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## Albanian Baptist Federation is a launching pad for refugee work

By Martha Skelton  
European Baptist Federation

TIRANA, Albania (ABP)—The stories vary, but the motivation is constant.

■ An extended family of dozens of men, women and children cook on a bare floor while sitting on lawn chairs in an otherwise empty room an Albanian family has opened to them.

They accept with gratitude several boxes of food, foam mattresses and blankets brought to them by a pastor and volunteers from a local Baptist church.

■ A small handicapped boy, whose father had to carry him on the long walk from their village in Kosovo to Albania, is measured in a Christian clinic for a new wheelchair.

■ A refugee camp in Tirana is set up around a swimming pool complex. It desperately needs a kitchen to feed several thousand refugees. The major relief agency running the camp calls for a man they heard could help, a Baptist missionary in the area who has been working for several years to help local Albanians develop businesses making tile and cement blocks.

He oversees construction of the kitchen in half the time they expect. The materials, training and people were already in place, the missionary explains.

A network of evangelical groups have gathered around the Baptist Foundation of Tirana to coordinate a Christ-centered response to the needs of more than 400,000 Kosovar refugees estimated to have entered Albania in the last few months.

When they can pause to reflect, they say they marvel at God's timing not only in the past frantic weeks but also months and years before.

Eight years ago, the European Baptist Federation launched an effort to begin Baptist work in Albania. The result was the Baptist Foundation of Tirana, an organizational structure that has become a focal point for cooperation among evangelical groups that have arrived in Albania in response to the refugee emergency.

Organizations including the Baptist World Alliance, Salvation Army and several national Baptist groups—including the U.S.-based Southern Baptist International Mission Board and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship—have worked through the foundation to provide funds needed locally to buy food, supplies and other essentials of a refugee ministry.

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## Vision statement

### Missionaries teach blind to function after embassy bomb

By Heidi Soderstrom  
SBC International Mission Board

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—Her white cane rattles as she swishes it side-to-side in front of her, searching for dips and rocks in the dirt road. Children run from her, frightened, while adults turn to stare.

Peninah Wandia doesn't notice their reactions, though. She's just happy to be out in the sunshine.

In fact, Wandia, 60, knows she's lucky to be alive. She lost her sight last August from the terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. The blast killed more than 200 people and injured another 5,000.

Wandia's decision that day to switch buses put her in the wrong place at the wrong time. That choice changed her life forever—but not her optimism.

Her upbeat attitude shows as she walks through her neighborhood with Rhonda Adams, a mobility and orientation specialist for the visually handicapped. Adams, an International Service Corps worker with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, taught Wandia how to get around with a cane.

Adams works with the 10 people blinded and 160 others who sustained eye injuries in the explosion. Her first job is teaching them that being visually impaired doesn't mean they can't function. Her goal is to let God's love touch the lives of people suffering because of the bomb blast.

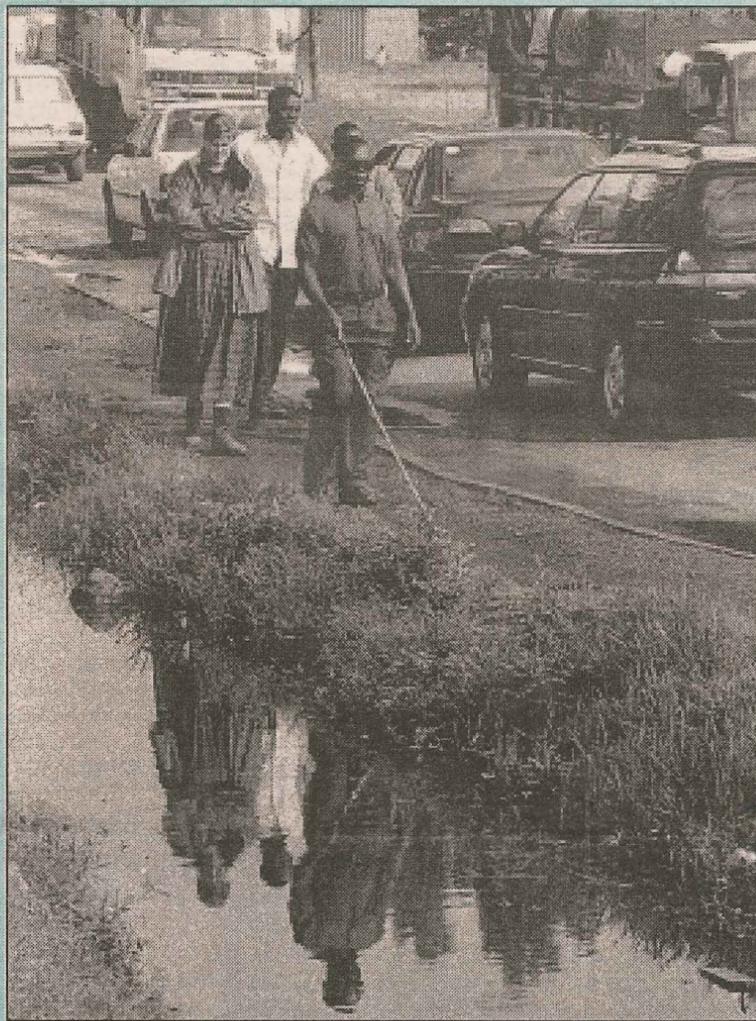
In Kenya, "Blind people aren't expected to do anything. They sit in their houses and are waited on by family," Adams explained.

Because of that, Adams often draws a crowd when she's teaching her clients in public. When she began working with Wandia, "At first I was the attraction, being the only white woman in the area. Then people would notice a blind person doing something, and they'd stare at her instead," Adams said.

Not all of Adams' clients have been as easy to help as Wandia. "She's lucky. She grew up here, knows the roads like the back of her hand. Most of the other people blinded in the bombing lost their jobs and had to change neighborhoods," Adams said. "Not only am I having to teach them how to get around, but also where they are. I'm creating a new map in their minds."

Adams also helps them relearn how to do household chores. "It's giving them back a measure of the independence they once knew," she said.

But Adams' main goal is to share the gospel.



**VISION PROJECT** Douglas Sindialo (front) was blinded by the terrorist bombing of the United States embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1998. Now, thanks to Southern Baptist missionary Rhonda Adams (following, at left), he is learning how to live independently in a country where the blind usually sit at home and are waited on by family members. Adams, a mobility and orientation specialist for the visually handicapped, is working with 170 people whose eyesight was impaired or ruined in the bombing. (BP photo by Matt Jones)

"Our primary purpose is to build a witnessing platform," said Jim Keene, a Southern Baptist physician who spearheaded Adams' involvement.

Keene and his wife, Darlene, two-year International Service Corps workers in Kenya, had been in Nairobi just three weeks before the bombing. "We knew God had been preparing us for this day," Keene said of the tragedy and the ministry that followed.

After the explosion, one of Keene's first tasks was to coordinate the International Mission Board's missionary efforts with the work of various non-governmental organizations. He developed what became known as the "Vision Project." The program provides spiritual care and presents a gospel witness to people visually impaired and blinded in the blast.

To get the project off the ground, Keene visited the Kenyan president's office twice to get Adams an official invitation to work with the blind. After that was granted, she and volunteers from the Kenya Red Cross began working with clients referred by Kenya Society for the Blind.

Adams' work is only one part of the project, though. Several non-gov-

ernmental organizations provide reconstructive surgery for blast victims. Local groups also cooperate to facilitate cornea transplants.

The project also offers psychological counseling for survivors and their families. The official death toll is 218, but the number of people affected by the trauma reaches into the thousands. Darlene Keene, who is trained in counseling, works with them.

Baptists are trying "to meet their varied needs while providing a loving Christian witness," her husband said.

Some of this outreach is still in the planning stages. "We've talked about finding Kenyans to witness to the crowd following as Rhonda does the therapy," Keene said. "There are lots of opportunities out there. As we get to work with more clients, we'll be able to expand our witness."

Plans also are being developed to better mobilize families in churches to reach out to non-Christian families touched by the tragedy.

"The emergency part of this is over," Keene said. "Now it's time to get serious and involve the church people, because when they start witnessing to victims and their families, churches will grow."

# BAPTISTS

## BAPTIST BITS

■ **Missionary dies.** Short-term North American missionary Kelley Shelton, 34, died May 16 after an accident on Tennessee's Ocoee River May 10. Shelton, of the North American Mission Board's Mission Service Corps, was participating in an outing of the Tennessee chapter of the Baptist Association of Resort and Leisure Ministries. She was on life support at Bradley Memorial Hospital in Cleveland, Tenn., until it was removed by her family. Shelton, along with her husband, Jeff, were Southern Baptist volunteers with Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries based in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The couple worked with missionaries Bill and Cindy Black.

■ **Baptists attacked in Moldova.** A registered Baptist church in Gelo Mengir, Moldova, had its partially completed building destroyed, and a Baptist man was injured by a thrown rock as a mob of hundreds of people attacked 20 people working on the church house. The incident reportedly happened on May 5 after the election of a mayor. Orthodox priests led the group to the building site. They broke through a fence and invaded the property owned by the church. A missionary working with the church, Viktor Daskaljuk, was among those attacked. One man was sent to get medical help after being hit by a rock. The church is registered in the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Moldova and therefore also registered with the Republic of Moldova.

■ **Richmond seminary to launch new program.** Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond announced May 20 that the school is developing a new master of divinity in Christian education program. Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond was founded in 1989 and opened for classes in 1991. It currently has 15 full-time faculty members and enrolled 285 students for the 1998-99 school year.

■ **NAMB's web site introduces kids to Christ.** The Southern Baptist North American Mission Board has reached approximately 3,000 people as a result of a new Web site designed to share the Christian faith with children. In the last four months, the site, [www.kidzplace.org](http://www.kidzplace.org), has gotten at least nine responses indicating the visitor made a profession of faith in Jesus and 14 responses to learn more about Christ in the last four months. The site is targeted to children in grades 1-6, but visitors represent every age group.

■ **Southwestern, Cuban Baptists link up.** Fifteen teachers from a Baptist seminary in Cuba will travel to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, as part of a training agreement between the two schools. Southwestern also is sending two professors to the Baptist Theological Seminary R.A. Oca'a to teach intensive one-week lecture series.

■ **Samford to host student revival symposium.** Samford University and its Beason Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., will host a public symposium to study a student-led revival movement from the mid 1940s. What started as a student-led revival by Baylor University students in April 1945 and repeated the next spring quickly spread through Texas and the South and became a youth revival movement that had an impact on the life and growth of Southern Baptists. For information, call (205) 870-2170.

■ **North Carolinian named to First Dallas pulpit.** Mac Brunson, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, has been named the new pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas. Brunson, 41, was chosen May 9 to be the new senior pastor by the historic church, headed for decades by W.A. Criswell. Brunson is the fourth pastor appointed this decade to serve the 26,000-member church where Criswell remains as pastor emeritus. Brunson succeeds O.S. Hawkins, who was named president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board 18 months ago.

## CBF hosting annual assembly June 24-26

ATLANTA—At least 4,000 Baptists are expected to attend the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship annual assembly in Birmingham, Ala., June 24-26.

This year's theme is "Nurturing Community," stressing the need to form friendships, build relationships and nurture community.

The assembly will also feature nearly 60 workshops on topics from spirituality to religious liberty, services highlighting a variety of worship styles and a closing communion service. All sessions are open to the public.

The annual General Assembly is the organization's only national gathering. Participants will elect officers and conduct business for the organization supported by approximately 1,700 churches. Donna Forrester, minister of pastoral care and counseling at First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., is expected to be nominated as moderator-elect. If elected, she would be the first female

clergy in the role of moderator, the CBF's highest elected office.

The meeting also will honor CBF Global Missions Coordinator Keith Parks and his wife, Helen Jean, for 45 years of missions service. Their career began in 1954 when they became Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia. After 14 years in Indonesia, Parks joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and was president from 1980 to 1992.

After his first retirement from the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board), Parks, 71, became CBF's global missions coordinator in 1993. CBF now has 130 missionaries in serving among 22 people groups and in several U.S. urban centers.

After Parks retires, he plans to work part time for the CBF Foundation.

Other assembly speakers and related programs include:

■ Bill Leonard, dean of the Wake

Forest Divinity School, who will lead a celebration of Baptist community.

■ Bill O'Brien, director of Samford University's Global Center, who will speak on the organization's role within the worldwide Christian community.

■ Volunteers who will work on a ministry project June 23.

■ Peter Steinke, who will be the featured speaker at a church leadership institute. Steinke is founder of the Bridgebuilder Ministry, an intervention process for churches in conflict. He is also the author of nine books, including *Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach* and *How Your Church Family Works*.

General Assembly registration is \$15 per person (\$10 for students) with a \$25 family maximum. Special programs are available for children and youth. For information, call (800) 352-8741 or visit the CBF Web page at [www.cbfonline.org](http://www.cbfonline.org).

## Federation is launching pad for refugee ministry

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From the early days of the refugee crisis, established, through the foundation, established that they didn't just talk, they acted. When 20 tons of flour arrived for a modest refugee ministry in Albania last year, Jonathan Steeper, director of the Baptist Center in Tirana, put it in a warehouse until it was needed. When the first refugees swarmed across the border in Kukes, Albania, last March, a call went out for help, and Baptists loaded the flour on trucks and headed for Kukes.

A government spokesman there said to Bekim Beka, "The Baptists are the first to come with food, not promises."

Beka, a young Kosovar pastor, left his home for Albania and began a new ministry with Baptists in Tirana last year. A refugee himself, Beka was already in place when the crisis came and is directing the Baptist refugee effort for Kosovars.

Statistics are constantly changing, but a recent weekly report from the foundation included distribution of 736 food boxes (each designed to feed up to four people), soap, baby food and hygiene products, 1,097 mattresses, 2,024 blankets and 771 packets of disposable diapers.

Items are distributed to families who live with host Albanian families that otherwise cannot afford to feed them.

In association with other Christian agencies, most notably the Salvation Army, the Baptist Foundation of Tirana also is helping feed thousands of refugees in camps around Tirana and soon also in other areas of Albania.

### Want to help?

Agencies still are collecting money for refugee relief. Ways to help include:

■ Send a check designated for "Kosovo relief" to the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's General Relief Fund, Office of Finance, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. To volunteer, call Michael Hester, IMB director of volunteer efforts in Europe, at (804) 219-1530.

■ Churches can send money designated for "Kosovo relief" to the Kentucky Baptist Convention office, and it will be forwarded to the International Mission Board.

■ Send a check designated for "Balkan appeal" to the Baptist World Alliance's Baptist World Aid fund, 6733 Curran St., McLean, VA 22101.

■ Send a check designated for "Albanian refugees relief" to the Co-

operative Baptist Fellowship, Box 450329, Atlanta, GA 31145-0329. Call Marie Moore about volunteer opportunities, (770) 220-1631.

■ For refugee sponsorship, contact the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's immigration office at (770) 410-6343, or send e-mail to [robinson@namb.net](mailto:robinson@namb.net). Money to assist refugee sponsorship in America can be sent to NAMB at 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30022.

■ The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is calling for clothes and toys for refugees in America to go to Raritan Valley Baptist Church in Edison, N.J. For information, call (732) 287-5442 or send e-mail to [rvalleybc@aol.com](mailto:rvalleybc@aol.com).

■ Call Samaritan's Purse, (800) 665-2843.

Evangelicals helping the refugees also seek opportunities to tell them about the love of Christ expressed both in word and deed. Sometimes they are able to help by nothing more than sitting and listening as refugees talk about their experiences.

Alfred "Fredi" Gollosi, an Albanian Baptist leader, recently made such a call to a refugee family in Tirana to whom he delivers food. Their story, told mainly by a middle-aged mother, is heart-rending.

From the village of Jakovica—Kosovars call it Jakov—she described how her husband was taken away and

shot. Then Serb soldiers came, burning homes and herding villagers into two rooms of a house—men in one room, women and children in the other. The building was then bombed. The woman's two teenage daughters were killed by the bombing—one decapitated. She and a 13-year-old son escaped into nearby hills. They watched for hours as helicopters circled the village to shoot anyone seen alive. They and other family members regrouped and fled to Albania.

They said they feel comfortable talking to Fredi and grateful for his help. "We are living on what you bring us," the woman told him.

Some of the refugees have asked about the Christian faith and attended church services. A regular Kosovar worship service was scheduled to begin May 21 at the Baptist Center in Tirana.

Bekim Beka said now is the time for people who feel called to work with Kosovars to make the long-term commitment to come to Albania and learn the language and culture while working with the refugees. Then when the refugees return to Kosovo, the new workers can go along as part of a church-planting effort there, he said.

### Albania's four Baptist churches organize

TIRANA, Albania (ABP)—Four churches organized as the Baptist Union of Albania May 1. Delegates elected officers and adopted a constitution, statement of faith and a resolution about the Kosovar refugee situation.

New officers include Bekim Beka of Tirana, general secretary, and Adnan Pula of Tirana, president.

Member churches include Freedom Baptist Church and Way of Hope Baptist Church, both in Tirana; the Baptist Church in Bregu i Lumit; and Good News Baptist Church in Lezhe.

A resolution expressed "sincere solidarity" with refugees and hope for "a just settlement of the Kosovar conflict" that would allow refugees to return to their homes.

## KBC's Jim Hawkins praised for even-keeled leadership

By David Winfrey  
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Jim Hawkins is walking a little more gingerly these days. But don't think it's because the Kentucky Baptist Convention's recently retired assistant to the executive director is feeling old.

Hawkins was out recently enjoying one of his favorite hobbies, sailing, which he hopes to have more time for now that he's out of a daily office routine.

Hawkins said he and a friend were on a particularly windy Southern Indiana lake when they capsized Hawkins' 14-foot open boat day sailer and were in the water getting it righted.

It was when he pulled himself back into the boat and landed too hard on the deck that he got hairline cracks on two ribs. "I really was thinking how stupid of me not to be wearing a life jacket," said Hawkins, who has been sailing since 1977.

While he might be a little adventurous while sailing, friends say it is Hawkins' even-keeled nature that has helped Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders chart a smoother course.

"You always have a feeling that you have a steady hand at the rudder when

you have Jim around," said KBC President Charles Barnes.

"I think his greatest strength is the thoughtful and professional way that he keeps everything on track," Barnes said. "He's made the office of the executive secretary and the presidents of the KBC more effective as a result of his professionalism."

As assistant to the executive director, one of Hawkins' duties has been to help KBC presidents get up and running after their election at the annual meeting each November.

"A president only serves one year, but he has to be able to step in the day after he's elected and start working," Hawkins explained. "If they did really well, then I felt like I had done my job well."

Hawkins said one aspect of his job where he feels a sense of accomplishment has been the level of trust communicated by the KBC Executive Board.

"We always try to keep everything on the table and just avoid any semblance of any hidden agenda," he said. "During the years of mistrust beyond Kentucky, I'm proud that Kentucky

Baptists have stayed on track. We never were really pulled off track by the so-called controversy."

KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey said he's going to miss Hawkins' friendship, honest feedback and encouragement. "He was very effective in his work, but I think he will be remembered for his loving and caring spirit. He helped to build a spirit of unity for the mission of Kentucky Baptists."

Likewise, former KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall praised his former assistant. "None of the traditional and expected clichés about retiring workers could satisfy the truth about Jim Hawkins," Marshall said. "The value he was and what he did for the KBC can never be fully compensated."

Looking to the future of Kentucky Baptists, Hawkins praised his boss, KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey.

"Just like (former Executive Secretary-Treasurer) Bill Marshall was right for his time, Bill Mackey is the best fit for this time," Hawkins said. "The health of the churches, I think, determine the health of the convention. From a lot of different perspectives, I think,

Bill is going to sustain a lot of what our staff is doing and help them go beyond that, helping our churches be healthy in spiritual maturity, outreach, worship and discipleship."

Among the challenges he sees facing Kentucky Baptists, Hawkins expressed concern over independent groups that would distract churches from working cooperatively with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"The Cooperative Program process is still the most efficient way to do ministry and missions beyond the local church, and there are just a lot of forces out there that would dilute that with all kinds of special projects and special funding avenues," he said.

In retirement Hawkins won't be completely removed from Kentucky Baptist life. He will continue to work with the KBC to fight the growth of gambling in Kentucky. That should help him with one of his goals of maintaining relationships with the many Kentucky Baptist friends he's made.

"I sign my letters over the years, 'Serving together,'" he said. "I think that's what our vision statement says, and there's 100 times more reasons to serve together than to break off. I believe that's where Kentucky Baptists are."



Hawkins

## Mission team says trip to El Salvador taught how God provides

By Suzanne Darland  
State Correspondent

FRANKFORT—It began with an e-mail Tom Baker received.

A disaster relief team from the California Baptist Convention needed volunteers in El Salvador to clean up after last fall's devastating Hurricane Mitch.

Baker and three members of his Sunday school class at Thornhill Baptist Church in Frankfort, plus Sunday school director Gary Penn, signed up to spend the week before Easter cleaning wells clogged with two to three feet of muck.

But the group of three men and two women—not a construction worker among them—ended up building a prototype for houses that California leader Dean Durbin had in mind.

They mixed concrete by hand and poured nine pillars in three-foot sections. They topped these with a wooden truss for the roof of clay tiles. Local tradesmen completed the walls with narrow concrete block.

Total price per house: about \$1,200, American. The house they built in Los Ranchos, a community of about 300 outside San Miguel in El Salvador, will be home for six people. It's a little smaller than a two-car garage, about 16 feet by 18 feet, said team member Gary Penn.

But the house wasn't the group's only accomplishment.

"We didn't just build houses," said Baker, who manages a transportation company. "We built relationships and through relationships shared who Jesus Christ is."

Angie Britton, who went on the trip with her husband, Jim, personally led seven people to make professions of faith in Jesus on the first Sunday they were there. They showed the "Jesus" film on two white sheets stretched

over a soccer goal with battery cables and duct tape. A gasoline generator powered the projector, and 300 people came in ox carts, on bicycles and in pickup trucks to see it the second night it was shown.

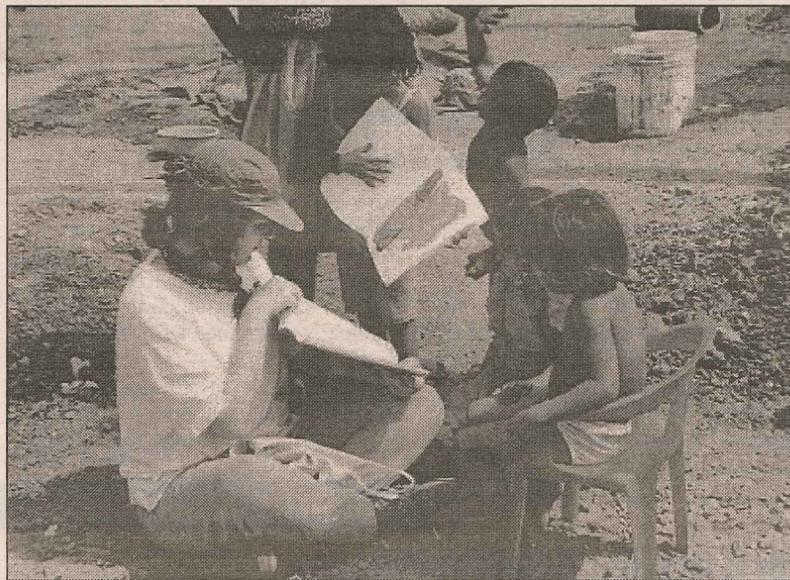
"For some, it was the first motion picture they had ever seen," Britton said. On Good Friday, the film was shown in a nearby town's central square. During the week, about 65-75 people, mostly teenagers, made professions of faith, Penn said. About 45 percent of the population of El Salvador is under 15, Britton said.

Penn said Baker began talking about the needs of those who had been devastated by Hurricane Mitch earlier this year. "And we really felt like the Lord was leading us to go," he said. Most of the team had never done anything like that before, but Britton said she realized God would provide for them when 10 minutes after she sent an e-mail to family and friends about her plans an aunt showed up at her door with a check for \$400.

"No one in our group spoke Spanish, but God provided," Baker said. "No one in our group was gifted in the construction of homes, but God provided. No one in our group could really afford to go on the trip, but God provided. When God wants you to do something, he provides."

Britton was struck by the extreme poverty of the town's residents. The hurricane's destruction compounded their problems. Most houses were made of stucco with mud for mortar, Penn said. "So when it flooded, their houses just melted."

Britton said there was no running water, and because of the mud from the hurricane's aftermath, no sanitation. Wells clogged, also. Hogs and other domesticated animals roamed the town, rooting up whatever green grass there was. While the town had



electricity, there was no refrigeration. Most residents had clothing from relief agencies, but not underwear, shoes or diapers. Britton said the only doll she saw was missing arms and legs.

But Britton said she was struck by the residents' sense of priorities. "They knew what the most important thing was," she said. "It was the gospel. That's what they were eager for, not the material things Americans could give them."

Penn said that though the Salvadorans are very poor, they're spiritually rich. He said the week reminded him of America's spiritual poverty. "Our money gets in the way."

The group stayed in a rented house in San Miguel near Southern Baptist missionaries Scott and Judy Stice. "They have a wonderful ministry to the people in the country and outlying areas," Baker said. The Stices served as interpreters, as did a group of missionaries who came down from San Salvador for the film showings.



Thornhill group members said they prayed daily for safety as they drove the one-lane road to the town. Britton said the area was "fairly dangerous. Cults and groups were known to be militant." One night the team canceled a Bible study because a cult had threatened those who planned to go.

Baker said that because of the trip his life has been "forever changed. I understand more completely how blessed we are in the United States. I also understand that with that blessing comes responsibility."

**"You always have a feeling that you have a steady hand at the rudder when you have Jim around."**

KBC President Charles Barnes



**HOUSING & MISSIONS**  
Five members of Thornhill Baptist Church in Frankfort built a prototype for a new house to help El Salvador residents left homeless by Hurricane Mitch. ■ Above: Tom Baker trims a roof beam. ■ Left top: Angie Britton tells a Bible story. ■ Left bottom: Gary Penn shares his Christian faith with a Jehovah's Witness during a community Bible study.

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

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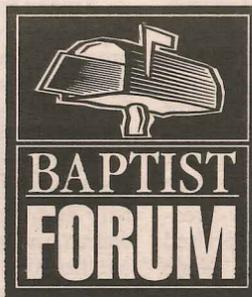
## New Bible questions

After reading the May 18 item titled "Broadman & Holman to publish new translation of the Bible" I have several questions and a few observations. General Editor Edwin Blum's alma mater is an ultraconservative independent institution that over its 70-plus-year history has had a distinct anti-Southern Baptist bias. Team members are reported to be represent 20 denominations although only 10 are named.

Who are they and what biases do they represent? We are told nothing about the gender or ethnic makeup of the groups. Are there any females on either team? I note that no predominantly black denominations are listed.

The claim is repeated four times that this is to be a translation of the original text. As any informed reader knows, we have no "original text"

of the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek Scriptures. I feel it is a bit presumptuous of us (Southern Baptists) to claim the Christian "Standard" Bible. Kenneth Stephens, President of Broadman & Holman, is quoted as saying, "Up until now every English translation of the Bible has been a tradeoff between accuracy and readability," adding, "With our Bible we have eliminated the tradeoff."



With only the Gospel of John completed and the entire Bible not due until 2004, the elimination of such a trade off is at the best only a goal, just as it was for the compilers of many of the present translations.

I will reserve judgment on the new product until it is published. In the meanwhile, it is my hope that the Western Recorder will encourage its readers to be just as judicious in the acceptance of this new translation as they would be with one from any

other source.

Ed Pettibone  
Cincinnati

*Editor's note: We called LifeWay Christian Resources and received a list of the translators, editors and reviewers who are working on the project and their denominational affiliations. In addition to Southern Baptist and nondenominational workers, those working on the project listed the following denominations:*

Baptist General Conference.  
Christian & Missionary Alliance.  
Church of God.  
Church of England.  
Congregationalist.  
Conservative Baptist.  
Episcopalian.  
Evangelical Fellowship.  
Evangelical Free Church.  
Evangelical Mennonite.  
Independent Baptist.  
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## Separating our morals from our actions

By Samuel Atchison

During a recent Bible study session I asked the members of my inmate congregation for their impressions of the shooting incident in Colorado.

The discussion was part of an ongoing debate on what it means to "put legs to our faith." For them, as for many of us on the outside, religious faith has traditionally been separated and compartmentalized from the rest of life.

As a result, concepts like integrity and morality are rarely brought into dialogue with more personal issues like pain and need. Thus, at least theoretically, one can respond to his or her needs without the response being tempered by moral judgment.

Indeed, given the right conditions, even a person's willingness to commit a crime may have less to do with morality than with opportunity and power. Thus, one may be moral philosophically and still commit heinous crimes. This is particularly true if the motivation to commit the crimes is based on what the person believes is a personal need.

Those of us who work in prisons see this line of thinking all the time. It is at work, for example, in the prison caste system, whereby inmates rationalize their own crimes while marginalizing and even physically attacking others because of their offenses.

A convicted murderer may dismiss his own transgression as an instance of self-defense while simultaneously

repudiating a child molester. The fact that our murderer is a drug dealer who was "defending" himself in a turf war against another dealer is conveniently left out of the analysis.

The point is that all of us have a tendency to blame others for our problems while minimizing and rationalizing our own contribution.

If it is true—and it is—that our children also are the products of our culture, it is then true we are the makers of that culture. Every decision we make has an incremental but palpable effect on our society.

Thus, it is left for us to choose the kind of society we want to live in and pay the price necessary to realize it. But in order to achieve it, our morals and our actions must agree.

*Samuel Atchison is an ordained minister and has worked as a policy analyst and social worker to the homeless. He currently is a prison chaplain in Trenton, N.J.*

## COMMENTARY

### PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

## Jim Hawkins: A servant leader

Jim Hawkins just retired as associate to the executive secretary-treasurer after 14 years of dedicated and effective service to Kentucky Baptists. Space won't allow me to say all that I'd like to about Jim, but let me sum it up by sharing that he's been one of the best friends I and Kentucky Baptists have ever had.

Jim spent many years in college administration and was an excellent choice by then Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall to become his associate. Due to his effectiveness as an administrator, many tasks and responsibilities quickly clustered around Jim. Among his many responsibilities, he worked with numerous convention and Executive Board committees, special study groups and task forces to provide the research and background information they needed to do their jobs effectively. He also provided overall supervision for the

communications/media department and the Kentucky Baptist archives and handled a host of other administrative duties for the Executive Board staff.

Jim is best known as a servant leader who facilitates and encourages the ministry of others. I have worked with many people, but Jim Hawkins is one of the greatest servant leaders I have ever known. Among his gifts is the ability to listen to a group trying to deal with an issue and to suggest a good option that will meet the need or solve the problem.



Bill Mackey

The convention staff respects his insight into issues and his ability to help them find solutions to problems. They knew they could trust him to keep confidential concerns that were expressed but still find a way to help.

His effectiveness as a leader became especially evident during the time he served as interim executive

secretary-treasurer after Bill Marshall's retirement. During those 11 months he dealt with challenging issues and left a legacy of effectiveness.

When I came to my position, Jim became a friend, encourager and supporter. The freedom and spiritual energy required to hear from Kentucky Baptists and make plans for the future would not have been possible without his support and encouragement.

Jim loves Kentucky Baptists and plans to continue serving as a volunteer with the KBC public affairs committee. He is already deeply involved in monitoring the proposals for an expansion of gambling in our state.

His lovely family is very important to him, especially his grandson, Jackson. Jim teaches a Sunday school class, which has enriched his study of the Bible and his devotion to Christ.

We thank God for a wonderful servant leader like Jim Hawkins. We celebrate with him his retirement and look forward to his continued friendship and ministry.

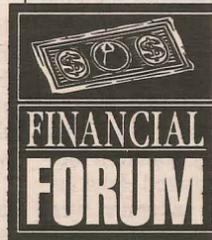
*Bill Mackey is executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention*

## FAMILY

## 10 ideas to save on family entertainment

By Jeremy White

As summer begins, let's take a break from the heavier topics of taxes, estate planning or investing. Families and married couples should regularly "go out," but that



doesn't mean you have to spend a lot of money.

Here are 10 ideas to stretch your entertainment budget further:

■ *Visit your favorite restaurant at lunch, not dinner.* Save 30 percent to 50 percent by going to lunch. Usually, you get the same quality food with fewer crowds for much less.

■ *Be a tourist in your local area.* Visit state parks nearby or local city parks. They can provide great family time to stroll, hike, camp, swim, cycle or explore.

■ *Trade baby sitting services.* Work out a deal with another couple with children and trade off every other month.

■ *Find the inexpensive concerts.* Most areas offer concerts in the park or special summer concerts. Also, check out the offerings at your local university.

■ *Go to matinees.* Same movie, fewer crowds and reduced prices.

■ *Drink water at restaurants.* Eateries make high profits from beverages and rarely offer anything that you can't get at home. Enjoy their specialty, the food, and be healthier. Ask for lime or lemon with your water.

■ *Visit a local factory.* It's more interesting than you might think at first. Call local companies that make unique products to see if they give tours. Learn something new about your own area.

■ *Bring your own snacks.* Forget the concession stands. Save money, eat healthier and don't miss any action at ball games, fairs or amusement parks. Bring portable foods like raisins, apples, carrots, juice in a box or bananas.

■ *Go to another church's special events.* They are free and very uplifting. Try out the July Fourth programs.

■ *Split a dessert.* Most restaurants offer obscenely large dessert portions. For half the price and the calories, satisfy your sweet tooth and be romantic: ask for one dessert and two forks.

*Reprinted from WR, June 9, 1998*  
Jeremy White is a certified public accountant in Paducah. He presents financial seminars and workshops at churches and conferences.

## Teaching kids responsibility requires limits and consistency

**Q: How can I help my children learn to take responsibility for their own behavior?**

We live in a society of blamers. The way we were raised, our environment, attention deficit disorder and other circumstances all become reasons to shift blame and shirk personal responsibility for our behavior. The world doesn't work that way. Real life has real rules with real consequences. The sooner parents teach their children this lesson of life, the better.

Permissive parenting that excuses, allows and tolerates inappropriate behavior sets children up for major conflicts with authority—conflicts that can bring unhappiness into the home, create problems at school and perhaps at church, and make life miserable on many fronts.

But with the right amount of love, guidance and consistency, most children can learn to take responsibility for their own behavior—especially if the teaching starts early. Here's how:

■ **Establish the limits.** Make clear, concise, specific and fair rules that express the expectations you have, and communicate them to your children.

■ **Determine the consequences.** Take time to find out what your children care about and what is important to them. Use what you learn to determine consequences for breaking the rules. What does it take to get their attention—taking away toys, denying privileges, spanking?

■ **Follow through with relentless consistency.** Expect children to challenge the rules. When they do, respond fairly, but firmly. Failure to be consistent with consequences will sabotage the entire process. Grace has a place, but too many second chances also will short-circuit the process. Children must know you mean business.—*David Garrard*

**Q: My single life is fairly aimless. How can I live a more disciplined life?**

The fruit of the Spirit is self-control (Galatians 5:23), or in another word, discipline.

Freedom, often prized by single people, can become a trap if it dissipates all incentive for discipline. As Christians, our purpose in life is to bring glory to God (1 Corinthians 10:31). God is glorified when your life is brought into alignment with God's mission for your life.

What gifts and talents has God given you? What human needs ignite passion in your soul? How can you make a unique contribution for the good of others? Set goals related to these questions, goals that require discipline in order to be achieved. Goals can relate to any of life's areas, including academic, financial, spiritual and physical. How can you pursue excellence in order to have the greatest impact for God? Remember the timeless principle, "Whatsoever you sow, that shall you also reap" (Galatians 6:7). What actions can you sow today that will reap the habits that will take you to your desired destination?

Intentional accountability is the key. As a single person, you are by definition unattached. You are responsible to and for yourself. The temptation becomes to live for self exclusively. Tell trusted friends your goals so they will often ask you about them. "How are you doing with ..." can be a great motivating question. Become socially accountable in the areas in which you would like to grow. It takes discipline, self-control, to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). Remember, it's a fruit of the Spirit. Trust the Spirit to give you the power to soar toward the goals he has for you.—*James Stillwell*

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## Evangelism is the middle C of our keyboard

By Billy Compton

In 1988 I was privileged to join the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as associate in the office for evangelism. That experience has proven to be an ongoing positive influence in my life.

While I was preparing to make the transition from being a pastor to assuming my position with the office for evangelism, a friend said, "Billy, are you going to do missions or evangelism?" I understood what he meant, since in convention life we speak of the missions department or evangelism team, but the question I was asked caused me to reflect on my answer at a deeper level of interpretation.

The challenge for church leaders and every concerned Christian is how to relate the cultural mandate of missions to the evangelistic imperative of the Great Commission, making and baptizing disciples in Jesus' name. We are committed to preach the whole gospel to the whole person for the whole world.

The cultural mandate—to do good alone—does not fulfill the redemptive purpose of Christ. In the whole sweep of the Great Commission, the Christian mission and the kingdom of God, the focus on evangelism is primary. The plight of all people should concern Christians everywhere because of God's demonstrated love for them.

But as my former seminary professor Peter Wagner declares, "No evangelistic mandate, no light. No evangelistic mandate, no salt. In other words, without prior operation of the evangelistic mandate, there would be no one to work on fulfilling the other part of the holistic mission—the cultural mandate."

If Christians only prioritize the cultural mandate, we have engaged in a philanthropic endeavor, but not dealt with the ultimate issues of life and

death. Suppose we right all the cultural wrongs in society to the point that all people "gain the whole world." This would be a high moment for our world. "But what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

William Hinson in his book, "A Place to Dig In," relates a humorous experience that happened to his brother-in-law, Miles, who was strongly influenced to take piano lessons, even though he was not highly motivated. He practiced enough to get through each week's lesson. The only piece of music he memorized out of necessity was his

recital piece. He was able to begin the piece by locating middle C as the key in front of the "W" on his Wurlitzer piano.

When recital day came, Miles sat down nervously at the piano on stage. As the audience watched, Miles froze. The piano provided for the recital was not a Wurlitzer. The word "Yamaha" above the keyboard gave him no clue at all for finding middle C. His hands wouldn't move.

His teacher, standing at side stage soon realized what was occurring. She calmly walked onto the stage, took Miles' finger, placed it on middle C and walked offstage. Miles began and finished his last piano recital.

Sometimes we need reminding of the starting point. Evangelism must continue to be our priority. Our message is urgent, but our news is good news. We exist to be a part of God's redemptive process. Jesus knew the significance of finding middle C for the mission he left his followers. He said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8.

*Billy Compton is pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown*

GUEST EDITORIAL

## Whom shall I fear?

By Michael Duncan

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)*

As a child, I hated going to bed because I knew that monsters waited outside my bedroom windows. "There are no monsters," Dad said. "It's just bushes brushing against the house." I knew he was wrong; but I also knew that as long as he was there, the monsters couldn't hurt me.

I now know Dad was right. I also know that just when you think you're all grown up, the monsters can reappear. The monsters that confront us in adult life are not bushes in the night; they are creatures lurking on the dark side of our hearts. A friend who flew military cargo planes in and out of Vietnam once said to me, "My greatest fear is that when actually put to the test I will fail." Surely that was Psalmist David's great fear and ours. When

put to the test, how will we measure up?

With a phone call from my sister Aug. 5, 1998, my own test began. "Dad has been shot," she said. In the background, I heard my mother crying. With a kidney destroyed, his intestines punctured in eight places, his backbone shattered and his spinal column injured, Dad spent the next 43 days fighting for his life. We all fought to measure up.

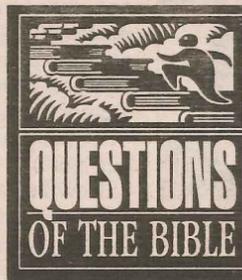
During the past 10 months, fear took many shapes. None of those shapes was more frightening than the anger and hatred I came to feel toward the man responsible for Dad's injuries. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be ... (children) of your Father in heaven," Jesus said. For 31 years I had preached it; could I live it?

As I drove to Missouri to be with my family, I knew Dad could die. I would mourn his death; but I did not fear it. I feared my reaction to his assailant.

During that first night, I prayed. I prayed for my father. And although I am not sure my heart was in it, I prayed for his assailant. Eight months later, I sat in a courtroom watching as my parents testified in the trial of the man accused and subsequently convicted of the crime. Neither my family nor I have survived unscathed. We are forever changed and scarred. My father, though left with some permanent paralysis and now crutch-dependent, is reclaiming life. And, with God's help, we are conquering fear's worst face.

Through the miracle of God's grace, our fear of failing to forgive is being conquered. By grace more abundant than I can fathom, God has brought life from death, hope from anxiety and forgiveness from anger. As Daddy's presence helped me conquer my fear of monsters in the night, so is my Father's presence helping me conquer the fear of the monsters that rise from the dark side of my heart. When God is allowed to be God, fear is vanquished. Though it may leave its victims changed and scarred, it is fear that always loses in any confrontation with the God of hope and life.

*Michael Duncan is pastor of Eminence Baptist Church in Eminence*



## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Wal-Mart won't sell 'morning-after' pill.** Wal-Mart, the nation's fifth largest retailer of pharmaceuticals, has announced it will not sell a controversial "morning-after" contraceptive pill that is already widely available in the United States. Gynetics, Inc., the New Jersey firm that manufactures Preven, says the drug does not cause abortions but prevents pregnancy by stopping ovulation and by keeping fertilized eggs from becoming implanted in the uterus. The drug is recommended for use within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse. Anti-abortion groups say Preven does cause abortions and have opposed its sale and use.

■ **Religious group plans environmental campaign.** The National Religious Partnership for the Environment has announced a \$16 million environmental campaign that aims "to make concern for the environment a fundamental focus of religious life for every denomination in America. Upcoming efforts include distribution of educational materials for congregations, regional training for local clergy and lay leaders and the increased involvement of numerous national religious agencies in environmental issues. Among the participants are the Evangelical Environmental Network, the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of Churches.

■ **Affidavit suggests O'Hair was killed.** An affidavit unsealed May 26 implicates a former office manager of famous atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair as her murderer. David R. Waters, who pleaded guilty last week in Austin, Texas, to two unrelated federal weapons charges, has not been

charged in the case involving O'Hair, who disappeared in 1995. The affidavit from the Internal Revenue Service demonstrates for the first time the government's theory about how O'Hair vanished mysteriously with her son, Jon Garth Murray, and granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, in September 1995. Associated Press reported. The trio disappeared from Texas with \$500,000 in gold coins. Waters, 53, orchestrated a plot to steal \$600,000 from O'Hair's United Secularists of America, the affidavit says.

■ **Court: 'Drunk fetus' isn't a human.** Attempted homicide charges against an intoxicated woman who told emergency room personnel she wanted to drink her fetus to death were thrown out on appeal May 26 by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. The court relied upon other rulings that declare only a third person can be held accountable for injuries to an unborn baby who dies after birth. No such charges can be filed against the mother for doing the same thing.

■ **Genealogical storehouse goes online.** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officially put a portion of its enormous genealogical database on the Internet May 24. Almost 400 million names of deceased people will be available at the [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) site. They are part of the church's Family History Library, the world's largest genealogical repository. The Mormon Church views tracing of ancestors as a religious obligation. Mormons believe it is important to perform religious rites on behalf of dead ancestors. They have gathered records for more than a century.

## 'The Greatest Generation'

It is often said the future of the church is in the hands of its children and youth. I believe the future of the church is in the hands of its older adults, people age 65 and older.

I believe this because older adults are the ones who have been, are and will continue to be intimately involved in all aspects of church life in their communities and beyond. As I speak and lead conferences in churches and associations throughout Kentucky, I find older adults participating in greater proportions than younger adults. Older adults are involved more regularly in worship, teaching, outreach, missions, service, fellowships, decision-making processes and prayerful and financial support.

I agree with Tom Brokaw in his new book, "The Greatest Generation," which is his tribute to those who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War and went on to build modern America—men and women whose everyday lives of duty, honor, achievement and courage gave us the world we have today. Brokaw wrote, "this generation is the greatest generation any society has ever produced."

I want Kentucky Baptist older adults to know how indebted I feel

to them. Recently at the five regional Senior Celebrations, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention family ministry department, I expressed my appreciation, admiration and affection to those older adults who participated. May those of you who read this column also feel the depth of my sincerity.

Not only is this the greatest generation, but older adults have the greatest opportunity to ensure the future of the missions and ministries of their churches and church-related organizations. During the next 20 years, the over-age-65 population in Kentucky will increase 47 percent while the under-age-18 population will decline 4 percent.

We in the Kentucky Baptist Foundation are available to assist our older adults to put in place a plan to honor God and provide for their families. By so doing, they will be making a lasting difference in the world for Christ and taking hold of the life that is truly life. Call Laurie Valentine or me toll-free at (888) 254-5701.

Barry Allen is president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, 10605 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40223; (888) 254-5701

### KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION



Barry Allen

## Reports call for federal funding of embryonic research draws criticism

WASHINGTON—The National Bioethics Advisory Commission plans to recommend that parts of a ban on the use of federal money for embryonic research be lifted.

The commission, President Clinton's top advisory panel on medical ethics, included the recommendation in a new draft of a report that members acknowledge will prompt controversy because the research involves the destruction of embryos.

But commission members claim the potential for improving people's health merits such a move.

The commission suggests a series of tightly controlled experiments to obtain "stem cells" from embryos that remain from procedures at fertility clinics.

Stem cells have been shown to be a source of development for almost all human tissue. Scientists say research could lead to the development of spare body parts or the correcting of illness-

es such as diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, was among several outspoken critics of the report.

"When you cut to the bottom line, what the president's advisory commission is advocating is publicly funded research which will develop technology that will allow us to kill human babies and cloned embryos of ourselves in order to harvest their cells to make treatments to improve our health," Land said.

"That is nothing less than biotechnical cannibalism in which we literally devour our young to sustain and improve our own health," he added. "To seek to force to make the American public to pay for that research is totally and completely unacceptable."

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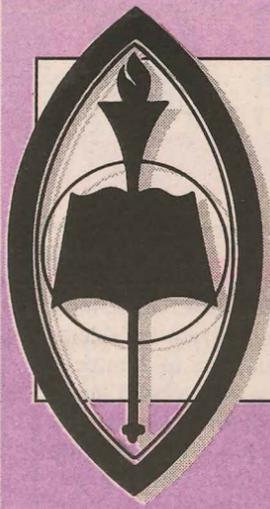
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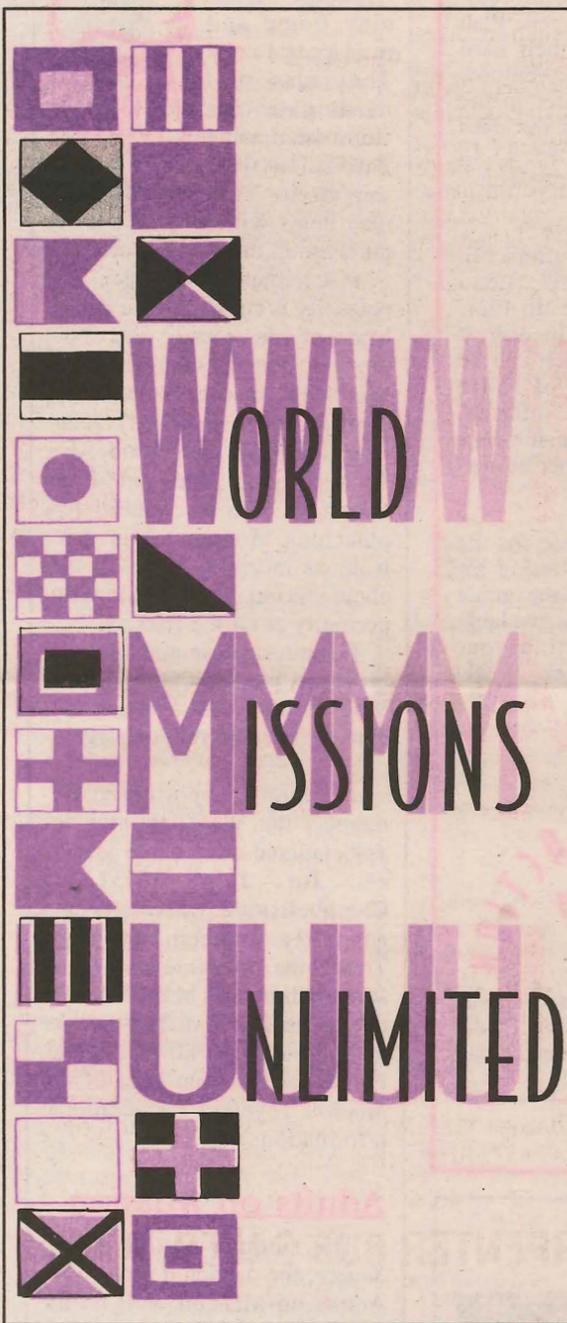


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Amount received through  
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Summer 1999



**WHO?** Church and associational missions leaders  
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July 30-31  
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## A Personal Word

### Growing Seeds

There is something about getting my hands in the soil this time of the year that gives me a sense of excitement and anticipation. As the soil sifts through my fingers, I am reminded how God can take a tiny seed, along with water and sunlight, and make it into the beautiful flower it is meant to be.



**Brenda Price**  
Interim  
executive  
director

That same excitement and anticipation is felt when I think about how God can take a missions organization and use it to challenge others "to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God." Woman's Missionary Union provides a way in which today's preschoolers, children, teenagers, as well as adults, can be nurtured in missions attitudes and concepts that will lead them in developing a missions lifestyle as they grow into the person God wants them to be. In order for that growth to take place, churches must provide missions education organizations that will focus on missions learning, giving, praying, ministering and witnessing.

Kentucky WMU is committed to assist in that endeavor as we train, equip and strengthen church and associational leadership through individual conferences or state-wide activities such as World Missions Unlimited, GA and Actens camp, and Women on Mission retreats. While some activities focus on preparing adults to be better leaders, others focus on the individual by providing opportunities for missions learning and involvement.

Our mandate to share Christ with the world is as clear today as it has been for nearly 2000 years. But who will hear the call to missions now and in the years to come? Who will pray? Who will give? Who will go? Why not make missions education a part of the growing process in becoming the missions-minded person God means you to be?

## Kentucky WMU Women on Mission, Adults on Mission Retreats



**Speaker:** Karla Worley  
Karla is a Dove-nominated musician, insightful Christian author and dynamic speaker.

**Sept. 24-25: Jonathan Creek**  
**Speaker:** Dr. Edna Ellison  
Back by popular demand, Edna serves as a ministry consultant for WMU, SBC. She is known for her regular features in *Missions Mosaic* magazine, "Edna's Escapades" and "Ask Edna". Her new book, *Preparing Yourself to Mentor*, will be published in the autumn of 1999.

The retreats also will feature:  
• Southern Baptist International Mission Board and North American-Mission Board missionaries

• A simulated trip to Tanzania complete with tours of a Tanzanian home and marketplace, a video safari and a Tanzanian worship service

• Inspirational music  
• Workshops on such topics as time management, Women on

Mission options, the new Appalachian Mountain Ministries, starting an infant resource project and creative ministries.

For a retreat brochure, contact Denise Jones at [denise\\_jones@kybaptist.org](mailto:denise_jones@kybaptist.org) or (888) 254-5726.

### State Missions Emphasis Preview

Sept. 12-19, 1999

Theme: "Transformed to GO, SEE and DO God's will in Kentucky"

Scripture: Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Focus areas:

Hospital Hospitality House  
MK Re-entry Retreat  
Language Missions

#### Oct. 1-2: Cedarmore

**Speaker:** Stuart Calvert  
Stuart wrote the book, literally! She is the author of *Transformed*, the WMU emphasis book for 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

#### Oct. 8-9: Cedarmore

Oct. 29-30: Jonathan Creek



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## Information for WMU directors

### HURRY, HURRY!! DON'T DELAY

Some things can wait, but THIS cannot! Secure a commitment from your age-level coed leaders within the next three weeks.

WHY? Because for the first time in several years, Kentucky WMU will provide training for church leaders at Campbellsville University on July 30-31 and at Cumberland College in Williamsburg on Aug. 6-7. If you do not have the World Missions Unlimited brochure with registration information, please call our office toll-free statewide at (888) 254-5726 or locally at 244-6485.

The OVERNIGHT cost is only \$45, if you register by July 1. If you make other housing/eating arrangements, the conference fee is \$20 if you register by July 1.

Your associational leadership team will have the opportunity to attend specialized conferences at these meetings and will be equipped to lead training in your association. However, we know that many of you will gain a new enthusiasm for missions involvement as you hear missionary messages, fellowship with others from around the state and enjoy a 'houseparty' with others who love and care about missions. Please say that you will be there!!

Your ASSOCIATIONAL WMU director or other leadership team member will contact you soon to get names/addresses of your 1999-2000 church leadership team. Each person whose name you provide will receive *On Mission Together* included in the *Western Recorder* the first week of September, December, March and June. Please help your state office and your association by providing complete and accurate information.

Your summer *Dimension*, pages 18-20, has a suggested training and officer installation plan. Adapt it to meet the needs of your leaders and your church.

TRANSFORMED TO GO, SEE AND DO GOD'S WILL in Kentucky. Watch for your planning package of Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering and Week Of Prayer materials. You, as WMU director or contact person, should receive it about the first of August. It will contain a card and give instructions for ordering envelopes, prayer guides, posters and age-level materials. A sample of all age-level materials will be included. Again this year, if your people receive the *Western Recorder*, you will NOT need to order copies of the adult material, which will be in the Aug. 24 issue.

EVALUATE and PLAN. Prayerfully lead your team as you carry out these actions for the past year and next year.

—Anna May Byrdwell  
WMU Associate—WMU

## "Jesus" Video available in 13 languages

INTERNATIONALS in your community? Share the "Jesus" video with them.

Kentucky WMU has the video in 13 languages for loan at no cost to you. International Friendship groups, ESL classes or individuals may request the video. Currently videos are available in Spanish, Thai, Arabic (Iraqi), Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Bulgarian, Portuguese (Brazil), Farsi, Chinese (Amoy), Czech and Haitian Creole French. We will purchase videos in other languages as needed. Please specify the language desired and estimated time frame you want to keep the video. Send your request to: JESUS VIDEO, Kentucky WMU Office, PO Box 436569, Louisville KY 40253-6569.

## Acteens

Acteens camp: "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). No matter what age, our lives are examples of a relationship with God. This summer's camp will focus on these areas of Acteens' lives and challenge them to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity. These young women will have quite an impact on their world following this missions-centered discipleship!

CrossWalk: The Acteens of Florida spent two years carrying a cross throughout their state. At NAC '98, they turned the cross over to our Acteens. We now have the opportunity to

carry the cross throughout Kentucky. All church members are encouraged to participate and carry the cross to ministry sites in their community. Following the event, a report with pictures will be submitted to state WMU office for inclusion in a state scrapbook.

A CrossWalk packet is available for each church and includes a Bible study, clip art, theme music and other useful materials. In early March 2000, we will pass the cross to Mississippi Acteens. If your church is interested in participating in CrossWalk activities, please contact LaRaine Dail or Denise Gardner in the state WMU office.

—LaRaine Dail  
WMU Associate—Youth/College



## Mission Friends

"What you don't know won't hurt you" certainly does not apply to being a good Mission Friends teacher. Have an effective missions education program for preschoolers in your church by attending World Missions Unlimited this summer. There will be something to learn and share whether you are a new Mission Friends teacher or an experienced one. See page 1 for details.



Celebrate Christmas in August with the preschoolers in your church! This is a great time to involve preschoolers in helping North American missionaries minister to people throughout the United States and Canada. A list of missionaries and their specific needs can be found on page 84 of the summer issue of *Start* magazine. Decorate a small Christmas tree, bring gifts for missionaries, play games and serve refreshments as a part of the celebration.

Begin planning now for the Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions in September. Mission Friends teachers can teach preschoolers about missions in Kentucky by using the state missions materials prepared especially for them. Contact your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office for details.

September is the time for the Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions. A teaching guide for the children's study is available for leaders by contacting your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office.

## Children in Action

Attention All Children in Action! Put on your traveling shoes and come along to the great outdoors for a day of meeting missionaries, making new friends, learning about God and his creation, crafts, recreation and lots more. The missions day camp, for boys and girls in grades 1-6, will be held at Cedar Crest, Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Details will be available from the Kentucky WMU office after July 1.

—Brenda Price  
WMU Associate—Preschool/Children

## Girls in Action

Do you want to be the best GA leader you can be? Knowing what to do and how to do it is the key. Attend World Missions Unlimited, the training conference for church leaders sponsored by Kentucky WMU. See details on page 1.

Summer and WorldVentures go together! Encourage GAs to work in any activities they have not completed during the school year. Plan to recognize them for their hard work in a special WorldVentures Recognition Service later in the summer. As you plan, use the ideas on pages 44-45 in *Aware* magazine.



Merry Christmas in August! Lead girls to do their Christmas-in-August shopping for items which can be used in the ministries of North American missionaries. Information is available on the inside back page cover in the summer edition of *Aware* magazine.

September is the time for the Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions. A teaching guide for the children's study is available for leaders by contacting your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office.



## Meet LaRaine Dail

LaRaine Dail joined the staff of Kentucky WMU as WMU Associate for Youth and College in late March. While listening to a missionary from Indonesia, LaRaine felt the call to missions at the age of 11. She attended Georgetown College where she earned bachelor of arts and masters of art degrees in secondary education. She taught high school English and drama for four years before returning to Georgetown to serve in campus ministry for three years.

Most recently, LaRaine served with the Southern Baptist International Missions Board as a journeyman in Moscow, Russia.

"As I recall the Lord's

LaRaine Dail  
WMU  
Associate for  
Youth and  
College



leadership in my life, I feel that he has brought me to this place of service," LaRaine says. "It is my desire to be God's instrument in leading young people of Kentucky to grow in their relationship with the Lord and, as an outgrowth of that relationship, to reach out to others through missions and involvement."

## Women on Mission

Retreat update: Since most Kentuckians will not be able to visit Tanzania, one of Kentucky Baptists' new partnership countries, the 1999 Women/Adults on Mission Retreats will bring Tanzania to Kentucky! Retreat participants will enjoy a guided tour of a replicated Tanzanian home and marketplace. They also will participate in a video safari and a Tanzanian worship service. A variety of Tanzanian items will be available for purchase in the WMU store.

A tremendous missions opportunity is coming to Kentucky. Many of you recently read about the new Appalachian Mountain Ministries in the *Western Recorder*. Our own Randy Jones from the KBC and David Aker from Kentucky Mountain Ministries have been involved in Appalachian Mountain Ministries from its inception and will talk about this important missions opportunity at all the retreats.

For information and a retreat brochure, please contact Denise Jones at (888) 254-5726 or [denise\\_jones@kybaptist.org](mailto:denise_jones@kybaptist.org).

Training opportunity: Remember the WMU training for associational and church leaders set for July 30-31 at Campbellsville University and Aug. 6-7 at Cumberland College. This is the first time state-sponsored training has been offered to church leaders in many years, so make your plans now to attend. Please see the front page of *On Mission Together* for additional information.

## Adults on Mission

The summer edition of the *Source*, the curriculum piece for Adults on Mission, will be the last. Because of low subscription numbers, the *Source* will no longer be published. Adults on Mission groups now will get their study materials from the Adults on Mission web site at [www.wmu.com/organizations.html](http://www.wmu.com/organizations.html). Additional information will be published in the *WMU Year Book*, *Dimension* and *Missions Mosaic*. If groups do not have access to the web site, they may contact the Kentucky WMU office for this information.

—Denise Jones  
WMU Associate—Adults





# ON MISSION TOGETHER

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## President's Perspective

### Keeping you informed



**Peggy Hicks**  
Kentucky  
WMU  
president

Dear Co-laborers, Baptists across our commonwealth have been part of a rich tradition that has enabled us to meet many contemporary needs in missions. Going back to the *Heathen Helper* (1882), a magazine dedicated to the causes of home, foreign and state missions, we have been encouraged to become aware, to pray and give. Agnes Osborne, Kentucky-born editor of that magazine, sensitized women in many states to the need to write about their state's mission work so that women might learn from each other. Then in 1913, Eliza Broadus led Kentucky WMU to promote a special season of prayer and offering for state missions. In 1976, Kathryn Jasper Akridge, executive director/treasurer of Kentucky WMU, suggested the offering be named "Eliza Broadus" to honor her for organizing the emphasis on state missions and for her contribution to Kentucky and national WMU.

Today we carry on the tradition by keeping our state informed about the work being done here. During our WMU annual meeting in April we provided a prayerwalk experience so women could talk with individuals involved in some of the missions ministries that the Eliza Broadus offering allocations help to support, as well as see displays that gave an understanding of the scope of the ministry. The offering goal for our coming year (1999-2000) is \$750,000, with a challenge goal of \$800,000. This will provide for many specialized ministries, missionary salaries, Christian social ministries, training, education, ministry to missionary families and many more. Fervent prayer for these ministries and unselfish giving are essential for the missions ministries across our state to grow. Thank you for your continuous prayers and support. With a special donation and record giving, we surpassed our 1997-1998 goal. Working together, we can reach our current 1998-1999 goal of \$750,000. (Please see offering update on page 1.)

Thank you for the privilege of serving you another year as your state president. There are many things that we would like to accomplish. Continue to pray for the staff, the executive director search committee and me. God bless you as you continue your involvement in missions in your part of the state, in partnership missions and missions ministries across our state and nation.

## WMU announces Heritage Fund donors and grant recipients

May 1, 1998-April 30, 1999

### GIFTS IN MEMORY

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Moore  
Ann Pennington  
Dixie Mylum Lusher  
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Grober-Parrish Baptist Women, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

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Kathleen Hall  
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Brenda Price  
Brenda Price

### OTHER GIFTS

Oleta Money  
Kathleen R. Hall  
WMU Night Circle, Mt. Tabor, Paint Lick  
Catherine R. Kuhnle

### GRANTS

Established in 1989 to provide funds to sustain, develop, strengthen and promote the work of WMU in Kentucky, the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund had a market value of \$97,269.71 as of Feb. 28, 1999. This fund is managed by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the interest is used for special projects. Applications are included each fall in the church WMU director's packet. Application may be made by an individual, a church, an association or KY WMU itself. Recipients are announced at the annual WMU meeting in April.

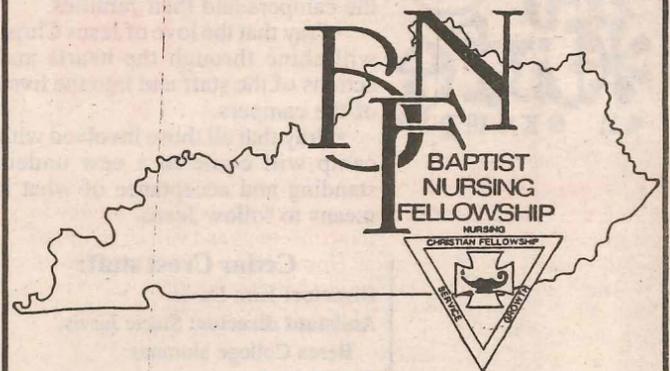
In 1998, grants went to a Japanese Bible study in Georgetown, the purchase of "Jesus" videos for the WMU video library (see article on page 2B), a senior adult Bible school and two backyard Bible schools in Pulaski County, and an Hispanic ministry in Russell County.

In 1999, grants will go to the Christian Ministry Corps sponsored by Partnership 2000, the purchase of materials for a college campus Women on Missions group and the establishment of a site for Christian Women's Job Corps. Missions is at the heart of each of these activities, and missions is the heart of Kentucky WMU. For information, contact KY WMU office.



These Acteens enjoyed SAC '99 "Light Up the Night" in Louisville.

Kentucky Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
Summer Luncheon  
Baptist Hospital East, Louisville  
Rooms 2 A-D  
July 17, 11:30 a.m.



**Topic:** Parish Nursing  
**Leader:** Diane Kiser, Coordinator, Health Ministries/Congregational Nursing, Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset  
**Other speakers:** Members of the KY BNF Parish Nursing Network  
**Cost:** \$8 for members; \$10 for non-members

This program has been approved for one hour of continuing education credit.

To register, complete the form below and send with your check to: Denise Jones, Kentucky WMU, P. O. Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253-6569, by July 1. Please contact Denise Jones at (888) 254-5726 or <denise\_jones@kybaptist.org> if you have questions.

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### Kentucky BNF Summer Luncheon Registration Form

Name
Street Address
City, State & Zip
Daytime Phone
Nursing License #
E-mail

### State Acteens Conference

At the State Acteens Conference on April 9-10, Acteens from across the commonwealth were challenged to follow these words of Christ: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). The theme of SAC '99, held at Westport Road Baptist in Louisville, was "Light Up the Night."

Approximately 550 Acteens and advisors were informed, challenged and inspired throughout the weekend. Beth Perkins, missionary to East Africa, and Lora Lee Smith, North American Mission Board missionary to Cleveland, Ohio, were the keynote speakers. A unique highlight of the conference was a monologue about the life of Eliza Broadus performed by Heidi Corner. Michael and Terri Higdon led the Acteens to worship through music.

Sixteen seminars were offered with topics ranging from the crisis in Kosovo to Activator teams to games with a purpose. More than \$1,000 was given to the Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering and more than \$350 was given for the refugees of Kosovo.

"SAC 2000: For Such a Time as This" will take place at Cumberland College on April 7-8, 2000. Make plans to attend now!



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## Camping News



Please pray for the 1999 Kentucky WMU summer camps and staff:

- Pray for God's guidance, strength, compassion and peace for the campers and their families.
- Pray that the love of Jesus Christ will shine through the hearts and actions of the staff and into the lives of the campers.
- Pray that all those involved with camp will come to a new understanding and acceptance of what it means to follow Jesus.

### Cedar Crest staff:

- Director:** Kim Davis  
**Assistant director:** Stacie Jarvis, Berea College alumnus  
**Counselors:**  
 Brianna Gibson, Alice Lloyd College  
 Melanie Hurley, Eastern Kentucky University  
 Renee Kilby, Eastern Kentucky University  
 Cheryl Kincaid, Western Kentucky University  
 Sara Newbury, Berea College  
 Jennifer Parr, Asbury College  
 Rebecca Phelps, Eastern Kentucky University  
 Kathy Ritchie, Morehead State University  
**Assistant counselors:**  
 Abi Clifton, First Baptist Owenton  
 Heather Deal, Lyndon Baptist  
 Sara Head, Parkland Baptist, Louisville  
 Melissa Kincaid, East Frankfort Baptist  
 Amanda Marshall, Crestwood Baptist  
 Kristin Neal, West Broadway Baptist, Louisville

- Lora Thompson, Graceville, Fla., National Acteens Intern  
**Unit leaders:**  
 Carolee Chumley, Morehead State University  
 Kasey Line, Campbellsville University  
 Kristie Morgan, Eastern Kentucky University  
**Kitchen coordinator:**  
 Ashley Curtis, Union University  
**Lifeguard:**  
 Stefanie Russell, Samford University

### Jonathan Creek staff:

- GA director:** Joyce Paris, Sturgis  
**Program director:** Debbie Strait, Bowling Green  
**Unit leaders:** Amy Beck, Princeton; Jeannette Grace, Hopkinsville; Lacey Troutman, Morganfield  
**Recreation leader:** Brandy Day, Sturgis  
**Acteens director:** Etta Butcher, Franklin  
**Acteens program director:** Carla Houston, Murray  
**Volunteer counselors:**  
 Jackie Arnold, Sturgis  
 Cara Baird, Waverly  
 Karla Cummings, White Plains  
 Donna DeRossett, Albany  
 Glenda Garland, Murray  
 Donna Gaston, Gilbertsville  
 Edna Haynes, Barlow  
 Zandy Jenkin, Sturgis  
 Tracy Johnson, Hodgenville  
 Katherine Jones, Williamstown  
 Sandra Marcum, Alpha  
 Arlene Miller, Crofton  
 Cindy Miller, White Plains  
 Peggy Monroe, Morganfield  
 Missy Nelson, Freedomia  
 Zona Newton, Barlow  
 Mary Perino, Ledbetter  
 Kim Polley, Wickliffe  
 Joyce Reed, Owensboro  
 Thressa Spraggs, Kevil  
 Linda Strait, Madisonville  
 Evelyn Terry, Bowling Green  
 Barbara Watson, Alvaton  
 Linda Williams, Elizabethtown  
 Beverly Winchester, Murray  
 Sharion Wright-Eisenhauer, Sturgis



## ProjectHELP: Violence

We can not open the paper or watch television these days without being confronted with violence. Just as many people vividly recall what they were doing when President Kennedy was shot, so we will always remember those terrible hours at Columbine High School. America is grieving and searching for answers.

We must provide those answers. One of the names for Christ is "the Prince of Peace." If we want to be known as his followers, we must work to bring peace to others. If we want to be recognized as children of God, we must embrace our role as peacemakers. It is no longer an option.

The Bible has this to say about peace:

- ✓ Peace is the will of God.
- ✓ Peace was the mission of Jesus.
- ✓ The fruit of the Spirit is peace.
- ✓ Peace was the witness of the early church.
- ✓ Peace is more than the absence of war.
- ✓ The foundation of peace is justice.
- ✓ Peace, like war, is waged.

- ✓ Peacemakers sometimes cause trouble.
- ✓ Peacemaking is rooted in grace.
- ✓ Peace in Christ and peace in creation are linked.
- ✓ Peacemaking is not optional for the church.
- ✓ God's promised future is peace.

One of the amazing aspects of God is his foreknowledge. A few years ago, he lead national WMU to choose violence as its social action focus for 1998-2000. He has provided his churches with materials and resources to meet the needs of all his people. ProjectHELP: Violence is one such tool. A Kentucky task force is in place and has meet with Brina Stephens of Louisville. The task force is preparing a module specifically for use by Kentucky churches as a supplement to the resource kit on violence available through national WMU. The module will be introduced at World Missions Unlimited training this summer.

Both resource kits call upon us to reflect on the Christian mandate to care for others, recognize the causes and consequences of violence, and reduce violence in our communities and beyond. Included in these kits are pragmatic ideas to reflect upon, recognize and reduce violence. They can be used with each age level.

Will you be known as a follower of Jesus? A child of God? Pave the way of peace in your community.

*Excerpts from "ProjectHELP: Violence Resource Kit"*

## Calendar

### June

- 13-14 WMU, SBC, Atlanta
- 14-18 GA/Acteens Camp, Jonathan Creek
- 14-21 Cedar Crest Staff Training
- 18-19 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Jonathan Creek
- 18-19 Acteens Overnight, grades 9-12, Jonathan Creek
- 21-27 GA Camp, Cedar Crest
- 25-26 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest
- 28-7/2 GA Camp, Cedar Crest

### July

- 6-8 GA/Acteens "Mini" Camp, Cedar Crest
- 8-9 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest
- 9-10 Mother Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest
- 12-16 GA/Acteens Camp, Cedar Crest
- 16-17 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest
- 17 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Luncheon, Louisville
- 19-23 GA Camp, Cedar Crest
- 30-31 WMU Leadership Training for church & association leaders, Campbellsville University

### August

- 6-7 WMU Leadership Training for church & association leaders, Cumberland College, Williamsburg
- 20-21 Launch for Appalachian Mountain Ministries, Roanoke, Virginia

### September

- 12-19 Season of Prayer for State Missions and Eliza Broadus Offering

## Attention all girls grades 1-12: There's still room for you at camp!

- GA and Acteens week-long camp: \$105 per camper
- GA and Acteens mini-camp: \$53 per camper
- GA camp is for girls completing 4th-6th grades.
- Acteens camp is for girls completing 7th-12th grades.
- Mother Daughter Overnights: \$26 per person
- Overnights are for girls completing 1st-3rd grade, with their mothers.

Call the WMU office for registration materials: (888) 254-5726.

Call either Jonathan Creek at (502) 354-8355 or Cedarmore at (502) 747-8911 for space availability.



Christian Women's Job Corps™  
A Ministry of WMU

## New CWJC product!

WMU has just produced a CWJC bookmark with a daily prayer plan. To order this FREE product, call WMU Customer Service at (800) 968-7301 or [customer\\_service@wmu.org](mailto:customer_service@wmu.org)

## Christian Women's Job Corps certification training dates

- ✓ July 15-17, 1999  
Baptist Center  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Contact: Amanda Day  
(615) 371-2038  
[aday@tnbaptist.org](mailto:aday@tnbaptist.org)

- ✓ Aug. 19-21, 1999  
Woman's Missionary Union  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Contact: Linda Peek  
(205) 991-4014  
[lpeek@wmu.org](mailto:lpeek@wmu.org)

National certification training is necessary before starting a CWJC program. Please contact Denise Jones at (888) 254-5726 or [denise\\_jones@kybaptist.org](mailto:denise_jones@kybaptist.org) for more information.

## Gore backs 'charitable choice,' WMU jobs program

ATLANTA (ABP)—Vice President Al Gore has proposed a "new partnership" between government and faith-based programs to meet "crushing social challenges" such as drug addiction and gang violence.

In a speech May 24, Gore pledged that if elected president he would endorse the "charitable choice" concept included in a 1996 welfare-reform package.

Gore said efforts by the right to enforce a specific set of religious values and by the left to divorce faith from public policy have created a false choice between "hollow secularism or right-wing religion."

"There is a better way," said Gore, a Southern Baptist. He said that overcoming social problems such as drug addiction requires more than money

or assistance. "I believe that faith in itself is sometimes essential to spark a personal transformation and to keep that person from falling back into addiction, delinquency or dependency," he said.

The "charitable choice" initiative, originally sponsored by Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., was approved in the 1996 welfare-reform package.

Ashcroft introduced another bill May 25 that would expand charitable choice to cover all federal programs that fund social services. He said Gore's support could be "a very important asset" to efforts in Congress to expand the provision to areas of housing, drug treatment and services for seniors.

Religious groups have long been able to qualify for federal funds for

social services by setting up separate organizations that do not proselytize or promote their religion. Under charitable choice, churches for the first time may receive money for such services directly.

In his speech, Gore lauded a service provided by the Christian Women's Job Corps, a ministry of the Southern Baptist-affiliated Woman's Missionary Union. Gore said he met a San Antonio woman on welfare who had given up on finding work and felt she did not have the skills to keep a job.

At the Christian Women's Job Corps, Gore said, she was mentored through prayer and Bible study and began to gain self-confidence. "Faith gave her a new feeling of self-worth, of purpose, something no other pro-

gram, no matter how technically sophisticated, could give her."

But a WMU spokeswoman said Christian Women's Job Corps would refuse government money. Trudy Johnson said the group doesn't take government money and urges their state affiliate programs also to refuse government funds because of church-state issues.

Gore's remarks met criticism from advocates of church-state separation.

James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, said Gore "ripped his britches" by endorsing the concept. "The unintended consequences of charitable choice, though we accept the pure motives of its sponsors, may make it the most massive church-regulation bill of this decade," Dunn said.

## Supreme Court: Buses can refuse religious ad

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The U.S. Supreme Court rejected May 24 a bid by two nonprofit advocacy groups to force Phoenix transportation officials to display their advertisements on the outside of city buses.

Children of the Rosary and the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the city's policy of limiting advertising on municipal buses to "speech which proposes a commercial transaction." They claimed the policy violates the First Amendment's free-speech guarantees.

The city adopted its current policy after Children of the Rosary won an earlier challenge to a previous policy that specifically barred political and religious advertisements.

Under its new policy, the city rejected one advertisement with a "Choose Life" message next to the Children of the Rosary logo. The ad also contained an appeal to purchase the message as a bumper sticker.

The city also refused an ACLU ad for a bumper sticker with the message: "The ACLU Supports Free Speech for Everyone."

A federal district court rejected a challenge to the Phoenix policy filed by Children of the Rosary and the ACLU, and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling.

Sitting as a visiting member of the appeals court, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White wrote that an advertising panel on a city bus is not a public forum. In such a nonpublic forum, White said, the city may restrict speech on the basis of subject matter, but not on the basis of viewpoint.

## Conservatives: Expanding hate crimes law may legislate thought

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A bill that would broaden the federal government's power to prosecute hate crimes is drawing fire from religious conservatives who say it could burden free speech and free thought.

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act would strengthen federal jurisdiction in hate crimes committed because of race, color, religion or national origin. The bill also adds gender, sexual orientation and disability to the list defining hate crimes.

Most hate crimes currently fall under state and local jurisdictions. Enactment of the Hate Crimes Preven-

tion Act would expand the federal government's power to prosecute all hate crimes, not just those in a list of federally protected activities.

Critics of the measure include conservative religious leaders, who argue that it could lead to an increased number of court cases and could jeopardize individuals who hold religious or moral objections to homosexuality.

The law brings "an intrusion on state's rights," said Steven McFarland, director of Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom. "It would clog up the courts like crazy." He said removing sexual ori-

entation from the legislation probably would make religious conservatives more receptive to the bill.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, recently said hate-crime legislation is an attempt to normalize homosexuality and a way to take away people's rights to preach the Bible.

Patrick Anderson, coordinator of Florida's Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a criminology professor at Florida Southern College, said the law would only apply "when hateful words are put into actions."

The sexual orientation language is not the only reason some oppose the act.

McFarland also cited the concern that the entire background of someone accused of assault would be scrutinized. He said the assaulter's church, religious beliefs, reading materials and friends could be used to prosecute a hate crime.

The American Civil Liberties Union says that issue could be resolved by adding a provision to clarify that evidence proving membership or beliefs of a defendant suspected of a hate crime is not admissible to a case.

## Honored seniors

By Robert Dunston

Each year on Honors Day, Cumberland College presents the Gorman Jones Leadership Award to a woman of the graduating class and the T.J. Roberts Leadership Award to a man of the graduating class. Both awards recognize students who manifest the best qualities of campus leadership.

Hilary Sloat-Taylor, the daughter of John and Kay Sloat of Greenville, Ohio, and the wife of Michael Taylor of Williamsburg, received the Gorman Jones Leadership Award. While completing her degree with majors in elementary education primary through 5th grade and in special education learning and behavior disorders primary through 12th, she was involved as a leader at Cumberland. She served as director of the Special Children Outreach Program, international student chairperson for the Baptist Student Union, president of the student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children and coordinator and team leader for Appalachian Ministries.

Sloat-Taylor has continued her service and leadership roles off campus as well. She was summer program director for her hometown recreation center in Greenville, Ohio, and currently serves as youth minis-

ter at Brodhead Baptist Church in Brodhead. She has been inducted into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and has received the Lynette S. Uhl Memorial Scholarship. She hopes to secure a position in special education in an inner city school.

Nathan Kinser, son of Russell and Mary Kinser of Elizabethton, Tenn., received the T.J. Roberts Leadership Award. At Cumberland he served as a member of the Baptist Student Union council, director of creative ministries, student coordinator of Appalachian Ministries, secretary of Pi Kappa Delta, and president of Phi Alpha Theta. Kinser was a vital member of the varsity swim and the debate

teams. Kinser, a Presidential Scholar, has been recognized for his academic excellence through induction into Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Kappa, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and Cumberland's J.T. Vallandigham Honor Society. He will attend Middle Tennessee State University to earn a degree in historic preservation.

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

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE



## Fixin' what's broke

It could be said that 1999 is the year of reflection.

As Americans have lived through the most progressive century in the history of humankind, the needs of children have changed dramatically. Child labor laws and Social Security benefits have helped the plight of many children in our country significantly.

As children's needs changed, so did the focus of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. We shifted our emphasis from helping children with no parents through orphanages to serving children with parents, who, for a variety of reasons, could not care for them. As we come to the close of the 20th century, our focus is changing again.

Today's kids, living in the most affluent country the world has ever known, face significant neglect, abuse and exploitation. I suggest a lack of resources does not drive their needs—although 25 percent of our kids live below the poverty level. Rather, our greatest tragedy is the breakdown of the traditional family unit.

The family and the values of family life are under attack in our culture. The results are horrific. To minister effectively to the needs of

children today, the focus of KBHC has again changed.

We no longer provide "homes for children" as our only service. Today's KBHC does serve many children through residential care, but it is more treatment-focused because of the acuity of the children's needs.

We also provide foster homes, family preservation and reunification services right in the home, day care, independent living and aftercare, outpatient Christian counseling, pregnancy counseling and adoption. Today's KBHC is a family-focused, multi-service, statewide Christ-centered ministry of Kentucky Baptists.

An old saying we all grew up with is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Well, families in our land are broken due to a plethora of reasons, and we see our ministry as helping them heal themselves through the hope, love and grace of our loving God. Want to help? Give us a call.

Bill Smithwick is 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/>

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

# MISSIONS

## E-mail spreading false news about IMB missionary in Africa

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A false rumor circulating via e-mail is creating confusion and unnecessary concern for the well-being of a missionary in West Africa.

Missions supporters who e-mail prayer concerns to other intercessors unwittingly have spread a rumor that Mike Hutchinson, a Southern Baptist missionary in West Africa, is about to be tried for murder and is in danger of being hanged.

Like all rumors, this one contains a kernel of truth, but most of the information just isn't true, said Ron Hunt, an associate director of the board's work in West Africa. "It is true that Mike was involved in an unavoidable traffic accident in which a 16-year-old boy was killed," Hunt said. "But there was no mob involved, he is not being tried for murder, and he is not in danger of being hanged."

On April 20 on a road near Fatik, Senegal, a teenage boy stepped in front of the Hutchinsons' vehicle without looking, Hunt said. Though Hutchinson was detained briefly and his passport and driver's license were taken, authorities termed the event a "regrettable accident" and released Hutchinson pending a hearing.

When the hearing does occur, the charge to be considered will be "involuntary manslaughter," a standard charge in such cases, Hunt said. There seems to be no indication from authorities that Hutchinson is at fault. Even if convicted, the most serious outcomes might be a fine or deportation. IMB workers, however, expect the charges to be dismissed.

IMB missionary Phillip Brown ministered to the boy's family after the accident, Hunt said. "The Hutchinson family is doing well, but naturally they are shaken.

"I know Southern Baptists will pray for them, as well as for the family who tragically lost their son. We just want them to know what the real needs are and not be misled by wild rumors circulating on the Internet."

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## Class of 1999: Tara

This is part of an essay another senior, Tara, wrote about her "Oneida Experience:"

"I attended a small school with ... 25 in my eighth grade. After grade school, I moved to a much larger high school of about 1,000 students. ... I felt as though I was lost among all the other students. ... I managed to fall in with the 'wrong crowd.' ... I got into trouble with my family because of my actions, drugs and friends. To get a fresh start my mom and I thought Oneida would be the perfect place for me.

"The first week or two I was here was hard. Adjusting to the rules and all the new people was a struggle. ... It's no surprise that I've gotten into trouble. The word that comes to mind when you hear my name is 'trouble.' Luckily there have been people here who cared enough to help me. I think that's why I like it here so much. ... The support of the teachers like Mr. Stockton, Mr. Spencer and Ms. Smith, along with the devotion of the deans, especially Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Ms. Hoover, was what I needed. I've enjoyed so many things at Oneida. The way everyone

gets an equal chance at the extracurricular activities, the extra help the students get from teachers and those who care for us enough to just say 'Hi.'

"Although the chapel services are not what I was used to, I enjoy them very much. There are those days when I can really relate to what is being said.

"The grades I received were never all that great in my old school. Large classes and a rush to push students through too fast, along with my lack of concentration and not caring to learn are the blame for this. I love the smaller classes at Oneida. It gives teachers a chance to help students one-on-

one, and they explain things without all the interruptions. Since coming to Oneida my GPA has increased from a 1.6 to a 3.4 (out of 4.0), which has really made me feel good about myself.

"Mr. Stockton's English class has been a fun, yet challenging class. His class has made me push myself harder and work harder than any other teacher. ... Mr. Spencer is someone who knows a lot about me and always has the time to listen to my problems and can cheer me up with one of his corny jokes. ... Mrs. Brown is like a second mother to me. ... She is a special person in my life. ... Mr. Barnard is just one of those people whom I can sit down and talk to and laugh with. Missy Nichols and I got to know each other through my many days of suspension. ... She always made suspension fun. Maybe that's why I took advantage of it so often! ... So many people ... have made Oneida a better place for me and have brightened my days, or have taught me a new lesson in life.

"There is no single most important thing I've learned from Oneida, I can't narrow it down to just one thing. But I have learned how to take responsibility for my actions and deal with the consequences of my actions. I've learned how to take pride in my work and in myself. ... I don't have to prove anything to anyone, and being myself is fine. ... I've learned that there are always people who have had a harder time than me. ... But most importantly, I learned how to accept Jesus Christ into my life and let him help me with my problems."

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**THIS IS ONEIDA**



W.F. Underwood

## More senior memories

Lawrenceburg native Steve McGaughey found it difficult "to obey God and leave my farm and home of many years" to attend Clear Creek.

His association had many pastors who are alumni, and they encouraged him. One of Steve's last responsibilities at Clear Creek was a directed study in evangelism, responsible for the coordination of 32 campus volunteers involved in simultaneous revivals in 10 Ohio churches. Steve will attend Southern Western Seminary. He and his wife, Tara, have two children, Stephanie, 16, and Alexander, 11.

Gary Ralls and family came to us originally from Winchester but dropped out and eventually moved to Florida. The Lord brought him back to complete the degree. Involved with much of the new campus construction, he remembers when he and I placed the cross on top of the classroom building steeple. Gary is pastor of a church in Dunnellon, Fla.

Ohio native Keith Schraub treasures "the lifelong friendships developed at Clear Creek. God's word is wonderful, and I have definitely learned more about it and grew in my relationship with the

Lord." Keith continues his preparation for a ministry in Christian education by attending Liberty Bible Seminary and Southern Seminary.

Stephen Turner transferred to Clear Creek from Northern Kentucky University. "I enjoyed Dr. Ditty's Old Testament classes; he brought it to life!" Steve said. He continues as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Falmouth.

"Taking a leave of absence from the International Mission Board and not having a salary was the most difficult part of coming to Clear Creek," John Enos said. He, his wife Debbie and two daughters served in The Gambia. He had attended seminary but liked our curriculum. "I wanted classes that emphasized practical ministry." Pray for John as he waits for the Lord's calling to a ministry position.

**CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE**



Bill Whittaker

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

# MEDIA

**Marks of the Body of Christ.** Editors Carl Braaten & Robert Jensen. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1999. 166 pages. ♦♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

In seeking to defend himself against the charge of being a schismatic, Martin Luther penned a treatise titled, "Seven Marks of the Church." In that paper, he contended that only a church identified by those seven marks could lay claim to the description of catholic and apostolic.

For Luther, the seven identifying marks of the church are the word proclaimed, baptism, the "sacrament of the altar," the ministry of the keys, the presence of ordained ministers, worship and teaching, and discipleship.

"Marks of the Body of Christ" engages Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox theologians in a contemporary re-examination of Luther's "Seven Marks."

Why should Baptists care about a serious theological critique and scrutiny of Luther's attempt to define what is "holy, catholic, and apostolic" about the church? On the one

hand, the discussion and debate seems so foreign to our whole frame of reference. On the other hand, we have much to learn from the reformers and church fathers about the nature and mission of the church.

As heirs of the Baptist tradition, for example, the discussion concerning the "ministry of the keys" should be of particular interest. Luther was concerned that too much emphasis was being put on justification, without an equal emphasis on sanctification. He believed that the church was to be a "public sign of (God's) glory." Thus it was important for every Christian to live so as not to profane God's name. The "ministry of the keys" involved both discipline and absolution, through which the church maintained a holy face to the world. In discussing

this mark of the church, David Yeago points to the gulf between our practice and Luther's ideal.

Though not a Baptist book, I heartily commend it to anyone who is serious about the nature and mission of the church in today's world. *Jim Holladay*

**The Storm: A Novel.** Frederick Buechner. Harper San Francisco, 1999. 199 pages. \$18. ♦♦♦♦♦

As the author of more than 30 books, Buechner has crossed the literary landscape with fiction, memoirs and theological reflection.

The standard traits of Buechner's fiction are here—clear writing, a firm foundation of faith, humor and a good story. In this case, Buechner has turned to Shakespeare's "The Tempest" for inspiration and has adeptly set Shakespeare's characters into a thoroughly believable, eve of the 21st century, setting.

Set in New York and Florida, "The Storm" is the story of two brothers, Kenzie and Dalton, and those they love, or should love. The story covers the entirety of their lives, yet focuses on only a few days.

Buechner establishes character quickly but without sacrificing completeness. Long before the storm of nature enters the story, Buechner exposes us to the storms raging in the lives of the characters. And just like the real nature storm that brings about the realization of love and the moments of reconciliation at the end of the novel, the storms of life happen quickly, and then calm ensues. But the memory of the storm still exists. Wrestling with the memory is the stuff of life.

"The Storm" is an enjoyable read in which Buechner subtly teaches us about love and reconciliation. The book is about God, without being re-

ligious. Buechner continues to be a fresh voice in religious literature, even after 40-plus years of writing. *Wayne Hager*

**Preaching the New Millennium.** John Killinger. Abingdon Press, 1999. 158 pages. \$12. ♦♦♦♦♦

The rush to comment on the coming year 2000 has produced many books. These books range in scope from promoting hysteria to dismissing the idea entirely. To this mix, Killinger adds one of the most thoughtful and thought-provoking books a preacher can read.

While the primary group in mind for this book is preachers, questions of the laity about the new millennium form the basis for the discussion. Killinger explores the range of reaction to the new millennium and then suggests that it is the preacher's responsibility to respond to people's reactions. To ignore the turning of the millennium is to waste a wonderful opportunity to explore core biblical themes with the people through preaching.

Killinger begins with a wonderful summary of the attitudes at the end of the first millennium and then compares it to today's situation. Summaries of today's popular emotions are followed by a list of biblical themes that are especially applicable to millennial considerations. He even addresses the way in which the turn of the millennium can be an opportunity for a minister to experience spiritual renewal. Killinger concludes the book with six sermons that demonstrate how to take a biblical theme and address the millennium.

Preachers, if you do not buy any other book to prepare yourself for the task of preaching as the new millennium arrives, make this the book. It should, and will, change what you

preach before and after the year 2000. *Wayne Hager*

**The Devotional Bible for Dads.** Noted by Robert Wolgemuth. Zondervan Publishing House, 1999. 1,504 pages. Leather, \$44.99; hardcover, \$24.99; paperback, \$19.99. ♦♦♦

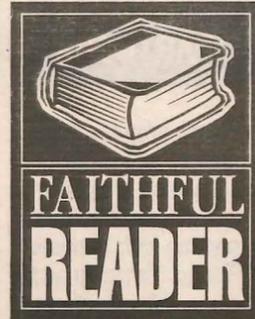
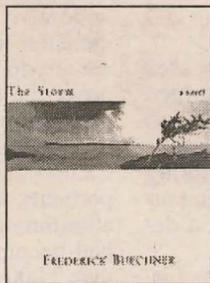
Generally speaking, I'm not a huge fan of so-called "specialty Bibles" (the trade's term, not mine). While study Bibles can and do serve a useful purpose, I am less impressed by the plethora of devotional Bibles. It seems there is one being published for every possible niche.

Most study Bibles attempt to provide study helps for an on-going examination of the scriptural text and context. Devotional Bibles, especially those targeted to specific groups, tend to be narrowly focused, with limited usefulness. In the worse cases, the devotional aids force the text rather than providing assistance in allowing the text to speak for itself.

That being said, I found "The Devotional Bible for Dads" a credible vehicle for engaging dads and their children in times of spiritual reflection and conversation. Throughout the pages of the Bible text are 260 daily devotional readings connected to specific texts. These were well-balanced and covered a wide range of parent-child issues and stages.

A unique addition to this Bible are the 52 "Quiet Times with Dad." Designed as weekend variation, the main difference between the "Quiet Time" and the daily reading is that the text is divided into sections for Dad to read and sections for the child to read.

If you are looking for a Father's Day gift, this would be a nice gesture. But buy the paperback or hardcover edition. Save your larger purchase for a good study Bible. *Jim Holladay*



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

## Catholic to lead faith cable group

(RNS)—A Catholic layman from St. Louis has been named the new president and chief executive officer of the National Interfaith Cable Coalition.

Edward Murray previously served as head of Oblate Media and Communication Co., a St. Louis company that specializes in productions about stories of faith.

The National Interfaith Cable Coalition is a New York-based consortium of 80 diverse faith groups that founded a cable network featuring faith-and-values programming in 1988. The network, now known as Odyssey, is co-owned by the coalition, Hallmark Entertainment, the Jim Henson Co. and Liberty Media Corp.

The coalition's members represent evangelical, Protestant, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish and Pentecostal faith groups and traditions. Odyssey is a 24-hour television network available to about 29 million U.S. homes through 1,500 cable systems.

## Station adds prayer segment to local news

MERIDIAN, Miss. (RNS)—A CBS television station in Meridian, Miss., is ending its 10 p.m. local newscast with prayer.

The segment on WMDM called "Keep the Faith" lasts 60 seconds and features local clergy.

Station manager Marc Grossman said the addition to the newscast is meant "to convey a message of a higher calling beyond the news, sports and weather. Most Americans attend some form of religion on a weekly basis, but the news media has just not picked up on that."

## Director: Media shares blame for school violence

NEW YORK (BP)—A Hollywood director and screenwriter twice nominated for an Academy Award has made an unusual public commitment in the wake of the school shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

Writing in the New York Times, Gary Ross stated, "... let me promise that, on each screenplay, I will ask myself what the ramifications are to the culture in which I live and the children who may see these films."

Movies, he acknowledged, "can contribute to [the] desensitization" of

the nation's culture. Ross received Oscar nominations for screenwriting for "Big" and "Dave" and made his directing debut in last year's "Pleasantville."

Writing in the Times' op-ed section, Ross suggested: "instead of shifting blame (from 'the movie business' to 'gun lovers' to politicians), what if we search our souls for culpability? Guns kill people and movies kill people and video games kill people and it soon becomes obvious that the list doesn't stop there.

But Bob Steele of the Poynter Institute, a Florida school for journalists, said the station's use of prayer is in-

appropriate.

"A newscast is not the place to insert prayer," he said. "Newscasts would benefit from better reporting on religion, spirituality and faith."

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"It may not reduce to a tidy sound bite or a convenient political enemy, but the simple truth is that whatever debases the culture (Jerry Springer), degrades the value of human life (Doom), panders to violent impulses (local news), trivializes human relationships (Springer again) or isolates us from one another (paradoxically, the Internet) can contribute to a situation like Littleton. It is absurd to say that this problem occurred in the absence of social forces, but it is equally absurd to blame a single one."

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# PEOPLE

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray for these people and projects, which are part of Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Baptists in Poland, Tanzania and New England:

■ Praise God for the recent planting of the first church among the Barabaig people of Tanzania.

■ Urgent need: Kentucky volunteers to lead vacation Bible schools in Poland July 6-19 and July 27-Aug. 8. Call the Kentucky Baptist Convention partnership office for information: (502) 244-6462 or (888) 254-5724.

■ Stephen and Deborah Reece as they prepare for two volunteer teams that will assist them in their work in Bytom and Gliwice, Poland.

■ Larry and Joy Lindsey, volunteer coordinators for the Kentucky-Poland partnership, as they visit Baptist churches across Poland this month.

■ Don Rivers, the new pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in West Springfield, Mass.

■ The Portuguese Baptist Mission in Stoughton, Mass., as it has moved from meeting in homes to holding worship services in the local Methodist church building.

■ Majengo Baptist Church, which is located in a strong Islamic area of Arusha, Tanzania.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

■ **ALEXANDRIA**—Charles Overton was called as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church. Overton previously served as pastor for six years at Hillcrest Church, Lexington.

■ **BENTON**—Zion's Cause Church called Steve Burke as youth minister. Burke, from Utica, is a student at Mid-Continent. Shawn Wasson is pastor.

■ **BEREA**—Wallaceton Church recently hosted a World Missions Conference, sponsored by Tates Creek Association and Kentucky Baptist Convention. Speakers included Howard Clark, missionary to Spain; Wintford Haynes, missionary relief coordinator; Sharon Goforth, missionary to Ontario; Tamira Fields, missionary to North Africa and the Middle East; and Don and Gwendolyn Reece, missionaries to Nigeria. Reece is a former pastor of Wallaceton Church. Gary Bonnell is pastor.

■ **BREMEN**—Todd Gaddis resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church to go to First Church, LaFayette, Ga.

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—Cedar Grove Church ordained Jeff Kyle, Terry Noffsinger and Larry Sadler as deacons. Gerald Jones is pastor.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Lowell Cantrall, 82, died April 21. A member of Severns Valley Church, Cantrall was former pastor at Wolf Creek, Rock Haven, Baxter Avenue, Youngers Creek, Mt. Olivet, Chaplin, Glensboro and Deep Creek churches in Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy and three sons. Memorial gifts may be made to Mountain Preachers School and Oneida Baptist Institute.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Belmar Church will host contemporary Christian singer Marshall Kellam in concert June 13, 11 a.m. For information, call (502) 451-3569. Steve Dwinells is pastor.

Richard Williams resigned as minister of music of Clifton Church. Jim Holladay is pastor.

Gethsemane Church called Robert Wright as pastor. Wright previously served at Pleasant Valley Church.

Benjamin Brinner of Highview Baptist School was one of 35 seniors from eight states chosen this year as Outstanding Scholar Finalists by the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools.

Valley Station Church recently ordained Leonard Carpenter, Clyde Mercer and Jeff Ray as deacons. Don Zuberer is pastor.

■ **MORGANFIELD**—First Church called Bill Lindsey as minister of students. Mark Galloway is pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Buena Vista Church called Craig Catlett as minister of youth. Michael Rust is pastor.

■ **PRESTONSBURG**—Enterprise Association will host a retirement reception for James and Jean Smith June 27, 2 p.m. at First Church. Smith served 11 years as director of missions, and Mrs. Smith served as his secretary.

## Angel Spring Memorial dedicated at Campbellsville University's forest

By Cheri Glass  
Campbellsville University

CAMPBELLSVILLE—More than 70 people gathered May 15 at Campbellsville University's Clay Hill Memorial Forest for a service of thanksgiving and dedication for the Little Angel Spring Memorial.

The Little Angel Spring Memorial is a natural spring located in the Clay Hill Memorial Forest, a living tribute to the family of Henry Sanders, a pioneer family in Taylor County who were stewards of the Clay Hill Farm for 203 years.

Family members, friends, area Boy Scouts who have helped build trails in the forest, and Campbellsville University faculty and staff dedicated the spring and surrounding area to the memory of Joan White Howell, a descendant of Sanders.

A marker on the trail to the Little Angel Memorial Spring reads, "At the end of this short trail is a resting place, overlooking the Little Angel Spring, burial place of Joan White Howell. A statue of an angel keeps its silent vigil nearby. Come, sit, rest and enjoy the wonders of nature in this unspoiled wilderness, and pray for the preservation of God's creation."

Mrs. Howell loved God and

people, according to Edwin Lee White Jr., of Atlanta, chair of the Clay Hill Memorial Forest Advisory Board and brother to Mrs. Howell. "Her ashes are scattered here—a place where she and my father would travel to take pure water. She loved God's creations with her heart and soul."

"Thirty years ago, Joan White Howell was an early disciple of Rachel Carson, calling my attention to the threats to the environment," said George Howell, chair of the Clay Memorial Forest Foundation and Mrs. Howell's widower. "We are in an environmental mess, but here at Clay Hill we are doing what we can to improve the environment for future generations of children."

Howell said that with the help of Campbellsville University, the opportunity to "preserve God's creation through education and prayer" had become a reality, with more than 2,000 students visiting the site since his family donated the land to the school in May 1996.

Today, Clay Hill Memorial Forest is a 135-acre educational and research woodland being developed by Campbellsville University's division of science as a regional center for environmental education and research on eastern deciduous forests. Personnel from the Department of Biology at Campbellsville University manage the forest.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**SEEKING:** Bivocational minister of music for Oneida Baptist Church. For more information, please write to Patrick Rowe, PO Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972. For full consideration for this position, please respond by June 18, 1999.

**SEEKING:** Florida Baptist Children's Home is seeking to employ a live-in married couple to create a loving, caring environment for disadvantaged children in South Florida. Salary range: \$15,837-\$23,940 each, based on education and experience. Excellent benefits. Call (305) 271-4121 for an application.

**SEEKING:** Parents' Day Out teachers to work with preschoolers. Call Julia, (502) 452-9541, Buechel Park Baptist Church.

**FOR SALE:** Really nice motor-coach-type bus. One owner. Like-new condition inside and out. Equipped with 8V-71 Detroit Diesel, Allison automatic, excellent AC, large luggage capacity, reclining seats, and restroom. The bus is extremely reliable, inexpensive to maintain and a good investment. Asking \$52,500 (includes cost of church lettering). For more information, call (606) 278-7224.

**SEEKING:** Plum Creek is seeking a part-time minister of youth and a part-time minister of music. Send resumés to: Plum Creek Baptist Church, 31 Plum Creek Road, Taylorsville, KY 40071, Attn: Minister of Youth or Minister of Music Search Committee.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister music/youth. First Baptist Church, PO Box 88, Harrisburg, AR 72432.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of Auburn, Ala., is seeking a pastor to lead a full-time staff of three in a church of 536 resident members in a university community. AFBC has an active program of education and spiritual growth for persons of all ages. We are known for our creative worship services and music programs, our progressive stances as a Baptist congregation and the excellence of our ministerial staff. AFBC has a strong commitment to missions, and our members are personally involved in both local and global missions. Send inquiries and resumés to: Dr. Charlotte Sutton, Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 128 E Glenn Ave., Auburn, AL 36830-4702. Review of resumés will begin July 15 and continue until the position is filled.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music and media who has experience leading choirs, orchestras and congregational singing. Must prefer blended style of worship. Please send resumés to First Baptist Church, PO Box 1140, Fulton, KY 42041, Attn: Pastor.

**SEEKING:** High Point Baptist Church of Mayfield, Ky., is accepting resumés for a part-time minister of youth. Interested applicants should send resumés to: Minister of Youth Search Committee, High Point Baptist Church, 220 West Farthing St., Mayfield, KY 42066.

**SEEKING:** Data specialist—desktop publishing, including periodicals, and Web page maintenance, some secretarial responsibilities and light financial duties. Knowledge of MS Office necessary. Please forward resumés including salary requirements to: Human Resources, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253-6569.

**FOR SALE:** New church storm windows, tinted for blocking out sunlight. Ten 49"x105" with bell tops, and four 41"x51-1/4". Will sell for half price: \$4,000. Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster, KY 40444. (606) 792-2781.

**SEEKING:** Part-time music minister to coordinate music ministry, lead adult choir rehearsal, assist in worship leadership on Sunday mornings. Send inquiries or resumés to: Ms. Lorrie Alvey, Eminence Baptist Church, PO Box 134, Eminence, KY 40019-0134.

**SEEKING:** First Baptist Church of Walton is seeking applicants for the position of full-time pastor. Send resumés and current photo to: Search Committee, 47 South Main St., Walton, KY 41094.

**FOR RENT:** 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo available for vacation rental, Sanibel Island, Fla. Large pool, tennis courts, bikes, canoe, kayak, screened porch, lovely secluded beach. Weekly rates May through mid-December: \$630. Call Pat Owen, (502) 895-8752 (home), or (502) 897-5079 (office).

**SEEKING:** Northside Baptist Church is seeking a full-time associate pastor of youth and family ministries—seminary graduate with experience preferred. Primary responsibilities include providing leadership and assisting church organizations in planning, conducting and evaluating educational programs with an emphasis on youth and their families, as well as providing leadership in administrative and pastoral duties as the church and pastor may require. Send resumés to: Personnel Committee, Northside Baptist Church, 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116, or fax to (804) 746-7287.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for First Baptist Church, Junction City, Ky. Send resumés c/o Pete Kendrick, 175 Robin Drive, Stanford, KY 40484.

**SEEKING:** Bivocational pastor for 100-plus-member north Hardin County Baptist church. Call (502) 234-9311.

**SERVICES:** Need training, seminar, retreat—parent-teen relationship, family meditation, leadership for men, conflict resolution, couples relationship? Call (502) 351-8855.

**SEEKING:** Minister of activities for church with Christian life center. Experience and/or seminary degree in recreation preferred. Send resumés to: Minister of Activities Search Committee, Campbellsville Baptist Church, PO Box 530, Campbellsville, KY 42719-0530; (270) 789-2092.

## 'Jesus' film translation touching lives in unreached areas

By Tobin Perry  
SBC International Mission Board

**EDITORS' NOTE:** Because of security concerns throughout North Africa and the Middle East, the names of the people group, country and Christians in this article could not be used.

**NORTHERN AFRICA (BP)**—Two short-term missionaries were visiting with a North African resident, talking about what led them to help translate the "Jesus" film into the languages of millions of people across North Africa and the Middle East.

The film often is the first witness to people who have heard little or nothing about faith in Jesus Christ.

The native asked the women, who serve as journeymen with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, what it felt like to do something that was making such an impact.

"I came to Christ after watching the 'Jesus' film," he said with a smile.

The two women said that as the

man shared how he had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior while watching the "Jesus" film in classical Arabic, the missionaries began to realize just how much of an impact their work would have for Christianity in that region.

"That's not even his heart language," one missionary said. "Our whole program was built around the fact that we would dub the 'Jesus' film in a people group's heart language—not their trade language, but the language they use to communicate with their family.

"It amazed me that God was using classical Arabic to touch this people group when the Arabic dialect (translation) of his people group had not been completed yet."

This dialect was the first film the two journeymen had completed on their own in this two-year-old partnership between the IMB and Campus Crusade for Christ International.

The partnership began on Valentine's Day 1997, when the two agencies signed an agreement to produce the "Jesus" film. The IMB provided

the personnel and language skills, and Campus Crusade provided the equipment.

The original "Jesus" film was produced by Campus Crusade in 1979 as a way to share the gospel worldwide. Soon after they created the English version, they began translating it into the languages of the world. Now they are partnering with other Christian organizations, such as the IMB, to help translate, produce and distribute the film.

Recently the "Jesus" film was translated into its 500th language—Karamojong, the language of an unreached people group in eastern Africa. Once every eight days translation of the film into another language is completed, making it possible to take the message of Jesus Christ to a new people group for the first time.

More than 2 billion people have viewed the feature-length film since its premiere in 1979. More than 87 million have made decisions to follow Christ as a result.

"This partnership has gone wonderful so far," said an IMB mission-

ary who oversees the two journeymen. Most missionary teams in North Africa and the Middle East have a top priority to create the "Jesus" film in the language of their people group. It's great to be a part of something with such a strong people-group focus."

The new translation recently completed by the two journeymen will be used this summer to tell the gospel story. Volunteers will distribute the video to North Africans visiting Europe.

There are more than 9.3 million speakers of this particular Arabic dialect around the world. Most are Muslims and know Jesus Christ only as a prophet. Both Campus Crusade and IMB missionaries say they hope showing the gospel story in this people group's own heart language will let them know him as their Savior.

"I'm not called to a specific people group, but my work is just as important as someone who does work with a specific people group," one of the journeymen said. "My task is to help people who don't know about Jesus hear the gospel in their own heart language."

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**BYE-BYE, BUGGY?** Some Amish are finding the streets too crowded.

### Some Amish find roads too busy for buggy

**HOMERVILLE, Ohio (RNS)**—Annie Keim doesn't much like riding the family's horse-drawn buggy to Medina, Ohio, because of the traffic on the county's increasingly congested roads.

"Most of the roads are busier than they were," said Keim, an Amish woman who lives with her family near Homer, Ohio.

Keim said rural Homer Township's substantial Amish community will probably appreciate an experimental bus route the county is starting to help the automobile-shunning people get back and forth to the city without taking risky buggy rides.

John Jones, director of the Medina County Transportation Department, said Amish leaders asked the county to establish the bus route. Jones said the Amish leaders told him they don't own gasoline-powered vehicles but will use conventional public transportation.

He said traffic has increased so much in the county in recent years that it's difficult for the Amish buggies to

travel anywhere beyond the most rural areas. The 16-seat bus will travel the same route through Homer Township every Friday and then head north to Medina but will not have regular stops. People wanting to ride the bus will stand along the route and hail it as it approaches. The bus will return to Homer Township later in the day.

Although Amish community leaders requested the bus, Jones said it would be available to anybody—Amish or not—who wants to ride it.

The fixed-route bus replaces what's known as the county's "demand response" system, in which people request rides from the transportation department. A bus then picks up the rider at home, offering direct, customized service to his or her destination.

Jones said that because many Amish don't have telephones, it was difficult for them to efficiently request the service. Many Amish would mail requests for bus service, but sometimes those requests would arrive too late to accommodate them, he said.

### Chaplain's job goes from underground to 30,000 feet

**BELLEVUE, Neb. (BP)**—Jason Peters ministers in a parish that stretches from 30,000 feet above the earth to deep within an underground command post.

He is living a childhood dream as a chaplain at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Neb.

"As a child I had the privilege of knowing retired Army Chaplain Arnold 'Smokey' Stover. I was shocked when he told me the Army had pastors. My father was a pastor and had served in Vietnam, but I had no idea you could do both at the same time. My first thought was, 'What a cool job!'"

Fifteen years later, Peters now has that job. Assigned at Offutt to three different units comprising more than 1,000 members, Peters is considered their pastor and responsible to the wing commander for meeting their spiritual needs.

"Within each assignment, I find different avenues of ministry," said Peters, a 1998 graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

One of the units is the J-6 Directorate of the United States Strategic Command, which includes personnel from the Navy, Army, Marines and Coast Guard. Peters received top-secret clearance so he could minister in this large, underground industrial environment.

"Because of the sensitive nature of their work, coupled with the fact that there are six generals/admirals in the complex, the stress level is high and the outlets are few. As a chaplain, I am sometimes able to help them work through issues about which they can't even tell their spouse," Peters said.

Another of his units is the 45th Reconnaissance Squadron. "In order to connect with the pilots, the navigators and the electronic warfare officers, or 'ravens,' I have been given the opportunity to fly reconnaissance missions with them. Wearing their uniform, understanding their language and being able to identify with their jobs has opened some great doors of

ministry."

Peters works one night shift a week in order to visit the maintenance personnel working on the aircraft. "I encourage them in their faith and ask them thought-provoking questions. It is amazing how open they are to talking about issues of faith in the middle of the night."

The 440 cops in the 55th Security Forces Squadron are the third part of Peters' parish. "After spending hours at flight line guard posts, at the gates and riding around in patrol vehicles, I am finally beginning to be recognized as one of them," he said.

The security personnel take advantage of guaranteed confidentiality with a chaplain. "I have had the opportunity to do marriage counseling, counseling for work-related issues, sexual addiction and substance abuse and even responded to two active-duty suicides in the last six months."

His ministry to the security forces includes the confinement facility on base. "Just a few weeks ago I was blessed with the opportunity to spend over an hour with a man who was being court-martialed on charges related to child pornography. In that hour I was able to share the gospel and pray with him."

The more normal side of Peters' ministry includes weekly services on base for about 200 worshipers and leading the chapel youth group.

"My wife, Kimberly, and I have also had numerous opportunities for ministry in our neighborhood. Living in military housing has allowed us to be involved in neighborhood Bible studies, barbecues and some intense late-night chats.

"Military chaplains are simply missionaries," Peters said. "We minister in a world that is foreign to those who never served in the military. We speak in acronyms, shop in BX's, PX's, NEX's and commissaries. We often wear funny-looking clothes and some of us even enjoy living in tents. ... I thank God for the doors he has opened."



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