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**Study: Back row church members least involved**

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Where you sit in the pews tells a lot about your spiritual involvement and your ability to get to church on time, according to researchers at the Catholic University of America.

A new survey by sociologist Paul Sullins found that churchgoers who sit in the back of the church are more likely to be less engaged in worship and are looking to make an early exit.

Sullins said arriving at church late—60 percent of parishioners arrive "just in time," meaning 10 minutes or less before the service starts—is no excuse for taking a back seat. Even in small churches with plenty of room up front, latecomers still tend to sit in the back.

"They have come, literally, less far into a worship experience, devoting less time and effort," Sullins said in research presented to last year's meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. "They may be less engaged in other ways as well, as someone who is 'backstage' to the worship experience."

Sullins and his sociology class surveyed 3,426 worshippers in 35 Methodist, Episcopal and Baptist churches in Washington. He said his research suggests that latecomers who sit in the rear "approach church services as more of a social obligation than a deeper experience of faith."

The study seems to debunk the myth, however, that most people tend to sit far away from the preacher—worshippers were roughly evenly divided between the front, middle and back of the pews. Fifty-four percent sat in the middle section of the church.

Solo worshippers tend to arrive earlier and sit closer to the front, Sullins said, possibly looking for "a meaningful experience of being in church." Families and groups usually come later and find seats near the back and aisles.

"It's the same thing we observe when people sit in the back of a classroom or a movie theater," he said. "Most people in the back row of a movie theater aren't that engrossed in the film."

Sullins found that Episcopalians are the most pronounced latecomers—a full 77 percent arrived just as services started. Baptists were the most likely to arrive early.

Baptists were also the most likely to attend worship alone. Sullins said that could be attributed to the large number of Baptist churches that offer child care and Sunday school, freeing up single parents to worship and have their children cared for.

**Help arrives**



Debra Hammond (right) of Barbourville and another volunteer unload food and supplies from a truck in Harlan. Kentucky Baptist Convention disaster relief workers are in the flood-damaged towns of Harlan and Grayson to feed residents and help them clean mud and flood-damaged homes. **More photos on page 15.** (Photos by David Winfrey)

**Baptist volunteers follow floods in Harlan, Grayson**

By David Winfrey  
News Director

HARLAN—Robert Scott spent the first day of spring removing freezers, shelves and water-soaked groceries from his mom's flood-damaged convenience store.

The flash floods of March 17-18 completely wiped out their stock, and Scott estimated they lost \$200,000 worth of food and other items.

"We barely got out of there with the clothes we had on," Scott said as he paused from using a pressure sprayer to remove mud from the front porch of the Yo-Yo Mart.

Government officials already had visited the store, urging Scott to remove the food before it became a health hazard, but Scott said he didn't know when he would be able to haul off all the cans, bags and bottles of food piled outside the building.

"Ya'll pray for us," he said as he turned the pressure sprayer back on.

Kentucky Baptists will be both praying and working in Harlan and Grayson this week, as more than 50 volunteers already have traveled to those Eastern Kentucky towns to serve meals, clean mud from homes and help assure residents they aren't facing this tragedy alone.

Some volunteers were mobilized within two days after the floods. A mobile kitchen was set up in Harlan by Thursday, March 21, and the team began serving 700 meals by Friday lunch.

Meanwhile, a second feeding unit set up in Grayson Friday and began



**HOME NO MORE** Debris from a destroyed mobile home and its contents sit in front of the foundation where it previously sat before flood waters destroyed it last week. At least 23 counties have made local declarations of emergency.

serving meals Saturday.

Volunteers could be needed for up to three weeks, according to Harold Moore, the kitchen supervisor in Harlan, who ironically lives in Grayson.

Kentucky Baptist disaster relief teams work in coordination with the American Red Cross, which often helps distribute the food.

Confusion is not unusual when a team first arrives at a disaster site. Workers sometimes arrive before the food.

Other times organizers must look for alternate sites for the mobile kitchen.

In Harlan for example, the team originally planned to work in the parking lot of the National Guard armory.

But guard officials vetoed that plan, and Kentucky volunteers deemed a second site too small.

Larry Koch, the KBC Brotherhood department director for disaster relief, met a pastor who knew Harlan's mayor. The mayor offered a city parking lot and any other resources they might need.

"God is so good," Koch said as workers unloaded food supplies and set up tents and cooking gear. "God  See Disaster relief workers ..., page 3

# BAPTISTS

## Rankin expects most missionaries to affirm 2000 BF&M

**"We have given (missionaries) the opportunity to take a stand with us in dispelling unfounded suspicions and mistrust."**

IMB President Jerry Rankin

By Bob Allen  
Associated Baptist Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Southern Baptist International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin says he doesn't expect to lose large numbers of Southern Baptist missionaries, despite controversy over his request that all 5,100 affirm recent revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message.

Veteran missionaries previously have affirmed general agreement with a version of the confession of faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.

Despite criticism of his request, the response among most missionaries has "been overwhelming understanding and cooperation," Rankin said in an interview March 15.

During a business session the same day in Kansas City, Mo., IMB trustees accepted resignations from 31 missionaries and moved 62 retiring missionaries to "emeritus" status. Asked about the transition, Rankin said just one resignation appeared to be directly related to his request that missionaries affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message.

Rankin said a number of missionaries are still "sorting things out" about the new requirement, but he believes most will comply.

"It's going to take time to work through it," Rankin said. He noted there is no deadline for missionaries to reply and disputed critics who say an ultimatum of "sign or else" is implied. "That's not the purpose of this," he said.



**TRANSITIONS** IMB President Jerry Rankin (left) congratulates Paul and Susan Runion, who were among 58 new missionaries appointed March 17 at First Baptist Church in Raytown Mo. Trustees also accepted resignations from 31 missionaries and moved 62 retiring missionaries to "emeritus" status. (IMB photo by Sandy King)

In earlier comments to IMB trustees, Rankin said many of his critics reflect a "predisposition" against the SBC and IMB and inaccurately assume that trustees and staff are suspicious of missionaries.

"To the contrary, it was due to our confidence in the missionaries that we have given them the opportunity to take a stand with us in dispelling unfounded suspicions and mistrust that could erode confidence and support," he said.

Rankin said he believes it is appropriate for missionaries to affirm what they believe. He said he doesn't argue with critics who say Baptists have no creed but the Bible. As a pastor and missionary, however, he said he encountered

people from the Church of Christ, Pentecostals and charismatics who claimed the same thing.

"It is especially alarming that so many seem to think the primary thing that distinguishes Baptists is the priesthood of the believer and autonomy of the local church, forgetting that our soul competency to come to God without any mediator other than Jesus Christ is based on the authority of God's inerrant Word," he said.

"The Holy Spirit never leads an individual contrary to the teaching and truths of God's Word," Rankin said.

Critics of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, Rankin said, deny priesthood of the believer to draft-

ers of the faith statement and autonomy to the SBC "and its authority to govern its institutions and expect accountability on the part of those who serve convention entities."

Rankin said the controversy has "reflected once again the necessity of the conservative resurgence and the need to hold firmly to the fundamentals of our faith lest we succumb to theological relativism, social compromise, postmodern influence, and be cast about by every wind of doctrine in the name of freedom."

IMB trustees approved—with one dissenting vote—a motion affirming Rankin for asking missionary personnel to endorse the faith statement.

"We stand firmly and 100 percent committed behind our president," said Bob Pearle, chairman of the IMB's overseas committee.

IMB trustee chairman Bob Claytor added, "Our president has led us. That is what leaders do. They lead."

Last summer's SBC annual meeting in New Orleans referred a motion asking IMB trustees to reconsider an earlier decision not to require all missionaries and staff to sign the current Baptist Faith and Message.

In response, trustees voted March 15 to report back to the SBC that trustees, administrators and regional leaders have all endorsed the statement, new missionaries affirm it, and that administrators have asked all current missionaries to sign affirmation and support for the 2000 edition.

### BAPTIST DIGEST

■ **Brunson seeks Pastors' Conference presidency.** Mac Brunson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, will be nominated as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, according to Ken Whitten, the current president of the organization and pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa, Fla. Brunson is the second Texan to be put forward as a candidate for this year's Southern Baptist Convention leadership. Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, was announced Feb. 4 as a nominee for SBC president.

■ **Father, son to lead preaching seminar.** The father and son team of Stephen and David Olford will be the featured speakers April 15 during "Power in the Pulpit," a one-day preaching seminar at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Stephen Olford is founder of the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching in Memphis. His son is president of the organization. The theme of the seminar is "Mandate for Ministry." For information, call (502) 897-4890 or (800) 626-5525, ext. 4890.

■ **Nevada elects executive director.** Thane Barnes, 45, pastor of Green Valley Baptist Church in Henderson, Nev., was elected March 5 as executive director of the Nevada Baptist Convention by the convention's Executive Board. He will succeed David Meacham who resigned last September. Barnes also has been pastor of churches in Arizona and Colorado.

■ **Baptist school launches Colson chair.** The Charles Colson Chair of Faith and Culture will be established at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., in cooperation with Prison Fellowship. Former Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Hal Poe, currently Union's professor of faith and culture, was named to the chair. Colson is founder and president of Prison Fellowship, an international organization that assists prisoners and their families.

■ **CBF, American Baptists sign agreement.** Leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the American Baptist Churches USA have adopted guidelines for starting churches that will be affiliated with both groups. "We find we have much in common," said Gary Baldrige, CBF's co-coordinator for global missions. "In those areas of the country where American Baptist and Cooperative Baptist efforts overlap, we will be able to work together in aggressively pursuing church planting." The covenant agreement calls for the two organizations to collaborate with regional staff to plant churches.

■ **Retired discipleship leader dies.** Phil Harris, retired head of the discipleship department of the former Baptist Sunday School Board, died March 16 at age 89. Harris directed the board's Training Union department for 17 years before retiring in 1977. He previously was professor of youth religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

## St. Louis Crossover seeks volunteers

ST. LOUIS (BP)—Southern Baptists will offer a "Gateway to Hope" June 7-9 as part of Crossover St. Louis, the 13th annual evangelism emphasis conducted prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

More than 80 churches in seven associations have committed to participating in the effort, and leaders are seeking to recruit hundreds of Crossover volunteers from across the SBC.

Benny King, executive director of St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, said Crossover St. Louis will kick off a summer-long evangelistic emphasis in the area under the banner of "Gateway to Hope."

Organizers already have scheduled

47 evangelistic block parties in the area. Other events include prayer journeys, door-to-door personal evangelism and evangelistic sports clinics for children and youth.

More than 25,000 people have made professions of faith during Crossover efforts since 1989, when messengers attending the annual meeting in Las Vegas first sought a way of making an impact on their host cities with the gospel.

For more information, contact Doyle Echols by e-mail at [dechols@stlbaptists.org](mailto:dechols@stlbaptists.org), or call (314) 569-1190, ext. 305. Information also is available online at [www.volunteers.namb.net](http://www.volunteers.namb.net).



"Leslie, what can I say? I didn't have my 'A' sermon today. I just didn't get the job done."

## KBC study group to examine ministry needs, resources

LOUISVILLE—Creation of a mission study committee to evaluate Kentucky Baptist Convention ministry needs for the 21st century was approved March 20 by the KBC Executive Board administrative committee.

The committee of 11 to 14 members will be appointed by KBC President Harold Greenfield in consultation with KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey.

The study group will be charged with reviewing changing ministry needs of Kentucky Baptist churches, KBC ministry objectives, leadership and organization needs to fulfill those objectives and necessary financial resources. The committee will recommend any proposed changes to the KBC Executive Board in May 2003.

"I think we need to take a hard look periodically at how we do things and

how we're doing," Mackey noted. He said the term "mission" is "intended to include everything we do—the mission from the Lord.

Administrative committee chairman Charles Barnes said the guiding question for the study is "What do we need to do to plan for the future?"

"If we need to take a look at where we are and where we're going, now is an excellent time to do so while things are going so well," he added. "You need to know what you're planning for in going forward."

Committee members also approved the appointment of a subcommittee to review the salary administration plan for support staff as well as the overall KBC financial program.

In other action, Jon Barron was

elected campus minister at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. He succeeds Rick Trexler who resigned to become state director of collegiate ministry for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Barron, 32, currently is associate campus minister at Morehead State University. He previously was a Missions Service Corp volunteer serving as student ministry director at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. He is a graduate of University of Texas at El Paso and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Barron, who became a Christian while in college, noted that "God opened my heart to collegiate ministry."

Describing college campuses as "mission fields right here in our backyard," he added, "That's where my heart is."

Dan Garland, leader of the evangelism growth team, described Barron as "a top-notch young man" who "really wants to go after the students that no one else wants to reach."

Committee members also approved Linda Lancaster as a part-time handbell/instrumental music consultant.

Lancaster, a member of Oldham County Baptist Church, is a graduate of Chapman College in Orange, Calif.; California State University in Long Beach; and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music. She currently is an adjunct professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's school of church music and worship.



Barron

## Moderate seminary to offer inaugural classes in Lexington

LEXINGTON—Leaders of the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky officially announced plans March 21 for the school's inaugural class.

Seminary President Greg Earwood said the school, on the drawing board since 1996, will begin offering classes Aug. 26 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

"Where there is faith, there is freedom," Earwood told a gathering of about 125 supporters attending a luncheon at Calvary.

Describing the new seminary as "a bold venture of faith that affirms the Baptist heritage of freedom," he said the school will affirm such historic Baptist principles as freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, freedom of dissent and responsible freedom under the Lordship of Christ.

"We acknowledge the freedom of God to call both men and women to vocational ministry and the freedom of individuals to respond in faith," he added.

While "our birth as a seminary has come out of controversy" reflected in the Southern Baptist Convention's conservative shift of the past two decades, Earwood said the school's long-term focus will involve being "committed to the spiritual development of ministers."

Citing a lack of "more moderate, progressive opportunities" for seminary education in the region, he added, "Geography certainly is a critical piece in this. ... There is a vacuum in terms of opportunity among Baptists for the kind of seminary we're wanting to put together. We feel the need

is there."

Earwood said supporters have donated and pledged more than \$330,000 to the seminary. With classes set to begin in five months, however, only \$187,000 has been earmarked toward the first year's \$500,000 operational budget.

Earwood said Calvary Church's commitment to donate and classroom space for the seminary is a significant step in the school being able to open its doors this fall.

Host pastor Bob Baker said Calvary is committed to partner with the seminary based on the congregation's commitment to the Great Commission, students, the local church and historic Baptist principles.

"We need a seminary committed to our Baptist heritage in this region,"



**LAUNCH LUNCH** Greg Earwood, president of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, welcomed an estimated 125 supporters to a March 21 luncheon announcing the school's academic plans for the fall.

## Disaster relief workers could be in Harlan, Grayson for 3 weeks

### Churches damaged

At least eight Kentucky Baptist churches sustained some damage from last week's flooding.

In Boyd County, Wayside Baptist Church's basement flooded and water reached into the sanctuary, according to Asa Greear, director of missions for Greenup Baptist Association in northeastern Kentucky, which includes Grayson and Ashland.

First Baptist Church of Cannonsburg three inches of water ruined the basement carpet, he added.

Olive Hill Baptist Church had water damage to four Sunday school rooms and the fellowship hall, according to Pastor Mike Blankenship.

In Harlan County, Riverside Baptist Church, Four Mile Baptist Church, Pine Flat Baptist Church, Wallins Baptist Church and Elk Home Baptist Church all sustained water damage, according to Ernest Boggs, director of missions for Upper Cumberland Baptist Association.

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has a way of working things out that man can't even conceive."

More volunteers were expected to be needed this week for both feeding teams and "mud-out," a messy, heart-breaking job of removing mud and the water-ruined carpet, furniture and belongings from a home.

Approximately 2,400 Kentucky Baptists are trained for disaster relief work, though many of the same workers often are among the first to respond.

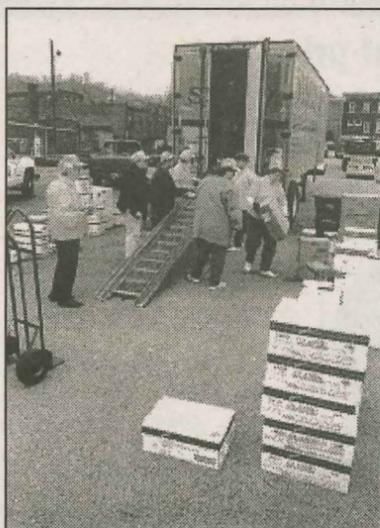
Workers last year also worked in Eastern Kentucky when floods damaged Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Perry and Pike counties.

Many of these same volunteers in Harlan and Grayson were among those who served last fall in New York, feeding recovery workers at the destroyed World Trade Center.

At least 23 counties have declared a state of emergency, according to Ray Bowman, spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management.

The department has made a preliminary estimate of \$19.3 million in damage to individual property and \$7.2 million damage to roads, bridges and other public property, he added.

Around Grayson, many of the communities hit by the flooding have



**GETTING READY** Kentucky Baptist disaster relief workers unload ingredients from a food truck in Harlan.

residents who will have a hard time getting back on their feet, said Asa Greear, director of missions for Greenup Baptist Association in northeastern Kentucky, which includes Grayson and Ashland.

"We're looking at people who are extremely poor anyway who are going to have a hard time getting back to any kind of normal life," he said.

Greear and Boggs agreed that the

disaster relief teams will bring a lot of positive exposure for Kentucky Baptists in their areas.

"I think it will be great for our area to let people know that Baptists care about them and that we have an association of Baptist churches who are working together in this disaster," Greear said.

Greear said he's already begun looking to see if any of the sites that are receiving assistance might be a location for one of the five churches that association leaders hope to plant this year.

The relief team work also is serving as a positive witness to local government officials, Greear added.

"It's already begun to be a witness to them about what we can do," he said. "Hopefully they will link that to the churches in the local area."

Ernest Boggs, director of missions for Upper Cumberland Baptist Association, said Baptists' organization for disaster relief is the envy of other denominations.

"Right now we're showing that we do care," he said. "Other denominations have said they wish they had the program we have."

Kentucky Brotherhood asks that volunteers call the office at (888) 254-4761 before traveling to work at either of the disaster relief team sites.

## WESTERN RECORDER

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all delivered to the  
saints.—Jude 3*

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## Beware of 'busyness'

My letter of Feb. 26 regarding top-heavy staffs and glitzy buildings elicited stern rebuffs (Baptist Forum, March 12). One writer mentioned the usual canard of Paul's claim to be all things in order to win some (1 Corinthians 9:22). Paul's words were part of a theological treatise. Carried to its logical conclusion in other areas, the ludicrousness is apparent.

I worked full-time in Southern Baptist churches during the decade of the '60s as director of education, music and church administration, taking busloads of kids to camps ranging from state parks to Ridgecrest, directing all the choirs, planning and overseeing all the education programs, publications and generally directing everything but the sermons. Some of these churches were large, one of them participating in basketball leagues. For this, school gyms were rented at nominal cost.

While measuring individual response to the supra-church "busyness" was impossible, the collective spiritual dividend was noticeably negligible, a waste of time, energy and money.

Churches have emphasized the socio-cultural approach in everything from sing-a-long worship to weightlifting. During 1999-2001, the Southern Baptist Convention lost just under 40,000 members while all the busyness has been in full swing, while Mormons gained more than 190,000.

In my 10-year tenure, including all revivals and crusades, the high point and greatest spiritual uplift occurred at the state Woman's Missionary Union convention, which I was responsible for arranging in my church in the late '60s. One letter-writer mentioned reaching his "Jerusalem." That place was reached long ago in this

country. The emphasis now should be on the "utmost parts of the earth," as it was in that WMU meeting.

Considering limited, hard-earned resources, do churches face a trade-off: pandering to themselves, even in the name of evangelism (a catch-all term for everything), or serving the world?

James L. Clark  
Lexington

## 'Liberal doubletalk'

I have a few questions regarding last week's article about the new Baptist Seminary of Kentucky.

First, Greg Earwood was quoted as saying that "the vast majority" of Baptist students from Kentucky pursue theological education out of state. Does this figure represent only seminary training or does it include undergraduate theological studies? More importantly, are there credible statistics to support this fact

or is this merely more liberal propaganda? Such propaganda seems common lately.

One nationally known Cooperative Baptist Fellowship speaker recently stated that the Southern Baptist Convention and its seminaries were dying. That's an incredible misstatement when one considers the statistics that prove the SBC and its seminaries are growing, planting more churches and sending more missionaries than ever before.

My second question regards the classification of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as a school of "narrow Calvinism." As a current student, I can testify to the fact that Southern has a number of professors and administrators that are not Calvinist and that the seminary is definitely not about pushing Calvinism.



The faculty and administration of Southern love the scriptures and have a passion for God. They teach the Bible as God's holy, inerrant Word and they are fervently evangelistic.

The article quoted one person as saying that the faculty of this new seminary did not "want to get into fighting somebody else," yet they seem to want to vilify Southern Seminary in an effort to attract more students. I hope Kentucky Baptists will recognize the liberal doubletalk.

Shawn Merithew  
Louisville

## Ministry legacy

I enjoyed reading the kind remembrance of Ray Cooper, most recently the director of missions of Three Forks Baptist Association, in the March 5 issue of the Western Recorder.

Bro. Cooper, who died on Feb. 25, did indeed have "that spirit for the mountains" as Randy Jones mentioned in the article. Part of that spirit was demonstrated in his work to bring Cornerstone Counseling to the people of Southeastern Kentucky.

Bro. Cooper opened the association office to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, providing a place for our Cornerstone counselor to meet with clients. He encouraged individuals and churches within the association to work together to provide scholarships for clients who need financial assistance. His commitment to Cornerstone helped battle the stigma that is sometimes associated with mental health counseling.

We shall miss his leadership and encouragement. We rejoice in his life and strive to honor him by rededicating ourselves to the things which were important to him.

Suzanne Coyle, director  
Cornerstone Counseling  
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children

## PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

### Team objectives highlight priorities

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board staff has given attention during the past year to identifying team objective statements. These statements serve to focus the work of the entire team in setting priorities and helping staff members understand how their work fits into our overall efforts to serve the churches.

Here are the team's statements:

**Executive Office Team.** To direct the planning, support the work, tell the story and celebrate the heritage of Kentucky Baptists.

This team includes the executive office, communications/media department and archives.

**Business Services Team.** To administer all gifts and resources with the utmost accountability and integrity and to provide support services for the Executive Board staff and Kentucky Baptists. The accounting, administrative services, information services and support services departments work closely with business services team leader Lowell Ashby in carrying out this objective.

**Church Growth Team.** To enable KBC churches to accomplish the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment. The Sunday school, discipleship and church music departments work closely with team leader Vernon Cole with a special focus on developing healthy congregations.

**Leadership Development Team.** This team equips, encourages and counsels Kentucky Baptists, striving for mature leaders, stronger families and healthier churches. The annuity, family ministry and

leadership development departments partner with the team office, led by Guy Futral, in fulfilling this objective.

**Evangelism Growth Team.** To assist Kentucky Baptist churches in sharing the gospel in understandable ways with every person in their communities. The women's evangelism and youth evangelism strategies consultants cooperate with the collegiate ministry and creative ministries departments and the team office, led by Dan Garland, in accomplishing this objective.



Bill Mackey

## STEWARDSHIP

### Financial freedom requires taking control of debt

By Don Spencer

One of the major financial problems many people have today is out-of-control debt. Credit card companies and many businesses push the buy now, pay later concept heavily. You

can finance a car for five years, which means that for a period of time you likely owe more on the car than the car is worth. Pre-approved credit cards are easy to get. It's no wonder that so many people gradually accumulate too much debt and then it takes control. You will never have financial freedom as long as you are a slave to debt.

Here are some tips for dealing with and reducing your debt:

■ **Stop buying anything on credit.** This is the critical first step. None of the other tips will help unless you do this first. You cannot reduce debt if you are still adding to it. Put the credit cards away for use only in an emergency. Studies have proven that when people are shopping, they spend about 26 percent more if they use credit cards than if they use cash.

■ **Evaluate your current debts.** Write them all down including how much you owe and be sure to write down what you are being charged in interest.

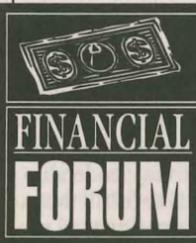
■ **Evaluate your spending and develop a repayment plan.** This is part of budgeting—or developing a spending plan. List your fixed expenses, your flexible expenses and your income. Determine how much debt you can pay off each month. Set a goal for when certain debts are to be paid off. Attack those with highest interest rates first. (The exception might be a debt that could be paid off quickly and eliminated.) Once you have set a monthly amount to go for debt repayment, continue to pay that amount until all consumer debts are eliminated.

■ **Look for ways to get extra money and to cut expenses.** This money could then be used to reduce debt even further or for discretionary spending.

Once you eliminate the debt it is important to stay debt free. Remember: You will never have financial freedom as long as you are a slave to debt.

If you cannot control the debt, credit counseling might be appropriate. For help and referrals, contact the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at (800) 388-2227 or visit [www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org).

Don Spencer is a certified financial planner and directs the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annuity department



## Having in-law problems? Seek to discover underlying issues

**Q:** My husband and I have been married three years. This past Christmas we visited my husband's parents and I fixed the meal. My mother-in-law, as usual, criticized the way I cooked the turkey. My husband says I'm being too sensitive, but I think he should support me. Now Easter is coming up and I'm dreading another holiday of criticism about my cooking. Am I being too sensitive?

It's hard to know from your description how critical your mother-in-law really is. If the criticism truly is just about your cooking, perhaps you can gently tell her that you feel hurt when she criticizes your cooking. The two of you might be able to work things out through a simple, sincere discussion.

Another possibility might be that you feel criticized as a person. If you desire personal affirmation from your mother-in-law, tell her that it's important to you that you and she get along. After all, you both love the same guy. Your husband certainly could help in that discussion.

It also might be that you and your mother-in-law do love the same man and are competing for him. A common issue for couples in the first few years of marriage is the struggle of family loyalties. Parents and their adult children often have difficulty letting go of those family ties enough to welcome another person into the family.

All of you might need to make some adjustments so that your marriage is a primary relationship that also allows for parental relationships. A helpful book to understand this process is Ron Richardson's "Family Ties That Bind" published by Self-Counsel Press.

This Easter, take a look at whether turkey or ham preparation is the real issue. What might really be cooking are family loyalty issues and the most effective way to negotiate them during the first few years of marriage—*Suzanne Coyle*

## Q: What are "eating disorders" and how do they come about in teenagers?

Eating disorders, such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia and binge eating disorder, are serious physical and emotional problems that can have catastrophic consequences if not recognized and treated. These problems are much more common in teenage girls than boys, and it is important that parents and caregivers understand something about them.

Anorexia nervosa is characterized by excessive starvation and excessive weight loss. Bulimia is characterized by a secretive cycle of binge eating followed by purging. This discharge of food often is accomplished by self-induced vomiting, excessive use of laxatives and/or diuretics or excessive exercising. Binge eating disorder (compulsive overeating) is characterized primarily by periods of uncontrolled, compulsive or continuous eating beyond the point of feeling comfortably full.

While the causes of eating disorders are complex, several factors that seem to contribute include:

- Low self esteem.
- Difficult family or interpersonal relationships.
- A history of physical or sexual abuse.
- Difficulty in expressing feelings and emotions.
- Being teased or ridiculed about one's size and weight.
- Cultural pressures glorifying "thinness."
- Depression, anxiety and loneliness.
- Profound feelings of anger and rage.
- Lack of familial emphasis on inner qualities of beauty.
- Possible biological and biochemical origins.—*Scott Wigginton*

Family Forum writers are Suzanne Coyle, director of Cornerstone Counseling for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; David Garrard, minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville; Jon Rainbow, a clinical gerontologist and professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; James Stillwell, minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington; and Scott Wigginton, director of LifeCare Counseling at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Send questions for Family Forum to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253 or e-mail us at wesrec@ntr.net.



## Celebrate the timeless miracle of Easter

Believers around the world will gather in a few days to celebrate Easter, the holiest day on the Christian calendar. Will this year's observance of Christ's triumphant resurrection be a genuine worship experience for you and millions of fellow believers—or will it be just another Easter Sunday with the same old hymns, same old messages and same old routine?

Not that there's anything wrong with the grand hymns that eloquently recount Christ's death, burial and resurrection. And there's certainly nothing wrong with retelling the timeless message of Jesus' miraculous appearance on that first Easter morning.

But what about on a personal level? How can we prepare our hearts and minds for worship to ensure that Easter Sunday isn't merely a comfortable routine that we cruise through once a year and then quietly store away for the next 12 months?

One option is to take time to reflect on the message and meaning of Easter from a fresh perspective. In addition to focusing on baskets of goodies, new spring outfits and an elaborate Easter meal, make sure your Easter preparations include a personal quiet time or Bible study. Invite God to help you discover practical ways to let the Easter message impact your daily attitudes and actions.

Pause to think about what Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and free gift of salvation mean to you. Consider the following EASTER acrostic as a reminder of what this holy season means to every follower of Christ:

■ **Eternal.** The reality of Easter isn't something that's relegated to the pages of history. The truth of Jesus' life, death and resurrection is just as real and rel-

evant in our 21st century world as it was in 1st century life. It will continue to impact the lives of men and women throughout eternity.

■ **Amazing.** While it's easy to take the familiar details of the Easter story for granted, we always should remain in awe of the angel's words in Matthew 28:6, "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said."

■ **Salvation.** Even more significant than Christ's selfless sacrifice was the reason for His actions. In the words of 2 Peter 3:9, God was "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Eternal salvation from the penalty of sin is reason enough for every Christian to joyfully celebrate Resurrection Sunday.

■ **Triumph.** "Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph over His foes!" declares the 19th century hymn. Christ's triumphant victory over death is a truth that remains fresh and life-changing 2,000 years after that first Easter morning.

■ **Empty tomb.** During my first visit to the Holy Land several years ago, I'll never forget the powerful emotion of stepping into the Garden Tomb. Though the garden and the tomb itself are symbolic locations of Jesus' burial site, witnessing the stark emptiness of that ancient tomb offers a vivid reminder of Christ's victory over death.

■ **Resurrection!** Easter is about new life—both the new life Jesus experienced and the new life He freely offers today. By faith, every Christian believer can testify with Mary Magdalene, "I have seen the Lord."

Eternal, Amazing, Salvation, Triumph, Empty tomb, Resurrection! Easter is all those things and more. Take time this Sunday to truly worship—and celebrate.

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

## Resisting the horrors of war

By David Gushee

JACKSON, Tenn. (RNS)—The horrors of war are all around us just now. A recent Newsweek cover story featured the loss of eight American soldiers during renewed fighting in Afghanistan.

The violence in the Middle East has reached its worst level in 20 years. And, for myself along with thousands of other Americans, add the experience of "We Were Soldiers," a must-see movie about the first major U.S. fighting in Vietnam. Mel Gibson's film also is an attempt to bring some sense of justification to that war, or, more importantly, to its warriors.

These multiple, daily visions of violent inhumanity direct me back to the Christian tradition, where we find resources both for constraining our human tendency to obliterate one another and for constructing alternatives to war. Well worth reviewing during times like ours.

Pacifists are routinely criticized as naive or even traitorous, as they were during our ill-fated intervention in Vietnam. But pacifist Christians, who believe participation in war is ruled out for faithful followers of Jesus, are neither naive nor traitorous, and bear a critically important witness to the obscenity of war.

Watching the movie depiction of young American and Vietnamese men being riddled with bullets, stabbed with bayonets and burned to death

with bombs, I was reminded that, whatever other purpose it serves and whoever fights, war essentially is organized murder. Pacifists of all stripes keep that important truth before us.

But surely we cannot let people run airplanes into skyscrapers and make no response? And, inevitably, concepts of self-defense begin the reasoning of "just war" theory, which marks humanity's effort to establish rational criteria for justifying a nation's entry into and conduct during war.

Christian just war theory shares with pacifism a resolute horror in the face of war as well as a goal to prevent war. If this is not possible, the goal is to constrain its devastation.

This effort to contain war faces profound challenges on every side. Just war theory is supposed to offer criteria by which a war's legitimacy can be judged. But when a nation suffers a "surprise attack"—and at other times, as well—these criteria often are manipulated or ignored and once unleashed, the dogs of war are not easily restrained.

We have been fortunate. We are comforted by the sincere voices of people like Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and a news media that won't let illegal or immoral actions hide. As a result, we see the honorable side of our warriors.

Perhaps we can best honor them in the future by becoming skilled at preventing them from being needed. For just as honorable warfighting is a skill,

so is honorable peacemaking. The latter also requires courage and sacrifice. But it draws primarily upon another dimension of the human person—the ability to envision, and then create, alternatives allowing peoples to live at peace with one another.

Such alternatives are readily discovered within the Christian tradition's rich heritage of peacemaking.

War marks the failure of human relationships. We cannot find ready solutions to problems. Our frustration turns to anger, anger to rage, and rage to hatred as we give in to war. Christian peacemakers tell us that making peace requires us—as nations and individuals—to remain engaged with our adversary.

We must look past the frustrations and keep talking. And as we talk we must acknowledge our own responsibility for contributing to the conflict that divides us. We must be willing to recognize the legitimate interests of the other even while seeking our own interests. We must look for ways to take initiatives that reverse cycles of hostility and violence. And we must remember the basic humanity of our adversary, even our enemy.

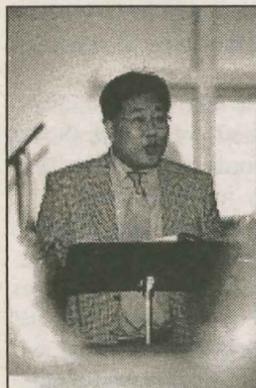
The Scripture says, "Seek peace, and pursue it." In years to come, we need to cultivate and train men and women who are as effective at making peace as others are at making war. Perhaps they might even be worthy of a film as passionate, moving and inspirational as "We Were Soldiers." Or the cover of Newsweek.

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# MISSIONS

## Size of non-Anglo population in Seattle poses challenge

By Karen L. Willoughby  
SBC North American Mission Board



**"Where are the unreached people? Everywhere."**

Missionary Gihwang Shin

SEATTLE—Thirty percent of the 1.5 million households in metro Seattle are non-Anglos, representing 159 different language groups.

That's Gihwang Shin's mission field. As language missions strategist for Puget Sound Baptist Association, Shin is among the featured missionaries for this year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

In his ministry, Shin helps determine ethnic church planting priorities, identifies and develops new leadership, and supports and encourages pastors as they reach their cultures with the gospel.

"Where are the unreached people? Everywhere," said Shin, who frequents area junior and senior high schools "just to introduce myself. Their parents are working hard. Maybe they want someone to talk to."

Shin also frequents Puget Sound's 54 ethnic congregations. One of his priorities is establishing networks among the 15 language groups where Southern Baptists already are working. Fully functioning networks that develop emerging leaders and locate church starting sites would free him to concentrate on unreached language groups, he says.

But until that happens—and already it's beginning to take place among Hispanics and Koreans—Shin will continue to focus on all 159 language groups. He connects with them on school campuses, at celebrations and at shopping areas frequented by non-Anglos.

His gentle scholar's appearance coupled with a polio-inflicted gait creates an aura of accessibility and vulnerability that opens doors to countless conversations.

"I am not worthy. He (God) considered me worthy and the Holy Spirit pushes me a little further,"



**LANGUAGE MISSIONS** Gihwang Shin visits with Jongkyu Yang, owner of a Japanese restaurant in Seattle. Shin is language new work strategist for Puget Sound Baptist Association in Seattle. Local Baptists have 54 non-Anglo congregations for 15 language groups, but the area has 159 language groups. (NAMB photo By Gibbs Frazeur)



Shin says. "That's God's grace on my call."

Thirty minutes prone on the floor each early morning prepare Shin for the day's work.

"My question is, 'What can I do for you, Father?'" Shin says. "By waiting on Him to show me what He wants done, then in His timing, it works out."

"In starting churches, I want to sense God's movement," he continues. "If God moves ethnic leaders here, that's a good sign."

Often preaching two or three times on Sunday, Shin said he's always looking for potential leaders who can be trained and developed for the region's insatiable need for church starters, or for informal "missionary" service for those who return to their homeland.

"Part of what I do is to encourage the pastors," the language missions catalyst says. "I tell them, 'You are the

gatekeeper for reaching the whole world for your people.'"

In the same way, Shin is the gatekeeper for the 159 language groups in metro Seattle.

"God considered me trustworthy," Shin says. "He empowered me, so I do my best, plus."

He credits his wife, Hye Sun (which means Gift of Grace), as a full partner in ministry. She has a gift for hospitality, he noted, and the house is always filled with church leaders and

their families, and with friends from many nations. Because he is often gone, she is the main caregiver for the children.

They have three children, each named Grace—Hye Kang (River of Grace) is 10; Hye Woo (Rain of Grace), 4; and Hye Song (Song of Grace), 18 months.

"Actually I am getting better than the last 10 years," Shin said. "I have a lot of meetings, but I am having more time with the children."

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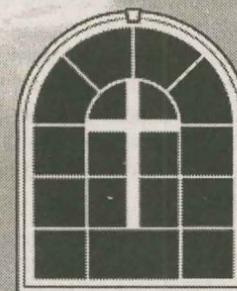
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# The changing face of child care is still the face of a child in need.



**Andy** grew up hearing over and over again that he was worthless and unwanted. When he made mistakes, he was told he was bad. Andy's father beat him often and not just with his hands. Andy was beaten with fists, belts and just about anything else you can imagine. Andy grew up afraid and angry. He didn't know what it was like to be loved.

**Benjamin** was also abused. His father was an alcoholic. Benjamin was always hungry. He never had clothes or shoes that fit. He rarely had a warm coat in winter. Sometimes, Ben had to sleep under the porch when his dad became so enraged, he would lock his son out of the house, even on the coldest nights.

Both boys came to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

## Do you know when?

The way society cares for our children has changed over the years. Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has changed, too. Food, clothing, shelter, unconditional love, acceptance and the opportunity to meet Christ, have always been part of KBHC's ministry and always will be.

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### Nurture, love, compassion, acceptance -- what else hasn't changed?

Both Andy and Benjamin, because they came into KBHC's care, received a Bible, had the chance to go to church, hear the gospel and begin a relationship with Jesus Christ!

Andy came to Kentucky Baptists over a century ago, Benjamin in the 1990s. Both came in need. Both left with hope.



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## U.S. to compensate missionary family in wake of Peru tragedy

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The U.S. government will compensate the family of an American missionary who died with her infant daughter when their plane was shot down last year over Peru.

The White House issued a statement March 20 saying both governments "deeply regret" the incident last April 20 that resulted in the deaths of Veronica Bowers and her daughter, Charity. Her husband and son, Jim and Cory Bowers, were injured, along with their pilot, Kevin Donaldson.

"We offer our sincere condolences to the victims and their families," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. "Neither government believes that Mr. Donaldson was responsible for this incident. It should never have happened, and efforts are under way to prevent such tragedies in the future."

The plane belonging to the Pennsylvania-based Association of Baptists for World Evangelism was shot down by a Peruvian military jet after it was misidentified by a CIA-operated surveillance plane as a possible drug-smuggling flight.

Donald Davis, a lawyer for the missionary group, said the families and the group had asked the government for \$35 million but settled on a smaller amount that he said was satisfactory, Associated Press reported.

The attorney said the Peruvian government has agreed to purchase a new plane for the missionary group and cover the medical expenses of the pilot.

## Baptist worker recounts attack in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (BP)—The March 17 attack on a crowded church in Islamabad that left five people dead was the second attack on a Christian church in the region in recent months.

More than 40 worshipers, including four Southern Baptists, were injured when an attacker hurled two grenades into Protestant International Church. The evangelical, non-denominational fellowship typically attracts many foreigners living in Islamabad, including Americans.

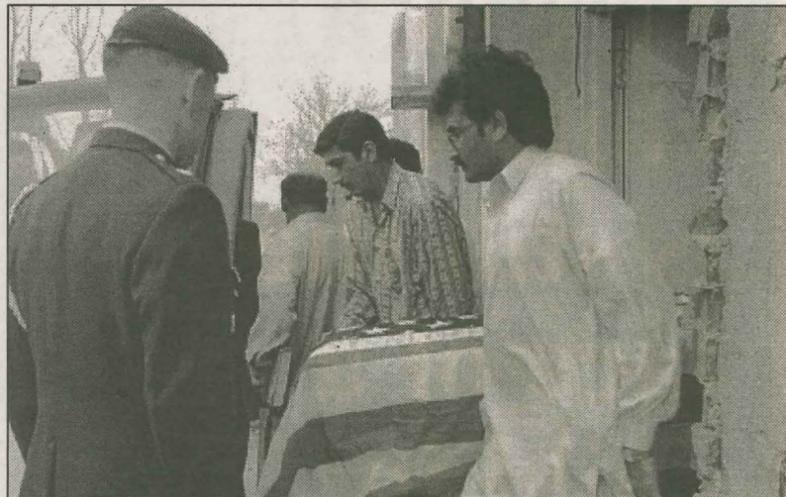
Among those killed were Barbara Green, a U.S. Embassy official, and her daughter, Kristen Wormsley, 17. Green's husband and son were among those injured.

President Bush called the incident a terrorist attack and pledged to work with the Pakistani government to bring those who launched the attack to justice.

Condemning the "acts of murder that cannot be tolerated by any person of conscience nor justified by any cause," Bush said he was outraged by the attack on innocent civilians.

Witnesses said the attacker entered the church during the final moments of the sermon and threw two grenades into the middle of the auditorium.

The injured Southern Baptists in-



**SLAIN AMERICAN** A U.S. marine stands by as U.S. embassy staff load the coffin of Kristen Green into a waiting van March 20. Kristen, daughter of an American diplomat, and her mother, Barbara, were among five people killed from grenade blasts at the Protestant International Church in Islamabad on March 17. (RNS/Reuters photo by Mian Khursheed)

clude Jeff and Cindy Womble and their 6-year-old son from Brandon, Fla.; and a woman who asked not to be identified.

Womble, who teaches English as a second language in cooperation with an international humanitarian aid agency, said he and his family were sitting near the back of the church when a man in his early 20s rushed in

and hurled the two grenades toward the middle of the church.

One of the grenades "landed seven rows up and there was a big explosion," he recounted, adding that his son was thrown two rows back by the blast. Mrs. Womble suffered a broken leg. Their son, who suffered head injuries from shrapnel, is in serious condition at an Islamabad hospital.



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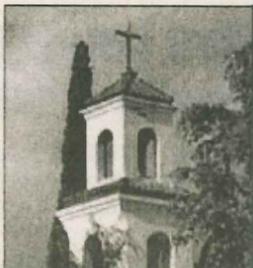
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and

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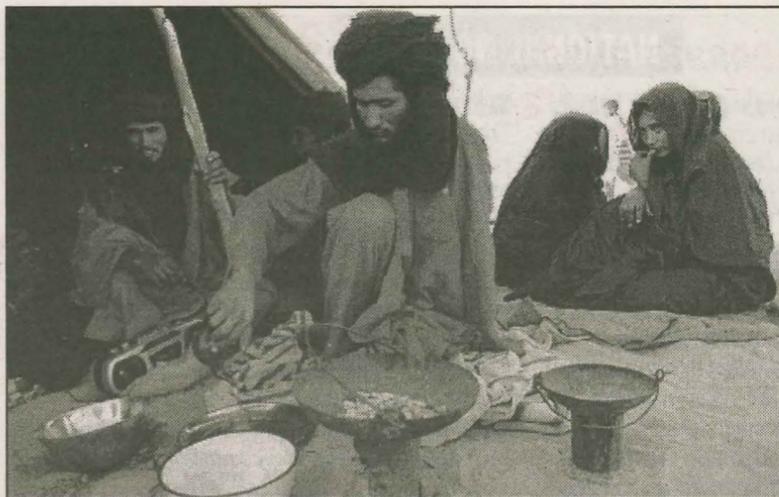


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**BLUE PEOPLE** The Tuareg often are called "The Blue People" because of the indigo color of the distinctive turbans that protect them from fierce desert winds. In the hot Saharan sun, the blue dye bleeds from the garments and stains their skin. (IMB photo by Sandy King)

## Prayer planned so people group won't feel 'abandoned'

By Mark Kelly  
SBC International Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The name of one unreached people group in West Africa literally means "abandoned by God."

On May 19, Southern Baptists will ask God to help that people group, the Tuareg, know just how much He really loves them.

Once Tuareg camel caravans transported everything from salt to slaves across the Sahara. But now the nomadic people group follows their declining herds through barren regions of Algeria, Libya, Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso in search of scarce pasture.

Many Tuareg have fled the ravages of drought to pitch their tents on the fringes of cities like Tombouctou, Mali.

The Tuareg face many uncertainties, not the least of which is how to survive in a world less and less hospitable to the nomad's lifestyle. One thing, however, is certain: 99.9 percent of the Tuareg do not know the love and forgiveness of God. The vast majority of them have never even heard the good news of a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

That is one reason Southern Baptists will focus on the Tuareg on the Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization, scheduled this year for May 19.

The Tuareg's nomadic lifestyle makes it hard to accurately count them, and population estimates range from 500,000 to 3 million people. The name identifies a collection of ethnic groups—Arabs, Berbers and Bellas—who speak a common language, Tamashek.

The Tuareg's wandering ways also have kept them from being staunch practitioners of the Muslim religion. Because of this, their Muslim neighbors named them "Tuareg," literally "abandoned by God."

Forced from the desert by drought, the Tuareg now are learning to farm and sell crafts. A new generation is growing up and learning the softer ways of city life.

But one Tuareg Christian sees these difficult circumstances as God's way of reaching His people with the gospel.

"The drought is a way to pierce the strongholds of the people," says "Noch" (not his real name). "The droughts bring the people in from the desert. It makes the people change, and when there is change there is an open door for the gospel. The door may only be open a crack, but it is still open."

Another Tuareg believer, "Muhammad," endures frustration and persecution to keep sharing the salvation story. He envisions a day when his people will be free in Christ.

"I had a dream ... a dream that heaven was a great desert and in that great desert, we (the Tuareg) finally found the freedom we search so desperately for," Muhammad says. "It was so beautiful, and I believe that one day it will come true."

### Praying for the Tuareg:

■ Pray for more workers in the harvest. With this large people group spread out over many countries, more laborers are needed.

■ Ask God to open the eyes of the Tuareg to the truth of the gospel and that they will be set free in Christ.

■ Intercede for young believers. Many do not want to tell families that they are now followers of God because of being kicked out of the family and being left alone to fend for themselves.

■ Pray that people will see the difference in the lives of Tuareg Christians and that God will give them the courage to tell their families and take a stand for God.

■ Ask God to protect evangelists and pastors who are in constant danger as they preach and teach about Jesus' love.

For resources on the Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization visit the Web site:  
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## NATIONAL NOTES

### Crackdown on child porn nets clergy, police.

Nearly 90 people have been charged in a crackdown on an Internet child pornography ring, the U.S. Department of Justice announced March 18. Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said 89 people in more than 20 states have been charged, including 27 suspects who have admitted to molesting more than 35 children. Among those charged have been ministers in Baltimore and Philadelphia; a school bus driver in Albany, N.Y.; a teacher's aide in Las Vegas; and law enforcement personnel in Pittsburgh and San Diego. Operation Candyman began 14 months ago after FBI officials identified three e-mail groups maintained by Yahoo that were producing, exchanging and distributing child pornography. Investigators said the e-mail groups included more than 7,000 members.

### 'ATHEIST' license plate survives in Florida.

A Florida resident can keep his license plate that declares he is an "ATHEIST" after the state motor vehicle department reversed its decision. In a February letter to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a dozen people complained about the special license of Steven Miles, the St. Petersburg Times reported. A department supervisor declared the tag to be "obscene or objectionable," and told Miles to remove it. But department officials reversed the decision March 14 after Miles called the American Civil Liberties Union. "I'm elated," said Miles, vice president of Atheists of Florida. The DMV has removed 57 tags in the past three years, including "SONAGOD," "YOMAMA" and "INSANE."

### Evangelical group studies internal operations.

The National Association of Evangelicals has postponed a final decision on its new president while leaders seek to get the organization's operational house in order. "We're working on a strengthening of the infrastructure," said Leith Anderson, a Minnesota pastor who has served as the NAE's interim president since November. Kevin Mannoia resigned as president last year after being criticized for making major changes in a short period of time. Under Mannoia's leadership, the group's income dropped from \$1.5 million in 1999 to \$1.1 million in 2000.

### Episcopal leaders seek to bridge gap.

Hoping to bridge a deepening theological chasm between conservatives and liberals, bishops of the Episcopal Church endorsed a plan to allow conservative parishes to seek oversight from like-minded bishops outside their diocese. The proposal, approved during the March 7-12 meeting of the denomination's House of Bishops, is a major gain for conservative parishes who said their liberal-leaning bishops were pushing homosexuality and women's ordination against their will.

### Leading spirituality advocate dies.

David Larson, one of the leading advocates for the study of spirituality and health, died March after suffering a heart attack. Larson, who was 54, was president of the International Center for the Integration of Health & Spirituality in Rockville, Md. He spearheaded research and conferences that brought together scholars to examine links between spirituality and physical and mental health.

## Leader of Anti-Defamation League accepts Graham's apology to Jews

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham has issued a second, lengthier apology for comments about a Jewish "stranglehold" on the U.S. media that were recorded at the White House in a conversation with President Nixon 30 years ago.

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, has accepted Graham's apology.

As in the brief statement he released March 1, Graham said the 1972 comments don't reflect his views of Jews and he said "I sincerely apologize to anyone I have offended."

But this time, Graham went on to describe his "love" for Jews and the need to work against hatred and to seek God's forgiveness.

"I don't ever recall having those feelings about any group, especially the Jews, and I certainly do not have them now," the 83-year-old evangelist said. "My remarks did not reflect my love for the Jewish people. I humbly ask the Jewish community to reflect on my actions on behalf of Jews over the years that contradict my words in the Oval Office that day."

Citing his age, Graham said he has reflected on the need to address racial and ethnic understanding.

"Racial prejudice, anti-Semitism or hatred of anyone with different beliefs has no place in the human mind or heart," he said.

"Of greater import or concern than any tapes made in the White House, each of us must face the fact that God has 'tapes' that record not only our actions but also our thoughts and our intent," he added.

"Every moral choice we have ever made is on His 'computer.' On the appointed day of God's judgment there will be nothing in any of our hearts that will not be disclosed. That is why we all need God's forgiveness."

Responding to Graham's apology, Foxman said, "These words, unlike his previous words uttered 30 years ago, are full of sadness and repentance. This is the Billy Graham we thought we knew."

Graham reportedly told Nixon in the 1972 discussion that Jews controlled the American media, noting that "this stranglehold has got to be broken or the country's going down the drain."

Also: Graham event in Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky to continue despite city boycott. See story on page 12.

## Thanks, Campers on Mission

Coming up in a couple of weeks, the Kentucky Campers on Mission will arrive at Cedarmore for one of their annual or semi-annual times of work and fellowship.

This wonderful group of committed brothers and sisters in Christ has played a major role in our work over the last four and one-half years. They have built much, fixed much and painted much at both Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek.

Were it not for the efforts of this lovable, fun-loving, hard-working group of men and women, many of the improvements that you see at Jonathan Creek and Cedarmore simply would not be in place. With the limited size of our full-time staff, we just don't have the man or woman power to get all the work done that needs to be done. Year after year these folks come and get to work on assorted projects.

Honestly, every time the Campers on Mission come it's a highlight of our year. The relationships between the campers and our leadership grow over time. I know that many friendships have developed, some of which will last forever. Jack and Shirley Ellerbrook, our director couple at Cedarmore, always look forward to the coming of

the campers. David Melber at Jonathan Creek already knows many of the campers well.

During their stay this year, there will be a dedication service of our relatively new Guy King RV Park at Cedarmore. This will be a time during which we remember the vision and contribution Guy King made to our ministry at Cedarmore.

As soon as I hit the ground running in this new ministry four years ago, Guy called me to talk about the possibilities of this park. It came to pass, and now, when our Campers on Mission come, they have a beautiful area in which to park and hook up their RVs.

So even before their arrival, we extend our thanks to the Kentucky Campers on Mission. We

love them and appreciate so much the work that they have done as we have sought to make much-needed improvements over the last four and one-half years. To God be the glory for what He will continue to accomplish through this group that is truly "on mission" for Him.

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## People and places

Places can have quite a hold on us. Whenever I return home to Florida to spend time with family, it seems memories wash over me like a tide. Regardless of the passage of time, some experiences remain as crisp and vivid as they did in that first moment. The sights and smells of home bring it all back.

For thousands of men and women, Spring Meadows and Glen Dale have that same kind of emotional hold. The homes represent sanctuary, safety, stability—in short, what home is supposed to be. For these “alumni,” as we fondly call them, Spring Meadows and Glen Dale are their only source of pleasant childhood memories. Most certainly, the ground is special and dear to many.

To disrupt a place so special is not something we take lightly. The decision to explore other uses of these campuses, including the sale of the acreage, was not easy when we considered the rich past of Kentucky Baptists’ ministry to children. However, when Kentucky Baptists began their ministry to children in 1869, it was just that: a ministry to children, not to a place. The children always have been, and always will be, the focus of all we do.

Environment is crucial to caring for children. I can tell you that Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children’s stand-alone facilities—the Baptist Youth Ranch, Morehead Center, Dixon Center and Genesis Home—have fewer runaways, client supervision problems and staff communication problems than at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows. The facilities

### HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

themselves contribute to these obstacles. We are committed to providing a safe, secure environment for the children of today. That commitment compels us to consider relocating Spring Meadows and Glen Dale to stand-alone facilities.

Other reasons exist, and I hope Kentucky Baptists will watch this space to learn more. I hope you will read the upcoming issue of the Baptist Children’s Messenger and that you will call me if you have questions and concerns. Your ministry to children and families is not tied to a piece of ground. I encourage you to learn more, ask questions and become part of our continuing mission.

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## Serving in New Orleans

By Robert Dunston

Over the Christmas 2001 break, 11 Cumberland College students and Cumberland’s campus ministry intern, Nanette Smith, journeyed to New Orleans.

Clarissa Hutcherson, daughter of Greg and Beverly Hutcherson of Pleasureville, served as team leader. The team also included Tiffany Bailey, Drew Dukes, Jennifer Dyer, Amber Franklin, Holly Gardner, Daniel McKee, Stephanie Seale, Chuck Sumner, Angela Turner and David Wilson.

Hutcherson had spent the summer of 2001 working as a Kentucky Baptist summer missionary at the Rachel Sims Mission Center in New Orleans. She made all the arrangements for the Jan. 5-12 trip.

Cumberland’s team worked with the center’s after-school program for children. The program featured a homework club and a Bible study. Team members provided one-on-one tutoring for the children and led the Bible study time.

The children could stay at the center as long as they had homework to do. Most left before 5 p.m., but some stayed beyond that

time. The center does not rush the children out the door because the workers realize some of the children do not have a welcoming or encouraging home environment.

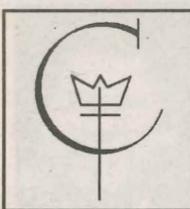
Wilson, son of Charlotte and Edward Wilson of Wintonsville, took on a special project one day in addition to working with the children. A hall closet needed to be cleaned out and organized, so Wilson went to work. He spent most of the morning on the project and then stayed up until 2 a.m. completing the job.

Wilson was just finishing up when the center director came in. They enjoyed a time of in-depth discussion before finally turning in for the night.

Cumberland’s students learned a lot during the mission trip and brought some of the center’s techniques back to Cumberland to use in our children’s ministry programs. We appreciate their willingness to serve and to learn.

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## Bible Crossword

### Across

1. Cut
7. "He fell into a \_\_\_\_" (Acts 10:10)
13. Declares
14. "The son of Geber, in \_\_\_\_-gilead" (1 Kings 4:13)
15. Jesus' birthplace
17. Exist
19. The number of commandments God gave Moses
20. "\_\_\_\_, every one that thirsteth" (Isaiah 55:1)
22. Animal that Christ rode on Palm Sunday
24. Depend on others' money
26. "Whether it be good or \_\_\_\_" (2 Corinthians 5:10)
27. Activity
29. "Then an \_\_\_\_ cried aloud" (Daniel 3:4)
31. Pertaining to air, prefix
32. "God hath given \_\_\_\_ unto your brethren" (Joshua 22:4)
33. Hastens
35. "The seed is \_\_\_\_ under their clods" (Joel 1:17)
37. Vigor
38. "\_\_\_\_ died without children" (1 Chronicles 2:30)
40. When you think you'll get there, abbr.
41. Three feet, abbr.
43. Relative, abbr.
45. Part of the blood that carries iron, abbr.
46. "The Lord fulfil all thy \_\_\_\_" (Psalms 20:5)
50. "This Agar is Mount Sinai in \_\_\_\_" (Galatians 4:25)
52. "We have had \_\_\_\_ to eat" (2 Chronicles 31:10)

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55. "The \_\_\_\_ is not dead, but sleepeth" (Mark 5:39)
56. "Thou shalt utterly \_\_\_\_ it" (Deut. 7:26)

### Down

1. Verb of being
2. The Bible's new covenant, abbr.
3. Taxi
4. Article
5. Place
6. Mehir was the father of \_\_\_\_ (1 Chronicles 4:11)
7. "He made a \_\_\_\_ about the altar" (1 Kings 18:32)
8. Cheer
9. "Surely I come quickly. \_\_\_\_" (Revelation 22:20)
10. Name, Fr.
11. Massachusetts' neighbor
12. Questioning noise
16. Man's name
17. Sheep noise
18. "There \_\_\_\_ not a man of them" (1 Samuel 30:17)
20. "I will save her that \_\_\_\_" (Zephaniah 3:19)
21. "The \_\_\_\_ number of them is to be redeemed" (Numbers 3:48)
23. Sharply inclined
24. Emotions

25. "They should not return to \_\_\_\_" (Matthew 2:12)
26. Sew quickly
28. Anger
30. Return, abbr.
33. "Who came in privily to \_\_\_\_ out our liberty" (Galatians 2:4)
34. Appearing in consecutive parts
35. "They \_\_\_\_ upon the Lord God of their fathers" (2 Chronicles 13:18)
36. Seize for arrest
39. "I will \_\_\_\_ you go" (Exodus 8:28)
42. "Their \_\_\_\_ shall not become garments" (Isaiah 59:6)
44. Nautical mile
46. Girl's nickname
47. "\_\_\_\_ them about thy neck" (Proverbs 6:21)
48. "The Lord our God is \_\_\_\_ Lord" (Mark 12:29)
49. "If any man will \_\_\_\_ thee at the law" (Matthew 5:40)
50. Commercial, abbr.
51. Radium, chem. symbol
53. Organization for young females, abbr.
54. Altitude, abbr.

## Last week's solution

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## Graham to continue Cincinnati event despite boycott

**"Why in the world would we call the doctor back now and tell him to stay home when we know this patient is still ailing?"**

Damon Lynch Jr., co-chair of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Billy Graham Mission

By Adelle Banks  
Religion News Service

CINCINNATI (RNS)—The summer visit of evangelist Billy Graham to Cincinnati is still on, planners say, while officials of the Progressive National Baptist Convention have decided not to meet in the city that has been embroiled in racial strife.

The committee planning the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Billy Graham Mission announced March 19 that it would still hold the June 27-30 event despite calls for it to be canceled in light of an economic boycott supported by groups that want city leaders to address racial and economic issues.

"The mission was conceived in response to an urgent need to promote racial harmony, reconciliation and justice in our community," said Anthony Munoz, chair of the mission and a former Cincinnati Bengals football player, in a statement. "It is a good work already well-behaved, and we are putting our trust in God to see it through."

Cincinnati has faced racial tensions, with riots breaking out last April after a white police officer was charged in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager. The officer was later acquitted—on the same day Graham's mission was announced.



Graham

Pastor Damon Lynch Jr., co-chair of the Graham event, said in an interview that organizers didn't receive a formal request from boycott supporters, but were aware of their desire to see the mission canceled. More than 625 local churches, representing 62 denominations, are involved in planning the event.

In a statement, Lynch explained why they refused to withdraw the invitation to Graham.

"We've seen a sickness in our community, and we've called a good doctor to come help us," he said. "Why in the world would we call the doctor back now and tell him to stay home when we know this patient is still ailing?"

Lynch's son, Damon Lynch III, is the leader of one of the groups spearheading the boycott, the Cincinnati Black United Front.

The younger Lynch, whose organization first called for the economic boycott on travel and tourism business in the city last July, could not be reached for comment.

Graham, in a statement, said he intends to speak to the city's conflicts during his appearances at Paul Brown Stadium.

"Racism is a sin," the 83-year-old evangelist said in a statement. "It is not only a social problem, it is also a moral and a spiritual issue, which I will be addressing in my preaching."

The reaffirmation of the invitation to Graham came within days of the

decision of the predominantly black denomination, which announced March 16 that it would not meet in Cincinnati in August as planned.

"It is hard to imagine that in the year 2002, the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc. would be withdrawing from any city in America because of racial tension," its officials said in a statement.

The executive committee and board of the organization "concluded that the hostile racial climate, the potential for violence and civil disorder is not conducive to holding its August annual session in Cincinnati."

The 2.5 million-member denomination, which was organized in Cincinnati in 1961 and claimed Martin Luther King Jr. among its members, had expected to bring at least 10,000 people to the city.

The Baptist leaders said in their statement they were "unsuccessful" in a meeting with city officials in which they proposed steps for solving the "racial crisis," including a program against police brutality and hearings by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Julie Harrison, spokeswoman for the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, said her tourism agency felt "complete, utter disappointment" with the Baptist denomination's decision.

"We really feel that it would have been mutually beneficial for them and the city for them to come here despite the racial tension," she said, noting that city officials met with denomination officials in February in hopes of

coming to some agreement.

Harrison praised the reaffirmation by the planners of Graham's evangelistic meeting.

"We applauded them for that," she said.

The tourism agency's primary role regarding the Graham event is to help secure blocks of hotel rooms.

"Given the mission of Billy Graham and what he's doing here, I think the city can benefit greatly from him being here," she said. "We're glad that he didn't choose to use this event to make a political statement."

Harrison said another predominantly black religious group, the executive board of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Women's Missionary Council, met in Cincinnati in February. The Union of Black Episcopalians is scheduled to hold its national convention there June 29-July 5.

Meanwhile, entertainers such as Bill Cosby, Smokey Robinson and Wynton Marsalis have canceled 2002 appearances.

The bureau has joined other city officials in announcing a new marketing campaign that presents an image of the city as one with African-American leaders in government, business and other areas. The campaign includes an ad featuring the city's diverse leadership and a brochure that mentions that African-American culture is expressed through an annual festival, arts and its churches.

Also: Anti-Defamation League accepts Graham apology. See story on page 10.

### 'I learned more about myself ...'

The next senior essay I want to share with you was written by Judy (not her real name) from west-central Kentucky. Many people have the unfortunate idea that most or all of the students who come to Oneida are "problem children." While we understand why they draw those conclusions, it is not a fair assessment of our student body. Many of our students are quite surprised to learn that some people make this assumption.

However, Judy's story would fit into that category of "problem children." I will share her own words with you, but please do not consider her story completely typical of our student body as a whole. Judy shares how the agriculture program changed her perspective on life. We are very proud of our farm program and the benefits it provides to students who participate. Judy recalls her experience of being suspended. Oneida uses various forms of punishment, including suspensions. In a public school, being suspended normally means being sent home for a few days or longer. Often students return to school and brag about their "mini vacations." When a student is suspended at Oneida Baptist Institute, he or she works while the other students are in school. Normally, most of the student body can see those students work as they serve their suspensions. Here is Judy's story:

"I came to Oneida on June 10, 2001, as a problem child in my home, a failing student in my high school class and having nothing to be proud of in life.

"On June 6, 2001, while standing before the judge, I was faced with two decisions, to go to a juvenile detention center until I was 18 or to finish high school ... at Oneida Baptist Institute (if

they would accept me). ... The (Oneida) school year started, and I was still being influenced by other people. I was suspended for two weeks for getting into trouble, but looking back, I wish that I could thank the person who told on me.

"One thing I love about Oneida is the one-on-one help that teachers and staff provide. ... Knowing that I would get suspended again for 'sleeping in' kept me on a regular routine. Oneida was like a community. ... Everyone was well taken care of. ... The dorms provided a family atmosphere. ... (In) summer school, I received straight A's in ... English. ... As the (regular) school year started, my GPA continued to rise higher than it had ever been.

"My two-week punishment on the farm changed my life forever. ... I joined the farm crew, became a supervisor of the hog house, joined FFA and became chairman of the community service committee. The greatest challenge that I have faced at Oneida was becoming a new person. I learned more about myself on the farm than anywhere. I carried what I learned back to the dorm and

into my classes. I give my deepest thanks to Mr. Martin, Mr. Cole, Mr. Covington and Mr. Godbold (Oneida's farm staff). (They) taught me to be a leader, to respect myself, to live each day to the fullest, to try new things and to never say, 'I can't.'

"There were times ... that I just wanted to quit and forget it all. Then I remembered what a wise man told me; he quoted Proverbs 17:22. ... That verse made me look at my life a little differently."

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#### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

### In memory of Kermit and Helen Lovelace

Endowed scholarships provide financial aid for our students and continue the life witness of faithful Christians. Concord Missionary Baptist Church in White Plains gave \$10,258 to establish the Kermit and Helen Lovelace Memorial Scholarship. Bro. Lovelace grew up in the Concord church and his grandfather was pastor. Current Pastor Ellis Payne is a 1987 graduate and a college trustee.

While I was pastor at First Baptist of Murray, Gail Lovelace was a student at Murray State University and active in Baptist Student Union. She and husband Jim Yonts are active members of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville. Her sister, Susan Ramsey, lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Kermit and Helen Lovelace married in 1951. Previously, she had done home mission work with the Methodists. He attended Bethel College and completed seminary extension classes. Evangelist L.B. Wise took him on an evangelistic trip to Eastern Kentucky. He helped with summer boys' camp at Clear Creek and the encouragement he received from older pastors and deacons became a model for his own life. "Daddy had a heart for young men with difficulty getting an educa-

tion," Gail Lovelace said.

His daughters remember a family vacation to historic Kentucky locations. The trip also included visits to Glen Dale Children's Home and Clear Creek. "Daddy especially liked folklore and history. During his 50th year of preaching, he prepared a history of Concord church," Gail said.

Bro. Lovelace was pastor of Mt. Carmel, Mannington, Vernal Grove, Johnson Island and Good Hope (Christian County) churches. Some years, he was pastor of three churches at the same time. "One of Daddy's dreams was to pastor a church without pay. Bivocational income enabled him to achieve the dream for a time at Johnson Island," Gail said. Doug Strader, Ken-

tucky Baptist Convention stewardship department director, described Lovelace as "the epitome of a Christian in character and lifestyle—humble, sincere and gentle."

Kermit Lovelace died in 1988; his wife died in 1993. Their life ministry will continue to encourage ministry leaders until Jesus comes. The Kentucky Baptist Foundation manages the Lovelace Scholarship.

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#### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Cancer survivor offers spiritual view of God's grace amid pain

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (RNS)—Almost 30 years after being diagnosed with cancer, Anne Shaw Turnage sees her own life as living proof that "grace keeps you going." Her personal experience led to a new book with the same title.



Co-authored with her husband, Mac, the book testifies to the truth that cancer often propels people on a spiritual trek. While steep, treacherous and difficult, that path need not be a hike one makes alone.

"Grace Keeps You Going: Spiritual Wisdom From Cancer Survivors" recounts the pain and joy, fear and wisdom, uncertainty and assuredness encountered by cancer survivors. The stories, often ironic and funny, are a panacea for the hard moments when people with cancer and their families struggle with the disease.

Three decades ago, Turnage and her husband, a Presbyterian clergyman, took a daunting diagnosis and turned it into a life's work. Turnage was a mother with young children when an emergency surgery revealed she had advanced colon cancer with metastasis to the liver. She was terrified, but determined.

"I didn't find out until eight years later that I was in a 5 percent group of people who respond to this treatment," Mrs. Turnage said.

She went on to write her first book with her husband, "More Than You Dare to Ask," about her experiences and to work in Richmond with a nonprofit cancer service organization, CAN-SURMOUNT.

The Turnages dream that this book will help make readers aware that people dealing with cancer are members of an enormous club. There are 8 million cancer survivors in the United States and an estimated 1 million join those ranks annually, Mrs. Turnage said.

"Because cancer survivors struggle with emotional and spiritual realities, maybe this book can provide strength for those moments," she added.

The Turnages are convinced that she is healthy and alive today because of "good medical care, strong personal faith, widespread prayers for her recovery, steady support from family and friends and lively companionship with other survivors." Through 19 years of chemotherapy, Mrs. Turnage said, the "grace of God worked."

**A Church Called Graffiti: Finding Grace on the Lower East Side.** Taylor Field with Jo Kadlecek. Broadman & Holman, 2001. 187 pages. \$17.99. ♦♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

"A Church Called Graffiti" is must-have reading for anyone involved in ministry and feeling the tell-tale symptoms of burnout.

Taylor Field, a Southern Baptist pastor and missionary to New York's Lower East Side, ministers at a storefront church affectionately known as "Graffiti." In his book, he relates the tales of his urban ministry experiences: from the anxiety of taking his family to live next door to a crack house, to watching his parishioners die of AIDS, to a year when his level of burnout in the ministry grew so strong his body physically gave out.

This is a missionary's memoir that touches powerfully on issues not often discussed in such books, such as the struggle of taking one's family to live in a dangerous area or the feelings of frustration and even anger that arise in the face of constant need and poverty. "Our weaknesses are envelopes for God's power," Field writes several times, and he is honest about his own weaknesses—and God's power—in the face of rampant drug use, unavoidable deaths, a rat-infested church building and violence.

"A Church Called Graffiti" is also a gentle but grim commentary on how our society treats the poor. While Field never preaches to his readers, he tells horrifying stories of the treatment of some of his members that should make readers stop and reconsider the way they feel about the oppressed in their neighborhoods.

This book is not comfortable reading, but it is necessary reading for Christians looking to increase their awareness of missions and to open themselves to the plight of the oppressed. *Victoria Moon*

**Churches that Make a Difference: Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works.** Ron Sider, Phillip Olson and Heidi Rolland Unruh. Baker Books, 2002. 334 pages. \$19.99. ♦♦♦♦♦

With Ron Sider, author of "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," as a co-author, my expectations of this book were great. I was not disappointed. Sider, along with his co-authors, explores the biblical command and the practical issues related to providing a church ministry that combines evangelism and social ministry.

The three parts of the book examine holistic ministry in terms of understanding what it is, what its essential elements are and how to cultivate and implement the vision of holistic ministry. The chapters are

well written and filled with illustrations. Upon completion, the reader will have examined numerous concrete models of faith groups who have been transformed as they seek to make a difference in their community.

What I especially like about this book is that it provides guidance for any size church. Unlike so much that is written today for church leaders, this book does not concentrate on mega-churches or churches that want to grow to be mega-churches. Instead, the encouragement here is for every church, no matter the size.

The vision put forth by the book covers every area of the life of the church, from worship to education to outreach. No group within the church is exempt from participation. Part of the practical help offered is how to deal with the inevitable conflict that develops when the congregation moves into a holistic model of ministry.

This book would make a great study for deacons and others entrusted with the long-range planning for a church. *Wayne Hager*

**A Better Way: Rediscovering the Drama of God-Centered Worship.** Michael Horton. Baker Books, 2002. 249 pages. \$19.99. ♦♦♦♦♦

Michael Horton, associate professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, dares to wade into the current morass over worship with a proposal that is solidly biblical, rooted in the rich tradition of the church and which addresses the market-driven culture of the American church.

Divided into three sections, "A Better Way" describes worship as a drama within a drama. The larger drama is God's redemptive activity in human history. The drama of worship is both a rehearsal of that drama through word and sacrament in which God is the primary Actor, as well as a time of covenant renewal.

In part one, Horton discusses the role of preaching and the preacher. He contends that the preacher's role is not to convict, convince, cajole, persuade or even pronounce judgment. Rather, the preacher proclaims the Word of God, which unleashes the power of the Holy Spirit to work in the life of the hearer. Proclamation, therefore, is the central act of worship, for through it God enacts His drama of redemption in the congregation.

Part two deals with baptism and the Lord's Supper. True to the reformed tradition in which he ministers, Horton affirms infant baptism as a dramatization of the grace of God which comes to us while we are still sinners. His view of both baptism and the Lord's Supper might make many Baptists uncomfortable. But his insights about their prominence in worship should be considered carefully.

The last section of the book deals with several practical issues: Sabbath observance, the actual structure of a worship service, "reaching the lost without losing the reached," as well as music, setting and architecture.

"A Better Way" is a stimulating, challenging book that I had a hard time putting down. *Jim Holladay*

## 'Davey and Goliath' recruited to 'do the Dew'

By Kevin Eckstrom  
*Religion News Service*

CHICAGO (RNS)—Those hard-charging extreme sports enthusiasts on the Mountain Dew ads are about to make room for an animated little boy and his talking dog.

"Davey and Goliath," the beloved feel-good children's animation series that ran from 1960 through the mid-1970s, is returning to pop culture. This time, the animated duo isn't selling the gospel—they're pushing cans of Pepsi-owned Mountain Dew.

A 30-second television ad is phase one of a new agreement between Pepsi and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which owns the rights to the "Davey" name and image. Revenues from the ad and other ventures eventually will be used to create "Davey" episodes for a new generation of children.

"This is exactly the kind of thing we wanted in order to get the image of Davey and Goliath back into popular culture," said Eric Shafer, the

ELCA's director of communications and a fan of the animated series.

Ultimately, Shafer hopes to raise \$3 million to \$4 million to produce 26 new 12-minute episodes—which would translate into a full season of half-hour shows for weekend morning network television.



The animated series used "stop-motion" animation similar to claymation technology to convey easy-to-digest lessons on morality and ethics. Sixty-five episodes and six 30-minute specials were produced before the final special aired in 1975.

Last year, the ELCA signed agreements with two companies and the series' creators, Art and Ruth Clokey, who also created the Gumbey and Pokey characters. One company, Program Source International, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will dust off and market the vintage "Davey" programs.

Another company, Heat Licensing of Sequim, Wash., will create Davey and Goliath merchandise to raise money—and try to convince Disney

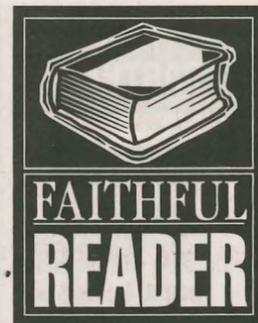
to sign on to the project.

Along the way, Davey and Goliath will be used in two 30-second ads for the 5.2 million-member church, which will air on cable and network channels.

Patrick Lauerman, president of Heat Licensing, said the project has taken off and soon people will find Davey products on the shelves of major retailers. "Davey's going to be a little more up-to-date this time around," he said. "It's still got that morality tone and message, but it's got a little more kick to it and a little more zip in it."

The new ad features Davey and a friend rolling down a hill, fighting over a can of Mountain Dew. When they bump into Davey's father, the boys are given a quick lesson in right and wrong—but not before Mr. Hansen drinks the can of soda. "We've been hosed," Davey says in disgust.

"We want to bring the positive moral images that Davey provides to a new generation," Shafer said. "But the only way to do that is through merchandising and commercial endorsements, because that's how you raise the funds."



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](mailto:jwhager@surry.net), [docholladay01@aol.com](mailto:docholladay01@aol.com) or [victoria.moon@earthlink.net](mailto:victoria.moon@earthlink.net)

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## PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ The Open Door Medical Clinic in Bucharest, Romania, as personnel deal with the mountains of government red tape necessary to receive a license to operate.

■ A fact-finding team preparing to be in Brittany, France, from June to December to research the best way to reach the Brezhonegerien people group with the gospel.

■ New believers in Czestochowa, Poland, who are considering baptism. This is a big step for them since many will face opposition from their families if they are baptized.

■ Erynn Reconnu who is working for six months as a semester missionary in Kielce, Poland. She will work with girls in a summer English school.

■ Two Russian Christians, Anton and Zhenya, as they write a series of chronological inductive Bible studies to be used in church starts in Russia.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ ASHLAND—Liberty Missionary Church will hold an Easter sunrise service March 31, 6:30 a.m. The sanctuary choir will present the Easter musical "Crown Him King" at 11 a.m. **Phillip Haney** is pastor.

■ BLOOMFIELD—Brush Grove Church will hold revival services April 7-12, 7 p.m., with **Tom Wick-er**, pastor of Chaplin Church, as evangelist. **Everett Hood** is pastor.

■ COXS CREEK—Vine Hill Church will hold its 53rd annual Easter sunrise service at Bernheim Forest March 31, 7 a.m.

■ EDDYVILLE—Bethany Church called **John Ahart** as pastor.

■ ELIZABETHTOWN—Berean Church will ordain **Jim Webster** as pastor April 7, 3 p.m.

Central Avenue Church called **Kristy Turner** as youth minister. **Bob Hamilton** is pastor.

■ KIRKSEY—Kirksey Church called **Dustin Darnell** as pastor.

■ LOUISVILLE—Carlisle Avenue Church will present the Easter musical "On a Hill Too Far Away" March 31; 10:45 a.m. **Jonathan Badgett** is minister of music and worship and **Shawn Merithew** is pastor.

Deer Park Church's chancel choir will present the Easter musical "The Crucifixion" March 29, 7 p.m.

Foster Avenue Church called **Danny Payne** as pastor. He is a student at Boyce College.

Alumni of Ninth & O Church's youth program will have a reunion June 22, 4-7 p.m., for those who participated in youth activities from 1974 to 1982. For information, contact **Wes Sirls** at (859) 252-3391 or by e-mail, [wsirls@hotmail.com](mailto:wsirls@hotmail.com).

■ MARION—**Tim Baker** resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Church.

■ MAYSVILLE—Calvary Church called **Tony Cox** as pastor.

■ MIDDLETOWN—First Church will present a Tenebrae Service of Shadows March 29, 7:30 p.m. For information, call (502) 245-7889. Also, the church called **David Lyninger** as minister to families. He previously was associate minister to children, youth and adults at First Church of Ashland.

■ OWENSBORO—**Wendell Holmes Rone Sr.**, will be honored April 6 at a reception recognizing his 65 years in the gospel ministry. The reception will be 1-3:30 p.m. at Hall Street Church.

■ PADUCAH—Temple Church called **Carl Butler** as pastor.

■ PIKEVILLE—**Derick Robertson** resigned as director of youth ministries at First Church and as youth director for Pike Association.

■ RUSSELL SPRINGS—**Don Arthur** resigned March 3 as pastor of Poplar Grove Church. He will be available for supply, revivals and interim work. Call (270) 866-7708.

■ SOMERSET—Beacon Hill Church will present "Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem," a series of outdoor living drama scenes March 29, 6-9 p.m. **John Mark Toby** is pastor.

■ WESTPORT—Covington Church called **Harold Barnes** as interim pastor.

■ WILLIAMSTOWN—Williamstown Church will present the Easter musical "He's Alive" March 28, 7 p.m. **Brenda Stanley** is music director and **Steve Rice** is pastor.

■ WILLISBURG—Rockbridge Church will host the **Joyland Trio** March 31, 7 p.m. The church also will hold revival services April 1-5, 7 p.m., with **Charlie Warren** of Merimac as evangelist. **Ramon Hollins** is pastor.

### What's going on?

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## Kim: from 'lowly houseboy' to Baptist World Alliance leader

By Tammi Mallory  
*Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—If not for the kindness of an American soldier, Billy Kim said he would not be a Christian and the current president of the Baptist World Alliance.

After Kim's school was bombed during the Korean War, he decided that "working for an American soldier would be the next best thing to getting an education." In exchange for Hershey bars, C-rations and cigarettes that his mother would sell on the black market, Kim cleaned soldiers' tents, gathered their firewood and kept the fires in their stoves going.

Kim, who spoke recently at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, de-

scribed how Sgt. Carl Powers of Virginia took interest in a "lowly houseboy."

Kim said he didn't speak English—other than curse words he had learned from American GIs—and he had no money, but Powers saw potential in him and promised to provide the funds necessary for him to study in the United States if he could get permission from his mother. Initially reluctant, she accepted the offer only after Powers promised her that Kim would return.

"I wanted to study political science, go back to Korea and become a politician—because in my country, if you become a politician, a lot of people give you money and you are not going to be poor anymore," Kim noted.

"But God had something else on

His mind," Kim added. Shortly after Kim began his university studies, a Korean graduate student led him to faith in Christ. He rushed home and told Powers that he had trusted Christ.

"Sgt. Powers said, 'You know, I have never trusted Christ as my Savior.' That afternoon, there on the back porch, he opened his heart to Christ," Kim said.

Powers paid for eight years of Kim's education as promised. "He paid for my tuition, my shoes, my clothing and my books," Kim said.

While Kim was in college, he said God called him to minister to his own people. "God said to me, 'You have so many politicians over there, they don't need you. I want you to go back to Korea carrying the gospel message to your people and

your family,'" Kim recalled.

Today Kim is pastor of the 12,000-member Central Baptist Church in Suwon, South Korea. He also is president of the Asian Baptist Federation and the chaplain of the Korean National Police. He also founded Suwon Central Christian Academy and Capital Bible College and Seminary in South Korea.

"I have seen literally hundreds of thousands of people come to Christ because of Sgt. Power's efforts," Kim said. "Don't underestimate the power of Jesus Christ."

Kim urged his seminary audience to view Christ in the same way: as the God who can use even a houseboy to share the gospel of love and redemption. God has done so, Kim said, because He is supremely concerned with reconciling the souls of men.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** New and used buses and shuttle vans. Call American Bus and Accessories, Inc., (800) 582-7118.

**SEEKING:** Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is receiving resumés for the position of minister of music. This position is fulltime with the possible addition of a second ministry area (education, missions, administration, etc.) to be determined by the candidate's interests, experience and skills. Ormsby Heights is a conservative church with a blended style of worship (gospel, hymns, praise/worship, contemporary) and a very strong interest in developing contemporary worship opportunities targeting young adults. Please send resumés to: Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, 2120 Lower Hunters Trace, Louisville, KY 40216.

**SEEKING:** South District Association is seeking a full-time director of missions. South District is located in the Danville, Ky., area, serving 23 churches in Boyle, Garrard, Marion and Washington counties. Please send resumés by April 30 to: Robert F. Bausum, 5055 Perryville Road, Danville, KY 40422-9706.

**SEEKING:** A spiritually mature, licensed and/or ordained Southern Baptist minister with a desire to serve as an associate pastor for evangelistic, multi-cultural Southern Baptist church. Duties will include ministry in outreach visitation to new members, prospects and inactive members; hospital, nursing home and home-bound visitation; and teaching disciples and special studies. Send resumés with references to: Chairman, Search Committee, Mill Creek Baptist Church, 1182 South Jones St., Radcliff, KY 40160; fax to: (270) 351-6058; e-mail to: [milcreek@msn.com](mailto:milcreek@msn.com).

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music for Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky. Salary negotiable. The church currently has 85 to 100 in Sunday school and 100 to 125 in Sunday morning worship. Please send resumés to: Calvary Baptist Church, 2360 Green River Road, Henderson, KY 42420.

**SEEKING:** Beechmont Baptist Church is seeking a part-time minister to youth (6th grade to university). Send resumés to: Youth Committee, Beechmont Baptist Church, 4574 South Third St., Louisville, KY 40214.

**SEEKING:** Minister of youth who is willing to invest more than "part-time" in the lives of teens. Excellent compensation package. Send resumés to: Youth Minister Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 47 S Main St., Walton, KY 41094.

**SEEKING:** Ballwin (Southern) Baptist Church in West St. Louis County (25 miles from downtown) seeks full-time associate pastor of music. Ministry will include additional responsibilities. Please send resumés: 15101 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011, Attn: Personnel. E-mail: [ballwinb@swbell.net](mailto:ballwinb@swbell.net). Fax: (636) 227-3438.

**SEEKING:** Permanent, part-time worship leader to lead adult choir rehearsal, Sunday morning and evening services. Worship leader will be required to lead the praise team, coordinate with pastor in planning services and coordinate other choirs. Applicant should feel comfortable leading blended services. Additional duties will be paid on an as-needed basis. Please send resumés to: Forest Park Baptist Church, 520 Old Morgantown Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101, Attn: Music Search Committee.

**SEEKING:** Lynn Camp Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky., is seeking music director for Sunday/Wednesday services. Send resumés to: 31 Indian Oaks Lane, Corbin, KY 40701.

**SEEKING:** Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Ky., is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. Please send resumés to: Pastor Search Committee, c/o David Kelley, 785 Condra Road, Smithland, KY 42081, or e-mail to: [davdwkey1@aol.com](mailto:davdwkey1@aol.com).

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music and youth for FBC, Salem, Ill. Send resumés to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 721 W Main St., Salem, IL 62881, or e-mail [fbc1@midwest.net](mailto:fbc1@midwest.net).

**SEEKING:** Bethel Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor. Church is located in a growing rural and recreational area near Kentucky Dam. Send resumés to: Bethel Baptist Church, 2603 Tatumville Highway, Gilbertsville, KY 42044, Attn: Pastor Search Committee.

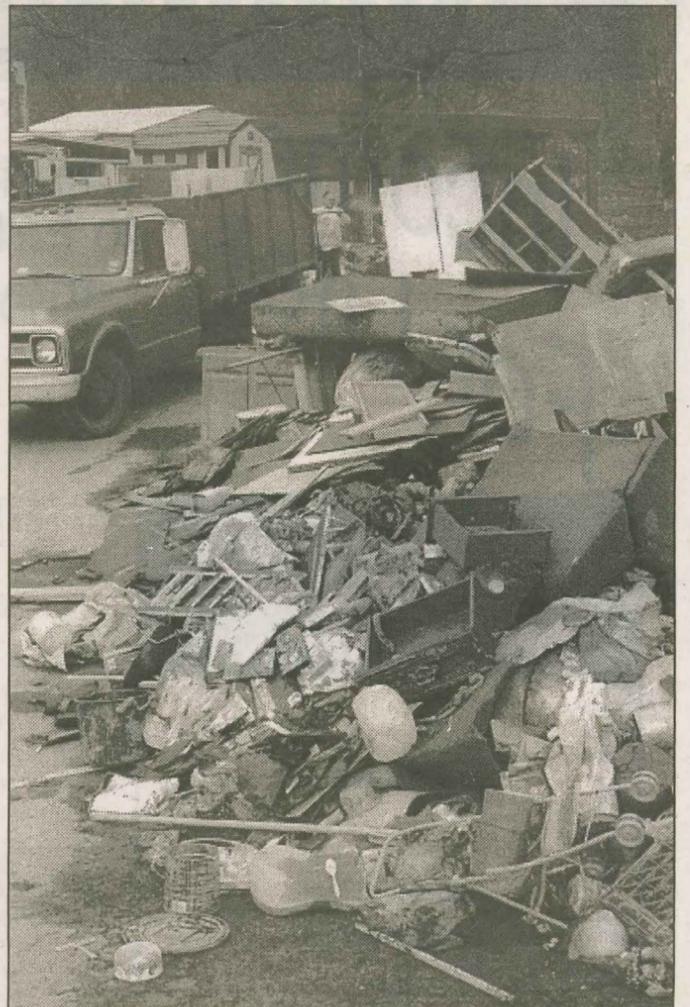
**SEEKING:** Glenville Baptist Church, located in Daviess County, is seeking a part-time minister to children and youth (grades 1-12). Contact Rebecca Boykin, (270) 273-5633.

# KENTUCKY

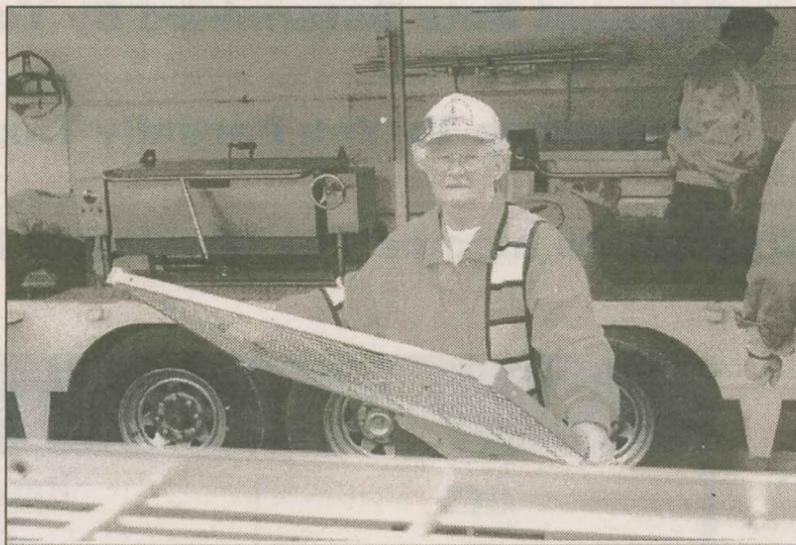
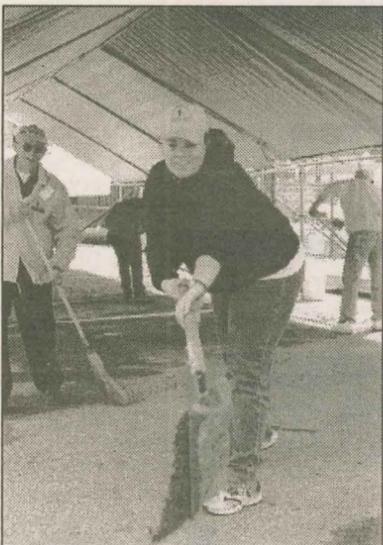
## Flood & disaster relief photos



**FLOODED FIELD** Water stands in the football field at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. (Photo by Tim Branstetter)



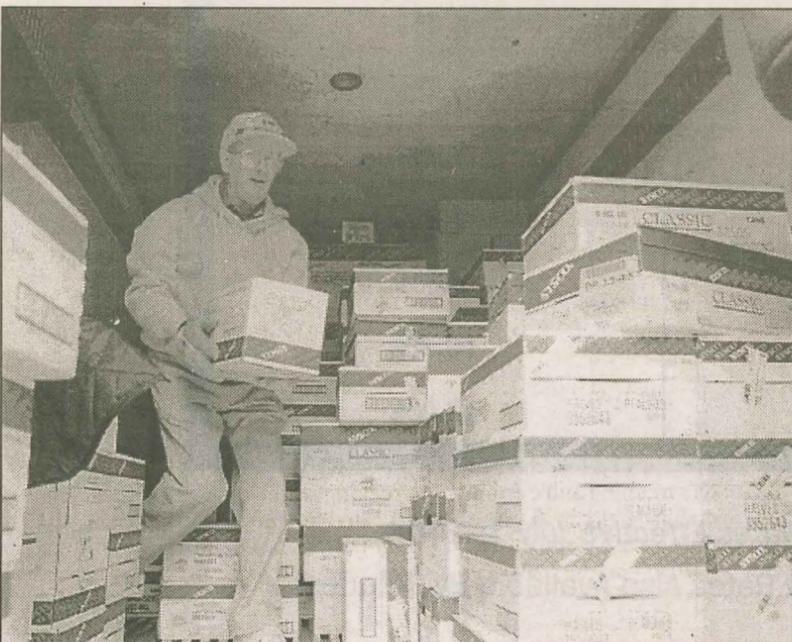
**LOST BELONGINGS** Water- and mud-damaged items sit in a pile outside a house in Harlan County. The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management estimates that flooding damaged \$19.3 million of personal property in the commonwealth.



**GETTING READY** Kentucky Baptist disaster volunteers begin setting up tents and supplies for the mobile kitchen in Harlan. ■ **Left:** Melissa Fletcher, assistant director for Kentucky Heartland Outreach at Campbellsville College, shovels gravel away from the ground where a tent is set up. ■ **Right:** Delma Wise, a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church unloads a shelf from the mobile kitchen.



**BOAT SWAMPED** A boat sits in the swollen waters of the Kentucky River in Lawrenceburg near Tyrone Baptist Church. The water nearly reached the road and houses in the area but the river crested before causing severe damage there.



**FOOD ARRIVES** Howard Smith, a member of Stitton Baptist Church in Radcliff, unloads food supplies from a trailer in Harlan. More than 50 Kentucky Baptist volunteers arrived in Harlan and Grayson shortly after the flooding to offer food and "mud-out" assistance. Workers could be in the areas for up to three weeks.

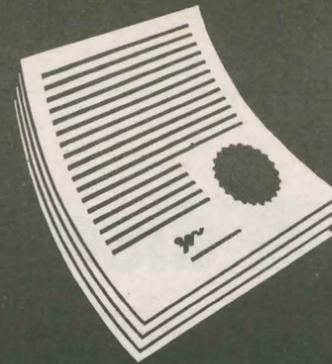


**FLOODED** A ruined car sits near the Cumberland river.



**RISING WATER** Four Mile Baptist Church sits in flood waters March 19. It is one of at least five churches that was affected by the flash flooding. (Photo by Archie Ridings)

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