1996 ruling in Hawaii that said a ban on same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. That decision currently is under review by the Hawaii Supreme Court.

If same-sex marriages are legalized in Hawaii, gay and lesbian couples from other states could go to Hawaii, be legally married and then return and demand that their home states recognize the marriage license, opponents have warned.

This situation prompted the United States Congress in 1996 to pass the Defense of Marriage act, which was intended to protect states that do not want to recognize same-sex marriages licensed in other states.

Opponents of same-sex marriages are taking steps in most states to pass laws outlawing official sanction of gay and lesbian couples.

At the heart of the debate in Kentucky and elsewhere is a question about what constitutes a family and what are acceptable "family values."

"The building block of a home is marriage between a man and a woman," Herschael York told Kentucky lawmakers in last week's hearing. "The institution of marriage is rooted in the fact that men and women are physically and emotionally different but complimentary to one another."

York, associate professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theo-

logical Seminary in Louisville, is former pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington.

York argued that a definition of the "nuclear family" is seen in the Bible in Genesis 2:21-25 and other references. He also predicted that giving legal recognition to same-sex marriages would result in public schools teaching that homosexuality is "just another lifestyle form."

Also speaking in favor of the bills was Martin Cothran, policy analyst for the Family Foundation.

"We are asking you to draw a line where most people in this country draw it," Cothran said. "This is simply trying to preserve the understanding of marriage that has been here all along."

Cothran warned that allowing same-sex marriages would "do for marriage what Dr. Kevorkian does for sick people."

On the other side, opponents of the bills argued that passing such restrictive laws would amount to discrimination.

They argued that domestic partners of homosexuals should be able to receive the same employer-provided health benefits heterosexual couples

enjoy. They also contended the homes of homosexual couples are as happy and stable as any others.

Laura Drew and Jeanette Wollack, lesbian partners who share custody of a child and are expecting the birth of another, testified that "spiritual values" are part of their home environment. "We made the decision (to have a child) by turning it over to God, and we have been blessed," Wollack said.

"We are law-abiding, tax-paying citizens," added Drew. "We are good and honorable people. If our children are harmed, it will not be because they have two moms. It will be because of fear and hatred."

Others speaking in opposition to the bills included Joan Callahan and Jennifer Crossen of Lexington, domestic partners who are raising a son.

"Some among us today would have you believe we do not have family values," said Callahan, a University of Kentucky professor. "Shame on them. Shame on you, Sen. Philpot. Shame on you."

No vote was taken at the committee hearing. Formal debate on the proposals should begin in early 1998 when the Kentucky General Assembly convenes for its biennial session.

### BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Elkhorn Baptist Association** will sponsor an "I Survived the Flood" party for the city of Falmouth Oct. 18. Organizers are seeking gifts for door prizes and volunteers to serve food. Contact Sandy Williams at (606) 254-7747

■ **Southern Seminary** will host a pastor appreciation day Sept. 16. Admission is free, but those planning to attend are asked to make reservations with the president's office by Sept. 10 by calling (800) 626-5525, ext. 4121.

■ **Larry Lindsey**, a coordinator in Moscow for Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Russian Baptists, has returned home from the hospital after suffering a deflated lung.

## Western Recorder announces Daley fund

An endowment fund to honor longtime Western Recorder Editor C.R. Daley and his wife, Christine, is being established, the paper announced last week.

"Perhaps no one name has been as recognizable to Kentucky Baptists in the 20th century as that of C.R. Daley," said Editor Mark Wingfield. "Even today, 13 years after his retirement, Dr. Daley's name is recognized in every region of the Commonwealth."

The fund will serve two purposes, Wingfield said. In addition to providing a way to perpetually recognize Daley's legacy, the fund will be used to underwrite the Western Recorder's commitment to provide the paper free to every Kentucky Baptist pastor.

"It is fitting that the new C.R. and

Christine Daley Endowment Fund will serve pastors," Wingfield said. "Through the years, the Daleys have become known across Kentucky as friends of pastors and of pastors' families."

The fund was announced at an Aug. 17 luncheon for current and former trustees of the Recorder.

The endowment will be administered by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Wingfield added.

Currently, the cost of providing papers to all Kentucky pastors is about \$15,000 annually, he said. This currently is funded through the Recorder's general budget. Funding it through the endowment will free up budget funds and help keep down subscription costs for all subscribers, he said.

A celebration banquet with the Daley family will be hosted next year to launch the fund-raising drive, Wingfield said.

Daley was editor of the Western Recorder from 1957 through 1984. At the time of his retirement, Daley was recognized as the "dean" of state Baptist editors.

A native of Newington, Ga., he was pastor of three churches in Georgia before serving three churches in Kentucky: Woodburn Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church in Franklin and Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Daley also served five years as professor of Greek, Latin, Old Testament and philosophy and as dean of men at Georgetown College. In retirement, he has taught at Boyce Bible School.

## Dayton church offers children 'Fun in the Son'

By Joyce Sweeney Martin  
Staff Writer

DAYTON—More than 150 inner city children spent their summer safe and sound rather than on the streets, thanks to a free, 10-week "Fun in the Son" program offered by First Baptist Church of Dayton.

The children, ages 2-13, visited First Baptist each weekday for six hours of arts and crafts, recreation, music, Bible stories, movies and snacks.

The need in the community around the church precipitated the ministry, according to Pastor Tom Knight, who directed the program.

Many people who live in the area are "struggling to make ends meet," leaving little income to care for children when school is not in session, he said.

In addition to programs at the church, children also were treated to

field trips to the zoo and Shriners' Circus in Cincinnati, and to Big Bone Lick State Park in Northern Kentucky.

The church wanted to provide a safe environment and show the children "we care about them," said Knight's wife, Jonetta. About 90 percent of the children are unchurched, Knight added.

First Baptist isn't just telling the community Jesus is real, "we're showing it," Knight said. As a result, eight children made professions of faith in Jesus, he said.

While the program was the brainchild of the Knights, it quickly became a "church-owned, church-supported, church-worked idea," Knight said.

Church members baked cookies, fed visiting youth groups who helped with the program and drove their personal vans to transport children to the church, he said. Most of the 150 people who attend First Baptist were involved, he said.

Jimmy Owen, a student at Campbellsville University, was assistant director.

About 10 to 15 volunteers from the church worked alongside visiting youth groups Knight recruited on SBCNet, an Internet forum for Southern Baptists, he said. Most youth groups came from Kentucky, but one came from Oregon.

The community has been involved too. After an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer, donations "from \$5 to \$2,500" came from individuals and businesses across the Greater Cincinnati area, he said.

In addition, local businesses gave a pool table, a basketball machine and video games.

The program initially focused on the area around the church but grew to include children from Newport, Covington, Bellevue, Southgate and Latonia as well as Dayton, Knight said.

## Ellison elected president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies

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and vision as perfect assets for the task he faces.

"I've never been more positive and felt better about the future of camping ministries among Kentucky Baptists," said Henson, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah. "He's going to be capable of doing what needs to be done."

In addition to serving as KBA's president, Ellison also will serve as director of Cedarmore for up to two years, Henson said.

In addition to his two pastorates, Ellison previously was a church planter apprentice with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, helping start what is now Centerfield Baptist Church in Oldham County.

While attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1990-1992, Ellison served as a special assistant to President Roy Honeycutt. He was responsible for renovation and management of the Seminary Village/Village Manor housing complex.

Prior to entering vocational ministry, Ellison worked 20 years in secular sales and management positions.

From 1980-1984, he was president of Ward-Elkins, an appliance and electronics retail store in Paducah. From 1976-1980, he worked in marketing and sales for King Kitchens in Memphis, Tenn.

He also has experience as an assistant manager and sales manager for Holiday Inn East and Breckinridge Inn, both in Louisville. In 1974-75, he managed Kentucky Fried Chicken's No. 1 store in Texas and won that company's President's Award for sales.

Ellison holds the bachelor of science degree from High Point College in High Point, N.C., and the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. He currently is enrolled in the doctor of ministry program at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

He has been active in Blood River and Long Run Baptist associations and currently serves on Long Run's 21st century steering committee. He also currently serves on the KBC committee on committees and on the Western Recorder's board of directors, where he is vice chairman.

Ellison and his wife, Pam, have been married 25 years. They have two daughters: Angie, a junior at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and Jodi, a high school junior.

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

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## Thanks for house

**Editor's note:** The author of this letter is the recipient of one of four Habitat for Humanity houses sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention during the June Jimmy Carter work project in Appalachia. Kentucky Baptists not only gave money for this project but also provided much of the labor as Habitat volunteers.

I just love my new house, and my son, Aaron, is tickled to death.

I am so thankful to God and to Kentucky Baptists and all the wonderful volunteers who worked on my house. Without all of you, I know I wouldn't have a new house.

I know people make plans of their own, but sometimes God works things out his way because he knows what is best for us all and he has his own plan laid out for us.

I put my application in for a new house in 1994. Everything was checked out, and I was approved. I was supposed to get my new house in 1995, but when it came my turn, another family showed up who needed one worse than I did. At the time I had a place to stay, so I told them to go in front of me. I was told in 1996 that my house would be built during the 1997 "Hammering in the Hills" week. It seemed like a long time to wait, but I think that was all part of God's plan.

It was well worth waiting for. We love our new house. It is so special to us. I thank God every day for everyone who had a part in building it, Kentucky Baptists for sponsoring my house and all the volunteers who helped. All of them are so special, I feel God hand-picked each and every one.

Rosie Blankenship  
Phelps

## Not compassionate

In the National Notes section of Aug. 5, the bold type read "Episcopalians apologize to homosexuals." This is blatant discrimination unless they also apologize to all murderers, adulterers, fornicators and rapists, those who practice incest and bestiality, liars, thieves, drunkards, swindlers, the greedy and every other sin contrary to a holy God.

Those in the church who cheerlead for Satan's sin would have us believe that they are the truly compassionate. That which leads to the lake of fire I do not find to be compassionate.

As the end grows near, this silliness will probably only increase. From blasphemy unto blasphemy, a large segment of the church seems determined to finally evolve into the whore of Babylon.

Chuck Estridge  
Williamstown

## Look again

In reading the Western Recorder and other papers, I have read remarks that the leaders of the South-

ern Baptist Convention are concerned that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is undermining denominational loyalty. See Aug. 12 article about K.W. Paul. This letter is in no way making a statement about Paul's ministry.

If SBC leaders are concerned about the disruption of denominational loyalty, they are looking in the wrong places. From where I sit I would suggest they look within. The members of our church have read newspapers and various accounts of the years of infighting and activities that have happened in the SBC since 1979. Some have said, "I am almost ashamed to let anyone know I am a Southern Baptist." Others have said they are basically finished with the SBC. This is not due to the various problems and happenings having been preached from the pulpit.

Trust in and loyalty to the denomination were broken long before the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship came into existence. Just like the great civilizations that have perished from within, great denominations have and will continue to decay from within and not from forces from the outside.

Donald Cole  
Brandenburg

## What is unity?

Unity. What does it mean? Specifically, what are Southern Baptists to do with unity? In the Aug. 19 Western Recorder, this concept was discussed in at least two articles: Mark Wingfield's editorial concerned the response of one Southern Baptist Convention agency to an event geared toward unity between "Christian" groups; Bill Whittaker in Clear Creek Chronicle cited an account by a ministerial student that "these doctrinal differences (Calvinist-Arminian) are secondary to our unity in Christ and the need to tell others the good news."

We see the desire for such unity all over the "Christian" world. Promise No. 6 of the Promise Keepers organization is, in part, to remove denominational barriers to "biblical unity." "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" is a document that also promotes this goal.

Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, described the goal of a "unity of the faith" (Ephesians 4:13). Are the previously mentioned events examples of this unity?

Before answering, look at Paul's next verse: "That we henceforth be no more 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." (Ephesians 4:14). This suggests the purpose of this unity is so that we will have a maturity marked by a strong doctrinal foundation and not a childish desire to make everything fit.

"Biblical unity" is indeed a laudable goal if, in fact, it is biblical and not social. But sadly, even among Baptists there is not always a unity over the Bible. However, there is a

troubling desire in many of our churches to teach that laying a biblical doctrinal foundation is of lesser importance than stressing the need for a social or cultural reconciliation among all who may cry "Lord! Lord!"

Jonathan G. McGuire  
Lexington

## FMB's new name

The Foreign Mission Board has changed its name. In 1961, the board should have been named the Sexist, Gender-biased and Macho Mission Board.

I was a teacher in Abeokuta, Nigeria. It was school vacation time, and our compound hosted a meeting of Baptist leaders. They needed my apartment, so I was told to stay at the infirmary.

A trusted Nigerian teacher came late, saying she was locked out of her room and could she stay in mine. In the night I awakened to her rapping me. It was the worst thing that ever happened to me.

FMB leaders denied this missionary the authority of truth. They brought me home to talk about it and never let me return. They wronged me and my home church that sent me out so proudly.

I was called of God to go and work in Nigeria. These men with their myopic vision thwarted my calling. How dare them!

I was young, naïve and intimidated. I was told if I would resign maybe I could go back in a year or two. I think they had no intention of letting me go back.

I was not the first missionary to be disappointed in the integrity of the board, and there have been others since me. The Western Recorder has carried their cases.

When one promises to fulfill a plan (a sacred plan, no less) and then doesn't, one feels ashamed. I've felt ashamed not being in Nigeria all these years, even though it wasn't my fault. This victim is still being victimized.

I've served here in various capacities and have blessed others while being blessed. But I'll never get over being unable to serve in Nigeria. And it has been very difficult to forgive these men for frustrating my calling.

Wyona King  
Covington

**Editor's note:** In fairness, the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which previously was called the Foreign Mission Board, was asked to respond to this letter. Here is that response:

Because of the length of time since Wyona King's resignation, the International Mission Board has neither records nor personal knowledge of the situation to allow a response. We can substantiate that Wyona King was appointed a missionary to Nigeria on April 15, 1959, and resigned effective Sept. 15, 1961. Those individuals who would have dealt with her resignation and circumstances surrounding it are deceased. Her medical records no longer exist.

Anita Bowden  
International Mission Board  
Richmond, Va.

## CHILDREN

### Teach discipline the fun way

By Jewell Nelson

**Q.** Instead of nagging, I am really trying to be more positive with my kids (4, 7, 9). Do you have some helpful hints?

**A.** Invite "Professor Xpert" to teach compassion, gentleness, safety, good hygiene and even to predict consequences and other lessons as needed. Learn "Professor Xpert" when the family is in a happy mood

and the applications will be helpful during troubled times.

Children take turns being Professor Xpert. The other children ask questions for Professor Xpert to solve. Children, and/or adults can write questions on cards or make them up as the game is played.

The more elaborate the staging, the more fun. Professor Xpert can use a pretend microphone. The other children might use play telephones and call in their questions.

To teach empathy, ask Professor Xpert questions on feelings: How would a person feel if he got lost in a forest or cave? How would a person feel if he came to a new school? How would a person feel if no one played with him or her?

To teach gentleness, ask: How would you take care of a motherless baby bird? How would you keep a bubble floating for a long time? How would you want to be treated if you broke your arm?

To teach consequences, ask the professor to predict: What would happen if we never cleaned our house (room)? What would happen if we were kind to everyone we know, even a bully? What would happen if we only ate candy, cookies and ice cream?

During the Professor Xpert times, write each solution on a card. Place the cards in a box. Be in charge of the box. Later, when a problem arises, ask the child to get a solution. The solution may or may not fit the problem. The more solutions that do not fit, the funnier the situation becomes. Often the humor can overcome the problem.

Instead of nagging, affirm the good behavior you see. Post "Professor Xpert" notes of appreciation for each child from time to time.

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

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



## HE SAID/SHE SAID

### Some fear nighttime stares; we fear stairs at nighttime

#### HESAIID



Mark Wingfield

Despite the anxieties of parents like us, school got off to a fine start last week. The first day was an emotional rollercoaster, full of adrenalin, angst and apprehension.

Both our boys ventured into kindergarten full throttle, happy to be there and eager to learn. It was a busy day for all. Somewhere along the way, however, large quantities of junk food mixed with all that adrenalin and anxiety to create a disaster at our house.

In Luke's class, the children had received the positive reinforcement of M&Ms every time they did something well. Luke apparently was working on making a good first impression, and he got lots of M&Ms. Both he and his brother weren't ready for the quick turnaround of the lunchroom, so neither got all their lunches finished before the bell rang.

Once they got home, Alison treated them to more sweets, not fully realizing all they already had ingested. Then they had to eat dinner hurriedly to get to soccer practice on time.

Luke went to bed complaining of a stomachache. We dismissed it as anxiety and told him to go to sleep.

About 11 p.m. we heard loud coughing sounds from the boys' room. After a few seconds, our dull brains figured out that sound was all over coughing. Luke was sitting up in his bed, vomiting all over everything.

Alison took him to the bathroom while I started stripping his bed. I loaded two pillows, sheets, blankets, Mikey the doll and an assortment of Beanie Babies in a laundry hamper and headed for the basement laundry area. (In case you've ever wondered, Beanie Babies will survive the washer; Goldy the goldfish and all his spewed-upon buddies are living proof.)

The first day of school came to a crowning climax as I toted the overflowing laundry basket down the basement stairs, only to lose my balance five steps shy of the landing. Even though I fell hard on the floor, at least my messy cargo flew far ahead of me.

#### SHE SAID



Alison Wingfield

We don't have a good track record with stairs in the midst of family crises. One of the few memories we have of the boys' first year is when they were only four weeks old.

It was our first week alone with the two of them, and we were already in major sleep-deprived stupors. We had walked the hallway until 1 a.m. with a child who wouldn't stop crying. Close to the infamous 3 a.m. feeding, I woke up and heard water running. I thought it was awfully late for the dishwasher still to be going, but I mumbled something to Mark and got up to investigate.

When I started down the stairs, I could hear water gushing. I hurried down the last few steps, then slipped and fell right on my backside. Because it was dark I couldn't tell that the linoleum floor was covered in about two inches of water.

Hearing the crash, Mark came running, got the water cut off (a pipe had burst under the sink) and we started cleaning up the mess. About that time, two little hungry babies woke up and wanted to be fed—immediately.

We abandoned the towels and trooped back upstairs to take care of the urgent need (since I was nursing, it took some doing to get them both settled down) and then went back to finish mopping out the pantry, which had taken the brunt of the water.

Pride may go before a fall, as the Proverb says, but we've fallen so much we don't have any pride left.

## For whom the judgment bells toll

**Editor's note:** In connection with the announcement in this issue of the *Western Recorder* that a new endowment fund has been established to honor C.R. and Christine Daley, the editorial space this week is devoted to a reprint of one of C.R. Daley's "Daley Observations." This editorial was published in the *Recorder's* Sept. 26, 1963, issue, shortly after four children had been killed in a racially motivated bomb blast at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1963, will forever be one of the darkest days in American history. It's almost impossible to believe the truth.

Four innocent American children were ruthlessly murdered by fellow Americans and this while the children were studying the Holy Bible in their own church. For this to happen in a land more than 300 years after it was founded for the sake of freedom and equality almost defies the imagination.

It's easy to assess blame and accuse someone else for such a tragic sin. It is harder to realize corporate responsibility and repent as a nation of people.

Those in Birmingham find some comfort in blaming it all on the Supreme Court, the national administration and agitation from outsiders. Outsiders, unfamiliar with the total situation, can point a pharisaical finger toward Birmingham while overlooking similar or other sins in their own backyard. The fact is all of us have sown the seeds which have brought such a sad harvest.

To say such a deed is representative of all of the people of Birmingham would be grossly false. But to say attitudes and actions of responsible citizens who themselves would never stoop so low did not encourage the lunatic fringe to such depths would also be false.

There have been voices unheeded that might well have been heeded. Alabama Baptist editor Leon Maccon, whose words reach 100,000 or more Alabama Baptist families every week, spoke clearly and loudly on the side of law and order in the crisis. Some Baptist pastors and other preachers spoke as bravely and at the greatest personal hazard. But the reality of the tragedy still haunts us.

This black Sunday is a judgment upon Birmingham. It is judgment upon a society built on the philosophy of white supremacy. It is judgment upon outsiders who blamed insiders, and insiders who blamed outsiders. It

### Who gets the last word?

By Carey Newman

My friend looked drained. He had just returned from a memorial service for one of his dearest friends. "I've been to numerous services that haven't done to me what this one did. Even though I sensed the presence and comfort of the Spirit there—this man and his family were strong Christians—I left afraid, afraid of death."

I said to him, "Maybe you feel this because you were such good friends or maybe it's because we were the same age."

"No," he said. "I think it's because my own mortality tumbled in on me like a ton of bricks. Death really stared me in the face. It is so all-consuming, so unrelenting, so final."

There is a strong temptation (and even tradition) within Christianity to

minimize the devastation death wreaks upon us. The euphemisms we employ to refer to death verify this observation. Rather than saying someone has died, we soften it a bit by saying they have "passed away," "left us" or "gone to a better place." When a loved one is faced with a painful and terminal illness, we think (and sometimes dare to say) that death might be more merciful than the continuation of life.

However, the Bible does not sugar-coat death; the Bible is as blunt about it as about any other aspect of life here. The Bible consistently depicts death as a power, an evil power that opposes God. God is for life and against death. Death is the end result of sin. There is nothing good about death—nothing at all.

However, two words of hope are

is judgment upon America founded for freedom and equality of every race and color. It is judgment upon unscrupulous politicians willing to grow fat and powerful upon the blood of the innocent.

But more than upon anyone else, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1963, is judgment upon people called Baptists. There are more Baptists in Birmingham and elsewhere in the South than any people claiming relationship with Jesus Christ. More people through the years have listened to

more Baptist preaching than to any other voices speaking for God. Baptists must bear the greatest responsibility because they have

enjoyed the greatest opportunity.

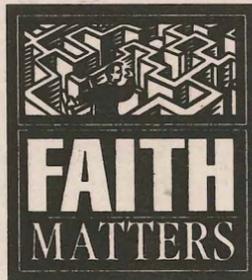
Great and mighty Baptist churches dot the Birmingham skyline, and even as bodies were mangled and blood spilt in the basement of one Baptist church, thousands of Baptists were in Bible study and worship services in other Baptist churches in Birmingham and across the nation. What did the Bible they studied and the sermons they heard say about injustice, intolerance and murder?

And while the smell of dynamite lingers and the soil is fresh upon the graves of innocent children, hundreds of Baptist district associations across the land are in session as is the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville. What will be talked about in these Baptist gatherings? In the corridors and churchyards remarks about the tragedy of Birmingham will be exchanged, but this will be soon forgotten as we use Baptist statistics to prove we are God's chosen as we make careful plans to keep the offerings higher than last year.

But still the blood of Birmingham cries out. At whose hands will it be required? How long will Southern Baptists be satisfied only to go on raising a million and more dollars a day to help keep up our far flung enterprise while justice, mercy and love go begging? When will we lay down our robes of respectability and popular approval and our money bags of success for the sackcloth and ashes of repentance? What will it profit a denomination if it gains the whole world and loses its own soul?

Sept. 15, 1963, is not only a sad day in the history of the United States of America. It's a sad day in Southern Baptist history.

— C.R. Daley



in order. First, many of the most victorious sections of Scripture are so because they narrate in detail the way in which death, as the very last enemy, will be finally and fully vanquished by God. Second, God's final assault upon death already has begun in the Resurrection of Jesus. That death could not hold Jesus means death will not hold us. Death's finality, though certainly devastating, is only fleeting.

The struggle being waged between life and death is no simple matter. It is the stuff of the entire universe. The Bible assures us that, on that great day, in the great hall of judgment, the powers of sin and death will be silenced. In fact, when asked to speak, they will be mute. On that day, the only word that will count will be that spoken by God.

I told my friend to sleep well, for no matter the strength and extent of evil, God is stronger yet. *The power of death, as evil and all-consuming as it is, has been broken in and through the Resurrection of Jesus.*

## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Issues expected to arise at meeting.** Controversy surrounding National Baptist Convention, USA, President Henry Lyons is expected to be addressed during the group's annual convention next month in Denver. Lyons has faced several recent accusations, including using denomination funds to buy a waterfront home in St. Petersburg, Fla., with a woman who is not his wife. Also, Lyons first wife recently said in an interview that she left him because he beat her.

■ **Children's book on Islam recalled.** A children's book about Muslim holidays is being recalled after complaints that it contains inaccurate and offensive information about Muslims and Islamic culture. According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the book, "Muslim Holidays," contained two folk tales that were not Muslim and that did not reflect Islamic beliefs. In addition, the book also included illustrations of the prophet Mohammed and other religious figures—a practice Muslims find offensive.

■ **AG council opposes religious persecution.** Delegates to the Assemblies of God biennial General Council, who met Aug. 5-10 in Indianapolis, expressed their opposition to religious persecution, re-elected Thomas Trask as general superintendent and retained the denomination's rule that divorced and remarried individuals cannot be given ministerial credentials.

■ **L.A. school board postpones using Scientology.** The Los Angeles Unified School Board has agreed to postpone until October taking any action on a proposed charter school that would use textbooks and teaching methods associated with the Church of Scientology. "There appears to be some question of church/state separation," said Joe Rao, administrative coordinator for charter schools in the district.

## Airline attendant in incident with Schuller wants \$5 million

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—The United Airlines flight attendant who accused Robert Schuller of assaulting him in June said last week he plans to file a \$5 million lawsuit against the well-known TV preacher and author.

Khaled Elabiad said at a news conference that Schuller drank alcohol and repeatedly called him a liar before grabbing him and shaking him on the Los Angeles-to-New York flight. "It was in no way a simple assault," said Elabiad. "I was grabbed very forcefully."

Schuller, whose "Hour of Power" has a worldwide audience of more than 20 million, pleaded innocent Aug. 13 to one federal misdemeanor count, apologized to Elabiad, and agreed to pay an \$1,100 fine to the Federal Aviation Administration.



Schuller

Federal authorities determined that the 70-year-old preacher grabbed Elabiad and shook him in the airplane's galley after disagreements.

Elabiad, 33, said he has suffered physical and psychological damage and has not returned to work, the Associated Press reported. United officials said Elabiad has had an exemplary record during his three years of employment.

In a telephone call to a news conference at Schuller's Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., a couple who sat in front of Schuller in the first-class cabin said Elabiad acted inappropriately and Schuller's actions were nonthreatening.

Dual Macintyre of Larchmont, N.Y., who was traveling with his wife Kara, described the encounter as "a hissy fit between a flight attendant who was having a bad day and a well-intentioned elderly passenger."

Terry Giles, Schuller's lawyer, said he has received calls from passengers on other flights who complained about Elabiad. "This is nothing but an extortion attempt," Giles said of the pending lawsuit.

## Judge upholds child porn restrictions

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS)—A federal judge has upheld the new, expanded federal child pornography law that bans computer-generated sexual images of children and porn featuring adults depicted as minors.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti, in a ruling issued this month, said the new law protects children from sexual exploitation without violating freedom of speech.

"Even if no children are involved in the production of sexually explicit materials, the devastating ... effect that such materials have on society and the well-being of children merits the regulation of such images," Conti said.

The National Law Center for Children and Families, which had filed an amicus brief in the case, hailed the

ruling as "great news for children, bad news for pedophiles. ... The Internet is no longer a safe haven for child-porn traffic."

Conti dismissed fears expressed by the American Civil Liberties Union that the law could be used to censor film versions of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" or sex education manuals. Conti said only pictures that are marketed as child pornography are covered by the law.

Meanwhile, Morality in Media, a conservative watch-dog group that monitors the film, television and print media, announced a national petition drive to urge President Clinton to act aggressively to enforce federal laws against pornography.

The petitions will be delivered to

the White House at the end of the group's White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign, Oct. 26-Nov. 2.

"Obscenity is neither a First Amendment right nor a 'victimless crime,'" said Robert Peters, president of the group. "Obscenity is a crime, period. The bulk of the multi-billion dollar obscenity trade is attributable to organized criminal enterprises."

The New York-based nonprofit group said President Clinton's 1992 campaign included a commitment to "aggressive enforcement" of federal obscenity laws.

"But in the five years since then, arrests and convictions for obscenity law violations are down sharply from previous years," the group said in its statement.

## Army chaplains get permanent training center

COLUMBIA, S.C. (RNS)—For the first time in its eight-decade history, the training program for U.S. Army chaplains has a permanent location.

The first building designed expressly for the Army Chaplain Center and School was officially opened July 23 at a dedication ceremony at Fort Jackson, the Army's largest training post, in Columbia, S.C.

"This is home," said Chaplain George Pejakovich, the commanding

officer of the school. "We're in a building that's made for us. Jokingly, I tell people I poured the foundations real deep."

Previously, the school had been housed in buildings left behind by other operations in remote corners of various Army posts. The school had moved 16 times and had been located, at one time or another, in 11 states.

Now, it is in an \$8 million, 58,000 square-foot building with 20,000 books in its library—on topics rang-

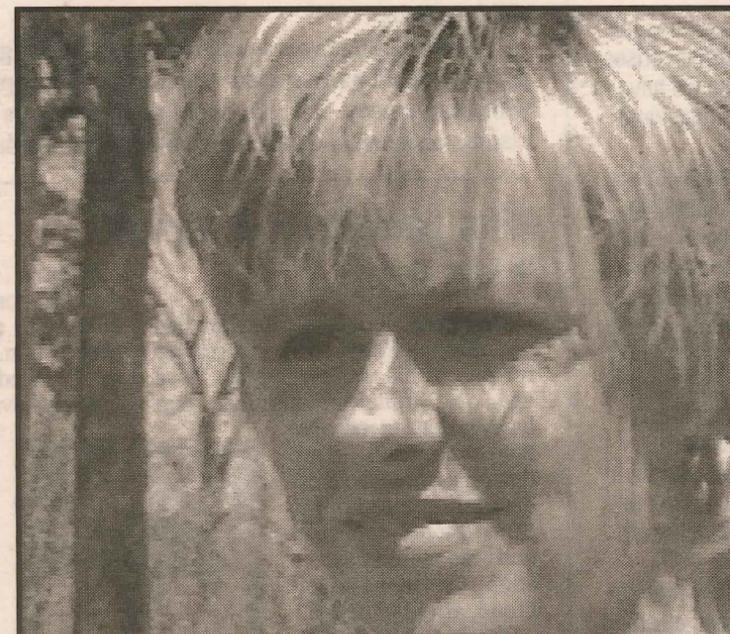
ing from world religions to military science—and access to the Internet and video-conferencing.

Chaplains have been ministering in the U.S. military since the Revolutionary War. They have served alongside troops in battle as well as at training posts.

The new school is named in honor of Charlie Watters, a chaplain who was killed in Vietnam and was one of five chaplains to earn the Medal of Honor.

## Associate Pastor for Children/Students

First Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Ga., is seeking a full-time associate pastor for children/students. This 750-resident-member congregation is located in a community of 50,000. A four-year state university, a military prep school and a junior college are located within two blocks of the church. Position is one of four full-time ministerial staff. Open to male and female applicants. First Baptist is affiliated with the CBF and SBC. Send resumé with references to: Mr. Wes Cummings, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 795, Milledgeville, GA 31061.



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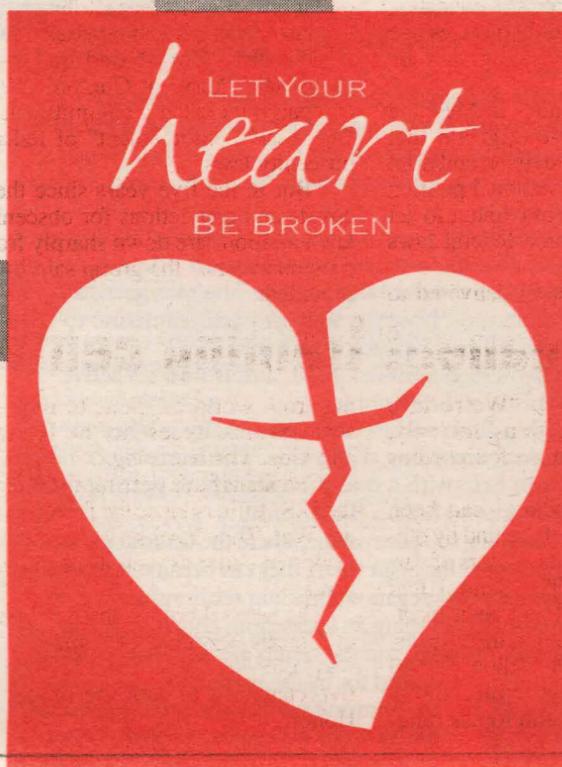
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## State Missions

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## REACHING THE MULTITUDES IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

*A man separated from his family.*

*A single mother of two trying to cope on her own.*

*A child who never has heard of Jesus or God.*

**T**hese are some of the lives touched by Baptist multihousing ministries in Kentucky—ministries supported through the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

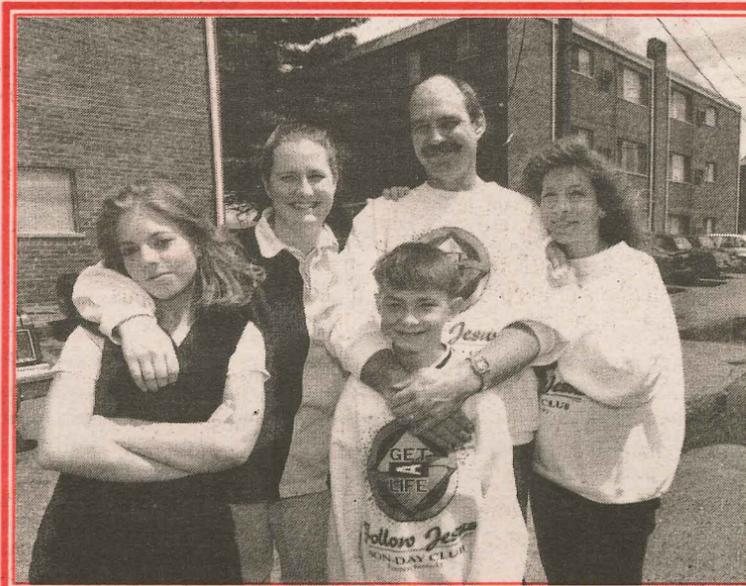
### WHAT'S THAT?

Multihousing describes communities with a high density population. This could be apartments, mobile home parks, townhouses, condominiums or even duplexes and triplexes.

About one-third of Kentucky's population lives in some type of multihousing today and that number is expected to grow to one-half—close to 2 million people—by the year 2015.

Ninety-five percent of multihousing residents nationwide do not attend a church, according to the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. That figure is even more startling when compared to those in single-family dwellings, where the number reached by churches is 10 times that of multihousing residents—an estimated 50 percent.

From a children's bus ministry to building indigenous churches within a multihousing community, Kentucky churches and associations are joining hands to reach those who live in multihousing.



*It's a family affair when Jeff and Sharon Knutson volunteer at the Turfway Apartments in Northern Kentucky. Pictured in the parking lot of the complex from left to right are Brooke Snider, the Knutsons' niece, daughter Jennifer, Jeff, son Jeremy, and Sharon.*

## LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

**M**arjorie Overby opened the door to the church and discovered a new world of ministry.

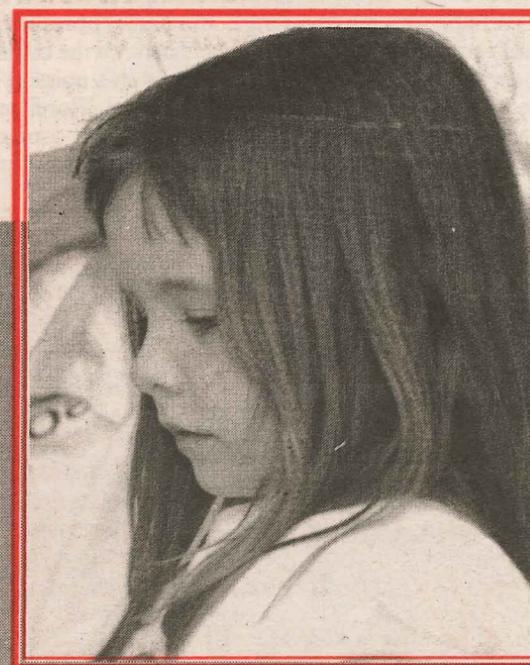
*"I began to feel in my heart that we needed to go outside the church doors and not wait for people to come to us," she said.*

While teaching a Sunday school class, at her church, Audubon Baptist in Henderson, she met a boy who would become the seed of what is now a church-wide multihousing ministry.

"I have never run up against a child like this," she said. "From the moment he walked into the room I could see he was highly agitated, he got along with no one, and at the least thing he would throw a chair."

Overby visited his mother and continued to work with the disturbed child. One Sunday, the mother called and said the friend she had been living with had kicked her out. They had no food or money. Overby quickly rounded up a few donations that afternoon so they would have food, and then she checked out the situation.

"That night, I knew it was too much for me. I went before the church. Immediately they took



up \$159," she said.

Audubon's WMU also became involved, and eventually the church paid the down payment and helped furnish an apartment for the family.

While staying in contact with this one family, Overby noticed there were a lot of children in the complex "who were just running around doing nothing, no playground or anything."

Eventually Overby led her church to reach these children through a variety of activities at both the complex and a nearby church, Seventh Street Baptist, which now is also ministering in the complex. They have worked with 78 children and also have had some Bible studies for some of the adults in the complex.

*See Let The Children..., page 3*

## HOPE MINISTRIES

*"A church that helps people"*

Formed by Florence Baptist Church in Florence, HOPE Ministries of Northern Kentucky has a regular presence in about 25 multihousing communities and is working with six communities on a regular basis whose total population is approximately 3,000.

"Our objective when we move into a multihousing community is always to start an indigenous church in that community," said Stuart Perkins, minister of missions.

Perkins outlined the primary goals of HOPE Ministries as they seek to establish a church in a multihousing community:

- Build relationships
- Meet felt needs
- Evangelize through relationships and ministry
- Disciple new believers
- Allow the Holy Spirit to develop a congregational identity
- Disengage from leadership and presence in the community as indigenous leadership is established.

The plan is simple, Perkins said. "It's not easy, but it is simple. It takes time to build relationships and establish a presence in the community. It takes many relationships to bring a group together for Bible study."

Building relationships also takes perseverance. HOPE Ministries works primarily with lower income multihousing, where many people feel alienated in every area of life.

"They are unchurched, alienated from God. They are often at odds with management, have dysfunctional family relationships, and are alienated at work," Perkins explained.

"The alienation means that it takes a great deal of perseverance and patience to break through that shell," he said. "They're suspicious. They've seen a lot of people come and go. They want to know that you're there for the duration, that you genuinely care for them."

HOPE Ministries trains and sends out teams of four volunteers, called a church starting team. Two team members work with adults and the other two are assigned to youth and children.

Each team member signs a covenant agreement. "This has to be their primary ministry outlet," Perkins said. "They have to be willing to move out of their comfort zone and give up some things."

Currently HOPE Ministries has 30 on-going volunteers, and almost 200 more have helped on specific projects.

### MANAGERS A KEY CONTACT

Working with multihousing communities poses some unique challenges. "The success of a multihousing mission is dependent on the continued approval of the management and ownership," volunteers are told in a training manual.

When HOPE Ministries first started, Florence Baptist Church established work in communities where a church member had contact with the owner or manager of a property. They selected other communities through contact with a resident who needed assistance.

## COVERING WITH LOVE

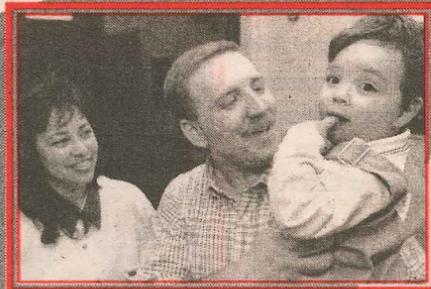
*Pulaski County Baptist Association has seen the mustard seed parable in action.*

Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church in Somerset planted the seed of what is now an associational-wide effort serving thousands of people each year.

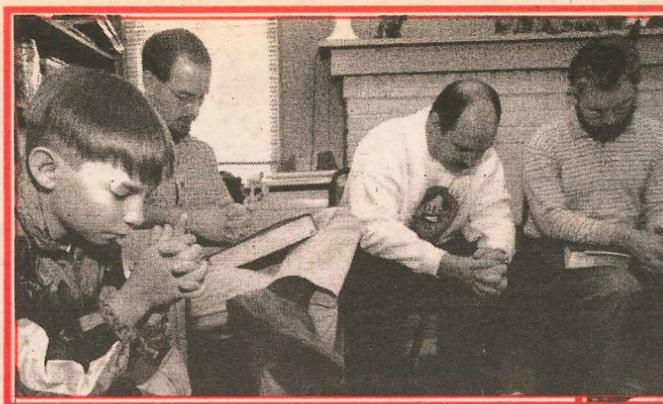
During the 1960s, First Baptist's WMU began a small clothing center in the church's former parsonage on Main Street. As the center grew, Pulaski Association eventually took over day-to-day operations.

Now in its fourth location, the Baptist Clothing Center occupies 2,000 square feet in the Pulaski Association Ministries Building in Somerset.

Serving an average of 3,200 people a year, the center ministers to people from Pulaski and neighboring counties.



Stuart Perkins, minister of missions for Florence Baptist Church, his wife Donna and their 20-month-old son Caleb.



Jeremy Knutson (far left) participates in a prayer time at the Turfway Apartments.

Sharon Knutson (below) teaches through crafts at Son-Day Club, a weekly time for children at the Turfway Apartments.



They also approached some communities by meeting with managers and offering to provide services for the residents and the managers. One of their best selling points with managers is that they build a community. "This affects turn-over rates for property," Perkins said. "As (residents) identify more with the property, they tend to stay longer."

The biggest concern at HOPE Ministries now is having enough workers for the number of communities who want them.

"I no longer approach multihousing managers for permission to work on their property," Perkins said. "Our reputation for providing positive experiences quickly grew to the point that multihousing managers call me and ask me to come on their property."

One manager called Perkins because she had heard that "we were a church that helped people," Perkins said.

The manager called to ask if he would help a specific resident. "Nancy" had moved into the apartments after an emotional breakdown and hospitalization. She had two teenage children and had experienced an abusive relationship. The manager said Nancy didn't need any financial assistance. "Nancy really just needs someone to talk to," she said. "I don't know what to tell her, will you visit her?"

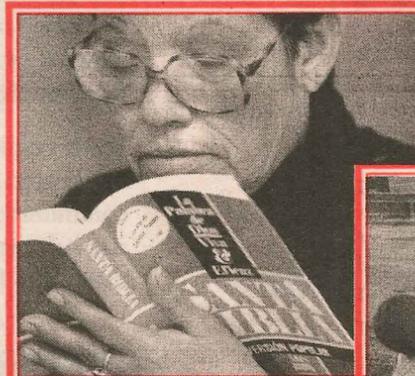
As a result of his visit, Nancy professed faith in Christ, and is now an active participant in the multihousing ministry at her complex.

Cultivating and building leadership from within each community is a key to starting new churches in multihousing, according to Perkins. The teams work hard at involving residents, whether it is to help with a one-time activity or getting them to open their apartment or mobile home to hold a Bible study.

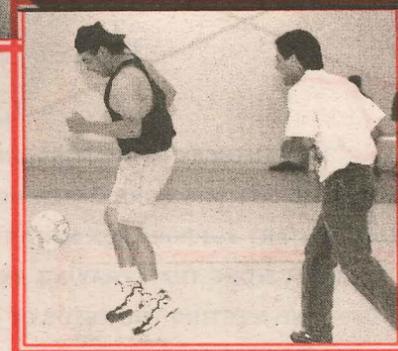
This also keeps the ministry from becoming too paternalistic, where the community is dependent on the team, rather than growing to the point where they can become independent.

While the goal is to have an indigenous congregation, building relationships are the foundation of any multihousing ministry. Establishing an indigenous church is not an easy task. It takes commitment to see the task through, and the results are not always what is hoped for by the workers.

"I strongly believe in perseverance and the fact that we need to be there," said Perkins of HOPE Ministries. "We still see many individual lives being touched, even if there is no 'coming together' (as a church)."



With the rapid influx of international Hispanics to Northern Kentucky, HOPE Ministries, part of Florence Baptist Church, Florence, is expanding its work with internationals, particularly those in multihousing settings. The church hosted a Cinco de Mayo Festival, celebrating a Mexican holiday, in its family life center, providing food, music and recreation for Hispanics in the area. Approximately 80 people attended the festival, drawn from a number of multihousing locations. HOPE Ministries already had one ESL course for Hispanics, and has added a second one, as well as a new Bible study as a result of the festival.



With the exception of its director, the center is staffed by volunteers from 12 area churches. Most of the volunteers also are involved in WMU.

The clothing is donated primarily from area churches, and also some from national clothing chains.

As people come into the center, they are greeted by a receptionist. They are interviewed by the director, who makes a list of the clothing and sizes they would like and talks to the family or individual about any other needs they might have. A volunteer then helps individuals choose clothing from the appropriate racks. Volunteers are sensitive to the feelings of those who need help.

"We have to reach the person physically before we can minister to them spiritually," said Burniece Scott, director of the center. "God has made all of us, and but for the grace of God, it might be me on the street, not able to take a bath."

### MINISTERING TO THE WHOLE PERSON

The clothing center ministry goes beyond meeting a person's physical needs.

"It's more than just a clothing bank—it's a spiritual outreach," Scott said. "I like to feel that we can minister to the inside of a person."

Scott often hands out New Testaments which have passages marked about how to become a Christian. She recently had a man

come back to the center to say thank you, because he had read the passages and accepted Christ as his Savior.

"Nobody goes through this office without the Lord being mentioned to them in some way," Scott said.

Another woman who recently had accepted Christ as a result of the clothing center's ministry came in and said she wanted to have a pretty dress to wear to church. And a woman in her 80s cooked and brought a meal for everyone at the center. When asked why, she said, "Because I love you; you've been good to me."

**1997-1998 ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING  
GOAL: \$700,000**

**ALLOCATIONS TO THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST  
CONVENTION MISSIONS BUDGET**

**MISSIONARIES**

**Salaries and Benefits**  
State Missionaries \$216,887  
*The Missionary Assistance Program helps support directors of missions, local pastors and regional county missionaries throughout Kentucky.*

Student Summer Missionaries \$17,410  
*These college students take 10 weeks of their summer vacation to work with churches and ministries in Kentucky.*

**COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES**

Fellowship Center Workers \$18,000  
*Baptist Fellowship Center works in Louisville ministers to the community in a wide variety of ways, including after-school programs, clothing and food ministries, health services, and computer training programs.*

Language Missions \$55,000  
*As more immigrants choose Kentucky for their home, language missions seeks to minister and share the gospel with them.*

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**

Christian Social Ministries \$80,000  
*Features in this insert are partially funded from this allocation, along with other social ministry needs throughout Kentucky.*

Rural Urban Ministries \$30,000  
*This allocation helps support the director of the Mountain Missions Program, who works alongside directors of missions (DOMs) in 41 counties in eastern Kentucky to establish new work, language work, deaf ministries and children's ministries.*

Interfaith Witness \$2,000

**STUDENT WORK**

International Student Ministry \$16,000  
*Approximately 175 international students attend the International Student Conference at Cave City Convention Center each year. These funds also assist international student ministries on college campuses around Kentucky.*

Reach Out Campus Revivals \$6,000  
*These supplemental funds assist college's campus revival programs throughout the state.*

Student Mission Action Projects \$9,600  
*In addition to helping local campuses with spring break mission projects, these funds are used for missions education and missions emphases in the fall and spring.*

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Ministers' Wives Retreat \$2,090

Disaster Relief \$5,000  
*When disasters such as the Flood of '97 strike, Kentucky Brotherhood provides immediate relief with food and clothing and clean up, as well as long term aid to help people get their lives back together.*

**TOTAL to missions budget \$457,987**



Atmosphere has a lot to do with the center's appeal. Scott noted that the workers are happy, and people notice it. When they comment on the friendly environment, it opens the door for volunteers to share about God's love, she said.

**ALLOCATIONS TO WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
SPECIAL MINISTRIES BUDGET**

**MISSIONARIES AND FAMILY NURTURE**

Western Recorder (Kentucky state Baptist newspaper) to Foreign Missionaries \$1,000

Foreign Missionaries Gifts \$500  
*Each new foreign missionary appointee from Kentucky receives a gift of \$100 to buy materials and supplies for his/her new assignment.*

Furloughing Missionaries Dinner, KBC \$750

Ministers' Wives Meeting During KBC \$425

Missionary Kids Re-entry Retreat \$600  
*Assists children of Kentucky foreign missionaries who are entering college, to attend a Re-entry Retreat with other missionary kids (MKs).*

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Ethnic/Language/Culture \$700  
*This provides materials and training with ethnic/language groups and individuals.*

Love in Action \$640  
*Assists the Love in Action program of Cumberland College in working with needy youth.*

Field Education (SBTS) \$1,000  
*This assists a seminary field education student who is working with Kentucky WMU.*

Simmons Bible College \$500

**INTERCULTURAL WORK**

Field Workers, B.W.M.C. of Kentucky \$1,275  
*These funds are used to assist state field workers from the Baptist Women's Missionary Convention of Kentucky (part of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists).*

Simmons Missions Department \$425

Friendship International Ministries, West Union, Paducah \$425  
*The Friendship International Program conducts Bible studies, ESL and other programs to help internationals adjust to new life in the U.S.A.*

Young Black Leaders Retreat \$250  
*Assistance for a retreat for potential young leaders within the General Association of Kentucky Baptists.*

**MINISTRIES/PROJECTS**

Freeda Harris Center Van \$5,500  
*This van provides transportation for children and families who are a part of the ministry of the Freeda Harris Center.*

Freeda Harris Center Bldg. \$2,500  
*Final allocation for helping complete this multi-purpose building which serves the people in this area of Eastern Kentucky.*

Luther Luckett Correctional Complex \$2,000  
*Provides funds for seminary interns to work alongside chaplains at this maximum security prison in Olmham County.*

Race Track Ministry, Long Run \$4,000  
*Behind the scenes at Churchill Downs, Long Run Association in Jefferson County provides an ongoing ministry to trainers, jockeys and other workers on the backside of the race track.*

Resort Ministries, Land Between the Lakes \$400

Infant Resource Project \$4,250  
*This program located in Louisville provides resources such as food, clothing and supplies for newborns who need assistance.*

Deaf Ministries \$3,000  
Enterprise Association

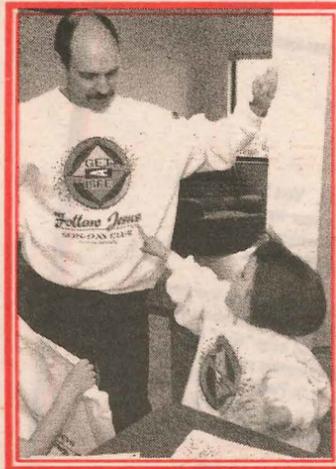
Pike Association \$1,500  
*These associations combine efforts to minister with the deaf in their areas.*

Migrant Ministries \$500  
Blackford Association

Blood River Association \$680

West Union Association \$500  
*Helping migrant workers in the state, these associations minister with food and clothing, Bible studies, and courses such as ESL.*

Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel \$4,000  
*Serves the homeless in downtown Louisville. Jefferson Street will use this money to help mentally ill patients they encounter in their work.*



Baptist Fellowship Center \$4,000  
*Will help fund a ministry to individuals and/or families touched by AIDS by addressing their spiritual, physical and psychological needs.*

Hospital Hospitality House \$2,000  
*To provide safe, comfortable, affordable lodging for family and friends who must bring their loved ones to the Louisville medical community for treatment.*

Long Run Summer Missions \$1,800  
*Ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of the ethnic refugee population located in Louisville.*

Activator Teams \$1,200  
*This will help first-time Acteen Activators participate in a summer mission project.*

God's Food Pantry \$2,000  
*Located throughout Kentucky, God's Food Pantry's goal is to reduce hunger and improve the nutritional quality of food available to the hungry in a 48-county service area.*

**ALLOCATIONS TO WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
BUDGET**

**ACTIVITIES**

State Missions Week of Prayer \$18,000  
*Used for promotion and materials for the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering and The State Missions Week of Prayer.*

WMU activities \$20,350  
*Training for association leaders, WMU promotion, enlistment and enlargement and overall training.*

Age-Level Activities \$18,140  
*From the State Acteens Conference to Women on Mission Retreats to Mission Friends and G.A. activities, this provides funds for all state-wide age-level activities.*

Cedar Crest and Jonathan Creek Camps \$60,420  
*Summer camps for GAs and Acteens. This provides funding for all promotion, program activities, staff salaries and expenses.*

Annual Meeting, Executive Board, and Committees \$27,500

Partnership Program \$2,000  
*Money used as we cooperate with KBC partnership ministries, such as Russia and New England.*

Project Help \$1,500  
*To help promote the national WMU ministry project (such as Child Advocacy).*

Development \$1,500

Christian Women's Job Corps \$4,363  
*This new initiative provides a Christian context in which women in need are equipped for life and employment and a missions context in which women help women. The funds this year will be used for training and a task force to look at how to implement this program in Kentucky.*

**PUBLICATIONS**

Kentucky Notes & Associational Newsletter \$11,500

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Development Specialist \$1,000

Insurance (Professional Staff) \$4,000

Hospitality Fund \$1,100  
*This fund is used to promote good will for Kentucky WMU and to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who serve in your state office.*

Special \$8,000  
To be Allocated \$14,320  
*These are dollars set aside to serve missions that are undiscovered or undetermined by Kentucky WMU at Eliza Broadus budget time.*

**TOTAL to Kentucky WMU/special projects \$242,013**

**GRAND TOTAL \$700,000**

**LET THE  
CHILDREN  
COME TO ME**

*Continued from page 1*

"God provided all the help we needed," Overby said.

Overby stressed the importance of building relationships with the children. "Children can drive past a church all their lives and not know what it represents.



When they see the love of God through people, it becomes more real to them."

The biggest difficulty Overby and her church have had to deal with is the transient nature of the complex. Because of the quick turnover rate, it has been difficult to maintain a ministry on the grounds, and the church is now bringing 25 to 30 children to church for programs on Wednesday night.

"I worry about what will happen to the children," Overby said. "We have them such a short time. But that's not my department. God will use what we plant."

**REACHING  
MULTIHOUSING  
COMMUNITIES IN  
ELKHORN  
ASSOCIATION**

Ten churches in the Elkhorn Association are working together to reach 14 multihousing communities in the Lexington area.

Central Baptist Church of Paris; East Hickman Baptist Church; Gano Avenue Baptist Church of Georgetown; Hillcrest Baptist Church; North View Baptist Church; Open Door Church; Porter Memorial Baptist Church, South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Versailles Baptist Church have a variety of ministries in multihousing.

As director of international and multihousing ministries for the association, Micki Davis Robison helps churches get involved in multihousing ministries, training volunteers and encouraging church members to become a part of a ministry.

The churches lead a variety of onsite ministries, including weekly Bible studies and worship, children's after-school programs, summer day camps, craft classes for adults and backyard Bible clubs.

"In most places, we have been more successful to start with some type of activity ministry," Robison noted.

Volunteers develop friendships with the residents through these.

"Sharing faith comes naturally through those relationships," Robison said.

The goal for these ministries also is to build toward a congregation on-site. "We find a worship style or mode that fits the lifestyle of that community," said Robison. By building indigenous leadership among the residents, Robison said, "the church works its way out of a job."

## Kentucky Baptist Convention

Scottsville Baptist Church, P. O. Box 292, Scottsville, KY 42164-0392; Phone 502/237-3451

Floyd D. Price  
President

Dear Kentucky Baptist,

You have responded to needs of people all over the world. You have reached out to help people physically and spiritually everywhere. Each year we have the opportunity to put together our resources to meet special needs within our own state. We call this effort the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. What is this offering and what does it do?

Here is an opportunity for us to meet Kentucky needs. This offering touches our entire state. For example, your gift will help Mountain Missions... particularly the Mountain Deaf Ministry. What a thought that your gift could help "sign" the love of Jesus right into the heart of a lost deaf person in our mountain regions. Your giving may also provide clothing for a family near Pikeville or in Paducah. Eliza Broadus will do Multihousing Ministries in our cities and towns. As you place a check in an Eliza Broadus Offering Envelope you may be helping an abused child through the W.M.U. Project Help.

The goal of this State Missions Offering is \$700,000. Our church will provide Eliza Broadus Offering envelopes for this important work. My wife and I will write a check and slide it prayerfully into one of these envelopes. We will give with a prayer that God will merge our gift with yours to touch some man, woman, or child in Kentucky with spiritual healing through one of our ministries. Will you add your gift to our gift and help us meet this State Missions goal?

Serving Christ with You,

Floyd Price

Floyd Price  
President, Kentucky Baptist Convention



## Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union

Peggy Hicks, President

P.O. Box 40609 • Louisville, Kentucky 40254-0609 • 1005 South 10th Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40223 • (502) 245-1111 • FAX (502) 245-0990

Kay Truher, Executive Director-Treasurer

What breaks your heart?

My heart breaks when I see generations of families who have never experienced the love that comes from Christians who know what it means to let others see Jesus in them. My heart breaks when we have so many requests for funds to enable ministries in Kentucky and we cannot meet all of the needs because there is not enough money. My heart breaks because of our prejudice, selfishness and unconcern, people are hurting and dying without knowing about the love of God.

How do we know what love is?

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. (1 John 16:18)

May we get so in love with God and His purpose for us that we move from our comfortable life and no longer just talk about what needs to be done...but do it. The needs are so great in Kentucky that your offering, no matter how small, will be used to help hurting people. You may give generously through money and actions where you live while others may not have the resources to give in their area of our state. By giving cooperatively through the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering, we reach so many more people. We can have a part of ministries that you may not even know about (see listing of allocations in this insert).

The artist has designed our logo for this year's emphasis with a heart so badly broken that we can almost feel the pain. The writer has made the stories about ministries that are funded by the Eliza Broadus Offering so real that we are reminded of similar needs that we need to be a part of in our community. Will you join me with a commitment to give more and do more to help heal the pain for those who do not know about God's love and how He died on the cross for our sins?

I will be praying with you,  
Kay Truher

### DISCUSSION/THOUGHT QUESTIONS

(to be used by individuals and missions groups, such as Women on Mission, Baptist Men and Adults on Mission, to help with discussions about the state missions offering)

#### MULTIHOUSING MINISTRIES

Think about where you live. How many multihousing communities are in the area? Drive or walk around your area and count the number you see.

The theme for this year's State Missions Week of Prayer is "Let your heart be broken." Allow yourself to reflect for a minute on the individuals who live in multihousing communities in your area. Think about the fact that close to 95 percent of those people are unreached with the good news about Jesus Christ. They don't attend anyone's church. Right in your own neighborhood. And let your heart be broken for these individuals.

What has kept you or your church from ministering in a multihousing setting? How has this story changed the way you look at multihousing ministries?

Do you know your neighbors? Why or why not? How could you reach out to them with Christ's love?

Take time to pray for individuals you know who are unchurched and live in multihousing. Pray for the people who live in multihousing communities in your neighborhood, community, county and state.

What is the difference between those who live in a multihousing community and those who live in single family dwellings?

The story concentrates on ministries that primarily focus on lower-income multihousing. What about those in the middle to upper-income multihousing—do you think an indigenous church is the answer for these communities? (Kentucky has a few such ministries, but they are in the very early stages. HOPE Ministries is looking at several models for building churches in these type of communities.)

## IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS...

for promoting the offering and using in Wednesday night/Sunday evening presentations

*Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

JAMES 2:17

#### THEME SONG:

*Let Your Heart Be Broken*

#### VERSE ONE

Let your heart be broken for a world in need  
Feed the mouths that hunger,  
soothe the wounds that bleed.  
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread  
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in His stead.

#### VERSE TWO

Here on earth applying principles of love  
Visible expression God still rules above  
Living illustration of the Living Word  
To the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

#### VERSE THREE

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true  
Knowing Christ as Savior,  
make Him Master, too  
Follow in His footsteps, go where He has trod  
In the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

#### VERSE FOUR

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear  
See mankind as God sees,  
serve Him far and near  
Let your heart be broken by another's pain  
Share your rich resources—give and give again.

1990 Baptist Hymnal, Hymn # 611  
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#### NOTE:

Look at the following list of suggestions and use whichever would work best for your church's situation.

- Talk in advance to your associational Director of Missions to find out what the needs and opportunities are in your area related to multihousing ministries. Use this information along with a brief presentation on the state-wide needs of multihousing ministry.
- Enlist some older children or youth to make life-size paper cutouts of people to represent the unchurched in your community or across Kentucky. Make one silhouette for every 10,000 unchurched people. Hang the cutouts across the front of the room.
- Invite an apartment manager to talk to your church or group about the needs she/he faces.
- Enlist some youth to create and present a sketch about human need in Kentucky. Or enlist some youth to prepare a creative interpretation of the song "Broken and Spilled Out" using instruments, pantomime and other art forms.
- Make a large poster-size illustration of the many ministries funded by the Eliza Broadus Offering (see page 3 of this insert for a complete list of allocations). Draw it so each area can be cut out in one piece of a jigsaw puzzle. Before the program, give the pieces to different people. During your program, ask each person to come put their piece of the puzzle on a board as you explain the various ministries. Leave one piece of the puzzle blank. Use this

to ask the congregation what they will do to help fill in the missing piece of the Eliza Broadus Offering.

- Go to a local department store and ask for a number of free fragrance samples at the cologne counter. Hand out one sample to every person attending your program. Ask them to carry it through the week as a reminder that they are to be broken and spilled out as a sacrifice to Jesus. Then ask them to bring the fragrance sample back on Sunday or the next week and put it in the offering plate with their offering. Remind them that even though they give the fragrant gift to Jesus, the aroma will linger with them.

#### SUGGESTED HYMNS AND SONGS:

*Let Your Heart Be Broken*  
*Broken and Spilled Out*  
*God, Our Author and Creator*  
*Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart*

#### ELIZA WHO?

Eliza Sommerville Broadus was instrumental in organizing the women's mission organization in Kentucky in 1878, 10 years before the national Woman's Missionary Union organized in 1888. She also took part in the national organization and served as the national vice president from 1888-1920.

The daughter of Dr. John Albert Broadus, one of the founders of Southern Seminary, Eliza was committed to God and missions concerns, continually seeking to increase both the number of missions organizations and the amount of missions offerings.

#### HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING?

You can give by placing your money or a check made out to your church and designated to the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering in the special missions envelope provided by Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

If your church does not have special offering envelopes, simply designate the money as outlined above and give it through your church, or send it directly to: EBO State Missions Offering, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Louisville, KY, 40253-0433.

#### RESOURCES

You can find out more about multihousing ministries through these resources:

- Kentucky Baptist Convention (contact Tony Hough at (502) 245-4101)
- KBC booklet on Multihousing Ministries, also available through the KBC at (502) 245-4101
- Multihousing Congregations: *How to Start and Grow Christian Congregations in Multihousing Communities* by David T. Bunch, Harvey J. Kneisel and Barbara L. Oden Home Mission Board (now NAMB)
- HOPE Ministries of Northern Kentucky Contact: Stuart Perkins, (606) 371-1887

We invite you to consider the hymn "Let Your Heart Be Broken." The last line states: "Share your rich resources, give and give again."

Please give generously and pray diligently to support Kentucky ministries.

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### Richland Baptist Church Owenton, Kentucky Celebrates 150 Year Anniversary

All former members and friends of the church are encouraged to come and be a part of this historic occasion as we celebrate the blessings of God.

**Saturday, September 13, 1997** - Picnic and singing on the grounds beginning at 12:30 p.m. Local singing groups ministering throughout the day. *The Kevin Spencer Family* ministering in concert at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 14, 1997** - services begin at 10:30 a.m. with Bro. Howard Beauman, pastor of Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville, bringing the message. Pot luck fellowship to follow.

## You are invited to attend the Nelson Baptist Association's Leadership Conference

September 11, 1997

### The "How To's" of Evangelism



Featuring: Neil Jackson

Church Growth Consultant and Author

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

5285 Ky. Hwy. 44E (between Shepherdsville & Mt. Washington)

5:30 p.m. Meal

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Age Group Sessions

There is no charge for the meal and child care also is provided. However, we *must* receive your reservation by September 4.

For reservations, call: (888) 585-8467

**FOR SALE:** Baby grand piano, \$3,000. Call Greg Harry at Cecilia Baptist Church, (502) 862-4228.

**SEEKING:** Growing church seeks full-time music worship leader. Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY 42101. (502) 843-3419; Fax: (502) 843-3434.

**NEEDED:** Mothers day out director for two-days-per-week program at Rockford Lane Baptist Church. If interested, or for more information, contact Ron Abrams, pastor, at (502) 447-2591.

**SEEKING:** Louisville church seeks full-time children/preschool minister. Experience required; generous salary and benefits. Send resumé to: P.O. Box 221066, Louisville, KY 40222-1066.

**SEEKING:** Preschool director for Rainbow Nursery School of West Broadway Baptist Church. Competitive pay with flexible hours. For more information contact the church office: (502) 491-1920, or send resumé to 8420 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40220.

**SEEKING:** Preschool teachers. Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center is currently looking for preschool and parents day out teachers for the 1997-98 school year. Hours are MWF, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for preschool and TT, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for parents day out. We offer competitive wages, a friendly environment and other benefits. Please contact Debbie Gorbant or Linda Barnes at (502) 239-0316.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Ky., is seeking a full-time minister of youth/music. Applicants should send resumé to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 324, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.

**SEEKING:** Organist (pipe organ), First Baptist Church, Mayfield. Contact: David Whaley, First Baptist, 118 West South St., Mayfield, KY 42066, or (502) 247-2992.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of LaCenter, Ky., is currently accepting resúmes for a full-time minister of music, C/Y. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 239, LaCenter, KY 42056.

**SEEKING:** Baptist church in Bowling Green looking for a part-time minister of youth to minister to approximately 40 enrolled youth plus scores of others not enrolled. Must be born-again, faithful to local church and morally upright. Send inquiry or resumé to: Greenwood Baptist Church, 5165 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104. Telephone: (502) 781-2378.

**MEDICAL:** Diabetics with Medicare or insurance, get your diabetic supplies mailed to your home. Insulin-dependent only call: (800) 337-4144.

**FOR SALE:** 1970 MCI Challenger 39-passenger bus. Mileage 182,995. If interested, please call Nancy Myrick, (502) 368-0239, or Rev. Jacky Newton, (502) 368-5806.

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**SEEKING:** Interim administrative secretary. 35 hours per week. Send biographical sketch or resumé to: Long Run Baptist Association, 2722 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, KY 40209.

**SEEKING:** Louisville Youth for Christ is seeking people who love teenagers and are willing to build relationships with them and run weekly evangelistic clubs. Clubs reach out to pregnant teens, incarcerated/institutionalized youth, inner-city teens and high school and junior high teens. Full- and part-time positions. Call Marsha, (502) 635-7607.

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### Evangelical Lutherans adopt full communion with three groups

PHILADELPHIA (RNS)—Facing a decisive moment in American ecumenical relations, the nation's largest Lutheran denomination last week agreed to open its pulpits and communion tables to three Reformed denominations.

But it left the Episcopal Church—a partner it courted for 30 years—standing brideless at the altar.

Delegates at the churchwide assembly of the 5.2 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America easily agreed to the full-communion agreement with the Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America and United Church of Christ.

But delegates rejected a similar proposal for full communion with the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church.

Fear by some elements in the ELCA that an Episcopal agreement would infect Lutheranism with strong, autocratic bishops, appeared to have doomed the pact with the Episcopalians.

During a later press conference, Presiding Bishop George Anderson said he will work to bring the issue back to the 1999 churchwide assembly in hopes he can rescue the plan.

Anderson said the idea of full-communion agreements, with each denomination retaining their traditions and church structures, appears to be the future of the modern ecumenical movement.

"If the Lutheran and Reformed churches can bridge historic differences between Luther and Calvin, other denominations would do well to take a close look at what we're doing," he said.

# KENTUCKY

## Promise Keepers sparking mini-rallies in Kentucky

By David Winfrey  
News Director

VERSAILLES—For many men in Versailles, the road to Washington and Promise Keepers' "Stand in the Gap" rally this October begins in their own back yards.

Eight churches will host a tune-up rally next month for local men, and one Promise Keepers official said that is a pattern being repeated throughout the state.

The Sept. 7 rally in Woodford County resulted from an attempt to promote the Washington conference and Promise Keepers' goals for men to become spiritually active in their homes, churches and communities, said Greg Harrington, a member of Versailles Baptist Church.

"There are several people who would like to attend the Washington rally but, for whatever reason, can't," he said. "We wanted to give them the opportunity to experience just a little bit of what that's going to be like."

A live choir and multiple speakers will be featured Sept. 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Woodford County Park amphitheater.

Kentucky regional Promise Keepers coordinator Johnny Baker will emcee the event, which will include a 10-minute video promoting the D.C. rally, Harrington said. Among the speakers will be Presbyterian minister and historian Peter Marshall Jr.

Baker, a retired major from Fort Knox, said this is one of four "mini-rallies" he knows are scheduled this summer in Kentucky.

One in Paducah drew 3,000, he said. In addition to the Versailles rally, others are

scheduled for Louisville Sept. 20 and Paducah Sept. 11. Churches in Lexington and Frankfort also may host rallies, he added.

The events are being termed "wake-up calls," Baker said. "It's a call to Christian men in general that our country needs spiritual help and this is a call to arms for people who want to help their country through spiritual means."

As area coordinator, Baker is responsible for promoting Promise Keepers' events and themes and trying to build a prayer network for Kentucky churches. Baker also recruits volunteers to speak on behalf of Promise Keepers and "Key Men" who would serve as liaisons between Promise Keepers and Key Men's churches.

Promise Keepers hopes to offer stronger support to local churches' men's ministries after the D.C. rally, he added. "We're not going to Washington to end the game. That's not our culminating event—our touchdown. That's our whistle starting the game," he said.

Promise Keepers estimates only 10 percent of America's 400,000 churches have men's ministries, he said. "Ultimately we would like to have a vibrant men's ministry in every church that would have one."

Baker said he knows of at least a dozen Kentucky Baptist churches planning to attend the Washington rally, but added that he thinks only 20 percent of those attending are pre-registering.

Already more than 20 members of Versailles Baptist plan to attend the Washington rally, Harrington said, and the eight hosting churches together will send about 150 men.

Letters of invitation to the Woodford County rally have been mailed to 300 churches.

## Leader: One size doesn't fit all for Bible study classes

Continued from page 1

successfully, you'd better offer personal choices in learning methods, topics of study and materials, Hanks advises. Pat Finders prefer learning styles that are visual, he adds, because they have been shaped by television.

■ **PaceSetters.** Those born between 1964 and 1981 (33- to 16-year-olds) Hanks classifies as PaceSetters. When preparing to teach this age group, don't assume they have any knowledge of Bible basics, Hanks advises. PaceSetters learn best from biblical characters, testimonies, relevant handles for everyday experiences and multimedia, he says. But beware, he adds, because PaceSetters also demonstrate erratic Bible study attendance patterns.

Across these generational groupings, Bible study class members demonstrate different learning styles, Metcalf also said. He identified three common learning styles: verbal, visual and hands-on.

Most classes include people who learn in different ways, he said. Thus, the task of the teacher is to engage every member in some way.

"If you want to reach all the people God has put in your backyard, you're going to have to use a lot of

teaching styles," Metcalf said. "The worst method is the same method all the time."

Finally, the effective Bible study teacher must assess each class member's stage of spiritual development, Metcalf advised. Again drawing upon resources in the "Vision, Variety & Vitality" book, he outlined three stages of development that come prior to the conversion experience and three that come after.

Prior to conversion, a person moves through the stages of being innocent, secular and a seeker, he said. After the transition point of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ, a person first becomes a believer, then a follower of Christ, then a "disciple" of others, he explained.

The goal of the Bible study teacher should be to move class members from one stage of development to the next, with the ultimate goal of becoming disciples of others, Metcalf said.

For information about the two upcoming Super Saturday conferences, contact the KBC's church growth and administration division at (502) 245-4101.

The "Vision, Variety & Vitality" book and related resources are available from Baptist Book Stores.



## Colonel Carlos Glover

On a Thursday night about a month ago, a 1978 Cumberland graduate became the youngest "full bird" colonel in the United States Army. At a ceremony held at the Cumberland Lodge, Col. Carlos Glover received his promotion in the presence of family, friends and former teachers and classmates.

Colonel Glover graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1974. Four years later he graduated from Cumberland College having distinguished himself in Cumberland's ROTC program. Within hours of graduation, Glover received his commission in the United States Army.

At age 40, Glover already has had a distinguished military career. He served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 101st Airborne as an infantry battalion operations officer. His unit completed the longest helicopter assault ever attempted, flying 155 miles into Iraq and operating only 95 miles from Baghdad. He also was involved in Operations Uphold Democracy and Restore Hope in Haiti.

In July of this year Glover began a new assignment. Currently he serves at Fort Benning, Ga., as

chief of the tactics department in the infantry school. His next assignment will be to command a training brigade at Fort Jackson, S.C.

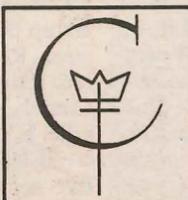
Gen. John Nicholson, who was present for the ceremony, praised Glover for his abilities and character. Nicholson stated that his son and several of his nephews are in the Army and he would have full confidence in placing them under Glover's command.

Glover humbly accepted the promotion and the praise from those who spoke. He said the honor was the greatest he had received, next to the birth of his children and the love of his family.

We at Cumberland College are proud to have played a part in Glover's development as a person and a leader. As we prepare to begin a new academic year, we are committed to helping all our students grow physically, mentally and spiritually to reach their full potential as well. Pray for us as we minister to our students.

Robert Dunston is chairman of the religion department at Cumberland College, 6000 College Station Dr., Williamsburg, Ky. 40769

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# RESOURCES

## FAMILY

### Here's a to-do list many never get around to

By Jeremy White

You will die. That's not very profound, I realize, but it is a blunt reminder.

Even those whom Jesus healed later died. And you most likely will die at a time different than you expect.

Items on this "Honey-do" list below are not urgent, but they are very important. Express your love to your family by completing this list. It won't be easy, and your spouse may not enjoy it now. The gratitude will come later.

■ **Review your life insurance coverage.** Most financial planners recommend five to 10 times your annual salary in total coverage. This varies depending on the number of children, their ages and your net worth. Use mainly term insurance with some whole-life. A policy of \$100,000 sounds like plenty, but it won't last long, especially if you want your spouse to stay at home with young children.

■ **Prepare a will.** Even if you do not have many assets, your will states the guardians for your children. A will is your channel for speaking about your things after you have gone. You are the manager under the biblical principle of stewardship. Choose the final disposition of what you have instead of letting the state choose for you.

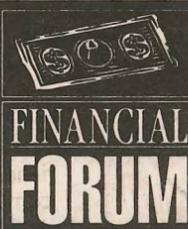
■ **Compile a list of your records.** This can be the most practical help to a spouse in grief. List your assets, insurance policies, contacts for policies, the location of important documents and key advisers. Most importantly, tell your spouse about this list and where you keep it.

■ **Write down your funeral preferences.** Pick the songs, poems, minister, pallbearers and any special arrangements. List your preferred funeral home, location of burial, newspapers to notify and any viewing wishes.

■ **Communicate organ donation or charity preferences.** If you have agreed to give any organs, tell your family. Specify any charities you'd rather people contribute to.

■ **Write love letters.** A little mushy for a financial column, I know. Write a letter expressing your love for your spouse and individual ones for your children. This will be your last statement, so make it a good one. Your family will cherish it forever.

Jeremy White is a certified public accountant in Paducah. He presents financial seminars and workshops at churches and conferences.



## Cole: Don't let a pinch become a crunch

By Mark Wingfield  
Editor

LOUISVILLE—One of the best ways to avoid or resolve conflict in a church is to engage repeatedly in a process of role renegotiation, according to church consultant Vernon Cole.

Cole, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church growth and administration division, led a seminar on "Renegotiating Relationships" during the Aug. 16 Super Saturday conference at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

"Inevitably, in any relationship, you come to a time when there is a pinch," Cole explained. He defined a "pinch" as something that causes a minor disagreement or difference of opinion.

However, sometimes conflict arises when a whole cluster of "pinches" have been left to fester into a "crunch," he added.

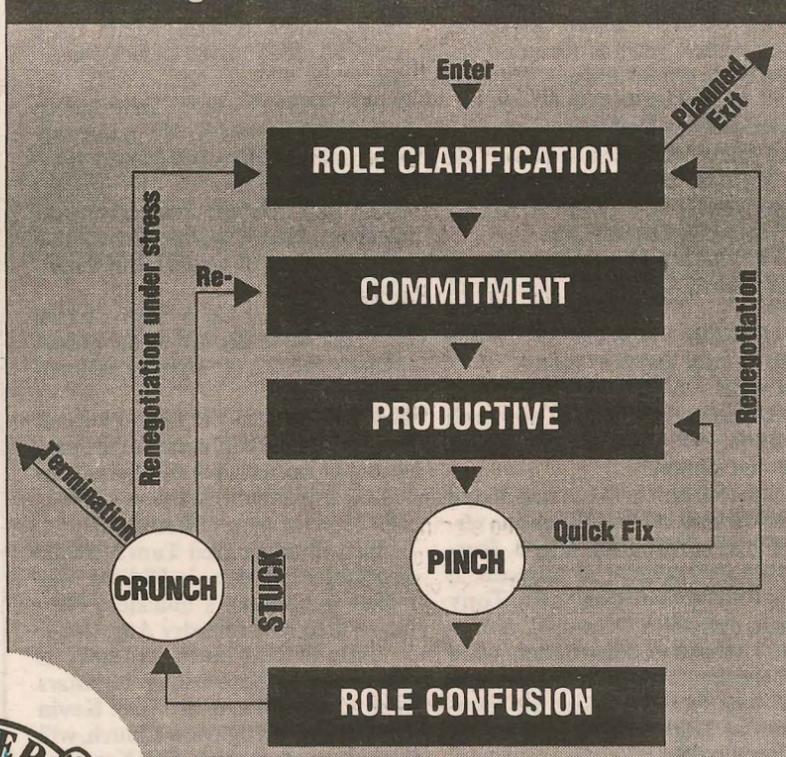
"A pinch is momentary pain, but you get over it," he said. "A crunch is like a heart attack. There is no relief. It is just continual, unrelenting pain."

He used the example of the relationship between a pastor and congregation to illustrate. At the time the pastor is called to the church, certain expectations are agreed upon either between the pastor and the search committee or between the pastor and the entire congregation. Commitments are made by both parties as a result, leading to a period of productive ministry.

In time, a pinch will arise, Cole said. Perhaps a quick fix will be available, which will return the church to its productive ministry. Or perhaps a renegotiation will be necessary to return the pastor and congregation to a new time of role clarification.

For example, a congregation might hire a pastor because he has a proven track record in growing a church and is an effective evangelist—two areas said to be priorities of the church. After several months on the job, some members of the congregation may

### Role renegotiation model



begin to feel their agendas are not being fulfilled because the new pastor has focused too much time on growth and evangelism and has not had time for their priorities, Cole explained.

At such a point, it is necessary for the pastor and congregation to have an honest conversation about what priorities were outlined to be and whether that is what the congregation still wants them to be. "Sometimes what we say we want in a courtship and what we really want are not the same," Cole advised.

A pinch often arises for the pastor from those who held a minority view at the time the new pastor's role first was negotiated or from those who come into the church after that role first was negotiated, Cole said.

Such occasions also may kick up the dust of unresolved pinches and crunches from the past, whether they are the fault of the current pastor or not, he added.

The process of role clarification or renegotiating the relationship between the pastor and congregation may result either in a planned exit or in a renewed commitment between the two parties, Cole said. If this renegotiation does not occur, role confusion ensues, which leads to a crunch.

Once this stage is reached, congregations often become stuck in conflict or experience the forced termination of the pastor, Cole reported. Two alternatives, however, are for a recommitment between the two parties that leads to another period of productive ministry or for renegotiating roles under stress and starting the whole relational process anew.

The greatest danger is for a congregation to ignore the crunch that has developed and hope it will go away on its own, Cole said. Another danger is for no substantive renegotiation to take place between the pastor and congregation but to "sugar-coat it with prayer" in an effort to make it look like the conflict has been resolved, he added.



Sells

### Need a fun idea? Grab a box

LOUISVILLE—Next to the Bible, boxes may be the best resource available to teachers of preschoolers, a veteran children's minister advised.

In a seminar during the Aug. 16 Super Saturday conference, Mary Sells of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville demonstrated "The Many Ways for Teachers to Use a Box."

Used boxes, recycled boxes, new boxes, large boxes, small boxes, shoe boxes, pizza boxes, oatmeal boxes, detergent boxes and virtually any other kind of box may be put to good use in a preschool classroom, Sells said.

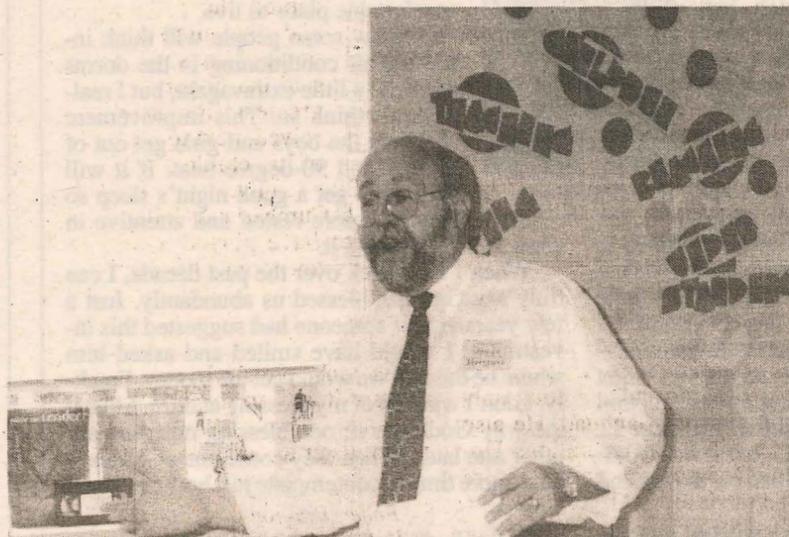
Here are some of the many uses of boxes Sells suggested:

- Marble painting.
- Art supply storage.
- Robots.
- Bookshelves.
- 3-D bulletin boards.
- Puppet stage.
- Elevator.
- Dollhouse.
- Play furniture.
- Bean-bag toss.
- Train cars.
- Piano.
- Shaker.
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TEACHER TIPS James Hargrave, a children's consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, gives tips on how preschool teachers can connect with their preschoolers and their parents.

# PEOPLE

## PRAYER PARTNERS

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■ Kentucky teams going to Russia in September: a medical/evangelism team led by Herb Booth; a deaf evangelism team led by Beth Driver; and an evangelism team led by Calvin Wilkins.

■ The 76 Russian students who attended a retreat in Moscow in July, seven people who professed faith in Jesus, four Bible studies which formed as a result, and La Raine Dail who directs student work.

■ Baptist campus ministers in Boston as they prepare for students from across the United States and around the world who will arrive this month to attend the more than 70 area colleges and universities.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Anna Mae Blaine, 85, a longtime member of First Church, died June 20. She served 60 consecutive years as director of vacation Bible school and was a Sunday school teacher more than 60 years.

■ **BREMEN**—Bethlehem Church called Leroy Rearden as pastor. He will begin his new ministry Aug. 31. He previously was pastor at Cherry Hill Church in Central City.

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—First Church called Danny Carroll as minister of youth.

■ **DUNMOR**—New Hebron Church called Danny Epley as pastor.

■ **HORSE CAVE**—Pleasant Valley Church recently called Tony and Rachelle Wright as ministers of youth and children.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Living Hope Church held an all-day dedication service for its new facility Aug. 3. Russell Bennett, director of missions at Long Run Association, and Tony Hough, director of Kentucky metropolitan missions department, were guest speakers. The church was organized June 5, 1994, under the sponsorship of Highview Church. Jack Naylor is pastor.

Highview Church will hold revival services Sept. 7-10. Danny Akin will preach Sunday morning. James Merritt will preach Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. Kevin Ezell is pastor.

Cloverleaf Church will host Man-na Quartet and Danny Funderburk

in a gospel music concert Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Also, Ed Crawford of Fairview, Tenn., will be in concert Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Call (502) 367-0218 for information.

■ **MAYFIELD**—First Church called Bob Swift as pastor. He previously was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Kansas and Tennessee. He most recently was founder and director of Purchase Area Christian Counseling Ministries Inc. He began his new ministry Aug. 17.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—First Church ordained Jesse Baxter to the gospel ministry July 27. He is pastor at Henderson House.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Pleasant Grove Church will present the Journeyman Quartet in concert Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Call Kevin Brannon at (502) 543-7336 for more information.

First Church called Tom Nidiffer as minister of music. Jo Nidiffer was called as children's minister. They began their new ministry Aug. 24.

Little Flock Church will host its fifth annual shepherding seminars Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kevin Ezell, pastor at Highview Church, will be the keynote speaker. Call Ken Lupton at (502) 955-8760, ext. 28, for more information.

■ **UTICA**—Living Faith Church was constituted Aug. 24. Jerry Kibbons was guest speaker. Also, Craig Settle was called as pastor. He previously was pastor of South Hampton Church in Philpot.

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Though high on our wish list, through the years there simply have been no surplus funds to provide much-needed relief. But when our students returned last week, they were pleasantly surprised to discover we had installed air conditioning in some of our dorms.

The first to get this wonderful addition was the third floor of the girls' dorm/dining hall. We did not have the funds to do both dorm floors at this time, so we chose to do the top floor first. Work began in early June with the promise to have the project completed by June 21. Are we the only ones who seem never to be able to complete things on a given target date? Is there ever a remodeling or construction project that gets done as scheduled? Our June 21 deadline ended up being July 25, but it was worth the wait. We hope to begin work on the second floor in January.

There were two boys' dorms without air conditioning. Just as with the girls' dorm, a choice

had to be made as to which one would be worked on first. Carnahan Dorm was the winner. Did I mention the completion date? We were right on target—three weeks late.

Much more work was done on Carnahan Dorm this summer. New, more attractive ceilings were installed. The old ceilings were not only unsightly, but were very difficult to paint. New lights also were added to several rooms. Volunteers installed new steel steps in one stairwell. The same volunteers who did this work for us will return in October to install new steps in the other stairwell.

Still other volunteers and students painted the hallways and rest rooms. All this work has been done in hopes of making the dorms a more attractive and comfortable place to live.

I know some people will think installing air conditioning in the dorms might be a little extravagant, but I really don't think so. This improvement will help the boys and girls get out of the 80- and 90-degree heat. If it will help them get a good night's sleep so they are more rested and attentive in class, it will be worth it.

When I look back over the past decade, I can truly say God has blessed us abundantly. Just a few years ago, if someone had suggested this investment, I would have smiled and asked him where he thought we would get the money. Frankly, I don't want all of my blessing at once. I like it the way God does it; one blessing now and another one later. When they come one at a time, I have more time to contemplate just how awesome God is.

W.F. "Bud" Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, Ky. 40972

### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

## A Mississippi friend

The last two summers a group of volunteers from Mississippi have worked at Clear Creek. The group helped us complete two duplexes for student housing. They have such good comments about Clear Creek, and we anticipate three weeks of Mississippi workers for the summer of 1998. I recently received the following tribute to our ministry written by Velma Windham, a team member who plans to return next year.

*If there is a second heaven, it's at Clear Creek Baptist College, up in the beautiful Kentucky mountains where the water runs clear and cool. Early in the morning when in peaceful rest we've slept, it seems that in his bosom, we through the night God kept.*

*And there, it seems, God's children are going here and there. For up in those beautiful mountains, there's music in the air.*

*There where God's word is truly taught, one learns to preach and pray. And I thank God for the teachers there who live in his own way.*

*There in the lovely Kelly Hall is where we eat and sleep at night. And resting on the large porch in the evening we sing will all our might. The grounds are beautiful, the ducks sublime as on the grounds*

*and in the water they're wobbling. Seemingly telling us not to invade their home, or there'll be a great big squabbling.*

*We never meet a stranger there when we go our work to do. And if one has a problem then it becomes our problem too. It's a beautiful place where we go to do God's work day by day. And we seem as brothers and sisters when it's time to go away.*

*It's there we meet God's shepherds. Brother Hanking, so nice and kind. Gary, Ronnie, Austin and others, not many like them you'll find. The president, Mr. Whittaker, so friendly to one and all. As are the cooks in the kitchen, each meal time when they call.*

*So you may see why it seems next to heaven, this beautiful mountain place.*

*Where love is shared, and a smile is upon each one's face. Now if I couldn't go to heaven when I am gone from here, I'd be content to forever be in the presence of the mountains there.*

Thank you, Velma, and a big thanks to all our volunteers. Your help enables us to accomplish more and saved money for other needs.

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Sock maker wants to save more than soles

FORT PAYNE, Ala. (ABP)—Socks advertising one's allegiance to sports teams are common, but one Baptist is manufacturing socks advertising his allegiance to God's team.

In a move similar to the fish symbol some people sport on the back of their cars, 19-year-old Ryan Johnson, vice president of Ider Hosiery, is stitching three crosses, the word "faith" or the fish symbol on basic tube socks.

Johnson said he hopes the socks bring about "a love revolution for Christ."

"If people will wear the socks, (other) people will see them, and that will be the beginning of a conversation," he said.

Ider Hosiery is located on Sand Mountain, in the midst of Fort Payne—the sock capital of the world. More than half of DeKalb County's 300 hosiery mills are located in Fort Payne.

Johnson admitted he has given away more socks than he's sold, but added that's beginning to change.

Church athletic teams are adding the socks to their uniforms, and the socks were a popular item at Father's Day, said April Helms of Cornerstone Distributing Inc.

Johnson has talked to people in 42 states about the socks. He has been interviewed for the "700 Club" and is shooting a portfolio for commercials.

The socks' witness may be subtle, but the slogan is less so. The packaging shows a picture of kids playing basketball with the message, "Walk a little closer to God."

## Not all happy with TV's spirituality

By Alan Sepinwall  
Religion News Service

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Meet Father "Ray" Raynaux (Kevin Anderson), star of ABC's upcoming new drama series, "Nothing Sacred."

Father Ray is a Catholic priest who runs a cash-strapped parish. He keeps an atheist on staff to balance the books, prefers presiding over funerals to weddings because "you know they'll stay dead," and in the midst of a bad week quips that he'd be a great priest "if I didn't hate God so much."

Not surprisingly, many Catholic organizations are up in arms over what they've seen and heard of "Nothing Sacred." The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights dubbed the series "nothing more than a political statement against the Catholic Church."

Some religious organizations are being kinder. James Martin, a columnist for the Catholic magazine America, dismissed the controversy and called the show "the best television series ever produced about the rich and often complicated lives of American Catholics."

Arne Owens, a spokesman for the Christian Coalition, offered guarded praise. "The fact that religion is being dealt with at all in prime-time television hours is a positive thing."

If that's the case, Owens should have a lot to be happy about this fall, as God will be found all across network television.

In addition to Anderson's Father Ray, the recent wave of quirky TV clergymen includes Stephen Collins as a pool-hustling minister on WB's "7th Heaven," Dan Aykroyd as a Harley-riding Episcopalian priest on ABC's "Soul Man" and David Ramsey as a gospel-singing pastor on UPN's upcoming "Good News."

Meanwhile, angels and other

agents of God are regular characters on CBS' "Touched by an Angel" and "Promised Land," and ABC's new "Teen Angel." Even series with non-religious themes such as "NYPD Blue," "Homicide: Life on the Street," "The Practice" and "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" feature matters of the spirit as recurring motifs.

A lot of the credit for TV's spirituality can be given to Martha Williamson, the creator (technically, re-creator) of "Touched by an Angel."

The original, unaired version of "Touched" was a more irreverent look at angels that CBS hoped would capitalize on a recent trend of people buying books and memorabilia about the winged servants. When Williamson was brought in to remake the concept, she refused to joke around.

Why the surge in public interest in God? "Nothing Sacred" creator David Manson thinks he knows why.

"Either it's pre-millennial fever," he says, "or just the aging of the baby boom generation, where all of a sudden they have children, their parents are passing away, and the issues of mortality, legacy and what you pass along to your children are on people's minds."

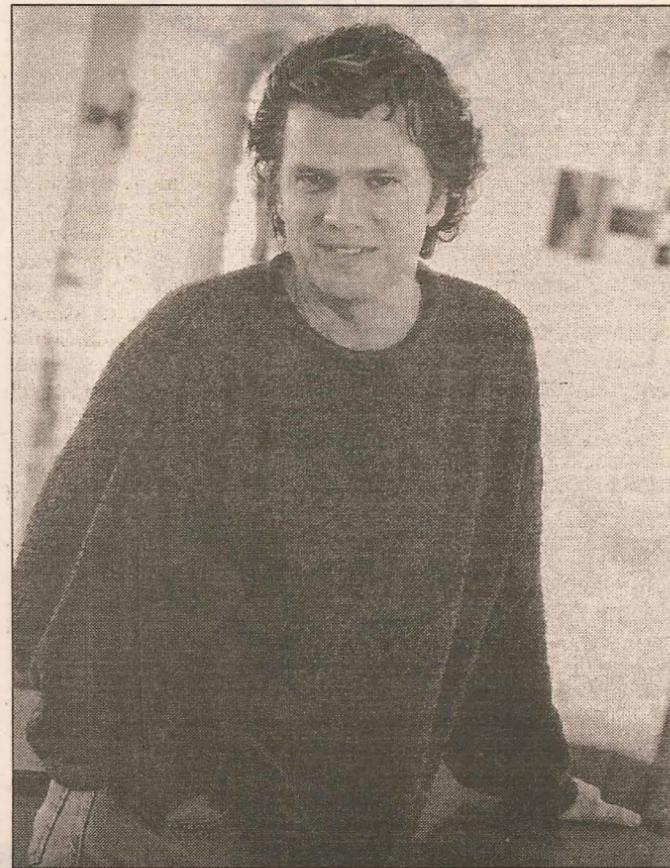
The success of "Touched" made a lot of network executives less gun-shy about allowing God-related projects.

"Touched by an Angel" opened the door for dramas about spiritual matters," says Manson.

But for some, like Catholic League president William Donohue, the meal is going down with a sour taste.

"On 'Nothing Sacred,'" he says, "they've set up this dichotomy whereby a priest who openly denounces the church's teachings on sexuality is depicted as a compassionate, likable person, and those who are loyal to the church are portrayed as cold-hearted tyrants."

Maybe Donohue is right in think-



SAINT OR SINNER? Kevin Anderson, star of ABC's "Nothing Sacred," is among a crop of new religious characters on TV. (RNS photo)

ing that viewers will reject shows that play fast and loose with theology. Until the Nielsen ratings for the first few episodes of "Nothing Sacred" come in, no one will know for sure. But Martha Williamson thinks there's one thing that will ensure a show's failure.

"American audiences are smart," she says. "They know when you are conning them. If somebody wants to do 'Teen Angel' and have great fun with it, that's one thing. But if somebody wants to do a spiritual show and their heart isn't in it, people won't buy it."

## Taylor 'kind of like Jesus ... a plain and simple preacher'

By Adelle Banks  
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—When Gardner Taylor steps into a pulpit, a palpable sense of expectation ripples through the congregation because the designation "dean of African-American preachers" has long preceded the man about to speak.

At 79, Gardner, senior pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, N.Y., now moves from one dais to another—speaking in churches and ballrooms, at Easter sunrise services and presidential inaugural events—and has left an indelible imprint on American Christianity.

He captivates his audience by weaving a key Scripture passage with contemporary examples and simple phrases that bring his sermon home in a way people remember days—and sometimes years—later.

"His messages ... always challenge you to try to become a better person and become a better Christian and become a better pastor," said Ruth Travis, a Baltimore pastor who heard Taylor speak recently at an African

Methodist Episcopal Church district conference. "He always preaches on a level you can understand, kind of like Jesus. Jesus was a plain and simple preacher."

Speaking in Washington recently, Taylor started by spinning tales, almost like a grandfather sharing wisdom with his beloved grandchildren. But during the course of a half hour, Taylor strung together anecdotes, Scripture and words he repeated into a crescendo of emphasis that literally brought his audience to their feet cheering.

He focused on the story from the Gospel of Luke about the blind man who sat at the side of the road, heard the commotion when Jesus was passing and asked Jesus to give him sight.

From those verses in the 18th chapter of Luke, Taylor wove a message about the blindness of American society and its need for God's healing.

"Nobody but God can do anything about sight," Taylor told his audience, referring to Jesus' description of his duties in an earlier chapter of Luke that included "recovering of sight to the blind."

The biblical texts propelled Taylor

into a litany of examples about the country's "blindness"—from drug addictions to poor race relations.

Taylor ended his sermon by recalling how he preached 50 years ago in a place where a minister was "nervous about a black preacher coming to his pulpit." Just as he was getting into that sermon, the lights went out.

"There came a voice—and I leave that with you tonight—from somewhere in that little church, midway," he recounted. "It said, 'Go on, preacher, we can see Jesus in the darkness.'"

It was a phrase people carried out of the ballroom with them.

Still, Taylor pooh-poohs his status as "dean of black preachers."

But Bishop John Hurst Adams, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who has known Taylor for about 25 years, said a more apt title for Taylor would be "dean of all American preachers."

Adams notes that Taylor's reputation is so great that ministers frequently leave their pulpits in the hands of assistant pastors when they learn he is in town so they can hear him.

Though he has a divinity school series—the Gardner C. Taylor Lec-

tures in Black Preaching at Duke University Divinity School—and a street in Brooklyn named after him, Taylor speaks humbly of himself.

"I'm appreciative that people take notice of me, but when I go to worship, I'm not looking for that," he said.

Taylor originally planned to be a lawyer. More than half a century later, he jokes about his change in career plans: "I think I've got a better client."

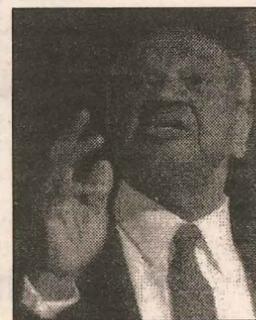
He was pastor of churches in Louisiana and Ohio before moving to Brooklyn's Concord Baptist in 1948.

Under his leadership, the church grew from 5,000 members to 14,000. The 2,800-seat church is the largest black church in New York City.

When he retired in 1990 after 42 years of Sunday sermons, Taylor said, "I never lost the thrill of preaching."

During those years, Taylor said with a touch of sadness, he believes the art of preaching has declined somewhat.

"I think television has corrupted the preaching enterprise by making ... people think that preaching is more entertainment than it is proclamation of the gospel," he said.





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