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State Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Vt.—When Washington Baptist Church held its recent "Youth Quake '98" youth revival, members gave partial credit for the turnout and two decisions to accept Christ to a Kentucky Baptist church.

Members of the senior high youth group at Elk Horn Baptist Church in Campbellsville mailed fliers to a list of 112 teens, plus churches, near the Vermont town.

They also prayed for each recipient as they designed and stamped the fliers in early January. Each Wednesday night that month they continued to pray for the residents.

"Some of the names of teens we sent (to Kentucky) aren't interested in church," said Terry Dorsett, pastor of Washington Baptist. "They're not kids who would normally come. The only reason they would have to come is the Holy Spirit is moving."

Dorsett said the assistance was invaluable because his congregation of 60 members lacked the resources to mail the fliers.

Nor can the value of the rally be measured solely by the number of people who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, he said. Just 4 percent of Vermont's population is Christian, he explained, and the vast number of the 100 who attended were unchurched. □ See Campbellsville ..., page 3

Leaders maximizing missions educationBy Joyce Sweeney Martin
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—Anne Windus still remembers the Tuesday night only seven people showed up at a church service to hear her talk about mission work in Korea.

"They felt bad because they didn't have more people there," she said. And she felt bad that they were self-conscious about the small turnout.

But she understood the dynamics at work. "They were used to coming to church on Sunday and Wednesday." It took real effort for them to get out on Tuesday night.

This is not an isolated event, say

mission educators who are working to maximize the use of missionaries' time within the framework of the changing schedule demands of American families and churches.

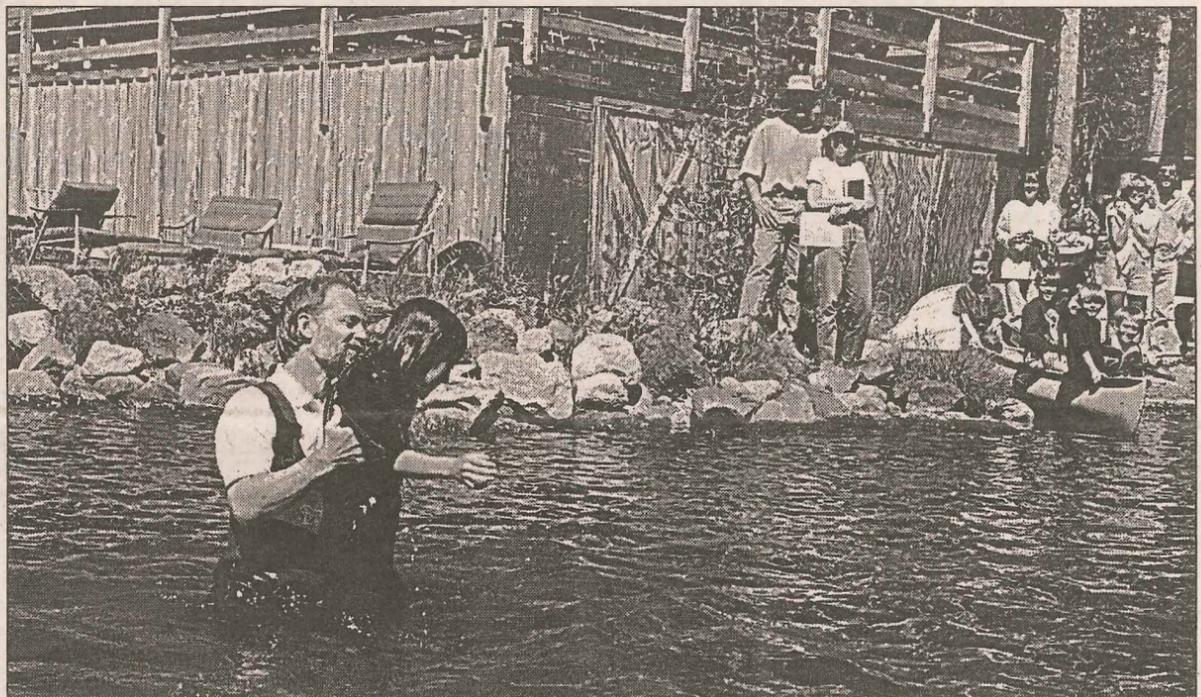
World Missions Conferences provide churches an opportunity to meet Southern Baptist missionaries personally and learn about their work around the world. They are coordinated through the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and local Baptist associations. Churches can participate every three years.

Traditionally, churches opt for a five-session Sunday through Wednesday conference or a five-session Thursday through Sunday conference.

Each church hears two North American Board missionaries, two International Mission Board missionaries and one missionary in Kentucky.

While the number of Kentucky churches involved in the conferences has increased dramatically from 38 in 1990 to 435 in 1997, and the number of participants has increased from 8,800 to 87,000, decreased attendance at weeknight meetings must be addressed, leaders said.

It isn't that people are less interested in missions than in years past; it's just there are more things to do now, said Gerald McNeely. McNeely and his wife, June, were Southern □ See Leaders seek ..., page 10

**RESORT MISSIONARY** Southern Baptist Missionary Fred Weatherly baptizes 8-year-old Caitlyn Schwind in the waters of Lake Mary. As pastor of High Sierra Christian Church in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., Weatherly has a broad-based ministry that includes the summer lakeside services and winter services on the ski slopes. He is one of the missionaries featured this year by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board. The board's Annie Armstrong Easter offering has a national goal of \$42 million. (Photo by Mark Wyatt)**Erlanger pastor maps several pitfalls for preachers to avoid**By Kenny Byrd
Baptist Joint Committee

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (ABP)—Pastors should try to maintain integrity, avoid politics from the pulpit and know what they're talking about, Kentucky pastor Bill Crosby told participants at a recent church-state conference.

"One of the pitfalls that we have in the pulpit is knowing just enough to be dangerous ... to talk about things that we don't know anything about," said Crosby, pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church in Erlanger.

Crosby was speaking this month to a conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee, a religious-liberty group based in Washington D.C.; the Religious Liberty Council, a membership group of the BJC; and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan.

The conference was designed to provide practical advice to clergy and other church members handling church-state issues.

Crosby said pastors must be informed about "what's going on around us."

"What happened to me in terms of my journey with religious liberty is that as long as I was in the majority, it really didn't matter to me," Crosby said. "And then I moved to Northern Kentucky, where Catholics are in charge of everything."

He said another pitfall can happen at schools and other places in the community where churches might try to get involved. "Even though there is the opportunity that we see to have positive influence, we must constantly be held in the tension of not violating the freedom of others."

Crosby also urged the crowd to be watchful of what gets distributed in

the church. He said that because of all the literature the church gets from various groups—from the Christian Coalition to the Baptist Joint Committee—he rarely distributes anything not from a group supported by the church in its budget.

Crosby warned against being persuaded by political powers. "I would advise any of us who have the opportunity to have the influence of those who are entering ministry to try their very best to be above the politics."

It "does become somewhat intoxicating when we receive a call from the senator or the congressman and we begin to think of ourselves more highly than we should," he warned.

He added that pastors should speak to issues from a biblical context in the pulpit but should never align the church with partisan causes.

Finally, Crosby said, clergy should

never fall into the pit of forgetting what it means to be in the minority.

"In a day in which we often glorify power and prestige—so often we want to really be a part of the majority—and forget that Christianity in and of itself is radical and runs counter to culture," he said.

"I remember when Baptists were laughed at," he recalled. "We used to be the holy rollers, the uneducated in the back woods."

"But in affluence and in our quest for power, we may have

trampled on the least of these," he said. "Let's avoid the pitfall of using the majority to impose our position—our orthodoxy—and remember that at one time we looked just like those that we're now seeking to thumb out."

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Crosby

Church & State

BAPTISTS

Volunteers sought for Salt Lake City witnessing blitz

"While Mormons own the culture in Salt Lake City, there are more than 500,000 people living in the Wasatch Front who have no religious affiliation of any kind."

Don Smith, coordinator of Crossover Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (BP)—The turf may be different this year, but the needs are the same, according to organizers of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual evangelistic blitz in the convention's host city.

This year, the SBC will hold its annual meeting in Salt Lake City, a stronghold for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Most Southern Baptists believe Mormon theology is misguided and non-Christian.

The evangelistic blitz, scheduled for June 5-12 throughout northern Utah, will include events such as evangelistic block parties, door-to-door visits and personal evangelism. Similar events have been held in convention host cities since 1989, when the convention met in Las Vegas, Nev.

"While Mormons own the culture in Salt Lake City, there are more than 500,000 people living in the Wasatch Front who have no religious affiliation of any kind," said Don Smith, evangelism associate at the North American Mission Board and coordinator of Crossover Salt Lake City.

"We're developing our witnessing approach in such a way that it addresses the Mormon issues, but it is not confrontational in the sense that it looks like we're picking on Mormons," he added. "It will be couched in general terms that anyone who is without Christ would need to understand in order to receive the gospel. But a person who is a Mormon would be able to see, 'Well, that's different from what I believe.'"

About 40 Southern Baptist church-

es in the Salt Lake City area are helping sponsor Crossover events this year.

Among scheduled Crossover events:

■ 18 block parties, in which neighborhood residents are invited to a central location for a cookout, entertainment and a public gospel presentation.

■ Door-to-door canvassing. A special survey is being developed to help determine spiritual needs and religious beliefs in neighborhoods, and lead to a presentation of the gospel if an individual shows an interest.

■ Street evangelism. Musical groups and various entertainers at about 15 sites throughout the area will share the gospel through their performances.

■ Personal/street evangelism. Spe-

cially trained teams will be sent throughout the city to share the gospel and share tracts with individuals on the streets.

■ Sports clinics. About 16 basketball and soccer clinics throughout the week in neighborhood parks will give Southern Baptist college and high school students an opportunity to share their skills and faith in Christ with children and youth who attend.

■ An area-wide crusade for Hispanics will be held immediately after the convention in a 13,000-seat arena.

For further information or to register for participation as an individual or a group, contact the North American Mission Board's office of direct evangelism at (770) 410-6302. The deadline is May 1.

Parks denies Rankin's charges against CBF

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ATLANTA—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is not to blame for a rupture in relations between the China Christian Council and the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, according to a statement by Keith Parks.

Parks, former president of the IMB who now directs global missions work for the Fellowship, responded to accusations by IMB President Jerry Rankin. Rankin, in a lengthy statement issued through Baptist Press, had charged that the group of moderate Baptists caused the CCC to break its ties with the SBC's official mission board.

The CCC, which coordinates work among the registered churches in China, criticized the IMB for its two-track approach in China, working both with the open church and the underground church.

Any accusation that CBF is linked to the CCC's decision to break with the IMB is misguided, Parks said.

"This accusation is naive on the part of those making it and incredulous to those who know the Chinese," he said. "They do not know to foreigners—certainly not to

us. They are mature Christians who have their own ideas about how Christians should work."

Further, Parks said he told Rankin that no one from CBF had anything to do with the dispute between the IMB and CCC. Nevertheless, Rankin has continued to cite CBF as the culprit.

"For this same accusation to be published a second time after my conversation with Rankin either assumes I was ignorant of the facts or lying," Parks said. "Neither is true."

Parks also disputed another accusation by Rankin against CBF, that CBF has been recruiting IMB missionaries in China to switch over to the Fellowship.

"This is absolutely untrue," Parks said. "Our missionaries have stated this. The missionaries themselves have affirmed it. I assured Rankin, before he published it, that it was not true. Yet he has refused to accept our word."

"The truth is that when I joined the CBF staff in 1993, after 38 years with the Foreign Mission Board (now IMB), 20 missionaries had already transferred to the Fellowship from the FMB.

"We immediately declared we would not initiate contact with FMB missionaries. We would not process an application until a person had resigned and approached us afterward."

In all, CBF has received inquiries from 350 IMB missionary families who are interested in being supported by CBF rather than the IMB, Parks said. "But only 16 (13 percent) of all the missionaries CBF has appointed—excluding those original 20—have International Mission Board experience."

"We appoint only missionaries who want to be a part of CBF and our global missions strategy. Apparently, quite a few do, but we do not have the financial resources at this time to accommodate this kind of growth."

Parks said CBF's purpose is "to do everything we can to bring the gospel to all people as quickly as possible" and that criticizing the IMB or impeding its work would run counter to that mutual goal.

"We would not want to do anything to hinder or hurt the witness of any Christian group trying to reach the world for Christ," he said. "We pray for the same attitude toward our efforts."

Two pastors to be nominated

NASHVILLE (BP)—Two high-profile pastors will be nominated for the annual Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference this summer, and a third is considering it.

The two identified candidates are Mike Hamlet, pastor of First Baptist Church of North Spartanburg, S.C., and Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville.

The Pastors' Conference is held the Sunday and Monday before the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston, will nominate Hamlet. Sutton said it has not been decided yet who will nominate him.

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Valley Community Church in Lake Forest, Calif., said he was asked to run but hasn't decided. The presidency of the Pastors' Conference is an honorary position without pay but with considerable influence.



"At this time, I will take up the offering, sing and play the special music, and lead your kids by the hand to junior church; followed by my sermon on 'The Foolishness of Downsizing.'"

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Missionary dies.** Emeritus missionary to Chile William P. Carter died March 17 at age 72. For 33 years he worked at the Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago. Before appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1954, he had been pastor of Cove Hill Baptist Church in Carrollton. He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Kate, five sons and one sister.

■ **Most Baptists aren't boycotting.** About 30 percent of Southern Baptists said they are likely to observe their denomination's boycott of the Walt Disney Co., according to a poll conducted by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the University of North Carolina. The poll

showed widespread knowledge of the boycott but far less intent to participate. Of those with knowledge of the boycott, 66 percent said it is unlikely they will participate in the boycott.

■ **WMU to trademark Annie.** The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will become a trademark of Woman's Missionary Union, and all funds raised through the offering will continue to be used exclusively for work of the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board under an agreement between the two mission organizations. The trademark agreement is similar to an existing agreement between WMU and the International Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Ownership of both offerings has

become an issue in recent years because of a broadened array of options for missions giving among Southern Baptist churches.

■ **More moderate groups planned.** Moderate Baptists still looking to influence the direction of state Baptist conventions have formed a national council to help form Baptists Committed organizations in as many as 15 more states. The state groups likely would be patterned after Texas Baptists Committed, the decade-old political organization that has retained control of the Texas convention for moderates. Already similar organizations exist in Arkansas and Oklahoma, two states where conservatives dominate. About 100 people from 15 states participated in a March 2-3 meeting in Nashville.

Musical chaplain helps soothe her patients' souls

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

LOUISVILLE—Unable to attend church because of a rare disease that is hardening her internal organs, Delores Mattingly has drawn closer to God through the power of music.

While music lifts her spirits, the member of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church said during the past year God taught her to listen more closely to the lyrics.

"A lot of times you sing hymns from memory, but now I sing them over and over and listen to the words," said Mattingly, a Hospice of Louisville patient since 1995. "I think God may be telling me something through the words at that time."

The Louisville resident is among hundreds who have participated in "MusiCare," a unique hospice music program organized by Chaplain Joy Berger.

Berger, who holds master's and doctor's degrees in church music, established the program in the fall of 1994, a year after joining hospice.

While many other hospices nationwide use music therapy, MusiCare blends pastoral care with music therapy, she explained. It encourages patients to reflect on their favorite hymns and other songs to help them explore inner emotions and draw closer to God.

"I'm not the only one out there, but an accrediting committee said last fall they had not seen anything else like this," said Berger, who was a classi-

cal pianist and church organist before an injury ended that career.

"A lot of what I do is provide education on what patients can do for themselves," she said. "That may be helping them sleep at night, bringing joy to their lives or express emotions of anger, celebration or sadness. They can also find expressions of relationships and things for their own prayer and meditation."

The hospice maintains a library of tapes, CDs and portable players for patients' use. Its music collection ranges from big band and symphonies to country and Southern gospel.

An important aspect of the program is that it spans more than church music, said Berger.

The Harvard Dictionary of Music makes no distinction between secular and sacred tunes, she noted.

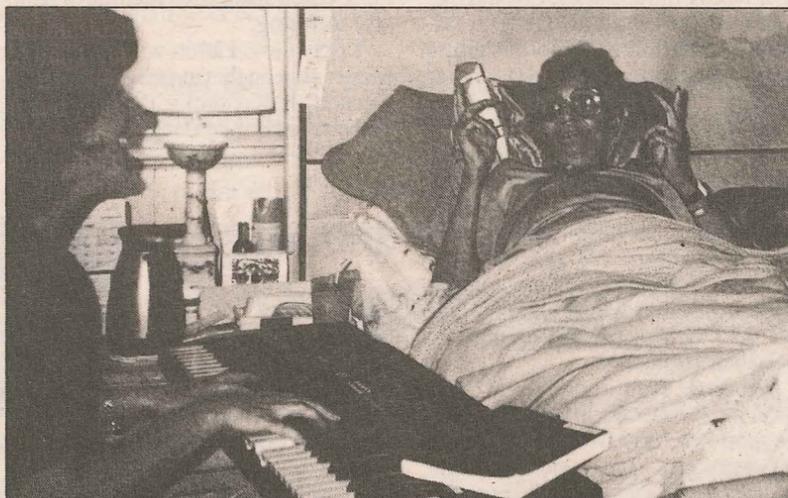
"A sacred experience could involve a song off the radio that you wouldn't play in church," she said. "But you could have a sacred experience listening to it, depending on the context."

MusiCare also has the power to soothe patients, she said. Berger emphasizes music's "three Ds," a reference to its ability to distract, divert or direct pain.

Music also helps patients and their families deal with loss, she said, such as:

■ The former professional dancer who listens while he "dances" with his arms.

■ A cancer patient who lost her voice, but used various songs to communicate her experiences about dying.



MUSIC MINISTRY Hospice Chaplain Joy Berger uses music therapy to encourage patients to explore their inner emotions and draw closer to God.

■ The blues singer who lost two close family members and expressed his grief by writing 300 tunes.

"A big thing can be funerals," Berger said. "It's very rare I get a call to do music for a funeral, but I work with music for individuals in selecting music. That brought a sense of comfort to one woman."

Berger said it isn't easy working closely with people that have given her a profound sense of blessing because of the ways they have enriched her life.

"It's hard working with people who die, but there's also a profound sense of being with something sacred," she said.

Mattingly agrees that God is using her sickness for good.

"My illness on the whole has taught me things about myself," she said. "A lot of times we don't like to look at ourselves. In subtle ways God has nudged me along listening to music."

"A lot of times you sing hymns from memory, but now I sing them over and over and listen to the words. I think God may be telling me something through the words at that time."

Hospice patient Delores Mattingly

Poll finds changed opinion about abortion

LOUISVILLE—A majority of Kentuckians support restrictions on abortion, according to a recent statewide poll.

A bill that would require a 24-hour waiting period for a woman seeking an abortion in Kentucky was supported by 63 percent of people asked, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal's Bluegrass State Poll. Twenty-six percent said

they oppose the bill, and 10 percent were undecided.

The poll also found a significant shift in the percentage of women who said they believe abortion is a matter of personal choice.

An October 1995 poll found 53 percent of women supported letting women decide whether to have an abortion.

In the latest poll, earlier this

month, that figure had fallen to 40 percent, the paper reported.

Differences were found between rural and urban responses. Fifty-eight percent of those polled from urban counties said a woman should have the right to decide whether to have an abortion; 56 percent of rural respondents said state laws should be changed to make it harder to obtain abortions.

Campbellsville church helps with youth revival

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At the end of two nights of services, led by a mission team from Lyman, S.C., participants broke into small groups and heard another gospel presentation.

Rusty Watkins, youth pastor at Elk Horn, said his group was excited to learn it had played an important role in the event.

"It's like I told them, that what they did may have eternal significance," he said. "We may have made a difference in the life of a young person who got the flier. It encourages them to want to do it again," he said.

The churches forged a relationship last summer when Elk Horn visited the central Vermont long day community to stage a week-long camp.

The slate of crafts, games and singing drew 125 people and turned into a series of evening services. Two people were baptized that week.

Ironically, right after Watkins said he felt it was time for his teens to take a mission trip the pastor's wife brought a letter from the association about needs in New England.

Watkins intended to organize a youth mission trip, but it became a family event. Twenty-five adults and 26 children under 18 made the 27-hour drive to Washington, Vt.

Besides the baptisms, an outdoor youth service one night helped stimulate interest in church among Washington's teens, Watkins said.

Their presence established relationships with several young teens. Watkins said four boys who stopped by became such good friends with their youth at night he had to tell them it was time to go home.

The next Sunday those boys were sitting on the pastor's porch listening to the service, he said, and the next weekend they took a seat on the front pew. A couple of them were among

eight saved at a youth revival in the fall.

Dorsett, who has been pastor at Washington Baptist for four years, said mission teams have played a vital role in the church tripling in size since 1994.

Most of more than 50 visiting teams have come from South Carolina, he said, adding he expects more Kentucky teams because of the new partnership with the Bluegrass State.

In addition to Elk Horn, a group from West Corbin Baptist Church led Washington Baptist's vacation Bible school last summer.

Although Elk Horn won't visit Vermont this summer, pastors from both churches stay in touch through e-mail. Watkins said he hopes Elk Horn will return some day.

"We like to stay in contact with them," he said, "and let them know we care even though we can't be there."

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Georgetown library named.** A portion of the new Ensor Learning Resource Center at Georgetown College will be named the Mills/Porter Library, to honor Robert Mills, Georgetown's president from 1959-1978, and Ira Porter, a 1920 alumnus and trustee for more than 50 years.

■ **Douglas Hays retiring.** Douglas Hays announced last week that he will retire from the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board staff May 31. Hays has served at the KBC 31 years. Since 1967 he has worked in the accounting and computer service areas.

■ **Mega Worship focuses on persecution.** Southern Baptist missionary Ken Perkins will be the keynote speaker for a Mega Worship service for youth March 28 at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville. Mega Worship is an interdenominational youth ministry in the metropolitan Louisville area that attracts hundreds of teens to its monthly contemporary worship services at various locations. Music will be provided by the band Alton Weaver. The service is from 7-9 p.m., with a fellowship planned for 9-11 p.m. For details, call (502) 637-7221.

■ **Lectures offered.** Clear Creek Baptist Bible College will host its annual Lacy-Lykins Lectures March 25-26. The featured speaker will be Timothy Clinton, a Christian counselor with the American Association of Christian Counselors and an editorial consultant with Christian Counseling Today magazine. The public is invited to the sessions, which will start at 10 a.m. March 25 and 10 a.m. March 26.

■ **Cumberland names presidential assistant.** Robin Oldham recently was named assistant to the president of Cumberland College. Oldham previously has served at Baptist Healthcare Foundation, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Georgetown College.

■ **Global ethics proponent to speak.** Rushworth Kidder, president of the Institute for Global Ethics, will deliver the principal address for Georgetown College's ethical emphasis week, March 30-April 3. His address "Global Ethics for the New Millennium," will be March 31 at 11 a.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the public.

■ **Correction:** The wrong phone number was listed for information from Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children about adoption of children with special needs. The correct number is (502) 568-9115.

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all delivered to the
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Abortion wait

As director of the Pregnancy Center of Northern Kentucky, I would like to address the bill in the General Assembly requiring a 24-hour waiting period for abortions. Gov. Patton has stated he will veto the bill if it comes to his desk.

At our center, we give free pregnancy tests to girls and women who need them, as well as accurate information about abortion, with alternatives to abortion. We also help the girls with counseling and any material needs they may have for themselves and their babies (if they choose to keep their babies).

We have seen hundreds of girls since we've opened just a few years ago, and I can say without exception that every girl I have counseled that had an abortion in the past regretted her decision. It never matters what her circumstances were, or why she had the abortion. No matter how sure she was that she was doing the right thing, after the fact she knew it was a mistake—too late.

I can't tell you the number of times women have said to me: "If someone had only told me this beforehand ... my baby would be alive today ... I would be able to live with myself ... I wouldn't be having these nightmares ... I wouldn't hear babies crying at night ... I wouldn't be having these health problems, miscarriages ..." the list could go on and on.

A woman can't make a good decision if she doesn't have all of the facts. She has no choice if she isn't given any other options. If she doesn't know what the abortion could do to her (and the baby) both physically and emo-

tionally, she is not making an informed decision, and that is no real choice. Waiting 24 hours, with all the facts, could spare her a lifetime of pain and suffering.

I pray Gov. Patton will reconsider his position on this matter and give the women of Kentucky the ability to make an informed choice.

*Patty Haubner
Florence*

SBC and Israel

Talk with anyone who keeps up with events in the "Middle East" (a term invented by the British) and they will tell you hope for a settlement between Israel and the PLO died sometime ago.

When Southern Baptist leaders, led by Morris Chapman, president of the powerful SBC Executive Committee, and right-wing political activist Jerry Falwell gathered in Washington Jan. 19 to pledge their support for the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, another nail was driven into the coffin of the Middle East peace talks (Jan. 27, page 2). However, what the article failed to report was that Netanyahu requested this meeting.

Netanyahu knows the Southern Baptist leadership, along with Falwell and his followers, give blind support to his Likud Party and its claim to Palestinian land. In fact, Netanyahu, who was educated at MIT and knows the U.S. domestic political scene, has no doubt that he and his Likud government will find more support among

the SBC leadership and persons like Falwell, than he will among the U.S. Jewish community.

There are many other questions left unanswered about this meeting:

■ Who financed this meeting? Were any Cooperative Program funds used?

■ If, as Chapman says, most Southern Baptists support Israel, do any Cooperative Program funds go to the Israeli government?

The situation that exists today between the Israeli government and the Palestinian people is one of power inequalities of epic proportions. For example, Israel controls three-fourths of the water supply on the West Bank, charging the Palestinian people enormous prices for its use.

This impedes Palestinian development and places the Palestinian people in an unfair and unjust situation.

What Morris Chapman, SBC leaders and Falwell could have done was to remind Netanyahu that this year, 1998, is the year to proclaim jubilee (Leviticus 25:8-17). Jubilee, in Hebrew history, was when liberty was proclaimed for all in the land, property was to be returned and no one was to be wronged.

*Lonnie and Fran Turner
Brussels, Belgium*

Money motives

I am responding to the article about Dean Hoge's book on people financially supporting the local church and why they give (March 17, page 1).

Can a society survive when its children don't?

By Tom Ehrich

If a society can be judged by how it cares for children, then we have some grim reckoning ahead.

Children are being warehoused. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are being raised in large groups, by poorly paid strangers, in colorful but sterile facilities where they learn to follow rules and get along without laps and kisses.

At age 5, children enter the pandemonium of public schools, where frustrated (and poorly paid) teachers reward compliance and plod through curricula chosen by politicians, where testing matters more than tutoring, where down-time is spent watching television, rather than reading, and children move obediently through a 10-hour day.

Hovering outside the playground are the predators: tobacco companies hawking addiction, cosmetic and clothing companies exploiting teenagers' insecurity, record companies luring unwary children into "clubs," and Internet sites promising fun in exchange for addresses and credit card numbers.

And those are just the legal predators. Add the drug dealers, alcohol sellers and sex merchants, whom our government rarely finds the energy to pursue.

Children's play time is structured into activities suiting parents' schedules, and kids who would rather just

toss a ball around end up in shiny uniforms performing for parents.

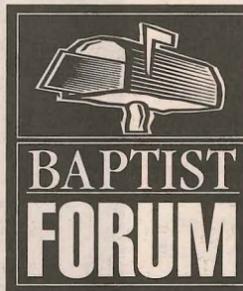
How did we get this way? Not happily, it seems to me. Few parents want to hand babies over to day-care centers. Single-parenting wasn't the plan on wedding day. Teenagers don't chase sexual adventure in order to produce babies. I never hear parents say, "Gosh, we love working non-stop and seeing our kids on weekends."

There's no specific "bad guy" in this drama. Just us. We have backed into this frightening social experiment, partly out of what we consider economic necessity, and we feel guilty about it.

But the questions remain: Can a society survive when its children don't acquire basic academic skills or love of learning, and nurturing is sporadic?

What happens when we view children as a market, not a treasure, and parents spend long hours designing products for children, rather than caring for children? What happens when children no longer gaze dreamily at clouds but spend their few minutes of free time wondering what product to buy next?

We try to buy healthy childhoods for our children. We move to expensive neighborhoods requiring two incomes to afford; we support glossy clubs and YMCAs; we give our children free rein in Toys 'R Us; we buy designer clothes for kids who would rather roll in mud.



Hoge listed four motivations for why some people give, and while stating that the church shouldn't necessarily support and endorse these motivations, he recognized that we should recognize it and use them to glean more from the member.

Does the end always justify the means? I remember a pastor once telling me that if the church needs funds, you must obtain those funds however you can. His logic was since the church, which was God's house, needs money to do God's work, what does it matter how it is obtained, even if people are giving for the right reasons or not?

This has always bothered me both ethically and morally. Is it possible to do a right thing in a wrong way? Jesus, in Mark 14, commended the elderly woman for giving her two mites because she gave out of her love and faith in God's provisions. Yet Jesus never commended nor applauded the others who were giving, though they were giving more (a right thing), but out of a wrong motivation.

If a person gives a \$1,000 to the church, but does it just to get something good from God, should that person be commended? If I commend him, his heart will never change to give for the right reasons. Though the church has been profited by his giving, as a pastor I am obligated to teach that there are right reasons to give and wrong reasons.

This I will do even at the expense of losing money, because it is the right thing to do. Money is not the be-all, end-all of spirituality. It is a part of a much larger picture.

*Adam Seymour
Louisville*

Quotes about the Bible from famous people

■ Horace Greeley: "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people."

■ Abraham Lincoln: "This great book is the best gift God has given to man. ... But for it we could not know right from wrong."

■ Mark Twain: "Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand."

■ Charles Dickens: "The New Testament is the best book the world has ever known or will know."

■ Patrick Henry: "The Bible is worth all other books that have ever been written."

Source: "The Christian Book of Lists," by Randy Petersen, published by Tyndale House

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HE SAID/SHE SAID

Sometimes devilish questions turn into teachable moments

SHE SAID



Alison Wingfield

You can never anticipate every question a 5-year-old sends your way. The other day, Garrett threw me a curve ball for which I was totally unprepared.

We hadn't even driven off the school grounds before he opened up: "Mommy, Woody said that Amber said that there really is a devil and that he lives underground and that you have to say a spell to get him to go away."

Great. I knew I had to choose my words very carefully from here on out.

My children get scared easily, and I didn't want them to start having nightmares and worrying about Satan.

I told them that yes there is a devil that we call Satan and that he is real. And that just as God is good, so Satan is evil. But that the rest of what his classmates told him wasn't true. (Of course, my speech did not sound nearly as coherent as I was trying to run the car-rider 500 and get out of the parking lot.)

As always, I brought them back to God and Jesus and the fact that they are more powerful than Satan.

Now my children are convinced that Duke University lost to Kentucky because Duke is called the Blue Devils, and therefore they must be evil. (Many Wildcat fans would probably agree with them.)

Naturally, this wasn't the end of the conversation. We have had many about this subject. In one such discussion, Garrett started crying and saying he was scared of the devil. I reassured him that God loves him and watches over him and told him that anytime he was scared, he could call to God for help.

Luke provided the levity by asking, "Is God's number 911?"

I told him we could reach God even faster, just by praying, "Help!"

Unfortunately, sometimes we only call on God in the 911-times of life and forget that we have a dedicated life-line to him that's always open—if we'll just use it.

HESAI



Mark Wingfield

There actually may be a good side to this devilish discussion our children have begun. In fact, it may turn out to be a teachable moment.

The thing that baffles me is how our boys—and millions of other kids like them—can play super heroes and villains for hours on end and then suddenly worry about the devil. The things they have Mr. Freeze and other villains doing in their play is certainly devil-like fare.

But somehow, in their minds, they're able to clearly separate that from the reality-based fear of the devil. And that's good.

I recall when I was about the age of our boys, some neighbor children—the Hermans from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" if ever I've met them—tried to scare me by talking about the devil. They told me the devil lived under the ground and if I didn't do what they wanted he was going to come up and make a devil's food sandwich out of me.

Of course, I ran home scared to death. Like we've been doing with Luke and Garrett, my parents tried to reassure me with the facts. I don't recall whether I stayed scared or not, but it must have worked in the long run.

It's important for kids to know the truth when they're able to handle it—and at whatever level they can process it. Certainly a 5-year-old can have no comprehension of how evil Satan really is. But, then again, if they've got a handle on Mr. Freeze, they may understand more than I think.

Bible study requires we take bad & good

Been shopping for a Bible lately? The choices are overwhelming.

There's the Students' Bible, the Men's Devotional Bible, the Women's Devotional Bible, the Children's Bible, the Bible for Left-handed People; OK, that last one's not real, but it might as well be because the plain old Bible has been segmented for marketing to so many distinct subgroups.

Sorta leaves you scratching your head in wonder.

But across my desk recently came the icing on the Bible-marketing cake. It's called "The Positive Bible." And yes, it's exactly what you think.

This is the take-no-offense, feel-good-all-the-time, happy-talking Bible you've dreamed of. All the negative stuff has been left out.

It doesn't take much space to highlight all the positive verses in some books of the Bible. The Book of Judges has gone from 21 chapters in the real Bible to one pithy snippet in "The Positive Bible."

While it's easy to poke fun at "The Positive Bible," I'm sure its compiler had a good motive. Yet this cut-out-the-negatives Bible appears as a sign of our times.

Our society has grown so accustomed to customization and to having it our way that it's no wonder we're being sold an as-you-like-it Bible. While we may laugh at it, all of us in our heart of hearts know we'd like to excise certain verses from the Bible. There are plenty of tough-to-keep commands contained in the Good Book that I'd like to label bad.

Few of us may have the audacity to publish a Bible with those troublesome parts removed, but most all of us are willing to leave them in while ignoring what they say.

These days, it seems every special interest group—both within the church and without—has a

spin to place on God's word. We scurry to dig out the verses that suit our cause while failing to unearth anything that might require changing our attitudes or actions. Denominational leaders do it; pastors do it; lay leaders do it; average people do it.

What's wrong with this picture? At least two things for sure.

First, it is not our place to ignore or omit parts of the Bible we don't like. It's somewhat like a contractor building a house while ignoring the parts of the in-

struction manuals he doesn't want to read or disagrees with. In so doing, he builds an inferior product that may not stand the test of time.

We ignore the "whole counsel of God" at our own peril. God has given us his word not to harass us but to help us.

Second, by throwing out parts of the Bible we lose the balance God intended. Life is not all positive. There's no getting around that. Nurture and healing come not only from hearing positive words but also from hearing warnings, admonitions and even negative words.

Of course, the flip-side must be noted too: Life is not all negative. Some Christians love to recite the "thou shall nots" more than anything else, and that shows a lack of balance as well.

One of the best ways to maintain balance and proper perspective in life is to read the whole Bible systematically, or to at least read the Bible in larger chunks sometimes rather than just picking a verse here and a verse there. It's important to see the Bible's message in context.

But in the end, even reading the whole Bible isn't enough. As the writer of James reminded us, we must be doers of the word and not hearers only.

—Mark Wingfield

Why are you sleeping?

By Bill Messer

When he arose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation" (Luke 22:45-46).

When I read about the death of our Lord, I feel sympathy for the disciples. They have lost sleep. They have seen their hopes and dreams shattered. Indeed, they are "exhausted."

From this angle, the question "Why are you sleeping?" might appear harsh. After all, both body and spirit need rest. Sleep is a part of the rhythm of living. There is a time and place for it.

On the other hand, that day was not the right time for a nap. Jesus is facing death on a cross. The most important event in the history of humankind is about to happen. Tomorrow, the disciples will have an opportunity to

sleep. This moment, this opportunity to be with the Lord comes only once in a lifetime. This is a molten moment. When the disciples miss it, they miss it for all eternity.

Some opportunities do not come to any of us but once. If we forfeit them, they are lost forever.

In Julius Caesar, Brutus captures this truth when he says: "There is a tide in the affairs of men/Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune/Omitted, all the voyage of their life/is bound in shallows, and in miseries/On such a full sea are we now afloat/And we must take the current when it serves/Or lose our ventures." (Julius Caesar Act IV Scene III)

What an opportunity to share in the agony of our Lord as he faced the end of his life. Jesus needed the physical presence, the human companionship of his disciples. The disciples blew this chance to minister to their Lord.

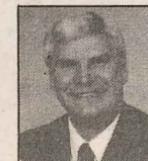
What a privilege to learn from

Christ as he faced the darkest moment in his life. How to handle the disappointments of life, the betrayal of friends and the final enemy—death—are valuable truths. The disciples slept while these lessons were being taught. The privilege to learn these lessons never came again.

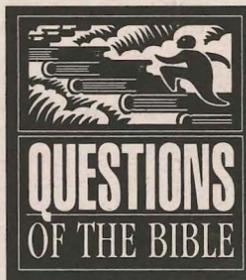
When our children were small, Sharon and I took our vacations near the beach. We built sand castles, threw frisbees or tossed footballs. We played for hours. At last, somebody mentioned food.

Suddenly everybody agreed that we needed to go eat lunch. But we planned to resume our "play" as soon as we returned. However, after our break, we had lost our enthusiasm for play. We could never recover the "fun" that we had enjoyed before lunch. Our family "moment" came, then passed.

Some moments come only once. They must be "taken at the flood" or they are lost forever. Slept through any lessons lately?



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RESOURCES



This week's questions:

- Does it really make a difference for a married couple to believe in God?
- How can I help my child worship?

Q. Do you really think it makes a difference for a married couple to believe in God?

A. In my estimation, faith in God is the bedrock upon which healthy marriages are built. It is one of the enduring and lasting aspects of marriage. Faith in God provides endurance because our faith helps us access God's strength for our marriages. In a day when couples are bombarded with so many outside and sinister forces, we need the power available to us through Jesus Christ.

After some years of marriage a couple came for counseling. They pointed out to the counselor that their marriage was in trouble and that they would like to rebuild their relationship. The counselor began to question them about the early years of their marriage. The couple confessed that those years were filled with lots of parties and drinking. They had determined to put this lifestyle behind them and discovered their marriage had no solid foundation.

Faith in God is the foundation of an individual's life; it is the bedrock of healthy family relationships. If family members place their faith in God and relate to him and one another with faithfulness they have a tremendous advantage of growing strong and remaining vibrant.

Trust and trustworthiness are aspects of faith and faithfulness. Trust grows as we show ourselves trustworthy over a long period of time and in various circumstances. Our family members notice our faith in God and our faithfulness toward others when we regularly practice these virtues.

We practice faithfulness as we remain true to our marriage vows. When this sacred trust is violated, family members are devastated. Couples who profess faith in Christ and relate in a faithful way toward one another have advantages not known by others. — *John Lepper*

Q. How can I help my child worship?

A. Worshipping with younger children should be seen as a privilege of parenting, rather than as a problem to be endured or passed off on someone else. Children really need to be included in corporate worship as much as possible. They need to see their parents praying, singing, giving and listening to God's word.

Here are some ideas for involving your child in worship in ways that may make the time more meaningful for them and less stressful for you:

■ **Prepare for worship.** Pray for your services and your worship leaders on Saturday night or Sunday

morning at breakfast. Be alert to special features and emphases that will be of special interest to children.

■ **Sit where your child can see and hear.** Young eyes and ears need to be close to the action, so choose your seats accordingly.

■ **Encourage and model participation in worship.** Bring your Bible to worship and remind your child to bring theirs. Help them find and follow Scripture readings and hymns. Make giving a part of your worship. Prepare your offerings in advance and put them in the plate together. Holding a child's hand during prayer and quiet times will help them be more attentive and less restless.

■ **Review.** Talk freely and casually about what happened in worship, and about how you experienced God's presence. Ask your child what he or she enjoyed best. Answer any questions. — *David Garrard*

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Common tax mistakes made by ministers

By Don Spencer



It's tax season again; not a favorite topic for most folks. The complexity of tax laws makes 100 percent compliance difficult. Unique tax laws for ministers add

to this. Below are common tax mistakes made by ministers:

■ **Failure to report housing for Social Security.** The value of a church-provided home is free of income tax for ministers. Utilities paid by the church for the minister are also free of income tax. A minister's housing allowance is also free of income tax as long as it is within allowable limits. However, all housing is to be included when computing self-employment Social Security. This includes the fair rental value of a parsonage. This frequently is "overlooked." When discovered in an audit, it results in additional tax and penalties.

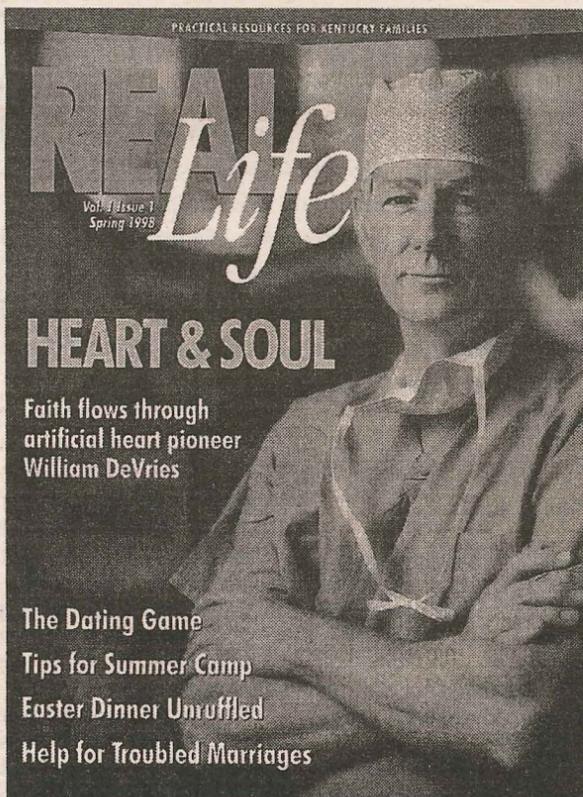
■ **Failure to report income tax as an employee.** While some ministers are considered self-employed for income tax purposes, most Southern Baptist ministers serving in a local church should receive a W-2 form from their church and report that income as an employee. However, for Social Security purposes, the minister is always self-employed.

■ **Failure to report self-employment income.** Ministers who receive "honoraria" for weddings, revivals, etc. must report that on Schedule C as self-employment income.

■ **Using fair rental value only to justify housing.** There continues a misperception that ministers can always claim the fair rental value of their house as a tax-free housing allowance. This is incorrect. The amount must be properly designated by the church (or by the Annuity Board for retired ministers) and the minister must spend that amount on housing. A minister never can claim more for tax-free housing than actual housing expenses.

■ **New ministers opting out of Social Security for financial reasons.** The only legal reason for a minister to opt out of Social Security is conscientious objection on religious grounds to receiving government insurance benefits based on ministerial income. In the past, some ministers opted out for financial reasons. Current tax laws make it very clear this is not a valid reason.

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Speakers: Church must stand against sexual immorality

By Tom Strode & Dwayne Hastings
SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty
Commission

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP)—An American church infiltrated by the culture's declining sexual standards can still make a difference by proclaiming and applying God's word, speakers declared at the annual seminar of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

In several addresses March 2-4 speakers said America's sexual revolution has cost the country greatly. They called on the church to restore crippled individuals and families.

"We have let the world sell us a cheap bill of goods," said Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston, of many in the church who have adopted society's view of sexu-

ality.

Speakers listed a variety of results from distorted views of sex and marriage.

The risks of acquiring a sexually transmitted disease "are enormously more than they ever have been," said sexual health specialist Joe McIlhane.

As evidence, he noted that 12 million Americans get a new sexually transmitted disease infection each year. And half of the 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the United States are sexually transmitted diseases, he added.

National Fatherhood Initiative President Wade Horn said nearly four of 10 children have no father at home.

Only 55 percent of American adults are married—the lowest percentage ever, said newspaper colum-

nist and author Michael McManus. His wife, Harriet, added: "Marriage is a neglected topic in our churches. We talk about weddings. Pastors perform weddings. Yet a wedding is for a day; a marriage is for a lifetime."

South Carolina pastor Hal Lane said, "The biblical church must make the task of affirming the biblical family one of its most important and sacred duties."

While the church should help the family, the government should make sure to not harm the family, South Carolina Gov. David Beasley said.

Beasley said government in recent decades has designed well-intentioned programs that "tore apart" the family.

A seminary professor challenged the leadership of the ERLC and the Southern Baptist Convention to attack the problem of sexual abuse.

The convention's leadership must speak out and act on behalf of women and children, said Paul House, Old Testament professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Let me be blunt," House said. "The SBC must do more to expose pedophiles, urge their prosecution and expose how utterly evil individuals are who rape our children, damage our marriages and foul our culture."

Barrett Duke, director of denominational relations for the ERLC, said Christians "must fight these battles" against the tide of sexual immorality. "I understand that we must love the sinner and give him time to repent, but I also know that while we are being patient the very attitudes and lifestyles that these people are promoting are stealing our children, and it must stop."



Horn: 'Our Father' key to being a good father

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP)—Only by adopting God's example can fatherhood be restored to its rightful place in society, National Fatherhood Initiative President Wade Horn said recently.

The need to restore the fatherhood ideal in America is increasing, Horn told those attending the annual Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission seminar.

Nearly four of 10 children currently have no father at home, and it is estimated that six of 10 children born in the United States in the 1990s "will spend a significant portion of their childhood in a home without their father," Horn said.

The "tragic consequences" of a child growing up without a father include a greater likelihood of living in poverty, participating in crime, committing suicide as a teenager and being sexually promiscuous if a female, he said.

Children "desperately want us to act, but we are running out of time,"

he said.

Men are not left without a good role model, Horn said. "We don't have to write our own fatherhood script. We have a model of what a good father is," he said.

That example, Horn said, is God himself, who models fatherhood through his relationship with Christians, through his relationship with Jesus and through the teachings and actions of Jesus.

"A good father, a biblical father must be love, the embodiment of love for his children," he said. "Such biblical fatherhood combines love with discipline, compassion with justice."

God demonstrated what it means to be a loving father by his interaction with Jesus, Horn said. "When God introduces his Son to others, he does it with great love and affection," he said. "He says, 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased.'"

Jesus continued the model by "constantly reaching out to children," said Horn, who served four years as

the commissioner for Children, Youth and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Bible provides not only the model but the motivation for men to become good fathers, he said. It is "only God who can bring men to their knees seeking repentance and, in doing so, submit their wills voluntarily" to him, Horn said.

Not only must God's model of fatherhood be adopted, but "we're going to have to recapture the institution of marriage" if the fatherhood ideal is to be restored in America, he said.

"We love to get married; we just don't like to stay married," Horn said of Americans. Marriage is not making a comeback, but cohabitation is being used as a substitute, he said.

Christians also have a "moral imperative to reach out to those children who do not have fathers in their lives," Horn said. They can help children without fathers understand there is a heavenly father "who will always be constant and unfailing," he said.

Land: Pornography a 'cancer' eating America

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP)—Pornography is a "cancer" destroying modern society from the inside out, Richard Land told a recent conference of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

"Pornography is Satan's counterfeit and Satan's corruption of God's design for us as sexual beings," ERLC President Land said, describing it as "one of the most powerful weapons in the arsenal of Satan designed to undermine the moral purity of human beings and to encourage lust that would then enslave them."

"If being the salt of the earth means anything, it means burning this cancer out of our nation," Land said earlier this month. "It will not happen unless we make it happen."

"Pornography is in your church, in your family, on your street and maybe in your home," Land warned. "We must let Christ use us as the moral disinfectant—salt—that he called us to be to stop this plague." Failure to do so will cause the nation to continue to be brutalized, and "we will not recognize our country," he said.

Citing 1 Thessalonians 4:13, Land explained "pornography" is derived from the same root word as "fornication," which refers to "sexual behavior which is deviant from God's moral law," and is fed by lust—an intense sexual desire, preoccupied with self-gratification and the basis for the sin of adultery.

God purposely created humans as sexual beings, Land noted. Sexual desire is a powerful motivator for human beings, he added. "It is an enormous power for good or for ill in our world." God intended it for good, but Satan has corrupted God's design, he said.

Churches, Land said, have shied from teaching the full biblical revelation concerning sexuality, contributing to society's susceptibility to pornography.

"We have the 'don'ts' down, but we have failed to adequately understand and adequately share with our young people the Song of Solomon," he said.

Land said God created humans to be sexual beings so that as husband

and wife they may propagate, share mutual pleasure and have spiritual and physical intimacy.

"We need to recover the understanding that in the revelations of God, sex isn't dirty. Sex is holy," he said.

"God uses the relationship between the husband and the wife to describe his relationship with Israel in the Old Testament, and Jesus' relationship with his bride, the church, in the New Testament," he added.

Pornography, an \$8.5 billion industry in the United States, perverts and distorts all God-given purposes for sexual intimacy, Land said.

Pornography teaches people to "disregard the intimacy of knowing another person by encouraging sexual intercourse as a casual relationship," he said. "Sex is viewed as a form of recreation with superficial self-gratification."

Continuing to tolerate pornography, Land concluded, "is like leaving radioactive waste around for our children to find and be fatally contaminated."

Young: Rejection of 'pure sex' at heart of cultural confusion

By Dwayne Hastings
SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP)—Pleas for a return to "traditional family values" are empty cries, Ed Young told a gathering at the annual seminar of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Seeking hope in a value system rooted in the days of Ozzie and Harriet and the Waltons is as wrongheaded as searching for values in what makes a person feel good or gives power, said Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston.

Citing the words at end of the Book of Judges, "And every man did what was right in his own eyes," Young said contemporary culture mirrors the ancient Israelites' refusal to obey God and reject the worldly wiles of Canaan.

The outcome of such "godlessness" will impact all society, Young said. "We will all be splattered by it. Don't think you will be safe in your gated communities or the suburbs or behind the stained glass of our churches."

Young said much of society's problems rests in the area of human sexuality. "We have let the world sell us a cheap bill of goods," he continued, criticizing many in the church for adopting the world's view of sexuality and rejecting God's design of sexuality.

In his recently released book, "Pure Sex," the former Southern Baptist Convention president writes, "The sexuality he created was pure sex—sex that is right and good, meant to be fully enjoyed in its intended framework."

"God's great gift of human sexuality has been perverted because people around the world have not understood the basic biblical perspective of pure sex," Young said.

American culture is sexually confused because "there are not enough single adults who are truly celibate and there are people who are married who are not truly celebrating the most intimate relationship we have in a human sense," Young said.

"There is a clear call in Scripture for us to separate, to withdraw, to come out of the world," Young told conference participants, calling on Christians to forsake the temporal pleasures of worldly sexuality and to embrace God's "pure sex."

Young admitted there is a tension as Christians are called by God to be both separate and to become involved in the world. The challenge, he said, is determining "are we going to be hermits or are we going to be chameleons?"

Many Christians are chameleons, a reptile known for changing its skin tone to match its environment, because "we haven't learned how to make our way swimming upstream against the moral currents of our society," Young said.

Faith suffers when legally entrenched, speakers say

By Larry Chesser
Baptist Joint Committee

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (ABP)—Religious liberty and theology are undermined when any faith becomes legally established or culturally dominant, a Baptist theologian and a prominent Baptist pastor told a recent workshop audience.

Charles Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit and past president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, said some Baptists are no longer committed to "a non-coercive practice of religion."

"We want to enforce our beliefs on others, whether they want to hear it or not, whether they want to pray or not, or whether they believe in the Ten Commandments or not," Adams said.

Adams, speaking at a conference on church-state issues at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, decried the trend as "Christian triumphalism."

"We're told to trust God and keep on winning. Pray and grow rich. Get bigger and better in every day and every way. Let business expand, let fortunes grow, let profits increase, let the church get bigger, let the good

times roll."

Molly Marshall, professor of theology at Central Seminary in Kansas City, Kan., said the principle of religious freedom plays a crucial role in the United States, where legal establishment of Christianity ended in the 18th century and where Christianity's cultural domination wanes near the end of the 20th century.

In parts of the nation, she said, Christianity's cultural domination "is alive and well, perhaps even flourishing."

But when the church is culturally dominant, Marshall said, it becomes a medium for "perpetuating the optimistic ideology of the society," rather than carrying out its vocation.

She said the informal cultural establishment of Christianity is based on a "theology of glory," which "leads persons to stand before God and attempt to justify their church, their government, their economy on the basis of ethical or intellectual achievement."

In contrast, she said, a theology of the cross "recognizes God precisely where God has chosen to hide, in suf-

fering and in all that the wisdom of the world considers to be weakness and folly."

It is not accidental, Marshall said, "that the most successful churches and denominations in the United States are institutions that proclaim simple, positive messages in which there is neither room for dialogue nor doubt."

Seminaries, she said, should be concerned about religious liberty because it is necessary for the prophetic witness of the church and because theological education "is an exercise in forming persons in voluntary faith."

Seminaries also should be concerned about religious liberty to "preserve the opportunity to teach in freedom," she said. "Having to get it right according to the standards of a self-appointed ecclesial body threatens the integrity of the professor-student covenant."

Adams called religious liberty a "proud and distinguishing characteristic of our American constitutional heritage" and a "basic, inalienable human right."

Adams urged participants to beware of "crafty politicians" who make prayer a political issue.

"It is a spiritual issue," he said. "We learned how to pray at home and in church and in church schools. We do not need to go to public school to learn how to pray. Who will teach us how to pray in public school?"

Too often, Adams said, religion gets co-opted for purposes opposite of God's agenda.

"Too much religion and spiritual energy has been co-opted to tighten the bonds of injustice, to harden the yoke of poverty, to lock up and contain the oppressed and to reinforce every prearrangement of unequal opportunity."

Christians should be able to participate in politics without being controlled by political considerations, Adams said.

Adams added that the Bible must be interpreted by the love and truth of Christ.

"Otherwise, it's really not God's word that we are proclaiming," he said. "It is our use of Scriptures as Satan used it in the wilderness, taking a phrase here and there to create an ideology of our own."

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Marriage Savers goes nationwide

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Marriage Savers, an interdenominational Christian mentoring program in which long-married couples offer advice to engaged couples, has announced plans to expand nationwide. "In every church ... there are couples with strong marriages that have never been asked to come alongside a younger couple" for mentoring, Michael McManus, executive director of Marriage Savers, said March 12. So far, churches in 80 cities have instituted the Marriage Savers program. Eleven of those cities have seen their divorce rates fall well below the national average, McManus said. In the other cities, the program has been in place too short a period to measure its impact. Couples who wish to become mentors must first complete 26 hours of training. Engaged couples are tested to determine their compatibility and then meet a minimum of six times with their mentors to work through the results of the testing. Last April, at the White House Summit on Volunteerism in Philadelphia, Marriage Savers was designated as one of 50 "outstanding" examples of voluntary action. In addition to heading Marriage Savers, McManus writes an "Ethics and Religion" column syndicated by The New York Times.

Lawyers: Taking churches to court no longer taboo

By Kenny Byrd
Baptist Joint Committee

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (ABP)—Taking a church to court is no longer a socially unacceptable action, a legal advisor to Baptists told a recent church-state conference.

"Churches have to acknowledge that they no longer enjoy a privileged position in society," said Rick Bloom, general counsel for the Baptist General Conference, based in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Bloom and two other church lawyers addressed the "Pitfalls to Avoid as Seen from the Pulpit" conference sponsored March 2-3 by Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan.; the Baptist Joint Committee, a Washington-based religious-liberty group; and the Religious Liberty Council, a membership auxiliary of the BJC.

For many years, Bloom said, churches were protected from lawsuits because of a legal doctrine known as "charitable immunity," as well as the First Amendment and the fact that it was not socially acceptable to sue a church.

Now, he warned, churches are "on an equal playing field with other organizations and therefore it's very important for churches to practice good risk management."

Lawsuits involving such issues as sexual misconduct, personal injury, employment discrimination and harassment and wrongful termination have accelerated in recent decades, Bloom said.

In some cases, particularly those involving sexual misconduct by a church staff member or volunteer, a lawsuit can leave a church bankrupt, he added.

And counseling-malpractice suits may surface for pastors who "hold themselves out as professional counselors," he added. "In those instances, they can be held to the same standards as other professional counselors. And if they don't meet those standards they can be held liable for failing to meet those standards."

Bloom outlined three steps church officials should take:

- **Recognize there are risks.** Churches also should talk to other churches with similar ministries and consider how they are approaching similar risks.

- **Eliminate or lower the risk.** Risk-prone ministries may be eliminated, but in a lot of cases that will be impossible, he said. Churches probably don't want to eliminate their ministries to children, although there always will be risks associated with children, he noted.

Churches should screen workers before letting them work with children and should have policies that require two adults to always be present with children, he said.

- **Know what kind of insurance the church has and needs.** Church

insurance policies should match ministries that the church performs, he said.

One member of the legal panel addressed the thorny issue of political involvement and church tax status.

"Contrary to the position that I hear sometimes presented by various individuals who claim that there is a bias against evangelical Christians in our

political process, the political process is open to all individuals of all religious faiths or of no religious faith in our system," said Bart Tichenor, hearing officer for the State Tax Commission of Missouri.

"However, church members and church staff may bring their local church's tax-exempt status into question if they attempt to use their membership position or staff position as a basis for political activity or lobbying which somehow represents that such activities are being done on behalf of the local church," he cautioned.

Tichenor said churches should consider "what in fact is permissible or lawful so that the tax-exempt status of the church is not put in jeopardy and ... what in fact is profitable or beneficial to the church in its ministry."

Tichenor said it is lawful for a church or religious organization associated with a church to be involved in lobbying for or against the passage of individual legislative and ballot initiatives as long as its activities were less than 5 percent to 15 percent of the total activities or funds of the church.

"Campaigning for or against a candidate for public office by a church is prohibited," he said.

"Political activities such as educating voters, educating candidates, sharing of voting records, sharing of candidate questionnaires, the conducting of nonpartisan voter registration, the conducting of get-out-the-vote drives and candidate debates and forums are permissible activities when conducted within the guidelines that have been established by the IRS," he added.

Tichenor said churches are prohibited from:

- Issuing statements of endorsement or opposition on candidates.

- Providing financial or in-kind support in election campaigns.

- Giving away mailing lists for political purposes.

- Sponsoring political-action committees.

- Distributing partisan campaign literature.

Tichenor warned that even if an activity may be permissible, it may not be an appropriate activity from the church's perspective.

"The first love of the church was not and should not be political activity," he said. "If we turn to the power of government to share our faith, then are we not attempting to place the burden of carrying out the Great Commission on the shoulders of the government instead of the church?"

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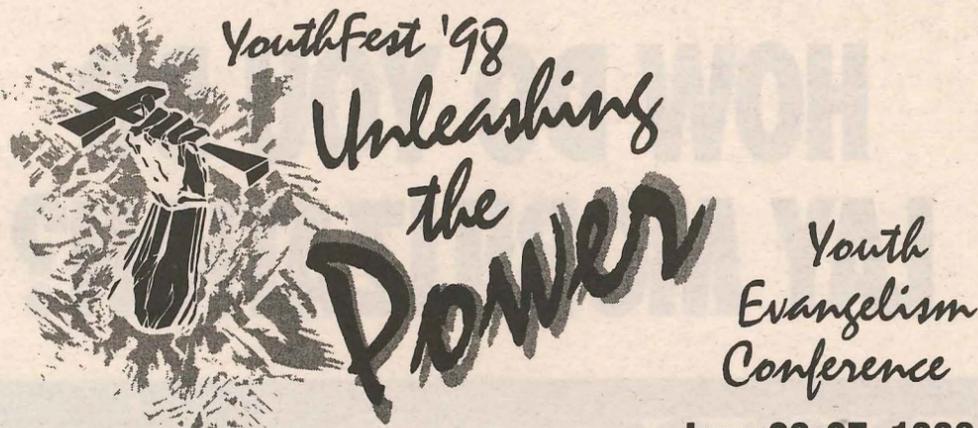
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Kentucky help sought for starving North Koreans

By Marty Croll
 SBC International Mission Board

PYONGYANG, North Korea—North Korean government officials are hoping Southern Baptists can provide up to 4 million pounds of emergency food relief this spring.

Baptists in Kentucky and around the country are being asked to donate food in an effort to collect 3.25 million pounds by late April.

Southern Baptist world hunger funds will buy 750,000 pounds of food at a cost of \$600,000. The other 3.25 million pounds must come from churches, Woman's Missionary Union and Baptist Men groups, Sunday school classes and members at large, said Bill Cashion, a Southern Baptist human needs consultant.

Kentucky Baptist associations are being asked to collect food and send it to a regional pick-up site, said Larry Koch, associate director for Kentucky Brotherhood.

In a March 10 mailing to directors of missions and WMU and Baptist Men chapters, leaders of the International and North American mission boards and WMU urgently appealed for people to buy and pack food for North Korea.

The United Nations food agency said in mid-March it expects the country's grain stocks will be nearly depleted by the time Southern Baptist relief arrives. "There are mounting concerns at increased food shortages and malnutrition developing in vulnerable groups as the lean season approaches," said a published report from the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Devastating floods in 1995 and

1996 swept away topsoil. A drought in 1997 further damaged the land and economy. Crop yields from the nation's most fertile areas have been drastically reduced.

Southern Baptists sent North Korea 1.5 million tons of food in 1996. This past Christmas, they shipped almost 1 million winter coats for hunger-weakened children facing a bitter cold winter. During delivery of the coats, a delegation to North Korea agreed to communicate to Southern Baptists the need for a massive food shipment.

The food relief is scheduled to leave New Orleans April 29 on board the ship *Evangeline*, which is operated by Feed the Hungry, a Christian relief organization. Food cartons will be labeled to say contents are a love gift from Southern Baptists.

Project leaders are asking Southern Baptists to prepare boxes of dry food including beans, corn meal, flour, spaghetti noodles, rice and powdered milk. Each box, including the carton itself, costs about \$42, depending on where the food is bought.

Kentucky Baptists interested in participating in the food drive should contact their local Baptist association's director of missions or Kentucky Brotherhood in Louisville, (502) 244-6489, or toll-free statewide at (888) 254-5720.

Food collected by associations will be taken to regional collection points April 15, Koch said.

People unable to prepare boxes but wanting to either pay for food or help underwrite shipping costs can send contributions to Southern Baptist World Relief, Office of Finance, Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230.

Leaders seek to maximize world missions conferences

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Baptist missionaries in Spain for 33 years. He has spoken in more than 40 World Missions Conferences. This month, he is directing Long Run Baptist Association's conference.

In fact, generally people have a more mature understanding of missions than they used to, McNeely said.

"Years ago it was a romantic dream of going off to Africa and China," he said. "Today, missions is everywhere. They know mission work here (in the local area) is just as important."

Churches must capitalize on that interest and develop creative ways to use the missionaries more effectively, said Kenny Rains. Rains coordinates World Missions Conferences for NAMB.

A change of venue for weeknight meetings and a broadening of focus may be in order, he said.

Instead of weeknight meetings down at the church, try meeting in homes, he suggested. Or focus on specific age groups rather than trying to reach the entire church. Or plan special events such as a missions fair to draw people in.

Windus agreed.

While she assured her audience that Tuesday evening she was just as happy to speak to seven as 500, she knew they would have been more comfortable had they met in a home. Plus, "they could have invited in neighbors," she said.

Or, she said, they could have asked her to speak during the day in a local school or civic club. Or they could have had a backyard children's missions fair and invited neighborhood children.

And why not capitalize on the younger generation's interest in personalizing missions by providing tangible local mission projects during and after the conference, Rains suggested.

Windus agreed.

For example, in areas with migrant workers, promote involvement in migrant ministry along with the work of the guest missionary, she said.

Or in communities with international students and business personnel, promote ministry to them, she said.

The key, Windus said, is to tie the conference to something that is a "heartfelt need" for participants.

Ministries go to bat for Promise Keepers

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS)—Prominent evangelical ministries such as Campus Crusade for Christ as well as more than 1,000 churches nationwide are pledging to help support Promise Keepers as the men's organization faces a financial crisis.

Bill Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade, said he sent a letter to the 350,000 people on his ministry's mailing list seeking support for Promise Keepers. He also sent a similar letter to about 50,000 pastors.

"I feel that Promise Keepers has made a marvelous contribution to the body of Christ and it's just an expression of gratitude for what they've done and an expression of love," Bright said earlier this month.

On Feb. 18 Promise Keepers announced it would be laying off its entire paid staff of 345 effective March 31 because it had no funds to pay them. The financial crunch came after the ministry decided to no longer charge fees for its conferences and

instead rely solely on donations.

A Promise Keepers spokesman said that in addition to Bright's efforts, two ministries have aired radio programs highlighting the financial difficulties of the men's group.

"He has been a good friend to this ministry ... and we are blessed by his action," said Steve Ruppe, Promise Keepers director of public affairs.

Ruppe said Focus on the Family and FamilyLife highlighted Promise Keepers financial situation on their radio programs in early March. FamilyLife is a Little Rock, Ark.-based ministry of Campus Crusade that focuses on marriage and family issues. Focus on the Family is based in Colorado Springs, Colo., and has a similar emphasis.

"There have been a number of outreaches by a number of Christian ministries," Ruppe said.

In addition to the efforts of several ministries, churches have been pledging to support Promise Keepers since McCartney began alerting its clergy conferences of the group's needs and asking for help.

"We had about 1,500 churches

pledge about \$1,000 a piece on average," as of a week ago, Ruppe said.

McCartney has sought such pledges during clergy conferences since January.

Ruppe said the efforts have yet to change Promise Keepers' plans for layoffs. "At this point, there have been no announced changes in our plan," he said. "It's still early."

Bright added that he viewed his ministry's effort as a biblical one.

"There's a law of God—as you give, you receive and as you help our brothers you please our Lord," he said.

But the letter is unusual because Campus Crusade's staff is not paid by the ministry. Each worker is supported by individual donors. In addition, Campus Crusade does not generally seek financial assistance for its staff or other ministries.

"We don't normally write letters to our mailing list because our mailing list is very sacred to us," Bright said.

He is very grateful that he would personally help any Campus Crusade staff member raise needed funds if he or she was adversely affected by the letter for Promise Keepers.

Dobson satisfied with Republicans for now

WASHINGTON (RNS)—James Dobson, Focus on the Family's president who has sought to prod congressional Republicans into adhering to his morality-based agenda, has received assurances from GOP leaders that they will seek to follow his lead.

The popular religious broadcaster met March 19 in Washington with House Majority Leader Dick Armey and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay. They told Dobson they would push Republican lawmakers to pay

more attention to such issues as abortion and religious persecution, a Dobson spokesman said.

Dobson also was reassured by a recent Arney memo sent to fellow Republicans stating "values and morality will be the dominant issues of the (campaigns) in 1998 and 2000."

Dobson also met with 25 conservative House Republicans while in Washington.

Dobson has threatened to take leave from Focus on the Family, so as not to threaten its tax-exempt status,

and engage in more direct conservative political action. He has charged Republicans with abandoning the morality concerns of religious conservatives whose votes contributed mightily to the GOP's current edge in Congress.

The Associated Press reported that Dobson was set to unleash more media criticism of Republican lawmakers while in Washington, but canceled planned interviews after receiving the assurances from Arney and DeLay, both from Texas.

Evangelical group of 'old grey heads' faces uncertain future

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. (RNS)—In a telling moment at the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, men attending the meeting twice rose to inform the gathering that people nominated for office had died.

And at one panel discussion during the three-day meeting earlier this month, participants jokingly referred to themselves as "old gray heads," while a 46-year-old first-time attendee remarked, "There are very few people here younger than me."

The aging of both members and donors of the NAE—the prestigious umbrella group of the nation's evangelical Christians—has become a serious challenge to the group, raising questions about the future of the organization founded in the 1940s by such prominent evangelicals as Harold Ockenga and J. Elwin Wright.

Beyond an aging constituency, the NAE is also beset with the issue of how to include more minorities and women in its life and work, and with an abrupt change in leadership.

Don Argue, the first Pentecostal leader to run the NAE, whose tenure was marked by some of the highest

public visibility the group has seen in years, has resigned and will soon return to the field of higher education. NAE officials announced at the conclusion of the meeting they hope to replace Argue at or before their next annual meeting.

In the interim, NAE vice president David Melvin, who works out of NAE offices in Carol Stream, Ill., will assume the role of director of operations.

Argue, quoted often as saying the organization was "too old, too white and too male," offered another challenge as he bid farewell to his NAE presidency.

"For 56 years, NAE has been a voice for American evangelicalism," Argue told the group. "Established as a rational, biblical response to theological liberalism and fundamentalism, NAE has won a crusade that has brought about significant results. The challenge NAE now faces is that the paradigms have changed."

For example, he said, the average age of NAE's direct-mail donors is now over 70. "It is my evaluation that if NAE moves into the new millennium as a crusade or a parachurch ministry, the days will be difficult," he said. "But a new paradigm can emerge where NAE serves as a network and a data resource for all evangelical

ministries and people."

NAE's current membership includes 49 denominations—ranging from the Assemblies of God in the Pentecostal tradition to the ethnically Dutch-rooted Christian Reformed Church in North America, in the Reformed tradition of John Calvin—as well as congregations from 27 other denominations and a plethora of "parachurch" ministries, such as Campus Crusade for Christ and the International Bible Society.

Its meetings, however, are mostly male, mostly white, and the younger leaders of the evangelical movement's megachurches are rarely seen.

Don Duff, NAE's new treasurer, said officials will be meeting with denominational representatives in the fall to discuss how the group can better meet the needs of younger people.

"We have to find out what they need," he said.

Ed Gray, an individual member of NAE and director emeritus of Waterfront Rescue Mission in Pensacola, Fla., commented between sessions on the generational challenge the NAE faces. "We have not transitioned in the younger generation to this movement," said Gray, 69. "This generation's about over."

His baby-boomer children now run

Magazine survey: Half of U.S. pastors say they work too hard

CAROL STREAM, Ill. (RNS)—A magazine survey of pastors finds that almost half say they work too hard, on average 55 hours per week.

The survey of about 600 respondents was conducted by Christianity Today Inc., and will be published in the spring issue of its Leadership magazine.

Less than a fifth of the pastors blamed their heavy workload on unreasonable expectations from members while 68 percent agreed a key reason for their overworking was "I expect too much of myself."

In other reasons cited—which were not mutually exclusive—51 percent said "I love what I do so much I don't always know when to stop" and 40 percent acknowledged "I find it hard to say 'no.'"

The survey showed that senior pastors and pastors who are the sole leaders of congregations spend about the same amount of time preparing for sermons—11 hours each week. But the survey found senior pastors spend two hours more per week leading services and meetings while pastors working without other clergy spend an hour more each week in pastoral care.

Although close to two-thirds of those surveyed said they occasionally dream of having an 8-to-5, Monday-through-Friday job, most are still satisfied with their work.

More than 80 percent of pastors say they are satisfied with their current workload and 91 percent said they are satisfied with the type of work they do.

Researchers had 62 of the pastors who took part in the original study keep track of their actual work hours for one week. They found that the pastors accurately recalled how long they had worked but not how they worked. For example, pastors estimated they spent 14 hours a week doing administrative work, including leading meetings and worship, when they actually spent close to 25 hours doing those tasks. On the other hand, pastors thought they spent six hours in prayer and devotional time, but only spent 4 1/2 hours.

Leadership, whose spring edition will be published April 8, is a quarterly journal for pastors and other church leaders.

"We have not transitioned in the younger generation to this movement."
Ed Gray, 69, a member of the National Association of Evangelicals

Can evangelical historian and liberal Harvard mix?



Noll admitted he has his work cut out for him.

By Holly Lebowitz
Religion News Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—There's David and Goliath and there's Daniel in the lion's den. And there's evangelical historian Mark Noll, striding through the liberal pasture of Harvard Yard, the university that gave the nation Unitarianism and whose divinity school is virtually synonymous with liberal religion.

But Noll—evangelical, Presbyterian, historian—is a Christian following his calling and that calling has brought him to Harvard where he is the inaugural holder of an newly endowed professorship in evangelical theological studies, a subject from which the university has historically shied away.

Although instruction in evangelical studies might seem to be an expected part of any theological curriculum, it is a bold addition for Harvard, which has been associated with liberal religion since its founding.

After all, it was at Harvard in 1838 that transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson gave his famous "Divinity School Address," in which he dismissed traditional Christian concep-

tions of God and humanity and became what historian Sydney Ahlstrom called America's first "death-of-God" theologian.

But Ronald Thiemann, dean of the divinity school, while acknowledging the evangelical presence has been downplayed at Harvard, also insisted Harvard Divinity School graduates comprise a higher percentage of professors at evangelical seminaries than any other university divinity school in the country.

"There is a strong (evangelical) tradition here, but it has not been lifted up symbolically," Thiemann said.

During his visiting professorship, Noll will teach two courses—a general lecture course, "Understanding Evangelical Christianity," and a seminar course, "Origins of Evangelicalism." Afterwards, he will return to Wheaton College, near Chicago, where he is a professor of history and Christian thought.

Noll admitted he has his work cut out for him at Harvard.

"It has been some years since Harvard made explicit room for an evangelical voice as provided by the McDonald Family Chair," he said. Indeed, perhaps centuries, he said, de-

scribing what he called a "well-publicized spat" in the 1740s between prominent American evangelist George Whitefield and the professors at Harvard College. The Harvard professors attacked Whitefield, the father of the revival known as the First Great Awakening, for publishing a pamphlet accusing Harvard of being in spiritual "darkness."

Today, Noll sees his position at Harvard as a way to present evangelical Christian history as a valuable intellectual and spiritual framework through which political and moral issues can be conceived.

"Here, as I take it, the assignment is to teach about, as well as provide encouragement in, (evangelical Christianity)," said Noll in his inaugural address.

Scholars and colleagues say Noll's greatest contribution is his ability to combine his faith with his vocation while remaining critical, a task that at times has been historically difficult for evangelical Christians with a penchant for history based on unquestioning biblical literalism.

"He has tried to take a critical reflective view of history as a Christian," said James Skillen, executive

director of the Center for Public Justice, an Annapolis-based civic education and policy research organization where Noll serves as an adviser.

Despite the Christian basis for his intellectual pursuits and personal politics, Noll said he is skeptical of political organizations that exhibit what he called "political over-commitment."

"Historically, when Christian movements are co-opted by political movements, they always suffer as Christian movements," said Noll, the author of nine books, including a number on the sensitive subject of religion and American political life.

The Christian values that suffer most in political movements, according to Noll, are values associated with the Christian teaching to "love your enemy."

"When two teams are fighting for control, in the democratic process, you create alliances in order to win, and the winning becomes the most important thing," he said. "And for people of integrity, moral integrity—Christian or anything else—sometimes other things are more important than winning."

"Even your political opponents are made by God," he added.

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Presbyterian proposal fails.** A proposal to ease the sexual standards for pastors, elders and deacons in the Presbyterian Church (USA) has failed, according to unofficial tallies by interest groups. The failed proposal asked ordained clergy, deacons and elders to "demonstrate fidelity and integrity in marriage or singleness, and in all relationships of life." It would have replaced the standard requiring church officers to live "in fidelity within the covenant of marriage ... or chastity in singleness."

■ **Center taking international cases.** The American Center for Law and Justice, a public interest law firm founded by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson in 1990, has expanded to include international cases. "In many countries, the government does not respect the religious beliefs and practices of its citizens, and in some cases, works to stifle and suppress those beliefs," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the ACLJ.

■ **Nativity scene allowed.** The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court decision permitting the city of Syracuse, N.Y., to continue its sponsorship of its annual Nativity scene in a public park. Without comment, the High Court turned away the argument of a self-described atheist that the display amounts to public endorsement of religion. Lower courts had held that because the Nativity is part of a larger holiday display, it does not endorse Christianity.

■ **Graham's autobiography honored.** Billy Graham's popular autobiography "Just As I Am" has been named the 1998 Book of the Year by Christianity Today. The magazine's next top four picks are in order: "The

Outrageous Idea of Christian Scholarship," by George Marsden; "Revive Us Again: The Reawakening of American Fundamentalism," by Joel Carpenter; "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey; and "Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds," by Phillip E. Johnson.

■ **Guide to suicide law printed.** A panel of ethical and medical experts has put together a guidebook aimed at steering doctors and other health care providers through the ethical and bureaucratic maze surrounding Oregon's first-in-the-nation assisted-suicide law. The guidebook promotes "open, thorough and non-judgmental" communication among doctors, patients, families and other care givers at the end of a patient's life.

■ **Anti-Semitic incidents down.** For the third year in a row, anti-Jewish activity continues to decline, the Anti-Defamation League reported. A total of 1,571 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in 43 states and the District of Columbia, a nearly 9 percent decrease from the previous year. The report found that 673 acts of vandalism were reported in 1997, a 14 percent drop from 781 similar incidents in 1996.

■ **Racism alleged in rejection.** The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is embroiled in a race-relations controversy following a decision last fall by a Georgia regional body to reject an African-American candidate for its top post. A national black clergy group in the largely white, mainline denomination issued a statement March 5 calling on the Georgia body to halt its search for a job candidate until its officials have taken anti-racism sensitivity training.

■ **Presbyterians OK communion link.** An unofficial tally of votes by presbyteries—local governing units—of the Presbyterian Church (USA) shows that a sufficient number of them have voted in favor of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to bring the agreement into effect. According to the ELCA, a festival worship service will be held at Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel on Oct. 4 to formally declare the Lutherans, Presbyterians and two other Reformed denominations—the Reformed Church in America and the United Church of Christ—in full communion.

■ **Teen gets 15 years for burning church.** A white teenager was sentenced March 12 to 15 years in prison for burning a rural black church in Alabama during a night of drunken revelry. Alan Odom, 18, was sentenced after he received the first conviction under new federal sentencing guidelines aimed at protecting houses of worship.

■ **Gay minister a nominee as bishop.** An openly gay minister is on the official list of nominees to lead an Episcopal diocese in New Jersey. Gene Robinson, the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of New Hampshire, is among the five candidates nominated to succeed Bishop John Spong of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. Todd Wetzel, executive director of Episcopalians United, a conservative group, said his organization would oppose Robinson.

■ **Florida abortion-ban veto overrode.** Florida lawmakers have passed a ban on "partial-birth" abortion, overriding a veto by Gov. Lawton Chiles. The Florida Senate voted 32-7 for the ban March 11, following the state's House in the first override of a

governor's veto in 12 years. Florida is the 20th state legislature to adopt a ban on the controversial procedure, according to the National Right to Life Committee.

■ **Paper wins award for investigation.** A Florida newspaper has been awarded a journalistic prize for its investigation of an ongoing revival at the Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola. The Pensacola News Journal won the George Polk Award for local reporting. The newspaper's five-day series reported on fraud and corruption surrounding the revival at the church, which has attracted hundreds of thousands from around the nation and world. The revival is continuing, but the church has made some changes in its procedures.

■ **Embattled Baptist pleads innocent.** Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, pleaded innocent March 16 to state charges of grand theft and racketeering. Lyons has been the subject of federal and state investigations since his wife was charged last July with setting a waterfront house on fire that he owned with co-defendant Bernice Edwards. Lyons has denied misusing funds or having an affair with Edwards. The judge set a trial date for Jan. 4, 1999.

■ **Michigan ponders anti-Kevorkian law.** The Michigan House of Representatives has moved a new ban on assisted suicide a step closer to becoming law in the state of Jack Kevorkian. The House approved the measure 66-40 March 12. Because the House version differs slightly, the bill will return to the Senate, which passed it by a 4-1 margin in December, for another vote. Gov. John Engler has committed to sign the legislation.

China delegation claims progress made

By Ira Rifkin
Religion News Service

NEW YORK (RNS)—A delegation of U.S. religious leaders recently returned from China pronounced last week that their much-criticized trip was a success because they raised religious freedom issues directly with Chinese President Jiang Zemin and opened what they hope will be an ongoing dialogue on the contentious subject.

Delegation members insisted that religious persecution in China was well documented and their visit had limited but important goals that might someday lead to greater freedom for believers.

They also said it was unrealistic to expect immediate results, given the entrenched fear among China's communist elite that unrestricted religious expression could undermine that nation's stability.

But at a news conference at which a report on the February visit was released, delegation members said they believe they successfully impressed upon Jiang and other Chinese leaders the importance of religious freedom to Americans and its connection to improved relations with the United States.

"It was the beginning of a process," said Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the New York-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation. "Religion is now on the agenda of the top leaders of China."

Schneier, Donald Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Roman Catholic Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of Newark, N.J., spent three weeks touring China on a trip that grew out of last year's Washington summit between Jiang and President Clinton.

From the onset the trip was criticized by hardline critics of China's controlling attitude toward religious expression. These critics maintain the delegation was used by both China and the White House to make it appear both were addressing the religious freedom issue while in actuality doing little.

Wednesday's report by Argue, McCarrick and Schneier did nothing to blunt the criticism.

"In fact they were manipulated in China by the official propaganda machine and treated to a Potemkin religious tour," said Nina Shea, director of Freedom House's Center for Religious Freedom in Washington.

"Washington also used them to abdicate its responsibility by shifting

the push for human rights to the sphere of citizen diplomacy while it gets on with the business of talking trade with China."

However, Argue, McCarrick and Schneier insisted at their news conference that they had not been pushovers.

"I can assure you that we pressed (our) points very forcefully," said Argue. "We were not wallflowers."

Schneier said the delegation spent more than a month prior to leaving for China meeting with religious and human rights activists in an effort to expand support for the trip.

In their report, the delegation said they pressed Chinese officials to end their insistence that religious groups receive government sanction or face a possible crackdown.

"This really is an intrusion on the part of government on religious freedom," said Schneier.

The delegation's report recommended the White House and the State Department "reinforce the concerns we have raised and continue the dialogues we began with President Jiang. In advance of President Clinton's scheduled visit to China in June concrete responses should be sought (to the individual cases of jailed religious leaders) we presented to Chinese officials."

Most homeless say gambling makes recovery more difficult

NORTH KANSAS CITY Mo. (RNS)—Seventy percent of clients surveyed at the nation's rescue missions said easy access to gambling makes it hard for them to put their lives back together and 18 percent said gambling was a cause of their homelessness.

Those were among the findings of a nationwide survey of more than 1,100 rescue mission clients by the International Union of Gospel Missions.

The survey also found 37 percent of the men and women surveyed continue to gamble occasionally or play the lottery despite their homeless status. The survey found 82 percent of clients had played the lottery or gambled while steadily employed. That number dropped to 23 percent as they became homeless.

"Make no mistake about it," Stephen Burger, the IUGM's executive director, said in a statement. "The man or woman stumbling into our mission, addicted to gambling, is just as sick as the person addicted to alcohol or drugs. The addiction may be different, but the shattering of the human spirit is the same." Burger condemned casinos and state lotteries for "creating a new generation of homeless addicts."

The survey results were released March 12, four days before a meeting of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

The IUGM, based in North Kansas City, Mo., is an association of about 250 rescue missions across the country. They provide shelter, emergency food and rehabilitation programs for those who are addicted.

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Graham expands comments on Clinton and moral leadership

NEW YORK (RNS)—Last week evangelist Billy Graham gave his lengthiest public assessment thus far on President Clinton and issues of moral leadership in an op-ed piece written for the New York Times.

"I have known President Clinton as a personal friend for many years," Graham wrote. "I hope and pray, for his sake, the sake of his family and the sake of our nation, that he is not guilty of the things he is alleged to have done."

Graham urged prayer for Clinton and others involved in the current allegations of sexual misconduct.

"I know this issue cannot be resolved in a few paragraphs, or by television sound bites, which seldom allow time for balanced discussion and thoughtful reflection," Graham wrote. "We must not be tempted, however, to divorce character from leadership. That would be tragic."

Graham's written comments follow his interview March 5 on NBC's "Today" show in which he was asked about the allegations concerning Clinton.

"Certainly I forgive him because I know the frailty of human nature and I know how hard it is—and especially a strong, vigorous young man like he is," Graham said then.

Former education secretary William Bennett criticized Graham, continuing his denunciation of Americans who refuse to make judgments about allegations against Clinton.

In the Times, Graham wrote that there is not "an impenetrable fire wall between what we do privately and what we do publicly. The question is asked, 'Why can't we just ignore personal character, as long as a person does the job?' Simply stated, it is because the stakes are too high and the impact on society too far-reaching."

Robertson reaches agreement with IRS

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Ending a 12-year-old tax and politics case, Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network has reached a settlement with the Internal Revenue Service that calls for CBN to make a "significant payment" to the IRS but preserves the organization's tax-exempt status.

The settlement, announced March 16, stems from the IRS's contention that CBN violated its tax-exempt status with its political activities during 1986 and 1987. The activities were conducted by three now-defunct CBN affiliates—Freedom Council, the National Perspectives Institute and the National Freedom Institute—created to encourage conservative Christian political involvement.

To settle the case, CBN agreed to surrender its tax-exempt status for 1986 and 1987 and to make an unspecified "significant payment" to the IRS.

CBN also agreed to a number of "operational modifications to ensure ongoing compliance with the tax laws," according to a CBN statement. These included increasing the number of outside directors on its board.

CBN did not admit to engaging in illegal activity, although Robertson acknowledged in the statement the settlement satisfied "legitimate concerns of the IRS."

In an interview, CBN spokeswoman Patty Silverman said "CBN sought to encourage Christians to make their

voices heard in government. CBN felt these activities were part of our religious mission. The IRS disagreed with that."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a religious liberties watchdog group based in Washington, said the settlement left no doubt that Robertson and CBN had crossed the line. "Robertson has tried to stampede churches into partisan politics. This shows what could happen to churches that follow his lead."

Silverman said the settlement does not impact those who made financial donations to CBN in 1986 and 1987. "The donations remain tax-deductible for the donors," she said.

Methodist pastor 'not guilty' in same-sex union trial

KEARNEY, Neb. (RNS)—A United Methodist pastor was acquitted March 13 of violating a denominational directive by presiding over a same-sex union ceremony involving two women at his Omaha church.

The decision in the case of Jimmy Creech is expected to have wide ramifications for the 8.5-million member United Methodist Church, the nation's second largest Protestant denomination.

Creech had been charged with "disobedience to the order and disci-

pline of the United Methodist Church." Specifically, he was charged with violating the denomination's Social Principles—a set of moral and ethical statements contained within the denomination's Book of Discipline—that say UMC pastors "shall not" conduct "homosexual union" ceremonies.

Had he been found guilty, he could have been stripped of his ministerial authority and expelled from the UMC.

While the jury of Nebraska Methodist pastors voted 11-2 that Creech

had performed a same-sex union, it split 8-5 on the question of whether he had violated church regulations, one less than the nine votes required for conviction.

Before the trial, more than 90 UMC ministers nationwide released a statement saying they would conduct homosexual union ceremonies regardless of Creech's fate.

Creech called the verdict "historic for the United Methodist Church. ... It shows we are guided more by God's grace and love than regulations."

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ALLEN		
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Big Spring	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	0.00
Holland	1,146.48	974.00
Liberty	1,088.11	1,432.92
Mount Gilead	0.00	0.00
New Hope	723.59	894.13
New Middle Fork	25.00	25.00
New Salem	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	400.00
Scottsville	29,584.88	44,033.26
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00
White Plains	2,515.50	0.00
SUBTOTAL	39,395.59	50,499.71

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
ANDERSON		
Alton	3,399.47	6,221.01
Ballard	360.39	895.00
Fellowship	270.00	360.00
Friendship	300.00	0.00
Glensboro	1,292.60	723.00
Goshen	374.00	397.00
Lawrenceburg First	55,679.66	57,213.58
Mount Pleasant	1,134.88	1,591.57
Pleasant Grove	0.00	150.00
Sand Spring	20,325.78	21,393.17
Tyrone	561.00	1,010.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	83,697.78	89,954.33

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BELL		
Arjay	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,320.27	1,154.23
Binghantown	3,522.72	3,522.72
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00
Calloway	488.70	449.30
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	4,267.00	6,357.00
East Jellico	1,256.09	1,655.61
East Pineville	0.00	0.00
Pineville First	11,088.40	12,934.19
First Blackmont	350.00	300.00
Fonde	362.80	470.60
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
First Southern BC of Chenoa	135.00	0.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00
Hosman	1,801.07	1,732.49
Insull	0.00	0.00
Jenson	103.94	293.23
Meldrum	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	180.00	180.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00
Newtown	95.46	100.77
Northside	0.00	0.00
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	5,611.00	5,195.49
Pathfork	290.85	384.94
Red Oak	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00
Riverside	894.60	872.53
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00
Riverview	309.59	464.24
Southside	1,613.46	1,796.55
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00
Stoney Fork	330.00	380.00
Trinity	150.00	175.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	36.00	60.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	461.92	413.13
Wasio	300.00	300.00
West Cumberland Avenue	705.98	15.72
West Pineville	2,916.86	2,559.26
Whipple	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	38,591.71	41,767.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BETHEL		
Adairville	9,120.94	9,644.00
Auburn	2,149.36	2,466.17
Calvary	3,926.04	4,779.30
Dripping Spring	7,861.31	8,646.85
Elkton	12,333.31	16,783.30
Eastside	332.93	380.67
Russellville First	33,903.76	44,697.87
Forest Grove	2,420.91	3,244.21
Grace	738.00	860.00
Guthrie	4,845.19	5,643.39
Keysburg	1,261.62	1,396.31
Mount Gilead	2,790.34	2,290.30
Mount Zion	612.65	357.75
Middleton	2,361.89	3,653.85
New Union	4,250.22	5,185.79
Post Oak	9,999.96	10,500.00
Russellville Second	13,345.93	19,249.03
Sharon Grove	1,908.00	3,387.00
Spring Valley	599.39	810.41
Tiny Town	700.00	600.00
Trenton	6,673.00	6,025.70
Walnut Grove	8,540.77	10,319.27
Whippoorwill	1,527.95	1,757.63
Southern Heights	1,200.00	1,400.00
Woodlawn	3,278.12	2,892.22
SUBTOTAL	136,681.59	166,971.02

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BLACKFORD		
Blackford	10,940.17	10,507.83
Central	1,531.92	1,904.53
Chestnut Grove	2,725.12	2,849.57
Dawson Memorial	409.20	453.35
First Lewisport	155.14	1,814.74
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
New Life	353.28	393.22
Hawesville	14,025.16	18,886.62
Lewisport	18,435.15	19,543.72
Mount Eden	2,159.00	2,858.00
Newton Springs	628.00	1,589.00
Old Panther Creek	1,203.12	1,721.35
Patesville	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Pellville	16,026.85	17,942.02
Roseville	0.00	0.00
Union	5,308.37	8,662.54
West Point	216.00	216.26
SUBTOTAL	74,116.48	89,342.75

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BLOOD RIVER		
Altona	7,515.32	10,167.61
Bethel Missionary	14,191.03	13,996.55
Bethlehem	1,463.04	1,992.50
Blood River	0.00	931.95
Briensburg Missionary	92,006.97	99,251.49
Calvert City First	14,156.20	15,471.15
Cherry Corner	4,057.27	4,743.29
Coldwater	300.00	300.00
Dexter Missionary	2,011.99	2,066.66
Elm Grove	15,677.56	18,432.83
East Marshall Missionary	1,753.19	1,070.14
Murray First	56,210.52	66,767.95
First Benton Missionary	8,335.00	9,089.96
Flint	3,395.52	3,922.16
Benton First	15,307.12	18,202.70
Elva	917.44	1,176.75
Gilbertsville	6,780.84	7,152.07
Grace	3,181.40	7,469.83
Hamlet Missionary	1,984.19	2,192.36
Hazel	19,650.68	14,801.15
Kirksey	874.00	822.00
Lakeview	3,154.50	3,131.62
Ledbetter	340.31	332.22
Locust Grove	8,600.34	8,434.54
Memorial	10,297.32	11,369.21
New Bethel Missionary	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony	16,038.97	8,043.08
New Providence	172.15	229.36
New Mt Carmel	1,823.86	1,722.92
New Zion	9,140.95	10,050.75
Northside Missionary	2,606.00	3,854.95
Walnut Street	907.62	1,665.29
Oak Grove	3,948.44	3,794.54
Hilltop	193.05	296.90
Olive Missionary	6,764.31	7,125.07
Owens Chapel	2,206.00	4,636.00
Plain Gospel Missionary Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope Missionary	0.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	1,200.00	1,200.00
Pleasant Valley Missionary	562.50	1,387.50
Salem	5,680.01	11,641.55
Scotts Grove Missionary	2,335.68	5,408.80
Sharpe Missionary	2,234.20	2,887.70
Sinking Spring	270.00	350.00
South Marshall Missionary	120.00	120.00
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00
Symsonia	6,000.00	6,917.84
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Union Ridge	2,354.00	2,382.00
Vanzora	2,508.95	3,778.29
Westside	10,801.87	8,202.86
West Fork	3,926.61	3,975.37
Zions Cause	5,964.19	4,370.35
SUBTOTAL	385,841.11	423,256.81

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BOONES CREEK		
Allansville	3,398.83	4,000.21
Beech Grove	348.59	467.27
Boone's Creek	15,821.68	13,338.53
Calvary	4,890.39	6,138.91
Central	57,185.02	87,449.88
Clay City	664.00	667.00
Corinth	3,122.52	2,082.80
Cow Creek	2,108.00	2,598.00
Emmanuel	433.56	553.92
Ephesus	1,500.00	1,808.00
Faith	90.00	90.00
Irvine First	2,333.78	2,364.74
Friendship	3,053.82	2,893.74
Greenbriar	0.00	1,194.67
Heidelburg	213.43	218.62
Howards Mill	3,953.50	3,283.00
Ivory Hill	842.21	941.44
Jeffersonville	1,745.53	1,634.99
Kiddville	947.01	792.58
Macedonia	3,167.19	2,501.00
New Hope	580.07	558.73
Means	1,565.98	1,705.37
Mount Olive	326.00	483.00
New Harmony	261.89	270.58
Northside	5,033.02	4,966.30
Panola	703.73	679.29
Powells Valley	773.08	790.79
Providence	1,519.00	1,556.00
Providence	1,746.00	2,000.00
Reid Village	1,085.24	1,909.44
Salem	1,958.00	2,313.00
Spring Street	1,380.00	1,819.00
Thomas	965.44	1,156.14
Valley View	0.00	100.00
Williams Memorial	1,703.62	1,200.62
SUBTOTAL	125,420.13	156,527.56

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BOONEVILLE		
Big Creek	585.80	645.58
Booneville First	1,755.33	2,021.21
Crane Creek	0.00	0.00
Southside	211.24	184.01
Calvary	235.55	0.00
Garrard	723.00	775.00
Gray Fork	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	23,284.94	24,425.70
Island Creek	839.05	1,176.03
Lerose	200.00	150.00
Lilly Grove	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	4,394.00	3,412.00
Macedonia	2,461.79	3,667.48
Manchester	9,962.66	10,076.61
Muddy Gap	0.00	0.00
New Home	961.78	926.10
New Prospect	866.39	599.58
New Zion	320.87	386.00
Oneida	3,852.66	1,389.11
Pleasant Point	300.00	300.00
Pleasant Run	2,858.11	4,054.53
Second Black Water	453.22	662.15
Turkey Missionary	150.00	150.00
Upper Buffalo Mission	0.00	0.00
Vincent	57.70	128.93
White Hall	0.00	0.00
Zion	1,511.00	1,469.00
Royal Oak	215.63	196.78
SUBTOTAL	56,200.72	56,795.80

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BRACKEN		
Aberdeen	4,897.57	5,922.91
Augusta First	881.66	962.16
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Calvary	420.00	0.00
Central	9,929.09	13,687.54
Clearfield	849.00	1,114.00
Crossroads	0.00	0.00
Dover	60.00	120.00
Ewing	1,050.00	1,050.00
Carlisle First	3,207.68	3,623.97
Morehead First	2,126.72	916.67
Irvingsville	0.00	0.00
Flemingsburg	1,969.61	3,233.82
Foxport	461.01	472.25
Germantown	1,385.86	1,244.00
Heslton	0.00	0.00
Garrison First	1,360.39	1,110.61
Lewisburg	1,164.66	1,011.23
Locust Grove	554.27	536.63
Mays Lick	26.50	641.16
Maysville First	300.00	300.00
Mount Olivet	1,846.43	2,363.45
Mount Pisgah	536.59	478.38
Oak Ridge	13,063.86	483.21
Union	89.50	218.14
Owingsville	1,680.55	1,994.93
Plainview	345.04	297.38
Vanceburg First	1,225.00	1,200.00
Sharpsburg	150.00	150.00
Slaty Point	299.00	265.00
Southern Manor	0.00	0.00
Stonelick	440.17	616.50
SUBTOTAL	49,478.50	43,051.78

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
BRECKINRIDGE		
Bewleyville	0.00	0.00
Black Lick	505.00	668.00
Cloverport	4,796.11	4,762.33
Corinth	8,850.63	11,370.72
Dry Valley	0.00	0.00
English	204.00	216.00
Friendship	700.00	700.00
Garfield	297.45	450.05
Goshen	1,231.00	1,885.00
Hardinsburg	19,121.87	21,807.40
Hites Run	2,233.49	1,980.51
Macedonia	971.00	1,056.00
New Bethel	1,885.80	1,646.90
New Clover Creek	1,169.58	1,531.48
Pisgah	645.04	318.60
Rough River	1,897.90	1,846.57
Stephensport	65.67	71.74
Walnut Grove	599.63	826.64
SUBTOTAL	45,174.17	51,137.94

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
CALDWELL-LYON		
Adriel	375.00	450.00
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Beulah Hill	991.24	1,074

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Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Liberty	200.00	127.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Mount Carmel	0.00	550.00
Mount Roberts	1,284.78	1,686.27
Mount Washington	400.00	500.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	1,552.34	1,963.80
Union Band	0.00	0.00
Whickerville	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	6,210.81	7,449.84
EAST UNION		
Black Oak	0.00	0.00
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00
Kensee	271.92	373.03
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00
Valley Creek	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	271.92	373.03
ELKHORN		
The Church at Andover	1,706.39	250.00
Broadway	20,463.01	21,774.49
Brookside	2,003.38	2,194.68
Beckerville	121.89	142.81
Calvary	33,047.05	19,426.13
Calvary Mission	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	3,450.49	4,010.58
Central	917.00	1,360.59
Central	11,769.95	12,024.16
Chevy Chase	12,340.00	10,263.44
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00
Clear Creek	2,243.00	2,263.00
Clover Bottom	750.00	875.00
Crosswoods	5,322.24	3,857.04
Davids Fork	900.00	850.00
Dry Run	2,012.38	2,267.83
Durbin Memorial	1,849.59	2,076.48
East Hickman	4,653.45	4,614.17
Edgewood	17,687.01	17,424.05
Faith	0.00	3,170.82
Freedom Church of Lawrenceburg	567.04	563.52
Lexington First	1,828.53	4,070.18
Cornerstone	9,192.66	9,294.27
Paris First	16,129.55	14,033.12
Winchester First	20,640.98	18,553.72
Mount Sterling First	1,791.64	2,304.17
Corbin First	5,083.29	5,499.98
Gano Avenue	11,932.25	10,680.42
Gardenside	12,904.70	24,261.22
Georgetown	15,747.35	12,508.62
Glens Creek	2,710.00	1,973.73
Grace	4,875.00	4,208.80
Great Crossing	5,916.84	5,690.72
North View	9,824.07	10,540.73
Highlands	3,012.63	3,969.39
Hillcrest	1,050.00	1,265.90
Hillsboro	948.54	1,459.83
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	158,913.21	140,889.28
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	754.66	998.27
Long Link	1,344.00	1,272.17
Lyle Road	239.11	332.81
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00
Mallard Point	1,788.49	1,865.39
Midway	1,474.99	1,308.35
Millersburg	0.00	0.00
Millville	5,299.84	16,490.59
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mount Freedom	3,938.86	4,280.33
Mount Pleasant	3,341.43	3,227.61
Mount Vernon	1,294.88	1,562.02
Nada Mission	0.00	0.00
New Hope	7,842.92	9,044.10
Nicholasville	6,149.98	7,341.33
Parkway	6,892.22	8,290.97
Pinckard	6,032.33	6,673.64
Shawhan	543.00	0.00
Porter Memorial	120,572.07	134,818.50
Riverview	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	13,579.72	12,914.89
Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave Road	4,783.61	5,625.59
Sadieville	155.01	0.00
Seventh Street	0.00	0.00
Silas	611.40	904.14
South Elkhorn	8,470.77	8,108.13
Southern Heights	12,760.27	14,316.17
Southside	0.00	400.00
Spears Mill	967.00	2,967.00
Victory	6,819.98	11,852.25
Open Door Community	455.83	514.89
Springdale at Man O War	300.00	300.00
Palomar	3,430.47	3,577.54
Stamping Ground	1,982.27	3,600.00
Stonewall	0.00	0.00
New Hope	297.98	309.83
Tatesbrook	3,901.60	3,425.11
Trinity	1,730.00	3,541.28
Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00
Versailles	32,108.56	39,648.27
White Sulphur	2,341.73	1,835.84
Woodland Avenue	500.00	400.00
SUBTOTAL	647,010.09	692,359.88
ENTERPRISE		
Allen First	1,400.00	1,460.00
Topmost	100.00	100.00
Benedict	462.99	640.61
Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00
Garrett First	541.64	509.73
Fitzpatrick First	640.00	538.00
Inez First	4,234.55	3,112.17
Prestonsburg First	6,644.41	9,330.86
Ivyton	0.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	391.35	199.52
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Lancer	730.39	646.28
Liberty	1,308.50	752.31
Licking River	450.00	450.00
Martin First	281.69	254.36
Maytown First	300.00	887.80
McDowell First	2,298.48	2,727.83
Mount Beulah	555.00	710.00
Paintsville First	13,183.74	11,038.94
Paintsville First Mission	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Home	360.00	445.00

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Salyersville First	870.00	4,700.71
Tomahawk Mission	947.57	1,140.43
Warfield Missionary	900.00	740.00
West Van Lear	438.02	457.51
Wheelwright First	0.00	20.00
SUBTOTAL	37,458.33	41,282.06
FRANKLIN		
Faith	436.50	685.50
Immanuel	1,458.35	0.00
Bellepoint	4,899.38	3,838.61
Bethel	1,660.00	800.00
Buck Run	20,128.07	24,622.00
Calvary	1,585.79	3,140.40
Camp Pleasant	500.00	500.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	19,092.49	26,896.97
East Frankfort	3,661.75	3,717.12
Evergreen	0.00	4,348.64
Frankfort First	667.00	0.00
Forks of Elkhorn	2,311.56	1,426.14
Farmdale	1,450.00	1,940.00
Hillcrest	4,197.00	5,553.66
Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Memorial	12,964.47	10,940.18
Mount Carmel	0.00	0.00
Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	5,763.87	4,865.89
North Fork	599.36	612.03
North Frankfort	2,103.00	3,088.00
Peaks Mill	689.73	1,095.00
Pleasant Ridge	1,676.93	1,194.65
Providence	2,877.06	3,783.43
Saint John	2,678.46	3,464.10
Swallowfield	692.00	805.51
Thornhill	15,886.16	16,774.91
Trinity	550.00	600.00
Westview	988.91	760.90
SUBTOTAL	109,517.84	125,453.64
FREEDOM		
Albany First	11,136.00	8,966.72
Branham Grove	120.00	415.80
Burkesville	2,227.87	3,014.14
Cave Springs	2,963.00	2,730.00
Central Grove	1,282.00	1,557.19
Fairland	0.00	203.22
Grace Union	0.00	0.00
Green Grove Missionary	0.00	0.00
New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	706.60	888.00
Stony Point	4,695.28	7,500.77
SUBTOTAL	23,130.75	25,275.84
GASPER RIVER		
Aberdeen	4,727.00	5,191.00
Barnetts Lick	1,184.00	1,008.00
Bethel	715.73	791.93
Big Muddy	1,050.00	1,050.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00
Carve Rock	879.34	901.59
Chapel Union	471.12	0.00
Huntsville	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,089.05	912.36
Morgantown First	7,193.21	7,319.89
Mount Liberty	50.00	100.00
Mount Olivet	1,476.28	1,272.26
Mount Vernon Missionary	1,219.00	1,674.00
New Harmony	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	1,709.78	1,802.89
New Midway	735.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	145.00	120.00
Quality	1,263.33	0.00
Richland	2,801.60	2,456.69
Rochester	1,305.00	1,399.00
Rock Spring	0.00	0.00
Salem	2,342.00	2,707.00
Sandy Creek	1,751.02	1,758.90
Union	1,549.10	1,700.80
Woodbury	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	250.00
SUBTOTAL	33,656.56	32,416.31
GOSHEN		
Grandview	0.00	0.00
Hangin Rock	808.40	1,263.25
Broadway	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00
Little Flock Missionary	0.00	0.00
Millwood Missionary	30.00	35.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	838.40	1,298.25
GRAVES COUNTY		
Baltimore	120.00	120.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Bell City	423.36	673.65
Bethany	1,118.14	1,517.55
Clarks River	1,500.00	3,605.00
Cuba	2,007.47	2,969.11
Dublin Missionary	0.00	0.00
Enon	1,400.00	1,200.00
Farmington	5,704.26	7,122.71
Fellowship	284.62	305.92
Mayfield First	30,000.00	30,000.00
Emmanuel	300.00	582.76
Hardmoney	1,250.00	1,250.00
Hickory	2,340.00	2,250.00
High Point	33,800.41	34,896.59
Liberty	12,202.64	12,879.89
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	150.00	150.00
Melber	550.04	572.00
Millers Chapel	173.43	100.00
Mount Haven	327.15	0.00
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	719.12	662.93
New Concord	0.00	0.00
New Home	1,073.00	1,432.00
New Hope	271.00	295.84
New Liberty	256.78	302.49
Ivyton	0.00	47.74
Northside	13,665.03	11,812.78
Oak Grove	317.07	300.00
Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00
Pilot Oak	1,857.68	2,287.48
Pleasant Grove	3,828.68	2,430.28
Pryorsburg	0.00	100.00
Sand Hill	0.00	0.00
Sedalia	2,453.01	3,462.41
Sharon	6,154.67	6,121.51
South First Street	0.00	0.00
Trace Creek	1,666.69	2,000.02
Viola	1,072.29	1,069.18

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Water Valley	150.00	125.00
West Broadway	942.99	1,052.42
Wingo	845.99	966.76
SUBTOTAL	128,925.52	134,664.02
GRAYSON COUNTY		
Big Clifty First	140.00	50.00
Caneyville	3,273.18	3,653.84
Clarkson	7,110.73	7,384.53
Leitchfield First	19,153.95	22,479.32
Holly	697.00	625.00
Liberty Church Inc	908.32	1,166.59
Little Clifty	2,875.89	2,490.82
New Hope Missionary	150.00	150.00
New Harvest	200.00	0.00
Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	34,509.07	38,000.10
GREEN VALLEY		
Advance	2,253.95	2,148.16
Airline	12,007.67	15,375.27
Ambassador	1,177.74	1,069.24
Audubon	10,058.00	7,399.00
Bellfield	9,448.10	8,816.00
Bethel	1,782.13	2,195.58
Calvary Missionary	5,558.37	6,393.14
Cash Creek	2,502.98	3,316.64
Cherry Hill	0.00	0.00
Morgenfield First	17,672.15	23,030.16
Corydon Missionary	2,614.79	3,890.22
Dupey	90.00	90.00
Eastview	1,109.66	1,113.08
Finley	2,585.10	2,689.58
Henderson First	46,798.82	41,173.95
Geneva	1,279.00	1,656.00
Greater Norris Chapel	0.00	0.00
New Hope	2,006.49	2,117.12
Hyland	11,702.80	11,923.32
Immanuel Temple	11,783.22	13,556.93
Lawndale	1,312.92	1,483.89
Mount Pleasant	991.57	967.62
Niagara Missionary	0.00	0.00
Poole Missionary	2,753.68	2,969.36
Rangers Landing	351.68	151.58
Robards Missionary	2,826.97	2,932.59
Sebree First	11,569.88	13,894.73
Spottsville	3,621.00	2,778.46
Watson Lane	4,060.00	1,637.19
Zion	0.00	9,200.00
SUBTOTAL	169,918.67	183,968.81
GREENUP		
Ashland	620.19	774.33
Barretts Creek	169.82	233.36
Belmont	645.11	717.66
Blackburn Avenue	120.00	100.00
Burnaugh	5,838.55	4,658.23
Cannonsburg First	4,614.69	5,398.24
Oakland Avenue	14,262.80	16,422.00
Central	900.00	1,200.00
Chadwicks Creek	525.46	754.96
Cherryville	635.00	737.00
Crane Creek	522.00	459.00
Fellowship Chapel	0.00	0.00
Danleyton	548.82	0.00
Southside	0.00	0.00
Emily Northup	0.00	0.00
Everman	0.00	50.00
Fairview	6,230.20	7,476.28
Faith	242.70	233.30
Ashland First	9,685.52	7,011.00
Grayson First	6,838.09	8,219.36
Garner Chapel	2,006.72	2,329.68
Greenup First	2,820.00	5,459.00
Louisa First	14,855.00	11,105.00
Olive Hill First	5,670.42	6,839.23
Raceland First	1,132.50	1,132.50
Sandy Hook First	804.00	

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Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Crab Orchard	720.00	750.00
Double Springs	3,008.26	2,833.76
Drakes Creek	920.95	1,166.75
Fairview	7,881.70	7,967.61
Freedom	4,096.00	4,863.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	74.00	93.00
Harris Creek	811.45	877.35
Houstonville	2,250.00	2,250.00
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
McKinney	4,324.91	4,517.09
Mount Hebron	1,113.75	1,133.26
Mount Salem	1,027.02	731.10
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	2,223.23	0.00
Olive	234.37	192.70
Parlor Grove	1,553.00	1,733.00
Pilot	198.46	234.64
Pleasant Point	2,207.00	2,172.50
Pleasant View	15,256.61	16,124.78
Polly Ann	991.82	790.95
Pond	248.09	682.98
South Fork	257.10	337.17
Watts Chapel	270.00	270.00
Stanford	10,122.80	10,494.86
SUBTOTAL	65,802.13	67,753.33

LITTLE BETHEL		
Charity	0.00	696.05
Charleston	5,238.44	4,773.00
Concord	3,062.13	4,414.29
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Dalton	575.02	601.90
Diamond	450.00	375.00
Dixon First	2,488.93	4,803.23
Dunn	3,043.59	4,526.37
Dawson Springs First	5,004.00	4,736.00
Earlington First	26,449.78	25,131.77
Madisonville First	57,510.16	59,393.69
Grapevine	6,967.14	8,459.99
Green Grove	405.09	894.00
Hanson	6,939.18	8,503.93
Providence First	14,819.36	17,133.50
Harmony	970.00	844.00
Immanuel	6,691.05	10,434.58
Johnson Island	1,983.00	1,266.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	10,175.03	15,812.93
Freedom	327.07	252.91
Lakeview	600.00	600.00
Manitou	907.00	155.00
Mortons Gap First	1,858.94	1,707.56
Mannington	240.00	240.00
Nebo	3,120.50	2,790.85
New Hope	89.00	64.00
New Salem	2,360.97	3,373.88
Nortonville	2,582.40	3,151.77
Olive Branch	5,009.05	6,410.04
Park Avenue	8,958.78	5,513.80
Pleasant Grove	1,673.55	1,599.50
Pleasant Valley	2,399.96	3,017.41
Pleasant View	1,548.93	1,589.99
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect	316.85	389.00
Providence Second	429.00	911.64
Salem	130.00	100.00
Madisonville Second	18,130.41	14,617.18
Mortons Gap Second	1,634.04	1,700.96
Silent Run Missionary	2,303.39	2,394.38
Slaughters	2,400.00	2,400.00
Slover	631.14	692.61
Suthards Missionary	1,568.00	1,325.00
Victory	12,790.00	14,540.00
White Plains Missionary	1,330.79	1,163.06
Zion Brick Missionary	150.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	241,702.59	267,199.19

LITTLE RIVER		
Bethany	1,560.00	1,666.00
Caldwell Blue Spring	5,507.94	2,795.24
Buffalo Lick	2,076.58	2,054.43
Cadiz	35,200.83	19,912.35
Canton	3,755.34	4,811.78
Cerulean	5,037.00	5,795.58
Delmont	644.55	1,314.22
New Light	0.00	0.00
Donaldson Creek	3,439.91	3,516.86
New Jerusalem	300.00	200.00
East Cadiz	7,822.76	9,644.57
Hurricane	12,299.15	14,737.32
Liberty Point	8,769.37	5,602.08
Locust Grove	5,159.34	4,826.27
Maple Grove	900.00	1,650.00
New Hope	7,204.74	7,124.20
Oak Grove	5,257.42	6,330.48
Rock Front	264.00	0.00
Rocky Ridge	1,015.28	810.26
South Union	1,449.03	1,436.67
Trigg County	594.00	611.43
Wallonia	1,800.00	600.00
SUBTOTAL	110,057.24	95,439.74

LOGAN		
Antioch	2,465.45	3,795.15
Beechland	2,474.10	4,452.83
Bellview	670.70	0.00
Britmart	1,212.04	1,849.92
Cave Spring	2,471.20	3,233.60
Center	1,750.00	875.00
Concord	2,237.49	2,407.70
Elk Lick	15,430.78	16,292.02
Epley	1,010.61	1,366.88
Green Ridge	516.81	44.23
Guptons Grove	708.21	860.93
Liberty	7,560.00	7,331.00
Mount Pleasant	17,305.22	16,357.95
Mount Tabor Missionary	2,310.00	2,415.00
Muddy River	821.33	100.00
New Cedar Grove	1,828.81	1,610.22
New Friendship	3,624.70	2,557.30
New Hope	1,864.03	2,739.00
Oak Forest	250.00	250.00
Oak Grove	12,999.02	14,049.85
Pleasant Hill	475.00	328.20
SUBTOTAL	79,985.50	82,916.78

LONG RUN		
Arcade	200.00	500.00
Asby Lane	1,314.02	1,713.05
Auburndale	4,500.00	5,250.00
Audubon	1,000.30	666.68
Taberacle	1,196.12	1,319.22
Bashford Manor	1,920.00	651.23
South Watterson Trail	1,250.00	3,000.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Baxter Avenue	1,126.75	250.00
Beargrass Missionary	0.00	0.00
Beechland	12,627.85	16,226.87
Beechmont	7,807.16	12,066.14
Beechwood	5,034.00	10,250.52
Bethany	9,150.00	8,942.23
Bethel Flock	40.00	0.00
Bethlehem	12,099.00	11,613.22
Broadway	24,694.12	0.00
Brooks	3,052.15	1,794.21
Brookview	827.16	847.59
Buechel Park	1,000.00	1,500.00
Carlisle Avenue	18,000.00	18,000.00
Cardinal Hill	844.50	761.00
Cedar Creek	12,220.36	12,981.27
Chenoweth Park	450.00	450.00
Chapel Park	2,642.00	3,042.11
Clifton	3,908.88	4,693.98
Clifton Heights	0.00	0.00
Cove	273.18	442.51
Crescent Hill	485.71	626.10
Davis Memorial	107.70	519.60
Deer Park	6,102.46	5,335.17
East Audubon	807.01	747.42
Eastern Gate	2,937.23	4,047.28
Eastern Parkway	972.49	916.43
Eastwood First	851.60	832.19
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00
Eighteenth Street	1,179.67	1,247.61
Elk Creek	1,298.21	0.00
Fairdale First	6,882.80	5,694.45
Fairmount	725.71	893.13
Farmdale	14,433.80	13,586.58
Filipino Mission	0.00	0.00
Fern Creek	1,041.65	208.00
Jeffersontown	3,175.72	4,022.84
Germantown Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	360.00	300.00
Taylorsville First	10,421.72	10,568.99
Middletown First	8,096.54	1,945.63
Fisherville First	3,494.82	3,661.40
Foster Avenue	1,710.74	2,401.11
Fourth Avenue	1,080.00	540.00
Franklin Street	0.00	480.31
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	6,634.38	6,204.37
Grace	0.00	0.00
Green Acres	2,391.03	2,808.43
Cloverleaf	14,138.23	12,061.00
Harmony	600.00	600.00
Hazelwood	8,887.00	7,588.00
Highland	1,402.37	1,248.00
Seaton Park	0.00	0.00
Highland Park First	7,971.54	8,121.62
Highview	41,626.66	41,666.69
Hillsdale	6,441.52	5,522.85
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Hopewell	5,176.99	5,162.58
Hurstbourne	30,224.39	31,678.56
Immanuel	507.67	643.18
Hunsinger Lane	5,552.87	5,937.28
Taylorsville Second	0.00	0.00
Kenwood	1,200.00	1,200.00
Keys Ferry	300.00	300.00
Kings	22,999.21	30,978.80
First Korean	900.00	1,050.00
Kosmosdale	951.00	951.00
Bicknell Avenue	0.00	600.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	1,511.83	1,325.21
Living Hope	5,065.48	5,152.71
Lees Lane	4,003.49	3,726.33
New Heights	0.00	100.00
Little Flock	4,200.00	3,500.00
Long Run	409.76	415.22
Lyndon	2,774.87	0.00
Louisville Deaf Church	1,436.49	0.00
Lynn Acres	1,450.00	600.00
Memory Lane	0.00	0.00
Manly Memorial	445.65	362.80
Lakewood	9,564.00	10,404.00
Maple Grove	6,026.78	3,251.22
Melbourne Heights	5,062.63	3,693.80
Meadow Hill	5,561.41	6,051.39
Midlane Park	466.84	289.08
Minors Lane	1,245.80	942.54
Morningside	0.00	0.00
Mount Elmira	2,000.00	1,000.00
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	200.00	0.00
Ninth and O	14,000.00	1,000.00
Mount Nebo	100.00	250.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	100.00	150.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	8,839.94	9,420.04
Parkland	12,128.28	14,458.69
Green Hills	0.00	1,215.60
Parkwood	8,884.63	7,917.60
Penile	1,323.72	1,347.38
Pleasant Grove	1,369.84	6,294.67
Plum Creek	6,162.61	8,455.41
Poplar Level	1,566.34	1,419.71
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	762.80	592.32
Ralph Avenue	17,325.05	20,882.22
Ridgeview	710.89	963.91
Ridgewood	0.00	0.00
Riverside	426.53	1,723.89
New Beginning	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	15,397.73	15,841.60
Rutledge Road	0.00	0.00
Shively	40,844.00	55,898.00
Shively Heights	6,228.53	7,692.34
New Cut Road	2,034.61	2,274.41
South Jefferson	8,684.00	11,761.83
Yorktown	180.00	180.00
Southside	1,884.14	1,822.98
St Matthews	1,903.87	1,381.04
St Matthews Hispanic Mission	0.00	0.00
Summit Hills	3,153.83	2,819.56
Springdale	4,400.00	2,833.86
Sunnyside	2,122.95	2,175.54
Shalom	0.00	0.00
Third Avenue	1,525.76	1,531.23
Thixton Lane	1,800.00	1,620.00
Valley Station	10,868.98	11,434.82
Valley View	2,331.59	2,171.40
Van Buren	492.21	607.55
Victory Memorial	1,216.02	1,619.37
Vine Street	0.00	0.00
Walnut Street	17,491.29	53,233.48
West Broadway	10,195.54	10,178.80
West End	0.00	0.00

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Westport Road	24,135.41	34,487.06
Woodland	6,170.00	8,114.45
Oakland	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	639,434.11	686,443.49

LYNN		
Aetna Grove	6,228.32	7,702.22
Aetna Union	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Boiling Springs	2,019.66	1,974.08
Bonnieville	1,350.00	566.07
Falling Springs	0.00	0.00
Friendship #2	240.00	480.00
Hiawatha	0.00	300.00
Knoxes Creek	752.92	735.96
Leitchfield Crossing	937.20	1,210.97
Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00
Lucas Grove	2,664.29	2,738.80
Mount Moriah	0.00	1,873.15
Mount Olivet	500.00	500.00
Mount Pisgah	310.26	153.09
Mt Tabor	2,040.00	2,040.00
Munfordville	4,438.23	4,384.70
Oak Hill	3,174.32	2,578.46
Pikeview	250.00	250.00
South Fork	12,392.10	13,222.33
Three Forks Bacon Creek	600.00	400.00
Upton	6,221.90	7,534.04
SUBTOTAL	49,119.20	48,643.87

MCCREARY COUNTY		
Whitley City First	11,239.96	11,406.07
Bethel	1,686.46	1,301.73
Pine Knot Southern	948.67	917.51
Greenwood Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hill Top	124.00	476.00
Marshes Siding First	0.00	0.00
Stearns First	4,420.58	5,538.40
Walkers Chapel	701.20	945.41
SUBTOTAL	19,120.87	20,585.12

MERCER		
Benton	2,119.46	2,375.17
Bethel	10,327.82	10,831.98
Bruners Chapel	25,828.64	28,994.71
Buena Vista	360.00	0.00
Burgin	12,457.36	14,507.95
Calvary	5,123.85	6,307.19
Cornishville	700.00	1,750.00
Deep Creek	3,366.60	3,776.02
Ellers Memorial	713.32	804.42
Fellowship	5,100.00	5,580.00
Harrodsburg	11,079.94	14,509.96
Hopewell	10,250.98	8,710.14
Kirkwood	2,876.00	2,844.00
Dry Branch	0.00	0.00
Pioneer	5,680.00	6,467.00
Salvia	8,748.55	

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Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Pond Run	2,115.28	2,819.33
Providence	1,923.91	2,280.63
Rockport	900.00	988.79
Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	1,185.54	1,446.80
Slaty Creek	1,455.55	1,575.13
Smallhouse	346.86	410.95
Westons Creek	695.55	805.51
Walton Point	551.96	670.32
West Providence	995.46	1,359.94
Woodwards Valley	0.00	0.00
Zion	5,062.36	5,357.17
SUBTOTAL	103,632.82	107,935.38

OHIO RIVER

Baker	864.00	1,646.00
Calvary	674.16	798.13
Birdsville	489.99	422.30
Burna Community	270.00	270.00
Caldwell Springs	1,353.80	1,302.52
Carrsville	29.13	0.00
Cave Springs	340.17	353.60
Central	0.00	75.00
Corinth	350.00	250.00
Crooked Creek	1,023.96	866.43
Deer Creek	3,792.57	4,017.61
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,106.78	1,780.52
Dyer Hill	2,139.00	2,917.00
Emmanuel	2,951.97	3,859.50
Emmaus	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	783.00	745.20
Friendship	18,146.67	15,045.55
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	1,200.00	600.00
Hampton	1,459.17	1,523.00
Iuka	1,191.00	1,130.00
Lake City	3,124.70	4,237.01
Lola	399.88	406.34
Marion	29,787.30	30,086.23
Mexico	15,755.73	16,414.13
Mint Springs	0.00	310.18
Ohio Valley	3,350.65	2,915.97
Old Salem	3,652.11	6,833.87
Pinckneyville	5,422.44	5,007.42
Repton	1,079.18	871.17
Salem	23,774.65	20,506.23
Marion Second	1,121.94	1,463.47
Shady Grove	924.96	832.24
Smithland First	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sugar Creek	1,438.00	1,820.59
Sulphur Springs	750.00	792.00
Tilpne First	730.07	611.10
Union	5,554.93	6,106.16
Smithland Second	1,318.10	1,363.46
SUBTOTAL	137,460.01	139,451.87

OHIO VALLEY

Bethany	1,058.64	1,208.49
Blackford	102.00	85.00
DeKoven	603.08	385.99
Clay First	12,793.74	9,483.22
Sturgis First	22,814.93	21,152.65
Grangertown First	7,439.85	7,389.94
Grove Center	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	360.17	346.75
New Harmony	2,925.00	2,863.00
New Hopewell	840.22	772.47
Northside	490.64	554.19
Old Bethel	360.00	360.00
Pride	1,405.45	1,546.00
Sullivan	4,136.62	3,635.66
Uniontown	250.00	1,256.00
Calvary	40.00	60.00
Countryside	5,598.48	2,750.72
Whispering Meadows	50.00	0.00
Woodland	1,037.80	1,105.38
SUBTOTAL	62,306.62	54,955.46

OWEN COUNTY

Beech Grove	812.84	836.64
Caney Fork	647.35	692.93
Cedar Hill	4,713.82	5,682.13
Concord	500.00	1,012.00
Dallasburg	723.68	627.49
Elk Lick	816.14	978.18
Owenton First	33,440.59	34,641.66
Gratz	0.00	925.00
Greenup Fork	1,273.00	2,013.00
Harmony	2,227.10	2,358.60
Long Ridge	5,648.00	5,177.00
Lusby Mill	5,142.51	2,824.14
Monterey	2,405.26	2,408.48
Mount Pleasant	2,218.23	2,611.99
Mussel Shoals	154.00	144.00
New Columbus	3,779.56	6,185.91
New Liberty	3,786.16	4,436.96
Old Zion	988.26	1,097.38
Mount Cedar	350.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	3,736.00	4,480.00
Richland	3,220.00	2,760.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	1,863.00	2,325.00
Squiresville	1,822.00	2,585.00
SUBTOTAL	80,267.50	86,803.58

PIKE

Aflex	300.00	300.00
Belfry First	5,320.92	7,022.10
Brushy Creek Mission	0.00	532.00
Calvary Southern	2,748.00	3,593.00
Cumberland Mission	0.00	0.00
Faith	3,414.99	3,752.50
Elkhorn City	3,124.73	3,725.91
Faith First	1,449.75	2,300.96
Jenkins First	4,877.70	3,523.72
Feds Creek	0.00	0.00
Pikeville First	19,048.90	24,823.49
Phelps First	137.00	0.00
Grace	4,311.25	5,551.78
Hellier Missionary	558.04	443.26
Immanuel	5,804.81	7,114.65
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	400.00	900.00
Meta	9,008.23	7,130.93
Mouth Card	1,669.33	1,560.43
McVeigh	2,544.00	2,462.00
Forest Hills First	2,722.96	2,592.50
Sidney Missionary	2,771.79	6,272.90
Stone	1,368.58	528.34
Sutton	735.90	1,242.92
Mayflower Unity	900.85	835.08
Virgie	3,500.00	3,834.00
SUBTOTAL	76,717.73	90,142.47

PULASKI

Acorn	622.00	734.98
Bethany	1,959.00	1,089.00
Bethel	4,537.41	5,851.56
Antioch Shores Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Bronxton First	1,842.53	1,868.79
Buck Creek	152.25	583.26
Barnesburg	2,925.06	4,013.94
Burnetta	1,505.96	1,317.20
Calvary	7,655.03	7,992.84
Camp Ground	5,024.79	5,282.46
Cedar Point	1,529.00	1,737.00
Clifty Grove	376.00	347.00
Cumberland	372.08	335.20
Buena Vista	6,563.47	10,328.43
Duane Memorial	3,520.09	3,635.08
Denham Street	300.00	300.00
Eben	284.16	739.94
Eubank	3,876.98	3,093.24
Ferguson	5,241.83	5,809.52
Fergusson First	113,978.62	114,284.99
Burnside First	1,078.48	1,311.59
Beacon Hill	36,122.98	30,591.58
Community Mission	1,165.03	1,047.17
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	722.25	1,209.21
Flat Rock	869.82	1,055.91
Floyd Switch	384.00	472.00
Glenwood	180.00	381.05
Good Hope	334.74	328.62
Sunrise	731.71	979.12
High Street	16,957.22	18,848.63
Jasper Bend	338.38	369.29
Hopeful	161.00	135.45
Immanuel	6,904.28	7,372.61
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	218.73	182.04
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Lakeside Mission	367.91	338.31
Malvin Hill	633.89	682.15
McKinney	120.00	200.00
Mount Pisgah	1,054.00	1,335.00
Neeleys Creek	615.07	980.26
Mount Union	933.00	994.00
Mount Victory	457.98	253.48
Lighthouse Mission	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	874.00	868.00
Northside	11,074.88	9,750.72
Oak Grove #1	1,355.96	1,172.65
Oak Grove #2	508.00	509.00
Okalona Missionary	3,141.29	3,309.64
Piney Grove #2	926.22	953.28
Woodstock	2,569.00	4,367.00
Pleasant Hill	33,289.89	27,592.93
Pleasant Run	2,564.00	2,493.00
Pleasant View	2,025.21	2,131.15
Pulaski	819.42	1,078.90
Quinton	916.34	1,124.93
Rock Lick	2,574.91	2,807.40
Sinking Valley	1,355.00	1,689.00
Slate Branch	1,972.08	2,333.08
Sloans Valley	0.00	0.00
Sunnyside	1,290.23	1,509.92
SUBTOTAL	299,873.16	302,102.50

RED RIVER

Beattyville	2,293.36	1,933.19
Campton	2,914.00	2,592.00
Little Cane Creek	82.86	156.73
Faith	2,659.05	2,670.73
Jackson First	1,833.19	2,051.14
Grace	790.13	977.72
Frenchburg	3,350.95	3,167.02
Stanton	5,811.96	5,459.41
West Liberty First	2,863.00	2,487.43
SUBTOTAL	22,598.50	21,495.37

ROCKCASTLE

Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	7,232.20	7,915.53
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	534.55	589.02
Copper Creek Southern Missionary	0.00	11.66
Fairview	1,079.86	0.00
Mount Vernon First	14,467.02	20,736.15
Flat Rock	150.00	150.00
Freedom	2,236.00	2,298.00
Livingston	332.62	407.41
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Maretburg	1,271.00	1,271.00
Mount Pleasant	1,940.00	2,155.00
Mount Zion	296.34	202.18
Northside	6,368.12	2,848.00
Ottawa	3,387.00	3,152.00
Pine Hill Missionary	483.76	567.45
Pleasant Run	320.00	367.00
Poplar Grove	513.03	719.85
Roundstone	0.00	0.00
Sand Hill	435.41	203.16
Scaffold Cane	1,110.25	1,225.18
Valley Missionary	354.94	467.17
SUBTOTAL	42,512.10	45,285.76

RUSSELL COUNTY

Clear Springs	300.00	300.00
Clear Fork	500.00	300.00
Dunnville First	397.14	463.75
Fairview	2,173.50	2,400.00
Brushy Creek	300.00	300.00
Indian Hills	0.00	0.00
Jamestown First	4,504.02	5,056.47
Liberty	5,670.20	7,256.91
Mount Olive	1,152.88	1,274.19
Mount Vernon	2,151.37	2,056.42
Pleasant View	350.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	832.72	898.84
Providence	0.00	0.00
Russell Springs First	16,424.56	19,275.97
Sano	0.00	0.00
Welfare	1,157.44	1,287.08
Windsor First	556.50	310.50
New Victory	241.00	162.00
SUBTOTAL	36,711.33	41,342.13

RUSSELL CREEK

Bethany	372.20	375.42
Beech Grove	3,095.27	3,611.98
Bethlehem	3,169.00	4,675.00
Brush Creek	0.00	0.00
Cane Valley	0.00	0.00
Charity	870.68	1,018.05
Columbia Hill	6,957.94	9,456.31
Dunbar Hill	0.00	0.00
East Fork	0.00	0.00

Fry	270.00	315.00
Gradyville	0.00	0.00
Greasy Creek	5,167.50	2,799.73
Greensburg	22,927.00	11,071.00
Harrods Fork	181.39	160.05
Macedonia	1,519.00	1,880.00
Mount Gilead	1,196.41	1,286.60
New Hope	0.00	41.82
New Salem	510.00	740.00
Pieces Chapel	100.00	50.00
Pink Ridge	75.00	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	432.47	224.41
Pleasant Valley	0.00	20.00
Plum Point	988.22	1,301.73
South Greensburg	2,291.50	2,012.22
Sparksville	150.00	150.00
Sulphur Springs	0.00	0.00
Summersville	5,104.20	4,777.30
Russell Heights	0.00	0.00
Trammel Creek	4,987.20	5,115.18
Wells Chapel	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	60,364.98	51,181.80

SALEM

Blue Spring	170.46	222.92
Big River Island	0.00	200.00
Buck Grove	17,165.00	12,602.00
Cold Spring	298.69	213.35
Ekron	3,816.65	5,330.58
Glenwood	0.00	0.00
Hill Grove	2,506.58	2,594.81
Muldrough	4,846.48	4,485.40
New Brandenburg	450.00	525.00
New Highland	882.62	1,036.00
New Salem	4,243.96	5,745.22
Payneville	683.38	683.35
Brandenburg First	13,501.50	14,788.39
Irvington	600.00	700.00
Raymond	2,950.07	3,230.29
Rockhaven Community	2,932.97	3,515.90
Salem	988.04	1,578.74
West Point	0.00	0.00
Wolf Creek	593.99	2,331.48
SUBTOTAL	56,630.39	59,783.43

SEVERNS VALLEY

Athertonville	10.00	0.00
Barren Run	3,552.17	3,889.52
Blue Ball	600.00	600.00
Buffalo	6,622.00	7,745.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cecilia Creek	0.00	0.00
Cordia	22,881.71	21,791.89
Colesburg	324.83	0.00
East View	160.00	0.00
Hodgenville First	8,644.94	14,246.12
Franklin Crossroads	12,328.37	13,585.94
Gilead		

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Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Richmond First	38,610.71	43,837.78
Fellowship	205.78	294.50
Freedom	150.00	205.00
Galilee Missionary	1,649.60	2,077.73
Gilberts Creek	0.00	225.00
Gilead	150.00	320.00
Gethsemane	1,977.00	3,304.39
Good Hope	0.00	1,345.00
Harris Memorial	528.26	730.85
Hays Fork	3,122.83	2,992.00
Kirksville	4,711.52	6,363.97
Knob Lick	100.00	225.00
Liberty Avenue	228.28	861.57
Liberty	60.00	60.00
Linden Street	388.00	213.00
Middletown	2,024.09	2,202.99
Mount Tabor	4,626.75	5,613.60
Peytontown	798.59	280.76
Pilot Knob	270.00	0.00
Red House	12,727.25	15,942.27
Rosedale	5,687.36	3,239.92
Upper Silver Creek	6,514.14	7,126.74
Red Lick	50.00	280.00
Stoney Run	50.00	379.14
Owsley Fork	770.00	639.50
Tates Creek	1,397.41	1,741.70
Union City	6,407.55	6,242.36
Valley View	102.00	25.00
Viney Fork	1,604.20	1,533.40
Waco	12,113.76	11,543.16
Wallaceton	1,753.74	838.28
Westside	2,822.79	2,074.53
White Hall	855.42	1,809.14
White Lick	3,244.32	3,490.53
SUBTOTAL	159,743.94	176,202.31

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
TAYLOR COUNTY		
Campbellsville	80,607.45	46,712.12
Acton	728.35	368.43
Eastside	250.00	250.00
Elk Horn	634.24	0.00
Fairview	605.12	628.79
Friendship	5,133.00	5,147.43
Good Hope	10,553.30	11,749.14
Green River Memorial	5,051.00	8,361.00
Liberty	2,381.60	2,503.40
Meadowview	3,746.62	4,189.56
Mount Gilboa	3,353.42	3,116.95
Palestine	8,815.00	7,782.75
Pitman Valley	120.00	100.00
Pleasant Hill	18,168.78	23,254.17
Robinson Creek	1,607.57	810.71
Raikes Hill Mission	240.00	430.00
South Campbellsville	7,571.30	8,107.97
Salem	5,638.84	5,614.14
Saloma	3,030.37	3,457.27
Lowell Avenue	9,530.36	10,103.90
Yuma	1,363.94	1,458.86
SUBTOTAL	169,130.26	144,146.59

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
TEN MILE		
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Elliston	1,046.16	808.79
Glencoe	4,445.30	4,530.86
Macedonia	4,967.83	6,540.67
Mount Zion	2,055.70	2,462.43
New Bethel	8,454.15	10,276.02
Oakland	998.00	502.27
Paint Lick	4,243.73	7,149.35
Pleasant Home	8,023.91	10,318.26
Poplar Grove	1,739.00	2,446.00
Ten Mile	4,792.60	4,981.00
Vine Run	8,886.85	10,172.16
Warsaw	4,080.53	3,252.48
Sparta	870.76	1,356.08
SUBTOTAL	54,604.52	64,796.37

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
THREE FORKS		
Airport Gardens	1,050.00	1,050.00
Berean	20.00	0.00
Big Creek	3,542.01	4,414.61
Blackey	268.00	359.00
Caney	696.10	544.47
Colson Mission	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00
Dwarf	120.00	120.00
Emmanuel	4,407.35	4,061.23
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00
Craft Colly	441.01	791.03
Hazard First	9,290.12	7,570.88
Hindman First	10,415.80	12,155.62
Wooton First	1,002.93	772.00
First Creek	784.33	1,369.56
Deane	2,736.66	2,105.00
Hardburly	0.00	0.00
Hyden	1,095.86	1,183.07
Jeremiah	0.00	0.00
Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00
Lone Pine	250.00	250.00
Lothair	1,538.76	1,706.12
Fleming	762.49	1,518.31
McIntosh Chapel	0.00	0.00
Haymond	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	1,218.50	1,975.37
Mousie First	82.00	136.00
Muncy Creek	125.00	140.00
Premium	1,515.00	1,500.00
Petrey Memorial	4,573.94	5,460.30
Jeff Missionary	727.00	838.00
Rockhouse	974.13	933.99
Caney Mission	0.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	1,050.00	1,225.00
Upper Second Creek	959.00	917.00
North Fork	3,803.74	3,935.54
Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00
Big Leatherwood First	2,058.00	1,858.00
Smithsboro	8,293.62	10,118.71
Typo	0.00	0.00
Vicco	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	13,301.37	15,044.47
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00
Yerkes	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	77,102.72	84,053.28

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
UNION		
Beaver	2,085.89	2,448.83
Berlin	442.11	672.49
Berry	0.00	0.00
Blanket Creek	2,577.26	2,592.45
Butler	1,557.47	2,039.48
Cynthiana	25,605.60	27,140.88
Fairview	0.00	0.00
Falmouth	7,897.28	7,218.69

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Forest Hill	0.00	0.00
Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00
New Zion	120.00	120.00
Oakwood	100.00	150.00
Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00
Richland	0.00	0.00
Union	1,050.00	1,050.00
Willow	1,426.00	1,892.03
SUBTOTAL	43,881.61	46,344.85

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
UPPER CUMBERLAND		
Ages	0.00	0.00
Black Mountain	196.31	282.72
Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,200.00	1,200.00
Central	5,410.00	5,374.00
Chevrolet	341.27	345.50
Clospint Missionary	300.00	200.00
Cloverfork	300.00	365.87
Coxton	0.00	0.00
Dione	1,709.00	1,787.00
Elcomb	2,293.21	1,779.61
Evarts	4,353.64	4,120.29
Cumberland	3,525.32	4,137.41
Baxter First	1,070.57	980.80
Loyall First	9,287.28	7,039.01
Verda First	112.00	0.00
Friendship Missionary	609.92	613.07
Harlan	29,749.88	25,034.00
Huff Settlement	150.01	131.05
Jones Creek	60.00	52.00
Kelly Street	1,703.75	1,656.67
Lenarue	125.00	75.00
Liggett	441.31	356.14
Locust Grove	250.00	250.00
Locust	1,300.00	300.00
New Riverside	0.00	0.00
North Evarts	0.00	0.00
Pansy	1,029.00	565.00
Pine Flat	0.00	0.00
Putney	433.95	287.10
Red Bud	0.00	0.00
River Ridge	0.00	0.00
Riverside	945.18	243.81
Sunshine	1,033.54	1,078.13
Teetersville	917.80	1,595.65
Totz	1,443.22	1,113.57
Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00
Wallins	2,209.73	2,131.51
West Cumberland	247.00	255.00
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	308.23	310.36
SUBTOTAL	73,056.12	63,660.27

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
WARREN		
Andrew	250.00	250.00
Barren River	50.00	175.00
Bethany	2,931.70	4,065.73
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Burton Memorial	3,504.49	3,512.13
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Cedar Bluff	148.42	79.58
Brownsville Missionary	3,400.00	3,000.00
Clear Fork	3,599.20	4,728.31
Dedicated	210.00	252.00
Eastwood	10,404.67	25,980.03
Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bowling Green First	14,006.72	11,952.00
Forest Park	8,438.80	9,633.07
Friendship	786.22	1,026.01
Glen Lily Missionary	1,080.70	889.53
Glendale	750.00	625.00
Greenwood	9,449.59	9,554.01
Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00
Highland	458.16	476.94
Hillvue Heights	4,333.36	6,083.32
Iva	0.00	0.00
Jackson Grove	416.94	338.77
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00
Living Hope	73,922.71	106,027.46
New Gasper	0.00	0.00
Martinsville	0.00	0.00
Meadow Land	1,361.50	2,688.77
Oak Forest	769.65	1,010.54
Oak Forest Chapel	0.00	0.00
Mission Hispana at Glen Lily	0.00	0.00
Oakland	6,550.67	6,930.44
Plano	1,337.77	1,917.00
Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	158.00
Plum Springs	0.00	0.00
Providence Knob	5,942.55	7,308.30
Rich Pond	17,471.15	20,810.80
Richardsville	877.41	820.77
Rocky Springs	717.60	783.49
Smiths Grove	6,062.94	8,176.98
Southside	709.84	937.06
White Stone Quarry	812.00	539.00
Woodburn	5,830.42	5,861.38
SUBTOTAL	186,585.18	246,902.79

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
WAYNE COUNTY		
Big Sinking	0.00	324.10
Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	300.00	300.00
Cooper	540.00	600.00
Elk Spring Valley	8,360.15	9,331.47
Gap Creek	712.05	733.28
Green Hill	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	150.00	150.00
Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00
Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00
Monticello First	9,300.00	9,550.00
Mount Zion	2,960.00	3,240.00
New Charity	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,391.00	1,444.00
Newtown	518.00	515.76
Oak Grove	390.02	537.29
Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00
Rectors Flat	246.50	2,178.98
Sandusky Chapel	360.00	0.00
South Main Missionary	30.00	0.00
Spann Hill	249.93	150.07
Stuebenville	2,445.99	2,938.11
Rogers Grove	379.50	392.50
Zion	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	28,558.14	32,610.56

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
WEST KENTUCKY		
Antioch	483.73	538.11
Bardwell	11,773.99	11,775.58
Cayce	1,500.00	1,500.00
Burkley	110.00	1,980.96
Bethlehem	7,344.83	8,491.42

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
Beulah	8,504.00	10,161.00
Crutchfield	1,400.37	1,724.61
Columbus	2,253.04	2,359.06
Davids Chapel	178.17	300.76
East Hickman	381.00	300.00
Arlington First	3,498.00	3,498.00
Clinton First	10,314.87	11,602.22
Hopewell	33.67	34.65
Fulton First	24,428.55	29,304.97
Kirbyton	1,042.79	1,047.43
Hickman First	1,480.00	1,572.00
Green Valley Missionary	0.00	0.00
Milburn	2,198.49	2,730.11
Mississippi	8,607.60	10,515.45
Liberty	1,350.00	1,350.00
Moscow	3,064.07	5,158.35
Mount Moriah	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	1,274.50	1,009.46
New Harmony	500.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
Mount Carmel	900.00	900.00
Oak Grove	662.36	806.14
Oakton	500.00	500.00
Obion	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00
Riceville	50.00	50.00
Clinton Second	556.00	639.00
Shiloh	700.00	600.00
Springhill	817.16	1,095.11
Sassafras Ridge	1,138.19	726.66
West Hickman	7,564.85	7,771.33
SUBTOTAL	104,610.23	120,042.38

Association/Church	CP97	CP98
WEST UNION		
Antioch	5,404.38	7,938.87
Bandana	5,049.98	5,573.00
Tabernacle	2,674.37	3,430.23
Bellview	8,330.63	11,562.68
Highview	0.00	0.00
Bethel	235.44	378.32
Bethlehem	362.47	482.14
Blandville	1,474.36	1,266.69
Cane Creek	150.00	363.00
East	3,000.00	3,208.31
Eureka	194.16	249.14
Faith	6,476.63	6,722.89
Barlow First	7,519.56	9,561.42
Paducah First	180,440.24	211,305.49
Grace	1,624.06	1,693.16
Harmony	5,922.96	8,188.13
Immanuel	15,429.36	16,902.90
Kevil	5,169.20	6,999.39
LaCenter First	11,999.96	9,999.

WORLD VIEW

■ **Zimbabwe churches want 'Christian nation.'** The Zimbabwe Council of Churches wants the country declared a "Christian nation," arguing that other countries have declared themselves Muslim nations. "For Zimbabweans, it would only be proper and logical to declare the nation a Christian country," said Densen Mafinyane, the council's general secretary. An estimated 65 percent of its 12 million people are Christians, although for many Zimbabweans, it is a Christianity mixed with tribalist traditional religion.

■ **Few Britons know what millennium commemorates.** Fewer than one Briton in six is aware of what the coming millennium commemorates, according to a Gallup Poll conducted for the Daily Telegraph newspaper in London. Just 15 percent of those asked what event the forthcoming millennium in the year 2000 commemorates could say it marked the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus.



WESTERN WALL VISIT Green Bay Packers All-Pro football star Reggie White places a note in Jerusalem's Western Wall during a tour of the Old City March 9. White, an ordained Baptist pastor and known in football as "the minister of defense," is leading 310 Christians on a tour of the holy land. (Reuters photo)

Bomb threat doesn't stop Egypt crusade

CAIRO, Egypt (RNS)—Luis Palau, the Beaverton, Ore.-based evangelist often called "the Billy Graham of Latin America," has concluded a four-day campaign in Egypt that could make him one of the most popular Christian preachers in the Middle East.

Despite a bomb scare, overflow crowds heard Palau every night at Kasr el-Dobara, the largest Protestant church in the overwhelmingly Islamic Middle East.

Borrowing a strategy Graham has used successfully, Palau's team videotaped each message and sent copies by plane, train or automobile to 569 churches throughout Egypt, where the tapes were played to congregations the next day.

As a result, more than 150,000 people heard each message, according to church leaders at Kasr el-Dobara.

That would make the four-day evangelistic effort the largest in the

modern history of Egypt.

Each night of the campaign, more than 3,000 people packed into the relatively narrow, five-story Presbyterian church three blocks from the Nile in the heart of Cairo, an ancient city of 13 million.

Those who could not wiggle their way into the sanctuary watched Palau on closed-circuit monitors in the church's courtyards and meeting rooms.

Hundreds of people, most of them young, gathered in the street.

Rifle-carrying Egyptian police guarded all entrances. In the five years since Muslim militants began a campaign to destabilize the Egyptian government, Egyptian Christians and Western foreigners have been frequent targets.

As Palau preached Saturday night, a man called the church and said, "There's a bomb in the church, and it's going to go off in six minutes," said John Schaefer of Mondial, a pri-

vate security company hired to protect Palau.

"The first thing I did," Schaefer said, "is start my stopwatch."

Schaefer and others signaled to Palau.

"They said, 'Cut it, cut it,'" Palau said, chuckling about the scene a day later. "I'm thinking, 'Why? It wasn't that long of a sermon, was it?'"

Although those born into Christian families generally are allowed to practice their faith in Egypt, converting from Islam to Christianity is considered highly offensive, if not illegal. Some converts have been jailed and even tortured. Several attend Kasr el-Dobara.

The revival cost about \$75,000, with the Palau ministry picking up most of the tab, Palau said. Nightly collections went to the Cairo church, he said, with "not a penny" coming back to Oregon.

Later this year, Palau plans to preach in Turkey.

Jewish 'bridge builder' wins religion's 'Nobel Prize'

NEW YORK (RNS)—Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a Hungarian-born British businessman who spent more than a half century building bridges among the world's faiths, was named March 4 the 1998 winner of the \$1.2 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

Little known to the general public, Sternberg, 76, currently chairman of the executive committee of the International Council of Christians and

Jews, has played a key role in several events in religious diplomacy.

He helped organize the first visit by a pope to a synagogue, was instrumental in gaining the Vatican recognition of the state of Israel and helped resolve a dispute over the convent near the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp, a crisis that threatened relations between Catholics and Jews.

The Templeton Prize, funded in such a manner as always to exceed the

Nobel Peace Prize, has been given annually since 1973 to a living individual who has shown originality in advancing the world's understanding of God and spirituality.

It is named for Sir John Templeton, a global investor who started the prize because he felt the Nobel Prize did not recognize religious achievements. Among recipients of the prize are Mother Teresa, Billy Graham and Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Helping others

By Robert Dunston

After Cumberland College students have completed our INSIGHTS orientation program during their first year at Cumberland and the LEAD leadership program during their second year, they move into the community service program called SERVE (Service Experience Requiring Volunteer Effort).

In the SERVE component of our leadership and community service program, students choose and complete a 40-hour community service project. Many students select projects that enrich the lives of people in our part of Kentucky.

Some students work with children through Cumberland's Appalachian Ministries, our Knight Foundation Mentoring Program or through the Williamsburg or Whitley County school systems. Others involve themselves in ministry through Cumberland's Mountain Outreach house-building program, Bell-Whitley Community Service Agency, Christian Appalachian Project, Cumberland River Comprehensive Care, Commonwealth Attorney's Office or Mountain Laurel Manor Nursing Home.

Other students return to their hometowns or go to other areas to

serve. Students minister through their local church, coach Little League baseball teams, volunteer at local hospitals and nursing homes or engage in varied service projects. We constantly are amazed by the creativity and sensitivity of our students as they discover needs and work to meet those needs.

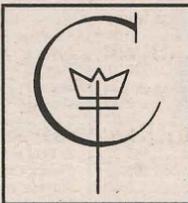
Many of our students move on to the SUCCESS (Services Unifying Cumberland's Commitment to Equip Students to Succeed) program, which requires an additional 45 hours of service. At graduation we recognize students who complete the SUCCESS program by proclaiming them E.L. Hutton Scholars after the man who has supported and encouraged our students in leadership studies and service.

Cumberland College maintains a leadership and service transcript on each student, which supplements their academic transcript. An official record of a student's involvement in service to the community is valuable when applying for employment or graduate school.

We are intensely proud of our students.

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Missions-minded, missions-handed

"Missions-minded" is a term I have heard often in Southern Baptist churches. First, as a child and later as a pastor, I have been in churches that pride themselves for being mission-minded.

I see a real transformation among many missions-minded churches. More Southern Baptists are finding ways to move from missions studies to missions practice than at any other time in my 25 years of ministry.

I am encouraged that so many Southern Baptists are finding ways to touch the lives of people across the globe and down the street with the love of God through Jesus.

I can see our churches coming alive as members move out of the pew and hit the pavement doing works for the good of humankind and the glory of God.

With all that is wrong today, let us not forget all that is being done to help others and to give God the glory.

I have tried to thank all those who, in so many ways, help our ministry. I want to do so again. To all of you who build, paint, donate, tutor, serve as foster parents, lead Bible studies, teach our children in Sunday school, encourage, visit,

pray, sacrificially give, I again say thanks! You may not see it, but what a difference you are making in the lives of families across Kentucky every day.

If you are reading this and have yet to experience the joy of giving, do not let another day go by without moving from being missions-minded to missions-handed.

Start with your local church. Then, get off the pew and out into your community. Or, get involved with a group going to Russia or maybe over to Glen Dale, Dixon, Morehead, Somerset, Spring Meadows or another ministry site of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

God may be calling you to serve one or more of our kids as a foster parent.

Missions-minded starts in our head and moves on through our hearts to our hands and feet. It begins in our local church but may lead us across the state or the world. The most important thing is to let it begin.

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HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

BOOKS

Whole Prayer: Speaking and Listening to God. *Walter Wangerin Jr. Zondervan Press, 1998. 206 pages. \$16.99* ♦♦♦♦♦ (Out of five)

The basic premise of this book is simple: "Prayer is communication ... We talk with God, not just to him. God talks with us, too, causing a circle to be whole and closed between us."

This conversation with God has four distinct, yet inseparable parts: we speak, God listens, God speaks, we listen. Simple enough, right? Yet, true to form, Walter Wangerin Jr. takes a simple outline and through a process of Bible teaching, theological instruction and storytelling invites the reader into a room where the wonderful complexity and simplicity of praying unfolds.

Wangerin's unique style of writing engages the reader at all levels. Intellectually, he stimulates new ways of thinking about communication and conversation. Emotionally, he draws the reader into experiencing through his eyes the feeling of "whole prayer." Spiritually, he speaks to the child in all of us who desperately longs for the love of our heavenly Father. Volitionally, he addresses the need we have to know what to do and how to do it.

Throughout the book he presents a God who desires contacts with and who has designed a way for us to be in relationship with him.

Though he contends prayer begins with our speaking, he concludes that "... it is the listening of the Lord God which makes our mumble a prayer." We can speak because we know God is listening. "His listening, in fact, is the very context of all prayer. It precedes our praying, so that we pray into a divine and merciful awareness already waiting, already knowing the

thing we are to say."

"Whole Prayer" has value not only as a tool for personal spiritual development, but also as a teaching guide for small groups. *Jim Holladay*

C.S. Lewis—Christian and Storyteller. *Beatrice Gormley. Eerdmans Books, 1998. 190 pages. \$8(paper), \$15 (hardback).* ♦♦♦♦♦

This year marks the 100th anniversary of C.S. Lewis' birth, and one can expect a continued flood of books about Lewis.



This book is welcome because it is a serious biography written for readers ages 12 and up. As the father of a child around this age, I know there are a lot of good biographies that hit in this age group. Most are either too simple or too involved.

Gormley does a nice job of covering Lewis' life in a way that moves quickly. She avoids long theological or sociological observations. She does, however, sum up the effects of various events in Lewis' life and ties them into his acceptance of Christianity, the creation of the world of Narnia, etc.

Young readers who already have been exposed to Lewis' writings are more likely to stick with the book because Lewis' writings make such an impact on readers. Gormley deftly answers the questions that most young readers would have about an author who can create a whole new world. I'm just excited to have another quality alternative for my young reader.

Availability in paper is good for the family budget, but church libraries (who should purchase this book) will want to have the book in hardback. *Wayne Hager*

Evangelism Through the Sunday School: A Journey of FAITH. *LifeWay Press, 1997. Bobby Welch. 164 pages. \$9.95.* ♦♦

Throughout 1998 and beyond, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will promote a new effort to stem the tide of declining baptisms among Southern Baptist churches. Entitled FAITH, this new program is patterned after a Sunday school evangelism ministry developed out of First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Fla., and tested in dozens of churches across the South.

As stated in "Part 1," the "purpose of this book is to motivate the readers and their churches to experience personally and collectively an explosion in growth individually and church-wide by combining Sunday school and evangelism through FAITH, an approach developed over 12 years."

Consequently, the book is part pep-talk and part promotion. Well over half the book is dedicated to making the case for every Christian in every church making evangelism the central priority of the church's life. Welch writes: "No one on the face of this earth has or ever will attempt to win souls to Christ except saved Christians who make up the local church. Regardless of what a church does, it must do soul winning first because no one else will." He does a commendable job of challenging the reader with the imperative of evangelism.

Woven throughout the challenge to evangelism, and stated more forthrightly in the last third of the book, is the promotion of the FAITH program of using the Sunday school as the "only ... official church program for doing evangelism." A constant theme of the book is that this program can produce miraculous results in the lives of believers and the numerical growth of any church.

Don't buy this book if you are looking for details of the plan. "FAITH" is an acronym for witness-

ing about Christianity, but Welch never writes what the acronym stands for. You will have to attend a FAITH training clinic this fall in order to find out how the program is put together and how to administer it. *Jim Holladay*

The Book that James Wrote. *Earl Palmer. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997. 90 pages. \$10.* ♦♦♦♦♦

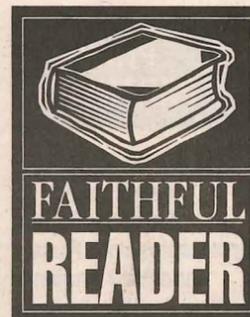
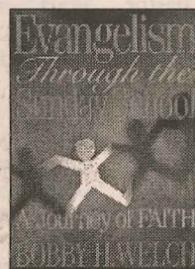
Martin Luther characterized the book of James as an epistle "of straw." Luther did not find enough emphasis in the book upon salvation. Quite to the contrary, Earl Palmer is a cheerleader for the Book of James and even devotes a chapter to Luther's early dismissal of the book.

For Palmer, the Book of James is an important book for today because it offers one of the best cures for religious, political or social straitjackets. The Book of James is plain talk about faith and God.

Many people who are fans of Paul have a problem with James because they do not see what Palmer contends is one of the main themes in the book—faith. Palmer leads the reader through a theological commentary on James, with faith as the centerpiece.

Palmer begins by exploring James' setting and the structure of the book (not a continuous development as in Paul but more like a "New Testament Proverbs").

After developing the faith theme, he turns to what James teaches us about God. The book concludes in setting out James' pastoral concerns. (Palmer sees the author as the brother of Jesus, bishop of the Jerusalem church). An appendix includes a brief study guide of questions. As a theological reflection, Palmer provides an excellent frame of reference to pick up the Book of James and hear the words as advice not only for the early church, but for today's church. We share the need of James' church to stop wandering and find our way home to Jesus. *Wayne Hager*



By Wayne Hager, pastor of Midlane Park Baptist Church in Louisville, and Jim Holladay, pastor of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville. Holladay and Hager welcome feedback or suggestions for book reviews. Contact them via e-mail at: docholladay@juno.com or jwhager@juno.com



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■ **The Baptist Convention of New England** staff.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **ERLANGER**—Ortie Bradshaw, 86, died March 10. Bradshaw was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia 46 years before retirement. He was interim pastor of nine churches after that time. Survivors include his wife, Bernice, two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was a member of Erlanger Church.

■ **FOREST HILLS**—Al LaRoe resigned as pastor of Forest Hills Church to become pastor at Rock Sink Church in Old Town, Fla. He will begin his new ministry April 1.

■ **GLASGOW**—Calvary Church called Jeff Coursey as pastor. Coursey previously was associate pastor for youth and education at Zion Church in Henderson. He will begin his new ministry March 29.

■ **KUTTAWA**—Suwanee Furnace Church ordained Jeremy Short, pastor of Sharpe Church in Benton, to the gospel ministry March 8.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Chevy Chase Church will present "The Choice," a dramatic musical, April 3 at 7 p.m. Additional presentations will be April 5 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (606) 266-2601.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—As a kickoff to the World Missions Conference, Long Run Association will hold a missions fair at Parkland Church March 28 at 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. with Jerry Rankin,

president of the International Mission Board, as speaker. For more information, call the Long Run office at (502) 635-2601.

Cloverleaf Church will hold revival services April 5-8 at 7 p.m. Joe Mobley of London will be the evangelist. Geoffrey Lacefield is pastor.

Cedar Creek Church will present an Easter musical, "Who Do You Say I Am?" April 4-5 at 7 p.m. Call (502) 239-2129 for more information.

New Beginnings Church will hold revival services March 29-April 1. Sunday services at 12:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Homer Martinez of Dallas, Texas will lead the services.

Woodland Church's Holy Week services will include an adult choir musical April 5 at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday communion service at 7 p.m., Good Friday joint service with Lakewood Church at 7 p.m. and Easter celebration at 10:50 a.m. with Ken Perkins as guest speaker. Timothy Beougher is interim pastor.

■ **MADISONVILLE**—First Church will host a drama workshop, featuring Matt and Darlene Tullos of the Baptist Sunday School Board, March 28 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, call (502) 821-3611.

■ **MARION**—Second Church will ordain Ed Boone to the gospel ministry March 29.

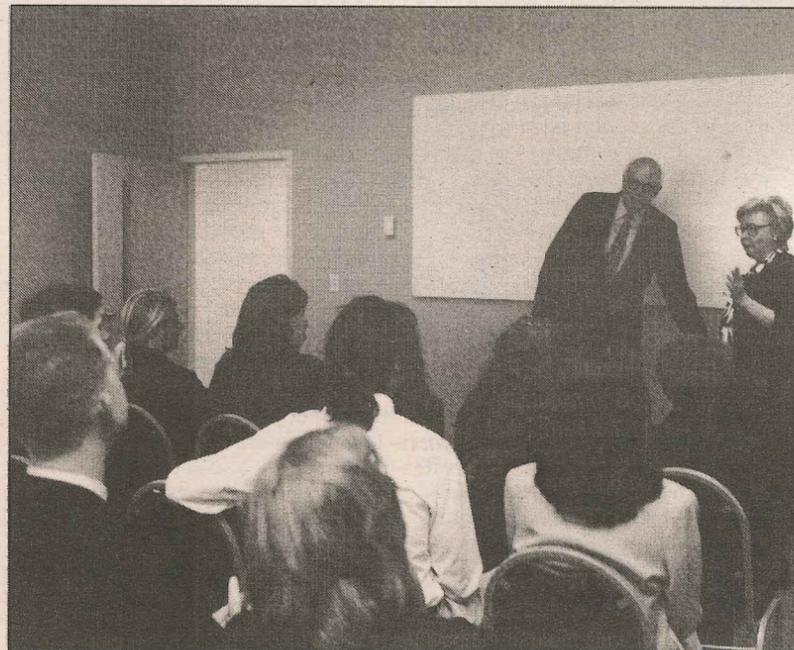
■ **OWENSBORO**—Michael Smith resigned as associate minister of worship and music at Bellevue Church effective March 29 to become associate minister of worship and music at Clearview Church in Franklin, Tenn.

■ **PINEVILLE**—John Birchett Jr., minister of education and youth at First Church, recently was ordained to the gospel ministry at Eastwood Church in Bowling

Green.

■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Kings Church's sanctuary choir will present "The Day He Wore My Crown" April 4 at 7 p.m., April 5 at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Call (502) 955-5480 for free tickets.

■ **WHITLEY CITY**—First Church ordained J. Bill Sosh to the deacon ministry March 8. Daryl Varble is pastor.



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve System, spoke recently to students participating in Georgetown College's Center for Leadership and Ethics. He and Judy Rogers, vice president for leadership and ethics at Georgetown, also fielded questions from the students, including members of the school's student investment team.

We did it again!

We have had a strong drafting department for many years. John Smith, in his 24th year of service, is our drafting instructor. For the past several years, he has encouraged our drafting students to enter a balsa wood bridge building contest sponsored by the University of Louisville student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Last year two of our boys took first and third places. This year we took first, second and third places. Five cash prizes were offered in three areas: efficiency, strength and aesthetics. Our three boys received all five awards.

The efficiency rating simply tests the overall strength or load a bridge will carry compared to its weight. Ryan came in third with his bridge, which weighed 3.756 ounces. His bridge held 492 pounds and had an efficiency of 1,980 times its own weight. His third place won a cash prize of \$25.

Ryan is completing his first year at Oneida. His father is a pastor in California and was looking for a school that could provide more structure for Ryan. Ryan was known to be a prankster in his old school, and he had gotten into trouble a time or two. When he enrolled as a freshman, he told me most of his grades were Ds. I am happy to report that he was on the B honor roll this past quarter.

Second place went to Jason, who has been here since the 6th grade. Jason is from Kentucky and is now a sophomore. He has always been a strong student academically, and is currently on the B honor roll. He has a special job in our work program; he is in charge of the wax crew.

Every year, two or three boys are asked to wax floors. This crew normally does not work much during the week, but works late on Friday and Saturday night when there is no traffic on the floors. These boys must be very responsible and

dependable.

Jason's bridge weighed only 3.039 ounces, but carried a load of 430 pounds or an efficiency of 2,139 times its own weight. Jason's second place showing earned him \$50.

Mike, a senior, took top honors in all three categories. He received the "Most Aesthetic" award for his well-designed bridge. This is the first time an Oneida student has received this award. He also won first place in the "Ultimate Load" category. This means that his bridge carried the heaviest load of any in the contest: 710 pounds. And finally, he won the "Most Efficient" award. His bridge weighed only 3.780 ounces and had an efficiency rating of 2,841.

I have personally seen and held this bridge. It is amazing to me that this less-than-four-ounce bridge could carry 710 pounds, or 2,841 times its own weight. Comparatively speaking, this would mean a bridge weighing less than one pound could carry a load of 2,840 pounds; nearly one and one half tons. Remarkable! So Mike took first place in three categories, earning the princely sum of \$125.

Mike came to Oneida a year and a half ago from Ohio. He was not doing well at home or in school. There had been some other problems Mike was dealing with, and he saw Oneida as a "new chance." His previous grades were mostly Ds and Fs. While he is not an honor roll student, he is doing much better academically. Mike is also on the wax crew, working with Jason.

While one of the families of these three boys is able to pay the modest fees we ask, two are on substantial scholarships. We hope you are pleased with the investment in all of these young men.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Celebrating a 30-year ministry

The average length of stay in a church for a Southern Baptist pastor has finally gone beyond two years, but few will match the record of 1961 graduate Fred Aten.

On March 15 Willow Springs Baptist Church near Chicago celebrated his 30 years of service to the church and community. A full day of activities expressed thanksgiving for his "true labor of love to the Lord and his people."

Aten asked me to preach in the morning service. "I owe so much to Clear Creek for sound teaching and principles that have stayed with me through the years. Any success I have had started at Clear Creek," he said.

A native of Illinois, Aten married Mary Lafon in 1942. As a World War II gunner he flew 42 combat missions in the African Theater. He worked as a machinist in three states. It was in Loveland, Ohio, where he, his wife and son Jim accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

A call to preach came the next year. Like Moses, Fred had at least three excuses for not moving to Clear Creek—a teenage son, a high car payment and a new job. Before long his son joined the Navy, he was laid off from work and had to sell the car.

From 1964 to 1965 he served Feds Creek church in Pike County followed by three years at First Baptist Church of Dolton, Ill. The Willow Springs congregation began as a store-front mission in January 1968. Aten assumed leadership on March 17, 1968. Twenty-seven people attended and at the invitation 17 joined the new church. The interracial church now has 110 members. Three members have entered the ministry.

At a testimonial dinner members shared accounts of a faithful, loving pastor at their side in times of trouble and joy. As minister of a community wedding chapel, Aten performs about 200 weddings each year. Many of those brides and grooms have come to Christ, and some are active members of the church. Church pianist Gaynor Obrien told of walking with her son whose bicycle had broken. Pastor Aten stopped to offer assistance. The visit revealed Obrien was seeking a church to help with music and Willow Springs needed a pianist.

All who have invested in Clear Creek share in the ministry of Fred Aten and Willow Springs Baptist Church.

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Missionary: Resort setting requires creative ministries

By Mark Wyatt
California Southern Baptist

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif.—It is not quite 8 a.m. on a Sunday in late August, with the temperature hovering around 50 degrees. The sun has yet to rise above the surrounding mountain peaks as Fred Weatherly arrives at Pokonobe Lodge overlooking Lake Mary.

On a deck built especially for the church services he leads weekly, Weatherly arranges folding chairs amid the majestic backdrop of the sparkling lake and craggy mountains. As he finishes setting up the sound system, worshippers begin to arrive. They include members and guests from Mammoth Lakes as well as vacationers staying at the campgrounds.

The outdoor worship is just one aspect of a comprehensive year-round resort ministry for Weatherly, a Southern Baptist North American Mission Board missionary featured during this year's Season of North American Missions. The Season also includes the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with a national goal for 1998 of \$42 million.

The special lakeside services in summer and on the ski slopes in winter are in addition to regular Sunday morning worship at the rented storefront location of High Sierra Christian Church in town, where Weatherly serves as pastor.

He refers to the church's location as "home base."

"This is one of our expedition ministries," said Weatherly, referring to the lakeside worship, whose only advertising is a small sign post-

ed by the road above the lodge. "We've got to have a strong base camp to call home and take care of it."

About 50 people gather for the first of two services being held this day. As many as 90 visitors fill the deck during the busiest weeks of the summer.

"Many people come to the mountains to seek a relationship with God," Weatherly said. "This ministry gives us an opportunity to share the gospel with people who haven't heard it and who are not ... attracted to a normal kind of church situation."

"Most of the people I baptize are in their 30s," he added. "They have never been involved with church, and they need a lot of grace in their lives."

He compares his ministry with the job special education teachers perform. "We provide special grace for people with special needs, people who are rebuilding their lives in grace."

Weatherly was a hospital chaplain in Spokane, Wash., when he attended a seminary course on resort ministries in Lake Tahoe that changed not only his ministry, but his life.

When the course ended, Weatherly recalls, he asked Tahoe resort minister Dan Holzer, "Can I hang out here for a year?" Holzer agreed and Weatherly began an apprenticeship of sorts that led him to start the church in Mammoth Lakes.

That was more than a dozen years ago. Since then, Weatherly's ministry—and his impact on the remote resort area—has grown steadily. In addition to the pastorate, he also is

lead chaplain at the town's two principle ski resorts, a role which allows him to lead the Sunday afternoon services on the slopes.

He also is chaplain for Eastern Sierra Passage Lodge, a 90-day, live-in drug and alcohol recovery program. This, too, is an unpaid volunteer position, but one Weatherly views as another extension of his pastoral ministry.

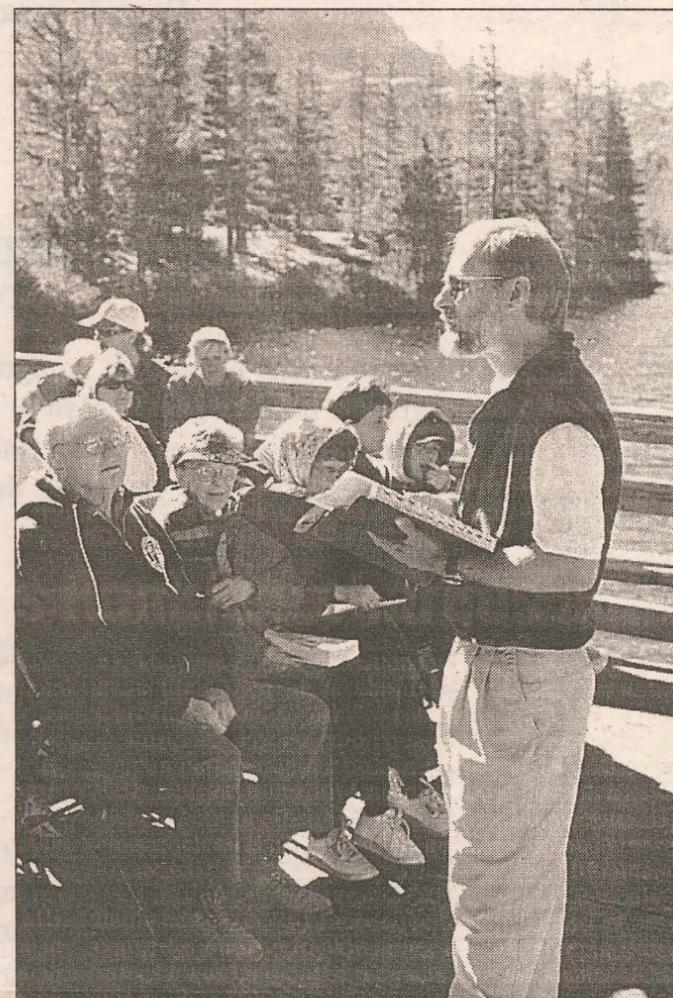
"It's busy. We work up here," he said, smiling. Weatherly is aware some people imagine resort ministry as a year-round vacation. He knows better, and admits managing so many responsibilities can be a challenge. But he credits his wife, Marsha, and Walker, their 9-year-old son, with helping provide balance.

At age 42, Weatherly relates equally well with the affluent visitors enjoying a vacation getaway, townspeople who work in the resort's motels, shops and restaurants, and retirees who return to Mammoth Lakes year after year in caravans of recreational vehicles. He welcomes church members and first-time visitors the same way—with a genial handshake and a sincere smile.

Back at the Sunday morning service overlooking St. Mary, the end of summer means lakeside services are being discontinued for another year.

After church members prepare and serve the Lord's Supper, Weatherly dons fishing waders and joins 8-year-old Caitlyn Schwind, clad in a surfer's wetsuit, in the chilly waters of Lake Mary.

Following a song and prayer, family and friends line the shore to witness Caitlyn's baptism. Shouts of amen and applause greet Weatherly



and Caitlyn as they emerge.

A potluck dinner marks the end of the season. "Pastor Fred" and the people who live and work in Mammoth Lakes know it's also the beginning of a new one.

RESORT SERMON
Southern Baptist missionary Fred Weatherly preaches in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Franklin wants to revitalize black church seminary education

By Jack Harwell
Religion News Service

ATLANTA (RNS)—From his new seat as the head of the nation's largest African-American seminary, Robert Franklin has a good view of the religious landscape of the black church. He doesn't always like what he sees.

"Our challenge is clear," said Franklin, who has just finished his first half-year as president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, the seminary sponsored by six denominations, including the predominantly black African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the Church of God in Christ. It has 410 students.

"Only 15 percent of African-American pastors have any seminary training at all," Franklin said. "And many African-American megachurches now have become one-stop shops for total religious programs."

"Some of these megachurches might have 75 or 100 ministers on staff," he added. "Many of their members really do believe their pastor and church are giving them all they need to know about what the Bible teaches about everything essential. And many of these mega-

church pastors have little or no theological training."

At the same time, Franklin is fearful many black churches are abandoning their historic role of being a social anchor in black communities, especially the struggling inner cities.

While such a situation makes him unhappy, it also has given the 44-year-old former Ford Foundation executive a mission—to make his seminary students into what he calls "public theologians" who will be in the vanguard of religiously and economically transforming black America's churches and communities.

"In its 40th anniversary year, ITC sits poised at a critical juncture," he said. "I came here with a firm belief that we can help to make ITC a global center for creativity and integrity and scholarship and imagination in helping African-American churches—of many theological persuasions—find the best ways to improve their members and their communities."

With his background, training and theology, Franklin said he believes he is in a prime position to help forge new alliances between "the sacred and the secular" for what he calls comprehensive community development with "prophetic and ministering" churches as the centerpiece.

Before heading the ITC, Franklin

spent two and a half years at the Ford Foundation as director of the grant program for African-American congregations.

Three years after the death of Martin Luther King Jr., Franklin enrolled in King's alma mater, Morehouse College.

After graduation he went on to graduate work at the University of Durham in England—with study opportunities in the former Soviet Union, North Africa, France and Spain. He received his master's degree from Harvard Divinity School and his doctorate from the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Along the way, Franklin was ordained in the Church of God in Christ and spent 11 years teaching.

While King and other African-American leaders have inspired him, Franklin said his true spiritual hero as a boy was his grandmother, who was a deaconess in St. Paul Church in Chicago.

In his latest book, "Another Day's Journey," Franklin writes that "Grandma's house and her table were places where the community met, and where good religion was practiced and experienced. Grandma's garden next door was a place of many treasures. ... It is now clear to me that Grandma was resisting the dehumanizing effects of urban living. ... Her garden

represented defiance, self-empowerment, practical enrichment and hope for the larger community."

Those four phrases—"self-empowerment, practical enrichment, hope and larger community"—are the vision Franklin has for the type of seminary training ITC plans to provide in the next millennium.

He said he wants ITC to become "a national think tank, a research center, a clearing house for data on African-American churches" and he is encouraging ITC faculty to redirect their research and writings to focus more clearly on practical issues for laity and local churches.

While his vision is often global, it is rooted in the local.

"We also have a fervent dream to provide a rich fount of services to our surrounding neighborhoods, to help them with the basic things they need for better living," he said.

"I sincerely believe we can model how to train spiritual leaders to help empower and bring hope to the larger community around our campus," he said. "If we can teach them to do that while students here in Atlanta, I believe they can fan out across the world and empower needy people by the thousands."

"Our motto here will be, 'You can't save the whole world, but you can save this block.'"

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Robert Franklin, president of Interdenominational Theological Center

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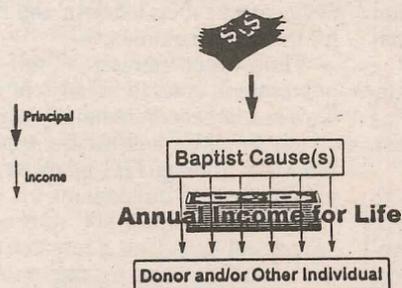
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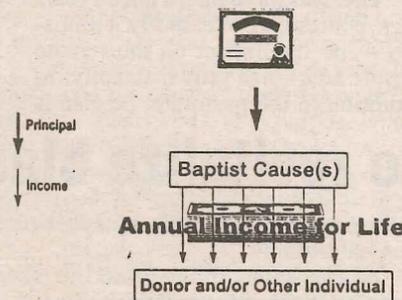
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