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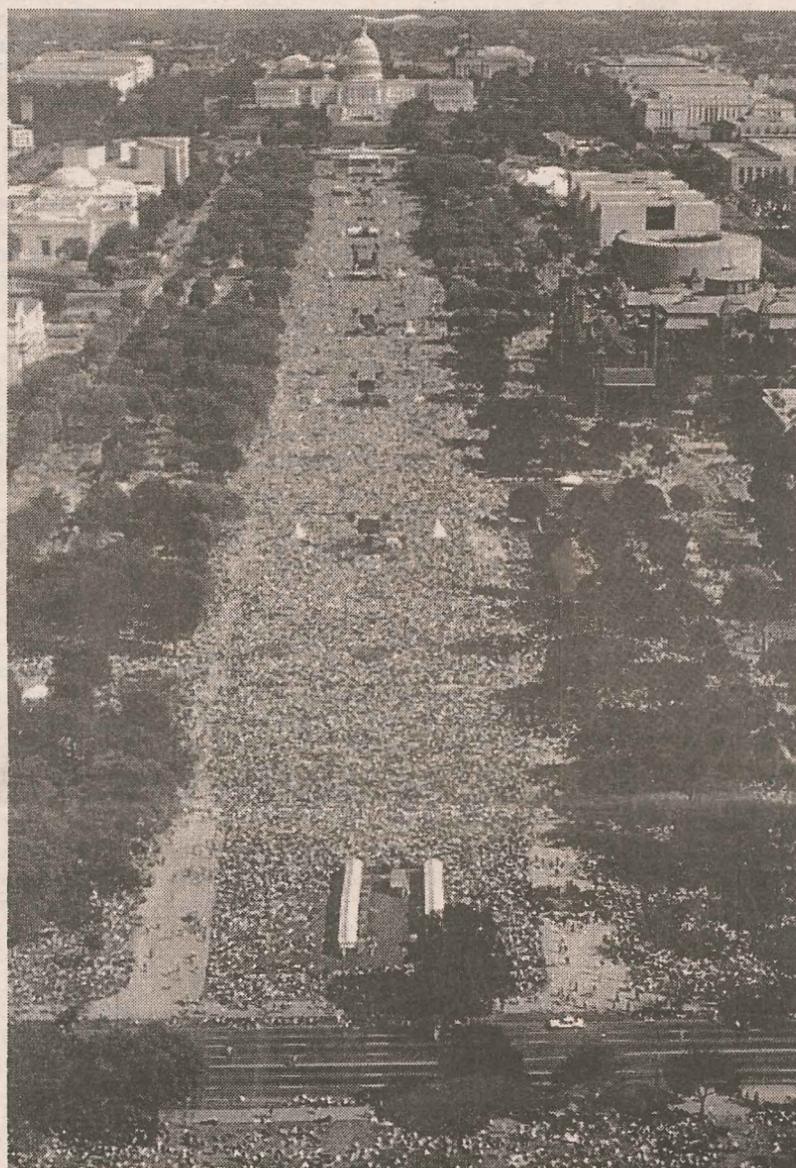
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Promise Keepers make U.S. history with rally



MEN ON THE MALL Hundreds of thousands of Christian men flooded the national mall in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4 for the Promise Keepers "Stand in the Gap" assembly. The crowd stretched from near the U.S. Capitol (background) past the Washington Monument, from where this bird's-eye-view photo was taken.

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

WASHINGTON—In the largest religious gathering in American history, an estimated 500,000 to 1 million Christian men gathered on the national mall Oct. 4 to confess sins of impurity, ungodliness, family neglect, racism and sectarian strife.

Men from across the nation and representing every Christian denomination imaginable crowded onto the mall to participate in the "Stand in the Gap" assembly, sponsored by Promise Keepers, a national evangelical men's movement.

A sea of men that spread 300 yards wide filled the mile-long lawn from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument. Loudspeakers and mammoth video screens were set up in 12 locations on the mall and around the Washington Monument. The event also was telecast live on the C-SPAN cable network.

Neither Promise Keepers officials nor the National Park Service attempted to estimate the size of the crowd, due mainly to controversies over estimates of other events held on the mall in the past. Local newspapers estimated the crowd at anywhere from 500,000 to 1 million.

Two things local observers agreed on were that the "Stand in the Gap" rally ranks as one of the two or three largest events of any kind ever held on the mall and that participants outnumbered the huge turnout for the 1995 Million Man March.

Promise Keepers officials repeatedly emphasized that size is not what matters in this movement.

"A lot of folks are saying our success is based on numbers. Our success is not based on numbers," Pete Richardson, Promise Keepers vice president for programming, said in a news conference the day before the rally. "If one man changes his life ... that is success."

Calling men to become more responsible in their families, churches and communities was a recurring theme of the six-hour event, billed as a "sacred assembly of men."

The program was structured around three areas: A call for men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior, a call for men to respond to God by becoming more actively involved in their homes and churches, and a call for men to extend the hope of Christ to others.

The bulk of the program highlighted the need for men to repent and become spiritually responsible. Speakers focused on three areas of spiritual failure:

■ Sins of forsaking God by disregarding the Bible, failing in prayer and falling into sexual sins.

■ Evading spiritual leadership by abusing and abandoning their families.

■ Fostering disunity in the body of Christ through denominational pride and racism.

Music by a worship team as well as contemporary Christian singers Ray Boltz and Steve Green punctuated the event. See Promise Keepers ..., page 12

Did you attend "Stand in the Gap?"

The Western Recorder plans to publish comments from Kentucky Baptists who attended the Promise Keepers assembly in Washington. Please share your experiences quickly by faxing us at (502) 244-6474 or e-mailing us at wesrec@ntr.net.

Changing expectations make pastor's job tougher

By David Winfrey
News Director

LAWRENCEBURG—Tyre Denney loves what he's doing, but even he admits that being a pastor is tougher today than when he started 35 years ago.

"Thirty-five years ago, the local church was pretty much it as far as community was concerned," said Denney, who spent 29 years of his ministry at Alton Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg.

In addition to shifts in community values, changing communication styles and heightened expectations internally and externally are making it tougher to minister, according to seminary professors, Kentucky pastors and other observers of American churches.

Many pastors face unrealistic expectations from their congregations, said Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah. "TV ministries ... give them a false

impression of what church really is," Henson said. "They think a pastor of a church of 50 people can have the same polished appearance."

Keeping families in a church is harder today because so many are shopping for services, according to Marion Brewer, retired pastor of Powells Valley Baptist Church in Clay City. "It's almost like it is with entertainment. If you have the programs that suit me and suit my family, that's fine. But if you don't, well, then I'll go somewhere else."

Pastor burnout is a growing problem, according to Archibald Hart, a clinical psychologist at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

"I think there is a growing body of evidence that it gets worse by the year," he said.

Congregations and pastors them-

selves are making increasing demands for success, Hart said. "The internalizing of expectations over the last 10, 12 years has been horrific."

Hart said the church growth movement leads pastors to set themselves up for feeling inadequate.

"The expectation is that if you're a successful pastor the church will grow," he said. "There's been an indoctrination process that's led them to believe if you're not on the growth bandwagon there's something wrong with you."

Meanwhile, about two-thirds of Southern Baptist congregations are plateaued or declining, according to statistics from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Ultimately, burnout arises when someone feels helpless in the midst of demands, helpless in the midst of expectations, that 'nothing I do can fix

the problem,'" Hart said.

He hastened to add that goals and expectations are valid, "but I prefer to think of mission and purpose," he said. "I believe the challenge for the church in the next century is not church growth, it's church health."

Despite pressures and problems, many ministers are surprisingly satisfied, said Dave Goetz, senior associate editor for Leadership, a trade journal for pastors.

"The majority of pastors, while struggling, are doing rather well," said Goetz, whose publication regularly surveys pastors' attitudes. "Pastors are as satisfied as lawyers and more satisfied than doctors."

Denny counts himself among those who are most satisfied.

"I really think that being a pastor is far more exciting than it was 30 years ago," he said. "For me it is."

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BAPTISTS

Seminary librarian fired after writing letter to Elliff

"He was one Christian going to another Christian according to tenets of Matthew 18. How can you fault him for that?"

Ron Sisk, Paul Debusman's pastor

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

LOUISVILLE—The longtime reference librarian at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was fired Sept. 26, apparently because he wrote a personal letter questioning the historical accuracy of statements made in a chapel address by Southern Baptist Convention President Tom Elliff.

Paul Debusman, a 35-year employee of the seminary who was 10 months away from retirement, was given one month's severance pay and immediately dismissed.

As a result of the "involuntary retirement," Debusman, 64, will lose some of the retirement benefits he otherwise would have received, although the earnings from his retirement account with the SBC Annuity Board are secure.

Seminary President Al Mohler did not return a phone call from the Western Recorder seeking comment on the firing. Seminary spokesman David Porter said Mohler would not comment because of the confidential legal nature of personnel matters.

Friends and colleagues of Debusman described him as one of the most "gentle" and "mild-mannered" people they know. "Paul is the kindest man in all the world," said his pastor, Ron Sisk.

Debusman reluctantly spoke with the Recorder about his situation, noting that he still has "a lot of positive feelings for the seminary" and that he's "not trying to recruit any people" to his side of the firing dispute.

SBC President Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., spoke in chapel at Southern Sept. 16, as part of the seminary's Pastor Appreciation Day.

According to seminary-produced news reports, Elliff lauded the changes toward conservatism that have occurred under Mohler's administration. Debusman said in that context Elliff suggested he would not have been invited to speak at Southern under pre-

vious administrations.

"At least the tone of what I felt he was saying was that in the former days he would not have been invited," Debusman explained.

That prompted the librarian to write Elliff a personal letter in which he attempted to correct the historical inaccuracies of Elliff's comments. Studying and working at the seminary since the 1950s, Debusman has witnessed the administration of three presidents: Duke McCall, Roy Honeycutt and Mohler.

"I reminded him that (in the past) we had heard SBC presidents and other ranking members of the Southern Baptist Convention," Debusman said. "Chapel as I remembered it from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s was a time when we heard everyone. There was a deliberate strategy to bring in different points of view.

"That's no longer true," Debusman said he pointed out to Elliff. Under the Mohler administration, "some people will not be invited," he explained. "My pastor will not be invited."

Debusman is a longtime member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, the Baptist church nearest the seminary and in the past closely linked with the seminary.

"The ironic thing to me is I was attempting to be conciliatory," Debusman said. "I'm not naïve, and I don't mean to sound Pollyanish. But I closed my letter by saying my heart had been broken since 1979 by the way we had sniped at each other and I would to God that we could unite around the larger mission of sharing the gospel, discipling and equipping believers.

"Although critical, I was intending to be in my little tiny way some kind of conciliatory spirit and expressing the fact that I'm brokenhearted because we can't find bigger objectives and unite even through our differences," he added.

Elliff declined to comment, noting in a fax to Associated Baptist Press: "This is, apparently, a matter concern-

ing the personnel policies at Southern Seminary. I have no statement to make."

However, Debusman said it was obvious to him that Elliff had communicated with the seminary. Debusman did not receive a personal reply from Elliff until the Monday after he was fired.

Debusman said seminary administrators told him his actions had been "harmful" to the seminary.

In April 1995, in response to controversy over Mohler's firing of Carver School dean Diana Garland, seminary trustees adopted a new "policy on constructive relationships." That policy originally stated: "Faculty members and staff of this institution are not to act in ways that are injurious or detrimental to the seminary's relationship with the denomination, donors or other constituencies within and without the seminary community."

In April 1997, after extensive consultation with faculty and staff, the policy was amended to state that faculty and staff "should seek to relate constructively to the denomination, donors and other constituencies."

Debusman said he was shocked that his writing a personal letter to Elliff would be construed as bringing harm to the seminary. "I just did not see that a personal letter which I was intending as conciliatory" would be perceived as harmful.

Debusman said he had come into conflict with seminary administration earlier this summer over another matter where he was accused of being harmful to the seminary.

Soon after the SBC passed a resolution calling for a boycott of the Disney Co. in June, Debusman was interviewed by a newspaper reporter from Cleveland, Ohio. Although he never had seen the publication and did not know the full extent of its content or readership, the paper serves a predominantly gay audience. He said he found the paper's content "rather astounding" when he finally did see it

after the interview.

Debusman said the reporter mainly asked factual questions such as what it meant to be a messenger to the SBC annual meeting, what power SBC resolutions had on churches and the like. Debusman said he responded with factual answers.

Finally, the reporter asked Debusman, "Is there anything we can tell the gay community other than that the Baptists hate them?"

"This to me was an entree to tell them that God loves them, to be a witness," Debusman said. "I think we're all sinners. I'm not so much impressed with the sinfulness of any one group as I am with the sinfulness of all of us."

The seminary administration was not pleased that Debusman had been interviewed by the gay newspaper, he said. "They said I had brought harm to the seminary."

News of Debusman's firing shocked and angered his fellow church members at Crescent Hill, Sisk said.

"He is held in enormous respect in our church," Sisk said. "He has been elected term after term to our board of deacons, frequently heads our nominating committee because of his knowledge of the church and sensitivity to persons. You won't find anyone to fault his character or suggest he would ever be guilty of indiscretion.

"We announced his firing and the basic terms on Sunday morning. The congregation rose as one and gave him a prolonged standing ovation in celebration of his integrity."

Sisk said Debusman "believes as a Baptist that when you have a disagreement with someone, it's your responsibility to speak to them about that with respect. That's what he did. To put his job at jeopardy for that is unconscionable arrogance.

"He was one Christian going to another Christian according to tenets of Matthew 18. How can you fault him for that?"

Mission team encounters mob

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ABP)—An Arkansas Baptist volunteer mission team was driven from a Romanian village Sept. 21 by a mob led by an Orthodox priest.

The crowd threatened and shoved team members, who left the village when team leaders sensed the mob was becoming "violent." One Romanian Baptist national was beaten by the crowd after the Arkansas team left.

The incident occurred as the 11-member team from Faulkner County Baptist Association, along with an equal number of Romanian Baptists, attempted to distribute the Gospel of John to villagers in a field located in Rusi, Dobrovat, in northeast Romania.

Ted Lindwall, a retired Southern Baptist missionary to Guatemala and volunteer with Church Starts International in Romania, said the team was handing out Bibles when "the village priest brought a crowd of some 40 supporters who shouted at the Baptists and threatened them if they did not leave immediately.

"The Baptists assured the priest that they were not there to speak badly about him or his church but only to distribute the Bible," Lindwall said. "When it became apparent that the crowd was becoming violent, the Baptist group gathered their equipment and left."

Directors of missions defunded in Canada

EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada (BP)—A new structure adopted by the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists will defund associational directors of missions and apply that money toward hiring eight church consultants to work across Canada.

"We're taking a real risk here," said Paul Johnson, chairman of the Canadian convention's program and structure review committee. "We're stepping away from a model that comes from established conventions in the U.S. We're going to a model that provides specialists as consultants and we're saying to pastors and leaders you will have to work harder to maintain communication and focus as an association."

Time will tell if defunding the associational directors of missions was a good move, Johnson said. "We're watching with bated breath but we're very confident," he said. "With the resources the North American Mission Board has given, we feel this is an excellent allocation of funds."

Full-time, fully funded associational directors of missions are a luxury in Canada, Johnson said. He pointed out Puget Sound Baptist Association in metro Seattle, with one director of missions, has as many congregations as does all of Canada, which had seven directors of missions.

"One of the important areas we felt was investment in the pastoral leadership, someone at the national level whose assignment would be to help pastors develop their leadership skills and spiritual depth," Johnson said.

"With the inclusion of a pastoral and evangelism consultant, we're saying our pastors are of such tremendous value to us we have to do everything we can consciously, explicitly to help them. This person is not the national chaplain but is someone to design ways our pastors can grow, using retreats, resources and crisis intervention when necessary."

The new structure calls for hiring six church planter catalysts and two Total Church Life (evangelism) cata-

lysts. These field workers will be hired jointly by the Canadian convention and the associations in which they will serve.

In addition, positions in the national convention's headquarters also will be restructured. The position formerly known as executive director-treasurer will become national ministry leader. Other positions will be church planting consultant, church growth consultant, evangelism and pastoral consultant and student ministry consultant.

The convention's Executive Board will be renamed National Leadership Board.

"The primary term (for convention staffers) went from director to consultant because, again, we said if our convention's job is to help the churches, then the leadership have to be in a servant mode," Johnson said. "If we're calling them directors are we inferring they're the boss? Our use of the term 'consultant' says we come alongside you to help you."

KENTUCKY

Kentuckians' drama resurrects Heritage USA theater

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

FORT MILL, S.C.—Ten years after scandal shuttered the PTL broadcasting and theme park empire, its once idle and rusting amphitheater has been revived by two Kentuckians.

"Two Thieves and a Savior," a musical drama written and produced by two Kentucky Baptist ministers, has been playing at the old Heritage USA amphitheater since Memorial Day weekend.

The first season's run will end this month for the drama written by Yvonne "Birdie" Clark and Rebecca Martin. Before moving to Heritage USA last January, both women served on the staff of First Baptist Church of Pikeville.

At first the musical drew crowds of 20 to 30 people, but as word of the production has spread, crowds have grown to nearly 500 for the weekend performances.

"God is at work," Clark said. "We've had decisions every performance."

The Kentucky duo got the idea for the Heritage USA drama from Martin's sister, Teresa Brown, who lives in nearby Charlotte, N.C. In the spring of 1996, as Brown was reading Jeremiah 32-33, she believes God brought

the idea to her mind.

Clark and Martin had produced "Two Thieves and a Savior" in the amphitheater at Jenny Wiley State Park near Pikeville and at a theater in downtown Pikeville.

Exactly one year after Clark and Martin drove to Heritage USA to check out the idea, they staged the first performance there. For a period, they shuttled between Kentucky and South Carolina to begin the renovations needed on the outdoor theater.

Joe Justice, an attorney and member of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, provided legal assistance. He negotiated an agreement with the group of Malaysian businessmen who took over parts of Heritage USA after evangelist Jim Bakker lost it.

In addition, the Kentuckians received a large donation from an anonymous benefactor and secured other financing, sound equipment for a greatly-reduced price and a wealth of volunteer assistance.

In addition to Martin and Clark, about 10 members of First Baptist Church of Pikeville moved to South Carolina to help get NarroWay Productions started. Another 10 have been traveling to Fort Mill regularly on weekends to serve as cast members and help with other duties.

"I believe people convicted by the

Holy Spirit came and helped," Clark said. "They worked like it meant the world to them; they gave Saturdays and evenings. And we got a choir and cast together even though we didn't know anybody here."

The largest single contingent of volunteers came from Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., where Teresa Brown's husband, Joe, is pastor.

A cast of about 130 have had roles in this year's play, although because of rotation only about 70 appear on stage during a performance, Martin said. Another dozen people have acted as lighting and sound technicians, stage hands, ushers and ticket sellers.

One of the lead roles of a thief has been played by James Weddington. The Pikeville native became a Christian at First Baptist Church and learned to act in the youth group's dramas.

Weddington moved to Fort Mill last spring after graduating from Pikeville College, also securing a position as an intern in Hickory Grove Baptist's youth ministry. He also enrolled in seminary through the Charlotte extension campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"To be used by God in this is a blessing," he said. "I love to be able to get out on stage. When I was young

I would hear about the 'Passion Play' and think that would be great, to act for Jesus. What I'm doing is awesome."

"God is so much bigger than what my mind had actually thought," added Martin. "We limit him to our ability. I've seen him do things in this place that there's no earthly way I could have done, or the people with me could have done."

"Two Thieves and a Savior" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays during the remainder of October, and then on the two days after Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children. Group rates are available. For more information, call (888) 437-7473.

REVIVED AGAIN More than 130 people, including several Kentuckians, are involved in the production of "Two Thieves and a Savior" at the old Heritage USA amphitheater in Fort Mill, S.C.



Kentucky Fellowship to vote on creating full-time post

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Supporters of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship will be asked this weekend to approve a recommendation to hire the organization's first full-time executive.

In making the recommendation, the Kentucky Fellowship's coordinating council has notified two part-time employees that their work will conclude at the end of this year. Carolyn Hale of Georgetown has served as the moderate group's part-time communications coordinator for five years. Harold Skaggs of Cadiz has served as part-time network coordinator for two years.

Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Moderator Bob DeFoor announced the plan to employ a full-time coordinator in the organization's September newsletter. DeFoor is pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church in Harrodsburg.

The organization adopted a new vision statement last spring. "Our officers came to the conclusion that Kentucky Baptist Fellowship needed a new organizational structure to implement our new vision," DeFoor wrote. "We have many questions about the future ..., but we are confident God has a good purpose for us, a meaningful ministry to perform and that he will continue to lead us in a positive direction."

DeFoor said the Fellowship "will also continue to be a positive force in assisting the Kentucky Baptist Convention to achieve its mission without dominance or negative impact by Fundamentalism."

To make this personnel change, the organization will need increased financial support, DeFoor wrote. He called on more churches to include the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship in their budgets on a percentage basis.

He also announced establishment of "Friends of the Fellowship," a plan for individuals to underwrite the Kentucky Fellowship's work by pledging at least \$10 per month for three years.

"If both of these efforts are successful, we can have the funds to

achieve many of our goals that I have heard moderate people express over the years," he added. "Without proper funding, we cannot."

Although loosely affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship receives only a fraction of the financial support Kentucky churches have given the national organization. The state Fellowship group and national Fellowship group are not linked financially.

The proposal to hire a full-time coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship will be presented during the group's fall gathering at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville Oct. 11.

BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Foundation gains again.** The Kentucky Baptist Foundation recorded its largest-ever increase of funds under management during the 1996-97 fiscal year, President Barry Allen reported to the Foundation board Sept. 25. Assets under management grew from \$59.6 million to \$80.5 million. The Foundation also continued to provide to Baptist causes earnings on investments that exceeded national benchmarks. The Foundation was the sixth-highest contributor to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program last year.

■ **WMU search committee named.** Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union President Peggy Hicks has named an eight-member search committee to nominate a new executive director.

Kentucky WMU Executive Director Kay Trisler has announced her resignation effective Nov. 1. The committee will be chaired by Jo Pelham of Hopkinsville. Other committee members are Mary Lou Crutcher of Louisville, Ginny Sisk of Lexington, Sara Billups of Catlettsburg, Gayle Horn of Harrodsburg, Pat Ramey of Williamsburg, Pat Schmidt of Leitchfield and Pat Key of Central City.

■ **Cumberland board meets.** The church relations board of Cumberland College held its annual meeting Sept. 15-16 and elected new officers. They are Vola Brown, pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Waynesburg, president; Wilburn Ferguson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Finton, W.Va., vice president; and Jim Heinesen, a retired pastor from Springfield, secretary.

■ **Georgetown presents "Visiting Oliver."** The Maskrafters theater troupe of Georgetown College will present a one-act play, "Visiting Oliver," Oct. 16-21. The play was written by former Georgetown student Bill Nave. Admission is free. For more information, call the college at (502) 863-8030.

■ **Women's retreat set for Danville.** Willow Grove Baptist Church in Danville will hold a women's retreat Oct. 17-18 with nationally-known speaker Karen Alexander. For registration information call (606) 236-4956 or (606) 236-6242.

■ **Campbellsville home dedicated.** The new president's home at Campbellsville University was dedicated Sept. 17 and named in honor of Betty Dobbins Heilman.

Heilman's husband, Bruce, chancellor of the University of Richmond, delivered the university's annual Heritage Day address as well. Both Heilmans are Campbellsville graduates.

■ **New crest unveiled.** Georgetown College has introduced a new heraldic crest that incorporates symbols of the college's purpose, foundation and beliefs. Among the symbols: Three crosses



represent the school's Christian foundation; a torch symbolizes the enlightenment of learning; book represents the search for knowledge.

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Association displeased with editor

The following letter was sent by the executive board of Ohio River Baptist Association to the editor and board of directors of the Western Recorder, with a notation that the executive board had appointed a three-member committee to express "displeasure with the editor of the Western Recorder." The letter was read and passed by unanimous vote of the association's executive board Aug. 18, 1997. It was signed by Rodney Groff, committee chairman, with the names of committee members Russ Davidson and Jerry Thurman and Director of Missions John East attached.

The Ohio River Baptist Association executive board is taking this opportunity to express its concern to the directors of the Western Recorder. We feel Mark Wingfield's disregard for Kentucky Baptists' spiritual health must be addressed.

Wingfield's constant negativism toward Kentucky Southern Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention can only be seen as a vendetta against unity among Kentucky Southern Baptists. As an association we are praying for harmony within our state and national convention. However, it becomes so disheartening to pick up the Western Recorder week after week and see our editor tell us what awful people we are.

As an association, we do not claim to be a perfect people. However, there must be something positive going on in the Southern Baptist Convention and Kentucky Southern Baptist life our editor can write about. After all, does not the word of God instruct us to dwell on good and positive things?

As an association we are asking the directors of the Western Recorder to sit down with Wingfield and help him understand the damage he is doing to our state and our convention. If he refuses to stop writing hurtful and controversial editorials, then we feel Wingfield should be asked to step down as the editor of the Western Recorder. We are praying for a peaceful resolution to Wingfield's personal battle against Kentucky Southern Baptists.

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Western Recorder chairman responds

The following response to the executive board of Ohio River Baptist Association was written by Bill Thurman, a Lexington layman and chairman of the Western Recorder's board of directors:

First, I am going to assume that your concerns revolve around editorials written by the editor in the past and with which you disagree. I must assume this because the letter did not specify a particular article or articles that caused these concerns; rather it seemed to be a matter of general impression. And since you singled out the editor, and since the news articles come from a variety of writers and a variety of sources, I will also assume from this that you refer to the editorials.

It is probably important to let the executive board know that the Western Recorder has a formal "Editorial/News Policy" which provides that news articles are expected to be selected "from a full range of news providers, including but not limited to Associated Baptist Press, Baptist Press, Evangelical Press Service and Religion News Service." Both the editorials written and the articles selected for publication are to be done "in a climate of responsible freedom and shall not be subject to prior restriction, authorization or censorship."

To define this better, the policy provides that the "editorials of the Western Recorder are to the editor as the sermon is to the pastor." The role of the board of directors is to protect zealously, for everyone's ultimate benefit, this responsible journalistic freedom.

Disagreements with an editorial, or even a news article, can be expressed in writing in the Western Recorder. To the best of my knowledge, this has always been done. Disagreements with editorials and, for that matter, with attitudes deemed to be reflected in editorials is as old as the written word itself. To borrow from another saying, "What is diamond to one person may just be coal to another." It just depends on one's perspective.

I use the word "perspective" advisedly. Your letter implies that the role of the Western Recorder should be to write positive things for the Southern Baptist Convention. With that I must respectfully but strongly disagree, for the Western Recorder's express role is to provide "a free flow of information ... for the health and well-being of the Kentucky Baptist Convention" (emphasis added).

Unless I am greatly mistaken, the Kentucky Baptist Convention consists of a variety of churches and individuals who also voluntarily associate themselves with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention and others, and combinations thereof. In fact, in many areas Kentucky Baptist churches also work closely with churches of other denominations to bring the good news and healing ministries of a common Savior to a needy community.

The role of the Western Recorder would be to report, and even comment, on all those matters, because they impact the health and well-being

of all Kentucky Baptists. That is why the "Editorial/News Policy" calls for the selection of news items from a variety of news providers and recognizes the freedom of the editor to comment on them.

I understand the sincerity of your feelings regarding your perception of the tone of certain editorials. Though this may not be a great comfort, you may want to know that others have complained that articles and editorials have not been critical enough. But I suppose that this is, after all, what makes us Baptists.

As a personal matter, you may want to know that when Mark Wingfield was selected as editor, he went through an interview process that dealt with not only his professional skills, but also with his personal view of his role in the life of Kentucky Baptists. He convinced me that he has an appropriate view of that role in the historical perspective of who Kentucky Baptists are.

I believe he sees his role as that of a minister, and the editorials are his sermons. He does not have a personal vendetta against unity, but he seeks only to comment on what he sees as the truth. He finds himself as editor in a time of great flux within the life of Kentucky Baptists, and I believe his editorials honestly reflect that fact, regardless of whether one agrees or disagrees with what is written.

Finally, I would concur with the executive board's assertion that the word of God instructs us to dwell on good and positive things. But it also calls on us to dwell on those things that are true, honest and just. That, I believe, defines the role of the Western Recorder and of its editor.

Show appreciation for pastor

Unique to Christianity is the opportunity to celebrate, encourage and share. We have the message of celebration—the gospel. Yet often we forget that the person most responsible for the proclamation of the gospel needs encouragement, love and occasions to receive genuine expressions of appreciation—your pastor.

Obviously, appreciation needs to be expressed all year long, but there also need to be those wonderful occasions when we formally express our love.

One such occasion is Pastor's Appreciation Day.

Many special events in the church begin with pastoral initiative; obviously Pastor's Appreciation Day cannot and should not. It can begin with a committee, but even committee ideas begin with one individual. Someone reading this note can be that person in your church.

The details of such a day vary as widely as the personalities of our churches and pastors: Present a plaque, take a love offering,

give an appreciation card tree, a set of commentaries, a "this is your life" service, a photo session or a combination of special events and presentations to say "thank you."

Can and should this be done for other staff ministers? Absolutely! When should Pastor's Appreciation Day be held? As a regular calendared event, birthday, anniversary of his ministry in your church, any appropriate time.

Find a way to say a special thank you to a special servant of God—your pastor.

Don Mathis, director
Pastor/staff leadership department
Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville

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TEENS

How do I help my failing teen?

By Wade Rowatt

Q. How much should a parent help a 15-year-old with his homework? He did poorly last year and is failing three subjects the first grading period this year. He never has any homework. Isn't he old enough to get it on his own?

A. Many parents struggle with how much attention to give to a teenager's academic work. Your son

may be old enough that he could be responsible for his personal education. But for some reason he is not getting the job done.

He does need help. You are the first to see that he gets it. Begin with the basics. Find out why he is failing. Ask him, then talk with each of his teachers. Then work out a plan with him to bring up those grades.

Grades are an indicator of how well he is preparing himself for the adult world. He is failing and he only has a few years until he will be looking for employment. He is setting himself up for big disappointments. He will either work for low wages, pay to get an education as an adult or be one in a thousand who gets rich for his looks, music or sports.

Education is the road to self-support for most people. Education also is the road to learning how to live a productive life. He needs an education to more fully understand the Bible, the teaching of his faith and the world.

Until he knows the value of an education, he will not put much effort into his studies. He must believe that it is worth the effort. Let him know how you use your training and schooling.

Reward him for success and withhold things if he fails. Do not make it easy for him to fail. Consider a contract for bonus gifts for good grades.

Find out what is first place in his interests. Church, school, family and healthy living need to be high on teens' list of concerns. Until first things are finished, other things, like TV or hanging out with friends, need to wait.

Get involved daily. Ask what he did in math, etc. Look at homework to see if it is finished, even if completed at school.

Have a regular time for homework. Create a comfortable place for study. Make it a part of "normal" everyday activities.

Consider additional help from a study partner, a tutor or extra time with the teachers. Do not let the problem drag on.

Wade Rowatt is director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville.



SOMEONE ELSE SAID

Like snapping one's fingers, a son goes off to college

By Norman Jameson

Shuffling down the hallway in the early morning, the glistening blue of Nathan's freshly polished truck in the driveway arrested my sight through the window.

The truck represents a promise I made each of the kids that if they ever earned a full college scholarship, I would get them a vehicle to drive to school. Nathan did his part, and will be playing basketball for UNC Greensboro this fall.

I pondered sadly the thin week that stood between that moment and Nathan's departure to write a new chapter in our family's life.

That evening my wife and I visited a young couple still doey-eyed and dopey over their eight-day-old baby. We toured their new house, admired the baby's room and talked of the tremendous emotional highs and lows that lay ahead of them through their daughter's growing years.

It's a brief journey, I said, from the hospital to college.

"How long does it take?" they asked.

I just snapped my fingers.

I've heard the shortest measurable unit of time is the moment between the traffic light turning green ahead of you and the impatient driver's horn sounding behind you.

Now I know the truth. The shortest measurable unit of time is the moment between the delivery room cry and the dorm room good-bye.

Why didn't someone warn me about that when Nathan constantly wanted me to throw a ball, ride bikes, shoot baskets, play with Legos, and read, read, read to him? Or when he fussed with his siblings on long drives? Or when he consumed the month's grocery allowance in a week?

I confess to lunacy, actually hoping some moments would quickly pass. I thought "how long?" when I cringed with him in the bathroom, trying to peel a gauze pad from the back of his 7-year-old thigh. He'd hit a bump, got tossed from his seat and his knobby bike tire rubbed off a four-inch diameter of skin, two layers deep.

Like a fool, I put a gauze pad over the open, oozing circle. Two days later we had to soak him in the shower to tear the gauze pad off. I still hear his screams.

"When will you have it, dad?"

"Soon," I said.

When he entered the Optimist oratorical contest I promised to help him edit his speech. Caught up in other work, he pestered me about when I could help him.

"Soon," I said.

As he grew, and the family grew and my job grew, but the hours of my day stayed forever stuck on 24, "soon" seemed a reasonable answer to his requests. When could I help him memorize his play lines? When could I show him how to change the oil in the car? When could I take him practice driving? When could I show him a hook shot?

Soon.

I don't worry as much as their mom when the kids are out with friends. But now I remember the interminable hours waiting for the clock to lift its heavy arms to the curfew hour.

Yawning, my wife comes out of our room, looks at the clock and asks when Nathan will be home.

Soon.

Today she looks at his empty place at the table, walks past his room devoid of trophies, pictures and inspirational posters, marvels as the pantry shelves stay full like the widow's oil lamp after Elijah's promise, and pats the resting washing machine. She cries, and asks when I think Nathan will be home for a visit.

I put my arm around her, look out the window where his truck used to sit, and say, "Soon." (BP)

Norman Jameson is director of communications for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Inc., based in Thomasville, and editor of its periodical, Charity & Children.

What about the Promise Keepers?

Volumes could be written about the Promise Keepers "Stand in the Gap" assembly in Washington last Saturday. Many Baptists still are trying to figure out what to think about this movement. Here are some observations:

1. "Stand in the Gap" was a hugely significant event in Christian history and American history. By its sheer size alone, it ranks as the largest religious gathering in American history.

2. "Stand in the Gap" was not a political event. With the U.S. Capitol as a backdrop, this easily could have become a political rally of the first magnitude. What politician could resist speaking to such a big crowd? Yet Promise Keepers leaders kept their promise not to put a single politician on the platform and to keep the program free of even the hint of politics. That alone is amazing and is one of the reasons this movement has found broad acceptance.

3. The focus was on the message more than the messenger. Just as Promise Keepers leadership avoided loading the platform with politicians, they avoided creating a lineup of high-profile preachers who could have fed their egos with such an engagement. Those who did speak generally were not even introduced, an effort to keep themselves, by their choice, "nameless and faceless." This is a refreshing change of pace for anyone who's been steeped in Southern Baptist culture, where for years the same people have headlined every major event.

4. The message was thoroughly positive. There was no posturing for denominational office. The event was not buried in spiritual sap or excessive God-talk. There were no calls for boycotts and no attempts to assert power. The spirit was genuine and humble, not manipulative. Most importantly, the rally focused on calling men to be for something, rather than to be against something.

5. The harshest critics of Promise Keepers ought to be quiet, because most of them don't know what they're talking about. On a nationally televised news program the night before "Stand in the Gap,"

an official with the National Organization for Women shouted about the dangerous and subversive nature of this meeting, noting that these were not "average American men." With that statement, she proved only that she doesn't know any average American men. Participants in "Standing in the Gap" were as average as you can find.

6. The Promise Keepers' call for racial reconciliation is finding great connection with American men. Men are hungry for this type of leadership and are receptive to

it. This is one area where Southern Baptists still have much to do beyond passing resolutions and seeking bragging rights.

7. Promise Keepers crosses denominational lines without asking for sacrifice of doctrinal integrity. This key element of Promise Keepers is a problem for some, but should it be? The Promise Keepers rightly remind us that what's of ultimate importance is believing in Jesus Christ as Lord. Other things may be important but they are secondary.

8. More important than crossing denominational lines, Promise Keepers crosses denominational stereotypes. In Baptist terms, this cannot be classified as a conservative, moderate or liberal movement. Perhaps this should remind us that no one segment of the Baptist world has exclusive rights to calling itself the true evangelicals.

9. The challenge for Promise Keepers participants is taking the message of "Stand in the Gap" home. It's easier to confess your sins to a group of guys you'll never see again than to live a better life among people you see every day. There's also a danger of the well-honed Promise Keepers message being reinterpreted wrongly or too narrowly on the local level.

10. Promise Keepers clearly is a movement of God. It would be difficult for any spiritually sensitive person to have stood shoulder to shoulder with perhaps a million men on the Washington mall last Saturday and argued otherwise.

— Mark Wingfield

EDITORIAL

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By Carey Newman

I saw my friend as he came out of the children's department. He was chuckling and shaking his head.

"You never know what is going on in a 5-year-old's mind," he said. "The Sunday school lesson was on prayer, and I had used making a phone call as a way to illustrate how prayer is communication with God. When the large group time was over, one of my students gave me a letter addressed to God. She said, 'I have written a letter to God, but I don't know where he lives. Could you tell me?'"

My friend tapped the sealed letter in his hand, smiled, and said, "You're so smart, you tell me where God lives."

Our conceptions about heaven

are guided by the spatial imagery the Bible uses to describe it. Jesus preached about the Kingdom of God, a phrase loaded with geo-

graphic connotations. Paul's words about his vision of the third heaven cause us to think of it as a place far above our universe. Revelation describes heaven as a grand cosmic temple which contains a throne—a sublime perch from which God is able to observe

all. No doubt about it, the Bible describes heaven as a place.

But that is only part of the story. The Bible also uses temporal imagery to describe heaven. Heaven not only is a place, it is a time.

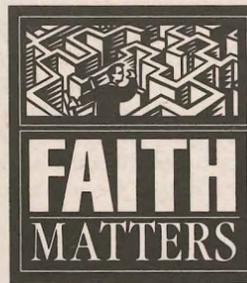
It is the time when God will right all wrongs. It is a time in which God's presence will be unveiled in

an unmediated way. It is a time when resurrection life becomes the norm—the lame will walk, the blind will see and all sorrow will be summarily banished. It is a time of unending joy, everlasting peace and all-consuming love. Heaven is the time in which we will experience life to its fullest.

What is remarkable is that both the spatial and temporal imagery coalesce in the gospel story. On the one hand, Jesus' death is depicted as a descent into the bowels of the earth and his resurrection as an ascension into heaven. On the other hand, Jesus' death and resurrection also mark the transition between the old age and the age to come. We begin to experience the future Kingdom of God in and through the gospel here and now.

In a real sense, heaven is the gospel, and the cross and resurrection are our surest guide to what heaven really is like.

I handed my friend a stamp, returned the grin and told him he was on his own this time.



"The mother ... related that since she had left the church after being saved, she had this awesome feeling of freedom, peace and indescribable joy."
Herbert Booth

Liberating power

One of the most liberating forces on earth is the forgiving grace of God, witnessed last week in Bryansk, Russia, in the Kentucky/Russia partnership. Our medical team first saw the young mother and 4-year-old child who listed her concern regarding her child as "clinging" since her father was electrocuted two months ago in an accident involving both the child and him. The child had visible fresh, red scars on her hands and back secondary to the electrical burns. She had anxious, darting eyes, like an animal trapped. She also clung to her mother like velcro.

The young mother was an unbeliever in Christ. We counseled with her regarding the practical courses in dealing with the child as well as her own grief, then witnessed to her regarding the loving kindness and forgiveness of God. She was led to Christ by Brad Senter, a young seminarian Journeyman presently stationed in the city of Tambov, Russia, who joined our team in Moscow to substitute for our recent loss of a pastor team member.

Just a few days later in the next service in the host church where our clinic was held, the young mother and child were smiling up at us from their position in the sanctuary. After the service, the mother came up to Senter, a hulking Goliath, and repeatedly told him how much she thanked him for leading her to a liberating knowledge in Christ. She related that since she had left the church after being saved, she had this awesome feeling of freedom, peace and indescribable joy as well as the release of the "clinging" of her daughter.

As she talked to him the 4-year-old daughter, also now liberated, lifted her large blue eyes up to Senter's while she grasped his large hand in hers and smiled that heart-melting smile of one set free. She and Senter had more in common, since he had recently had hand surgery and her red, scarred hand grasped his bandaged hand in warm affection.

This is just one of the many stories of God's amazing grace in partnership missions in Russia this year.

Members of our team were Ken Stone of Hindman; Steve Lindsey of Highland Heights; Doug Galyen of Benton; and Sue Middleton, Ruthe Lusk, Faye Whitworth, Shirley Woodson and Janet Bowman of Louisville; and me.

Herbert R. Booth, M.D.
Burlington

Truth sets you free

Let me get this straight. First I must support everything the hierarchy leaders of the Republican Baptist Convention decree, I mean the Southern Baptist Convention. I must not be thought of as a liberal. I must not be outspoken. I must not be an intelligent, gifted woman, God forbid. I must be anti-evolution and an inerrantist. I must be one of the elect and a devout Calvinist as the original Southern Baptists were, according to SBC leaders. I must pledge allegiance to Richard Land, Al

Mohler and the other Mickey Mouse boys in our convention who are leading us down the straight and narrow road to dogmatism and global Pharisee hypocrisy with their unending dictates.

I feel as though I am one of the original early Baptists who rebelled against the Catholic religious leaders of their time. How liberating and empowering it is to be a traditional, free and independent Baptist answering only to the Lord himself and no earthly wantabees.

Call me what you will. Label me a disloyal Baptist heretic but I will always follow the one who provides grace and forgiveness to my life and offers his spirit of understanding, tolerance and salvation even when other Christians hurl judgment and self-righteous indignation at me and other like minded Baptists. I will proudly claim the blood of Christ as my justification over any doctrine espoused by misguided egotistical denominational leaders.

Now that is what real Baptists are all about, but I suppose that excludes me from consideration when it comes to serving in any capacity in the Southern Baptist Convention. Gee whiz. Shucks. That's a shame. So much for inclusiveness. I guess we really moved into a new era in Baptist history. We could call it "the Dark Ages."

Tim Hall
Henderson

Free publicity?

I would like to call your attention to the article on gay pride (Sept. 16, page 11) in the Western Recorder.

I object to the format in which this article was presented by our church paper. The manner in which this article was presented seemed to be making an announcement for an organization that is in opposition to the belief of most Baptist people.

Had this article been published with an editorial stating opposition, it would have been in the right context.

Please do not give the opposition free publicity for their meetings.

Wendell Whicker
Smithland

Editor's note: Adhering to solid journalistic standards, the Recorder separates and clearly labels news and feature reports differently than editorials and other opinion pieces. The story referenced was a news story about Kings Island scheduling a gay day. In light of the Southern Baptist Convention's boycott of Disney World for a similar event, we thought our readers would like to know the information. We were not promoting Kings Island or gay day.

Open season on pastors

As a student pastor concerned for other pastors and the local church, I have been very hurt by the editorial concerning Calvinism (Sept. 9, page

5) because one assumption you made was outrageous. That assumption being that it is OK to fire a pastor just because a church has criticism against him. This assumption and attitude will only serve to destroy the presence of God's Holy Spirit in Kentucky. I want to address three points.

The first issue concerns the idea of firing of a pastor. Firing a pastor for anything other than outright heresy or immorality is unbiblical! Show me one passage of Scripture that even hints that the church has a right to jettison their pastor for any other disagreement.

Second, a pastor should receive the benefit of the doubt (1 Timothy 5:17-19). Pastors and ministers have given their lives to serve Christ, they are to receive a double honor, especially the ones who preach and teach. A member of the church that behaves otherwise should be rebuked, not applauded.

Third, you are sending a horrible message to churches and pastors. You have helped engender an attitude of suspicion. The article suggests that a church should constantly be scrutinizing its pastor. Being a bivocational pastor is tough enough as it is without having to walk on eggshells. Even if a church has biblical reasons for firing a pastor, there will be pain and hurt on both sides. And, typically it causes a church split.

Your paper is supposed to help pastors, ministers and churches go forth with the gospel of Christ. Yet, you have made it open season on pastors and offered a solution that will further fracture the life of the church. I wish your words could be taken back and the editorials would begin to focus on proclaiming the gospel and kingdom work than just shooting the mouth off.

Jim Bohrer
Louisville

Southern's turnaround

After years of frustration with the editorial comments in the Western Recorder, I am finally writing my first letter to the editor. When I read your comments in the editorial "Will Kentucky churches buy Calvinism?" (Sept. 9, page 5) I felt obligated to respond.

I am a 50-year-old, Friday-Saturday, master of divinity student in the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth. I have waited 20 years from my college graduation to attend seminary. Although my reasons for waiting to pursue my degree are varied, one of the primary ones was the direction our seminaries were headed in 1977. When I began to hear about the turnaround at Southern Seminary, I realized my opportunity was at hand.

In my brief time at Southern, I have experienced the antithesis of what you claimed was happening at Southern, particularly in the Graham School. The professors, administrators and staff I have met have been

extraordinary in their commitment to Christ, their zeal for the gospel and their compassion for the lost. To my knowledge, I have not heard a single mention of Calvinism, five-point or otherwise, by any of the professors. If the fear is that what is happening at Southern will be a detriment to evangelism and missions, I for one have not witnessed it.

I am proud to be a Southern student. I have experienced personal revival as a result of the lectures and interactions on campus. I simply wish Mark Wingfield would recognize his obvious prejudice and report some of the stimulating things that are happening at Southern. They are myriad.

Daniel S. Hunt Sr.
Campbellsville

What does Mohler believe?

In response to the controversy generated by Mark Wingfield's editorial implying Calvinism at Southern Seminary (Sept. 9, page 5), I would like to make the following observations:

1) I do not recall Wingfield accusing all the faculty of teaching five-point Calvinism.

2) Some of the responses imply numerous inaccuracies in Wingfield's article without specifically addressing any of them.

3) It is unfortunate that many professors who do not espouse limited atonement, which is really the only issue at the heart of this controversy, could be unfairly associated with those who do believe this doctrine.

4) Since the president, with the trustees, is responsible for setting the direction of the seminary, it would be helpful if he would state the seminary's position on this matter as well as his personal beliefs.

Kentucky Baptists would like to know: Does he believe in limited atonement? Does he believe Jesus died for only the predestined elect? Does he believe salvation is available to all through faith in Christ? Even if he embraces this position privately, will he publicly state that it has no bearing on the selection, promotion, granting of tenure, hiring or firing of faculty members?

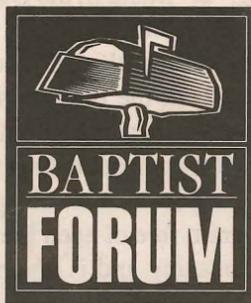
John Stone White
Louisville

Complete surrender

This letter isn't in answer to any other one. I just have had an unction to write for quite a while.

One question—when did Baptists quit telling that it was necessary and blessed to make a complete surrender to God? We make many commitments during our lives but when it comes to a holy spiritual being like God, nothing but complete surrender to him will do. Jesus taught it—God demands it. Then there is the wonderful, unspeakable knowledge that we are connected with our maker. We become alive spiritually. All man's reasoning cannot accomplish this—only complete surrender of all we are and have will do.

Nellie Beach
Dry Ridge



ISSUES

Parishioners growing pickier about pastors' points

By David Winfrey
News Director

FORT WORTH, Texas—When Al Fasol preached one of his first sermons in 1959, a church member scolded him afterward for not having three points.

Fasol, a former broadcaster, asked why three points were necessary. The man replied, "All Baptist sermons have three points because of the Trinity."

Fasol, who now is professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, said that was the best reason he's ever heard, even though he still doesn't understand what it means.

"When I grew up in the '50s, every sermon I would hear had three points, a poem and a sob story," he said.

That story illustrates the type of unrelenting criticism many pastors have faced for years. But the criticism and expectations present even greater challenges today, Fasol said.

Today pastors are struggling to meet the demands of more critical audiences who want better speakers and more interaction, according to Fasol, pastors and other observers of preaching in America.

"In the olden days, people were there (in church) to hear what the pastor had to say, and these days they're ready to participate in what the pastor has to say," Fasol said. "We don't have such a thing as a rhetorical question anymore. They will respond to it."

Preaching is in transition, Fasol said.

While he still teaches and believes in and practices expository preaching, more focus is being placed on narrative or story telling in sermons.

But Fasol noted that story telling, while considered innovative today, is one of the oldest-known forms of communication.

Pastors are still trying to determine how much participation is too much or too little, he said. "In a time of transition, you have to go to the extreme before you know what the extreme is, and then you make adjustment from that."

Both extremes have dangers, he added. With too much interaction both the pastors and the Bible can be viewed with a level of familiarity that removes all authority, he said.

"The familiarity approach to the

Bible too often means that people don't want to exert themselves to understanding the depth of teaching that the Bible has to offer," Fasol said. "They want the Bible reduced to an easy comprehension level for their own convenience."

Meanwhile, too little interaction is alienating young adults, he said. "They will go somewhere the messag-

ers are going to be communicated in a way they can appreciate."

Many ministers already feel they are competing with some of the best preachers in the

country, said Pastor Tyre Denny, of North Benson Baptist Church.

"We can get our best pastors right in our living room," said Denny, a Kentucky preacher for 30 years.

"They expect their local pastor to be a Billy Graham ... to have that charisma, that talent, that ability," he said.

Speech professor Carl Kell agreed.

"The concept of customer service is not lost in the Protestant church," said Kell, former director of graduate studies for Western Kentucky University's department of communications and broadcasting and a coach to

preachers. "There are more good audiences out there looking for good pastors than there are good pastors speaking to those audiences."

"Good audiences" are those "who really have a love and a fondness for the spoken word," Kell said. "They will spend their energies and efforts until they hear a good speech."

Fasol said many preaching students emerging from seminary are adapting to the new requirements, but pastors already in churches are struggling to keep up.

"I get the feeling that they know times are changing and many of them are telling me they are having difficulty changing but they are making changes," he said.

Fasol said one way to make sermons more interactive is to include application ideas. "Today's congregations want clear specific directions as to how they are supposed to respond to the text being preached."

But Kell questioned whether most long-time pastors understand the changing tide.

"Most pastors don't understand what I've just told you. They don't want to understand it," he said. "People who do not believe the polished spoken word is critical to their career are kidding themselves."

"When I grew up in the '50s, every sermon I would hear had three points, a poem and a sob story."

Preaching professor Al Fasol



Walking the Pastoral Tightrope

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MESSENGERS * 1997 Annual Meeting, Kentucky Baptist Convention Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky

The Executive Board is assigned the task of establishing Cooperative Program Budget Goals for the next convention fiscal year based on estimates of missions and ministry needs, and a review of current levels of giving by the churches.

The budget goals and distribution percentages for 1998-99 are very challenging and arose from the positive movement of many churches to a higher percentage of undesignated gifts going through the Cooperative Program for all Kentucky and Southern Baptist causes.

The challenge is to increase gifts through the Cooperative Program in 1997-98 by 2% and to increase those gifts another 2.5% in 1998-99. We have proved we can do it better when we do it together.

Recommended 1998-99 Cooperative Program Budget Goals and Percentage Distribution Between KBC/SBC Causes

The annual Cooperative Program goals and percentage division between KBC and SBC causes are determined by the KBC in annual session.

1. That the 1997-98 Cooperative Program Operating Budget goal be \$19,604,116, a 2% increase.

2. That the percentage for the division between KBC and SBC causes be:*

SBC - 35.244%

KBC - 64.756%

That this division be subject to the Executive Board's decision to apply the Financial Crisis Plan approved in 1990, which stated:

"In case of a financial crisis, allocations be reduced proportionately to the SBC, Kentucky Baptist institutions of Christian Education and the Executive Board staff and/or programs."

3. That the 1998-99 Cooperative Program Challenge Budget goal remain the same as 1997-98, \$1,300,000.

4. That 35.244% of any challenge funds be distributed to SBC causes and 64.756% to KBC causes.

	Actual 1996-97 Receipts	Illustration Approved 1996-97 Budget	Approved 1997-98 Budget	Proposed 1998-99 Budget
Cooperative Program Goal				
A. Operating Budget	18,750,948	18,750,948	19,219,722	19,604,116
1. SBC Causes (a)	6,937,851	6,937,851	6,726,903	6,909,275
	37.000%	37.000%	35.000%	35.244% (d)
2. KBC Causes (b)	11,813,097	11,813,097	12,492,819	12,694,841
	63.000%	63.000%	65.000%	64.756% (d)
B. Bold Mission Challenge (c)	21,298	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
1. SBC Causes (a)	17,735	1,082,528	455,000	458,172
	83.271%	83.271%	35.000%	35.244% (d)
2. KBC Causes (b)	3,563	217,472	845,000	841,828
	16.729%	16.729%	65.000%	64.756% (d)
Total CP Goal	18,772,246	20,050,948	20,519,722	20,904,116

(a) The distribution of these items is approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

(b) The distribution of these items is approved by the Executive Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

(c) If Challenge Goal is attained, total CP through the SBC would equal 35.244%.

(d) Subject to Executive Board's decision to apply the Financial Crisis Plan approved in 1990.

*Subject to approval of recommendation by Executive Board to Convention in November.

With the continuing strong commitments of Kentucky Baptists, their churches and associations, we can join God more completely in His work to give Christ to a world looking for redemption.

*Gratefully,
Floyd D. Price,
president and chairperson,
the Executive Board*

* The KBC Constitution, Article VIII, calls for these recommendations to be published 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

SBC churches fire one pastor every six hours

By Marv Knox
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—Being a pastor of a Baptist church can be like coaching a professional football team. If the team stops winning or the coach runs into conflict with the players, he's outta there.

Southern Baptist churches fire at least one pastor every six hours, and by some estimates the rate probably is almost twice that fast.

"We know there are 125 (firings) a month," said Brooks Faulkner, manager of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's personal development department. "Our conjecture is there are at least another 100 we can't find."

That means the convention's 40,000 churches fire between 1,500 and 2,700 pastors every year.

But Baptists aren't alone. A nation-

al survey of evangelical Protestant ministers showed that 22.8 percent have been fired or forced to resign, according to Christian Century magazine.

The firings represent blemished ministries, bruised families and congregational black eyes.

Finger-pointing on both sides is typical in a termination, but "about

half the time the congregation is at fault, and half the time the minister is at fault," estimated Dick Maples, director of minister/church relations with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Two major factors often cause churches to fire pastors repeatedly, Maples said.

The first is "ongoing unresolved conflict between the members," he explained. Rather than settling the issue among themselves, the battling church members pin their problem on the pastor, trapping him in the conflict.

"He's forced to leave, and the conflict goes on, and the cycle repeats itself," Maples noted. "Every two or three years, pastors are rotated in and out."

Another congregational problem is lay leadership who won't allow ministers to lead the church, he added.

Sometimes a church is run "by a group of influential lay leaders who basically have determined the direction of the church for years," he said. "And they are unwilling to relinquish that leadership to the ministerial staff."

So ministers who try to exert leadership or who stay long enough to assume leadership find themselves in conflict with the power base of the church. Then they have to leave.

Unrealistic expectations also often undo ministers, added Bennie Slack, pastor of First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Texas, and chairman of a Texas committee that studied forced terminations.

"Many of these 'problems' are really symptoms of a much deeper theological problem," Slack said. "Though our faith does correctly emphasize the priesthood of the believer, pragmatically, our pastors/ministers occupy the role of priest in many of our churches."

"It appears all the ministry—work—of God must be carried by or go through the pastor. People can't get saved, sick, upset or die without the pastor's immediate involvement. Pastors are expected to be good preachers, excellent administrators, compassionate counselors, dynamic soul winners, church-growth agents and pastorally present for every crisis in the church."

Unfortunately, pastors aren't supermen, he acknowledged. "Rare is the person who has all the gifts, enough energy and drive to meet our churches' demands. This breeds stress and unrealistic expectations, thus leading to much of our present misery."

But churches aren't the only culprits, experts in the field report.

"Poor leadership skills" haunt many fired pastors from church to church, Maples and Faulkner agreed.

"It has to do with leadership style, communication skills, interpersonal relationships, conflict mediation and visioning," Maples reported.

"That's the cloudy issue most churches deal with" when deciding the fate of their minister, Faulkner added.

"Too often, ministers assume an autocratic style, which is not acceptable to the church," Maples said. Leadership is "one of the greatest needs for ministry training at Baptist schools and seminaries."

Moral failure of the minister—particularly marital unfaithfulness, mishandling church funds and "the inability to tell the truth"—also accounts for some firings, Maples added.

However, "immorality is not as big a factor in terms of the number of terminations as we used to think it was," Faulkner said. Maples cited a study that showed 10 percent of ministers had experienced "serious moral failure in their lives."

Bridging the gap between ministers and churches, Faulkner cited three issues that often crop up between both parties when a minister gets fired—authority, accountability and anger.

"What authority does the pastor have in the church?" he asked. "What are the limits of authority and the legitimizers of authority in the church? The authority and responsibility of the pastor nearly always is a clouded factor" in a forced termination.

"The other part is accountability," he added. "A lot of people who have leadership roles in the church think the pastor and staff ... have to answer to someone in the church. And they are not clear regarding who (ministers) are accountable to."

"It normally takes two to three years for a pastor to earn the trust of the congregation," Maples explained. "Until he has earned their trust, he can't expect to lead the church into any new and creative ministries. What we desperately need is for churches and pastors to make long-term commitments to each other. ... The most effective tenures are from the fifth year onward."



Walking the Pastoral Tightrope



A PASTOR'S VIEW

By Marv Knox
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—The pastor knew his days were numbered.

His stands on a couple of issues angered a handful of key families in the church, and they decided to get rid of him, he recalled five years after the fact.

His story is his own, but it's similar to tales told by hundreds of Baptist ministers. He enjoyed several years of effective ministry in that church—growth in attendance, a successful building program, strong church stewardship, happy relationships.

Then the trouble. A couple of ill-advised statements stirred the wrath of about four church families, who rebuffed any effort at reconciliation.

"That small group got against me," said the pastor, who wished to remain anonymous. "They started lying. They said I was a gambler. ... And then they attacked my wife. When they can't get anything on the minister, they go after his wife or his children."

His adversaries pressed for a vote of confidence, which he won overwhelmingly.

Undeterred, they tried again a month later, presenting a motion that he be fired. They had to suspend the church's bylaws to do it, but they won by two or three votes. He was out, with less than a month's severance pay.

"I'll tell you what that does to you," he offered. "No. 1, it makes you really examine who you are. All your life, you've given your life to serving somebody else. ... For years you've been 'the pastor,' and no longer can you say, 'I am the pastor of this church.' You have to deal with your identity."

Fired ministers also face emotional devastation, he added. "You deal with who you are, and some of the things you find you don't like. Depression can come in quickly."

And they must try to help family who are bruised by the ordeal. "Your wife has relationship problems, and the children also, because these attacks are made in the open against you," he explained. "Your wife hears about it out in the community, and the children pick it up at school. It can be very devastating for them."

"I couldn't understand how they could do this to my husband," one fired pastor's

wife said. "We went to that church believing God had called us there to minister. How dare they take that call back?"

"When a church runs off its pastor, they run off a whole family," the daughter of a fired pastor noted. "A church is supposed to be a house of love. How could they be so cruel? I felt like a piece of trash thrown out—thrown in a box on the side of the street."

"I'll tell you, it hurts," a pastor said. "You realize a lot of people you've supported don't come through for you."

In addition to bruised and battered feelings, fired pastors and their families face other difficulties, according to those who have gone through the experience.

"It is devastating financially," the pastor reported.

Because many Baptist ministers live in church-owned homes, getting fired means losing their home too. Besides the immediate consequence of finding a place to live, this uproots children at a time when they're most vulnerable because of everything else going on in their lives. And it means a new, very expensive, financial adjustment at the time when the father's

income is plummeting.

In addition, most fired ministers face double jeopardy when they try to find another job, many of them say. Church search committees look at them skeptically, because they just have been fired by another congregation. And many secular employers see ministers as too specialized—unqualified for jobs that might provide comparable compensation.

Some analysts report the average fired minister requires two to three years to get back into the ministry or to find adequate employment. "You never regain your money back," the pastor said. "Financially, you're devastated."

Fired pastors and their families also experience acute isolation, they say.

"The worst part is that immediately you don't hear from other pastors," one explained. "Do you think they want to be reminded of their own vulnerability?"

And church members who had been friends and who opposed the firing often avoid their former pastors and their families out of shame, guilt or simple awkwardness, pastors and their families note. The abandonment can leave them bereft of friendship when they need it most.

Pastors falling prey to 'leader-hostile environment'

By David Winfrey
News Director

RICHMOND, Va.—Charles Chandler has more business than he wants. As founder of Ministering to Ministers, the 62-year-old pastor offers counseling, conferences and other resources to other pastors who have been fired.

"It's much more overwhelming than I had anticipated," said Chandler, who started this enterprise after his own forced termination in 1994. "Word is getting around, and I'm getting an awful lot of calls from hurting ministers."

About 200 people contacted him last year, and he's already surpassed that this year.

"I think the conflict within the church that sort of pits pastor and congregation at odds with one another is increasing," Chandler said.

Others agree.

An increasing number of churches are falling into a "repeat offender" category for "churches that continue to chew up pastors," said Dave Goetz, senior associate editor for Leadership, a trade journal for pastors of evangelical churches.

About two years ago a Leadership poll found almost one-quarter (22.8 percent) of its respondents had been forced out of their jobs as ministers.

Of those forced out, 62 percent said the church had done the same to another pastor before; 41 percent more than twice.

"It needs to be said that churches simply don't know how to love pastors," Goetz declared. "They really don't trust them to make long-term decisions for the betterment of the church."

Some of that is merely a reflection of society in general, according to both Goetz and Reggie McNeal, director of leadership development for the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

"America is a leader-hostile environment," McNeal said. "We're a less tolerant people than we were even a decade ago."

Added Goetz: "Americans want leaders, but as soon as they get them, they have a compulsion to bring them down. And I think that's true in the church."

The nature and speed of change in society also affects the church, Goetz said. Society is changing, and as people experience change at their jobs and in their home, they often see the church as a refuge from the uncertainty of change.

"That's one area in life where they don't want any change," Goetz said. "This really makes being a pastor very difficult from a leadership capacity."

When conflict occurs in a church, it's rarely pretty, Chandler explained.

He recalled a psychiatrist who assisted a Birmingham, Ala., conference and was visibly shaken by the stories of pastors who were forced from their jobs, often with little severance pay and having to immediately move out of the church's parsonage.

"His comment was, 'I spend a lot of my time with corporations in downsizing. I haven't seen any of them treating their employees like I'm see-

ing churches treating you.'"

Many firings come not by a vote of the congregation, but at the initiative of a small but forceful group, Chandler said. One survey found 43 percent of forced exits were driven by a small faction, according to Your Church magazine.

The psychiatrist helped Chandler discover a trend of three events common during surprise firings:

■ Pastors are caught off guard by the confrontation from a small group.

■ While the pastor is in shock, the group often uses guilt to prevent the pastor from making a stand. "Keep it quiet," Chandler quoted them as frequently saying. "Otherwise you'll split the church, and you wouldn't want this on your conscience or on your record."

When a small group in the church is seeking a pastor's resignation, Chandler recommends those pastors who can should force the whole church to address the issue.

"The pastor doesn't help the church by sneaking out," Chandler said. "It may be the worst thing he can do."

Churches usually are polarized by a pastor's surprise departure anyway, he noted, and bringing the issue before the whole church will force members to deal with issues that could help the congregation, he said.

■ Pastors often are pressed for a decision agreeing to resign when they are still in shock and are not mentally prepared to negotiate.

"Ministers oftentimes are very dependent on the salary. They're afraid not to take the severance package," he said.

"As a result, they sort of crumble

under the pressure, whereas many of them could have weathered the battle and made it a healthier church."

Many church conflicts result because the pastor and/or congregation fail to communicate what is expected from the other, said Guy Futral, head of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's minister/church support division.

"Almost every congregation will say they want a strong leader or they want a good leader," said Futral, who counsels with churches in conflict.

"The problems they run into have more to do with the style of leadership than the fact of leadership," he said.

Futral recommends both pastors

and congregations say before hiring what is expected of each other.

Goetz agreed. "Part of the problem is that pastors don't do their homework."

In the Leadership poll, 52 percent of pastors forced to resign said they didn't ask adequate questions about the church before accepting the job.

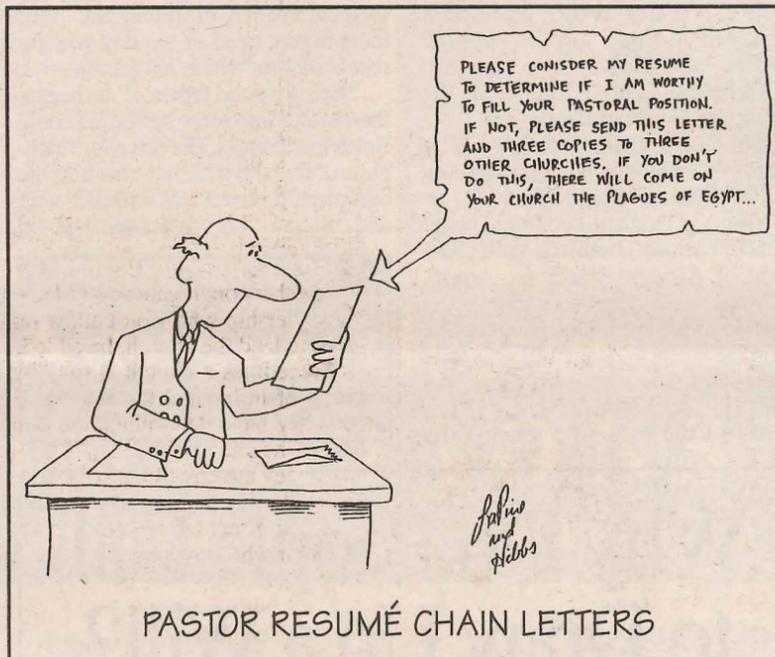
Chandler offers model covenants for congregations and pastors to follow, with information about accountability and job review issues.

"We're not trying to say no minister should ever be terminated," he said. "We are saying that every minister needs to be treated fairly."

Chandler also recommends that covenants include provisions for the church to continue paying the pastor's salary for up to a year if the pastor is fired without just cause. "I think that would deter a lot of hasty action."



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A CHURCH'S VIEW

By Marv Knox
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—"We didn't want to fire our pastor. I still wish we could've found some other way around it," the church member recalled, more than a decade after his church voted to fire its pastor.

"But the fact was the guy wouldn't do his work," the member continued. "He appeared to be preaching off the top of his head. He wouldn't plan. He wouldn't or couldn't lead."

"We were losing members who just couldn't take it anymore. Our church had to do something to stop the erosion. We gave him a generous severance package, and I wish we could've done more. But we had to do something."

Lack of leadership ranks as a top reason why churches who fire their pastors finally decide to do so, according to Baptist workers who counsel both churches and pastors.

Some are autocratic, and they don't want to allow laypeople to have a say in the direction and ministry of their church, while others simply cannot provide vision

and direction themselves, said Dick Maples, director of the Texas Baptist minister/church relations office.

And an absence of strong leadership, both from the pastor and from laypeople, is a primary source of ministerial conflict in churches with fewer than 500 members, added Brooks Faulkner, head of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's personal development section.

Moral failure—sexual misconduct, mismanagement of money, lying and other shortcomings—also leads to termination for some ministers.

"I felt as if I personally had been violated," said a member of a church whose pastor had an affair. "This is someone in whom I had entrusted my deepest pain and feelings, the spiritual care of my family. And all the while, he was breaking one of the most basic bonds of trust, his marriage vows."

Despite the high profile of ministers' moral failures, they account for a relatively small percentage of forced terminations, Faulkner said.

Some churches fire their pastors because they perceive the ministers as

incompetent to do the work of ministry. For some, the incompetence stems from basic leadership weaknesses—poor communication and interpersonal skills in particular. For others, the problem is more fundamental—poor preaching, bumbling administration, bad time management, laziness.

Faulkner cites incompetence as one of six reasons why ministers become "expendable." Others are rigidity on the part of ministers and congregations; a sense that ministers shouldn't stay with a church "too long"; "subterranean pastors," or the unofficial lay leaders who "pastor" the church no matter whose name is on the sign out front; fear of deacons and inability to work with church leadership; and loss of respect or trust in the minister.

Often, members of a church that has just fired its pastor say they were "out of the loop" regarding why the minister was given the boot. For them, the situation is confusing, and they don't know whom or what to believe.

For them, termination is a cloud that hangs over the minister, but also over the church.

"Americans want leaders, but as soon as they get them, they have a compulsion to bring them down. And I think that's true in the church."

Dave Goetz, editor of Leadership

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"Stand in the Gap" by the numbers:

■ **How many?** Professional estimates ranged from 480,000 to 1 million. The Million Man March in 1995 drew 400,000 to 800,000. Two earlier meetings claim a million or more—the 1965 inauguration of Lyndon Johnson (1.2 million) and the 1976 U.S. bicentennial (1 million)—but experts consider those estimates inflated.

■ **Who are they?** The average Promise Keeper is middle-aged, middle-income, married (88 percent) and white (80 percent), according to a Washington Post poll conducted on-site. He is more likely to be a Republican (46 percent) than a Democrat (15 percent) and considers himself conservative (61 percent), but he prefers that Promise Keepers not play a political role.

■ **What did it cost?** The Washington rally cost almost \$10 million. Admission was free, but organizers expect to recoup most of the expense through an offering taken at the close of the event. Promise Keepers estimates its 1997 net revenue at \$70 million.

■ **Why did they come?** A third (32 percent) came primarily to confess their sins to God and a fourth (25 percent) came to show unity with other Christian men, according to the Washington Post poll. Others came to make a change in their lives (14 percent), support their families (10 percent) or show support for Promise Keepers' values (9 percent).

Participants encouraged by reconciliation

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ABP)—Two years ago Mike Mitchell of Camden, S.C., and his friend David Hamilton of Memphis, Tenn., made a "covenant" they would go to the Promise Keepers' national rally in Washington together.

"I knew it would be a history-making event," Hamilton said, "and I wanted to be part of history—but also part of revival."

The prospect that Promise Keepers could be the start of a nationwide revival has kept Mitchell, a Southern Baptist pastor, involved in the six-year-old movement. "For years I prayed ... for revival in this country, and my heart got cold. I wanted God to renew my heart for that today, and he did," said Mitchell, of Gateway Community Church in Camden.

"Revival has to take place with men, because they are the spiritual leaders," added Hamilton, a layman in Bellevue Baptist Church in the Memphis suburb of Cordova.

The men were likewise inspired by the rally's call for reconciliation across racial and denominational lines.

There is "a great need" for racial reconciliation, Hamilton said. The sight of African-American, Anglo, Hispanic, Asian, Native American and Jewish Christians linking hands on the Promise Keepers' stage in a prayer of confession "was a beautiful thing," he said.

When the men who packed the

Washington mall Oct. 4 formed prayer circles to repent of their own sins of sectarianism and denominational pride, Hamilton said he overheard some of his Baptist brethren—who make up a third to half of Promise Keepers nationwide—leading the chorus of confession.

"We're probably one of the worst about saying, 'We're right and they're wrong,'" he admitted. "That spoke to me."

For Greg Strawn, a former Methodist who now is a member of Bellevue Baptist, the call for denominational reconciliation was a welcome word. "That gave me hope," he said.

Strawn said he and his father, who still is a Methodist, have yet to resolve their denominational differences. "It's just something that's not talked about. I'm hoping this can make a difference. We have to go pray more about that."

Likewise for Bruce Spring, a Pentecostal from Columbia, S.C., the most urgent need of the day was for reconciliation within his family.

"Being a good father..." he began, then broke into tears before he could finish the thought. His drive for financial success, he said, has cost him the closeness he once felt with his wife and children. "I never thought it would

happen to us because we were close to the Lord. First I got away, then (the children) did.

"There is a lot of need for reconciliation in my life," he said with a resolute nod.

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Carol York

By Robert Dunston

Carol York, daughter of Frank and Betty York of Monticello, spent almost half her summer in China as part of Cumberland's China Program. For four and a half weeks Carol and two others from Cumberland College took classes in Chinese and Tai Ji at Beijing University from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. At one time the school had been led by Christian missionaries.

While her weekdays were filled with classes, Saturdays provided opportunities for travel. Some of the sites she visited were the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven. Toward the end of her time in China the group took a sixteen hour train ride to Xinan where they saw the Terra Cotta Warriors, life-size clay soldiers that in 1974 were discovered buried over several acres of land.

One of the reasons Carol wanted to be a part of Cumberland's China Program was to prepare herself better for teaching in a public school setting. Carol, a senior in education, wanted to experience what it felt like to be a minority, to be "the different person." Having returned from China she believes that her experience will make her a

better teacher, able to empathize with and understand the feelings and cultural differences of those who are minorities.

Currently Carol is doing her student teaching in English. She has selected Pearl Buck's "The Old Demon" as one of the books she will teach. Already her experiences are helping others to understand a different cultural group.

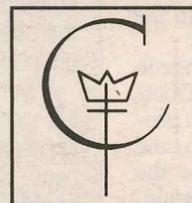
Carol would love to return to China as a chaperone rather than a student. She also hopes to travel to broaden her international outlook and understanding.

One of Carol's treasured memories is attending church in China. In a city of 9 million people there were only four known Christian churches. She was amazed at "how much our freedom of worship is taken for granted."

Carol's life and career were enriched by her trip. Many students will be blessed as they learn about their world from a Christian teacher with her depth and commitment. We are proud of her and proud to provide opportunities for students like her to grow and develop as Christian servants.

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McCartney calls for statewide rallies Jan. 1, 2000

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

WASHINGTON—With the "Stand in the Gap" Washington rally behind it, the Promise Keepers movement over the next two years will focus on strengthening local churches, according to its leaders.

That will lead to statewide rallies on the steps of every state Capitol Jan. 1, 2000, which Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney calls a "roll call" of churches.

"On Jan. 1, 2000, in every state we are asking pastors and men to gather on the state Capitol steps and take roll call," he explained in a news conference before the "Stand in the Gap" assembly. He also repeated this appeal at the conclusion of the rally on the national mall Oct. 4.

Churches will be asked to account for three achievements, he said:

■ That they have a "vibrant men's ministry."

■ That they are engaged in "vital prayer."

■ That they are working toward "intentional racial reconciliation."

Between now and that date, Promise Keepers will hold about 37 regional rallies each year, with one major change: There will be no admission

fee. In the past, participants in Promise Keepers stadium rallies have paid up to \$60 apiece in admission fees. The "Stand in the Gap" assembly was Promise Keepers' first free event.

McCartney did not say how Promise Keepers will pay for the no-fee rallies, but he did indicate at least one motivation for the change. "We want you to bring the lost with you," he said.

Promise Keepers also will hold a series of conferences for pastors in early 1998 to help pastors catch the group's vision. Pastors conferences are scheduled for Philadelphia, Denver, Portland, San Diego, Nashville, Charlotte, Dallas, St. Petersburg and Indianapolis.

McCartney admonished the laymen attending the "Stand in the Gap" assembly to return home and submit to the authority of their pastors.

"Our clergy are called to lead us spiritually," he said. "We must let them lead."

"We want you to go back to your church and give away your time, your treasures and your talents. ... You can't sit on those gifts. You've got to give them away."

He also admonished pastors to be receptive to this new influx of male volunteers. "Is your church ready for

these men to give away their gifts?" he asked.

McCartney called on Christian pastors in every community to meet together once a week to share their burdens for men's ministry and encourage each other. "We need you preaching and teaching and modeling racial reconciliation and denominational reconciliation," he said.

One of the unique features of the Promise Keepers movement is its ecumenical stance, a position not traditionally associated with conservative Protestantism.

"We have so much in common as men of God, but we have not stood together," McCartney explained in the news conference. "The reason we have seen a downward spiral in morality is because we have not stood together."

Popular Christian author Max Lucado also sounded this theme during the "Stand in the Gap" assembly. He and other speakers called on Christian men to repent of the "sin" of sectarianism.

To illustrate the results of denominational disunity, he asked everyone present to shout the name of their church. The result was a muddled roar that was unintelligible.

Then he asked everyone to "shout

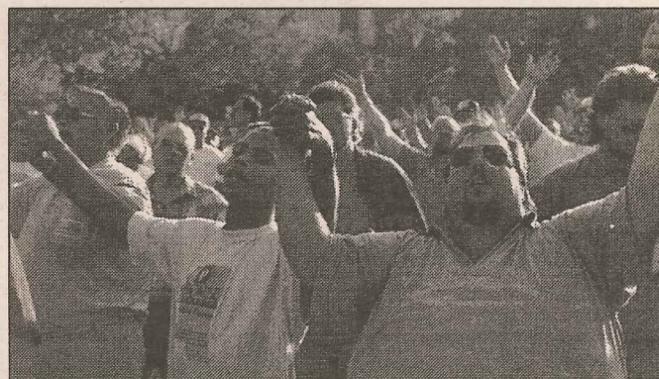
the name of your Savior, Jesus Christ." The name of Jesus could be heard clearly all over the mall.

"The watching world has never seen us cooperate," Lucado explained. But such cooperation is God's desire, he said, pointing to Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane that his followers "may be one ... so the world will believe you sent me."

"We have boasted about the name of our church rather than the name of our Savior," he said.

"Jesus accepts all who come to the cross," he declared. "Have you rejected anyone who's come to the cross? Have you said, 'I'm the screen door and to get to Jesus you have to go through me?'"

HAND-IN-HAND Christian men of all races and backgrounds joined together for the "Stand in the Gap" assembly on the Washington mall.



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ed the assembly, with hundreds of thousands of men standing and waving their hands or clapping, sometimes jumping and dancing with joy.

Reconciliation was the order of the day. Men fell to their knees in prayer, often laying their faces on the ground weeping or embracing each other as they confessed sins and prayed for each other.

Each phase of the section on responding to God included brief messages from the platform, a time for

confession of sins and a joint declaration of the men's desire to serve God and their families more faithfully in the future.

Those declarations were combined into a single statement, dubbed the "D.C. Covenant," that participants recited aloud together at the end of the day.

One of the most poignant moments of the rally came toward the end of the day, just before the declaration was read, when singer Ray Boltz and a choir lead the men in singing his hit song "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb." Tears filled many men's eyes as virtually everyone on the mall stood and sang the contemporary song with the gusto of an old-fashioned revival hymn.

Framed by the U.S. Capitol on one side and the Washington Monument on the other, the men sang: "I pledge allegiance to the Lamb, with all my heart, with all I am. I will seek to follow his command. I pledge allegiance to the Lamb."

Though surrounded by all of Washington's trappings of power, the rally contained virtually none of the political overtones critics feared would emerge. Dozens of politicians hovered around the platform all day, but none were asked to address the crowd. In fact, the rally on the mall was delayed a year to avoid association with the 1996 presidential election.

"We have not come to demonstrate our power to influence men," declared Promise Keepers' President Randy

Phillips in the rally's opening minutes. "We have come to demonstrate our spiritual poverty, so that Almighty God might influence us."

Responding to the movement's critics—who say Promise Keepers teach a narrow religious dogma, seek political power and promote male domination—Phillips declared: "We are not here to impose our religious values on others. And it is not politics we are concerned with but biblical conviction. We are here not to exalt our gender as males. We have come to exalt the man Jesus Christ, who is the Savior, who is the Lord, who is God."

Not everyone was willing to accept those disclaimers, including pockets of feminists who protested around the mall and engaged Promise Keepers in sometimes lively debate.

Another poignant moment came when John Dawson, an Anglo who directs urban missions for Youth With a Mission, from the platform begged the forgiveness of God and men of other races for the racist attitudes of white males.

"Anglo people, we are an arrogant people. Lord have mercy on us because we have brought so much pain in this land," he said. "We have been a greedy people. Because of a love of money, we have broken treaties, hundreds of treaties with Native Americans. We have abused power. I ask my friends, my brothers, for your forgiveness for our pride and our greed, and for our arrogance, for our injustice and our abuse of power. Please forgive us.

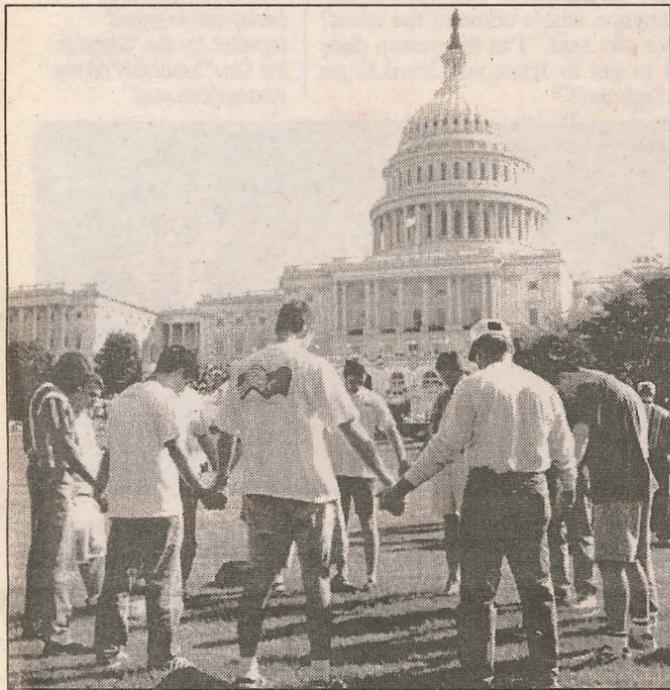
We have sinned against you."

As Dawson knelt on the platform in prayer, he was embraced by John Perkins, an African-American author from Mississippi and descendent of slaves, who said, "John, I accept your repentance now and I come to confess my own sin of reaction."

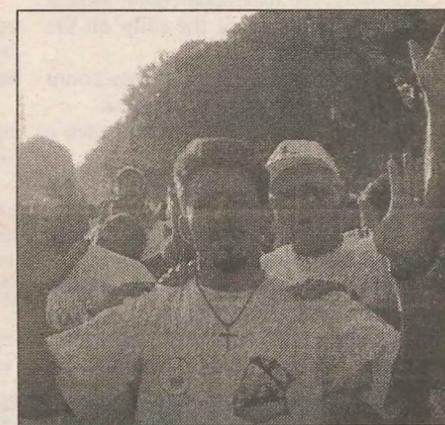
The pair was then joined by an African-American, an Hispanic, a Native American, an Asian, a Messianic Jew and a hearing-impaired man, who each offered a prayer of forgiveness and repentance.

"We are not exempt as men of color from repentance," noted African-American pastor A.R. Ber-

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CAPITOL IDEA A group of Promise Keepers gather on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol for an impromptu prayer session about an hour before the "Stand in the Gap" rally began.



HANDS-ON MINISTRY Christian men lay hands on a participant in the "Stand in the Gap" rally in Washington during one of several periods of prayer and confession that punctuated the six-hour event.

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I am confident every Kentucky Baptist church earned every dollar it received from its members. I know our Kentucky Baptist institutions and agencies and the state missions board earned every dollar they received from their supporters. What if we looked at the contributions through our churches and church-related entities not as "charitable gifts" but as "purchasing Great Commission services," would we be more inclined "to purchase more of those services?" I think so! Peter C. Brinckerhoff, a nationally known expert in managing not-for-profit organizations, contends not-for-profit organizations should see themselves not as "charities" but as mission-based businesses. By act-

ing more like businesses these organizations can get more missions for the money.

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you must put aside some money, in proportion to what you have earned, and save it up, so there will be no need to collect money when I come ... to help God's people in Judea" (I Corinthians 16:2).

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Barry Allen is president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, 10605 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40223.

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nard. He called on African-American men to confess their hatred of Anglos and their use of past oppression as an excuse for their own inaction.

Tom Claus, a Native American from Arizona, joined the moment by saying, "Please, O Lord, give our Native American Christians hearts that are filled with forgiveness."

Marty Waldman, a Messianic Jew from Dallas and the son of Holocaust survivors, tearfully recalled the silence of the Christian church during Hitler's reign of terror in Nazi Germany. Then he thanked God for the spirit of racial reconciliation he senses emerging through Promise Keepers.

Then all huddled to link hands and pray as a symbol of Christian unity.

Racial reconciliation has evolved as a prominent theme of the Promise Keepers movement in recent years, and intentional efforts have been made to include a racially diverse group in

leadership positions.

Before the Washington rally's focus turned to race, however, it highlighted the other well-known theme of Promise Keepers' stadium rallies that have been held across the United States since 1990. That is the appeal for men to put concern for their families above their own self-interests and become more active in the lives of their wives and children.

Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney explained in a news conference immediately before the rally that a Promise Keeper is "encouraged to love his wife, enjoy her, celebrate her."

"Promise Keepers do not believe it's an unequal yoke. It's an equal yoke," he said.

That message was carried throughout the "Stand in the Gap" rally by platform speakers.

Tony Evans, a Dallas pastor, admonished the men to "repent of not

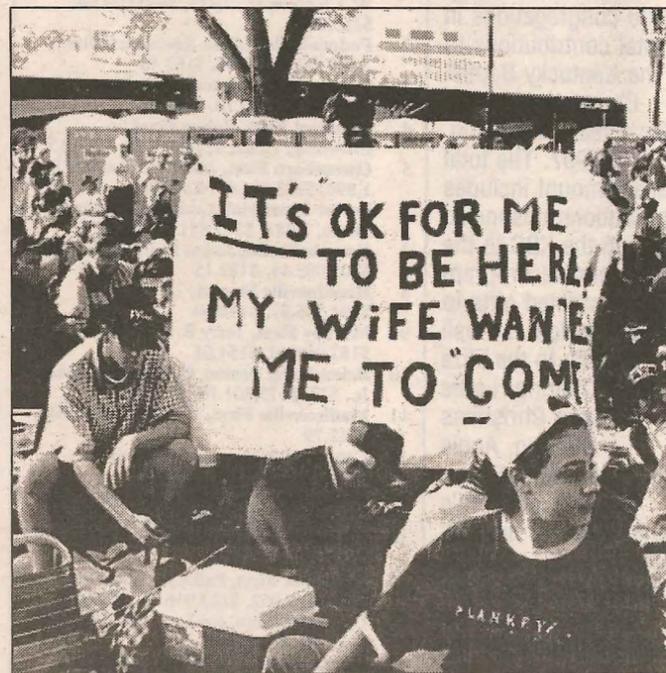
treating our wives as equals, ... of abuse and neglect.

"When you come home, you come home to your second job," he said, "not to read the newspaper but to help your family."

He continued: "Fight for your families. Many of you have given up too quickly. What you would never allow your home football team to do ... many of us have done. What do you mean you can't stay married and you have been married 10 years? You have not been married long enough. It takes a lifetime."

Bruce Fong, a seminary professor from Oregon, urged: "When it comes to marriage and family ... no more abuse and no more abandonment. The Bible is very clear for us as husbands. A husband should love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. It's very simple, very clear. Battery is not included."

With additional reporting by Greg Warner of Associated Baptist Press



SIGN OF APPROVAL One man attending the Promise Keepers rally answered critics of the Christian men's event by holding up this homemade sign.

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Top 100 churches in total gifts to KBC

This report lists the top 100 congregations in total contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1997. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, resident membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

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|----|---|----|---|----|--|-----|---|
| 1 | Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,717, \$449,024.34, \$165.26 | 26 | London First, Terry T. Lester, 733, \$97,838.14, \$133.48 | 51 | Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 569, \$76,075.15, \$133.70 | 76 | Horse Creek, Manchester, Scottie Dwight Sumner, 576, \$57,054.37, \$99.05 |
| 2 | Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,599, \$419,567.92, \$161.43 | 27 | Princeton First, Bill R. Tichenor, 1,159, \$97,692.72, \$84.29 | 52 | Pikeville First, Steve Ross, 845, \$73,359.43, \$86.82 | 77 | Winchester First, Larry S. Burcham, 528, \$57,048.52, \$108.05 |
| 3 | Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,691, \$381,620.70, \$141.81 | 28 | Unity, Ashland, Gary D. Frizzell, 1,102, \$97,242.63, \$88.24 | 53 | Southside, Princeton, Ronald W. Sivells, 947, \$73,190.40, \$77.29 | 78 | Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Routt, 1,134, \$56,427.82, \$49.76 |
| 4 | Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,262, \$295,473.38, \$234.13 | 29 | Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 535, \$97,176.59, \$181.64 | 54 | Pleasant Hill, Somerset, 751, \$72,840.56, \$96.99 | 79 | Berea, John J. Chapman, 860, \$55,778.06, \$64.86 |
| 5 | Owensboro First, James R. Chatham II, 1,894, \$283,895.63, \$149.89 | 30 | Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 764, \$96,171.18, \$125.88 | 55 | Kings, Taylorsville, James Hume III, 650, \$72,220.59, \$111.11 | 80 | Sturgis First, 478, \$55,476.96, \$116.06 |
| 6 | Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,382, \$277,651.39, \$116.56 | 31 | Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 4,155, \$94,604.17, \$22.77 | 56 | Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,333, \$72,099.88, \$54.09 | 81 | Macedonia, Owensboro, Ross Jerome Bauscher, 1,015, \$53,860.95, \$53.06 |
| 7 | Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,679, \$205,085.41, \$122.15 | 32 | Beacon Hill, Somerset, Joseph Sam Crawford, 782, \$94,368.60, \$120.68 | 57 | Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 588, \$72,034.41, \$122.51 | 82 | Springfield, Kenneth Wayne Graham, 549, \$52,777.94, \$96.13 |
| 8 | Hopkinsville Second, 1,639, \$194,386.97, \$118.60 | 33 | Shively, Louisville, 2,425, \$94,273.11, \$38.88 | 58 | Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H. Jackson, 934, \$70,619.74, \$75.61 | 83 | St Matthews, Louisville, D. Leslie Hollon, 1,483, \$52,710.58, \$35.54 |
| 9 | Murray First, Terry B. Ellis, 1,188, \$182,968.40, \$154.01 | 34 | Versailles, John F. Brandon, 1,004, \$92,732.73, \$92.36 | 59 | Owensboro Third, 1,126, \$70,004.32, \$62.17 | 84 | Stithon, Radcliff, Walter Davis, 728, \$51,565.25, \$70.83 |
| 10 | Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 537, \$175,801.19, \$327.38 | 35 | Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,142, \$92,633.35, \$81.12 | 60 | Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 612, \$69,533.47, \$113.62 | 85 | Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 476, \$51,162.58, \$107.48 |
| 11 | Madisonville First, 1,536, \$173,252.38, \$112.79 | 36 | Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 839, \$92,399.77, \$110.13 | 61 | Leitchfield First, George W. Smith, 773, \$67,637.41, \$87.50 | 86 | Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 438, \$51,011.79, \$116.47 |
| 12 | Central, Winchester, Bill Whittaker, 1,546, \$171,987.51, \$111.25 | 37 | Eastwood, Bowling Green, Paul M. Welch, 1,175, \$91,860.00, \$78.18 | 62 | Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 1,065, \$66,106.71, \$62.07 | 87 | Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 815, \$50,653.98, \$62.15 |
| 13 | Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scot Johnson, 1,342, \$163,629.05, \$121.93 | 38 | Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 678, \$89,919.85, \$132.63 | 63 | Salem, James D. Dwiggin, 236, \$64,342.58, \$272.64 | 88 | Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,163, \$50,138.21, \$43.11 |
| 14 | Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,586, \$144,721.14, \$25.91 | 39 | Crestwood, Stephen L. Hadden, 1,109, \$82,239.19, \$74.16 | 64 | Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 407, \$61,850.40, \$151.97 | 89 | Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville, Douglas M. Anderson, 478, \$49,785.78, \$104.15 |
| 15 | Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, 2,052, \$142,916.35, \$69.65 | 40 | Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 956, \$81,932.77, \$85.70 | 65 | Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 475, \$61,785.25, \$130.07 | 90 | Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 1,162, \$49,775.26, \$42.84 |
| 16 | Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,858, \$139,482.49, \$75.07 | 41 | DeHaven Memorial, LaGrange, Anthony Lee Rose, 935, \$81,148.58, \$86.79 | 66 | Franklin First, Dennis R. Plank, 784, \$60,967.23, \$77.76 | 91 | Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$49,722.71 |
| 17 | Hurstbourne, Louisville, Ronald M. Ford, 1,022, \$127,937.73, \$125.18 | 42 | High Point, Mayfield, Roy Southerland, 713, \$80,419.14, \$112.79 | 67 | Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 730, \$60,945.20, \$83.49 | 92 | Brandenburg First, Gary J. McAbee, 426, \$49,706.44, \$116.68 |
| 18 | Bellevue, Owensboro, 881, \$126,841.09, \$143.97 | 43 | Hopkinsville First, James S. McKenzie, 835, \$79,617.76, \$95.35 | 68 | Corinth, London, James L. Blaylock, 889, \$60,809.71, \$68.40 | 93 | Broadway, Lexington, Christopher A. Rieber, 608, \$49,289.28, \$81.07 |
| 19 | Lawrenceburg First, Jeffrey Eaton, 1,102, \$126,058.58, \$114.39 | 44 | Salem, Mortons Gap, John L. Ashby, 265, \$79,557.96, \$300.22 | 69 | Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 557, \$58,358.94, \$104.77 | 94 | Immanuel, Paducah, James F. Broome Jr., 723, \$49,271.99, \$68.15 |
| 20 | Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,578, \$120,864.07, \$76.59 | 45 | Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 541, \$79,103.02, \$146.22 | 70 | Fulton First, Jack Acree, 610, \$57,787.01, \$94.73 | 95 | Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 295, \$49,264.48, \$167.00 |
| 21 | Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,189, \$118,941.69, \$100.04 | 46 | Yellow Creek, Owensboro, C. Wyman Copass, 1,031, \$78,965.46, \$76.59 | 71 | Highland Hills, Fort Thomas, Gerald D. Sharon, 578, \$57,781.15, \$99.97 | 96 | Northside, Princeton, Thomas Lloyd Tackett, 676, \$49,158.46, \$72.72 |
| 22 | Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, 997, \$106,255.85, \$106.58 | 47 | Barbourville First, 599, \$78,297.09, \$130.71 | 72 | Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 1,045, \$57,536.86, \$55.06 | 97 | Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Paul R. Badgett, 463, \$49,116.39, \$106.08 |
| 23 | Erlanger, William E. Crosby Jr., 1,683, \$99,978.29, \$59.40 | 48 | Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 363, \$78,242.82, \$215.54 | 73 | Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 541, \$57,401.53, \$106.10 | 98 | Carlisle Avenue, Louisville, Thom Rainer, 2,107, \$49,058.24, \$23.28 |
| 24 | Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 898, \$99,067.10, \$110.32 | 49 | Bowling Green First, John David Laida, 1,970, \$77,649.15, \$39.42 | 74 | Mount Washington First, 1,107, \$57,318.39, \$51.78 | 99 | Latonia, Covington, James K. Abernathy, 832, \$48,905.06, \$58.78 |
| 25 | Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,193, \$98,993.03, \$82.98 | 50 | Burlington, J. Terry Wilder, 715, \$76,277.43, \$106.68 | 75 | Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 600, \$57,249.74, \$95.42 | 100 | Hazel, Joel Frizzell, 338, \$48,763.12, \$144.27 |

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| 2 | Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,599, \$331,890.92, \$127.70 | 27 | Beacon Hill, Somerset, Joseph Sam Crawford, 782, \$72,523.77, \$92.74 | 52 | Owensboro Third, 1,126, \$54,831.40, \$48.70 | 78 | Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M. Darland III, 513, \$42,127.01, \$82.12 |
| 3 | Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,691, \$291,300.77, \$108.25 | 28 | Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,193, \$72,218.22, \$60.53 | 53 | Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 475, \$53,641.25, \$112.93 | 79 | Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, 997, \$41,921.63, \$42.05 |
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| 16 | Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, 2,052, \$107,807.02, \$52.54 | 41 | Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 4,155, \$62,108.04, \$14.95 | 66 | Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 600, \$47,442.74, \$79.07 | 92 | Hardinsburg, Harry A. Dooley, 417, \$38,001.97, \$91.13 |
| 17 | Lawrenceburg First, Jeffrey Eaton, 1,102, \$107,065.65, \$97.16 | 42 | Crestwood, Stephen L. Hadden, 1,109, \$61,985.07, \$55.89 | 67 | Berea, John J. Chapman, 860, \$46,388.06, \$53.94 | 93 | Hazel, Joel Frizzell, 338, \$37,530.10, \$111.04 |
| 18 | Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,189, \$102,633.97, \$86.32 | 43 | Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 535, \$60,939.90, \$113.91 | 68 | Horse Creek, Manchester, Scottie Dwight Sumner, 576, \$46,333.00, \$80.44 | 94 | Greensburg, Ty Anthony Clenney, 388, \$37,342.00, \$96.24 |
| 19 | Hurstbourne, Louisville, Ronald M. Ford, 1,022, \$88,895.83, \$86.98 | 44 | Pleasant Hill, Somerset, 751, \$60,774.09, \$80.92 | 69 | Sturgis First, 478, \$45,860.12, \$95.94 | 95 | Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 1,162, \$36,991.16, \$31.83 |
| 20 | Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 764, \$86,317.88, \$112.98 | 45 | Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 956, \$60,000.00, \$62.76 | 70 | Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 407, \$45,704.63, \$112.30 | 96 | Stithon, Radcliff, Walter Davis, 728, \$36,967.00, \$50.78 |
| 21 | Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,586, \$83,368.31, \$14.92 | 46 | Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 612, \$58,436.16, \$95.48 | 71 | Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 438, \$44,921.62, \$102.56 | 97 | Eddyville First, Gates Bowman, 378, \$36,921.13, \$97.67 |
| 22 | Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,578, \$82,940.00, \$52.56 | 47 | Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 588, \$58,061.70, \$98.74 | 72 | Macedonia, Owensboro, Ross Jerome Bauscher, 1,015, \$44,839.80, \$44.18 | 98 | Hall Street, Owensboro, 763, \$36,502.00, \$47.84 |
| 23 | Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 898, \$82,374.10, \$91.73 | 48 | Barbourville First, 599, \$56,681.80, \$94.63 | 73 | Mount Washington First, 1,107, \$44,072.64, \$39.81 | 99 | Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 654, \$36,373.08, \$55.62 |
| 24 | Shively, Louisville, 2,425, \$81,787.00, \$33.73 | 49 | Kings, Taylorsville, James Hume III, 650, \$56,122.09, \$86.34 | 74 | Fulton First, Jack Acree, 610, \$43,905.80, \$71.98 | 100 | Carlisle Avenue, Louisville, Thom Rainer, 2,107, \$36,000.00, \$17.09 |
| 25 | Eastwood, Bowling Green, Paul M. Welch, 1,175, \$77,141.78, \$65.65 | 50 | Erlanger, William E. Crosby Jr., 1,683, \$56,114.91, \$33.34 | 75 | Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,163, \$42,836.03, \$36.83 | | |
| | | | | 76 | Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 815, \$42,403.99, \$52.03 | | |

Annual Report of Gifts from the Churches of the KBC to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

Top 100 churches in per capita gifts to KBC

1	Gracey West Union, Herb E. Case, 92, \$34,809.45, \$378.36	26	Murray First, Terry B. Ellis, 1,188, \$182,968.40, \$154.01	51	Clayvillage, Shelbyville, 223, \$28,150.82, \$126.24	77	Lawrenceburg First, Jeffrey Eaton, 1,102, \$126,058.58, \$114.39
2	Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 537, \$175,801.19, \$327.38	27	Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Jeffrey Dale Thompson, 71, \$10,801.07, \$152.13	52	Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 764, \$96,171.18, \$125.88	78	Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 612, \$69,533.47, \$113.62
3	Salem, Mortons Gap, John L. Ashby, 265, \$79,557.96, \$300.22	28	Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 407, \$61,850.40, \$151.97	53	Hurstbourne, Louisville, Ronald M. Ford, 1,022, \$127,937.73, \$125.18	79	Madisonville First, 1,536, \$173,252.38, \$112.79
4	Foster Avenue, Louisville, Frank J. Kuriger, 25, \$6,907.97, \$276.32	29	Owensboro First, James R. Chatham II, 1,894, \$283,895.63, \$149.89	54	Oak Ridge, Wallingford, Harold D. Bryant, 134, \$16,661.74, \$124.34	80	High Point, Mayfield, Roy Southerland, 713, \$80,419.14, \$112.79
5	Salem, James D. Dwiggin, 236, \$64,342.58, \$272.64	30	Mexico, Rodney Ray Groff, 250, \$37,267.04, \$149.07	55	Kuttawa First, J.D. Shipp, 238, \$29,547.42, \$124.15	81	East Bernstadt First, Kenneth Dale Felty, 404, \$45,177.22, \$111.82
6	Countryside, Morganfield, Bill Henderson, 35, \$9,068.76, \$259.11	31	West Providence, McHenry, Duncan Smith, 26, \$3,855.34, \$148.28	56	Hurricane, Cadiz, Dale Ford, 206, \$25,553.70, \$124.05	82	Central, Winchester, Bill Whittaker, 1,546, \$171,987.51, \$111.25
7	Good Hope, Finley, J. Alvin Hardy, 162, \$40,868.81, \$252.28	32	Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 541, \$79,103.02, \$146.22	57	Greensburg, Ty Anthony Clenney, 388, \$47,770.00, \$123.12	83	Kings, Taylorsville, James Hume III, 650, \$72,220.59, \$111.11
8	Moscow, John Adams, 46, \$11,347.42, \$246.68	33	Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 267, \$38,706.98, \$144.97	58	Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 588, \$72,034.41, \$122.51	84	Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 898, \$99,067.10, \$110.32
9	Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,262, \$295,473.38, \$234.13	34	Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 283, \$40,990.39, \$144.84	59	Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 383, \$46,922.58, \$122.51	85	Gilbertsville, 150, \$16,547.77, \$110.32
10	Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 363, \$78,242.82, \$215.54	35	Hazel, Joel Frizzell, 338, \$48,763.12, \$144.27	60	Long Ridge, Owenton, 130, \$15,884.00, \$122.18	86	Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 839, \$92,399.77, \$110.13
11	Old Salem, Salem, Timmy Jay Porter, 60, \$11,388.57, \$189.81	36	Bellevue, Owensboro, 881, \$126,841.09, \$143.97	61	Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,679, \$205,085.41, \$122.15	87	Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 252, \$27,707.32, \$109.95
12	Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 535, \$97,176.59, \$181.64	37	Victory, Lexington, Coy E. Still II, 204, \$29,345.09, \$143.85	62	Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scot Johnson, 1,342, \$163,629.05, \$121.93	88	Salem, Campbellsville, Jerry Kibbons, 145, \$15,936.82, \$109.91
13	Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 149, \$26,532.96, \$178.07	38	Kirbyton, Bardwell, Lillard Dunn Jr., 43, \$6,160.09, \$143.26	63	Beacon Hill, Somerset, Joseph Sam Crawford, 782, \$94,368.60, \$120.68	89	Eddyville First, Gates Bowman, 378, \$40,956.41, \$108.35
14	Penrod, Steven C. Rutherford, 75, \$13,049.33, \$173.99	39	Means, Frenchburg, Lloyd Mahanes, 44, \$6,267.23, \$142.44	64	Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 161, \$19,391.56, \$120.44	90	New Liberty, Jeffrey Combs, 119, \$12,887.44, \$108.30
15	Pellville, Chuck Fuller, 190, \$32,853.18, \$172.91	40	Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,691, \$381,620.70, \$141.81	65	Clear Fork, Russell Springs, 20, \$2,400.00, \$120.00	91	Winchester First, Larry S. Burcham, 528, \$57,048.52, \$108.05
16	Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 137, \$23,403.65, \$170.83	41	Acorn, Somerset, Robert Layton Bullock, 23, \$3,133.78, \$136.25	66	Hopkinsville Second, 1,639, \$194,386.97, \$118.60	92	Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 476, \$51,162.58, \$107.48
17	Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 262, \$44,558.59, \$170.07	42	Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 569, \$76,075.15, \$133.70	67	Victory, Providence, 249, \$29,184.00, \$117.20	93	Little Clifty, Leitchfield, Gary Allen Upchurch, 77, \$8,275.48, \$107.47
18	Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 295, \$49,264.48, \$167.00	43	London First, Terry T. Lester, 733, \$97,838.14, \$133.48	68	Freedom, Stanford, Donald Stewart Dawson, 80, \$9,364.00, \$117.05	94	Meadow Hill, Louisville, Ron Lasley, 120, \$12,889.80, \$107.42
19	Mount Zion, Kuttawa, James R. Travis, 75, \$12,445.56, \$165.94	44	Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 678, \$89,919.85, \$132.63	69	Brandenburg First, Gary J. McAbee, 426, \$49,706.44, \$116.68	95	South Shore First, Phillip Haney, 68, \$7,288.08, \$107.18
20	Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,717, \$449,024.34, \$165.26	45	Beechridge, Bagdad, Ray Brown, 106, \$14,054.74, \$132.59	70	Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,382, \$277,651.39, \$116.56	96	Burlington, J. Terry Wilder, 715, \$76,277.43, \$106.68
21	Lakewood, Louisville, Lee Warf, 163, \$26,835.57, \$164.64	46	Bethany, Eddyville, Roger Waters, 32, \$4,186.00, \$130.81	71	Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 438, \$51,011.79, \$116.47	97	Friendship, Campbellsville, Fred Lewis Miller Jr., 121, \$12,905.00, \$106.65
22	Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,599, \$419,567.92, \$161.43	47	Barbourville First, 599, \$78,297.09, \$130.71	72	Cave Springs, Albany, Bobby J. Petrey, 223, \$25,973.84, \$116.47	98	Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, 997, \$106,255.85, \$106.58
23	Ballardsville, Crestwood, Tommy G. Purvis, 225, \$36,213.63, \$160.95	48	Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 475, \$61,785.25, \$130.07	73	Sturgis First, 478, \$55,476.96, \$116.06	99	Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 541, \$57,401.53, \$106.10
24	Lusbys Mill, Owenton, Joe Earwood, 55, \$8,748.26, \$159.06	49	Springhill, Clinton, Chris Clark, 33, \$4,234.41, \$128.32	74	Magnolia, 232, \$26,722.37, \$115.18	100	Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Paul R. Badgett, 463, \$49,116.39, \$106.08
25	Wallonia, Cadiz, Norman Ellis, 143, \$22,577.85, \$157.89	50	Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 158, \$20,162.28, \$127.61	75	Locust Grove, Murray, Scott McDuffie, 166, \$19,118.40, \$115.17		
				76	Olivet, Oak Grove, Steven R. Hussung, 188, \$21,569.44, \$114.73		

This report lists the top 100 congregations in per capita contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1997. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the per-capita rank, church name and city, pastor's name, resident membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

Top 100 churches in per capita Cooperative Program gifts

1	Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 537, \$161,078.27, \$299.96	26	Owensboro First, James R. Chatham II, 1,894, \$217,670.28, \$114.93	51	Eddyville First, Gates Bowman, 378, \$36,921.13, \$97.67	77	Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, Joseph Dwayne Howell, 449, \$39,387.19, \$87.72
2	Gracey West Union, Herb E. Case, 92, \$26,587.14, \$288.99	27	Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 569, \$65,311.15, \$114.78	52	Victory, Lexington, Coy E. Still II, 204, \$19,828.59, \$97.20	78	Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Gary Randall Dawson, 305, \$26,712.71, \$87.58
3	Countryside, Morganfield, Bill Henderson, 35, \$8,131.76, \$232.34	28	Lakewood, Louisville, Lee Warf, 163, \$18,693.00, \$114.68	53	Lawrenceburg First, Jeffrey Eaton, 1,102, \$107,065.65, \$97.16	79	Pleasant View, Russell Springs, James C. Porter, 4, \$350.00, \$87.50
4	Salem, James D. Dwiggin, 236, \$47,583.08, \$201.62	29	Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 535, \$60,939.90, \$113.91	54	Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 158, \$15,317.74, \$96.95	80	Highland Hills, Fort Thomas, Gerald D. Sharon, 578, \$50,401.15, \$87.20
5	Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,262, \$238,945.40, \$189.34	30	Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 764, \$86,317.88, \$112.98	55	East Bernstadt First, Kenneth Dale Felty, 404, \$38,940.84, \$96.39	81	Hurstbourne, Louisville, Ronald M. Ford, 1,022, \$88,895.83, \$86.98
6	Salem, Mortons Gap, John L. Ashby, 265, \$49,740.56, \$187.70	31	Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 475, \$53,641.25, \$112.93	56	Greensburg, Ty Anthony Clenney, 388, \$37,342.00, \$96.24	82	Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 557, \$48,417.55, \$86.93
7	Twentieth Street, Corbin, Bill Clouse, 4, \$727.00, \$181.75	32	Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 407, \$45,704.63, \$112.30	57	Sturgis First, 478, \$45,860.12, \$95.94	83	Kings, Taylorsville, James Hume III, 650, \$56,122.09, \$86.34
8	Moscow, Clinton, John Adams, 46, \$8,064.11, \$175.31	33	Hazel, Joel Frizzell, 338, \$37,530.10, \$111.04	58	Clayvillage, Shelbyville, 223, \$21,369.92, \$95.83	84	Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,189, \$102,633.97, \$86.32
9	Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 149, \$23,131.96, \$155.25	34	Kuttawa First, J.D. Shipp, 238, \$26,332.38, \$110.64	59	Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 612, \$58,436.16, \$95.48	85	West Providence, McHenry, Duncan Smith, 26, \$2,190.34, \$84.24
10	Pellville, Chuck Fuller, 190, \$28,504.91, \$150.03	35	Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 161, \$17,695.56, \$109.91	60	High Point, Mayfield, Roy Southerland, 713, \$67,721.92, \$94.98	86	South Shore First, Phillip Haney, 68, \$5,723.92, \$84.18
11	Old Salem, Salem, Timmy Jay Porter, 60, \$8,965.58, \$149.43	36	Freedom, Stanford, Donald Stewart Dawson, 80, \$8,746.00, \$109.33	61	New Liberty, Jeffrey Combs, 119, \$11,299.62, \$94.95	87	Oak Grove, Russellville, Robert F. Barnes, 323, \$26,645.37, \$82.49
12	Foster Avenue, Louisville, Frank J. Kuriger, 25, \$3,708.84, \$148.35	37	Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 678, \$73,574.67, \$108.52	62	Barbourville First, 599, \$56,681.80, \$94.63	88	Salem, Murray, John Thomas Sheppard, 150, \$12,343.12, \$82.29
13	Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 363, \$53,090.87, \$146.26	38	Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,691, \$291,300.77, \$108.25	63	Gilbertsville, 150, \$14,064.80, \$93.77	89	Pembroke, Charles R. Burgett, 325, \$26,693.91, \$82.14
14	Lusbys Mill, Owenton, Joe Earwood, 55, \$7,937.26, \$144.31	39	Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 262, \$28,270.04, \$107.90	64	Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,679, \$156,775.53, \$93.37	90	Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M. Darland III, 513, \$42,127.01, \$82.12
15	Good Hope, Finley, J. Alvin Hardy, 162, \$21,590.01, \$133.27	40	Bethany, Eddyville, Roger Waters, 32, \$3,413.00, \$106.66	65	Beacon Hill, Somerset, Joseph Sam Crawford, 782, \$72,523.77, \$92.74	91	Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Jeffrey Dale Thompson, 71, \$5,812.36, \$81.86
16	Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 295, \$38,622.33, \$130.92	41	Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scot Johnson, 1,342, \$142,750.55, \$106.37	66	Meadow Hill, Louisville, Ron Lasley, 120, \$11,094.34, \$92.45	92	Pleasant Hill, Somerset, 751, \$60,774.09, \$80.92
17	Mexico, Rodney Ray Groff, 250, \$32,656.01, \$130.62	42	Victory, Providence, 249, \$25,864.00, \$103.87	67	Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 898, \$82,374.10, \$91.73	93	Friendship, Smithland, Fred P. Lowrance, 407, \$32,913.73, \$80.87
18	Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 137, \$17,593.84, \$128.42	43	Hopkinsville Second, 1,639, \$168,562.13, \$102.84	68	Hardinsburg, Harry A. Dooley, 417, \$38,001.97, \$91.13	94	Madisonville First, 1,536, \$124,057.35, \$80.77
19	Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,599, \$331,890.92, \$127.70	44	Murray First, Terry B. Ellis, 1,188, \$121,922.25, \$102.63	69	Olivet, Oak Grove, Steven R. Hussung, 188, \$16,927.26, \$90.04	95	Horse Creek, Manchester, Scottie Dwight Sumner, 576, \$46,333.00, \$80.44
20	Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,717, \$334,723.61, \$123.20	45	Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 438, \$44,921.62, \$102.56	70	Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 383, \$34,385.37, \$89.78	96	Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville, Douglas M. Anderson, 478, \$38,325.24, \$80.18
21	Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 541, \$66,420.08, \$122.77	46	Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,382, \$242,528.87, \$101.82	71	London First, Terry T. Lester, 733, \$65,589.44, \$89.48	97	Liberty, Princeton, Johnny Davis, 66, \$5,268.73, \$79.83
22	Bellevue, Owensboro, 881, \$107,989.44, \$122.58	47	Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 283, \$28,674.99, \$101.33	72	Burlington, J. Terry Wilder, 715, \$63,925.48, \$89.41	98	Salem, Campbellsville, Jerry Kibbons, 145, \$11,525.50, \$79.49
23	Mount Zion, Kuttawa, James R. Travis, 75, \$9,174.22, \$122.32	48	Oak Ridge, Wallingford, Harold D. Bryant, 134, \$13,547.74, \$101.10	73	Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 476, \$42,395.60, \$89.07	99	Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 600, \$47,442.74, \$79.07
24	Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 267, \$30,955.44, \$115.94	49	Locust Grove, Murray, Scott McDuffie, 166, \$16,661.25, \$100.37	74	Central, Winchester, Bill Whittaker, 1,546, \$137,058.47, \$88.65	100	Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 252, \$19,581.39, \$77.70
25	Penrod, Steven C. Rutherford, 75, \$8,663.97, \$115.52	50	Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 588, \$58,061.70, \$98.74	75	Long Ridge, Owenton, 130, \$11,428.00, \$87.91		
				76	Ballardsville, Crestwood, Tommy G. Purvis, 225, \$19,753.03, \$87.79		

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KBC REPORT FROM THE FIELD

This report is for the period Sept. 1, 1996, through Aug. 31, 1997. The first column shows the 1996 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 1997 Cooperative Program gifts. The third column ("Other") shows total contributions other than Cooperative Program and includes all donations designated to one or more of the following areas: Baptist hospitals, child care, Christian education, Eliza Broadus offering, restricted KBC causes only (RKO), and SBC causes such as Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings, Foreign and Home mission boards and other designations. All donations shown were given through the KBC accounting services department; the report was prepared by the KBC computer services department. Refer questions to the KBC accounting services department, (502) 245-4101, ext. 201.

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER
ALLEN	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bays Fork	5,706.39	7,241.55	1,886.61
Big Spring	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	0.00	125.00
Holland	1,481.80	2,430.55	400.00
Liberty	2,785.99	2,524.06	1,014.79
Mount Gilthead	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope	1,740.29	1,623.99	909.10
New Middle Fork	352.42	189.94	753.50
New Salem	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	300.00
Scottsville	61,103.68	65,311.15	10,764.00
Trammel Fork	120.00	250.00	656.00
White Plains	6,987.94	2,515.50	0.00
SUBTOTAL	80,408.51	82,086.74	16,109.00
ANDERSON	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alton	6,997.09	7,320.83	6,485.11
Ballard	2,259.32	1,198.89	336.00
Fellowship	660.00	450.00	572.23
Friendship	0.00	300.00	100.00
Glensboro	2,112.00	2,767.41	1,200.00
Goshen	635.00	793.00	146.29
Lawrenceburg First	114,509.79	107,065.65	18,992.93
Mount Pleasant	936.00	2,216.45	192.73
Pleasant Grove	100.00	25.00	175.00
Sand Spring	40,558.19	51,927.50	9,017.70
Tyrone	1,082.00	1,378.00	367.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00	95.40
SUBTOTAL	169,849.39	175,442.73	37,680.39
BELL	64.96	0.00	0.00
Arjay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bethlehem	2,106.57	2,181.65	534.78
Binghamtown	6,727.29	7,045.44	11,168.46
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calloway	953.30	988.19	295.00
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00	2,212.45
East Cumberland Avenue	9,916.00	9,698.00	2,821.74
East Jellico	2,846.43	3,188.09	2,434.60
East Pineville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ferndale Southern Bapt Mission	490.13	0.00	5.00
Pineville First	27,986.67	16,802.67	22,757.81
First Blackmont	600.00	650.00	62.00
Fonde	588.88	605.62	100.00
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00	50.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	27.50	0.00	0.00
First Southern BC of Chenoa	324.00	259.50	130.13
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosman	3,209.00	3,614.04	434.00
Insull	0.00	0.00	100.00
Jenson	687.75	399.67	108.87
Meldrum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	736.30
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	330.00	360.00	2,060.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	294.51	180.82	20.00
Northside Missionary	0.00	0.00	658.40
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Yellow Creek	11,406.82	11,904.09	8,185.23
Pathfork	655.41	813.43	0.00
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	2,123.64	1,925.32	336.53
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview	767.58	704.93	2,275.00
Southside	3,848.32	2,163.46	3,701.09
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	50.00
Stoney Fork	317.43	655.00	208.00
Trinity	300.00	275.00	1,510.20
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	96.00	108.00	0.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	906.71	918.59	32.00
Wasio	600.00	600.00	700.00
West Cumberland Avenue	876.75	1,175.17	100.00
West Pineville	5,210.82	5,505.43	1,353.31
Whipple	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	84,262.47	72,722.11	66,240.90
BETHEL	0.00	0.00	500.00
Adairville	16,869.06	19,925.94	4,002.95
Auburn	4,298.99	4,690.95	12,066.76
Calvary	7,684.61	7,567.77	13,146.17
Dripping Spring	13,983.55	15,317.74	4,844.54
Elkton	28,200.00	31,000.00	14,768.44
Eastside	0.00	647.53	1,254.80
Russellville First	65,005.31	62,864.86	29,534.91
Forest Grove	3,897.96	5,749.66	1,756.75

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Grace	1,205.00	1,471.00	1,200.00
Guthrie	11,158.26	10,816.29	7,261.83
Keysburg	2,974.19	2,709.87	227.27
Mount Gilthead	5,371.44	4,666.28	2,220.00
Mount Zion	821.07	1,061.55	572.70
Middleton	7,639.88	5,691.52	1,808.79
New Union	9,498.48	10,564.37	5,117.43
Post Oak	18,000.00	20,055.50	13,462.49
Russellville Second	24,912.83	28,158.03	8,025.63
Sharon Grove	3,786.00	3,595.00	884.00
Spring Valley	1,248.67	1,454.92	518.00
Tiny Town	5,265.07	5,416.14	485.00
Trenton	12,504.00	13,900.50	2,980.80
Walnut Grove	18,551.35	16,714.06	3,322.36
Whippoorwill	4,276.87	3,552.45	3,940.22
Southern Heights	1,000.00	2,400.00	2,850.95
Woodlawn	8,308.24	6,632.23	2,210.50
SUBTOTAL	272,460.76	282,624.16	138,963.29
BLACKFORD	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blackford	22,666.09	23,072.66	2,330.47
Central	3,128.15	3,183.35	428.00
Chestnut Grove	5,253.67	5,812.36	4,988.71
Dawson Memorial	909.65	883.00	146.43
First Lewisport	1,467.05	366.49	1,248.49
Friendly Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	75.00
New Life	956.99	678.11	137.85
Hawesville	41,531.51	26,475.87	10,827.39
Vincent	36,082.01	35,374.04	4,726.51
Mount Eden	4,301.14	4,371.94	882.00
Newton Springs	3,028.64	1,738.00	597.26
Old Panther Creek	3,399.60	2,784.46	3,444.54
Patesville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pellville	31,358.94	28,504.91	4,348.27
Roseville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union	10,750.35	10,910.40	1,336.37
West Point	596.66	429.14	966.86
SUBTOTAL	165,432.46	144,584.73	36,484.15
BLOOD RIVER	0.00	0.00	16,114.69
Altona	18,362.07	18,094.05	5,263.53
Bethel	29,290.06	24,039.03	5,115.10
Bethlehem	2,678.41	2,899.54	383.26
Blood River	989.91	400.00	0.00
Briensburg	144,750.55	161,078.27	14,722.92
Calvert City First	35,745.19	30,279.69	13,038.96
Cherry Corner	8,884.48	8,184.21	2,775.00
Coldwater	325.00	600.00	162.90
Dexter	4,601.88	3,944.91	59.26
Elm Grove	31,701.56	28,270.04	16,288.55
East Marshall	2,721.48	1,753.19	350.00
Murray First	156,539.94	121,922.25	61,046.15
First Benton Missionary	17,199.00	17,407.00	9,689.20
Fiint	7,572.71	6,842.83	2,615.75
Benton First	34,384.90	29,271.76	10,745.13
Elva	2,297.81	1,827.84	51.05
Gilbertsville	12,603.09	14,064.80	2,482.97
Grace	1,261.29	1,123.87	3,127.82
Hamlet Missionary	4,532.83	4,787.07	516.24
Hazel	37,877.38	37,530.10	11,233.02
Kirksey	1,303.00	1,662.00	187.66
Lakeview	4,833.76	6,401.03	1,267.37
Ledbetter	665.57	690.37	645.15
Locust Grove	18,171.07	16,661.25	2,457.15
Memorial	19,696.68	20,621.07	3,994.38
New Bethel Missionary	5,040.00	5,040.00	20,920.00
New Harmony	30,789.54	27,927.68	2,342.64
New Providence	264.65	347.38	35.00
New Mt Carmel	2,929.95	3,032.69	2,431.65
New Zion	19,233.93	15,341.38	7,572.09
Northside Missionary	5,610.00	6,545.00	2,057.26
Walnut Street	1,620.52	1,640.32	573.78
Oak Grove	5,489.93	6,852.34	600.00
Hilltop	424.30	389.35	200.00
Union Missionary	13,286.89	12,001.94	2,234.66
Owens Chapel	5,797.85	4,801.00	1,335.27
Plain Gospel Missionary Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope	136.00	0.00	575.55
Poplar Spring	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,464.10
Pleasant Valley Missionary	1,125.00	1,125.00	125.00
Salem	12,523.95	12,343.12	1,188.00
Scotts Grove	5,219.47	4,247.09	5,813.32
Sharpe Missionary	5,885.75	4,854.50	2,221.00
Sinking Spring	3,500.00	670.00	935.76
South Marshall Missionary	245.00	240.00	208.24
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00	345.25
Symsonia	11,200.00	13,000.00	828.00
Sugar Creek	600.00	800.00	323.00
Union Ridge	3,716.00	4,584.00	836.58
Vanzora	5,968.81	5,992.42	1,604.59
Westside	23,003.99	21,597.47	24,849.24
West Fork	6,927.88	7,340.11	4,128.00
Zions Cause	9,986.63	12,332.20	2,652.07
SUBTOTAL	781,765.66	748,801.16	273,733.26
BOONES CREEK	0.00	0.00	0.00
Allansville	7,119.72	6,848.95	5,402.92
Beech Grove	646.26	784.40	907.56
Boone's Creek	30,826.30	26,627.87	13,962.60
Calvary	8,274.41	10,389.78	2,079.02
Central	138,301.62	137,058.47	34,929.04
Clay City	1,114.00	1,267.00	660.00
Corinth	6,872.94	7,165.39	1,581.73
Cow Creek	4,346.00	3,896.00	550.00
Emmanuel	1,042.77	985.59	400.00
Ephesus	1,400.00	3,500.00	974.29
Faith	180.00	180.00	745.00
Irvine First	4,279.32	4,804.63	449.51
Friendship	7,347.90	7,389.90	2,252.13
Greenbriar Mission	0.00	60.01	0.00
Heidelberg	245.54	422.91	75.79
Howards Mill	5,293.00	7,584.50	5,549.12
Ivory Hill	1,690.52	1,710.44	615.77
Jeffersonville	4,208.69	3,604.07	2,100.00
Kidville	2,112.18	1,942.05	1,055.00
Macedonia	6,057.76	6,364.92	1,918.00
New Hope	762.27	906.97	923.85
Means	2,628.65	3,132.23	3,135.00
Mount Olive	838.00	754.00	610.00
New Harmony	582.08	545.44	1,200.00
Northside	5,909.08	9,169.38	6,245.02
Panola	1,780.53	1,702.00	1,765.00
Powells Valley	1,450.95	1,473.26	2,846.02
Providence	2,615.00	2,621.00	722.00
Providence	3,397.00	3,690.00	852.00
Reid Village	3,019.02	2,521.76	2,265.49
Salem	4,336.52	4,134.55	1,039.00
Spring Street	4,404.00	3,250.00	1,296.00
Thomas	1,491.52	2,107.12	89.41

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Valley View	38.18	0.00	0.00
Williams Memorial	3,444.03	3,292.63	1,107.61
SUBTOTAL	268,055.76	271,887.22	98,715.38
BOONEVILLE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Creek	1,154.49	1,365.84	210.65
Booneville First	3,466.46	3,238.51	1,192.00
Crane Creek	235.00	0.00	0.00
Southside	559.02	406.37	100.00
Calvary	252.45	393.27	0.00
Garrard	1,604.00	1,262.00	0.00
Gray Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	45,271.21	46,333.00	10,721.37
Island Creek	1,840.58	1,888.46	3,959.83
Lerose	250.00	350.00	30.05
Lilly Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	8,077.37	8,159.00	2,865.00
Macedonia	5,338.		

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Owensboro First	225,226.62	217,670.28	66,225.35	Mount Pleasant	13,592.50	9,822.46	1,700.28	Quality	1,760.50	2,048.31	1,389.17	Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship	4,076.93	4,108.71	2,841.95	Mount Vernon	2,688.09	2,512.94	346.25	Richland	4,243.09	5,018.18	1,997.29	Emily Northup	0.00	0.00	100.00
Glenville	14,800.00	14,100.00	8,077.35	Nada Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rochester	3,990.15	2,923.64	2,265.82	Everman	0.00	0.00	585.00
Green Brier	3,164.18	1,665.24	120.00	New Hope	10,293.37	15,473.82	2,721.21	Rock Spring	1,044.00	1,219.00	385.00	Fairview	17,470.52	15,545.73	5,224.87
Hall Street	36,442.74	36,502.00	9,217.09	Nicholasville	12,252.91	13,929.54	7,562.63	Salem	3,668.56	4,959.00	1,943.00	Faith	914.25	692.25	0.00
Hopewell	2,279.82	2,579.60	729.23	Parkway	14,013.61	14,135.36	10,772.08	Sandy Creek	1,926.00	2,284.60	1,248.00	Ashland First	19,436.06	18,660.52	12,606.69
Immanuel	1,175.82	550.78	683.15	Pinckard	13,391.84	12,436.76	1,316.01	Union	2,945.53	3,495.69	200.00	Grayson First	17,103.79	12,650.07	2,702.38
Island	19,741.17	12,973.04	4,665.54	Shawhan	0.00	903.00	200.00	Woodbury	0.00	0.00	0.00	Garner Chapel	3,871.13	5,002.72	1,630.85
Karns Grove	4,473.46	4,782.17	1,540.29	Porter Memorial	214,066.76	242,528.87	35,122.52	Walnut Grove	746.60	408.74	100.00	Greenup First	6,804.00	6,518.00	3,376.79
Lewis Lane	41,059.26	32,455.40	6,419.67	Riverview	0.00	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	65,682.70	71,792.22	33,737.57	Louisa First	26,519.39	28,569.00	10,045.82
Livemore	17,310.33	20,173.36	4,143.33	Rosemont	29,971.24	26,682.85	14,953.39	GOSHEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	Olive Hill First	10,868.50	12,098.19	3,596.48
Macedonia	27,910.09	44,839.80	9,021.15	Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00	199.50	Grandview	0.00	0.00	78.00	Raceland First	2,265.00	2,265.00	8,556.12
Maceo	10,887.17	10,890.59	2,062.89	Russell Cave Road	9,569.38	9,470.25	2,559.25	Handing Rock	1,639.27	1,754.52	1,362.85	Sandy Hook First	2,333.79	2,485.00	0.00
Masonville	6,451.25	8,554.04	2,571.08	Sadenville	302.71	348.44	82.57	Broadway	0.00	0.00	25.00	South Shore First	4,969.67	5,723.92	1,564.16
Mount Vernon	638.17	1,050.00	664.72	Seventh Street	81.35	0.00	0.00	Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Worthington First	3,472.22	3,202.06	385.24
New Liberty Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Silas	1,528.69	1,363.40	616.00	Little Flock Missionary	0.00	0.00	242.00	Wurldand First	1,662.68	1,358.33	120.00
Newman	5,045.87	4,179.42	922.00	South Elkhorn	17,436.29	17,194.83	5,646.00	Millwood Missionary	300.00	60.00	575.00	Flatwoods First	3,000.00	4,700.00	1,725.72
Pack	0.00	823.00	150.00	Southwood Heights	19,487.42	23,835.28	5,034.05	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	125.00	Grace	1,758.00	1,912.00	804.47
Panther Creek	13,789.09	9,501.81	1,699.71	Southside	0.00	0.00	122.00	Sulphur Wells	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hyland Heights	1,950.00	1,100.00	100.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00	1,461.00	Spears Mill	2,941.00	1,767.00	1,757.00	SUBTOTAL	1,939.27	1,814.52	2,407.85	Kenwood	1,522.84	1,675.75	542.00
Parrish Avenue	15,335.91	15,066.56	2,284.27	Victory	14,458.78	19,828.59	9,516.50	GRAVES COUNTY	0.00	0.00	500.00	Kirk Memorial	540.04	575.73	120.00
Pleasant Grove	28,076.66	28,744.81	5,811.60	Open Door	1,052.28	971.43	293.00	Baltimore	240.00	240.00	278.35	Liberty	7,292.44	7,198.81	3,102.71
Pleasant Memorial	4,455.24	8,303.80	744.00	Springdale at Man O War	600.00	600.00	412.00	Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lloyd First	6,887.93	6,966.38	1,040.00
Pleasant Ridge	6,694.56	7,550.22	3,618.15	Palomar	5,884.54	6,613.41	903.00	Richardson Missionary	1,821.48	2,155.83	1,767.24	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Hill	1,879.00	1,243.00	70.00	Stamping Ground	1,917.73	4,082.27	5,751.30	Riverview	1,312.20	1,021.27	270.00	Pollard	9,948.72	7,598.80	3,877.95
Sacramento	8,499.23	8,262.82	2,275.67	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	55.00	Bethany	2,256.84	2,121.31	1,115.13	Richardson	1,821.48	2,155.83	1,767.24
Seven Hills	7,274.63	8,266.98	3,847.17	New Hope Community	522.72	620.60	349.31	Clarks River	5,580.48	2,079.70	1,255.56	Rose Hill	54,743.74	40,372.37	16,055.45
Sorgho	8,176.04	8,223.89	4,566.01	Tatesbrook	9,635.63	8,419.69	45.00	Clear Springs Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rush Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southeast	462.27	598.35	326.66	Trinity	4,232.00	2,280.00	0.00	Cuba	4,550.62	3,752.95	1,719.76	Russell First	26,914.10	25,466.27	7,359.12
South Hampton	5,739.97	4,849.16	1,162.50	Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dublin	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ashland Second	5,758.06	3,840.58	1,276.70
Stanley	1,885.25	1,944.06	3,757.41	Versailles	63,036.27	63,291.08	29,441.65	Enon	2,200.00	2,600.00	2,005.48	First Southern Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Station	3,062.70	3,661.77	1,002.50	White Sulphur	2,645.68	4,039.63	373.00	Farmington	11,679.26	12,188.44	5,587.08	Summitt	4,555.68	250.00	732.00
Sugar Grove	12,272.88	7,210.24	8,058.03	Woodland Avenue	1,300.00	1,100.00	0.00	Fellowship	350.88	481.35	0.00	Wayside	545.00	600.00	1,028.20
Temple	10,065.18	10,998.77	2,691.69	SUBTOTAL	1,207,811.31	1,287,422.11	509,979.84	Mayfield First	60,000.00	60,000.00	21,932.77	Unity	69,021.24	65,478.91	31,763.72
Owensboro Third	59,398.72	54,831.40	15,172.92	ENTERPRISE	0.00	0.00	0.00	Emmanuel	673.18	600.00	0.00	Wildwood	16,980.59	15,094.30	7,102.80
Utica	10,327.88	11,193.39	3,980.07	Allen First	2,690.00	2,360.00	1,380.33	Hardmoney	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,833.00	Willard	1,649.64	1,813.20	500.00
Walnut Memorial	17,385.71	20,011.38	4,145.98	Topmost	400.00	300.00	522.70	Hickory	4,901.31	4,770.00	11,764.46	Wilson Creek Missionary	2,614.45	3,102.35	850.00
Ridgewood	1,425.87	1,321.47	715.00	Benedict	1,095.55	1,095.10	250.00	High Point	53,380.70	67,721.92	12,697.22	Wolf Creek	4,445.03	3,697.26	4,322.00
Garden Green	780.00	907.40	1,608.00	Brushy Fork	840.00	840.00	503.00	Liberty	25,350.44	23,101.11	2,251.94	SUBTOTAL	409,702.35	374,692.79	166,602.81
Whitesville	3,663.87	3,600.00	2,721.50	Garrett First	1,259.06	1,271.69	1,326.96	Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	350.00	HENRY COUNTY	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wing Avenue	4,990.47	7,056.64	3,529.79	Fitzpatrick First	1,027.21	969.82	59.40	Lynnville	422.50	390.50	300.00	Bethlehem	7,215.69	7,268.00	1,223.00
Yellow Creek	58,549.27	64,769.81	14,195.65	Inez First	10,496.90	9,368.14	3,968.50	Melber	1,055.25	1,351.07	8,409.29	Campbellburg	2,700.16	2,308.14	17,790.02
Yelvington	4,503.95	5,293.87	1,392.81	Prestonsburg First	18,172.25	14,576.30	8,656.86	Millers Chapel	255.18	253.43	0.00	Campbellburg Second	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	Iyton	0.00	0.00	1,219.00	Mount Haven	837.47	593.02	100.00	Frankinton	3,801.09	3,856.60	2,197.73
SUBTOTAL	947,244.74	941,087.73	268,225.18	Jacks Creek	678.06	680.90	0.00	Mount Olivet	2,000.01	1,382.04	919.00	Eminence	4,580.65	4,141.26	3,409.87
EAST LYNN	0.00	0.00	0.00	Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Concord	444.05	0.00	80.00	New Castle First	1,950.00	3,810.00	1,936.00
Allendale	0.00	0.00	50.00	Lancaster	1,671.28	1,464.83	63.54	New Home	2,394.01	2,159.00	611.63	Hopewell	0.00	75.00	120.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Liberty	1,321.16	2,013.72	2,942.12	New Hope	531.00	557.00	2,370.55	Lockport	3,760.83	4,062.39	500.00
Corinth Missionary	200.00	1,050.00	2,913.34	Licking River	900.00	900.00	2,159.66	New Liberty	296.46	256.78	164.15	Orville	3,187.00	2,084.09	172.00
Green Hill	1,267.01	1,396.20	477.82	Martin First	502.67	583.19	233.00	New Life	235.09	0.00	609.43	Pleasureville	8,212.87	3,614.46	1,000.50
Holly Grove	3,607.20	3,944.87	1,035.00	Maytown First	600.00	600.00	0.00	Northside	29,597.62	23,721.18	4,857.31	Port Royal	0.00	0.00	3,630.37
Liberty	454.16	967.00	0.00	McDowell First	4,468.07	4,378.91	1,166.84	Oak Grove	600.00	679.38	101.72	Smithfield	4,092.84	6,304.83	2,260.06
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Beulah	709.00	1,305.00	510.00	Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sulphur	1,664.00	2,127.00	0.00
Mount Carmel	308.80	669.46	121.25	Paintsville First	29,170.35	25,581.53	5,000.00	Pilot Oak	4,326.36	3,999.50	458.84	Turners Station	0.00	0.00	400.00
Mount Roberts	2,836.73	3,377.05	2,614.67	Paintsville First Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	4,982.36	5,446.07	1,352.43	Union	1,817.04	2,482.33	389.89
Mount Washington	800.00	900.00	2,212.50	Pleasant Home	762.00	870.00	0.00	Pryorsburg	1,187.12	0.00	2,289.08	SUBTOTAL	42,982.17	42,134.10	35,029.44
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salyersville First	1,440.00	3,893.25	4,250.84	Sand Hill	21.75	0.00	0.00	IRVINE	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	2,827.63	2,739.98	237.25	Tomahawk Mission	1,648.87	1,952.57	137.05	Sedalia	3,219.81	4,786.85	2,928.49	Anville	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,755.00
Union Band	0.00	0.00	0.00	Warfield Missionary	1,965.00	1,873.00	1,060.00	Sharon	9,724.31	11,838.87	5,042.60	Clover Bottom	64.92	0.00	3,749.73
Whickerville	0.00	0.00	0.00	West Van Lear	848.43	896.21	820.00	South First Street	0.00	0.00	215.93	Egypt	2,951.00	3,235.00	377.50
SUBTOTAL	12,301.53	15,044.56	9,661.83	Wheelwright First	30.00	0.00	0.00	Trace Creek	3,833.28	4,000.00	6,215.90	Gray Hawk	3,906.59	4,054.47	1,669.00
EAST UNION	0.00	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	82,695.86	77,774.16	36,229.80	Viola	1,801.96	2,021.00	320.51	McKee	8,790.46		

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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Bond	2,746.70	3,000.00	0.00	Nortonville	4,685.14	5,457.25	3,170.00	Highland	2,572.63	2,604.37	17,946.73	Burgin	17,568.01	22,866.45	10,958.65
Calvary	13,502.96	14,542.47	6,567.53	Olive Branch	9,428.28	9,114.18	2,541.97	Seaton Park	0.00	0.00	50.00	Calvary	9,968.62	9,855.61	2,046.00
Corinth	53,714.64	40,720.89	20,088.82	Park Avenue	12,904.52	14,999.25	6,497.55	Highland Park First	14,948.44	16,280.40	3,454.03	Cornhillville	2,100.00	700.00	600.00
East Bernstadt First	32,148.90	38,940.84	6,236.38	Pleasant Grove	3,931.68	3,329.37	2,453.00	Highview	74,766.70	83,368.31	61,352.83	Deep Creek	6,385.42	6,975.20	4,004.08
East Pittsburg	3,314.73	3,097.54	1,789.85	Pleasant Valley	5,030.24	5,412.57	3,694.98	Hillsdale	9,315.03	11,146.73	3,733.28	Ellers Memorial	7,326.76	1,187.19	1,360.00
Emmanuel	401.97	433.52	100.00	Pleasant View Missionary	2,840.21	2,861.38	1,728.52	Hillview	0.00	0.00	930.83	Fellowship	10,410.00	9,890.00	2,300.00
Greenmount	1,513.55	1,760.95	531.44	Pond River	0.00	0.00	1,545.80	Hopewell	8,556.30	10,398.88	4,105.25	Harrodsburg	27,719.90	23,423.42	22,894.14
Hart	3,886.54	5,513.68	3,259.83	Prospect	906.00	815.35	40.00	Hurstbourne	84,023.59	88,895.83	39,041.90	Hopewell	22,055.14	19,214.37	12,113.63
Hawk Creek	2,223.00	2,148.00	3,395.55	Providence Second	654.05	942.82	2,128.01	Immanuel	1,111.80	1,044.07	1,258.10	Kirkwood	5,179.00	5,677.00	3,045.07
Hazel Patch	0.00	0.00	355.71	Richland	751.00	275.00	227.00	Hunsinger Lane	11,149.21	12,057.26	4,089.19	Dry Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jackson Memorial	127.68	173.64	383.15	Salem	29,852.88	49,740.56	29,817.40	Taylorville Second	0.00	0.00	0.00	Pioneer	8,189.00	10,630.00	4,935.50
Laurel Chapel	0.00	0.00	105.00	Madisonville Second	54,247.65	29,757.94	2,381.12	Kenwood	2,458.41	2,400.00	2,718.00	Salvia	15,300.00	14,590.34	6,995.28
Laurel River	5,988.92	5,767.72	6,750.00	Mortons Gap Second	3,440.19	3,428.56	1,585.42	Keys Ferry	550.00	600.00	178.40	Shakertown	2,103.85	1,760.00	110.00
Level Green	0.00	0.00	222.06	Silent Run	4,076.34	4,687.33	10,706.82	Kings	51,116.24	56,122.09	16,098.50	Shawnee Run	9,069.53	9,724.59	4,226.70
Liberty	10,674.75	10,098.75	12,839.50	Slaughters	4,375.00	4,916.45	2,025.50	First Korean	1,560.00	1,650.00	1,101.00	SUBTOTAL	211,988.60	215,602.39	93,484.28
Lick Fork	1,950.00	2,952.00	2,279.49	Stover	1,348.01	1,127.28	3,162.00	Kosmosdale	1,902.00	1,902.00	0.00	MIDDLE FORK	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lily	6,513.50	7,620.45	3,797.86	Stuthards	2,738.00	3,073.00	1,013.00	Bicknell Avenue	200.00	100.00	0.00	Big Rock Bottom	0.00	0.00	0.00
London First	91,343.47	65,589.44	32,248.70	Victory	27,538.00	25,864.00	3,320.00	Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00	0.00	Gays Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long Branch	1,849.00	2,950.00	2,026.00	White Plains	6,110.43	3,529.01	1,631.45	Hillcrest	3,232.98	2,798.62	2,548.74	Mount Paran	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Zion	860.80	752.59	601.00	Zion Brick	300.00	300.00	2,101.62	Living Hope	9,518.48	10,334.65	14,706.57	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Salem	2,053.30	1,831.50	1,481.00	SUBTOTAL	491,873.48	500,308.08	205,517.19	Lees Lane	8,125.07	6,681.79	4,253.66	MONROE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pilgrims Rest	0.00	941.13	926.25	LITTLE RIVER	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Heights	300.00	0.00	472.80	Akersville	1,264.04	1,432.85	554.64
Pine Grove	3,178.30	3,388.93	1,571.17	Bethany	2,806.54	3,413.00	773.00	Little Flock	10,000.36	9,788.17	17,279.76	Fountain Run First	4,398.14	4,884.68	1,693.00
Pleasant Grove	1,927.37	2,920.08	1,904.01	Caldwell Blue Spring	11,956.81	7,979.69	5,119.41	Long Run	783.67	884.96	125.00	Gamaliel	6,819.88	7,079.90	3,548.41
Providence	8,443.00	8,781.00	7,598.75	Cadiz	6,011.45	5,121.30	3,510.04	Lyndon	14,304.38	3,640.90	12,780.59	Indian Creek	3,748.00	3,878.00	1,273.21
Old Salem	240.00	220.00	1,470.00	Canton	36,393.92	48,417.55	9,941.39	Louisville Deaf Church	1,186.06	1,436.49	0.00	Mill Creek	2,400.00	2,200.00	473.00
Sinking Creek	1,200.00	100.00	0.00	Cerulean	6,165.26	7,928.85	2,313.85	Lynn Acres	400.00	4,450.00	800.00	Milltown Chapel	0.00	0.00	75.00
Slate Hill	2,362.65	2,059.73	1,619.00	Delmont	1,733.02	950.07	415.45	Memory Lane	0.00	0.00	0.00	Monroe	90.00	75.00	115.00
Slate Lick	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Light	1,000.00	0.00	50.00	Manly Memorial	804.75	853.60	300.00	Oak Grove	1,440.77	1,272.63	1,080.00
South Farison	128.42	23.00	0.00	Donaldson Creek	5,780.97	6,892.06	2,499.95	Lakewood	21,093.59	18,693.00	8,142.57	Peters Creek	2,171.83	2,195.61	4,582.00
Swiss Colony	14,358.49	15,813.13	7,422.78	New Jerusalem	400.00	600.00	100.00	Maple Grove	12,913.91	9,513.59	1,521.34	Rock Bridge	608.50	612.00	200.00
Red River	0.00	0.00	0.00	East Cadiz	18,883.06	17,998.20	8,259.04	Melbourne Heights	12,719.02	11,372.58	11,408.31	Temple Hill	9,678.00	9,456.00	5,289.00
Weaver	1,028.56	981.91	301.00	Hurricane	13,842.07	15,440.00	10,113.70	Meadow Hill	10,472.77	11,094.34	1,795.46	Tompkinsville First	11,152.08	13,014.16	3,741.06
West London	1,595.30	1,068.38	362.50	Liberty Point	14,742.92	15,303.81	12,544.71	Midland Park	911.91	680.35	2,723.86	SUBTOTAL	43,771.24	46,100.83	22,624.32
Robinson Creek	0.00	0.00	3,717.78	Locust Grove	8,470.91	9,941.83	3,250.48	Minors Lane	1,151.83	2,289.46	555.00	MOUNT ZION	0.00	0.00	0.00
White Oak	200.00	200.00	405.00	Maple Grove	2,150.00	1,700.00	300.00	Morningside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Antioch	207.54	284.08	145.29
SUBTOTAL	270,450.49	245,281.93	132,953.71	New Hope	13,217.00	13,602.34	4,177.61	Mount Elmira	1,000.00	4,000.00	2,650.00	Bacon Creek	4,684.26	4,473.80	1,126.00
LIBERTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	11,902.10	9,817.99	4,441.71	North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bethlehem	99.00	823.00	954.00
Antioch	62.09	225.00	121.00	Rock Front	401.00	264.00	50.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	208.00	Buffalo	0.00	0.00	299.53
Browsers Chapel	120.00	120.00	300.00	Rocky Ridge	1,635.94	1,698.54	621.00	Ninth and O	20,000.00	16,000.00	21,138.91	Calvary	600.00	600.00	100.00
Calvary	27,905.38	29,788.13	10,812.68	South Union	2,215.18	2,963.33	904.00	Mount Nebo	100.00	100.00	0.00	Cedar Gap	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canmer	793.56	783.79	785.00	Trigg County	927.88	1,308.00	412.00	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	546.80	Central	148,215.87	118,928.66	20,553.83
Cave City	12,344.06	12,903.00	3,931.75	Wallonia	3,667.27	3,600.00	18,977.85	Oakdale	280.00	250.00	50.00	Chapel Grove	581.00	478.00	100.00
Cave Spring	707.68	704.92	1,060.00	SUBTOTAL	172,395.52	185,466.56	90,509.27	Okolona	0.00	0.00	745.77	Greenland	10,487.89	12,620.69	1,004.38
Cedar Cliff	0.00	0.00	100.00	LOGAN	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ormsby Heights	16,681.32	18,104.96	7,525.36	Highland Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	2,317.00	2,685.00	2,385.00	Antioch	4,132.57	4,910.27	3,465.40	Parkland	22,687.89	22,223.85	18,116.39	Hopewell	15,750.00	17,750.00	1,700.00
Coral Hill	15,829.49	23,246.90	2,229.35	Beechland	4,945.32	5,503.21	3,586.42	Green Hills	4,729.54	0.00	1,182.47	Indian Gap	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edmonton Worship Center	7,908.48	8,530.49	1,200.00	Bellview	2,134.12	1,387.56	6,032.68	Parkwood	13,038.40	15,341.27	4,299.23	Main Street	39,213.72	42,395.60	8,766.98
Haywood Missionary	0.00	0.00	700.00	Brimart	1,753.62	2,467.24	1,120.18	Penile	3,004.38	2,451.22	895.00	Maple Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glasgow	42,385.58	39,933.56	6,643.00	Cave Spring	4,742.50	4,651.30	630.00	Pleasant Grove	3,406.96	6,716.96	1,577.98	Meadow Creek	0.00	0.00	521.00
Grace Union	0.00	104.26	526.40	Center	3,163.26	3,682.18	1,863.08	Plum Creek	7,788.65	8,201.54	3,384.90	Mossy Gap	0.00	0.00	40.00
Hardyville	1,092.00	2,527.00	1,835.10	Concord	4,003.13	4,792.82	975.00	Poplar Level	3,412.50	2,981.02	708.68	Meadow Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Horse Cave	10,942.20	12,076.93	2,948.95	Elk Lick	25,362.04	30,955.44	7,751.54	Little Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	200.00
Immanuel	13,299.61	13,280.76	2,025.18	Epley	2,204.19	2,291.08	350.83	Portland Avenue	1,609.86	1,628.97	348.00	New Mt Zion	0.00	0.00	196.28
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	215.50	Green Ridge	724.89	676.35	82.50	Ralph Avenue	37,582.03	34,385.37	12,537.21	Oak Grove	275.00	300.00	1,871.00
Lonoke	965.61	968.55	267.91	Guptons Grove	1,512.61	1,525.46	2,708.49	Rockland	1,131.24	1,328.35	1,102.35	Park Hill	1,238.67	1,650.62	900.00
Mount Tabor	1,624.27	1,374.03	1,740.00	Liberty	15,297.50	15,480.00	7,803.00	Ridgewood	167.00	0.00	2,005.50	Pleasant Grove	1,524.12	1,874.14	427.80
New Liberty	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Pleasant	34,178.70	29,573.12	4,230.13	Riverside	100.00	924.93	0.00	Rockhold First	648.03	500.00	153.26
Park City	12,019.76	9,681.71	3,404.54	Mount Tabor Missionary	4,200.00	4,280.00	6,175.00	New Beginning	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sandstone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Valley	6,825.39	8,263.34	1,887.01	Muddy River	1,090.93	821.33	121.50	Rockford Lane	33,243.28	31,747.77	6,728.10	Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	600.00	600.00	927.65	New Cedar Grove	1,334.96	3,640.99	2,294.14	Rutledge Road	1,846.05	1,100.00	156.75	Tidal Wave	0.00	0.00	167.00
Rowletts	1,825.83	1,801.66	1,038.63	New Friendship	6,006.10	6,664.88	8,107.50	Shively	11,516.00	81,787.00	12,486.11	Watson Chapel	200.00	250.00	0.00
Salem	2,564.18	2,866.13	1,597.30	New Hope	2,853.65	3,692.15	947.04	First Southern	11,553.53	11,992.60	3,534.16	West Corbin	13,079.00	14,975.00	4,023.43
Shady Grove	2,655.70	2,356.50	451.00	Oak Forest	633.68	550.00	2,151.95	New Cut Road	3,874.87	4,111.40	1,902.30	White Oak	41.00	0.00	0.00
Siloam	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	Oak Grove	25,643.0										

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Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green River	9,332.06	9,266.10	1,514.15	Pikeville First	44,317.05	39,364.43	33,995.00	Liberty	9,694.95	11,673.39	3,072.53
Belmont	0.00	0.00	448.00	Hartford	24,394.94	20,632.00	8,779.51	Phelps First	500.00	437.00	100.00	Mount Olive	2,405.73	2,547.11	1,049.85
Bethany	2,005.78	942.58	763.13	Independence	1,255.14	1,413.21	371.15	Grace	10,370.16	9,591.48	1,513.00	Mount Vernon	4,801.11	4,499.20	1,458.00
Bloomfield	19,460.12	22,431.22	7,195.81	McGrady Creek	345.28	598.81	80.00	Hellier Missionary	894.30	1,016.71	176.66	Pleasant View	250.00	350.00	350.00
Bullitt Lick	14,719.63	16,038.44	6,673.14	McHenry	3,697.00	5,114.30	1,367.24	Immanuel	12,203.48	11,865.53	5,721.00	Poplar Grove	1,668.73	1,711.17	1,710.00
Calvary Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Carmel	20,220.49	15,790.77	10,686.28	Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Providence	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Cedar Creek	11,340.99	12,132.75	1,939.38	Mount Zion	834.00	1,179.00	344.58	Marrowbone	482.00	800.00	0.00	Russell Springs First	24,425.82	33,455.08	14,111.96
Cedar Grove	10,849.00	9,622.00	4,136.12	Narrows	395.12	419.62	35.00	Meta	9,763.97	14,572.33	6,886.51	Sano	0.00	0.00	64.35
Eagle Heights	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,318.36	New Panther Creek	1,287.25	670.56	495.25	Mouth Card	3,549.68	3,318.72	1,727.00	Welfare	1,035.77	2,044.03	2,130.94
Chaplin	14,653.27	19,276.78	5,374.34	New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	McVeigh	5,878.00	4,321.00	1,156.81	Windsor First	688.97	1,084.10	150.00
Hobbs	100.00	150.00	250.00	Pleasant Grove	754.42	1,142.29	0.00	Forest Hills First	5,615.31	5,701.85	1,963.21	New Victory	419.30	448.00	750.00
Chaplin Fork	3,312.37	3,245.91	1,188.00	Olaton	946.30	1,016.41	10.00	Sidney Missionary	7,090.54	2,771.79	0.00	SUBTOTAL	63,951.31	74,053.23	33,627.58
Clermont	1,409.00	360.00	0.00	Pleasant Hill	4,183.07	3,625.26	1,195.40	Stone	2,680.02	1,982.80	2,354.00	RUSSELL CREEK			
Coxs Creek	3,648.51	4,891.70	3,846.75	Pond Run	3,874.17	3,680.07	1,097.66	Sutton	2,453.00	2,395.50	655.60	Bethany	711.60	820.06	129.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00	Providence	1,951.05	1,651.69	280.42	Mayflower Unity	1,586.61	1,851.59	3,059.12	Beech Grove	6,313.58	6,547.60	2,237.00
Lebanon Junction First	14,631.61	14,015.16	10,329.02	Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00	100.00	Virgie	6,813.39	6,000.00	1,307.00	Bethlehem	8,704.00	7,718.00	0.00
Mount Washington First	44,354.60	44,072.64	13,245.74	Hartford Second	1,875.22	2,395.91	165.00	SUBTOTAL	156,698.92	147,848.03	72,757.47	Brush Creek	200.00	200.00	247.92
Shepherdsville First	5,659.79	4,484.17	15,294.44	Slaty Creek	2,794.22	2,845.81	1,414.75	PULASKI				Cane Valley	851.17	1,006.95	1,871.75
Immanuel	1,588.44	513.82	805.66	Smallhouse	731.10	768.35	200.00	Acorn	1,381.68	1,633.78	1,500.00	Charity	1,684.68	1,906.07	742.16
Little Union	4,194.89	3,795.05	1,240.75	Waltons Creek	1,182.87	1,516.61	702.59	Bethany	3,296.00	4,187.00	700.00	Columbia	16,214.73	15,899.41	7,199.75
Mill Creek	4,592.31	3,895.65	1,881.71	West Point	1,173.21	1,173.21	436.85	Bethel	10,993.17	10,331.40	7,766.64	Dunbar Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Carmel	3,042.97	3,451.91	302.00	West Providence	2,142.89	2,190.34	1,665.00	Antioch Shores Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	East Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Eden	2,768.99	2,712.35	1,179.00	Woodwards Valley	1,265.69	718.37	56.34	Bethlehem	925.44	0.00	13,731.41	Fry	90.00	540.00	0.00
Parkway	2,000.00	4,450.00	4,899.32	Zion	10,167.67	9,068.22	2,034.60	Bronston First	3,026.92	3,688.13	2,146.30	Gradyville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Moriah	1,729.35	1,877.98	830.20	SUBTOTAL	212,456.41	204,406.36	65,502.07	Buck Creek	35.94	710.00	930.31	Greasy Creek	9,295.85	7,279.68	1,218.99
New Beginning	92.18	202.15	257.00	OHIO RIVER				Barnesburg	8,101.74	6,619.02	1,348.00	Greensburg	39,388.73	37,342.00	10,428.00
New Haven First	100.00	90.00	410.00	Baker	2,044.00	1,597.00	197.00	Burnettsburg	3,288.19	2,933.49	1,354.14	Harrods Fork	379.12	361.00	265.00
New Salem	15,125.56	16,763.61	3,542.35	Calvary	813.75	1,645.05	1,401.38	Calvary	12,859.88	15,556.04	15,101.88	Macedonia	2,113.00	2,860.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	17,085.86	17,492.58	8,251.07	Birdsville	735.94	862.12	1,345.00	Camp Ground	9,542.64	8,810.41	1,898.88	Mount Gilead	2,885.30	2,323.36	1,403.62
River View	7,408.00	9,301.00	1,157.51	Burna Community	540.00	540.00	431.10	Cedar Point	3,166.20	3,017.00	1,238.72	New Hope	14.25	0.00	0.00
Rolling Fork	503.50	572.00	517.73	Caldwell Springs	1,397.81	2,637.48	2,677.99	Clifty Grove	688.00	650.00	100.00	New Salem	935.00	1,101.00	103.00
Eastside	0.00	210.00	398.41	Carsville	416.28	173.79	21.88	Cumberland	882.54	824.29	628.91	Pierces Chapel	200.00	200.00	650.00
Trinity	113.00	118.23	0.00	Cave Springs	100.00	449.44	142.25	Buena Vista	12,920.52	15,503.52	4,364.39	Pink Ridge	125.00	175.00	171.94
Victory	2,760.00	3,300.00	1,778.77	Central	0.00	0.00	55.00	Duke Memorial	9,336.99	8,030.71	2,355.75	Pleasant Ridge	482.61	676.47	277.32
Stites Station	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	Corinth	550.00	700.00	0.00	Eden	600.00	600.00	0.00	Pleasant Valley	0.00	0.00	212.40
Vine Hill	4,874.00	5,740.00	1,066.00	Crooked Creek	1,749.04	1,875.35	150.00	Eubank	5,372.84	5,807.71	1,800.00	Plum Point	2,213.75	2,154.50	175.00
Wakefield	100.00	0.00	84.50	Deer Creek	7,047.70	7,587.97	3,005.57	Ferguson	9,252.37	9,899.17	2,255.50	South Greensburg	3,349.07	3,967.73	1,592.00
Wicklund	7,868.53	7,757.38	3,876.00	Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00	100.00	Somerset First	228,581.08	238,945.40	56,527.98	Sparksville	300.00	250.00	100.00
SUBTOTAL	269,393.72	269,260.94	108,912.96	Dycusburg	2,593.39	2,102.16	891.49	Burnside First	2,496.64	2,433.86	1,037.00	Sulphur Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00
NORTHERN KY				Dyer Hill	4,544.60	4,443.00	827.00	Beacon Hill	68,559.71	72,523.77	21,844.83	Summersville	6,335.43	8,524.44	3,088.03
True Vine Fellowship	841.14	838.78	0.00	Emmanuel	6,763.75	6,456.21	529.73	Community Mission	2,022.96	2,229.73	223.00	Russell Heights	82.40	76.00	93.00
Ashland Avenue	5,631.43	6,611.83	3,484.94	Emmaus	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trammel Creek	8,786.62	9,385.00	3,479.27
Beaver Lick	8,330.56	9,428.01	3,978.69	Fellowship	1,669.00	1,603.00	1,100.00	Flat Rock	1,598.94	1,505.99	170.00	Wells Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bellevue	15,495.00	16,087.00	3,585.44	Friendship	23,122.81	32,913.73	7,206.85	Flat Rock	1,831.25	1,892.13	1,949.71	SUBTOTAL	111,655.89	111,314.27	35,685.15
Beechgrove	5,005.00	5,788.00	474.00	Good Hope	0.00	0.00	50.00	Floyd Switch	758.00	686.00	0.00	SALEM			
Big Bone	15,657.73	15,806.33	7,724.86	Grand Rivers	2,400.00	2,400.00	352.51	Glenwood	270.00	360.00	250.00	Big Spring	327.74	419.31	122.52
Anchor	5,270.89	2,842.37	0.00	Hampton	4,100.84	1,868.21	3,608.47	Good Hope	739.09	670.81	198.43	Blue River Island	100.00	0.00	0.00
Bullittsburg	6,823.11	6,611.52	9,164.00	Iuka	2,264.00	2,478.00	443.00	Hunrise	1,451.90	1,589.91	725.00	Buck Grove	34,719.00	28,613.00	7,541.29
Burlington	58,354.89	63,925.48	12,351.95	Lake City	8,132.64	7,034.93	351.00	John Street	35,283.77	34,824.60	8,508.19	Cold Spring	384.03	554.71	739.36
Oakland Avenue	60.00	0.00	0.00	Lola	595.96	695.55	318.75	Jasper Bend	679.64	735.07	0.00	Ekron	9,094.13	9,159.96	4,532.10
Crescent Springs	11,267.00	13,142.55	2,180.96	Marion	58,400.75	58,436.16	11,097.31	Hopeful	221.00	224.23	272.00	Guston	200.00	200.00	325.50
Brooksville	1,505.58	1,325.72	473.67	Mexico	33,550.04	32,656.01	4,611.03	Immanuel	14,879.32	14,550.65	3,350.50	Hill Grove	4,766.71	4,973.20	2,275.80
Decourcy	4,345.00	4,087.78	2,335.00	Mint Springs	0.00	254.53	228.61	Jacksonville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Muldraugh	9,641.27	9,376.59	2,329.19
East Bend	4,855.00	4,539.00	2,673.50	Ohio Valley	5,240.00	6,492.89	1,269.02	King Bee	514.37	513.69	0.00	New Brandenburg	900.00	825.00	1,311.82
East Dayton	530.00	480.00	623.00	Oak Salem	11,273.74	8,965.58	2,422.99	Liberty	0.00	0.00	2,311.55	New Highland	1,050.25	1,714.62	699.47
Elmayer	6,989.45	5,850.00	2,580.32	Pinckneyville	8,443.64	9,940.72	7,026.69	Lakeside Mission	665.01	1,002.56	90.00	New Salem	7,521.48	8,018.30	2,211.38
Grace	2,746.87	2,467.03	207.00	Repton	2,021.16	2,025.51	7,200.00	Malvin Hill	1,178.29	1,259.74	1,651.36	Payneville	3,279.28	1,255.71	1,691.69
Erlanger	62,423.99	56,114.91	43,863.38	Salem	41,314.68	47,583.08	16,759.50	McKinney	280.66	1,200.00	3,578.90	Brandenburg First	22,792.07	27,551.37	22,155.07
Erlanger Deaf Mission	815.73	863.11	315.50	Marion Second	3,392.33	2,919.02	1,439.43	Mount Pisgah	2,441.00	2,094.00	325.00	Irvington	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,903.00
Fairlane	13,221.13	13,938.09	1,942.23	Shady Grove	1,063.14	1,834.01	1,062.23	Neeleys Creek	1,790.40	1,498.45	875.24	Raymond	3,865.14	5,966.76	1,583.13
Bellevue First	8,166.68	8,272.10	2,612.07	Smithland First	2,530.00	2,400.00	3,248.80	Mount Union	2,011.00	1,908.00	0.00	Rockhaven Community	5,535.13	5,607.36	2,363.63
Cold Spring First	38,927.90	42,403.99	8,249.99	Sugar Creek	8,305.71	4,356.12	5,272.02	Mount Victory	510.70	871.73	22.00	Salem	2,174.42	2,301.32	3,172.96

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Graefenburg	25,560.71	28,908.84	14,924.85
Hemphill	4,544.96	4,024.34	2,958.26
Henderson House Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highland	24,432.60	22,185.43	4,168.87
Indian Fork	4,000.00	4,000.00	585.54
Little Mount	2,608.08	2,215.58	1,520.51
Mount Moriah	3,243.00	5,011.76	667.88
Mount Vernon	4,139.88	3,880.37	1,782.79
Mount Pleasant	559.71	534.11	1,540.15
New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pigeon Fork	5,840.00	6,400.00	4,375.37
Salem	16,555.91	19,135.61	3,551.13
Simpsonville	10,794.94	12,118.14	3,404.46
Waddy	1,571.81	2,507.03	4,674.90
SUBTOTAL	226,880.34	236,224.19	109,351.48

SIMPSON	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Barbe	950.00	650.00	2,114.00
Blackjack	9,188.15	8,463.87	1,876.49
Cedar Grove	2,524.96	1,460.62	345.00
Cornerstone Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview	4,694.73	2,877.62	195.00
Franklin First	41,391.50	39,992.22	20,975.01
Lake Spring	6,638.93	5,651.61	4,378.88
New Hope	5,685.11	6,439.00	1,792.15
Providence	3,320.00	3,920.00	2,700.00
Trinity	1,562.05	1,481.66	288.00
Shady Grove	200.00	225.00	450.00
Sulphur Spring	15,000.00	13,750.00	8,597.00
Calvary	27,756.64	25,580.01	2,123.01
SUBTOTAL	118,912.07	110,491.61	45,834.54

SOUTH DISTRICT	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Beech Fork	348.13	533.76	86.00
Beech Grove	4,200.00	4,280.00	645.00
Calvary	11,726.67	11,397.52	9,296.65
Community	429.91	0.00	110.00
Doctors Fork	5,360.50	4,984.45	2,864.00
Bryantville First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Danville First	34,211.25	24,435.12	12,932.50
Danville Deaf Mission	187.58	175.15	0.00
Friendship	75.00	30.00	510.00
Gravel Switch	1,273.61	1,211.06	289.33
Hedgeville	2,048.43	6,873.48	792.00
Hyattsville	13,511.60	15,370.32	4,973.42
Junction City First	9,120.00	13,405.62	3,457.52
Lancaster	58,869.27	86,317.88	9,853.30
Mitchellsburg	4,530.84	4,455.55	2,007.50
North Rolling Fork	2,398.70	2,171.53	466.00
Parksville	3,787.83	3,995.32	2,504.37
Perryville	18,037.50	15,210.00	6,313.82
Pleasant Hill	1,403.66	1,555.58	0.00
Pleasant Run	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salt River	2,596.76	3,103.51	1,164.07
Southern Heights	29.67	0.00	0.00
Willow Grove	12,274.46	11,421.21	4,685.59
SUBTOTAL	186,421.37	210,927.06	62,951.07

SOUTH UNION	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Alstie	110.00	117.00	0.00
Big Cane Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	102.16	100.00	0.00
Cane Gap Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview	400.00	0.00	150.00
High Cliff	114.98	119.08	41.00
Kentucky Hill	240.00	90.00	0.00
Jellico Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mountain Ash	1,214.97	102.69	200.00
North End	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oswego	550.00	500.00	328.55
Patterson Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	899.00	943.69	530.00
Pleasant View	0.00	1,000.00	200.00
Red Bird	0.00	351.73	0.00
Ryans Creek	360.82	305.26	236.00
Tannery Hollow	847.51	769.50	182.35
Saxon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wolf Creek	1,005.74	1,204.78	1,077.00
Youngs Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	5,894.21	5,603.73	2,944.90

SULPHUR FORK	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Antioch	200.00	200.00	930.51
Ballardsville	18,489.71	19,753.03	16,460.60
Bedford	17,923.00	15,832.00	3,762.88
Beulah Land	0.00	284.38	42.00
Buckner	11,544.89	10,048.01	1,488.74
Centerfield	1,695.73	3,656.04	277.00
Corn Creek	819.27	1,019.70	2,354.17
Covington Ridge	955.16	1,250.24	45.00
Crestwood	54,128.19	61,985.07	20,254.12
DeHaven Memorial	53,785.65	62,407.49	18,741.09
Eighteen Mile	50.00	600.00	757.00
Harrords Creek	3,560.34	4,406.85	2,465.26
LaGrange Heights	950.74	463.80	193.00
Liberty	1,030.58	1,089.55	30.00
Millon	2,691.00	2,200.00	2,589.00
Pleasant View	241.62	68.71	272.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	867.00
Providence	4,885.83	5,757.89	2,095.62
Rolling Hills	0.00	561.39	476.17
Sligo	9,097.57	9,353.92	2,725.45
Union Grove	561.00	635.00	525.00
Westport	15,752.98	14,036.32	3,262.91
SUBTOTAL	198,363.26	215,609.39	80,614.52

TATES CREEK	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Berea	51,890.47	46,388.06	9,390.00
Bethel	7,056.91	8,771.16	2,227.08
Bethlehem	1,100.00	1,200.00	303.70
Blue Lick	547.15	441.09	0.00
Broadway	2,099.00	1,418.00	997.00
Calvary	1,303.00	1,091.00	725.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crossroads Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	2,190.04	16,834.90	2,618.65
Emmanuel	3,988.64	3,820.92	3,008.83
Unity	2,761.06	3,889.93	409.00
Faith Decision	0.00	200.00	0.00
Richmond First	78,614.31	72,218.22	26,774.81
Fellowship	1,006.67	428.50	100.00
Freedom	275.50	300.00	451.75
Galilee	3,145.58	3,503.06	602.01
Gilberts Creek	250.00	100.00	389.36
Gilead	550.00	300.00	251.00
Gethsemane	3,949.00	4,074.00	505.00
Good Hope	2,392.00	1,251.00	2,736.89
Harris Memorial	1,298.76	955.39	69.00
Hays Fork	6,910.69	7,374.43	1,987.55
Kirksville	8,465.99	11,808.48	3,240.33
Knob Lick	390.00	175.00	50.00
Liberty Avenue	3,062.60	1,797.14	628.00
Liberty	120.00	120.00	0.00
Linden Street	252.00	653.00	67.00
Middletown	5,201.74	4,974.00	345.02
Mount Taber	8,746.95	9,466.20	4,832.00
Peytonton	922.01	1,479.78	357.00
Pilot Knob	495.00	985.00	1,365.50
Red House	25,163.15	25,024.53	6,110.90
Rosdale	10,103.38	9,042.65	7,558.31
Upper Silver Creek	12,408.04	13,077.79	3,410.60
Red Lick	120.00	170.00	313.32
Stoney Run	0.00	168.85	0.00
Owsley Fork	2,902.00	1,159.50	0.00

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Tates Creek	5,816.25	3,181.85	1,709.09
Union City	10,274.38	13,298.81	4,862.72
Valley View	60.00	177.00	50.00
Viney Fork	2,911.95	3,108.12	136.00
Waco	22,566.14	28,400.69	7,930.08
Wallacetown	3,853.78	3,349.75	1,602.03
Westside	4,133.70	4,813.10	450.00
White Hall	1,511.50	2,793.47	1,894.51
White Lick	5,711.08	6,994.47	2,237.59
SUBTOTAL	306,520.42	320,778.84	103,577.05

TAYLOR COUNTY	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Campbellsville	170,052.46	156,775.53	48,309.88
Action	1,353.80	1,126.20	125.00
Eastside	500.00	500.00	631.91
Elk Horn	795.81	784.24	1,532.15
Fairview	1,081.64	1,173.44	137.90
Friendship	8,291.00	8,226.00	4,079.00
Good Hope	21,674.09	21,590.01	19,278.80
Green River Memorial	15,044.91	12,370.00	8,829.85
Liberty	4,350.20	4,797.00	2,179.75
Meadowview	6,337.21	7,070.68	1,840.00
Mount Gilboa	6,971.76	6,376.22	5,221.00
Palestine	29,551.89	19,305.77	5,299.01
Pitman Valley	240.00	240.00	285.15
Pleasant Hill	42,989.58	39,387.19	8,184.93
Robinson Creek	6,063.42	2,843.29	12,343.21
Raikes Hill Mission	500.00	600.00	570.00
South Campbellsville	15,688.43	13,825.61	2,266.63
Salem	11,466.76	11,525.50	4,411.32
Saloma	5,119.95	5,533.85	3,225.46
Lowell Avenue	19,851.36	22,849.02	6,411.26
Yuma	2,716.00	2,958.98	2,017.75
SUBTOTAL	370,640.27	340,458.53	140,579.96

TEN MILE	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00	1,631.22
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elliston	1,853.90	2,019.75	515.00
Glencoe	9,239.18	9,694.30	4,776.74
Macedonia	10,903.33	10,005.59	2,555.92
Mount Zion	5,985.98	4,201.42	2,169.27
New Bethel	17,041.08	18,048.36	4,797.68
Oakland	2,401.42	1,778.00	1,363.91
Paint Lick	5,304.75	7,245.73	3,441.06
Pleasant Home	14,951.62	17,784.27	1,770.00
Poplar Grove	3,078.00	3,471.01	1,615.00
Ten Mile	7,828.25	8,266.60	2,450.28
Vine Run	10,867.71	16,682.05	5,412.43
Warsaw	7,669.33	8,143.74	1,365.00
Sparta	1,723.61	1,799.17	7,106.01
SUBTOTAL	98,848.16	109,139.99	40,969.52

THREE FORKS	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Airport Gardens	2,100.00	2,100.00	669.38
Berean	20.00	20.00	0.00
Big Creek	9,642.47	8,235.92	1,811.81
Blackey	448.72	570.00	400.00
Caney	1,121.30	1,214.95	725.00
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	336.51	341.50	0.00
Emmanuel	8,605.93	10,003.70	1,315.00
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00	500.00
Craft Colly	1,443.26	879.08	76.62
Hazard First	28,344.08	22,520.95	7,251.44
Hindman First	20,499.96	18,957.45	2,754.45
Wootton First	1,418.00	2,004.93	818.12
First Creek	1,946.50	1,082.47	10.00
Deane	5,911.00	5,136.66	751.00
Hardburly	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hyden	2,636.82	2,258.05	969.30
Jeremiah	0.00	0.00	1,438.74
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long Pine	713.45	550.00	510.00
Lothair	3,148.33	3,148.40	1,928.50
Fleming	2,590.56	1,584.09	345.11
McIntosh Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Haymond	300.00	100.00	400.00
Montgomery	3,548.83	2,932.85	1,500.00
Mouney First	379.00	218.00	839.60
Muncy Creek	300.00	300.00	300.00
Premium	1,750.00	1,515.00	115.64
Petrey Memorial	7,747.24	8,607.70	3,176.00
Jeff Missionary	842.00	1,217.70	732.14
Rockwood	2,421.78	2,131.56	0.00
Caney Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	2,100.00	2,100.00	972.80
Upper Second Creek	1,896.94	2,107.00	100.00
North Fork	6,766.99	7,765.42	1,210.00
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	292.00
Big Leatherwood First	3,456.00	4,361.00	292.00
Smithsboro	15,745.37	16,413.60	5,782.25
Typo	0.00	0.00	150.00
Vicco	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	28,862.00	27,617.00	5,356.38
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00	200.00
SUBTOTAL	167,043.04	157,994.98	44,266.99

UNION	CP96	CP97	OTHER
Beaver	4,041.47	4,407.30	1,494.40
Berlin	999.72	1,166.06	130.05
Berry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blanket Creek	3,781.38	5,105.30	3,572.86
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CHARITIES

Deferred gift annuities

By Laurie Valentine

Making charitable gifts during your lifetime does not have to be an "all or nothing" proposition.

Deferred charitable gift annuities are one of several giving options that allow you to make a gift now and receive income from the gift for your lifetime.

These "life income" gift plans provide benefits to the donor—a charitable income tax deduction equal to the value of the charity's interest in the gift and potential for an increase in your income if the property you gift is earning only certificate-of-deposit interest rates or dividends—as well as valuable support to the causes that receive the gifts.

A deferred charitable gift annuity is an agreement between you and a qualified charity under which you agree to make a gift of cash or appreciated assets such as stock. In exchange for your gift, the charity agrees to pay you a fixed annual amount for life. The payments to you must not begin sooner than one year after you make the gift.

A deferred gift annuity can be the answer for the soon-to-be retiring 64-year-old who expects a good cash flow from various sources for the next six years at which point her income will diminish. She can make a gift now to establish the deferred gift annuity and provide for payments to begin at age 70 when she will need the extra income.

Deferred gift annuities can also be a source of supplemental retirement income.

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Deferred charitable gift annuities offer the opportunity to give now and receive later.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



Education secretary calls vouchers 'bad policy'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—In a sharp attack against school vouchers, Education Secretary Richard Riley Sept. 23 criticized both conservative and liberal members of Congress for what he said was bad public policy that could only hurt the nation's public schools.

Riley, in speaking to reporters, said vouchers—a method of aiding some poor parents who pay tuition to send their children to private schools—would siphon money away from already struggling public schools and not produce the positive academic re-

sults proponents promise.

As criticism of the nation's public schools has mounted, the idea of vouchers as an alternative means of education has gained support. The idea is strongly supported by Roman Catholic officials and many conservative Christian leaders, and is even gaining ground among some liberals.

In his remarks, Riley took particular aim at a proposal that would give \$7 million in vouchers in fiscal year 1998 to 2,000 students in the District of Columbia to attend private and religious schools.

Such a program, he said, would leave another 75,000 students without such an opportunity, while at the same time "undermine a 200-year American commitment that has helped America keep faith with our democratic ideals and become a beacon of light for people all over the world."

Riley's opposition to voucher programs is not new but his latest criticism was part of a larger offensive by the Clinton administration to topple several new bills in Congress to make vouchers available to needy children and their families nationwide.

Advertisers leave "Nothing Sacred"

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Some advertisers have decided there's nothing sacred about the audience of "Nothing Sacred" and have alerted the show's network they no longer want their ads running during the controversial new show.

"Nothing Sacred," an hour-long drama depicting a Catholic priest's struggles with contemporary times, premiered Sept. 18 on ABC-TV, a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Co. It has received praise from some reviewers but some religious organizations have been offended by its treatment of the Roman Catholic Church and provocative issues, such as abortion.

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has spearheaded a campaign to encourage advertisers to withdraw their commercials from the program. Catholic League president William Donohue said Sept. 26 he thinks his campaign has only just begun.

"We're in this for the long haul and we will settle for nothing less than the removal of this show from TV," he said in a statement.

Responding so far to the concerns have been Darden Restaurants, the Orlando, Fla.-based parent company of Red Lobster, and Benckiser Consumer Products of Danbury, Conn., maker of "Electrosol Automatic Dishwashing Tabs."

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SEEKING: Progressive, rural church seeks part-time minister of youth. Send resumé to: Oakland Baptist Church, P.O. Box 154, Oakland, KY 42159.

WANTED: Organ player. Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Old Frankfort Pike, Versailles, Ky. Please contact: Judy, (606) 873-8240.

NEEDED: Family man looking for work—maybe as church janitor. (606) 325-1426.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church of Louisa, Ky., is searching for a full-time minister of youth. Send resumé to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 301 West Pike St., Louisa, KY 41230, or fax: (606) 686-3072.

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SEEKING: Minister of music/outreach for Northern Kentucky Southern Baptist church. Resumés must be received by Nov. 15. Grant's Lick Baptist Church, 175 W. Clay Ridge Road, Alexandria, KY 41001. Call (606) 635-2444. Dr. Paul E. Broyles, pastor-teacher.

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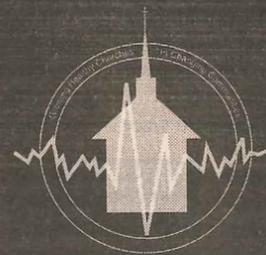
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PEOPLE

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ Bible study cell groups beginning this fall in the southeastern sector of Moscow.

■ Lori Milburn, International Service Corps missionary in Tambov, Russia, requests prayer that "the kids in my high school English as Second Language class would be open to the things of God and that I can start a Bible study from the class."

■ Kentucky volunteers needed for the Oct. 18-31 Kentucky-New England partnership missions trip to Greece. Volunteers will distribute food to Russian refugees living in Greece.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BARBOURVILLE**—Northside Church called **Rollin Bradshaw** as pastor. He previously was pastor at Lyttleton Church in Manchester.

■ **CALHOUN**—Calhoun Church called **Tim Feagin** as part-time youth pastor Sept. 21. Also, **Tommy Howard** was ordained to the deacon ministry Sept. 28.

■ **CAMPBELLSBURG**—Providence Church ordained **Greg Fisher** as deacon Sept. 28. Homecoming will be held Oct. 12.

■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church ordained **Bryan Claypool, Scott Crimm, Sheree Foley** and **Tony Underwood** as deacons Sept. 21.

■ **ELKTON**—Elkton Church called **John Roark** as minister of music. He began his new ministry Sept. 22. **Craig Holloman** was called as minister of youth and administration. He previously served as minister of music and youth.

■ **FALMOUTH**—Trinity Southern Church ordained **Pastor Dale Bobb** to the ministry Oct. 5.

■ **FRANKFORT**—**Bill Hartung** recently resigned as pastor at Thornhill Church.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Harrodsburg Church ordained **Jerry Caton, Nelson Gritton** and **Jim Ashford** as deacons Sept. 21.

■ **LA GRANGE**—DeHaven Memorial Church ordained **Phillip Jared** and **Robin Lawson** as deacons Sept. 21.

Rolling Hills Church called **Brad Burge**, a native of Hannibal, Mo., as pastor Sept. 7. He was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 28.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—**Russell Bennett**, executive director/treasurer of Long Run Association, has announced his retirement effective March 1.

Brookview Church celebrated its 50th anniversary Oct. 1. **Delbert Watson** is pastor.

Beechmont Church called **James Ward** as pastor. He began his new ministry Sept. 21. He previously was minister to seniors at Highview Church.

Eighteenth Street Church recently held revival services with several decisions made. Also, 83 people attended the kick-off for the "Light Your World" campaign. Three new Sunday school classes have been formed in the children, youth and adult departments. **Randy Constant Sr.** is pastor.

Highland Park First Church called **Chris Barnes** as minister of youth. He began his new ministry Sept. 28.

■ **MANCHESTER**—Southside Church called **Shawn Vallance** as pastor. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

■ **ONEIDA**—Oneida Church baptized 37 young people as a result of a recent revival. A total of 66 decisions were made, many by Oneida

Romanian witch turns to Christ

By Marty Croll
SBC International Mission Board

BALS, Romania (BP)—Of 850 decisions to follow Jesus Christ registered during a recent crusade of Southern Baptists in Romania, none was more dramatic than one in Bals, often referred to as the country's "capital of witchcraft."

During an invitation at a public meeting one evening, a "teacher" witch came to the altar, fell on her knees and denounced her life in witchcraft. She professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, then helped close the service by joining in the song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."

"This was an incredible witness to the town of Bals," said Joe Savage, pastor of North Cary Baptist Church in Cary, N.C. "They told me the city has been under Satanic influence for generations."

Throughout the world, witchcraft is more than a religion. It's a way of life and an occupation. Many people in Bals pray to remove and place curses, tell their fortunes, read their palms and fix things in their lives, Savage said.

"God had been working on her heart before she came," Savage

added. She had come to the local pastor, seeking a medical doctor who helped in a clinic sponsored by the church. The pastor shared the gospel with her face-to-face.

Then she came to a crusade service one evening. The next day several team members fasted and prayed all day for her salvation.

Savage, working through the Southern Baptist International Board, led the team of 14 volunteers from North and South Carolina in the evangelistic effort to Romania. Team members distributed 5,000 New Testaments and 12,000 gospel tracts, worked in two orphanages and conducted preaching crusades in villages and churches nightly for 12 days.

In Craiova, opposition from Orthodox Church leaders boosted the team's work. Fearing Orthodox backlash, police intervened to stop Savage and other team members from preaching on the street. But more and more people were drawn to the ruckus.

Savage talked to police and then continued to preach, despite angry Orthodox protesters around him. At the end, about 25 people in the crowd responded to an invitation to trust Jesus Christ as Savior.

Baptist Institute students. **Mike Jones**, pastor at Big Bone Church in Boone County, preached. **Steve Crumpler** is pastor.

■ **PRINCETON**—First Church hon-

ored **Pastor Bill Tichenor** on his 20th anniversary Sept. 21.

■ **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Sunnyside Church called **Steve McGinnis** as pastor.

'End of our rope'

A wonderful letter came from a mother who was very happy about the progress her son had made here. I will share part of it:

"I am writing in regard to my son, David (not his real name), who attended Oneida last year in the eighth grade. My husband and I truly believe that Oneida Institute was directly responsible for saving our family and preventing David from being returned to the foster care system.

"When David was accepted at Oneida we were at the end of our rope and our family was at the brink of despair....We felt our only hope of saving the rest of our children...was to do an adoption interruption on David and in effect sacrifice him for the good of his brothers and sisters. We had seen David fail at many schools, get charged with shoplifting, and make everyone miserable with his lying, hostile, demanding behavior. We knew with his mind and his talents he was capable of so much but we had almost lost hope of ever seeing any of his potential realized. Also, although we still loved David very much, we did not like him much anymore.

"This summer, for the first time since David was eight years old, we have had a great summer. Our children have enjoyed being together and we have seen once again how much David has to offer our family. He has gentled toward the younger children, participated in family activities and shown some respect for his family and parents.

"And the reason for the change in David is the year he just spent at Oneida. For although ... it was not easy for the staff there to deal with David, you hung in and gave him a chance and he was able to complete his first successful year at school since first grade. It was the first year since

first grade that he managed to stay at one school for the entire year. We are so pleased with Oneida that we have discussed it with David and we have come to the agreement that he will continue school there until he graduates.

"Only last week there was an article in the newspaper on juveniles who were in serious trouble with the school and the law and the mother of one of the young men made the statement that her son had been at Oneida and done well but that she took him out, he immediately lost his way. When I read the article I thought that only by the grace of God was that not David's picture and name in the paper."

I wish we were this successful with every young person who comes to Oneida. We do the very best we can with each student. Some come to us with few, if any, problems. Others come with a multitude of social and academic problems. No two young people are the same. What works for one does not always work for another.

A structured environment, firm but sensitive discipline, encouragement at every opportunity and God's love are our tools. We try to be sensitive to each person, just as Jesus was.

We are reminded daily of the truthfulness of Jesus' words when he said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest."

One of our biggest challenges is finding people willing to help with our work. I thank God each day for those who do.

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

THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

The issue isn't age but obedience

When Florence Dingus trusted Christ as Savior at age 12, her father thought she was too young. When she enrolled at Clear Creek at age 65, people thought she was too old. For Dingus, the issue is not age, but obedience to God.

Dingus and eight siblings were born and reared in Jenkins. She married the son of a Free Will Baptist preacher. Her husband later became a Southern Baptist and was pastor of Haymond Mission for 14 years.

"The Lord blessed us with six children," Dingus said. "I had the first four fairly close together. After eight years, the four of them went into a room and prayed for me to have another child. I love my children; we've done a lot of things together.

"One son attends a seminary in California. During a course on family life, he told me, 'Mom, we're studying about the same kind of life I had.' They were thrilled about me coming to Clear Creek and encourage me in anything I go at."

Mr. Dingus died in 1984; three sons were in college. With moistened eyes, Mrs. Dingus remembered, "We worked hard and made it. The Lord is good." She worked 10 years as a teacher's aide in May-

king Christian School and five years in a public school. "I only needed five years of employment to earn health and retirement benefits. That is such a blessing now," she said.

"I kept telling those young aides that they should go to college. 'You're young! You can do it.' All the time I was thinking about when I could go.

"After my husband died, one of my sons said, 'Momma, you're free to do anything you want.' But I couldn't even drive a car. Another son graduated from college and bought me a car. I took drivers ed and passed the test.

"I don't know of any place I would rather be than at Clear Creek studying the Bible," she said. "If no one gives me

an opportunity to serve after I graduate, it has still been worth it. Why don't more retired people come to Clear Creek and study God's word?"

After Mrs. Dingus left my office, I thought of an answer. I suppose some of them think about age more than obedience.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker



"It was loud, forceful and clashed with my sensibilities. And that was just your tie."



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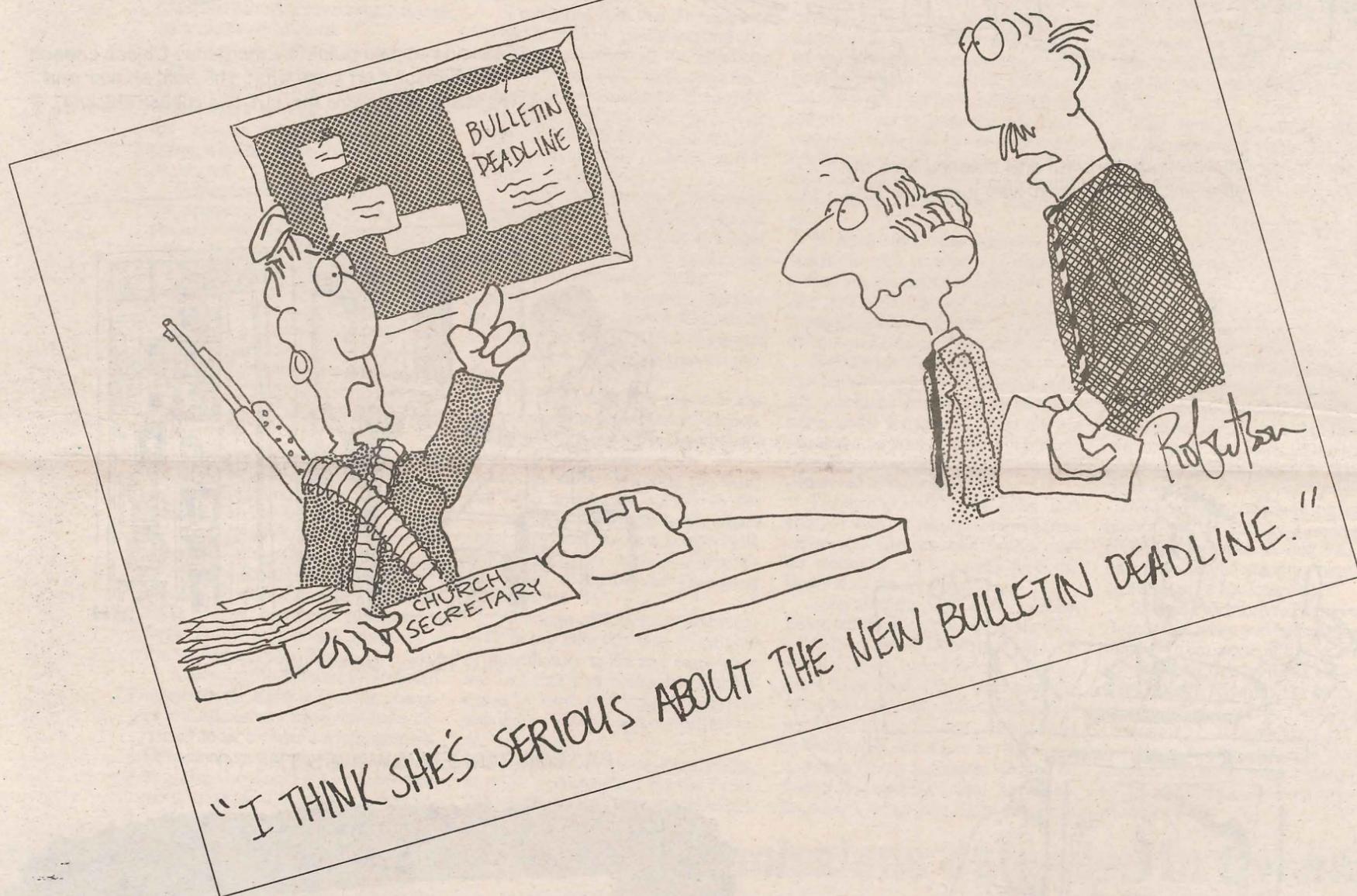
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