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Kentucky WMU leader Bolton: Future requires shifting gears

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

BOWLING GREEN—Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union members welcomed their new executive director during last week's WMU annual meeting.

Joy Bolton, who began serving last fall as executive director, officially was commissioned for that role during the opening session of the April 14-15 event at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

Bill Mackey, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, shared words of challenge and encouragement before leading a commissioning prayer for Bolton.

Affirming Kentucky Baptists' opportunity to "have a small part in God's unfolding redemptive plan of the ages," Mackey said, "The future is going to require that we walk closely with God so we will know the direction He wants to take us."

Describing Bolton as a woman of prayer, Mackey added, "God has been at work in your life preparing you for this role of leadership among Kentucky Baptists."

"I challenge you to stay close to God," he urged. "We look forward to what God is going to do."

Bolton responded by encouraging WMU participants to "be on our knees in prayer, seeking what God wants for our future."

Highlighting the meeting theme, "Changing World ... Transforming Missions," Bolton said WMU leaders have "transformed missions time and time again with new initiatives and courageous stands."

Warning Kentucky Baptist women to avoid the temptation to "camp out in the past," she added, "We will best honor
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Loud & clear



With decibels and emotions high, youth from throughout Kentucky worshipped, sang and heard about the gospel of God's love last weekend. An estimated 1,600 people attended the Kentucky Baptist Convention's youth evangelism conference in Frankfort, April 14-15. In addition to sharing the message of Jesus in a youth-oriented setting, the annual event encourages teenagers who already are Christians to be more intentional about sharing their faith with others. This year's event included skits, a concert by the Katinas and feature speaker Saleim Kaleh, a former Muslim who encouraged youth to know why they believe what they believe. Stories on page 8.



Franklin couple seeking Kentucky volunteers for Boston missions

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

BOSTON—As Southern Baptists in Boston prepare for a major missions outreach in 2001, the newest Kentucky volunteers for the effort hope other residents of the Bluegrass State will visit in the near future.

Jerry and Etta Butcher moved to Boston from Franklin in mid-March. They coordinate volunteer teams and manage a facility that houses 10 visiting volunteers. While they are in the New England hub on a two-year assignment, they might stay longer.

"People here need prayer support daily and teams coming for moral support," said Butcher, who retired last year at age 55 to work full-time in missions volunteer work. "Anything mission teams can do, you can do it up here."

"We're very excited to be here,"

added Mrs. Butcher, who spoke at last weekend's Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Bowling Green to enlist volunteers and prayer supporters. "We know God sent us. I see Him at work by reaching into small churches."

Besides recruiting mission teams to come to Boston, they also are spreading the gospel.

In early April, they helped New Colony Baptist Church in the northern Boston suburb of Billerica distribute 5,000 copies of the "Book of Hope." A total of 250,000 of the Scripture-based booklets were to be given out in the area by Easter.

Amid a metropolitan population of about 4.5 million, there are just 70 Southern Baptist churches—a number equal to the colleges and universities in the area. Many congregations must share space with other groups because
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VOLUNTEERS Jerry and Etta Butcher moved to Boston from Franklin in March to serve two years as Mission Service Corps volunteers. Part of their job will be to recruit Kentucky workers for Boston missions work. (Photo by Dan Nicholas)

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Southern officials end 'Covenant Agreement'

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

LOUISVILLE—Symbolically marking the completion of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's conservative shift, trustees voted last week to eliminate the school's "Covenant Renewal" document.

The agreement was adopted in 1991 by trustees, faculty and administrators during the height of political turmoil in the Southern Baptist Convention. It was designed to promote "fairness in selecting faculty across the theological spectrum of our Baptist constituency." The document called for "intentional employment of conservative evangelical scholars" to achieve faculty balance.

Two years later, conservative leader Al Mohler succeeded Roy Honeycutt as president, hastening the faculty's conservative transition. During the nine

years the Covenant Renewal was in place, 80 percent of Southern's current professors have been elected or appointed to the faculty. Among the school's 73 assistant, associate and full professors, only 14 were faculty members when the covenant was adopted.

Mohler said current faculty members took the initiative to eliminate the covenant. Faculty members reportedly voted unanimously to endorse the change, noting that faculty and administrators are covered by Southern's Abstract of Principles and the SBC's Baptist Faith & Message statement.

Background information provided to trustees added that the document was "intended for a time of transition as a way to enable trustees, faculty and administration to work." The material noted that the agreement "served a valid purpose at a particular time in the life of this institution, but no longer seems necessary."

The 1991 action came at a time when faculty, administrators and trustees "were not unified on the direction of the seminary," Mohler said.

"It seemed that a breaking point had been reached," he added, describing the Covenant Agreement as "a negotiated way of pointing toward the future."

Citing a spirit of unity among the three groups today, Mohler said, "The time has clearly come when (the agreement) is no longer necessary."

Stephen Corts, chairman of the board's executive committee, introduced the proposal to trustees. Declar-

ing that faculty, administrators and trustees "have a covenant for which we need no document," he added, "Common confidence in the uncompromised, unerring Word of God renders this document no longer necessary."

"I remember a time when I did not think it was possible for the unity I see now," Corts noted. "This is a marker on our way to God's future."

After adopting the proposal without discussion or opposition, trustees spontaneously applauded the action.

Trustees also voted to shorten the name of the seminary's James P. Boyce College of the Bible to "Boyce College." The Boyce program, accredited in 1998 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is scheduled to graduate its first students this year.

According to Mohler, mission strategists have indicated the word "Bible" in the school's name "may cause graduates to face difficulties in entering some nations or accepting international opportunities."

Corts said the name change is designed "to create and maintain opportunities for our students in our nation and beyond. We want them to be as effective as possible in areas where that name would be a hindrance."

Asked about the possibility of renaming the school "Boyce Christian College," Corts said the word "Christian" also would "make the obstacles worse rather than better in some foreign settings where there is hostility to who we are and what we're about."

Seminary leaders OK \$5.7 million building project

LOUISVILLE—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary officials broke ground April 11 for a \$5.76 million construction and renovation project on the school's Louisville campus.

The Rice/Judson conference center and guest housing project, originally proposed in 1994, is part of the seminary's 10-year, \$70 million campus master plan adopted last year by trustees.

The project involves converting two student apartment buildings into conference rooms and guest housing. The facility will be used to house people attending campus conferences, students enrolled in short-term classes and prospective students. Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of 2001.

In other action, trustees:

■ **Adopted a 2000-2001 budget of almost \$19.2 million, a 3.4 percent increase from the current budget.** The budget includes increases of approximately 5 percent for student apartment rentals and student fees as well as an average salary increase of 2.5 percent.

■ **Approved seminary president Al Mohler's request to establish a team to develop a long-term plan for meeting the seminary community's child care needs.** That action followed a recent decision by administrators to close the child care center and a subsequent decision to keep the center open at least another year. Trustees also authorized the administration to reinstate revenues and expenditures for the Child Development Center in next year's budget.

■ **Approved a response to an SBC Executive Committee request concerning SBC agencies' ecumenical involvement.** Noting that Southern "conducts no cooperative endeavors with other denominations and religious groups, other than participation in academic associations, accrediting agencies and educational consortia," the response added that the seminary "is involved in no interdenominational or inter-religious endeavors or activities that would compromise our cherished convictions in any manner."

■ **Elected three faculty members with tenure, including two who already were serving by presidential appointment.** The three are: William Cook, associate professor of New Testament, who has been serving at Florida Baptist Theological College; Tom Nettles, professor of historical theology, who has served at Southern since 1997; and Gregory Wills, associate professor of church history, who has taught at Southern since 1995.

Trustees also heard a report that the financial board had approved renovations and utilities upgrades for the president's home at a cost of up to \$150,000.

BUILDING PLANS
Southern Seminary officials break ground April 11 for the school's \$5.76 million conference center/guest housing facility scheduled for completion by December 2001.



Mohler critiques Mullins and doctrine of soul competency

By Mark Wingfield
Texas Baptist Standard

LOUISVILLE (ABP)—An "autonomous individualism" has "infected" the Southern Baptist Convention through the doctrine of soul competency and driven Southern Baptists away from biblical authority, Al Mohler said in a Founders' Day address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary March 30.

Mohler, president of Southern Seminary, critiqued the influence of E.Y. Mullins, the seminary's fourth president, who served from 1899 to 1928. Mullins was the most visible Southern Baptist spokesman of the early 20th century, a shaper of Baptist theology and the driving force behind creation of the Baptist Faith & Message doctrinal statement in 1925.

Mohler currently serves on a committee charged with proposing revisions to the Baptist Faith & Message. Those revisions are to be considered by messengers to the SBC annual meeting in June.

Soul competency is a belief that individual Christians are responsible to God for reading, understanding and living out God's Word. It implies that no other human authority can dictate how an individual interprets Scripture or relates to God.

Both Mullins and Herschel Hobbs, chairman of the committee that revised the Baptist Faith & Message in 1963, called the doctrine of soul competency the most distinctive belief of Baptists. "The Baptist Faith & Message of Southern Baptists is

based upon the competency of the soul in religion," Hobbs wrote in a 1971 book explaining the doctrinal statement.

In his address, Mohler said Mullins turned Southern Seminary and the SBC off the course charted by the entities' founders by making personal experience more important than biblical authority.

"In Mullins' theology, we see a shift from biblical revelation to religious experience as the starting point," Mohler said.

Though such a belief "did not make Mullins a theological liberal," it did link him with the modernists of the early 20th century, Mohler said.

This view has been strongly disputed by Russell Dilday, a professor at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas, and former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Dilday, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on Mullins, has countered Mohler's previous comments on Mullins in speeches and writings.

"To suggest Mullins makes experience his source of authority or puts it above the Bible ... is an inaccurate reading of Mullins," Dilday said. "He makes it very clear the Bible is the ultimate authority."

Another scholar who wrote his doctoral dissertation on Mullins concurred with Dilday's critique.

"Mohler does not understand Mullins and thus distorts his teaching and discredits his leadership and influence," said Dwight Moody, dean of the chapel at Georgetown College.

Kentucky Baptist Convention staff celebrate CP's 75th birthday

As a former missionary to the Philippines, Karl Babb said he's seen firsthand the Cooperative Program's impact on missions work.

While he and his Southern Baptist co-workers could focus on their ministries, independent missionaries often were busy writing to churches or traveling to raise their own support, he said.

"The support for us as a family was unmatched," said Babb, who now is leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's family ministries team.

Babb and other members of the KBC Executive Board staff met last week to celebrate the work of the Cooperative Program, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary. The staff celebration was held near the April 9 observance of CP Day in many Kentucky Baptist churches.

"I am so thankful we have a means by which to send missionaries into the field to tell people about Jesus," said James Jones, chairman of the statewide committee planning CP celebration events.

The Cooperative Program has its roots in Kentucky.

A.B. Colvin, former missions and evangelism leader for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said that before the Cooperative Program, associations could have as many as 20 agencies, schools or institutions asking for money. Funds often went to those who spoke first or to agencies that had the best promoter.

Boyce Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Murray, proposed a unified budget for his congregation at the beginning of the 20th century. Taylor led Kentucky Baptists to adopt a similar plan in 1915, and that became a model for Southern Baptists 10 years later.

In an effort to promote the cooperative work of Baptists to a wider community, Kentucky Baptists will host blood drives and fun runs in September.

Billed as Operation Cooperation, churches and Baptist associations in 30 cities from Ashland to Paducah are planning to hold regional blood drives Sept. 10-23.

The CP celebration will culminate at the Monday afternoon session of the KBC annual meeting, Nov. 13-14 in Bowling Green.

For more information about the blood drives or CP celebration, call Robert Reeves of the KBC communication department, (502) 254-4731 or toll free (888) 254-5713.

International missions attracting students

By Brenda Smith
Kentucky Baptist Convention

GEORGETOWN—The Southern Baptist International Mission Board's emphasis on sending college students abroad seems to be fueling greater interest in overseas assignments by newly-commissioned summer missionaries.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention collegiate ministry department commissioned 126 students as summer missionaries April 8 at a special service held at Georgetown College.

More than 40 of the students will be headed out of the country to Taiwan, Ghana, Bosnia or Australia for two- to 10-week assignments.

"The biggest trend is going overseas," said Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the KBC collegiate ministries department. "It's harder to get students to stay in the U.S."

Despite the fact that international assignments require students to raise their own money for travel and expenses, while domestic assignments often pay students' expenses and a stipend, more students are interested in international service, according to Hopkins.

Part of the reason, he said, is that the IMB is pushing to send out 3,000 student missionaries this year, up from 200 just five years ago.

The cost for an international assignment ranges from \$1,795 to \$2,500. Most Baptist Student Unions provide some help, and the KBC collegiate ministry department provides at least \$200 for each student—\$400 for students working eight weeks or more. The student missionaries raise the rest of their support from friends, family and churches.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNIONS Students from around the state traveled to Georgetown April 7-9 for Baptist Student Union leadership training and a commissioning service for 126 summer missionaries. ■ Above: Cat Hall (center), of the University of Kentucky, participates in worship. ■ Right: Zack Banker, of Murray State University, receives a journal for his trip to Bosnia. (Photos by Angela Perkins)



A team of 15 students will travel to Bosnia for construction ministries and evangelism. A group organized to go to Bosnia in 1999 was diverted to another location when fighting broke out in neighboring Kosovo.

A group of 12 summer missionaries will teach the abstinence program True Love Waits in schools in Ghana, which is struggling through the pan-African AIDS epidemic.

Two teams—one serving for two weeks, the other for eight—will share creative ministry and street evangelism in Taipei, Taiwan. Ten more students will provide ministry to children and youth in Queensland, Australia.

Twenty-five summer missionaries will serve on Son Teams, which are traveling groups of students who perform drama, music, sports and other creative ministries at camps and churches throughout the state. The remaining 53 summer missionaries will serve in Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, New York, New England, South Carolina, Colorado, Utah, Florida and Washington, D.C.

For more information about summer missionaries, contact the collegiate ministry department at 244-6463 or toll-free in Kentucky (888) 254-5723.

Franklin duo seek Kentuckians' help for Boston

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of high rent and real estate costs, Butcher said.

The lack of churches and need to share the gospel inspired next year's missions emphasis, known as "Hearts for Boston." It will include such activities as backyard Bible clubs, building projects, block parties and campus outreach. The effort is part of the "Strategic Focus Cities" program of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

While Butcher hopes eventually to form one-on-one partnerships between Kentucky congregations and every Southern Baptist church in this area, he said prayer is the key to success. He's trying to coordinate prayer walk teams to pray in the city before the 2001 outreach.

The Butchers cite prayer as a reason they felt led to come to Boston a year after the opportunity surfaced. In 1999 they didn't feel the time was right, he said, but this spring they sensed God telling them to move.

"People looked at us kind of funny," he said, explaining they have family in Franklin and gave up the comfort of a three-bedroom home for two rooms in Billerica. "But if it's God's door, we'll go through it. If God opens a door for us to stay longer than two years, we'll go through it. We're



The Butchers.

totally dependent on Him."

City coordinator Jack Parrott said other evangelical churches and parachurch groups are joining the effort that convinced the Butchers to leave their home.

Organizers are seeking to match congregations in Boston with human and financial resources, said Parrott, who is pastor of New Colony Baptist. "We see over 100 churches potentially involved in projects. We're seeing all kinds of partnerships among evangelicals who want to see the city transformed."

One key to reaching a city for Christ is having some place for long-term volunteers to live, Parrott said, which is why New Colony Church and Boston association refurbished the Martin Mission House. The association owns a second volunteer house in Waltham, Mass.

Located next to New Colony Baptist, the home is named in honor of Kentuckians Larry and Joyce Martin, who served with the Greater Boston Baptist Association from 1983-92.

As house managers and volunteer coordinators, the Butchers are playing a vital role in the missions emphasis, Parrott said.

"We have to have a couple (of) long-term volunteers here to prepare for people who will be here on short-term projects," Parrott said. "If you don't have a couple of stackpoles, you can't harvest wheat."

The Butchers are serving as Mission Service Corps volunteers, a program of two-year missions service organized by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

"I'm thrilled with Jerry and Etta," Parrott said. "They're wonderful personalities. They have a heart for God, missions and people."

Mrs. Butcher said her heart for Bostonians has been awakened during train rides into the downtown area.

"Coming from the Bible belt, it's so strange," she said. "You don't see a church on every corner. There's a great need for more churches."

"The majority of people don't think they need God because they don't need anything materially," her husband said. "It's a wide open field for evangelism."

Scott County votes to remain dry

GEORGETOWN—Scott County voters rejected alcohol sales last week, but the margin was closer than the last time—618 votes.

Dry voters won by 53 percent, 5,016 to 4,398. Nearly 47 percent of the county's registered voters cast ballots, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The margin this time was less than the 62 percent who opposed alcohol sales in a 1997 wet-dry election in Georgetown.

"We are very pleased, but it is closer than we expected," Horace Hambrick, co-chairman of Scott Countians for KIDS (Keep It Dry and Safe), told the Lexington newspaper.

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Disregard article

I am writing in response to an article in the April 4 issue of the Western Recorder titled "Retreats causing division among some Baptists."

I have grown up with the rich tradition Southern Baptists offer. My grandfather and father were deacons as is my husband. However, I feel I must speak out against this outrageous article.

My husband and I attended Emmaus Walks in 1986 and it was an unforgettable experience. I do not consider it a "retreat," but a very deep spiritual experience where I experienced God's love in a way I never received in any of the "plenty of Southern Baptist programs that can provide solid discipleship ministries" that Tal Davis of Southern Baptists' North American Mission Board spoke about.

I am appalled at the statement about receiving communion. Communion is from God's table, not some local Southern Baptist table. After receiving communion on the Emmaus Walk I attended, I now am able to enjoy it in my own Southern Baptist church in a much deeper way than ever before.

The article also talked about the democratic processes involved in decisions about faith and practice. It seems to me that Southern Baptists are moving further away from democratic processes with each meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. One only has to look at the view of women held by those in power and at our own Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to realize there is not much democracy among Southern Baptists.

I would like to encourage anyone considering an Emmaus Walk to disregard this article and attend. You will be glad you did!

Sandra Bell
New Hope

Soften our hearts

I read in the April 4 issue of the Western Recorder that the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board

has issued an advisory urging caution about Baptist participation in the Emmaus Walk and other nondenominational retreats. I feel nauseous.

During my personal Walk to Emmaus, I felt closer to God than any other time in my life, except my salvation experience. How can anyone object to that?

I read in the article that some Baptists object to any Baptist sharing communion with Christians from other denominations. In 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12, God teaches us the body of Christ consists of many different parts with different functions and yet those parts work together, with no divisions in the body.

Do we refuse to share communion with Methodists because we refuse to accept them as a part of the Body of Christ? Or do we refuse to recognize them as Christians period! To quote a fellow Baptist deacon, "If you are planning on spending eternity with these guys, why can't you get along with them here on this earth?"

Yes, different denominations practice different traditions. Does that mean we should ostracize those folks? The Pharisees criticized the disciples for breaking tradition by eating without first washing their hands. Christ replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

Romans 14:1 advises us to "accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters." If we Baptists hope to reach the world, we should focus more on the loving approach of Christ and less on the ethnic cleansing approach of Adolf Hitler. May God soften our hearts and may we allow His love to live within us.

Ken Powell
Elizabethtown

Jesus wasn't Baptist

In response to the recent article concerning the "Cursillo" movement, I was saddened and angered by Tal Davis' comments advising Southern Baptists to steer clear of the movement.

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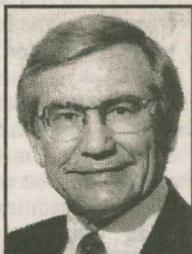
The incredible love of the cross

Penny Cruse was a high school and college athlete. At six feet, two inches tall, she became an excellent basketball player. But the pressure was so intense that she dropped out of college after two years. She had stopped attending church at age 16 and once out of college she lapsed into a very worldly lifestyle.

Then during spring break in Florida she saw a man carrying a cross. At the time she thought, "How foolish." But that weekend she saw the cross in a passion play on television and her heart began to break over her sin and this incredible demonstration of God's love for her.

A few weeks later a Baptist pastor in her neighborhood guided her in making a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. She was led to Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga., where she was taught to follow Christ and to

share her faith. Penny completed her degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December and believes God is calling her to share Christ with college students.



Bill Mackey

Tears almost always come to Penny's eyes and her voice softens when she tells of her experience with the cross. Please pray for her as she leads an evangelism emphasis at the University of Tennessee this spring and responds to God's call.

Like Penny, many Christians have had incredible experiences with the cross. I can remember how during some days of prayer and fasting, God revealed to me my sins of omission. I could see what I had missed with God. I felt crushed until the Holy Spirit reminded me of the cross. To know that God's forgiveness extended to my sins of omission was incredible.

God's love is incredible because it

is unfortunate that a representative of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board would make such remarks about a weekend retreat that he obviously has never been on and knows nothing about. I wonder if Davis bothered to see if he could find any churches in Kentucky that have benefited from their members' involvement in Emmaus. I know of many Southern Baptists who have found in their Emmaus Walk experience a renewed passion for Jesus Christ, and as a result they have gone back to their local churches ready to work and serve as never before.

Anyone who would go back to their church with an elitist attitude has not listened fully during the weekend, and that is surely not the fault of the Emmaus community. Nor is a church split the responsibility of Emmaus. A church that would split over this issue has deeper problems than a few members experiencing personal revival.

Davis has done a tremendous disservice to those Baptists who have truly experienced the love and grace of Jesus in a fresh way through their Emmaus Walk experience. He also has made it look as though we as Baptists think we have the only programs and ministries that work. Sometimes it is helpful to realize that Jesus wasn't a Baptist.

Sara McCawley
Hopkinsville

Recognition overdue

The Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorus looked great in their new tuxes, and sounded great as usual during the state evangelism conference.

What was disappointing, however, was no photo in the Western Recorder the week following the conference. I think our Kentucky music men should be given some recognition through our state paper. This is long overdue.

It is amazing to me how few Baptists across our state even know such a group exists. They need more exposure. Perhaps the new recording coming forth this year will help. Can we depend upon our state paper to provide some promotion in this regard? I hope so.

Ron Wilburn
Lexington

is driven by God's loving being and not by our being lovable people—"For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16). I have observed such love as a mother tenderly holds her baby in the midst of challenging situations.

The cross demonstrates that God's love is indisputable. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). The cross stands as a plus sign against the horizon of all eternity to say this is how much God loves you—"that He gave His only begotten Son..."

The cross reminds us that God's love is indispensable—"whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life..." The only hope for the future is God's love.

This Easter is a special Sunday worldwide as Christians gather to celebrate Jesus 2000. I pray that the atoning death of Jesus Christ on the cross will bring new meaning to you and that resurrection power will empower your journey.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

GIVING

Naming qualified trustee requires careful planning

By Laurie Valentine

Both revocable and irrevocable trusts are important estate planning tools for many individuals.

Whether you are using a revocable living trust as part of your plan for management of assets in the event of incapacity or an

irrevocable trust for tax planning, one of the most important decisions as you plan the trust is your choice for trustee.

Under Kentucky law, the trustee of a trust may be an individual, a bank, a trust company or any other entity that has trust powers. An individual serving as trustee does not have to be a resident of Kentucky nor does the individual have to be related to you.

As you select a trustee or successor trustee, think about the types of assets that are or may be in the trust. You will want to name a trustee who understands the management of those types of assets and who knows about taxes, investments and financial matters.

The trustee should be someone who is a self-starter. There is little supervision of the management of a trust. Your choice should be someone who will not neglect responsibilities due to lack of time, interest or knowledge.

Don't just assume the person or entity you wish to name as trustee is willing to serve. Ask them before you complete your planning. If possible, allow them to review the trust agreement before it is signed to better assure that all necessary powers are granted and that they are clear about any special or unusual provisions.

Finally, make sure that you have selected a trustee who can be objective. Trustees must make decisions that affect the interests of both the income beneficiaries and the remainder beneficiaries. While family members may be appropriate choices, in some cases you may need to consider a professional, corporate or institutional trustee. These trustees are accountable not only to the beneficiaries, but also to their own management, directors, auditors and other examiners.

The choice of trustee is a crucial decision in the establishment of a successful trust arrangement. Making the best choice requires thoughtful and careful consideration of many factors.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation

How can parents help protect a child from excessive worry?

Q: How can I protect my child from worry?

Former New York Yankee Mickey Rivers once said, "Ain't no sense worrying about things you got control over, 'cause if you got control over them, ain't no sense worrying. And there ain't no sense worrying about things you got no control over. 'Cause if you got no control over them, ain't no sense worrying about them."

Jesus said it this way: "Do not worry about your life. Put God first; pursue His plans; depend on Him. Leave the worrying to someone else."

A variety of experiences can and sometimes do cause children to become troubled, anxious or distressed.

However, for the most part childhood should be characterized by a carefree attitude that is free from the kind of worry that prevents happiness and even leads to physical and emotional illness.

How can we keep our children from becoming burdened with worry? How can we help them find balance?

- Teach children to plan and work ahead. Worrying often results from last-minute pressure.

- Protect children from over-commitment. Too many irons in the fire can cause worry.

- Reassure a worried child, while at the same time taking his or her concerns seriously. Revisit causes for worry after the fact and talk about whether worrying helped or hurt.

- Set a good example with your own attitude. Look for opportunities to help children see the futility of worry as opposed to the effectiveness of work and prayer.

- Read Philippians 4:6-7 together. Show your child how anxiety gives way to peace when we put our trust in God and take our concerns to Him.— *David Garrard*

Q: I get the impression from many preachers that God hates homosexuals, yet the secular world would indicate all sexual expressions are legitimate. Can you help me understand this issue?

Like many controversial issues today, this is one where an extreme position is more common than a thoughtful one. As one who ministers with single adults of all backgrounds, I now attempt to venture "where angels fear to tread."

Bill Morris, author of "The Complete Handbook for Recovery Ministry in the Church," believes homosexuality is a combination of gender identity/confusion and sexual addiction. While that may be an overgeneralization, I find it to be quite helpful. Having worked with hundreds of people in church-based recovery groups, Morris finds many of those struggling with this issue to have had childhood trauma that needs to be processed in an atmosphere of love and accountability. He has found the Christian "Twelve Step" approach to be greatly used by God to heal hearts and help people find freedom from addictive behavior patterns.

Scripture clearly calls for a celibate lifestyle for all unmarried people as well as for the faithful exclusivity of the committed Christian in the heterosexual marriage relationship. Lustful relationships, whether homosexual (Romans 1:26-27) or heterosexual (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7), are forbidden. Even the lustful look (Matthew 5:28) is antithetical to the life of a disciple. God's standard is high.

Dallas Willard writes in "The Divine Conspiracy" that the problem with Christians today is we do not take Jesus' words seriously in our daily lives. When each of us submits to the lordship of Christ in our own areas of struggle, we will approach others who may have different struggles with the same grace (and the same standard) Jesus applied to the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11).— *James Stillwell*

Family Forum writers are David Garrard, minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville; James Stillwell, minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington; Susan Howell, assistant professor of psychology at Campbellsville University; Jon Rainbow, a clinical gerontologist and professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Wade Rowatt, director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville. Send questions for Family Forum to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253 or e-mail us at wesrec@ntr.net.



Celebrate the miracle & meaning of Easter

The sky was pitch-black as we rolled out of our sleeping bags at 5 a.m. and made our way to the waiting shuttle bus. Anticipation and excitement hung thick in the brisk April air. The brief journey was quiet, reverent, with our fellow travelers speaking in hushed tones.

Within minutes, we had reached our destination. As we filed off the bus, we joined 2,000 others who had braved the chilly morning to gather in this spot.

As the first rays of the morning sun began to filter across the walls of the Grand Canyon, the crowd stared in awe. Perched on a ledge of the canyon was a solitary cross, strategically placed behind the choir and minister who were leading the Easter sunrise service.

I don't recall the specific words spoken or the hymns sung on that beautiful Easter morning. But I do recall the sense of wonder. Those moments of worship spent with my wife and other pilgrims on the rim of the Grand Canyon remain among my most cherished Easter memories.

The sense of our risen Lord's spiritual presence was overwhelming. It was a vivid reminder of what Easter truly is about—a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and a time for personal spiritual reflection and renewal.

The essence of Easter is captured in the familiar hymn that enthusiastically declares: "Up from the grave He arose, with a might triumph over His foes. ... He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

Yet we often tend to take Easter for granted. We easily can get caught up in the tradition of new spring outfits and Easter egg hunts. The whole day seems to revolve around cute little baskets filled with fake plastic grass, colorful toy eggs and way too much bunny-shaped candy.

Even amid moments of worship, we attend elaborate Easter pageants without shedding a tear as

Christ's betrayal, beating, crucifixion and death are depicted. We can sing "Christ the Lord is risen today," without a hint of wonder or celebration.

The reason is obvious. We have grown so accustomed to the account of Christ's death, burial and resurrection that we have allowed the details to become commonplace and emotionless.

Yet, deep down, I'm confident all Christians remain deeply moved by the miracle of Christ's resurrection. It's simply a matter of taking time from our hectic schedules to truly ponder what that first Easter morning means in our lives today, tomorrow and throughout eternity.

Among the most captivating words in all of Scripture is the angel's announcement recorded in Matthew 28:6, "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said."

Take a few moments this week to read and reflect on the resurrection account in Matthew or any of the other gospels. Permit those passages to speak to you with fresh excitement and challenge.

As Easter approaches, my mind again goes back to that Grand Canyon Easter experience. It helps me recapture the sense of jubilation my Savior set in motion nearly 2,000 years ago. Those memories help me prepare for authentic, awe-filled worship.

Jesus declared in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Jesus not only was lifted up on the cross of Calvary to die for our sins; He also is lifted up through the lives of His followers as we share the joy and meaning of His resurrection with others.

What are your favorite Easter memories? How will you prepare this week to observe the miracle of Christ's victory over death? Don't allow resurrection Sunday 2000 to be just another holiday on an overcrowded calendar. Take time this Sunday to truly celebrate the miracle and meaning of Easter.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Take time to walk & talk with Jesus

By Nell Bruce

"Call unto me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things" (Jeremiah 33:3).

Jesus is our perfect example for prayer walking. Everywhere Jesus went He walked, and as He walked He prayed. The disciples learned daily how to pray in all kinds of circumstances. They observed Jesus' lifestyle and followed His example.

We also can learn from Him as we take a tour through the Gospels. Jesus and His disciples walked to a town called Nain, and as they approached the town they met a group on the way to the cemetery. The woman He saw was a widow, and she was on the way to bury her only son. When Jesus saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, "Don't cry." Then He went to the coffin and said, "Young man, I say to you, get up." The dead man sat up and began to talk and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Yes, Jesus walked down that special road that special day for a special purpose (Luke 7:11-16).

The New Testament tells us about many experiences of Jesus walking, praying, healing and restoring. He healed the nobleman's son in John 4:46-54, Peter's mother-in-law in Matthew 8:14-17, cleansed the leper in Matthew 8:1-4 and healed an infirmed man in John 5:1-16.

Jesus' example of prayer walking has continued through the centuries. He has had His prayer walkers busy all this time and even today He continues to call us to come walk and pray with Him.

The first person I heard talk about prayer walking more than 30 years ago was Don Miller from Texas. He is one of the first people to print materials for prayer ministry for churches. Early every morning he would sit in his swing under some trees in his yard and read the Bible. Then he would walk around the block and pray by name for the people living in each house. That is a suggestion for us to consider as we learn to follow this example. Others include:

- Stop at your door before you go out. Pray and thank God for a night of safety and the greeting of a new day.

- Walk through a shopping center, look into hurting faces and pray for each person.

- Sometimes you will find it easy to stand beside a person who is sad, lonely, hurting or brokenhearted and God will open the way for you to quietly whisper a prayer for and with that person. Don't be afraid to say, "Let us pray a minute" as you quietly stand side by side.

- Pray as you walk down hospital halls or in family waiting rooms.

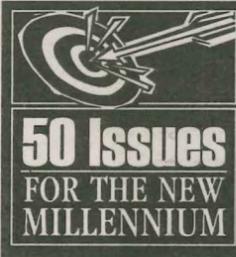
- Go to the airport and pray. Sometimes I feel tears slipping down my face as I see families being left behind.

- Choose three or four churches. Stop on their parking lots and pray for their pastors and people.

- In government centers, seminaries and colleges, walk through the halls and pray.

How wonderful and awesome for us to join Jesus in prayer as our hearts go out to those He has placed in our path. How privileged we are to leave a prayer for them at our Father's throne and trust Him to reach down and touch the lost, hurting, dying humanity all around us.

Nell Bruce, a member of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, is prayer consultant for the Kentucky Baptist missions growth team



SBC church membership rebounds in latest statistics

By Charles Willis
SBC LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE (BP)—Membership in Southern Baptist churches registered an increase in 1999, after the 1998 total that marked the first decline since 1926.

The new total of 15,851,756 is an increase of 122,400 or 0.78 percent, according to figures from the Annual Church Profile.

Baptisms registered an increase of 12,078 or 2.97 percent, for the third consecutive year of baptisms above 400,000. The 1999 total of 419,342 tops the 1997 total of 412,027 and the 1998 total of 407,264.

In spite of the increase in Southern Baptist church membership, the 15.8 million total remains slightly below the all-time high of 15,891,514 members

reported in 1997.

The Annual Church Profile is compiled by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention from church reports routed through local Baptist associations and state conventions.

Cliff Tharp, constituent information coordinator at LifeWay, said last year's membership decline "likely was impacted by affiliation and data collection issues."

"With an increasing trend of churches moving away from traditional affiliation patterns toward greater variety in their affiliations, we have found greater challenges in seeing that everyone is counted and counted only once," Tharp said.

Similarly, this year's totals for three areas—Discipleship Training, Wom-

an's Missionary Union and Brotherhood—have been affected by submission by some state conventions of data that is not comparable to ACP criteria, he added.

In addition to church membership and baptisms, other increases were reported in total tithes and offerings and special gifts, \$7.3 billion, a 5.38 percent increase. Of that amount, undesignated receipts totaled \$5.6 billion, an increase of 3.43 percent. Total receipts were \$7.8 billion, a 4.3 percent increase.

Sunday morning worship attendance showed a minimal increase to stay at 5.4 million in 1999.

Likewise, Sunday school enrollment stayed flat at 8.1 million in 1999.

Music ministry enrollment/participation dropped by 165,643 people or 9.04 percent to a total of 1,666,949.

The three areas affected by differences in reporting methods among some states showed declines, with totals possibly affected by those methods:

■ Discipleship Training enrollment/participation dropped by 51,316 people or 22.12 percent to just below 2 million people. The 1998 total of 2.5 million was the highest enrollment for the program since 1965.

■ Woman's Missionary Union enrollment declined by 81,705 or 8.24 percent to 909,527.

■ Brotherhood enrollment/participation for 1999 was 445,057, down by 80,598 or 15.33 percent.

Totals in two categories—value of church property and church-type missions operated by churches—also represented decreases from 1998, but data was not reported by all states.

SBC leaders meet with new Texas executive director

FORT WORTH, Texas (ABP)—Key leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist General Convention of Texas met April 6 on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

The only official word about the meeting is a brief statement released by Southwestern Seminary President Ken Hemphill and affirmed by BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade.

It states the meeting "was a friendly and helpful conversation concerning ways the conventions can continue to work together in Kingdom causes. While

acknowledging that there are concerns which continue to be studied, participants said it was the sort of conversation that can lead to a new level of trust and partnership."

Relationships between the Texas convention and the SBC have been strained in recent years.

The SBC has shifted theologically and politically to the right during the past two decades. The BGCT, which leaders say already was biblically conservative and representative of traditional Baptist positions, has declined to follow the national convention's lead.

The Fort Worth meeting apparently was prompted by SBC leaders, who learned Wade was scheduled to preach in the seminary's chapel service that day.

Among SBC representatives were Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee; Jimmy Draper, president of LifeWay Christian Resources; O.S. Hawkins, president of the Annuity Board; and Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Proposed CBF budget reflects several new ministry initiatives

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will launch new initiatives in leadership training, starting churches and missions partnerships next year.

Those goals are seen in a proposed budget based on a new set of organizational priorities that will be proposed at a national gathering this summer.

In addition to adopting the \$16.9 million budget in a meeting March 30-31 in Atlanta, the Fellowship's Coordinating Council took steps to establish a retirement program for churches, elected a staff member for chaplaincy and pastoral care ministries and voted to apply for membership in the Baptist World Alliance.

The proposed spending plan is the first step in implementing a still-developing strategic plan for the 9-year-old group. The budget is based on four strategic initiatives and 14 priority areas adopted by the council in February.

The entire plan—which includes a restructuring of the organization's Atlanta staff—awaits approval by the CBF General Assembly June 29-July 1 in Orlando, Fla.

The Fellowship's growing chaplaincy program prompted in part the hiring of a new associate coordinator. Milton Womack, a 60-year-old psychologist and former missionary from Houston, will work as associate coordinator for pastoral care and chaplaincy in the Global Missions Ministry Group.

The global missions group also recently named Phil Hester, a 59-year-old pastor in San Diego, as the first associate coordinator for church starts. Next year's proposed budget earmarks \$187,000 for developing new initiatives in church planting.

Tamara Tillman, a 5-year missionary in the Middle East, will join the Atlanta staff July 1 as associate coordinator for missions education, co-coordinator Gary Baldrige said.

The Coordinating Council authorized officers in 1998 to adopt and implement a retirement benefits plan for

ministers and employees of "member churches and other affiliated organizations."

Two years later, the council now is authorizing an expenditure of up to \$175,000 for start-up costs for a CBF Benefits Board within the next year, even if it means taking money from reserves.

Gary Skeen, the Fellowship's coordinator of finance and administration, has been named president of the new board. Skeen said it is uncertain if the benefits board will work alone or in partnership with the American Baptist

Churches in the U.S.A.

The \$16.9 million 2000-2001 budget includes new dollars for new programs to resource local churches, while providing status-quo funding for 20 autonomous CBF "partners"—including seminaries and divinity schools, ethics agencies, press services and an independent Baptist newspaper—that receive part of their funding from the Atlanta-based Fellowship.

The budget projects a 7 percent increase in undesignated gifts and 5 percent in an annual offering for global missions.

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Kentucky WMU members face world's changing needs

BOWLING GREEN—Describing innovative ways to minister amid a world of change, state, national and international missions leaders helped personalize Kentucky WMU's 2000 meeting theme, "Changing World ... Transforming Missions."

"Rose Benson," an international missionary, serves with her husband in an area of the world where revealing her real name could jeopardize future ministry opportunities.

Benson recounted her work with a people group where the majority of people "never have even met Christians."

Serving in a region that missions leaders describe as part of the Last Frontier, Benson said their first task was to pray, "God, show us where these people are and how we can best get to them both physically and spiritually."

Although the people group's native country was closed to Americans because of civil war, Benson said she prayed three years for an opportunity to enter the country. Through a series of events, she eventually was able to make the trip.

Citing the culture's strong resistance to Christianity and the physical danger, she said, "It's hard to walk into the face of Satan and the gates of hell. We had to decide, 'Are we willing to die?' 'Is our daughter going to be safe?'"

During subsequent trips to the region, Benson said God allowed them to



SPECIAL MUSIC A Ukrainian choir from First Baptist Church of Bowling Green helped add an international flavor to last week's state WMU annual meeting.

develop relationships with key individuals.

"As we begin to search out how God wants to bring these people to Him, the road is hard," she said, noting there are only 12 known Christians among the people group's population of 1 million.

"We have to find creative ways to reach these people for Christ," she declared. "Through God's power, we can do anything."

Steve Musen, an agricultural missionary to the Philippines, said it is a privilege to serve in a traditional missions setting "where we can openly be missionaries to share the good news of God's Word."

Musen said he and his wife, Denise, who serves as a nurse, work alongside other missionaries involved in a holistic approach to ministry.

With ministry tools ranging from teaching basic farming techniques to utilizing Internet technology, Musen said, "We've been going through a lot of transformation to make missions more effective."

Musen, a native of Bowling Green, said personal relationships and church planting remain key strategies in communicating the gospel.

Highlighting his agricultural work, he added, "Hungry people have only one concern and that is food. If you can

teach them how to grow food, they're a lot more receptive to what you have to say about spiritual needs."

Closer to home, Susan Peugh described the impact of World Changers.

Peugh, associate director of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's World Changers program, said the goal is for youth to make a spiritual impact in people's lives as they repair substandard housing for people with physical or financial disabilities.

Peugh said World Changers will sponsor 67 construction projects this summer throughout the nation. Noting that World Changers volunteers and recipients are "exposed to a new experience of missions," she added, "We see lives transformed every day."

Randy Jones, Kentucky Baptists' state missions director, highlighted the work of Appalachian Regional Ministries, a 10-state ministry effort launched last year.

Noting that ARM goals include plans to "strengthen our existing churches and start new churches alongside them," Jones said the ministry vision was "born in the heart of God."

"We've begun to see God's Spirit at work in Appalachia," he added. Describing plans for medical projects, prayer support and other ministry efforts, Jones emphasized Appalachia is "a region for whom Christ died; a region that needs to hear the gospel."



NEW LEADER Outgoing state WMU president Peggy Hicks (left) introduces new president Sara Billups.

Hicks concludes WMU leadership, Billups elected

Peggy Hicks and missions go together. A former missionary to the Philippines, she also has served eight and a half years as president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Hicks, who was state WMU president in 1985-89, agreed in 1995 to temporarily fill a vacancy in the office. That turned into another four-plus years of service as president, concluding at the end of last week's WMU annual meeting.

Sara Billups, a former state WMU vice president, was elected to succeed Hicks as president. Billups is a member of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland.

Other officers are Pat Howard of First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, who was re-elected vice president and Gayle Horn of Calvary Baptist Church of Harrodsburg, who was elected recording secretary.

Hicks, a member of Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville, said her work as president "has been a wonderful opportunity for me to extend my deep concern for world missions."

State WMU Executive Director Joy Bolton described Hicks as "a visionary leader with a grasp of the breadth of the work of WMU and an absolute commitment to our missions purpose."

She said Hicks "understands the significance of our work all the way from the local church to the national level."

Storying brings gospel to life for illiterate people groups

BOWLING GREEN—Jim Slack didn't just tell Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union members about international missions methods last week. He put his words into action.

Slack, an evangelism and church growth consultant for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, demonstrated the ministry tool of storying during three sessions of last week's WMU annual meeting.

Storying involves sharing a series of Bible stories with people groups who have very limited or no literacy skills. The goal is to evangelize and disciple listeners with a method similar to Jesus' use of parables.

Slack, who served 25 years as a missionary in the Philippines, has been deeply involved in rejuvenating storying as a vital evangelistic tool.

During the WMU program, he gathered Acteens advisory panelists around him in a setting designed to represent a rural village. He demonstrated storying by sharing a series of Bible stories including the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus healing the Gerasene demoniac and Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem with His disciples.

"Storying has been a major project of mine," Slack said. Noting there are more than 1.7 billion people who never have heard the gospel, he said many of them are illiterate.

Among the world's 10,800 distinct people groups, languages and cultures, only 287 groups have the whole Bible in their own language, he said.

For those without Scripture in their languages, "we cannot wait on getting them a Bible," he explained. "For those people, we and others join together and story the Bible from Genesis to the cross, the resurrection, the early church and the revelation."

Slack said people in cultures that rely primarily on oral communication are accustomed to memorizing stories to pass on to others. In storying settings, participants are invited to retell previous stories to reinforce the learning experience.

During the process of storying, which typically involves several months, missionaries invite listeners to respond to Christ after hearing about His death and resurrection.

Storying is seen as a more subtle way of presenting the gospel to Buddhists, Hindus, animists and other groups that typically are resistant to Christianity, Slack noted. "But little do they know how powerful storying is," he added. "We put the story in the hearts and minds of the people. They will never get away from it."

Slack said studies indicate as many as 45 percent of Kentucky adults primarily are oral communicators. He encouraged pastors to be aware of oral communicators in their congregations and communities and to utilize storying as a ministry tool.

"Oral communicators live in a storying world," Slack said. "They wait for somebody called by Christ to come and put God's Word in their heart language."



WORDS OF WELCOME Kentucky Baptist Executive Director Bill Mackey (left) commissions Joy Bolton as Kentucky Baptists' new WMU executive director. Accompanying Bolton are her husband, Lee, and her parents, Dorothy and Richard Luebbert.

Bolton officially installed as new Kentucky WMU executive director

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or our heritage by building on it and transforming missions and missions education for the new millennium."

Bolton, who previously served as a WMU staff member in South Carolina, said the key to future growth and effectiveness is to discover "God's preferred future."

Citing "the collapse of our Christian culture," she noted, "We can't assume anything when sharing the gospel. We must once again start with the basics."

Bolton said WMU members must be willing to help move their congregations from "churchianity" to Christianity. She said WMU's role involves encouraging and equipping Christians to make a spiritual difference in society.

"How do we engage people on their turf?" she asked. "People in our 21st century culture will not come to us, but they are spiritually ready if we will go to them where they are."

She said WMU's challenge is to "shift gears and put the emphasis on missions learning through personal ex-

periences in missions and ministry."

In addition to responding to cultural changes, Bolton said Baptists must be willing to change church culture. Acknowledging it can be uncomfortable for churches to "change beloved traditions in order to reach the lost," she said there are many "forward-thinking churches" ministering to those who respond to Baptist tradition while also exploring new ways to share the gospel with unsaved people.

She said such self-examination is a waste of time, however, without the foundational element of prayer.

"Prayer is the most powerful force in the universe," she declared. "Prayer is the foundation of spiritual awakening."

"We must do more than give lip service to prayer," she added. "We must earnestly seek the Lord in these days."

"As I am praying for WMU, I am not asking the Lord to restore the glory days of WMU," Bolton said. "I am praying that God will take us and do whatever He desires."

Kentucky Baptist youth worship, celebrate God's love

"If you are still breathing, God's not done with you."

Conference speaker
Saleim Kahleh

By David Winfrey
News Director

FRANKFORT—God's love and an encouragement to share it with other people was a constant theme at last weekend's youth evangelism conference.

An estimated 1,600 people listened to testimonies, sang, worshipped and heard concerts at the Frankfort Civic Center, April 14-15.

Featured speaker Saleim Kahleh noted that even most Christians don't want to go to heaven immediately. "The reason why most of you don't want to go to heaven tonight is because God is not done with you," he said. "If you are still breathing, God's not done with you."

That concept extends to non-Christians as well, he added. "God still believes in you regardless of where you've been or what you've done."

Kahleh, the son of successful Palestinians who moved to Florida, shared the story of his conversion from Islam to Christianity.

A devout Muslim with a good family, Kahleh said teachers, students and coaches knew about his faith, but he never heard about Christianity from other students. "There's something wrong when I can attend a school with 2,000 students and never meet a Christian," he said. "Do you know why some of you have a hard time sharing



HIGH ENERGY ■ Above: *The Katinas, a Christian band, performed during the Kentucky Baptist Convention youth evangelism conference.* ■ Right: Saleim Kahleh shared about his conversion from Islam. "Don't ever give up on anybody."

your faith? ... Because maybe you really don't know if you have a faith."

It wasn't until he was in college that a high school girl asked him to visit a Christian coffee house.

"That single invitation eventually led to what changed my life forever and the lives of thousands of others, because one high school girl had enough courage to invite a college guy to a place where he could hear the gospel."

Kahleh said he attended a Christian church because friends invited him but he felt sorry for people who were placing Jesus, whom Kahleh considered to be a prophet, equal with God.

He challenged the audience to consider what their faith would be if they grew up in a Muslim, Jewish or Buddhist culture. "It's one thing to know what you believe. It's another thing to know why you believe it."

That idea led him to explore other faiths, eventually leading him to become a Christian. He cited the prayers and love of Christians as an influencing factor in his search. While he had Muslim answers for all the Bible passages Christians use for their faith in Jesus, "I couldn't refute someone's



personal testimony."

"Don't ever give up on anybody. If they still have breath, God's not done with them."

Kahleh said he has been able to lead his four siblings and parents to a Christian faith. Their conversions are amazing, he said, considering Islam's teaching that to place Jesus equal with Allah is blasphemy and condemns one to hell. "You've been taught if you confess Him you go to heaven. There's a big difference."

Nearly 100 youth made public decisions Friday night, including 49 first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ.



ENCORE A four-man a cappella group of high school students performed during last weekend's youth evangelism conference.

'Christ is using me'

FRANKFORT—Missy Jenkins still goes to the morning prayer groups in the lobby of Heath High School where she was shot in December 1997.

"I even go to the same spot I was standing that day," said Jenkins, 18, who is paralyzed from the waist down. "It's really weird. For some reason if I stand somewhere else it's not right."

With the help of a walker and braces, Jenkins can stand and swing her legs around to walk for short distances. She plans to walk across the stage later this year when she accepts her high school diploma.

The 18-year-old senior at Heath High School in Paducah told those attending the Kentucky Baptist youth evangelism conference that she wouldn't take back any of the experiences she's had starting with the day she was shot.

"Christ is using me to show people what can happen if you stick to your faith and that He can take care of you," she said.

She credits her faith in God for giving her hope to walk again some day without braces.

In an interview afterward, she said God has taught her that "He doesn't put anything on anybody that they can't take."

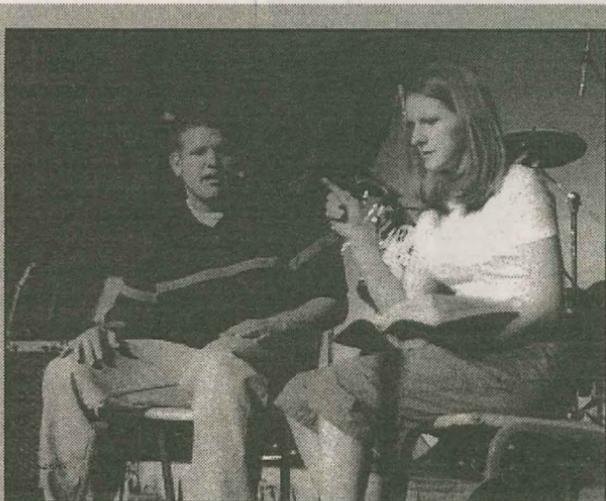
"Even when I knew I was paralyzed it just didn't hurt me because I knew that God was going to take care of me and I was going to walk again," she said.

That doesn't mean she's oblivious to her circumstances. "I do still have bad days."

Recently watching a tape of herself as a freshman dancing in choir brought her to tears, she said. "I can't get up and dance like I used to," she said. "But I just keep reminding myself that it's going to happen some day."

She plans to attend Murray State University and major in psychology. "I want to work with disabled teenagers."

She said she appreciates the prayer, gifts and support of friends and strangers who have helped her. "I'm just really lucky that there's so many caring people in the world."



EVANGELISM 101 Students showed how witnessing can work.

Skits teach basic evangelism

College students used skits during the youth evangelism conference to explain how to share one's faith in Jesus.

Evangelism 101 featured a series of five skits with lessons built around the story of two Christian high school students trying to share their faith with two non-Christian students:

■ *How can you share if they don't know you care?* Relationships are an important bridge between Christians and non-Christians.

■ *You can't teach them until you reach them.* Condemning non-Christians for their sin can repel them instead of attract them to Jesus.

■ *Don't talk the talk unless you walk the walk.* Living a sinful lifestyle will contradict a Christian's testimony.

■ *Keep it simple, stupid.* Don't use church-language to explain Christianity to people who won't understand words like "substitutionary atonement."

■ *Plant the seed, but let God bring in the harvest.* Realize that a Christian's job is to witness, but God does the work of conviction or forgiveness.

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Bays Fork	2,678.67	2,709.34	Hawesville	13,893.68	17,062.40	Zion	1,471.00	1,312.00	Muldrough Hill	5,637.45	7,013.34
Big Spring Missionary	0.00	79.98	Lewisport	19,150.41	22,167.19	Royal Oak	238.00	261.56	New Hope	3,744.00	3,736.00
Dover	0.00	0.00	Mount Eden	2,726.00	2,280.00	SUBTOTAL	50,391.47	72,148.49	Rockbridge	384.15	165.47
Holland	1,323.00	1,176.55	Newton Springs	1,355.00	1,515.00	BRACKEN			Stewarts Creek	1,000.00	500.00
Liberty	2,013.84	2,168.46	Old Panther Creek	2,058.20	1,669.05	Aberdeen	5,255.74	6,440.47	Temple	3,927.00	4,193.00
Mount Gilead	0.00	244.65	Patesville	0.00	0.00	Augusta First	105.00	170.00	Thompsonville	1,252.28	1,443.15
New Hope	1,029.05	945.98	Pellville	20,047.78	20,223.35	Bethel	0.00	0.00	Willisburg	3,343.85	3,558.02
New Middle Fork	50.00	25.00	Roseville	0.00	0.00	Minerva	0.00	0.00	Woodlawn	3,230.54	3,565.78
New Salem	0.00	0.00	Union	8,014.25	4,298.10	West Point	190.00	511.04	SUBTOTAL	62,329.05	67,675.92
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	West Point	283.42	326.28	CHRISTIAN COUNTY			Henderson Memorial	19,977.29	17,494.39
Scottsville	33,398.56	39,158.26	SUBTOTAL	85,269.42	89,847.94	Bainbridge Grove	2,768.00	2,979.46	Bethel	1,201.18	961.05
Trammel Fork	0.00	0.00	BLOOD RIVER			Bethel	1,201.18	961.05	Calvary Memorial	390.00	405.00
White Plains	4,388.36	0.00	Altona	292.07	6,433.40	Casky	6,124.62	6,747.93	Concord	19,872.03	47,154.71
SUBTOTAL	44,881.48	46,508.22	Bethel	14,044.00	13,046.00	Crofton	2,420.90	2,508.30	Edgewood	18,667.52	17,999.88
ANDERSON			Bethlehem	2,113.40	2,073.71	Eastwood	1,200.00	1,200.00	Hopkinsville First	31,755.44	36,219.26
Alton	17,864.17	17,297.53	Blood River	1,353.13	1,246.08	Eastview	1,200.00	1,200.00	Fruit Hill	1,654.36	1,774.75
Ballard	1,395.76	1,237.44	Briensburg	77,284.95	71,510.57	Hopkinsville Second	84,284.23	89,981.56	Gracey West Union	4,490.95	8,502.77
Freedom	732.54	940.00	Calvert City First	16,197.02	15,802.47	Shiloh	300.00	400.00	Hillcrest	35,168.09	40,027.54
Fellowship	270.00	270.00	Cherry Corner	5,676.06	6,460.21	Sinking Fork	21,710.13	37,240.79	Kelly	6,998.44	6,261.67
Friendship	0.00	0.00	Coldwater	300.00	300.00	South Union	321.27	343.92	Living Hope	2,512.00	4,068.92
Hope Community	8,639.14	15,274.00	Dexter	1,891.83	300.00	Trinity	1,618.20	1,709.57	LaPayette	1,973.00	1,790.00
Glensboro	941.65	1,478.30	Elm Grove	15,830.95	17,056.87	West Grove	180.00	90.00	Little River	4,062.45	3,498.30
Goshen	513.00	519.00	East Marshall	1,261.55	1,412.80	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Lighthouse	723.18	250.00
Lawrenceburg First	58,884.69	62,171.77	Murray First	55,377.74	72,674.66	West Union	0.00	153.62	Locust Grove	472.91	476.27
Mount Pleasant	1,228.00	535.40	Benton First Missionary	12,470.10	10,343.48	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Macedonia	1,347.96	1,726.41
Pleasant Grove	100.00	125.00	Flint	3,636.02	3,087.35	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Lakeview	469.00	393.00
Sand Spring	18,682.91	23,879.66	Benton First	18,407.00	21,604.95	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	New Barren Springs	3,262.08	3,356.78
Tyrone	1,782.75	1,494.00	Elva	1,227.80	1,036.69	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	New Ebenezer	1,837.02	2,075.60
Van Buren	263.85	0.00	Gilbertsville	6,971.04	6,945.12	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	New Palestine	5,683.50	6,148.60
SUBTOTAL	111,298.46	125,222.10	Grace	8,204.78	6,778.94	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Primer Iglesia Bautista Hispana	591.40	1,093.52
BELL			Hamlet Missionary	1,950.79	2,365.03	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Oak Grove First	1,379.14	1,629.67
Arjay	0.00	0.00	Hazel	16,188.14	14,968.54	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Olivet	8,800.65	11,129.73
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	Kirksey	859.00	754.00	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Pembroke	14,863.27	9,875.69
Bethlehem	1,373.14	1,205.09	Lakeview	3,826.97	3,865.27	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Means Avenue	0.00	0.00
Binghamtown	3,500.04	3,500.04	Ledbetter	503.64	685.54	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Pleasant Green	1,340.74	1,386.69
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00	Locust Grove	9,540.60	8,787.77	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Pleasant Hill	1,587.60	1,609.02
Calloway	412.17	390.98	Memorial	10,303.19	12,181.29	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Pleasant View Missionary	1,319.01	1,301.12
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00	New Bethel	2,520.00	2,520.00	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Salem	3,792.84	3,694.06
Antioch	0.00	0.00	New Harmony	15,894.98	15,793.83	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Hopkinsville Second	84,284.23	89,981.56
Charity #2	0.00	0.00	New Providence	314.64	197.30	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Shiloh	300.00	400.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00	New Mt Carmel	1,464.95	1,553.70	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Sinking Fork	21,710.13	37,240.79
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00	New Zion	8,091.84	6,991.20	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	South Union	321.27	343.92
Dunlap	0.00	0.00	Northside	4,015.00	4,546.00	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Trinity	1,618.20	1,709.57
East Cumberland Avenue	5,519.00	5,570.00	Northside	4,015.00	4,546.00	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	West Grove	180.00	90.00
East Jellico	2,465.00	3,954.00	Walnut Street	985.51	757.08	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	Victory	174.00	112.00
East Pineville	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	3,652.83	3,967.76	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87
Pineville First	8,430.23	9,500.83	Hilltop	313.55	235.50	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	West Union	0.00	153.62
First Blackmont	300.00	300.00	Olive Missionary	6,540.64	8,904.78	West Mount Zoar	719.37	692.87	SUBTOTAL	318,013.77	376,664.42
Fonde	117.64	0.00	Owens Chapel	4,265.00	3,646.00	CRITTENDEN			Bethany	1,017.36	868.69
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00	Corinth	1,011.25	1,312.83	Corinth	9,936.34	13,654.91
Garmead	0.00	0.00	Poplar Spring	1,200.00	1,000.00	Crittenden	9,936.34	13,654.91	De Mossville	0.00	120.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Valley	1,800.00	1,500.00	Dry Ridge	12,153.35	10,974.82	Dry Ridge	12,153.35	10,974.82
Harmony	0.00	0.00	Salem	7,918.51	8,720.57	Gardnersville	2,897.39	2,890.94	Gassy Run	1,709.67	1,651.32
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	Scotts Grove	4,198.46	1,235.68	Gardnersville	2,897.39	2,890.94	Gumlick	1,547.93	1,274.70
First Southern BC of Chenoa	0.00	0.00	Sharpe Missionary	3,112.00	3,224.00	Gumlick	1,547.93	1,274.70	Knoxville	5,182.30	5,058.65
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00	Sinking Spring	2,550.00	3,000.00	Lawrenceville	2,532.60	3,236.65	Lawrenceville	2,532.60	3,236.65
Hosman	1,264.50	1,064.40	South Marshall	120.00	120.00	Marcus	0.00	0.00	Mason	1,991.48	2,536.67
Insull	0.00	0.00	Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,259.00	Mount Carmel	5,607.00	5,926.00	Mount Carmel	5,607.00	5,926.00
Jenson	635.97	744.64	Symsonia	4,886.00	5,521.50	New Friendship	180.96	191.86	New Friendship	180.96	191.86
Meldrum	0.00	0.00	Sugar Creek	400.00	200.00	Oak Ridge	1,470.00	1,740.00	Oak Ridge	1,470.00	1,740.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	Union Ridge	3,325.00	3,037.00	Pleasant Green	2,415.87	2,711.23	Pleasant Green	2,415.87	2,711.23
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	Vanzora	3,608.00	3,596.00	Pleasant Ridge	1,753.80	1,650.20	Pleasant Ridge	1,753.80	1,650.20
Millers Chapel	0.00	160.00	Westside	10,948.55	7,694.74	Stewartsville	794.00	788.00	Stewartsville	794.00	788.00
Moss Chapel	180.00	180.00	West Fork	3,656.32	3,571.81	Turner Ridge	15,085.28	15,901.61	Turner Ridge	15,085.28	15,901.61
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	West Cause	5,578.22	4,804.40	Unity	5,509.56	6,125.48	Unity	5,509.56	6,125.48
Newtown	93.17	165.84	SUBTOTAL	390,071.77	401,318.59	Victory	47.44	320.87	Victory	47.44	320.87
Northside	0.00	0.00	BOONES CREEK			Williamstown	21,204.92	21,619.15	Williamstown	21,204.92	21,619.15
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00	Allansville	4,074.41	4,798.20	Victory	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	107,359.55	113,642.89
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove	411.64	526.42	DAVISS-MCLEAN			Apollo Heights	1,518.09	1,721.92
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00	Boone's Creek	13,414.79	13,703.61	Belleuve	76,025.60	49,091.35	Belleuve	76,025.60	49,091.35
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	Calvary	6,013.28	6,728.52	Bethabara	11,653.94	12,507.77	Bethabara	11,653.94	12,507.77
Old Yellow Creek	6,026.72	6,006.50	Central	82,541.24	74,875.21	Bethel	517.87	684.06	Bethel	517.87	684.06
Pathfork	287.76	255.05	Clay City	764.00	773.00	Brushy Fork	784.09	986.69	Brushy Fork	784.09	986.69
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	Corinth	3,848.13	2,447.02	Buck Creek	4,688.83	4,683.48	Buck Creek	4,688.83	4,683.48
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00	Cow Creek	2,526.00	2,577.00	Buena Vista	13,341.13	14,819.85	Buena Vista	13,341.13	14,819.85
Riverside	835.47	878.40	Emmanuel	513.10	501.39	Buttonsberry	214.12	211.00	Buttonsberry	214.12	211.00
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00	Ephesus	3,772.00	1,624.00	Calhoun	13,985.71	15,478.19	Calhoun	13,985.71	15,478.19
Riverview	394.66	373.73	Faith	75.00	90.00	Cedar Street Missionary	0.00	0.00	Cedar Street Missionary	0.00	0.00
Southside	1,781.29	2,745.29	Irvine First	3,056.23	2,203.34	Cabtree Avenue	760.17	648.36	Cabtree Avenue	760.17	648.36
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	Friendship	3,528.79	4,761.01	Crossroads Missionary	275.00	230.00	Crossroads Missionary	275.00	230.00
Stoney Fork	365.00	440.00	Greenbriar	199.45	0.00	Crossville	397.97	447.21	Crossville	397.97	447.21
Trinity	150.00	1,606.16	Heidelberg	92.60	0.00	Dawson	4,146.95	4,499.02	Dawson	4,146.95	4,499.02
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	Howards Mill	3,251.00	4,196.00	Eaton Memorial	11,546.83	12,103.56	Eaton Memorial	11,546.83	12,103.56
Tugglesville	72.00	0.00	Ivory Hill	1,250.53	1,537.83	Owensboro First	133,821.79	162,810.73	Owensboro First	133,821.79	162

Kentucky Baptist Churches' Support for the Cooperative Program

MID-YEAR REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING

Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Stanley	1,052.71	913.16	Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00	Fellowship	195.75	373.05	Unity	48,276.23	42,039.45
Station	2,211.89	2,146.85	Versailles	41,952.75	46,801.44	Mayfield First	30,333.34	32,166.68	Wildwood	9,845.05	10,624.07
Sugar Grove	4,456.58	3,617.54	White Sulphur	1,684.86	2,474.02	Emmanuel	779.94	861.01	Willard	997.03	1,325.88
Crosspointe	6,097.08	2,250.00	Faith Covenant	300.00	300.00	Hardmoney	1,637.50	1,275.00	Wilson Creek	1,802.50	1,764.00
Owensboro Third	25,220.63	24,969.81	SUBTOTAL	719,449.98	750,495.26	Hickory	2,340.00	2,340.00	Wolf Creek	2,565.52	2,788.25
Utica	5,327.72	5,995.95	ENTERPRISE			High Point	39,095.82	37,979.87	SUBTOTAL	227,156.05	246,607.42
Walnut Memorial	1,000.00	4,253.47	Allen First	1,470.00	1,513.11	Liberty	13,519.95	8,815.49	HENRY COUNTY		
Ridgewood	620.06	639.77	Topmost	200.00	100.00	Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	Bethlehem	3,652.00	3,601.51
Garden Green	325.00	455.00	Benedict	583.74	673.03	Lynnville	287.00	150.00	Campbellsburg	833.32	1,394.08
Whitesville	1,500.00	1,800.00	Brushy Fork	420.00	420.00	Melber	583.02	583.02	Campbellsburg Second	0.00	0.00
Wing Avenue	4,909.90	3,302.00	Garrett First	327.22	564.40	Millers Chapel	120.00	187.98	Franklinton	2,590.20	2,306.50
Yellow Creek	31,842.65	33,070.23	Fitzpatrick First	1,163.00	1,026.00	Mount Haven	0.00	0.00	Eminence	0.00	0.00
Yelvington	2,449.26	3,237.09	Inez First	3,832.23	1,618.20	Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	New Castle First	1,560.00	1,470.00
Victory	0.00	0.00	Prestonsburg First	16,214.29	9,240.38	Mount Olivet	662.93	660.77	Hopewell	25.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL	524,562.89	535,554.67	Ivyton	0.00	0.00	New Concord	0.00	0.00	Lockport	1,809.45	1,923.99
EAST LYNN			Jacks Creek	0.00	578.16	New Home	1,247.00	1,564.00	Orville	853.00	1,112.00
Allendale	0.00	0.00	Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	New Hope	314.30	219.20	Pleasureville	2,972.44	6,239.38
Bethel	0.00	0.00	Liberty	587.00	545.65	New Liberty	116.11	186.67	Port Royal	0.00	0.00
Corinth Missionary	0.00	600.00	Licking River	882.48	1,310.95	New Life	0.00	50.00	Smithfield	3,368.67	3,817.97
Green Hill	624.55	857.53	Martin First	450.00	450.00	Northside	14,313.18	16,511.66	Sulphur	1,584.00	1,485.71
Holly Grove	2,113.41	2,864.68	Mashfork	220.76	263.63	Oak Grove	300.00	300.00	Turners Station	0.00	0.00
Liberty	243.21	0.00	Maytown First	0.00	0.00	Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00	Union	676.51	1,065.84
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	McDowell First	300.00	200.00	New Vision Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	19,924.59	24,466.98
Mount Carmel	0.00	250.00	Mount Beulah	2,586.48	2,119.76	Pilot Oak	2,646.91	2,639.88	IRVINE		
Mount Washington	500.00	500.00	Paintsville First	14,331.45	12,379.07	Pleasant Grove	2,914.86	1,791.53	Anville	500.00	600.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Home	439.00	462.00	Pryorsburg	650.00	800.00	Clover Bottom	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	1,816.47	725.56	Salyersville First	5,344.96	4,875.27	Sand Hill	0.00	0.00	Egypt	1,716.00	1,972.00
Union Band	0.00	0.00	Tomahawk Baptist Mission	112.00	0.00	Sedalia	2,760.27	3,416.52	Gray Hawk	5,752.27	2,312.67
Whickerville	0.00	0.00	Warfield Missionary	500.00	660.00	Sharon	6,150.44	5,801.44	McKee	4,446.41	5,550.77
SUBTOTAL	5,297.64	5,797.77	West Van Lear	50.00	150.00	South First Street	457.33	258.51	Mount Zion	277.86	132.30
EAST UNION			Wheelwright First	0.00	0.00	Trace Creek	2,000.02	2,666.65	Oak Grove	709.83	654.09
Black Oak	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	50,564.61	39,529.61	Viola Missionary	1,022.08	894.20	Old Orchard	774.08	865.70
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	FRANKLIN			Water Valley	150.00	175.00	Stone Coal	120.00	20.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00	Faith	1,169.79	447.99	West Broadway	989.39	964.29	Tyner	2,606.29	2,316.82
Clearfork	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	600.00	7,341.33	Wingo	848.12	768.63	Wind Cave	540.00	540.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00	Bellepoint	4,367.37	4,023.78	SUBTOTAL	143,622.59	141,117.70	SUBTOTAL	17,442.74	14,964.35
Kenese	304.60	477.21	Bethel	1,200.00	2,750.00	GRAYSON COUNTY			JACKSON COUNTY		
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00	Buck Run	28,310.00	38,726.00	Caneville	2,651.76	2,365.16	Black Water #1	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00	Calvary	2,927.49	2,716.75	Clarkson	7,496.10	8,840.21	Drip Rock	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00	Camp Pleasant	500.00	525.00	Leitchfield First	27,603.53	23,249.29	Indian Creek	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00	Cedar	0.00	0.00	Holly	660.00	396.00	Letter Box	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00	First Corinthian	0.00	0.00	Liberty	1,027.87	1,011.25	New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	Crestwood	25,199.09	24,642.98	Hanging Rock	1,049.65	1,241.37	Mauldin	0.00	0.00
Valley Creek	0.00	4,926.05	East Frankfort	3,896.84	5,758.72	Little Clifty	5,118.49	2,076.12	Old Path Missionary	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	304.60	5,403.26	Evergreen	4,074.98	3,999.98	New Hope Missionary	222.00	222.00	Pine Hill	0.00	0.00
ELKHORN			Frankfort First	2,108.86	1,891.00	New Harvest	250.00	600.00	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00
The Church at Andover	0.00	0.00	Forks of Elkhorn	2,405.00	3,859.00	Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00	KNOX		
Broadway	19,446.66	18,638.13	Farmdale	2,445.00	3,000.00	SUBTOTAL	46,079.40	40,001.40	Apple Grove	0.00	0.00
Brookside	2,375.63	2,408.41	Hillcrest	6,446.11	6,007.76	GREEN VALLEY			Artemus First	3,245.50	2,419.24
Becknerville	127.92	142.00	Lebanon	0.00	0.00	Advance	1,597.61	1,918.31	Barbourville First	30,658.80	36,531.63
First Cadetown	0.00	0.00	Memorial	20,971.19	15,169.44	Airline	11,826.05	12,993.81	Calvary Missionary	2,354.93	1,912.42
Calvary	15,263.48	11,113.58	Mount Carmel	0.00	0.00	Ambassador	954.37	1,068.92	Candle Ridge	287.37	221.00
Calvary Mission	0.00	0.00	Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00	Audubon	11,069.00	11,634.00	Callihan Missionary	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	3,569.90	3,845.66	North Benson	4,255.53	4,605.26	Bellfield	9,450.00	11,075.00	Coles Branch	0.00	0.00
Central	1,783.34	533.32	North Fork	307.66	201.55	Bethel	1,966.35	1,810.92	Concord	0.00	185.00
Ashland Avenue	1,333.32	10,666.71	North Frankfort	2,440.00	4,675.00	Calvary Missionary	6,475.96	6,514.76	Indian Creek	194.00	343.00
Central	12,235.35	11,285.77	Peaks Mill	231.25	0.00	Cash Creek	2,518.39	3,306.45	Dewitt	2,183.52	2,341.35
Chevy Chase	10,013.42	9,698.50	Pleasant Ridge	1,116.10	1,551.62	Cherry Hill	0.00	0.00	Keck	1,488.11	940.64
Citadel Missionary	0.00	0.00	Providence	3,590.52	6,300.27	Morganfield First	18,277.13	19,379.14	Springfield	1,483.98	1,915.58
Clear Creek	2,583.00	3,222.00	Saint John	3,390.94	3,019.29	Corydon Missionary	4,961.10	1,810.45	Liberty Missionary	370.27	418.93
Clover Bottom	900.00	900.00	Swallowfield	469.51	493.48	Dupey	90.00	90.00	Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00
Crosswoods	5,580.12	4,902.64	Thornhill	20,687.56	18,781.72	Eastview	1,922.45	2,190.37	Greasy Creek	0.00	0.00
Davids Fork	858.34	760.68	Trinity	550.00	0.00	Finley	2,655.05	1,901.48	Grays	2,190.36	1,335.62
Dry Run	2,150.95	3,455.47	Westview	848.63	2,104.41	Henderson First	45,872.36	59,558.73	Green Road	0.00	100.00
Durbin Memorial	2,846.33	3,236.51	SUBTOTAL	144,509.42	162,592.33	Geneva	1,781.00	1,766.00	Lynn Camp	3,509.14	4,269.47
East Hickman	4,074.08	4,986.53	FREEDOM			Greater Norris Chapel	0.00	0.00	Highland Park	5,934.34	5,668.53
Edgewood	32,473.67	19,055.69	Albany First	8,100.00	11,160.00	New Hope	2,078.93	2,312.71	East Barbourville	6,712.00	5,123.00
Faith	0.00	0.00	Branham Grove	396.00	428.96	Hyland	13,909.24	14,705.57	Locust Grove	600.00	600.00
Lexington First	1,242.43	748.04	Burkesville	3,313.59	3,868.06	Immanuel Baptist Temple	15,529.17	15,587.39	Northside	528.23	482.21
Cornerstone	9,845.60	5,297.37	Cave Springs	2,942.00	3,320.00	Lawndale	1,169.58	1,074.03	Old Flat Lick	0.00	0.00
Paris First	19,424.39	21,630.52	Central Grove	1,493.56	2,097.14	Mount Pleasant	1,402.81	2,181.29	Mount Olivet	430.00	425.00
Winchester First	16,859.42	13,800.50	Fairland	50.00	0.00	Niagara Missionary	0.00	0.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Mount Sterling First	2,645.81	7,666.67	Grace Union	0.00	0.00	Poole Missionary	2,781.59	2,732.02	North Corbin Missionary	0.00	2,407.84
Corbin First	7,666.66	1,500.00	Green Grove Missionary	0.00	716.00	Robards Missionary	3,184.61	3,409.07	River	0.00	82.00
Gano Avenue	10,542.12	2,940.63	New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00	Sebree First	12,272.73	12,873.41	Roadside	1,000.32	801.70
Gardenside	21,113.03	27,599.26	Pikeview	921.00	917.00	Spottsville	2,493.30	3,480.17	Piney Grove	1,563.75	1,039.93
Georgetown	12,369.30	18,387.11	Stony Point	8,178.56	7,129.85	Victory	250.00	0.00	Salem	0.00	0.00
Glens Creek	319.90	1,810.51	SUBTOTAL	25,394.71	29,637.01	Watson Lane	100.00	500.00	Salt Gum	0.00	0.00
Grace	7,721.91	10,993.07	GASPER RIVER			Zion	10,000.00	15,000.00	Pleasant Ridge	210.00	210.00
Great Crossing	5,248.46	5,796.05	Aberdeen	6,475.00	6,765.00	SUBTOTAL	186,588.78	210,874.00	Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00
North View	10,771.65	10,288.43	Barnetts Lick	1,083.20	1,095.00	GREENUP			Swan Pond	3,330.27	2,507.04
Highlands	4,993.93	5,752.71	Bethel	847.20	922.87	Ashland	1,115.11	1,342.99	Turkey Creek	1,335.71	1,634.09
Hillcrest	490.00	300.00	Big Muddy	900.00	1,050.00	Belmont	819.78	735.76	Walker	195.00	225.00
Hillsboro	1,347.30	1,474.38	Brooklyn	0.00	0.00	Blackburn Avenue	160.00	120.00	Poplar Grove	1,525.01	3,725.26
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00	Carve Rock	875.69	1,119.83	Burnaugh	6,428.69	5,117.45	Young Grove	0.00	0.00
Imani	0.00	0.00	Chapel Union	540.97	510.25	Cannonsburg First	6,976.28	7,198.10	SUBTOTAL	71,330.61	77,865.48
Immanuel	163,939.73	170,3									

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Association/Church	CP99	CP00
LIBERTY	0.00	664.65
Antioch	250.00	250.00
Browders Chapel	60.00	60.00
Calvary	12,500.00	12,356.08
Canmer	490.00	381.30
Cave City	8,621.00	7,746.00
Cave Spring	300.00	300.00
Cedar Cliff	0.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	231.00	1,458.00
Coral Hill	10,997.48	11,667.20
Edmonton Worship Center	3,750.68	3,916.77
Haywood Missionary	1,819.17	2,824.16
Glasgow	24,911.68	22,970.52
Grace Union Missionary	0.00	60.58
Hardyville	708.81	1,021.83
Horse Cave	7,953.02	9,727.62
Immanuel	8,951.72	8,719.45
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lonoke	485.22	618.50
Mount Tabor	731.23	881.28
New Liberty	0.00	0.00
Park City	3,892.46	2,585.80
Pleasant Valley	5,127.20	3,754.02
Poplar Spring Missionary	250.00	600.00
Rowletts	951.07	1,368.84
Salem	1,746.27	2,155.72
Shady Grove Missionary	911.00	1,033.25
Siloam	0.00	0.00
South Fork	990.00	1,076.40
Three Springs	243.60	230.32
Walnut Hill	180.00	180.00
Zion	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	97,052.61	98,608.29
LINCOLN COUNTY	1,922.41	1,778.11
Blue Lick	4,527.03	6,105.54
Calvary Hill	780.00	660.00
Crab Orchard	3,115.35	3,438.25
Double Springs	1,224.00	1,425.20
Fairview	8,938.47	10,471.51
Freedom	5,399.00	5,190.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Geneva	130.00	75.00
Harris Creek	900.89	640.38
Hustonsville	2,250.00	2,400.00
Locust Grove	400.00	300.00
McKinney	3,966.64	3,583.90
Mount Hchiron	1,108.80	1,129.71
Mount Salem	945.61	999.70
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	1,237.34	3,985.19
Olive	473.67	494.65
Parlor Grove	2,182.00	1,825.00
Pilot	434.11	146.48
Pleasant Point	2,304.00	2,353.00
Pleasant View	15,696.65	13,574.35
Polly Ann	638.41	1,137.08
Pond	501.97	183.47
South Fork	518.56	440.17
Watts Chapel	1,800.00	3,525.00
Stanford	9,156.53	11,793.02
SUBTOTAL	70,551.44	77,654.71
LITTLE BETHEL	375.00	400.00
Charity	4,782.00	2,958.45
Charleston First Missionary	82.69	0.00
Charleston Second Praise & Worsh	3,938.78	5,073.47
Concord Missionary	0.00	0.00
Corinth	525.46	898.95
Dalton	450.00	300.00
Dixon First	2,997.68	4,880.46
Dunn Missionary	3,343.64	3,730.40
Dawson Springs First	6,000.00	5,000.00
Earlington First	15,100.44	16,440.52
Madisonville First	49,670.50	10,974.53
Grapevine	7,346.60	12,759.51
Green Grove Missionary	220.00	50.00
Hanson First	3,741.15	7,961.30
Providence First	9,679.43	7,546.60
Harmony	990.00	1,028.00
Immanuel	7,875.19	12,628.97
Johnson Island	1,486.00	2,017.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Liberty	17,081.13	17,093.98
Freedom	319.53	343.94
Lakeview Missionary	1,478.00	600.00
Manitou	0.00	0.00
Mortons Gap First	2,492.13	2,646.49
Mannington	200.00	160.00
Nebo	2,804.10	3,663.06
New Hope	184.00	331.00
New Salem	2,853.00	4,072.06
Nortonville	3,046.00	2,708.00
Olive Branch	5,309.73	7,145.90
Park Avenue	5,876.72	6,352.01
Pleasant Grove	1,267.82	756.80
Pleasant Valley Missionary	2,612.11	1,796.81
Pleasant View	919.24	830.87
Pond River	0.00	0.00
Prospect Missionary	245.70	327.00
Providence Second	1,002.10	1,375.19
Richland	1,500.00	0.00
Salem	16,977.63	17,855.39
Madisonville Second	22,215.58	16,801.78
Mortons Gap Second	1,489.10	1,929.02
Silent Run Missionary	2,350.12	2,438.73
Slaughters	3,245.50	2,915.00
Slover	5,121.50	713.82
Suthards Missionary	2,084.00	1,537.00
Victory	11,972.00	15,001.00
White Plains Missionary	1,502.04	1,080.22
Zion Brick Missionary	150.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	233,286.34	205,273.23
LITTLE RIVER	1,665.00	1,497.00
Caldwell Blue Spring	3,017.20	3,264.42
Buffalo Lick	3,173.52	4,809.86
Cadiz Second	0.00	0.00
Cadiz	21,612.39	20,114.36
Canton	0.00	150.00
Cerulean	5,044.00	6,838.00
Delmont	843.60	1,083.60
New Light	0.00	120.00
Donaldson Creek	4,131.39	5,487.46
New Jerusalem	300.00	300.00
East Cadiz	9,480.04	11,439.03
Hurricane	9,753.43	12,407.14

Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Liberty Point	6,864.03	6,872.58
Locust Grove	4,286.04	4,276.72
Maple Grove	1,500.00	1,900.00
New Hope	7,647.57	7,805.33
Oak Grove	5,153.05	6,139.48
Rock Front	300.00	900.00
Rocky Ridge	779.90	1,028.02
South Union	1,176.35	1,621.30
Trigg County	778.00	1,558.91
Wallonia	4,929.13	0.00
SUBTOTAL	92,434.64	99,613.21
LOGAN	3,241.93	3,901.46
Antioch	1,870.32	5,690.17
Beechland	0.00	0.00
Britmart	1,810.36	1,699.46
Cave Spring	3,346.43	3,739.80
Center	1,800.00	1,850.00
Concord	4,198.81	2,979.00
Elk Lick	17,006.06	17,622.58
Epley	1,393.39	1,384.24
Green Ridge	318.32	851.64
Guptons Grove	1,076.40	1,363.82
Liberty	5,927.00	6,205.00
Mount Pleasant	16,534.78	17,587.84
Mount Tabor Missionary	2,295.00	2,605.00
Muddy River	0.00	0.00
New Cedar Grove	1,840.99	1,762.83
New Friendship	3,874.12	4,621.50
New Hope	2,885.07	457.82
Oak Forest	200.00	581.00
Oak Grove	16,424.97	20,185.54
Pleasant Hill	250.67	227.15
SUBTOTAL	86,294.62	95,315.85
LONG RUN	500.00	550.00
Arcade	2,108.47	1,965.64
Ashby Lane	4,500.00	4,384.38
Auburndale	0.00	0.00
Audubon	1,292.22	1,309.34
Baptist Tabernacle	481.12	603.69
Bashford Manor	3,000.00	2,000.00
South Watterson Trail	359.37	614.67
Baxter Avenue	0.00	0.00
Beargrass Missionary	17,269.01	15,666.38
Beechland	9,962.39	10,318.58
Beechmont	8,512.42	8,573.60
Beechwood	7,576.39	11,765.12
Bethany	0.00	0.00
Bethel Flock	14,218.00	17,276.00
Bethlehem	0.00	0.00
Broadway	1,903.33	2,052.93
Brooks	763.95	724.62
Brookview	0.00	300.00
Burnett Avenue Missionary	925.00	1,125.00
Buechel Park	18,000.00	21,000.00
Carlisle Avenue	770.00	870.00
Cardinal Hill	9,995.49	11,550.50
Cedar Creek	450.00	450.00
Chenoweth Park	2,950.74	3,058.26
Chapel Park	4,471.06	4,296.84
Clifton	0.00	233.72
Clifton Heights	453.39	659.19
Cove	671.73	1,369.44
Creighton Hill	1,552.26	1,837.76
Davis Memorial	7,184.88	7,736.03
Deer Park	465.00	414.00
East Audubon	4,407.58	5,378.18
Eastern Gate	596.45	571.49
Eastern Parkway	771.73	802.16
Eastwood First	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	1,023.51	1,081.67
Eighteenth Street	566.85	1,844.20
Elk Creek	5,757.09	6,940.02
Fairdale First	848.00	958.30
Fairmount	835.17	14,919.07
Farmdale	0.00	0.00
Fern Creek	1,059.44	1,922.16
Jeffersonville	3,233.76	1,408.39
Germantown Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Prospect First	360.00	300.00
Taylorsville First	9,180.01	11,186.24
Middletown First	2,958.87	2,830.42
Fisherville First	2,694.44	4,021.01
Foster Avenue	2,475.01	2,464.40
Fourth Avenue	0.00	540.00
Franklin Street	423.60	0.00
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	6,182.07	6,092.42
Green Acres	2,395.12	2,337.23
Cloverleaf	13,514.00	13,357.23
Harmony	500.00	600.00
Hazelwood	5,575.00	4,961.00
Highland	1,240.00	840.54
Seaton Park	0.00	0.00
Highland Park First	7,314.02	4,076.64
Highview	60,000.00	57,925.00
Hillsdale	5,521.75	5,167.93
Hillview	100.20	60.30
Hopewell	5,299.99	6,720.20
Hurstbourne	27,348.62	46,040.78
Immanuel	636.70	788.69
Hunsinger Lane	6,522.89	7,778.56
Taylorsville Second	0.00	5,258.20
Kenwood	1,200.00	1,200.00
Keys Ferry	325.00	250.00
Kings	27,787.87	29,159.98
First Korean	750.00	900.00
Kosmosdale	792.50	1,183.30
Bicknell Avenue	0.00	0.00
Lake Dreamland	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	1,611.09	1,433.19
Living Hope	5,199.67	5,688.17
Lees Lane	3,671.55	3,328.83
New Heights	600.00	900.00
Little Flock	4,200.00	5,716.73
Long Run	278.75	343.14
Lyndon	1,153.96	2,067.45
Louisville Baptist Deaf Church	566.86	977.31
Lynn Acres	800.00	950.00
Memory Lane	0.00	0.00
Manly Memorial	314.20	335.72
Lakewood	13,282.72	15,135.45
Maple Grove	3,370.36	3,236.20
Melbourne Heights	4,913.23	5,965.65
Meadow Hill	6,450.23	7,489.16
Midlane Park	121.57	56.44
Minors Lane	1,247.38	1,054.44

Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Morningside	0.00	0.00
Mount Hermon	0.00	0.00
Mount Elmira	3,520.36	3,248.15
North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	166.66	499.98
Ninth and O	0.00	3,300.00
Mount Nebo	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Oakdale	150.00	150.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	8,187.96	10,856.24
Parkland	13,040.71	14,781.76
Green Hills	0.00	0.00
Parkwood	5,442.05	3,938.43
The People of the Way Community	141.60	124.06
Penile	679.87	1,051.96
Pleasant Grove	1,626.83	4,193.91
Plum Creek	5,181.67	6,472.20
Poplar Level	773.78	1,113.97
Little Mission	0.00	0.00
Portland Avenue	1,053.64	175.00
Ralph Avenue	17,391.86	20,072.98
Ridgeview	1,054.95	1,696.62
Ridgewood	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,271.80	1,964.40
New Beginning	0.00	10.00
Rockford Lane	14,351.46	14,031.08
Rutledge Road	379.67	0.00
Shively	45,981.00	52,252.87
Shively Heights	7,236.04	3,449.82
New Cut Road	2,388.95	3,020.48
South Jefferson	9,756.00	14,140.00
Yorktown	620.00	360.00
Southside	1,543.85	1,885.00
St Matthews	1,506.64	1,308.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Jerusalem	0.00	300.00
Summit Hills	3,634.13	4,085.62
Springdale	8,666.63	7,000.02
Sunnyside	1,448.86	1,348.13
Third Avenue	41.65	49.99
Thixton Lane	1,690.00	1,740.00
Valley Station	11,787.62	10,666.49
Valley View	3,530.00	4,002.00
Van Buren	539.14	1,021.69
Victory Memorial	1,942.39	4,530.01
Vine Street	0.00	136.53
Walnut Street	14,820.70	25,623.72
West Broadway	11,406.94	12,787.38
West End	0.00	0.00
Westport Road	48,333.08	54,231.29
Woodland	7,842.34	9,885.55
Oakland	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	644,962.45	730,258.48
LYNN	6,527.39	5,809.58
Aetna Grove	128.70	35.27
Aetna Union	0.00	0.00
Bethel	2,069.06	2,131.95
Boiling Springs	920.00	1,410.00
Bonnieville	0.00	0.00
Falling Springs	480.00	480.00
Friendship #2	771.97	825.02
Knoxes Creek	1,262.43	1,757.11
Leitchfield Crossing	0.00	0.00
Lincoln Memorial	1,896.33	2,105.72
Lucas Grove	2,292.76	3,286.91
Mount Moriah	500.00	250.00
Mount Olivet	193.72	629.82
Mount Pisgah	2,513.45	2,400.00
Munfordville	3,265.25	5,350.91
Oak Hill	3,163.66	2,991.38
Pikeview	250.00	250.00
South Fork	14,734.00	0.00
Three Forks Bacon Creek	750.00	900.00
Upton	3,324.93	4,164.22
SUBTOTAL	45,043.65	34,7

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Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Highland Hills	25,975.06	21,210.14
Immanuel	1,260.04	929.43
Kento-Boo	0.00	1,250.00
Triple Crown Community	0.00	0.00
Kenton	1,866.63	2,250.52
Latonia	18,434.14	22,012.27
Licking Valley	1,712.56	1,737.43
Macedonia Missionary	0.00	0.00
Madison Avenue	0.00	179.40
Main Street	4,165.74	8,370.78
Mentor	2,638.38	3,239.60
New Banklick	2,854.55	3,423.51
Oak Island	705.81	647.18
Oak Ridge	16,400.98	12,124.23
Persimmon Grove	500.00	0.00
Petersburg	1,169.80	862.74
Piner	500.00	600.00
Pleasant Ridge	5,444.50	5,744.69
Rosedale	1,166.78	2,375.44
Sand Run	3,818.68	3,722.88
Second Twelve Mile	2,505.42	3,467.23
Silver Grove First	748.44	740.97
South Side	1,050.00	1,350.00
Crown Point Community Mission	0.00	0.00
Trinity	1,962.00	2,190.00
Union	8,851.00	7,720.00
Visalia	0.00	0.00
West Covington	1,200.00	1,200.00
Wilmington	1,620.88	3,502.33
Woodhaven	428.00	468.00
Crown Court Mission	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	383,812.94	412,792.47
OHIO COUNTY		
Adaburg	239.34	249.90
Barnetts Creek	1,083.26	1,490.18
Beaver Dam	44,446.86	49,843.50
Bells Run	1,756.00	2,013.00
Centertown	2,793.86	2,922.00
Central Grove	0.00	0.00
Clear Run	0.00	0.00
Concord	1,521.29	1,590.40
Cool Springs	0.00	0.00
Ridgecrest	1,056.23	905.31
Deanfield	919.74	1,379.85
Dundee	270.00	270.00
East Fork	1,023.01	481.65
East Hartford	1,027.24	3,083.85
Fairview	1,181.00	1,017.00
Fordsville	5,282.79	5,612.38
Green River	4,982.83	4,714.23
Hartford	9,349.04	10,572.34
Independence	573.99	937.48
McGrady Creek	217.71	67.41
McHenry	3,959.00	5,078.00
Mount Carmel	5,569.27	5,300.48
Mount Zion	288.90	192.72
Narrows	0.00	0.00
New Panther Creek	286.96	513.10
New Zion	0.00	0.00
Olaton	125.00	225.00
Pleasant Grove	450.94	529.67
Pleasant Hill	608.93	691.19
Pond Run	2,080.45	2,112.57
Providence	1,961.33	1,956.36
Rockport	918.56	950.47
Rosine	0.00	0.00
Hartford Second	1,557.19	1,617.71
Slaty Creek	1,831.99	2,020.84
Smallhouse	444.40	929.58
Waltons Creek	694.77	660.65
West Point	554.53	696.01
West Providence	1,300.58	1,226.92
Woodwards Valley	0.00	0.00
Zion	3,924.62	4,055.07
SUBTOTAL	104,281.61	115,906.82
OHIO RIVER		
Baker	852.00	472.00
Calvary	1,508.14	1,514.99
Birdsville	497.41	428.78
Burna Community	225.00	270.00
Caldwell Springs	1,661.55	1,613.68
Carrsville	0.00	0.00
Cave Springs	398.67	293.01
Central	60.00	80.00
Corinth	250.00	300.00
Crooked Creek	688.49	846.85
Deer Creek	3,932.46	2,905.96
Dunn Springs	0.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,411.21	1,792.00
Ely Hill	2,661.00	2,242.00
Emmanuel	4,108.18	6,018.88
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	769.70	875.75
Friendship	19,916.42	21,407.46
Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Grand Rivers	1,000.00	1,754.00
Hampton	343.24	419.58
Iuka	1,889.00	2,868.00
Lake City	4,558.90	4,568.00
Lola	364.60	349.90
Marion	30,071.59	30,133.38
Mexico	17,340.74	22,329.01
Meint Springs	203.50	479.91
Old Salem	4,511.28	4,337.06
Old Salem	5,616.91	5,342.30
Pinckneyville	8,062.09	6,269.74
Repton	6,062.35	6,390.78
Salem	21,971.04	23,422.41
Marion Second	355.81	325.00
Shady Grove	817.92	931.47
Smithland First	1,000.00	1,200.00
Sugar Creek	2,175.71	2,275.45
Sulphur Springs	760.00	1,271.00
Tilene First	708.65	676.40
Union	6,297.21	6,765.73
Smithland Second	1,336.63	1,578.92
SUBTOTAL	147,118.40	158,989.40
OHIO VALLEY		
Bethany	1,364.00	1,255.00
Blackford	102.00	17.00
DeKoven	780.83	714.29
Clay First	14,091.58	18,280.88
Sturgis First	22,400.55	24,588.28
Grangertown First	6,018.82	10,452.95
Grove Center	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	0.00	455.77
New Harmony	2,107.20	1,484.50

Association/Church	CP99	CP00
New Hopewell	697.21	531.31
Northside	956.55	1,218.89
Old Bethel	600.00	720.00
Triple	1,385.00	1,761.00
Sullivan	3,345.00	3,990.00
Uniontown	1,940.02	2,292.76
Calvary	277.00	300.00
Countryside	2,661.34	2,710.42
Whispering Meadows	0.00	0.00
Woodland	1,253.92	1,116.86
SUBTOTAL	59,981.02	71,889.91
OWEN COUNTY		
Beech Grove	752.92	932.63
Caney Fork	942.26	1,039.46
Cedar Hill	5,533.11	5,020.35
Concord	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dallasburg	786.03	888.05
Elk Lick	1,272.89	1,062.65
Owenton First	23,936.02	30,986.14
Gratz	1,195.16	1,334.00
Greenup Fork	2,176.00	2,117.00
Harmony	3,349.48	2,366.74
Long Ridge	7,370.00	6,752.98
Lusby's Mill	3,000.51	4,482.52
Monterey	2,296.34	2,076.45
Mount Pleasant	2,517.48	2,863.86
Mussel Shoals	0.00	355.00
New Columbus	6,836.61	6,993.91
New Liberty	6,249.06	7,589.54
Old Cedar	902.98	1,337.68
Mount Zion	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	5,736.90	4,997.44
Richland	2,300.00	2,760.00
Salem	0.00	0.00
South Fork	2,832.07	2,690.45
Squires Valley	1,969.00	2,078.00
SUBTOTAL	82,954.82	91,634.85
PIKE		
Aflex	300.00	300.00
Belfry First	9,616.36	8,596.08
Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	550.00	687.50
Calvary Southern	2,883.00	3,552.00
Faith	4,407.78	5,062.22
Elkhorn City	3,235.28	3,847.96
Faith First	2,517.59	2,297.03
Jenkins First	4,025.77	3,056.15
Feds Creek	0.00	150.00
Kimber Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
Pikeville First	27,144.39	13,313.36
Phelps First	0.00	0.00
Grace	6,079.60	6,267.69
Hellier Missionary	440.75	627.38
Immanuel	8,264.09	9,004.25
Island Creek	0.00	0.00
Marrowbone	500.00	900.00
Meta	4,499.60	3,625.60
Mouth Card	1,577.00	905.94
McVeigh	3,291.00	2,846.00
Forest Hills First	2,406.99	3,148.11
Sidney Missionary	4,215.80	4,264.07
Stone	529.79	268.22
Sutton	1,988.20	2,179.94
Mayflower Unity	1,453.82	2,319.93
Virgie	4,170.00	5,004.00
SUBTOTAL	94,096.81	82,223.43
PULASKI		
Acorn	852.25	760.18
Bethany	1,238.46	1,470.23
Bethel	6,517.88	6,698.81
Antioch Shores	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	2,207.97	4,381.55
Bronston First	2,158.19	2,691.80
Buck Creek	620.23	565.20
Barnesburg	4,551.31	4,222.04
Burnetta	1,080.93	1,427.07
Calvary	7,746.96	9,650.34
Camp Ground	5,763.81	5,196.19
Cedar Point	1,595.00	1,707.00
Clifty Grove	413.00	439.00
Cumberland	312.59	179.15
Buena Vista	13,845.91	15,430.46
Duke Memorial	4,063.83	4,464.75
Denham Street	250.00	300.00
Eden	835.36	1,076.05
Eden	2,565.44	2,780.90
Ferguson	5,456.59	5,641.18
Somerset First	132,409.40	193,561.15
Burnside First	1,383.80	1,181.33
Dyer Hill	36,926.66	40,191.69
Community	268.28	1,609.21
Fishing Creek	113.50	229.20
Flat Lick	1,375.00	1,346.00
Flat Rock	1,083.68	1,423.88
Floyd Switch	586.00	1,142.00
Glenwood	180.00	150.00
Green Grove Mission	0.00	0.00
Good Hope	362.55	423.35
Green Grove	0.00	0.00
Sunrise	935.10	0.00
High Street	24,243.26	24,396.08
Jasper Bend	432.10	417.15
Hopewell	139.28	237.00
Immanuel	8,642.03	10,375.04
Jacksonville	0.00	0.00
King Bee	167.98	223.63
Liberty	0.00	0.00
Lakeside Baptist Mission	982.02	1,706.32
Love Divine	25.00	0.00
Malvin Hill	1,106.51	804.55
McKinney	100.00	144.00
Mount Pisgah	1,010.00	1,600.00
Neeleys Creek	865.96	687.73
Mount Union	1,390.00	1,176.00
Mount Victory	241.12	307.95
Lighthouse Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00
New Enterprise	904.00	1,055.00
Northside	8,484.78	7,259.93
Oak Grove #1	1,390.81	1,463.28
Oak Grove #2	514.00	567.00
Okalona Missionary	4,221.08	4,344.86
Piney Grove #2	1,517.03	1,401.70
Woodstock	4,606.00	3,048.00
Pleasant Hill	28,061.61	30,932.06
Pleasant Run	2,656.00	1,958.00
Pleasant View	2,430.94	2,349.29
Pulaski	1,237.07	1,342.51
Quinton	1,571.83	1,674.53
Rock Lick	3,081.40	2,294.76

Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Sinking Valley	1,705.00	1,860.00
Slate Branch	2,384.68	2,080.31
Sloans Valley	0.00	0.00
Sunnyside	243.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	342,054.17	416,040.39
RED RIVER		
Beattyville	1,691.32	2,434.33
Campton	2,678.00	3,598.00
Little Cane Creek	206.23	259.19
Faith	3,099.56	3,053.67
Jackson First	2,322.77	2,176.70
Grace	1,116.19	1,071.74
Frenchburg	3,311.94	3,549.65
Stanton	4,695.55	4,894.92
West Liberty First	3,210.00	4,502.00
SUBTOTAL	22,331.56	25,540.20
ROCKCASTLE		
Brinkley Ridge	0.00	0.00
Brodhead	5,942.41	6,143.29
Clear Creek	0.00	0.00
Conway	604.89	942.17
Copper Creek	41.88	0.00
Fairview	0.00	864.24
Mount Vernon First	21,953.02	21,982.28
Flat Rock	231.50	150.00
Freedom	2,727.00	2,265.00
New Lexington	382.38	396.26
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Mareton	1,380.00	2,871.00
Mount Pleasant	2,398.00	2,471.00
Mount Zion	193.57	324.83
Northside	3,044.82	3,968.83
Ottawa	2,826.00	3,997.00
Pine Hill Missionary	763.71	771.51
Salem	381.00	377.00
Poplar Grove	1,545.79	1,629.30
Roundstone	0.00	0.00
Scaffold Cane	968.34	1,000.52
Valley	391.36	519.47
SUBTOTAL	45,775.67	50,673.70
RUSSELL COUNTY		
Clear Springs	300.00	300.00
Clearfork	600.00	600.00
Dunville First	345.73	227.43
Fairview	1,808.00	250.00
Friendship	300.00	450.00
Indian Hills	0.00	0.00
Jamestown First	4,824.54	6,595.15
Liberty	6,255.06	7,089.89
Mount Zion	1,395.93	1,539.40
Mount Vernon	2,559.50	2,592.61
Poplar Grove	1,252.87	1,088.18
Providence	0.00	0.00
Russell Springs First	14,932.70	17,974.71
Welfare	1,302.82	971.89
Windsor First	1,502.00	150.00
New Victory	400.00	449.00
SUBTOTAL	36,427.15	40,328.26
RUSSELL CREEK		
Bethany	404.80	437.81
Beech Grove	3,815.43	3,371.38
Bethlehem	4,717.00	7,034.00
Brush Creek	0.00	0.00
Cane Valley	0.00	1,436.69
Charity	857.62	1,150.78
Columbia	12,984.60	13,406.52
Dunbar Hill	0.00	0.00
East Fork	0.00	0.00
Fry	377.00	270.00
Greasy Creek	4,477.51	2,635.00
Greensburg	36,317.00	12,889.00
Harrods Fork	229.27	151.00
Macedonia	1,394.00	1,354.00
Mount Gilead	1,260.50	979.35
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Salem	485.20	569.25
Pierces Chapel	100.00	100.00
Pink Ridge	200.87	1

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Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00	Association/Church	CP99	CP00
Frankfort	100.00	0.00	Mount Roberts	1,106.43	1,350.32	Turner Missionary	0.00	0.00	Bethlehem	513.78	676.45
Jellico Creek	0.00	102.00	Robinson Creek	995.44	1,211.77	Wallins	521.72	721.28	Blandville	1,242.96	1,644.65
Immanuel	31,308.17	31,347.27	Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	300.00	400.00	West Cumberland	0.00	0.00	Cane Creek	250.00	175.00
Goldbug	100.00	1,377.18	South Campbellsville	7,101.84	7,044.30	Willow Grove	0.00	0.00	East	4,062.49	2,708.31
Good Hope	1,359.00	1,388.00	Salem	6,517.87	7,193.95	Yocum Creek	369.49	310.64	Eureka	0.00	251.62
Greenland	4,876.37	5,398.88	Saloma	4,307.30	3,739.11	Yuma	61,878.22	62,543.69	Faith	4,494.69	9,563.51
Highland Park	0.00	0.00	Lowell Avenue	10,623.60	12,812.00	WARREN			Barlow First	12,392.19	12,218.98
Mountain Ash	783.37	666.13	Yuma	1,345.25	1,553.65	Andrew	150.00	329.39	Paducah First	198,892.55	178,493.97
Hopewell	10,850.00	14,050.00	SUBTOTAL	149,226.78	160,548.79	Barren River	525.00	400.00	Grace	1,812.92	1,521.65
Indian Gap	0.00	0.00	TEN MILE			Bethany	3,656.16	3,289.47	Harmony	6,521.98	6,622.32
North End	0.00	0.00	Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00	Burton Memorial	3,859.82	4,012.48	Immanuel	11,965.50	10,133.33
Oswego	200.00	100.00	Concord	0.00	80.00	Calvary	0.00	0.00	Kevil	6,858.51	7,197.00
Patterson Creek	0.00	0.00	Elliston	505.74	1,121.70	Cedar Bluff	0.00	91.95	LaCenter First	10,619.53	13,129.66
Main Street	23,609.55	24,397.06	Glencoe	5,387.50	5,669.78	Brownsville Missionary	2,500.00	3,528.23	Lone Oak First	48,517.99	62,000.02
Meadow Creek	0.00	0.00	Macedonia	5,271.67	3,097.58	Clear Fork	4,538.03	4,789.81	Lovellville	890.74	728.56
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	Mount Zion	2,000.08	2,721.00	Dedicated	252.00	252.00	First Liberty	125.00	150.00
Mossy Gap	0.00	0.00	New Bethel	11,033.11	12,326.25	Eastwood	36,585.45	47,389.13	Mount Moriah	0.00	0.00
Meadow Grove	0.00	0.00	Oakland	1,147.00	1,371.00	Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	Mount Pleasant	1,221.00	1,533.00
Pleasant Hill	743.43	519.43	Paint Lick	6,309.02	6,586.87	Bowling Green First	14,900.00	15,377.00	Mount Zion	12,031.55	17,227.86
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Home	11,181.36	5,540.33	Forest Park	10,791.72	9,481.19	New Hope	161.71	120.00
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	Poplar Grove	1,914.00	2,152.00	Friendship	921.29	824.08	Newton Creek	9,182.98	7,431.66
New Mt Zion	0.00	0.00	Ten Mile	4,315.00	3,852.00	Glen Lily	827.76	922.66	Oak Grove Missionary	442.39	405.12
Red Bird	337.42	311.58	Vine Run	7,412.63	8,799.59	Glendale	800.00	1,325.00	Oaklawn	14,470.37	18,892.04
Northside	244.56	824.91	Warsaw First	2,186.90	2,427.00	Greenwood	15,557.62	14,372.33	Ohio Valley	0.00	300.00
Oak Grove	125.00	150.00	Sparta	1,395.68	1,271.50	Halls Chapel	0.00	0.00	Olivet	27,735.30	31,943.36
Park Hill	1,149.61	1,282.21	SUBTOTAL	60,059.69	57,016.60	Hillvue Heights - Logan Co	0.00	0.00	Oscar	2,409.72	2,924.78
Ryans Creek	0.00	0.00	THREE FORKS			Highland	510.20	590.29	Park Avenue	157.16	0.00
Pleasant Grove	1,028.37	1,155.04	Airport Gardens	1,050.00	1,200.00	Hillvue Heights	7,083.34	6,666.68	Providence	1,571.00	2,706.97
Rockholds First	150.00	60.00	Berea	0.00	0.00	Jackson Grove	778.53	517.47	Reidland	18,311.76	21,453.51
Tannery Hollow	360.00	300.00	Big Creek	4,469.37	3,703.04	Hillview	0.00	1,666.67	Rosebower	17,617.54	17,650.14
Southside	0.00	0.00	Blackey	356.00	407.00	Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00	Schneidman Road	100.00	25.00
Tidal Wave	0.00	0.00	Caney	600.93	705.74	Living Hope	121,591.98	124,017.83	Southside	0.00	0.00
Saxton	0.00	0.00	Colson Mission	0.00	0.00	New Gasper	0.00	50.00	Spring Bayou	6,351.09	6,802.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	Confluence	0.00	0.00	Martinsville	0.00	0.00	Strathmoor	246.14	308.38
West Corbin	6,170.00	9,130.00	Dwarf	100.00	120.00	Meadow Land	3,065.87	4,593.28	Temple	738.94	757.55
Wolf Creek	391.00	383.00	Emmanuel	5,799.78	6,810.85	Oak Forest	2,425.80	2,202.99	Calvary	250.00	250.00
White Oak	175.00	622.75	Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00	Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	Trinity	8,544.90	11,929.32
Wofford	480.04	747.66	Combs First	600.00	0.00	Mission Hispana at Glen Lily	0.00	0.00	Twelfth Street	18,001.93	15,547.98
Youngs Creek	0.00	0.00	Craft Colly	1,215.43	1,099.02	Oakland	7,161.62	8,735.28	Washington Street	600.00	600.00
Woodbine	100.00	0.00	Hazard First	10,163.35	9,358.35	Plano	1,617.06	2,076.80	West End	3,461.04	8,460.08
SUBTOTAL	160,294.53	170,327.66	Hindman First	9,008.33	11,870.57	Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00	West Paducah Mission	0.00	0.00
SULPHUR FORK			Wooton First	1,015.00	1,252.00	Pleasant Grove	546.38	551.66	Wice	0.00	0.00
Antioch	200.00	200.00	First Creek	915.09	0.00	Scottsville Road	0.00	0.00	Wickliffe First	6,166.29	3,750.00
Ballardsville	2,845.66	2,742.02	Deane	1,704.37	3,804.00	State Street	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	482,320.91	499,896.55
Bedford	6,665.00	8,183.75	Hardburly	0.00	0.00	Providence Knob	6,000.97	7,136.39	WHITES RUN		
Beulah Land	136.25	203.39	Hyden	1,004.22	1,512.96	Rich Pond	21,580.71	34,125.29	Bramlette	338.12	500.56
Buckner	5,721.87	5,389.85	Jeremiah	900.00	800.00	Richardsville	1,013.29	879.32	Cove Hill	0.00	0.00
Centerfield	1,766.20	1,900.02	Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00	Rocky Springs	746.41	1,069.30	English	304.00	311.00
Corn Creek	354.99	683.59	Lone Pine	300.40	401.73	Smiths Grove	7,987.31	6,179.93	Carrollton First	2,826.03	3,000.00
Covington	702.85	620.17	Lothair	1,445.83	1,481.80	Southside	837.10	847.28	Ghent	2,136.50	2,509.81
Crestwood	44,457.70	41,522.04	Fleming	1,598.95	889.62	White Stone Quarry	600.00	600.00	Jordan	367.68	362.71
DeHaven Memorial	35,514.59	32,694.71	McIntosh	0.00	0.00	Woodburn	5,118.85	7,480.35	Mount Hermon	2,865.36	1,103.49
Eighteen Mile	300.00	424.70	Montgomery	2,035.32	3,445.50	Mousie First	360.00	371.54	Sanders	971.30	1,175.00
Harrods Creek	250.00	0.00	Muncy Creek	120.00	140.00	Premium	1,500.00	2,050.00	Whites Run	2,637.00	2,205.00
LaGrange Heights	0.00	0.00	Petrey Memorial	4,287.89	6,265.49	Petrey Memorial	4,287.89	6,265.49	Worthville	2,738.00	3,006.00
Liberty	475.20	573.98	Jeff Missionary	1,409.94	2,518.00	Rockhouse	568.80	0.00	SUBTOTAL	15,183.99	14,173.57
Milton	1,679.00	1,350.00	Rockhouse	568.80	0.00	Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	MISCELLANEOUS	28,769.06	25,388.03
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Mount Olivet	1,433.38	1,040.00	Upper Second Creek	883.00	951.00	Bethany Baptist Mission	0.00	41.60
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	North Fork	3,386.06	3,680.79	Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	Abundant Life	238.16	251.00
Providence	3,786.34	3,667.34	Big Leatherwood First	2,550.00	2,596.00	Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00	Morgantown Community	500.00	500.00
Rolling Hills	448.28	552.08	Smithsboro	12,077.42	10,167.66	Meadow Creek	0.00	0.00	Cornestone	125.00	250.00
Sligo	6,310.28	6,822.65	Typo	0.00	0.00	Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00	Belmar	0.00	25.00
Union Grove	576.00	0.00	Vicco Missionary	0.00	0.00	Monticello First	11,200.00	9,600.00	Christ Community Church	0.00	50.00
Westport	7,435.08	8,606.54	Whitesburg First	15,476.48	20,835.38	Mount Zion	2,650.00	3,330.00	Antioch	0.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	119,625.29	116,136.83	Willow Fern	0.00	0.00	New Charity	187.50	225.00	Living Faith	4,484.95	4,792.06
TATES CREEK			Yerkes	0.00	0.00	New Salem	1,155.00	1,397.00	Forks of Dix River	2,652.09	2,549.90
Berea	24,999.98	29,583.35	SUBTOTAL	88,335.34	99,478.04	Newtown	332.70	446.87	Forest Missionary	500.00	200.00
Bethel	6,464.67	6,119.15	UNION			Oak Grove	571.86	763.58	Eagle Heights	2,960.18	0.00
Bethlehem	775.32	692.35	Beaver	2,909.04	3,075.07	Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00	Central	414.88	420.40
Broadway	1,280.00	1,170.00	Berlin	877.44	1,440.55	Rectors Flat	1,986.25	3,206.13	Cornerstone	0.00	2,014.00
Calvary	699.00	696.00	Blanket Creek	2,923.35	2,153.32	Sandusky Chapel	240.00	360.00	Elm Grove	100.00	0.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00	Butler	2,556.29	2,692.89	South Main Missionary	0.00	0.00	Family	0.00	25.00
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	Cynthiana	29,141.86	24,241.08	Spann Hill	181.62	267.47	Victory	215.60	334.00
Eastside Bethel	4,948.87	4,442.09	Falmouth	4,735.57	6,364.25	Staubenville	3,387.39	3,403.95	Elim	1,200.00	0.00
Emmanuel	2,499.12	2,881.46	Forest Hill	50.00	100.00	Rogers Grove	455.85	515.26	Drakesboro First	96.24	159.08
Unity	1,449.85	1,662.21	Lenoxburg	0.00	0.00	Zion	0.00	0.00	Emmanuel	0.00	2,884.89
Faith Decision	150.00	150.00	New Zion	120.00	120.00	SUBTOTAL	30,365.84	34,121.97	Lighthouse Christian Fellowship	266.22	65.60
Richmond First	51,716.44	49,149.44	Oakwood	750.00	306.24	WEST KENTUCKY			Moreland First	4,433.45	3,721.95
Fellowship	298.32	218.56	Powersville	1,020.00	1,020.00	Antioch	571.50	615.78	First Gethsemane	0.00	500.00
Freedom	150.00	150.00	Richland	0.00	0.00	Bardwell	11,708.88	12,563.64	Edmonton	1,958.35	2,350.02
Galilee	1,654.31	2,637.56	Union	700.00	800.00	Cayce	1,500.00	1,000.00	East Bend	2,120.00	1,978.00
Gilberts Creek	300.00	200.00	Willow	1,889.76	1,834.60	Burkley	356.55	300.00	Georgetown First	300.00	500.00
Gilead	275.00	150.00	SUBTOTAL	47,673.31	44,148.00	Bethlehem	9,743.78	6,000.00	Middlesboro First	2,763.00	2,740.00
Gethsemane	2,675.65	2,895.31	UPPER CUMBERLAND			Beulah	8,645.94	9,031.00	Williamsburg First	11,765.65	11,217.04
Good Hope	1,517.00	2,607.00	Ages	150.00	150.00	Crutchfield	1,370.03	1,442.76	Hardin	16,623.55	17,571.75
Harris Memorial	730.98	606.68	Black Mountain	266.08	98.43	Columbus	3,117.81	2,221.71	Gethsemane	16,608.33	17,264.56
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EASTER

Drive-through passion play takes Easter to community

Many people who won't set foot in a church will bring their children and out-of-town guests to see a drive-through Easter presentation.

By Alysia Mathisen
Baptist Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (BP)—A drive-through passion play might not be the first thing that comes to mind for evangelism at Easter, but at least one church has found the effort to be more than worth it.

"It's all about making church user-friendly and relevant to everyday living," said Dennis Gray, senior pastor of Riva Trace Baptist Church in Annapolis, Md., which uses "bridge events" to attract unchurched families to the gospel.

"The Scenes of Easter" presents a unique drive-through experience on the church grounds depicting seven live scenes chronologically from Easter week.

"It's like going to the theater without ever getting out of your car," said Bill Bloomquist, minister of music and producer of The Scenes of Easter.

Many people who won't set foot in a church will bring their children and out-of-town guests to see a drive-through Easter presentation, organizers said. "Our advantage," Bloomquist said, "is that we get to share the gospel story."

The first scene depicts Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Next is the Lord's Supper scene. It opens with Jesus predicting his betrayal by Judas and his crucifixion.

After the Lord's Supper is the arrest in the garden and Peter's denial.

"People seem stunned," said Carol Thompson, church member and scene director. "They can't believe we go through all this trouble—for free. I think many wonder what motivates us to do this."

The answer is staged in the next two scenes—Jesus before Pontius Pilate and the crucifixion. The crucifixion scene is the most dramatic, featuring an actual cross assembled with wooden pegs and Roman soldiers who put Jesus on the cross.

The drive-through finale is the resurrection scene. A fog machine and strobe lights provide special effects as the stone is rolled away from the empty tomb and an angel appears announcing that Jesus has risen.

The event requires months of advanced planning, volunteer recruitment and hours of preparation.

"Our first year we made 80 costumes," Bloomquist said. "The following years we added new costumes and upgraded old ones." His wife, MaryAnn, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, directs the cast of 100 actors and the seven scene directors who monitor the scenes during each night's performance.

In April 1999, more than 2,000 people attended The Scenes of Easter, and due to the unexpected influx of people, many were guided through on foot by church staff so no one would be turned away.

"Without proper planning," Bloomquist cautioned, "this can be a logistical nightmare."

Heritage and hope

Someone has said, "The world tomorrow belongs to those who give it hope." For 122 years Kentucky WMU has been quietly going about its business of praying, educating, encouraging, supporting, facilitating the world mission of God to the end that all people will find hope in Jesus Christ. Kentucky WMU continues to put its arms around everything the larger family of Baptists does.

I was actively involved in WMU before I was born because my mother was a WMU leader in our church. Of all the WMU responsibilities my mother had, my fondest memories are of those times she had the YWAs at our house. Hers and my late father's love for missions, which were nurtured through WMU, were bequeathed to me by their lives of service to Christ. My wife, Larie, is involved in the Beth Perkins Women on Mission group in our church. How comforting it is to know we can continue to rely upon Kentucky WMU to give hope and leadership in this changing world through transforming missions.

Every Kentucky Baptist man and woman can join hands with Kentucky WMU in giving hope to the future by becoming a member

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Lord's leadership.

For more information about becoming involved in the Heritage Society of Kentucky WMU call Joy Bolton toll-free at (888) 254-5726. For assistance in your gift and estate planning, call Laurie Valentine, our trust counsel, or me. There is no cost or obligation for this assistance.

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Barry Allen

Group explains Last Supper symbolism

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Nearly every Christian in America is familiar with Jesus' actions during the Last Supper.

But few understand the Passover symbols Jesus used to communicate the message of His pending death and resurrection, according to members of Jews for Jesus.

The group is seeking to change that through its "Christ in the Passover" programs, scheduled in various Baptist churches across the country. Jews begin this year's eight-day Passover observance April 20.

"We bring this program into churches to help us bridge understanding between the Jewish Passover feast, the Last Supper, and help Christians see how our beliefs are so rooted in Jewish traditions," said Susan Pearlman of Jews for Jesus, based in San Francisco.

"When you understand some of the original traditions, you can hear His words with a lot more

meaning," Pearlman said.

For example, she said, the specific piece of unleavened bread Jesus took and broke is called the bread of affliction.

"And when Jesus said, 'This cup is poured out for you,' He took the third cup in the Passover—the one taken immediately after supper—called the cup of redemption. His disciples knew of that; He was signaling His act of redeeming mankind to come," she said.

"All these things add real meaning as to how Jesus took these symbols that God had prepared thousands of years earlier so that He could give them their fuller meaning in His death and resurrection," she explained.

Jews for Jesus conducts the Christ in the Passover program year-round. They also do a demonstration in the fall for the Feast of the Tabernacle.

For more information, call the organization at (415) 864-2600 or visit its website, www.jewsforjesus.org.



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NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Graham honored.** Evangelist Billy Graham has been honored by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation for his contributions to freedom. "As one of the century's most thoughtful spiritual leaders, Billy Graham has led a life singular in its purpose and powerful in its message," Mark Burson, the foundation's executive director, said in a statement. "He is a leader for all ages whose achievements evidence a lifelong commitment to the cause of religious freedom—a cause shared and held sacred by Ronald Reagan."

■ **Mormon offshoot renamed.** Delegates to a worldwide meeting of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints voted April 7 to change the church's name to Community of Christ. The change, which was approved 1,979-561, will begin sometime next year. Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints trace the church's beginnings to the start of the Mormon church in 1830. Members of the "reorganized" body began their own church in 1860 under the leadership of Joseph Smith III, the son of the founder of the Mormon church.

■ **E-betting ban clears hurdle.** A ban on gambling on the Internet moved out of committee in the U.S. House of Representatives April 6. The House Judiciary Committee approved the Internet Gambling Pro-

hibition Act with a 21-8 vote. No date has been set for a vote on the House floor. The Senate passed a similar bill in November.

■ **Anti-Semitic violence declines.** Anti-Semitic violence within the United States last year fell to its lowest level since 1989, but in New York and California such violence was on the rise, according to a report issued April 11 by the Anti-Defamation League. Reports of anti-Semitic acts in 1999 decreased by 4 percent from the previous year, but that decrease was mitigated by three incidents in the summer, said Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director: the June firebombing of three synagogues in Sacramento, Calif., the July shooting of six Orthodox Jews in Chicago who were walking home from Sabbath services, and a shooting spree in August that injured five people at a Los Angeles Jewish community center.

■ **Women pastors recognized.** The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Southeastern California Conference has decided to issue the same credentials to male and female pastors. The executive committee of the conference made the move March 16. The Adventist Church traditionally has a two-tier credentialing system for men and women. The church recognizes males in gospel ministry as "ordained" and females as "commissioned." Commissioned ministers

are prohibited from organizing churches, ordaining deacons and elders and serving as conference president.

■ **Lutherans consider gay clergy.** Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have asked for a report on whether an exception can be made to a churchwide ban on active homosexuals in the pulpit so that a lesbian could pastor a church in St. Paul, Minn. The ELCA, with 5.2 million members, allows celibate homosexuals to pastor churches, but prohibits active homosexuals in the clergy. A church in St. Paul is asking for an exception to that rule to allow its lay minister to become an ordained pastor.

■ **Sex trafficking targeted.** Taking aim at those who bring an estimated 50,000 women and children annually into America for sexual slavery, two Senators introduced legislation last week aimed at stopping the international sell of women and children for sexual slavery. One proposal calls for a review process that would let the president impose sanctions on countries that do not make an effort to stop the selling of women and children for sex within their own borders. Both bills call for life imprisonment for those who force children under the age of 14 into the sex trade. The issue is one that has been raised by several religious groups.

Suit against Mormon watchdog group has Internet implications

SALT LAKE CITY (BP)—A battle between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a Mormon watchdog group might soon be settled out of court.

Attorneys for the Mormon Church and Utah Lighthouse Ministry of Salt Lake City have expressed optimism that negotiations are moving toward a settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Mormon Church against the evangelical ministry for printing—on its Internet site last July—portions of an unpublished, copyrighted Mormon book.

On their Utah Lighthouse Ministry's website, www.utlm.org, Sandra and Jerald Tanner posted the excerpts explaining how people can have their names removed from Mormon Church rolls.

The effort was part of the cult-watcher ministry's primary mission to help people who want to leave Mormonism. The Tanners got the book anonymously when someone left a disk of the book's text in their mailbox. In October the Mormon Church sued the Tanners, alleging copyright infringement.

A U.S. district judge subsequently issued a temporary restraining order, a ruling that required the Tanners to remove the pages from their Internet site. The Tanners complied, but later posted an e-mail message containing Internet addresses where the entire book could be read.

The Mormon Church, in response, asked the judge to order the Tanners to remove the addresses on the theory they were encouraging others to view and make illegal copies.

The judge ordered the addresses removed—igniting a debate over whether the ruling restricted the freedom of Internet users from linking one website to another.

"The Internet is all about linking," said Jeffrey Kuester, a copyright lawyer who practices cyberspace law in Atlanta. The judge's restraining order could have "a chilling impact on anyone who wants to tell someone else where something can be found on the Web."

Ministry in Panama City

By Robert Dunston

Ten Cumberland College students spent their spring break ministering in Panama City, Fla.

Team leader Jessica Margrave directed Becca Adkins, Leah Burnett, Stephanie Dobbs, Andy Dukes, Scott Gilbert, Stacy Mahler, Karen Morgan, Wes Mullins and Brittany Rezek as they devoted their time to God's service.

The term "variety" best describes their ministry. They worked with children, youth and older adults leading worship and Bible study, helping with chores and visiting. Margrave stated that almost all of their initial plans changed but God made everything work out better than they could have planned or hoped.

On Monday they toured the city and led a worship service at a home for neglected or abandoned children. Tuesday began at a public school where the group led a devotional time for interested students. Ten children accepted Christ as their personal Savior. That afternoon, team members did yard work for shut-ins, re-shingled part of a roof, sorted clothes in a clothing closet, delivered groceries for a Baptist center and sorted baby clothes in a crisis pregnancy center. On Wednesday the team led a

Baptist Student Union meeting at Gulf Coast Community College, led worship at a nursing home and spent the evening with the youth of Northside Baptist Church, the church that sponsored their trip. Thursday, they prayer walked through an area where revival services would be conducted.

Friday, team members led the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting at a local middle school and led a college Bible study. Saturday morning they led a worship service at another home for neglected or abandoned children and then drove back to Williamsburg.

Everyone on the team praised the members of Northside Baptist Church for their hospitality. The church's youth group served as an inspiration to the team members. Our Cumberland students went to minister but found themselves ministered to as well.

Ministry is so often exactly like what these students experienced. We go expecting God to bless others through us and discover God blessing us as well. Spring break reaffirmed this wonderful truth to our students and to us.

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Pat Robertson joins call for death penalty moratorium

Robertson said the death penalty is administered in a way that discriminates against poor people and minorities.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (RNS) — Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson has added his support to a nationwide moratorium on capital punishment.

Robertson stated his position in answer to a question from the audience at a symposium April 7 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

"I think a moratorium would indeed be very appropriate," Robertson said at the meeting on religion and capital punishment.

He said the death penalty is administered in a way that discriminates against poor people and minorities who cannot afford expensive lawyers, the Washington Post

reported.

The position of Robertson, president of the Christian Coalition, puts him in agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union, a group he usually opposes. On the same day as Robertson's speech, the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia released a study calling for a moratorium on the death penalty in Virginia.

"The movement for a moratorium is building and it will take a large coalition of many different groups to get it through," said Kent Willis, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia. "The ACLU and Pat Robertson often disagree. But this time, we're both on the right side."

During his speech, Robertson said he favored the death penalty, noting that the Bible mentions cases where it is appropriate.

"God is merciful, but God is also just," he said, but he added "we must temper justice with mercy."

Robertson voiced opposition to capital punishment in the individual case of Karla Faye Tucker, who became a born-again Christian on death row. He had argued that she had become a different person and her execution was no longer just. Tucker was executed in Texas in 1998.

Jerry Falwell differed with Robertson, saying the appeals process for prisoners should move more quickly.

"Pat and I do not disagree on many

things, but on this one we do," Falwell told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "While courts do make mistakes, I do not believe the mistake level is at the point where we need to re-think our whole system, and I personally believe that we need to reduce the time between conviction and execution."

Others have recently considered moratoriums. Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, has stopped executions in his state until a study is completed on the fairness of capital punishment in Illinois.

Moratoriums on the death penalty are being considered in Alabama, Maryland, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington state.

Vermont marriage amendment could counter same-sex union bill

By Art Toalston & Todd Starnes
Baptist Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (BP)—A proposed amendment to the Vermont constitution to uphold marriage between one man and one woman has been forwarded to the state Senate by its Judiciary Committee.

Opponents of pending same-sex "union bills" legislation are advocating a constitutional amendment as an alternative remedy to a Vermont Supreme Court ruling last December ordering same-sex couples

The Senate Judiciary Committee

action, on a 5-1 vote April 11, has met with apprehension by some observers who see it as merely a response to pressure against the proposed civil unions legislation.

Telephones have been "ringing off the hook" at the state capitol as citizens protest the same-sex union legislation, officials said. A spokesperson for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's office said they have received hundreds of calls from both supporters and opponents of the bill.

Most of the callers to the governor's office were respectful and polite, the spokesperson said. "It makes you feel proud to live in a democracy when you can argue

your positions respectfully."

The proposed bill, which was rejected by Vermont voters in sample town hall votes in March, would create an alternative to marriage for homosexuals, yet provide the legal benefits of traditional marriage.

In its present form, the bill doesn't require Vermont residency to establish a civil union, noted David Coolidge, director of the Marriage Law Project in Washington, D.C.

"We expect that gay partners in other states will go to Vermont to register their relationship as a civil union, then return to their home state to seek recognition of their union, possibly by challenging existing

marriage laws," Coolidge said.

One Focus on the Family official commended the Senate Judiciary Committee for sending the constitutional amendment to the Senate for a vote. Senate debate was scheduled to begin this week.

"This is an incredible breakthrough," said Tom Minnery, Focus vice president of public policy, in an April 11 statement. "Clearly, the people have spoken and the committee has responded positively. We want to thank the citizens of Vermont and (Focus on the Family radio program) listeners all over the country for standing up in defense of traditional marriage."

Class of 2000, part 3

The next essay I want to share is from a young man who will be the third in his family to graduate from Oneida.

His brothers graduated in 1997 and 1998, and now the youngest of the three will be in the class of 2000. The older boys came to Oneida when they were in middle school, but "Phil" came in the spring before his senior year. Here is part of his essay, "My Oneida Experience:"

"I am 18 years old, and I am from Lawrenceburg. ... During my ninth grade year, my father died of a stroke, and I decided to continue to live with my stepmother. ... I became confused about several things, and I began to have one small crisis after another.

"During my 10th grade year, my stepmother was diagnosed with lung cancer. ... The option to move back in with my real mom was always there, I just wanted to stay close to the friends I had made. ... My stepmother passed away ... my junior year. As you can imagine, things were not at their best for me. It was hard to accept my father's sudden death, but losing my stepmother was a little different. We could talk about anything and got along just like friends.

"After living with my friend and his parents for four months or more, I moved out. It just wasn't home, and I felt I had become a burden to them. ... After moving from my friend's house, I dropped out of school.

"From there I lived in constant chaos that ranged from rebellion to living and sleeping in my car. I worked fulltime in a fast-food restaurant. ... I was spending my life savings, which my stepmother had put for me, but I was still barely getting by.

"I finally realized one day, when I was sick and

had no money for a doctor or medicine, that I had gone too far and needed to be back on track. ... I thought it was too late to catch up with school. I went to my mom and she pointed me to Oneida.

"I came to Oneida on March 25, 1999. ... I had forgotten about sports being a part of my life, because I was either trying to make some money, or I just couldn't make the team. So, I thought ... 'I just can't leave high school without doing something.' ... I joined baseball, and cross country. ... I wasn't the best at either, ... but it was fun.

"The workers here ... give everything they have to this and the kids. I applaud the entire staff of Oneida for their dedication, humbleness and for their willingness to be in a constant state of readiness to be in God's will.

"There are teachers here who have made it possible for me to graduate. ... I thank Mr. Mallard, not just for the Spanish he taught me, but also for all the care he shows his students. I thank Mrs. Travis for her patience and for explaining things when I didn't understand chemistry. I thank Ms. Perkins for helping out with my typing and showing me how computers work.

"I want to thank Mrs. Kendrick for the light bulbs that kept my study lamp going all those nights. I thank Mr. Spencer for helping me as a small group leader to have a better understanding and knowledge about the Word of God. ... I thank Mr. Stockton for pushing me to my limit and refusing to let the entire senior class give up when it got hard, ... and I want to thank my mom for begging me for eight years to come to Oneida."

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

The quiet man becomes student president

Each new student takes a personality test and has an interpretation conference with the director of Christian service. Stan Lewis remembers his conference four years ago.

"I was told 'You'll probably not be a leader.' It was definitely the Lord's doing that I was elected student body president. I'm a different person now; I was so quiet then and afraid to talk before a group. Clear Creek helped me to get out of that as God taught me to rely on Him.

Lewis' parents divorced when he was about age 5; he lived with his father. They moved to St. Charles, Va., near his grandmother.

"My grandmother's godly influence encouraged me. My grandfather, my father and I all became Christians in a one-week period. Dad had a radical transformation and became my best friend and a strong Christian influence," Lewis said. His pastor's granddaughter, Amy, came for summer visits from North Carolina and caught Lewis' interest.

A star player on his high school basketball team, Lewis earned an athletic scholarship to Clinch Valley College. He played center and majored in computers. After his second

year, he and Amy married. They moved to Duffield, Va., and grew closer to the Lord in the fellowship of Thomas Village Baptist Church.

"With my personality I found it easy to make excuses, like Moses," Lewis recalled. "God said, 'Give Me yourself and I'll help you develop.' I thought there was no way we could make it at Clear Creek. I had this

image of poor preachers starving to death. So many things that didn't work out at Clinch Valley, God brought to pass at Clear Creek. We struggled financially there, but here God cares for our need. It is amazing what He teaches outside the classroom." Mrs. Lewis is director of the Center for Pregnancy Help and Abstinence Education. She plans to complete her degree.

After graduation, Lewis will become our director of computer services.

"I wondered if my years of computer training would be wasted, but we trusted God and He has given me a ministry," Lewis testified. "This is also a time to grow in other skills as God provides opportunities to supply preach."

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

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Faith groups draw attention by tackling poverty

By William Bole
Religion News Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (RNS)—In many ways, it was an unlikely setting for a call to spiritual arms.

But the scene at one of the nation's elite secular institutions of policy studies was reflective of a booming interest in so-called faith-based organizations.

The recent forum at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government drew a capacity crowd that wanted to hear what churches and synagogues can do to stem poverty in the richest nation on Earth.

"There are no easy religious answers to hard political questions—let's get that straight, right off," Jim Wallis, a self-described activist preacher, told an overflow audience of about 300 students and faculty members.

But Wallis, author of a new book, "Faith Works," noted that faith-based organizations are being talked about so much in the ivied halls of academia and in think tanks, they now have their own acronym: FBOs.

"Some of us have been doing this work for a long time, and now it seems we've been discovered," said Wallis, an evangelical Christian who is leader of Sojourners, a nondenominational ministry that publishes a popular bimonthly magazine by that name, in Washington.

What has been discovered is a wide array of grass-roots initiatives by religious congregations and interfaith alliances. These range from helping welfare mothers find gainful employment to turning inner-city youth away from gang violence.

Beyond strictly charitable works, Wallis has been rallying an unusually broad alliance of Christian leaders under the auspices of Call to Renewal to back a public agenda to reduce poverty in prosperous America.

At a time when politicians are courting middle-class "soccer moms," he related an anecdote about pulling up to the drive-through window at Burger King recently. The clerk was taking orders while apparently helping her three children with homework.

"She is working hard, full time, and she's still poor," said Wallis, whose book chronicles what he sees as an emerging movement to connect spirituality with the search for solutions to poverty. "The role of FBOs is to put Burger King moms on the agenda."

FBOs also have become one of the hottest topics at secular institutions such as the Kennedy School and the liberal-leaning Brookings Institute in Washington, represented at the forum by senior fellow E.J. Dionne.

Religious congregations are among "the most powerful forces for both social change and personal conversion that we have in our society," Dionne

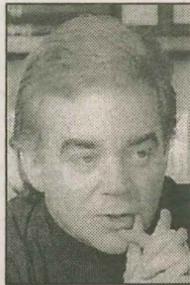
said. The faith-based movement, he added, has forced conservatives to rethink their attitudes toward the poor and liberals to rethink their often-skeptical attitudes toward religion.

The big dissenter of the evening was the man who wore a clerical collar. Robert Drinan, a Jesuit priest who teaches law at Georgetown University in Washington and a former Democratic congressman from Massachusetts, said he is suspicious of any political drive to shift responsibilities from government to religious agencies.

"Deep down, I have the feeling that this is a cop-out by the government," Drinan said. "Government should be doing this (rather than) pushing it onto the churches. I'm just uneasy about this."

The rejoinder from both Wallis and Dionne was that faith groups can do some things better than government, although they might need the government's help in the form of tax dollars. Often-cited examples include projects to discourage gang warfare and help welfare mothers with moral and material support.

Many people suggest the initiatives have been successful, partly because of the spiritual component in these programs. But the steps toward a partnership between government and religion also have been controversial, primarily because of concerns about the separation of church and state. Through a provision of welfare reform called "charitable choice," Congress gave public agencies greater latitude in funding faith-based initiatives.



Wallis

Diverse groups unite to fight poverty

WASHINGTON (RNS)—At the height of the longest economic boom in the nation's history, 34.5 million people live below the official poverty line—\$16,660 for a family of four.

The seeming contradiction of poverty amid prosperity has propelled "Call to Renewal," a 5-year-old alliance including liberal Protestants, conservative evangelicals, Roman Catholics and African-American church leaders.

Convened by Jim Wallis, an evangelical minister in Washington, the coalition is staging a two-month series of "town meetings" in 20 cities around the country, running through May. It also is forming local "roundtables" that aim to bring candidates for public office before church audiences to explain their positions on poverty and the poor.

On Feb. 16, more than 50 leaders of Call to Renewal gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign a "Covenant to Overcome Poverty." They pledged to make poverty a "Sunday morning issue."

The first goal of the 10-year campaign is a "poverty tithe," a commitment by congregations to spend at least 10 percent of their budgets on anti-poverty programs and to increase that percentage over time. Also stressed are mentoring and after-school programs in the inner cities and other faith-based efforts centered on young people including gang members.

In addition, the covenant sets out broad public goals such as a "living family income for all who responsibly work."

While saying they have "no detailed blueprint" for overcoming poverty, the church leaders highlight a mix of possible solutions including a raise in the minimum wage and an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which supplements poverty-level wages through the federal tax system.

Religious groups lead Jubilee effort to erase countries' debt

By Kevin Eckstrom
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Thousands of people rallied in Washington April 9 to urge Congress to erase millions of dollars in foreign debt owed by the world's poorest countries.

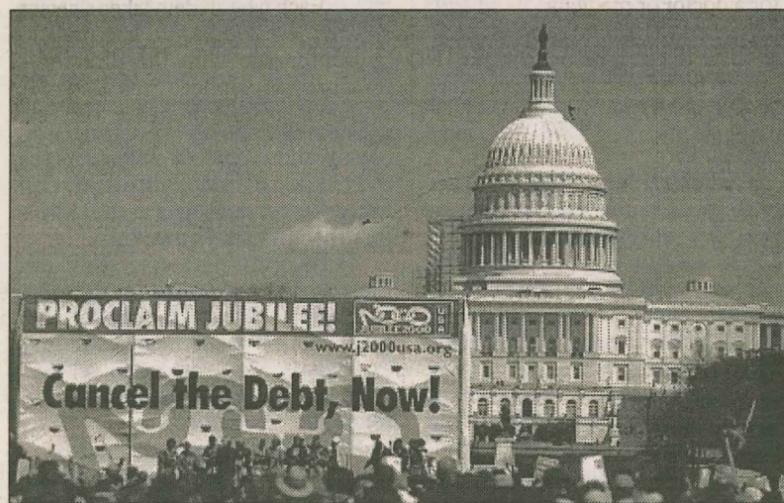
The groups said Washington should look to the Bible for ways to begin the new millennium.

The movement, known as Jubilee 2000 USA, is led by a broad coalition of social justice, labor and environmental groups. At the forefront of the campaign, however, have been the voices of religious leaders who say erasing \$28 billion in debt is the best way of doing God's work here on Earth.

The debt relief campaign has become the single most important issue for many mainline Protestant and Catholic groups. In many ways, the debt relief issue has become the most significant social justice problem to unite religious groups since the anti-apartheid protests of the 1980s.

"It is the power of the Year of Jubilee that people have come together and said we want to do something to mark the millennium, and we want to do something good and just and global," said Jo Marie Griesgraber, chairwoman of Jubilee 2000 USA.

At the end of the rally, demonstrators formed a three-mile-long human chain stretching from the Capitol building past the White House to the headquarters of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Organizers



DEMONSTRATION A variety of groups demonstrated April 9 to ask that poor countries be relieved of debt. The Jubilee movement, based in the Old Testament law, has been led by religious groups. (RNS photo)

said the human chain was meant to represent the chains of economic bondage faced by poor nations.

While organizers expected up to 10,000 to 30,000 people to rally, the turnout was far smaller. Estimates put the crowd at 3,000-5,000. Leaders said an unexpectedly cold wind kept many people indoors.

Two years ago, few took the idea of global debt relief seriously. That began to change when Pope John Paul II declared 2000 a year of holy jubilee and pushed the debt relief issue. The pope's support pushed many other religious groups to sign on to the campaign.

The model for the Jubilee 2000 cam-

aign comes from the Book of Leviticus, in which God tells Moses to set aside a year once every 50 years to forgive debts, release slaves and turn land back to its original owners.

The battle for public opinion on debt relief has largely been won. At the urging of religious groups and the Jubilee 2000 campaign, Congress and President Clinton have agreed to join an international plan to forgive \$28 billion in foreign debt.

On the U.S. side of the equation, that means Washington will contribute more than \$900 million, part of which will forgive debts owed to the United States and the rest will go toward an interna-

tional fund to erase debts owed to "multilateral" organizations such as the World Bank.

While the money has been promised, not all of it has been appropriated. Thousands of people at Sunday's rally planned to lobby Congress to urge that the United States actually pay for the debt relief that was promised last year.

David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World, a global anti-hunger lobby based in U.S. churches, said that unless poor countries find relief from staggering debt payments, people will continue to go hungry.

"These unpayable debts are one of the reasons for the persistence of hunger in places like Mozambique and Tanzania," Beckmann said.

People came to Washington from all points of the country, bringing with them colorful signs, flags and bags of paper chains to line the National Mall. Families pushing strollers were joined by Franciscan monks, ordained clergy and hundreds of union workers.

For some, the fuzzy issue of global economics takes on a deep, personal meaning when they learn that thousands of children die each day because their governments spend more on debt payments than they do on education or health programs.

"We believe this is a religious question, a moral question," said Sister Marlene Bertke, who came to Washington with seven other members of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pa. "These people who are dying are our brothers and sisters."

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PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ **Urgent needs:** A vacation Bible school team to work in New London, Conn., in July, and two vacation Bible school teams to work at Christ Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass., in June or July. Contact the KBC partnership office for more information, (502) 245-4101.

■ Evangelistic efforts led by Kentucky volunteers in the Dar es Salaam community of Vingunguti. The team arrived in Tanzania April 14.

■ Members of Mkoma Baptist Church in Tanzania as they mature in the faith.

■ Missionaries in Warsaw, Poland, ask prayer that they will be able to network with the many other Christian groups working in the area.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

■ **ASHLAND**—First Church called **Quentin Lockwood** as interim pastor. Lockwood is retired from the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

■ **BELFRY**—First Church will host revival services April 30-May 5. **Kevin Thomas** will be the evangelist. **Bill Clark** will be the worship leader. **Steve Rice** is pastor.

■ **BEREA**—Berea Church called **Kevin Slomp** as pastor.

■ **HENDERSON**—Community Church called **Larry Haltom** as associate minister. **John Dunaway** is pastor.

■ **JEFFERSONTOWN**—Jefferson-town Church will host KBC Disaster Relief Level 1 training April 29, 9 a.m.-noon. There is a \$15 registration cost. For information, call (502) 267-1123. **Sanford Hill** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Lyndon Church called **James Holladay** as pastor. Holladay previously served as pastor of Clifton Church.

West Broadway Church broke ground for a \$2 million addition, which will contain classroom space, a fellowship hall and a gymnasium. **Skip Alexander** is pastor.

Woodland Church exceeded its



NEW BUILDING Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church in Cecilia recently relocated to a new 33,000-square-foot facility. The \$1.5 million building sits on 18 acres, and it includes a 650-seat sanctuary, educational space for 400 people and a gym. The church's first services in the new building were April 2, but a dedication service is scheduled for May 21 at 2 p.m. Ron Davis is pastor.

goal of \$2,400 with an offering of \$3,327 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and its goal of \$800 for global missions with an offering of \$1,175. **Michael Sharp** is pastor.

■ **PRESTONSBURG**—Women for Christ 2000 will be held April 29 at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. Guest speakers will be **Eva Whittington Self** and **Dottie Williamson**. Music performers will be **Jackie Cotton, Jo-Evelyn Newman, Laura Ford, Lisa England** and **One Accord**. Admission is \$5. For reservations, call (606) 432-2660. Pike and Enterprise associations are sponsors of the event.

■ **PRINCETON**—First Church will host revival services April 30-May 3. **Larry Purcell** will be the evangelist. For information, call (270) 365-2478. **Tom Hughes** is pastor.

Liberty Church hosted a youth mission team from Weaver, Ala., for four days. The team contacted more than 300 homes and conducted the Wednesday evening service. **Johnnie Davis** is pastor.

■ **RUSSELL SPRINGS**—Liberty Church will host revival services April 30-May 3 at 6:30 p.m. **Bill Britt** will be the evangelist. **Chris Holloway** is pastor.

■ **SMITHFIELD**—Smithfield Church will host revival services April 30-May 3. **Dale Niswonger** will be the evangelist. **David Stahl** will lead the music. **Ed Life** is pastor.

■ **TAYLORSVILLE**—Plum Creek called **Harold Adams** as minister of music. **Adams Adams** is on staff at the Kentucky School for the Blind. **Richard Graham** is pastor.

Corbin pastor commits suicide

ROCKHOLDS—John Hash, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Rockholds, died April 10 of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot.

Hash, 70, was found in the church auditorium between the front pews and the pulpit with a single gunshot wound, according to Kentucky State Police detective Danny Trosper.

No note was found, but no foul-play is suspected. Hash had bought the weapon earlier that day, and his body was found atop a sheet of plastic, Trosper said. "As to the why, it's a big mystery."

Hash had called a deacon asking to meet at 1 p.m. at the church.

"When the deacon arrived, he discovered Mr. Hash's body and called 911," Trosper said. The deacon "said he didn't know of any reason and that Mr. Hash hadn't been acting in any unusual manner."

In addition to Pleasant Grove, Hash was the former pastor of Corn Creek Baptist Church, Springfield Baptist Church in Gray, Callihan Baptist in Barbourville, 20th Street Baptist in Corbin, Oak Grove Baptist, Faber Baptist and Red Bird Baptist churches.

Surviving are his wife, Keble, and two sons.

The funeral was April 14.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Brick house and siding garage needs to be removed from property in Bloomfield, Ky. House measures 36' wide and 38' deep, has 6 rooms, 1 bath, fireplace and 2 rooms upstairs. Garage measures 24' wide and 32' deep. Owner accepting sealed bids on each structure. For more information or appointment, call (502) 252-8435.

FOR SALE: 1989 Carpenter 41-passenger church coach. Cat diesel, auto transmission, low mileage, new tires, leather upholstery. The coach rides on an International Asiaian-Smith chassis with air ride and air brakes. It is equipped with a separate Cobota diesel compressor for air-conditioning. For information or appointment, please contact Scott Guthrie at First American in Franklin, Ky., (270) 586-4473; fax: (270) 586-2666. For sale by FBC Franklin.

SEEKING: Full-time director/minister for preschoolers/children at First Baptist Church in Madisonville, Ky. Responsibilities to include planning, promoting and evaluating the Christian education ministry of the church for children birth through the sixth grade. Please send resumé to: FBC Staff Development Committee, PO Box 607, Madisonville, KY 42431.

SEEKING: Rineyville Baptist Church is seeking a full-time minister of pastoral care and music. Church is located in a rapidly growing rural community a few miles west of Elizabethtown. Direct all correspondence and inquiries to RBC, PO Box 197, Rineyville, KY 60162, or Rineyville Baptist@msn.com.

SEEKING: First Baptist of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., seeks a full-time minister of education. Experience preferred. Salary and benefits negotiable. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, 200 Highway 17 South, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. No phone calls please.

SEEKING: New Hope Community Baptist Church, Jackson, Ky., is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. Church is dually aligned with KBC/KBF and SBC/CBF. Located in Breathitt County in beautiful southeastern Kentucky, our church is based on the priesthood of the believer and gender equity. Please send resumé, cover letter, statement of ministry and faith, and audio or video tape if available to: Pulpit Committee, 1621 Highway 30 W, Jackson, KY 41339.

SEEKING: Greenville, Ky., is prayerfully seeking a full-time minister of music and youth. Please send resumé to: Mr. John Mark Pendley, Search Committee, PO Box 253, Greenville, KY 42345.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Monroe, N.C., is seeking a senior minister to lead a dually-aligned SBC/CBF fellowship. This church is mission-minded, community-oriented congregation which affirms autonomy, corporate worship, stewardship, service and ecumenical activities as central to the life of a New Testament church. The church is a growing fellowship, multi-staffed, growing fellowship with 600+ resident members. Send resumé to: First Baptist Church, PO Box 219, Monroe, NC 28111.

SEEKING: Part-time office assistant for local Christian social service agency. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Skills needed are data entry, some computer knowledge, great phone and people skills. Involves working with clients and a core of volunteers—a real mission ministry. Interested? Call Infant Resource Project at (502) 584-0774 and seeking for Cathy Neel.

SEEKING: Growing Southern Baptist church averaging 500+ seeks minister of education. Seminary degree plus 3-5 years related ministry experience. Send resumé to: EMSC, Patti Parks, 1434 Carowinds Drive, Maryville, TN 37803.

SEEKING: Full-time secretary with computer skills. Send resumé to: Trinity Baptist Church, 604 South 21st St., Paducah, KY 42003, or fax: (270) 442-1075.

SEEKING: Church planter. Unique opportunity: Church starter needed to assist a team of sponsoring churches in a church plant near Richmond, Va. Should be a self-starter, team builder and excellent communicator. Key terms describing the new work are: innovative, seeker-sensitive, worship-based, contemporary, rural/suburban, growing population, strong resource base. Send or e-mail resumé with cover letter by April 28 to: Doug Frazier, church planting strategist, Dover Baptist Association, 1200 New York Ave., Glen Allen, VA 23060; e-mail: dfrazier@netzero.com.

SEEKING: Degreed foreign language teacher (high school). Call (606) 272-1217 for application.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Middleton Baptist Church. We are located just off Highway 100 between Russellville and Franklin, Ky. Send resumé to: Doug Milliken, Middleton Baptist Church, 191 Middleton Circle, Franklin, KY 42134.

SEEKING: Full-time director/minister of youth and activities. Responsible for leading the church in developing a comprehensive program of spiritual development. Lead in planning and conducting a program of activities for church members and other people. Please send resumé to: Staff Development Committee, First Baptist Church, PO Box 607, Madisonville, KY 42431.

SEEKING: Full-time youth and music minister, FBC of Anderson Hills, Cincinnati, (513) Porter (241) 232-6945, or church: (513) 474-2441.

SEEKING: Senior pastor for a loving church in Bowling Green. Must be experienced and ambitious. Send resumé to: Forest Park Baptist Church, 520 Old Morgantown Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101, Attn: Search Committee.

SEEKING: Part-time children's minister for Farmdale Baptist Church, 5610 U.S. Highway 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. If you feel God is calling you to this area to work with children, send resumé to: Ms. Bryan, 530 Alfa Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music and youth. Please send resumé to: First Baptist Church, PO Box 506, Hindman, KY 41822, Attn: Search Committee.

Missionary helps start churches & keep others healthy

By Matt Sanders
SBC North American Mission Board

DALLAS—Roosevelt Broach used to “play the preacher” after church for his brothers and sister.

“Back then the preacher would really preach and sweat and throw his hands up in the air and spin around and everybody (would) shout and just have a great time,” said Broach, who recalled hollering to get the right sound and putting water on his face to get the right look.

But it was all just play to the 12-year-old boy who never dreamed of being a preacher. After he became a Christian at 14, however, that all changed.

“When I surrendered to the Lord, I really wanted to do something for God,” Broach said. “I knew it was just a matter of time before God was going to call me to the ministry.”

For 10 years Broach served in Texas churches. Then, Dallas Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist North American Mission asked Broach to be a church growth consultant for African-American churches. Broach accepted the position and said he soon found God’s confirmation.

“Once I got (to the association), I found out that God really had gifted me and that I had a passion to do what I’m doing and I really enjoy doing it,” he said.



MISSIONARY Roosevelt Broach talks with Dallas-area pastors. Broach helps churches be healthy and growing while aiding the Dallas Baptist Association to start 10 African-American churches a year.

Broach and his wife, Rosylyn, are featured missionaries as part of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. This year’s national goal is \$47 million.

Broach’s ministry includes 122 African-American churches, 80 percent of which have 75 to 100 members. He counsels pastors and church planters, helps churches locate resources, and helps churches and pastors work through problems.

His goal is to help existing churches reach a community that he said has a high spiritual sensitivity and openness to the gospel. “You don’t find a lot of atheists in the African-American community.”

The sensitivity and openness, however, increase the need for churches to be relevant, Broach noted.

African-Americans “have plenty of religion, but they want the religion to be real, to be personal, to be something

they can have a grip on, something they can apply in their lives,” he said.

The Dallas association has a goal to plant 10 African-American churches a year. With a growing African-American population, estimated now at 427,000 in Dallas County, the association’s churches reach only 3 to 4 percent of the black population.

In addition to planting churches, Broach also works to keep at least 80 percent of existing churches healthy. He defines a healthy congregation as one that is growing. And to grow, churches must be relevant.

“We can’t do church the way we did church 50 years ago,” he said. “There’s an openness, but many are not open to the old traditional ways.”

Broach said African-American churches are growing in their support of association, state and national missions efforts.

He said he wants to see more involvement by African-Americans and other minorities in convention leadership because “leadership reflects the group you’re trying to reach.”

Broach’s heart is still with the local church, and he would like to return there someday. But most of all he wants to be where God wants him.

“Right now,” Broach said, “I just really feel like I’m working within my call and giftedness at this time.”

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Some Amish letting the World Wide Web help sell their crafts

By Marcia Pledger
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WALNUT CREEK, Ohio (RNS)—Day after day, Roy Wengerd makes leather belts in a barn behind his Holmes County home.

Using tools powered by compressed air, it is a slow, deliberate process. A burner fueled by gas from a well heats his workshop, which battery-powered lights illuminate from overhead.

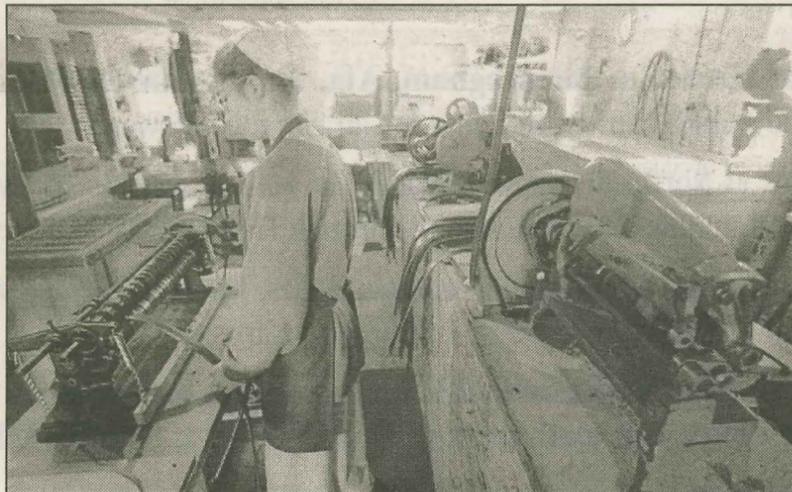
His 15-year-old daughter, Martha, works by his side, preparing belts generally sold to wholesalers, shoe repair shops and harness shops. This is the way of the Old Order Amish, who avoid today’s technology.

So it might come as a shock to learn that Wengerd’s belts, crafted so painstakingly in the old way, can be bought with a click of the mouse on the Internet.

R.W. Leather, of Walnut Creek, Ohio, is one of eight Amish vendors linked on the World Wide Web by Orville-based Spectrum Publications at the Web site www.amishshoppingmall.com.

“The Amish don’t adapt to new methods. They shun modernism,” Wengerd said while showing off his handiwork and the templates used to put designs on belts. “For me to go on the Internet, personally I wouldn’t do it. But (the Spectrum representative) is a wholesale account, and how he markets them is his decision, whether it’s through the Internet or stores.”

Mitch Naumoff, webmaster at Spectrum, said Wengerd was the first Amish businessman to agree to sell through his Web site, which offers everything from homemade noodles and jam to small wood products, cedar chests and hand-



AMISH While Amish craftsmen avoid modern technology, some are allowing their products to be sold over the Internet. ■ Left: Martha Wengerd, 15, uses machines to soften leather belts made in a barn behind her home in Walnut Creek, Ohio. ■ Right: Esther Miller shows off packaged noodles made at her family-owned business in Fredericksburg, Ohio. (RNS photos)

made quilts. But Naumoff was rejected by some Amish who didn’t understand the concept of not having to pay for a service that is intended to increase their sales.

“It’s very intimidating for a lot of them, just the idea of becoming involved in this new technology,” Naumoff said. The Web site was launched in February with 150 products, and plans are in the works to have 300 products by the end of the year.

Old Order Amish people believe that the Bible instructs them to lead a life of simplicity.

They also believe it directs them to maintain a distinct separation between the church and the world. They’ve chosen to refrain from technology and other cultural changes in an effort to maintain cohesive family structures and stay true to their faith.

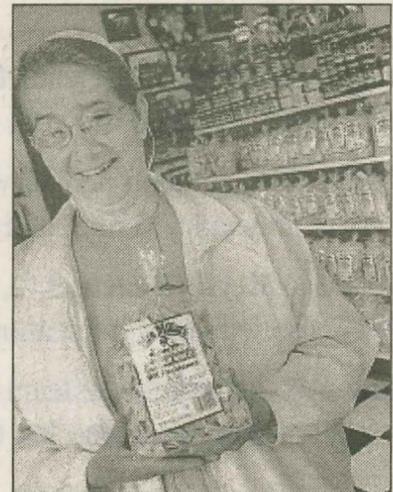
All of the Amish vendors now par-

ticipating in amishshoppingmall.com have been advertising for years in Spectrum Publication’s Amish Heartland magazine, which targets tourists. The company plans to market the site this year on the Web and various other media throughout the country.

Iva Yoder, manager of Helping Hands Quilt Shop & Museum in Berlin, Ohio, said she decided to sell quilts on the new site because it’s an opportunity to share with the world the art of hand quilting. Prices range from \$150 for a 30-by-30-inch quilt to \$1,200 for a queen- or king-size quilt that generally takes 500 hours to complete.

“We have a large inventory of quality quilts, and our goal is to get exposure to keep the art of hand quilting alive,” Yoder said. The shop keeps about 600 quilts in inventory and also sells custom quilts.

Verna Schlabach, assistant director



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of the Mennonite Information Center in Berlin, likens Amish people’s decision to sell online to the same justification that permits them to hire someone to drive them in a car.

“It eliminates temptation to go places that they don’t need to go to if they hire a car,” she said. “With this technology, they have the best of both worlds.” They can sell their goods to an expanded market, but they can avoid unnecessary temptation to worldliness.

Belt-maker Roy Wengerd is optimistic that the Internet will broaden his market. He rides his bicycle to a phone booth to check telephone messages for some of his wholesale orders, and he’ll get his Internet orders the same way. But he hasn’t changed his way of thinking when it comes to his craft.

“I tell people if they’re interested in buying quality, I can help them,” he said. “If not, go elsewhere.”

Road Quest 2000!

On the afternoon of Friday, March 17, 2000, 68 Cumberland College students boarded vans and headed across the country in different directions.

They did not know their final destinations until that afternoon. One thing *was* clear—their desire to spend Spring Break 2000 in service to others!



One team traveled to **Philadelphia, Pa.** Through the Greater Philadelphia Food Bank, they sorted more than 3,000 pounds of dry goods and canned foods. They also worked at Thrift for AIDS, a consignment shop and library whose proceeds go to assist people living with AIDS.

Another team traveled to **Houston, Texas**, to minister in the inner city among the Hispanic population. They worked at four Houston Baptist mission centers, including a food distribution center, a clothing closet, a youth center and a children's center.

First **Atlanta, Ga.**, and then **Tampa, Fla.**, were the destinations of another team. They helped renovate Laurel Heights Christian Center in Atlanta into a Christian coffeehouse. In Tampa, students ministered through Metropolitan Ministries at Peninsula Christian Church.

Construction was the job for the team that traveled to **Birmingham, Ala.** Serving through Metro Changers, Cumberland students built a new porch, installed dry wall and painted an entire house for an elderly widower.

In **Panama City, Fla.**, students led services at Northside Baptist Church, as well as services in two children's homes, two nursing homes, a crisis pregnancy center, and local middle and high schools through First Priority Ministry.

One team traveled to **Myrtle Beach, S.C.**, and served with Grand Strand Ministries. The team worked with children from a local housing project. They also led crafts, recreation and creative ministries with beach visitors.

Church planting was the task of the team that visited **Smithfield, R.I.** Students helped North County Baptist Church advertise the start of a new church. The team also led the church and youth in worship and served at both the Salvation Army and a local nursing home.

There was also a team that traveled to **Glendale, Ky.**, where they served at the Glendale Home for Children, one of several Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. The team painted cottages and rebuilt the ropes challenge course.

In addition, students who volunteer their time with the Mountain Outreach program at Cumberland, traveled to **Pinetops, N.C.**, to repair homes that were ravaged by recent floods.

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