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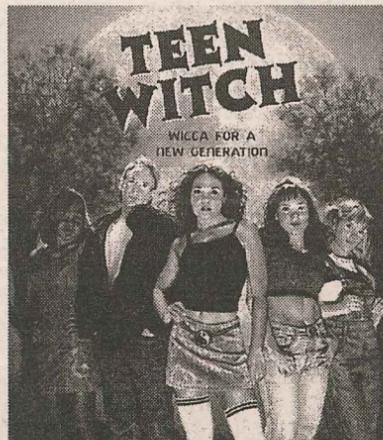
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## Acceptance bringing witches out of the broom closet



**WITCH OUTREACH** Books like "Teen Witch" and movies favorable of Wicca, as witchcraft also is known, are bringing the movement into the mainstream. The book's promotional material claims "Teen Witch" was "written specifically for the teen seeker." (RNS photo)

By Steve Rabey  
*Religion News Service*

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—"Practical Magic" is the latest in a long line of Hollywood films to dabble in the mysteries and rituals of witchcraft.

Opening just in time for Halloween, the film depicts two sisters and modern-day witches (played by box-office heavyweights Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman), who try to decide whether to use ancient spells and arts in their search for happiness and love.

During the past four centuries, witchcraft—which is both an ancient tradition of rites and a rapidly growing modern-day religious movement—has survived persecution and execution, earned a sometimes grudging toleration and undergone a series of revivals, both in Europe and North America.

Now, movies like "Practical Magic" and a host of books, TV shows and other pop culture products promise to take Wicca—which is what many of its modern practitioners call it—to unprecedented levels of popularity.

The movement's proponents hail their mainstream acceptance.

"What helps the cause is for people to see that witches are not green-faced hags cavorting with Satan, casting evil spells, and baking Hansel and Gretel in the oven," said Phyllis Currott, a New York attorney and Wiccan High Priestess who is currently on a 21-city publicity tour for "Book of Shadows," her autobiographical look at the contemporary witch craze.

Currott sees Wicca as a welcome alternative to "the three patriarchal Western religions"—Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

"Wicca is a system of practices and techniques that are very accessible, are

easily learned, provide astonishing results and enable you to discover the Goddess within and the divine that's present in the world all around us," said Currott, who believes the rituals she and other witches have performed helped her book sell out its first printing and land her an upcoming pre-Halloween appearance on Roseanne Barr's TV talk show.

But alternative religions authority William Hendricks said Wicca is but another branch of the self-help, New Age movement.

"The movement is non-satisfying from the viewpoint of traditional religions and is to be rejected by classical Christian thought," said Hendricks, director of Baptist studies and lecturer in theology at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity school, in Fort Worth, Texas.

While often associated with evil  
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## Poll: A majority of teenagers say they lie & cheat

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (RNS)—A significant majority of high school students admitted to cheating on exams and lying to their parents in a nationwide poll by the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

The poll of 20,000 middle and high schoolers looked at student behavior and attitudes about ethics and character.

Seventy percent of high school students admitted cheating on an exam at least once in the past year. In 1996, the institute found that the cheating rate was 64 percent.

The poll also showed that almost all teens lie to their parents. In the 1998 poll, 92 percent of high school students said they lied at least once in the past year while 78 percent said they lied two or more times. In 1996, 85 percent said they lied at least once and 73 percent had lied two or more times.

Forty-seven percent of high schoolers admitted they stole something from a store in the past 12 months. The theft rate is higher than the rate of 39 percent found in the 1996 survey.

More than a quarter of high school students said they had committed a store theft at least two times.

"If we keep in mind that liars and cheaters may lie on a survey it's clear that the reality is even worse than these numbers indicate," said Michael Josephson, president of the institute.

"What's especially troubling is that young people know what they're doing is wrong. There is a staggering inconsistency in what they say they believe and how they act."



**NOT MUCH LEFT** Eddie Pettit, a damage assessor for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, examines the shredded roof and walls that remain of a house in the Dominican Republic. Volunteers and donations are needed to help rebuild. More than 100,000 people lost houses and more than 260 were killed as a result of Hurricane Georges. See story on page 12. (BP photo by Chris Turner)

## Kentucky churches join global missions strategy

By Ken Walker  
*State Correspondent*

SHEPHERDSVILLE—It might sound impossible for a suburban American church to evangelize a million people in Mexico City. But Little Flock Baptist Church in Shepherdsville is taking steps to do just that.

Working through Mexican Baptist leaders and Southern Baptist missionaries, the congregation hopes to help start two dozen churches or home-based congregations by 2002.

These plans are part of Little Flock's status as a "Global Priority Church." Designed by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, the new program seeks to enlist

churches to become more active in missions.

It particularly focuses on evangelizing 1.7 billion people who are among the world's more than 2,200 unreached people groups.

"We're planning four trips a year (to Mexico) to do door-to-door evangelism," said Van Sanders, the church's minister of missions and a former missionary to Kenya. "We're also developing a prayer ministry so we have people praying for world evangelization and missions causes."

Al Gilbert, special assistant to IMB President Jerry Rankin, said the agency moved to capitalize on a trend toward personal involvement in missions.

"When a member walks up and says, 'I want to go on a building trip' or 'I want to go on a medical mission next summer,' they can go to somebody and get that answer," he said.

"We're helping Southern Baptist churches to do that and have a missions team to help people find that information," he said.

Eight Kentucky Baptist churches are among approximately 200 congregations nationwide that have expressed interest in this new emphasis.

Those enlisting agree to meet a series of criteria, beginning with making missions a priority and providing staff to direct the effort.

Among other things, the congrega-  
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## Hemphill: Reaction to SBC statement shows preaching lax

**Hemphill said most faculty members have been receptive to signing the amended statement but that two or three might not sign. Those who do not sign the amended statement should resign, he said.**

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Public reaction to the family amendment of the "Baptist Faith & Message"—and the requirement of faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to sign it—indicates a lack of strong biblical preaching in the United States, said Ken Hemphill, president of the Fort Worth, Texas, seminary.

The amendment was not only taken the secular community by surprise but even some of the religious community, and that's disappointing that we haven't done a better job of teaching the Bible in such a way to help people understand the role of the husband as the servant leader," Hemphill said.

Southwestern's trustees updated the faculty requirement during their Oct. 19-20 meeting, prompting a front-page story in the Oct. 21 Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The story has generated numerous media requests for interviews and comments from newspapers and television and radio stations in Texas.

In the story, it was reported that Dan Kent, an Old Testament professor at Southwestern for 19 years, said he would not sign the amended statement and had submitted plans for retirement. Although declining to give the reasons for his retirement announcement, he told the newspa-

per, "I don't think something that significant (as retiring) is ever based on one issue."

Hemphill said the media attention "is as surprising now as it was in Utah (because) it's a basic family statement that uses several Scripture passages and is based primarily on Ephesians 5," Hemphill said. The Southern Baptist Convention passed the family amendment to the "Baptist Faith & Message" during its annual meeting held last June in Salt Lake City.

Critics of the amendment say it draws on only the part of Scripture that suggests women should be submissive to men while ignoring other pertinent passages that call for mutual submission.

Hemphill said most faculty members have been receptive to signing the amended statement but that two or three might not sign. Those who do not sign the amended statement should resign, he said, because the faculty policy manual requires such for anyone who cannot in good conscience teach according to the "Baptist Faith & Message."

"Our charter is very clear on the fact that the convention operates the seminary and sets its teaching parameters. Our teaching parameters are the 'Baptist Faith & Message' as established by the convention," Hemphill

### Mohler: Preach, don't wait on tables

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Pastors are pressured on all sides to more effectively "wait on tables" when they should be preaching, Al Mohler told students and about 200 pastors attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's second annual Pastor Appreciation Day Oct. 15.

"One of our central concerns as a seminary is the condition of the pulpit in America today," Mohler said. "Our concern is that preaching itself is being relegated to a marginal activity in many churches. ... What is lacking is the ministry of the word."

Referring to Acts 6—where the apostles refused to trade the teaching of the Bible for the distribution of food—Mohler said the passage should forcefully remind pastors of the centrality of the Bible in their ministries. The care for the widows was itself a "tangible manifestation of the preaching of the word," but

the apostles understood that "waiting tables" was not their ultimate priority.

Mohler lamented the amount of materials directed to pastors today that is all too often about "how to wait on tables faster; how to wait on even more tables; how to put on the table; how to arrange how the table should be set; how to have a seeker-sensitive table. It is all about table after table after table."

Confusion also reigns in some circles as to what preaching actually is, Mohler continued. He pointed to those who argue that the preacher is to gauge the needs of the congregation and then "hopefully we can find something in Scripture that we can paste on as an answer to that."

Preachers must reclaim the idea that to step into the pulpit is to speak the very revelation of God, he said. "How dare we speak on God's behalf a word he has not spoken?"

said. After adoption of the family amendment at the SBC annual meeting in June, Southwestern's trustees voted to change the seminary's by-laws, which referred to the 'Baptist

Faith & Message' as adopted in 1963 as the seminary's statement of faith. Reference to the year was deleted and the phrase "as may be amended from time to time by the convention" was inserted in its place.

## Clinton asks Little Rock church for forgiveness in letter

By Trennis Henderson  
*Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ABP)—President Bill Clinton's home church has received a handwritten letter in which Clinton asks forgiveness from his fellow church members. Rex Horne, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., read the two-page letter at the conclusion of the congregation's morning worship service Oct. 18.

According to Horne, Clinton "expressed repentance for his actions,

sadness for the consequence of his sin on his family, friends and church family and asked forgiveness from Immanuel."

As the home church of the embattled president, Immanuel has come under fire from critics who contend the congregation should exercise church discipline against its most famous member in light of Clinton's public admission that he had an inappropriate relationship with a White House intern and misled the public about it.

A leading critic, Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary President Al Mohler, declined to comment on Clinton's letter, saying through a spokesman that he did not have enough information about the letter to comment.

Horne has refused to enter the debate over local-church discipline and autonomy. "As a pastor of a local church, I have a responsibility to do what's right before the Lord and for our church," he told the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

In an earlier interview, he emphasized that "Immanuel has always ap-

proached the work of the Lord as an autonomous church while seeking to be cooperative in every way possible."

Concerning Clinton's letter to the congregation where he has been a member since 1980, Horne said it "was the right thing for the president to do." He added that he "sensed an affirmation of the president's request for forgiveness" from "the great majority of the people" attending the Oct. 18 service.

The full text of Clinton's letter was not released to the press.

### BAPTIST BITS

■ **Lottie Moon video available.** A new video on the life of legendary Southern Baptist missionary Lottie Moon has been produced by the International Mission Board. "A Journey of Faith and Sacrifice" retraces Moon's life from her roots in Virginia and Georgia to China, where she spent her adult years sharing the gospel, ultimately at the cost of her own life. The 32-minute video tells Moon's story from the perspective of IMB President Jerry Rankin. To order the \$12.95 video, contact the IMB at (800) 866-3621 or customer.services@imb.org.

■ **More students needed.** Southern Baptist missionaries need more than twice as many college students to fill overseas summer missions assignments in 1999 than they had in 1998. Although more than 700 students participated in overseas summer missions assignments in 1998, almost 500 requests went

unfilled. Overseas missionaries have requested more than 1,500 college students for 1999. Students must be at least 18 years old, members of a Southern Baptist church and sense God's leadership to serve overseas. For more information, call (800) 789-4693 or visit the IMB website at www.imb.org/students/.

■ **Oklahoma moderates tap leader.** Former Houston pastor Bruce Prescott has assumed duties as executive director of Mainstream Oklahoma Baptists, a moderate group based in Norman, Okla. Prescott, a native of New Mexico, was elected to the post in September. He has been pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church in Houston for 12 years.

■ **Three to New Orleans.** Three former Kentuckians have been named to the

faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary: Tim Searcy, former professor of Christian education at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, has been named associate professor of Christian education; Tina Murdock, formerly assistant professor of English and music at Clear Creek, has been named to a similar position in the seminary's College of Undergraduate Studies; and Robert Stewart of Williamsburg, was named instructor in philosophy and systematic theology.

■ **Emeritus missionary dies.** Maxie Crawford Kirk, emeritus missionary to Brazil, died Oct. 17 in Savannah, Ga., at age 73. A Louisville native, she and her husband, James, were appointed Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil in 1947.

■ **Draper given award.** Jimmy Draper, president of LifeWay Christian

Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, received the E.Y. Mullins Distinguished Denominational Service Award from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Oct. 20.

■ **O'Brien recovering.** Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien was released from a hospital Oct. 13 and is said to be recovering well from a mild stroke. O'Brien, 65, is learning to walk with a brace, her speech is "reasonably clear" and she is regaining use of her right arm, a WMU spokeswoman said. O'Brien is expected to recover fully from the stroke.

■ **Missionary dies.** Deborah Wall McCord, a Southern Baptist missionary to South Korea, died of cancer Oct. 11 in Rockville, Va. She was 45. McCord and her husband, Steve, were appointed by the International Mission Board in 1981.

## Doctor: Assisted suicide opposes 2,000 years of training

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

LOUISVILLE—Christians must educate themselves about the dangers of assisted suicide if they hope to influence public debate, according to a Kentucky native and outspoken critic of such practices.

"Compassion is coming alongside someone, but physician-assisted suicide is escaping from compassion," Dr. David Stevens said at a Kentucky Right to Life conference Oct. 10.

Assisted suicide "relieves me from the burden to come alongside patients and alleviate their suffering," said Stevens, who earned his medical degree at the University of Louisville.

Stevens, director of the Christian Dental & Medical Society in Bristol, Tenn., was a featured speaker at the conference, titled "Counteracting the Culture of Death."

In his talk, the Wilmore native outlined many reasons to oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia. Besides countering moral tradition, he said, it upends a 2,000-year-old practice of

doctors supporting life instead of ending it.

"If a physician has the power to kill, no person will be able to trust doctors anymore," he stated. "Hard cases are used to pry open the door to change the law. But it is a slippery slope that will lead from physician assisted suicide to involuntary killing."

Germany and Holland have experienced frightening results as result of such practices, he said.

Many people trace human experimentation in Germany to the Nazi regime, but Stevens said such practices preceded Hitler. Euthanasia began in 1920 with ending the lives of the suffering and terminally ill, he said.

In 1933, German leaders extended the list to criminals, two years later the mentally ill and disabled, and in 1939 the Jews, he said.

Holland parallels that progression, he said. The nation permitted a doctor to take her mother's life in 1973, and by last year many stopped following any rules regarding euthanasia, Stevens said.

Terminal illness was the original reason for assisted suicide, he said, but it has expanded to chronic illnesses and mental suffering and led to infanticide.

Sixty percent of Holland's elderly fear being put to death involuntarily and many carry cards reading, "Please don't euthanize me," he said.

"If you allow it for terminal illness, what about non-terminal illness in 20 years?" he said. "What about the comatose, sick or retarded? It becomes right for everything. Unfortunately, there is no reasonable place to draw the line."

Right-to-die advocates use phony debating tactics, he argued. They portray the only choices as allowing assisted suicide or condemning people to slow, painful deaths, he said.

Actually, society today has the best pain-controlling agents in history, such as analgesics, anesthetics, epidural morphine and other narcotics, he said. The argument for physician-assisted suicide, he claimed, has risen because doctors are doing a poor job of controlling pain.

Some elderly ask to die for fear of abandonment, depression and not wanting to be a financial or emotional burden to their family, he said.

"Are we willing to let doctors kill because they are inept at pain management?" Stevens asked. "Isn't the term 'rational suicide' an oxymoron? Patients don't make rational decisions when informed of a terminal diagnosis or are suffering pain."

Further, the aging population, fiscal threats to Medicare and Social Security and increasing health care costs quickly could transform a "choice" to die into a "duty," he said.

The conference attracted media attention because it was held the day after the death of former Louisville television anchorman Hugh Finn, whose feeding tube was removed.

But Stevens warned not to make that a battleground in the debate, saying it was a much different case.

"Hugh Finn is not the issue," he said. "We're talking about giving people pills to kill them. If we can speak out truthfully and compassionately, we can win this battle."

**"Are we willing to let doctors kill because they are inept at pain management?"**

*Dr. David Stevens, director of the Christian Dental & Medical Society*

## Kentucky churches join global missions strategy

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tion agrees to educate members about missions, pray for missionaries and participate in short-term mission projects.

Little Flock will host a global missions conference Dec. 4-6. Twenty-five missionaries are expected to attend. Through a variety of activities, Little Flock hopes to awaken more members to missions and show them missionaries are "plain folk," Sanders said.

"We want them to 'adopt' the missionaries and develop such a bond we'll support them through prayer and any other way we can," he said. "Hopefully, this will increase their effectiveness when they return to the field."

The congregation begins traveling south of the border in March. A 20-member musical group, "Living Proof," will sing and perform dramas in neighborhoods targeted by the church.

During the year, church members will travel to Mexico City to offer sup-

port in leadership training classes, church planting work and various evangelistic outreaches.

First Baptist Church of Paducah also is in the midst of its global missions program. A 15-member team left in mid-October for two weeks in Russia.

After worshipping at Central Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, they visited Moscow to help put finishing touches on Second Baptist Church.

Minister of Education Bobby Bragg said First Baptist was ripe for global involvement. Last year the church asked the IMB if there was an unreached people group needing prayer.

The board forwarded the name of the Chechens, a Muslim stronghold of one million people in southern Russia. The church has been praying for the nomadic group for 18 months.

First Baptist recently hosted a missionary family who since have enrolled in language school to prepare to minister in that region.

There are only 30 known Chris-

tians among the Chechens, and reprisals against believers are so severe that missionaries can't be named publicly, Bragg said.

In addition to its global priority involvement, Little Flock recently was designated a "Great Commission Resource Center," one of two such churches nationally.

Gilbert said his agency hopes to find 10 churches willing to participate in the pilot project, aimed at further stimulating missions involvement.

These centers will help smaller congregations get involved in missions. Little Flock plans to develop eventually a database to fill requests for prayer and specialized needs in other countries.

"I'm really excited about this," Sanders said. "It's hard for my family and I living here, after being in a third-world country for 10 years."

"But we believe the Lord wanted us to come here and now I see why," he said. "I've always felt the best way to reach unreached people is through more local church awareness."

## Joyce Martin named Western Recorder partnerships editor

LOUISVILLE—Joyce Martin has been named partnership editor and special projects coordinator for the Western Recorder. Also, Louisville pastor Tom Curry has been elected chairman of the Western Recorder board, succeeding Lexington attorney Bill Thurman, who rotates off the board in November.

Both actions were taken by the Recorder board during an Oct. 19 meeting in Louisville. The board also participated in a farewell banquet for Editor Mark Wingfield and his wife, Alison, who are moving to Texas.

Curry is pastor of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville, is a chaplain in the Air National Guard and has been active in the ministry of Long Run Baptist Association.

Two other Recorder officers were re-elected to their posts: Vice President Barry Howard, pastor of First Baptist Church of Corbin; and Secretary Jim Abernathy, pastor of Latonia Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky.

Martin will take over responsibilities for the Recorder's five publishing partnerships from Pat Cole, who has taken a position with the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville. The Recorder provides publishing services for monthly papers owned by Baptist state conventions in New England, Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Hawaii, Utah-Idaho and Minnesota-Wisconsin.

Since 1995, Martin has been a part-time staff writer with the Recorder. She previously was editor and associate editor of the New England Baptist while living in Boston. Her husband, Larry, was director of missions for Greater Boston Baptist Association and now is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions and evangelism division.

Joyce Martin also has been an adjunct professor in Christian education at two seminaries and has taught elsewhere in the areas of theology and English grammar. She also has served as minister of education at three churches, including Lynn Acres Baptist Church in Louisville. She is the author of three books in addition to her journalistic writing.

A native of Waynesburg, Martin holds the bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown College and the master of arts degree in Christian education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

Recorder board members also heard a report from the editor search committee. Thurman, who chairs that committee, said the committee will begin work in earnest Nov. 4 and is receiving nominations for the position.

### BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Simmons joins school.** Paul Simmons, former professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named a clinical professor in the department of family and community medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. As a result, he has resigned as chairman of the committee overseeing developing the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, planned for Georgetown. Simmons will remain on the new seminary's board of directors.

■ **Lecture on biblical women.** Joe Lunceford, religion professor at Georgetown College, will deliver the school's annual Scholars De-

veloping Scholars Lecture Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel. The title of his lecture, which is open to the public, will be "Biblical Women Weren't Always Submissive."

■ **KBHC hosts open house.** Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children will host an open house at its southern region campus Nov. 7. The campus, in the Lake Cumberland area on Highway 90, has both a children's shelter and the wilderness camping treatment program. Call (800) 456-1386 for more information.

■ **Georgetown gets grant.** Georgetown College recently received a \$50,000 grant to establish the

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate African-American students. The school also recently received a \$10,000 matching grant donation from the estate of Elizabeth Henlein for scholarships for African-American students studying humanities. That scholarship will be named in honor of Henlein's father, Arthur Yager, who was president of Georgetown College from 1908 to 1913.

■ **DeVries at Campbellsville.** Noted surgeon and artificial heart pioneer William DeVries will speak at Campbellsville University's convocation Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Powell Athletic Center.

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

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## On being Baptist

Jesus warns against pretending to be what we are not, for all need God's mercy. But some Southern Baptist Convention leaders today seem ashamed of the label Baptist. The term is disappearing from names, and talk. They prefer "evangelical."

Baptists were never that. Evangelicals endorsed the state church—not Baptists. Evangelicals practiced sprinkling—not Baptists. Evangelicals accepted only a universal church, liturgical worship, clerical supremacy, creedal control—not Baptists.

Why are some ashamed to be known as Baptist? The Religious Right may be more at home with their own kind regardless of denomination. And a decline in Baptist revenues makes dollar-dependent agencies pant after evangelical money.

Rather than be charmed by eloquent rhetoric, being brain-washed by the blasphemy of bigotry, we do well to attend to what is being said. Baptist heritage is worth preserving for our children and our Lord. In spite of all our failings, I am not ashamed to be known as Baptist.

Russell Bennett  
Louisville

## Statistics

I heard an inspiring message at the 1998 Nelson Baptist Association annual meeting from one of our international missionaries. He challenged us to step out on faith because God will supply the resources we need to spread the good news of Jesus and God's plan of salvation.

During the message, he mentioned that only 1.7 percent of the population of the city in which he ministered were Christians. After the meeting I asked the missionary if my Roman Catholic brothers and sisters were included in the 1.7 percent. He replied that they were not.

It is disturbing to find out that the International Mission Board does not include the many faithful Roman Catholic followers of Jesus as part of God's family. I have an opportunity each year to speak with lay missionaries (Glenmary Missionary Order) of

the Roman Catholic church that are involved in starting churches throughout the South, explaining who are Southern Baptists. As I have visited with many of these devoted and sacrificial men and women who articulate their relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord, it will sadden me to tell them that some Southern Baptists do not officially recognize them as brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Statistics at their best can be wonderful to help motivate God's people to do the kingdom's work, but seemingly can be misused to place people outside of "our kind of folks." I guess the old saying is true, statistics can be used to prove anything. It saddens me to have to question the information passed out by our International Mission Board, but it seems I have no choice.

Kimbrough Simmons  
Lebanon Junction

## Next Holocaust?

Thank you for your courageous editorial (Oct. 20, page 5). While the majority of men and women are of a heterosexual nature, a minority is not. Sixty years ago began the culmination of persecution against another minority which had been traditionally hated by Christians: the Jew. The Holocaust was flamed by centuries of bigotry and self-righteousness.

Of course, today we would label any Christian who would support the extermination of the "Christ killer" as a sick and demented person. Yet, even 60 years later, we still choose to select those sins which we find abhorrent, such as homosexuality, and set aside the unfortunate perpetrators so that we, as loving and caring Christians, can lavish them with our righteous attacks.

Is our silence over the death of Matthew Shepard a signal that we have begun to condone the murder of these "sinners" as well? What will be the next Holocaust?

Thomas Pope  
Owensboro

## Date night

The path and plight of pastors is getting much attention these days. Denominations are working to improve the tenure and treatment of men and women called to ministry. A recent Friday night out for my spouse shows that spouses need attention too.

Friday nights are family nights for us. We try to go out to eat (hopefully not McDonald's) and do something with our 5-year-old and 2-year-old daughters. Once a month my wife and I have a date night. This particular Friday night I wanted to try my best and have a date night.

I secured a baby-sitter after much prayer and phone calling. I acquired a single rose for my wife and took her to dinner at a well-known fishery in Louisville. Sounds great! What sounds like a wonderful night was really a cheap date with a cheap preacher.

I had performed a funeral that Friday afternoon and for some unknown reason one of the family members gave me a rose from the casket spray.

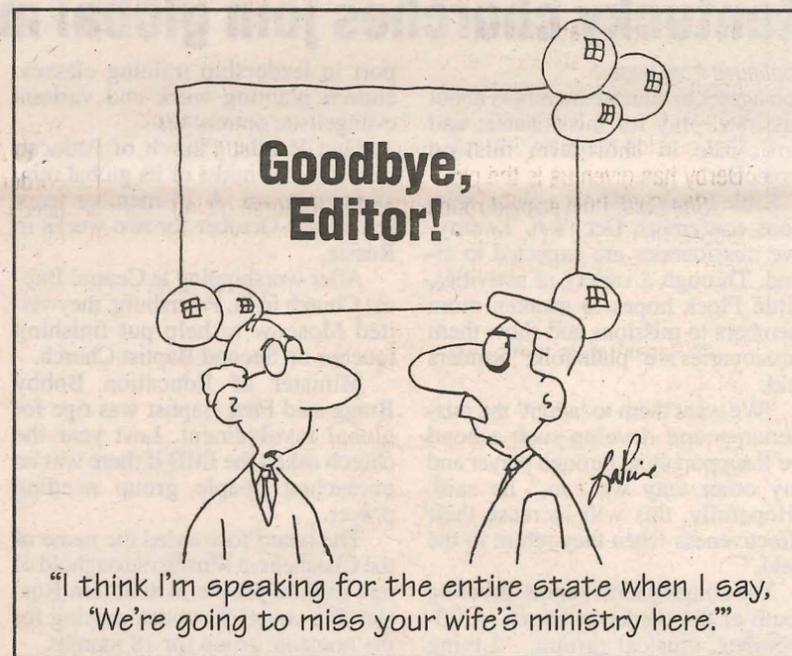
No one had ever given me a rose from the casket and I was somewhat taken back. "Thanks," I said, not knowing what to do with a rose from a coffin. Then the bright idea came to mind—I will share it with my wife.

If you think I'm cheap, wait until you hear about the dinner. Not only did I have a funeral on Friday, but a wedding on Saturday. Friday night was the rehearsal at the church and a rehearsal dinner following. Our romantic dinner for two was shared with 30 other wedding party members. Wow! I know what you're thinking, "This lady must really love this guy." She does.

The reality is that after 10 years of marriage and two children, a rose from a dead man and a meal with a wedding party is a pretty nice night out on the town.

The moral to my true story is that I appreciate the attention to pastors and their ministries, but let's give a round of applause to pastors' spouses. Encourage your pastor to buy his wife flowers and take her out to dinner. I know where he can get a rose and I have another wedding in a couple of weeks.

Skip Alexander  
Louisville



## PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

### Hispanic ministry

One of the newest ministries among Kentucky Baptists is that of sharing our faith with Hispanic people. This ministry is growing rapidly due to the estimated 25,000 migrants coming to Kentucky annually. About 2,500 of these are staying in Kentucky each year as new residents.

Resident Hispanics have grown to an estimated 10,000 in Louisville and 10,000 in Lexington and Northern Kentucky. Hispanics also are settling in many other places in Kentucky where they find jobs in light industry and construction trades.

Migrants find work in a variety of occupations, but the majority work in the tobacco, poultry and race track industries. In just eight years, the commercial poultry industry has grown to 13th in the nation, according to Grundy Janes, KBC consultant for Hispanic ministries.

The ministry with Hispanics has expanded to include several constituted churches and 42 different ministries with associations and churches. Incomplete records reveal 510 Hispanics attending year-round with 37 recent professions of faith coming from that number. Among the migrant population, records show 1,015 migrants participating with 115 professions of faith.

The stories behind these statistics are what really get me excited:

■ Pedro Sayago, a new Hispanic church planter in Elkhorn Baptist Association, reported that nine men professed faith in Christ in the last two months. He said his opportunity to share Christ with these men

came out of their wondering why the people (Kentucky Baptists) who were helping them were so happy.

■ At Turfway Park in Northern Kentucky, Anita Roberts, a Mission Service Corps volunteer, has conducted a ministry to Hispanics for 10 years. She arrives at 4 a.m. each day to provide coffee and snacks, as well as clothing, transportation and assistance with various government forms. (She is retiring soon. Please pray for her replacement.)

■ Horse Cave Baptist Church conducted a "Hispanic Fiesta," with 250 present. During the migrant season, they reported 140 attending, with 75 professions of faith.

Most migrants are away from their families and familiar culture and language. Consequently, they

are very responsive to ministries and the gospel witness. Many will return to their homes as a witness to their families.

God continues to bring the mission fields to our communities. You can become a cross-cultural missionary in your community.

If you're interested in learning more about Hispanic ministry, check out a new 15-minute video titled "When the World Comes to You." Produced by our communications/media department, the video shares the various ways Kentucky churches are ministering to Hispanic people.

Copies will be distributed to directors of missions at the upcoming annual meeting in Louisville, Nov. 10-11. You also can check out a tape through our KBC media library. Just call (502) 254-4731 or toll-free (888) 254-5713.

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



Bill Mackey

## HE SAID/SHE SAID

### We know the sun shines bright but why is bluegrass green?

#### HE SAID



Mark Wingfield

Life in Kentucky presents many imponderables, like "Why is bluegrass green?" We still can't answer such stupefying questions, but we have learned a thing or two in Kentucky.

So, as a final column in the Recorder, we offer these joint reflections on things we've learned in the Bluegrass State:

■ **Basketball is not just a sport in Kentucky, it's a way of life.**

*She Said:* During this past year in particular, our children became enthusiastic fans of the University of Kentucky. I also rekindled my love for basketball, and even rooted for UK (but I have to admit I rooted for the Louisville underdogs in that infamous matchup).

*He Said:* I hope the boys don't get laughed off the playground in Texas because they think basketball is more important than football. And all you UK fans, please forgive Alison for her parenthetical comment above.

■ **Religion, gambling and liquor**

**make strange bedfellows.**

*He Said:* We still laugh about the year the top three finishers in the Kentucky Derby Festival balloon race were a Baptist church, a distillery and the lottery. How do you explain that outside Kentucky? In my opinion, the best thing the Derby has given us is the pie.

*She Said:* I never paid much attention to horse racing before we moved to Kentucky. I still don't, except for the Derby. That's a different story. There's something magical and fun and silly about celebrating this two-minute horserace with three weeks of festivities.

■ **Parenting is tough, whether you're in Kentucky or Siberia.**

*She Said:* Experiencing the triumphs and trials of parenthood makes me appreciate parents everywhere. It's a universal language.

*He Said:* Over the last three years, we've heard from a number of readers expressing appreciation for or identification with the things we've written in this column. The No. 1 issues that have drawn comment related to parenting. Maybe we all just need to be reassured that we're not in this rocking boat alone.

■ **Noah was a hardy soul.**

*He Said:* Actually, I now believe Noah was an optimist. Keep in mind that we're from New Mexico, home of the Rio Grande River (Spanish for really big river). At certain points you can nearly step across this really big river. So for us to experience the Ohio River beyond flood stage was an education.

*She Said:* Who could forget the Flood of 1997? We were so much more fortunate than many people. That is not a night I care to repeat. It is such a helpless feeling when you see the water coming in, and you know there's not a thing you can do about it but try to minimize the damage.

■ **The church isn't bound by state lines.**

*He Said:* What we will miss most about Kentucky is the people, especially the people who call themselves Kentucky Baptists. Regardless of where you live, it's always the people you surround yourself with that make the difference.

*She Said:* As Christians, we can find a home wherever we go. New Mexico, where our physical families live, is a long way from Kentucky. So our Kentucky churches stepped in and provided the nurture and support we needed through many trying and happy times. From the birth of twins to the death of my mother, we couldn't have made it without this loving care. And now, we count Kentucky as one of our "old homes." The sun does indeed shine bright here.

#### SHESAID



Alison Wingfield

## Seven years brings plenty of changes

The number seven carries special significance in the Bible, representing a designation of completeness, of wholeness and of God's blessing. And those are indeed some of the things I feel as with this editorial I end a seven-year relationship with Kentucky Baptists through the Western Recorder.

"End" is too strong a word, actually, because I and my family never will get the influence of Kentucky or Kentucky Baptists out of our lives. In reality, it's more of a transition in relationship.

This seven-year journey began with a call to become news director of America's second-oldest Baptist newspaper and culminated in my service as editor. And now we're off to Texas, where many Kentuckians believe we'll no doubt be foreign missionaries.

Some people are breathing a sigh of relief at my departure, perhaps warming up the sound system to play "Thank God and Greyhound You're Gone." Others feel the opposite emotion and are singing "You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me, Lucille."

To those on both sides of this divide, and the many more in the middle, I offer this word about the future: The mission of the Western Recorder remains the same as it has been, to tell the truth and trust the people. This is a mission bigger than any one editor. It is, in fact, a mission sewn into the very fabric of the Recorder and cherished by the paper's board of directors.

This mission often creates conflict when confronting people with the truth about change, and the past decade has brought plenty of change to Kentucky Baptists.

To illustrate, here are some of the major changes I've witnessed during the seven years I've worked with the Western Recorder:

■ **Ethnicity.** One of the first stories I wrote for the Recorder in the summer of 1991 concerned the emerging needs of language missions. At that time Kentucky had the second-most-homogeneous population of any state in the nation, meaning fewer residents hailed from outside the state's borders than any other state but one.

That situation has changed dramatically, and Kentucky Baptists have begun responding by starting numerous language ministries. But the challenge to adapt to change continues. As Bill Mackey notes in his column on the facing page this week, Kentucky Baptists now have 42 ministries with Hispanics alone. That compares to 18 language ministries of all kinds in 1991.

■ **Worship styles.** I do not know of a Kentucky Baptist church that offered a "contemporary" or alternative wor-

ship service in 1991. A couple of churches had been started using newer models of worship, but no churches were operating on two tracks in worship.

Seven years later, hundreds of Kentucky Baptist churches are struggling to adapt to changing demands in worship styles, either by making wholesale changes in their existing worship services or creating additional service with different formats.

■ **SBC relations.** In 1991, the battle between Southern Baptist Convention conservatives and moderates had just reached the final explosion point, with conservatives gaining full control of most agencies and institutions and moderates pulling off that year to formally launch the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Both the SBC and CBF have thrived, in different ways, although the number of churches formally affiliating with CBF has been fewer than many initially predicted. Seven years later, we understand that tradition and inertia are on the side of the SBC, regardless of who is in control.

However, this story isn't fully written yet, either. What will happen in an economic downturn remains to be seen. And what will happen as the Builder generation of denominational loyalists dies off in the coming years also remains to be seen.

■ **Education.** As I have written before, the most visible manifestation of change in the SBC for Kentucky Baptists has been the transition at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1991, we thought peace had been brokered between a moderate faculty and administration and the seminary's new conservative trustee board. No one could have predicted what drastic change would result with the retirement of Roy Honeycutt and the subsequent abandonment of the "covenant renewal" document.

Many other changes could be noted in this list: New leadership at the KBC Executive Board, debate over the role of women in the church, debate over homosexuality, the advances of the KBC's educational institutions, the re-emergence of Calvinism as a popular theology, the restructuring of SBC agencies and institutions.

One thing that has not changed, and likely will not change, is that ultimately the local church is the place where change is either embraced or rejected in Baptist life. And so it is that, while the jury is still out on many of the issues mentioned above, you have a say in the final verdict. That's the Baptist way. And it's why the ministry of the Recorder will continue to be important in the era ahead.

— Mark Wingfield

## EDITORIAL

### Why does the way of the wicked prosper?

By Greg Earwood

*You are always righteous, O Lord, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease? (Jeremiah 12:1)*

"Why does the way of the wicked prosper?"

This age-old question is not speculative or academic. We need not debate the issue. You have seen the wicked prosper. Your co-worker stabs you in the back while getting the promotion you deserve. The business person uses devious practices, yet makes money hand over fist. In the words a friend often repeats, "Life is not fair!"

Jeremiah posed the question many centuries before us. In a search for justice in this world, he takes his case into God's courtroom. Utilizing legal terms, Jeremiah dares to "lay charges" against the Lord for not punishing the wicked. His view was that the Lord should deal punitively with those for whom the

Lord was "near in their mouths, but far from their hearts."

Jeremiah may have asked this question in light of Israel's circumstances under the threat of pagan Babylon. Perhaps the prophet is not looking so much for an answer as he desires action on

God's part to remedy the situation. More likely, his case is personal since he notes, "But you, O Lord, know me." Behind these words are the integrity of the prophet. Of course, a corollary question is being raised: "Why do the righteous (like me) suffer?"

The underlying assumptions are two-fold.

First, the God of Old Testament theology is the primary cause for everything, both good and bad. The other assumption is the belief that a righteous God punishes the wicked and rewards the righteous. Jeremiah has observed a world where the reverse is evident.

One thing we learn from Jeremiah is that taking our questions to God is appropriate. We may stand in the long line of prophets, psalmists and other

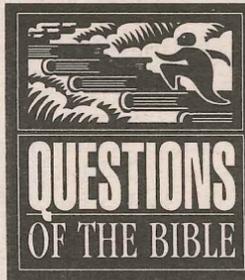
people of faith who brought their complaints directly to God. Habakkuk demanded of the Lord, "Why are you silent when the wicked swallow those more righteous than they?" "How long, O Lord," cried the psalmist, "will my enemy triumph over me?" Even the agony of Jesus is heard in his question from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

We bring our questions to God because we are confident that the God revealed in Scripture is able to contend with our asking.

Another lesson is that some questions are left unanswered. In this text God does not give a definitive answer to this question. Nevertheless, we bring our questions to God and seek to be faithful, in spite of what we see or don't see.

And finally, we note that the books of life are not balanced every day. Sometimes the wicked do prosper and the righteous do suffer. Punishment and reward are not received immediately. We trust that God ultimately will make things right. Until then, God "makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends his rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous."

Greg Earwood is pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown



# RESOURCES

## This week's questions:

■ How can a single adult break up well with someone he or she has been dating?

■ How can parents be "cool" and maintain the proper relationship with their children?

**Q. I am a single adult who has been dating someone for awhile. It's getting harder and harder to break up, though I know that's what I should do, because our relationship is going nowhere. Give me some principles for breaking up well.**

Your dilemma is common among single adults, as a relationship goes "toxic," stifles growth and merely "coasts" along with one person ready for a commitment and the other person happy to continue a "comfortable" relationship. Neil Clark Warren, in his pamphlet "How to Know if Someone is Worth Pursuing in Two Dates or Less," suggests four reasons you should stop a dating relationship as soon as possible when you know it's wrong:

■ Any new relationship tends to create expectations and raise hopes, creating emotional bonding as it progresses.

■ When a bad relationship is allowed to continue, it becomes more and more entangled, increasing the amount of hurt, resentment and depression eventually to be experienced.

■ It becomes increasingly more difficult to terminate a relationship and to draw upon the necessary courage to call it quits.

■ Save precious time and move on. Here are some suggestions:

■ Talk to a confidant about your plans. Clarify your issues.

■ Make a clean break, and do it in person. It's more courageous than simply allowing a gradual escalation of disappointments. Be honest, direct and clear that the relationship is over. (Note, honesty is never an excuse for

brutality.) Don't be ambiguous and conciliatory. This just continues the confusion and hurt.

■ Grieve your loss. Often the person who initiates the breakup will suffer as much sadness as the person being rejected. Allow yourself to feel the emotions of grief and say "goodbye" to the relationship.

Much pain in the body of Christ is caused by duplicity and a lack of courage. Follow the New Testament's teachings and "speak the truth in love," so that your lives may continue on an upward path of positive, spiritual and relational growth. — James Stillwell



**Q. My teenage daughter doesn't want me around when she is with her friends. She claims she would "totally die of embarrassment" if her "cool" friends saw us together shopping. How can I be "cool" and keep our friendship?**

Parents can expect teens to want space, freedom and distance. The relative calm of older elementary age passes into a turbulent transition of youth. Pulling away, trying to break the apron strings and "testing one's wings" are to be expected.

Parents who hold on too tight and refuse to permit any time away with friends just make matters worse. Either adolescents will rebel more and perhaps run into wild, behind-your-back experimentation, or they will give up and become overly dependent on their parents. After all, we do expect them to grow up some day.

Balancing time with friends and time with family isn't simple. Each

teenager has his or her own time and degree of readiness. Some are ready for more freedom at 13 and others not until 16 or 17. Where your family lives can affect freedom. Rural areas, small towns, cities and large metropolitan areas differ in the opportunities for teenagers to be together in safe places.

A few hints might help you as an adult relate to the youth in your school, family and church: First, act your age. Most youth are turned off by adults who try to pass for teenagers.

Be comfortable with people your own age. "Have a life" apart from your kids, but be supportive of, interested in and willing to teach the teens if they ask.

You are the limit setter. You build the fences in their lives. Be flexible, but set realistic rules and live by them yourself.

One last thing: If your teenager does risk being seen with you in public, don't embarrass them. Don't kiss and hug them in public. Don't try to entertain their friends with funny stories about them. Don't try to be hip. Be yourself, be a parent and step out of the spotlight. Let your teens be free like God intended at creation. — Wade Rowatt

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## CHURCH

### The basics of church budgets

By Doug Strader

Does every church have a budget? If they receive tithes and offerings they have a budget.

Does every church have a written budget approved by vote of the church members? No.

Should a church have a written

budget approved by vote of the church members? Before I answer that question, we need to answer some others.

What is a church budget? One definition says, "A church budget is a way of planning how the church's money will be spent. It is a plan of spending that the membership has approved and will be a guide throughout the year."

What are the benefits of having a church budget?

■ A better understanding of the church's mission.

■ A higher trust level among members.

■ Increased giving.

■ More ministries accomplished by planning ahead.

■ New ministries may be discovered or unproductive expenditures eliminated.

■ Helps to put the church on a sound spending plan.

■ Insures fair distribution of income.

What steps are necessary to begin the budget process?

■ The pastor, treasurer, deacon chairman and/or other leaders could compare money received and expenditures incurred by the church during the past year.

■ Categorize the expenditures, listing total amount spent during the year in each category.

■ Analyze expenditures and percentages. Are you pleased with the amount spent in each category?

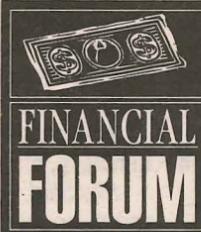
■ Plan and project income and expenditures for the next year.

■ Present the budget to the church for discussion and approval. The budget should be flexible; it can be revised by a vote of the church if necessary.

There is value to be gained in promoting the budget. Church members will understand the budget, they will be challenged to give in order to help meet the goal, and they will see how the budget relates to the mission and vision of the church.

Should your church have a written budget? Yes. If you need information or help, please call my office at (502) 245-4101.

*Doug Strader is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department.*



## Satanism on upward cycle among teens

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (BP)—University professor Johnny Purvis didn't intentionally become an expert on satanism. But during 25 years of studying student discipline and behavior, he kept seeing the presence of cults.

Nor can their influence be overlooked when considering the growing problem of school violence, according to Purvis, professor of educational leadership and research at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

"Youngsters are turning to a lot of alternative religions, from witchcraft to satanism to New Age," Purvis said. "I see this growing tremendously. It's a natural feeder of violence and rebellion."

Satanism has been linked to at least two murderous school rampages in the past year. In one shooting in Pennsylvania, the alleged assailant called himself "Satan," according to Bill Riceman, an Iowa criminal consultant and Christian counselor.

Satan worship also played a sophisticated role in three murders last fall in Pearl, Miss., Riceman said. Satanic influences were cited in the murder trial of the student accused of murdering his mother and two fellow students there.

"Along with that was neo-Nazism, which is the way satanism is going right now in the U.S.," said Riceman, founder of Cornerstone Seminars, which leads seminars on identifying and preventing destructive youthful behavior.

"There's a progression in satanism and it's also cyclical," Riceman said. "Every five to seven years it comes around because (teens) grow out of it. We're in the middle of a cycle; it's big again."

Both consultants say it is impossible to determine a figure of the active number of satanists. Not only are they secretive, youngsters lie about their involvement, thinking it makes them look cool, Purvis said.

One of the biggest problems with satanism is convincing parents and school officials of its reality, Purvis said. Many either try to downplay it or argue that the devil doesn't really exist.

"I've had people tell me they believe in Christ but they can't believe in Satan," Purvis said. "I get all kinds of responses. It's kind of like gangs. We've still got jillions of people who swear we don't have a gang problem."

Parents concerned about their children or extended family members getting involved in satanic practices should be on the lookout for changes in behavior or associates, he said.

That includes observing their ac-

tivities, clothing and games, as well as what movies, videos and TV they watch and what kind of music they listen to, Purvis said.

Often, key indicators can be found in the child's bedroom, Riceman said. He has seen cases of teens sleeping in caskets or who sprayed, "Hello, Demons," on their wall—without the parents' knowledge.

"Everything on a kid's wall is a statement of who he or she is and who they want to be," Riceman said. "I think satanism is generally underrated, although some rumors are ridiculous and have no foundation."

"The reports of the number of human sacrifices, which say there are thousands a year, is not true. But it does occur. There's no doubt," Riceman said.

Anyone with a background in Christianity and the Bible should be able to understand the signs of satanism, said the criminal consultant.

For example, adherents can wear only silver jewelry. Gold is considered a Christian metal because it was a gift at Christ's birth, he said.

Satanists also like to dye their hair and drape it over their left eye. The reason, Riceman said, is to symbolically place themselves opposite Christ, based on a passage from Matthew 25. In it, at the time of judgment, God separates the sheep on his right from the goats on his left.

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Bill Riceman

# BAPTISTS

## Southeastern begins Christian school degree

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—A new two-year degree program called the master of arts in Christian school administration has been approved by trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The degree, which calls for 48 hours of academic credit, is designed to equip graduates to oversee grades pre-K through 12 in a Christian school setting. Graduates will be able to apply for principal certification with the Association of Christian Schools International and Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited undergraduate school and meet requirements for admission.

In addition to the specialized courses, students will be required to take biblical courses in Old Testament, New Testament, systematic theology, survey of historical theology and Baptist history.

## CBF begins search for Parks' successor

ATLANTA (ABP)—Six years ago, as one of the most recognized and respected figures in the Southern Baptist Convention, Keith Parks brought instant credibility to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship when he became the group's first global missions coordinator.

He also drew the ire of some friends and colleagues who thought he shouldn't support the upstart organization of Baptist moderates.

Now, with 140 missionaries and the SBC power struggle which gave it birth in the past, the Atlanta-based CBF must find a replacement for Parks, who plans to retire next year.

The Fellowship's Coordinating Council appointed a search committee to seek a successor to Parks, 71, and reflected on his contribution to the group at its Oct. 15-17 meeting in Atlanta.

Coordinating Council member Sanford Smith will chair the search committee. Other members are Daniel Vestal, CBF coordinator; council members Jane Tuten, Beverly Greer and Jim Baucom; and Julie Pennington-Russell, a pastor in Waco, Texas.

Parks came to the Fellowship in 1993 after retiring as president of the

SBC Foreign Mission Board. He had philosophical disagreements with conservative trustees who had attained a majority on the agency's board.

The Fellowship had formed two years earlier to provide moderate alternatives for missions and other denominational programs captured by conservatives during a power shift in the SBC during the 1980s.

CBF Coordinator Daniel Vestal said Parks' decision to take the Fellowship position "was a defining moment" for the then-fledgling organization. "In some ways it was a legitimizing moment," Vestal added.

Under Parks' leadership, Vestal said, "CBF has become a significant participant in the world missions enterprise."

Parks announced to the Coordinating Council's advisory council Sept. 18 that he plans to retire Feb. 28. However, he told the council's global missions ministry group Oct. 16 he might extend his service until June.

Parks said the Fellowship's missions program is "distinctive" in that it does not distinguish between home and foreign missions, focuses

on people groups rather than nations, concentrates on poor and "unreached" peoples, groups missionaries in self-directed teams, uses secure electronic networks for communications between missionaries and staff, and networks and cooperates with other "Great Commission" Christian groups.

In other business, the Coordinating Council learned that undesigned gifts to CBF during the 1997-98 fiscal year were up 7 percent over the previous year, and an annual offering for global missions was up 12 percent.

Gary Skeen, the Fellowship's financial coordinator, said both the number of churches contributing to the Fellowship and amounts from churches that have contributed in the past are up.

According to a report in the Fellowship's September 1998 newsletter, total contributions for 1997-98 were \$14.68 million, up \$1.4 million, the largest increase in four years. A total of 1,682 churches gave money to the Fellowship last year, 67 more than the previous year.

Since last summer's general assembly in Houston, the Fellowship picked up 41 new contributing churches in Texas alone.



Parks



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Due to staff and space limits, all reservations for children must be made in advance.

There is no charge for this care, thanks to gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Pre-School Children's Office, Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Wendy Dever, Associate for Pre-School/Children.

## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Supreme Court rejects abortion protesters' appeal.** The Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal by a group of anti-abortion protesters who were challenging a court-ordered "buffer zone" limiting picketing at a New Jersey doctor's home. The protesters had claimed the no-picketing zone, as well as limits placed on their picketing outside the zone, violated their free-speech rights. The case involved a New Jersey physician who performs abortions. After abortion opponents began picketing his home, the doctor obtained a court order keeping the protesters 100 feet from his property line and limiting the number of demonstrators and hours they could protest.

■ **Religious Right papers going to ultra-liberal school.** One of the nation's largest collections of material chronicling the growth of the Religious Right has come to rest at one of the nation's most liberal colleges, the University of California at Berkeley. Sociologist Sara Diamond donated her collection of Religious Right materials, including early Christian Coalition newsletters, which spans the Religious Right's formative years, from the early 1960s through the late 1970s.

■ **Fewer black Americans supporting vouchers.** Support by black Americans for the use of tax-funded vouchers to help parents send their children to private, parochial or public schools has fallen since last year, a new poll states. The poll, by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, reported 48.1 percent of blacks asked support the use of vouchers, down from 57.3 percent last year. Forty percent are opposed, and 12 percent said they didn't know. At the same time, the poll also found white opposition to vouchers has become even stronger, dimming the chances that national voucher legislation can become law, Associated Press reported.

■ **Nickelodeon apologizes for comic.** The Nickelodeon network has apologized to the Anti-Defamation League for using a Jewish caricature in its "Rugrats" comic strip. The ADL said the "Grandpa Boris" character, which was drawn with heavy-lidded eyes and a large hook nose, resembled Nazi-era depictions of Jews, Associated Press reported. Some Jews were especially offended because the syndicated strip that included the character was published during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, said Abraham Foxman, the league's national director. The character was depicted reciting the Mourner's Kaddish, the prayer for the dead.

■ **Methodist pastor cited for same-sex ceremony.** A formal complaint has been filed against a United Methodist pastor for conducting a same-sex union ceremony—the first since the denomination's Judicial Council ruled in August that a ban on such actions has the force of church law. Bishop Joseph Sprague, head of the church's Chicago regional district, filed the complaint against Gregory Dell, pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago, who married the couple in the church Sept. 19.

■ **Update: Race-relations ministry to continue.** Veteran civil rights activist John Perkins announced his foundation will continue the race-relations work of a ministry co-founded by his late son. Reconcilers Fellowship, an evangelical Christian ministry in Jackson, Miss., previously had announced plans to shut down after the death of co-founder Spencer Perkins in January. The elder Perkins heads the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation & Development, a Jackson-based organization that emphasizes Christian community development and racial reconciliation.

■ **Suicide prevention strategy unveiled.** U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher has unveiled a new national suicide prevention strategy calling on Americans to be more aware of mental illness and urging more help for those most at risk of taking their own lives. The new proposal included 81 recommendations including increasing research, reducing barriers to treatment, expanding insurance coverage of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, and improving depression screening. According to federal statistics, nearly 31,000 people take their lives each year and another 775,000 attempt suicide.

## Witchcraft gaining mainstream acceptance

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spirits, witchcraft is not a form of Satanism, he said.

"The negative side of witches and demons is even a caricature of the Christian ideas of the demonic," he said. "Whereas some Christians would consider the movement satanic because it is an alternative belief system, it seems that the ideas are not necessarily more sinister than other secret societies."

Books about Wicca have fueled steady growth at Llewellyn, the St. Paul, Minn.-based company which publishes titles on a wide range of spiritual, occultic and esoteric topics.

In addition to established best sellers like Raymond Buckland's "Complete Book of Witchcraft," with 25 printings and 271,000 copies in print, the company has successfully launched many new Wicca titles.

Last year, Llewellyn debuted its attractively illustrated "Witches' Calendar 1998," which sold more than 90,000 copies. This year, the company is selling a 1999 witches' calendar, along with a spiral-bound witches' date book. Also successful is "Teen Witch: The Wicca for a New Generation," a book the company's promotional material says was "written specifically for the teen seeker" by Silver RavenWolf, "the mother of four young witches."

Hendricks cites at least four reasons for the growth of the Wicca movement, including the popularity of New Age beliefs, people's fascination with mystery and witchcraft's parallel to world religions but without the demands of beliefs.

"It is a secular version of religion," he said, finally, "that does not reach out beyond the self, but only from within the self."

Hendricks noted that Wicca and other religions that emphasize the self often grow in popularity during times of prosperity and inward retrospection.

"This is an age that, while being traditionally religious, also can afford to look into alternative religious systems that titillate curiosity," he said.

Shows with witchcraft are not hard to find on television these days. Consider the popular ABC sitcom "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." The show features cute, perky Melissa Joan



**HOCUS POCUS** "Practical Magic" is the latest film based on the rituals of witchcraft. Sandra Bullock (left) and Nicole Kidman play two modern-day witches and sisters who must decide whether to use ancient spells and arts in their search for happiness and love. Phyllis Currott, a New York attorney and Wiccan high priestess, said witchcraft is growing because "there isn't any other religion that respects women's power." (RNS photo)

Hart, who survives life as a high school student with the help of her spells, two witchy aunts (Zelda and Hilda), and a talking black cat named Salem.

TV shows like "Sabrina" have played witchcraft for laughs ever since Samantha Stephens first twitched her nose on "Bewitched," the popular show that enchanted viewers from 1964-1972.

But "Something Wicca This Way Comes," the Oct. 7 debut episode of "Charmed," the new WB network program featuring Shannen Doherty and her two witchy sisters, brimmed over with realistic chants, spells and incantations.

And the WB network program "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" regularly involves the use of spells and incantations.

In the 1990s, movies about wicked witches have been far outnumbered by those portraying witches as benign, or even hip. In "Practical Magic," Bullock and Kidman dabble in the magical arts to mixed results before transforming critical townspeople into supporters and converting some of the town's more tolerant women into members of the coven. As one of the movie's matriarchs says, "There's a little witch in all of us."

Both stars studied books about witchcraft as they prepared for their

roles. Bullock, whose company, Fortis Films, co-produced "Practical Magic," said the experience changed her views about witches. "Basically," she said, "they are just more in touch with something larger, spiritually, than we are."

Witches also seem to be in touch with popular tastes. One can find Wiccan accents in the music of Tori Amos, and in recent print advertising campaigns for Cover Girl makeup and Finesse shampoo. Some universities and divinity programs now offer degrees in Goddess spirituality. And the Internet is teeming with witchcraft-related sites, many of which help connect online seekers with local covens.

High Priestess Currott, who describes Wicca as "an ancient, elegant spirituality," said, "There isn't any other religion that respects women's power."

Hendricks said a Christian response to Wicca is like that to any alternative belief: understand it and contrast it with the advantages of Christianity. "It must, in the last analysis, be rejected by Christian theology because it does not provide for a God outside of the self, or give traditional answers to the problem of evil or promises as to the ultimate destiny of the human community."

*With additional reporting by News Director David Winfrey*

## Teen witch suspended for casting hex on another student

BALTIMORE—A 15-year-old high school freshman and self-described witch was suspended from school for a day for allegedly threatening another student by casting a hex on her.

Jamie Schoonover was sent home last week by Southwestern High School administrators in Baltimore after another student accused Schoonover of casting a spell on her while the two were outside the school before classes began.

The incident, observed by several other students, threw the school briefly into turmoil, according to the Washington Post. But Baltimore schools spokeswoman Vanessa Pyatt said the two girls, members of

their families and school officials met for two hours today and agreed there "clearly was a misunderstanding," and no threat or hex was intended by Schoonover.

A parent of Schoonover's, Colleen Harper, 45, who said she also is a witch, told reporters outside the school that the incident resulted from "ignorance about witchcraft" used in Wicca, a neo-pagan religion followed by thousands of Americans.

Harper said her daughter's life is additionally complicated by the fact that she is bisexual and Harper is a transsexual, the Post reported. She has been in psychiatric therapy, she said, and Harper has undergone hormone treatments to help her make

the transition from male to female. Harper said she was her daughter's biological father before divorcing the woman she was married to for more than 15 years.

Clutching a Bible and several textbooks about Wicca, Harper said that her religion is a benign one and that the practice of casting spells is analogous to saying prayers in Christianity, according to the Post.

Experienced practitioners, she said, typically cast spells to harness "positive energy" for healing and other human betterment. They are disinclined to cast negative spells because of the Wiccan tradition that "whatever you do, whether good or evil, returns to you threefold."

## WMU job training program seeks to break poverty cycle

By Yvonne White  
Religion News Service

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (RNS)—Adele Williams, a 20-year-old single mom with three young children, could find work only at fast-food restaurants.

With few health benefits, little child support and not enough in her paychecks to support her family, she knew she had to do something to change her life.

Enter the Christian Women's Job Corps, a national program founded in 1994 by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union to help women break out of the poverty cycle.

"So far, it's been a real blessing," Williams said. "There are some wonderful people out there willing to give up their time to help someone."

Williams is one of six clients selected to participate in Huntsville's new Christian Women's Job Corps program. The local program's first class, which involves eight weeks of job training, is open to any woman,

regardless of economic, religious or ethnic background, who wants to move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

"It's a program for women in need," said Mary Reeder, who serves as the mentor liaison for clients. "Most people's idea of helping someone is to fix them. But we're not trying to do that. We're not imposing our ideas on them, but to help them find their dream and follow it."

Reeder said Baptist women were concerned about the effect welfare reform would have on single women, especially those with few job skills.

In January 1996, WMU launched four pilot programs around the country to determine if the idea was feasible. Nine months later, representatives of the pilot programs heartily endorsed the project, and now hundreds of volunteers are working to start programs quickly in as many cities as possible.

Each program is designed for the needs of a specific locale, but all must have two common threads—Christian women mentors and Bible study.

Mentors receive 16 hours of training before being paired with a client and each must be willing to commit at least a year to work with the client, helping out in a number of areas, or simply offering encouragement.

After completing training, clients are sent on prearranged job interviews through local businesses that have agreed to provide jobs for those who qualify.

"When I heard about it, I just fell in love with the idea," said Darlene Berry, the Huntsville project site coordinator. Berry worked at the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce for seven years and had numerous contacts with city and civic leaders.

She and her husband both had quit their jobs to begin full-time evangelistic work, so she agreed to take the position with the job corps and began using her civic and business contacts to find volunteers for the program.

"Just meeting the ladies and seeing the potential they have to break the poverty cycle of dependency and be self-sufficient has been a tremendous blessing to us all," she said.

Donna Goodrich, chairwoman of the Huntsville job corps board of directors and the facility administrator at Alabama Industrial Development Training, first heard about the program through the state Department of Human Resources. She thought it was a good idea, but didn't sign on until the last day of registration.

"I thought about it all day long," she said. "I had been seeking a mission, and I believe it is what God gave me to do. It was just a matter of obeying."

Goodrich said the program is designed not only to help train women with specific skills but also to build clients' self-esteem so they can "interact with other people, to think for themselves, and to handle a job interview in a professional manner."

Reeder said other sites throughout the county will be formed within the next year. Each site needs about 60 volunteers, including people to make and serve lunch each day, give short devotions or provide transportation. Teachers and teachers' aides also are needed.

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## Want shorter hospital stays? Go to church

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS)—Religious elderly patients tend to have shorter hospital stays than their less religious counterparts, a study has found.

Patients who are 60 or older with no religious affiliation stayed an average of 25 days in the hospital compared to 11 days for patients with some affiliation with a religious denomination, a study conducted at Duke University Medical Center reports.

The study, reported in the October edition of *Southern Medical Journal*, was conducted by Duke physicians Harold Koenig and David Larson.

The two attributed the shorter stays by religious patients to the use of religion by people to help them cope, which could speed recovery.

Researchers also found that religious affiliation was linked to a lower probability of being hospitalized.

Patients who were weekly attendees of religious services were 56 percent less likely to have been admitted to a hospital in the previous year compared to those with less frequent attendance.

After controlling for factors such as age, severity of illness and physical functioning, patients who attended religious services weekly or more were 43 percent less likely to have had a hospital stay in the last year.

"Given the demographic and economic trends that are facing this nation, the apparent relationship between religious involvement and use of hospital services, and the widespread availability of—and low cost of—religious community participation," Koenig said, "it behooves ... health-care organizations to take a closer look at the relationship between religious activity and use of health services."

## Study finds many black churches face financial challenges

By Adelle Banks  
Religion News Service

ATLANTA (RNS)—A ground-breaking study of U.S. black churches has found many suffer from financial challenges and congregations in denominations that emphasize tithing tend to have some of the most generous donors.

Walter Collier, lead researcher for the study by the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, said church members' concern about church management of finances may prove to be a "wake-up call" for pastors.

"While they (members) go to church on Sunday and they go for the purposes of being spiritually comforted and satisfied, they are equally concerned about how their churches manage money," he said.

The two-year study found that 54 percent of church members reported their church was having serious financial problems.

Collier said that "worrisome finding"—based in most cases on members' knowledge of regular church financial reports—does not bode well for churches that might be called on to help communities affected by changes in welfare legislation and reduced government funding of social services.

"There's a really important need for

pastors to review their stewardship practices and also think of ... ways to generate funds," he said.

The report results are based on surveys of 3,637 members of 141 churches throughout the United States.

Researchers included urban, suburban and rural congregations.

A briefing paper on the study released Oct. 21 points out that church financial accountability recently has become a sensitive issue.

"With frequent headlines about less than honest church leaders, members of congregations are demanding greater accountability from their pastors, trustees or finance committee persons about how church money is spent," the paper stated.

When asked about the management of their church's finances, 59 percent of members said they were being handled properly; 21 percent of members said they felt somewhat comfortable with how church funds were being handled; 5 percent of members were not satisfied with funds management; and the remaining 15 percent of members offered no opinion.

Among churches with the most generous contributions to the offering plate were those affiliated with some Baptist denominations, the Church of God in Christ and other Pentecostal denominations.

"They come from the churches that put a greater emphasis on tithing," said Collier. "As a result, ... they give more consistently as opposed to those churches that don't emphasize tithing."

The survey also found that black churchgoers were committed to giving to their churches.

Members with household incomes between \$10,000 and \$60,000 were found to tithe and give offerings more than people in other income groups.

In a related finding, the researchers found that churches generate more money when they use pledge cards to determine worshippers' intentions for annual donations.

"It seems to have an effect of binding the individual, kind of getting the individual to commit," said Collier. "Once the individual writes this down, it kind of holds him or her to it."

Although the researchers found many churches do not keep sufficient records on the backgrounds of their members, they did learn the median annual income of the churches surveyed was \$200,000; the average age of the congregations surveyed was 75 years; the median number of registered members was 450; the median number of regular attendees was 250; and about half the members were between the ages of 30 and 65.

## Supreme Court won't review anti-homosexual rights law

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling upholding a Cincinnati measure prohibiting preferential treatment for homosexuals.

The high court announced it would not review a 1997 opinion from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals that held as constitutional a 1993 amendment to the Cincinnati charter.

The voter-approved initiative banned the city from enacting any policy that enables homosexuals or

bisexuals, based on their "orientation, status, conduct or relationship," to claim "minority or protected status, quota preference or other preferential treatment."

The court's announcement came as the president and others called for Congress to adopt a bill expanding "hate crimes" legislation to include sexual orientation.

The justices' denial leaves the appeals court ruling binding only in the Sixth Circuit.

In an unusual move, Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, joined by Associates Ruth Ginsburg and David Souter, filed a brief opinion explaining a denial is not a decision on "the merits of the case."

The court's order in the Cincinnati case "should not be interpreted either as an independent construction of the charter or as an expression of its views about the underlying issues that the parties have debated at length," Stevens wrote.

## Doctrine, concern & sermons affect church choice

VENTURA, Calif. (RNS)—American churchgoers cite three significant factors in their choice of a church—its beliefs and doctrine, how much people in the congregation care about each other and the quality of sermons, according to a recent poll by the Barna Research Group.

Most churchgoers listed those factors as "extremely important," the research organization reported.

About 45 percent of adult churchgoers also said three other factors were "extremely important"—friendliness to visitors, involvement in helping the poor and the quality of children's programs.

The results were based on a random telephone survey of 1,015 adults in July. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

The study found marked differences among churchgoers of different denominational backgrounds.

For instance, according to the survey, Protestants were more concerned than Catholics about theology and doctrine, quality of sermons, how much members cared about one another, friendliness toward visitors and the quality of adult Christian education.

Catholics were more concerned than Protestants about the convenience of service times, the length of sermons and the denominational affiliation of the church (specifically, whether it is Catholic or not).

Adults attending evangelical and other non-mainline Protestant churches placed a higher

priority than others on factors such as theological beliefs and doctrines of the church, friendliness to visitors, helping the disadvantaged, quality of sermons and adult Sunday school, and how much members cared about one another.

People attending mainline Protestant churches—such as Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran, United Methodist and Presbyterian Church USA—ranked three factors to be of much lower importance than did other adults. Those factors were convenience of service times, helping the disadvantaged and how far the church is located from their home.



Barna

George Barna, president of the research firm that conducted the study, said the distinctions detailed in the survey could be misleading.

"The most fundamental differences are those between Protestants and Catholics regarding doctrine and practice," Barna said.

"Apart from that, however, the big story is that people are people. They want substance from their church; they want to make a difference in the world through their church; and they need to feel connected to God and to other God-loving people as a result of their church experience," he said.

Barna added that "people will put up with a lot" to have their primary spiritual needs satisfied. "If a church does not satisfy these particular needs, people will feel spiritually unfulfilled and restless and probably search elsewhere for a church home."

## Report finds teen pregnancy rate dropped to 20-year low

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The U.S. teenage pregnancy rate in 1995 hit a 20-year low, according to a report released Oct. 15 by the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

The institute, a New York and Washington-based group that concentrates on reproductive health research and policy analysis, found there were 101 pregnancies per 1,000 females between the ages of 15 and 19. At its peak, the rate stood at 117 in 1990.

The number of teen pregnancies in 1995 was 889,980, the lowest recorded number since 1973, when there were 916,630.

The rates were published in a report titled "Falling Teen Pregnancy, Birthrates: What's Behind the Declines?" in the October 1998 issue of the Guttmacher Report on Public Policy, a bimonthly policy review.

"While the trends are encouraging, we must not forget that the pregnancy and birthrates for U.S. teenagers are still extraordinarily high compared with rates for teenagers in other industrialized countries," said Patricia Donovan, senior associate for law and public policy at AGI.

Her analysis reported that recent survey data indicate two main factors are contributing to the teen pregnancy decline—fewer adolescents are having sex and more teens are using contraceptives.

Donovan said researchers link the trends in sexual activity and use of

contraceptives to a variety of factors including encouragement to delay sexual activity, more conservative views among teens about casual sex and out-of-wedlock births, the popularity of long-lasting contraceptive methods and the fear of sexually transmitted diseases, especially AIDS.

"The key is to adopt policies that will sustain the downward trends in teen-age pregnancy and birthrates," she said. "Since messages about abstinence and consistent contraceptive use appear to be having an impact on teens, it is essential that adolescents continue to receive both."

The report follows a federal study that found the percentage of sexually active teens has dropped 11 percent during the 1990s. For the first time this decade, more than half the teens surveyed reported they had not had sex.

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## An October day at Cedarmore

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It's exciting just to be a part of such a ministry. This very week there is an air of excitement around the place.

A group of Kentucky Campers on Mission is here this week putting their mark on various work projects. Some of them are working on our new RV sites. Soon we will be able to accommodate campers and RVs with full-service hook-ups. We're putting in 16 sites in the first phase, with more to follow.

It's exciting because around our campus are other Campers on Mission working around the grounds, rebuilding long-broken and shabby walkways, railing and steps. Putting things in order, so to speak.

Kentucky Campers on Mission is a group of godly, dedicated men and women who travel across the state, and farther, doing work for Jesus. Oh, are we thankful to have them here. Their work is outstanding, but more than that, it's just great to have them around. They are

delightful people, working hard in the name of Christ, but having a grand time as they go. They give me encouragement that we are on the right track and in time you won't recognize Cedarmore (or Jonathan Creek).

It's exciting because this weekend we have 10 different groups of guests who will be with us. That's right, 10! What a blessing. We're virtually full, and there will be people everywhere.

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Rusty Ellison

Our mission statement at Kentucky Baptist Assemblies is "to provide an environment in which all who come can come to know Christ and more fully experience him." It's exciting to know that's just what will happen this fall weekend.

It's exciting to be absolutely convinced that God is going to do great things through the ministries of Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek in the years ahead.

I know you hear me say this often, but I can't help but be excited. For those of you who know me, you know I tend to get that way every once in a while. Come see us.

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## Prayer day for persecuted church Nov. 15

By Ira Rifkin  
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Steven Haas says about 300 million Christians around the globe face the possibility of serious discrimination “simply for trying to be what they are” in nations where governments or religious majorities are hostile toward them.

Haas admits his numbers are mere estimates drawn from U.S. State Department and other reports on Christians in foreign lands. He counts every Christian living in China, Pakistan, Egypt, Nigeria and Sudan, for example, simply because those nations have been known to persecute Christians.

But even if his figures are high, even if the number of Christians worldwide facing discrimination or worse is just 10 million or even 10,000, Haas said that’s still far too many—and enough reason for American Christians to take action in support of their brothers and sisters overseas who do not enjoy freedom of religion.

“There’s no number too small,” said Haas. “It’s our duty as Christians to support them in any way we can.”

Haas is president of Prayer for the Persecuted Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., which for the third year is coordinating the U.S. portion of the annual International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

This year’s event is set for Nov. 15, and about 100,000 U.S. churches—evangelical and mainline Protestant,

Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Coptic—are expected to participate.

“Virtually every denomination has become a partner in this endeavor,” said Haas. “What began as an evangelical campaign has become Christianity-wide.”

As the event’s name implies, the U.S. effort is part of a larger global initiative. Outside the United States, the event is being coordinated by the World Evangelical Fellowship, an international body that aids church mission work in a variety of ways in more than 110 nations.

Kathy Graham, a development associate at the fellowship’s U.S. office in Wheaton, Ill., said about 300,000 congregations in 130 nations are expected to participate in this year’s effort—up from about 15,000, largely American churches, the first year.

After the United States, Brazil will have the next largest number of participating churches, about 70,000.

As in previous years, the World Evangelical Fellowship and Prayer for the Persecuted Church are distributing resource kits to help pastors engage their congregations on the issue.

For a \$15 donation, pastors receive a video, a copy of “Shatter the Silence” magazine and a map highlighting nations in which Christians face possible discrimination. They also receive “leadership sheets” listing appropriate scriptural verses and hymns, a “more dramatic” exercise for congregants to imagine themselves as persecuted Christians and other suggestions for structuring a special In-

ternational Day of Prayer worship service.

Resource kits can be obtained by calling Prayer for the Persecuted Church at (888) 538-7772, or the fellowship at (630) 668-0440. Money raised will be used to support the ongoing campaign.

“We’ve tried to be very wide-ranging so that pastors have much to choose from that is best for their congregation,” said Haas.

Despite the focus on Christians, Haas said “in no way are we saying that justice equates with just us. But when you look at the numbers of persecuted believers around the world, it’s clear the overwhelming number are followers of Jesus.”

“So we started with our own family because it’s really important to begin with Christians when talking about religious freedom in general.”

Haas is a great believer in the power of prayer “to help lift up those who share our beliefs, but not our freedoms.” He also believes recent congressional passage of the International Religious Freedom Act—which makes religious freedom abroad a U.S. foreign policy concern—will help as well.

But he does not believe the day will come when Christians enjoy full religious freedom worldwide.

“Jesus kind of pre-empted the issue when he said they persecuted me and they will persecute you,” said Haas. “As long as he is away from the earth this will be part and parcel of being a Christian.”

## Missionaries & relief workers influence U.S. foreign policy

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Faith-based non-governmental organizations working overseas gain influence over U.S. foreign policy through a variety of activities, including briefing high-level federal officials.

Today, most people who are in positions to influence policy work for theologically and politically conservative non-governmental organizations, speakers at a Washington seminar agreed Oct. 15.

Speaking at the seminar, sponsored by the Washington-based Ethics and Public Policy Center, Andrew Natsios, former vice president of the evangelical relief agency World Vision’s U.S. office, said the White House, State Department, Central Intelligence Agency and other federal offices often rely on the NGOs, who generally have more extensive grass-roots contacts in foreign lands.

Natsios, currently a senior fellow at the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington, noted that then-President George Bush used information provided by NGOs to justify United States involvement in Somalia—an effort that ended when American military personnel were ambushed.

Non-government organizations sought U.S. involvement in the African nation because of the widespread famine there in 1992 resulting from years of civil war. He noted that faith-based NGOs similarly are behind efforts to get the United States more involved in North Korean famine relief efforts.

Mark Amstutz, a Wheaton (Ill.) College political science professor, said NGOs’ greatest contribution is at “the level of ideas.”

Amstutz said “the conventional wisdom (from a secular viewpoint) is religion should not influence foreign policy.” But faith-based NGOs “help develop morality” and “model values” beneficial to host nations as well as the United States, he said.

## Therese Stolarski

By Robert Dunston

Cumberland College student Therese Stolarski, daughter of Raymond and Bonnie Stolarski of Cincinnati, spent her summer at the beach. But there was much more than simply enjoying the sand and surf. Stolarski worked with Campus Crusade in Virginia Beach, Va., seeking to direct others to faith in Jesus Christ.

Upon arriving in Virginia Beach, Stolarski’s first assignment was to get a summer job. She found work in a store called Sun-Sations, which sold T-shirts and beach items. The store was her “ministry location” for the summer. Stolarski came to realize

that “going to work is not just going to work. You represent Christ no matter what you are doing.”

Her daily schedule was full. After each day’s work there were evening activities designed to enrich the spiritual lives of the Campus Crusade volunteers and to introduce others to the gospel. Much time was spent in Bible study and going in teams of two to share their Christian witness on the beach. On Saturday nights the team planned and led an attention-getting event and then talked with those who gathered about faith in Jesus Christ.

During the summer Stolarski had the opportunity to build relationships with many people. A day of fun and roller-blading outside the shop led to an opportunity for Stolarski to talk about her personal faith in God with a co-worker.

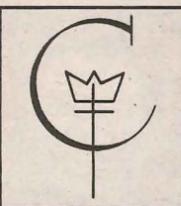
Stolarski was amazed at the number of people who were unconcerned with spiritual matters. One

girl whom Stolarski spent a day with was so focused on getting her navel pierced the next day, she could think of little else. A young man with whom Stolarski spoke told her he was too young to consider faith in Christ. What surprised her most was that he was older than she by several years.

Stolarski continues to minister through Campus Crusade this semester at Cumberland College. She leads the women’s prayer group on campus and seeks to tell and live the good news to everyone she meets. Her work as a resident assistant in her women’s dorm provides many opportunities to serve God, encourage others in their Christian faith and introduce still others to faith in Jesus Christ.

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## For the sake of the lambs

“Jesus said to him, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 15:16.

What an image—our risen Savior commissioning the man who denied him. Peter was so unworthy. Aren’t we all?

Jesus’ words illustrate one of the great mysteries of our faith. Why would a holy God want us doing his work? Should he have trusted Peter the denier to care for his lambs?

The beauty of this commissioning is that, through Jesus, Peter was equipped to do the job. Just flip a few pages to the right from this scene and you will read a sermon in the book of Acts that never could have come from Peter the denier. In fact, it didn’t. It came from Peter the restored, Peter the equipped.

Through the years, God has equipped Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children to care for more and more lambs. We have expanded not to be bigger than all the other child care agencies in the state, but because God called us to minister spiritually to children and families, not just physically and emotionally.

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We know that every child who comes into our residential programs is going to hear the gospel. Last year 244 made decisions for Christ.

I’m going to go out on a limb here and speculate that few child care agencies bother to track such a statistic, much less work toward its increase.

One of the ways Kentucky Baptists have answered Christ’s call to care is through this agency. God has used believers to equip us at critical times to expand for the sake of the lambs.

As we begin the 1998 Thanksgiving offering season, I challenge you to once again claim KBHC as your child care ministry. Schedule a speaker. Find out what you are doing for kids and families in Kentucky.

Then, I encourage you to set lofty goals, pray and work to meet them, then watch with anticipation what God will do.

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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Bill Smithwick

## Dominican Republic needs post-hurricane volunteers

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (BP)—Yolanda Abrea had a decision to make: Stay and weather Hurricane Georges in her house or go to the storm shelter and chance losing all her possessions to thieves.

"I stayed as long as I could," she said. "But the winds got so strong. They came and told us we needed to get to the shelter."

Abrea lost her possessions to rain, not thieves, but still fared better than most in the Dominican Republic. More than 100,000 people were driven from their homes after Georges slammed into the southeast side of the island of Hispaniola. What the 110-plus-mph winds didn't do, widespread flooding did. More than 260 people were killed and 90 percent of the nation's food crops—mostly rice and bananas—were destroyed.

"These people are in a desperate situation," said Eddie Pettit, a damage assessor working with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. "Storms like this just wreak havoc on people's lives."

Pettit's job is to evaluate where Southern Baptist resources could be used effectively. The extensive damage throughout the Caribbean created an immediate need for volunteers and donations to help people rebuild.

The need for donations is compounded by massive flooding in Bangladesh, for which Southern Baptist missionaries also are mobilizing relief ministries.

The IMB released more than \$166,000 Oct. 16 for food distribution in the Dominican Republic. Additional money will be released for

roof construction as funds become available.

Financial resources are running low in the board's general disaster relief fund due to the extensive needs in both the Caribbean Basin and Bangladesh. Donations are being used as quickly as they are received.

"This has been an incredible year for disasters," said Ron Wilson, regional leader for the International Mission Board's work in the Caribbean. "We know we can't meet every need around the world, but right now we really need to have \$1 million available in the general relief fund to adequately deal with the basic needs people have as a result of these two disasters."

"It is also a strategic point for ministry," he added. "We meet their basic needs, but we also share with them about the love of Jesus Christ. This gives us a tremendous platform to share the gospel."

In the Dominican Republic, Southern Baptist missionaries have distributed more than 1,000 sheets of zinc roofing materials and started a roof relief program helping 720 families.

Eight roofing teams of up to six people each are needed in the Dominican Republic immediately, Wilson said. Experience in building roof trusses is needed. There also is a need for another eight teams to work on St. Kitts, the Leeward Island hardest hit by Georges.

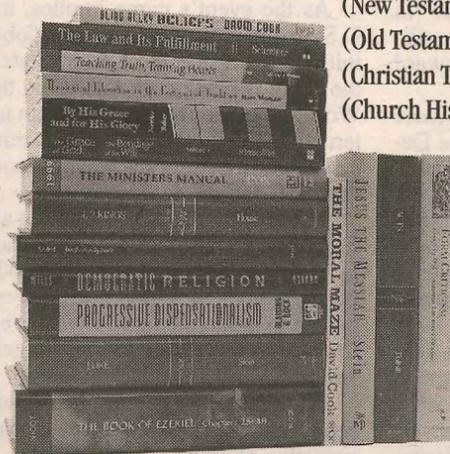
People interested in participating in a project should contact Mickey Caison at the North American Mission Board at (770) 410-6442 or Joyce Glover at the International Mission Board at (800) 999-3113, ext. 1331.

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## We are proud and honored

Richard Schroder, M.D., received the 1998 Good Samaritan Foundation Award.

This award recognizes a person who during an extended period of time has made a significant contribution to Kentucky in the area of health care and/or health education. The award is for extraordinary personal contribution, especially when the individual has made a significant impact in producing or improving the delivery of health care to low-income people of underserved areas.

In 1984, when Schroder heard Oneida Baptist Institute in Clay County needed a resident physician, he volunteered his services. "House calls took on a new definition as Dr. Schroder ministered to the needs of campus students, faculty and staff, and on occasion a person in the surrounding communities," according to the program from the Good Samaritan Foundation ceremonies. "He could be seen carrying his black bag heading for the gymnasium or athletic field, dormitory or private home, classroom or farm barn.

"His mountain spirit, courage and willingness to help won the quiet respect of those he helped," the program states. "We felt free to call Dr. Schroder 24 hours a day. Today the students, the staff and many Clay County residents depend on Dr. Schroder. He is always available whether it be 10 a.m. or 2 a.m."

Schroder is a graduate of Xavier University and Cincinnati Medical College. He interned at Good Samaritan Hospital of Cincinnati, where he has been on staff more than 60 years.

During World War II, Schroder served with Gen. George Patton's 702nd tank battalion in western Europe, returning to his medical practice in 1945.

### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Schroder has been associated with Fort Scott Camp more than 60 years, first as a camper, then as a counselor and for many years as the camp doctor.

For his 15-plus years of volunteer service to Oneida Baptist Institute, Schroder received the Good Samaritan Foundation Award for 1998.

We are so honored and pleased that they voted to honor Schroder this way. Schroder is not a "spring chicken." Out of respect I will not state his age, but if you consider his college years, his medical training and the fact that he has been on staff with Good Samaritan Hospital for more than 60 years, you can see my point.

I remember well when Schroder came to visit our campus. Then-President Barkley Moore took him on an exhausting tour including a visit to our home. I remember thinking, "This doctor is not going to come and work at Oneida, not for the salaries we make." How wrong I was! He has done a marvelous job for us during these 15 years. He literally has saved the school tens of thousands of dollars in medical expenses and needless trips to the hospital. If a student or staff member has a potentially serious medical need, we go to Dr. Schroder first. Many times he has put our minds at ease by telling us a trip to the emergency room was not needed, saving a trip and hours of waiting.

Dr. Schroder is a good example of a person using his gifts many years beyond normal retirement age. He has been, and continues to be, a tremendous blessing to us.

W.F. Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, Ky. 40972. [www.oneidaschool.org](http://www.oneidaschool.org)

## Russia teaching partnership, first report

The first classes in the Clear Creek-Russia partnership ended Sept. 30.

James Ditty Sr. taught two courses in systematic theology. Through March 31, we will send 10 more instructors to teach 17 students in the Novgorod Pastor/Church Planter School.

Ditty and his wife, Dorothy, 1978 alumni, are missionaries-in-residence on furlough from South Africa.

Since their appointment in 1988, Ditty has taught pastors at the three Baptist colleges. He was surprised to find Russian students "absolutely attentive and eager to learn. I never had to ask anyone to stop talking or interrupting the class. Their questions were always based on wanting to understand what the Scripture has to say."

Ditty acknowledged one problem rooted in cultural differences. "It isn't considered cheating to help each other on a test!" he said. "I think part of that comes from the long years of communism when they helped each other survive. Even with help, no one got all the answers."

The students work mornings in community employment or on

construction of the new church building, mixing concrete, laying floors and painting. A 90-minute class period before supper and 2 1/2 hours afterward closed the day.

"In every class there is a student with a kindred spirit," Ditty observed. "I bonded with an older man, a former chemist. He had membership in a sauna club and each Saturday evening took the pastor and deacons."

"It was an exhilarating experience for me. I came down with a miserable cold and thought the sauna might give me pneumonia, but instead the cold cleared up."

"It is marvelous that the Lord has allowed a small Bible college in the Kentucky mountains to lay the groundwork for how Baptists in Russia will train pastors. There is a great need for trained leaders. These students are getting grounded with grounded teachers," Ditty said. "I hope we can continue the program until they can supply their own teachers."

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

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

# MEDIA

**The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus.** Lee Strobel. Zondervan, 1998. 297 pages. \$18.99 (\$12.99 paperback; \$16.99 audio). ♦♦♦♦ (Out of five)

The purpose of Strobel's book is to lay out a credible case that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God. Strobel did not begin his investigation with this conclusion in mind. Rather, his was a personal quest to determine the reasons for the positive change in his wife after she became a Christian.

Strobel's trade is a journalist and often a crime investigator. Throughout his book, he weaves steps he would take in any other story into how he approached this investigation. This approach gives the book more life than just being an academic quest for the historical Jesus. Strobel's honest wrestling with the evidence from the standpoint of a non-believer gives the book the feel of an unfolding news story and definitely keeps the interest of the reader.

The eyewitness evidence is presented through 12 interviews with biblical scholars. In the course of the book, Strobel throws every possible question at the scholars. At few points do the scholars concede the need for accepting statements about Jesus and Christianity on faith, but mostly provide logical, researched, scholarly answers to the questions. Strobel adeptly moves from one scholar to the next as he investigates different types of evidence.

As a rule, I'm wary of books that try to bring someone to faith through the "proof" of the historical Jesus. Strobel succeeds where I think many others have failed because of his style of presenting the evidence. Strobel is not preachy and at only a few points sets up the "liberals" to take a beating. This book is worth reading for

Christians and those still on the journey to faith. *Wayne Hager*

**A Theology of Life: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Religionless Christianity.** Ralf Wustenberg. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998. 207 pages. \$20. ♦♦♦♦

Perhaps the most enigmatic and misinterpreted aspect of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings is his concept of "religionless Christianity."

While imprisoned and awaiting death by firing squad for his part in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, he began to develop a stance for Christianity in a post-modern age. Bonhoeffer argued that the challenge facing the Christian community in this new context would be to proclaim the gospel to a world that sees no need of God. Unfortunately Bonhoeffer died before he could develop completely his reasoning.

Ralf Wustenberg contends that most popular interpretations of Bonhoeffer's concept have missed the point. The "Death-of-God" theologians jumped on the phrase and took it to a place Bonhoeffer would find abhorrent. Others have understood Bonhoeffer to be arguing for a Christianity stripped of all communal aspects and focused on the individual life of faith—an interpretation Bonhoeffer would find equally offensive.

In "A Theology of Life," Wustenberg traces Bonhoeffer's critique of religion throughout his life and writings. This involves surveying the range of philosophers and theologians with whom Bonhoeffer dialogued as he worked out his understanding of the Christian life.

The examination of the influences on the development of Bonhoeffer's theology is fascinating, if not technical. Wustenberg concludes that "religionless Christianity" describes a the-

ology of life, centered in the person of Jesus Christ, and lived within and out of the Christian community.

This is not a book for casual reading. But for those wanting to understand what is perhaps Bonhoeffer's most significant word for our day, "A Theology of Life" is worth the time and effort. *Jim Holladay*

**Worship: A Symphony for the Senses, Volume 1 - Resources.** C. Welton Gaddy & Don Nixon. Smyth & Helwys Publishing Inc., 1998. 332 pages. \$30. ♦♦♦♦

This first book in a three-volume series combines insight and instruction on the nature and planning of worship with practical resources in constructing concrete services of worship.

The first section of "Worship" outlines the authors' fundamental understanding of the role of worship in the Christian community. Using the symphonic metaphor, they assert that authentic worship "consists of various movements, themes, sub-themes, episodes and developments, each of which makes a special contribution to God and to the worshipers involved."

Both the composer and audience for the worship experience is God. The players/instruments include "every dimension of the personhood of all the worshipers." The order of worship serves as the score, containing the various themes and episodes of worship, such as adoration, confession, communion, etc.

Part two leads the reader through the various stages of the Christian calendar. Each season is described, followed by worship resources which include prayers, litanies, hymns, anthem, instrumental music, sermon themes, etc.

The extensive appendixes form the

third section and include several annotated orders of worship, a dictionary of Christian symbols, a compact discussion on constructing banners and a brief bibliography of instrumental worship. *Jim Holladay*

**Getting to the Other Side of Grief: Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse.** Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge & Robert DeVries. Baker Book House, 1998. 222 pages. \$12.99. ♦♦♦♦

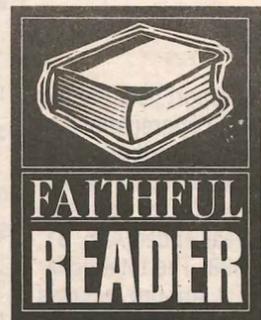
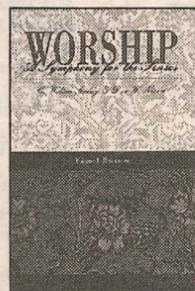
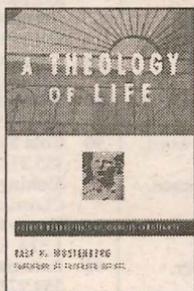
Both of the authors write from their own experience of losing a spouse at a relatively young age. This book is their joint effort to provide comfort and guidance for those now negotiating life alone due to the death of a spouse. For the authors, this journey ended in marriage to each other. Even so, the book also speaks to those who won't enter again into marriage.

Zonnebelt-Smeenge speaks as a professional psychologist and DeVries as a pastor and seminary professor. The reader is

asked to sort out the differing perspectives by way of helpful suggestions placed at key points in each chapter.

Intertwined throughout the book is each author's own personal reflections, combined with a way to resolve the situation in a healthy way. The whole experience of spousal loss is presented as being on a journey, which suggests there is movement and a way of negotiating the twists and turns ahead. This is exactly what the authors do with skill and compassion as they share biblical, pastoral and psychological insights.

This book is particularly helpful for those who anticipate many years of life after the death of a spouse. It also is a helpful resource for family members, friends and ministers who wish to understand more clearly the journey of a surviving spouse. *Wayne Hager*



By Wayne Hager, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, N.C., and Jim Holladay, pastor of Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville. Holladay and Hager welcome feedback or suggestions for book reviews. Contact them via e-mail at: docholladay@juno.com or jwhager@surry.net

## Story of Christian country music beginning to sound like country music song

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

NASHVILLE (BP)—He's traveled the world, working as both a newspaper reporter and serving as a missionary to Bangladesh.

But Daniel Johnson says his biggest challenge lies ahead of him. Johnson hopes to help jump-start Christian country music, an industry trying to regroup after various setbacks.

Record labels that once promoted Christian or positive country music artists have restructured or cut back. And earlier this year the influential Contemporary Christian Music magazine eliminated its Christian country song chart.

"The music's not dead," said Johnson, a promoter, songwriter and performer based in Nashville. "It doesn't matter what they do, the music is still getting out there and people are hearing it."

This fall, Johnson and other performers gathered for a symposium on the challenges facing their specialized music field.

The group discussed what the music should be called ("Christian country" or "country gospel"), the need for a universally recognized chart, for resources and for seeking God's direction. They are scheduled to meet again in December.

"I was trying to bring factions together and talk about some of the issues that have divided us," Johnson said. "There were some people who said nothing was accomplished. But any time you get 45 people together from all over the country, ... I think God did a miracle. Who knows what's going to happen out of this?"

Fred Bacher, host of an inspirational radio and TV show in Dothan, Ala., told those gathered that stations can profit from a Christian country format. His show, "Sunday Country," topped its region's Arbitron radio ratings for every age group in its time slot last year.

"Most Christian radio is for Christians," he said. "I want to do something for people who like country music but are unchurched. That's why I interject positive country in the program."

Despite the problems Christian country

has experienced lately, Bacher said he believes it has the same kind of promise as contemporary Christian music in the 1970s.

"We've got to get a (nationally) syndicated Christian country program," he said. "Distribution is another need. There's got to be one place where you can order this stuff."

The lack of commercial success forces many Christian country artists to record, distribute and market their own music, but Johnson said that may be a blessing in disguise. Such artists have more freedom, he said, while retaining music rights for future sales.

"I think God is doing something special here," he said. "He's giving people experience in the music business, to let them know how to get things recorded and to market. When they're no longer recording or touring, they will be able to concentrate on helping others."

Tony Rollo, a former minister of music and youth outreach, said Christian country music lacks direction.

"Basically, you have people who saw a

lot of dollar signs," he said of the boom-and-bust cycle. "Things take time to develop. Unfortunately, American business is extremely shortsighted. If people throw money at something and it doesn't show a profit in six months, they're out of it."

Rollo, who now owns a computer networking firm, reviewed how radio-Internet links could help spread the format. He is establishing an Internet site to promote the format ([www.christiancountry.com](http://www.christiancountry.com)).

Randy Fox, of the Fox Brothers, said audiences in America's heartland appreciate this brand of music.

The industry needs an impartial association to back syndicated radio and TV productions, he said. Such exposure would create visibility and spur more promoters to book Christian country acts, he said.

Backers should remember that developing a following for any brand of music takes time, he added.

"When I was young, country music was very small," he said. "WSM-AM didn't play it during the day, and they were the home of the Grand Ole Opry."

# Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

## Top 100 churches in total gifts to KBC

This report lists the top 100 congregations in total contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1998. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, resident membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

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| 1 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,649, \$469,996.82, \$177.42                   | 26 Princeton First, Tom Hughes, 1,169, \$109,597.56, \$93.75                  | 52 Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 762, \$80,027.89, \$105.02                         | 77 St Matthews, Louisville, D. Leslie Hollon, 1,506, \$63,001.83, \$41.83      |
| 2 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,736, \$438,228.02, \$160.17 | 27 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 901, \$108,841.42, \$120.80                | 53 Kings, Taylorsville, James W. Hume III, 688, \$79,536.48, \$115.61           | 78 Horse Creek, Manchester, Scottie Dwight Sumner, 579, \$61,394.00, \$106.03  |
| 3 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,686, \$401,054.60, \$149.31                  | 28 London First, Terry T. Lester, 816, \$106,712.58, \$130.78                 | 54 Southside, Princeton, Ronald W. Sivells, 1,026, \$79,277.45, \$77.27         | 79 Fredonia First, Jerrell G. White, 300, \$61,153.05, \$203.84                |
| 4 Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,395, \$320,157.58, \$133.68          | 29 Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, 1,751, \$101,284.42, \$57.84       | 55 Bowling Green First, Mark Edward Hopper, 1,502, \$78,518.05, \$52.28         | 80 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 448, \$60,812.80, \$135.74                      |
| 5 Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,298, \$316,898.55, \$244.14             | 30 Crestwood, Stephen L. Hadden, 1,128, \$100,979.26, \$89.52                 | 56 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. OBryan, 584, \$73,560.54, \$125.96         | 81 Salem, James D. Dwiggins, 239, \$60,130.44, \$251.59                        |
| 6 Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,204, \$309,509.50, \$257.07                | 31 Unity, Ashland, 1,088, \$97,020.38, \$89.17                                | 57 Leitchfield First, George W. Smith, 776, \$73,486.93, \$94.70                | 82 Franklin First, 772, \$59,536.50, \$77.12                                   |
| 7 Owensboro First, John David Laida, 1,937, \$306,212.21, \$158.09                    | 32 Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,333, \$97,011.78, \$72.78 | 58 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 800, \$72,522.27, \$90.65                          | 83 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 485, \$59,343.50, \$122.36      |
| 8 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scott Johnson, 1,409, \$237,176.46, \$168.33       | 33 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Faulls, 964, \$94,672.28, \$98.21             | 59 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 463, \$72,084.19, \$155.69 | 84 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 605, \$59,051.08, \$97.61             |
| 9 Briensburg Missionary, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 538, \$190,609.20, \$354.29          | 34 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 996, \$93,476.10, \$93.85                     | 60 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 1,122, \$71,866.14, \$64.05     | 85 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Paul R. Badgett, 527, \$58,821.30, \$111.62   |
| 10 Central, Winchester, Morris Anderson, 1,476, \$185,582.08, \$125.73                | 35 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 808, \$93,388.62, \$115.58            | 61 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 618, \$69,821.73, \$112.98                   | 86 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 443, \$58,145.20, \$131.25                   |
| 11 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,507, \$184,179.71, \$122.22             | 36 Beacon Hill, Somerset, 793, \$92,567.32, \$116.73                          | 62 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 1,109, \$68,562.16, \$61.82                 | 87 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,142, \$58,090.90, \$50.87                          |
| 12 Murray First, Terence B. Ellis, 1,213, \$180,710.95, \$148.98                      | 37 Hopkinsville First, James S. McKenzie, 838, \$91,435.73, \$109.11          | 63 Berea, John J. Chapman, 898, \$67,908.06, \$75.62                            | 88 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,169, \$55,982.96, \$47.89       |
| 13 Madisonville First, Kenneth E. Townsend, 1,328, \$176,162.44, \$132.65             | 38 Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Routt, 1,160, \$90,021.85, \$77.61       | 64 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles Evans, 293, \$67,840.89, \$231.54                | 89 Winchester First, Larry S. Burcham, 521, \$55,404.69, \$106.34              |
| 14 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,050, \$171,349.78, \$163.19                  | 39 Mount Washington First, Travis Collins, 1,128, \$86,430.29, \$76.62        | 65 Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 560, \$67,552.86, \$120.63            | 90 Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 937, \$55,218.06, \$58.93                |
| 15 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 4,188, \$161,283.94, \$38.51                    | 40 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 529, \$84,826.19, \$160.35           | 66 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 364, \$66,070.28, \$181.51            | 91 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 328, \$54,646.50, \$166.61   |
| 16 Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,694, \$157,566.95, \$93.01                       | 41 High Point, Mayfield, 732, \$84,532.12, \$115.48                           | 67 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 594, \$66,044.60, \$111.19                         | 92 Harrodsburg, William Robert DeFoor, 1,524, \$54,507.64, \$35.77             |
| 17 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, 2,101, \$154,096.34, \$73.34            | 42 Pikeville First, 852, \$84,374.12, \$99.03                                 | 68 Immanuel, Frankfort, Michael Greer, 578, \$65,514.93, \$113.35               | 93 Latonia, James K. Abernathy, 797, \$54,272.37, \$68.10                      |
| 18 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,252, \$146,160.71, \$116.74                        | 43 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, C. Wyman Copass, 1,064, \$83,315.53, \$78.30      | 69 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 750, \$64,415.84, \$85.89     | 94 Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M. Darland III, 523, \$53,716.53, \$102.71 |
| 19 Lawrenceburg First, 1,119, \$139,560.53, \$124.72                                  | 44 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 592, \$82,956.33, \$140.13              | 70 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 1,104, \$64,347.62, \$58.29     | 95 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 763, \$53,712.48, \$70.40         |
| 20 Shively, Louisville, 2,364, \$136,122.04, \$57.58                                  | 45 Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 890, \$82,331.51, \$92.51                       | 71 Stithton, Walter H. Davis, 796, \$64,081.58, \$80.50                         | 96 Brandenburg First, Gary J. McAbee, 440, \$53,536.55, \$121.67               |
| 21 Erlanger, William E. Crosby Jr., 1,586, \$134,912.33, \$85.06                      | 46 Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 590, \$82,266.45, \$139.43                    | 72 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 584, \$64,032.86, \$109.65                            | 97 Graefenburg, Russ Brown, 534, \$52,443.01, \$98.21                          |
| 22 Hurstbourne, Louisville, 848, \$131,175.99, \$154.69                               | 47 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 732, \$81,827.97, \$111.79                  | 73 Highland Hills, Ft. Thomas, Gerald D. Sharon, 648, \$63,974.54, \$98.73      | 98 Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 520, \$52,188.73, \$100.36                   |
| 23 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,256, \$114,011.94, \$90.77                         | 48 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H. Jackson, 964, \$81,339.25, \$84.38          | 74 Immanuel, Corbin, 693, \$63,891.96, \$92.20                                  | 99 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 383, \$51,898.96, \$135.51               |
| 24 Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,570, \$112,124.10, \$71.42                       | 49 Eastwood, Bowling Green, 1,128, \$81,099.53, \$71.90                       | 75 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 475, \$63,734.89, \$134.18              | 100 Springfield, Kenneth Wayne Graham, 574, \$51,792.20, \$90.23               |
| 25 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 4,155, \$110,941.63, \$26.70            | 50 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 692, \$81,087.57, \$117.18           | 76 Owensboro Third, 1,100, \$63,487.41, \$57.72                                 |  |
|   | 51 DeHaven Memorial, LaGrange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,025, \$80,810.17, \$78.84  |   |  |

## Top 100 churches in Cooperative Program gifts

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| 3 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,686, \$283,729.62, \$105.63                  | 27 Crestwood, Stephen L. Hadden, 1,128, \$77,984.10, \$69.13                  | 52 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 618, \$58,804.97, \$95.15                 | 77 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,169, \$46,813.69, \$40.05      |
| 4 Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,395, \$271,438.39, \$113.34          | 28 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 4,155, \$77,409.93, \$18.63     | 53 Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 560, \$57,995.04, \$103.56         | 78 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 763, \$46,440.40, \$60.87        |
| 5 Owensboro First, John David Laida, 1,937, \$248,078.26, \$128.07                    | 29 London First, Terry T. Lester, 816, \$74,961.22, \$91.86                   | 54 Bruners Chapel, Larry Gayle Redding, 463, \$57,872.58, \$124.99           | 79 Salem, James D. Dwiggins, 239, \$46,367.44, \$194.01                       |
| 6 Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,298, \$234,404.83, \$180.59             | 30 Rose Hill, Michael Wayne Routt, 1,160, \$73,816.93, \$63.64                | 55 Berea, John J. Chapman, 898, \$57,328.79, \$63.84                         | 80 Owensboro Third, 1,100, \$45,037.27, \$40.94                               |
| 7 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scott Johnson, 1,409, \$212,322.39, \$150.69       | 31 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 808, \$73,809.63, \$91.35             | 56 Immanuel, Corbin, 693, \$56,690.24, \$81.80                               | 81 Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 937, \$44,990.00, \$48.01               |
| 8 Briensburg Missionary, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 538, \$169,515.28, \$315.08          | 32 High Point, Mayfield, 732, \$71,640.82, \$97.87                            | 57 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 594, \$55,676.80, \$93.73                       | 82 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles Evans, 293, \$44,328.67, \$151.29              |
| 9 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,507, \$161,125.01, \$106.92              | 33 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 732, \$71,459.18, \$97.62                   | 58 Leitchfield First, George W. Smith, 776, \$54,394.06, \$70.10             | 83 Hardinsburg, 439, \$44,023.18, \$100.28                                    |
| 10 Central, Winchester, Morris Anderson, 1,476, \$148,735.42, \$100.77                | 34 Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 590, \$71,175.60, \$120.64                    | 59 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 750, \$54,348.41, \$72.46  | 84 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 328, \$43,034.88, \$131.20  |
| 11 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,050, \$138,122.58, \$131.55                  | 35 Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,570, \$70,833.33, \$45.12                | 60 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 1,109, \$54,345.15, \$49.00              | 85 Springfield, Kenneth Wayne Graham, 574, \$41,925.26, \$73.04               |
| 12 Madisonville First, Kenneth E. Townsend, 1,328, \$135,295.57, \$101.88             | 36 Southside, Princeton, Ronald W. Sivells, 1,026, \$70,655.35, \$68.86       | 61 Highland Hills, Ft. Thomas, Gerald D. Sharon, 648, \$53,176.64, \$82.06   | 86 Broadway, Lexington, Christopher A. Rieber, 629, \$40,367.31, \$64.18      |
| 13 Murray First, Terence B. Ellis, 1,213, \$126,503.44, \$104.29                      | 37 Lancaster, Bobby R. Rush, 762, \$69,047.03, \$90.61                        | 62 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 800, \$53,090.55, \$66.36                       | 87 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,142, \$40,123.34, \$35.13                         |
| 14 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,252, \$124,869.41, \$99.74                         | 38 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, C. Wyman Copass, 1,064, \$68,115.38, \$64.02      | 63 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 529, \$51,980.71, \$98.26           | 88 Henderson Memorial, 469, \$39,733.65, \$84.72                              |
| 15 Lawrenceburg First, 1,119, \$116,383.50, \$104.01                                  | 39 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 996, \$67,487.68, \$67.76                     | 64 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H. Jackson, 964, \$51,865.00, \$53.80         | 89 Red House, Richmond, Larry Sizemore, 875, \$39,569.47, \$45.22             |
| 16 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, 2,101, \$116,156.38, \$55.29            | 40 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 592, \$67,095.65, \$113.34              | 65 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 448, \$51,247.12, \$114.39                    | 90 Eddyville First, Sean B. Wright, 369, \$39,245.83, \$106.36                |
| 17 Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,694, \$106,181.06, \$62.68                       | 41 Unity, Ashland, 1,088, \$66,723.84, \$61.33                                | 66 Stithton, Walter H. Davis, 796, \$50,742.60, \$63.75                      | 91 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Paul R. Badgett, 527, \$38,967.00, \$73.94   |
| 18 Shively, Louisville, 2,364, \$103,275.00, \$43.69                                  | 42 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 692, \$65,702.90, \$94.95            | 67 Pikeville First, Steve Ross, 852, \$50,549.12, \$59.33                    | 92 Morganfield First, Mark Kevin Galloway, 593, \$37,696.07, \$63.57          |
| 19 Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,204, \$102,554.49, \$85.18                | 43 Kings, Taylorsville, James W. Hume III, 688, \$65,647.34, \$95.42          | 68 Horse Creek, Manchester, Scottie Dwight Sumner, 579, \$49,701.00, \$85.84 | 93 Benton First, Don T. Wilson, 532, \$37,683.96, \$70.83                     |
| 20 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 4,188, \$101,741.69, \$24.29                    | 44 Beacon Hill, Somerset, 793, \$64,326.82, \$81.12                           | 69 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 605, \$49,189.08, \$81.30           | 94 Edgewood, Hopkinsville, C. Michael Watts, 723, \$37,626.20, \$52.04        |
| 21 Hurstbourne, Louisville, 848, \$92,868.98, \$109.52                                | 45 Hopkinsville First, James S. McKenzie, 838, \$62,802.51, \$74.94           | 70 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 475, \$48,921.73, \$102.99           | 95 Hall Street, Owensboro, William Combs, 748, \$37,595.26, \$50.26           |
| 22 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 901, \$89,211.76, \$99.01                          | 46 DeHaven Memorial, LaGrange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,025, \$62,713.02, \$61.18  | 71 Mount Washington First, Travis Collins, 1,128, \$48,789.64, \$43.25       | 96 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R. Hussung, 776, \$37,387.83, \$48.18     |
| 23 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,256, \$87,151.70, \$69.39                          | 47 Eastwood, Bowling Green, 1,128, \$62,608.75, \$55.50                       | 72 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 1,104, \$48,348.00, \$43.79  | 97 Mount Vernon First, K. Maynard Head, 770, \$37,212.84, \$48.33             |
| 24 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Faulls, 964, \$84,376.39, \$87.53                     | 48 Princeton First, J. William Jones, 1,169, \$61,407.06, \$52.53             | 73 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 485, \$48,323.60, \$99.64     | 98 Franklin First, 772, \$37,064.04, \$48.01                                  |
|   | 49 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 1,122, \$60,633.83, \$54.04   | 74 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 443, \$48,294.10, \$109.02                 | 99 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 584, \$36,626.15, \$62.72                           |
|   |   |  | 100 Williamstown, James P. Craigmyle, 478, \$36,453.03, \$76.26               |

# Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

## Top 100 churches in per capita gifts to KBC

1 Sharon Grove, Elkton, Roger Skipworth, 8, \$7,450.00, \$931.25	26 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 138, \$23,765.28, \$172.21	51 Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, 75, \$10,958.60, \$146.11	76 Mount Gilead, Allensville, David Mauney, 51, \$6,579.53, \$129.01
2 Bethlehem, Benton, Bland Mason, 13, \$7,831.30, \$602.41	27 Lebanon Missionary, Princeton, Cecil Shelton, 24, \$4,117.12, \$171.55	52 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 68, \$9,881.00, \$145.31	77 Mississippi, Bardwell, Richard Lane Miller, 266, \$34,238.70, \$128.72
3 Old Orchard, McKee, Ken McCain, 4, \$1,436.20, \$359.05	28 Little River, Herndon, Earl Grace, 50, \$8,570.75, \$171.42	53 Macedonia, Crofton, Dale Ward, 24, \$3,458.43, \$144.10	78 Woodland, Louisville, 248, \$31,848.09, \$128.42
4 Briensburg Missionary, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 538, \$190,609.20, \$354.29	29 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Brad Scot Johnson, 1,409, \$237,176.46, \$168.33	54 Acorn, Somerset, Robert Layton Bullock, \$42,129.10, \$142.81	79 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 380, \$48,544.75, \$127.75
5 Moscow, Clinton, Joe B. Bagwell, 46, \$15,879.64, \$345.21	30 Penrod, Steven C. Rutherford, 81, \$13,618.36, \$168.13	55 Kirbyton, Bardwell, J. Mark Wilson, 43, \$6,184.34, \$143.82	80 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. OBryan, 584, \$73,560.54, \$125.96
6 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C. Naylor, 138, \$46,668.70, \$338.18	31 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, Robin Dale Roberts, 4, \$670.00, \$167.50	56 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 295, \$35,549.02, \$142.20	81 Central, Winchester, Morris Anderson, 1,476, \$185,582.08, \$125.73
7 Shady Grove, Providence, William Bud Baird, 8, \$2,605.75, \$325.72	32 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 328, \$54,646.50, \$166.61	57 Victory, Lexington, E. Coy Still II, 250, \$82,956.33, \$140.13	82 Little Clifty, Leitchfield, Moon, 75, \$9,393.70, \$125.25
8 Pleasant Home, Sparta, Gary Pierce, 80, \$22,641.03, \$283.01	33 Munfordville, Gerald W. Murphy, 145, \$24,037.48, \$165.78	58 West Providence, McHenry, Duncan Smith, 32, \$4,526.31, \$141.45	83 Lawrenceburg First, 1,119, \$139,560.53, \$124.72
9 Gracey West Union, Herb E. Case, 92, \$24,685.29, \$268.32	34 Means, Lloyd Mahanes, 49, \$8,101.78, \$165.34	59 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 592, \$82,266.45, \$139.43	84 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 261, \$32,445.33, \$124.31
10 Henderson First, William D. Patterson, 1,204, \$309,509.50, \$257.07	35 Pellville, Nickolas Wm Sandefur, 247, \$40,725.03, \$164.88	60 Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 590, \$5,222.08, \$137.42	85 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 163, \$20,191.32, \$123.87
11 Salem, James D. Diggins, 239, \$60,130.44, \$251.59	36 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,050, \$171,349.78, \$163.19	61 Yuma, Elkhorn, George R. Gaddie, 38, \$5,222.08, \$137.42	86 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 485, \$59,343.50, \$122.36
12 Somerset First, Robert Franklin Browning, 1,298, \$316,898.55, \$244.14	37 Greenvew, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 219, \$35,355.11, \$161.44	62 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 448, \$60,812.80, \$135.74	87 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,507, \$184,179.71, \$122.22
13 Countryside, Morganfield, Bill Henderson, 29, \$6,836.25, \$235.73	38 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 529, \$84,826.19, \$160.35	63 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Todd Gaddis, 383, \$51,898.96, \$135.51	88 Brandenburg First, Gary J. McAbee, 440, \$53,536.55, \$121.67
14 Good Hope, Campbellsville, J. Alvin Hardy, 168, \$38,945.03, \$231.82	39 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,736, \$438,228.02, \$160.17	64 Springhill, Clinton, Chris Clark, 31, \$4,169.22, \$134.49	89 Lusby's Mill, Owenton, Charles E. Whisnant, 53, \$6,444.33, \$121.59
15 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles Evans, 293, \$67,840.89, \$231.54	40 Old Panther Creek, Whitesville, Eugene O'Bryan, 59, \$9,332.35, \$158.18	65 Victory, Providence, Donald Ray Cottrell, 239, \$32,122.00, \$134.40	90 Hartford, Dale Rouse, 251, \$30,514.67, \$121.57
16 Old Salem, Timmy Jay Porter, 63, \$14,128.37, \$224.26	41 Owensboro First, John David Laida, 1,937, \$306,212.21, \$158.09	66 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 475, \$63,734.89, \$134.18	91 Locust Grove, Murray, Scott McDuffie, 165, \$20,042.89, \$121.47
17 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 70, \$15,440.44, \$220.58	42 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, James R. Travis, 84, \$13,146.56, \$156.51	67 Kuttawa First, J.D. Shipp, 245, \$32,822.88, \$133.97	92 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 901, \$108,841.42, \$120.80
18 Fredonia First, Jerrell G. White, 300, \$61,153.05, \$203.84	43 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 463, \$72,084.19, \$155.69	68 Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, 2,395, \$320,157.58, \$133.68	93 Owenton First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 560, \$67,552.86, \$120.63
19 McKee, Jerry Marshall Bailey, 138, \$25,770.26, \$186.74	44 Hurstbourne, Louisville, 848, \$131,175.99, \$154.69	69 Hurricane, Cadiz, Dale Ford, 210, \$28,018.30, \$133.42	94 Eddyville First, Sean B. Wright, 369, \$44,030.03, \$119.32
20 Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 138, \$25,352.26, \$183.71	45 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 274, \$41,792.36, \$152.53	70 Madisonville First, Kenneth E. Townsend, 1,328, \$176,162.44, \$132.65	95 Lake Spring, Franklin, Darrel Hartley, 130, \$15,346.65, \$118.05
21 Lakewood, Louisville, Lee Warf, 172, \$31,315.87, \$182.07	46 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 255, \$38,114.94, \$149.47	71 Bardstown, Warner Smith, 250, \$32,902.28, \$131.61	96 Sonora First, James E. Hill, 377, \$44,375.94, \$117.71
22 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 364, \$66,070.28, \$181.51	47 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,686, \$401,054.60, \$149.31	72 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 443, \$58,145.20, \$131.25	97 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 692, \$81,087.57, \$117.18
23 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 263, \$46,925.29, \$178.42	48 Murray First, Terence B. Ellis, 1,213, \$180,710.95, \$148.98	73 London First, Terry T. Lester, 816, \$106,712.58, \$130.78	98 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,252, \$146,160.71, \$116.74
24 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,649, \$469,996.82, \$177.42	49 Long Ridge, Owenton, 127, \$18,800.00, \$148.03	74 Westport, Lynn O. Traylor, 140, \$18,303.32, \$130.74	99 Beacon Hill, Somerset, 793, \$92,567.32, \$116.73
25 Panther Creek, Owensboro, Timothy A. Bell, 54, \$9,503.48, \$175.99	50 Freedom, Stanford, Donald Stewart Dawson, 80, \$11,716.00, \$146.45	75 Oak Grove, Tyner, Jay M. Stratton, 28, \$3,620.09, \$129.29	100 Macedonia, Manchester, David Peters, 88, \$10,231.60, \$116.27

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2 Bethlehem, Benton, Bland Mason, 13, \$7,131.30, \$548.56	27 Gracey West Union, Herb E. Case, 92, \$12,048.29, \$130.96	52 Lusby's Mill, Owenton, Charles E. Whisnant, 53, \$5,724.33, \$108.01	78 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 618, \$58,804.97, \$95.15
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6 Pleasant Home, Sparta, Gary Pierce, 80, \$20,981.03, \$262.26	31 Owensboro First, John David Laida, 1,937, \$248,078.26, \$128.07	56 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 2,686, \$283,729.62, \$105.63	82 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 594, \$55,676.80, \$93.73
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8 Salem, James D. Diggins, 239, \$46,367.44, \$194.01	33 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, Robin Dale Roberts, 4, \$500.00, \$125.00	58 Lawrenceburg First, 1,119, \$116,383.50, \$104.01	84 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 261, \$24,092.20, \$92.31
9 Countryside, Morganfield, Bill Henderson, 29, \$5,576.25, \$192.28	34 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 463, \$57,872.58, \$124.99	59 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 584, \$60,560.33, \$103.70	85 London First, Terry T. Lester, 816, \$74,961.22, \$91.86
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14 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles Evans, 293, \$44,328.67, \$151.29	39 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 448, \$51,247.12, \$114.39	64 Locust Grove, Murray, Scott McDuffie, 165, \$16,715.03, \$101.30	90 Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Gary Randell Dawson, 305, \$27,428.86, \$89.93
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16 Lebanon Missionary, Cecil Shelton, 24, \$3,578.12, \$149.09	41 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 592, \$67,095.65, \$113.34	66 Salem, Murray, John Thomas Sheppard, 178, \$17,923.13, \$100.69	92 Union, Hawesville, Wallace Gooch, 169, \$15,138.23, \$89.58
17 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 138, \$20,559.78, \$148.98	42 Penrod, Steven C. Rutherford, 81, \$9,172.64, \$113.24	67 Hardinsburg, 439, \$44,023.18, \$100.28	93 Hurricane, Cadiz, Dale Ford, 210, \$18,560.79, \$88.38
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19 Pellville, Nickolas Wm Sandefur, 247, \$35,968.94, \$145.62	44 Mississippi, Bardwell, Richard Lane Miller, 266, \$29,780.70, \$111.96	69 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 485, \$48,323.60, \$99.64	95 Forest Grove, Adairville, David Hale, 92, \$8,070.38, \$87.72
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21 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,649, \$378,040.45, \$142.71	46 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, 274, \$30,133.82, \$109.98	71 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 901, \$89,211.76, \$99.01	97 Lexington First, John Joe C'deBaca, 60, \$5,241.90, \$87.37
22 Greenvew, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 219, \$30,422.01, \$138.91	47 Hurstbourne, Louisville, 848, \$92,868.98, \$109.52	72 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 529, \$51,980.71, \$98.26	98 Hartford, Dale Rouse, 251, \$21,920.38, \$87.33
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25 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,050, \$138,122.58, \$131.55	50 Long Ridge, Owenton, 127, \$13,823.00, \$108.84	75 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 732, \$71,459.18, \$97.62	
		76 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 163, \$15,755.79, \$96.66	

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This report is for the period Sept. 1, 1997, through Aug. 31, 1998. The first column shows the 1997 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 1998 Cooperative Program gifts. The third column ("Other") shows total contributions other than Cooperative Program and includes all donations designated to one or more of the following areas: Baptist hospitals, child care, Christian education, Eliza Broadus offering, restricted KBC causes only (RKO), and SBC causes such as Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings, Foreign and Home mission boards and other designations. All donations shown were given through the KBC accounting services department; the report was prepared by the KBC information services department. Refer questions to the KBC accounting services department, (502) 245-4101, ext. 201.

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>ALLEN</b>			
Bays Fork	\$7,241.55	\$5,715.17	\$1,371.00
Big Spring	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dover	0.00	0.00	125.00
Holland	2,430.55	2,090.93	900.00
Liberty	2,524.06	3,214.05	1,056.20
Mount Gilead	0.00	0.00	54.00
New Hope	1,623.99	1,917.63	2,051.33
New Middle Fork	189.94	195.74	300.00
New Salem	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	400.00	425.00
Scottsville	65,311.15	71,175.60	11,090.85
Trammel Fork	250.00	350.00	613.00
White Plains	2,515.50	0.00	500.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>82,086.74</b>	<b>85,059.12</b>	<b>18,486.38</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>ANDERSON</b>			
Alton	7,320.83	12,022.02	7,092.29
Ballard	1,198.89	2,115.42	389.07
Fellowship	450.00	630.00	702.38
Friendship	300.00	0.00	200.00
Glenboro	2,767.41	1,742.65	1,360.00
Goshen	793.00	844.00	179.80
Lawrenceburg First	107,065.65	116,383.50	23,177.03
Mount Pleasant	2,216.45	2,904.75	209.59
Pleasant Grove	25.00	250.00	870.00
Sand Spring	51,927.50	54,348.41	10,067.43
Tyron	1,378.00	2,666.00	130.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00	114.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>175,442.73</b>	<b>193,906.75</b>	<b>44,491.59</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>BELL</b>			
Arjay	0.00	0.00	350.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Bethlehem	2,181.65	2,451.57	509.37
Binghantown	7,045.44	7,022.76	6,597.15
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calloway	988.19	884.82	385.00
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00	1,038.28
East Cumberland Avenue	9,698.00	11,364.00	2,825.85
East Jellico	3,188.09	3,170.43	4,788.27
East Pineville	0.00	0.00	200.00
Pineville First	16,802.67	24,861.79	18,636.51
First Blackmont	650.00	600.00	136.31
Fonde	605.62	825.20	0.00
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garmada	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Southern BC of Chenoa	259.50	0.00	0.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosman	3,614.04	3,402.15	260.00
Insull	0.00	0.00	100.00
Jenson	399.67	691.27	38.00
Meldrum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	388.36
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	360.00	360.00	2,230.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	180.82	201.89	44.00
Northside	0.00	0.00	743.15
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Yellow Creek	11,904.09	10,766.53	10,992.50
Pathfork	813.43	624.61	0.00
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,925.32	1,995.71	916.62
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview	704.93	796.77	2,000.00
Southside	2,163.46	4,189.39	4,078.84
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	50.00
Stoney Fork	655.00	700.00	244.67
Trinity	275.00	300.00	956.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	108.00	120.00	0.00
Varilla	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vonora Missionary	918.59	829.67	85.80
Wasioto	600.00	600.00	760.00
West Cumberland Avenue	1,175.17	389.91	501.56
West Pineville	5,505.43	5,588.74	1,261.00
White	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>72,722.11</b>	<b>82,737.21</b>	<b>62,417.24</b>

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<b>BETHEL</b>			
Adairville	19,925.94	19,827.00	5,588.08
Auburn	4,690.95	5,022.62	12,590.99
Calvary	7,567.77	8,882.62	14,292.05
Dripping Spring	15,317.74	15,755.79	4,435.53
Elkton	31,000.00	34,383.28	14,505.35
Eastside	647.53	750.33	816.33
Russellville First	62,864.86	73,809.63	19,578.99
Forest Grove	5,749.66	8,070.38	1,991.88
Grace	1,471.00	1,776.00	1,200.00
Guthrie	10,816.29	13,295.36	5,680.50
Keysburg	2,709.87	2,707.85	449.00
Mount Gilead	4,666.28	4,584.53	1,995.00
Mount Zion	1,061.55	991.70	400.00
Middleton	5,691.52	8,058.03	2,271.00
New Union	10,564.37	10,626.53	3,440.00
Post Oak	20,055.50	21,000.00	24,291.09
Russellville Second	28,158.03	34,675.79	6,657.52
Sharon Grove	3,595.00	6,077.00	1,373.00
Spring Valley	1,454.92	1,325.03	304.16
Tiny Town	1,416.14	1,242.63	965.00
Trenton	13,900.50	12,819.70	3,046.35
Walnut Grove	16,714.06	18,452.18	4,633.21
Whippoorwill	3,552.45	3,611.02	2,858.44
Southern Heights	2,400.00	2,741.70	1,492.50
Woodlawn	6,632.23	6,032.31	2,239.10
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>282,624.16</b>	<b>316,519.01</b>	<b>137,095.07</b>

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<b>BLACKFORD</b>			
Blackford	23,072.66	22,833.94	2,232.30
Central	3,183.35	3,702.23	360.66
Chestnut Grove	5,812.36	5,752.71	5,205.89
Dawson Memorial	883.00	1,518.95	190.00
First Lewisport	366.49	2,900.92	1,250.10
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Life	678.11	790.40	0.00
Hawesville	26,475.87	34,025.21	10,783.63
Lewisport	35,279.04	34,644.72	4,420.43
Mount Eden	4,371.94	5,147.97	1,132.00
Newton Springs	1,738.00	3,116.00	1,207.73
Old Panther Creek	2,784.46	3,818.80	5,513.55
Patesville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pellville	28,504.91	35,968.94	4,756.09
Roseville	0.00	0.00	50.00
Union	10,910.40	15,138.23	1,922.38
West Point	429.14	481.02	875.96
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>144,584.73</b>	<b>169,840.04</b>	<b>39,900.71</b>

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<b>BLOOD RIVER</b>			
Altona	18,094.05	15,807.86	4,130.31
Bethel Missionary	24,039.03	24,979.55	6,536.77
Bethlehem	2,899.54	3,995.46	834.00
Blood River	400.00	1,783.08	243.47
Briensburg Missionary	161,078.27	169,515.28	21,093.92
Calvert City First	30,279.69	31,298.13	10,437.00
Cherry Corner	8,184.21	9,965.40	2,138.13
Coldwater	600.00	600.00	373.85
Dexter Missionary	3,944.91	3,887.70	209.87
Elm Grove	28,270.04	31,731.88	15,193.41
East Marshall Missionary	1,753.19	2,345.77	144.00
Murray First	121,922.25	126,503.44	54,207.51
First Benton Missionary	17,407.00	17,845.39	7,642.50
Flint	6,842.83	8,145.75	2,694.09
Benton First	29,271.76	37,683.96	10,849.98
Elva	1,827.84	2,265.06	35.93
Gilbertsville	14,064.80	14,034.25	1,996.50
Grace	11,123.87	14,966.98	3,208.46
Hamel Missionary	4,787.07	5,196.62	591.18
Hazel	37,530.10	27,305.56	9,239.38
Kirksey	1,662.00	1,621.00	72.00
Lakeview	6,401.03	6,491.70	820.73
Ladbetter	690.37	663.45	331.68
Locust Grove	16,661.25	16,715.03	3,327.86
Memorial	20,621.07	22,492.75	4,243.57
New Bethel Missionary	5,040.00	5,040.00	23,515.00
New Harmony	27,927.68	25,065.42	2,972.95
New Providence	347.38	293.36	104.00
New Mt Carmel	3,032.69	3,838.72	1,800.00
New Zion	15,341.38	20,611.31	5,434.09
Northside Missionary	6,545.00	7,663.95	1,873.67
Walnut Street	1,640.32	2,877.38	679.90
Oak Grove	6,852.34	6,891.73	220.00
Hilltop	389.35	602.20	250.00
Olive Missionary	12,001.94	12,315.71	1,887.44
Owens Chapel	4,801.00	8,519.00	1,362.00
Plain Gospel Missionary Bpt. Miss.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Hope Missionary	0.00	0.00	905.00
Poplar Spring	2,400.00	2,450.00	2,695.66
Pleasant Valley Missionary	1,125.00	3,187.50	125.00
Salem	12,343.12	17,923.13	912.45
Scotts Grove Missionary	4,247.09	7,540.60	3,708.00
Sharpe Missionary	4,854.50	5,601.50	2,488.17
Sinking Spring	670.00	600.00	1,632.40
South Marshall Missionary	240.00	240.00	428.46
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00	721.10
Symsonia	13,000.00	12,294.84	2,159.72
Sugar Creek	800.00	600.00	669.10
Union Ridge	4,584.00	6,324.00	6,095.00
Vanzora	5,992.42	7,576.33	1,459.66
Westside	21,597.47	21,890.25	17,581.56
West Fork	7,340.11	7,075.95	4,755.35
Zions Cause	12,332.20	10,850.56	1,373.40
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>748,801.16</b>	<b>798,714.49</b>	<b>245,658.34</b>

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<b>BOONES CREEK</b>			
Allansville	6,848.95	8,030.44	5,588.43
Beech Grove	784.40	853.75	1,104.37
Boone's Creek	26,627.87	25,656.23	18,090.78
Calvary	10,389.78	12,426.45	2,396.90
Central	137,058.47	148,735.42	36,846.66
Clay City	1,267.00	1,314.00	825.00
Corinth	7,165.39	5,070.26	2,294.90
Cow Creek	3,896.00	4,468.00	550.00
Emmanuel	985.59	1,358.90	200.00
Ephesus	3,500.00	2,808.00	1,281.46
Faith	180.00	180.00	418.00
Irvine First	4,804.63	5,222.87	518.07
Friendship	7,389.90	6,237.57	2,432.00
Greenbriar	60.01	1,239.67	0.00
Heidelberg	422.91	453.10	0.00
Howards Mill	7,584.50	6,697.00	4,883.66
Ivory Hill	1,710.44	1,940.36	789.94
Jeffersonville	3,604.07	4,215.84	1,865.00
Kiddville	1,942.05	1,637.22	1,421.77
Macedonia	6		

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Bethabara	17,593.84	20,559.78	3,205.50	Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Brooklyn	0.00	50.00	150.00	Belmont	1,392.76	1,483.43	372.00
Bethel	815.73	982.05	135.00	Immanuel	291,300.77	283,729.62	117,324.98	Carve Rock	1,666.58	1,771.41	164.50	Blackburn Avenue	240.00	200.00	117.00
Brushy Fork	2,448.58	2,459.13	1,060.82	Irish Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Chapel Union	1,790.79	1,128.28	265.00	Burnham	11,244.96	10,261.45	5,432.00
Buck Creek	6,166.61	7,330.03	1,583.82	Lawrenceburg Community	1,657.01	1,866.83	454.00	Huntsville Missionary	300.00	300.00	1,700.00	Cannonsburg First	9,625.93	11,143.71	5,314.39
Buena Vista	30,084.43	24,964.53	8,696.28	Long Lick	2,686.80	2,714.17	2,105.41	Monticello	2,013.29	1,918.11	3,369.00	Oakland Avenue	33,086.80	38,967.00	19,854.30
Buttonsberry	1,024.18	518.30	98.17	Lyle Road	640.59	627.49	0.00	Morgantown First	14,832.35	15,053.98	6,437.60	Central	2,136.00	2,400.00	1,995.50
Calhoun	28,776.99	26,182.90	8,887.64	Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Liberty	150.00	200.00	128.00	Chadwick Creek	1,299.27	1,544.67	481.82
Cedar Street Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mallard Point	3,549.18	3,657.80	2,954.00	Mount Olivet	2,674.49	2,523.69	1,033.00	Cherryville	1,415.00	1,608.00	254.00
Crabtree Avenue	1,197.73	1,420.48	597.00	Midway	2,775.01	2,633.33	2,201.00	Mount Vernon Missionary	3,488.65	3,668.00	2,329.00	Crane Creek	1,107.00	842.00	958.00
Crossroads	458.33	50.00	0.00	Millersburg	0.00	0.00	332.59	New Harmony	2,455.00	1,724.00	315.00	Fellowship Chapel	319.75	0.00	882.00
Cudsville	837.03	863.57	1,290.02	Millville	10,608.63	16,490.59	1,203.38	New Liberty	3,368.48	3,138.61	1,000.00	Danleyton	1,247.58	562.00	69.00
Dawson	6,264.67	8,053.98	3,730.00	Morning Star	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Midway	735.00	0.00	0.00	Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eaton Memorial	23,006.35	22,873.67	8,099.30	Mount Freedom	7,887.38	8,740.73	4,601.71	Pleasant Grove	385.00	280.00	152.00	Emily Northup	0.00	0.00	200.00
Owensboro First	217,670.28	248,078.26	58,133.95	Mount Pleasant	9,822.46	5,960.96	1,139.02	Quality	2,048.31	2,218.20	1,029.04	Everman	0.00	50.00	701.00
Friendship	4,108.71	4,343.65	3,047.58	Mount Vernon	2,512.94	2,762.12	752.40	Richland	5,018.18	5,920.96	2,142.21	Fairview	15,545.73	13,508.30	3,841.55
Glenville	14,100.00	15,740.00	7,880.85	Nada Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rochester	2,923.64	3,137.00	1,599.60	Faith	692.25	427.10	0.00
Green Brier	1,665.24	1,713.28	250.00	New Hope	15,473.82	15,797.97	3,143.89	Rock Spring	1,219.00	1,203.00	405.00	Ashland First	18,660.52	17,228.65	12,517.32
Hall Street	36,502.00	37,595.26	9,904.52	Nicholasville	13,929.54	17,041.42	6,432.47	Salem	4,959.00	5,297.00	3,337.00	Grayson First	12,650.07	14,729.17	6,381.70
Hopewell	2,579.60	1,170.00	9.95	Parkway	14,135.36	14,107.86	9,347.11	Sandy Creek	2,284.60	3,066.21	1,023.25	Garner Chapel	5,002.72	4,176.28	994.27
Immanuel	550.78	1,156.40	100.00	Pinckard	12,436.76	13,893.29	1,363.90	Union	3,495.69	4,460.90	1,166.76	Greenup First	6,518.00	10,614.00	3,313.00
Island	12,973.04	15,802.65	12,536.85	Shawhan	903.00	0.00	425.00	Woodbury	0.00	0.00	25.00	Louisa First	28,569.00	22,920.00	10,935.00
Karns Grove	4,782.17	5,835.64	992.23	Porter Memorial	242,528.87	271,438.39	48,719.19	Walnut Grove	408.74	429.00	372.30	Olive Hill First	12,098.19	11,639.93	5,369.29
Lewis Lane	32,455.40	30,317.72	9,850.40	Riverview	0.00	0.00	0.00	WBUTOTAL	71,792.22	75,638.23	35,197.55	Raceland First	2,265.00	2,265.00	9,267.40
Livermore	20,173.36	25,564.27	5,149.00	Rosemont	26,682.85	24,395.52	17,172.78	GOSHEN	0.00	0.00	72.00	Sandy Hook First	2,485.00	2,648.27	200.00
Macedonia	44,839.80	29,893.21	8,256.51	Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grandview	0.00	0.00	0.00	South Shore First	5,723.92	6,376.06	976.46
Maceo	10,890.59	11,746.89	2,555.55	Russell Cave Road	9,470.25	9,240.01	3,007.50	Broadway	0.00	0.00	0.00	Worthington First	3,202.06	3,224.73	0.00
Masonville	8,554.04	11,622.98	1,733.00	Sadenville	348.44	0.00	0.00	Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Wurtland First	1,358.33	1,483.11	1,448.83
Mount Vernon	1,050.00	1,350.35	778.06	Seventh Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	Millwood Missionary	60.00	222.00	607.00	Flatwoods First	4,700.00	4,000.00	1,534.14
New Liberty Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Silas	1,363.40	1,746.92	550.00	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	125.00	Grace	1,912.00	1,833.00	705.03
Newman	4,179.42	4,232.26	629.00	South Elkhorn	17,194.83	16,745.87	5,201.00	Subtotal	60.00	222.00	804.00	Hyland Heights	1,100.00	225.00	600.00
Pack	823.00	0.00	0.00	Southern Heights	23,835.28	24,602.66	6,178.82	GRAVES COUNTY	240.00	240.00	108.00	Kenwood	1,675.75	1,508.80	227.00
Panther Creek	9,501.81	8,182.71	1,320.77	Southside	0.00	400.00	547.95	Baltimore	0.00	0.00	0.00	Kirk Memorial	575.73	554.57	117.46
Riverside	0.00	0.00	1,595.61	Victory	19,828.59	24,832.39	10,716.63	Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	Liberty	7,198.81	7,313.59	3,167.23
Parrish Avenue	15,066.56	10,349.29	1,338.80	Open Door Community	971.43	1,374.02	0.00	Bell City	1,021.27	1,140.65	417.00	Lloyd First	6,966.38	2,094.81	585.86
Pleasant Grove	28,744.81	34,156.17	4,507.43	Springdale at Man O War	600.00	600.00	0.00	Bethany	2,121.31	2,723.09	1,236.54	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Memorial	8,303.80	8,824.06	1,161.16	Palomar	6,613.41	7,214.79	1,143.50	Clarks River	2,079.70	5,759.31	1,290.22	Pollard	7,598.80	11,562.74	6,295.26
Pleasant Ridge	7,550.22	8,573.28	3,466.02	Stamping Ground	4,082.27	4,950.00	9,004.71	Clear Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	Richardson Missionary	2,155.83	1,496.39	322.00
Red Hill	1,243.00	1,726.00	132.99	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	50.00	Cuba	3,752.95	5,245.70	1,243.00	Riverview	1,402.91	1,472.09	135.00
Sacramento	8,262.82	8,936.09	2,084.60	New Hope	620.60	640.09	500.07	Dublin Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rose Hill	40,372.37	73,816.93	16,204.92
Seven Hills	8,266.98	8,591.10	4,249.33	Tatesbrook	8,419.69	6,772.88	0.00	Enon	2,600.00	2,400.00	900.00	Rush Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sorgho	8,223.89	9,617.77	4,803.00	Trinity	2,280.00	4,581.28	0.00	Farmington	12,188.44	14,135.83	6,777.38	Russell First	25,466.27	26,210.38	6,666.34
Southeast	598.35	690.24	193.66	Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fellowship	481.35	594.85	253.28	Ashland Second	3,840.58	4,306.30	729.01
South Hampton	4,849.16	5,199.19	3,273.91	Versailles	63,291.08	67,487.68	25,988.42	Mayfield First	60,000.00	60,051.91	22,279.60	First Southern Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stanley	1,944.06	2,350.51	1,979.00	White Sulphur	4,039.63	3,265.15	71.00	Emmanuel	600.00	1,177.42	0.00	Summit	250.00	2,291.34	720.00
Station	3,661.77	3,924.59	1,009.00	Woodland Avenue	1,100.00	700.00	0.00	Hardmoney	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,280.00	Wayside	600.00	600.00	1,618.25
Sugar Grove	7,210.24	8,181.36	8,975.14	WBUTOTAL	1,285,655.11	1,330,963.24	539,708.25	Hickory	4,770.00	5,212.06	12,002.94	Unity	65,478.91	66,723.84	30,296.54
Crosspointe	10,998.77	10,786.48	1,997.46	ENTERPRISE	2,360.00	2,930.00	1,518.50	High Point	67,721.92	71,640.82	12,891.30	Wildwood	15,094.30	19,365.16	7,016.57
Owensboro Third	54,831.40	45,037.27	18,450.14	Allen First	3,000.00	200.00	1,681.25	Liberty	23,101.11	25,915.22	3,913.07	Willard	1,813.20	1,687.72	0.00
Utica	11,193.39	13,475.88	6,318.36	Topmost	1,095.10	1,259.44	157.00	Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	350.00	Wilson Creek	3,102.35	3,598.29	501.35
Walnut Memorial	20,011.38	13,436.83	3,521.28	Benedict	840.00	770.00	643.00	Lynnville	390.50	362.00	122.00	Wolf Creek	3,697.26	4,673.29	4,581.53
Ridgewood	1,321.47	1,520.40	861.00	Brushy Fork	1,271.69	1,436.72	1,730.10	Melber	1,351.07	1,155.02	6,748.90	WBUTOTAL	374,692.79	417,914.38	175,147.57
Garden Green	907.40	895.89	1,338.98	Garrett First	969.82	1,759.00	100.00	Millers Chapel	253.43	357.91	0.00	HENRY COUNTY	7,268.00	7,131.30	700.00
Whitesville	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,940.65	Fitzpatrick First	9,368.14	6,998.11	3,876.72	Mount Haven	593.02	0.00	100.00	Bethlehem	2,308.14	2,916.70	20,715.22
Wing Avenue	7,056.64	6,819.00	3,997.24	Inez First	14,576.30	13,747.64	5,424.80	Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	4,300.45	Campbellburg	2,308.14	2,916.70	20,715.22
Yellow Creek	64,769.81	68,115.38	15,200.15	Prestonsburg First	0.00	0.00	1,563.17	Mount Olivet	1,382.04	1,325.85	809.00	Campbellburg Second	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yelvington	5,293.87	3,253.56	1,271.94	Ivyton	680.90	515.00	0.00	New Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00	Franklinton	3,856.60	6,403.89	2,340.44
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	Jacks Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Home	2,159.00	2,423.94	449.06	Eminence	4,141.26	250.00	5,575.72
WBUTOTAL	941,087.73	936,140.50	266,794.51	Lancaster	1,464.83	1,384.47	112.49	Northside	23,721.18	24,926.84	3,902.00	New Castle First	3,810.00	2,940.00	1,565.00
EAST LYNN	0.00	0.00	50.00	Liberty	2,013.72	1,690.75	1,943.85	Oak Grove	679.38	600.00	115.66	Hopewell	75.00	25.00	120.00
Allendale	0.00	0.00	0.00	Licking River	900.00	900.00	1,139.45	Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lockport	4,062.39	4,438.13	899.07
Bethel	0.00	20.00	0.00	Martin First	583.19	499.68	20.00	Pilot Oak	3,999.50	5,086.55	309.46	Orville	2,084.09	2,650.00	193.17
Corinth Missionary	1,050.00	0.00	2,536.62	Maydown First	600.00	1,187.80	0								

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Pleasant Ridge	455.00		144.00	Park Avenue	14,999.25	10,787.23	4,769.98	Bicknell Avenue	100.00	600.00	50.00	MUHLBERG/CHURCH			
Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	3,329.37	3,172.70	2,484.50	Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00	0.00	MUHLBERG/CHURCH	0.00	0.00	150.00
Swan Pond	4,336.51	4,982.07	205.00	Pleasant Valley	5,412.57	5,952.10	4,707.38	Hillcrest	2,798.62	2,708.53	1,367.17	Beechmont	8,083.32	9,679.13	1,780.00
Turkey Creek	1,547.95	2,585.43	163.00	Pleasant View	2,861.38	2,594.02	1,980.59	Living Hope	10,334.65	12,773.45	33,895.25	Bethlehem	15,739.84	15,065.52	1,185.50
Walker Missionary	453.41	438.54	607.00	Pond River	0.00	0.00	1,217.79	Lees Lane	6,681.79	6,516.23	3,056.33	Browder	989.86	1,189.27	3,472.38
Poplar Grove	726.91	2,081.39	476.00	Prospect	815.35	756.85	85.00	New Heights	0.00	500.00	0.00	Calvary	9,690.80	12,134.67	1,677.13
Young Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Providence Second	942.82	1,800.81	2,010.25	Little Flock	9,788.17	7,700.00	3,168.35	Carter Creek	5,400.00	5,950.00	33,400.55
SUBTOTAL	129,247.56	135,765.55	43,490.11	Richland	275.00	268.00	176.00	Long Run	884.96	713.51	720.23	Cedar Grove	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,262.00
LAUREL RIVER	0.00	0.00	5,245.21	Salem	49,740.56	44,328.67	23,512.22	Lyndon	3,640.90	3,356.58	12,282.90	Central City First	73,574.67	65,702.90	15,384.67
Arthur Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	Louisville Second	29,757.94	32,222.61	2,826.82	Louisville Baptist Deaf Church	1,436.49	0.00	548.50	Cherry Hill	7,597.95	8,152.74	1,577.34
Baldrock	890.66	1,128.37	426.50	Mortons Gap Second	3,428.56	3,508.04	1,812.75	Lynn Acres	4,450.00	1,200.00	0.00	Cave Springs	1,354.34	1,391.78	65.00
Bond	3,000.00	3,000.00	455.35	Silent Run Missionary	4,687.33	4,581.75	15,936.76	Memory Lane	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dunn	11,363.38	12,952.22	4,631.79
Calvary	14,542.47	16,489.46	6,670.01	Slaughters	4,916.45	5,200.00	2,302.70	Manly Memorial	853.60	742.25	231.40	East Union	12,410.15	9,943.97	1,732.26
Corinth	40,720.89	7,422.65	19,067.14	Slover	1,127.28	1,106.61	3,953.00	Lakewood	18,693.00	22,994.84	8,321.03	Ebenezer	11,837.00	13,273.38	673.82
East Bernstadt First	38,940.84	2,943.02	15,028.34	Suthards Missionary	3,073.00	3,037.00	1,387.00	Maple Grove	9,513.59	6,538.10	3,787.55	Greenville First	60,939.90	51,980.71	32,845.48
East Pittsburg	3,097.54	4,553.02	1,872.00	Victory	25,864.00	28,316.00	3,806.00	Melbourne Heights	11,372.58	11,141.46	16,221.56	Forest Grove	1,125.00	3,700.00	0.00
Emmanuel	433.52	0.00	0.00	White Plains Missionary	3,529.01	3,134.98	1,308.48	Meadow Hill	11,094.34	12,279.29	788.01	Forest Oak	3,316.19	2,793.35	2,072.37
Greenmount	1,760.95	1,833.75	948.25	Zion Brick Missionary	300.00	300.00	2,186.00	Midlane Park	680.35	309.41	3,843.01	Friendship	1,750.00	4,250.00	1,424.06
Hart	5,513.68	7,561.73	1,729.00	SUBTOTAL	515,434.24	542,299.23	202,717.91	Minors Lane	2,289.46	2,273.01	1,136.00	Graham	3,819.47	4,107.93	552.36
Hawk Creek	2,148.00	2,520.00	3,273.11	LITTLE RIVER				Morningside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hazel Hill	7,301.78	6,613.50	599.11
Hazel Patch	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bethany	3,413.00	3,916.00	0.00	Mount Elmira	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,503.00	Macedonia	1,038.54	872.75	112.93
Jackson Memorial	173.64	179.48	342.26	Caldwell Blue Spring	7,979.69	5,742.63	7,212.60	North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	Martwick	2,734.10	2,311.85	800.00
Laurel Chapel	0.00	0.00	110.00	Buffalo Lick	5,121.30	6,039.22	3,325.50	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mercer	1,555.82	2,088.59	2,084.31
Laurel River	5,767.72	6,208.48	5,000.00	Cadiz	48,417.55	36,626.15	27,406.71	New Salem	200.00	600.00	498.00	Mount Pisgah	45,704.63	35,972.59	15,926.37
Liberty	10,098.75	8,876.09	14,662.80	Canton	7,928.85	5,633.78	5,306.46	Mount Nebo	100.00	325.00	300.00	Nelson Creek	9,995.43	9,856.77	427.00
Lick Fork	2,952.00	4,902.55	2,001.50	Cerulean	10,526.00	11,700.58	2,220.41	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Cypress	3,120.95	2,765.71	1,485.00
Lily	7,620.45	6,227.78	4,530.25	Delmont	9,500.00	2,254.94	265.49	Oakdale	250.00	300.00	100.00	New Harmony	14,356.00	14,330.00	3,970.00
London Branch	6,589.44	74,961.22	31,751.36	New Light	0.00	0.00	0.00	Okolona	0.00	0.00	530.39	New Hebron	896.72	835.22	200.00
Mount Zion	2,950.00	2,011.00	1,903.03	Donaldson Creek	6,892.06	6,868.07	3,374.36	Ormsby Heights	18,104.96	19,148.32	5,184.17	New Hope	2,047.91	2,504.07	709.79
New Salem	1,831.50	1,949.24	1,095.00	New Jerusalem	6,000.00	550.00	0.00	Parkland	22,223.85	25,468.92	17,022.11	New Prospect	900.00	900.00	916.72
Pilgrims Rest	348.13	1,141.64	692.25	East Cadiz	17,998.20	19,424.69	10,022.06	Green Hills	0.00	1,215.60	113.00	Oak Grove	3,626.19	4,966.22	458.07
Pine Grove	991.93	4,505.00	895.00	Hurricane	15,400.80	18,560.79	9,457.54	Parkwood	15,341.27	12,644.12	4,048.01	New Paradise	2,192.74	2,385.37	2,895.00
Pleasant Grove	2,920.08	4,582.66	3,354.50	Liberty Point	15,303.81	12,936.78	14,177.71	Penile	2,451.22	2,254.33	953.25	Penrod	8,663.97	9,172.64	4,445.72
Providence	8,781.00	9,996.50	8,835.36	Locust Grove	9,941.83	10,101.15	3,710.26	Pleasant Grove	6,716.96	9,434.50	2,469.84	Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem	220.00	240.00	1,348.37	Maple Grove	1,700.00	3,250.00	0.00	Plum Creek	8,201.54	14,965.71	3,976.55	Powderly	957.06	300.00	250.00
Sinking Creek	100.00	0.00	0.00	New Hope	13,602.34	14,159.92	3,426.50	Poplar Level	2,981.02	2,862.05	0.00	Riverside Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Slate Hill	2,059.73	1,873.00	1,463.68	Oak Grove	9,817.99	10,727.69	5,741.36	Little Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Roland Memorial	16,777.47	14,953.97	2,568.97
State Lick	0.00	0.00	100.00	Rock Front	264.00	120.00	60.00	Portland Avenue	1,628.97	1,328.40	0.00	South Carrollton	2,088.26	2,184.73	447.00
South Fariston	23.00	0.00	0.00	Rocky Ridge	1,698.54	1,789.36	112.00	Ralph Avenue	34,385.37	35,941.54	12,603.21	Temple	12,174.00	14,116.00	2,183.01
Swiss Colony	15,813.13	19,061.50	8,657.14	South Union	2,963.33	2,499.84	860.00	Ridgeview	1,328.35	1,817.79	300.00	Unity	1,858.55	2,498.69	249.53
Red River	0.00	0.00	0.00	Trigg County	3,208.00	1,440.92	432.11	Ridgewood	0.00	0.00	4,230.00	Vernal Grove	3,295.13	3,312.69	131.02
Weaver	981.91	1,209.50	575.21	Wallonia	1,300.00	600.00	12,732.81	Riverside	924.93	2,449.14	0.00	Woodland	23,131.96	21,745.01	3,607.25
West London	1,068.38	1,376.86	910.00	SUBTOTAL	185,466.56	174,870.51	109,843.88	New Beginning	0.00	0.00	0.00	Woodson	5,418.45	5,537.36	1,488.00
Robinson Creek	0.00	0.00	4,259.94	LOGAN				Rockford Lane	31,747.77	30,191.58	7,572.83	SUBTOTAL	400,927.53	381,087.30	152,549.99
White Oak	200.00	200.00	300.00	Antioch	4,910.27	6,364.96	4,023.48	Rudledge Road	0.00	166.11	1,075.00	NELSON			
SUBTOTAL	245,281.93	224,317.13	147,802.65	Beechland	5,503.21	5,153.57	4,393.61	Shively	81,787.00	103,275.00	32,847.04	Bardstown	23,640.80	25,356.65	7,545.63
LIBERTY				Bellview	1,387.56	1,205.57	5,079.05	Shively Heights	11,992.60	14,053.63	4,585.22	Bardstown Junction	8,713.08	9,647.00	3,111.00
Antioch	225.00	540.00	144.00	Britmart	2,467.24	3,945.24	2,213.19	New Cut Road	4,111.40	4,727.52	1,704.71	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browders Chapel	120.00	110.00	300.00	Cave Spring	4,651.30	5,791.74	203.00	South Jefferson	21,421.00	24,354.83	7,949.85	Belmont	0.00	90.00	215.00
Calvary	29,788.13	28,818.82	7,735.42	Center	3,682.18	3,641.06	1,441.03	Southside	3,742.35	3,673.33	1,685.33	Bethany	942.58	1,173.87	645.31
Canmer	783.79	990.24	1,758.00	Concord	4,792.82	3,726.48	1,000.00	St Matthews	2,695.87	4,087.91	58,913.92	Bloomfield	22,431.22	23,188.94	8,254.30
Cave City	12,903.00	15,569.00	5,912.06	Elk Lick	30,955.44	31,896.48	10,232.62	St Matthews Hispanic Baptist Miss.	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bullitt Lick	16,038.44	15,919.57	6,852.17
Cave Spring	704.92	676.65	1,064.90	Epley	2,291.08	2,742.49	862.60	Summit Hills	5,963.04	6,051.60	1,562.78	Calvary Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cedar Cliff	0.00	0.00	100.00	Green Ridge	676.35	375.22	0.00	Springdale	8,733.20	11,000.48	11,816.64	First Cedar Creek	12,132.75	13,504.92	2,156.55
Cedar Grove	2,685.00	1,488.00	2,090.00	Guptons Grove	1,525.46	1,644.64	2,632.40	Sunnyside	5,655.22	3,886.25	1,816.40	Cedar Grove	9,622.00	6,461.00	2,052.50
Coral Hill	23,246.90	19,949.33	1,431.65	Liberty	15,480.00	16,206.50	8,640.25	Third Avenue	3,320.69	1,948.16	6,508.98	Eagle Heights	1,800.00	1,861.00	1,469.00
Edmonton Worship Center	8,530.49	7,785.73	1,509.82	Mount Pleasant	29,573.12	30,515.49	4,336.00	Thixton Lane	3,100.00	3,270.00	2,150.00	Chaplin	19,276.78	18,531.23	5,264.34
Haywood Missionary	0.00	2,640.74	1,450.50	Mount Tabor Missionary	4,280.00	4,515.00	9,112.00	Thixton Station	21,815.56	23,468.60	10,756.98	Hobbs	150.00	200.00	200.00
Glasgow	39,933.56	40,123.34	17,967.56	Muddy River	821.33	150.00	0.00	Valley Station	4,178.04	6,096.14	979.75	Chaplin Fork	3,245.91	3,213.71	938.00
Grace Union Missionary	104.26	52.99	1,243.57	New Cedar Grove	3,640.99	3,290.27	1,181.29	Valley View	4,178.04	6,096.14	979.75	Clemont	360.00	577.00	0.00
Hardyville	2,527.00	1,532.50	733.16	New Friendship	6,664.88	7,532.87	11,214.29	Van Buren	1,578.04	1,088.77	508.66	Cox Creek	4,891.00	7,260.83	3,399.39
Horse Cave	12,076.93	13,836.29	2,931.61	Oak Forest	550.00	600.00	1,982.00								

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Petersburg	1,443.30	1,809.07	1,001.05
Piner	1,200.00	1,000.00	2,311.00
Pleasant Ridge	6,541.94	13,856.71	2,727.33
Rosedale	2,578.77	2,588.53	850.00
Sand Run	7,020.56	8,542.35	3,589.19
Saratoga Community Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Second Twelve Mile	4,804.28	4,739.03	1,333.45
Silver Grove First	1,265.98	1,343.44	569.94
South Side	2,350.00	2,150.00	1,375.72
Turfway Community Church Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trinity	2,562.96	3,300.00	1,409.46
Union	12,633.00	15,805.00	5,409.65
Visalia	0.00	0.00	200.00
West Covington	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,895.85
Wilmington	4,981.06	4,946.73	1,800.50
Woodhaven	716.00	719.00	716.99
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>729,594.46</b>	<b>812,324.47</b>	<b>299,826.14</b>

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<b>OHIO COUNTY</b>			
Adaburg	220.10	415.30	180.00
Barnetts Creek	2,180.23	2,252.09	633.73
Beaver Dam	82,374.10	89,211.76	19,629.66
Bells Run	2,860.00	3,392.00	2,547.00
Centertown	5,685.18	5,506.00	3,992.78
Central Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clear Run	2,509.03	3,805.37	708.01
Concord Missionary	1,920.66	2,337.65	580.46
Cool Springs	139.31	137.97	3,166.78
Ridgecrest	2,209.33	1,931.39	3,065.50
Deanfield	1,227.04	1,789.00	1,161.87
Dundee	540.00	540.00	90.00
East Fork	1,639.89	1,415.59	0.00
East Hartford	1,224.67	996.70	381.94
Fairview	1,976.00	2,259.08	110.00
Fordsville	10,548.91	11,990.07	1,466.00
Green River Southern Missionary	9,266.10	9,448.90	729.35
Hartford	20,632.00	21,920.38	8,594.29
Independence	1,413.21	1,617.98	740.04
McGrady Creek	598.81	367.51	351.37
McHenry	5,114.30	6,087.00	1,303.85
Mount Carmel	15,790.77	12,362.28	2,992.33
Mount Zion	1,179.00	747.00	40.00
Narrows	419.62	432.37	35.00
New Panther Creek	670.56	520.19	321.98
New Zion Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Olaton	275.00	250.00	172.00
Pleasant Grove	1,142.29	1,176.13	440.40
Pleasant Hill	1,016.41	1,046.56	0.00
Pond Run	3,625.26	4,982.20	1,571.17
Providence	3,680.07	4,060.91	2,587.03
Rockport	1,651.69	1,865.95	595.00
Rosine Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	2,395.91	2,905.80	185.00
Slaty Creek	2,845.81	3,117.28	822.05
Smallhouse	768.35	908.82	200.00
Waltons Creek	1,516.61	1,434.72	858.05
West Point	1,173.21	1,187.43	507.02
West Providence	2,190.34	2,646.31	1,880.00
Woodwards Valley	718.37	1,380.00	194.00
Zion	9,068.22	9,090.93	1,815.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>204,406.36</b>	<b>217,536.62</b>	<b>64,648.66</b>

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<b>OHIO RIVER</b>			
Baker	1,597.00	2,659.00	170.00
Calvary	1,645.05	1,933.14	1,429.88
Birdsville	862.12	839.06	1,085.00
Buna Community	540.00	540.00	260.00
Caldwell Springs	2,637.48	2,486.73	2,707.08
Carrsville	173.79	0.00	26.60
Cave Springs	449.44	658.10	170.00
Central	0.00	160.00	25.00
Corinth	700.00	600.00	0.00
Crooked Creek	1,875.35	1,682.85	250.00
Deer Creek	7,587.97	7,939.31	2,465.45
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00	100.00
Dycusburg	2,102.16	3,052.22	901.47
Dyer Hill	4,443.00	5,364.00	1,515.00
Emmanuel	6,456.21	7,822.51	1,615.16
Emmaus	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	1,603.00	1,542.76	623.00
Friendship	32,913.73	32,823.43	7,169.77
Good Hope	0.00	0.00	50.00
Grand Rivers	2,400.00	2,000.00	1,377.75
Hampton	1,868.21	2,946.87	5,223.35
Iuka	2,478.00	2,380.00	389.00
Lake City	7,034.93	8,857.28	568.00
Lola	695.55	737.88	422.40
Marion	58,436.16	58,804.97	11,016.76
Mexico	32,656.01	33,346.58	4,768.36
Mint Springs	254.53	649.24	578.69
Ohio Valley	6,492.89	6,079.57	813.00
Old Salem	8,965.58	11,563.09	2,565.28
Pineknobville	9,940.72	9,217.87	5,205.94
Repton	2,025.51	1,873.05	3,261.00
Salem	47,583.08	46,367.44	13,763.00
Marion Second	2,919.02	2,471.66	157.83
Shady Grove	1,834.01	1,776.87	828.88
Smithland First	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,463.98
Sugar Creek	4,356.12	4,492.31	520.00
Sulphur Springs	1,526.00	1,542.00	272.55
Tilene First	1,246.17	1,260.29	350.00
Union	11,790.96	12,371.07	6,983.76
Smithland Second	2,207.87	2,384.52	899.45
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>274,697.62</b>	<b>283,625.67</b>	<b>83,992.39</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>OHIO VALLEY</b>			
Bethany	2,436.75	2,456.49	1,136.46
Blackford	187.00	170.00	0.00
DeKoven	1,237.00	1,253.93	115.00
Clay First	25,131.77	24,513.00	8,655.10
Sturgis First	45,860.12	48,921.73	14,813.16
Grantartown First	15,480.02	18,140.23	8,595.74
Grove Center	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,070.43	900.70	125.00
New Harmony	6,454.00	5,435.00	1,736.65
New Hopewell	2,662.02	1,429.59	239.38
Northside	916.71	1,350.97	1,074.74
Old Bethel	1,195.00	1,091.65	994.00
Pride	1,405.45	1,546.00	1,018.00
Sullivan	7,742.78	8,292.66	2,620.60
Uniontown	850.00	2,791.00	1,067.04
Calvary	100.00	120.00	50.00
Countryside	8,131.76	5,576.25	1,260.00
Whispering Meadows	100.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland	3,663.09	2,245.54	1,105.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>124,624.90</b>	<b>126,234.74</b>	<b>44,605.87</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>OWEN COUNTY</b>			
Beech Grove	1,512.30	1,483.79	1,103.00
Caney Fork	2,272.46	1,530.09	276.00
Cedar Hill	9,132.13	9,923.38	3,732.81
Concord	2,006.00	2,012.00	5,097.56
Dallasburg	1,221.28	1,360.22	16,641.44
Elk Lick	647.25	2,192.54	647.64
Owenton First	66,420.08	57,995.04	9,557.82
Gatz	6,420.00	2,041.11	842.00
Greenup Fork	3,164.00	4,278.00	1,600.00
Harmony	2,227.10	2,358.60	4,100.00
Long Ridge	11,428.00	13,823.00	4,977.00
Lusby Mill	7,937.26	5,724.33	720.00
Monterey	3,601.27	4,899.74	2,174.16
Mount Pleasant	4,633.31	5,450.95	1,374.00
Mussey Shoals	314.00	323.00	0.00
New Columbus	8,932.67	13,029.74	2,389.86

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
New Liberty	11,299.62	9,822.96	1,346.05
Old Cedar	1,857.50	2,448.31	186.25
Mount Zion	350.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	7,472.00	10,074.89	3,286.59
Richland	5,980.00	5,060.00	2,136.95
Salem	0.00	0.00	40.00
South Fork	3,893.33	4,703.00	1,440.00
Squiresville	4,093.08	4,740.47	2,698.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>162,264.64</b>	<b>165,275.16</b>	<b>64,927.13</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>PIKE</b>	0.00	9.00	0.00
Aftex	600.00	600.00	1,390.39
Belfry First	11,977.04	14,645.45	378.00
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	0.00	1,234.52	0.00
Calvary Southern	5,740.00	7,837.00	955.00
Faith	6,572.02	7,509.06	1,199.50
Elkhorn City	6,031.23	6,816.30	1,283.39
Faith First	3,288.87	4,728.70	2,864.00
Jenkins First	7,648.14	6,172.41	1,879.00
Feds Creek	0.00	132.00	450.00
Pikeville First	39,364.43	50,549.12	33,825.00
Phelps First	437.00	0.00	0.00
Grace	9,591.48	10,638.46	1,566.04
Hellier Missionary	1,016.71	936.82	227.33
Immanuel	11,865.53	13,987.02	4,637.00
Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	800.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Meta	14,572.33	13,510.46	5,782.60
Mouth Card	3,318.72	2,764.46	835.00
McVeigh	4,321.00	4,609.00	1,296.26
Forest Hills First	5,701.85	5,448.55	1,184.38
Sidney Missionary	2,771.79	8,094.73	337.00
Stone	1,982.80	1,403.56	1,391.00
Sutton	2,395.50	3,269.09	760.25
Mayflower Unity	1,851.59	1,807.13	2,452.73
Virgie	6,000.00	8,838.00	1,300.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>147,848.03</b>	<b>177,040.84</b>	<b>67,193.87</b>

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER
<b>PULASKI</b>	0.00	0.00	180.27
Acorn	1,633.78	1,735.27	2,004.66
Bethany	4,187.00	2,393.00	800.00
Bethel	10,331.40	12,108.03	8,695.18
Antioch Shores Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	14,409.21
Bronston First	3,688.13	3,833.51	2,036.27
Buck Creek	710.00	1,194.97	571.51
Barnesburg	6,619.02	9,054.52	2,235.00
Bumetta	2,933.49	2,862.47	1,435.39
Calvary	15,556.04	16,938.65	16,186.94
Camp Ground	8,810.41	9,630.43	2,487.88
Cedar Point	3,017.00	3,325.00	1,218.68
Clifty Grove	650.00	685.00	100.00
Cumberland	824.29	681.32	376.00
Buena Vista	15,503.52	23,769.82	7,473.43
Duke Memorial	8,030.71	7,398.73	4,011.90
Denham Street	600.00	600.00	0.00
Eden	580.71	1,087.98	0.00
Eubank	7,768.01	6,506.45	1,468.00
Ferguson	9,899.17	11,322.88	2,315.50
Somers First	238,945.40	234,404.83	82,493.72
Burnside First	2,433.86	2,717.88	1,006.07
Beacon Hill	72,523.77	64,326.82	28,240.50
Community Baptist Mission	2,229.73	1,664.66	251.65
Fishing Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flat Lick	1,505.99	2,409.21	691.26
Flat Rock	1,892.13	2,215.03	2,645.77
Floyd Switch	686.00	1,106.00	0.00
Glenwood	360.00	561.05	225.00
Good Hope	670.81	584.08	123.40
Sunrise	1,589.91	2,030.02	726.00
High Street	34,824.60	26,015.37	8,876.87
Jasper Bend	735.07	773.75	50.00
Hopeful	224.23	355.51	249.00
Immanuel	14,550.65	15,504.12	4,577.29
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00	0.00
King Bee	513.69	372.80	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00	1,609.46
Lakeside Baptist Mission	1,002.56	957.43	0.00
Malvin Hill	1,259.74	1,274.56	1,615.00
McKinney	1,200.00	524.40	3,487.63
Mount Pisgah	2,094.00	2,525.00	0.00
Neeleys Creek	1,498.45	2,052.32	993.47
Mount Union	1,908.00	2,342.00	443.00
Mount Victory	871.73	749.35	0.00
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	1,705.00	1,719.00	1,940.00
Northside	20,236.96	18,728.32	2,944.43
Oak Grove #1	2,007.50	2,545.23	1,144.52
Oak Grove #2	920.00	1,032.00	600.00
Okalona Missionary	5,732.50	7,361.62	2,865.61
Piney Grove #2	1,958.79	2,425.37	2,585.28
Woodstock	5,926.00	8,601.00	2,304.30
Pleasant Hill	60,774.09	60,560.33	13,000.21
Pleasant Run	5,121.00	5,009.00	2,180.00
Pleasant View	4,496.80	4,780.22	800.00
Pulaski	1,862.61	2,212.40	200.00
Quinton	1,854.65	2,718.27	2,721.57
Rock Lick	5,236.31		

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP97	CP98	OTHER		
Bethel	8,771.16	12,498.49	3,475.08	Fairview	0.00	0.00	360.00	Hopewell	60.69	60.90	432.70		
Bethlehem	1,200.00	1,200.00	556.00	Falmouth	15,560.44	12,104.82	3,378.00	Fulton First	43,905.80	53,090.55	19,431.72		
Blue Lick	441.09	167.72	225.00	Forest Hill	100.00	100.00	100.00	Kirbyton	2,290.74	2,428.74	3,755.60		
Broadway	1,418.00	2,388.00	755.00	Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00	294.10	Hickman First	2,845.00	3,072.00	4,047.00		
Calvary	1,091.00	1,369.00	742.24	New Zion	240.00	240.00	200.00	Green Valley Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Calvesville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oakwood	100.00	950.00	529.95	Milburn	4,153.03	4,093.58	430.46		
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Powersville	2,040.00	2,040.00	1,126.29	Mississippi	17,080.35	29,780.70	4,458.00		
Eastside Bethel	16,834.90	8,413.87	2,200.00	Richland	1,000.00	1,100.00	880.33	Liberty	2,700.00	2,700.00	1,045.69		
Emmanuel	3,820.92	4,245.90	2,954.00	Union	1,400.00	1,750.00	1,651.00	Moscow	8,064.11	12,262.36	3,617.28		
Unity	3,889.93	1,272.80	291.89	Willow	3,009.40	4,120.48	2,022.00	Mount Moriah	0.00	0.00	1,177.50		
Faith Decision	200.00	275.00	100.00	SUBTOTAL	87,216.67	91,967.47	29,978.80	New Bethel	2,355.50	1,689.65	569.80		
Richmond First	72,218.22	87,151.70	26,800.24	<b>UPPER CUMBERLAND</b>			New Harmony	500.00	0.00	0.00			
Fellowship	428.50	557.17	64.00	Ages	0.00	150.00	0.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	1,391.97		
Freedom	300.00	390.00	1,295.00	Black Mountain	494.81	435.57	0.00	Mount Carmel	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,500.97		
Galilee Missionary	3,503.06	4,972.52	525.40	Brittians Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	1,170.40	1,345.14	1,000.00		
Gilberts Creek	100.00	325.00	360.34	Calvary	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,400.00	Oakton	634.15	551.67	1,634.57		
Gilead	300.00	470.00	233.68	Central	11,806.68	8,541.00	1,618.95	Obion	0.00	165.00	595.00		
Gethsemane	4,074.00	6,539.14	99.00	Chevrolet	796.68	697.93	0.00	Popeville	600.00	50.00	0.00		
Good Hope	1,251.00	2,657.00	2,765.06	Christplint Missionary	600.00	200.00	0.00	Riceville	50.00	0.00	900.00		
Harris Memorial	955.39	1,285.50	268.25	Cloverfork	600.00	615.87	84.00	Clinton Second	1,170.00	1,452.00	4,555.84		
Hays Fork	7,374.43	6,586.02	2,354.46	Coxtown	0.00	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	1,300.00	1,200.00	747.25		
Kirksville	11,808.48	11,645.62	2,172.03	Dione	4,331.35	5,628.86	416.52	Springhill	1,984.41	2,069.22	2,100.00		
Knob Lick	175.00	400.00	135.11	Elcomb	4,102.41	3,536.06	2,524.05	Sassafras Ridge	1,831.19	1,485.24	871.97		
Liberty Avenue	1,797.14	2,425.38	340.00	Everts	7,612.12	8,063.09	5,349.35	West Hickman	13,825.83	12,927.65	5,155.00		
Liberty	120.00	120.00	0.00	Cumberland	7,588.69	9,194.94	4,284.77	SUBTOTAL	203,804.12	232,888.75	100,231.39		
Linden Street	653.00	486.00	200.00	Baxter First	2,106.71	1,887.84	513.00	<b>WEST UNION</b>					
Middletown	4,974.00	4,665.79	451.80	Loyal First	15,747.56	14,268.86	2,666.82	Antioch	11,863.91	15,989.78	6,661.76		
Mount Taber	9,466.20	10,581.96	4,562.00	Verda First	224.00	0.00	1,372.00	Bandana	9,507.98	8,558.55	1,622.75		
Peptoniown	1,479.78	1,151.10	350.00	Friendship Missionary	1,449.75	985.36	1,806.71	Baptist Tabernacle	5,780.64	5,857.26	5,177.68		
Pilot Knob	985.00	225.00	1,203.82	Harlan	58,061.70	55,676.80	10,367.80	Harlan	19,003.78	21,810.49	6,119.79		
Red House	25,024.53	39,569.47	3,045.19	Huff Settlement	288.07	269.40	2,353.65	Highview	0.00	0.00	225.00		
Rosedale	9,042.65	5,164.92	9,349.74	Jones Creek	93.25	139.00	0.00	Bethel	532.82	676.93	818.43		
Upper Silver Creek	13,077.79	15,746.08	5,359.47	Kelly Street	3,096.40	2,891.67	0.00	Bethlehem	851.11	929.61	145.04		
Red Lick	170.00	767.54	624.62	Lenaur	250.00	75.00	222.00	Bellview	2,924.24	2,592.31	921.76		
Stoney Run	168.85	895.73	187.28	Liggett	902.64	656.14	547.00	Cane Creek	300.00	513.00	650.00		
Owens Fork	1,159.50	1,412.50	0.00	Locust Grove	600.00	550.00	1,940.19	East	6,000.00	5,374.99	1,783.16		
Tates Creek	3,181.85	3,643.56	2,609.15	Lynch	1,600.00	600.00	260.00	Eureka	367.39	467.38	783.00		
Union City	13,298.81	11,971.94	3,845.61	New Riverside	0.00	0.00	200.00	Faith	14,369.31	13,461.04	1,932.41		
Valley View	177.00	50.00	0.00	North Everts	0.00	0.00	200.00	Paradise	16,099.92	18,980.00	3,047.82		
Viney Fork	3,108.12	2,935.37	0.00	Pansy	1,697.00	1,292.00	633.00	Baptist First	331,890.91	378,040.45	91,956.37		
Waco	28,400.69	25,890.57	9,656.65	Pine Flat	0.00	0.00	0.00	Paducah First	3,279.89	3,258.42	433.07		
Wallacetown	3,439.75	3,107.98	932.83	Red Bud	0.00	0.00	0.00	Harmony	12,198.30	14,499.73	4,661.35		
Westside	4,813.10	2,708.09	343.06	River Ridge	0.00	0.00	1,982.66	Immanuel	28,346.06	26,868.40	17,696.99		
White Hall	2,793.47	4,230.69	2,184.58	Riverside	2,097.00	526.19	200.00	Kevel	11,701.20	14,047.98	4,059.86		
White Lick	6,994.47	7,740.39	1,821.00	Sunshine	1,417.78	1,751.03	73.00	LaCenter First	21,999.92	20,466.41	5,100.00		
SUBTOTAL	320,778.84	357,628.88	106,077.85	Teetsville	2,658.64	3,283.24	1,017.00	Lone Oak First	107,807.02	116,156.38	37,939.96		
<b>TAYLOR COUNTY</b>			0.00	0.00	3,723.00	Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lovelaceville	1,739.48	1,217.35	1,020.50
Campbellsville	156,775.53	106,181.06	51,385.89	West Cumberland	4,177.04	2,741.55	793.00	First Liberty	300.00	300.00	0.00		
Acton	1,126.20	1,086.06	127.00	Willow Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Moriah	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Eastside	780.24	500.00	733.00	Yocum Creek	655.84	709.40	0.00	Mount Pleasant	1,334.00	1,210.00	563.78		
Elk Horn	504.00	585.00	1,204.00	SUBTOTAL	142,279.19	131,572.98	46,936.29	Mount Zion	16,570.37	24,005.95	1,719.54		
Fairview	1,173.44	1,290.47	295.46	<b>WARREN</b>			New Hope	220.00	220.00	0.00			
Friendship	8,826.00	9,126.31	5,993.00	Andrew	500.00	311.37	0.00	Newton Creek	14,110.75	12,749.84	4,628.73		
Good Hope	21,590.01	22,398.46	16,546.57	Barren River	200.00	475.00	1,341.65	Oak Grove	5,281.41	1,296.95	0.00		
Green River Memorial	12,370.00	18,962.00	6,549.87	Bethany	6,555.18	7,500.17	991.00	Oaklawn	31,651.56	31,041.40	4,189.65		
Liberty	4,797.00	5,337.50	798.21	Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ohio Valley	0.00	0.00	2,915.17		
Meadowview	7,070.68	8,568.67	6,208.36	Burton Memorial	7,109.04	7,343.69	3,011.00	Olivet	47,442.74	49,189.08	9,862.00		
Mount Gilboa	6,376.22	6,491.96	5,082.60	Calvary	0.00	210.00	0.00	Oscar	4,187.00	4,089.53	1,237.75		
Palestine	19,305.77	13,721.60	6,082.05	Cedar Bluff	6,731.42	107.99	243.55	Park Avenue	552.40	309.29	1,849.83		
Pitman Valley	240.00	240.00	177.78	Brownsville Missionary	1,461.92	6,025.35	5,878.47	Providence	4,128.71	3,825.64	555.00		
Pleasant Hill	39,387.19	48,294.10	9,851.10	Clear Fork	7,870.28	8,441.50	3,366.12	Reidland	34,394.65	30,115.25	6,928.49		
Rabson Creek	2,843.29	1,970.39	9,242.84	Dedicated	504.00	504.00	355.00	Rosebower	28,520.42	33,747.17	2,831.10		
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	600.00	430.00	372.00	Eastwood	77,141.78	62,608.75	18,490.78	Schneidman Road	275.00	175.00	205.00		
South Campbellsville	13,825.61	14,977.92	1,134.04	Emmanuel Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Southside	0.00	0.00	77.28		
Salem	11,525.50	11,772.10	3,831.52	Bowling Green First	26,381.72	27,354.00	51,114.05	Spring Bayou	8,876.35	9,862.50	1,222.00		
Saloma	5,533.85	6,265.00	2,412.46	Forest Park	16,826.22	19,621.69	41,169.47	Strathmore	407.69	500.76	32.85		
Lowell Avenue	22,849.02	19,064.79	5,233.97	Friendship	1,977.27	2,010.29	1,555.00	Temple	1,352.99	1,470.32	1,259.37		
Yuma	2,958.98	3,006.72	2,215.36	Glen Lily Missionary	1,680.39	1,559.84	4,717.96	Calvary	333.00	587.00	718.00		
SUBTOTAL	340,458.53	300,270.11	138,800.11	Glendale	1,275.00	1,275.00	4,667.20	Trinity	15,474.03	15,988.07	9,571.39		
<b>TEN MILE</b>			0.00	0.00	2,058.06	Greenwood	18,834.62	19,294.91	3,799.37	Twelfth Street	23,218.62	27,188.83	7,944.51
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00	702.33	Washington Street	1,040.00	1,200.00	0.00		
Concord	0.00	0.00	80.00	Highland	892.87	990.49	600.00	West End	12,993.06	13,779.43	9,807.57		
Ellison	2,019.75	1,849.60	472.00	Hillvue Heights	9,333.34	13,583.32	1,500.00	West	0.00	0.00	335.57		
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Pleasant Home	17,784.27	20,981.03	1,660.00	Martinsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Carrollton First	13,255.41	9,171.43	4,093.95		
Poplar Grove	3,471.01	4,378.00	1,447.00	Meadow Land	4,220.14	5,401.47	2,076.26	Ohent	0.00	3,049.24	1,991.10		
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## Chaplain: Casinos seeing spiritual revival

GULFPORT, Miss. (BP)—Gathered in an office building in downtown Gulfport, Miss., they look like any other group of Christians studying the Bible.

But what makes this group unique is that each participant works at a casino on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

They are part of the Fellowship of Christian Casino Workers, an organization started in November 1997 under the guidance of John Landrum, a former Baptist pastor now serving as chaplain to the Mississippi beach.

There might be something paradoxical about the name of this organization, but Landrum insists that thousands of Christians work in the casino industry.

"Many of them love the Lord and want to fellowship with other Christians. Most casino workers, if active in a church, tend to pull back from church involvement because of the hours they work," Landrum said. Weekends and holidays are high-volume times in casinos, and that conflicts with church schedules.

Landrum is aware that the ministry is controversial. He reminds critics that Jesus always started with a person where that person was, not where Jesus wanted them to be.

"Some Christian workers find they must find something else to do. They cannot stay in the casino environment," Landrum said.

"However, many Christian workers feel called to stay where they are and be a missionary. Some in FCCW have said to me they would really like to get out, but they feel that God has them there for a reason," he explained.

On the other hand, "Many Christian casino workers are not missionaries," he continued. "They have opportunities to witness, but it is just not a priority in their lives—just like many of our church members."

Two casinos are experiencing revival, Landrum claimed.

"We are told of employees coming to FCCW members and asking about the Lord." One assistant manager said people used to come to him for help with personal problems, but he didn't know how to help them.

"Since learning from 'Experiencing God,' now he knows how to offer help," Landrum said.

Landrum's groups include Baptists, Catholics, Assemblies of God and others. "We've had some that I didn't even know what their denominational affiliation was," Landrum said.

"One 'Experiencing God' group includes everything from a beverage server to an assistant manager of a casino.

One casino has invited Landrum to have a booth at the company's annual employee health fair. "We give away Bibles."

One manager asked for Bibles even though she couldn't offer them to employees, Landrum said. "She could put them on her shelf, and if employees see them and ask about them, she can give them away."

"One manager came to me and asked, 'How do you know when God is speaking to you?' He had been led to the Lord by a Baptist pastor in the area but didn't have an opportunity to grow in Christ.

"I invited him to one of our 'Experiencing God' studies. He came and brought his wife, who is a pit boss. She, in turn, brought her mother," Landrum said.

The Bible studies have grown as employees from one casino attend the studies at other casinos and then ask their employer to start one.

"We got into this ministry because God said, 'Do it,'" Landrum said. "This is a where-the-rubber-meets-the-road kind of ministry."

## Anti-gambling book offered to help educate church members

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)—A new publication for educating church members about gambling has been released by the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Christian Action Commission.

"Tables of Fortune: Lost Hope ... Lost Lives. Gambling in America" is the title of the new 52-page book that was introduced at a series of gambling conferences around the state Sept. 21-24.

The book is the direct result of work by the Mississippi Baptist Gambling Task Force.

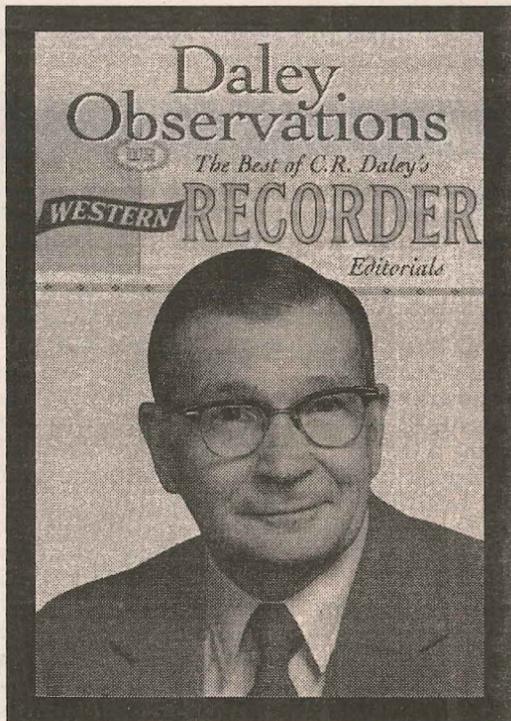
"During the period in the 1980s when there was a push for a state lottery, we came to realize that the people in our churches were woefully ignorant about gambling and had no convictions about the moral problem," said Elizabeth Holmes, chairwoman of the task force's education committee.

The book charts the history of gambling, presents biblical principles for reasons against gambling and explains the impact of gambling on individuals and families. "The true destructive nature of gambling is revealed in a true-life story of how gambling ruined one Mississippi Southern Baptist woman," said Larry Garner of Mississippi's Metro Baptist Association.

The final chapter is a call to action. "Do we allow the gambling tree to keep growing in Mississippi?" Garner asked.

Orders are being taken for the book's second printing for \$3 each. For more information, contact the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission at (601) 968-3800.

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■ The annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of New England in Sudbury, Mass., Nov. 12-13.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

■ **BOWLING GREEN**—Meadow Land Church called **Gary Beatty** as pastor. Beatty was pastor of Caneyville Church in Caneyville.

■ **CADIZ**—New Hope Church will host revival services Oct. 17-23. **Keith Adamson** will be the evangelist. **Paul Cannon** is pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—Pleasant Hill Church called **Carlos Compton** as interim pastor.

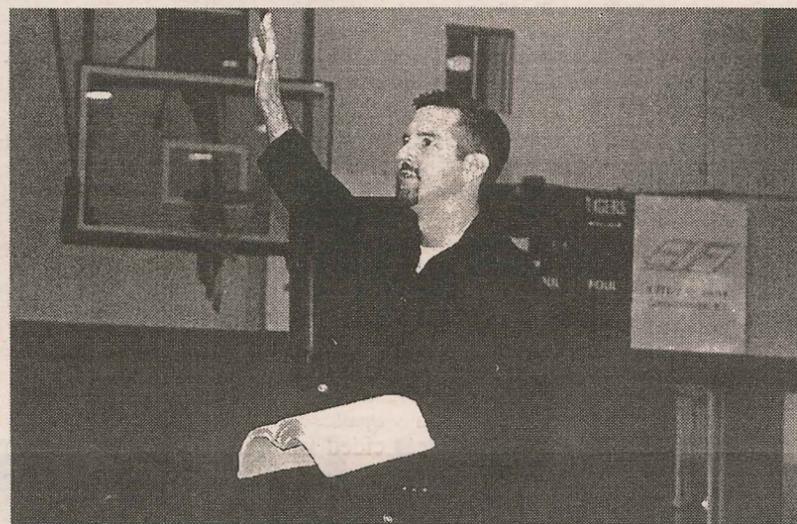
■ **CENTRAL CITY**—Central City First Church will host revival services Nov. 1-4. **Lincoln Bingham** will be the evangelist. **Roger Cowen** will be the music evangelist. **Robert Lowery** is pastor.

■ **CHAPLIN**—Chaplin Church will

celebrate its 85th anniversary Nov. 1. **LaVerne Butler** will speak at the 11 a.m. service. Fellowship meal at 1 p.m.; afternoon service at 3 p.m. with **Alan Witham**, former pastor. **Tom Wicker** is pastor.

■ **DANVILLE**—Lexington Avenue Church called **Phil Rector** as minister of music. Rector, who came from Wytheville, Va., began Oct. 11. **Tim Noel** is pastor.

Willow Grove Church will host a ladies retreat Nov. 6-7. **Karen Alexander** will speak on "The Wonders of a Woman," addressing parenting and other related topics. **Sally Hale** will lead music and praise. Registration costs \$20 and includes breakfast



**SCHOOL REVIVAL** Troy Dobbs, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, was the evangelist for Campbellsville University's fall revival. Ten professions of faith were recorded, and dozens of other decisions were made, including recommitments to Jesus and decisions to enter full-time Christian ministry. (Campbellsville University photo by Andy Rocha)

and lunch. For more information call (502) 236-4956. **Dale Denton** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church will host revival services Nov. 1-4. **Bill Jagers** will be the evangelist. **Dave and Sherry Slinker** will be the worship leaders and musicians. **Wallace Kent** is pastor.

■ **HENDERSON**—Zion Church has called **Andy McDonald** as youth/college minister. McDonald comes from Memorial Church in Frankfort. **Dan Garland** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Hillcrest Church recently became debt-free, paying off \$183,000 in nine years. **Ron Towles** is pastor.

Hurstbourne Church called **Eugene Enlow** as interim pastor. Enlow, who retired from Beechmont Church in 1988, has remained active in Kentucky Baptist life.

Valley View Church recently hosted revival services with more than 50 professions of faith. **Kevin Hamm** is pastor.

Woodland Church called **Michael Sharp** as pastor. He began Oct. 26. Sharp comes from Parkway Church in Hodgenville.

■ **MURRAY**—First Church will host revival services Nov. 1-4 with **James K. Pierce**, pastor of Porter Memorial Church in Lexington, as the evangelist. **Ken and Lois Holland** will be the musicians. **Terry Ellis** is pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—An appreciation tea for West Union Association's retiring Director of Missions **Wayne Newby** and wife, **Ruby**, will be held Nov. 8 at 2-4 p.m. in Lone Oak First Church Fellowship Hall. Newby will retire Dec. 31. For more information call: (502) 744-3497. **Jerry Howerton** is chairman of the event.



**UPLIFTING EVENT** West Broadway Baptist Church recently celebrated a "Wonderful Wednesdays" October revival meeting by hosting the Celebrate Jesus hot air balloon. The revival is being held each Wednesday in October.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**SEEKING:** Children's minister. 18 hours/week at inner-city church affiliated with Alliance of Baptists. \$8/hour. Send resumé to: Jeff Street Baptist Community at Liberty, 800 East Liberty, Louisville, KY 40203.

**SEEKING:** Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bremen, Ky., is accepting resumé for a full-time minister of youth and education. Music background desirable. Send resumé and references to: Personnel Committee, 1340 Crescent Haul Road, Bremen, KY 42325.

**SEEKING:** Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Southfield, Mich., is accepting resumes for the position of: Director, Detroit Baptist Center. This position requires a seminary degree and/or an equivalent master's degree in Social Work, and approval and appointment as missionary associate, North American Mission Board and the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Send resumé or to request additional information: Marilyn Hopkins, Leader, Mission Ministries State Convention of Michigan, 15635 West Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076, or telephone (248) 557-4200.

**SEEKING:** Lynn Acres Baptist Church is accepting resumé for pastor. Submit resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Lynn Acres Baptist Church, 5007 Southside Drive, Louisville, KY 40214.

**SEEKING:** Associate pastor. Individual must possess desire/ability for assisting the church in creating new ministry models and a willingness to have responsibilities directed by developing as well as existing needs. Send resumé to: Associate Pastor Search Committee, Southwest Baptist Church, 6401 Scanlan, St. Louis, MO 63139.

**SEEKING:** Interim pastor for congregation of 225, 3-5 days/week; preaching, midweek service, visitation, administrative duties. Apartment available. Send resumé to: Pulpit Supply Committee, First Baptist Church, 201 S. 6th, Vandalia, IL 62471.

**SEEKING:** Minister of youth and education for a growing church that averages 500 in Sunday worship. This position will have the responsibility for a comprehensive youth program and for providing leadership to the entire church educational program. Please send resumé to: Search Committee, Macedonia Baptist Church, 4839 Millers Mill Road, Owensboro, KY 42303.

**SEEKING:** Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., is accepting resumé for pastor. Prayerfully submit resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, 501 Noel Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. (502) 866-3223.

**SEEKING:** Full-time or part-time pastor for a small, south-central Kentucky church. Please submit resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 4555 S. Highway, 619, Jamestown, KY 42629-6709.

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

**ATTENTION:** Habitat for Humanity. Churches in Louisville will join together to build two HFH houses in 1999. To participate, call (502) 899-5353.

**SEEKING:** Rapidly growing church in Paducah area with 375-member congregation and 275 Sunday school attendance seeks part-time minister of music. Job duties include organizing and leading music for all services, and organizing choirs for all age groups. Interested applicants should send resumé 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 resumé to: Youth Director, c/o Crittenden Baptist Church, P.O. Box 132, Crittenden, KY 41030.

**SEEKING:** Northside Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking full-time minister of music and youth. Please send resumé: Northside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 463, Princeton, KY 42445, Attn: Search Committee, or fax (502) 365-2695.

**SEEKING:** Youth/recreation minister. First Baptist Church of Mason, Ohio, is accepting resumé 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 resumé 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 resumé 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 resumé to: Personnel Committee, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9701 Blandville Road, West Paducah, KY 42086.

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

## Ethiopian antiques lost as clerics sell treasures for food

LALIBELA, Ethiopia (RNS)—Laden with treasure and hand-carved from solid rock, the 11 churches of this impoverished mountain village are a wonder of the medieval ingenuity that created them and the religious devotion that maintained them for centuries.

They also are the scene of a sickening betrayal that has left many wondering if there is something rotten at the heart of one of Christendom's oldest churches.

A priest, whose forefathers preserved the Lalibela churches since they were carved from the mountainside in the 12th century, last year stole one of the church's most priceless relics: a 15-pound solid gold cross that had been kept safely in Lalibela more than 700 years.

The priest and a market trader to whom he gave the cross are in jail, but no trace of the priceless cross has been found.

Home to Judaism from the 9th century B.C. and to Christianity since 34 A.D., Ethiopia has some of the most historically valuable Judeo-Christian relics, manuscripts and art in the world.

With increasing frequency, such priceless artifacts are disappearing from the thousands of Ethiopian monasteries and churches.

Concerned the nation is losing its heritage, the Ministry of Culture has proposed a plan to move the artifacts out of churches and monasteries into secure museums.

Patriarch Abune Paulos, head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, agrees in principle but wants to build secure display places in each church and monastery. For now neither side has enough money to do either and parish priests and monks strongly resist anything denying them access to treasures they have guarded for centuries.

"Those things were kept for centuries. The monks stayed—never with a full salary, without a full stomach ever. No one ever dared to come and take anything. Things began to happen in our time after we began to cross paths with our modern visitors," Patriarch Paulos said in an interview.

What makes the trend harder to understand is the church's long ascetic tradition of monastic life and

the observance of many fast days.

The patriarch resists blaming priests for theft but said the isolation and simple life of the clergy has been warped by easy money bestowed by tourists.

The theft of church treasure, however, also reflects a broader crisis.

Once able to create magnificent works, the church is filled with worrying signs of ignorance and neglect.

The crisis is not confined to remote churches and monasteries. In Axum, the most important cultural city in Ethiopia, a lone monk guards the most holy relic in the church, which Ethiopians believe to be the original Ark of the Covenant which held the Ten Commandments. Two years ago, according to the local member of parliament, the monk was dismissed after allegations he stole items from the temple.

Ironically, the troubles of the church come at a time of broad religious revival that no one can truly explain. During 17 years of hard-line Marxist rule, which ended in 1991, religion was suppressed and a generation grew up under an official reign of atheism.

Now those same young people are flocking to church, with many attending mass daily, observing fast days once only observed by priests, and forming lay organizations to press for church reform.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is benefiting from the revival as are the Jehovah's Witnesses and a variety of Protestant and Pentecostal churches that have been aggressively seeking new members. Evangelists seek out students on campus, the bereaved at funerals and Ethiopia's rural poor.

With Western financial backing the Orthodox Church cannot match, the new churches have established development organizations offering food aid, training, road building and water projects to help win new converts.

The Orthodox Church still claims 65 percent of the population as parishioners, while estimates of Protestant support range from 5 to 11 percent.

Competition between faiths has led to a few violent clashes. And the Orthodox Church, which controls most burial grounds, refuses to allow non-Orthodox Christians to be buried in Orthodox cemeteries.

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### Inner-city store offers ministry with groceries

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—For Sale: neighborhood grocery store with declining sales, inner-city strip mall location, older neighborhood, crime abounds, building in need of repair.

Any buyers? Most people would pass on this offer, but one man is calling it an answer to prayer.

Jim Lamb said he had been asking God to lead him to an area to open a supermarket where he could get to know and help the people in the neighborhood.

"I believe God said, 'I want you there,' and he provided everything for us and then said, 'What are you going to do now?'" said Lamb, the new owner of Community Supermarket, a grocery store located near the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lamb and his wife, Beverly, have a business philosophy different from most business people. They want to use their store to help others and revitalize the community around them.

As the store turns a profit, the Lambs are returning the profits to their employees, to their church, to neighborhood schools, back into the business and to their family. Of those returns, the family receives the smallest amount.

"If we can help our employees, the schools, the churches, our community, then we can turn the entire neighborhood around," Lamb said. "I believe that is what God wants us to do."

Lamb is a businessman who also happens to be a Christian.

## Baptists take over bar to share food, witness

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (BP)—Baptists abound everywhere at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas—even the local student bar.

But they're not drinking beer. They're sharing their Christian faith with those who attend the free lunch they sponsored every Wednesday during the first month of school.

Students flocked to the food. "This is not sandwiches, but home cooking, and I mean a whole spread," said Baptist student ministry director Darrell Samuelson. "That's a huge draw. College guys don't get a lot of home cooking, and here they can come and eat all they want, because there is always enough."

Between 250 and 300 students

came each week and got much more than a meal. "We have Christian speakers and music artists, and the gospel is always presented in a clear way," Samuelson said. "It's been exciting to see the Lord bring students who would never darken the door of a church."

Many students left filled—not just physically but also spiritually, Samuelson said. "We've seen people accept Christ, greater attendance at our Bible studies and students getting out of their comfort zones and having the courage to witness."

A boost to the program came last year, Samuelson recalled, when the editor of the school paper took his staff to a lunch "to see why all those Baptists were going to the bar."

"After the lunch was over, they discussed it in the newsroom and decided we were taking the (gospel) message to the front lines, and afterward wrote a nice story about the lunches," he said.

The program owes its success, in large part, to the bar's owner, Samuelson added.

"We have developed a good relationship with him, and he allows us to do whatever ministry we want. He never serves any alcohol during these times and has his employees help us with anything we need."

Not every student who attends the lunches shows immediate change in her or his life, Samuelson acknowledged. "But we do know that we are planting seeds."

### 3 Egyptian Coptic clergy arrested

CAIRO (RNS)—Three Egyptian Christian Coptic clergymen reportedly were arrested and charged with "damaging national unity," "insulting the government" and other crimes for their role in exposing alleged police attacks on Christians.

The human rights group Freedom House said the clerics were arrested Oct. 10 and released later the same day after being interrogated.

Freedom House said the clerics—members of Egypt's ancient Christian church—were arrested after defending victims of alleged police brutality and torture in the southern Egyptian town of El-Kosheh.

Two Christians reportedly were murdered by Muslims in August. Shortly after, as many as 1,000 Christians were arrested. Authorities claim they made the arrests to prevent further sectarian violence. Some of those arrested reported being beaten and tortured with electric shocks by police.

### Ecumenical proponent hangs up his robe

INDIANAPOLIS (RNS)—When Paul Crow became an Eagle Scout, he wanted his friend, Mug, to be there. The award was to be presented to the 13-year-old at his church, First Christian in Lanett, Ala. Mug, a Roman Catholic, happily accepted the invitation.

"The day before, he said, 'I can't come. My priest says if I go in that building, it'll be a mortal sin,'" recalled Crow in his soft Southern accent.

At the end of the year, Crow will retire as the chief ecumenical officer for the Disciples of Christ denomination.

His office in the Disciples headquarters is filled with photographs of Crow with popes, a variety of Eastern Orthodox icons and numerous other treasures from his 45 years in the ecumenical movement. It's been a career replete with deep theological discussions and high-level meetings with popes and patriarchs.

Still, Crow traces his desire to bring churches together to his Eagle Scout experience more than half a century ago.

"Ecumenism has never been for me a kind of

theoretical vision; it's been very much related to my own life and my own experience, watching how the divisions of the church really do hurt people's lives," he said.

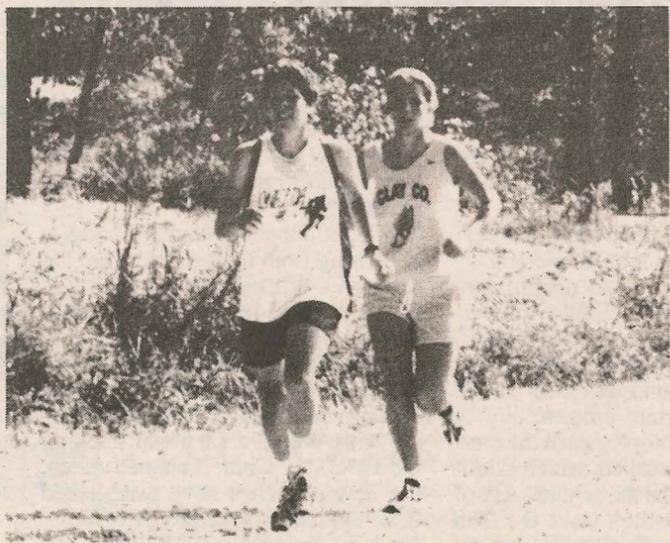
In 1968, Crow left a teaching post at Lexington Theological Seminary to serve as general secretary of the Consultation on Church Union, an effort that at first envisioned the merger of many of the major mainline Protestant denominations.

Crow said he thought the group would lead to a united church within five or six years, and then he would return to teaching.

"That began a new phase of my ministry," Crow said. The process has been anything but short or easily accomplished.

But Crow remains hopeful for the group, although it has been a point of controversy for many churches who fear such union will compromise their identities and the goal itself has been modified to reflect that reality. "There is more commitment to divisions than to unity," Crow said. "The denominational pattern is just embedded in the American Christian psyche."

# Let Us Run!



“...Let us throw off  
everything that hinders  
and the sin  
that so easily entangles,  
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