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New world forces many Baptist missionaries to rethink strategy

By Brittany Jarvis
SBC International Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries who have had to relocate because of terrorist threats against Americans and Christians worldwide are seeking God's wisdom about how to get the gospel to their people groups in a dramatically different world.

"There are two meanings to the word 'retreat,'" said Avery Willis, the International Mission Board's senior vice president of overseas operations.

"One of the meanings is to say we are going to withdraw from the battle. The other meaning describes a spiritual retreat—a time to step back in order to return to the battle and be more effective."

Willis recently visited relocated missionaries who serve Muslim people groups. Many are using their involuntary retreat time to regroup and strategize about how to continue work among their people group. Missionaries are learning to work through others to reach their people group or planning to move to other areas where pockets of their people group are located. Sometimes the move is to another country, and sometimes it is simply from rural areas to cities.

"We've got missionaries who are frustrated that they have to move out of their place of service at this moment, and on the other hand missionaries who are genuinely concerned about what's going to happen," Willis said. "But one thing is sure: No one wants to leave."

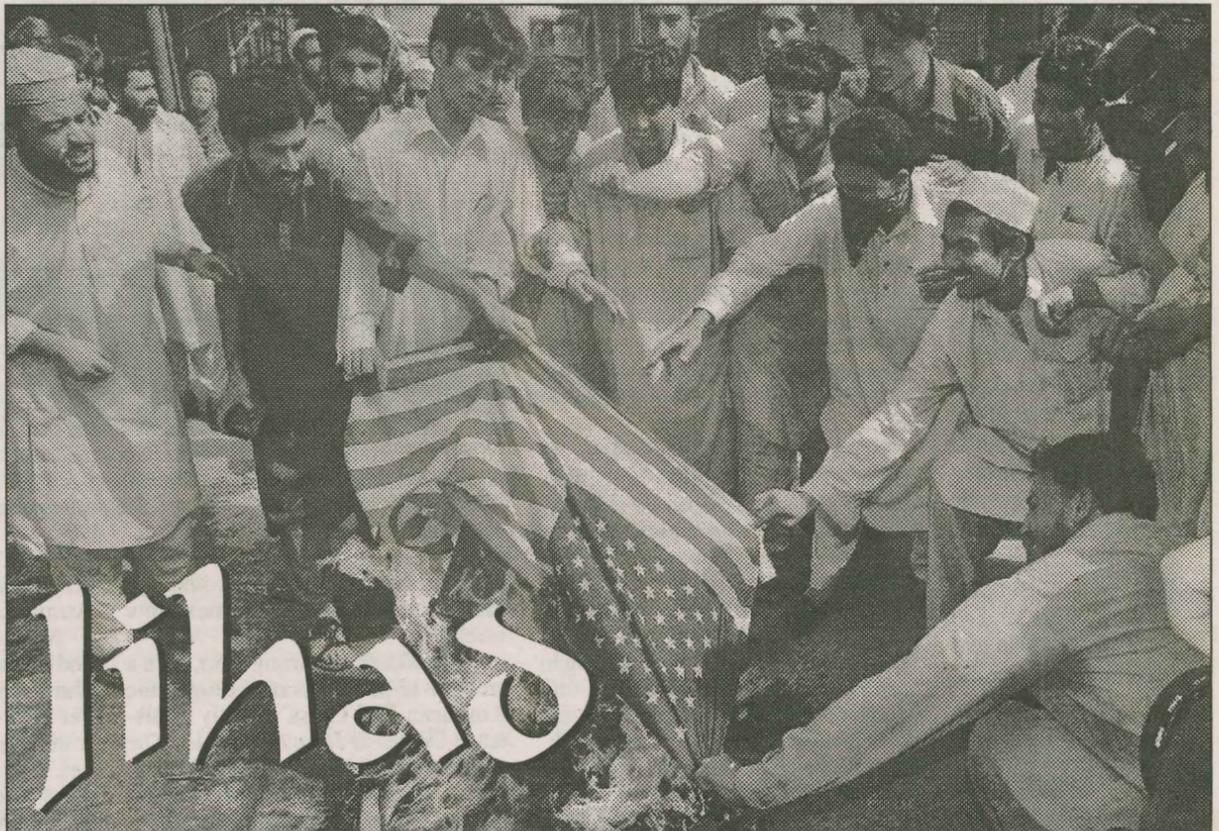
"They recognize that they will have to do things in a different way in many locations," Willis said. "But they are focused on the same strategy: reaching every people group and giving every person a chance to hear, understand and respond to the gospel."

Willis said the board has taken steps to protect missionaries.

"We're telling (missionaries) to be on alert depending on the level of activity or threat in the country," he said. "We take all the warnings we get from the State Department and our own sources and try to give that information to the regional leaders and people on the front lines so they can make decisions on the right basis."

During a crisis, regional leadership works with missionaries and other IMB leadership

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HOLY WAR While many people portray Islam as a peaceful religion, some observers note it does have a history of violence that some followers still draw from. ■ Above: Protestors burn an American flag outside a mosque Oct. 8, in Peshawar, Pakistan, near the border of Afghanistan. ■ Below: A photo from a video of Osama bin Laden (Photos by Chris Hondros/Getty Images and RNS/Reuters)

'Peaceful' Islam has some warring followers

By David Winfrey
News Director

LOUISVILLE—If the Islamic faith teaches peace, then why do some Muslim groups seem to want to destroy America?

Osama bin Laden might be perverting Islam for his own desires, but a professor of comparative religions, a Christian worker who lived in Afghanistan and other observers noted that violence is still an accepted religious practice to many Muslims.

"The use of force to accomplish religious ends is very much a part of Islamic tradition," said Jim Chancellor, professor of comparative religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. "Just as it was very much a part of the Christian tradition up to a couple hundred years ago."

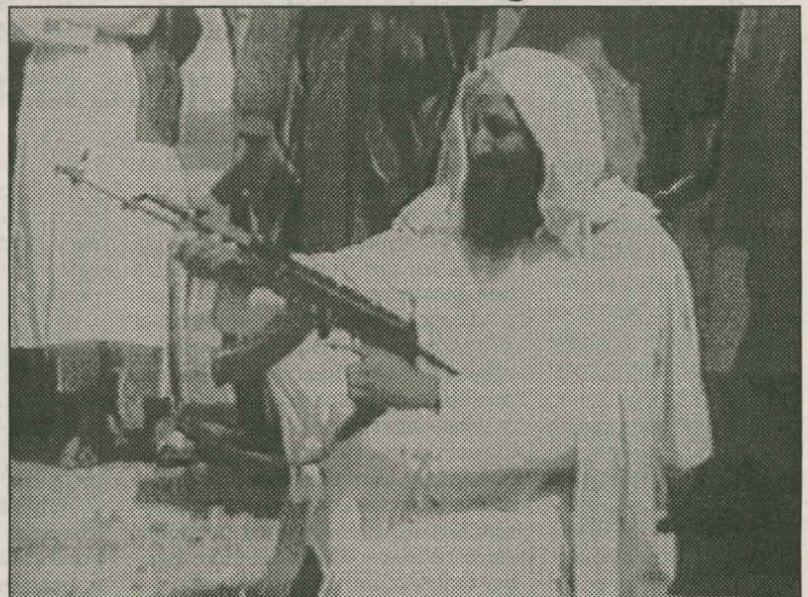
Chancellor and others insist that the vast majority of Muslims worldwide oppose the type of attacks carried out on Sept. 11.

Still, many Muslims favor the political and religious goals of the Al Qaeda group linked to the attacks.

And a combination of politics, history and faith influence some Muslims to accept a broad definition of "jihad" that includes attacks against Americans.

To understand Islam's impact on the governments that they influence, it's important to realize that many Muslim-dominated countries don't separate mosque and state, said "Steve Smith" a Christian worker who previously lived in Afghanistan and who asked not to be identified.

"Even in (Islamic) areas and in countries that aren't controlled by people like the Taliban, ... Islam is not the religion, it is the way of life," said Smith, who lived more than five years



in Afghan and surrounding areas. "It's been said to me many times, 'I am an Uzbek,' or 'I am an Afghan. Therefore I am a Muslim.'"

As a result, the Koran, Islam's holy book and the Hadith, a collection of teachings based on the Koran and the prophet Mohammed's life, are used to influence all aspects of life, Smith said. "You cannot separate Islam from their daily lives, and you can't separate Islam from the political life."

"Islam has always had a problem with pluralism," noted George Braswell, a professor of missions and world religions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Wake Forest, N.C.

"Islam does have a propensity to divide the world into two parts," explained Braswell, author of "What You Need to Know About Islam and Muslims."

One part is Islam, considered "ex-

cellent," and the other is seen as "ignorance" in need of being brought under the influence of Islam.

Just as Muslim-dominated countries combine their faith and culture, they also link Christianity with the characteristics of American society. As a result, Chancellor said, "Baywatch" and MTV are viewed as outgrowths of a Christian culture.

Many Muslims overseas know about America solely from U.S. television, Smith added. "They were shocked that I did not smoke, that I did not drink, that I still had only one wife," he said. "I had people ask me if I own a gun."

In opposing Western influence, the most extreme fundamental Muslims, and the countries and organizations they control, look to Islam's violent past for instructions on how to handle their conflicts today.

□ See *'Peaceful' ...*, page 7

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BAPTIST DIGEST

■ **Georgia's Baptist Women in Ministry** organization moved its Oct. 26-27 meeting from a Georgia Baptist Convention conference center after being advised the gathering would be monitored for content and shut down if deemed offensive by convention officials. According to a letter from GBC Executive Director Robert White, the group would be allowed to meet at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center only if it met guidelines including no criticism of the Southern Baptist Convention, no support for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and no promotion of women serving as senior pastors.

■ **Officials at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** in Fort Worth, Texas, recently dedicated the J.W. "Jack" MacGorman Conference Center. The center is an \$11 million component of the newly constructed \$22 million Ralph M. Smith Leadership Development Complex. The conference center, named for Southwestern's distinguished professor emeritus of New Testament, "was born out of a vision to enable Southwestern to meet the need for continuing education and training for ministry," said Southwestern President Ken Hemphill.

Relief workers serve 300,000-plus meals

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers continue as a major supplier of hot meals to the American Red Cross for distribution to search and rescue workers and others in New York City and Washington, D.C.

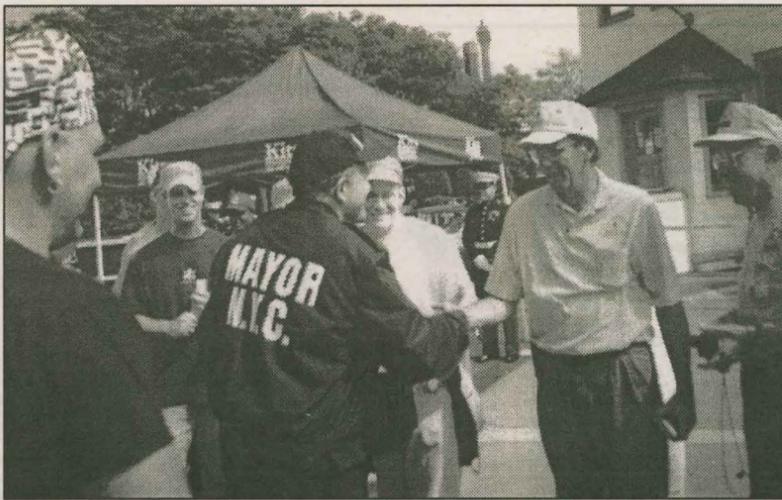
As of Oct. 12, Southern Baptist volunteers had prepared 305,558 meals and logged a total of 5,163 volunteer days.

David Dean, executive director of Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, expressed appreciation to chaplains and disaster relief workers who "came to cook, counsel, encourage and just be with us as we find our way through this national time of grief."

"Thank you is insufficient for all the prayers, cards, gifts of Bibles, calls, e-mails and generous checks," Dean added. "We have persevered by the prayers of God's people."

Southern Baptist mobile kitchen operations have been consolidated at the Floyd Bennett Airport in Brooklyn. Volunteers from Ohio, Michigan and Virginia are helping staff a unit from a consortium of Baptist conventions including New York, New England, Pennsylvania/South Jersey and Maryland/Delaware. Other teams from Illinois, Ohio and Michigan have been activated to serve at the site, which is scheduled to close the evening of Oct. 18. Also at the site are shower units from North Carolina.

Kentucky Baptist volunteers prepared more than 50,000 meals during the first four weeks after the disaster. They concluded their work last week



WORDS OF THANKS New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani toured a Southern Baptist disaster relief site in New York and thanked volunteers for their work. Southern Baptist disaster relief workers have logged more than 5,000 volunteer days in New York and Washington since Sept. 11. (BP photo)

but may be asked to assist other disaster relief teams in the next few weeks.

A childcare unit from Ohio, with a crew of 12 people, is operating at the American Red Cross' Family Assistance Center in Jersey City, N.J. The volunteers care for children of families seeking assistance at the center, most of whom suffered property damage or lost their homes in the terrorist attacks.

A team of 14 volunteers from Florida were scheduled to assist this week at a Salvation Army mobile kitchen in lower Manhattan. Other teams from South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Missouri and Georgia are

scheduled to work with the Salvation Army site over the next 30 days.

Meanwhile, donors from 40 states and Canada have given nearly \$1 million for Southern Baptist disaster relief effort, much of which has come from donations online at www.namb.net. Checks designated for disaster relief also may be sent to NAMB at Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368-6543. Phone inquiries may be directed to (888) 440-6262.

The Southern Baptist disaster relief network, which includes more than 20,000 trained volunteers, is coordinated nationally by the North American Mission Board in cooperation with state Baptist conventions.

Trustees resolve issues with president; vp on permanent 'leave'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved a severance package Oct. 8 for a vice president earlier placed on administrative leave over conflict with the seminary's new president.

Terms of severance for Michael Whitehead, vice president for business affairs since 1995 and former interim president, were not disclosed.

The action took place behind closed doors at a special meeting requested by 13 of the school's 34 trustees to investigate allegations of irregularities by Phil Roberts, president since February of the Southern Baptist Convention seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Those charges, circulated among board members this summer in an e-mail from Mississippi trustee Gary Peek, involved improper use of seminary funds for personal travel and a lack of communication between the president and trustees.

A trustee leader said issues brought to the table in the called meeting were "resolved." A statement released after the meeting said trustees "affirmed support" of Roberts and looked forward to his official inauguration later this month.

Whitehead's departure reportedly leaves no one in the seminary's business office with an accounting degree or experience.

Trustees reportedly arranged with

two other seminary presidents—Al Molher of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Paige Patterson of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—and SBC president James Merritt, to "mentor" Roberts in assembling an administrative staff and other leadership decisions.

Roberts told ABP he pledged better communication with trustees. Some of the trustees critical of Roberts prior to the meeting said they were less concerned about the seriousness of charges leveled against him than with frustration from being unable to get their questions answered.

Roberts said he believed "problems" linger on the trustee board related to his predecessor, whom trust-

Merritt outlines nominee profile

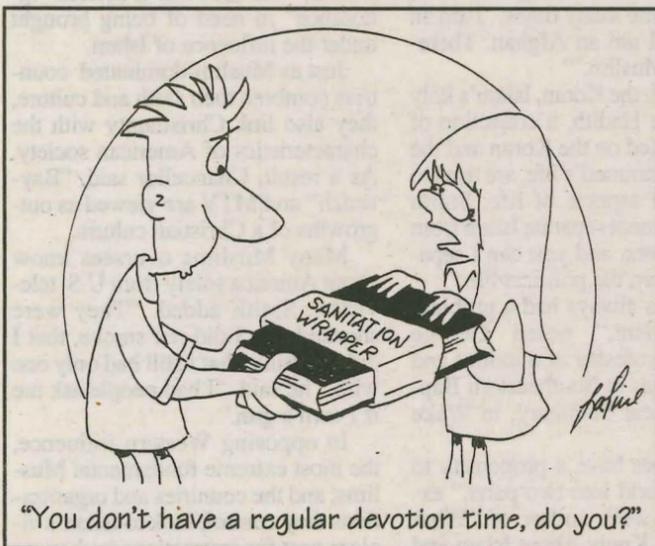
NASHVILLE (BP)—Seeking Southern Baptist nominees who are "fully supportive of our 2000 edition of the Baptist Faith and Message," Southern Baptist Convention President James Merritt announced his guidelines for appointing key SBC committees.

Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga., said he will accept nominations through Nov. 1. He will appoint the SBC Committee on Committees, which selects members of the Committee on Nominations who recommend trustees for SBC entities to the SBC annual meeting. He also will name members to the convention's Resolutions Committee, Credentials Committee and Tellers Committee.

Merritt said nominees should have "a very high level of spiritual commitment first of all to our wonderful Lord and secondly to our convention."

He said each nominee also should have "a burning passion for reaching people for Christ by carrying out the mandate of the Great Commission" and be "a faithful contributor to our Cooperative Program."

Nomination forms are available from Snellville First Baptist Church, Box 647, Snellville, GA 30078; phone, (770) 978-5736; e-mail, sbcfbc@bellsouth.net; and fax (770) 982-0906.



NAMB adopts policy for ties to new conventions

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board approved guidelines Oct. 3 for NAMB's cooperation with new state conventions.

The guidelines provide a structure for dealing with new state conventions within geographic boundaries of existing conventions, said Harry Lewis, director of NAMB's strategy coordination team. NAMB typically works with state conventions to develop "cooperative agreements" for funding missionaries and other mission efforts.

A task force of trustees, state convention leaders and NAMB staff developed the guidelines. Lewis said the guidelines affect only NAMB's posi-

tion in partnering with new state conventions, not their legitimacy.

"We know the autonomy of their position," he said. "They can choose to become a fellowship or a convention. But the guidelines basically specify the conditions in which we would determine whether we form a formal agreement with them."

General provisions specify that conventions should be representative of all people groups, defined by a geographical boundary, "compatible with current policies of NAMB and doctrinal positions of the SBC" and singularly aligned with the SBC. Also, "all jointly funded staff, missionaries and endorsed chaplains must conform

with and agree to minister consistent with and not contrary to" the current Baptist Faith and Message statement.

Trustees also voted to maintain NAMB's policy on appointment of missionaries who have experienced divorce. A motion introduced at the Southern Baptist Convention asked NAMB to consider changes that included allowing missionaries who "have been divorced for biblical reasons" to serve as church planters and senior pastors. "Under the current policies, divorced individuals may serve in numerous missionary roles (assuming certain other guidelines are met), except for the role of senior pastor," trustees responded.

Mohler supports Faith & Message study committee report

By David Winfrey
News Director

LOUISVILLE—The recommendation by a Kentucky Baptist Convention study group regarding the 2000 version of the Baptist Faith and Message has gotten the backing of one of the shapers of that doctrinal statement.

"I think at this strategic time in Kentucky Baptist Convention life, this committee has well articulated where Kentucky Baptists are," said Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention committee that produced the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message.

Mohler offered his endorsement of the KBC committee's work last week during a meeting sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network.

The KBC study group's report, which will be presented at the convention's annual meeting Nov. 14 in Murray, states that Kentucky Baptists adopt the Bible as the basis for their faith and practice. The statement notes that Baptists have used various confessions of faith to better explain their understanding of the Bible.

In its recommendation, the committee states that Kentucky Baptists "acknowledge the value of all these documents," especially the 1742 Philadelphia Confession of Faith, the 1833 New Hampshire Confession of Faith and the Baptist Faith and Message

statement of 1925 with revisions in 1963, 1998 and 2000.

"We encourage Kentucky Baptist congregations and associations to use confessions of faith as resources to inform and edify Kentucky Baptists concerning the basic tenets of our faith," the recommendation continues.

Rather than rejecting all doctrinal statements or adopting only the 2000 version of the Baptist Faith and Message, "the committee took a middle course," Mohler told approximately 25 people attending the laymen's meeting at Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville. "And it is, I think, a historic middle course."

The recommendation is historic, he said because it asks messengers to affirm the use of doctrinal statements, "pointing Kentucky Baptists toward something they had not yet done before."

"It is a remarkable step, a very important step for this state convention to here articulate five historic Baptist confessions of faith as resources and endorse the statements for Kentucky Baptists' consideration," Mohler said.

Kentucky Baptists have passed one resolution regarding the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message in 1973. It encouraged Kentucky Baptists to "familiarize" themselves with the statement. It also encouraged personnel with the

KBC's boards, agencies and institutions "to conduct themselves in accordance with this statement."

Mohler said his "ultimate goal" is for all groups affiliated with the SBC to adopt the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message "joyfully and consensually and eagerly."

"I want to see Southern Baptists stand as closely together as we can possibly stand in conviction and in cooperation," he said. "I want you to hear me: I am not first and foremost a partisan for the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. I am an advocate of biblical truth."

Mohler added that he thinks other committees had the same goal that state conventions would adopt their statements. "And I think I can say without any hesitation that is the goal of the 2000 committee as well," he said. "We understand that that cannot be done by force, that cannot be done by coercion. It can only be done by the compelling nature of the statement itself."

During his address, Mohler outlined the history of confessional statements for Southern Baptists, saying each was balanced between issues and statements that could be assumed and "that which must be articulated."

Mohler said he believes that more groups will adopt the 2000 Baptist



Mohler

Faith and Message to counter the message of society and other groups.

"Sadly, I believe that the events and the issues and the controversies of the larger culture will focus Baptist minds ever more keenly on the Scriptures and direct them ever more urgently toward this confession of faith."

Jerry Johnson, an employee in the seminary's development office and a consultant for Kentucky Baptist Laymen, said he'll be interested to see if moderates in the state will support a statement that acknowledges the 2000 version. "What's great about this report is it puts 2000 on a par with '63, on a par with '25 and New Hampshire."

Kentucky Baptist Laymen President John Michael said some people hoped the KBC study committee would have supported the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message more strongly.

"The motion supports it, but it's a generalized support. It's not explicitly holding it out as the statement of faith for Kentucky Baptists. That's what a lot of us would like to see."

The organization likely will recommend an action on the report to its members, but it hasn't yet decided what the recommendation will be, he said. "We respect Dr. Mohler a lot and he'll certainly be an influence on our thinking, but there are a lot of people who are going to think for themselves as well."

BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Warren Baptist Association** messengers adopted a resolution affirming "the efforts of our nation to insure freedom for all people." The resolution, adopted during the association's semi-annual meeting, expressed support for "godly efforts to keep our nation free from evil and terroristic attacks that may take away or limit our freedoms." It pledged prayer for those who might have to risk their lives to defend freedom and for God's protection of innocent people around the world.

■ **Kentucky Baptist youth ministers** will hold a 2001 Fall Tune Up Nov. 12 in Murray. The event, hosted by the Kentucky Baptist Youth Ministers Association, is a prayer and resource retreat for youth ministers and their spouses. Registration is \$25 per youth leader; spouse registration is free. For information, call (502) 245-4101, ext. 204, or register online at www.kbyma.com.

■ **Enrollment at Mid-Continent College** near Mayfield has more than tripled in the past three years, reported President Bob Imhoff. Fall enrollment topped 600 students, a growth rate of 260 percent since 1998. Imhoff attributed the increase to adding sports teams; travel study for traditional, college-age students; and an accelerated degree completion program for non-traditional students.

■ **Cumberland College** earned top honors for broadcast journalism at the inaugural Baptist Press Student Evangelism Conference Sept. 27-29 in Nashville. Cumberland President Jim Taylor cited the work of "students and staff who laboriously face the task of creating and implementing an excellent journalism broadcast program."

Association builds temporary apartments for LaGrange homeless

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

LA GRANGE—Several once-homeless families are settling into new apartments near downtown LaGrange, thanks to a program backed by Sulphur Fork Baptist Association.

Last month, Good News Homes dedicated its first apartment complex for families in transition. Rent and utility fees are based on income. Families can rent the apartments up to a year while searching for permanent housing.

Located on First Street, the four-unit building was completed for about \$150,000, with 100 volunteers saving the agency an estimated \$80,000 on construction costs. The three-bedroom apartments are furnished with stoves, refrigerators and microwave ovens.

Rick Lucas, associational director of missions, said many of the people looking for short-term housing are single mothers abandoned by their husbands or who are struggling financially after a divorce.

Lucas said many residents in the generally-affluent bedroom community of Louisville have been surprised that such problems exist. "In every community there are people who need help as they struggle back on their feet," he said. "This has been a real witness to our community."

Good News Homes is a non-profit organization, incorporated three years ago by the 21-church association, which spans Oldham and Trimble counties. A 12-member board will govern the new agency.

Lucas said inspiration came from



RING OF PRAYER Builders pray before resuming work on a set of four apartments built by Sulphur Fork Baptist Association in LaGrange. The apartments were recently finished and dedicated. (Photo by Tommy Purvis)

Pulaski Baptist Association in Somerset, which builds low-cost housing for elderly and disabled people.

About five years ago Sulphur Fork's Baptist Builders helped frame three duplexes in southeastern Kentucky, sparking a vision for a similar effort locally, Lucas said.

Early last year, Good News Homes acquired its first transitional unit, a double-wide mobile home formerly used by a mission church in Rolling Hills Trailer Park.

The first occupants were a couple and their teenage son who had been evicted from their home. They were prepared to split up to stay with relatives or friends, according to Harold Smith, chairman of the Good News board of directors.

But after five months of living in the mobile home and paying only for utilities, they saved enough money for a house down payment, Smith said.

"They could have paid rent, but the purpose was to help them get back on their feet," said Smith, a LaGrange attorney and member of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church.

"The blessing I've seen is families taken in without being split up," he said. "Once a family splits up, too many things can happen. They fall apart and might not get back together."

Three families moved into the La Grange apartments soon after the dedication ceremony.

In addition to its residential units, Good News Home recently assumed

responsibility for the Oldham County Repair Fair, a housing rehabilitation program for elderly residents.

At the first event in August, volunteers repaired 10 homes, doing such tasks as painting, fixing porches, replacing windows, repairing roofs and trimming shrubbery.

"This has been an amazing experience for our folks to see," Lucas said, "to see something we've prayed about for several years come together in such a short time. We're amazed to see God bring together the resources."

Program director Rose Boyd said the new apartment residents often talk about how relieved they are to have a place to live. Boyd, who is Catholic, said she is impressed with Good News' inter-denominational approach.

"This is the most wonderful thing I've ever been involved with," Boyd said. "The people and what they've done amazes me. I feel proud to be involved."

A social worker who has worked in hospitals and residential treatment units, Boyd said this kind of intensive help is better suited to helping families overcome social problems.

In addition to low-cost housing, she is working on getting residents help with finances and personal counseling and directing them to various social service agencies.

Current program needs include four sets of new or used washers and dryers, and volunteers willing to counsel people about finances or other problems. Donations also are needed to pay down the \$80,000 mortgage. For more information, contact the office at (502) 225-0351.

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Integrity at stake

The report from the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Baptist Faith and Message study committee did not address the central issues at stake before the KBC. How can we settle for recommending local use of the 2000 BF&M "to inform and edify" when major problems with content and process are involved?

As to content, the BF&M dismisses Christ as the criterion of our faith and the norm of all biblical interpretation. Jesus is thus no more authoritative than Moses, and His teachings no more important than the Levitical Code.

The treatment of Ephesians 5 and the "gracious submission of the wife" distorts and misrepresents the biblical text, as any good exegete knows.

The soul competence of each believer is denied and a shift is made to the "priesthood of all believers" as a way to justify centralized authority.

As to procedure, the BF&M is being used by the Southern Baptist Convention as a creedal test. Every convention employee and seminary professor is required to accept and agree to teach in accord with the 2000 statement. Those who refuse are terminated. Scholars who know better are prevented from criticizing or correcting the bad theology and ethics that permeate the document. Conscience is captive to creedal conformity.

This strategy is simply to control all avenues of thought and interpretation and everyone will believe all this nonsense within a generation. They will have heard no other opinion.

Kentucky Baptists will either approve the report and repress the outrage against the Bible and the insult to women and human rights or reject the report and say "no" to the 2000 BF&M.

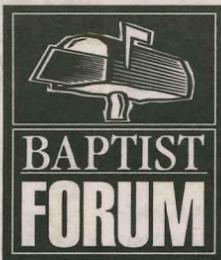
A courageous protest is required.

We can't be Baptists and tolerate a march toward creedalism and centralized authority. The choice is unpleasant but necessary. Integrity often is painful. Ask those professors forced out at Southwestern Seminary!

Paul Simmons
Louisville

Report commended

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Baptist Faith and Message study committee had done a good job and deserves our appreciation and commendation for their report which will be presented to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November.



They have asked for prayers as they undertook a long and strenuous period to arrive at the conclusions offered. To chairman Charles Barnes and members of the committee, I express my thanks for the many hours they have given to this task.

To be sure, the report will not satisfy everyone, but it will place the matter on each church to make its own decision.

At this time in our history, we need to do all in our power to seek the wisdom and will of our Father in heaven to find avenues of togetherness, not matters that divide.

One more thing I have come to love and appreciate is the work and accomplishment of the KBC and its leaders. The leaders of our Executive Board have faithfully led us and through our leader, Dr. Bill Mackey, and his excellent corps of leaders on the staff, we have many fine examples of blessings to our churches, for which I extend my thanks.

My earnest prayer is that we all will continue praying for God's leadership and power and accept more of the challenge expressed more than two centuries ago by William Carey, fa-

ther of the modern missionary movement, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

G. Allen West
Louisville

Conference blessings

For years the Mountain Missions Conference has been held at Oneida Baptist Institute. It was first started so that the underpaid pastors and their families in Eastern Kentucky could have a vacation. The conference is held for a week in late July and early August.

Mountain Missions Director David Aker and his assistant, Teresa Parrott, get the very best speakers, preachers and Bible teachers from all over the state. The preacher this year was Larry Griffin. Mike Spencer, this year's Bible study teacher, taught the first 12 chapters of Genesis and it was truly great.

Anyone can attend the conference. All you have to do is send in a reservation to receive a room assignment. I had two wonderful roommates this year, Teresa Parrott and Belinda Riley.

Belinda and her husband are working in the town of Lynch. It was once a thriving coal town of 10,000 people and now it is a very poor town of 1,000 people with no work.

God is doing wonderful things in Eastern Kentucky. In October the people will go off welfare and there already are 31 sites giving food, clothing and spiritual food to the people. Truckloads of materials are being sent to these sites from Indiana, Georgia and other states. Paint, roofing supplies, flooring, food and clothing are being brought in.

Let me encourage you to make plans to attend the Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida next year. It will be an experience you will never forget and your cup will run over with blessings.

Ella Mae Baker
Somerset

PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

Pursuing new initiatives

During 28 listening sessions I conducted in August with more than 400 Kentucky Baptists, one of the questions addressed was: "What new initiatives will be needed by the churches for effective ministry?" Ten common initiatives that emerged from more than 200 suggestions are:

■ **Practice creative outreach and evangelism.** Churches will need to connect with the interests of people and go where people are (truck stops, trailer parks, schools, etc.).

■ **Redefine ministry.** Churches will need to evaluate their ministries and customize them to meet practical needs and reach people for Christ. Kentucky Baptists must focus outside the church and connect members to needs.

■ **Add options.** Churches will need to consider options in schedules for worship, Sunday school and ministries; provide variety in ministries; and be innovative with options to meet needs.

■ **Expect discipleship.** Churches

will need to teach new members what is expected, organize prayer ministries, provide support groups and prepare members to challenge secularism. They must teach faith as a way of life and prepare members to follow God's purpose.



Bill Mackey

■ **Define the purpose of the church.** Churches will need to understand church and community needs, establish priorities based on God's vision and prepare for transitions.

■ **Establish a positive image.** Churches need to be welcoming, provide hospitality for people on the move and utilize technology. They also should share about ministries with broad appeal such as disaster relief and world hunger funds.

■ **New paradigms for equipping and resourcing leaders.** New approaches, such as mentoring, are needed to expedite the equipping of leaders. More assistance is needed for bivocational churches and pastors.

■ **Connect people to God in worship.** Efforts are needed to resolve the

conflict over music styles. People have a hunger for God and expect to meet God in worship. Churches need assistance in providing balance to meet multi-generational needs.

■ **Minister to all family shapes.** Churches will need to help blended families and single parents, provide resources for ministries with senior adults, involve youth in ministry, develop a more positive attitude toward divorcees and seek to help families before crises.

■ **Provide congregations for all groups.** Churches will need to befriend cultural groups, provide interfaith studies and be involved in starting new work for unreached Anglo and language groups.

One pastor wisely stated, "The KBC staff will need to prioritize their focus. You can't do everything." Pray for the KBC staff as we process the information from the listening sessions, the 2000 census data, the annual church profile data and our own research over the past three years as we seek God's direction in serving Kentucky Baptists more effectively.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

FAMILY

Manage finances carefully during good & bad times

By Jeremy White

Terrorists attack our country. The stock market has significant



losses during its first weeks of resumed trading. Major industries, such as airlines, hotels and construction, suddenly slow. The

U.S. initiates a military response.

Given the significant changes during the past month, what actions should you take with your personal finances?

Holding onto your money and not spending almost seem unpatriotic now. On the other hand, spending very freely (as if to support the economy single-handedly) may go against one's natural tendency to conserve.

The more I have considered what financial steps to take, the more I realize the necessity of focusing on the fundamentals.

In so many areas of life, the attacks in New York and Washington brought a sharper focus for us. They cut away the clutter, the urgent, the trivial. If we apply that same focus to our finances, then we should be doing the basics: giving, reducing debt, increasing savings.

Rather than trying to do something suddenly or based on emotion, consider the same steps I recommended a few years ago to Western Recorder readers. If you work through this sequential, biblically-based plan, you will have less financial frustration and more financial freedom.

You will find that completing these steps will benefit you in good times and in bad times:

■ **Remove attitudes of indulgence, greed and envy** (Luke 12:15, Proverbs 21:17, James 4:1-3).

■ **Be content, thankful and patient** (Hebrews 13:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

■ **Be a "hilarious" giver** (2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 6:38).

■ **Spend less than you earn** (Proverbs 27:23, 21:5).

■ **Set aside at least \$500 in a savings account** (Proverbs 27:12).

■ **Pay off high-interest debt** (Proverbs 22:7).

■ **Save three to six months of living expenses** (Proverbs 21:20).

■ **Save for major purchases** (Proverbs 6:6-8).

■ **Pay off all debt** (Psalm 37:21, Nehemiah 5:2-5).

■ **Invest for long-term goals** (Matthew 25:14-30, Proverbs 31:16).

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

How can couples balance goals of parenthood & dual careers?

Q: When my husband and I first got married, we decided we both wanted to work even after we had children. Now that our son is 4 months old, I just started back to work. I'm tired all the time and would love to quit work and stay home. However, my husband still wants us both to work so we can have the things we talked about when we first got married. What can we do?

Many women are not prepared for the real change that having a baby brings to their careers and marriages. One root concern is how you as a couple negotiate shifts from the positions you took when you first got married.

Couples sometimes think they are able to set goals that don't require any change through the years. All marriages need to manage changes that demand give and take from both partners.

Determine which goals you consider essential and which ones merely are something you'd like to have. The question Jesus wants us to explore is, "What does our family need to grow spiritually?"

The answer to that question is not the same for every couple or family. Spiritual maturity includes developing individually, as a couple and as a family. Some women flourish by working professionally. Other women feel constantly "pulled" when working outside the home.

Another concern is what is best for the child. A key issue is the importance of care givers connecting emotionally and spiritually with children. You might find a great child care facility in a neighborhood church or have a relative provide child care. Another option is to quit work temporarily and return to work when the child is older.

Whatever you decide needs to be supported by your husband. Perhaps he could take on more child care. Whatever your decision, determine if your child seems well adjusted and well connected to you. If so, thank God for your blessing of a happy family.—*Suzanne Coyle*

Q: As a single young adult in my late 20s, I'm looking for some general guidance in my life. My life is filled with good things, yet I come home exhausted. I want to live my life for Christ. Any suggestions?

Consider writing a personal mission statement, what business author Stephen Covey calls "beginning with the end in mind." Also, visualize your own funeral five years from now. Imagine four people giving your eulogy—one each from your family, church, workplace and community. What would you want them to say about you? Use those values to formulate a statement of what your life is all about.

Make a list of people who have made meaningful contributions to your life: living or dead, historical figures or people you have known. What characteristic do you most admire about each one of them? These values also should be considered when working on such a statement.

Also, do a spiritual gifts inventory, ideally with a personality inventory as well. Your pastor likely will have access to a program such as Network, which comes from Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago.

Finally, get some "margins" in your life. Work less hours, take your lunch break, take your vacation. Allow God to restore you and speak to your heart. There are many good books on the spiritual disciplines, the classic probably being Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline." Don't be overwhelmed by all the options. Just choose a discipline you're not currently doing and commit to using it to carve out more time for God in your life.—*James Stillwell*

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How can we help? Get back to the basics

In many ways, it's hard to imagine it has been more than a month since the horror of Sept. 11 invaded our hearts and homes. The shock, grief and anger remain fresh for millions of Americans and other people around the world.

In other ways, it seems that the trepidation triggered by the terrorist assault already has been a part of our lives for an agonizingly long time. Does anyone fully remember the sense of security we lived under prior to the attacks?

Fragile economic markets, thousands of job layoffs, sharply reduced commercial travel and the start of the U.S. military response in Afghanistan all contribute to the surreal fallout from last month's atrocities.

While President Bush and other leaders have encouraged Americans to return to their normal routines, the fact is that the definition of normal has changed in our post-Sept. 11 world.

Most people seem to be more somber, skittish and somewhat insecure as they go about their daily lives. We tend to hug our loved ones a little more tightly when we part ways and worry a bit more while they're away.

On the positive side, many folks are reaching out to neighbors, co-workers and even total strangers through conversations and acts of kindness. Patriotism and spiritual discussions have rushed back into vogue.

As Kentucky Baptists prepare to gather in Murray next month under the theme, "Fulfilling the Mission," what is the mission we are called to fulfill in response to the realities of our day?

Contemporary Christian music group 4-Him recorded a popular song a few years ago called "The Basics of Life." The lyrics declare, "We need to get back to

the basics of life, a heart that is pure and a love that is blind, a faith that is fervently grounded in Christ, a hope that endures for all times."

Getting back to the basics is a key to helping our nation heal and move forward in the days ahead. Among the basics for Kentucky Baptists are:

■ **Pray.** In addition to prayer services in memory of the thousands of people murdered last month by terrorists, Christians need to maintain faithful prayer for national and international leaders and the crucial decisions they face. For those who wonder what they can do to help in this time of crisis, prayer remains a vital tool.

■ **Witness.** As friends and neighbors voice questions about God's role on Sept. 11, this is an ideal time to share about the eternal hope found in Christ amid life's storms. Personal involvement in next month's Cross Over the Purchase emphasis, partnership mission projects in New England and Europe and other ministry opportunities can help people find

spiritual answers to the troubling questions they face.

■ **Give.** Numerous charities have received millions of dollars in contributions the past few weeks as Americans have generously shared their financial resources with those in need. Two excellent ways for Kentucky Baptists to respond financially are by giving to Southern Baptist disaster relief or world hunger relief efforts. Both funds provide concerned Baptists effective and efficient channels to help meet the needs of people impacted both by last month's events and other tragedies.

What can we do to ease the pain of our hurting world? Start with the basics and trust God for the results.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Baptists help establish conventions in Ohio, Indiana

By Duane Bolin

In addition to reporting news about Kentucky Baptists, the Western Recorder has maintained a historic commitment to covering relevant news from around the region, nation and world. While the Western Recorder's focus continues to be on issues concerning Kentucky Baptists, the publication has gained a reputation even beyond the commonwealth as a paper that overcomes parochialism.

One example of the Western Recorder's concern with developments outside the state was the paper's coverage of the founding of Baptist conventions in Ohio and Indiana in the 1950s.

Kentucky Baptists played an important role in the beginnings of both of these conventions. In the 1930s and 1940s, large numbers of eastern Kentuckians moved to Ohio—especially to Dayton, Cincinnati and Hamilton—to find work. Although these men and women left the commonwealth, they were not willing to leave behind their religious roots.

While some Baptist transplants joined churches affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, oth-

ers helped start churches aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. Van Boone Castleberry, a member of H. Boyce Taylor's congregation in Murray and a veteran of Baptist missionary work in Brazil, was called as pastor of West Side Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1943.

Since 1941, White Water Baptist Association in southwestern Ohio—the association that included

West Side Church and other churches in Hamilton as well as churches in Indiana—had cooperated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Castleberry, who resigned the pastorate at West Side Church to become the associational missionary of

White Water Association, worked with other ministers from North Bend Association in the Covington area of Northern Kentucky, in an effort to expand White Water Association into full-fledged conventions for Ohio and Indiana.

At the 1953 General Association annual meeting in Owensboro, White Water Association presented a petition to Kentucky Baptist messengers calling for a statewide Ohio convention. W.C. Boone, Solomon

Dowis and Judge Eugene Siler assisted White Water Baptists with a state constitution and on Jan. 8, 1954, the Ohio Convention of Southern Baptists was established. Ray Roberts, a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Danville, was elected as Ohio Baptists' first executive secretary. Ron Deering, baptized as a young man by Castleberry, was elected as the first clerk of the Ohio convention. Deering, licensed to preach by West Side Church, later served as head librarian at Boyce Library at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, a position from which he retired last year.

Baptists in Indiana organized a state convention on Oct. 3, 1958. The new Baptist convention involved about 100 churches that previously had been aligned with associations in Illinois and Kentucky. West Kentuckiana Association and Long Run Association worked closely with Baptists in southern Indiana, and Kentucky Baptists also provided financial assistance.

As Kentucky Baptists paved the way for the expansion of Southern Baptist work north of the Ohio River, the Western Recorder documented the birth and growth of the two neighboring state conventions.

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**Five teachings key
in Muslim faith**

Mohammad's message has often been summarized as five basic duties, sometimes called the Five Pillars:

■ **Shadada, the creed.** The basic requirement for calling oneself Muslim is to be able to say the creed with conviction of its truth: "There is no god but Allah, and Mohammad is his messenger."

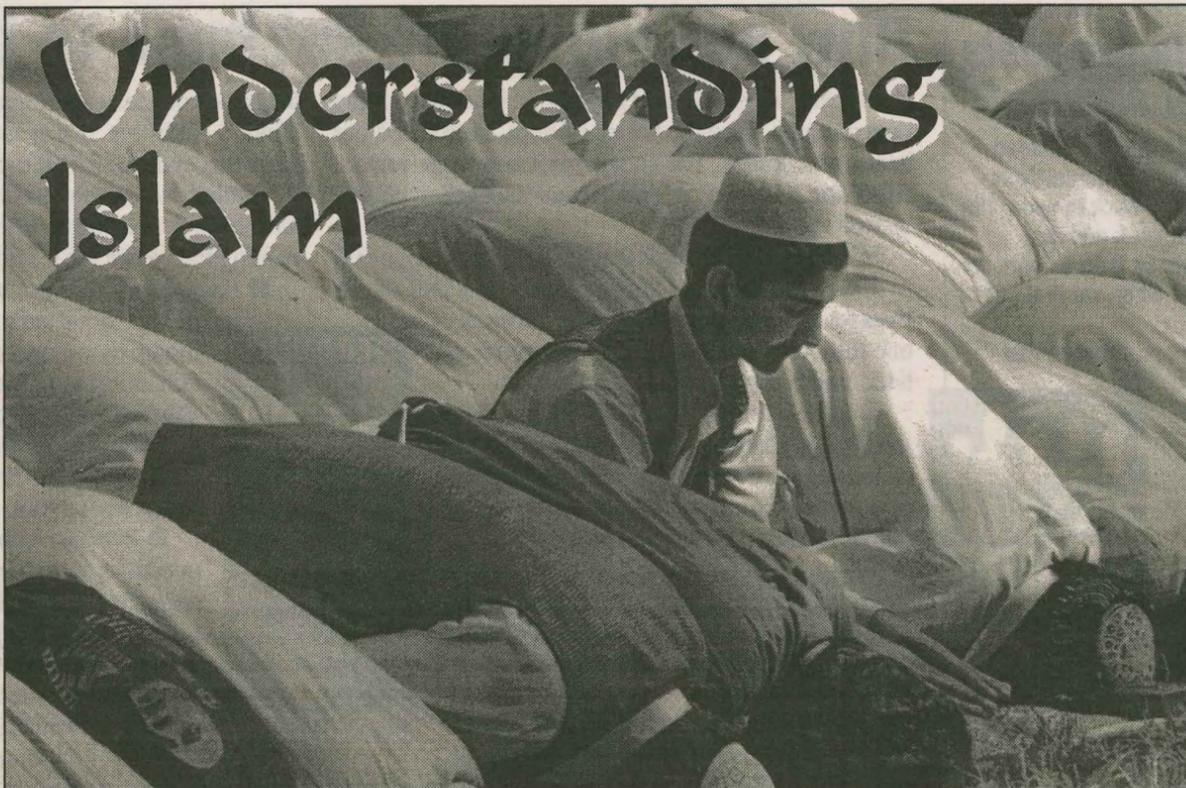
■ **Salat, prayer.** An observant Muslim prays a standardized set of prayers five times a day: at dawn, noon, midafternoon, dusk and evening. The prayers are said either alone or in community. Friday noon is the traditional time for a communal service at the mosque, the Muslim building of worship, facing Mecca, with accompanying physical postures and movements. The prayer content is almost exclusively praise of Allah taken from various chapters of the Koran.

■ **Zakat, alms-giving.** Required alms-giving is a once per year "loan" to Allah of an amount of money based on one's net worth. However, Muslims also are encouraged to give regularly throughout the year to the mosque for the support of the poor in the community.

■ **Sawm, fasting.** During the lunar month of Ramadan, observant Muslims practice a daylight fast: no food, drink, smoking or sexual activity. In the evening and predawn, the fast may be broken.

■ **Hajj, pilgrimage.** Once during every Muslim's life, if he or she is physically and financially able, pilgrimage during the official three days of the Great Hajj should be made to Mecca's holy sites.

Understanding Islam



Fast-growing faith looks to Mohammad, Koran

Islam has become one of the fastest-spreading religions in the world in the past 50 years, with a growth so pronounced that there are more Muslims in the United States than there are Episcopalians or Presbyterians.

One of the three monotheistic religions with roots in the Middle East, like Judaism and Christianity, Islam traces its history to worship of the one God (Allah) instituted by Abraham in the second millennium B.C.

Muslims claim for this common history the traditional prophets and leaders of Jewish and Christian history such as Adam, Noah, Moses, Abraham and Jesus, but believe that this line of genuine prophets ends with Mohammad, a man born in Mecca, in present-day Saudi Arabia, in 570 A.D.

Mohammad is called the "seal of the prophets," the one to whom Allah revealed that last and most authoritative of his revelations, the Koran, the Muslim holy book. Mohammad said he began to receive the revelations that eventually made up the chapters of the Koran while wandering in the rocky hills outside Mecca. A voice from the heavens, the angel Gabriel, gave Mohammad the revelation, commanding him to learn and recite the message to others. After receiving each of these audible revelations, a process that lasted many years, Mohammad would then return to the streets of Mecca and preach them to his compatriots.

His standard sermon had three points: the uniqueness of Allah; the need to care for the poor, orphaned and widowed; and the inevitability of a final judgment. Each of these three points, however, seemed to alienate segments of the Meccan populace.

By stressing the uniqueness of Allah, Mohammad threatened the various tribal and clan gods, a threat that had not only religious but economic overtones in a city that had become something of a religious pilgrimage site for followers of the many tribal gods. By advocating the need to care for the poor, Mohammad was calling for social welfare at a time when the trading fortunes of Mecca had taken a

Does Allah equal God?

Do Muslims pray to the same God as Christians?

Yes and no, according to Jim Chancellor, professor of comparative religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"It's a tricky one," he said of the question. To the extent that Islam is monotheistic and "Allah" is all-powerful, Muslims would say they are worshiping the same God as Christians but have a better understanding through their faith.

"The word Allah is used for God in the Arabic Bibles," he noted.

"But there is a difference in the understanding of the nature of God."

A Christian worker who formerly worked in Afghanistan agreed.

"They have 99 names for God, and I would say pretty much all of them we would agree with," said the man, who asked not to be identified.

"But what they lack is an understanding that God wants to be involved in their life," he said. God is seen as an "ultimate being that they have to appease, and hopefully do enough good things to earn His mercy." — David Winfrey

downturn and money was tight. By predicting a judgment at the end of time, Mohammad alienated whom-ever he had not alienated with the first two points—no one likes to be told their current lifestyle could lead them to the fires of hell.

After several years of reciting these revelations and interpreting them for the citizens of Mecca, Mohammad had only a handful of followers and was in danger of losing his life.

At this crisis point, a delegation from Medina, a town 200 miles northeast of Mecca, came to town looking for a leader. Medina was a town divided by rivalry between a fairly large Jewish population and an indigenous population that held to the belief in tribal gods. Mohammad's message proved to be a bridge between the two.

Mohammad saw himself as a legitimate prophet in the Jewish-Christian tradition; yet the name he gave to the God of Abraham and Jesus, Allah, was the name of an Arab tribal god. As unpopular as Mohammad's message was in Mecca, it was popular in Medina. After building a secure base there, Mohammad began to incorporate the surrounding areas into his fiefdom, eventually adding all of Western Arabia, including Mecca.

Although Mohammad was a skilled political leader, he died without naming either a successor or es-

tablishing a process by which his successor should be named. As a result, two opinions developed among his followers regarding who should lead this increasingly powerful religious community. Some thought the leader should come from Mohammad's family. Others thought the leader should be elected through a process of consultation and consensus.

The importance of this controversy for understanding modern-day Islam cannot be overestimated. It represents the historical and ongoing division between the two largest Muslim sects, the Sunni and the Shiite.

Sunni Muslims, the largest of the Muslim groups accounting for approximately 95 percent of worldwide Muslims, support electing successors through consensus.

Shiite Muslims, accounting for perhaps 3 percent of the worldwide Muslim community, still advocate the imamate, the descendants of Mohammad as the rightful heirs of leadership.

The important point to remember is that this modern division is largely a division over polity: how the community should be led. Otherwise, both Sunnis and Shiites practice the same Islam taught by Mohammad.

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Islam Q&A

■ **Do Muslims believe in democracy?** In a sense, the Islamic world is out of step with the current political trend of moving toward pluralistic democracies.

These democracies, fashioned largely after the United States model, have as one of their key characteristics the separation of church and state. This is not a congenial model for Muslim countries where the ideal is not separation of church and state but the identification of the two under a single, Muslim-dominated leadership structure. In other words President Bush's role and Southern Baptist Convention President James Merritt's position would be filled by the same person.

Given this difference in viewpoint, the question is whether a form of political leadership congenial to Islamic theological views and nonantagonistic to democratic ideals can be developed.

■ **Why are Muslims so intense about their religion?** Muslims, like Christians and Buddhists, have a very powerful missionary tradition. This practice is included in a wider mandate to fully realize the injunctions of the Koran called jihad.

Because Muslims do not have a strict separation between the theological and the political spheres, this missionary mandate often is indistinguishable from the political aims of Islamic governments. In practice this means some of the tools of statecraft—political negotiation, economic leverage and military might—have sometimes been employed in the spreading of religion.

In practice this is not much different from some of the methodologies used by Christians and Buddhists. In Islam, however, the theological warrant for such practices is much clearer and less controversial.

■ **How do Muslims feel about other religions?** Traditional Islamic teaching has no place for secularism and polytheism and merely tolerates the other monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism. This religious/political exclusivism is at odds with the notion of different religions enjoying equal freedoms under secular pluralistic democracies.

■ **Are human rights important to Muslims?** Islam often has been called a communitarian religion, not an individualistic one. This means that when it comes to balancing individual rights with community responsibilities as defined by religious teaching, the community responsibilities usually win out. This puts many Islamic moral and ethical emphases at odds with Western individualism.



'Peaceful' Islam still has some warring followers

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Virtually every Christian society has condemned the use of force for religious purposes, but "Islam has not made that transition," Chancellor noted. "And as a result, the use of violence to achieve religious ends is still a valid principle in Islam."

Smith agreed.

Just as some Christians select isolated Scriptures to handle poisonous snakes in a worship service, "there are those Muslims who read something from the Koran or interpret something from the Hadith and based on that they sort of build an empire on it," he said.

"A lot of Muslims who live in America would say, 'Oh my gosh! There is no way that Islam would ever purport this.' That is not really the case," Smith said. "It does get down into a point of interpretation."

Strictly defined, jihad comes from the Arabic term for struggle or striving. Interpretations can range from warring with a sinful nature within one's self to fighting a religious battle with an outside enemy.

Though condemned by most mainstream Muslims, jihad by the sword has nonetheless gained a rhetorical edge—and a degree of sympathy—within the tumultuous currents of Middle East politics.

Advocates of armed conflict can find plenty of historical precedence. The prophet Mohammed is said to have waged approximately 80 battles against "infidels" in seventh-century Saudi Arabia. After his death, Islam swept swiftly across North and Sub-Saharan Africa, and into Spain, often carried by the sword. But scholars also point to the survival of Jewish and Christian Orthodox communities in the Middle East as testament of the religion's tolerance of other monotheistic faiths.

In the early 20th century, jihad became a rallying cry against Western colonialism. "All the freedom fights during the precolonial and colonial eras were considered jihads," said Alexandre de Valle, a scholar at the Institute of Strategic Studies in Paris. "Among Islamic fanatics, everything arriving from the West is considered illegitimate."

Fear and frustration fuel much of the Islamic fundamentalists' opposition to America in the Arab world, Chancellor said. "Middle Eastern societies have not been very successful in the modern world," he said, noting high unemployment in many Arab countries as well as oppressive political structures during and after the colonial era. "You have great frustration

over that."

Muslim societies also feel baraged by Western secularism, he added. "They have a great fear of westernization, which they understand will result in moral corruption of their societies."

Among the more recent offenses, Islamic fundamentalists would say, is the presence of U.S. military in Saudi Arabia, home for two of Islam's most sacred cities, Mecca and Medina.

"The continued military presence in Saudi Arabia is a tremendous affront to a significant number of Muslim people (especially) in the Middle East," Chancellor said.

Islamic fundamentalists see many of their actions as a response to such American acts of aggression, he said, including the United States' support for Israel.

"The Koran does teach that you're not to make war on innocents, it's pretty clear. But it is also the perspective within an element of the Islamic world that the United States and Israel have been making war on innocents (particularly in Palestine) for decades," he said. "So the attack on the World Trade Center was not a mindless act of terrorism, but revenge for what has happened to them. And therefore, in the minds of many Muslim peoples, it might not be acceptable, but it is understandable."

Extreme groups also view the Gulf War as an aggressive act by the United States on a Muslim country, not as a coalition of nations stopping Saddam Hussein from invading Kuwait.

"The entry of the United States into the Middle East into the Gulf War, was perceived by many, many Muslim people in the Middle East as an unjustified intervention to protect our oil interests and to support and prop up unrighteous governments, particularly the royal families of Kuwait and

Saudi Arabia, which many, many Muslims in the Middle East view as hypocritical and not representing of the best of Islam."

He noted that before the Gulf War, Vice President Dan Quayle told the Naval Academy that 20th century civilization had faced three great foes, Nazism, Communism and Islamic fundamentalism, and had "destroyed" two of them.

"That sounds like a declaration of war, doesn't it?" Chancellor asked. Quayle's comments made few ripples in America but were front-page news throughout the Middle East, Chancellor said.

Gauging the number of followers of Islamic fundamentalism is difficult, but Chancellor noted the significance of how Arab world leaders have responded to Osama bin Laden and to the U.S. military response.

"You can get a sense of it (Islamic fundamentalism's strength) by how careful ruling elites in the Middle East have been in their choice of words, not wanting in any way to come out wholeheartedly in support of the United States against Al Qaeda or Afghanistan," Chancellor said. "I think it reflects their knowledge that a significant percentage of their populations are sympathetic to the struggle."

Chancellor said he fears for missionaries, Christian workers and indigenous Christians in Muslim-dominated countries as a result of the current conflict. "To the extent that this conflict is understood as America attacking Muslim people, they will also tend to interpret that as a Christian action," he said. "Therefore, I think life will become more difficult for western Christians living in Muslim lands and indigenous Christians."

With additional reporting by Elizabeth Bryant of Religion News Service and Johnny Pierce of Baptists Today

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Missionary urges love for Middle Easterners in U.S.

LOS ANGELES (BP)—Christians should show Christ's love to Arab-Americans gripped with fear in the wake of escalating backlash by some U.S. citizens outraged by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, says a Southern Baptist missionary to Middle Easterners in California.

Egyptian-born Khalil "Charlie" Hanna, with the North American Mission Board, has served for the past 21 years in California helping start churches throughout the state for immigrants from the Middle East. California is home to more than 1 million Middle Easterners. In the Los Angeles area more than 15,000 Muslims practice Islam.

"I think this is the time Christian Arabs and Southern Baptists alike can extend their loving hand to Muslim Arabs," Hanna said. He said many Muslims are questioning the authenticity of their Islamic faith that advocates initiating "Holy War" on those who do not recognize the Islamic version of God: Allah.

Now, more than ever, Hanna said, the Christian Arab community needs Southern Baptists' love, prayers and support. "We need to supply the Christian Arab churches basic evangelism materials such as New Testaments

and gospel tracts," he said.

He also called for Southern Baptist churches to offer their buildings as safe havens to house Christian Arab congregations meeting in homes or other locations that might be vulnerable to retaliatory acts by Americans incensed over the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 against New York City and Washington, D.C.

Many Christian Arab families in California are afraid to be seen in public, Hanna said. "Some of the churches may not have weekend or middle of the week worship services," he said.

The Southern Baptist Convention currently numbers 58 congregations of Middle Eastern descent, said

Russell Begaye, of NAMB's multiethnic church multiplication group.

He encouraged Baptists to be more intentional about developing relationships with their Middle Eastern neighbors.

"When Middle Easterners become followers of Christ, they are ostracized from their family members and homeland," Begaye said. "We have many Arabs in this nation who were driven from their homeland because of religious persecution."



Hanna



Report: Jailed Christians safe in Afghanistan amid air strikes

WACO, Texas (BP)—Two Americans on trial in Afghanistan are safe despite continued bombings of Kabul, the capital where they are being held, according to a prayer alert issued Oct. 9.

Dayna Curry, 29, and Heather Mercer, 24, are among eight foreign workers with the German-based Shelter Now facing charges of trying to convert Afghans to Christianity.

"We have received word that the attorney has communicated with all of the detainees and they are OK," reported Dawn Manoleas, a staff member at Antioch Community Church in Waco, Texas, where Curry and Mercer are members.

The church has maintained a 24-hour prayer vigil for the two Baylor University graduates since their arrest Aug. 3.

Despite the news of Curry and Mercer's safety, Manoleas also reported Oct. 9 that the charges by Taliban authorities have been filed individually against the eight defendants. That means the eight westerners will face separate trials. They are represented by Atif Ali Khan, an attorney from Pakistan.

As American air strikes continued against Afghanistan, Manoleas asked that Christians pray the detainees would know God as their protector and comforter. She also asked for prayer that all eight will be released and not just a few since their cases had been separated.

"Pray for peace to rule and reign in their hearts," Manoleas said. "Pray for them to be able to rest under the shelter of (God's) wings no matter what the situation around them may be."

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Missionaries safe, regrouping for new world, officials say

CBF workers on alert

ATLANTA (ABP)—The Atlanta-based Cooperative Baptist Fellowship reported last week that all its missionaries were safe after a weekend of American and British bombings in Afghanistan.

Most CBF personnel in Southeast Asia traveled during the weekend to less sensitive areas, said Jack and Anita Snell, associate coordinators for Asia teams.

Other missionaries are on alert. Those in the Mideast and North Africa have worked out evacuation plans, in some cases already having bought tickets to leave in an emergency, said CBF missions leader Jim Smith.

CBF usually leaves the decision whether to remain in a country up to the individual missionary, said Gary Baldridge, co-coordinator for global missions.

"We realize the tension between staying to give incarnational witness on site and leaving temporarily to lessen the danger to local friends and to the missionary," he said.

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to decide when to relocate and when to return to their place of service, Willis said.

A few missionaries have reported threats against them, but "by and large the people they know have expressed overwhelming support for them," Willis said.

"The potential for danger is not geographical. Terrorism is a problem everywhere."

Willis credits missionaries with trying to make the best of a very trying situation.

Having to live in a hotel or disrupt schooling for children causes aggravation for families, he noted.

Missionaries primarily express frustration, however, at having to leave the people they have been trying to reach with the gospel of Christ, he added.

"They feel like here is this great chance for witnessing that they could have with their people if they were there," Willis said.

Despite the disruptions of both the terrorist attacks and the U.S. military response, some missionaries reported having new opportunities to share Christ.

Willis said missionaries told him stories of Muslims rushing up to



them in the streets to express regret and grief because of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"There have been many who are moderate Muslims who have been appalled at the terrorism and the jihad," Willis said. "They say, 'Isn't there a better way?'"

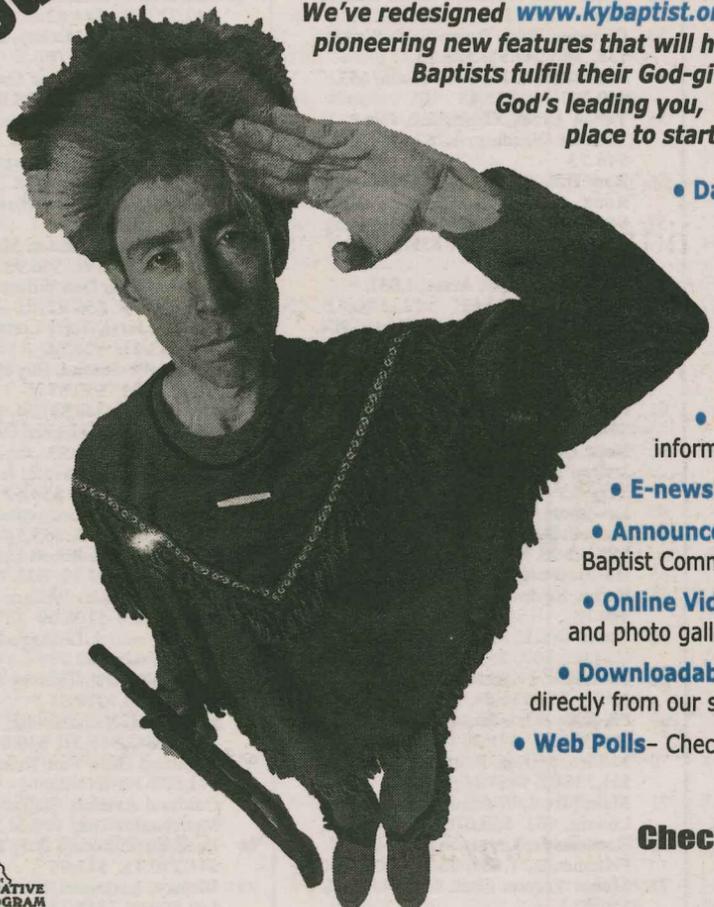
Missionaries are asking Christians to pray for Muslims in the wake of the attacks, Willis added.

"We should pray that the love of God will be evident to the Muslim world," he said. "They believe in a God of power, but they don't understand the God of love."

MOB Pro-Taliban Afghan refugees run to attack members of the press in Pakistan. Many missionaries serving Muslims have been forced to relocate. (RNS/Reuters photo by Jerry Lampen)

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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, 2001. 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, 3,567, \$558,003.52, \$156.43	26 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,600, \$129,695.80, \$81.06	51 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 894, \$81,072.11, \$90.68	76 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry Lowrie, 682, \$62,387.03, \$91.48
2 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 4,285, \$431,888.91, \$100.79	27 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,388, \$129,193.25, \$93.08	52 Mount Washington First, Travis Collins, 1,736, \$80,983.93, \$46.65	77 Russellville Second, Ronald Wells, 778, \$61,956.91, \$79.64
3 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 4,591, \$414,537.02, \$90.29	28 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,050, \$117,048.70, \$111.47	53 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 771, \$80,631.08, \$104.58	78 Franklin First, Robert Lee Sutton, 1,120, \$61,362.73, \$54.79
4 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,923, \$404,117.82, \$138.25	29 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert Jackson Sr, 1,284, \$114,949.71, \$89.52	54 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael Hamrick, 1,034, \$79,654.42, \$77.04	79 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Christian, 416, \$61,148.74, \$146.99
5 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George Compton Jr, 3,975, \$349,084.26, \$87.82	30 Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, 1,350, \$112,639.35, \$83.44	55 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 552, \$78,777.36, \$142.71	80 Hardinsburg, 628, \$60,327.03, \$96.06
6 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,085, \$304,062.94, \$145.83	31 Versailles, John Brandon, 1,324, \$111,105.24, \$83.92	56 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 1,037, \$78,350.19, \$75.55	81 Elkton, 821, \$60,266.44, \$73.41
7 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,046, \$302,743.58, \$147.97	32 Westport Road, Louisville, Michael Gilmore, 1,552, \$110,622.98, \$71.28	57 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,807, \$77,067.59, \$42.65	82 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 2,010, \$59,219.50, \$29.46
8 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,847, \$235,754.97, \$40.32	33 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 1,598, \$108,525.07, \$67.91	58 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert Long, 6,183, \$76,656.94, \$12.40	83 Lewisport, 919, \$59,000.92, \$64.20
9 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 2,002, \$225,471.67, \$112.62	34 Unity, Ashland, Floyd Paris, 1,763, \$108,445.93, \$61.51	59 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 730, \$76,411.86, \$104.67	84 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 232, \$58,915.81, \$253.95
10 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 2,412, \$221,704.19, \$91.92	35 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 835, \$108,089.51, \$129.45	60 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 653, \$76,231.49, \$116.74	85 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 646, \$58,869.86, \$91.13
11 Lone Oak First, Paducah, 2,524, \$191,922.36, \$76.04	36 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory Giltner, 1,340, \$107,425.56, \$80.17	61 Kings, Taylorsville, Michael Hail, 940, \$74,707.97, \$79.48	86 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence Lewis, 1,218, \$58,591.26, \$48.10
12 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel Ferguson, 1,789, \$186,915.25, \$104.48	37 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 1,167, \$105,689.56, \$90.57	62 Greenville Second, H Ray England, 893, \$73,835.47, \$82.68	87 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert Hill, 781, \$57,669.23, \$73.84
13 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Faulls, 1,493, \$181,758.47, \$121.74	38 Central City First, Robert Lowery, 1,336, \$104,620.71, \$78.31	63 St Matthews, Louisville, Leslie Hollon, 2,890, \$73,041.82, \$25.27	88 Parkland, Louisville, Thomas Curry, 1,814, \$57,665.83, \$31.79
14 Florence, Timothy Alexander, 2,266, \$172,174.11, \$75.98	39 Pikeville First, Paul Badgett, 1,641, \$98,316.90, \$59.91	64 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry O'Bryan, 843, \$72,742.58, \$86.29	89 High Street, Somerset, Max Brand III, 996, \$57,580.03, \$57.81
15 Shively, Louisville, Mark Howell, 2,026, \$164,416.84, \$81.15	40 Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 1,502, \$96,626.65, \$64.33	65 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 731, \$71,163.34, \$97.35	90 Benton First, Don Wilson, 816, \$56,947.90, \$69.79
16 Central, Corbin, 2,105, \$162,170.43, \$77.04	41 Bowling Green First, Mark Edward Hopper, 1,660, \$96,100.21, \$57.89	66 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,287, \$70,611.60, \$54.87	91 Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 627, \$56,946.64, \$90.82
17 Briensburg, Benton, Charles Brasher Jr, 632, \$155,889.72, \$246.66	42 Madisonville First, Joe Leonard, 2,619, \$95,795.45, \$36.58	67 London First, Terry Lester, 1,861, \$70,223.68, \$37.73	92 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 339, \$56,841.64, \$167.67
18 Campbellsville, James Jones, 2,209, \$148,800.60, \$67.36	43 Russellville First, Randall Neal, 1,030, \$93,957.18, \$91.22	68 Immanuel, Corbin, 927, \$69,386.79, \$74.85	93 Russell Springs First, William Ramage, 852, \$56,704.25, \$66.55
19 Shelbyville First, Edward Erwin, 1,966, \$147,393.55, \$74.97	44 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven Hussung, 1,005, \$92,103.25, \$91.65	69 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,190, \$67,264.73, \$56.52	94 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald Fellemende, 1,664, \$56,612.34, \$34.02
20 Henderson First, 1,903, \$145,947.10, \$76.69	45 Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, \$91,143.81,	70 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 768, \$65,745.01, \$85.61	95 Cold Spring First, Larry Davis, 1,351, \$55,977.00, \$41.43
21 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,390, \$138,812.15, \$99.86	46 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,730, \$89,380.44, \$51.66	71 Friendship, Smithland, Fred Lowrance, 584, \$65,578.10, \$112.29	96 Boone's Creek, Lexington, Donald Embry, 557, \$55,947.00, \$100.44
22 Erlanger, William Crosby Jr, 1,873, \$136,909.19, \$73.10	47 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 738, \$87,637.49, \$118.75	72 High Point, Mayfield, Jeff Vann, 764, \$64,406.60, \$84.30	97 Edgewood, Nicholasville, Kevin Lee, 1,056, \$55,721.78, \$52.77
23 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 1,668, \$134,432.17, \$80.59	48 Lancaster, Barry Jeffries, 1,080, \$86,599.52, \$80.18	73 Berea, Kevin Slemp, 1,681, \$63,213.48, \$37.60	98 Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 938, \$55,705.51, \$59.39
24 Richmond First, Bill Fort, 1,625, \$134,318.28, \$82.66	49 Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Routt, 1,824, \$85,486.24, \$46.87	74 Horse Creek, Manchester, Russell Cornett, 807, \$62,910.07, \$77.96	99 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 605, \$55,558.33, \$91.83
25 Crestwood, Troy Dobbs, 1,978, \$130,635.52, \$66.04	50 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 1,163, \$82,756.93, \$71.16	75 Lexington Avenue, Danville, Thomas Valentine, 1,265, \$62,664.83, \$49.54	100 Waco, Fredrick Livingood, 701, \$55,547.74, \$79.24

Top 100 churches in Cooperative Program gifts

This report lists the top 100 congregations in contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2001. 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, 3,567, \$489,714.72, \$137.29	26 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 1,167, \$91,183.75, \$78.14	50 Immanuel, Corbin, 927, \$63,607.23, \$68.62	75 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,807, \$48,322.67, \$26.74
2 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 4,591, \$396,104.36, \$86.28	27 Versailles, John Brandon, 1,324, \$90,659.88, \$68.47	51 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry O'Bryan, 843, \$62,574.98, \$74.23	76 Mount Washington First, Travis Collins, 1,736, \$48,211.28, \$27.77
3 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,923, \$336,854.32, \$115.24	28 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert Jackson Sr, 1,284, \$89,400.00, \$69.63	52 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,190, \$61,341.69, \$51.55	77 Red House, Richmond, 1,066, \$47,777.51, \$44.82
4 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 4,285, \$332,893.17, \$77.69	29 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 1,668, \$87,642.66, \$52.54	53 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 731, \$60,947.98, \$83.38	78 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 2,010, \$47,632.15, \$23.70
5 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,085, \$276,395.94, \$132.56	30 Central City First, Robert Lowery, 1,336, \$86,807.18, \$64.98	54 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 653, \$60,367.74, \$92.45	79 Hardin, Ricky Wayne Cunningham, 1,224, \$47,596.83, \$38.89
6 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George Compton Jr, 3,975, \$268,543.98, \$67.56	31 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 835, \$86,361.32, \$103.43	55 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,287, \$60,137.88, \$46.73	80 Walnut Street, Louisville, Robert Long, 6,183, \$47,240.90, \$7.64
7 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,046, \$241,794.09, \$118.18	32 Erlanger, William Crosby Jr, 1,873, \$85,775.86, \$45.80	56 Rose Hill, Ashland, Michael Wayne Routt, 1,824, \$59,513.62, \$32.63	81 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence Lewis, 1,218, \$47,203.54, \$38.75
8 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 2,002, \$168,189.71, \$84.01	33 Westport Road, Louisville, Michael Gilmore, 1,552, \$84,686.33, \$54.57	57 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 552, \$59,155.87, \$107.17	82 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 605, \$46,830.73, \$77.41
9 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel Ferguson, 1,789, \$162,164.67, \$90.65	34 Unity, Ashland, Floyd Paris, 1,763, \$84,507.02, \$47.93	58 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 1,037, \$55,593.20, \$53.61	83 High Street, Somerset, Max Brand III, 996, \$46,760.39, \$46.95
10 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 2,412, \$158,463.57, \$65.70	35 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,050, \$83,791.73, \$79.80	59 High Point, Mayfield, Jeff Vann, 764, \$54,763.26, \$71.68	84 Benton First, Don Wilson, 816, \$46,443.90, \$56.92
11 Lone Oak First, Paducah, 2,524, \$156,199.14, \$61.89	36 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,600, \$83,207.10, \$52.00	60 Cold Spring First, Larry Davis, 1,351, \$54,227.00, \$40.14	85 London First, Terry Lester, 1,861, \$46,043.23, \$24.74
12 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,847, \$146,000.00, \$24.97	37 Lancaster, Barry Jeffries, 1,080, \$76,568.21, \$70.90	61 Friendship, Smithland, Fred Lowrance, 584, \$52,600.05, \$90.07	86 Greenville Second, Ray England, 893, \$45,424.52, \$50.87
13 Central, Corbin, 2,105, \$140,959.82, \$66.96	38 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 1,598, \$74,731.60, \$46.77	62 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 232, \$52,486.37, \$226.23	87 Elkton, 821, \$44,841.64, \$54.62
14 Briensburg, Benton, Charles Brasher Jr, 632, \$138,449.66, \$219.07	39 Russellville First, Randall Neal, 1,030, \$73,022.45, \$70.90	63 Lewisport, 919, \$52,344.94, \$56.96	88 Williamstown, Stephen Rice, 677, \$43,595.36, \$64.39
15 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Faulls, 1,493, \$131,032.29, \$87.76	40 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven Hussung, 1,005, \$72,731.98, \$72.37	64 Russellville Second, Ronald Wells, 778, \$52,191.20, \$67.08	89 Concord, Hopkinsville, Jerry Barron, 859, \$43,393.35, \$50.52
16 Henderson First, 1,903, \$128,244.61, \$67.39	41 Cynthiana, Michael Wayne Spivey, 738, \$71,468.70, \$96.84	65 Hardinsburg, 628, \$51,955.07, \$82.73	90 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert Hill, 781, \$43,376.62, \$55.54
17 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,390, \$119,555.02, \$86.01	42 Mayfield First, Bob Swift, 1,502, \$71,000.00, \$47.27	66 Berea, Kevin Slemp, 1,681, \$51,610.13, \$30.70	91 Franklin First, Robert Lee Sutton, 1,120, \$42,923.79, \$38.32
18 Shively, Louisville, Mark Howell, 2,026, \$115,213.65, \$56.87	43 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 771, \$68,148.08, \$88.39	67 Horse Creek, Manchester, Russell Cornett, 807, \$51,581.72, \$63.92	92 Pellville, Charles William Fuller, 411, \$42,780.03, \$104.09
19 Shelbyville First, Edward Erwin, 1,966, \$112,560.97, \$57.25	44 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 1,163, \$68,014.39, \$58.48	68 Southside, Princeton, Ronald Sivells, 1,483, \$51,544.88, \$34.76	93 Waco, Fredrick Livingood, 701, \$42,600.82, \$60.77
20 Campbellsville, James Jones, 2,209, \$107,462.71, \$48.65	45 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael Hamrick, 1,034, \$67,895.63, \$65.66	69 Pikeville First, Paul Badgett, 1,641, \$51,384.90, \$31.31	94 Eddyville First, Timothy Perdue, 602, \$42,346.66, \$70.34
21 Crestwood, Troy Dobbs, 1,978, \$105,296.62, \$53.23	46 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 730, \$67,567.77, \$92.56	70 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 339, \$51,236.02, \$151.14	95 Edgewood, Nicholasville, Kevin Lee, 1,056, \$42,311.31, \$40.07
22 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,388, \$104,503.30, \$75.29	47 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,730, \$66,449.78, \$38.41	71 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry Lowrie, 682, \$50,636.48, \$74.25	96 Highland Hills, Fort Thomas, 939, \$41,528.19, \$44.23
23 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory Giltner, 1,340, \$104,202.56, \$77.76	48 Kings, Taylorsville, Michael Hail, 940, \$65,692.45, \$69.89	72 Gardenside, Lexington, Ronald Fellemende, 1,664, \$50,047.07, \$30.08	97 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 768, \$41,313.89, \$53.79
24 Richmond First, Bill Fort, 1,625, \$102,946.88, \$63.35	49 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 894, \$63,926.08, \$71.51	73 Mount Vernon First, 977, \$49,726.83, \$50.90	98 Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 938, \$41,230.45, \$43.96
25 Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, 1,350, \$96,465.52, \$71.46		74 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Christian, 416, \$49,492.42, \$118.97	99 Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 368, \$40,609.66, \$110.35

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1 Elizabethtown, JD Shipp, 96, \$24,742.00, \$257.73	25 Hurricane, Cadiz, John Ahart, 265, \$36,451.96, \$137.55	50 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 2,002, \$225,471.67, \$112.62	75 Boone's Creek, Lexington, Donald Embry, 557, \$55,947.00, \$100.44
2 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 232, \$58,915.81, \$253.95	26 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 335, \$45,974.00, \$137.24	51 Pellville, Charles William Fuller, 411, \$46,260.73, \$112.56	76 Calvary, Elkton, Charles Randy Davenport, 311, \$31,123.46, \$100.08
3 Briensburg, Benton, Charles Brasher Jr, 632, \$155,889.72, \$246.66	27 Wallonia, Cadiz, William Thomas, 157, \$21,520.92, \$137.08	52 Mississippi, Bardwell, William Mason, 314, \$35,264.72, \$112.31	77 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael Stacey, 321, \$32,064.18, \$99.89
4 Good Hope, Campbellsville, Alvin Hardy, 211, \$44,745.83, \$212.07	28 Trinity, Paducah, Kenneth Brown, 252, \$34,097.58, \$135.31	53 Friendship, Smithland, Fred Lowrance, 584, \$65,578.10, \$112.29	78 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,390, \$138,812.15, \$99.86
5 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack Naylor, 170, \$34,248.63, \$201.46	29 Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Franklin Dee Skaggs, 90, \$12,105.62, \$134.51	54 Vine Run, Dry Ridge, Henry David Wiggins, 324, \$36,347.04, \$112.18	79 Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 256, \$25,459.12, \$99.45
6 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe Bagwell, 50, \$9,505.97, \$190.12	30 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 148, \$19,290.74, \$130.34	55 Union, Lewisport, Wallace Gooch, 229, \$25,596.66, \$111.78	80 Little River, Herndon, Earl Grace, 159, \$15,588.60, \$98.04
7 Greenview, Florence, Robert Golden, 233, \$43,820.19, \$188.07	31 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 835, \$108,089.51, \$129.45	56 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,050, \$117,048.70, \$111.47	81 Long Ridge, Owenton, Samuel Owens, 248, \$24,163.66, \$97.43
8 Countryside, Morganfield, William Henderson, 34, \$6,230.34, \$183.25	32 Island, Livermore, John Michael Galyen, 377, \$48,523.32, \$128.71	57 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 177, \$19,408.56, \$109.65	82 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 731, \$71,163.34, \$97.35
9 Falls of Rough, Roger Allen, 76, \$13,518.74, \$177.88	33 Evarts, 101, \$12,945.78, \$128.18	58 Falmouth, Tony Whethers, 209, \$22,906.16, \$109.60	83 Carter Creek, Greenville, Donald Wilkins, 401, \$39,014.08, \$97.29
10 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 339, \$56,841.64, \$167.67	34 Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey Elliott, 185, \$23,710.78, \$128.17	59 Oak Grove, Hopkinsville, Robert Barnes, 400, \$42,818.49, \$107.05	84 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 88, \$8,548.00, \$97.14
11 Immanuel, Madisonville, Calvin Bryant, 111, \$18,270.28, \$164.60	35 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 361, \$45,650.48, \$126.46	60 Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel Withers, 65, \$6,885.08, \$105.92	85 Northside, Almo, Brett Miles, 146, \$14,112.25, \$96.66
12 Woodland, Greenville, Estle Greenwalt, 160, \$26,083.00, \$163.02	36 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 355, \$44,062.34, \$124.12	61 Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 286, \$30,050.79, \$105.07	86 Springfield, Bland Mason, 550, \$53,065.03, \$96.48
13 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 3,567, \$558,003.52, \$156.43	37 Whitley City First, 441, \$54,609.08, \$123.83	62 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 730, \$76,411.86, \$104.67	87 Kuttawa First, JD Shipp, 365, \$35,207.31, \$96.46
14 Sharpburg, William Steele, 2, \$300.00, \$150.00	38 Clearfield, HG Pratt, 57, \$7,029.45, \$123.32	63 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 771, \$80,631.08, \$104.58	88 Hardinsburg, 628, \$60,327.03, \$96.06
15 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,046, \$302,743.58, \$147.97	39 Lusby's Mill, Gratz, Paul Briscoe, 79, \$9,714.74, \$122.97	64 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel Ferguson, 1,789, \$186,915.25, \$104.48	89 Beulah, Fancy Farm, Donald Gene Farmer, 257, \$24,491.58, \$95.30
16 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Christian, 416, \$61,148.74, \$146.99	40 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,493, \$181,758.47, \$121.74	65 Gilbertsville, Terry Sills, 155, \$16,149.27, \$104.19	90 Central, Maysville, Robert Donovan Jr, 463, \$43,643.34, \$94.26
17 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,085, \$304,062.94, \$145.83	41 Old Salem, Salem, James Keeling, 115, \$13,969.82, \$121.48	66 Meadow Hill, Louisville, Ron Lasley, 144, \$14,917.07, \$103.59	91 West Providence, Mc Henry, Duncan Smith, 50, \$4,702.42, \$94.05
18 Pleasant Ridge, Utica, Guy Gordon, 91, \$13,189.47, \$144.94	42 Bethlehem Missionary, Barry Parker, 74, \$8,947.57, \$120.91	67 Berean, Elizabethtown, Richard Trumbo, 83, \$8,538.56, \$102.87	92 New Bethel, Benton, David Lee York, 360, \$33,615.85, \$93.38
19 Woodland, Louisville, Michael David Sharp, 347, \$50,256.21, \$144.83	43 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted Yates, 122, \$14,730.72, \$120.74	68 Mount Pisgah, Bremen, Russell Trotter, 497, \$51,069.78, \$102.76	93 Bethel, Harrodsburg, Jack Geurin, 438, \$40,820.23, \$93.20
20 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 331, \$47,353.96, \$143.06	44 Mount Hebron, Waynesburg, Burl Coffman, 22, \$2,643.29, \$120.15	69 Frenchburg, Gordon Hayworth, 95, \$9,696.23, \$102.07	94 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,388, \$129,193.25, \$93.08
21 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 552, \$78,777.36, \$142.71	45 Gracey West Union, Gracey, Bradley Cornelius, 150, \$17,896.58, \$119.31	70 Cedar Bluff, Princeton, JR Bruce, 120, \$12,207.10, \$101.73	95 Sulphur Spring, Franklin, Matthew Sicking, 325, \$30,015.54, \$92.36
22 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel Morgan, 230, \$32,423.12, \$140.97	46 Cynthia, Michael Wayne Spivey, 738, \$87,637.49, \$118.75	71 Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Kenneth Cummins, 355, \$36,108.26, \$101.71	96 Beckmont, 187, \$17,217.85, \$92.07
23 Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 368, \$51,858.28, \$140.92	47 Arlington First, Ray Provow, 336, \$39,651.56, \$118.01	72 Salem, Mortons Gap, 356, \$36,041.93, \$101.24	97 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 2,412, \$221,704.19, \$91.92
24 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,923, \$404,117.82, \$138.25	48 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 653, \$76,231.49, \$116.74	73 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 4,285, \$431,888.91, \$100.79	98 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 605, \$55,558.33, \$91.83

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Top 100 churches in per capita Cooperative Program gifts

1 Hope Community, Lawrenceburg, Jeffrey Eaton, 232, \$52,486.37, \$226.23	25 Falls of Rough, Roger Allen, 76, \$7,999.40, \$105.26	51 Gilbertsville, Terry Sills, 155, \$13,270.14, \$85.61	77 Main Street, Williamsburg, Jerry Lowrie, 682, \$50,636.48, \$74.25
2 Briensburg, Benton, Charles Brasher Jr, 632, \$138,449.66, \$219.07	26 Pleasant Ridge, Utica, Guy Gordon, 91, \$9,493.66, \$104.33	52 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 148, \$12,596.32, \$85.11	78 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry O'Bryan, 843, \$62,574.98, \$74.23
3 Greenview, Florence, Robert Golden, 233, \$37,722.85, \$161.90	27 Pellville, Charles William Fuller, 411, \$42,780.03, \$104.09	53 Murray First, Wendell Ray, 2,002, \$168,189.71, \$84.01	79 Evarts, 101, \$7,460.92, \$73.87
4 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 339, \$51,236.02, \$151.14	28 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 835, \$86,361.32, \$103.43	54 Vine Run, Dry Ridge, Henry David Wiggins, 324, \$27,101.19, \$83.65	80 Blackford, Hawesville, 407, \$29,738.96, \$73.07
5 Sharpburg, William Steele, 2, \$300.00, \$150.00	29 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack Naylor, 170, \$17,058.78, \$100.35	55 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 731, \$60,947.98, \$83.38	81 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven Hussung, 1,005, \$72,731.98, \$72.37
6 Countryside, Morganfield, William Henderson, 34, \$5,075.34, \$149.27	30 Meadow Hill, Louisville, Ron Lasley, 144, \$14,296.58, \$99.28	56 Hardinsburg, 628, \$51,955.07, \$82.73	82 Clay First, Jeff McMain, 516, \$37,041.77, \$71.79
7 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe Bagwell, 50, \$7,233.97, \$144.68	31 Old Salem, Salem, James Keeling, 115, \$11,184.53, \$97.26	57 Acton, Campbellsville, John Batchler, 27, \$2,201.57, \$81.54	83 High Point, Mayfield, Jeff Vann, 764, \$54,763.26, \$71.68
8 Immanuel, Madisonville, Calvin Bryant, 111, \$16,035.21, \$144.46	32 Cynthia, Michael Wayne Spivey, 738, \$71,468.70, \$96.84	58 Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Kenneth Cummins, 355, \$28,938.89, \$81.52	84 Bethel, Harrodsburg, Jack Geurin, 438, \$31,348.02, \$71.57
9 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 3,567, \$489,714.72, \$137.29	33 Oak Grove, Russellville, Robert Barnes, 400, \$38,407.20, \$96.02	59 Corinth, Mc Quady, Jacob Huffman III, 428, \$34,817.89, \$81.35	85 Cadiz, Phillip Salmon, 894, \$63,926.08, \$71.51
10 Woodland, Greenville, Estle Greenwalt, 160, \$21,828.00, \$136.43	34 Falmouth, Tony Whethers, 209, \$19,646.16, \$94.00	60 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael Stacey, 321, \$25,918.58, \$80.74	86 Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, 1,350, \$96,465.52, \$71.46
11 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,085, \$276,395.94, \$132.56	35 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 730, \$67,567.77, \$92.56	61 Northside, Almo, Brett Miles, 146, \$11,766.00, \$80.59	87 Olivet, Herndon, James Dean, 318, \$22,672.08, \$71.30
12 Good Hope, Campbellsville, Alvin Hardy, 211, \$25,933.19, \$122.91	36 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 653, \$60,367.74, \$92.45	62 Cedar Bluff, Princeton, JR Bruce, 120, \$9,643.10, \$80.36	88 Temple, Central City, 216, \$15,359.00, \$71.11
13 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel Morgan, 230, \$27,735.62, \$120.59	37 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted Yates, 122, \$11,207.72, \$91.87	63 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,050, \$83,791.73, \$79.80	89 Lancaster, Barry Jeffries, 1,080, \$76,568.21, \$70.90
14 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Christian, 416, \$49,492.42, \$118.97	38 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, Norman Fred Workman, 361, \$33,005.90, \$91.43	64 New Bethel, Eddyville, Jeffrey Lane Devine, 114, \$8,916.55, \$78.22	90 Russellville First, Randall Neal, 1,030, \$73,022.45, \$70.90
15 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 335, \$39,762.00, \$118.69	39 Trinity, Paducah, Kenneth Brown, 252, \$23,031.34, \$91.39	65 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 1,167, \$91,183.75, \$78.14	91 Blue River Island, Battletown, Harmon Popham, 30, \$2,118.83, \$70.63
16 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,046, \$241,794.09, \$118.18	40 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Reed Buntin, 355, \$32,294.41, \$90.97	66 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory Giltner, 1,340, \$104,202.56, \$77.76	92 Salem, Mortons Gap, 356, \$25,045.41, \$70.35
17 Lusby's Mill, Gratz, Paul Briscoe, 79, \$9,314.74, \$117.91	41 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel Ferguson, 1,789, \$162,164.67, \$90.65	67 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig Loscalzo, 4,285, \$332,893.17, \$77.69	93 Eddyville First, Timothy Perdue, 602, \$42,346.66, \$70.34
18 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,923, \$336,854.32, \$115.24	42 Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 256, \$23,088.96, \$90.19	68 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 605, \$46,830.73, \$77.41	94 Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel Withers, 65, \$4,571.83, \$70.34
19 Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey Elliott, 185, \$20,921.57, \$113.09	43 Friendship, Smithland, Fred Lowrance, 584, \$52,600.05, \$90.07	69 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 88, \$6,799.00, \$77.26	95 Beulah, Fancy Farm, Donald Gene Farmer, 257, \$18,051.70, \$70.24
20 Elizabethtown, JD Shipp, 96, \$10,800.00, \$112.50	44 Hebron, Eddyville, David Bowman, 159, \$14,068.59, \$88.48	70 Berean, Elizabethtown, Richard Trumbo, 83, \$6,394.35, \$77.04	96 Salem, James Dwiggins, 320, \$22,383.53, \$69.95
21 Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 368, \$40,609.66, \$110.35	45 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 771, \$68,148.08, \$88.39	71 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 177, \$13,617.71, \$76.94	97 Park Avenue, Madisonville, Douglas Anderson, 226, \$15,804.10, \$69.93
22 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 552, \$59,155.87, \$107.17	46 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,493, \$131,032.29, \$87.76	72 Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 286, \$21,970.35, \$76.82	98 Kings, Taylorsville, Michael Hail, 940, \$65,692.45, \$69.89
23 Bethlehem Missionary, Barry Parker, 74, \$7,877.57, \$106.45	47 Kuttawa First, JD Shipp, 365, \$31,941.61, \$87.51	73 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,388, \$104,503.30, \$75.29	99 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert Jackson Sr, 1,284, \$89,400.00, \$69.63
24 Mount Hebron, Waynesburg, Burl Coffman, 22, \$2,326.87, \$105.77	48 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 331, \$28,791.91, \$86.98	74 Frenchburg, Gordon Hayworth, 95, \$7,123.35, \$74.98	100 Central, Maysville, Robert Donovan Jr, 463, \$31,790.37, \$68.66

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This report is for the period Sept. 1, 2000, through Aug. 31, 2001. The first column shows the 2001 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 2001 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	CP00	CP01	OTHER
ALLEN			
Bays Fork	\$5,130.23	\$4,761.46	\$2,054.00
Dover	0.00	0.00	0.00
Holland	1,895.69	1,436.68	1,097.50
Liberty	4,362.26	3,962.82	1,339.00
Mount Gilead	244.65	0.00	0.00
New Hope	2,582.85	2,095.40	1,555.00
New Middle Fork	100.00	250.00	250.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	650.00
Scottsville	56,568.11	22,901.44	9,599.56
Trammel Fork	500.00	500.00	1,223.00
White Plains	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	71,383.79	35,907.80	17,768.06

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
ANDERSON			
Alton	34,933.12	39,097.42	2,305.14
Ballard	2,787.66	3,265.40	110.00
Fellowship	681.19	540.00	433.81
Freedom	1,722.00	1,065.00	205.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glenboro	3,385.38	4,362.19	500.00
Goshen	1,025.00	1,006.69	352.55
Hope Community	44,360.00	52,486.37	6,429.44
Lawrenceburg First	120,105.98	119,555.02	19,257.13
Mount Pleasant	1,258.40	708.13	125.00
Pleasant Grove	200.00	275.00	825.00
Sand Spring	64,326.80	67,895.63	11,758.79
Tyone	4,200.00	3,890.00	3,292.00
Van Buren	0.00	0.00	360.00
SUBTOTAL	278,985.53	294,146.85	45,953.86

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
BELL			
Antioch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arjay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Bethlehem	2,314.83	2,438.71	202.89
Binghamtown	7,000.08	7,000.08	5,837.00
Blue Ridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calloway	1,015.70	1,070.57	275.00
Charity #2	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clear Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	11,127.00	14,344.48	2,991.94
East Jellico	7,351.00	5,567.00	3,251.55
East Pineville	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Blackmont	600.00	600.00	267.89
First Southern BC of Chenoa	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fonde	0.00	52.80	200.00
Fuson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garmeads	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harmony	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hensley Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosman	2,259.03	2,284.40	400.00
Insubl	0.00	0.00	160.00
Jenson	1,496.92	2,035.46	0.00
Meldrum	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	520.25
Millers Chapel	320.00	80.00	0.00
Moss Chapel	360.00	300.00	2,950.00
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	50.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	288.94	294.23	0.00
Northside	0.00	220.07	664.02
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	12,090.92	11,873.21	12,011.88
Pathfork	554.85	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pineville First	18,052.84	17,152.91	18,383.47
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richardson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	1,658.72	2,152.75	505.90
Riverside (Red Bird) Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview	716.90	666.11	1,900.00
Southside	6,754.80	8,213.90	5,399.41
Southside Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stoney Fork	785.00	365.00	0.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trinity	1,756.16	300.00	335.00
Tugglesville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vanilla	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	1,139.61	1,162.27	136.00
Wasioato	600.00	600.00	900.00
West Cumberland Avenue	905.94	767.99	219.00
West Pineville	6,255.13	5,642.84	1,500.00
Whipple	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	85,404.37	85,184.78	61,061.20

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
BETHEL			
Adairville	23,707.00	22,129.13	4,744.81
Abum	5,906.02	5,635.21	13,559.16
Calvary	10,915.04	10,203.31	20,920.15
Dripping Spring	23,267.14	25,918.58	6,145.60

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
Eastside	935.98	560.16	796.90
Elkton	39,655.00	44,841.64	15,424.80
Forest Grove	8,630.46	8,037.67	2,293.13
Grace	3,768.33	3,194.07	1,380.40
Guthrie	13,186.11	11,640.68	5,642.90
Keysburg	2,876.52	3,194.29	97.00
Middleton	9,461.05	9,078.24	1,773.38
Mount Gilead	2,588.78	2,046.65	1,575.00
Mount Zion	1,115.86	0.00	0.00
New Union	12,776.97	14,896.72	5,380.60
Post Oak	23,000.00	23,041.93	20,122.04
Russellville First	71,374.58	73,022.45	20,934.73
Russellville Second	42,016.71	52,191.20	9,765.71
Sharon Grove	7,499.00	9,104.00	542.00
Southern Heights	7,350.00	7,350.00	1,791.91
Spring Valley	1,749.85	1,097.26	1,984.51
Tiny Town	1,346.08	1,372.38	500.00
Trenton	15,958.00	18,877.50	6,961.85
Walnut Grove	21,085.10	22,162.99	2,462.00
Whippoorwill	6,104.04	7,043.55	2,128.20
Woodlawn	5,293.30	5,819.37	2,745.35
SUBTOTAL	357,330.47	382,458.98	149,671.53

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
BLACKFORD			
Blackford	25,974.36	29,738.96	1,852.28
Central	6,104.04	6,381.94	1,898.79
Chestnut Grove	7,882.05	6,146.76	5,958.86
Dawson Memorial	1,926.50	1,606.50	125.34
Friendly Grove	0.00	21.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	140.00
Hawesville	35,236.48	33,137.31	11,779.71
Lewisport	49,215.34	52,344.94	6,655.98
Lewisport First	2,829.10	1,894.35	739.26
Mount Eden	5,600.40	6,301.18	1,150.00
New Life	688.52	93.32	738.61
Newtown Springs	2,319.00	2,023.50	1,132.37
Old Panther Creek	3,429.20	3,393.46	4,151.31
Patesville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pellville	38,081.23	42,780.03	3,480.70
Roseville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union	7,374.94	6,336.69	19,259.97
West Point	730.12	688.67	997.68
SUBTOTAL	187,395.28	192,888.61	60,060.86

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
BLOOD RIVER			
Altona Missionary	12,412.67	16,323.84	9,120.83
Benton First	42,194.39	46,443.90	10,504.00
Bethel	25,737.27	23,522.00	4,942.39
Bibleham	4,092.31	4,021.63	578.75
Blood River	2,571.11	3,335.36	0.00
Briensburg	136,841.25	138,449.66	17,440.06
Calvert City First	31,633.85	12,427.54	21,812.13
Cherry Corner	11,082.76	9,699.54	2,257.51
Coldwater	600.00	600.00	74.00
Dexter	300.00	550.00	0.00
East Marshall	2,821.32	2,605.61	613.00
Elm Grove	35,290.95	28,791.91	18,562.05
Elva	2,086.83	3,717.72	25.00
Flint	6,814.45	8,940.38	3,129.00
Gilbertsville	12,660.57	13,270.14	2,879.13
Grace	13,003.58	12,264.83	6,129.00
Hamlet Missionary	5,842.68	6,160.37	354.34
Hazel	20,645.60	21,343.96	5,863.80
Hilltop	445.00	842.35	300.00
Kirksey	1,512.00	1,580.00	275.00
Lakeview	7,352.28	7,617.12	951.67
Leadbetter	1,378.80	1,264.67	852.87
Locust Grove	17,667.08	20,921.57	2,789.21
Memorial	25,461.88	23,994.30	6,465.42
Murray First	150,053.66	168,189.71	57,281.96
New Bethel	5,040.00	5,040.00	28,575.85
New Harmony	35,950.15	34,714.34	5,559.56
New Mount Carmel	3,476.53	2,926.41	1,400.00
New Providence	241.30	562.94	0.00
New Zion	14,272.32	10,456.65	2,343.00
Northside	12,476.00	11,766.00	2,346.25
Oak Grove	8,460.76	8,117.59	0.00
Olive Missionary	16,210.67	13,556.37	2,611.87
Owens Chapel	7,233.00	6,799.00	1,749.00
Pleasant Hope	0.00	1,200.00	800.00
Pleasant Valley	3,300.00	3,600.00	0.00
Poplar Spring	2,200.00	2,400.00	4,009.23
Salem	15,804.36	16,006.38	1,248.00
Scotts Grove	2,145.07	4,524.21	3,706.00
Sharpe Missionary	8,462.00	13,590.00	1,917.67
Sinking Spring	5,500.00	5,000.00	1,049.00
South Marshall	240.00	240.00	59.00
Spring Creek	3,259.00	3,500.00	688.40
Sugar Creek	600.00	800.00	561.00
Symonia	10,416.50	12,047.61	1,474.87
Union Ridge	6,364.00	5,914.00	2,343.69
Vanzora	6,668.00	7,806.57	1,664.42
Walnut Street	1,842.41	2,069.27	266.27
West Fork	6,546.34	5,252.58	1,585.00
Westside	17,995.28	21,844.37	32,973.72
Zions Cause	11,464.85	8,123.52	1,968.00
SUBTOTAL	777,286.83	784,735.92	275,320.92

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
BOONES CREEK			
Allansville	10,384.63	11,326.15	9,078.40
Beech Grove	1,482.42	1,801.43	385.86
Boone's Creek	28,148.63	29,747.18	26,199.82
Calvary	13,233.64	12,383.90	2,177.00
Central	151,799.40	158,463.57	63,240.62
Clay City	1,597.00	1,803.45	566.00
Corinth	5,689.30	2,332.86	1,878.00
Cow Creek	4,599.00	2,865.00	0.00
Emmanuel	2,872.96	1,072.09	300.00
Ephesus	7,869.00	3,388.65	1,238.00
Faith	190.00	240.00	885.00
Friendship	8,708.08	8,284.21	2,655.40
Greenbriar	0.00	166.00	0.00
Heidelberg	0.00	408.43	81.13
Howards Mill	7,722.00	6,637.00	5,661.75
Irvine First	5,112.61	5,536.51	1,599.41
Ivory Hill	3,367.55	3,239.35	1,102.06
Jeffersonville	7,255.00	10,459.00	1,413.00
Kidville	1,914.52		

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Hopewell	1,641.00	237.00	261.00
Immanuel	1,855.24	1,330.99	0.00
Island	16,252.32	16,286.12	32,237.20
Karns Grove	8,461.72	11,025.79	2,941.93
Lewis Lane	33,296.05	34,590.17	11,403.66
Livermore	25,482.66	28,052.06	5,420.03
Living Faith	9,712.72	9,079.16	2,859.76
Macedonia	29,741.09	22,000.00	13,792.46
Maceo	12,021.63	7,256.87	1,961.00
Masonville	10,794.75	9,337.00	2,405.37
Mount Vernon	1,737.52	1,392.34	412.00
Newman	3,994.98	4,429.85	900.00
Owensboro First	252,444.72	336,854.32	67,263.50
Owensboro Third	47,936.21	48,322.67	28,744.92
Pack	1,891.34	0.00	0.00
Panther Creek	8,805.71	10,517.34	2,660.25
Parish Avenue	10,440.84	10,338.60	2,566.96
Pleasant Grove	45,703.87	38,807.59	10,925.66
Pleasant Memorial	7,419.21	11,302.04	837.00
Pleasant Ridge	9,024.96	9,493.66	3,695.81
Red Hill	300.00	0.00	0.00
Ridgewood	1,584.69	1,600.70	959.76
Riverside	0.00	0.00	1,595.06
Sacramento	7,163.64	9,390.45	1,465.10
Seven Hills	9,146.85	6,358.25	4,759.53
Sorgho	8,172.42	10,888.28	5,009.00
South Hampton	7,203.50	8,730.46	2,216.28
Southeast	1,231.36	1,836.35	1,105.72
Stanley	2,038.09	1,822.46	945.00
Station	4,453.78	4,403.97	1,259.00
Sugar Grove	8,067.61	10,171.44	8,702.43
Utica	17,366.91	11,186.67	3,602.41
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walnut Memorial	11,308.50	15,779.73	1,913.01
Whitesville	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,971.80
Wing Avenue	7,614.35	5,194.00	1,848.95
Yellow Creek	62,268.03	60,137.88	10,473.72
Yelvington	6,453.74	6,928.13	1,055.72
SUBTOTAL	991,270.49	1,089,808.88	361,337.86

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pinckard	15,622.46	16,670.27	927.28
Porter Memorial	358,458.13	396,104.36	18,432.66
Praise Tabernacle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverview	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	27,217.23	30,470.93	6,781.45
Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave Road	6,905.45	10,412.46	2,026.11
Sadenville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seventh Street	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shawhan	412.00	978.00	750.00
Silas	2,517.06	2,835.18	577.00
South Elkhorn	16,636.78	18,831.27	6,655.80
Southern Heights	28,664.14	32,402.94	6,303.02
Southside	0.00	600.00	200.00
Springdale at Man O War	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stamping Ground	4,275.00	4,680.00	5,382.94
Stonewall	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Church at Andover	383.65	0.00	0.00
The Church at Tatesbrook	6,488.52	6,268.12	0.00
Trinity	4,576.66	4,576.66	2,750.20
Versailles	92,007.12	90,659.88	20,445.36
Victory	16,856.19	40,609.66	11,248.62
White Sulphur	5,076.40	4,109.54	1,000.00
Winchester First	17,880.29	8,000.63	22,740.11
SUBTOTAL	1,514,744.62	1,584,385.06	493,446.61

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
GOSHEN			
Grandview	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Millwood Missionary	265.00	260.00	464.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	125.00
SUBTOTAL	265.00	260.00	589.00
GRAVES COUNTY	58.37	0.00	0.00
Baltimore	220.00	390.00	213.00
Bell City	1,346.45	1,099.75	627.00
Bethany	3,626.86	3,508.06	1,958.85
Clarks River	7,554.58	5,635.00	2,197.09
Cuba	4,969.62	5,496.12	1,900.56
Dublin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel	1,649.08	1,545.43	0.00
Enon	2,200.00	2,400.00	1,800.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00
Farmington	16,610.82	15,696.87	8,154.15
Fellowship	677.85	241.34	0.00
Greater Saint Paul	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hardmony	2,550.00	2,550.00	1,964.74
Hickory	4,680.00	4,796.35	7,405.70
High Point	72,439.08	54,763.26	9,643.34
Liberty	18,597.64	20,403.28	1,454.13
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00	366.00
Lynnville	300.00	665.00	180.00
Mayfield First	66,666.68	71,000.00	25,626.65
Melber	1,166.04	1,263.17	6,454.19
Millers Chapel	267.98	0.00	0.00
Mount Haven	0.00	0.00	100.00
Mount Olivet	1,325.85	1,325.82	1,993.00
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	3,228.88
New Concord	100.00	300.00	0.00
New Home	3,426.00	2,866.00	258.10
New Hope	428.20	581.50	892.50
New Liberty	348.51	334.34	113.73
New Life	350.00	400.00	145.00
New Vision	0.00	275.00	383.00
Northside	32,625.27	40,492.72	3,066.00
Oak Grove	600.00	650.00	234.55
Pilot Oak	5,958.95	7,250.18	906.81
Pleasant Grove	3,538.94	498.98	679.97
Pryorsburg	1,800.00	1,855.38	2,544.09
Sand Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sedalia	7,035.52	7,272.14	2,108.55
Sharon	11,833.57	15,183.46	3,373.50
South First Street	575.96	517.59	624.43
Trace Creek	5,666.65	7,333.36	11,750.00
Viola Missionary	1,879.27	1,781.35	288.05
Water Valley	300.00	300.00	300.00
West Broadway	1,971.06	2,443.61	25.00
Wingo	1,638.09	1,944.20	672.00
SUBTOTAL	286,984.89	285,059.26	103,632.56
GRAYSON COUNTY			
Caneyville	4,653.32	5,116.35	5,742.12
Clarkson	16,789.18	19,174.42	2,544.75
Falls of Rough	7,004.72	7,999.40	5,519.34
Hanging Rock	2,586.92	2,575.59	2,001.91
Holly	1,376.00	1,323.00	1,264.00
Leitchfield First	52,620.34	37,277.43	16,507.06
Liberty	2,394.53	2,450.33	1,335.11
Little Clifty	5,039.37	6,967.17	2,890.00
New Harvest	600.00	2,058.50	0.00
New Hope Missionary	444.00	444.00	452.00
Shrewsbury	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	93,508.38	85,386.19	38,256.29
GREEN VALLEY			
Advance	3,901.36	575.23	0.00
Airline	27,054.31	18,481.97	2,946.16
Ambassador	1,938.72	2,307.72	717.00
Audubon	22,321.00	17,995.00	1,350.99
Bellfield	22,887.00	24,161.13	10,685.00
Bethel	3,833.92	4,099.22	342.10
Calvary Missionary	14,710.22	13,990.43	2,862.20
Cash Creek	6,479.07	6,740.18	8,939.06
Cherry Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corydon Missionary	9,467.09	7,334.90	1,860.43
Dupey	180.00	180.00	0.00
Eastview	4,105.69	4,602.55	1,050.93
Finley	5,001.29	6,378.19	1,817.00
Geneva	3,187.00	3,372.00	602.00
Greater Normis Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Henderson First	115,479.47	128,244.61	17,702.49
Hyland	30,121.97	31,566.97	7,989.37
Immanuel Baptist Temple	31,911.88	32,116.34	15,915.40
Lawndale	2,176.19	2,455.76	577.17
Morganfield First	38,408.04	33,792.73	10,765.99
Mount Pleasant	5,058.07	5,973.90	1,733.97
New Hope	4,680.28	4,709.03	1,037.00
Niagara Missionary	0.00	0.00	120.00
Poole Missionary	5,675.70	6,949.86	2,605.00
Robards Missionary	5,242.39	3,064.26	1,565.00
Sebree First	28,733.77	25,547.61	8,241.95
Spotsville	7,019.79	7,582.31	2,710.00
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watson Lane	500.00	0.00	0.00
Zion	27,500.00	16,000.00	11,487.93
SUBTOTAL	427,574.22	408,221.90	115,624.14
GREENUP			
Ashland	2,674.93	3,014.51	1,089.53
Ashland First	10,294.00	5,433.00	7,801.12
Ashland Second	4,804.89	4,473.12	1,364.76
Barnetts Creek	510.93	685.63	969.17
Belmont	1,595.67	1,968.01	439.36
Blackburn Avenue	240.00	240.00	149.00
Burnham	10,493.65	12,864.59	6,752.00
Cannonsburg First	14,230.13	15,851.11	7,097.33
Central	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,479.00
Chadwicks Creek	1,554.45	1,927.48	400.60
Cherryville	4,503.00	3,802.00	752.00
Crane Creek	1,434.00	1,720.00	1,590.00
Danleyton	1,244.52	1,473.36	500.11
Emily Northup	0.00	0.00	75.00
Everman	100.00	200.00	1,350.00
Fairview	32,918.41	28,238.45	5,759.43
Faith	1,016.85	584.57	0.00
Fellowship	578.11	992.36	1,120.00
Flatwoods First	4,300.00	3,150.00	2,122.00
Garner	7,463.47	7,950.62	1,877.69
Grace	2,315.00	2,847.00	462.00
Grayson First	14,449.83	18,448.96	2,839.00
Greenup First	12,000.00	11,677.00	0.00
Hyland Heights	900.00	1,000.00	1,005.00
Kenwood	1,704.75	668.20	1,571.00
Kirk Memorial	480.00	480.00	124.49
Liberty	4,810.67	5,434.43	1,484.75
Lloyd First	3,193.45	2,756.96	1,400.34
Louisa First	24,813.00	32,474.00	12,029.30
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oakland Avenue	44,378.92	41,313.89	24,431.12
Olive Hill First	13,602.70	19,854.70	6,528.99

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Pollard	10,668.92	9,689.11	3,754.50
Raceland First	2,265.00	6,372.27	6,695.77
Richardson	1,066.24	670.53	45.00
Riverview	1,811.77	1,698.48	10.00
Rose Hill	81,445.63	59,513.62	25,972.62
Rush Baptist Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Russell First	40,862.04	60,367.74	15,863.75
Sandy Hook First	1,964.00	2,035.00	200.00
South Point Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Shore Chapel	5,365.25	5,844.90	1,120.00
Summit	3,878.92	7,436.07	1,930.00
Unity	85,696.96	84,507.02	23,938.91
Wayside	450.00	500.00	1,010.00
Wildwood	21,257.31	21,970.35	8,080.44
Willard	3,306.47	3,469.44	532.00
Wilson Creek	3,996.00	4,656.50	786.00
Wolf Creek	5,803.00	7,114.99	4,068.93
Worthington First	2,398.89	1,642.25	596.50
Wurtland First	1,963.52	1,879.40	585.00
SUBTOTAL	498,809.25	513,291.62	189,753.51
HENRY COUNTY			
Bethlehem Missionary	6,109.80	7,877.57	1,070.00
Campbellsburg	2,644.06	7,817.42	14,575.22
Campbellsburg Second	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eminence	0.00	0.00	5,985.67
Franklinton	3,344.29	1,320.36	2,052.73
Hopewell	100.00	50.00	1,200.00
Lockport	4,125.32	4,156.66	1,419.00
New Castle First	2,970.00	3,060.00	300.00
Orville	3,175.00	4,454.00	75.00
Pleasureville	12,335.91	14,125.33	3,116.00
Port Royal	0.00	0.00	6,318.25
Smithfield	7,055.50	8,042.15	1,839.82
Sulphur	3,317.23	2,510.23	259.00
Turners Station	0.00	805.00	892.00
Union	2,506.98	984.65	218.96
SUBTOTAL	47,684.09	55,197.37	39,321.65
IRVINE			
Ansville	1,200.00	1,350.00	250.00
Clover Bottom	0.00	0.00	750.00
Egypt	3,520.00	3,808.00	113.87
Gray Hawk	4,368.88	4,559.03	911.00
McKee	9,085.04	10,499.26	2,430.87
Mount Zion	132.30	576.17	169.00
Oak Grove	1,279.64	780.00	1,692.00
Old Orchard	1,757.25	712.45	300.00
Stone Coal	20.00	0.00	0.00
Tyner	3,117.45		

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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP00	CP01	OTHER
South Fariston	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hurricane	16,197.77	14,916.78	21,535.18	Memory Lane	0.00	0.00	0.00	MUHLBERG COUNTY			
Swiss Colony	18,443.57	19,815.12	8,358.91	Liberty Point	16,351.72	15,597.66	12,995.89	Middleton First	5,691.13	0.00	0.00	Beech Creek	950.00	675.00	330.00
Weaver	1,330.00	1,051.62	330.25	Locust Grove	9,601.22	11,865.70	4,867.73	Midlane Park	256.89	285.20	690.66	Beechmont	13,086.85	13,954.04	3,263.81
West London	1,067.76	2,646.82	1,720.51	Maple Grove	3,100.00	2,000.00	200.00	Minors Lane	1,912.17	500.34	0.00	Bethlehem Baptist Church of Bremen	116,491.07	16,958.51	1,735.60
White Oak	200.00	0.00	0.00	New Hope	15,015.26	14,016.23	4,104.25	Morningside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Browder	1,096.87	1,299.84	2,422.88
SUBTOTAL	220,861.37	221,956.21	156,266.51	New Jerusalem	350.00	500.00	0.00	Mount Elmira	5,170.38	4,440.05	4,439.86	Calvary	16,503.53	12,531.35	1,442.48
LIBERTY	664.65	0.00	0.00	New Light	240.00	240.00	500.00	Mount Hermon	0.00	0.00	0.00	Carter Creek	9,466.95	9,000.00	30,014.08
Antioch	550.00	500.00	25.00	Oak Grove	14,018.40	17,218.40	5,863.80	Mount Nebo	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cave Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Browders Chapel	120.00	120.00	500.00	Ponderosa	0.00	1,434.91	915.00	New Beginning	35.00	40.00	239.00	Cedar Grove	1,400.00	2,400.00	3,279.46
Calvary	17,894.98	16,726.99	3,868.45	Rock Front	1,350.00	1,050.00	443.00	New Cut Road	6,238.19	8,555.61	2,313.60	Central City First	86,705.38	86,807.18	17,813.53
Canmer	825.06	829.13	350.00	Rocky Ridge	1,952.44	2,415.18	0.00	New Heights	1,464.38	3,200.90	3,423.38	Cherry Hill	11,297.88	10,228.64	2,029.45
Cave City	11,446.00	11,158.00	4,220.00	South Union	2,885.14	2,814.44	873.50	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Dunmor	13,081.43	11,818.56	3,797.85
Cave Spring	600.00	650.00	1,002.00	Trigg County	2,705.53	2,254.37	0.00	New Salem	999.96	1,083.29	144.00	East Union	11,616.21	10,693.24	1,734.10
Cedar Cliff	0.00	0.00	600.00	Wallonia	3,712.87	3,600.00	17,920.92	Ninth and O	5,300.00	8,000.00	6,312.00	Ebenezer	13,890.00	12,979.00	562.83
Cedar Grove	2,802.00	2,064.00	980.00	SUBTOTAL	207,114.92	220,489.88	129,347.36	North Oldham	900.00	667.00	1,292.30	Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coral Hill	21,767.09	24,525.04	1,209.00	LOGAN				Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Forest Grove	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
Edmonton Worship Center	9,073.72	9,532.12	1,991.74	Antioch	8,370.52	8,247.95	3,924.55	Oakdale	200.00	50.00	0.00	Forest Oak	2,877.26	3,120.78	1,007.72
Glasgow	46,680.57	47,632.15	11,587.35	Beechland	7,933.23	3,195.42	3,860.02	Oakland	0.00	0.00	0.00	Friendship	3,500.00	2,750.00	782.00
Grace Union Missionary	60.58	0.00	772.40	Bellview	772.90	0.00	4,919.42	Okolona	0.00	0.00	274.00	Graham	5,589.24	4,365.00	576.55
Hardyville	2,007.71	2,046.52	0.00	Britmar	3,574.52	3,252.92	1,955.07	Ormsby Heights	24,920.48	32,077.72	4,234.41	Greenville First	55,774.27	19,950.41	26,823.51
Haywood Missionary	5,616.38	5,127.86	1,738.00	Cave Spring	7,729.14	6,538.02	0.00	Parkland	30,859.66	35,172.91	22,492.92	Hazel Creek	10,295.00	9,835.00	1,349.10
Horse Cave	23,167.32	18,305.62	2,882.00	Center	3,842.17	3,958.90	1,211.00	Parkwood	15,039.07	14,352.42	6,349.51	Macedonia	1,249.69	1,127.45	123.75
Immanuel	15,532.20	14,353.85	2,104.36	Concord	5,084.77	2,703.03	3,238.00	Penile	2,343.49	2,718.35	1,053.00	Martwick	3,076.12	1,751.09	400.00
Little Bethel	486.00	195.00	661.00	Elk Lick	34,985.39	32,294.41	11,767.93	People of the Way Community	228.71	278.87	202.50	Mercer	2,154.01	1,950.22	903.00
Lonoke	1,254.18	1,374.63	340.25	Epley	2,520.34	1,484.29	0.00	Pleasant Grove	13,433.47	7,649.80	5,363.57	Mount Pisgah	78,148.85	33,840.65	17,229.13
Mount Tabor	1,991.59	1,853.40	2,928.50	Green Ridge	1,618.09	1,669.57	848.00	Plum Creek	12,177.68	13,038.76	2,764.83	Nelson Creek	9,409.63	9,234.55	1,000.00
New Liberty	0.00	0.00	0.00	Guptons Grove	2,464.42	2,093.06	3,351.64	Poplar Level	3,201.63	3,272.63	745.00	New Cypress	1,710.59	1,395.93	1,625.00
Park City	5,611.85	6,686.01	1,935.53	Liberty	12,605.00	14,715.00	7,134.00	Portland Avenue	175.00	0.00	0.00	New Harmony	15,777.00	14,531.00	4,321.00
Pleasant Valley	8,732.30	8,894.37	2,441.40	Mount Pleasant	33,175.71	32,565.77	3,295.58	Prospect First	660.00	780.00	0.00	New Hebron	1,027.62	816.60	100.49
Poplar Spring Missionary	1,200.00	1,100.00	0.00	Mount Tabor Missionary	4,305.00	5,290.00	7,089.00	Ralph Avenue	42,429.83	43,376.62	14,292.61	New Hope	3,782.74	3,534.06	4,935.53
Rowletts	2,686.16	2,549.40	1,850.48	Muddy River	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ridgeview	3,687.90	2,812.97	565.00	New Paradise	2,946.70	3,543.63	200.00
Salem	4,440.81	4,248.71	2,000.17	New Cedar Grove	3,779.03	4,368.61	1,844.44	Ridgewood	0.00	119.00	1,450.00	New Prospect	1,025.00	950.00	917.45
Shady Grove Missionary	2,397.36	3,315.26	1,165.34	New Friendship	9,421.50	8,800.00	8,964.91	River Oaks Community	0.00	1,241.87	0.00	Oak Grove	4,498.77	5,964.29	365.00
Siloam	1,100.00	2,750.00	4,514.13	New Hope	1,291.99	3,957.33	2,373.95	Riverside	2,638.40	491.00	1,939.00	Penrod	7,646.12	6,914.37	2,340.73
South Fork	2,567.27	3,195.88	2,000.00	Oak Forest	1,318.00	1,682.55	1,270.71	Rockford Lane	27,202.23	26,631.38	6,725.98	Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Three Springs	474.09	659.09	0.00	Oak Grove	38,538.16	38,407.20	4,411.29	Rutledge Road	0.00	0.00	940.00	Powderly	350.00	525.00	436.00
Walnut Hill	360.00	390.00	600.00	Pleasant Hill	436.85	819.10	2,327.00	Seaton Park	0.00	0.00	150.00	Riverside Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zion	22.50	22.50	50.00	SUBTOTAL	183,766.73	176,043.13	73,786.51	Shively	106,521.22	115,213.65	49,203.19	Roland Memorial	19,582.92	19,529.38	3,788.78
SUBTOTAL	192,132.37	190,805.53	54,317.10	LONG RUN				Shively Heights	7,204.49	7,310.13	3,507.43	South C. ion	2,596.14	3,500.17	543.50
LINCOLN COUNTY				Arcade	550.00	260.00	800.00	Sojourn Community Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	Temple	15,969.00	15,359.00	1,488.00
Blue Lick	3,931.56	3,695.51	1,019.00	Ashby Lane	5,171.01	6,837.59	775.00	South Jefferson	30,462.00	27,265.00	5,055.00	Unity	1,475.19	1,397.59	608.00
Calvary Hill	12,464.87	12,764.65	3,591.68	Abundant	8,495.10	9,142.96	1,829.30	South Waterson Trail	5,000.00	6,500.00	3,760.00	Vernal Grove	3,294.22	3,388.28	248.96
Crab Orchard	1,560.00	1,560.00	2,110.35	Baptist Tabernacle	2,647.31	2,516.86	701.50	Southside	3,832.00	3,629.00	1,413.13	Woodland	22,052.62	21,828.00	4,255.00
Double Springs	7,032.06	6,809.71	1,544.89	Bashford Manor	1,239.66	1,741.08	0.00	Springdale	10,666.66	19,583.30	30,966.70	Woodson	7,538.92	7,587.81	1,148.58
Drakes Creek	3,384.30	3,112.03	1,951.65	Baxter Avenue	1,219.45	392.16	125.00	St Matthews	2,912.60	3,562.00	69,479.82	SUBTOTAL	478,933.79	389,835.62	145,942.85
Fairview	21,386.16	20,145.05	3,526.38	Beargrass	0.00	0.00	0.00	Summit Hills	7,860.56	9,831.85	3,120.17	NELSON			
Freedom	11,590.00	11,665.00	4,060.19	Beechland	34,229.33	26,539.31	4,940.38	Sunnyside	2,111.72	3,032.10	1,685.50	Bardstown	27,791.08	14,937.37	7,508.78
Friendship	125.00	0.00	0.00	Beechmont	19,491.46	13,970.71	6,376.79	Taylorsville First	21,541.84	22,658.98	6,026.98	Bardstown Junction	11,025.00	6,639.00	2,419.50
Geneva	1,360.26	1,477.47	400.00	Beechwood	18,636.56	21,584.30	17,159.00	Third Avenue	99.98	100.06	7,873.71	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Houstonville	4,904.00	4,863.17	5,112.64	Belmar	25.00	0.00	64.84	Thixton Lane	3,480.00	3,600.00	2,415.00	Belmont	502.50	2,068.50	803.00
Locust Grove	610.00	600.00	547.50	Bethany	22,068.50	21,795.43	10,703.30	Trinity	3,801.91	4,449.27	1,651.50	Bethany	1,443.52	1,419.93	1,378.19
McKinney	9,109.97	6,528.56	2,748.76	Bethel Flock	0.00	0.00	0.00	True Light Korean Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bloomfield	26,435.17	33,724.30	5,859.10
Mount Hebron	2,224.51	2,326.87	316.42	Biblethel	31,115.00	27,493.00	19,167.73	Valley Station	25,066.80	24,273.50	10,458.23	Bullitt Lick	16,221.44	22,219.80	7,674.05
Mount Salem	2,072.70	1,929.83	1,877.06	Bicknell Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	Valley View	8,338.00	14,938.66	3,840.47	Cedar Grove	5,011.00	4,169.00	3,663.50
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Broadway	3,478.54	2,250.00	27,564.93	Van Buren	2,002.14	1,978.52	6,748.76	Chaplin	24,724.60	24,528.22	5,241.96
New Salem	10,849.00	6,927.49	708.53	Brooks	4,723.49	3,019.12	2,140.23	Victory Memorial	10,185.34	11,510.63	4,567.22	Chaplin Fork	3,531.90	3,968.15	1,035.00
Olive	1,082.39	1,139.63	300.00	Brookview	1,551.62	1,947.56	1,554.07	Vine Street	922.05	1,893.75	4,951.62	Clermont	1,457.00	1,712.00	0.00
Parlor Grove	4,133.66	3,914.01	931.36	Buechel Park	2,475.00	954.00	13,690.84	Walnut Street	49,615.23	47,240.90	29,416.04	Coxs Creek	7,868.96	11,716.58	1,647.08
Pilot	466.64	335.08	707.05	Burnett Avenue Missionary	300.00	300.00	300.00	West Broadway	27,842.46	29,941.61	7,333.08	Eagle Heights	1,902.84	1,973.75	1,801.00
Pleasant Point	4,862.00	4,585.00	1,385.45	Cardinal Hill	1,901.00	1,876.00	808.59	West End	0.00	0.00	0.00	Eastside	428.82	648.64	215.00
Pleasant View	25,366.31	28,012.34	15,535.71	Carlisle Avenue	39,000.00	36,000.00	13,477.03	Westport Road	98,270.02	84,686.33	25,936.65	First Cedar Creek	17,403.24	19,887.22	2,461.25
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New Banklick	5,759.42	4,549.22	505.00	Cedar Hill	11,360.62	10,896.01	3,218.17	ROCKCASTLE				Rineyville	34,304.23	40,413.77	12,714.81
Newport First	11,516.73	6,397.30	2,241.38	Concord	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,373.00	Brindle Ridge	0.00	0.00	850.00	Round Top	3,836.97	4,073.39	1,329.76
Oak Island	1,612.76	1,835.93	1,304.77	Dallasburg	2,909.60	16,312.96	5,796.70	Brodhead	12,222.29	13,573.49	2,358.12	Sevens Valley	302,755.61	268,543.98	80,540.28
Oak Ridge	31,894.56	31,998.30	5,043.00	Elk Lick	2,281.89	2,735.98	1,227.25	Clear Creek	0.00	200.00	225.00	Sonora First	19,310.69	12,951.88	22,217.10
Oakland Avenue	354.92	1,058.50	0.00	Gratz	2,391.60	1,002.79	155.00	Conway	1,672.48	2,043.57	1,119.24	Stithon	53,663.31	29,068.80	11,338.76
Persimmon Grove	500.00	700.00	2,123.00	Greenup Fork	4,534.00	5,362.00	510.00	Copper Creek	145.32	0.00	1,896.49	Tunnel Hill	15,068.64	16,990.77	6,905.42
Petersburg	1,811.25	1,817.52	488.69	Harmony	6,135.33	4,267.54	6,980.00	Fairview	4,071.74	7,117.82	9,085.69	Uniy	1,823.24	1,760.77	1,010.00
Piner	1,200.00	1,900.00	3,875.00	Long Ridge	15,106.36	18,482.74	5,680.92	Flat Rock	300.00	300.00	571.00	Valley Creek	54,038.12	68,014.39	14,742.54
Pleasant Ridge	15,669.26	14,365.19	2,573.64	Lusby Mill	8,538.24	9,314.74	400.00	Freedom	4,513.85	6,189.00	2,500.00	Valley View	17,478.69	21,517.16	5,711.57
Rosedale	4,384.95	3,781.76	1,884.27	Monterey	4,390.58	4,462.41	3,820.80	Livingston	814.94	786.90	200.00	Vertrees	839.22	658.99	780.00
Sand Run	8,677.91	8,926.90	2,189.00	Mount Pleasant	5,778.41	5,406.41	1,618.01	Macedonia	0.00	0.00	550.00	Vine Grove	300.00	600.00	0.00
Second Twelve Mile	7,772.85	7,710.74	2,315.99	Mount Zion	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mareburg	5,835.00	5,290.11	1,627.00	White Mills	3,025.00	2,750.00	0.00
Silver Grove First	1,701.01	1,327.49	669.45	Mussel Shoals	355.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Pleasant	5,946.08	6,827.00	1,048.24	Youngers Creek	27,135.35	31,434.94	8,072.45
South Side	2,400.00	2,600.00	1,106.14	New Columbus	14,753.29	17,069.19	2,664.55	Mount Vernon First	44,613.42	49,726.83	5,453.08	SUBTOTAL	824,784.60	815,485.66	260,292.53
Trinity	4,440.00	4,500.00	1,193.65	New Liberty	14,755.82	11,140.67	1,787.70	Mount Zion	365.39	995.45	100.00	SHELBY	0.00	0.00	503.15
True Vine	411.55	0.00	0.00	Old Cedar	2,631.90	3,105.85	265.00	Northside	4,752.75	0.00	0.00	Bagdad	750.00	1,166.67	3,182.11
Union	18,398.00	23,534.00	3,870.00	Owenton First	61,201.66	60,947.98	10,215.36	Ottawa	8,167.00	8,977.50	1,923.42	Beechridge	3,353.85	3,825.28	14,826.20
Visalia	0.00	25.00	0.00	Pleasant Ridge	10,555.36	10,846.56	3,409.00	Pine Hill Missionary	1,548.96	1,977.02	1,057.68	Bethlehem	5,444.09	971.83	2,668.34
Walton First	23,327.47	25,517.33	4,184.57	Richland	5,520.00	5,520.00	2,390.81	Pleasant Run	938.00	891.15	400.00	Buffalo Lick	3,272.51	3,705.61	1,092.90
West Covington	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,108.00	Salem	0.00	0.00	124.00	Poplar Grove	3,984.61	4,002.36	2,998.76	Burks Branch	8,514.84	6,236.41	4,807.95
Wilmington	8,784.32	7,731.89	1,780.00	South Fork	4,762.96	5,333.67	3,139.65	Roundstone	93.05	0.00	312.62	Christiansburg	7,238.58	6,779.10	6,796.23
Woodhaven	941.00	810.00	959.86	Squiresville	4,997.05	4,714.54	3,150.00	Scafold Cane	2,257.73	1,910.30	1,000.00	Clayville	0.00	2,711.14	1,541.00
SUBTOTAL	810,372.30	835,629.20	401,979.73	SUBTOTAL	188,512.83	202,082.50	64,612.07	Valley	1,003.37	815.59	588.90	Cropper	8,702.61	8,557.97	1,032.57
OHIO COUNTY				PIKE				SUBTOTAL	103,445.98	111,224.09	35,865.24	Dover	6,407.41	7,039.27	3,278.25
Adaburg	456.31	386.56	170.00	Alex	600.00	600.00	1,675.00	RUSSELL COUNTY				Elmberg	525.00	525.00	1,038.02
Barnett Creek	2,698.11	2,892.56	775.25	Belfry First	16,124.45	13,716.54	511.00	Clear Springs	600.00	1,019.25	1,439.00	Finchville	2,660.00	7,980.00	3,932.80
Beaver Dam	98,383.21	96,465.52	16,173.83	Brushy Creek Baptist Mission	1,512.50	687.50	0.00	Clearfork	1,400.00	1,050.00	2,075.00	Graefenburg	38,766.42	35,490.93	21,455.71
Bells Run	4,682.00	4,700.00	2,776.85	Calvary Southern	7,722.00	5,623.00	456.00	Dunville First	547.20	734.37	110.65	Hempridge	3,691.11	4,436.92	2,981.28
Centerwon	5,857.33	3,994.64	2,371.91	Elkhorn City	9,007.83	8,516.13	2,746.44	Fairview	1,606.00	400.00	1,723.63	Henderson House Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Faith Baptist of Myra	11,077.72	9,179.63	1,168.88	Friendship	950.14	806.26	4,233.33	Highland	28,332.91	32,688.86	3,642.12
Clear Run	0.00	6,534.26	2,357.00	Faith First	4,310.60	4,777.53	3,106.71	Indian Hill	0.00	134.01	123.63	Indian Fork	425.00	425.00	2,099.00
Concord	3,129.12	7,343.82	1,390.24	Feds Creek	150.00	100.00	840.00	Jamestown First	12,801.60	12,628.92	2,644.00	Little Mount	1,513.44	921.60	2,724.40
Cool Springs	202.47	541.53	3,606.76	Forest Hills First	7,358.56	9,488.99	1,585.31	Liberty	12,748.99	9,729.50	2,235.15	Mount Moriah	4,777.39	2,778.95	195.00
Deanfield	2,582.67	1,753.50	1,501.70	Grace	13,921.42	14,933.39	2,312.89	Mount Olive	3,556.98	3,841.41	905.56	Mount Pleasant	1,251.24	1,545.79	930.00
Dundee	540.00	405.00	90.00	Harold First	0.00	226.00	70.00	Mount Vernon	5,062.52	4,571.83	2,313.25	Mount Vernon	4,617.03	4,265.22	1,563.42
East Fork	1,117.97	1,318.43	296.88	Hellier Missionary	1,381.72	1,094.39	283.00	New Liberty	1,165.00	1,955.03	1,377.05	New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Hartford	6,121.05	2,833.18	0.00	Immanuel	18,423.86	18,491.98	3,356.14	Poplar Grove	2,674.91	3,024.39	393.81	Pigeon Fork	6,416.63	7,583.29	3,095.25
Fairview	2,176.00	2,283.80	71.00	Island Creek Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Providence	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salem	20,718.43	14,734.02	3,569.72
Fordsville	11,298.84	11,076.93	4,697.12	Jenkins First	6,164.74	5,871.47	1,497.00	Russell Springs First	40,436.64	34,158.65	22,546.60	Shelbyville First	151,923.74	112,560.97	34,832.58
Green River	10,360.87	11,735.67	3,677.97	Kimper Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Welfare	2,397.68	4,261.97	5,046.91	Simpsonville	23,390.55	33,063.78	14,126.04
Hartford	20,101.14	20,327.79	9,154.65	Marrowbone	1,500.00	1,200.00	300.00	Windsor First	300.00	25.00	0.00	Waddy	3,867.48	5,336.71	5,307.22
Hartford Second	3,200.87	3,533.86	75.00	Mayflower Unity	4,907.45	5,053.43	1,905.60	SUBTOTAL	86,247.66	78,340.59	47,166.57	SUBTOTAL	336,560.27	305,330.32	141,221.26
Independence	2,122.28	2,082.69	1,231.50	McVeigh	7,217.00	9,303.00	1,366.00	RUSSELL CREEK				Barbe	1,500.00	2,884.56	665.00
McGrady Creek	170.96	61.34	254.00	Meta	6,916.80	8,874.86	3,447.86	Beech Grove	6,719.82	7,927.65	2,390.00	Blackjack	10,426.91	11,267.01	2,373.05
McHenry	9,647.00	11,319.00	1,145.39	Mouth Card	1,878.98	650.09	528.00	Bethany	977.65	988.00	145.19	Calvary	25,182.90	3,750.00	1,801.03
Mount Carmel	11,307.40	10,909.01	3,881.62	Phelps First	270.00	1,951.00	0.00	Bethlehem	11,317.00	7,573.20	0.00	Cedar Grove	1,383.00	2,559.00	391.59
Mount Zion	529.98	240.90	0.00	Pikeville First	46,222.59	51,384.90	46,932.00	Brush Creek	200.00	381.41	100.00	Fairview	3,420.00	504.84	0.00
Narrows	291.73	0.00	25.00	Sidney Missionary	9,018.96	9,053.27	1,548.00	Cane Valley	3,136.69	1,797.86	4,454.00	Franklin First	39,093.81	42,923.79	18,438.94
New Panther Creek	1,056.65	852.42	444.10	Stone	506.40	337.05	175.00	Charity	2,197.63	1,913.82	704.25	Lake Spring	9,270.77	11,042.31	4,729.42
New Zion	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sutton	4,346.25	3,862.68	700.00	Columbia	27,041.26	27,840.23	8,972.73	New Hope	7,616.04	6,841.87	2,468.25
Olaton	375.00	300.00	95.00	Virgie	10,008.00	7,780.93	2,372.29	Fry	540.00	630.00	0.00	Providence	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	1,369.75	1,850.07	967.63	SUBTOTAL	190,547.83	192,757.76	78,883.12	Greasy Creek	5,152.73	5,394.09	899.79	Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill	1,607.11	1,595.51	0.00	PULASKI				Green Hill	1,630.76	1,633.75	0.00	Sulphur Spring	15,000.00	15,014.53	15,001.00
Pond Run	4,438.34	4,075.70	946.94	Acorn	1,579.15	2,378.35	1,463.20	Greensburg	28,893.00	31,911.55	7,297.92	Trinity	449.30	0.00	0.00
Providence	4,500.43	3,866.31	1,282.24	Antioch Shores	0.00	0.00	0.00	Harros Fork	320.46	237.21	1,088.40	SUBTOTAL	115,842.73	96,787.91	46,368.29
Ridgecrest	2,038.18	2,958.48	3,328.84	Barnesburg	9,446.55	9,390.86	2,730.97	Macedonia	3,360.00	4,655.00	0.00	SOUTH DISTRICT			
Rockport	1,946.25	1,780.44	560.00	Beacon Hill	74,716.69	83,791.73	33,256.97	Mount Gilead	2,268.84	2,454.08	1,677.00	Beech Fork	279.84	675.85	86.65
Rosine	0.00	0.00	200.00	Bethany	2,887.12	2,974.18	1,663.33	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove	4,320.00	4,320.00	679.25
Slaty Creek	2,759.69	4,300.31	500.00	Bethel	13,888.21	13,467.84	8,563.81	Pierces Chapel	1,354.42	1,079.70	689.47	Bryantsville First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smallhouse	1,355.76	776.71	200.00	Bethlehem	10,095.79	9,804.04	5,911.50	Pink Ridge	200.00	0.00	0.00	Calvary	13,953.89	10,597.70	9,481.42
Walton Creek	1,479.97	1,429.64	490.23	Bronston First	5,454.16	5,734									

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Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	0.00	THREE FORKS				Martinsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	West Paducah Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Bird	626.64	463.48	0.00	Airport Gardens	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,149.86	Meadow Land	9,735.59	6,293.85	842.90	Wice	0.00	0.00	736.00
Rockholds First	196.00	0.00	100.00	Berean	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mission Hispana at Glen Lily	0.00	0.00	0.00	Wickliffe First	9,000.00	5,944.21	2,496.50
Ryans Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Big Creek	8,990.28	9,438.11	2,293.52	New Gasper	50.00	0.00	0.00	SUBTOTAL	1,039,634.07	1,131,525.59	254,889.61
Saxton	0.00	0.00	0.00	Big Leatherwood First	5,870.00	3,972.00	0.00	Oak Forest	4,398.71	4,978.03	5,417.35	WHITES RUN			
Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00	Blackey	786.00	895.00	100.00	Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	250.00	250.00	172.93	Bramlette	1,086.58	384.73	47.00
Tannery Hollow	840.13	848.04	169.00	Caney	1,595.27	1,682.19	100.00	Oakland	17,446.85	16,949.62	4,742.69	Carrollton First	6,600.00	4,892.34	5,987.64
Tidal Wave	0.00	0.00	140.61	Caney Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Plano	3,806.60	3,562.27	597.79	Cove Hill	0.00	0.00	3,681.27
Twentieth Street	856.00	798.00	241.82	Colson	0.00	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	1,133.29	1,490.37	1,500.00	English	755.00	721.00	454.80
Watsons Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Combs First	0.00	0.00	500.00	Providence Knob	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ghent	5,138.50	5,214.78	1,673.16
West Corbin	15,192.00	14,361.42	4,120.21	Confluence	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rich Pond	65,872.99	72,731.98	19,371.27	Jordan	729.54	746.36	575.00
White Oak	894.34	151.50	0.00	Craft Colly	2,223.68	1,725.66	66.00	Richardsville	2,047.76	1,847.32	2,128.73	Mount Hermon	1,443.07	217.28	3,609.41
Wofford	1,436.46	1,574.20	1,150.00	Deane	7,228.40	7,698.05	500.50	Riverview Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sanders	2,425.00	2,591.28	1,636.00
Wolf Creek	1,050.00	514.00	795.00	Dwarf	240.00	360.00	129.67	Rocky Springs	2,521.91	2,964.04	2,918.38	Whites Run	5,148.00	5,108.00	1,933.00
Woodbine	0.00	0.00	0.00	Emmanuel	13,329.55	11,310.71	3,535.58	Scottsville Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	Worthville	5,384.00	5,933.32	2,354.50
Youngs Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Smiths Grove	11,680.11	11,616.67	2,866.00	SUBTOTAL	28,709.69	25,809.09	21,951.78
SUBTOTAL	340,627.73	342,518.65	59,732.15	First Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Southside	6,641.09	2,378.98	1,883.00	MISCELLANEOUS	49,569.47	46,084.32	1,716,134.94
SULPHUR FORK				Fleming	1,873.29	2,009.78	516.95	State Street	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	Abundant Life Baptist Worship Center	516.00	494.00	0.00
Antioch	200.00	0.00	800.00	Hardburly	0.00	0.00	0.00	White Stone Quarry	1,781.00	1,439.00	3,522.01	Allen Grove	0.00	0.00	100.00
Ballardsville	5,600.53	6,432.47	28,335.56	Hazard First	18,958.35	19,666.69	5,674.18	Woodburn	14,763.07	12,598.34	2,628.26	Antioch	400.00	500.00	0.00
Bedford	17,534.90	21,189.40	7,786.00	Hindman First	3,001.45	2,557.49	965.00	SUBTOTAL	606,484.03	668,398.70	221,502.24	Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00	200.00
Bekiah Land	422.42	427.94	0.00	Hyden	3,001.45	2,557.49	965.00	WAYNE COUNTY				Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00
Buckner	11,435.66	15,625.34	4,478.58	Jeff Missionary	4,397.32	2,925.49	1,349.00	Big Sinking	1,574.33	855.60	1,247.00	Benton First Missionary	20,956.84	21,314.00	6,109.50
Centerfield	4,496.65	3,740.38	0.00	Jeremiah Missionary	2,000.00	1,700.00	407.12	Concord	650.00	600.00	0.00	Bethany Baptist Mission	248.45	414.83	125.00
Corn Creek	1,112.54	982.56	3,152.66	Lone Pine	751.36	650.00	1,721.00	Cooper	1,536.85	1,847.12	725.00	Big Brush	0.00	0.00	70.00
Covington	1,494.52	1,853.68	302.00	Lothair	2,293.03	1,903.16	1,201.00	Elk Spring Valley	14,807.21	13,446.52	4,997.41	Bonnieville	2,760.00	210.00	1,200.00
Crestwood	83,292.41	105,296.62	25,338.90	McIntosh	0.00	0.00	0.00	Green Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	Carpenter	0.00	0.00	327.00
DeHaven Memorial	67,694.51	66,449.78	22,930.66	Montgomery	5,850.86	5,036.76	1,500.00	Immanuel	100.00	0.00	0.00	Central	634.27	1,129.73	2,061.00
Eighteen Mile	1,393.03	1,510.11	630.00	Mount Olivet	2,297.00	2,439.00	252.90	Lower Turkey Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Christ Community Church	50.00	0.00	0.00
Harrods Creek	0.00	856.30	7,342.34	Mouse First	721.46	683.93	1,056.35	Meadow Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	Christ is King	0.00	250.00	0.00
LaGrange Heights	0.00	0.00	355.00	Muncy Creek	260.00	240.00	0.00	Missouri Hollow	0.00	0.00	0.00	Clear Creek Community	0.00	375.06	0.00
Liberty	1,193.77	1,818.02	256.00	North Fork	6,966.15	5,639.39	1,474.00	Monticello First	20,800.00	19,250.00	12,554.50	Community	2,692.59	3,500.00	0.00
Milton	2,720.00	2,715.45	2,077.05	Petrey Memorial	12,819.72	12,824.63	5,348.00	Mount Zion	6,284.83	5,035.00	3,405.00	Corinthian	0.00	600.00	0.00
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	0.00	Premium	2,050.00	2,000.00	596.00	New Charity	450.00	450.00	1,524.00	Cornerstone	450.00	600.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	1,810.00	Rockhouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Salem	3,280.00	3,324.00	3,275.00	Cornerstone	2,737.00	5,032.50	0.00
Providence	9,352.68	7,703.39	1,805.14	Smithsboro	20,433.15	20,167.20	7,609.88	Newtown	908.92	854.02	557.66	Cub Run	0.00	0.00	100.00
Sligo	13,124.16	9,919.25	3,300.00	Typo	0.00	0.00	150.00	Oak Grove	1,353.12	1,743.36	2,318.50	Dayspring	350.88	3,152.82	8.00
Union Grove	1,170.00	1,019.00	380.00	Upper Second Creek	2,184.00	5,105.74	100.00	Parmleys Grove	0.00	0.00	480.43	Dover	0.00	0.00	208.00
Westport	17,599.30	18,853.95	6,104.09	Vicco Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rectors Flat	6,380.80	6,923.52	731.41	Drakesboro First	304.21	588.83	5,072.50
SUBTOTAL	239,837.08	266,393.64	117,183.98	Whitesburg First	31,382.77	33,704.53	5,011.00	Rogers Grove	870.70	725.64	503.00	Eagle Heights	8,392.41	15,561.43	616.64
TATES CREEK				Willow Fern	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sandusky Chapel	960.00	1,440.00	60.00	Edmonton	4,308.37	3,916.70	984.36
Berea	47,083.35	51,610.13	11,603.35	Wooton First	2,449.61	2,224.90	557.00	South Main Missionary	0.00	0.00	53.00	Elim	0.00	650.00	0.00
Bethel	12,348.35	11,911.87	3,128.45	Yerkes	0.00	0.00	200.00	Span Hill	572.04	738.15	1,029.00	Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Bethlehem	1,386.63	1,778.67	1,976.27	SUBTOTAL	180,303.47	177,918.67	46,929.51	Staubenville	8,553.07	9,786.35	2,168.68	Faith Missionary	0.00	75.00	0.00
Broadway	2,619.00	2,063.00	607.00	UNION				SUBTOTAL	69,081.87	67,019.28	35,629.59	Family	25.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,313.00	1,476.00	811.06	Beaver	5,519.51	5,067.50	2,993.36	WEST KENTUCKY				First Gethsemane	500.00	500.00	0.00
Clarksville	0.00	0.00	0.00	Berlin	2,817.98	1,790.82	146.93	Antioch	1,230.38	1,447.70	0.00	Forest Missionary	1,600.00	2,100.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	9,112.39	9,644.74	565.00	Blanket Creek	4,372.97	4,838.28	2,821.04	Arlington First	6,996.00	7,100.75	32,550.81	Forks of Dix River	2,549.90	2,552.21	3,566.00
Emmanuel	6,258.47	5,253.13	3,224.44	Butler	7,758.84	2,600.57	565.00	Bardwell	23,732.85	23,386.29	5,340.85	Freeman Trace	0.00	0.00	153.88
Faith Decision	300.00	275.00	575.00	Cynthiana	51,636.26	71,468.70	16,169.78	Bethlehem	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,681.18	Freemont Baptist Mission	0.00	200.00	252.40
Fellowship	585.54	881.96	614.26	Fairview	0.00	0.00	370.00	Burkley	17,769.17	18,051.70	6,439.88	Friendship	617.00	1,401.00	1,204.00
Freedom	225.00	225.00	447.75	Falmouth	15,360.10	19,646.16	3,260.00	Forest Hill	200.00	200.00	542.50	Georgetown First	650.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship Valley	397.00	509.00	214.00	Fairview	0.00	0.00	370.00	Galilee	5,547.04	4,256.83	426.00	Gethsemane	35,109.02	39,464.55	7,003.34
Galilee	5,547.04	4,256.83	426.00	Forest Hill	200.00	200.00	542.50	Getsemane	5,780.38	7,104.54	210.00	Gospel Fellowship	0.00	873.97	0.00
Gethsemane	5,780.38	7,104.54	210.00	Lenoxburg	0.00	923.29	307.42	Gilberts Creek	4,000.00	200.00	249.00	Greater Good Hope Inc	385.00	110.00	0.00
Gilead	300.00	300.00	81.00	New Zion	240.00	240.00	118.00	Gilead	300.00	300.00	81.00	Greenville Second	42,570.98	45,424.52	28,410.95
Good Hope	4,427.00	3,439.00	3,113.20	Oakwood	856.24	1,200.00	505.73	Good Hope	4,427.00	3,439.00	3,113.20	Grove Ridge	828.17	742.34	119.01
Harris Memorial	606.68	0.00	130.33	Richland	1,200.00	1,300.00	862.29	Hays Fork	8,338.49	7,299.17	1,690.00	Hardin	38,378.79	47,596.83	4,817.52
Hays Fork	8,338.49	7,299.17	1,690.00	Union	1,500.00	2,300.00	1,480.00	Kirksville	13,212.17	14,511.54	1,247.00	Harvest Community	655.80	2,340.15	0.00
Kirksville	13,212.17	14,511.54	1,247.00	Willow	3,498.44	3,539.21	3,138.00	Knob Lick	550.00	600.00	75.00	Hiseville	0.00	0.00	158.00
Knob Lick	550.00	600.00	75.00	SUBTOTAL	94,960.34	115,114.53	33,279.06	Liberty	120.00	110.00	150.00	Hopewell	0.00	0.00	100.00
Liberty	120.00	110.00	150.00	UPPER CUMBERLAND				Linden Street	496.00	521.00	0.00	Immanuel Baptist Church of Boyle Co	33,518.86	26,702.45	9,738.58
Liberty Avenue	4,949.34	3,862.43	3,251.28	Ages	300.00	300.00	29.00	Middletown	6,008.58	6,482.17	786.95	Indian Creek	0.00	0.00	500.00
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Promise Keepers to sponsor regional events for teen boys

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS)—Promise Keepers, an evangelical ministry that has focused on supporting men, will turn its attention to teenage boys when it holds its first conference for that age group later this year.



McCartney

"Promise Keepers' Passage" will be held Dec. 15 at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, marking the group's first step into youth-based conferences. It is designed to aid young men in meeting challenges at home, church, school and in everyday life.

"This is our window of opportunity to help shape the decisions of young men as they transition to adulthood," Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney said in a statement. "It's far easier to grow up into a man of integrity than to become one later in life by changing years of troubling behavior."

The conference for teenage boys is part of the Denver-based organization's 17-city 2001 nationwide conference season.

Speakers at the conference will include McCartney and Josh McDowell, a Christian expert on youth culture. The gathering also will feature contemporary Christian music, an extreme sports demonstration and a special time for prayer in light of the recent terrorist attacks.



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NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Robertson: Help Afghans 'take out' Osama.** Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson has called for a major humanitarian effort to help the people of Afghanistan while also urging U.S. officials to "take out" terrorist Osama bin Laden. "We must understand that there is a humanitarian tragedy of mammoth proportions building in Afghanistan," Robertson said during his "The 700 Club" show recently. "The United States should mount a massive humanitarian effort to feed those people who are going to be starving and provide the necessary medicine for those who are sick and hurting. If we do that, we can win their hearts and then see another government installed in place of the Taliban regime."

■ **Scholars: Muslim soldiers must fight.** An international panel of Muslim scholars has ruled that Muslims serving in the U.S. military have the obligation to fight for their country, even if it means killing fellow Muslims in a war against terrorism. The edict, or fatwah, was issued by Taha Jabir Alwani, an Islamic scholar at the School of Islamic and Social Sciences in Leesburg, Va. The academy certifies the religious credentials of those applying to be Muslim chaplains in the armed forces, according to the Washington Post. "All Muslims ought to be united against all those who terrorize the innocents, and those who permit the killing of non-combatants without a justifiable reason," Alwani said in the Sept. 27 ruling. The ruling is significant, because its supporters include a prominent sheik in Qatar and three Egyptians who have been critical of U.S. foreign policy.

■ **Methodists help Middle East restaurants.** Methodists in Denver recently bought 2,500 lunches from Middle Eastern restaurants hit hard by anti-Arab sentiment in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Three Methodist groups—a seminary, church and regional association—provided lunch on Sept. 26 in conjunction with the University of Denver. University spokeswoman Lisa Parrish said the idea originated with staff from both schools who had visited the restaurants soon after the attacks.

■ **Satire magazine: Don't kill in God's name.** A surprising call for religious tolerance was found in the pages of *The Onion*, a satirical newspaper based in Madison, Wis. The source: God Himself. In the Sept. 27 edition, along with headlines like "Terrorists Surprised to Find Selves in Hell," is the story, "God Angrily Clarifies 'Don't Kill' Rule." "Somehow, people keep coming up with the idea that I want them to kill their neighbors," God is quoted as saying. "Well I don't. And to be honest, I'm getting really sick and tired of it."

■ **Religious broadcasters see ratings increase.** Some religious broadcasters saw a jump in ratings after the Sept. 11 attacks. Trinity Broadcasting Network said ratings for James Robison's "Life Today" doubled during the two weeks starting Sept. 16, compared to the two weeks before the attacks. Ratings for a news program featuring "prophecy expert" Hal Lindsey increased 60 percent in the same period. Pat Robertson's "The 700 Club" saw an average ratings increase of about 10 percent in the week after the attacks, compared to the week before.

Paper lists salaries for top officials at Christian non-profit organizations

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Top officials at U.S. nonprofit organizations saw a 6.7 percent median increase in their salaries last year, the Chronicle of Philanthropy reported.

Among the selected religious groups in the publication's annual listing of compensation for top executives, Trinity Broadcasting Network in Tustin, Calif., had the highest figures.

President Paul Crouch earned a salary of \$403,549 and \$3,392 in benefits while his wife, Vice President Janice Crouch, earned \$347,365 in salary and \$3,392 in benefits. Their total compensation was 0.4 percent of the ministry's \$192 million income.

The newspaper's 10th annual survey was published in its Oct. 4 issue. Here are some of its findings about Christian groups:

■ Michael Little, president of the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Va., earned \$202,690 in salary and benefits of \$22,976 and network co-host Terry Meeuwsen earned compensation of \$166,761 and benefits of \$22,758. Their total compensation amounted to 0.3 percent of the ministry's \$151 million income.

■ Focus on the Family President

James Dobson is listed as receiving no compensation. Diane Passno, executive vice president of the Colorado Springs, Colo.-based ministry, earned \$126,562. Her compensation amounts to 0.1 percent of the group's \$129 million income.

■ Franklin Graham, director of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, is listed as receiving no salary from the agency. Chief Operating Officer John Cortis received \$174,885 in salary and benefits of \$37,878. His compensation amounted to 0.2 percent of the ministry's \$126 million income. Graham earned compensation of \$156,416 and benefits of \$15,944 from Samaritan's Purse, the relief organization for which he serves as chief executive officer. Jerry Miller, the group's former chief operating officer, earned \$119,557 in salary and \$751 in benefits. Their compensation amounted to 0.3 percent of the ministry's \$130 million income.

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The joy I get

One of the first books I read about giving back in 1985 was "Mega Gifts." Jerald Panus interviewed about 30 individuals and couples who had made contributions of \$1 million or more to various charitable organizations.

In his book, Panus cited the motivations of these mega givers. Among the top five reasons for giving, which was common to all of them, was the sheer joy each experienced from their giving. At first I was struck by that finding. We tend to think people make mega gifts for tax purposes. Tax saving was toward the bottom of the list of reasons these mega givers gave. Upon reflection, I realized I should not have been surprised. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 the apostle Paul reminded the church of God in Corinth that "God loves a cheerful giver."

The entire 9th chapter of 2 Corinthians is about how we should give as Christian stewards and the proper attitude toward giving. You cannot be right with God spiritually and wrong with God financially.

I encourage you to take the time to prayerfully read 2 Corin-

thians 9:6-15. You will discover in verse 6 that giving is like planting seeds. The farmer who is stingy in the planting will reap a meager harvest, while the farmer who is generous in planting can expect a good harvest. So, we should give generously. In verse 7 you will discover we should give thoughtfully. God expects us to

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give not out of impulse but after thoughtful, prayerful consideration and out of conviction. In the remaining verses you will get the sense we should give thankfully. Gratitude to God is the great motivating factor for giving. We should not give grudgingly or reluctantly or because we are afraid the Lord will punish us if we don't give. In-

stead, we should give cheerfully out of gratitude to God for all His blessings.

I like what one mega giver said, "I give because of the deep sense of joy I get. I don't know what philanthropy looks like, but I know how it feels." How much truer that is when the Lord and his work are the objects of the giving!

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Large houses of worship wonder if they might be next

By Jose Flores
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Throughout the United States, thousands of houses of worship have beefed up or requested information about security.

In particular, many cathedrals, mega-churches (those that regularly draw more than 1,000 worshippers), large mosques and synagogues have taken extra precautions.

"We've seen an increase in requests," said Jeff Hanna, executive director for the Guide One Center for Risk Management in Des Moines, Iowa, which represents 48,000 houses of worship.

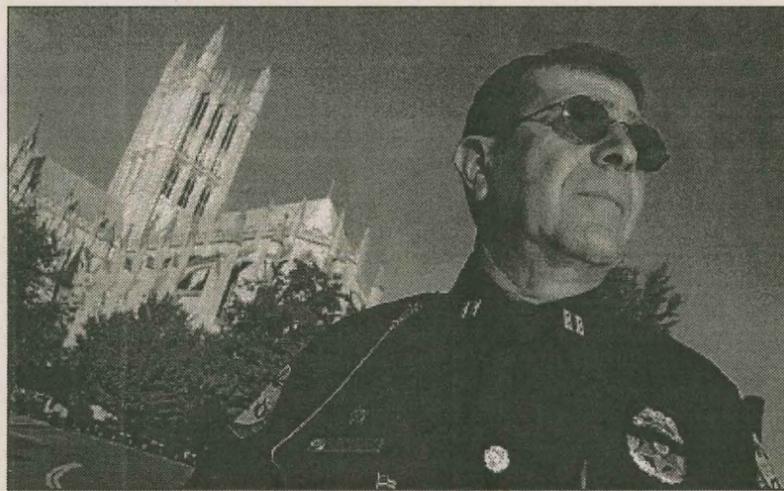
"We've sent out our agents and most have reported that their policyholders want to know how to better protect themselves," he said.

Washington National Cathedral has been on high alert since Sept. 11.

Capt. Vince Scola, who commands the cathedral's police force, has increased the number of staff per shift.

His 17 officers now conduct more physical checks of the building and random checks of backpacks and packages. At special events, they use hand-held metal detectors purchased as a direct result of the assaults on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"I hate to admit it, but we can be a potential target just because of what we represent," Scola said. "The National Cathedral is a church for all people. It's a national treasure. We must maintain that thought and be constant-



SAFE AND SECURE? Since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Capt. Vince Scola, who commands the Washington National Cathedral Foundation Police Force, has increased the number of staff per shift, ordered more physical checks of the building and purchased new hand-held metal detectors. (RNS photo by Tyrone Turner)

ly on alert because the best defense is to be on alert."

The cathedral averages between 600 and 800 attendees for weekend services but reaches its 3,200-person capacity during special worship services such as Christmas Eve, Easter and the National Day of Prayer service attended by President Bush and several former presidents on Sept. 14.

Given the potential for terrorist retaliation for the bombing that began recently, leaders of nondenominational Southeast Christian Church in Louisville said they would continue to re-evaluate security.

"If this becomes more and more of

a threat, if the FBI raises the bar, then we will do what everybody else does. We will limit accessibility and add even more security," said Ron Aguiar, director of safety and security for the church, which draws an estimated 15,000 parishioners to its 100-acre campus each weekend.

Recent Sunday night services, Bible studies and meetings went on as scheduled.

Aguiar's staff patrols the grounds 24 hours a day. In addition, 30 volunteer officers who attend the church assist regularly.

In Washington, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate

Conception is the largest church facility in the Western Hemisphere and eighth-largest in the world. It averages 3,500 parishioners every weekend.

Father Walter Rossi, associate director, termed the measures taken after Sept. 11 "heightened awareness."

On a recent Sunday, the shrine called in additional security guards to protect the evening service.

In midtown Manhattan, Central Synagogue, with 4,000 members, is one of the largest temples in the nation. It finished a three-year, \$40 million renovation two days before the terrorist attacks.

"We have significantly increased our in-house security since Sept. 11 and reviewed it again yesterday in light of the events," said Livia Thompson, the synagogue's executive director.

The 8,000 members of the nondenominational Central Christian Church in Henderson, Nev., outside Las Vegas, are used to being watched by law enforcement officials.

"We live in a town where security is a way of life," said Mike Bodine, Central Christian's executive director.

Since Sept. 11, Bodine has met with city and security officials to study ways to evacuate the congregation in an emergency. Uniformed and non-uniformed security forces patrol the church grounds and stand guard by the altar during worship services.

"Las Vegas is the most secure city in the country," he added. "We're trying to make sure the same is true here at Central Christian."

The Islamic Center of Orange County, Calif., spent about \$3,000 on new surveillance cameras and a security system after receiving numerous threatening phone calls from anti-Islamic protesters.

Ministering in Europe

By Robert Dunston

Cumberland College junior Brandon Moore, the son of Danny and Lela Moore of Wartburg, Tenn., spent part of his summer ministering in Europe. He served in Amsterdam; Manchester, England; and Ireland.

During the 2000-2001 academic year Moore attended FOCUS, the annual Kentucky Baptist Student Union convention. There he met some people called "The Traveling Team," who help connect people with missions opportunities. The team connected Moore with "Adventures in Missions." He applied and was accepted for the European team.

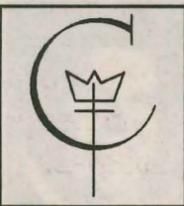
In Amsterdam, Moore and the other team members engaged primarily in street ministry, caring for the homeless and doing prayer walking. They also worked through a Christian café they set up each night in a school building. At the café they got to know people, sang Christian songs and had a devotional time.

In Manchester, England, the team members worked in a rough section of town. They spoke in local schools, taught drama classes and befriended the young peo-

ple. After evening meals, the team played soccer with young people at the local park and then ministered through a coffeehouse in a local church.

In Ireland, Moore and the other team members led a day camp for the children. Their days were very structured, and they only had a limited time for one-on-one con-

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versations with the children. After a full day of ministering, they would make door-to-door visits each night on behalf of the church.

Moore loved his experience in Amsterdam. Each morning he would purchase some apples and bread and walk along the street talking with homeless people and giving them some of the food.

Moore said he feels called to mission work and God confirmed his call this summer through his experiences on a foreign field. We know God will use Moore in a powerful way.

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Numbers

Numbers mean a lot to us. In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attack, one of the media's top priorities was to get an official to go on record about the number of casualties in New York and at the Pentagon.

While we all knew the loss of life would be overwhelming, it wasn't until President Bush addressed the nation that evening using the word "thousands," that we began to get a picture of the emotional devastation.

Numbers conjure powerful images. We think of packed stadiums, church sanctuaries, arenas and schools and imagine the number of faces deleted from those pictures.

I would ask that you take a moment to ponder another set of numbers. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services tells us that more than 6,000 children in Kentucky—about the same number of people killed in the Twin Towers attack—are physically abused each year. That's a lot of bruises, concussions and broken bones.

Another number is 14,000. That is the number of children victimized by neglect. That could mean inadequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care and supervision. That represents a lot of hungry, dirty, sick

kids spending time by themselves—no play time, baby talk, discipline or hugs.

Think about the size of your local elementary school or high school and consider the number 1,700. That's the number of Kentucky children who are sexually abused each year. That represents a lot of terror, confusion, pain and misapplied guilt and shame.

Look around your office, Sunday school class or neighborhood and consider the number 18. That's how many Kentucky kids died in one year from abuse or neglect. That's 18 graves, 18 empty seats at school, 18 futures brutally halted.

As the 2001 Thanksgiving Offering season begins, remember these numbers as you pray and give. We're working to lower the numbers. We need your help.

If you'd like a Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children speaker to come to your church, missions group or Sunday school class, call us at (800) 456-1386. Thank you.

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Bill Smithwick

Cross Over events aim to impact Western Ky. for Christ

"This is an opportunity for the public to see what Kentucky Baptists are all about—loving and helping people."

Dan Garland, KBC evangelism growth team leader

By Brenda Smith
Kentucky Baptist Convention

LOUISVILLE—More than 75 Baptist churches in Western Kentucky have lined up to "Cross Over the Purchase" Nov. 10-11, and organizers are inviting fellow Baptists from throughout the commonwealth to join them.

Cross Over the Purchase is a community outreach weekend planned in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual meeting Nov. 13-14 at the Regional Special Events Center in Murray.

The weekend's activities will focus on the western portion of the state, including Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Marshall and Calloway counties.

"We've had a good response from churches in the Purchase," said Dan Garland, KBC evangelism growth team leader. "We need more volunteers from out in the state to help with every project."

Teams of Kentucky Baptists from across the state will focus on six types of projects, most of which will be conducted Nov. 10. The weekend will culminate in a Saturday night rally at First Baptist Church of Murray and one-day revivals at area churches on Sunday. Kentucky Baptists are invited to partner together in one or more of the following types of projects:

■ **Community/prayer needs surveys.** Survey volunteers will fan out across the region, knocking on doors and asking residents about community and personal spiritual needs. The

volunteers also will invite people to revival services.

■ **Prayer walks.** Kentucky Baptists will walk or drive through neighborhoods praying for people who live and work in the Purchase area. Some volunteers may stop and ask residents for specific prayer needs or invite residents to revival services.

■ **Servant evangelism projects.** Volunteers will rake leaves, wash cars, clean gutters and complete minor repairs on homes. The small acts of kindness are meant to help demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways. Residents also will be invited to one-day revival meetings.

■ **"Jesus" video distribution.** Teams of three people each will deliver videos depicting the life of Jesus, along with invitations to revival meetings and decision response cards.

■ **One day or weekend revivals.** Several churches across the Purchase area plan to sponsor special services the weekend before the KBC annual meeting. Prayer walkers, surveyors and volunteers involved in servant evangelism projects will invite people they come in contact with to attend one of the local services.

Volunteers from across the state will be assigned to partner with churches in rural areas, places where they can have the greatest impact, Garland said. So far, 117 individuals from across the state have signed up to help.

Garland is asking volunteers to sign up by calling the evangelism growth team office toll-free in Ken-

tucky at (888) 254-5722 or (502) 254-4737. Volunteers also can fill out an online form indicating their interest on the "Cross Over the Purchase" Web page at the KBC Web site, www.kybaptist.org.

Volunteers will be assigned to a local church by Nov. 1. Due to the limited availability of hotels, several area congregations are prepared to offer accommodations in members' homes or in their church buildings.

This is the first time the Kentucky Baptist Convention has sponsored a Cross Over emphasis although similar events are held annually in the cities in which the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting is held, Gar-

land noted. He said he hopes the event will enable Baptists from across the state to come together and exemplify what Baptists stand for—serving others and sharing Christ.

"I wanted to go into the convention with our focus on missions and evangelism, doing what Kentucky Baptists are about and getting people involved," he said.

"Cross Over the Purchase has two implications for us as Kentucky Baptists," Garland said. "It is an opportunity for us to reach out with the gospel to the local communities and also provide an avenue for people across Kentucky to come together and work for a common goal."

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Bittersweet ... or sweet bitter?

We have all heard the word "bittersweet." Things happen that have both positive and negative effects. We have just had a bittersweet experience. Actually, it is more like a sweet, bitter experience.

In this column last week I told you about the fall break, one of four breaks during the calendar year when all of our students must go home for a week. These breaks are very carefully scheduled throughout the academic year so our faculty and staff can have some much-needed rest. I don't think it would take much explanation to say that when you care for as many students as we do "24/7" you have to have some time to rest, both physically and spiritually. Though our folks are very dedicated, they need time away from all of the hustle and bustle of daily campus life to simply catch their breath.

When school was out last week, I was not surprised to discover that many faculty and staff had loaded their cars or vans the night before. As soon as the students were gone, they were ready to hit the road. Since our Oneida family is as geographically diverse as our student body, many of our staff spent the first several hours of their break traveling. Only a handful remained on campus.

I must confess that it was with a little less stress that I entered my office on Saturday morning, the day after our students left. I knew it was going to be an easy day: fewer phone calls to deal with, a lot less mail to put up and not many difficult decisions to make. I knew I would be able to get a lot done in my office and I would have fewer interruptions as I wrote my Western Recorder article. Mrs. Underwood and I had little difficulty taking

care of business, and when noon came we were ready to spend a carefree Saturday afternoon together.

A few weeks ago I wrote about a problem we were having with some pig and cow rustlers. It appears that the perpetrators have been arrested, but we are never free from those who make a life of stealing. With our campus appearing to be desolate, some thieves visited us on Sunday morning. About 5 a.m. Sunday I was awakened with a phone call from one of my staff. One of our many alarms was going off so I was needed on campus, just one block away. Someone had broken into two of our maintenance vehicles, making away with several tools. They had then broken into one of our buildings. Within seconds the alarm sounded, scaring the crooks away. The building was secured and the maintenance vehicles were moved to a safer location. It was a bit of a rush to get to church, but I made it on time. Most of my Sundays are spent on school business, so it is a rare treat to worship in my church.

Monday morning Mrs. Underwood and I opened the office to man the phones, take care of the mail and greet visitors to our campus. On Monday evening we both agreed that we were ready for the students to return. This is a beautiful campus, but when the students are gone it simply has no signs of life. It was sweet to have them gone for a few days, but it is bitter to have them away very long. They have been gone for a week now and they will return to our campus tomorrow, not a day too soon!

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Preparing for God to build

As a boy, Tony Smith toured our campus with his father, a Barren County pastor. His father wanted to attend Clear Creek but chose a school closer to home. When Tony was called to preach, a graduate encouraged him to check us out. Tony enrolled in 1984 and completed the diploma program in 1987. His call came while a supervisor at Eaton Axle in Glasgow, where he worked for 11 years. Tony's position required counseling employees. Some of them had chemical abuse problems. God directed him toward proclaiming the gospel and counseling.

After Clear Creek he served as a pastor in Louisville and then in Nevada. "The Lord provided a scholarship for me to secure certification as a chemical abuse counse-

lor through the School of Addiction of the University of Nevada Reno. I served two years on the governor's task force to help train pastors on assessment and intervention and to establish church support groups," Tony said. Pastoral work and counseling again came together in Guam as pastor of Marianas Baptist Church. "Each Sunday it was like looking at the world; the congregation included U.S. military, local Chamora people and Filipino." He

hosted "The Talk of Guam," a weekly family call-in counseling program on radio. In 1999, he accepted the call to Garden Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Canada.

"Without a college degree and seminary I could never fulfill God's calling," Tony said. His wife, Kristi, is secretary in the development office. Tony is pastor again of Springfield Baptist Church in Knox County, a church he served 15 years ago. The couple has three married daughters and two grandsons.

A memory from his first days at Clear Creek provided motivation to return. "H.C. Chiles taught New Testament and I sought his advice about seminary," Tony remembers. "Dr. Chiles looked at the floor tiles and asked, 'How big a pyramid could you build on one tile?' I responded, 'About one foot high.' He then asked, 'How big would it be if all the tiles were used?' I immediately saw it would go through the roof. He then said, 'That's how God has used me because I went on and completed my education.' I have never forgotten his influence."

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

BOOKS/TV

Congressmen seek return of TV 'Family Hour'

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., and 28 other members of Congress have sent letters to the executives of the major television networks to ask them to reinstate the "Family Hour" in evening television programming.

Referring to a recent report that labeled the shows airing between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. "The Sour Family Hour," the group wrote the letter with hopes that entertainment executives would take action to reduce sex and violence in those programs.

"We urge you to return to the policy of setting aside an hour for programming that is suitable for the entire family," they wrote in a letter to Sandy Grushow, chairman of Fox Television Entertainment Group.

"Allowing one hour every evening—historically between 8 and 9 p.m.—for family-friendly programming enables families to spend quality time together enjoying entertainment that will neither embarrass parents nor confuse or disturb children."

"We appreciate the members of Congress taking the time to write," a Fox spokesman said. "We will certainly take a look at it."

The letter, which also was sent to executives of ABC, CBS, NBC and WB, was signed by 25 Republicans, three Democrats and one Independent.

"Safeguarding the 'Family Hour' through legislation is not our first choice; rather, we appeal to you, and to your shareholders to self-regulate and help the millions of parents who are trying to instill core moral values to their children," they wrote.

The Parents Television Council released a report in August that stated that family-hour TV shows had grown raunchier between the 1998-99 television season and the 2000-01 season.

Hidden Sorrow, Lasting Joy: The Forgotten Women of the Persecuted Church. Anneke Compañen. Tyndale Publishers, 2001. 225 pages. \$10.99; and **The Forgotten Desert Mothers: Sayings, Lives and Stories of Early Christian Women.** Laura Swan. Paulist Press, 2001. 218 pages. \$13.95. ♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

Coupling books from an evangelical press and a Catholic press might seem unusual. But I could not resist the common theme of women being forgotten in the church. Whether it is early or late in the life of the church, the church is prone to forget the contributions of women. These two books show that our understanding of God's work in this world is much diminished when we discount the ministry of women.

"Hidden Sorrow" tells the stories of the wives of modern martyrs in the suffering church. It is written by the wife of the president of Open Doors International, an organization that ministers to those around the world who are persecuted for their Christian faith. The book tells the stories of women in Asia, the Middle East, South America, Europe and Africa who must deal with life after their husbands are imprisoned or dead because of the husband's witness. The stories are of women filled with moments of extraordinary faith as well as moments of weakness. Far from being stories of defeat, these women found joy in the deepest and lasting sense in the midst of persecution.

In the second book, "forgotten desert mothers" refers to women leaders in the early development of Christian spirituality. Most of these women's names and writings have been lost to history except among a few people. Swan not only revives the memory of lost lives but also offers some wonderful jewels of early Christianity writing. A common theme of these early Christian women is the need to be quiet and listen to the voice of God within one's own heart. More than just relating the facts and writings, Swan relates the themes of these early monastic writers to her own experience of religious life. *Wayne Hager*

Surprising Insights from the Unchurched: And Proven Ways to Reach Them. Thom Rainer. Zondervan, 2001. 281 pages. \$19.99. ♦♦

Thom Rainer begins with an interesting proposition: most books about reaching the unchurched are based on surveys of the general population, many of whom might never be reached by any church.

Out of these surveys, strategies are developed to connect with these folks. Rainer wonders if this approach does not lead to a lot of wasted effort and misdirected energy.

Rather than survey the large pool of those outside the church, Rainer contends a better approach would be to survey those who had moved from unchurched to church to discover what led them in that direction. The information gleaned from such a survey would help churches focus their energy more effectively. "Surprising Insights" is the report on the results of such a survey.

Rainer's survey of 353 previously unchurched individuals, 350 people who had dropped out but recently re-entered the church and 100 pastors forms the backdrop for his conclusions. Out of these conversations, Rainer discovered reasons why people joined the church that contradict commonly accepted wisdom. He is convinced that these insights are more reliable as predictors of what churches should do.

The book is divided into two sections: one explains what previously unchurched people said reached them, and the other deals with the leadership qualities of the pastors of successful churches.

One problem with the book centers around the limitation of the research sample. For the results to be statistically viable and for Rainer to make some of the assertions he makes about the differences in response between those who came to the church for the first time and those re-entering, it seems a larger sample would be necessary. Also, the general field from which the sample was drawn could skew the results. *Jim Holladay*

What You Need to Know About Islam & Muslims. George Braswell Jr. Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2000. 183 pages. \$9.99 ♦♦♦♦

George Braswell, currently distinguished professor of missions and world religions at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., lived in Iran for seven years.

In addition to his personal experience with Islam, Muslims and the integral relationship between faith and politics, Braswell has researched and written previously about Islam. In some respects, "What You Need to Know" seems to be a condensation and popularization of his previous book, "Islam: Its Prophet, Peoples, Politics and Power."

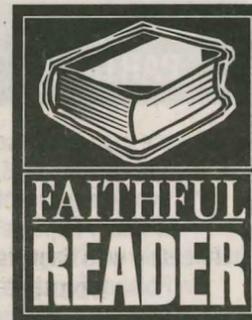
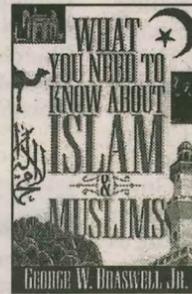
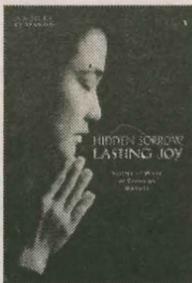
In this book, Braswell doesn't just survey the core beliefs of Islam. He also introduces us to the historical development and major movements and figures. He does this with respect, fairness and as much objectivity as is possible for one deeply committed to the missionary task of Christianity.

A readable, thorough and accurate treatment of Islam is a vital resource in the current world context. Braswell introduces us to the positive effort of Mohammed to provide a unifying force for the Arab world of his day, which consisted of hundreds of nomadic warlords.

Braswell reminds us that during the Dark Ages in Europe, Islamic culture of the Ottoman Empire was awash in advances in medicine, math, the arts and other cultural and academic endeavors.

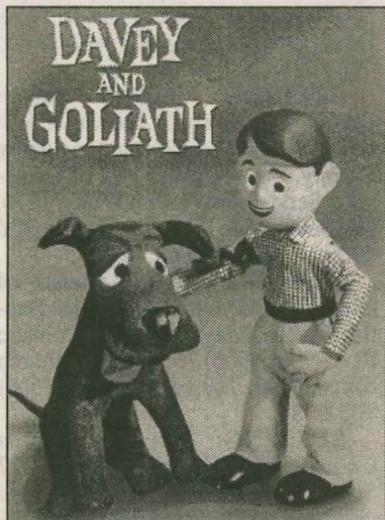
He is honest about the abuses of Arab culture by Western nations after the fall of the Ottoman Empire, as well as the presence of Israel as a major barrier to Christian-Islamic relations.

This book is an excellent resource for groups and/or individuals seeking to learn more about the basic tenets and concerns of Islam. In an easy-to-read, but not simplistic style, Braswell explains how a religion of peace sometimes can act in non-peaceful ways, and how Christians can dialogue with Muslims. *Jim Holladay*



By Wayne Hager, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, N.C.; Jim Holladay, pastor of Lyndon Baptist Church in Louisville; and Victoria Moon, librarian for Deer Park Baptist Church in Louisville. They welcome feedback or suggestions for book reviews. Contact them via e-mail at: jwhager@surry.net, docholladay01@aol.com or victoria.moon@earthlink.net

Lutherans hoping to revive Christian-themed animation series



CHRISTIAN ANIMATION An animated series produced by Lutherans might be revived. (RNS photo courtesy of ELCA)

SEQUIEM, Wash. (RNS)—Before the dancing produce of "VeggieTales," there was a little boy named Davey Hansen and his talking dog, Goliath, who spread Christian-themed moral parables through an animated series.

Now Davey and Goliath might be returning to television, and eventually the big screen.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is trying to revive the beloved children's series "Davey and Goliath" by marketing and selling existing episodes to raise funds to produce new ones.

The ELCA recently entered an agreement with two companies and the series' creators, Art and Ruth Clokey, who also created the Gumbe and Pokey characters.

One company, Heat Licensing of Sequiem, Wash., will create Davey

and Goliath merchandise to raise money—and possibly try to convince the Walt Disney Co. to sign on to the project. Program Source International, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will market existing programs.

"Davey and Goliath" developed a loyal following from the 1960s to the early 1980s with the "stop-motion" animation that was similar to claymation technology. Using characters made from foam rubber, the studio could produce one minute of usable film per day and about one 15-minute episode per month.

Sixty-five episodes and six 30-minute specials were produced before the final special aired in 1975. Funding was provided by the Lutheran Church in America and the series was distributed with help from the National Council of Churches.

"We hope to introduce a new generation to 'Davey' and bring quality children's programming to television and video, programming with a moral center and a Christian theme," said Eric Shafer, the ELCA's director of communication, who has been pushing the project with church attorney Scott Fintzen.

Shafer said he must raise \$3 million to \$4 million from merchandise to produce 26 new 12-minute episodes—which would translate into a season of half-hour shows for weekend morning network television.

Art Clokey said his company, Premavision, might play a central role in developing a new generation of Davey and Goliath. "We have some of the best animators in the world, and we're very excited about it."

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:

■ The annual meeting of the European Baptist Convention in Stuttgart, Germany, the week of Oct. 22.

■ Seven people who recently accepted Jesus as Savior and await baptism at International Baptist Church in Lisbon, Portugal. The church averages 40 people in weekly attendance.

■ Stateside volunteers who are in Tanzania this week showing the "Jesus" film across the country.

■ Missionaries and national Christians in Tanzania as they seek to demonstrate the love of Christ to their many Muslim friends in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

■ Fred and Nancy Niegocky who arrived in Poland on Oct. 1 to teach English as a second language.

■ Douglas and Macy Shaw, missionaries in Poland, as they attend a month-long International Mission Board strategy coordinators conference in Prague, Czech Republic, from Oct. 7-Nov. 4.

■ International students in Boston in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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Compiled by staff

■ **BANDANA**—Bandana Church will hold revival services Oct. 22-24 at 7 p.m. **Mark Bond**, pastor of First Church of LaCenter, will be the evangelist. **Bill Miller** is pastor.

■ **BEREA**—Liberty Avenue Church called **Kevin Clark** as pastor.

■ **DRY RIDGE**—Dry Ridge Church ordained **Ed Lukacevic** and **Ed Puralewski** as deacons. **Willie Ailstock** is pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church called **Bradley Chase** as associate to the minister of music. **Wallace Kent** is pastor.

■ **HICKMAN**—West Hickman Church will hold revival services Oct. 19-21 at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. **Gray Allison**, president emeritus of Mid-America Theological Seminary, will be the evangelist; **Allen Lewis** of South Fulton Church will be the music evangelist. **Champ Thomas** is pastor.

■ **HICKORY**—Hickory Church called **Vann Russell** as pastor.

■ **LEWISPORT**—Chestnut Grove Church will hold revival services Oct. 21-24 with **James Wedding** as evangelist. **Franklin Skaggs** is interim pastor.

■ **LEXINGTON**—Chevy Chase Church called **David Stephenson** as minister of music. **Jim McKenzie** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Foster Avenue Church will hold revival services Oct. 21-24 with **David Livingston** as evangelist. Services will be 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

Melbourne Heights Church called **Kevin Howerton** as associate minister of spiritual growth and development. **Bill Shoulta** is pastor. Shively Heights Church called **Mark Payton** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Gethsemane Church in Danville.

■ **ROBARDS**—Robards Church called **Larry Birkhead** as pastor. He previously was pastor of New Barren Springs Church in Hopkinsville.

■ **SIDNEY**—Sidney Church called **Rick Gannon** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Aflex Church.

■ **WILLIAMSBURG**—First Church ordained **Lee Bryant, J.L. Hamblin** and **Donnie Witt Sr.**, as deacons. **Kevin Roberts** is pastor.

What's going on?

Send your happenings to Mountains to the Mississippi. Mail: Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253. Fax: (502) 244-6474. E-mail: wesrec@ntr.net.

Individuals accept Christ after reading Baptists' message of hope in USA Today

By James Dotson
SBC North American Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—At least six individuals made professions of faith after responding to a full-page newspaper ad placed by Southern Baptists in USA Today on Sept. 27. Nearly 200 callers responded to the Evangelism Response Center number listed in the ad.

Southern Baptist leaders say the true impact of the advertisement cannot be measured adequately, however, because of the thousands of individuals who likely read the ad but responded in ways other than a telephone call.

"By delivering a simple message, 'There is HOPE,' we said to the nation that Jesus Christ is the only true answer to our hopelessness; a truth that often finds open hearts when people are confronted with times of devastation and despair," said Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee. "Also, we let people know that Southern Baptists really care about the needs of others."

The advertisement was sponsored jointly by the Executive Committee, the North American Mission Board and LifeWay Christian Resources as a response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

"While we will never know the full impact of the ad, I'm confident God

has used it to touch lives," said LifeWay President Jimmy Draper. "Along with the lives lost and the destruction at the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, hope was a casualty on Sept. 11. This is a time for Christians to use every means to share the only true hope that can make a difference for eternity."

Readers were invited to "Discover how you can have lasting hope in uncertain times" by calling a toll-free number routed to hundreds of Evangelism Response Center volunteers around the country.

In Fort Worth, Texas, volunteer Dena Whitehurst said she had been struggling with the first anniversary of her father's death Sept. 27, but she still decided to log on from her home as a "telephone encourager" for five hours that evening. She wound up talking with three people, two of whom eventually prayed to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

"It's interesting how even though your own heart is breaking, God can still use you," said Whitehurst, who works as an administrative secretary with NAMB's broadcast communications group.

In Nashville, about 90 LifeWay employees participated in a call center staffed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 27 and 28.

The "There is HOPE" message also is available as an animated presentation at www.namb.net.

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AVAILABLE: Seminary graduate, age 49, for bivocational pastorate, Western Kentucky area. (270) 247-1373.

RETREAT: Forgiveness and reconciliation, led by Dr. Virginia Holman of Asbury School of Theology, Nov. 30-Dec. 1. cleftRock Retreat Center. Call: (800) 719-0600 for details.

SEEKING: Ideal part-time opportunity for music director in Kentucky Lake area. Mid-sized Southern Baptist church in Marshall County seeks capable person to lead congregational singing and direct adult choir—some coordination and assistance with youth music may be involved. Church averages 200 in worship service, 20-30 in adult choir. Primary requirements are ability to read and lead four-part choir music and lead congregational singing with vitality and enthusiasm. Salary negotiable. Send resumé to: Bethel Baptist Church, 2603 Tatumville Highway, Gilbertsville, KY 42044.

SEEKING: Second Baptist Church is accepting resúmes for a full-time pastor. Send resúmes to: Second Baptist Church, 4950 Williams Ave., Ashland, KY 41101, Attn: Pastor Search Committee.

SEEKING: Part-time van driver/donation pickup person for Infant Resource Project. Must be 21, able to lift 50 pounds and go up steps, have a good driving record and a pleasant personality. If interested, call Laura at (502) 584-0774 or send letter of interest with phone number to: IRP, 417 East Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, Attn: Laura.

SEEKING: Part-time youth director (20 hours per week). Student, mature, male/female, or husband/wife. Send your resumé to: Dr. Charles Hedrick, 501 Noel Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. (270) 886-3223; drchedrick1@cs.com.

SEEKING: Daycare director. Top pay (salaried); 40 hours per week; must meet state requirements. Mail resumé to: Daycare Committee, Lynn Acres Baptist Church, 5007 Southside Drive, Louisville, KY 40214.

SEEKING: Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., is seeking a full-time pastor. Average worship attendance is 235. Interested candidates should submit a resumé to the Pastor Search Committee, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, 2600 Lewis Lane, Owensboro, KY 42301, or e-mail to waynenbaird@aol.com.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Danville, Ky., a growing, Christ-centered church, is seeking a full-time youth minister. Position requires degree and prior experience. Send resumé to: Search Committee, PO Box 132, Danville, KY 40422. (859) 236-2276.

SEEKING: Organist for worship services and choir practices. The church has a Wicks pipe organ and a blended worship style. If interested, please send resumé to: Staff Development Committee, First Baptist Church, PO Box 607, Madisonville, KY 42431.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church is accepting resúmes for full-time pastor. Please send to: Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 405 Kentucky Ave., Pineville, KY 40977.

SEEKING: Hickory Grove Baptist Church, one of the state's most exciting and progressive Southern Baptist churches, is accepting resúmes for senior pastor. The church campus is situated on 45 beautiful acres and has been ministering to the spiritual needs of families throughout Northern Kentucky for more than 200 years. The candidate must have earned his Master of Divinity degree (preferably from a Southern Baptist seminary), possess a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience as a senior pastor, have effective communication skills and be capable of leading a dedicated ministry team. Most importantly, he must love God and possess a passion for winning the lost. A very attractive salary and benefit package is available. Interested candidates should mail their resúmes and a sermon tape to: Pastor Search Committee, c/o Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 11969 Taylor Mill Road, Independence, KY 41051 before Nov. 1.

SEEKING: Part-time music/youth minister (60/40). Expected to work with adult choir, lead congregational singing and work with youth group. Please send resumé or inquiry to: Edmonton Baptist Church, PO Box 415 Edmonton, KY 42129.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of preschool/children for dynamic, growing Southern Baptist church in Northern Kentucky. Strong organizational and management skills and a desire to be part of a strong ministry team are required. Please send resumé to: Florence Baptist Church, PO Box 456, Florence, KY 41022-0456, Attn: Karen Byrd, or e-mail to: ksbfinsec@zoomtown.com.

SEEKING: Hyland Baptist Church in Henderson, Ky., is seeking a vibrant worship leader for our music ministry. Anyone interested can send a resumé to: Hyland Baptist Church, 1400 Wright St., Henderson, KY 42420, Attn: Search Committee.

SEEKING: Memorial Baptist Church of Frankfort is searching for a full-time worship pastor. Responsibilities will include planning and conducting a comprehensive program of music and arts with an emphasis on blended worship. Interested candidates may send a resumé to: MBC, 130 Holmes St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

SEEKING: Associate director for Temperance League of Kentucky, in training, to assume full directorship upon retirement of present director. Send resumé to Tyre Denney, 911 Oak Drive, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342; fax: (859) 223-1209; by Oct. 20.

SEEKING: Bagdad Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. We are located in Shelby County, Ky., 40 miles east of Louisville. Send resumé to Jim Wiley, 1676, Old Seven Mile Pike, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Call: (502) 633-1890.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of education and youth. May's Lick Baptist Church, Maysville area. Contact: Ron Reule: (606) 763-6869; or church office: (606) 763-6585, or fax: (606) 763-6355.

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

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Economic woes put squeeze on religion news

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (RNS)—Sally Cook Parsons punctuated each syllable with frustration: “Mon-day, A-pril thir-ti-eth.”

That day, she learned her career as religion and lifestyle editor at the Times-News—a Hendersonville, N.C., daily—would end in a layoff.

The paper’s parent organization—The New York Times Company Regional Newspaper Group—had cut 100 staff members at its 14 papers due to the economic slowdown. Parsons, a 13-year veteran, was one of them.

Situations like Parsons’ have been common these days, as the slowing economy—even before Sept. 11—threatened newsrooms throughout the nation with buy-outs, hiring freezes, layoffs, slashes in freelance and travel budgets, and reductions in the space available for news.

“The biggest difference is that (this decline) came on so quickly,” said Peter Bhatia, executive editor of the (Portland) Oregonian.

While religion may not be the only area of news to suffer from recent cutbacks, downsizing the beat attracts more notice, perhaps, because of a boom it enjoyed over the last several years.

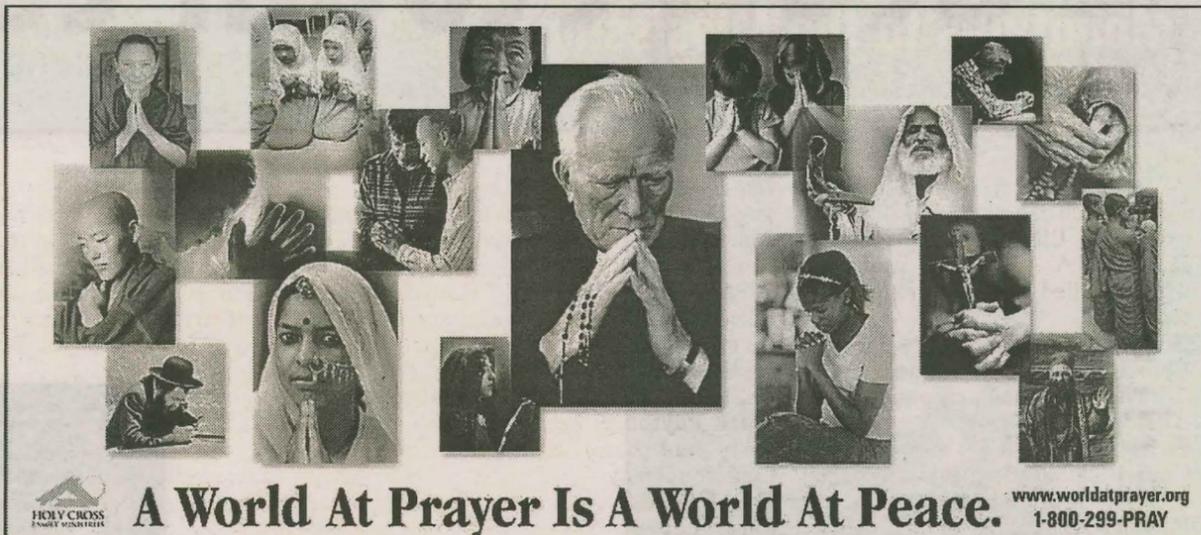
In the 2000 update to their 1993 study, “Bridging the Gap: Religion and the News Media,” authors John Dart and Jimmy Allen showed that news organizations had enlarged and improved coverage considerably.

Since publication of the initial report, funded by the First Amendment Center, the number of full-time religion reporters among the daily newspapers responding to a follow-up survey grew to 92 from 57. Part-timers jumped to 163 from 95.

Now, that momentum seems to be dwindling. Newspaper editors and reporters in Atlanta; San Jose, Calif.; Albany, N.Y.; and Waterbury, Conn., say space for religion coverage has decreased.

In Kentucky, the Lexington Herald-Leader has a vacant religion slot because of a hiring freeze. The Dallas Morning News, whose seven-member religion staff remains untouched, experienced a drop in freelance budget.

“I think one of the biggest concerns that comes from cutting coverage is that religion in America is becoming so much more diverse every day,” said Diane Connolly, religion editor of the Dallas Morning News. “The best stories and the most important stories to write take going out and meeting people of different faiths. If you don’t have reporters to spend time doing that, you’re not going to get those stories.”



Christian billboards offer words of hope

HOLLYWOOD (RNS)—Outdoor advertising companies have requested new billboard posters emphasizing prayer and peace in record numbers from a Hollywood Christian production company as the nation responds to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Family Theater Productions, a Hollywood, Calif.-based Catholic organization, said its inventory of two posters highlighting peace and prayer was almost completely depleted a week after the attacks.

One features color photos of people of different cultures and religions praying and the words “A World at Prayer Is a World at Peace.” At the center of the poster is Patrick Peyton, the Catholic priest who founded Family Theater Productions.

The other quick-selling poster depicts overlapping hands of people of different races, ages and sexes with



rosary beads and the words “The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.”

Peyton popularized both slogans through a radio series that began in 1947, said Dan Pitre, director of public relations for the production company.

The company, which had an inventory of 1,000 each for the two posters, offers them for free to billboard companies that use them nationwide on vacant billboards as a public service, Pitre said.

It also has introduced a new design in a limited way that has the words

“Got Faith?” and depicts running water from a faucet turning into red wine as it fills a glass.

“Little did we know how appropriate and timely this new poster design and distribution would be,” said John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, the parent organization of Family Theater Productions, in a statement.

“The tragic crashes of the airliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania have brought this country to its knees, not in humiliation, but in prayer!”

His production company began offering the posters to more than 200 outdoor advertising companies Aug. 31.

Pitre said sales were going well for the prayer and peace-related posters before the terrorist attacks. “After that, they all went.”

‘Interview with God’ Web site attracts millions of viewers

By Bob Smietana
Religion News Service

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (RNS)—When Reata Strickland was asked to redesign the Web site of the Tuscaloosa, Ala., District of the United Methodist Church this spring, she decided to add a little something extra.

Strickland had put together a Flash presentation, a sort of Internet slide show, of a story called “Interview With God.”

She first heard the fictional “Interview” during a graduation ceremony two years ago at the University of Alabama, where she is a Web designer. Strickland got a copy of the words and added photos of outdoor scenes like mountain ranges and a full moon.

“I thought maybe 20 people would see it,” she says. “Perhaps some of the pastors in the local district, maybe one or two of my friends.” Strickland was half right. A few of her friends saw the site.

But then they e-mailed a few of their friends, who e-mailed a few of their friends. Within a week, the site had gotten 500,000 hits and the church’s free Internet provider asked them to remove the Flash or start paying for their site. Strickland moved the interview to her own site (www.reata.org), which attracted 2.4 million visitors in June, according to Jupiter Media Matrix, a company that tracks Web site traffic. About 2.8 million surfers visited in July.

The site now averages 50,000 unique visitors a day, and Strickland spends two or three hours a day answering e-mails from people who have responded to the site.

“There’s a lot of people out there in their office or at home,” she says, “and they just need to know that there is a God and that He loves them.”

The interview, which Strickland says is full of simple wisdom, asks God questions like “What surprises you most about humankind?” and “As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?” God replies to the parent question by saying, among other things, “To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and it takes many years to heal them.”

That answer hit home, says Sam Reeves of Burleson, Texas, whose company, Relucent Exploration Technologies, helps sponsor the site. Reeves was looking for someone to redesign his company’s Web site, and a friend recommended Strickland as a designer. He decided to check out Strickland’s work before calling her.

“I clicked on that Web site,” he says, “and the Lord just knocked me down and told me what was wrong with my marriage. My wife and I had not been getting along. The Lord just told me that ‘it’s your fault and you have to ask her to forgive you.’ It turned my marriage around so fast it’ll make your head

spin.”

When Reeves called Strickland a few days later, she was shutting the site down. Her costs had risen from an initial \$17.95 to \$3,000 a month because of the traffic. Even after SimpleCom, her Internet service provider, offered a 50 percent discount, she couldn’t afford the site. “I believe that where God guides you, He is going to provide a way,” she says.

When Strickland explained her situation, Reeves offered to send her a check to help cover her costs. “I don’t know about you,” she says, “but I have never had anyone give me \$1,000. So I said, ‘OK, God, it will go back up.’”

Strickland says the site’s costs now are covered by donations, and by the sale of Powerpoint and screen-saver versions of the “Interview.” She also has started another site, MomentwithGod.com, based on Creation and Psalm 19, and has a deal to produce a book version of the “Interview.”

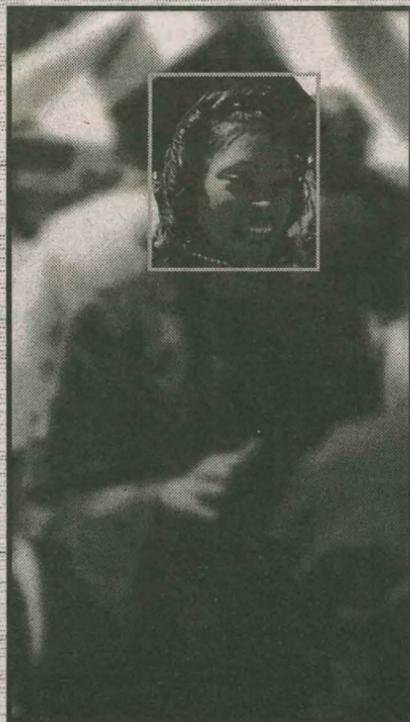
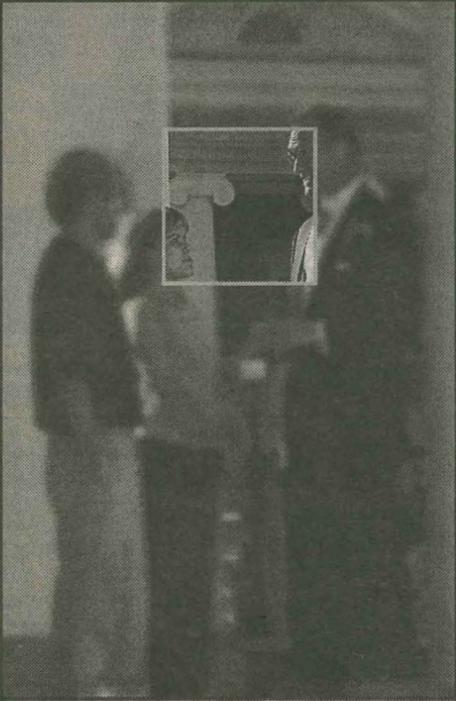
Traffic at the site dropped in August, but still totaled 1.4 million visitors.

The number of visitors has increased since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. “I have been flooded by people asking for the Powerpoint version to show in their church services,” Strickland says.

The interview ends with this reminder from God. “I am here ... always.”

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