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Most Americans value the Bible, but few read it daily, poll finds

PRINCETON, N.J. (RNS)—About six in 10 Americans say they read the Bible at least occasionally and 65 percent believe the holy book "answers all or most of the basic questions of life," a Gallup poll has found.

Overall, Bible readership has dropped from the 1980s when 73 percent of Americans said they read the Bible at least on occasion.

The percentage of those who read the Bible at least once a week has dropped slightly in the last 10 years, from 40 percent in 1990 to 37 percent today, the Gallup Organization said.

Sixteen percent of Americans say they read the Bible every day, compared to 21 percent who say they read it weekly, 12 percent who say they read it monthly and 10 percent who say they read the Bible less than monthly. A total of 41 percent said they never or rarely read the Bible.

Nearly half of the people who believe the Bible "answers all or most of the basic questions of life" read it at least every week. Twenty-eight percent of people surveyed who agree with that statement say they never read the Bible or do so rarely.

Seventy-two percent of those with a high school education or less say the Bible answers life's basic questions, compared to 46 percent of those with a postgraduate degree.

Other Bible reading findings from Gallup include:

■ Fourteen percent of Americans say they are in a Bible study group.

■ About 43 percent of women say they read the Bible either daily or weekly, compared to 29 percent of men.

■ Forty-two percent of whites say they never or rarely read the Bible, compared to 32 percent of nonwhites.

■ Half of those older than 65 read the Bible at least once a week, compared to 27 percent of people ages 18 to 29.

Reach 2000



WORSHIP CELEBRATION A praise team from Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg leads worship during the Oct. 27-28 Reach 2000 conference at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

Ministers mobilize for ministry in new millennium

By **Trennis Henderson & David Winfrey**
Editor & News Director

ELIZABETHTOWN—Seeking to "prepare leaders for evangelism in the 21st century," Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders launched "Reach 2000" Oct. 27-28 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

The weekend training conference, which attracted more than 325 registered participants, offered training in such areas as understanding post-modern culture, transitioning a traditional church and using the Internet to do evangelism. The conference also featured two worship celebra-

tions designed to highlight effective worship styles.

Dan Garland, leader of the KBC evangelism growth team, coordinated the conference. He said the worship sessions offered an opportunity "to model excellence in worship and show two different looks."

Praise teams from Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg and Severns Valley Church led the two worship sessions. The music included praise choruses and hymns with instrumental solos ranging from a saxophone to a cello.

During the opening worship celebration, Jeff Eaton emphasized that Jesus is worthy of every Christian's

testimony and praise.

Eaton, pastor of Hope Community Church, said the Christian church is the most powerful entity in the world, but that church leaders sometimes forget what it's like to not have a personal relationship with God through Jesus.

Such an attitude can affect a pastor's message, Eaton added. He recalled an elderly rural preacher who once told him, "While you're out there preaching, if you're not convinced, ain't nobody else going to be convinced."

God is "worthy of our testimony, folks," Eaton said.

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Counselor offers Christian leaders ways to handle burnout, stress

By **Terri Lackey**
SBC LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE (BP)—Christian leaders aren't necessarily called to live a simple life, but they should try to live a balanced, abundant one, a counselor told preschool and children's leaders attending a recent convention.

"Sometimes things get in our way to keep us from that experience, and one of those is stress," said Norm Wright.

A resident of Long Beach, Calif., Wright spoke at the National Preschool and Children's Convention, Oct. 16-19 at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Stress means stretching yourself beyond your limits, overextending yourselves without an adequate time for recovery," he explained.

He cited several warning signs of stress.

"When you worry about or frantically anticipate future events that can't be avoided and then are preoccupied with it even after it is over, that's stress. If you have something in your life that's dominating your thinking that you can't let loose of, that's an indication this is stressful."

In life, valleys of recovery should follow mountains of high stress levels, he said. "When you go from one mountain to another with no time to relax and you don't deal with your stress, that can lead to burnout."

Burnout means to deplete oneself, he said, to wear oneself out by striving to reach unrealistic expectations imposed by self, values of the society or one's church.

"We here in this room are more prone to burnout than some other pro-

fessions," said Wright, who acknowledged he experienced burnout 20 years ago and was told by his doctor to take six weeks off work.

"All of a sudden we miss out on the joys and lessons God has for us. Burnout can affect you mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. How can we give to others through ministry when our wells are dry?" Wright asked.

Rather than getting involved in too many activities, people should ask themselves, "What do I choose to do today that would glorify God the most?" he said.

"It helps to go to the Word (of God) or devotional books or prayer each day. Just put a sign on your office door that says, 'In Conference.'"

Other ways to handle burnout and stress, he said, include:

■ Learning to say "No."

■ Eliminating procrastination and perfection.

■ Slowing down when you find yourself in a hurry.

■ Evaluating reasons behind your actions.

■ Monitoring spending.

■ Changing your attitude.

"Worry has no limits, no boundaries. It's like a dense big fog," Wright said, offering a practical solution for worry.

"Take a 3-by-5 card and write 'Stop' in big letters on one side. On the other side print the verses, Philipians 4:6-9.

"Read it out loud and do this every time you begin to worry," Wright urged.

More than 800 leaders attended the National Preschool and Children's Convention sponsored by LifeWay's church resources division.

Debate unabated as Texas Baptists face SBC funding vote

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—As Texas Baptist messengers gather this week and consider reducing funding for Southern Baptist Convention causes, supporters and opponents of the funding proposal continue to debate the issue.

If Texas Baptists approve the funding changes recommended by state convention leaders, the proposals will reduce Cooperative Program funding for SBC seminaries and other agencies by more than \$5 million.

Even if the plan is adopted, however, the Baptist General Convention of Texas will remain one of the denomination's largest contributors, channeling more than \$17.8 million into SBC causes next year, including about \$12 million to the SBC International Mission Board.

Part of the proposed funding change is based on a report about SBC seminaries by a Texas Baptist study committee. Former SBC President Paige Patterson has labeled the report "inaccurate, biased and poorly researched on almost every detail." He said the committee's findings on such issues as biblical interpretation and seminary enroll-

ment are "just a few of the mistakes" in the report.

Patterson, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., said the report "erroneously alleges that many current Southern Baptist Convention leaders cannot distinguish between Scripture and interpretation. As usual no evidence is supplied. Let's have a public debate and let the people judge."

Other seminary leaders who criticized the report include Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the staff of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mohler, a member of the SBC study committee that proposed recent revisions to the denomination's Baptist Faith and Message statement, called the Texas committee's opposition to changes in the document "ludicrous." The changes to the statement are among the major reasons cited by Texas Baptist leaders for reducing financial support of the SBC.

Mohler noted that the faith state-

ment's 1963 language identifying Jesus as "the criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted" was "not simply eliminated" from the 2000 version but was replaced with the declaration that "all Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation." He said the new wording "is far more in keeping with historic confessions of faith."

Charles Wade, executive director of the BGCT, said he is particularly disturbed by a new phrase about "doctrinal accountability" in the 2000 faith statement.

"Always before we have used confessions of faith as a witness to the watching world and ... as a guide for instruction of our members," Wade said. "But then it says these are 'instruments of doctrinal accountability.' That language we've never seen before and it raises the very powerful question, 'Accountable to whom?'"

According to SBC President James Merritt, "It's ridiculous to call anything like that a creed. Baptists historically and even by their polity cannot be a creedal people."

Merritt described the Baptist Faith

and Message as a "consensus statement" on Southern Baptist beliefs.

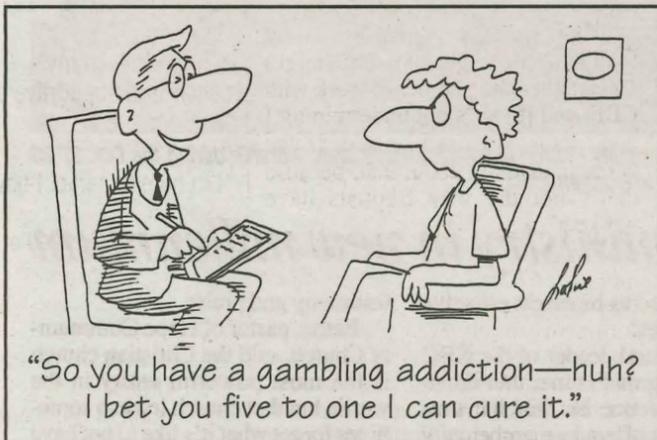
"I see no problem in having anyone who works for the convention and works for the denomination to agree to support that statement," he said. "All freedom has limits. Freedom without limits is anarchy."

David Currie, coordinator of Texas Baptists Committed, said Texas Baptist opposition to the revised faith statement and other differences with SBC leaders "is not just a political argument. It's a question here of how the Baptists best fulfill their role in the kingdom of God."

Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, said Texas Baptist leaders are saying, in effect, "We're not going to support the theological direction of the Southern Baptist Convention."

"We do have some very fundamental convictional differences," Chapman said. "I'm not necessarily asking them to give up theirs. We're certainly not going to give up ours."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press, Associated Baptist Press and Religion News Service



New Mexico Baptists make Bible, CP support membership standards

GALLUP, N.M. (ABP)—Churches won't necessarily need to agree with the Southern Baptist Convention on what the Bible means to remain in fellowship with the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, but they must support the national denomination financially.

New Mexico Baptists meeting in annual session Oct. 23-25 in Gallup approved a bylaw change making fidelity to the Bible and support of the Cooperative Program unified budget the criteria for membership in the state convention.

The change, recommended by the state convention's executive board, passed overwhelmingly but not without extensive discussion and unsuccessful attempts to amend and table the motion.

The bylaw change came in response to a motion last year directing a study of making the Baptist Faith and Message statement the doctrinal criterion for seating messengers from churches at the state convention.

Opponents of that proposal said controversial changes to the faith statement, particularly an amendment two years ago stating that wives should submit to their husbands, would disqualify some churches that have no other problems with the BCNM.

A credentials study committee brought the following motion approved by the executive board in July:

"As an autonomous Baptist group, the convention reserves the right to determine what constitutes a cooperating Baptist church. Churches shall be considered in friendly cooperation who are sympathetic with the purpose and work of this convention, having demonstrated cooperation by contributing a minimum of \$250 to the Cooperative Program through the BCNM during the fiscal year preceding the annual or special meeting of the convention. The faith and practices of each cooper-

ating church, in the opinion of the convention in session, shall not be in conflict with Scripture. The convention in session shall be the final judge of the qualifications of its members."

One concern raised during the debate was that some churches might not be able to afford to give \$250. A messenger responded that even in a poor church there likely would be someone who could afford the minimum contribution.

Tom Dowler of Los Alamos proposed an amendment to the motion that the financial requirement be changed to read that the church be a "bona fide contributor to the work of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico" during the preceding fiscal year. He said such a change in the wording would include churches that contribute to their local association and the BCNM but to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship instead of the SBC.

Roswell pastor Don Hayhurst, who served on the credentials study committee, responded that churches eligible to seat messengers could be dually aligned with the CBF and SBC. He said the committee's intent was to "take the middle ground" and promote "harmony."

Dowler's amendment failed with fewer than a dozen of the 230 messengers registered at the time voting in favor of it.

Jeff Johnson, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Grants, then moved that the recommendation be tabled and sent back to the committee with instructions to make it more in line with the SBC requirements.

Albuquerque pastor Bob Butler noted that while the SBC procedure is informative, "we are an autonomous body."

Johnson's motion also was soundly defeated and the original proposal passed with scattered opposition.

Carter says gays have right to seek ordination

NASHVILLE (BP)—Former President Jimmy Carter said that while homosexuality is a sin, he sees nothing wrong with a "Christian" homosexual being ordained.

Carter made his comments during an Oct. 20 phone interview with Baptist Press the day after he announced he could no longer be associated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

If a homosexual "was demonstrating the essence of Christianity, I would not object to the individual being ordained," Carter said. "Yes, homosexuality is a sin but so is adultery. When somebody doesn't give 10 percent of their earnings to the church, it is a sin. All of us are sinners every day. And adultery is a more serious sin than homosexuality."

Carter said the ordination of homosexuals is a decision to be made by individual churches and he doubted his home church, Maranatha Baptist in Plains, Ga., would go out of its way to ordain a homosexual. "If we did have a homosexual in our church who wanted to be ordained, it would be decided not on sexual preference," he added.

"Homosexuals have a perfect right to profess to be Christians, accept Christ as Savior, and I wouldn't have a problem if they worshipped side by side with me," he said. "Jesus never singled out homosexuals to be condemned. When the Southern Baptist Convention started singling out homosexuals as a special form or degree of sinfulness, I didn't agree with it. Now, that target has shifted to the subjugation of women."

BAPTIST DIGEST

■ **Southwestern adopts \$58 million plan.** Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, approved a \$58 million campus master plan during their semiannual meeting Oct. 17-18. Seminary President Ken Hemphill called the 10-year-plan a "far-ranging visionary program" that will be an important tool in the school's reaccreditation process that will culminate in 2002. Major projects include \$18 million to construct the next three phases of a leadership development complex, \$14 million for new student housing and \$15 million to renovate five older buildings on campus.

■ **Midwestern plans to stay in Kansas City.** Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., voted Oct. 17 to make relocation of the seminary within the Kansas City metropolitan area "the preferred option" for the school's future. Trustees also voted to adopt the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message statement as the seminary's articles of faith and to require new faculty members to affirm it in writing.

■ **Retired SBC Foundation leader dies.** Kendall Berry, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foundation from 1967-76, died Oct. 7 in Blytheville, Ark., as the age of 93. The foundation's assets nearly doubled during Berry's tenure, approaching \$17 million at the time of his retirement.

Laymen's group supporting conservative push for KBC

By David Winfrey
News Director

LOUISVILLE—Members of a group called the Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network say they are contacting people throughout the commonwealth, hoping to encourage enough messengers to attend the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Bowling Green to elect a conservative KBC president.

"The goal of the Network is to promote a conservative agenda, and the conservative agenda is basically aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention," said Ray Moncrief, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Corbin and one of four board members for the Network.

He called the group "very, very informal" and said members are talking to Kentucky Baptists in their area, encouraging them to attend the annual meeting, Nov. 14-15 at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, and vote their convictions.

"Quite frankly, our convention's never been particularly well attended," said Moncrief, a venture capitalist. "And consequently what we're trying to do is motivate people to get up and drive to Bowling Green and participate in this convention. And, essentially, that is the agenda."

Two people have been named thus far as candidates for Kentucky Baptist Convention president: Kevin Ezell, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, and Jim McKinley, a retired Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh.

The Network has published two newsletters this year. Both criticize the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as "a liberal splinter group" that the newsletters say is competing with conservative, evangelical Southern Baptists for leadership in many state conventions.

"Make no mistake, the CBF's goal is to take over leadership of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, through the funding and influence of their sister organization in our state, the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship," the September newsletter states.

John Lepper, coordinator of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship, said his organization is not involved in KBC politics, but is instead focusing on such goals as missions, resources and networking for CBF-friendly church-

es in Kentucky.

"We're not trying to influence the KBC elections, and we haven't for some time," he said.

Lepper said approximately 100 of the KBC's 2,400 member churches contribute money to the CBF.

In a Network newsletter story titled "CBF embarrassed by reporting on homosexuality," the newsletter also states, "Many CBF leaders support a shockingly radical pro-gay rights agenda."

Daniel Vestal, national coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, said campaigns that connect the group with homosexuality are misleading but nothing new.

"CBF does not endorse or promote or support the gay-lesbian agenda," he said, noting that CBF's coordinating council passed a "statement on values" two weeks ago that states "the foundation of a Christian sexual ethic is faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman and celibacy in singleness."

Vestal said assertions by groups such as the Network are part of "a concerted effort organized from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Vestal noted that Roger Moran, who led a similar layman's organization in Missouri, is now a member of the SBC Executive Committee. "Their accusations are just not true, they are seeking to discredit, demean some very good Baptist folk, and that's sad."

John Michael, president of the Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network, said the group's effort "has nothing to do with the (SBC) Executive Committee. This is laypeople who know what the CBF stands for and want to stand against it in their state convention."

Michael, 44, declined requests for an extended interview. "I would say that the newsletter speaks for itself and speaks for the organization," said Michael, a certified financial planner in Louisville.

But in a press release he stated that the group is seeking to motivate the "people in the pews" to get involved in the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and to "help defend our convention from outside influences which would tend to undermine our work and witness for Christ."

Asked if the Network had endorsed any candidates for the KBC elections

in Bowling Green, Michael said, "We haven't yet, but we probably will."

He said a third newsletter before the Bowling Green convention will likely support candidates for KBC offices.

A Network member in West Kentucky, however, said the group already is working on behalf of one candidate.

"We're supporting Kevin Ezell," said Tom Butler, chairman of deacons at East Baptist Church in Paducah.

Butler stressed that the group was not campaigning against Jim McKinley, who has described himself as a "middle of the roader."

"We don't have anything against Jim McKinley. We had agreed among ourselves to support Kevin Ezell long before it was ever official that Jim was going to be running for this particular office," said Butler, a retired news anchor for WPSD-TV in Paducah. "He (McKinley) is a good man, and we treasure his ministry that he's had over the years."

Butler said his goal has been to enlist about 30 messengers in six West Kentucky associations to go to Bowling Green. "I've secured commitments probably from 100-150 people to go to the convention and to vote for Kevin Ezell."

Ezell said he had heard of the group and had heard that they were supporting him, but he added that the Network did not recruit him to run for president.

"That's nothing like what happened," he said. "If these guys are wanting to support me, I'd be thrilled to have their support."

Dan Ferguson, KBC first vice president and pastor of Second Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, said he attended one meeting of the group, but hasn't been heavily involved.

"I have my particular view of things, and I just have gotten to where I've grown weary with all the politicking, to be honest with you."

He said Network organizers divided the commonwealth into districts, assigning workers in each area to try to get as many "conservative messengers out to the convention as possible."

Likewise, a director of missions who asked not to be identified, said two pastors from that association were campaigning throughout the area on behalf of Ezell.

An insert in the Network's most recent newsletter said the group's strategy is to "maintain a broad leadership structure, which organizes the state by regions, then by associations, then by churches, then by individuals."

Laverne Butler, former president of Mid-Continent College in Mayfield and former pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church in Louisville, said he has been a consultant to about a dozen laymen who are leading the effort. He added that his work with the group has been limited because he is recovering from radiation treatment for throat cancer.

"All I've done is just sit with them a time or two. It's been all their initiative," said Butler, now special assistant to the pastor at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington.

Butler added that this group is not connected to the one he led in previous years. That group dissolved when Bill Mackey was named executive director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, he said. "We're totally behind Dr. Mackey."

Butler called the Network organizers "men who have some deep conviction. The primary goal for me is to expose the CBF."

"Day by day, week by week, they're trying to get another (church) and another and another to work with CBF, and if that's not undermining I don't know what is," he said. "I can get real adamant about that, because that's not the way Baptists have worked."

Michael said that in addition to himself and Moncrief the two other board members are Michael Harris, a former trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and a member of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington, and Jack Amis, a member of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington.

Laverne Butler said Jerry Johnson, a member of the institutional development staff at Southern Seminary, has served as an adviser and resource person for the group.

Johnson declined to comment on his involvement with the group.

Butler said the group also has ministerial advisers, including Bill Henard, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, and Mike Routt, pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland.

Hatley named KBC VP candidate

Rick Hatley has announced plans to be nominated next month as second vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Hatley, associate pastor for education at Central Baptist Church in Winchester, said he will be nominated by his pastor, Art Beasley.

Hatley currently is the only announced candidate for a vice presidential post to be filled during the Nov. 14-15 KBC annual meeting in Bowling Green.

Hatley, a native of Kentucky, said he is willing to seek convention office because of his "love for Kentucky Baptists and what God is doing in our state." Describing himself as "very conservative in my beliefs and supportive of the Cooperative Program," he added, "I'm here to serve. I have no agenda."

Hatley has served at Central Church since 1994. He previously was church development division director for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

A graduate of Murray State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, he is a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board and a trustee of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pre-KBC conference seeks to help pastors 'Celebrate the Call'

BOWLING GREEN—Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference President Walter Davis said he hopes this year's roster, schedule and theme will attract more pastors, encouraging them to be "Celebrating the Call" at the annual pre-KBC meeting.

"What is a pastors' conference for if it's not to uplift and encourage pastors?" asked Davis, pastor of Stithton Baptist Church in Radcliff.

The meeting is scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Nov. 13 at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, a day before the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

"I want a time to encourage pastors to recognize that theirs is a high, holy and important calling," Davis

said.

"The pressures both within and without are pretty intense on a pastor," he added. "What I was hoping I could do is provide a pastors' conference that all pastors of our state convention would feel welcome and would help us focus on what we need to celebrate in being called as a pastor."

Gone is the poorly attended morning session, a concession to the fact that many pastors have responsibilities that prevent them from arriving in the convention city until after lunch, Davis said. "I tried to cram as much as I could from 1 (p.m.) to late at night to kind of offset that."

Among the speakers for this year's conference is Kevin Ezell, pastor of

Highview Baptist Church in Louisville and a candidate for Kentucky Baptist Convention president.

Davis said Ezell was invited to speak at the conference long before he was announced as a candidate.

Davis said that if he had known KBC presidential candidate Jim McKinley was going to be nominated, he would have been open to including him in the conference as well.

"If there was some way I could squeeze him in I would, but I don't see that there is at this point," Davis said.

Music for the meeting will be led by the music ministries of Stithton Baptist Church and Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference

Afternoon session starts at 1 p.m.:

- David Butler, pastor of Springdale Baptist Church in LaGrange
- Bill Mackey, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive director
- Kevin Ezell, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville
- Charles Lowery, pastor of Hoffmantown Community Church in North Albuquerque, N.M.

Evening session starts at 6:30 p.m.:

- Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission
- Hershel York, professor of teaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Ike Reighard, pastor of North Star Baptist Church in Kennesaw, Ga.

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all delivered to the
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Look in the mirror

I have been concerned for years about the future of the Southern Baptist Convention but three recent episodes have caused me unusual alarm: those churches choosing to leave the convention; the monetary turbulence between Texas Baptists and seminaries; and President Carter's recent remarks about the convention.

Is it not time for us to take a good look in the mirror?

When I think of conservatives, I think of the written Word. When I think of moderates, I think of the living Word. Our problem that began years past is deeper than the Word. We have let egos, peer pressure and politics cloud our understanding of the Word and our acceptance of each other.

Where do we stand at this milestone of our convention? How long can this body continue to function with two hearts competing for the blood flow?

Here are five suggestions that will hurt but must be said:

■ **Conservatives** should stop the closed-door planning sessions for the convention's future. That approach would divide any local church. Jesus openly went about His Father's business.

■ **Moderates** should dissolve the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. That is a half-sided fellowship. It divides.

■ **SBC messengers** should rescind the submissive resolution directed at our Christian ladies. A revival among our Baptist men with emphasis on loving our wives as Christ loved the church would do much to resolve this issue.

■ **Messengers** also should rescind the revision of our Baptist Faith and Message. God's comprehension of the Word is much deeper than

man's. We should keep hands off what God has done.

■ **We conservatives** should know we have hurt our Christian brothers and sisters by our actions. We moderates should realize we have equally wronged our brothers and sisters.

Where are the reconcilers in our convention? Isn't the greatest religious movement known to man worth saving?

Glen Story
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Stand for women

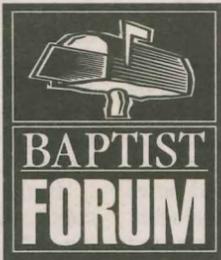
Praise the Lord for men like former President Jimmy Carter for taking a stand against the Southern Baptist Convention's recent decision concerning women pastors. Our denomination should be more focused on spreading Christ to everyone and quit trying to interpret the Bible the way a select few

see it.

I believe that women can be pastors of churches if they truly are called by God. We should not judge women who are called to proclaim God's Word.

My sister, Linda Barnes, is senior pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church in Louisville. I can't describe her love for her church and community. She works 100-hour weeks ministering, counseling and offering a chance for salvation for many people, male and female alike.

Many people dispute this issue by singling out certain verses and interpreting them in their own way. When Paul wrote, "Women should be silent in the churches," he chose the Greek word "sigao" which means a voluntary silence. It is the kind of silence needed amid confusion and disorder. Paul did approve of women praying and prophesying during worship; he just wanted them to do it in an orderly way.



PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

Preserving a sacred trust

Recently I wrote about the new performance assessment process for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board staff. All job descriptions were updated which gave me the occasion to review my own job description and call from God.

When I responded to the call of God to move from being a pastor in Whitesburg to work with the South Carolina Baptist Convention 21 years ago, I did not realize that He was calling me to a lifetime of denominational service. I thought that God would call me back to a local church. To me, being pastor of a local church is one of the highest callings possible. But being in God's will is the highest calling and although I love the local church ministry, God has made it clear that He has called me to denominational service.

I want Kentucky Baptists to know that I consider my role in ser-

vice to all Kentucky Baptists and our Lord to be a sacred trust from Holy God. Pray that God will enable me to keep this sacred trust.

As I reflect on my job description, there are assignments to represent and promote the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and carry out many administrative responsibilities. There is a strong emphasis on building fellowship and cooperation.

Here are a few of my 23 assignments:

■ "He shall provide strong and effective leadership for promoting the programs of the Executive Board of the KBC."

■ "He shall promote the budget and the Cooperative Program of the KBC, and under the jurisdiction of the Executive Board, he shall provide effective and cooperative leadership for all programs of the Convention."

■ "He seeks to encourage and to promote the general welfare of the total life of Kentucky Baptists in his in-

Another verse is, "The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church." In this passage, Paul appealed for couples to follow this model for Christian marriage. This passage does not advocate hierarchy as many claim. It begins with, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

The church today needs ministers, male or female, who are called by God to spread the love of Christ. I often wonder when we get to heaven if God will say, "I am so sorry, a woman minister shared Christ with you so I can't let you enter the kingdom of heaven" or will He say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Steven Barnes
Sheffield, Ala.

Hate what God hates

"Thou shalt do no murder" (Matthew 19:18).

"We indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (Luke 23:41).

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man" (Genesis 9:6).

God hates "hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:17).

"The blood is the life" (Deuteronomy 12:23).

At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother. Let us also hate "hands that shed innocent blood."

Issac Colvin
Harrodsburg

Promote the Sabbath?

The Ten Commandments were written for the Jews. If you are going to promote them, you'd better be ready to observe the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Ninety percent won't get it.

Cecil McKee
Huntsville, Texas

terest, personal influence and Christian charity. He should grace the office with wise, mature and inspiring leadership."

■ "The Executive Director represents the Executive Board to the denomination and to the general public, and promotes participation in the support of all Kentucky Baptist Convention programs and causes."

I want to thank Kentucky Baptists for their assistance in fulfilling these awesome responsibilities. I especially thank God for those who are committed to building the fellowship among Kentucky Baptists. Anyone can tear down. Only a mature saint of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can cooperate in adverse and challenging circumstances.

Pray for God to work in the hearts of every Kentucky Baptist to bring us together around the mission that He has for us. Pray that the way we conduct our business as Kentucky Baptists will be a witness to our faith.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalms 133:1)

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

FAMILY

Maximize impact of donations with careful planning

By Jeremy White

The busy pace of shoppers, bell-ringers and year-end charitable appeals are all part of the holidays.



Charitable giving is an integral part of Thanks-

giving and Christmas. Just as God gave the greatest gift of His Son, we should be cheerful givers.

But how can you maximize your giving among requests from so many good causes? Here are some tips to plan your giving:

■ **Decide on an amount or percentage of your income to give.** After giving to your local church, set an amount to give to other charities.

■ **Determine the causes you want to support.** Before selecting specific charities, consider the general causes for which you feel a burden, such as pro-life, Bible distribution, homeless or teaching ministries.

■ **Select a few charities, then get behind them all the way.** Concentrate your resources and prayers. If you give \$10 per year to 25 different good causes, your donation to each will be used up for administrative costs and future mailings to you.

■ **Substantiate your tax deductible giving with records.** The IRS requires written acknowledgment from the charity for each gift greater than \$250. You should keep other documentation for smaller cash and non-cash gifts.

■ **Agree and participate as a family.** Involve your children in sending donations, praying and reading the good news of the charities' successes.

■ **Learn to politely refuse appeals for other good causes.** When the dinner-time phone solicitations for good causes occur, I express appreciation for the good the charity does. I also explain my planned approach to giving and that giving is too important to decide impulsively.

■ **Give creatively and minimize taxes with an advisor's help.** For example, you can avoid income taxes and receive a charitable deduction by giving appreciated stock or land directly to your chosen charity.

■ **Incorporate giving in your estate.** Bequest a certain amount of your estate to charity. Naming a charity as a beneficiary to your life insurance can leverage your gift and provide a current tax deduction.

Jeremy White is a certified public accountant in Paducah. He presents financial seminars and workshops at churches and conferences.

If spouse refuses to reconcile, face reality & pursue healing

Q: My wife has signaled in many ways that our marriage is over: by her behavior, by her words and finally by serving me with divorce papers. Should I continue attempting reconciliation?

Jesus' words of condemnation toward the Pharisees on this subject were directed toward a people who were using divorce as a convenience. It was common practice for men to simply cite, "I divorce you, I divorce you, I divorce you," and to clap their hands to be free of a woman who had burned the morning toast, braided her hair or had shown her bare arms in public. The Son of God made it clear that divorce was not in the original plan of God. I'm sure it was not in your original plans either.

Bill Flanagan, author of "Developing a Divorce Recovery Ministry in Your Church," states that it takes four people to successfully reconcile a marriage: a willing man; a willing woman; an objective, Christian counselor; and, because reconciliation is always a miracle, God.

That reconciliation is not totally within your power is part of the tragedy of divorce. If no realistic opportunity exists for reconciliation, seek out a divorce recovery support group in your community. Two books are widely used as texts for this kind of ministry. Over half a million copies of "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smoke have been sold over the last 26 years. The other book is a six- to nine-week workbook of daily Bible studies by Harold Ivan Smith, called "A Time for Healing: Coming to Terms with Your Divorce."

Call churches in your area to see if any of them are offering a workshop or support group. If not, you may be helped simply by getting these two books and working through them yourself. Gather a support system of people who can be there for you as you begin the process of rebuilding your life.—James Stillwell

Q: How can I help a child who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder?

Pay attention to diet. While experts disagree over the role nutrition plays in ADHD, diet does make a difference. Experience and careful observation will help you see which foods affect your child, and how.

Look for ways to lower sensory overload. Make sure your child gets a break from the constant barrage of sight and sound in our technologically savvy world. Place limits on TV, video games and computer use. Build in regular times for reading, conversation, board games and other activities that are more settled and quiet.

Indefinite answers (later, maybe, we'll see, etc.) are difficult for children with ADHD to handle, so give specific directions and instructions. Make a checklist of things that need to be done. Consider assigning a point value to tasks. Let points accumulate toward a wish list of activities the child would enjoy.

Provide structure, predictability, routine and consistency. Help children organize assignments, responsibilities and chores. Don't forget to offer sincere praise and encouragement. (Research indicates that as much as 80 percent of what a child with ADHD hears each day is negative.)

Drugs should be a last resort. The soaring number of prescriptions for drugs like Ritalin has many experts worried that typical childhood behavior is being treated as an illness.

Do not allow children to use the fact that they are easily distracted and have trouble paying attention as an excuse for inappropriate behavior. The child who faces ADHD challenges must still learn self-control and responsibility.—David Garrard

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; 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.



Casting your vote is the right thing to do

With the nation's long-awaited presidential election just one week away, the race between George W. Bush and Al Gore remains too close to call. As campaign officials in both parties scramble and strategize to mobilize as many votes as possible, the close race is a reminder of the importance of every citizen exercising the right and responsibility to vote on Nov. 7.

No matter what the outcome of next Tuesday's election, it is certain that millions of Americans will be celebrating and millions of others will be deeply disappointed. The only ones who truly will earn the right to complain, however, are those who take their citizenship responsibilities seriously enough to show up next week and vote.

This year's race is particularly significant since the two major candidates espouse clear differences on such crucial issues as abortion, education, gun control, Social Security and tax reform. The fact that the new president likely will have the opportunity to appoint one or more Supreme Court justices in the next few years also is a significant factor.

With three presidential debates, extensive campaign advertising and nonstop media coverage, there's no excuse for anyone failing to make an informed decision about this year's election. Key steps are to evaluate the candidates' differing views, compare those with your own convictions and concerns and then vote your conscience without undue influence from those who would like to make up your mind for you. That includes being wary of partisan "voter guides" that phrase questions to favor a particular candidate or party.

Regardless of the election results, democracy remains the fairest, most effective way to select leaders for our nation. Don't take the privilege of voting for granted and don't shirk your responsibility as a Christian citizen concerned about the future of our country.

Beyond the presidential race, there are other local,

state and national campaigns that deserve careful consideration and action.

Here in Kentucky, several cities also face crucial wet-dry liquor votes. A lawsuit on that issue filed in July by the Temperance League of Kentucky remains unresolved as election day rapidly approaches. Temperance League officials contend that a new state law allowing certain restaurants to petition for a special vote to sell alcohol is unconstitutional.

With a court ruling still pending, voters in Berea, Cadiz, Georgetown, Harrodsburg, Kuttawa, Murray and Radcliff will face the wet-dry issue next week. The timing of the court ruling has left alcohol opponents little time to mobilize against the proposals. That makes it even more crucial for concerned citizens to let their voices be heard.

Whether it's the presidential election, a wet-dry vote or any other significant issue on the ballot, remember that every vote is important.

How important? Among the many issues that have been decided by a single vote over

the years, consider this short list:

- English became the language of the United States instead of German in 1776 by one vote.

- Rutherford B. Hayes won the U.S. presidency in 1876 by one electoral vote.

- France changed from a monarchy to a republic in 1876 by one vote.

- Adolph Hitler gained leadership of the Nazi party in 1923 by one vote.

While your vote probably won't make that dramatic of an impact next week, it remains true that every vote counts.

As Christian citizens, we have the privilege of participating in our nation's historic democratic process. Take a few moments out next week to cast your vote. It's not just a right; it's the right thing to do.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Should churches consider relocation?

By Terry Lester

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 6:13).

The Lord initiated a giant relocation project for the people of Israel. They desperately needed to be in a new place to fulfill their mission as God's people. And sometimes the Lord calls a church to relocate in order to be more effective servants. Church buildings and property are important places of worship, ministry and fellowship but they also can become inadequate to meet a congregation's present and future needs. At some point relocation may be an option.

Eight years ago First Baptist Church of London relocated. Our older location had virtually no parking, a building that was a maintenance nightmare and no room for expansion. We were landlocked in a geographical Egypt. Through the visionary leadership that began with two former pastors and the dreams the Lord gave our congregation, our church decided to relocate.

What process and factors should a church contemplating relocation consider? The first step is sincere prayer. Seeking the Lord's leadership, wisdom and vision is essential. Spiritual preparation sets the tone for the whole vision/transition process. The myriad decisions a congregation faces and the broad spectrum of challenges and emotions that are evoked call for continual prayer.

The second step is the vision for relocation must be effectively communicated through the church's leadership. The pastor, staff, deacons and planning committee should work together to involve the church in listening sessions, surveys and other avenues of input. Communication and congregational participation in the process are essential.

The third step in the process is the selection of a new site. Ample acreage for parking and future development should be considered. Developing a master plot plan will help the church be good stewards of its new property. A location that is highly visible, easily accessible and in a desirable place will enhance outreach possibilities.

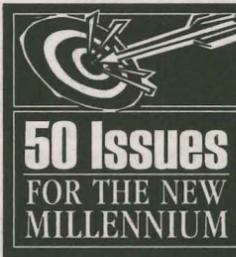
Following the selection of a new

site or in conjunction with this process, the church will select a building committee to work with the architect to develop plans. During this process the church also must consider how to fund the relocation. A capital campaign led by a professional consultant is a usual path. Relocation requires serious commitment, a sacrifice of time and resources and some huge steps of faith.

Relocating mandates sensitivity to the grief process that inevitably occurs when a congregation moves. Buildings that have hosted baptisms, baby dedications, weddings, funerals and years of worship become sacred places in our memories. Our church formed a transition committee whose sole responsibility was to celebrate our past with thanksgiving and our future with praise and anticipation.

It wasn't easy for the people of Israel to relocate from Egypt. It took years. Likewise, relocating is an enormous task that makes many demands on a congregation and church staff. There are many obstacles to face. But it's also an exciting time that holds the promise of great blessing for any congregation willing to journey in faith. On the Sunday morning when our congregation literally walked from our old building to the new one, it was an exodus that ended in great joy and celebration.

Terry Lester is pastor of First Baptist Church of London.



How can local Baptist churches impact culture with the gospel?

Workshop leaders offer contemporary ministry insights

"Jesus was always in tune with the culture, not because He analyzed the culture, but because the Spirit never goes out of date." *Steve Ayers, pastor of Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green*

"If your mission statement does not reflect the Great Commission, then it's not a mission statement of the living church." *Greg Faulls, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro*

"I don't believe in contemporary music. I believe in contextual music." *Ed Stetzer, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville*

"Our job is not to get people to come to church. Our job is to get people to connect to Christ." *Steve Ayers*

"Every believer needs to do something eternal every day." *Thomas Wright, Internet evangelism specialist for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board*

ELIZABETHTOWN—How can local Baptist churches minister effectively amid the changing world of the 21st century? Whether it's understanding post-modern culture, looking for ways to utilize the Internet for ministry or seeking a contemporary personal evangelism tool, Kentucky Baptists' Reach 2000 conference sought to provide timely resources.

The Oct. 27-28 conference at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown offered 16 in-depth training tracts. Conference coordinator Dan Garland, leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention church growth team, described the workshops as intensive, strategic sessions designed to "rekindle (participants') passion for reaching this generation for Christ."

Helping lead a workshop on "Understanding Post-Modern Culture," Clay Bogle emphasized that "the blood of Jesus Christ can save anybody."

Bogle, pastor of community life at Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green, said Hillvue Heights' goal is to be "inclusive but with the gospel not compromised."

"We say we're a place for all people," he noted. "If we are preaching Jesus Christ, if we are worshipping God, if we are meeting the faith needs of the community, if we are involved in relationship-building and immerse everything in prayer, then we are presenting a gospel for all people."

"There are no exclusions in the Bible," he added. "Jesus is in the business of setting the captives free and binding up the brokenhearted."

Scott Whittle, Hillvue Heights' pastor of faith development, said there is "a real hunger for intimacy and connection" in today's post-modern world.

"This is a spiritual world we live in, extremely spiritual," Whittle said. He cautioned, however, that "it's not necessarily geared toward the God we know."

While today's society is marked by



MINISTRY FOCUS Jeff Eaton, pastor of Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg, reminded church leaders to "turn your eyes on Jesus, not the church."

an emphasis on pluralism and tolerance, Whittle said there still is "a real hunger for you to be authentic in whatever you do."

In an effort to impact post-modern culture, Bogle said Hillvue Heights seeks to equip each member to minister to people around them. "We believe every believer of Jesus Christ is a minister of Jesus Christ," he said. "We point people to Jesus. We point them to a full relationship with the Triune God, the Trinity."

Ray Jones, manager of personal evangelism for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, said Christians must understand today's culture in order to effectively reach people with the gospel.

Jones described postmodernism as "a climate void of regulations, moral absolutes, scientific rules and philosophical anchors." He said driving forces behind postmodernism include relativism, individualism and pragmatism.

"Postmodernism rejects any kind of absolute truth," he said. "Everybody's their own authority."

Despite the challenges of reaching post-modern thinkers with the gospel, Jones said one plus is that they often realize they don't have all the answers to life. "Post-moderns are realizing materialism isn't the solution," he said. "It is easier to talk to post-moderns about Christ because they are on a quest to find something that transcends materialism."

Jones said keys to connecting with post-modern culture include authenticity, substance and relevance. He said NAMB recently has released "The Net," a new personal evangelism tool aimed at helping Christians witness in today's world. Net resources include training manuals as well as an accompanying tract, video, survey, prayer guide and other tools.

The goal of the material is to help individuals weave their personal story into a gospel presentation that can be

presented in a natural, relaxed way.

"If we can get people to learn how to articulate their story, they have a new, natural, easy tool for evangelism," Jones explained. "It's gospel driven but it's story based." Additional information about The Net is available at www.namb.net/thenet.

Thomas Wright, NAMB's Internet evangelism specialist, led a workshop about using the Internet to do evangelism. Citing examples of people becoming Christians through Internet ministry efforts, Wright said NAMB's ministry Web pages result in about 700 people a year accepting Jesus as Savior.

"Jesus went wherever there were lost people who needed to be saved," Wright noted. "If we're going to go where lost people are, that includes the Internet."

"There are now 310 million people online," he said. "The primary issue is we need to help the people who are there."

Wright said Internet technology offers "an unprecedented opportunity to reach lost people and believers."

"Some people will say there's so much junk on the Internet; why do we want to be here?" he said. "We don't forsake that because it's bad. That's why we need to be there."

Wright said key components of an effective Web page include information, communication, evangelistic resources and intentional evangelism.

"Every Web page we have needs to have a link to a site where people can find out about the Creator God and His Son Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit," Wright urged. "There are many ways to make every site effective and evangelistic."

"We don't ever need to go online as a believer and not as a missionary," he added. "Every believer needs to do something eternal every day. We have a ready-made audience on the Internet."

Listener-friendly language aids effective evangelistic preaching

ELIZABETHTOWN—Evangelistic preaching begins with something as simple as watching one's language, according to Craig Loscalzo, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

Speaking at the Reach 2000 conference in Elizabethtown, Loscalzo said the biblical knowledge and church knowledge of the general public is much lower than it was in earlier generations.

"In the past, you used to be able to make allusions to David's sin or the prophet Nathan," he said. "You can't presume that people inside the church or outside the church even know the stories. You have to start at a much more basic level."

In his own church, Loscalzo said he realized the church bulletin used words, including invocation, benediction and postlude, that unchurched visitors wouldn't understand.

The staff changed to more visitor-friendly language in order to avoid confusing or scaring away non-Christians.

Loscalzo said he also added a meet and greet time to the worship hour so that visitors would feel welcome. He said he recognizes the concern of interrupting the flow of worship, but he added that the greeting time is an important ice-breaker for visitors who might feel nervous about being in a foreign place for them. "There has to be something familiar that says to them they're still on planet earth," Loscalzo said.

'Reach 2000' urges ministry mentoring, modeling

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Churches that involve members in reaching people should expect opposition, he added.

"If you're going to do the Great Commission, you're going to find Pharisees, and you're going to meet the devil head on," he said. "Get over it. Jesus said, 'If you love Me, the world's going to hate you.'"

Eaton told church leaders they should depend on Jesus for the successful work in their churches. He noted that Jesus told His disciples, "I will build My church." He's the builder of the church. Not Jeff Eaton, not you."

Garland said the conference grew out of a desire to "cast a vision of what churches in Kentucky are doing to reach people for Jesus. We wanted to establish a network of mentoring and modeling with pastors in Kentucky."

Citing the need "to reach a new generation of leaders in Kentucky," Garland added, "I hope people will learn principles they can apply to their settings and be encouraged not to give up even in the midst of discouragement."

The conference offered a choice of

16 four-hour training tracts. Garland said it was planned to "offer a broad cross-section of new things and things already working here in Kentucky."

Kevin Lee, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville, said a highlight of the first-time conference was the opportunity "for people in the church to see what else is happening in the state of Kentucky; to get outside their own walls."

Dwayne Southwood, pastor of Corydon Missionary Baptist Church, said he attended the conference to learn how his church could better minister to youth. "If I don't reach young people, in 20 years our church is going to die."

Chris Platt affirmed the event's emphasis on worship and practical training. "From a very personal standpoint, I felt like I encountered God here through the worship times," said Platt, pastor of High Street Baptist Church in Somerset.

Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah, was the conference's closing speaker. Re-counting a message by a radio evangelist he heard years ago, Henson said

three truths shared by the speaker "changed my life and changed my relationship with God."

He said those three keys are:

■ "Remember every day that God is with you." Citing Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush, Henson said, "Wherever you are, God is with you—even on the back side of the desert."

Emphasizing the need to rely completely on God, he noted that church growth "is determined by what God wants to accomplish in your church, not by what you want to accomplish in your church."

■ "The God who is always with you wants to do something through you." Rather than making excuses, Christians need to accept God's leadership, Henson said. When God issues a call, "He is there with you and He will change the world," he added.

■ "Make yourself available to God." Urging church leaders to "stay focused on Jesus," Henson said, "Don't get hung up on the way we do things. We're going to do things differently."

Next year's Reach conference will be held Oct. 19-20 in Owensboro.

Election day includes several wet-dry votes

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

FRANKFORT—As Election Day 2000 approaches, the constitutionality of a new Kentucky law affecting wet-dry votes remains unresolved.

The Kentucky legislature adopted Senate Bill 247 earlier this year, allowing restaurants that meet specified criteria to petition for a precinct special vote to sell alcohol.

In a test case of the new legislation, the Temperance League of Kentucky filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a wet-dry vote scheduled next week in Georgetown.

The lawsuit, filed in July, notes that the Kentucky constitution prohibits legislators from "adopting special legislation pertaining to the methods used by cities in the Commonwealth in deciding whether to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages."

Temperance League officials maintain that the new law is unconstitutional since SB 247 permits restaurants that derive at least 70 percent of their income from food sales and have seating for at least 100 people to petition for a special vote

to sell alcohol.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Committee on Public Affairs also has voted to go on record opposing the new law.

Noting that alcohol supporters "are attempting to get this broken down to the smallest body of elected voters by the precinct," Temperance League Executive Director Claude Witt said, "We've got to oppose these things because the people interested in getting this type of legislation are going to continue in their efforts."

In a Sept. 7 injunction ordered by the Franklin Circuit Court, Scott County Judge/Executive George Lusby was enjoined from ordering a Nov. 7 wet-dry vote in Georgetown.

Citizens for a Better Georgetown and other pro-alcohol activists appealed the injunction. The court modified its order a week later, stating that the election could be held, but that the ballots could not be counted until the legal issue was resolved.

Franklin Circuit Court Judge Roger Crittenden held a hearing on the issue Oct. 24, indicating he would seek to make a final decision on the case before next week's election.

Crittenden also announced last week that the Scott County clerk may

count the votes and even make them public, as long as the outcome isn't certified until after the court's final ruling in the case.

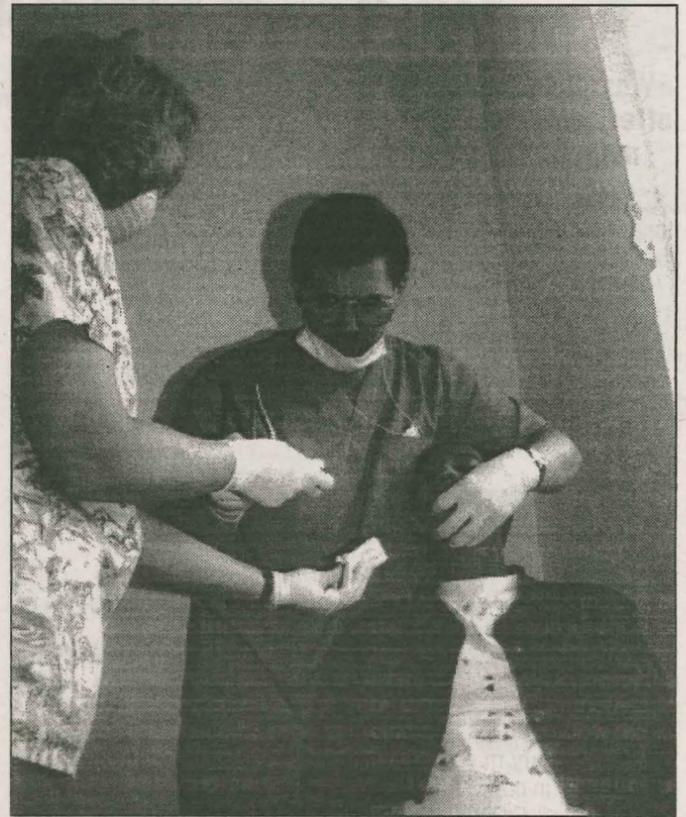
Greg Earwood, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown, is one of the local plaintiffs in the case.

With the judge's ruling still pending, "we don't know whether or not this is going to be ruled constitutional," he said, noting that alcohol opponents "are having to spend time, energy and financial resources to pursue this when it may not be necessary at all. If it's ruled unconstitutional, the vote is thrown out."

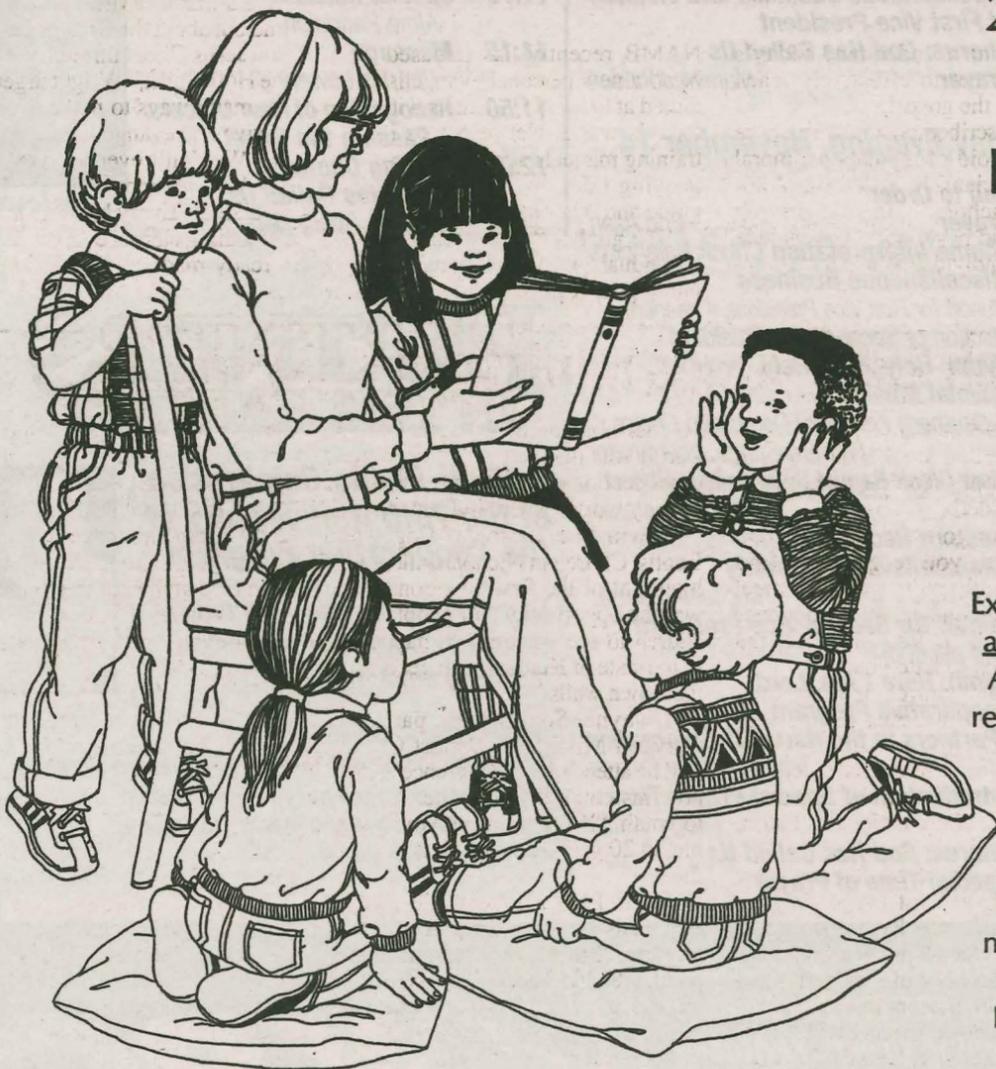
In addition to the Georgetown vote, other wet-dry votes based on SB 247 are scheduled next week in several towns, including Berea, Cadiz, Harrodsburg, Kuttawa, Murray and Radcliff.

Regardless of the lawsuit's outcome, Temperance League attorney Jeffrey Trapp said he expects the case to eventually go to the court of appeals or the state Supreme Court.

Due to the timing of the case, "we've got to gear up to fight the vote on election day," Witt said. "We've got to be diligent in our efforts to maintain a close watch on this type of activity."



MOUTH MINISTRY Doug Cotton, a dentist and member of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, treats a patient during a clinic held in a church in Rio de Janeiro. Cotton and 106 other Baptists treated 6,525 patients, and 899 people made first-time commitments to God during the five-day clinic. (Tennessee Baptist and Reflector photo by Connie Davis)



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Calvin Taylor

Tuesday Morning, November 14

Terry Wilder, President, presiding

- 8:30 Call to Order**
Prayer Rick Trumbo
8:40 Welcome Jerry Oakley
Organization of the 163rd Convention
 Wilma Simmons
Committee on Order of Business
 Paul Badgett
Appointment of Committees
 Terry Wilder
Appointment of Tellers Terry Wilder
Committee on Credentials
 Jim Abernathy
Recognition of Fraternal Org.
 Terry Wilder
8:55 Hymn: At the Cross
9:00 Theme Interpretation Chuck Neighbors
9:10 Cooperative Program Testimony
 Ralph and Vivian Boyle
**9:15 Motions/Resolutions/Miscellaneous
 Business**
9:30 Georgetown College Report
 William H. Crouch, Jr.
9:40 Georgetown College Chorale
 Sue Ellen Ballard, conductor
9:50 Executive Board Staff Report
 Bill F. Mackey
10:15 Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee
10:20 Executive Board Recommendations
 Terry Wilder
10:40 "Operation Cooperation" Recognition
 James Jones
10:45 Introduction of Speaker
10:50 Special Music
 Tapestry Ladies Ensemble
 Jim Casson, minister of music
11:00 President's Address Terry Wilder
11:30 Chorus: God Has Called Us
 Prayer Nell Bruce



Terry Wilder

Tuesday Afternoon, November 14

- 1:10 Pre-session Music** Wind Orchestra
 Ken Goforth, conductor
1:20 Call to Order
Prayer Carl Boyd
1:30 Theme Interpretation
 Chuck Neighbors
**1:40 Archives Advisory Board
 History Presentation**
 Jim Hawkins,
 Stan Williams
1:50 Baptist Healthcare System
 Tommy Smith
2:00 Introduction of Speaker
2:05 Special Music Kentucky Baptist Chorale
 Carl Stam, conductor
2:15 Convention Sermon Harold Greenfield
2:45 Hymn: The Servant Song
2:50 Temperance League Report
 Claude Witt
2:55 Committee on Public Affairs
 Terry Lester
3:05 Election of President
3:20 Kentucky Baptist Foundation
 Barry G. Allen
3:30 Kentucky Baptist Assemblies
 Rusty Ellison
3:40 Hymn: Amazing Grace
3:45 Special Music Doug Crawley
3:50 Oneida Baptist Institute
 W. F. Underwood
4:00 Run-off for President (if needed)
**4:05 Miscellaneous Business and Election
 of First Vice President**
4:30 Chorus: God Has Called Us
 Prayer Marilyn Johnson



Chuck Neighbors

Tuesday Evening, November 14

- 6:30 Call to Order**
Prayer Eric Allen
6:40 Theme Interpretation Chuck Neighbors
6:50 Miscellaneous Business
 (Runoff for First Vice President, if needed)
 Election of Second Vice President
7:15 Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy
7:20 Special Music
 Southern Kentucky Combined Choirs
 Richard Suggs, coordinator
7:35 Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Report
 Bill D. Whittaker
7:45 Western Recorder Trennis Henderson
7:55 Campbellsville University
 Michael V. Carter
8:05 Runoff for Second Vice President
 (if needed)
8:10 Hymn: Here I Am, Lord
8:15 Cooperative Program
"Partners in the Harvest" Celebration
 featuring Clay Crosse
9:15 Introduction of Special Prayer Time
 Terry Wilder
Chorus: God Has Called Us
Special Time of Prayer

Wednesday Morning, November 15

- 8:45 Call to Order**
Prayer Shawn Madden
8:55 Theme Interpretation Chuck Neighbors
9:05 Hymn: I Surrender All
9:10 Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children
 William Smithwick
9:20 Obituaries/Memorial G. Allen West
9:25 Special Music - Solo Handbells
 Phoebe Parks
9:30 Cooperative Program Testimony
 Calvin Wilkins
9:35 Recognition of Convention Officers
**9:45 Recommendations from Committee on
 Constitution and Bylaws** Steve Hussung
Committees Willis Henson
Nominations Travis Collins
Resolutions Gayle Toole
Arrangements Rick Robbins
**10:00 Miscellaneous Business/Election of
 Secretaries**
**10:15 Seminary Extension 50th Anniversary
 Recognition** Ed Thiele
10:20 Hymn: Perfect Peace
10:25 Cumberland College Report
 James H. Taylor
10:35 North American Missions James Pinkley
10:40 Special Music Alma Randolph
10:45 International Missions Charles Hedrick
10:50 Woman's Missionary Union Joy L. Bolton
11:00 Hymn: Let Your Heart Be Broken
11:05 Introduction of Speaker
11:10 Special Music
 Alma Randolph
11:15 Message
 Charles Lowery
**11:50 Recognition of New Officers/
 Passing the Gavel**
12:00 Closing Chorus:
God Has Called Us
 Prayer Shelly Hill



Charles Lowery

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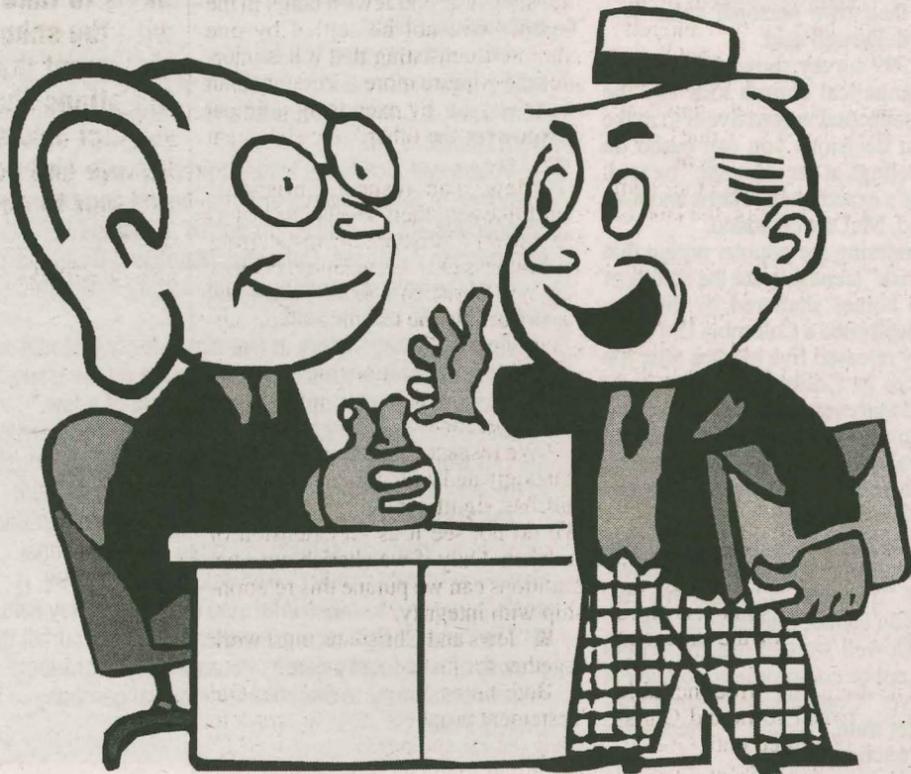
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Church-state groups launch efforts against voter guides

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Just days after the Christian Coalition began mailing 70 million of its controversial voter guides, two leading church-state watchdog groups have announced their own counter-offensive aimed at key battleground states in the Nov. 7 election.

The Interfaith Alliance, a broad-based coalition of moderate and liberal religious groups, sent a letter Oct. 25 from clergy to fellow clergy in seven battleground states and nine other states urging them not to distribute the voter guides.

At the same time, Americans United for Separation of Church and State has finished mailing 285,000 letters to clergy across the country, advising that the voter guides could jeopardize churches' tax-exempt status.

Amber Khan, an Interfaith Alliance spokeswoman, said the 65,000 letters from local clergy hope to counter the voter guides, which she said "undermine the ability of people of good faith to cast informed ballots."

"These voter guides are attempts to deceive and manipulate voters," she said. "They turn our houses of worship into political rally halls."

Christian Coalition officials maintain the voter guides are strictly nonpartisan and do not favor candidates of any party. Critics, led by Americans United executive director Barry Lynn, say the guides "reek of dishonest, and frankly, biased politics."

The Interfaith Alliance called the voter guides "blatantly partisan" and will announce a "non-partisan, faith-based" get-out-the-vote campaign urging civic participation.

Khan said her organization's voter drive hopes to spur "meaningful, thoughtful, informed political participation" on the local level without bombarding local pastors with boxes of unsolicited voter guides.

"You'd be hard pressed to find a church in this country that doesn't get a box of voter guides dropped on their doorstep without invitation," she said.

Also on Oct. 24, Call to Renewal, an anti-poverty network of religious groups, released its own voter guides, rating candidates on affordable housing, access to health care and safe neighborhoods.

Religion has taken center stage in the 2000 campaign, with both Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore positioning themselves to appeal to large segments of U.S. faith groups—Catholics, conservative evangelicals, Jews and Muslims, among others.

With polls showing Bush and Gore in a dead heat, both candidates are looking to lure any segment of the voting population they can.

Conservatives also are trying to rally their core support in battleground states, with Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson holding a series of "God and Country" rallies in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Missouri.

Land praises Bush

RALEIGH, N.C. (ABP)—Southern Baptist Convention leader Richard Land insists he wasn't telling people how to vote.

But speaking before the Christian Action League of North Carolina, he made it clear that he believes Republican nominee George W. Bush is the presidential candidate who most closely follows the values and beliefs Land considers Christian.

The head of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission said he considers the upcoming election between Bush and Gore to be the most important race in the United States since 1860.

The ERLC has prepared a voter guide comparing the platforms of the Republican and Democratic parties. Despite separation of church and state, Land said, churches can and should distribute the guides to members because they are for voter education and not electioneering.

Land said the upcoming election marks the clearest choice for president in his lifetime.

As an example, Bush has agreed with the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that the Boy Scouts did not have to allow homosexuals to be scoutmasters, while Gore has disagreed, Land said.

He also said developers of X-rated Web sites have endorsed Gore because they have not been prosecuted in the last seven and a half years. People who want those Web sites to continue shouldn't vote for Bush, Land said.

"George W.'s going to throw the book at them," he said.

Bush disagreed with a Supreme Court decision that a prayer in Texas before a high school football game was not allowed because it used a government-owned microphone, Land said, while Gore supported the decision.

Land told Baptist Press his comments were not intended as a political endorsement. "I do not endorse candidates," he said. "I drew stark contrasts between the two candidates and their parties on several extremely important issues of values, beliefs and convictions."

Land said if people like him don't win the "struggle for the soul of America," there might not be any old-folks homes, because "Jack Kevorkian is the poster boy for the other side."

"I would never tell you how to vote," he said. "I wouldn't even try. But I will tell you that God may want to talk to you about how you should vote."

With additional reporting by Baptist Press

Jewish scholars issue statement about Christianity

By Bob Allen
Associated Baptist Press

BALTIMORE (ABP)—In response to improved relations between Christians and Jews, a group of Jewish scholars has issued a statement of common ground between the two faiths.

Among pronouncements, the document says modern Christians are not to blame for the Nazi Holocaust.

But evangelical Christians are likely to take issue with the scholars' statement that Christians should respect Jewish beliefs and not attempt to convert Jews to Christianity.

A total of 180 Jewish leaders have signed "A Jewish Statement on Christians and Christianity," according to the Institute of Christian Relations in Baltimore, which sponsored a national scholar's project that drafted the document.

The statement describes "a dra-

matic and unprecedented shift" taking place in relations between the two faiths.

The document cited statements by Catholic and Protestant groups expressing remorse for the Holocaust and other mistreatment of Jews across history.

"We believe these changes merit a thoughtful Jewish response," the scholars say.

"Speaking only for ourselves—an interdenominational group of Jewish scholars—we believe it is time for Jews to learn about the efforts of Christians to honor Judaism," it continues. "We believe it is time for Jews to reflect on what Judaism may now say about Christianity. As a first step, we offer eight brief statements about how Jews and Christians may relate to one another":

■ "Jews and Christians worship the same God." Like Jews, Christians also worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the statement says.

"While Christian worship is not a viable religious choice for Jews, as Jewish theologians we rejoice that, through Christianity, hundreds of millions of people have entered into relationships with the God of Israel."

■ "Jews and Christians seek authority from the same book." Jews call their Bible the "Tanakh," while Christians call it the "Old Testament."

■ "Christians can respect the claim of the Jewish people upon the land of Israel."

■ "Jews and Christians accept the moral principles of the Torah."

Both faiths accept the "inalienable sanctity and dignity of every human being" as expressed in the teaching that all are created in God's image, according to the statement.

■ "Nazism was not a Christian phenomenon."

While Nazi ideology could not have taken place without a long history of Christian anti-Semitism and many Christians did not protest the Holocaust, others risked or sacrificed their lives to save Jews, the statement says.

■ "The humanly irreconcilable difference between Jews and Christians will not be settled until God redeems the entire world as promised in

Scripture."

Theological differences between the two faiths, such as Christians' faith in Jesus Christ and Jewish belief in the Torah, "will not be settled by one community insisting that it has interpreted Scripture more accurately than the other; nor by exercising political power over the other," the statement says.

"Jews can respect Christians' faithfulness to their revelation just as we expect Christians to respect our faithfulness to our revelation. Neither Jew nor Christian should be pressed into affirming the teaching of the other community."

■ "A new relationship between Jews and Christians will not weaken Jewish practice."

"We respect Christianity as a faith that originated within Judaism and that still has significant contacts with it. We do not see it as an extension of Judaism. Only if we cherish our own traditions can we pursue this relationship with integrity."

■ "Jews and Christians must work together for justice and peace."

Both faiths are guided by the Old Testament prophets' calls to "work to bring justice and peace to our world," according to the the statement.

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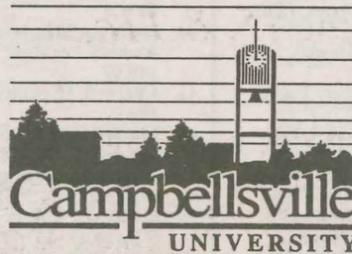
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Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

Top 100 churches in total gifts to KBC

This report lists the top 100 congregations in total contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2000. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, resident membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

1 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,835, \$482,818.31, \$170.31	26 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 1,015, \$113,253.74, \$111.58	51 Kings, Taylorsville, James W. Hume III, 747, \$85,021.01, \$113.82	76 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 500, \$64,731.74, \$129.46
2 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,819, \$420,626.74, \$149.21	27 Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,546, \$112,823.08, \$72.98	52 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 785, \$84,516.11, \$107.66	77 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 1,154, \$64,448.86, \$55.85
3 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,901, \$414,609.64, \$142.92	28 Unity, Ashland, Floyd A. Paris, 986, \$109,797.72, \$111.36	53 High Point, Mayfield, 424, \$84,266.08, \$198.74	78 Greenville Second, H. Ray England, \$63,968.97
4 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,563, \$412,045.53, \$160.77	29 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,144, \$108,467.53, \$94.81	54 Southside, Princeton, Ronald W. Sivells, 1,047, \$83,394.21, \$79.65	79 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 488, \$63,800.30, \$130.74
5 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,347, \$364,718.50, \$270.76	30 Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Rountt, 1,202, \$108,377.65, \$90.16	55 Bowling Green First, Mark Edward Hopper, 1,301, \$82,001.07, \$63.03	80 Hardinsburg, William Daniel Haynes, 450, \$63,561.01, \$141.25
6 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,004, \$196,447.74, \$231.11	31 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 814, \$107,429.81, \$131.98	56 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 829, \$78,560.90, \$94.77	81 High Street, Somerset, Christopher E. Platt, 774, \$62,045.23, \$80.16
7 Living Hope, Bowling Green, 1,706, \$253,871.12, \$148.81	32 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 935, \$107,300.81, \$114.76	57 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, 1,015, \$77,281.88, \$76.14	82 Harrodsburg, William Robert DeFoor, 1,060, \$61,751.78, \$58.26
8 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,539, \$200,622.96, \$130.36	33 Erlanger, William E. Crosby Jr., 1,725, \$107,246.14, \$62.17	58 Mount Washington First, Travis M. Collins, 1,240, \$76,173.89, \$61.43	83 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,057, \$61,442.57, \$58.13
9 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 850, \$196,447.74, \$231.11	34 Buck Run, Frankfort, 1,037, \$105,821.86, \$102.05	59 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 607, \$75,963.45, \$125.15	84 Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 1,067, \$60,882.45, \$57.06
10 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 1,245, \$195,633.57, \$157.14	35 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 701, \$104,711.52, \$149.37	60 Hopkinsville First, 731, \$75,799.75, \$103.69	85 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 424, \$60,756.75, \$143.29
11 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,508, \$195,075.76, \$129.36	36 Crestwood, Troy D. Dobbs, 1,338, \$104,560.15, \$78.15	61 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 598, \$75,334.69, \$125.98	86 Berea, Kevin Slemp, 939, \$59,935.89, \$63.83
12 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,348, \$180,469.98, \$33.75	37 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 739, \$100,154.91, \$135.53	62 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 241, \$74,556.12, \$309.36	87 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,190, \$59,631.42, \$50.11
13 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, 2,193, \$167,771.46, \$76.50	38 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 710, \$100,145.10, \$141.05	63 Lancaster, Barry M. Jeffries, 744, \$74,203.80, \$99.74	88 Russell Springs First, William Ramage, 718, \$59,186.64, \$82.43
14 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 565, \$164,063.14, \$290.38	39 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Russell A. Trotter, 384, \$96,324.28, \$250.84	64 Horse Creek, Manchester, 594, \$73,529.91, \$123.79	89 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 928, \$58,051.78, \$62.56
15 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,244, \$155,228.54, \$124.78	40 Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 911, \$95,005.39, \$104.29	65 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 617, \$73,078.05, \$118.44	90 Elkton, Charles David Wilkerson, 680, \$57,418.40, \$84.44
16 Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,663, \$153,010.52, \$92.01	41 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 992, \$94,157.34, \$94.92	66 Owenton First, Doren Watkins, 522, \$71,997.63, \$137.93	91 Friendship, Smithland, Fred P. Lowrance, 482, \$57,141.52, \$118.55
17 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,308, \$143,299.71, \$109.56	42 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 643, \$93,019.14, \$144.66	67 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 593, \$71,771.44, \$121.03	92 St Matthews, Louisville, D. Leslie Hollon, 1,488, \$57,055.39, \$38.34
18 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,140, \$142,546.42, \$125.04	43 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 3,970, \$89,697.65, \$22.59	68 Concord, Hopkinsville, 775, \$71,627.80, \$92.42	93 Lewisport, Derek L. Staples, 550, \$56,549.53, \$102.82
19 Shively, Louisville, Mark Howell, 2,305, \$141,927.08, \$61.57	44 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R. Hussung, 901, \$88,365.21, \$98.07	69 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menhouse, 562, \$68,094.42, \$121.16	94 Carlisle Avenue, Louisville, Shawn Merithew, 2,109, \$56,343.48, \$26.72
20 Madisonville First, 1,619, \$140,623.20, \$86.86	45 Pikeville First, Paul R. Badgett, 932, \$87,806.12, \$94.21	70 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 599, \$67,235.06, \$112.25	95 Carter Creek, Greenville, Donald E. Wilkins, 362, \$56,264.28, \$155.43
21 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,300, \$137,899.21, \$106.08	46 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 525, \$87,780.88, \$167.20	71 Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 638, \$66,541.59, \$104.30	96 Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, 570, \$55,886.96, \$98.05
22 Henderson First, 1,305, \$137,230.74, \$105.16	47 London First, Terry T. Lester, 818, \$87,278.38, \$106.70	72 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 970, \$66,502.45, \$68.56	97 Franklin First, Robert Lee Sutton, 755, \$55,756.96, \$73.85
23 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan Bishop, 969, \$129,625.65, \$133.77	48 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Redding, 470, \$86,264.33, \$183.54	73 Leitchfield First, 781, \$66,168.85, \$84.72	98 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence T. Lewis, 1,103, \$55,218.49, \$50.06
24 Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,450, \$124,430.27, \$85.81	49 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,100, \$86,048.57, \$78.23	74 Stithton, Radcliff, Walter H. Davis, 898, \$65,670.64, \$73.13	99 Salem, Ralph Hendrix, 234, \$55,185.70, \$235.84
25 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,206, \$118,424.09, \$98.20	50 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,391, \$85,976.31, \$61.81	75 Immanuel, Corbin, George Ferrell Morris, 864, \$64,834.95, \$75.04	100 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 425, \$54,915.48, \$129.21

Top 100 churches in Cooperative Program gifts

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2 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,563, \$358,458.13, \$139.86	27 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 701, \$86,705.38, \$123.69	52 Immanuel, Corbin, George Ferrell Morris, 864, \$63,377.65, \$73.35	77 Lewisport, Derek L. Staples, 550, \$49,215.34, \$89.48
3 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,347, \$340,774.55, \$252.99	28 Unity, Ashland, Floyd A. Paris, 986, \$85,696.96, \$86.91	53 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 593, \$62,342.93, \$105.13	78 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 500, \$49,185.18, \$98.37
4 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,901, \$324,823.94, \$111.97	29 Crestwood, Troy D. Dobbs, 1,338, \$83,292.41, \$62.25	54 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, 1,015, \$62,268.03, \$61.35	79 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,100, \$47,936.21, \$43.58
5 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,819, \$302,755.61, \$107.40	30 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 992, \$82,330.52, \$82.99	55 Lancaster, Barry M. Jeffries, 744, \$61,761.98, \$83.01	80 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 424, \$47,706.81, \$112.52
6 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,004, \$252,444.72, \$125.97	31 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 739, \$81,977.62, \$110.93	56 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 241, \$61,748.12, \$256.22	81 Berea, Kevin Slemp, 939, \$47,083.35, \$50.14
7 Living Hope, Bowling Green, 1,706, \$224,597.63, \$131.65	32 Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Rountt, 1,202, \$81,445.63, \$67.76	57 Owenton First, Doren Watkins, 522, \$61,201.66, \$117.24	82 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 277, \$46,704.14, \$168.61
8 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,508, \$177,632.51, \$117.79	33 Southside, Princeton, Ronald W. Sivells, 1,047, \$79,389.21, \$75.83	58 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 617, \$60,945.58, \$98.78	83 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,057, \$46,680.57, \$44.16
9 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 850, \$151,923.74, \$178.73	34 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Russell A. Trotter, 384, \$78,148.85, \$203.51	59 Hopkinsville First, 731, \$60,327.73, \$82.53	84 Pikeville First, Paul R. Badgett, 932, \$46,222.59, \$49.60
10 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,539, \$151,799.40, \$98.63	35 Buck Run, Frankfort, 1,037, \$76,331.00, \$73.61	60 Horse Creek, Manchester, 594, \$58,567.74, \$98.60	85 Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, 570, \$45,703.87, \$80.18
11 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 1,245, \$150,053.66, \$120.53	36 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 814, \$74,716.69, \$91.79	61 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 599, \$57,967.09, \$96.77	86 Friendship, Smithland, Fred P. Lowrance, 482, \$45,214.51, \$93.81
12 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 565, \$136,841.25, \$242.20	37 High Point, Mayfield, 424, \$72,439.08, \$170.85	62 London First, Terry T. Lester, 818, \$57,077.33, \$69.78	87 Mount Vernon First, 756, \$44,613.42, \$59.01
13 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,244, \$134,873.01, \$108.42	38 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,206, \$72,186.54, \$59.86	63 Scottsville, Floyd D. Price, 638, \$56,568.11, \$88.66	88 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, Donnie Blick, 440, \$44,446.56, \$101.01
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16 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,300, \$120,105.98, \$92.39	41 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Redding, 470, \$69,932.98, \$148.79	66 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald L. Fellemende, 970, \$55,490.37, \$57.21	91 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence T. Lewis, 1,103, \$43,152.89, \$39.12
17 Henderson First, 1,305, \$115,479.47, \$88.49	42 Kings, Taylorsville, James W. Hume III, 747, \$69,772.04, \$93.40	67 Hardinsburg, William Daniel Haynes, 450, \$54,254.42, \$120.57	92 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 398, \$42,789.58, \$107.51
18 Campbellsville, James E. Jones, 1,663, \$114,253.28, \$68.70	43 Madisonville First, 1,619, \$69,750.94, \$43.08	68 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 928, \$54,038.12, \$58.23	93 Greenville Second, H. Ray England, \$42,570.98
19 Shively, Louisville, Mark Howell, 2,305, \$106,521.22, \$46.21	44 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,391, \$67,694.51, \$48.67	69 Stithton, Radcliff, Walter H. Davis, 898, \$53,663.31, \$59.76	94 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 355, \$42,429.83, \$119.52
20 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,140, \$105,257.57, \$92.33	45 Concord, Hopkinsville, 775, \$67,362.04, \$86.92	70 Cold Spring First, Spring, Larry J. Davis, 1,067, \$53,006.00, \$49.68	95 Williamstown, Stephen C. Rice, 500, \$42,251.49, \$84.50
21 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,308, \$99,556.39, \$76.11	46 Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 911, \$66,666.68, \$73.18	71 Leitchfield First, 781, \$52,620.34, \$67.38	96 Benton First, Don T. Wilson, 532, \$42,194.39, \$79.32
22 Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,450, \$98,270.02, \$67.77	47 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R. Hussung, 901, \$65,872.99, \$73.11	72 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 1,154, \$51,636.26, \$44.75	97 Russellville Second, Ronald G. Wells, 715, \$42,016.71, \$58.76
23 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan Bishop, 969, \$95,429.92, \$98.48	48 Erlanger, William E. Crosby Jr., 1,725, \$65,154.65, \$37.77	73 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,190, \$51,517.96, \$43.29	98 Mount Washington First, Washington, Travis M. Collins, 1,240, \$41,995.03, \$33.87
24 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 1,015, \$92,007.12, \$90.65	49 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 829, \$64,326.80, \$77.60	74 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 607, \$50,741.04, \$83.59	99 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 425, \$40,862.04, \$96.15
25 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,144, \$90,483.66, \$79.09	50 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 785, \$64,173.27, \$81.75	75 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert H. Long, 3,970, \$49,615.23, \$12.50	100 Russell Springs First, William Ramage, 718, \$40,436.64, \$56.32

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| 1 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 119, \$51,460.56, \$432.44 | 26 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 470, \$86,264.33, \$183.54 | 51 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 701, \$104,711.52, \$149.37 | 76 Kuttawa First, J.D. Shipp, 262, \$35,908.49, \$137.06 |
| 2 Countryside, Morganfield, William S. Henderson, 27, \$9,183.67, \$340.14 | 27 Greenview, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 222, \$39,581.23, \$178.29 | 52 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,819, \$420,626.74, \$149.21 | 77 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 363, \$49,485.86, \$136.32 |
| 3 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B. Bagwell, 37, \$11,825.87, \$319.62 | 28 Davis Memorial, Louisville, Wesley G. Brockway, 33, \$5,869.52, \$177.86 | 53 Clay First, Jeff S. McMain, 295, \$44,010.52, \$149.19 | 78 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 739, \$100,154.91, \$135.53 |
| 4 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 241, \$74,556.12, \$309.36 | 29 Lusby's Mill, Gratz, Paul Briscoe, 53, \$9,179.24, \$173.19 | 54 Victory, Providence, Donald Ray Cottrell, 236, \$35,176.00, \$149.05 | 79 Long Ridge, Owenton, Peter Keough, 147, \$19,785.07, \$134.59 |
| 5 Old Salem, Salem, James Keeling, 46, \$13,693.40, \$297.68 | 30 Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, James B. McDaniel, 80, \$13,754.17, \$171.93 | 55 Living Hope, Bowling Green, 1,706, \$253,871.12, \$148.81 | 80 New Liberty, Jeffrey Combs, 125, \$16,815.75, \$134.53 |
| 6 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 565, \$164,063.14, \$290.38 | 31 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,835, \$482,818.31, \$170.31 | 56 Springfield, Bland Mason, 300, \$44,464.80, \$148.22 | 81 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan Bishop, 969, \$129,625.65, \$133.77 |
| 7 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,347, \$364,718.50, \$270.76 | 32 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles C. Evans, 311, \$52,389.15, \$168.45 | 57 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 263, \$38,741.42, \$147.31 | 82 Pleasant Grove, Mount Eden, 6, \$800.00, \$133.33 |
| 8 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Russell A. Trotter, 384, \$96,324.28, \$250.84 | 33 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 525, \$87,780.88, \$167.20 | 58 Pellville, Nickolas W. Sandefur, 285, \$41,919.12, \$147.08 | 83 Westview, Frankfort, Morris T. Hall, 36, \$4,792.57, \$133.13 |
| 9 Salem, Ralph Hendrix, 234, \$55,185.70, \$235.84 | 34 Old Panther Creek, Whitesville, 44, \$7,356.40, \$167.19 | 59 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 135, \$19,738.51, \$146.21 | 84 Penrod, Jerry L. Winters, 87, \$11,528.10, \$132.51 |
| 10 Dewitt, Vernon Morris, 33, \$7,762.24, \$235.22 | 35 West Providence, Mc Henry, Duncan Smith, 28, \$4,667.39, \$166.69 | 60 Springhill, Clinton, Chris Clark, 30, \$4,362.89, \$145.43 | 85 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 814, \$107,429.81, \$131.98 |
| 11 Good Hope, Campbellsville, J. Alvin Hardy, 168, \$39,051.52, \$232.45 | 36 Little River, Herndon, Earl Grace, 60, \$9,998.70, \$166.65 | 61 Kirbyton, Bardwell, J. Mark Wilson, 47, \$6,818.00, \$145.06 | 86 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 488, \$63,800.30, \$130.74 |
| 12 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 850, \$196,447.74, \$231.11 | 37 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 269, \$44,510.71, \$165.47 | 62 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 643, \$93,019.14, \$144.66 | 87 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 68, \$8,878.00, \$130.56 |
| 13 Immanuel, Madisonville, Calvin L. Bryant, 108, \$23,606.18, \$218.58 | 38 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,004, \$326,345.12, \$162.85 | 63 Wildwood, Ashland, 201, \$29,000.98, \$144.28 | 88 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,539, \$200,622.96, \$130.36 |
| 14 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 143, \$30,297.88, \$211.87 | 39 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,563, \$412,045.53, \$160.77 | 64 Central Grove, Centertown, Ronnie Sizemore, 60, \$8,602.26, \$143.37 | 89 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 247, \$32,096.00, \$129.94 |
| 15 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 84, \$17,281.47, \$205.73 | 40 Woodland, Louisville, Michael David Sharp, 241, \$38,574.58, \$160.06 | 65 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 424, \$60,756.75, \$143.29 | 90 Oak Grove, Russellville, Robert F. Barnes, 338, \$43,810.07, \$129.62 |
| 16 Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 133, \$27,036.69, \$203.28 | 41 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 302, \$47,796.46, \$158.27 | 66 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,901, \$414,609.64, \$142.92 | 91 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 500, \$64,731.74, \$129.46 |
| 17 Hillview, Bowling Green, Raleigh Blacett, 33, \$6,666.67, \$202.02 | 42 Olivet, Herndon, James Dean, 167, \$26,380.76, \$157.97 | 67 Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel R. Withers, 43, \$6,121.60, \$142.36 | 92 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,508, \$195,075.76, \$129.36 |
| 18 High Point, Mayfield, 424, \$84,266.08, \$198.74 | 43 Wallonia, Cadiz, Norman Ellis, 161, \$25,428.67, \$157.94 | 68 Hardinsburg, William Daniel Haynes, 450, \$63,561.01, \$141.25 | 93 Liberty, Princeton, Johnnie Davis, 84, \$10,865.24, \$129.35 |
| 19 Hites Run, Hardinsburg, Faron Knopp, 72, \$14,118.22, \$196.09 | 44 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 1,245, \$195,633.57, \$157.14 | 69 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 710, \$100,145.10, \$141.05 | 94 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 425, \$54,915.48, \$129.21 |
| 20 Gracey West Union, 102, \$19,710.88, \$193.24 | 45 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 185, \$28,824.87, \$155.81 | 70 Locust Grove, Murray, Rob McQueary, 146, \$20,574.58, \$140.92 | 95 Mississippi, Bardwell, Richard Lane Miller, 270, \$34,801.19, \$128.89 |
| 21 Hurricane, Cadiz, John A. Hart, 210, \$39,669.66, \$188.90 | 46 Carter Creek, Greenville, Donald E. Wilkins, 362, \$56,264.28, \$155.43 | 71 Boone's Creek, Lexington, Donald E. Embry, 350, \$48,701.88, \$139.15 | 96 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 598, \$75,334.69, \$125.98 |
| 22 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C. Naylor, 161, \$30,184.76, \$187.48 | 47 Pinckneyville, Salem, Roger Rice, 149, \$22,901.22, \$153.70 | 72 Calvary, Elkton, Charles Randy Davenport, 251, \$34,868.90, \$138.92 | 97 Manchester, Kenneth B. Bolin Jr., 249, \$31,209.83, \$125.34 |
| 23 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 287, \$53,456.26, \$186.26 | 48 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 355, \$54,469.90, \$153.44 | 73 Owenton First, Doren Watkins, 522, \$71,997.63, \$137.93 | 98 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 607, \$75,963.45, \$125.15 |
| 24 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 277, \$51,559.07, \$186.13 | 49 Means, Jeff Deel, 50, \$7,659.00, \$153.18 | 74 Acorn, Somerset, David Dykes, 26, \$3,579.15, \$137.66 | 99 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,140, \$142,546.42, \$125.04 |
| 25 Arlington First, Ray E. Provow, 228, \$42,231.90, \$185.23 | 50 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A. Yates, 92, \$14,033.33, \$152.54 | 75 Island, John Michael Galyen, 285, \$39,095.78, \$137.18 | 100 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 398, \$49,727.18, \$124.94 |

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| 1 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 119, \$44,360.00, \$372.77 | 26 Pellville, Nickolas W. Sandefur, 285, \$38,081.23, \$133.62 | 51 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 488, \$56,017.05, \$114.79 | 76 Marion, William Darrell Clarke, 617, \$60,945.58, \$98.78 |
| 2 Countryside, Morganfield, William S. Henderson, 27, \$8,183.67, \$303.10 | 27 Living Hope, Bowling Green, 1,706, \$224,597.63, \$131.65 | 52 Oak Grove, Russellville, Robert F. Barnes, 338, \$38,538.16, \$114.02 | 77 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,539, \$151,799.40, \$98.63 |
| 3 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B. Bagwell, 37, \$9,506.37, \$256.93 | 28 Kuttawa First, J.D. Shipp, 262, \$33,190.46, \$126.68 | 53 Sturgis First, Donald Eugene Phelps, 424, \$47,706.81, \$112.52 | 78 Horse Creek, Manchester, 594, \$58,567.74, \$98.60 |
| 4 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, 241, \$61,748.12, \$256.22 | 29 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,004, \$252,444.72, \$125.97 | 54 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,901, \$324,823.94, \$111.97 | 79 Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, James B. McDaniel, 80, \$7,882.05, \$98.53 |
| 5 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,347, \$340,774.55, \$252.99 | 30 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 185, \$23,267.14, \$125.77 | 55 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 643, \$71,374.58, \$111.00 | 80 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan Bishop, 969, \$95,429.92, \$98.48 |
| 6 Old Salem, Salem, James Keeling, 46, \$11,311.18, \$245.90 | 31 Manchester, Kenneth B. Bolin Jr., 249, \$31,209.83, \$125.34 | 56 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 739, \$81,977.62, \$110.93 | 81 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry D. Lowrie, 500, \$49,185.18, \$98.37 |
| 7 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 565, \$136,841.25, \$242.20 | 32 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 287, \$59,920.95, \$125.16 | 57 Davis Memorial, Louisville, Wesley G. Brockway, 33, \$3,619.52, \$109.68 | 82 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 599, \$57,967.09, \$96.77 |
| 8 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Russell A. Trotter, 384, \$78,148.85, \$203.51 | 33 Olivet, Herndon, James Dean, 167, \$20,788.66, \$124.48 | 58 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 263, \$28,781.81, \$109.44 | 83 Friendship, Irvine, Charles C. Miracle, 90, \$8,708.08, \$96.76 |
| 9 Immanuel, Madisonville, Calvin L. Bryant, 108, \$21,197.85, \$196.28 | 34 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 701, \$86,705.38, \$123.69 | 59 Central, Corbin, Joe Leonard, 1,244, \$134,873.01, \$108.42 | 84 Sebree First, Bob C. Hardison, 297, \$28,733.77, \$96.75 |
| 10 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 143, \$25,605.88, \$179.06 | 35 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 247, \$30,309.00, \$122.71 | 60 Springfield, Bland Mason, 300, \$32,410.81, \$108.04 | 85 Chaplin, Thomas A. Wicker, 256, \$24,724.60, \$96.58 |
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| 13 High Point, Mayfield, 424, \$72,439.08, \$170.85 | 38 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 269, \$32,473.32, \$120.72 | 63 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 598, \$63,927.86, \$106.90 | 88 Lake City, Grand Rivers, Mac Madison Walls, 110, \$10,472.75, \$95.21 |
| 14 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 277, \$46,704.14, \$168.61 | 39 Hardinsburg, William Daniel Haynes, 450, \$54,254.42, \$120.57 | 64 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 68, \$7,233.00, \$106.37 | 89 Mount Eden, Hawesville, Howard L. Matthews, 59, \$5,600.40, \$94.92 |
| 15 Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 133, \$22,052.62, \$165.81 | 40 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 1,245, \$150,053.66, \$120.53 | 65 Greenville First, Charles W. Midkiff, 525, \$55,774.27, \$106.24 | 90 Temple, Central City, Matthew Wilkins, 169, \$15,969.00, \$94.49 |
| 16 Lusby's Mill, Gratz, Paul Briscoe, 53, \$8,538.24, \$161.10 | 41 Clay First, Jeff S. McMain, 295, \$35,306.57, \$119.68 | 66 Wildwood, Ashland, 201, \$21,257.31, \$105.76 | 91 Friendship, Smithland, Fred P. Lowrance, 482, \$45,214.51, \$93.81 |
| 17 Greenview, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 222, \$34,601.73, \$155.86 | 42 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 355, \$42,429.83, \$119.52 | 67 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 135, \$14,244.61, \$105.52 | 92 Kings, Taylorsville, James W. Hume III, 747, \$69,772.04, \$93.40 |
| 18 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 470, \$69,932.98, \$148.79 | 43 New Liberty, Jeffrey Combs, 125, \$14,755.82, \$118.05 | 68 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A. Yates, 92, \$9,689.33, \$105.32 | 93 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,300, \$120,105.98, \$92.39 |
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| 21 Victory, Providence, Donald Ray Cottrell, 236, \$33,106.00, \$140.28 | 46 Westview, Frankfort, Morris T. Hall, 36, \$4,229.57, \$117.49 | 71 Liberty, Princeton, Johnnie Davis, 84, \$8,538.62, \$101.65 | 96 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 363, \$33,072.93, \$91.11 |
| 22 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,563, \$358,458.13, \$139.86 | 47 Owenton First, Doren Watkins, 522, \$61,201.66, \$117.24 | 72 New Bethel, Eddyville, Jeffrey Lane Devine, 88, \$8,901.85, \$101.16 | 97 Northside, Almo, Brett A. Miles, 137, \$12,476.00, \$91.07 |
| 23 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 84, \$11,667.17, \$138.89 | 48 Salem, Mortons Gap, Charles C. Evans, 311, \$36,404.76, \$117.06 | 73 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 710, \$71,756.57, \$101.07 | 98 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 1,015, \$92,007.12, \$90.65 |
| 24 Dewitt, Vernon Morris, 33, \$4,576.97, \$138.70 | 49 Gracey West Union, Gracey, 102, \$11,909.28, \$116.76 | 74 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, Donnie Blick, 440, \$44,446.56, \$101.01 | 99 Youngers Creek, Elizabethtown, Henry Manuel White, 300, \$27,135.35, \$90.45 |
| 25 Good Hope, Campbellsville, J. Alvin Hardy, 168, \$22,640.16, \$134.76 | 50 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 302, \$34,985.39, \$115.85 | 75 Pleasant Home, Glencoe, Gary Pierce, 113, \$11,244.25, \$99.51 | 100 Lewisport, Derek L. Staples, 550, \$49,215.34, \$89.48 |

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This report is for the period Sept. 1, 1999, through Aug. 31, 2000. The first column shows the 1999 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 2000 Cooperative Program gifts. The third column ("Other") shows total contributions other than Cooperative Program and includes all donations designated to one or more of the following areas: Baptist hospitals, child care, Christian education, Eliza Broadus offering, restricted KBC causes only (RKO), and SBC causes such as Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings, Foreign and Home mission boards and other designations. All donations shown were given through the KBC accounting services department; the report was prepared by the KBC information services department. Refer questions to the KBC accounting services department, (502) 245-4101, ext. 226.

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
ALLEN			
Bays Fork	\$5,557.90	\$5,130.23	\$1,274.00
Big Spring Missionary	0.00	79.98	109.81
Dover	0.00	0.00	267.00
Holland	1,731.00	1,895.69	1,413.00
Liberty	3,896.07	4,362.26	1,260.16
Mount Gilead	0.00	244.65	0.00
New Hope	1,886.93	2,582.85	2,101.31
New Middle Fork	161.00	100.00	300.00
New Salem	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	250.00
Scottsville	59,646.52	56,568.11	9,973.48
Trammel Fork	350.00	500.00	1,025.00
White Plains	4,388.36	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	77,617.78	71,463.77	17,973.76

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
ANDERSON			
Allon	34,088.47	34,933.12	3,279.24
Ballard	2,621.48	2,787.66	276.00
Freedom	1,693.54	1,722.00	500.00
Fellowship	543.00	681.19	540.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	180.18
Hope Community	25,882.99	44,360.00	7,100.56
Glensboro	2,191.51	3,385.38	1,896.05
Goshen	1,051.00	1,025.00	292.50
Lawrenceburg First	110,955.88	120,105.98	17,793.23
Mount Pleasant	2,546.00	1,258.40	75.00
Pleasant Grove	225.00	200.00	600.00
Sand Spring	52,802.21	64,326.80	14,234.10
Tyrone	3,334.75	4,200.00	100.00
Van Buren	381.37	0.00	337.74
SUBTOTAL	238,317.20	278,985.53	47,204.60

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
BELL			
Arjay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bennets Fork	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Bethlehem	2,721.08	2,314.83	348.00
Binghamtown	7,000.08	7,000.08	5,869.00
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calloway	809.78	1,015.70	205.00
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00	100.00
Dundup	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	10,974.00	11,127.00	2,570.50
East Jellico	4,306.95	7,351.00	4,748.50
East Pineville	0.00	0.00	262.50
Pineville First	17,920.00	18,052.84	17,651.23
First Blackmont	600.00	600.00	380.11
Fonde	117.64	0.00	100.00
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00	205.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00	300.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Southern BC of Chenoa	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosman	2,368.04	2,259.03	120.00
Insubl	0.00	0.00	100.00
Jenson	1,479.34	1,496.92	56.00
Meldrum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	575.53
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Millers Chapel	0.00	320.00	114.38
Moss Chapel	360.00	360.00	2,000.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	198.37	288.94	271.76
Northside	0.00	0.00	962.19
Old Cannon Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Salem #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	11,731.60	12,090.92	11,348.60
Pathfork	652.26	554.85	0.00
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,730.40	1,658.72	451.00
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview	825.00	716.90	2,280.00
Southside	5,187.30	6,754.80	4,907.47
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	50.00
Stoney Fork	750.00	785.00	125.00
Trinity	325.00	1,756.16	753.21
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	72.00	0.00	81.00
Varilla	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	906.49	1,139.61	138.00
Wasio	600.00	600.00	620.00
West Cumberland Avenue	785.28	905.94	522.02
West Pineville	5,788.61	6,255.13	1,000.00
Whipple	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	78,209.22	85,404.37	60,953.50

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
BETHEL			
Adairville	22,338.00	23,707.00	6,353.64
Auburn	5,059.56	5,906.02	14,867.53

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
Calvary	10,106.00	10,915.04	23,953.86
Dripping Spring	18,598.63	23,267.14	5,557.73
Elkton	33,783.36	39,655.00	17,763.40
Eastside	926.88	935.98	674.00
Russellville First	69,406.54	71,374.58	21,644.56
Forest Grove	6,762.89	8,630.46	2,048.78
Grace	2,005.00	3,768.33	1,200.00
Guthrie	11,766.91	13,186.11	6,701.70
Keysburg	2,851.00	2,876.52	192.91
Mount Gilead	4,002.68	2,588.78	1,790.00
Mount Zion	1,332.15	1,115.86	1,028.00
Middleton	9,382.34	9,461.05	1,996.79
New Union	14,038.83	12,776.97	7,520.78
Post Oak	21,000.00	23,000.00	24,982.85
Russellville Second	39,115.52	42,016.71	9,861.27
Sharon Grove	7,152.00	7,499.00	794.00
Spring Valley	1,106.00	1,749.85	1,477.47
Tiny Town	1,410.59	1,346.08	530.00
Trenton	12,666.24	15,958.00	4,302.35
Walnut Grove	19,360.56	21,085.10	2,297.00
Whippoorwill	3,445.36	5,293.30	1,309.52
Southern Heights	3,528.58	3,600.00	1,447.54
Woodlawn	5,459.08	5,617.59	2,534.00
SUBTOTAL	326,604.70	357,330.47	162,829.68

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
BLACKFORD			
Blackford	29,597.57	25,974.36	4,715.92
Central	3,198.85	6,104.04	3,263.35
Chestnut Grove	6,906.32	7,882.05	5,872.12
Dawson Memorial	1,228.00	1,926.50	240.41
Lewisport First	2,409.86	2,829.10	846.10
Friendly Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	235.00
New Life	780.68	688.52	110.00
Hawesville	29,672.59	35,236.48	11,425.45
Lewisport	40,556.82	49,215.34	7,334.19
Mount Eden	6,054.00	5,600.40	1,106.00
Newton Springs	2,837.00	2,319.00	413.85
Old Panther Creek	4,022.05	3,429.20	3,927.20
Patesville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pellville	50,980.35	38,081.23	3,837.89
Roseville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union	16,694.73	7,378.94	14,098.76
West Point	660.13	730.12	156.85
SUBTOTAL	195,598.95	187,395.28	57,583.09

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
BLOOD RIVER			
Altona	5,113.12	12,412.67	6,507.83
Bethel	26,200.00	25,737.27	6,780.95
Bethlehem	4,311.18	4,092.31	450.88
Blood River	2,684.79	2,557.11	0.00
Briensburg	147,288.38	136,841.25	27,221.89
Calvert City First	33,285.30	31,633.85	12,532.78
Cherry Corner	10,682.96	11,082.76	2,053.50
Coldwater	600.00	600.00	161.00
Dexter	2,364.02	300.00	157.54
Elm Grove	30,983.78	35,920.95	17,535.31
East Marshall	2,367.54	2,821.32	506.00
Murray First	118,203.08	150,053.66	45,579.91
Flint	9,012.41	6,814.45	2,618.42
Benton First	35,879.73	42,194.39	6,074.87
Elva	2,224.20	2,086.83	0.00
Gilbertsville	13,621.41	12,660.57	2,146.05
Grace	16,040.37	13,003.58	3,920.32
Hamlet Missionary	5,424.29	5,842.68	343.59
Hazel	28,578.60	20,645.60	7,325.68
Kirksey	1,584.00	1,512.00	142.00
Lakeview	7,210.94	7,352.28	933.21
Ledbetter	1,124.41	1,378.80	989.36
Locust Grove	17,147.88	17,667.08	2,907.50
Memorial	23,868.36	25,461.88	5,296.32
New Bethel	5,040.00	5,040.00	26,400.00
New Harmony	27,980.65	35,950.15	5,054.89
New Providence	504.09	241.30	100.00
New Mount Carmel	3,297.71	3,476.53	900.00
New Zion	14,770.89	14,272.32	2,679.18
Northside	8,185.12	12,476.00	1,908.94
Walnut Street	1,650.98	1,842.41	258.76
Oak Grove	6,834.37	8,460.76	0.00
Hilltop	532.35	445.00	0.00
Olive Missionary	13,642.43	16,210.67	606.06
Owens Chapel	7,616.00	7,233.00	1,645.00
Pleasant Hope	0.00	0.00	1,626.00
Poplar Spring	2,400.00	2,200.00	3,206.12
Pleasant Valley	3,600.00	3,300.00	262.50
Salem	14,891.55	15,804.36	1,647.75
Scotts Grove	6,457.71	2,145.07	6,247.20
Sharpe Missionary	5,988.00	8,462.00	1,542.30
Sinking Spring	5,500.00	5,500.00	1,204.16
South Marshall	240.00	240.00	128.25
Spring Creek	3,000.00	3,259.00	1,387.00
Symsonia	10,346.09	10,416.50	1,730.34
Sugar Creek	800.00	600.00	952.00
Union Ridge	5,725.00	6,364.00	1,959.07
Vanzora	6,802.58	6,668.00	1,015.12
Westside	19,311.58	17,995.28	35,519.27
West Fork	7,692.28	6,546.34	2,823.85
Zions Cause	10,163.94	11,464.85	2,801.00
SUBTOTAL	738,922.07	782,478.83	263,242.39

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BOONES CREEK			
Allansville	8,046.61	10,384.63	7,362.01
Beech Grove	856.32	1,482.42	132.37
Boone's Creek	26,375.54	28,148.63	20,553.25
Calvary	11,804.72	13,233.64	2,594.75
Central	151,607.16	151,799.40	48,823.56
Clay City	1,602.00	1,597.00	948.00
Corinth	7,369.29	5,689.30	2,276.55
Cow Creek	4,804.00	4,599.00	500.00
Emmanuel	945.61	2,872.96	400.00
Ephesus	6,272.00	7,869.00	1,097.75
Faith	165.00	190.00	300.00
Irvine First	5,840.26	5,112.61	687.83
Friendship	6,635.83	8,708.08	2,275.35
Greenbriar	199.45	0.00	0.00
Heidelberg	92.60	0.00	102.04
Howards Mill	7,016.00	7,722.00	5,629.18
Ivory Hill	2,565.91		

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Island	15,990.46	16,252.32	22,843.46	Riverview	0.00	0.00	0.00	Millwood Missionary	300.00	265.00	637.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
Karns Grove	7,344.09	8,461.72	2,514.15	Rosemont	29,650.45	27,217.23	5,370.06	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	125.00	Pollard	10,581.97	10,668.92	6,277.44
Lewis Lane	32,337.75	33,296.05	9,168.89	Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00	0.00	Richardson	1,037.38	1,066.24	300.00	Riverview	1,628.42	1,811.77	105.00
Livermore	25,670.96	25,482.66	4,672.46	Russell Cave Road	6,720.46	6,905.45	954.00	Rose Hill	43,481.16	81,445.63	26,932.02	Rush Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	44,439.09	29,741.09	16,276.99	Sadieville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Russell First	32,262.23	40,862.04	14,053.44	Ashland Second	3,807.43	4,804.89	1,998.87
Maceo	11,654.55	12,021.63	1,568.23	Seventh Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	South Point Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Summit	2,718.78	3,878.92	1,733.00
Masonville	9,568.09	10,794.75	2,691.00	Silas	2,600.61	2,517.06	1,276.30	Summit	2,718.78	3,878.92	1,733.00	Wayside	450.00	450.00	1,215.25
Mount Vernon	1,600.00	1,737.52	327.12	South Elkhorn	15,820.73	16,636.78	4,184.41	Unity	88,132.64	85,696.96	24,100.76	Wildwood	17,695.82	21,257.31	7,743.67
Newman	3,275.46	3,994.98	758.00	Southern Heights	29,281.72	28,664.14	6,502.94	Willard	1,975.36	3,306.47	550.00	Wilson Creek	3,595.06	3,596.00	326.00
Pack	0.00	1,891.34	0.00	Southside	600.00	0.00	600.00	Wolf Creek	5,651.17	5,803.00	3,812.00				
Panther Creek	9,376.48	8,805.71	1,022.00	Victory	19,818.31	16,856.19	13,838.24								
Riverside	0.00	0.00	1,713.06	Open Door Community	2,000.30	1,472.71	264.00								
Rrish Avenue	10,944.12	10,440.84	1,926.05	Springdale at Man O War	50.00	0.00	0.00								
Pleasant Grove	33,238.65	45,703.87	10,183.09	Palomar	4,622.15	8,801.87	2,877.74								
Pleasant Memorial	8,459.79	7,419.21	1,352.58	Stamping Ground	3,750.00	4,275.00	6,339.35								
Pleasant Ridge	8,799.49	9,024.96	3,862.12	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Red Hill	620.00	300.00	0.00	New Hope	531.55	628.57	1,045.88								
Sacramento	8,164.79	7,163.64	1,696.25	Tatesbrook	5,882.74	6,488.52	0.00								
Seven Hills	9,890.37	9,146.85	4,280.25	Trinity	2,704.00	4,576.00	4,851.48								
Sorgho	11,223.75	8,172.42	4,829.00	Union Mill Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00								
South	731.66	1,231.36	797.57	Versailles	81,460.99	92,007.12	21,246.62								
South Hampton	6,778.48	7,203.50	1,873.70	White Sulphur	4,706.04	5,076.40	392.97								
Stanley	1,951.39	2,038.09	1,100.00	Faith Covenant	600.00	600.00	0.00								
Station	4,285.14	4,453.78	1,339.93	FAITH COVENANT	1,404,449.62	1,514,744.62	473,435.53								
Sugar Grove	8,448.50	8,067.61	9,614.17												
Union	1,159.51	3,109.00	3,733.16												
Owensboro Third	49,336.27	47,936.21	38,112.36												
Utica	7,461.86	17,366.91	4,582.57												
Walnut Memorial	1,000.00	11,308.50	0.00												
Ridgewood	1,782.90	1,584.69	712.00												
Garden Green	715.00	845.00	1,788.00												
Whitesville	3,970.31	3,600.00	3,229.80												
Wing Avenue	8,641.90	7,614.35	3,549.60												
Yellow Creek	59,958.89	62,268.03	15,013.85												
Yelvington	5,385.07	6,453.74	757.13												
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00												
SUBTOTAL	993,047.42	981,557.77	351,755.15												
EAST LYNN				ENTERPRISE				GRAVES COUNTY				HENRY COUNTY			
Allendale	0.00	0.00	50.00	Allen First	2,940.00	3,112.91	2,241.02	Bethlehem	7,251.00	6,109.80	784.60	Campbellsville	2,083.30	2,644.06	17,031.03
Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Topmost	300.00	300.00	2,708.00	Campbellsville Second	500.00	0.00	0.00	Frankinton	4,503.56	3,344.29	6,950.24
Corinth Missionary	600.00	600.00	2,756.09	Benedict	1,200.41	1,210.03	0.00	Frankinton	4,503.56	3,344.29	6,950.24	Emminence	623.36	0.00	6,165.03
Green Hill	1,314.84	1,630.76	1,611.24	Bushy Fork Missionary	700.00	840.00	1,032.00	New Castle First	3,000.00	2,970.00	1,155.00	Hopewell	50.00	100.00	1,196.00
Holly Grove	4,294.03	4,999.31	0.00	Garrett First	699.07	1,117.52	1,025.00	Lockport	3,988.77	4,125.32	1,641.23	Leitchfield	3,988.77	4,125.32	1,641.23
Liberty	558.95	0.00	200.00	Fitzpatrick First	2,444.00	2,423.00	600.00	Orville	1,805.00	3,175.00	1,188.00	Pleasureville	8,677.76	12,335.91	2,861.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	0.00	Inez First	6,374.78	4,434.48	2,603.23	Port Royal	0.00	0.00	4,768.00	Port Royal	0.00	0.00	4,768.00
Mount Carmel	150.00	550.00	260.00	Prestonsburg First	25,300.35	20,682.56	0.00	Smithfield	6,446.37	7,055.50	1,978.89	Sulphur	2,011.19	3,317.23	1,218.70
Mount Washington	1,000.00	1,097.04	1,607.00	Ivyton	0.00	0.00	1,213.00	Turners Station	0.00	0.00	400.00	Union	2,172.16	2,506.98	96.68
Rolling Fork	300.00	0.00	0.00	Jacks Creek	431.07	794.95	0.00	Wingo	1,694.62	1,638.09	586.50	SUBTOTAL	43,112.47	47,684.09	46,434.48
South Summersville	3,815.27	2,859.09	211.75	Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	125.00								
Union Band	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lancaster	1,224.57	1,490.14	262.33								
Whickerville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Liberty	1,935.56	2,528.16	798.34								
SUBTOTAL	12,033.09	11,736.20	6,696.08	Licking River	825.00	975.00	189.77								
EAST UNION				FRANKLIN				GREEN VALLEY				JACKSON COUNTY			
Black Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00	Faith	1,747.87	447.99	389.13	Advance	3,528.77	3,901.36	508.59	Black Water #1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	5,405.49	2,550.00	39,978.10	Airline	23,257.07	27,054.31	5,956.55	Drip Rock	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carpenter	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bellefont	8,104.49	8,733.53	3,493.00	Ambassador	1,819.98	1,938.72	655.00	Indian Creek	0.00	0.00	500.00
Clearfork	0.00	0.00	110.51	Bethel	2,950.00	4,221.01	3,224.00	Audubon	20,907.30	22,321.00	3,497.11	Letter Box	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00	0.00	Buck Run	59,098.00	76,331.00	29,490.86	Bellfield	19,757.00	22,887.00	9,915.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kensie	613.54	847.30	0.00	Calvary	5,629.38	5,095.64	964.70	Bethel	3,750.10	3,833.92	385.51	Mauldin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00	0.00	Camp Pleasant	500.00	1,050.00	0.00	Calvary Missionary	12,660.23	14,710.22	2,277.37	Old Path Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00	3,351.00	Cash Creek	6,097.25	6,479.07	9,469.73	Pine Hill	0.00	0.00	100.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00	First Corinthian	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cherry Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	0.00	0.00	600.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Crestwood	48,204.90	51,517.96	8,113.46	Clarkson	14,464.37	16,789.18	2,776.67				
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	East Frankfort	7,430.65	11,568.16	9,112.04	Leitchfield First	53,382.40	52,620.34	13,548.51				
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Evergreen	8,075.00	8,000.00	8,380.83	Holly	1,010.00	1,376.00	1,599.00				
Valley Creek	0.00	4,926.05	4,751.03	Frankfort First	3,108.86	2,891.00	0.00	Liberty	2,459.60	2,394.53	1,184.00				
SUBTOTAL	613.54	5,773.35	4,861.54	Forks of Elkhorn	5,600.00	9,157.00	1,124.00	Hang Rock	2,398.66	2,586.92	2,276.02				
ELKHORN				FREEDOM				GREENUP				LAUREL RIVER			
Anchor	0.00	300.00	1,034.00	Albany First	16,200.00	20,460.00	11,171.00	Ashland	2,620.74	2,674.93	309.00	Arthur Ridge	0.00	50.00	0.00
The Church at Andover	0.00	383.65	0.00	Branham Grove	874.00	775.96	869.00	Barrets Creek	472.35	510.93	1,026.29	Baldrock	1,221.52	1,352.85	266.65
Broadway	38,766.00	39,880.13	9,438.40	Burkesville	7,020.69	7,730.11	3,002.60	Belmont	1,553.16	1,595.67	471.60	Bond	3,000.00	3,000.00	753.59
Brookside	4,669.68	4,806.87	1,445.80	Cave Springs	5,628.00	6,615.00	4,000.00	Blackburn Avenue	280.00	240.00	80.00	Calvary	17,123.08	15,986.66	6,546.88
Beckerville	2,719.94	305.25	25.00	Central Grove	2,832.22	3,889.64	1,110.00	Burnham	12,869.59	10,493.65	6,001.42	Chadwick Creek	7,466.63	9,103.83	26,444.28
First Cadentown	0.00	100.00	0.00	Fairland	163.00	0.00	0.00	Cannonsburg First	14,196.70	14,230.13	8,478.83	Cherryville	3,649.00	4,503.00	80.50
Calvary Mission	28,099.33	20,968.61	22,036.40	Grace Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oakland Avenue	35,851.74	44,378.92	23,715.50	Crane Creek	901.83	1,434.00	1,780.00
Cane Run	7,283.18	7,961.28	3,280.00	Green Grove Missionary	0										

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South Fariston	0.00	0.00	0.00	Delmont	1,502.92	1,312.59	465.30	Midlane Park	209.02	256.89	1,433.67	Cedar Grove	1,100.00	1,400.00	2,403.39
Swiss Colony	16,953.70	18,443.57	9,037.07	New Light	120.00	240.00	103.85	Minors Lane	2,366.18	1,912.17	368.60	Central City First	83,400.76	86,705.38	18,006.14
Red Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	Donaldson Creek	8,288.81	9,860.37	2,890.63	Morningside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cherry Hill	7,988.87	11,297.88	2,809.96
Weaver	1,116.80	1,330.00	370.00	New Jerusalem	550.00	350.00	81.06	Mount Hermon	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cave Springs	174.61	0.00	145.05
West London	1,337.03	1,067.76	1,483.00	East Cadiz	20,027.04	22,684.79	13,158.62	Mount Elmira	6,211.58	5,170.38	5,170.20	Dunmor	11,480.60	13,081.43	4,351.46
Robinson Creek	0.00	0.00	4,038.44	Hurricane	13,569.98	16,197.77	23,471.89	North Forty Second Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	East Union	9,240.34	11,616.21	1,454.69
White Oak	0.00	200.00	300.00	Liberty Point	14,089.14	16,351.72	25,534.94	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ebenezer	11,001.00	13,890.00	841.60
SUBTOTAL	223,845.41	220,861.37	152,762.69	Locust Grove	10,557.91	9,601.22	4,028.74	New Salem	666.64	999.96	1,032.00	Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIBERTY	0.00	664.65	3,000.00	Maple Grove	3,235.00	3,100.00	100.00	Ninth and O	0.00	5,300.00	6,278.17	Greenville First	46,659.58	55,774.27	32,006.61
Antioch	550.00	550.00	0.00	New Hope	14,383.86	15,015.26	4,012.99	Mount Nebo	500.00	0.00	500.00	Forest Grove	1,725.00	0.00	0.00
Browders Chapel	120.00	120.00	400.00	Oak Grove	10,189.60	14,019.68	6,172.49	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Forest Oak	2,290.75	2,877.26	1,846.51
Calvary	24,800.68	17,894.98	5,410.38	Rock Front	800.00	1,350.00	0.00	Oakdale	450.00	200.00	86.09	Friendship	2,750.00	3,500.00	1,770.50
Canmer	959.34	825.06	112.50	Rocky Ridge	1,392.94	1,952.44	0.00	Okolona	0.00	0.00	473.95	Graham	4,310.77	5,589.24	484.20
Cave City	16,731.00	11,446.00	5,734.51	South Union	2,279.06	2,885.14	477.00	Ormsby Heights	18,402.60	24,920.48	3,552.61	Hazel Creek	6,034.00	10,295.00	1,409.25
Cave Spring	701.28	600.00	1,073.00	Trigg County	1,399.00	2,705.53	175.00	Parkland	25,955.79	30,859.66	21,755.14	Macedonia	1,168.15	1,249.69	417.22
Cedar Cliff	0.00	0.00	100.00	Wallonia	6,911.41	3,712.87	21,715.80	Green Hills	0.00	0.00	275.00	Martwick	2,448.10	3,076.12	400.00
Cedar Grove	1,577.00	2,802.00	2,536.00	SUBTOTAL	177,001.68	207,114.92	147,614.93	Parkwood	13,567.36	15,039.07	4,662.97	Mercer	1,803.65	2,154.01	1,965.75
Coral Hill	21,324.46	21,767.09	1,268.68	LOGAN	6,402.26	8,370.52	5,005.17	The People of the Way Community	297.00	228.71	212.00	Mount Pisgah	61,836.01	78,148.85	18,175.43
Edmonton Worship Center	7,427.25	9,073.72	1,420.84	Antioch	6,402.26	8,370.52	5,005.17	Penile	1,398.97	2,343.49	1,864.49	Nelson Creek	11,175.34	9,409.63	1,000.00
Haywood Missionary	4,547.20	5,616.38	3,815.00	Beechland	3,906.19	7,933.23	4,902.94	Pleasant Grove	5,012.97	13,433.47	2,536.17	New Cypress	7,192.59	7,170.59	1,154.00
Glascow	46,462.55	46,680.57	14,762.00	Bellview	0.00	772.90	6,817.25	Plum Creek	12,305.98	12,177.68	3,742.40	New Harmony	14,885.00	15,777.00	5,177.00
Grace Union Missionary	0.00	60.58	634.88	Britmart	3,783.36	3,574.52	3,327.81	Poplar Level	2,557.58	3,201.63	636.85	New Hebron	654.98	1,027.62	216.76
Hardyville	1,668.81	2,007.71	374.00	Cave Spring	7,323.76	7,729.14	229.84	Little Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Hope	2,659.57	3,782.74	5,506.12
Horse Cave	15,678.92	23,167.32	3,222.00	Center	3,700.70	3,842.17	1,796.07	Portland Avenue	1,437.12	175.00	0.00	New Prospect	825.00	1,025.00	849.80
Immanuel	16,710.73	15,532.20	2,389.50	Concord	7,111.11	5,084.77	2,763.00	Ralph Avenue	34,490.42	42,429.83	12,040.07	Oak Grove	4,739.24	4,498.77	940.50
Little Bethel	170.53	486.00	509.00	Elk Lick	33,273.42	34,985.39	12,811.07	Ridgeview	2,516.65	3,687.90	610.00	New Paradise	2,543.21	2,946.70	1,034.00
Lonoke	1,074.28	1,254.18	443.95	Epley	2,615.06	2,520.34	627.31	Ridgewood	0.00	0.00	1,521.00	Penrod	6,843.63	7,646.12	3,881.98
Mount Tabor	1,692.08	1,991.59	1,509.31	Green Ridge	619.37	1,618.09	0.00	Riverside	1,965.69	2,638.40	762.00	Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Liberty	0.00	0.00	0.00	Guptons Grove	1,871.59	2,464.42	3,378.05	New Beginning	0.00	35.00	247.00	Powderly	700.00	350.00	869.00
Park City	7,063.64	5,611.85	1,610.57	Liberty	12,902.00	12,605.00	6,025.55	Rockford Lane	29,418.43	27,202.23	7,063.49	Side Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Valley	10,037.00	8,732.30	3,060.20	Mount Pleasant	31,319.29	33,175.71	3,242.83	Rutledge Road	929.67	0.00	1,600.00	Koland Memorial	17,128.87	19,582.92	2,224.69
Poplar Spring Missionary	850.00	1,200.00	0.00	Mount Tabor Missionary	4,104.00	4,305.00	12,826.00	Shively	93,970.13	106,521.22	35,405.86	South Carrollton	1,633.27	2,596.14	492.44
Rowletts	2,200.31	2,686.16	726.00	Muddy River	0.00	0.00	0.00	Shively Heights	10,610.54	7,204.49	4,379.00	Temple	14,750.00	15,969.00	2,803.44
Salem	3,663.94	4,440.81	757.00	New Cedar Grove	3,702.57	3,779.03	1,548.68	New Cut Road	5,177.17	6,238.19	2,077.82	Unity	2,076.19	1,475.19	781.66
Shady Grove Missionary	2,284.45	2,397.36	815.57	New Friendship	8,906.51	9,421.50	7,089.50	South Jefferson	22,129.00	30,462.00	8,703.24	Vernal Grove	3,078.41	3,294.22	336.00
Siloam	1,000.00	1,100.00	2,763.11	New Hope	4,144.86	1,291.99	5,732.31	Yorktown	980.00	720.00	2,197.97	Woodland	16,731.93	22,052.62	4,984.07
South Fork	2,418.00	2,567.27	3,000.00	Oak Forest	400.00	1,318.00	1,752.02	Southside	3,534.44	3,832.00	1,343.32	Woodson	4,946.99	7,538.92	2,159.00
Three Springs	465.15	474.09	213.05	Oak Grove	32,058.60	38,538.16	5,271.91	St Matthews	2,945.44	2,912.60	54,142.79	SUBTOTAL	427,967.56	478,933.79	180,981.49
Walnut Hill	360.00	360.00	600.00	Pleasant Hill	444.72	436.85	2,102.47	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Jerusalem	0.00	500.00	325.25	NELSON	28,138.92	27,791.08	4,958.58
Zion	22.50	22.50	0.00	SUBTOTAL	168,589.37	183,766.73	87,249.78	Summit Hills	7,385.08	7,860.56	4,828.19	Bardstown	8,175.19	11,025.00	2,515.75
SUBTOTAL	192,561.10	192,132.37	62,261.05	LONG RUN	412.40	0.00	0.00	Springdale	15,333.33	10,666.66	24,374.19	Bardstown Junction	8,175.19	11,025.00	2,515.75
LINCOLN COUNTY				Arcade	500.00	550.00	0.00	Sunnyside	2,569.24	2,111.72	1,862.50	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Lick	3,838.67	3,931.56	1,051.63	Asbury Lane	4,189.58	5,171.01	1,262.00	Third Avenue	99.96	99.98	9,160.48	Belmont	125.57	502.50	986.00
Calvary Hill	9,968.90	12,464.87	2,845.00	Auburndale	9,000.00	8,495.10	3,625.22	Thixton Lane	3,685.00	3,480.00	2,571.00	Bethany	1,107.70	1,443.52	962.62
Crab Orchard	1,560.00	1,560.00	2,157.00	Audubon	0.00	0.00	7,518.00	Valley Station	24,666.55	25,066.80	8,650.26	Bloomfield	22,777.70	26,435.17	7,403.07
Double Springs	6,460.14	7,032.06	2,075.68	Baptist Tabernacle	2,451.38	2,647.31	603.75	Valley View	7,860.00	8,338.00	2,597.60	Bullitt	16,384.81	15,827.44	4,605.75
Drakes Creek	2,667.55	3,384.30	2,443.00	Basford Manor	1,045.68	1,239.66	0.00	Van Buren	1,456.31	2,002.14	661.90	Calvary Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview	17,623.01	21,386.16	3,210.00	South Wattersen Trail	6,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	Victory Memorial	5,567.88	10,185.34	5,182.99	First Cedar Creek	15,589.17	17,403.24	2,336.65
Freedom	10,891.00	11,590.00	3,225.00	Baxter Avenue	1,151.33	1,219.45	34.38	Vine Street	0.00	922.05	5,276.09	Cedar Grove	7,696.00	6,011.00	4,137.69
Friendship	0.00	0.00	119.16	Beargrass	0.00	0.00	0.00	Walnut Street	40,175.59	49,615.23	40,082.42	Eagle Heights	1,928.35	1,902.84	2,060.07
Geneva	268.00	125.00	75.00	Beechland	34,143.38	34,229.33	2,945.80	West Broadway	25,205.26	27,842.46	9,175.16	Chaplin	22,720.99	24,724.60	6,245.80
Harris Creek	1,532.09	1,360.26	200.00	Beechmont	15,049.35	19,491.46	5,923.02	West End	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hobbs	0.00	0.00	200.00
Hustonsville	4,753.00	4,904.00	6,462.46	Beechwood	17,855.57	18,636.56	11,422.00	Westport Road	90,845.62	98,270.02	26,160.25	Chaplin Fork	4,715.40	3,531.90	1,579.00
Locust Grove	650.00	610.00	800.00	Bethany	16,063.36	22,068.50	8,559.49	Woodland	15,217.89	19,250.44	19,324.14	Clermont	2,125.00	1,457.00	0.00
McKinney	7,596.57	9,109.97	3,130.90	Bethel Flock	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oakland	0.00	0.00	0.00	Coxs Creek	9,680.65	7,868.96	2,922.91
Mount Hebron	2,216.30	2,224.51	561.14	Bethlehem	25,594.80	31,115.00	16,166.41	SUBTOTAL	1,351,056.46	1,512,147.94	812,109.58	Lebanon Junction First	17,655.54	18,782.72	10,261.87
Mount Salem	1,971.06	2,072.70	2,066.28	Broadway	2,250.00	3,478.54	32,976.42	LYNN	12,450.48	13,514.89	4,859.00	Mount Washington First	47,259.72	41,995.03	34,178.86
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Brooks	3,640.56	4,723.49	1,767.70	Aetna Grove	209.67	145.50	145.49	Shepherdsville First	4,153.05	3,355.36	17,516.44
New Salem	3,594.90	10,849.00	1,991.47	Brookview	1,304.79	1,551.62	1,235.00	Aetna Union	209.67	145.50	145.49	Immanuel	682.05	869.53	1,264.40
Olive	859.82	1,082.39	428.57	Burnet Avenue Missionary	200.00	300.00	1,728.93	Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Little Union	5,430.70	5,432.26	1,293.05
Parlor Grove	4,212.80	4,133.66	1,305.84	Bushel Park	2,275.00	2,475.00	10,747.97	Boiling Springs	4,388.05	4					

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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP99	CP00	OTHER
Oak Grove	300.00	300.00	1,257.00	THREE FORKS				Hillview	0.00	1,666.67	5,000.00	Temple	1,498.36	1,510.16	1,481.35
Park Hill	2,309.57	2,534.77	880.00	Airport Gardens	2,100.00	2,400.00	526.03	Lawrence Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Calvary	600.00	600.00	787.90
Ryans Creek	0.00	0.00	153.00	Berean	0.00	0.00	0.00	Living Hope	231,078.70	224,597.63	29,273.49	Trinity	17,130.30	20,123.94	5,390.65
Pleasant Grove	2,064.52	2,258.22	1,458.27	Big Creek	8,810.21	8,990.28	2,512.07	New Gasper	0.00	50.00	1,250.00	Twelfth Street	35,345.75	29,052.40	8,842.00
Rockholds First	270.00	196.00	0.00	Blackey	767.00	786.00	100.00	Martinsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Washington Street	1,200.00	1,000.00	0.00
Tannery Hollow	920.72	840.13	284.95	Caney	1,249.78	1,595.27	391.00	Meadow Land	7,199.61	9,735.59	1,641.75	West End	11,182.57	16,503.29	7,244.52
Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Colson Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oak Forest	4,118.95	4,398.71	3,390.80	West Paducah Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tidal Wave	0.00	0.00	109.81	Confluence	0.00	0.00	0.00	Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	144.76	250.00	250.00	Wice	0.00	0.00	458.74
Saxon	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dwarf	240.00	240.00	325.25	Mission Hispana at Glen Lily	0.00	0.00	0.00	Wickliffe First	10,666.29	9,000.00	3,292.50
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Emmanuel	9,616.27	13,329.55	2,200.00	Oakland	14,592.01	17,446.85	3,948.95	SUBTOTAL	977,624.03	1,039,634.07	245,807.40
West Corbin	14,380.00	15,192.00	5,056.40	Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Plano	2,528.96	3,806.60	931.15	WHITES RUN	0.00	0.00	125.00
Wolf Creek	878.00	1,050.00	755.00	Combs First	600.00	600.00	600.00	Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bramlette	911.06	1,086.58	411.83
White Oak	175.00	894.34	0.00	Craft Colly	2,440.16	2,223.68	342.93	Pleasant Grove	1,062.00	1,133.29	1,500.00	Cove Hill	250.00	0.00	2,834.63
Wofford	1,170.54	1,436.46	600.00	Hazard First	18,188.62	18,958.35	9,228.90	Scottsville Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	English	744.00	755.00	287.23
Youngs Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hindman First	16,508.33	16,950.77	3,259.65	Plum Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	Carrollton First	7,193.60	6,600.00	4,421.54
Woodbine	100.00	0.00	300.00	Wooten First	2,269.00	2,449.61	858.00	State Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ghent	4,336.24	5,138.50	2,193.00
SUBTOTAL	317,580.43	329,614.70	56,033.30	First Creek	1,420.19	0.00	0.00	Providence Knob	12,929.92	15,708.79	2,776.18	Jordan	723.41	729.54	600.00
SULPHUR FORK				Deane	3,831.88	7,228.40	634.00	Rich Pond	44,340.00	65,872.99	22,492.22	Mount Hermon	4,896.90	1,443.07	2,207.24
Antioch	200.00	200.00	875.42	Hardburly	0.00	0.00	0.00	Richardsville	2,066.11	2,047.76	1,718.30	Sanders	2,471.30	2,425.00	1,182.76
Ballardsville	5,317.56	5,600.53	24,087.41	Hyden	2,763.15	3,001.45	1,055.00	Rocky Springs	2,034.91	2,521.91	2,407.94	Whites Run	5,016.00	5,148.00	2,815.00
Bedford	13,615.91	17,534.90	7,488.83	Jeremiah	1,800.00	2,000.00	350.06	Smiths Grove	15,075.64	11,680.11	3,390.00	Worthville	6,004.00	5,384.00	1,931.00
Beulah Land	339.51	422.42	0.00	Linefork Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Southside	2,008.13	1,645.09	1,758.26	SUBTOTAL	32,546.51	28,709.69	19,009.23
Buckner	14,054.85	11,435.66	3,607.75	Long Pine	600.40	751.36	2,050.24	White Stone Quarry	1,100.00	1,781.00	3,379.15	MISCELLANEOUS	57,586.33	49,569.47	1,942,428.15
Centerfield	3,542.08	4,496.65	300.00	Lothair	2,933.45	2,293.03	1,645.41	Woodburn	13,086.63	14,763.07	2,171.13	Allen Grove	0.00	0.00	100.00
Corn Creek	680.55	1,112.54	3,614.13	Fleming	2,973.77	1,873.29	240.67	SUBTOTAL	563,070.42	606,484.03	194,276.18	Bethany Baptist Mission	0.00	248.45	100.00
Covington	1,516.03	1,494.52	316.00	McIntosh	0.00	0.00	0.00	WAYNE COUNTY				Freemont Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	214.00
Crestwood	84,558.60	83,292.41	21,267.74	Montgomery	4,724.18	5,850.86	1,521.00	Big Sinking	0.00	1,574.33	1,517.57	Harvest Community Church	0.00	655.80	0.00
DeHaven Memorial	70,148.40	67,694.51	18,281.80	Moussie First	678.00	721.46	739.77	Cedar Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	Abundant Life Baptist Worship Center	485.16	516.00	16.80
Eighth Mile	600.00	1,393.03	400.00	Muncy Creek	240.00	260.00	260.00	Concord	550.00	650.00	844.80	Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	807.00
Harrods Creek	250.00	0.00	6,580.17	Premium	1,571.08	2,050.00	725.01	Cooper	1,537.71	1,536.85	635.87	Morgantown Community	500.00	500.00	0.00
LaGrange Heights	0.00	0.00	280.00	Petrey Memorial	9,967.17	12,819.72	5,181.39	Elk Spring Valley	13,451.90	14,807.21	4,865.08	Cornerstone	375.00	450.00	0.00
Liberty	1,170.59	1,193.77	25.00	Jeff Missionary	3,202.80	4,397.32	1,521.79	Gap Creek	1,841.00	2,316.05	1,678.00	Belmar	0.00	25.00	0.00
Milton	3,029.00	2,720.00	2,299.00	Rockhouse	568.80	0.00	265.00	Green Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	0.00	Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	300.00	100.00	0.00	Carpenter	0.00	0.00	262.75
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	2,377.75	Mount Olivet	2,391.83	2,297.00	674.16	Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Christ Community Church	0.00	50.00	0.00
Providence	7,833.79	9,352.68	1,682.55	Upper Second Creek	1,764.00	2,184.00	100.00	Meadow Creek	0.00	0.00	300.00	Freeman Trace	0.00	0.00	126.09
Sligo	12,172.47	13,124.16	3,488.67	North Fork	7,072.81	6,966.15	866.00	Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00	0.00	Day Spring	0.00	350.88	0.00
Union Grove	576.00	1,170.00	320.00	Short Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Monticello First	20,800.00	20,800.00	13,091.00	Dover	0.00	0.00	232.00
Westport	14,777.41	17,599.30	4,877.15	Big Leatherwood First	5,455.00	5,870.00	0.00	Mount Zion	5,193.55	6,284.83	3,465.00	Antioch	0.00	400.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	234,382.75	239,837.08	102,169.37	Smithsboro	21,558.72	20,433.15	8,574.43	New Charity	450.00	450.00	1,077.25	Living Faith	9,280.66	9,712.72	2,393.94
TATES CREEK				Typo	0.00	0.00	150.00	New Salem	2,807.00	3,280.00	3,685.00	Bonnieville	2,628.63	2,760.00	1,945.00
Berea	50,000.00	47,083.35	12,852.54	Vico Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Newtown	989.91	908.92	537.81	Big Brush	0.00	0.00	100.00
Bethel	12,238.83	12,348.35	1,911.00	Whitesburg First	28,406.02	31,382.77	6,805.63	Oak Grove	1,079.06	1,353.12	1,799.94	Forks of Dix River	2,652.09	2,549.90	3,041.93
Bethlehem	1,453.02	1,386.63	1,442.96	Willow Fern	0.00	0.00	0.00	Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00	314.00	Ellisburg	0.00	0.00	145.00
Broadway	2,314.00	2,619.00	1,019.00	Yerkes	0.00	0.00	200.00	Rectors Flat	5,250.06	6,380.80	883.89	Forest Missionary	2,250.00	1,600.00	0.00
Calvary	1,237.00	1,313.00	905.00	SUBTOTAL	166,712.62	180,303.47	53,403.39	Sandusky Chapel	1,086.00	960.00	120.00	Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	100.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00	0.00	UNION				South Main Missionary	0.00	0.00	40.00	Eagle Heights	2,960.18	8,392.41	223.47
Crossroads Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beaver	5,982.00	5,519.51	2,379.15	Stevensville	7,370.86	8,553.07	1,829.00	Christ is King	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	9,368.75	9,112.39	900.00	Berlin	1,670.63	2,817.98	369.78	Rogers Grove	886.03	870.70	0.00	Central	864.85	634.27	1,708.96
Entmanuel	4,941.11	6,258.47	3,167.07	Blanket Creek	4,909.99	4,372.97	4,833.18	Zion	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cornerstone	2,191.50	2,737.00	0.00
Unity	3,374.90	4,628.88	2,215.76	Butler	3,996.67	7,758.84	1,010.50	SUBTOTAL	63,989.73	71,397.92	37,150.71	Elm Grove	100.00	0.00	0.00
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Freedom	358.50	225.00	361.75	Forest Hill	150.00	200.00	616.50	Bardwell	23,117.12	23,732.85	4,985.20	Benion First Missionary	21,759.88	20,956.84	6,222.72
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Author helps Christians with global tag-team prayers

By Cecile Holmes
Religion News Service

LUCY, Tenn. (RNS)—The concept of praying "without ceasing" isn't unique to Christians, according to author Phyllis Tickle.

Centuries before the birth of Jesus, a Hebrew psalmist wrote of praising God seven times a day, Tickle writes in "The Divine Hours."

This book is her second in a trilogy of prayer manuals. It is the first major literary and liturgical reworking of the Benedictine rule of "fixed hour" prayer, tracing its origins to the Judaism from whence Christianity came.

While scholars disagree on the hours of early Judaism's set prayers, the ritual soon took on specific characteristics, Tickle writes.

In fact, she notes, the Old Testament figure Daniel was thrown to the lions for refusing to give up praying in the

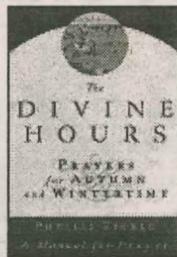
middle of the work day. For Jews across the Roman empire, fixed prayer times were a natural rhythm.

Drawing on that history, early Christians kept a similar tradition, Tickle writes. Their discipline was strengthened by the Roman empire's practice of ringing forum bells at 6 a.m., midday and 6 p.m. In keeping with that schedule, the daily set of prayers of Christians are said at morning, midday, early evening and bedtime.

Tickle's organization of this ancient tradition will be a pleasure for readers. Rather than putting prayers in one place and psalms in another, she groups each day's readings, prayers, psalms and refrains together.

Both the structure and the style of the book spring from her own experience as a writer, a layperson and the mother of seven grown children.

Practicing fixed hour prayer, she's slipped away to pray in ladies' rooms in the middle of luncheon engagements



PHYLLIS TICKLE *The contributing religion editor at Publishers Weekly says she sees a renewed interest in fixed-hour prayer among laypeople. She is the author of "The Divine Hours: Prayers for Autumn and Wintertime," which leads people through the day's fixed hours of prayer.*

and pulled off on road sides when making a long car trip.

"This was a constant and remains a constant," Tickle said in an interview. "You make some interesting adjustments. Judaism has an interesting thing where it says it is better to pray when one can than to not pray at all because one can't always."

But she never envisioned being asked to compile a manual for people who pray. The project grew out of the vision of Eric Major, head of religion publishing for Doubleday. Tickle said Major sees the three-volume prayer trilogy as a logical accompaniment to the New Jerusalem Bible, also published by Doubleday.

The first volume in Tickle's series was released earlier this year.

In the second volume, "The Divine Hours: Prayers for Autumn and Wintertime," Tickle stresses tradition and

expands upon it, drawing the reader into a prayer rhythm that dates to desert-dwelling monks in the third century. Those early Christians sought to live out the apostle Paul's admonition to "pray without ceasing."

This series takes into account the difficulties present-day Christians might encounter in trying to observe the hours, especially during the regular work week.

While the book might be used by small or large groups, it should work particularly well for individuals keeping the hours alone. The regimen, while traditional in so many ways, is flexible and slightly shortened. It also integrates contemporary language into the worship form, changing traditional terminology such as invitatories and antiphons to terms more easily understood such as "The Call to Prayer" and "The Refrain."

Tickle, contributing editor in religion for Publishers' Weekly, has written more than two dozen books including the popular "God-Talk in America." She lives in the rural community of Lucy, Tenn., but travels often, appearing frequently on the Odyssey Channel and as a regular guest on PBS's "Religion and Ethics News-weekly." She has practiced fixed-hour prayer for decades.

"I've kept the hours for over 35 years and deliberately tried to not make that a well-known fact," she said. "I hadn't hidden it, but I didn't make a big deal out of it. I truly believe that Christ meant it when He said go into your closet and pray in private."

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Author Phyllis Tickle

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Hall serves in camp ministry

By Robert Dunston

Christy Hall, the daughter of Donnie and Lou Ann Hall of Hazard, spent her summer working at Camp Nathaniel. Her parents have worked at the camp for the past 27 years, so Hall has enjoyed being a camper and a counselor.

Camp Nathaniel is a Christian camp that emphasizes the Bible. Full-time ministers provide leadership for the camp and put summer workers through intensive training in the Bible.

For 11 years, Hall participated in the learning activities and fun as a camper. Then she began working as a leader. This past summer Hall served as a counselor for all six weeks of camp and as a team leader in studying Bible verses. Her particular responsibility was to lead morning devotions.

Hall enjoyed establishing relationships with the children and young people who attended. Many of the youth return each year, so she has had the opportunity to create long-term relationships with many individuals.

Her favorite week of the summer was when junior high youth came to the camp. That age group particularly excites her, and she had a delightful time building relationships

and ministering to the junior high youth. As team leader that week, she was responsible for listening to the Bible verses the youth memorized.

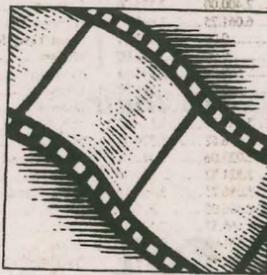
Hall's familiarity with the camp provided her greatest challenge. Since she either has attended or worked in the camp for so many years, she sometimes fails to appreciate how much the camp accomplishes in leading youth to Christ and nurturing them in their faith.

This past summer was her last summer to work at Camp Nathaniel. Hall will graduate in May with a double major in English and communication arts. After graduation, she plans to begin graduate school concentrating in English and journalism. Next summer she plans to work at another job to make money to pay for her graduate program.

After having invested so many summers of her life at Camp Nathaniel, Hall knows she will miss being there next summer. We rejoice that God has touched so many lives through her.

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Baptist workers evacuate from West Bank & Gaza Strip

By Brittany Jarvis
SBC International Mission Board



The workers took the advice of the United States embassy and left their homes as violence intensified.

TEL AVIV, Israel (BP)—Fighting between Israelis and Palestinians has forced about a dozen Southern Baptist workers living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to leave their homes.

The workers took the advice of the United States embassy and left their homes Oct. 12 and 13 as violence intensified. Packing hastily, the workers drove along back roads toward heavily guarded border crossings.

Three weeks of bloody clashes between Israeli and Palestinian forces has left the Middle East peace agreement in tatters. At least 118 people, most of them Palestinians, have been killed.

Though they expressed relief at getting away from the violence, workers said their hearts were torn over the plight of friends and fellow believers they left behind. Several workers asked that Southern Baptists pray for peace in that troubled land.

For safety reasons, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board does not identify workers in Palestine and the Gaza Strip.

"Despite the headaches of packing and leaving in a rush, the worst of it all was making a select few phone calls to local friends—people I might never see again if this is protracted," wrote one worker. "For them to hear that we were leaving shattered them. They knew, of course, we had to go ... yet how disheartening to know that



SLINGSHOT A Palestinian takes aim at Israeli security forces during clashes in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Oct. 17. After a funeral for a slain boy, protesters burned tires while violence broke out elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Southern Baptist workers have evacuated both areas due to violence. (RNS photos)

we could leave and they were hedged in more than ever before."

The morning of Oct. 12 began calmly, despite mounting tensions between Palestinians and Israelis. Some of the representatives were returning from the market when they first heard sirens and saw the crowds. One worker who lives in the Gaza Strip said she could see Israeli helicopters hovering over the area.

"Without warning, there was a huge explosion. At first I couldn't believe it," she said. "I stood in my bed-

room thinking that sounded like an explosion, but surely it couldn't have been."

It was.

The helicopters fired more than 20 rockets, hitting the police station, the radio and television studios and Yassar Arafat's headquarters. Expatriates were told to stay inside and not leave until the fighting eased. Finally, the U.S. embassy gave them three hours to pack and evacuate.

The worker said she and two other workers left in a car with Palestinian

plates, driving slowly on the back roads with the headlights off. Although the Palestinian police waved the car through, the officers said they would never make it through the Israeli checkpoint.

"We told them we were willing to try and then began our walk through no-man's land between the Palestinian territories and the Israeli territories," she said. "The whole way we were not sure what was around the bend, or behind the rocks. (We) simply depended on God's protection."

When the three workers reached the Israeli checkpoint without incident, they had no problems gaining entrance. The U.S. embassy had called in advance to alert the Israelis to their arrival.

Another worker left the Gaza Strip with 10 American Christians Oct. 12. When they reached the Palestinian border, the guards warned the group that the last vehicle to cross into Israeli territory had been hit with gunfire. Nevertheless, the group safely crossed the border.

Once out of the combat zone, the Americans began praying for the Palestinians and Israelis.

A worker said that regardless of personal views about who is right or wrong in the conflict, everyone should pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

"For as King Hussein of Jordan said just before he died, 'There can be no peace, harmony and justice for any of God's children, until there is peace, harmony and justice for all of God's children,'" she said.

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Giving Christ 'First Priority'

It is still possible to have a Christian witness in public schools. Second-year Clear Creek student Paul Anglin has plenty of evidence. He is campus coach for Pineville High School and Pineville Middle School "First Priority" clubs.

Eighty students attend the high school club, and 55 students attend the middle school gathering. During the last school year 43 youth asked Christ into their lives. First Priority is a student-led movement to equip, encourage and empower students to reach others for Christ. The weekly club meetings reach Christians, excite them about faith, support students with prayer and seek to win others to Christ.

Paul Anglin grew up in a Christian home, but Jesus wasn't the focus. He had lots of church experiences but no personal relationship to Christ. "No one took time to tell me about Christ; most everyone allowed me to walk on by," Paul remembered. "I read through the New Testament and began to see this is what I need. I went to church and sought it and gave my life to Christ at age 22."

The Lord moved quickly at this

point of brokenness in his life. A year later, with a hunger to know the Bible and a desire to share it with everyone, he surrendered to the ministry. At youth camp he heard about Clear Creek. "I didn't even know there was a place called Pineville," Paul said.

How has it been for a young man at a school where two-thirds of the students are married with children?

"It's been very positive and hard at times, but a growing experience," he said. "I know I have to stand up and be a man for myself while here. The responsibility can't be placed on someone else."

Paul is also youth minister at Bethlehem Baptist Church of Dorton Branch in Bell County. He works to reach lost youth, train students to win others and teach them to stand firm when they go away to college. The church youth group also conducts a Youth Blast program in smaller churches in the area.

"When Christ is first priority, He will do it," Paul declared.

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

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

PEOPLE

Salem churches offer outreach to witches on Halloween

By Jeffrey MacDonald
Religion News Service

SALEM, Mass. (RNS)—On the surface, Halloween season in this city of witch fame appears to mean little more than a ghoulish good time for 500,000 tourists and \$42 million worth of fun for the retailers who sell to them.

But witch-embellished T-shirts and signs for "eerie events" mask the genuine October tension here between Wiccan pilgrims and Christian pastors who see them as ambassadors of something insidious, even evil.

A few thousand of those who flock to Salem every year at this time are self-proclaimed witches. Local witches, who count themselves at 2,000-plus in this city of 39,000, say their counterparts come from around the world to gather in circles, communicate with the dead and pay homage to the 20 alleged witches who died nearby in the Witch Trials of 1692.

"It's safe for someone to be a witch in Salem," said witch and spiritual counselor Therese Pendragon. "That's why Salem is a witch mecca."

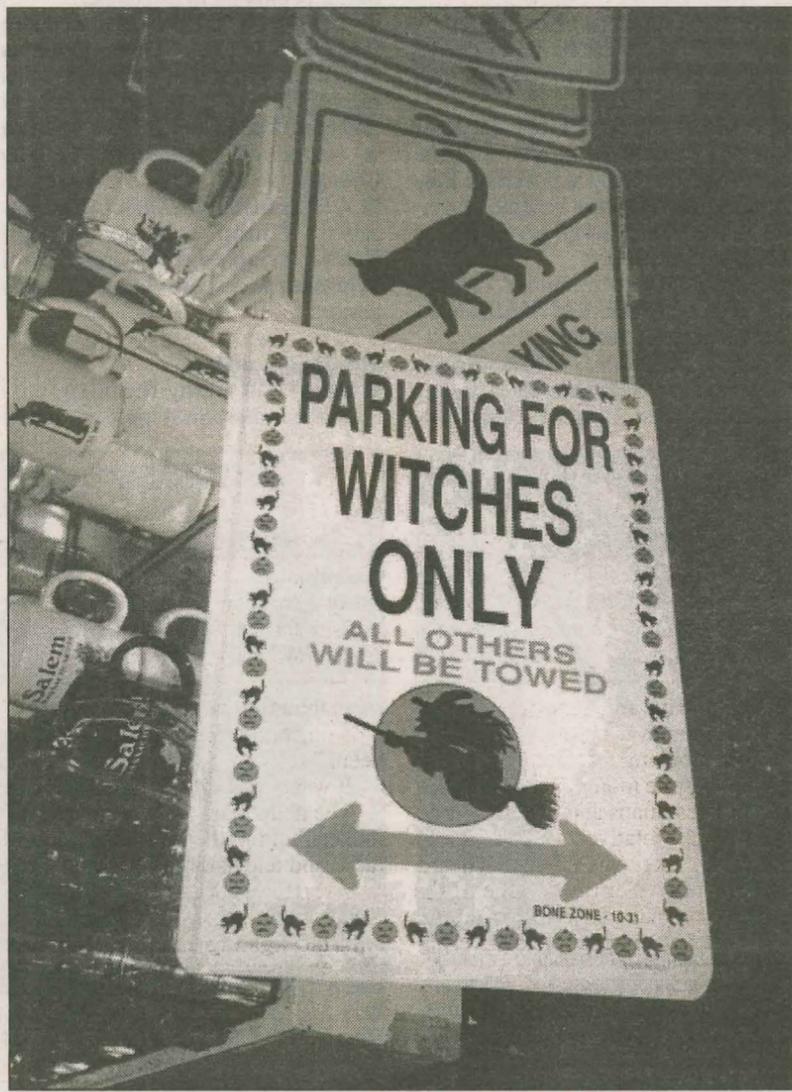
Pastor Kenneth Steigler also knows Salem is a witch mecca. He came here in 1991 not only to lead Wesley United Methodist Church but also to use his expertise in cults to expose what he sees as dangers of witchcraft.

This year, Steigler and area evangelical pastors gave six months of preparation time and raised more than \$10,000 to beef up a late October campaign to reach witches and seekers with the gospel. Students from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary handed out 50,000 anti-Halloween, pro-Jesus tracts. The Wesley Church hosted a weeklong open house where dabblers in paganism can hear praise music and testimonies every night through Oct. 31.

"Here are people looking for spiritual life, a little deceived, and we're here to say, 'Here's a way to find real spiritual life,'" Steigler said. The week's events bear the name "Holy Happenings," a purposeful twist on Salem's high-profile tourism campaign known as "Haunted Happenings."

Steigler's concern is that seekers, drawn to Salem by promotions and desires for new experiences, "will die spiritually" if they take up Tarot cards, crystals, drugs and free sex to gain "control, authority and power" in their lives. Imitating the novice witch, he says, "I take a bite, then another bite. I lose my sense of right and wrong. I lose my moral compass."

Not so, say Salem's witches. At Crow Haven Corner, Salem's



oldest witch shop and witchcraft hub, the owner says her goal is not just maintaining a thriving business but also helping others become "good spiritual people and then choose their own religion."

"You help people get power in their lives," said owner Laurie Stathopoulos. "But you tell them, 'The first one you have to help is yourself. Before you practice the magic or put a love spell on someone else to love you, you have to love and take care of yourself.'"

Salem's witches refuse to harm anyone else and don't worship a devil, according to Stathopoulos. Steigler agrees some don't, but says those who have advanced through Wicca to Satanism do. Either way, evangelicals find the Oct. 31 rituals troubling.

Minutes before midnight on the 31st, dozens of circles form across Salem to celebrate Samhain—the pagan new year when "veils are thin" between the living and the dead. Anywhere from 15 to 150 men and women might

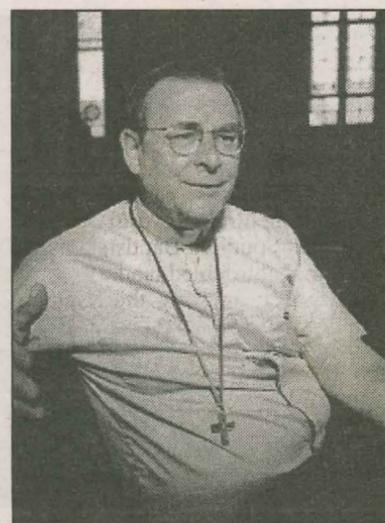
sit in a given circle. They dot the cityscape from back yards to Gallows Hill, where more than 1,000 marchers pay tribute to those who died for being branded "witches."

Stathopoulos says circles are disciplined: no booze, no drugs, no one under 18 allowed. She says she's turned people away this year because so many serious seekers from far away want to communicate with the dead in circles and welcome their own new identities for the coming year in a community setting.

But Steigler fears that witches often recruit newcomers interested in new experiences to take part in the circles. From there, he says, seekers are apt to abandon their moral and spiritual roots.

"One of my greatest joys was helping a Jewish woman, who had been experimenting in Wicca, find her way back to Judaism," Steigler said.

Tensions in Salem have threatened to become violent at times. Steigler



WITCHING HOUR During the Halloween season, more than 500,000 tourists visit Salem, Mass., home of the Witch Trials of 1692.

■ **Left:** Parking signs on sale at Crow Haven Corner, the first witch shop in Salem. Visitors generate about \$42 million in revenue for merchants.

■ **Top right:** Laurie Stathopoulos (left), owner of Crow Haven Corner, Salem's first witch shop. With her are Michael and Therese Pendragon, both witches and psychics who do readings at the shop.

■ **Bottom right:** Kenneth Steigler, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Salem, Mass., led a campaign to evangelize witches when they gathered recently. (RNS photos by Jeffrey MacDonald)

says he received a death threat warning him to stop teaching about cults. Stathopoulos says just this month she found a noose hanging outside her door at home.

Yet with business booming at Crow Haven Corner and other local witch shops, witches say they're not worried about Christian missionaries. "We can't get too bent out about fringe groups," said witch Michael Pendragon. "Christians are our biggest customers anyway."

Meanwhile, as Salem was getting ready for 80,000 visitors on Halloween and the witch community was making room for thousands of their own, evangelicals were hoping for at least 600 at the Oct. 31 "concert of prayer" from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. But according to Stephanie Petringa, a former Wiccan high priestess who joined the Wesley Church in 1998, few of those considering Wicca will be there.

The church "isn't prepared to meet the needs of a lot of people," Petringa said. "I don't think they have the right or authority to reach out to the pagan community because they don't understand it. ... In the past nine years, I'm the only one who came."

Christians in Guatemala & France protest observance of Halloween celebrations

GUATEMALA CITY (RNS)—Both Protestants and Roman Catholics in Guatemala and France urged Christians to refrain from participating in Halloween celebrations.

In Guatemala City, where stickers proclaiming "I love Jesus, not Halloween" have appeared in store windows, the Roman Catholic Church said Oct. 26 the holiday poses a threat to the spiritual welfare of children.

Instead of celebrating Halloween, church leaders said Guatemalans should emphasize traditions such as

the Nov. 1 "Day of the Dead," when people visit graves to honor the dead.

Alejandra Vasquez, family and childhood coordinator of Guatemala's Archbishopric, said scary costumes and other aspects of Halloween were unseemly considering the nation's efforts to recover from a civil war in which 200,000 people were killed. That war ended just four years ago.

"It really worries us to see a child of 7 dressed as the grim reaper," Vasquez told Reuters news agency.

"We're trying to create a culture

of peace here, not more violence," he said.

On Oct. 25, 200 youth—some as young as 4 years old—demonstrated outside a parish church in Saint Raphael, France, to call attention to their concerns about Halloween.

Halloween, the demonstrators said, detracted from All Saints Day, which is celebrated the day after Halloween and is considered a religious holiday by France's majority-Roman Catholic population.

The young people told Associated

Press they thought wearing masks and scary costumes the day before All Saints Day was inappropriate.

"This isn't a demonstration or a crusade against Halloween," said priest Don Jean-Yves. He said he found fault not with the holiday itself but with "the society, the media, the commercial lobbies."

"Our children need positive things, like bounty and generosity," he said. "We have to ... give them the message of Christian hope in the face of the mystery of death."

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

- Saturday evening fellowships for new believers led by missionaries in Silesia, Poland.
- Missionaries Norman and Gunita Harrell in Portimao, Portugal, offer praise for Portuguese men who have started attending a Wednesday morning breakfast, Bible study and prayer time.
- Arvydas and Peggy Sepety, International Service Corps volunteers who arrived in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, this month.
- "Hearts for Boston," the joint emphasis of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, the Baptist Convention of New England and Greater Boston Baptist Association to reach the Boston area with the gospel.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

- BARBOURVILLE—First Church called **Matt Fields**, of South Carolina, as minister of music. **Shane Nickell** is pastor.
- BENTON—New Bethel Church called **David York** as pastor. York was formerly pastor of Lakeview Church, Benton.
- CADIZ—Canton Church will host revival services Nov. 5-8. Pastor **Paul Cannon** will preach.
- HURRICANE Church called **Denny Francis** as music minister. **John Hart** is pastor.
- ELIZABETHTOWN—Severns Valley Church will host a single adult

- leadership conference Nov. 11 led by **Max Holt**. Reservations are needed by Nov. 5. For information, call (270) 765-4023.
- FALLS OF ROUGH—Falls of Rough Church's pastor and associate pastor have exchanged positions. Pastor **George Tichenor** became associate pastor and associate pastor **Roger Allen** became pastor.
- GLASGOW—Immanuel Church called **Isaac McDonald** of Elizabethtown as interim pastor.
- GREENSBURG—Macedonia Church called **Brad Atwell** as pastor.
- LEBANON—Lebanon Church or-

ained **Miles Van Skike** as deacon. **Wesley Noss** is pastor.

- HOPKINSVILLE—First Church called **Rodney Travis** of Missouri as pastor beginning in December.
- LOUISVILLE—Melbourne Heights Church called **Jerry Douglas** as interim minister of music. Douglas recently retired as music minister at Westport Road Church. **Bill Shoulta** is pastor of Melbourne Heights Church.
- WHITESBURG—First Church ordained **Phillip Adams**, **Jackson Banks**, **Brian Murray** and **Hiram Whitaker** as deacons. **Tony Brown** is pastor.

Missionary update

- **David and Cathy Brandon**, missionaries to Eastern Africa, are in the

States. They may be reached until Dec. 3 at Box 30, Glendale, KY 42740.

- **Ken and Tammy Cummins**, missionaries to Middle America, are in the States. They may be reached until Sept. 20, 2002, at 809 Mechanic St., Princeton, KY 42445-1245.
- **Charles and Carolyn Dixon**, missionaries to Eastern Africa, are in the States. They may be reached until Nov. 13 at 3700 Nanz Ave., Louisville, KY 40207.
- **Gene Elder**, missionary to Southern Africa, is in the States. He may be reached until Jan. 28 at 5384 Charles City Road, Richmond, VA 23231.
- **Becki Glenn**, missionary to the Caribbean Basin, is in the States. She may be reached until Dec. 21 at 1000 W. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76012.



LITERACY AWARD Helen Wilson (right), a member of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, received the 2000 D.M. Aldridge Award for English as a second language volunteers. Wilson has been a literacy volunteer for more than 20 years, according to Kentucky Baptist Convention literacy consultant Becky Carnell, who presented the award during a literacy conference in Elizabethtown.



NEW STORE Employees learn about the cash registers at the new LifeWay Christian Store in Paducah. The store, at 3480 James Sanders Blvd., held its grand opening Oct. 28. It is the 94th LifeWay store in the nation.

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SEEKING: Farmdale Baptist Church, 5610 U.S. Highway 127 South, Frankfort, Ky., is seeking three part-time positions: children's minister, youth minister and organist. Send resumé to church in care of Personnel Committee.

SEEKING: Organist for east-end (Louisville) church. Two Sunday morning services. Blended service. May also play keyboard for worship team occasionally. Contact: Gary Vidito, West Broadway Baptist Church, (502) 491-1920.

SEEKING: Blackjack Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., is seeking a part-time minister of youth. Interested candidates send resumé: Blackjack Baptist Church, PO Box 555, Franklin, KY 42135.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church of Leitchfield, Ky., seeks as its pastor a visionary who is called by God to minister to people of all ages. This position requires strong communication and leadership skills, including the willingness to empower others to lead and work with other ministers on staff. This energetic, dynamic man will have a passion for community evangelism and soul-winning as well as a loving, caring heart for guiding the spiritual development of others. Because he has a strong, disciplined prayer life, he will know when God calls him to this purpose-driven ministry. If you feel led to join God working through this church and ministries such as a new family life center, a mission church, a new Christian academy, a preschool program and children, youth, senior and music ministries, please submit a resumé to Larry Perkins, Search Chairman, 105 Moon Ave., Leitchfield, KY 42754.

SEEKING: First Southern Baptist Church of Clarksville, Ind., is seeking a team player who has a heartbeat for evangelism and discipleship to serve as full-time minister to youth and families. Send resumé to the pastor, Russell Lievers, 215 E. Ettels Lane, Clarksville, IN 47129. (812) 288-8217. fsbc@protegra.net.

SEEKING: Clear Creek Baptist Bible College seeks an adjunct instructor in English for the Spring 2001 semester. This person would teach two courses in English grammar. Must be qualified to teach English at the college level. Housing and small (adjunct) salary provided. Excellent place of mission service for semi-retired English teacher. Please call (606) 337-3196 and ask for Dr. Malcolm Hester.

SEEKING: Anchor Church, located in Erlanger (Northern), Ky., is in need of a youth minister. This is currently a part-time position (20-25 hours/week) with considerable potential with the right leadership. Send resumé to: Anchor Church, PO Box 18195, Erlanger, KY 41018; e-mail to: Anchorchurch@anchorchurch.net; or fax to: (859) 727-4329.

SEEKING: East Cadiz Baptist Church of Cadiz is seeking a full-time minister of music and youth. Send resumé to: M/Y Search Committee, East Cadiz Baptist Church, 407 Third St., Cadiz, KY 42211.

SEEKING: Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky., is seeking a full-time minister of education. Candidates are expected to have an undergraduate or seminary degree in religious education or related field. Prior experience is required—full-time or part-time experience is acceptable. Compensation package includes full benefits. Please send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Central Baptist Church, 201 W 4th St., Corbin, KY 40701.

SEEKING: Hillsdale Baptist Church in Ohio seeks part-time youth pastor. Send resumé to: hbc@bright.net.

SEEKING: Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Ky., is currently accepting resúmes for a full-time senior pastor. Main Street Baptist is a progressive Southern Baptist church located in the Northern Kentucky area. The ideal candidate to fill our senior pastor position will be highly motivated, spiritually driven and have a master's degree from an accredited seminary. This candidate will be selected to lead this rapidly growing church which is involved in a very aggressive building program. All interested parties should send resúmes with cover letters by Nov. 15, 2000, to: Main Street Baptist Church, 306 West Main St., Alexandria, KY 41001, Attn: Pastor Search Committee.

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Youth: Computers make Sunday school learning fun

By David Briggs
Cleveland Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND (RNS)—You are 12 years old. Sunday school may not be the first place you would choose to spend your time. But you're here.

So what would you rather do: sit around a table for 50 minutes listening to a teacher read Bible lessons from a book or go online and learn the same lesson playing computer games patterned after "Wheel of Fortune" or Hangman?

Well, duh!

"It's a funner way to learn. Reading out of a book makes you want to sleep," said Brian Stuckey, 12, taking time out from a "Bible Grand Slam" baseball game in which he and his classmates would rack up a 146-2 lead over the opposition by correctly answering study questions.

"I think we're more into it with the computers," added Jimmy Strickland, 11.

Translation: They actually pay attention.

One of the most resistant institutions to change in the church—the Sunday school program—is catching up with the digital age. Computer Sunday schools, where students learn their lessons on banks of computers, are making inroads.

The movement started slowly, with individual teachers bringing in bulky personal computers in the mid-1980s to quiz students.

But it is growing rapidly as Sunday schools start to catch up with the technology kids accept as part of their daily lives.

Neil MacQueen, founder of Sunday School Software in Hilliard, Ohio, said his company serves about 2,500 churches around the country. He estimates the number of churches using computers in Sunday schools is probably double that figure.

While many churches are resistant to change, he said, others are willing to try computers as they watch Sunday school attendance drop.

Computers are one part of a trend toward rotation workshops. Art, drama and computers are used on rotating weeks or months to give kids an enjoyable alternative to traditional Sunday school.

"Jesus taught the adults and played with the children. Why do we do it backward?" asked Arlene Strauch, director of Christian education at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church in Cleveland. "I try to get the story out there in as many interesting ways as I can."

Kids love it. Parents like not having to drag their kids to Sunday school.

Barna survey finds 'Christian' teens hold unorthodox views on Jesus, salvation

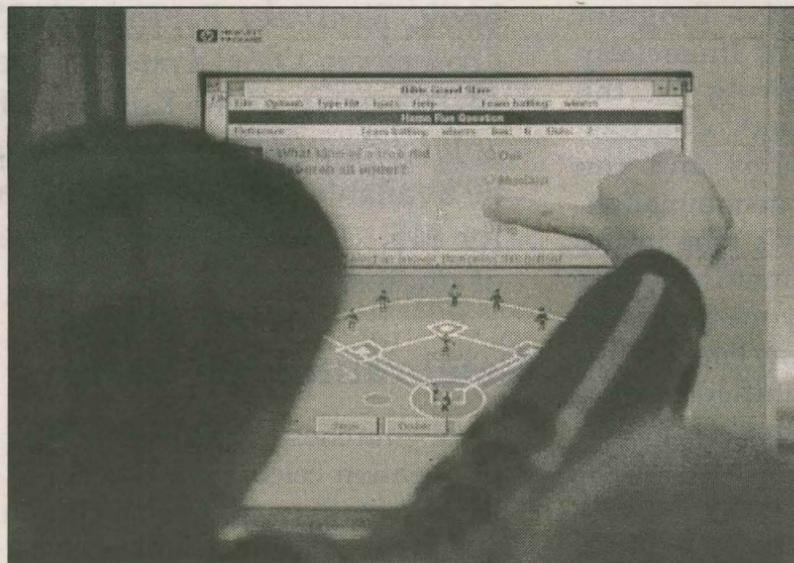
Ventura, Calif. (RNS) While an overwhelming majority of U.S. teen-agers identify themselves as Christians, many hold unorthodox—and some say troubling—views on salvation and Jesus, according to a new survey.

The survey of 605 teen-agers, conducted by evangelical pollster George Barna, found 86 percent of teen-agers were self-identified Christians, with only one-third labeling themselves "born-again."

Barna defines "born-again" as a



GRAND SLAM TEACHING Teacher Mike Richardson (above) shows David Reichlin, 11, how to work a computer Bible program. Chris Meyer, 11 (left), points out the answer on the computer program "Bible Grand Slam." Computers are used during Sunday school at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church in Cleveland to teach Bible stories and other religious knowledge. (RNS photos)



And it makes it easier to recruit teachers when they know they are not going to have to ride herd on a group of kids who don't want to be there.

At Cleveland's Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church, kids in grades one through seven spend one Sunday a month in the computer lab, where they learn Bible lessons with a combination of religious and secular software. Art and drama workshops also are part of the program.

One of their favorite computer games is "The Fall of Jericho," in which players advance from Egypt to the Promised Land by answering ques-

tions of varying difficulty. Answering more difficult questions allows the players to move more quickly toward the Promised Land.

They even go on the Internet. In learning about Jesus feeding the multitudes, for example, kids went online to visit hunger sites and learn more about contemporary approaches to feeding the poor.

At Avon Lake Presbyterian, students rotate among computer labs and art, theater and game show workshops as part of their Sunday school program.

"It keeps it interesting for them," said teacher Mike Richardson, who

supervised sixth-graders in the computer lab on a recent Sunday. "When they come in here, they have a lot of fun with it. They like computers in general."

Around him, three girls are talking excitedly over a Bible journey game similar to "The Fall of Jericho." A couple of boys are jawing over the questions in "Bible Grand Slam," while in another corner several boys join forces in a game of Bible Hangman.

"It's like one of my favorite activities," said Margaret Mackie, 11. "I like playing with the computer. It's a fun way of learning about the Bible."

What would Jesus think about the use of computers?

"He would think it would be an easier way to learn, and he'd like it a lot," said David Reichlin, 11.

Strauch, the Christian education director, agrees.

"He (God) created the computers. He made them possible. I think He's thrilled when we use anything He created to help learn His stories."

person who has a personal relationship with Jesus and believes that faith in Him will result in eternal life in heaven.

When it comes to traditional Christian teachings, however, U.S. teens share beliefs not traditionally embraced by most churches. More than half—53 percent—said they believed Jesus Christ committed sins while on Earth, and two-thirds said Satan is more a symbol of evil than a real being.

About 60 percent of teens said a

person can gain salvation through good works—a concept rejected by evangelical Christians and a centuries-old debate that led to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. Three out of five teenagers also agreed the Bible is "totally accurate" in all its teaching, with born-again teens twice as likely to believe the Bible is accurate in its entirety.

Teens also said they were mostly lukewarm in their faith; one-third described themselves as "absolutely com-

mitted," while half said they were "moderately committed" and about one-fifth are "less committed."

Barna said these "well-intentioned but misinformed faith perspectives" raise troubling questions for the church.

"The bottom line is that today's teens think they have learned and absorbed whatever the Christian faith has to offer and are therefore not questioning their spiritual beliefs, and are not open to being challenged in their views," Barna said.

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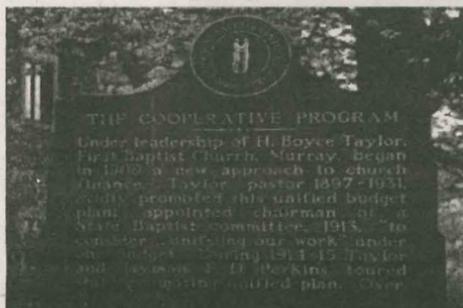
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Bill D. Whittaker, Editor

Convention Creates A New Service Unit

The 1999 annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention approved the dissolution of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and the creation of The Kentucky Baptist Archives. The action sought "to assure the collection, preservation, and retrospection of Kentucky Baptist history." The work and services of the Kentucky Baptist Archives was assigned to the KBC Executive Board. A twelve-member Advisory Board with "professional or vocational expertise in historical preservation" was created to bring "beneficial guidance to this service unit."

75 Years of Support Through The Cooperative Program



Cooperative Program Historical Marker. First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky.

It was in 1925 that the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the Cooperative Program method of financially underwriting the mission work of the state conventions and the national denomination. Kentucky's part in the development of this voluntary method came

from H. Boyce Taylor, 33-year pastor of Murray First Baptist. In 1900, he led the church to adopt a unified budget approach. Taylor served on a state committee and toured the state promoting the "co-operative" approach to mission support. The General Association of Kentucky Baptists adopted the plan in 1915. Since 1925, Kentucky Baptists have given \$455,842,357 through the Cooperative Program.

Meet Archivist Cheryl Doty

Lexington native Cheryl Doty secured an undergraduate degree in community health from the University of Kentucky. While there she met and married Phil, an FBI agent. They moved to New York, and Cheryl earned a Master's in Library Science at Rutgers University. She was librarian for the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and after Phil was transferred back to Kentucky she was librarian at UK Medical Center.



Amanda was born in 1980 and Matthew in 1982. When the children started to school, she came to the Baptist Building to catalog the video collection and stayed on in 1994 to help Doris Yeiser with the Historical Commission. Cheryl became archivist in 1996. Amanda is a UK sophomore and Matthew plays basketball as a freshman at Transylvania. "So far, it's been a real blast, with blessings beyond measure, and it's an honor to serve Kentucky Baptists," Cheryl stated.

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New History Volume Published

Murray historian Duane Bolin has completed the book, *Kentucky Baptists, 1925-2000, A Story of Cooperation*. Official release is set for the November 14-15 session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Bolin will be available to autograph the book that will retail for \$15. The 350-page volume contains 50 pages of photos.

Celebrating 200 Years

Nine churches in fellowship with the Kentucky Baptist Convention celebrate 200 years of ministry during 2000. Representatives from each church have been invited to attend the convention and receive a special certificate from The Kentucky Baptist Archives. Some messengers plan to dress in 1800 style apparel. **Congratulations to:**

- ◆Aetna Grove, Summersville;
- ◆Corn Creek, Milton;
- ◆Dry Run, Georgetown;
- ◆Eighteen Mile, LaGrange;
- ◆Freedom, Lancaster;
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- ◆Kings, Taylorsville;
- ◆Upper Silver Creek, Berea

Church History Workshop Available

The KBC Archives is available to work with local churches or associations to sponsor a **Church History Workshop**. The approximately five-hour workshop features three sessions: church or association archives, writing your church or association history, and celebrating significant historical events. The workshop can provide information and assistance to history committee members, clerks and others interested in preserving, writing and celebrating histories and anniversaries. At least five people need to attend. Contact Cheryl Doty at 502-245-4101 (ext 324) or email at cheryl_doty@kybaptist.org.