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FOR THE RECORD

Hell House Halloween events growing in popularity

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

LONDON—"Hell House" returns this weekend for its third run at Calvary Baptist Church, featuring expanded sets and professionally-managed sound and lighting.

But Youth Pastor Jamie Maxey said the technical wizardry of the show takes a back seat to the Halloween drama's ability to attract viewers to profess faith in Jesus as Savior.

"This is our best evangelistic tool by far," said Maxey, coordinator of the show, which has recorded approximately 300 converts the past two years. "This outranks a revival and it's more effective because more people come."

Halloween alternatives are ambitious and controversial productions, but four Kentucky Baptist churches staging them say they are worth the time and expense.

While no records are available, these spiritually based shows appear to be increasing nationwide. Keenan Roberts, a youth pastor in suburban Denver who distributes a "Hell House" resource kit, estimates such productions have doubled in the past few years.

Calvary Baptist Pastor Harlan Avera said the show's realism lures enthusiastic crowds. "Last year, we didn't get out of here a lot of nights until midnight."

Time demands on the cast, which includes about 20 teenagers, forced elimination of Thursday performances, Maxey said. The team is compensating by starting earlier on Saturdays.

This year's version consists of seven scenes spanning 35 minutes. They

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HELL HOUSE A joy ride turned tragic is among the scenes at "Hell House," an alternative Halloween production sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church in London. "This is our best evangelistic tool by far," said Youth Pastor Jamie Maxey. Nationwide, the number of churches sponsoring such events appears to be growing.

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Alternative Halloween shows

Hell House. Calvary Baptist Church, 111 N. McWhorter St. in London. Oct. 23-24 and 30-31, Fridays starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays starting at 3 p.m. (606) 864-7071. Groups of 20 or more are asked to call in advance to arrange a specific time.

Party Time Weekend. Kings Baptist Church, 989 Kings Church Road in Mount Washington. Oct. 23, 6:30-11 p.m.; Oct. 24, 6:30-10 p.m. (502) 955-5480. Call ahead to reserve time. Please bring canned goods for Spring Meadows Children's Home.

Judgment House. Southside Baptist Church, 205 Nichols St. in Princeton. Oct. 23-30, from 6:30 p.m. until finished, except Oct. 25, which starts at 7:30 p.m. No more reservations accepted, so come early or expect a long wait.

Nightmare on Mount Elmira Road. Mount Elmira Baptist Church, 3644 Mount Elmira Road in Shepherdsville. Oct. 29, 7-10 p.m.; Oct. 30-31, 7-11 p.m. (502) 957-58398.

Russian friendships lasting longer than ministry projects

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CRITTENDEN—Although Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Russia Baptists ended last month, members from one of the last teams to travel there plan to return next summer.

They'll go back to Tikhvin for a

dedication service at the city's Baptist church and anything else God leads them to do, said Jerry Thornton.

"Even though the partnership has ended we're not done in Russia because God's not done," said Thornton, a member of Crittenden Baptist Church. "We're staying in touch because we know God wants us to do something more."

David Aker, mountain missions director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, wants to take more supplies to the southwestern Russian town of Seltzo in 1999.

"I personally dream of going back to the (city's) orphanage and working with some tasks there," said Aker, who led a medical missions team of 13.

While the five-year partnership ended with the return of Aker's group Sept. 1, excitement remains high among those who visited this past summer.

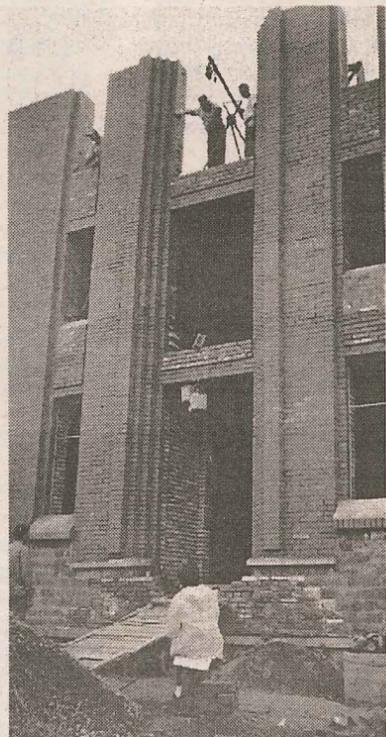
After they shared in recent weeks about needs for shoes and clothing for 130 children in the orphanage, various individuals donated \$2,300 and a carton of vitamins.

Partnership officials Calvin Wilkins and Ken Murphy took those offerings to Russia earlier this month.

"It's like the Lord sent a raven with supplies that would let us finish that mission," said Aker, a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Somerset.

It included holding medical, eye and pharmaceutical clinics and children's Bible activities.

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BRICKS, MORTAR & MEDICINE Kentucky Baptists who recently returned from partnership mission projects in Russia say they are considering returning next year to help the churches they worked with. ■ Left: Volunteers haul cement to the top of the new Baptist church building in Tikhvin. ■ Right: Dr. Ken Wells of Burnside examines a patient at a mission clinic in Seltzo. (Photos by John Strimple and Carla Purvis)

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BAPTIST BITS

■ **Henry Goerner**, former missions professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who left that role to become a foreign missionary in West Africa, died Oct. 2 in Richmond, Va. He was 90.

■ **No rate increase** is planned in January for the general insurance and health plans administered by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, officials announced last week. In addition to keeping premium rates flat, the Annuity Board announced plans to expand access to preferred provider organization networks and an improved prescription drug program.

■ **Any preaching other than verse-by-verse exposition** is an "aberration from the apostolic norm," Kent Hughes said during the annual Mullins Lectures on preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. According to Hughes, pastor of the College Church in Wheaton, Ill., a preacher fails when he surrenders to the "homiletics of consensus" by preaching to felt needs in the congregation.

Southwestern faculty asked to sign revised statement

By Toby Druin
Texas Baptist Standard

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Faculty members at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be required to sign the updated "Baptist Faith and Message" statement and teach accordingly or sever their relationship with the seminary, President Ken Hemphill said.

"Southwestern is a confessional institution, and our charter and bylaws are clear and have been clear for decades," Hemphill said in a prepared statement.

Professors at the seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, previously have been required to sign a pledge to teach in accordance with the "Baptist Faith and Message," the official doctrinal statement of the Southern Baptist Convention.

But this summer the convention revised the statement, adding an amendment on the family, which

gained nationwide publicity because of its emphasis on a wife's submission to the authority of her husband. It was the first amendment to the statement since 1963, when the convention approved several revisions in the document first drafted in 1925.

While a faculty spokesman said the faculty is "overwhelmingly supportive" of the family amendment, some professors reportedly disagree with the new article's interpretation of what the Bible says about family relationships and do not believe it should be imposed on current faculty.

"As a matter of conviction and conscience, as an SBC institution, we gladly teach according and not contrary to the 'Baptist Faith and Message,'" Hemphill's statement said. "We are under the patronage, general direction and control of the SBC which established the 'Baptist Faith and Message' and amended it in 1998."

According to the faculty manual,

professors who can no longer subscribe to the seminary's articles of faith are expected to "voluntarily sever relations with the institution," Hemphill said.

Some faculty members said they object to adding the amendment to the seminary's articles of faith because it applies a particular interpretation to selected Bible verses while excluding other relevant passages.

Hemphill and the seminary faculty discussed the issue at a general faculty meeting in early October.

David Porter, director of public relations for Southwestern, said no deadline has been set for faculty members to sign the statement.

However, one faculty member who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal told a reporter the underlying message given to professors was "sign on or sign off." The primary objection of many faculty members, he said, is that the policy under which they were employed and granted ten-

ure—signing the 1963 statement—has been changed. And he said it was implied that the new signing would mean that "we agree with anything passed in the future."

Another possible revision of the "Baptist Faith and Message" already is under study. The SBC Executive Committee in September passed on to the council of seminary presidents for study a proposal made in Salt Lake City to amend the faith statement's article on Scripture.

Professors reportedly have asked Hemphill for an independent analysis of whether it is legal to require them to sign the revised version.

Despite objections by some professors, faculty spokesman James Spivry said it was not his understanding that the faculty would be forced to sign the revised document, but that it would be "entirely voluntary." He said faculty members were not told they would have to resign if they refused to sign it.

Southern trustees adopt mission statement

By David Winfrey
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a new mission statement and heard reports of higher student enrollment during their fall board meeting Oct. 12-13.

The new mission statement reads: "Under the lordship of Jesus Christ, the mission of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is to be totally committed to the Bible as the word of God and to be a servant of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention by training, educating and preparing ministers of the gospel for more faithful service."

Seminary President Al Mohler called the statement "biblical not only in substance, but also in authority."

Mohler said the statement asserts that the seminary belongs to God and is responsible to Southern Baptist churches to help ministers in the areas of training, educating and preparing, or as he said, "doing, knowing and being."

One trustee asked why the statement did not include the word "inerrant" to describe the Bible.

Mohler responded that "it was tempting to put the entire statement of faith" in the document. As this was a purpose statement, those who worked on it decided to leave confessional statements out, he said.

The statement replaces a previous one, which said, "The mission of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as a Southern Baptist educational institution committed to excellence, is to conduct comprehensive programs of theological education, research and service, with Christ at the center, for men and women called of God and recommended by the churches."

Mohler reported that fall enrollment is up compared to last year.

This fall, total student enrollment is 1,759, up from 1,639 students in 1997, Mohler said. Those figures include students in the Seminary Wives Institute, which grew from 125 students in fall 1997 to 153 students this year, according to a statement distributed to trustees.

Total enrollment on the Louisville campus this fall is 1,391, including the

153 enrolled in the Seminary Wives Institute.

Enrollment in degree programs in Boyce College of the Bible, which last year upgraded its status from a Bible school to a four-year Bible college, is 98, according to Jim Smith Sr., director of public relations. That compares to 81 students enrolled last fall in the old Boyce program.

Mohler also announced two presidential appointments for teaching in 1999. James Rightmyer, organist and choirmaster for St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Louisville, will be an adjunct professor of church music. David Dehner, minister of music at College Park Church of God in Huntsville, Ala., will be an instructor of church music.

Trustees also learned that Jerry Johnson, a Colorado pastor who recently concluded a term as a seminary trustee, has moved to Louisville to enroll in the doctor of philosophy program and is working part-time in the development office. Johnson was among the first wave of conservative trustees placed on Southern's board and created a stir in 1990 by accusing then seminary President Roy Honeycutt of not believing the Bible.

Mo. Association ousts church

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (BP)—Messengers to the annual meeting of Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Baptist Association voted Sept. 29 to withdraw fellowship from First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau over the ordination of six women as deacons.

Moderator Glen Golden, pastor of First Baptist Church of Delta, Mo., said messengers voted 98-41 to remove First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau from the association, during a meeting at Red Star Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Golden called the action "a course correction that needed to be made for the association."

John Owen, pastor of First Baptist of Cape Girardeau, questioned the constitutionality of the action

and criticized the conduct of the meeting.

The action—on a motion from messenger Donny Ford—took place after messengers voted down a report from their credentials committee which stated women deacons should not be a test for membership. Ford is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Concerning the argument of local church autonomy made by those who opposed the action, Golden noted: "There have to be limits to local autonomy. If you're coming together under the Scriptures of our Lord Jesus Christ, as far as Cape Girardeau Association is concerned, ordination of women is one of those non-negotiables."

Southern and NAMB focus on church planting

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The North American Mission Board and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have jointly named Ed Stetzer to head the first seminary center for church planting as part of NAMB's Nehemiah Project.

The Nehemiah Project ultimately will establish a church-planting center on each Southern Baptist Convention seminary campus in the United States and Canada. Each center director will be chosen through a twofold process that includes the seminary's faculty selection procedures and NAMB's missionary approval process.

Stetzer began his assignment at Southern Seminary Sept. 16.

"Our partnership and project offers a great opportunity to recruit, encourage and deploy strategically trained and theologically mature church planters to reach the unchurched of North America," Stetzer said. "We plan to marry academic excellence with the latest technologies in church planting."

Stetzer, who helped start three successful churches for Southern Baptists in the northeastern United States, is professor/director of the center for church planting in Southern's Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth. He will develop and teach church planting curriculum and recruit students for the church planting track as well as arrange internships for Nehemiah Project church planters.



Stetzer



"My husband is an out-of-work mime. Put him down as an unspoken request."

KBC hirings include campus ministry, prayer, literacy

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

Four new campus ministers, three part-time consultants and one full-time associate director were employed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board Oct. 13.

The new campus ministers are Kristin Gaddis at Henderson and Madisonville community colleges; Sandra Nickell at Union College in Barbourville; Cynthia Pelphrey at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro Community College and Brescia College; and Grace Henderson at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes.

The KBC has ministries on 36 campuses around the state, of which 12 have full-time directors and 24 have part-time directors.

The new full-time employee is Larry Brannin, named as media production associate in the Executive Board's communications department. Brannin previously had been a part-time contract employee.

KBC Executive Associate Jim Hawkins explained that the volume of work the KBC now does in video and audio production and consulting—both for its own use and in response to requests from churches—has grown dramatically, requiring creation of the full-time position.

The three new part-time consultants are Becky Carnell, who will promote literacy ministry and train literacy workers; Nell Bruce, who will promote prayer ministries throughout the state using volunteer coordinators; and Bob Jones, who will help the KBC annuity department maintain contact with retired ministers and their families.

All eight new employees were



Brannin



Carnell



Gaddis



Henderson



Jones



Pelphrey

affirmed by the Executive Board's administrative committee Oct. 13.

Here is a brief profile of each:

Brannin has worked on a part-time contract with the KBC since 1993. Since 1975 he also has worked as a piano tuner. From 1971-75 he served as a missile electronics technician in the U.S. Air Force, working on the Minuteman missile. From 1975-93 he served in the Kentucky Air National Guard as an audio visual production specialist.

Brannin is a graduate of Eastern High School in Louisville as well as various Air Force training components. He and his wife, Barbara, are members of Crestwood Baptist Church in Crestwood.

Bruce was prayer coordinator at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville for 10 years, where she began a systematic and church-wide program of intercessory prayer. She has worked extensively in the past with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Carnell has been a volunteer worker in literacy ministries since 1993. Working through the KBC and the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, she has trained tutors in conversational English and adult reading and writing courses. Last year she received the Lillian Isaacs Award for literacy missions from the KBC.

A resident of Vine Grove, Carnell is a former customer services representative, loan collector and bank teller. She also served as secretary for Severns Valley Baptist Association from 1984-86. She and her husband, Billy, are members of Hill Grove Baptist Church in Meade County.

Gaddis is a teacher with the Daviess County Board of Education, where she has worked since 1996. She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of arts degree in history. She has been involved in multiple ministry leadership roles as a volunteer, including previous work with the Baptist Student Union at Kentucky Wesleyan College and as a semester missionary to Salt Lake City appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

A resident of Owensboro, she is a member of Yellow Creek Baptist Church.

Henderson teaches mathematics in the June Buchanan School, a component of Alice Lloyd College. She previously taught middle school and high school math at Blue Grass Baptist School in Lexington. She has been a camp counselor at Boones Creek Baptist Camp in Winchester and volunteer leader in various church capacities.

She earned the bachelor of arts degree from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., and

completed additional studies at the University of Kentucky. She and her husband, Clark, are members of First Baptist Church in Hindman.

Jones retired in 1995 as director of the KBC's direct missions department after a long career in Kentucky missions work. He is a graduate of Cumberland College, Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Maxine, are members of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville.

Nickell most recently has worked as a home health nurse with Med Link in West Palm Beach, Fla. She previously has worked as a nurse in hospitals and private doctors' practices. She has extensive experience as a church leader and teacher.

She is a graduate of the University of Louisville and College of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. Her husband, Shane, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Barbourville.

Pelphrey has been minister of youth and missions at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro since 1992. She previously served as interim Baptist campus minister on three Owensboro campuses and as director of ecumenical ministries at Mississippi University for Women. She also has extensive experience as a church leader in various capacities.

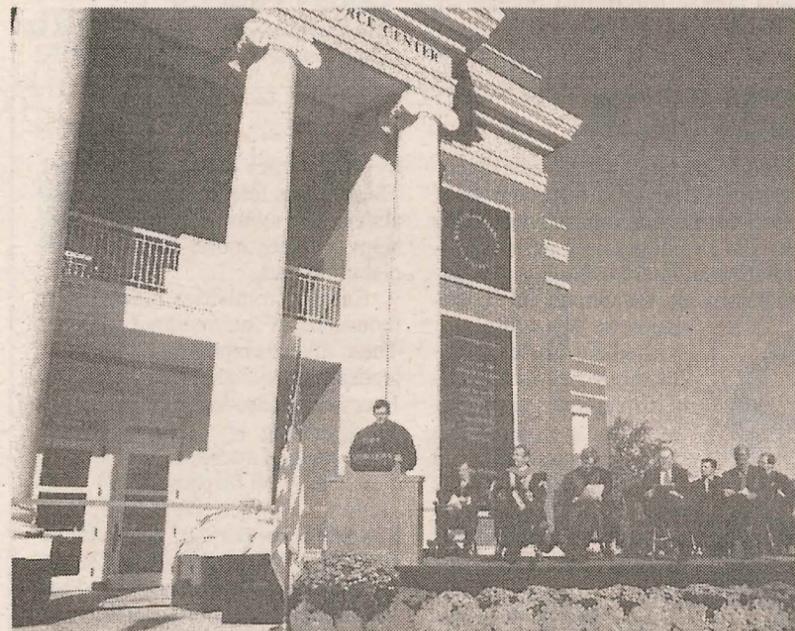
Pelphrey is a graduate of Georgetown College.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Gayle Toole**, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville, will speak at Georgetown College's worship service Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. in the John Hill Chapel.

■ **Kevin Cosby**, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, was recognized Oct. 8 as Communicator of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America's Bluegrass Chapter. Cosby will deliver the convention sermon at this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention.

■ **Cameron Mills**, former University of Kentucky basketball player, will speak at a convocation service of Mid-Continent Bible College Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Markham Learning Resource Center.



GEORGETOWN DEDICATION Steven May, Georgetown College professor of English, speaks Oct. 9 at the dedication of the school's Anna Ashcraft Ensor Learning Resource Center. Approximately 1,500 people attended the opening ceremony for the \$12 million facility. The center features 125 computer-equipped work stations and 185 data ports for connecting laptop computers to the campus network's resources. The building has shelf space for 240,000 books. It also has a teleconference center, computer lab, study and conference space, classrooms and a café. It replaces the Cooke Memorial Library, built in 1954. This is the third consecutive year Georgetown has opened a new facility. Recent construction projects have included the Anne Wright Wilson Fine Arts Building and the East Campus Athletic Complex. (Georgetown photo)

Center for Ethics hires Recorder staffer Pat Cole

NASHVILLE—Western Recorder staff member Pat Cole has been named associate director of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville effective Nov. 2.

Cole, 40, has been partnership editions editor and special projects coordinator for the Recorder since 1996. In this role, he has managed the editing and production of five monthly Baptist newspapers. Western Recorder produces in partnership with state Baptist conventions in New England, Pennsylvania/South Jersey, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Utah-Idaho and Hawaii.

He also has helped create WR Communications, an arm of Western Recorder that provides marketing and communications services to church-related clients.

At BCE, Cole will direct the organization's communications and marketing efforts and will coordinate the production of congregational resources. BCE, headed by Robert Parham, is a 7-year-old agency focusing on moral and ethical issues as well as producing family resources.

Prior to joining the Western Recorder staff,

Cole served for nine years as director of news and information at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He also has been a reporter for the Elizabethton Star, a daily newspaper in his hometown of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Cole holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, a master's degree in marketing from Webster University in St. Louis and a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

"Pat brings a sturdy base of experience and much needed expertise to BCE that promise to quicken and broaden our mission of providing ethics resources and services to congregations," said Parham, BCE's executive director.

Western Recorder Editor Mark Wingfield commended Cole's contributions at the Recorder: "Pat has been a vital and innovative part of the Western Recorder's publishing ministry. While we are saddened to lose him from our staff, we anticipate he will make a significant contribution to the broader Baptist world in this new role."



Cole

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Thanks to Daley

In June 1981, I sat in the Universal Studios outdoor theater in Los Angeles watching the filming of an amateur motion picture. A familiar figure sat down next to me. It was C.R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder. A Kentuckian by adoption and a Georgian by birth, he had only three years left in that position.

We talked at length about the future of our denomination, because we were attending the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the few visceral meetings destined to affect the direction we were to take.

Seventeen years later at a meeting of Oneida Baptist Institute trustees at cleft Rock in Rockcastle County, I

asked A.B. Colvin, one of the editors (along with Mark Wingfield) to autograph my copy of "Daley Observations." Colvin wrote on the frontispiece: "To my and C.R.'s good and constant friend." What emotions flooded my being!

Who else but Daley would pen these words: "I stood high on the hill overlooking the valley where Goose Creek and Red Bird River come together to form the South Fork of the Kentucky River . . . I was on the campus of the Oneida Baptist Institute." Or, at a revival for First Baptist Church at Jellico, Tenn.: "The

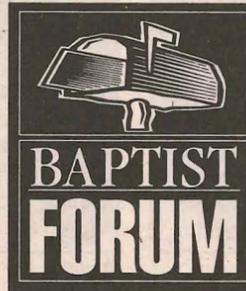
abundant showers and warm sunshine of early April gave birth to mountain springtime overnight."

As one Kentucky Baptist layman, I am eternally grateful to Daley. And also to A.B. Colvin, Baptist Statesman of Kentucky, and Mark Wingfield for editing and collecting representative samples of his writings. The Daley Endowment is a magnificent undertaking and extremely worthwhile.

Kentucky Baptists, rush to your nearest Baptist Book Store, or order from the Western Recorder your copy of "Daley Observations." It'll be one

of the most enjoyable \$15 you'll ever spend!

Oscar Davidson
Somerset



Disney alternative

In our family's recent trip to Florida, we avoided Disney World and all attractions owned by Disney. Instead, we went to Sea World. Thank you to the leadership of our convention for guiding all loyal Baptists to support companies like Anheuser-Busch (which owns Sea World and eight other amusement parks), rather than anti-family companies such as Disney.

Michael Barley
Louisville

Church rage

By Michael Clingenpeel

At the end of a long day you are in your car headed home. Having located your niche in the bunched but steadily moving traffic, you now start to make the subtle psychological shift between work and the demands of family.

In your rearview mirror you catch a glimpse of a car weaving through the cars behind you. In an instant the driver swerves to avoid a car breaking to your left, cutting inches ahead of your bumper. From an open window he flashes you a gesture of good luck, then darts and jukes his way down the road leaving a trail of brake lights in his wake.

Road rage is the term society has given this brand of discourteous, ill-bred behavior; and whether it is caused by anger, stress, testosterone, heredity, big government, Satan, bad karma or too much television, it is a hazardous fixture on America's roads.

This peculiar incivility is not confined to our nation's roads. Too frequently it comes out in convenience stores, airplanes, classrooms, golf courses and shopping centers.

Unfortunately, people do not jet-

tison their rage when they come to church. There are no statistics on church rage, but my conversations with pastors and church leaders indicate it is as prevalent as road rage.

There is the tight-fisted layman who seizes a copy of the proposed church budget during the business meeting, circles the pastor's salary, tosses the copy on the pew and walks out. There are believers who are powerless at work and home, so they wield power in the only arena where they can exercise it—the church.

There is the inactive church member who never notifies the church office when she is in the hospital, but expects the pastor to be clairvoyant and rush to her bedside unsummoned. There is the anonymous Unabomber who sends emotionally explosive, unsigned letters through the mail.

Sometimes church rage is overt. Tempers flare and voices are raised, often over issues that laid dormant for many years and relate only marginally to church. Church members break into arguments in the hallway or parking lot. Threats are issued involving withholding money, finding a differ-

ent church, firing the pastor.

Most of the time church rage is disguised beneath a veneer of respectability or piety. It invokes God's will like a club, putting down another Christian's ideas in a condescending manner or bullying other believers who hold contrasting opinions. Church rage is often overlooked precisely because it is passive-aggressive.

Ministers can be victims of church rage, and some forced terminations bear that out. But pastors also can inflict their rage on their congregations. A pastor, frustrated by declining attendance and

offerings, rails at laity for their lack of commitment to the Lord. A minister reveals his beliefs during an interview with a pulpit committee, only to steer the church in a different direction within the first year of his arrival.

Jesus was no stranger to rage. He was on the receiving end of plenty of it, usually at the hands of good, righteous, hyper-religious people. The ones who knew their Bible best, studied it most diligently and were most unctuous in their zeal for holiness were also those with the most rage. It is a strange phenomenon of history and human nature that religion and rage conspire to walk together.

It surprises us to read that once or

twice Jesus was on the giving end of rage. Jesus had no tolerance for a religion of righteousness that made no room for compassion and grace. Neither did Jesus abide people who stood to gouge profit from honest worshippers trying to fulfill the duties of their faith.

What I notice is that Jesus never took much joy in unleashing a tirade against those who practiced hypocrisy or greed. His temper never journeyed far from his tears. The Master never seemed to derive much pleasure, certainly not joy, from denunciations.

Most church rage, unfortunately, is unleashed with such casual indifference or unrestrained glee that it bears little resemblance to the compassionate indignation displayed by Jesus. Neither does it look much like the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—most of which act strongly like an antidote to church rage.

Baptists need to take the cure. The fruit of the Spirit plus the grace of Christ is more apt to produce compassionate tears than brittle and destructive rage. True prophets weep more than they seethe.

Michael Clingenpeel is editor of the Virginia Religious Herald

COMMENTARY

PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

Student ministry

Student ministries on 45 college campuses represent a premier work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. These programs are led by 35 part-time and 12 full-time directors. They are assisted by volunteers from associations, churches and Baptist Student Union alumni in reaching 19,000 Baptist students, plus international students and thousands who have no religious preference.

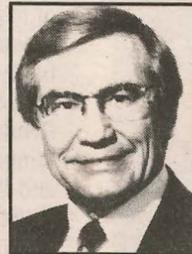
Creative outreach ministries are used to reach students. These include Internet and e-mail access at the BSU center at Northern Kentucky University; "Tuesday Night Live" at Morehead State University with student interviews on video; "Star Search" at Elizabethtown Community College; and music provided by Western Kentucky University BSUs at "Joshua's Place," a local non-alcoholic hang-out for students.

During the past year more than 3,700 students were involved in campus Bible study groups, and 148 student conversions were reported.

Students are also involved in missions support and going. In 1999, 122 student summer missionaries will be appointed. Students will raise \$98,300 to provide travel and support. Many other students will be involved in local and short-term mission trips.

At recent appointment services by the International Mission Board, I heard testimonies of appointees who had felt the call of God to missions while serving as student summer missionaries. During a recent assignment with the Wyoming Baptist Convention, Tom Smoot, KBC student depart-

ment associate, met a former Kentucky BSUer who felt the call of God to missions during her summer as a student missionary in Brazil. She and her husband serve sacrificially on the Shoshone Reservation in Wyoming.



Bill Mackey

Students also assist local ministries—nationally, 62 summer missionaries will be assigned to state and associational ministries, 16 to new work projects, 397 to church/mission projects and 797 to local community missions.

In addition, the KBC student department conducts Discovery summer youth camps at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. In the summer of 1998, more than 2,300 youth participated and more than 400 registered life-changing decisions.

Six Son Share teams provided leadership for the camps and minis-

try in churches during the summer. These teams feature worship, revivals, creative ministries, sports, fellowships, retreats, music and other special ministries.

Campus ministries reach out to thousands of international students. These students represent future world leaders. More than 175 attended the International Student Conference last Thanksgiving.

Recently, I attended the state BSU Convention on missions night when students adopted their budget of \$98,300 to support 122 summer missionaries. To see more than 820 students excited about missions and participating in authentic worship was a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Student ministry is worthy of our prayers and support through the Cooperative Program and Kentucky-only gifts. Pray that God will use this generation to share the gospel with every person in the world.

Bill Mackey is executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

HE SAID/SHE SAID

If what goes down comes up, it's messy all the way around

SHESAI



Alison Wingfield

It was one of those weekends. Friday night. One o'clock in the morning. Like any good parent, I jerked awake when I heard an unfamiliar sound coming from the boys' bedroom.

Then I woke up Mark with, "He's throwing up!" as I rushed to the scene.

Luke didn't make it to the bathroom. It's been so long since he's had a stomach virus, I don't think he even knew what had hit him. But he certainly

hit the bed with it—and the pillows and his teddy bear and a Beanie Baby. Yes, we have proved once again that Beanie Babies can survive a trip through the washer.

That was the first bout. After the second (and thank goodness, last) middle-of-the-night session, Luke said in a pitiful voice, "I think I ate too much breakfast."

As much as I would like to have agreed with him, I knew better. What else would it be but a stomach virus with the potential to knock all of us out on this, one of the busiest weekends we've had in months? Not only was there a going-away party for us scheduled for the next night, but we also had an open house scheduled for Sunday (advertised in the paper), another dinner engagement, and on Monday another going-away event planned in our honor.

Timing is everything.

Thanks to a wonderful, self-sacrificing friend who babysat our kids, we were able to attend the Saturday night party.

Then Sunday came. Nobody was sick; we were all just worn out. But we could breathe a little easier. Then it happened. Three hours before the start of the open house, I discovered our big double sink in the basement was clogged. Both sides were full of water. Where do you find a plumber on Sunday?

God provided. Our neighbor across the street is a plumber, and he came over and took care of it. We were plunged from despair, at least for the moment.

HESAI



Mark Wingfield

There's nothing like a stomach virus to bring home the joys of parenting.

Amid the trials of Friday evening, I tried to find some bright spot to focus on. The happiest thought was that at least we had decided not to go on the Royal Ambassador camp out that night. Contending with a soiled sleeping bag in the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere would have been doubly unpleasant. Thank God for small

blessings.

It's times like these when dads have to pay the rent by tackling the smelly stuff. Having a rather weak stomach myself, I decided to approach vomit clean-up duty from a utilitarian perspective. It's a nasty job, but somebody's got to do it, and the sooner I get it over with, the sooner we can all go back to sleep.

Although sleep was the one thing in short supply on Friday night. Each time we got Luke cleaned up and his bed remade, both Alison and I lay nervously awake listening for the sounds of sickness to hit again. Only when we finally fell back into a deep sleep did the problem rise again, so to speak.

The rest of the night and most of the next day was a blur. And never has laundry been done so quickly at our house.

But this exercise in gastrointestinal fortitude did serve one unexpected and excellent purpose: It distracted us from all our other worries about selling a house and preparing for a move.

Timing really is everything.

A murder, a play & the homosexual debate

It is a sad irony that within days of each other a gay college student was murdered, allegedly by two homophobic men, and a controversial play depicting Jesus and the disciples as gay opened off-Broadway.

Here we have two ends of the hall of hateful horrors that frame contemporary thought and discussion on homosexuality. No wonder rational people are confused.

First, the murder. As anyone who's watched TV or read a newspaper now knows, Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming, was brutally attacked by two other men and left tied to a fence for 18 hours in near-freezing temperatures. The girlfriends of the two men accused of the attack, and others, indicate the violence was motivated to some degree by reaction to Shepard's homosexuality.

Gay rights groups denounced the murder; Congress denounced the murder; the president denounced the murder. But Christian and "pro-life" groups were largely silent—or heard saying "Yes, it was wrong, but..."—presumably because of their deeply held belief that homosexuality is a sin.

But so is murder—and hatred.

In reality, authentic "pro-lifers" should have been at the forefront of those expressing outrage over Shepard's murder. Not to do so indicates that all life is not equal, that some lives are worth fighting for but others are not.

Where were those who would have screamed bloody murder if Matthew Shepard's mother had attempted to abort him in the womb? Had the value of his life changed from the womb to the day he identified himself as a homosexual?

How Christians respond to this tragedy will say much about what we believe about God. To imply by our silence (at best) that Matthew Shepard deserved to be murdered because of his sexual expression demands admission that all men are not created equal nor created in the image of God.

Somewhere between our proclamations that "all life is sacred" and that we should "love the sinner but hate the sin," we fall into a pit of inconsistency.

Had the Wyoming murder been committed by two homosexual men against a heterosexual student, religious leaders far and wide would have denounced it as a hate crime. Not to admit that hate runs both ways is

inconsistent.

And indeed hate does run both ways on this issue. How else do you explain the sacrilegious new play by Terrance McNally called "Corpus Christ?" McNally has taken Jesus and the 12 disciples and recast them as gay men from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Corpus Christi, of course, also happens to be the Latin phrase for "body of Christ."

Despite the demands of censorship-ready leaders of the Religious Right, McNally has every right to write whatever kind of script he chooses. In a democracy, he has just as much right to do so as conservative churches have to portray homosexuality as a sin in their "Hell House" Halloween productions.

But rights of free expression aside, what is the point of writing the kind of incendiary

play McNally has concocted? Is it not just as hateful in purpose as a Christian playwright creating a play about the devil and his men as homosexuals?

Those who scream the loudest for tolerance have a funny way of being intolerant of others themselves.

It is precisely because of this kind of shoot-to-kill mentality on both sides of the struggle that the vast majority of people in the dazed and confused middle fear to utter a single word or ask a single question. Even if a "pro-life" leader wanted to speak out strongly against Matthew Shepard's murder, she might fear doing so, because such comments might be perceived as an endorsement of homosexuality and therefore alienate her core constituency and mislead her true beliefs on sexuality.

That's the same danger I face in this editorial.

Yet I'm concerned that we've not yet had a civil debate about homosexuality, not about what the Bible says, nor about what the study of genetics says. We're having a war, but no conversation. No one's going to be converted either way, and those in the middle are merely caught in ongoing crossfire.

What we desperately need is leadership from some quarter to help us stop hitting and start talking about this delicate matter in helpful ways. Surely thoughtful Christians could find a model for such leadership. After all, the real Jesus ate with those considered sinners; he didn't kill them.

—Mark Wingfield

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

By Jamie Broome

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spreads them out like a tent to live in. (Isaiah 40:21-22)

They remembered the past with a realism that never faded. Long years of captivity could not diminish the horror they had endured. An invading army had surrounded their holy city. The attack had been fierce. The walls of Jerusalem tumbled down. They never could erase the images of the smoking ruins of the temple of God.

They had limped away from their homes as captives. Strangers in a strange land, their captors called to them, "Play your harps and sing us the songs of Zion." But how do you sing in a strange land? How do you sing to a God whom you feel has abandoned you? How do you live when your whole world has come tumbling down around you?

For 70 years, they languished in captivity far away from home. Suddenly there is a new voice speaking the words of God. A voice posing a question that calls for memory to renew faith: "Do you not know? Have you not heard?" God is calling his people to remember. Remember! I am the everlasting God. Remember! I am the Creator of the universe. Remember! I do not grow weary. Remember! I am your God, and I will deliver you again.

For people of faith, memory is essential. Memory reminds us of God's faithfulness. Looking back along our journey toward faith, we recall those times when God sustained, comforted and delivered us. Memory captures and reveals again moments of God's sustaining grace and steadfast love. Memory is the wellspring of hope.

Remembering God's faithfulness in the past, we trust God for a future we cannot see. Tomorrow's hope rises out of yesterday's memories of God's grace and mercy.

The memories of the agony and anguish lingered. The company doctor had become suspicious during his annual physical. A phone call set up an out-pa-

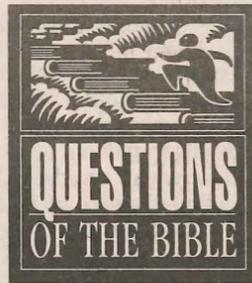
tient test for the next morning. By noon, a preliminary diagnosis of colon cancer was confirmed. Surgery followed the next day. Months of radiation and chemotherapy meant fatigue, nausea, irritability and depression. A loving wife endured the anguish, fearful of losing her mate and the father of their two young sons.

A year had passed since the diagnosis and the surgery. The time had arrived for new tests to determine the success of the treatments. The fears, anxieties and uncertainties of yesterday returned with a new fury. Yet, there were other memories demanding to be acknowledged. Memories of how their faith had sustained them. Memories of how a community of faith had cared for them and encouraged them, weeping and rejoicing with them. There were memories of God's undeniable presence in the midst of the storm.

This family's anguish and agony unites them with the exiles of Isaiah. With them, they remember God's faithfulness in the past to nurture hope for tomorrow. This passage of Isaiah concludes with words of assurance: "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Remember!

Jamie Broome is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Paducah



RESOURCES

Q. How can I help my child learn to make good decisions?

Life is filled with choices. Some are just for fun, like choosing which flavor of ice cream to enjoy, or which book to check out of the library. Other choices are more important. Here are some ideas that can help your child learn how to make good decisions and feel confident about the decisions they have made.

■ **Talk about it.** Talking can be a wonderful, safe way of exploring options and thinking a thing through out loud, so make sure you provide plenty of opportunities and a sensitive, listening ear. Bedtime was often a good time for this at our house. You also will want to teach boys and girls to talk with others whom they trust and respect, and to be willing to listen to and learn from their experiences. As always, casual conversations set the stage for the important stuff.

■ **Think about it.** Teach your children to allow time to think about advice, options and possible results of their decision before they make up their mind.

■ **Pray about it.** Philippians 4:6 reminds us to make our requests known to God. Teach boys and girls to talk with God about what is going on in their lives and to ask God to help them know what to do. Model this for them

in your own prayer life. Praying about decisions can be a great way to help children learn to connect faith with everyday life.

■ **Act on it.** Eventually, we have to make up our minds and decide. Encourage your children to trust the talk/think/pray process and not be afraid to make a mistake. — *David Garrard*



Q. Recently our family moved to a different city and our kids are having a difficult time adjusting to our new living arrangements (living so far from family, a new house, new church, new schools). What can we do to help them adjust?

Children often have to adjust to circumstances over which they have no control, making them feel as if no one is in control at all. Whether they realize it or not, they will be looking to you and your husband to set the tone for the way they handle these changes. The following are specific ways you can help them during this time:

■ **Minimize additional unnecessary changes for your children during this period.** Give your children a chance to adjust to present conditions before they are faced with anything else.

■ **Maintain family traditions and familiar ways of doing things.** For instance, maintain a regular time for din-

ner, bedtime rituals and any chores for which your children have been responsible in the past. Having some regularity in the midst of what seems like chaos can be reassuring.

■ **Acknowledge openly to your children that everyone will have adjustments to make during this time.** Allow your children the opportunity to express concerns about the changes. Talk about your own feelings as well and the skills you've found helpful for coping with change. Children often take their cue from their parents; if you can cope, they have confidence that they can as well.

■ **Chances are, there are a good many things which have changed for the better.** Point out the positives, at least those which will matter to your children (less financial stress, bigger backyard).

■ **Remember that everyone has to adjust to changes in their own way; allow your children to adjust at their own pace.** — *Susan Howell*

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Install values to put lock on media smut

By Ken Camp
Baptist General Convention of Texas

GLORIETA, N.M. (ABP)—No filter that parents can install will keep all high-tech smut out of their homes as effectively as instilling a sense of family accountability in their children, according to two Baptist teachers.

Nancy Crossley, a high school English teacher, and her husband Lyle, a parochial school physics teacher, led a conference on "When Technology Hits Home—Blessings and Boundaries" during the Texas Baptist Family Reunion at Glorieta, N.M.

Broadcast television, cable and satellite TV, video tapes, video games and the Internet all present challenges to parents, said the Crossleys, members of Western Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Don't assume just because it's on broadcast TV that it's OK," she said. "Be aware of the ratings."

The couple recommended that parents view TV shows with their children. That enables them to monitor and discuss content, as well as to regulate the amount of time spent watching television.

Realizing that some programs appropriate for older youth may not be appropriate for younger siblings, Nancy Crossley suggested reminding older children that they are responsible and accountable for what younger children in the household view.

Particularly on cable and satellite television, some sexually explicit and graphically violent programs are just "over the edge" and not acceptable, she said. For instance, in their household, MTV is banned.

"Sometimes it's just a broccoli sit-

uation," she said, noting that not every parental decision will be popular. "Sometimes you just have to be the adult."

Parents need to consider where VCRs are located in their homes, the Crossleys noted. A video player in the living room is easier for parents to monitor than one in a child's bedroom.

Parents should pay attention to ratings noting violence, rough language, sexually explicit material, nudity and other objectionable content in entertainment media, the couple said.

Ratings are particularly important with video games, Lyle Crossley said, because they are multi-leveled and more difficult for parents to evaluate. A game that may be completely innocent at the introductory level may be interspersed with highly objectionable content as the player's skill level increases and playing time lengthens.

In addition to violence and sexual content, video games also can contribute to addictive behavior, produce short-term aggression, be upsetting to younger children and be counterproductive for children with attention deficit disorder, he noted.

The computer, particularly if it has Internet access, is another medium difficult for parents to regulate and monitor. The Internet is a tremendously helpful tool for research and communication, but it also "brings the big bad world right into your house," Nancy Crossley said. Supervision and communication are crucial when it comes to keeping children safe on the World Wide Web, she said.

Drawing ideas from a number of organizations committed to making the Internet safe for all ages, the Cross-

leys offered several rules for children:

■ **Don't talk to strangers.** Never enter private chat rooms with only one other person.

■ **Don't arrange to meet privately and in person someone you encounter in a chat room.**

■ **Never give out personal information such as a home address, telephone number, last name, photo or any other information that would enable someone to pinpoint your whereabouts.**

■ **Don't answer questions that make you feel uncomfortable.** "If it feels wrong, report it to your family," Crossley said.

■ **Learn to use the "back" button to escape an objectionable Web page.**

The Crossleys suggested that parents learn how to "surf the Net," that they keep their computer in the family room or common living area, that they set limits on the amount of time children spend online, and that they never reveal personal information on a family web page.

They also recommended controls such as blocking or filtering software for the Internet, just as some parents choose to use lock boxes to keep objectionable cable channels out of their homes.

However, parents need to realize that no filtering system is foolproof, and any technological blocking system can be circumvented. The Crossleys suggested that parents establish acceptable use agreements with their children.

"It all comes back to family accountability. Stay involved," she said. "We want to be responsible parents, and we want our children to become responsible adults."

GIVING

Benefits of a charitable lead trust

By Laurie Valentine

A charitable lead trust is a gift arrangement that provides an annual income to one or more of your favorite Baptist causes for a period of years.

At the end of the term the trust property trust can either pass on to your children or other heirs or be returned to you.

A "non-grantor charitable lead trust" provides an income stream to charity for a period of years with the remainder of the trust then passing to your children or other heirs at the end of the trust term.

While this type of lead trust does not provide you with an income tax deduction, it does provide a means of passing property to your children or others at reduced gift and estate tax rates. The estate and gift tax savings comes from the fact that your gift to your children is a gift of a remainder interest, the gift tax value of which is only a fraction of the full value of the gifted property.

For example, if Mr. Jones gave \$250,000 to his grandchildren he would use up \$250,000 of his unified credit. He can reduce the gift tax cost of the gift to his grandchildren and provide valuable current support to one or more Baptist causes by establishing a charitable lead trust.

If Mr. Jones uses the \$250,000 to create a 20-year 7 percent charitable lead unitrust for the benefit of his church, state, home and foreign missions, the charitable beneficiaries will receive approximately \$340,000 over the term of the trust and Mr. Jones will only be treated as making a gift of \$52,495 to his grandchildren, even though they will receive approximately \$240,000 in 20 years when the trust ends (assuming an average total return of 8.5 percent).

The other form of charitable lead trust, a "grantor charitable lead trust," allows you to provide an income stream to charity for a period of years, while assuring that the property will return to you for your use in the future.

A gift to a grantor lead trust does entitle you to a charitable income tax deduction; however, since the trust property will be returned to you at the end of the trust term, you will be taxed on the income earned by the trust.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.



"Sometimes it's just a broccoli situation. Sometimes you just have to be the adult."

Nancy Crossley, a high school English teacher

KBC to study need for moral education

By Mark Wingfield
Editor

A study committee will be appointed to determine whether the Kentucky Baptist Convention should do more to educate Kentucky Baptists about issues of morality, values, non-violence and ethics.

At the request of the KBC's public affairs committee, the administrative committee of the KBC Executive Board agreed Oct. 13 to authorize the study committee.

Members of the study committee will be named jointly by KBC President Gayle Toole, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville, and administrative committee chairman Floyd Price, pastor of First Baptist Church of Scottsville.

The request came to the administrative committee from the public affairs committee, a standing committee of the convention. Rather than bring the matter directly to the convention floor without initial research being done, the public affairs committee believed it was appropriate to appeal to the Executive Board, said Malcolm Lunceford of Frankfort, chairman of the public affairs committee.

The guidelines of the public affairs

committee "require us to pay particular attention to church-state issues," Lunceford told the administrative committee Oct. 13. "But in recent years more and more moral issues have been passed on to our committee."

Constitutional guidelines for the public affairs committee state: "This committee shall keep the Kentucky Baptist Convention advised of all matters of particular interest to Baptists taking place at the state, national and international levels, with particular reference to the separation of church and state. The committee shall also work in close cooperation with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs."

The assigned task of the public affairs committee is not in question, Lunceford said, noting the committee is willing to fulfill that role. But other contemporary issues—such as gambling, bio-medical ethics, abortion and non-violence—need attention but appear to fall outside the assigned scope of the public affairs committee.

In its formal request to the Executive Board, the public affairs committee asked for an examination of "whether there is cause to expand the role of the committee on public affairs,

create a second committee and/or create an office with staff leadership to keep Kentucky Baptists educated about issues such as morality, values, non-violence, ethics and the like."

The request further noted that the committee's intent "is not to create a politically motivated entity, but a means of education for Kentucky Baptists and Kentuckians at large."

During discussion in the administrative committee, several members affirmed their belief that the emphasis of any expanded effort should remain on education and information, not on lobbying elected officials or asserting that churches must do or teach certain things.

Lunceford said one educational resource that could develop from this discussion is a structure for the KBC to sponsor annual forums on contemporary issues of morality and ethics. For example, a statewide or regional forum on gambling could be held, he said.

Currently, the KBC public affairs committee has six members, including the KBC executive secretary-treasurer and Western Recorder editor as permanent members. The remaining four members are elected by the convention to two-year terms.

The tomb is empty, but it isn't always open, so call ahead

COVINGTON—The Garden of Hope is open, but to see its replica of Christ's tomb visitors should call the owner, Immanuel Baptist Church in Covington, before visiting.

Loretta Botkin, a member of Buechel Park Baptist Church in Louisville, said she and her husband found that out the hard way during their recent visit to the garden.

The natives of Northern Kentucky were familiar with the site, having visited when it first opened in 1958, she said.

After reading a recent article in the Western Recorder, they decided to visit again. They couldn't get in, however.

Church secretary Roxie Jacoby said the afternoon of the couple's visit she conducted a pair of garden tours. But the tomb, chapel and carpenter's shop are normally locked unless a tour is previously arranged, she said.

The gift shop is temporarily closed because the woman who had been operating it from an office in the same building has moved, said Jacoby.

"We're doing it by walk-ons or calls," she said. "A lot of times somebody is up there. We're very, very pleased. A Morehead youth group is coming up soon and an Owensboro seniors group."

To schedule a tour, call the church, (606) 331-7136, or Jacoby's home, (606) 261-1953.

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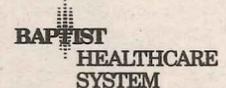
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Volunteer spent seven months learning from Russian Baptists

LEXINGTON—Many Kentucky Baptists have traveled to Russia to help people, but Midway native Chip Broome wanted to live there to learn from Russian Baptists.

"I thought I knew what it was to be a Christian, but they taught me a new dimension," said Broome, a junior at the University of Kentucky. "With all the pains they had been through, they were always putting God first.

"Here life is easy, and there life is so hard," he said. "They can stay focused on their life as Christians. I wanted to become as focused as they were."

Broome first went overseas on a summer 1997 mission trip with Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah, where his father, Jamie, is pastor.

He returned last December for seven months, working at the Baptist church in Klintsy, a city of 100,000 people near Ukraine.

He helped lead Bible-oriented children's and youth activities and taught them to share their faith with non-Christian friends. He also taught three Sunday school classes. Though not fluent in the language, with the help of a native who was studying English he gradually learned to communicate.

"She taught me some Russian and I taught her English," he said. "We helped each other. The children enjoyed it even though it was difficult at first."

Occasionally, he accompanied pastors on evangelistic missions and visits to churches in area villages. Each week he also visited an orphanage where many children suffer from diseases caused by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion of 1986.

Broome obtained a sobering view of the realities of Russian life. The older couple he lived with survive on a pension equivalent to \$100 a month (before the recent devaluing of the ruble).

Broome said that by putting college on hold to spend time overseas he was taking a leap of faith. He said he hopes that he can encourage other Kentucky Baptists to step out when they feel God leading them to take action.

In spite of the difficulties living there, Broome said he experienced fulfillment and a strong sense of God's leading.

"It was like every day he had me by the hand, like it was an opportunity. Each day I woke up, it was like he was there, saying, 'OK, you've got an opportunity today.'"

Broome said he still feels God's presence each day. That is helping him make better decisions and maintain a Christian perspective, he added.

Russian friendships outlasting projects

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Thanks to donations from Kentucky Baptists and others, the team carried in 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses and vitamins, antibiotics and other medications. The value of the medical supplies was estimated at more than \$50,000.

The work included an evangelistic witness. Everyone who had an eye examination learned about the Christian message because optometrist Steve Mallory of Stanton used the New Testament to test their eyes.

Aker and Greg Whitetree of eastern Kentucky's Freda Harris Center preached, and other team members shared messages or testimonies during church services. More than a dozen people responded to invitations to accept Christ as Savior.

"When we debriefed the team, we concluded that we came as close to fulfilling its mission as any team we had been on," said Aker. "But we almost unanimously felt we were leaving something undone at the orphanage."

Thihkvin Baptist Church will soon have its building under roof, thanks to the efforts of two Kentucky Baptist teams that worked there in July and August.

Led by Bobby Barnes, pastor of Beaver Lick Baptist Church, the first group helped pour the roof's foundation. They also carried bricks, painted and did other construction tasks, said Thornton.

The mission project included tract distribution and vacation Bible schools at the church and a nearby village. Thirty children accepted Christ as Savior at the latter.

Dale Adkins, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Owenton, was the first American to baptize Russians in the village of Shuzozero. The church's pastor asked Adkins to officiate at a baptism service because he never had conducted one.

Thornton said it was one of several "firsts" on the trip.

Adkins and Barnes were the first non-Russians allowed into a prison in



STORY TIME John Strimple, pastor of Mallard Point Baptist Church in Georgetown, tells a story through an interpreter at vacation Bible school. Strimple said the most exciting part of his trip to Russia was preaching. "The Russians were hungry to hear what we had to say about Jesus. ... I felt like the Apostle Paul."

that area to preach, while others were admitted to the city's hospital. A female patient accepted Jesus as Savior during their visit.

The team also led the first services in the church, using a temporary roof covering and a makeshift podium.

Thornton said he learned a lot from the trip, such as not taking simple items, like clean tap water or a car, for granted.

He also has a better appreciation for the simplicity of life. Everything in America is "rush, rush, rush," he said, but Russians spend time with their families instead of worrying about how much they can accumulate.

"I give more to missions and don't put so much emphasis on what I've got to have," he said. "We have so much to learn from these people. They don't take their salvation lightly."

Two days after their departure, a nine-member team led by former missionaries Lee and Sarah Bivins spent two weeks in Thihkvin working on the church.

But for John Strimple, pastor of Mallard Point Baptist Church in Georgetown, the most exciting part of the

mission was preaching and witnessing.

"It was my first trip and it was incredible," he said. "People said it was rough, and it was the opposite. The Russians were hungry to hear what we had to say about Jesus; not like in the U.S. where they're hard and skeptical. I felt like the Apostle Paul."

People became Christians at each of five services where he preached and dozens more became Christians at vacation Bible school and evangelistic missions.

Strimple had opportunities to witness in a prison, on the streets and when he canvassed apartments near the church.

Thousands of people occupy those buildings. After one service he was helping pour concrete when he stopped to look at some nearby dormitories. A wave of compassion swept over him, which he said he believes was the Holy Spirit showing him those people need Christ.

"That was the closest thing to a vision I've had in a long time," Strimple said. "God's leading is more of a thrill now."

Christian alternative Halloween events growing in popularity

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portray such incidents as teen suicide, abortion and drunk driving and conclude with scenes of hell and heaven.

Dusty Allen, a freshman at the University of Kentucky, is returning from school to act in the hell scene. He said the play is a better alternative than wild holiday parties.

"I really enjoy it," said Allen, a cast member since 1996. "One night my cousin came through and gave her life to Christ. That meant a lot to me."

Jackie Robinson, a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University, is playing the teen suicide victim again this year after sitting out 1997 because of cancer treatments.

"God reached a lot of lives and changed a lot of people who had roles in it," he said. "He made them realize a lot of things going on in the world are real and people need help. That's our job as Christians, to help people who are having struggles."

"Hell House" might be the most popular production, but many church-

es stage plays under different names. This is the fourth year for "Nightmare on Mount Elmira Road" at Mount Elmira Baptist Church in Bullitt County.

The drama opens with a video of a wild party. Police, volunteer firefighters and medical personnel add to the realism of scenes of a car wreck and ambulance workers.

Sixty-five people professed faith in Jesus as their Savior at last year's performances, according to Pastor Brian Campbell.

An evangelist is scheduled for a revival after this year's production. Last fall a pair of revivals and "Nightmare" added 100 people to the church, which now averages 380 in Sunday attendance.

"A lot of people are hearing about it," Campbell said. "It's a tremendous tool, but it also takes a lot of commitment. It could be a flop if it's not done right."

Last year more than 100 people accepted Christ as Savior at Southside

Baptist Church's "Judgment House" in Princeton. It opens Thursday for eight consecutive nights.

"A highlight was when we sat down each night to recap how many people were saved," said Jackie Cannon, volunteer concessions director. "We'd hold hands and sing praises to God and pray for the next day. It was a wonderful feeling."

The production includes five teams of actors. The cast and crew total 150, or roughly a quarter of average Sunday attendance. Some visitors will drive three hours to attend the 45-minute drama. Groups will drive from as far away as Illinois and Franklin, Tenn., Cannon said.

"We can't take any more reservations," he said. About 2,300 people already have signed up. "We tell people if they want to come they need to come early. We're excited and overwhelmed at the same time."

This year's version has 10 scenes. The plot concerns two teenagers who die in an accident and face eternal

judgment.

While Kings Baptist Church near Mount Washington hasn't seen a stream of converts since "Party Time Weekend" began in 1995, volunteer Troy Riggs said it alerted the public to the dangers of wild Halloween parties.

This year's takes a different twist. Using the theme "Bad Things Happen to Good People," it will portray an accidental death to demonstrate how to cope with the loss of a friend or loved one.

"We think we've told people about drugs and alcohol," said Riggs, a public information officer for the Jefferson County Police Department. "Now we're trying to address something else that's a concern to many."

While admission to all dramas is free, some ask that large groups call in advance to arrange a specific viewing time.

Kings Baptist collects food for charity, asking attendees to bring canned food items.

"A highlight was when we sat down each night to recap how many people were saved."

Jackie Cannon, a volunteer for "Judgement House" at Southside Baptist Church in Princeton

Religious freedom abroad bill gets wide-ranging support

By Ira Rifkin
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Congressional passage of the compromise International Religious Freedom Act has been hailed by a broad spectrum of religious leaders, who generally view the measure as assuring that the treatment of religious believers overseas will become a centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy.

The House passed the measure Oct. 10, one day after the Senate gave its approval to the act. The White House has signaled its intention to sign the legislation into law.

On the right, Randy Tate, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said the act "sent a message that along with being the world's economic leader, the United States is also the moral leader and is unafraid to exercise that leadership."

On the left, Mark Pelavin, associate director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said passage "sends a powerful message that the United States is serious about combating religious persecution abroad."

Other groups supporting the act include the National Association of Evangelicals, the U.S. Catholic Conference, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

That the measure passed unanimously in both the House and Senate—and with the backing of religious conservatives and liberals alike—was indicative of the many compromises reached in months of negotiations between the act's supporters and critics.

The White House, along with some Republican and Democratic congressmen concerned with trade implica-

tions, said the bill's initial wording requiring automatic economic sanctions against offending nations would hamstring the U.S. in dealing with foreign governments. Still others were concerned with the bill's initial emphasis on Christians being persecuted in China, some Muslim nations and elsewhere.

But during the course of more than a year, negotiations resolved the differences and resulted in a final bill giving the president far more options—neutralizing congressional and White House opposition and prompting additional religious groups to lend their public support.

The version passed allows a president to sidestep sanctions altogether if doing so is deemed to be in the "national interest," or merely supportive of the act's intent. Supporters also made clear their intention to have the act apply to members of all faith

groups subjected to religious persecution—including Baha'is in Iran and Buddhists in Tibet.

If it chooses, the White House may satisfy the bill's provisions just by sending a private communication to an offending nation through diplomatic channels.

Despite the final bill's watered down language, Michael Horowitz, a Washington activist widely credited with bringing the religious persecution issue to national attention, said he was satisfied with the outcome.

The act will create a State Department "ambassador-at-large for religious liberty" and a Commission on International Religious Liberty that will report annually on the issue.

Horowitz, a policy adviser to President Reagan, said the bill "insures that religious persecution will be in play every year in Washington from now on."

Groups supporting the act include the National Association of Evangelicals, the U.S. Catholic Conference, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

ABC News shelves story questioning Disney hiring practices

NEW YORK—ABC News reportedly has shelved a report critical of its corporate parent, Walt Disney Co.

The story, prepared for the "20/20" news program, focused on accusations that the Disney World theme park in Florida had been lax in checking employees' backgrounds, resulting in the hiring of pedophiles as staff.

Much of the evidence was supplied by a new book, "Disney: The

Mouse Betrayed," according to the New York Times.

The book is published by Regnery Publishing of Washington, which specializes in politically conservative books.

An anonymous ABC executive quoted by the Times said some of the material in the story was not sufficiently substantiated.

Author Peter Schwizer, however, said the ABC investigative reporter working on the project

"checked out all our sources himself" and even had advanced their account by finding further instances of pedophiles working at the amusement park.

ABC spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said the network had not officially killed the story. "We may still run it at some point."

Ken Green, a spokesman for Disney, said the company does not get involved in the operations of ABC News.

The Southern Baptist Convention and other religious groups have called for a boycott of Disney, claiming the company that built its reputation on family programming is now abusing its relationship with families.

Among the reasons critics site are adult-theme movies produced by companies owned by Disney and the company's policy of extending health benefits to the partners of gay employees.

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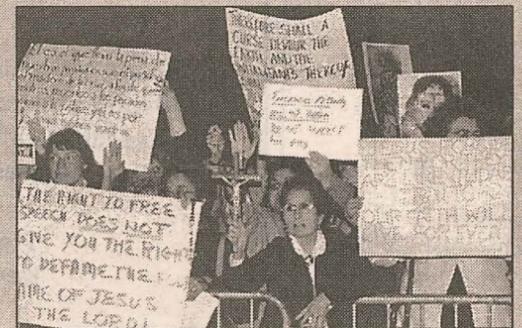
■ **Is worship "unsportsmanlike conduct?"** University of South Carolina football coach Brad Scott is asking officials to clarify the rules after one of his players was penalized for an act the player said was to "glorify God." On Oct. 3, Carolina receiver Zola Davis scored a touchdown and, as is his habit, knelt in the end zone and pointed his index finger skyward. "I'm glorifying God," Davis said. "He knows what's in my heart." Showy celebrations were outlawed in college football three years ago, but after complaints, exceptions were made for acts of worship.

■ **Conservatives seek to counter ACLU.** Accusing the American Civil Liberties Union of failing to really protect civil liberties, a group of conservative activists has announced it will form a new rights organization—the American Civil Rights Union. In particular, the conservatives are critical of the ACLU's argument that the death penalty amounts to cruel and unusual punishment and its stance on church-state issues that the conservatives believe violates the free exercise provision of the Constitution.

■ **Methodists seek lifting of same-sex ban.** In an open letter to their bishops, 363 clergy and laity of the United Methodist Church are urging their top representatives to overturn the denomination's ban on same-sex ceremonies. The letter comes in response to an August decision by the Judicial Council, the church's top judicial body, that a 1996 statement prohibiting United Methodist ministers from officiating at same-sex unions is equivalent to church law. The writers urge that bishops seek a way for

discussions to continue where there is "honest disagreement" rather than being stifled by legal action.

■ **House passes Internet porn bill.** The U.S. House of Representatives adopted Oct. 7 the Child Online Protection Act by voice vote. The Senate passed in July its version of the measure. The legislation seeks to block children under 17 from accessing pornography on the Web by forcing commercial distributors to remove free images and to require a credit card, personal identification number or adult access code in order to view sexually explicit material. Walt Disney Co. was among a group lobbying that the language of the bill was too broad. The Clinton administration opposes the legislation but has not yet said if it will veto the measure.



■ **PLAY PROTEST** Hundreds of protesters gather outside the City Center in New York to protest last week the production of Terrance McNally's play, "Corpus Christi." The play depicts a Jesus-like character as having homosexual relations with his disciples. The play is scheduled to run six weeks. (Reuters photo)

Baptists urged to link spiritual & physical hunger

"We've been praying for revival for years, but giving too little emphasis to human needs ministry."
Steve Nelson, director of hunger concerns for the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

By Art Toalston
 Baptist Press

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Southern Baptists could fight hunger and increase compassion for people less fortunate if they practiced gleaning, according to Steve Nelson, director of hunger concerns for the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Gleaning involves using daily gifts, or even loose change, as "a lifestyle of doing something for the poor on a regular, systematic basis," he said.

"We've been praying for revival for years, but giving too little emphasis to human needs ministry," Nelson said. A lack of compassion for the poor might prevent the American church from realizing a sweeping revival, he added.

While not as well known as tithing, gleaning is a biblical discipline, Nelson said. "Compassion for the poor has always been a part of the godly lifestyle," he said, citing such Scriptures as Proverbs 21:13: "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard."

Nelson emphasized gleaning during an Oct. 9-11 World Hunger Consultation at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Conference Center, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board in conjunction with the SBC North American Mission Board and the SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

"Encouraging our churches in a return to this biblical discipline is a key that will help unlock the door to health and growth in the body of Christ as well as provide needed resources for ministry evangelism," Nelson said.

For Southern Baptists, gleaning can be practiced through gifts to the World Hunger Fund, which combats hunger across the world as well as North America.

Among strategies for gleaning are piggy bank-like plastic rice bowls and World Hunger Fund canisters available from the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

Gleaning, Nelson said, can lead "to

a more fulfilling Christian life and greater joy. ... It raises our own sensitivity to those in need, and it combats the tendency toward greed in our hearts."

World Hunger Day was Oct. 11.

Others at the conference also noted the connection between God's commands to minister to the poor and to make disciples of Christ.

Southern Baptists often "have upheld the spiritual disciplines of life to the neglect of feeding the hungry and clothing the poor," said Avery Willis, senior vice president for overseas operations with the International Mission Board.

"We, many times, have proclaimed that we are those who believe in righteousness by faith and that faith is enough, but have not put the works with that, to put clothes on somebody's back or put food in their belly," Willis said. "We have been very careful to have many programs that help people tithe and give, but often neglect mercy and justice and righteousness, as Jesus said."

The conference focused on raising awareness of hunger concerns among Southern Baptists to increase prayer, giving and hands-on ministry and, in the process, lead people to accept Jesus as their Savior.

IMB Executive Vice President Don Kammerdiener said the Christian's calling is "we don't live for ourselves anymore, but we live for others."

Globally, children comprise the vast majority of the 15 million-18 million people who die of hunger and hunger-related diseases each year, said Bill Cashion, IMB human needs consultant.

Retreats can 'BEAT Hunger'

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Southern Baptist young people can help "BEAT Hunger."

New youth- and college-oriented retreat materials give Southern Baptists a program comparable to those of various para-church organizations, said Steve Nelson, director of hunger concerns with the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

But in this case, the retreat will support the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, which allocates 100 percent of gifts received to an array of ministries relieving hunger throughout the world as well as North America.

The retreat's name, "BEAT Hunger," stands for "Believers Everywhere ATtack Hunger."

"The idea is not simply to hold an event, but to develop a lifestyle of compassion in Jesus' name ... a passion for compassion," Nelson said.

A fast-paced 20-minute video is included in the "BEAT Hunger" resource kit, now available from the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville at (615) 244-2495.

A "BEAT Hunger" retreat, according to the resource kit, can entail:

- An experience of hunger during an extended time period, such as a period of prayer and fasting when holding the retreat.

- Participation in a service project, such as delivering food to needy families or a homeless shelter.

- Bible study about what Jesus did when he encountered the needy.

- A meal sponsored by young people for their parents and church members to illustrate the plight of the poor.

- Young people raising money for the World Hunger Fund through sponsorships.

Annually, 500,000 to 1 million people literally starve to death, he added. Another grim global statistic: There are 160 million street children, Cashion said.

More than 75 percent of the world's most impoverished adults and children live among people groups still unreached by the gospel, Cashion said, noting a link between physical suffering and eternal darkness.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ was always involved in ministry evangelism," Cashion said. "If we're to obey the word of God, we dare not ignore human need."

"God rewards that kind of obedience" that follows Jesus' commands to teach and preach and, at the same time, heal and feed, Cashion said. "To have one without the other is biblically subnormal."

Foundation investments

With the volatility in the financial markets and the recent decline in the Dow Jones Industrial Average from its mid-July high of 9337.97, I wanted to share an encouraging word about the foundation's investment program.

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Support growing for Year of Jubilee to cancel debts

By Andrew Wells
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—About 140 religious and secular activists met in Washington to bolster efforts to win support for a campaign aimed at canceling the international debt owed by more than 40 of the world's most impoverished nations by the year 2000.

The new millennium already has been declared a Year of Jubilee by Pope John Paul II. And a number of Protestant leaders and Anglican bish-

ops from around the world voiced support for the campaign when they met in their once-a-decade meeting in England last month.

Also, the World Council of Churches is expected to pass a resolution on the issue when it meets in Harare, Zimbabwe, in December.

The Jubilee 2000/USA movement takes its inspiration from the biblical book of Leviticus, which describes a Year of Jubilee every 50 years in which all debts are canceled and land is restored to its original owners.

The campaign calls for "definitive cancellation of the crushing international debt in situations (of) high levels of human need and environmental distress."

But with fewer than 500 days remaining before the new millennium, Jubilee 2000/USA set ambitious goals for local and national events, prayer services, Congressional legislation and meetings with such global organizations such as the International Monetary Fund.

The platform has been endorsed by

a number of U.S. religious denominations and organizations, including the American Friends Service Committee, National Baptist Convention, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bread for the World and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Developing countries currently owe a total of more than \$2 trillion to industrialized nations, as well as to the World Bank and IMF. The 41 most indebted countries—33 in Africa—owe \$214 billion, according to a conservative estimate.

One of the most impoverished nations in Africa, Mozambique owes \$300 million just in debt service each year. But the country can only afford to pay one-third of that amount.

African speakers emphasized that debt cancellation alone would not solve their continent's problems.

Kofi Mawuli Klu of Ghana said the Jubilee 2000/Africa campaign focused on "capacity building of civil society," including education, health care and small business development.

Such a cancellation would not be without historical precedent. Much of Germany's debt following World War II was forgiven and more recently the U.S. forgave debts owed by Eastern European nations such as Poland after the collapse of the Soviet bloc.

In both the German and Eastern European cases, debts had been incurred by previous dictatorial regimes. Many of the countries which currently suffer from high levels of debt share this predicament.

Bounty upped for Rushdie

TEHRAN, Iran (RNS)—Salman Rushdie is clearly not out of the woods. An Iranian foundation has raised its reward for killing the writer to \$2.8 million.

Rushdie is the author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel that some Muslims consider blasphemous because of its depiction of the Prophet Muhammad, Islam's founder.

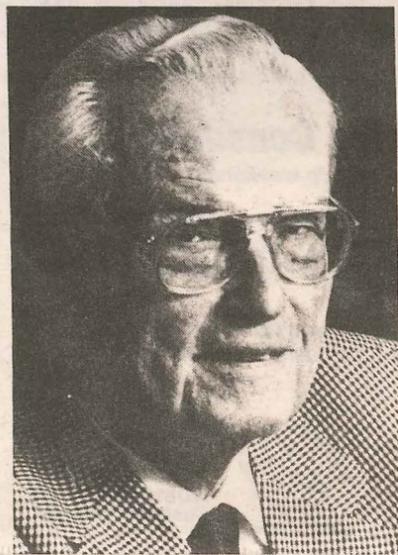
In 1989, the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa, or Islamic religious ruling, saying Rushdie should be killed for his blasphemy, and the semi-official Iranian Khorad Foundation offered a \$2.5-million reward.

Since then, Rushdie has lived an underground existence, surfacing only on occasion to speak at public events to urge artistic and diplomatic support for himself.

In September, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said his government had distanced itself from the reward, although he did not actually say it had been nullified. Still, that was enough to lead Rushdie—an Indian-born, secular Muslim now living in Great Britain—to say his ordeal appeared over.

Instead, Iranian hardliners have insisted the fatwa and reward remain in place, a sign of the infighting between moderates and militants currently taking place within the Iranian power structure.

To underscore that point, Oct. 12 the Korad Foundation increased its award by \$300,000. That followed by days an announcement by the Association of Hezbollah Students at Tehran University that it was offering its own reward of \$333,000 for Rushdie's death.



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Johnny Hill

By Robert Dunston

Johnny Hill, the son of Mattiline Hill and the late Clarence Hill of Battletown, worked at Shocco Springs Royal Ambassadors Camp in Talladega, Ala., for his third summer in a row.

Hill served as a counselor his first two summers at the camp. This year he was worship coordinator. His primary responsibility was to plan the evening worship services and the Thursday night commitment service each week, but he ended up doing far more. He worked the concession stand, assisted in discipline, ran the camp office when the director was out and pitched in with anything else that needed to be done. He loved every minute.

The camp ministers to boys in 4th through 12th grades. The boys come because they want to and their enthusiasm is contagious. They enjoy learning about missions.

Hill's favorite spot at camp was the outdoor chapel. Being in the woods surrounded by the beauty of God's creation, he found it easy to worship. He felt surrounded by a sense of reverence and wonder.

Hill had a variety of memorable experiences. During the first week a boy was misbehaving so terribly

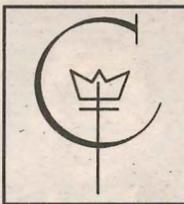
he was disrupting his group. At the camp, boys creating problems are sent to the director who then takes charge of them for the day. On that day Hill worked with the boy. The day was a busy one and the boy went from place to place in camp helping Hill. The boy discovered how much work went into running the camp and making certain that everything from meals to the worship service were well prepared. That afternoon the boy returned to his cabin and never caused trouble again. He became a helpful camper who even assisted his counselor because he knew where things were and what had to be done.

During his first year at camp Hill led a boy to Christ. This year that boy committed his life to full-time Christian service.

Hill, a religion major, believes God has called him to foreign missions. While he might return this coming summer to Shocco Springs Royal Ambassadors Camp, he also is considering ministering overseas. Hill will graduate in May 1999 and begin New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in fall 1999.

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Suffering from alcohol poisoning, Lydia's heart stopped in an emergency room. God brought her back; Lydia didn't know why.

Her transition at Dixon was difficult. She had panic attacks and attempted suicide. Lydia would steal, run away, harm herself and threaten others. Then she would weep and ask "Why?" when staff explained that she was loved unconditionally.

Slowly, even reluctantly, she began to believe it.

This drop-out, who had been away from the classroom two years, suddenly began to experience success in school because staff helped her solve the mysteries of long division and literature. Through counseling, she addressed her drinking problem, and she and her mother began to rebuild their relationship. Lydia was healing.

I look at the patience the Dixon staff had in order to unravel the tangled mess of Lydia's life, and I see Jesus. How often did he patiently explain truth to his followers? He loved and accepted consistently, even those who fled his side when the going got tough.

When you give to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, you give the gift of someone's presence in the life of a hurting child. Take away the patient, unconditional love that entered Lydia's life at its most critical point, and what do you have? A lamb that might have stayed lost.

Bill Smithwick president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Ky. 40243. Call (800) 456-1386. KBHC's Internet address is: <http://www.iglou.com/kbhc/>

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WORLD VIEW

■ **Speaker: A quarter of Christians pentecostal.** More than 25 percent of the world's Christians are Pentecostal or charismatic, a Pentecostal historian said at the recent 18th Pentecostal World Conference. Vinson Synan told the gathering in Seoul, South Korea, that close to 2 billion people have accepted the Christian faith worldwide. He estimated that of that number, 540 million are charismatic or Pentecostal. "The continuing explosive growth of Pentecostalism indicates that the renewal will continue with increasing strength into the next millennium," he said.

■ **Key Russian freedom case postponed.** A Moscow trial closely watched as a possible barometer of how Russia's new religion law might work has been adjourned until November. The trial—one of the first filed under a new law limiting free religious expression in Russia to a favored handful of faiths—was adjourned Oct. 1, just two days after it opened. It was set to resume Nov. 17. A Jehovah's Witness spokesman in New York, the group's international headquarters, said the civil case was filed after four unsuccessful criminal cases were launched against the movement, which claims more than 250,000 members in Russia.

■ **Adventists speak on cloning, STDs.** Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from around the world, meeting in Brazil, adopted policy statements on the ethical issues of human cloning and the challenge of sexually transmitted diseases. The statement on cloning listed seven ethical principles to cloning technology if it is

ever applied to human beings, including the alleviation of human suffering and the notion of Christian stewardship. The statement on sexually transmitted diseases states that "abstinence from extramarital sex promotes sexual and emotional health" and concluded with an appeal that the church develop "a comprehensive strategy of education and prevention."

■ **Pakistan closer to adopting Islamic law.** Pakistani lawmakers took a step Oct. 9 to give the government power to impose laws based on its interpretation of the Koran, the Muslim holy book. The National Assembly voted 151 to 16 to pass the constitutional amendment designed to provide a new Islamic order for the overwhelming Muslim nation, Associated Press reported. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had backed the amendment, saying it would "create a truly Islamic system" in Pakistan. To become law, the amendment requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate and the Sharif government does not have the votes to pass it.

■ **Vatican pharmacy: No Viagra.** The Vatican pharmacy may be one of the best-stocked drug stores in the world, but don't go there looking for Viagra. The anti-impotence drug went on sale Oct. 14 in Italy. "We don't have Viagra and we don't plan to sell it," a pharmacy employee told Reuters news service. The pharmacy, run by priests of a religious order dedicated to health care, is considered one of the best in Rome because of its efficiency and because it stocks some medicines not available in other parts of Italy.

One of our greatest challenges

The heart and soul of any ministry like ours is its people. Finding dedicated people who are willing to work long, hard hours with low pay and modest housing is a real challenge. Recently I got a request for information from a man in Texas who had heard about our ministry and was interested in serving here. I sent him material to read, including our salary and benefits. I received a letter from him that I would like to share.

"I have read everything that was sent, and not just one time. While I thought that I knew something about Oneida, I quickly discovered that such was not true. ... I did not realize that such a school existed in this day and age. I would be very interested in becoming a part of such an admirable operation, however, at this time, I simply am unable to make do on \$6,000 a year. But, if I cannot work there, I can remember you and the school in my prayers, each day.

"It is perplexing for me to realize that I 'grew up' in the Baptist church, and was very active in it, yet never heard of Oneida."

I frequently receive letters requesting information about our school and a position that may be available. While I presume they have heard a little about Oneida, I nearly always am sure they have no idea of the amount of time our people work. And the modest salaries scare off even the most dedicated.

Today as I was reading my mail, there was a letter from one of my staff who is also a semi-retired pastor. Yesterday he and the rest of our staff were given the opportunity to attend our "Share-a-Lot." Normally, once a month our folks may gather food items that have been given to the school. Here is part of what this teacher wrote:

"As I was selecting food this morning, food that I did not have to pay for, my mind went back to one painful summer when (my daughter) was still in the highchair. For one week all we had to eat was mostly cheap baloney. (My daughter) pushed hers away and said, 'I don't want any more baloney.' I decided then and there that I had had it with preaching and teaching on low salaries. I decided to look for another job.

"(My wife) and I decided that I would stay with what I loved to do and what we believed that God called me to do. We never regretted that decision. We could not go back on our commitment to God."

Then he finished with this story: "But above all I am thankful for the privilege of teaching at OBI these last 10 years. One day while (my wife) and I were sitting at the kitchen table at the parsonage at church, I said to her, 'Let's start on a new journey of faith. Let's go to Ur and start out again.' Our Ur was Oneida. And we never regretted the decision."

I did not give the name of this man. I lost his wife to cancer three years ago while they were both serving Oneida as volunteers. He has continued to work as a volunteer, completing his 10th year this past summer.

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Happy Birthday, Sarah and Leah

Sarah and Leah Dean didn't want to move to Clear Creek. "I would miss my friends, and I didn't know anybody here," Sarah, age 10, said. "But now I love it."

Leah, 7, agreed. "I started really liking it, especially our new friends, the creek and the swimming pool." When the creek is low, they wade and catch crawdads. "We find all this neat stuff that people throw in the creek," Leah said. "We have this little club down there. We call it the Jesus Club, because we don't talk about bad stuff. We fixed up some of it to show Jerusalem and other parts of the Bible."

When grandparents visit, Sarah and Leah take them on a Leah walk and to the family life center. "They always bring us presents, toys or clothes," Sarah said with a smile. Leah reminded her some more presents probably would come soon. Sarah's birthday was Oct. 18, and Leah will be 8 Nov. 12. Cousins will come for a party at the family life center. "We'll swim, skate and play games," Sarah said.

"And have cake!" Leah quickly added. "Mamma will show her

sisters and brothers the ceramics room."

The girls attend Pineville Elementary. Leah asked if I took the local paper. Her picture was in it after winning a \$25 shopping certificate for one month of perfect attendance. She informed me, "I only have \$2 left to spend."

When homework is completed, they ride bikes, play with dolls or play with nearby friends. "Except when we're home," Sarah stated. "That happens when we tell a lie, but I haven't lied for a year."

The girls also enjoy the campus Girls in Action groups taught by Clear Creek students.

What about the future? Sarah wants to be a doctor; Leah talks about being a teacher.

Both have an interest in being archeologists. "They get to go to new places, and I want to find shark teeth," Sarah explained.

What would they tell children whose parents are coming to Clear Creek? "It's a good influence. You'll have fun, and there are lots of places to ride a bike. We have a nice home and lots of nice people."

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Bus breaks down, but volunteers stay on God's schedule

DAVANGERE, India (BP)—The brightly painted charter bus bobbed and wove through oncoming traffic as the driver searched for any opportunity—safe or not—to dart around the slow-moving truck ahead.

Suddenly the bus decelerated, coasted to the side of the road and stopped.

About 30 people, mostly missions volunteers from Arkansas and Texas, were stranded. It was four hours back to Davangere, the city where they'd spent a week sharing their Christian faith, and three hours to Bangalore, their destination for a flight home.

Without hesitation, Ron Newton rose from his seat near the front of the bus and faced those sitting behind him. He quieted them and suggested they pray.

"Lord, we're not real sure what's wrong with the bus or why it broke," he began. "But we do know that you are in control."

After closing the prayer, the people filed off the bus, seemingly in the

middle of nowhere. Then Mark Gower and Don Storts saw four women sitting under a tree beyond a shrub line. Gower grabbed his Bible and the pair took off. Five minutes later they yelled for an interpreter. Out of the bush, 10 Indians congregated.

Gower told them Jesus died for their sins and how they can have eternal life by believing only in him. He asked how many would like to become followers of Jesus Christ. Five men raised hands—including the bus driver who had come over to say the bus was fixed and ready to go.

Turned out the problem was nothing more than a broken fan belt whose repair didn't even require a wrench. Back on the road, Gower beamed from his seat at the back of the bus.

"God had a plan," he said. "We felt the Holy Spirit leading us to go share with those people. Just think, five people had their names written in the Book of Life today, and all it cost us was a busted fan belt."

They had traveled to the south In-

dian state of Karnataka to share the gospel in and around Davangere, a city of nearly a million people.

Hinduism is the dominant religion in the area, and most people have little if any knowledge of the gospel. Many have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Door-to-door evangelism met with considerable resistance. Rocks, sticks and insults were thrown at the volunteers. Some had dogs turned on them. They persisted, saying they were driven by a love for God and by his desire for the Indian people to know him through Jesus Christ.

"It is the simple need the people have to know the light," said Paul Storts, a veteran of three volunteer trips. "I've not been to a darker place. You stand on one street corner and preach the gospel and across from you they are sacrificing chickens to their gods. You are overwhelmed with the sense that people need the Lord."

By week's end, 1,862 people had prayed to become Christians.

As their departure approached, volunteer Steve Nichols asked God for "divine appointments." The volunteers had been confined to their hotel by street activities connected with Holi, a Hindu festival celebrated by Indian males who throw powdered paint on each other.

A few hours later, Nichols crowded into a straw hut with its 20 residents. Through two interpreters, he shared the gospel with the elder of the house. The man stopped Nichols in mid-sentence. Just two hours before, the Indians had seen the "Jesus" film on television, the man said. Now this American stranger had appeared at his house to tell his family about this same Jesus. "What does this all mean?" the man asked.

Nichols smiled—and led all 20 to Christ.

"Talk about divine appointments," he said. "When we get off our agendas and get on mission with God, people come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior."

"I've not been to a darker place. You stand on one street corner and preach the gospel and across from you they are sacrificing chickens to their gods."

Missions volunteer Paul Storts

Christians in India march to protest against persecution

NEW DELHI, India (RNS)—Hundreds of Christians, many wearing black armbands, marched in New Delhi Oct. 3 to protest what they called rising "atrocities" against their minority community.

"The community expressed its concerns (about) the alarming increase of atrocities on Christians in various parts of the country," the Christians said in a statement submitted to Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, Reuters reported.

The statement was signed by Archbishop Alan de Lastic and three other Roman Catholic bishops.

The protest was sparked by an incident last month in which an unidentified gang broke into a convent and raped four nuns in the remote Jhabua district of the central state of Madhya Pradesh.

But Christians contend the incident is not an isolated one and they gave the government a list of 35 incidents of violence directed at Christians during the past three months.

"In the face of such permeating and unrelenting violence patently designed to coerce Christians and hinder profession of their faith and social outreach program, the Christians in India are beginning, for the first time since independence (in 1947) to feel threatened," the statement to the government said.

About 3 percent of India's 930 million people are Christians, and about 12 percent are Muslim. Most of the rest are Hindu.

Coffee with a cause: Sales support ministries

By Deann Alford
Religion News Service

ALAJUELITA, Costa Rica (RNS)—Cuco is a child nobody wanted. The little boy wanders the streets of Alajuelita, a slum west of Costa Rica's capital, San Jose.

Crack addicts and gangs roam Cuco's neighborhood, where his mother, a prostitute, sells drugs. The toddler is on his own to survive.

A benevolent neighbor provided Cuco's one daily meal until six months ago, when a friend brought him to Hogar Zoe, a Christian drug rehabilitation center. As best it can on scarce resources, the center also feeds the neighborhood's hungry children.

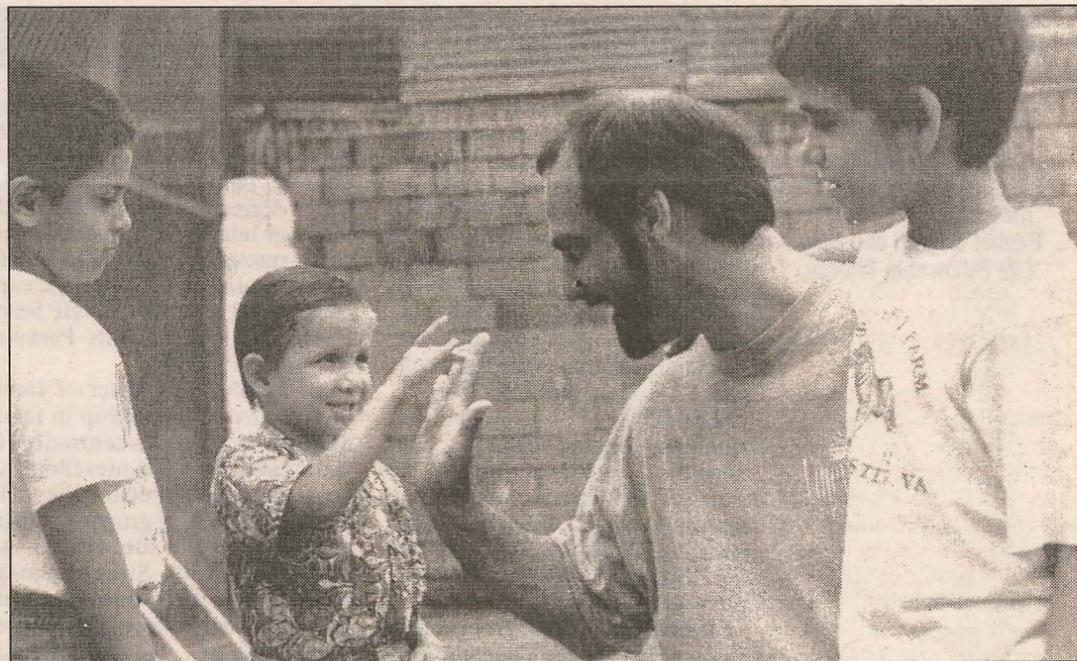
Two years ago, Chris Dearnley, pastor of the Vineyard of Escazu church, asked Zoe's director, Carlos Cordoba, how Dearnley's church could support the program. Cordoba responded simply, "Help us reach the children."

Hogar Zoe, which means "house of life," serves meals to neighborhood youth every other day, so the Vineyard of Escazu took charge of the kitchen every other Saturday and added Bible-centered activities.

But soon, Dearnley came to understand what Cordoba already recognized: Keeping these kids from perishing on the streets of San Jose requires more than an occasional pot of beans and rice. The problem Dearnley wrestled with was how to assure steady funding for Zoe so it could expand programs for greater impact on young lives.

Dearnley, whose background includes a Harvard MBA, carried the question to California in July 1997, where he visited with university friends: "We were sitting around discussing our financial need and situation, and I said, 'Hey, I brought you some coffee from Costa Rica.'"

At that moment, Dearnley envisioned a coffee export company, with the profits financing social outreach. "We looked at each other and said,



'Hey, why don't we do this?'

Now, Pura Vida Coffee Co. supports Pura Vida Ministries, established to finance not only Hogar Zoe, but other ministries in Central America as well. Its name comes from a Costa Rican colloquialism, figuratively meaning "great, terrific," but literally meaning "pure life."

John Sage, Dearnley's Harvard housemate who attended that California meeting, also is a founding member of Pura Vida Coffee Co. Sage had created Starbucks' Red Ribbon Sampler coffee and music gift package, which generates funds for AIDS research. Sage, whose brother died of AIDS five years ago, said the Starbucks project should raise at least \$40,000 this fall for AIDS organizations around the country.

Pura Vida Coffee—(888) 577-4JOY—began operations in January with no advertising budget. Instead, it relies on word of mouth to spread news of the product. He said his vision is that Christians and churches will buy Pura Vida for their in-house

use or as gifts.

While interest and sales have been strong, so far the profits have been reinvested in more coffee, Dearnley said. But Sage believes that for Pura Vida Coffee, which features the world-renowned premium variety Tarraz, profits could approach \$40,000 its first year.

Dearnley and Cordoba envision constructing a community center and gymnasium to expand the ministry and serve more meals. They hope to expand an existing clothing distribution program and launch "medical Saturdays" for the children.

Hogar Zoe receives some money from Costa Rica's Evangelical Alliance and individual churches, such as the Vineyard of Escazu. Until Pura Vida turns more profit, however, Hogar Zoe is mostly self-supporting through interns' carpentry, painting and plumbing, Cordoba said.

"I believe they can be rescued," Cordoba said of the youngest children. "But if we had more resources, we'd be able to reach more of them."

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 - Tanzanian Baptists preparing for the partnership ministry of Kentucky Baptists.
 - Pastor John Lee and the leadership of Metropolitan New Life Baptist Church in Cambridge, Mass. The church is a recent merger of Metropolitan Baptist Church and New Life Fellowship Church.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

■ **BALLARDSVILLE**—Ballardsville Church recently ordained **Ted Billings** and **Mike McCall** as deacons.

■ **BEDFORD**—Pleasant View Church called **Bradford Laubinger** as pastor. Laubinger, a native of Missouri, is a student at Southern Seminary.

Poplar Ridge Church recently observed its 140th anniversary. **Paul Limato** is pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Good Hope Church recently had a note burning ceremony to celebrate paying off a 10-year mortgage in three years. **Alvin Hardy** is pastor.

■ **COVINGTON**—**Wrenda Taylor**, wife of Ennis Taylor who preceded her in death, died Sept. 2 in Danville, Va. Ennis Taylor was pastor at Madison Avenue Church for 25 years and served on many KBC committees.

■ **CRESTWOOD**—Crestwood Church recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. **Stephen Hadden** is pastor.

■ **GOSHEN**—North Oldham Church, a mission of Walnut Street Church, had a service of constitution Oct. 4 to celebrate becoming a church. **Charles Moore Jr.** is pastor.

■ **HARDINSBURG**—Hardinsburg Church has called **Ferrill Gardner** as interim pastor.

■ **LONDON**—London First Church will host NewSong in concert Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Call (606) 864-4194 for tickets. **Terry Lester** is pastor.

■ **LAGRANGE**—Eighteen Mile Church called **Mark and Chris Helton** to serve as associate pastor and minister of music, respectively. Helton is a graduate of Clear Creek and a student at Southern Seminary. **Terry Stallard** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Broadway Church will host Duke McCall Day Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. **Ronald Higdon** is pastor.

Pastor **Robert Wood** will host spiritual revival and renewal services Oct. 25-27 at 6:30 p.m.; Oct 27 at 7

p.m. **Rick Barton** will be the evangelist. **Lee Warf** is pastor.

Living Hope Church will host revival services Oct. 25-28 with **Jeffrey Anders** preaching. **Jack Naylor** is pastor.

Melbourne Heights Church called **Linda Fox** as minister to children and students beginning Nov. 1. Fox comes from Edwardsville United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Ind.

St. Matthews Church will host the International Reconciliation Conference Nov. 4-7. The event will feature stories of reconciliation by Christians from every continent. For more information call (502) 896-8882.

■ **MURRAY**—**Cameron Mills** will speak at Westside Church Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. **Mark Whitt** is pastor.

■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Plum Creek Church will host revival services Oct. 25-28, 7 p.m. **Wayne Padgett** will be evangelist. **Harvey Richardson** is interim pastor.

Bob Sutton, pastor of Taylorsville First Church, resigned.

■ **WINCHESTER**—**Chuck Bass** resigned as interim pastor of Corinth Church to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Jemison, Ala.

Sermons by Dehoney sought

A Kentucky pastor is seeking former members or attenders of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville who have copies of manuscripts of sermons preached there by **Wayne Dehoney**.

During Dehoney's pastorate at Walnut Street, from February 1967 through February 1985, the church published manuscripts of the weekly sermons under the title of "The Pulpit of Walnut Street Baptist Church."

No complete collection of these manuscripts is known to exist, but **Louis Humes**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hodgenville, wants to compile a set for research and as a gift to Dehoney.

Anyone with copies of any of these Dehoney manuscripts who would be willing to let Humes photocopy them, call him at (502) 358-3193 or write to him at First Baptist Church, 200 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville, Ky. 42748-1414.

CLASSIFIED ADS

SEEKING: Rapidly growing church in Paducah area with 375-member congregation and 275 Sunday school attendance seeks part-time organizer of music. Job duties include organizing and leading music for all services, and organizing choirs for all age groups. Interested applicants should send resumes to the following address: Personnel Committee, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9701 Blandville Road, West Paducah, KY 42086.

SEEKING: Youth director for Crittenden Baptist Church, Crittenden, Ky. 20 hours per week, \$750 per month. Will need to obtain CDL license (must be 25 years old). Send resume to: Youth Director, c/o Crittenden Baptist Church, P.O. Box 132, Crittenden, KY 41030.

SEEKING: Youth/recreation minister. First Baptist Church of Mason, Ohio, is accepting resumes for a full-time minister of youth and recreation. The successful candidate will have training in youth ministry and/or work experience in youth. Please send cover letter and resume to: First Baptist Church, 735 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of youth/children. Reasonable salary with travel expenses; growing rural community 20 miles south of Florence (65 miles north of Louisville). Please submit resume to: Paint Lick Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Box 207, Warsaw, KY 41095.

SEEKING: Rapidly growing church seeks full-time minister of education. Excellent compensation package. Send resume to: Personnel Committee, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9701 Blandville Road, West Paducah, KY 42086.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister in east Shelby County—20 minutes from Shelbyville or Frankfort. Please send resumes to: Indian Fork Baptist Church, 488 Cedarmore Road, Bagdad, KY 40003.

SEEKING: Ocean View Baptist Preschool, a ministry of Ocean View Baptist Church, seeks center director. Must be strong, growing Christian with a degree in early childhood education or related field, and have relevant experience. Salary and benefits commensurate with degree and experience. Send resume to: OVBP Search Committee, 9513 Wells Parkway, Norfolk, VA 23503.

SEEKING: Minister of family life to provide leadership in family ministry with a concentration toward families with preschool and grade-school children for Naperville Baptist Church, a growing congregation located in the western suburbs of Chicago. Strong management skills with two to three years experience is required. Send resumes to: Family Life Search Committee, Naperville Baptist Church, 29W771 79th St., Naperville, IL 60564.

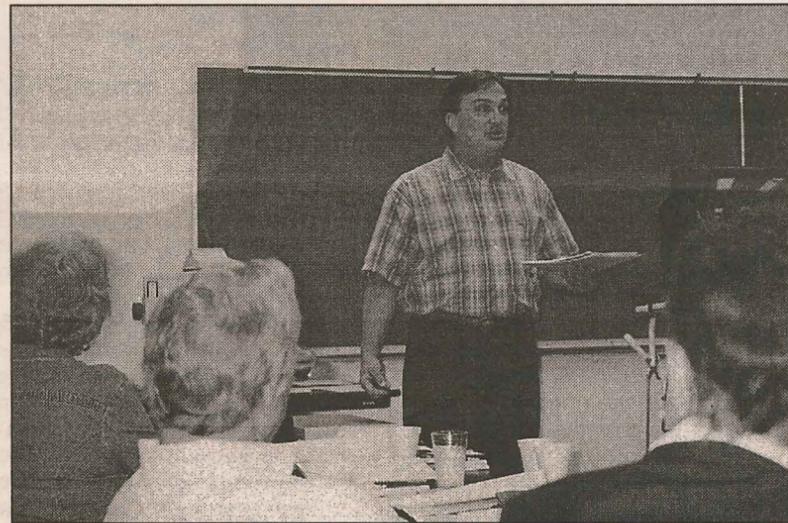
SEEKING: Part-time director of missions for Red River Association. Send resume to: Ralph Lockard, HC 68 Box 263, West Liberty, KY 41472. Deadline for submitting is Oct. 31, 1998.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister. Send resume to: First Baptist Church, 118 West South St., Mayfield, KY 42066, Attn: Pastor.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister. Send resume to: Personnel Committee, Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 N. Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music. Send resume to: Salvisa Baptist Church, Kirkwood Road, Salvisa, KY 40330.

SEEKING: Peaks Mill Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., prayerfully seeks a full-time pastor. Please submit two resumes to: Deacon Roger Combs, 203 Creekside Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, and Trustee John Griffin, 8209 Owenton Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION ■ **Top:** Bob Mills, director of missions mobilization for the Kansas-Nebraska Baptist Convention, leads a training session for Mission Service Corps volunteers who are serving in Kentucky. Larry Martin, Kentucky Baptist Convention missions and evangelism director, said he hopes to have four training sessions a year for long-term missions volunteers seeking to serve in the state. ■ **Above:** Those at the orientation were (back row, left) Bob Mills; Becky Carnell, literacy missions; Frank Harris, Experiencing God weekends coordinator; Bud Geiger, MSC missionary relations team; Harold Moore, regional disaster relief coordinator; Randall Rogers, disaster communications coordinator; Charlie Simmons, chaplain at Wrangler Camp; (middle row) Larry Martin; Linda George, KBC missions & evangelism administrative assistant; Lin Harris, Experiencing God weekends coordinator; Faye Geiger, MSC missionary relations team; Grace Moore, prospective MSC volunteer; (front row) Tom Beard, prospective MSC volunteer; Guy King, prospective MSC volunteer; Carl Powell, prospective MSC volunteer; and Roma Simmons, prospective MSC volunteer.

Chaplaincy making strong impact in Russian prisons

By Charlie Warren
Oklahoma Baptist University

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)—As a child growing up in Russia, Yury Sipko remembers visiting the public library one day. The librarian knelt down and asked him when and where the next Baptist meeting would be held, suggesting she wanted to attend. Thinking she was a believer, Sipko told her.

Authorities raided that meeting of the underground church where Sipko's father was pastor, ransacking the home where the Baptist group was meeting for worship. His father later spent five years in a Russian prison for his religious beliefs, leaving Sipko to help raise his younger siblings.

Today, Sipko is deputy president, or vice president, of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia, serving as the union's chief operating officer. Now free to preach the gospel openly, Sipko and other Russian Baptists go into prisons where Christians once were confined and boldly share their faith with inmates.

Sipko visited Shawnee, Okla., earlier this year, preaching and meeting with a group of Oklahoma Baptists who are funding a prison ministry coordinator position in Russia.

Bill Donovan, who worked with the chaplaincy program of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board seven years before he retired in 1995, was the catalyst for the Shawnee involvement in Russia.

Three years before Donovan retired, International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin invited him to visit Russia to explore possibilities of work in the area of prison chaplaincy.

Donovan returned on two subsequent trips to conduct prison ministry training sessions. He became aware that many of those who attended the training sessions were former prisoners who were converted while in prison under ministries led by Christian groups.

"Prison ministry has been a tremendous resource for Baptist work in Russia," Donovan said. Prison converts not only are involved in prison ministry but other aspects of Baptist work as well, he said.

The International Mission Board

funded the initial structure for a prison ministry, but fell short of funds needed for a full-time prison ministry coordinator.

After retiring to Shawnee in 1995, however, Donovan joined Shawnee's First Baptist Church and began sharing with his Sunday school class members his burden for funding this position. Class members, along with members of University Baptist Church, rallied to the need and made a commitment to fund the program for at least five years at \$5,000 a year.

Donovan returned to Russia in 1996 to work out the details, and the first full-time prison ministry coordinator, Sergei Danelinklov, began work last December.

Danelinklov provides training programs for volunteers involved in prison ministry, serves as an advocacy voice for Baptists with government services and organizes the ministry through church groups.

Speaking to some of the backers of the program in Shawnee, Sipko expressed appreciation for their prayers and support.

"Ronald Reagan once said that Russia is the empire of evil," Sipko

said. "That is true. During the time Reagan said that, Russian prisons were filled with political prisoners and those imprisoned for their religious beliefs. Now, we who are Christians have freedom to preach the gospel among the almost 1 million criminal prisoners in Russia."

Sipko told of one prisoner, a drug abuser who had been declared unable to be rehabilitated from drugs. The man's wife and son, though not imprisoned, also were drug addicts.

"Some Christians went into this prison preaching Christ," Sipko said. "This man turned to Christ in repentance and Christ freed him from his drug addiction."

Once released, the man found his wife, who still was addicted, and led her to faith in Christ. Then he located his son, who had since been imprisoned, and shared his faith in Christ with him.

"I was in a church recently where this man's son was praising God," Sipko said. "If this man and his family were the only ones to find Christ, this prison ministry would be worth the effort. But there are hundreds like him."

"Prison ministry has been a tremendous resource for Baptist work in Russia."

Bill Donovan, chaplain trainer

Andre Crouch among inductees for Gospel Music Hall of Fame

DETROIT (RNS)—Gospel artists Andrae Crouch, the Dixie Hummingbirds and the Mighty Clouds of Joy are among 10 individuals and groups who will be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame next month.

Crouch, a multi-Grammy Award singer and songwriter, will be honored along with other gospel celebrities at the second annual Gospel Music Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 14 in Detroit.

A number of the gospel legends being honored have contributed to black gospel music for many decades. The Dixie Hummingbirds and the Rev. Milton Brunson's Thompson Community Singers have been performing for 70 and 50 years, respectively. The Mighty Clouds of Joy, one of the few gospel acts to cross over from gospel radio to mainstream pop radio, began in 1960 and the Rance Allen Group, a trio of brothers from Monroe, Mich., first gave concerts

almost 30 years ago.

The Canton Spirituals, a group organized in 1946, and Edwin Hawkins, who recorded "O Happy Day" in 1969, also have long contributed to the field.

Other inductees are Bobby Jones, who is known as "the goodwill ambassador of gospel music" for his role in Christian media, James Moore, a popular male vocalist who records with mass choirs, and Richard Smallwood, known for his blend of traditional and contemporary gospel.

The hall of fame was founded in 1995 by David Gough, president of DoRohn Records, an independent gospel record label in Detroit. Its first inductees were honored last year. Gough told Religion News Service he hopes a museum will open by the end of November in Detroit.

"We'll have a technologically enhanced wall of time depicting gospel music from 1865 through the present," he said.

Even chain saw school helps ministry

ATLANTA (BP)—Dana Smith said she's been operating a chain saw for 20 years but "never knew I didn't know what I was doing."

Smith, along with 24 other men and women, participated in a recent chain saw school sponsored by Georgia Baptist Men's Ministries. The 16-hour school trains Baptist workers to be involved in cleanup and recovery work following natural disasters.

In order to receive chain saw certification, volunteers complete eight hours of classroom work and then saw down a tree properly and safely.

The school was designed to re-

duce the No. 1 cause of injuries after a disaster: chain saw accidents. Not every student passes the course the first time.

"It's hard, but it should be," instructor Curt Bonds said. "These guys are going to be working side by side with people. You can hurt someone else, and you can hurt yourself."

"Besides," he continues, "we're going out there to be a witness for the Lord. What kind of witness would we be if we looked like Laurel and Hardy with a chain saw? You send people in who really know what they're doing and it says a lot. People remember."

Pastor risks prison preaching God over government

By Ross Herbert
Religion News Service

KINSHASA, Congo (RNS)—In a grassy field a few dozen yards from the banks of the Congo River, Pastor Theodore Ngoy gazed out across hundreds of hopeful Congolese faces eight months ago and preached to the soul of a troubled nation.

Worship not the power and authority of human government, he told his followers. Idolize only the word of God, or Congo will again go astray down the path of Mobutu Sese Seko.

It had become a common theme at Pastor Ngoy's independent riverside Church of Gombe, one provoking repeated secret police threats against church workers.

On Dec. 6 secret police arrested Ngoy at a church seminar.

A military court deemed his words subversive threats to state security that bordered on insults to the president. For such crimes he spent nearly seven months in prison, most of it crammed in a filthy 15-foot square cell with 29 other men at Kinshasa's Makala prison.

The current hostilities in Congo, President Laurent Kabila would have the world believe, resulted from an abrupt, unprovoked foreign invasion Aug. 2.

Now a free man, Ngoy argues any peace talks are doomed to fail unless they address the quieter, darker war Kabila has been waging since seizing power about 16 months ago.

"Kabila has met all the conditions to be overthrown. He destroyed the confidence people had in him and disappointed the people who helped him win the war," Ngoy said at a busy hotel cafe, confidently ignoring the secret police who conspicuously edged their chairs ever-closer to his table.

Security services have proliferated under Kabila, including the unit of the army known as Military Detection of Anti-Motherland.

Journalists, human rights workers and opposition politicians have been arrested

routinely for petty offenses.

Well-known and respected in Kinshasa, Ngoy has long concerned himself with political affairs, arguing that modern democracies take separation of church and state too far and leading people to conclude—wrongly in his view—that religion should not concern itself with the political world.

Opposing unequal rule by Romans, Egyptians and other rulers is a major biblical theme he finds rich in parallels for Congo.

"You cannot talk of the Bible without talking about politics," he said. "God effectively said to Moses if you want to keep this country for a long time you must respect human rights."

Ngoy's beliefs led him to write public letters to Mobutu urging him to step down and seek forgiveness. When Kabila arrived, Ngoy continued preaching and writing letters published in the local press.

"Even in my church (Kabila's police) were coming and threatening people working there. They said if I continue to speak about such things (my staff) will be arrested."

Ngoy was first arrested Dec. 6 but released a few days later when U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited Kinshasa. After she left, Ngoy was re-arrested Dec. 10. He was released July 2 after Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and about 2,000 international pastors lobbied for his release.

Today Ngoy is battling to regain his job at the central bank, from which he was suspended when he was arrested. He said he is fighting for the job as a matter of principle but hopes if he wins to be able to resign and spend all his time preaching and establishing an organization to bring food, clothes and free legal help to prisoners.

"They told me when I was released that I should keep silent," he recalled. "When you speak you are dangerous," they said. I cannot stop talking. I am a trustworthy pastor and I should tell the truth. If I keep silent I am no longer a pastor."

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