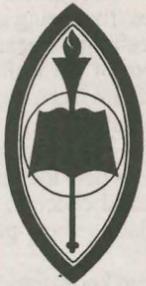


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Panel: Religious freedom scarce in Turkmenistan, N. Korea, Sudan

WASHINGTON (RNS)—More than a million North Koreans died in the last 10 years from starvation and disease, and thousands are risking their lives to flee into China in search of personal and religious freedom and food, according to a government panel that monitors religious freedom abroad.

"Religious freedom does not exist (in North Korea) and what little religious activity that is permitted by the government appears to be largely staged for foreign visitors," said Michael Young, chairman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The organization urged the U.S. government to work with the North Korean government to help protect religious freedom and recommended Congress fund a study by independent experts to expose human rights abuses.

In its third annual report, released earlier this month, the commission also made dozens of recommendations regarding other countries that violated religious freedom. But its harshest words were leveled at North Korea, Turkmenistan and Sudan.

State visits between Turkmenistan, "one of the most totalitarian states in the world," and the United States should be suspended until religious freedom conditions in the country improve, said Firuz Kazemzadeh, a commissioner and senior adviser for the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States.

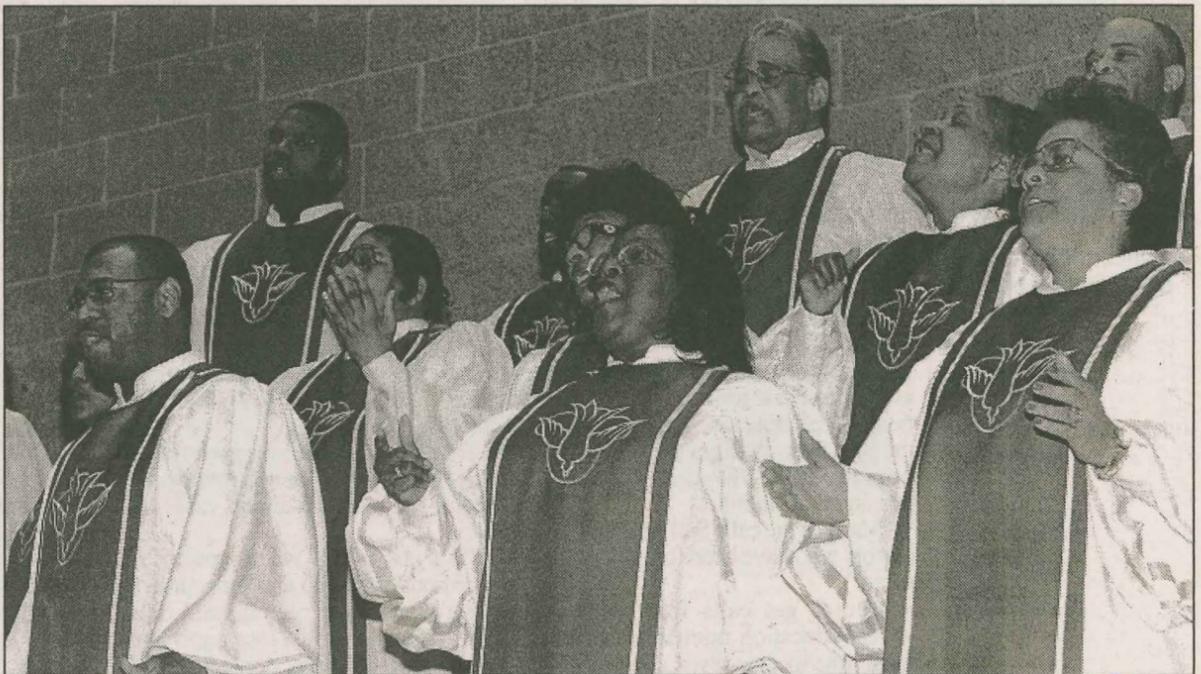
Only Sunni Islam and Russian Orthodoxy are recognized by the government, and members of other religions are reportedly tortured and their places of worship are destroyed, Kazemzadeh said.

In criticizing Sudan, the panel said religion was a main factor in fueling the civil war between the predominantly Muslim North and Christian South.

Nina Shea, director of the Center for Religious Freedom of Freedom House and one of the commissioners, said abduction of women and children as slaves, deliberate denial of international humanitarian assistance and pushing away populations from oil-producing areas are some of the violations committed by the Sudanese government.

Shea also urged the administration and the Senate to support the House version of the Sudan Peace Act, which would bar foreign oil companies working in Sudan from American markets.

'Holy, Holy, Holy' war?



CHOIR Dressed in robes, the choir of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville sings during a recent Kentucky Baptist Convention conference. Their traditional music is one of six worship styles outlined by speaker Paul Basden during a recent conference on worship.

Speaker: Why do Christians battle over worship?

By Linda Lawson
Associated Baptist Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (ABP)—"If worship transforms us into kinder, more loving people, then why do we fight over worship?"

That's the question Paul Basden asked Baptists during a recent conference on worship.

"I'm pretty sure there was never one Baptist style of worship," said Basden, author of "The Worship Maze."

Yet many churches experience conflict over the appropriate style of worship, he noted, and in some cases it escalates to "all-out war."

New worship styles are still emerging, he noted, predicting even greater diversity in the future.

In his 1999 book, Basden identified five different worship styles: liturgical, traditional, revivalist, praise and worship, and seeker. In 2002, he said that list is "absolutely outdated."

He now is editing a book for release in 2003 titled "Worship: Six Views." In it he outlines six styles: formal/liturgical, traditional/hymn-based, contemporary music driven, ancient-modern, charismatic and emerging postmodern.

Basden, former pastor of Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., said the so-called "worship wars" boil down to confusion over three issues. In each instance, he said Christians have elevated their own preferences into rules they believe should govern everyone.

First, he said, many people "think worship and worship styles are the same. They are not."

"There is no single style of worship that God blesses in the New Testament," Basden emphasized. "When you read the New Testament, you discover there already was diversity of worship."



BONGOS & GUITAR The youth choir of Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green represents a blend of the emerging postmodern and contemporary music-driven styles of worship. (KBC file photos)

In Jerusalem, he said, worship centered on the word, prayer and communion. The Corinthian style of worship focused on prophecy and speaking in tongues. In Asia Minor, teaching, singing and giving thanks were emphasized.

"Worship is not worship style," Basden said. "God is looking for those with a heart to worship."

Tradition and traditionalism constitute the second area of confusion, he said.

"Tradition is not necessarily bad, but traditionalism is always bad," Basden said. "When we begin to worship our traditions, we have moved to traditionalism."

He listed several worship traditions among Baptists, including time and length of service, type of songs to sing and hear sung, Bible version used, role of technology, dress and order of service.

"All of these are related to our habits, our comfort level. But not one is an eternal command of God," Basden said. "The only command is to worship."

"You and I should be thankful for any traditions that have served us well, but we should hold them very loosely or we could idolize them," he warned.

Finally, Basden said, confusion reigns about culture and worship.

"Culture is changing, and the church must change in response. This is simply the incarnational principle of Jesus Christ," he said. "If you and I really want to reach secular people, then you and I must figure out how to communicate the good news in relevant ways."

Basden suggested churches can learn from international missionaries who reach people, not by starting churches just like those they came from in the United States, but by planting churches "indigenous to that culture."

"If we could just get clarity on these three matters, then I think the worship wars would cease," he said.

Basden, who is helping organize a church start in north Dallas, outlined his current definition of worship, although he said it changes regularly.

The definition states: "Worship is encountering God's greatness and His grace and surrendering to His will."

Speaking to a conference of Tennessee Baptists, Basden urged about 200 pastors, ministers of music and other worship leaders to develop a working definition of worship for themselves.

"If we don't see God in worship, we've just wasted an hour of our lives. If we don't encounter God, the next steps cannot occur," he said. "The pinnacle of worship is always surrendering to the will of God."

□ Inside: True worship doesn't begin with music or announcements, author says. Page 6.

LeaderCare ministry offers hope for hurting ministers

LeaderCare hosts minister retreats

Wounded Ministers Retreats hosted by LifeWay Christian Resources' LeaderCare ministry will be held Sept. 16-20 at Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice, La., and Nov. 11-15 at LifeWay Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C.

For information, contact Dallas Speight at (615) 251-2843 or dallas.speight@lifeway.com.

By Terri Lackey
SBC LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE (BP)—When Barney Self gets a call in the middle of the night, his heart doesn't thump out of his chest. He figures it's a distressed pastor, and he knows he must remain calm.

"When a person actually picks up the phone and calls the 1-888 help line number, he or she has exhausted all the other resources out there," said Self, a licensed family and marriage therapist and LeaderCare counselor for LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

LeaderCare, a ministry to ministers and their families, is designed to provide personal development resources as well as crisis prevention, intervention and restoration resources. Among the services it offers is a 911-type helpline, 1-888-789-1911, for ministers and their families.

Many of the calls Self gets are from pastors who have been forcibly terminated.

"But I get calls from pastors' wives, education ministers, deacons from time to time, even support staff people at church who have to deal with autocratic leaders," he said. "I get

calls from all manner of church staff people."

And, Self, who is on 24-hour call, said he answers each of them.

"I don't miss a call. When we go out shopping, I take the cell phone with us. I've been in department stores returning phone calls to hurting pastors."

In the eight-month period from September through April, 383 people have called LifeWay's helpline asking for some kind of emotional relief. Of the calls, 65 were from pastors who were forced out of their jobs; 101 were from people suffering from depression; 98 wanted more information about LifeWay's Wounded Ministers Retreat; 62 had marital problems; 22 had addiction issues; and 35 had some other type of conflict within the church.

By far, Self said, pastors who have been forced out of their positions are among the most traumatic cases he hears.

"It's just awful" when a pastor is forced out of his job and "encounters massive amount of trauma," Self said. "They don't just lose a job like you or I would. They don't just lose their ministries; they lose their house, their church, their friends. Often their

families are uprooted."

Even in the best situations, when they are treated well and find another job in a short amount of time, "they get the reject stamp right on their forehead, and it doesn't wash off easily. There is a negative component to being forcibly terminated."

In the worse circumstances, Self said the move is life-altering "in the negative sense that causes people to go into all manner of traumatic outcomes that includes physical problems as a result of massive amounts of stress. Some people leave the ministry. Some leave by taking their own lives."

Self said pastors are terminated for many reasons, including affairs, embezzlement, mishandling of church resources, mishandling of their own lives that keeps them from functioning effectively as a minister and personality conflicts.

And many deserve to be fired, he acknowledged.

"But even if church members conclude they can't live with their pastor, they still need to be redemptive," Self said. "There are some vindictive churches out there who will pollute the pastor's chances of getting another church by sending messages or letters

to the church. There's no place in Scripture for that."

In fact, if a church body is to heal from the wounds of forcing out their pastor, forgiveness and redemption are part of that process, Self said.

"Healing comes from being able to get along, so that calling the next minister becomes a part of the healing. A church has to be a safe place for worship to take place unfettered."

Self said when a pastor calls him, the best he can do "is hear their pain. I hear their trauma and concern, and I respond by validating their pain is real."

He also lets them know they don't deserve the level of trauma they are experiencing. "They may deserve some punishment, but not this level of gut-wrenching trauma they have encountered, especially when there has been an equally inappropriate response by the church body to be vengeful and hurtful."

Self's biggest task, he said, is to get the pastor to forgive himself.

"I think if they forgive themselves, they honor God. When we ask God for forgiveness, we get it. Bang. It's a done deal for Him. But for us, it's a process. There is no place for condemnation. God doesn't do it."

Two Kentucky Baptists named to SBC Credentials Committee

ST. LOUIS—Two Kentucky Baptists are among 16 people named to the Southern Baptist Convention's 2002 Credentials Committee.

SBC President James Merritt appointed John Hellams and Timothy Michael Law to the committee that will serve during the SBC annual meeting June 11-12 in St. Louis.

Hellams is executive assistant at Shively Baptist Church in Louisville. His church gave 11.3 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program and had a baptism ratio of one baptism per 62.7 res-

ident members, according to 2001 Annual Church Profile statistics.

Law, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a member of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville. Highview gave 5 percent of undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program and had a baptism ratio of 1:46 last year.

Law's appointment by Merritt continues a trend of Highview members being named to major SBC committees. Law is the seventh person in four years from the same congregation to be appointed or elected to SBC lead-

ership positions.

A year ago, Merritt appointed Highview Pastor Kevin Ezell as chairman of the SBC Committee on Committees. He also named Highview member Danny Akin, vice president for academic administration at Southern Seminary, to chair last year's SBC Resolutions Committee.

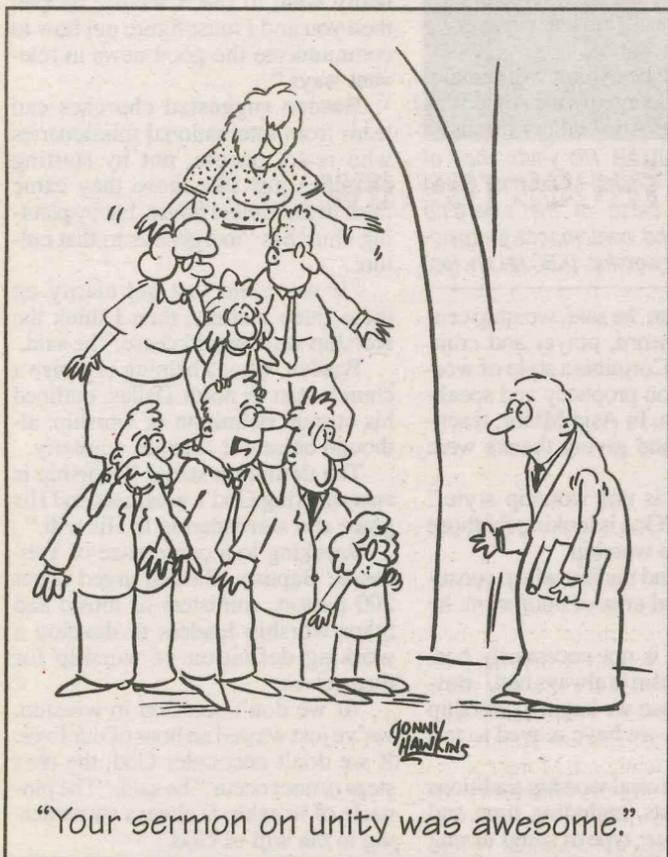
At the same time, fellow church member Jerry Johnson, also an administrator at Southern, was serving his second term as chairman of the SBC Committee on Order of Business.

"It was not intentional; purely co-

idental," Merritt said at the time. "There was no conscious effort to stack the deck in favor of one church or another."

In other appointments, Merritt named Kevin Clarkson as chairman of the Credentials Committee. Clarkson is pastor of First Baptist Church, Moore, Okla.

Merritt appointed David Fleming, pastor of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., chairman of the SBC Tellers Committee. No Kentucky Baptists were named to that 25-member committee.



BAPTIST DIGEST

■ BWA urges visa for pastor's wife.

Baptist World Alliance leaders have issued an appeal to the Israeli government to intervene in the plight of a Gaza Baptist minister whose Palestinian-born wife has not been allowed to return to Israel. Suhad Misaad, the wife of Hana Misaad, has been trapped in Jordan since October 2001 when she traveled there to visit relatives. Israeli authorities reportedly will not issue her a visa to return to Israel due to heightened security measures in the region. BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz contacted Israel's ambassador to the United States, urging the Israeli government to allow Mrs. Misaad to be reunited with her husband.

■ Retired BP director's wife dies.

Libby Fields, wife of Wilmer Fields, longtime director of Baptist Press, died May 23 after a five-year bout with leukemia. She was 77. A high school English teacher for 23 years, Mrs. Fields traveled the world with her husband of 56

years, visiting 132 countries. Fields, who survives his wife, retired in 1987 after more than 27 years at the helm of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's news service based in Nashville. Mrs. Fields' funeral service was May 25 at Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville.

■ Willis retires from LifeWay post.

Charles Willis, a veteran Baptist communicator, is taking early retirement June 1 from LifeWay Christian Resources after serving 34 years with the Southern Baptist publishing entity. Willis, 55, took the helm of LifeWay's communications department on an interim basis Feb. 1 after Linda Lawson, another longtime Baptist communicator, retired from the director's position. Willis, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, served LifeWay as a senior media relations manager, writing for Baptist Press and Facts & Trends, LifeWay's corporate publication for church staff.

■ CBF endorses top VA chaplain.

Jeni Cook, the first Southern Baptist to oversee chaplain work for Veterans Affairs hospitals nationwide, has been endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Cook is among 55 chaplains and pastoral counselors endorsed by CBF, bringing the total of CBF-endorsed chaplains to 219. Cook, an ordained minister, previously had been endorsed as a chaplain by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board. NAMB trustees decided in February to no longer endorse women who are ordained.

■ SBC offers shuttle service.

Daily shuttle service to and from the America's Center in downtown St. Louis will be available to messengers and guests attending next month's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. Shuttle passes are available for \$8 at the SBC information booth in the convention center. The shuttle will provide service to and from major downtown hotels June 9-12.

Missionary Luis Salazar killed in auto accident

By Robert Reeves
Kentucky Baptist Convention

LOUISVILLE—Luis Salazar, a missionary to Hispanic people in Central Kentucky, died May 18 after an auto accident in Oldham County that also claimed the life of his 21-year-old daughter, Raquel.

Salazar, 50, was a Southern Baptist North American Mission Board-appointed missionary helping start Hispanic churches in six central Kentucky Baptist associations—Shelby, Sulfur Fork, Henry, White Run, Owen and Franklin.



Salazar

Salazar had been serving in Kentucky approximately four years, working closely with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's extension ministries department. At the time of his death, he was working with 12 groups, ranging from Bible study groups to mission churches.

The funeral was held at Ballardville Baptist Church where he was a member. He was a native of Ecuador, and some family members came from his homeland for the funeral.

His wife, Ruth, two daughters, two sons and his mother survive him.

Grundy Janes, the KBC's Hispanic ministry consultant, said Salazar will be greatly missed.

"We are truly going to miss him. He was a very effective missionary and a good friend," Janes said, adding that Salazar was well respected within the Hispanic communities of Central Kentucky as well as with English-speaking churches. "He was a very deeply committed Christian and very fine Christian worker. He was also a tremendous family man."

During Salazar's work, Kentucky Baptist Hispanic work in Central Kentucky grew from seven Bible studies and missions to 12, Janes said.

Salazar's ministry was not limited to starting churches, but included helping ministries get organized and training and mentoring leaders, Janes said.

The accident occurred during a rain storm on Kentucky Highway 22 about 5:15 p.m. on Friday, May 17, when Salazar's car crossed the center line and was struck in the passenger side by another vehicle, according to Oldham County police.

Raquel, a junior at the University of Louisville and a member of the Ballardville church, died at the scene. A passenger in the other car sustained minor injuries.

Panel evaluates 'provocative' art exhibit

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

GEORGETOWN—How far is too far when it comes to displaying provocative artwork on a Baptist college campus?

That was the question Georgetown College officials wrestled with before honoring a commitment to host "Beatitudes Betrayed," an 18-piece art exhibit highlighting artistic responses to religious injustice.

The traveling exhibit, which debuted in Mount Sterling in February, stirred controversy there over some of the show's topics and graphic depictions. Works drawing criticism ranged from pieces about abortion and capital punishment to sexual repression to women's ordination.

In an effort to avert similar concerns at Georgetown, college officials held a panel discussion midway through the two-week exhibit. The panel, moderated by Dwight Moody, Georgetown's dean of the chapel, included Georgetown President Bill Crouch; show curator Sue Spaid; and John Dews, rector of Ascension Episcopal Church in Mount Sterling.

Spaid, curator of the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati, said religious injustice is a topic "very few artists deal with on any level."

She said the theme of "Beatitudes Betrayed" reflects her view that "the Beatitudes were the aspect of Scripture that really talked about being in the world and how we're supposed to behave."

Acknowledging that some critics have described works addressing such topics as abortion and gay-bashing as "disgusting," Spaid asked, "Is it disgusting or painful?"

As criticism of the show grew in Mount Sterling, Dews said he "got a little upset at all the shrieking, particularly at the assertion that it should be taken down."

"I do not necessarily endorse or understand all of these images," he said, "but I don't have to."

Noting that he found most of the works "more confrontational than inspirational," Dews added, "We've reached a time in the church that we



GEORGETOWN DIALOGUE Art curator Sue Spaid describes "Beatitudes Betrayed" as an exhibit exploring the issue of religious injustice. Joining Spaid in a panel discussion about the exhibit are (from left) Episcopal rector John Dews, Georgetown College President Bill Crouch and moderator Dwight Moody, dean of the chapel at Georgetown.

need confrontation, perhaps, more than inspiration."

When Georgetown officials began discussing reactions to the show at Mount Sterling, "never once did I consider not bringing the show here," Crouch said. "The question was how can we handle this show in a way that would be instructive and educational and be in tune with who we are as a Baptist college. ... When we engage in conversations, there is learning to be had."

One of the motivations for hosting such a show is that "we are part of a denomination—the Baptists—that is viewed as very narrow and closed-minded," Crouch said.

As Georgetown seeks Phi Beta Kappa status, he said, "We've been told by Phi Beta Kappa that our chances of getting that are very slim because we're Baptist and Baptists are narrow and closed-minded."

"It's important for me to help stand up for our denomination and say that might not be a fair characterization of the denomination," he said. "This is

something we're doing for our denomination as well as creating the conversation, which I think education is all about."

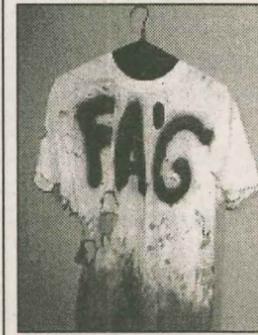
For those who view the show at Georgetown, a sign on the door of the art gallery warns, "This show contains some graphic imagery. Parental discretion is advised."

In addition to the exhibit's more controversial works, other pieces address such issues as the Holocaust, world hunger, racial tension and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Maribeth Hambrick, a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, was among viewers who attended the May 21 panel discussion.

Describing the artwork as "insightful and thought-provoking," Hambrick said, "I came here thinking it shouldn't be here, but it should be here. I think it was very proper and educational."

The exhibit will remain on display at Georgetown's Anne Wright Wilson Fine Arts Gallery through May 31.



"Is it disgusting or painful?"

Sue Spaid, curator of the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati

Cumberland special ed program faces review

WILLIAMSBURG—Cumberland College's special education emphasis is among programs facing review by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board.

In a study of 2000-01 testing results, the state accrediting board reported last week that four of five Cumberland students who took a national exam for prospective special education teachers failed the test.

Since that time, however, Cumberland President James Taylor said one of those students retook the exam and passed it. He said eight other students in the program also have taken and passed the test since the 2000-01 data was collected.

Cumberland's special education program "just started in the past few years," Taylor pointed out. He said college officials already have taken steps to strengthen the program in response to the 2000-01 test scores.

While Cumberland officials "take no issue with the particular facts cited" by the standards board, Taylor added that the concern involves only one of Cumberland's 24 teacher education programs and only three of 1,700 students.

By contrast, he said, "we turn out hundreds of students every year, and they pass with flying colors. We've had a marvelous record and glowing remarks by all of our accrediting agencies."

Joe Early, retired vice president for academic affairs at Cumberland, is chairman of the state's professional standards board. He said the board is under legislative mandate to evaluate educational programs throughout the commonwealth.

"We're not in the business of trying to find places to close down," Early emphasized. "We're in the business of finding ways to help institutions do

better. The goal is quality."

Calling the 2000-01 test results for Cumberland's special education program "kind of a fluke," he said test results before and after that year are high enough to meet the board's standards.

"If a program stays in trouble over a long period of time, the state does have an obligation to take action," Early said. Based on Cumberland's one-year dip in special education testing, however, "there has not even been a discussion about any such action" by the state board.

In addition to Cumberland, Kentucky State University in Frankfort was cited for low test results in its elementary and physical education programs. Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Morehead State University and the University of Louisville were cited for program areas that exceeded a 30 percent failure rate.

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Why Teddy Roosevelt went to church

By Barry Howard

Some people attend church regularly. Some attend church sparingly. Some do not attend church at all. As a minister, I have observed a variety of motives that lead individuals into active church participation. What are your reasons for going or not going to church?

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, believed in attending and participating in church. In 1917, in an interview with "Ladies Home Journal," Roosevelt offered at least 10 reasons for going to church:

■ In the actual world, a churchless community—a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs—is a community on the rapid downgrade.

■ Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others and the sense of braced moral strength which prevents a relaxation of one's own moral fiber.

■ There are enough holidays for most of us which can quite properly

be devoted to pure holiday making. Sundays differ from other holidays—among other ways—in the fact that there are 52 of them every year. ... On Sunday, go to church.

■ Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in

one's own house, just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship or thus dedicate himself. If he strays away from church he does not spend his time in good works or lofty meditation. He looks over the colored supplement of the newspaper.

■ He may not hear a good sermon at church. But unless he is very unfortunate he will hear a sermon by a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week long in a series of wearing, humdrum and important tasks for making hard lives a little easier.

■ He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar

with the Bible, he has suffered a loss.

■ He will probably take part in singing some good hymns.

■ He will meet and nod to, or speak to, good quiet, neighbors. ... He will come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard churchgoing as rather a soft performance.

■ I advocate a man's joining in church works for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

■ The man who does not in some way, active or not, connect himself with some active, working church misses many opportunities for helping his neighbors, and therefore, incidentally, for helping himself.

Eighty-five years have passed since that historic interview with President Roosevelt, and church attendance is still vitally important to faith development and Christian service.

It is no wonder that the Bible encourages us "not to give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, even more as you see the day of the Lord approaching" (Heb 10:25).

Barry Howard is pastor of First Baptist Church in Corbin. Reprinted from *EthicsDaily.com*

COMMENTARY

'Academic cowards'

The May 7 issue of the Western Recorder concerned itself with the supposed controversy of evolution vs. intelligent design. The evolutionists were reported as saying, "Intelligent design is bad science and isn't much of a theory when held up against Darwin." Oh, really?

Evolution holds that there was no first cause, which is a direct violation of the first law of thermodynamics. Did I hear something about "bad" science? In insisting that all things started in a lesser state and

continually get better and better is a violation of the second law of thermodynamics. The scientific list goes on and on.

Contrary to their rhetoric, evolution itself is not science. It is philosophy; the same way that intelligent design is philosophical. Both philosophies then need to be held up to the hard facts of science. To accept the proposition that all of the intricate

complexities from the micro to the universal just happened requires more blind religious faith than I can muster.

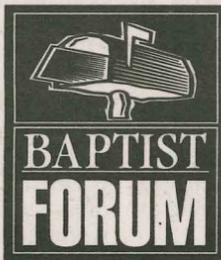
Realizing their own precarious

perch, the academic cowards of evolution seek to win by disallowing the argument. It is Scopes in reverse.

Chuck Estridge
Williamstown

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PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

The Graham miracle continues

Many people have attended recent Billy Graham crusades thinking that it might be the last for the great evangelist. But God continues to bless and Dr. Graham continues to share the gospel.

In recent years, our region of the country has been especially blessed to have Billy Graham crusades in Indianapolis, Nashville and Louisville. And this summer, June 27-30, he will be conducting what he now calls a "mission" in Cincinnati.

It is a miracle the way that God has brought together anywhere from 600 to 1,000 churches at a time in metro areas all over the world for the purpose of sharing His love through Christian ministries, church renewal and evangelistic services. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has been the faithful conduit for this miracle for more than 55 years.

The fact that God brought together three men—Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows and George Beverly

Shea—who have utilized their unique spiritual gifts without jealousy or pride for 55 years is also a miracle. It is a work of divine grace that has enabled the best-known and

respected man in the world to maintain personal humility and a confession of absolute dependence on Holy God.

For more than half a century, the Billy Graham organization and its leaders have maintained financial and personal integrity. Dr. Graham has been the example by living in a modest home in Black

Mountain, N.C. The organization's integrity has been protected very intentionally. Local crusade committees handle all finances and publish an audit in a local newspaper. Most people have heard stories about how the staff will check out hotels and rooms before Dr. Graham enters to ensure his reputation is not compromised.

It is also a miracle that an organization with an 83-year-old leader



Bill Mackey

continues to be relevant and effective. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has continued to adjust its church preparation and program features to meet needs. Evidence of this is the way Dr. Graham has become a personal friend to some of the best-known Christian musicians today. Steven Curtis Chapman, Kirk Franklin, Michael W. Smith and Third Day frequent the platform of Billy Graham events.

Dr. Graham also demonstrates a miracle of God when he leaves a hospital room in time for a crusade, preaches a gospel message and thousands of people respond. The gospel of Jesus Christ has transformed millions of people through his ministry.

I encourage you to take your lost friends to Paul Brown Stadium June 27-30. It could be their time of miracle.

As we approach these dates, please pray for the health of Dr. Graham as he prepares for this event.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

CHURCH

Psalmist reminds Christians: God owns our 'stuff'

By Doug Strader

The Psalmist said, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). When I lead workshops, conferences or seminars, I almost always ask

people if they believe that Scripture. I have yet to find anyone who disagrees with that statement.

My next question is: Does God own all of your "stuff"? That brings it down to the level of everyday living when I am forced to think about the fact that God owns all the stuff that I claim as mine. Yes, it is true that God does own everything in the world, including our "stuff."

The next logical thought is that God must be interested in how we accumulate our stuff and how we use the stuff He allows us to have. God is not only interested in whether or not we give a tithe to Him, but how we use what is left after we give our tithes and offerings. What are some possible scenarios for the use of the resources that He allows us to have?

■ We can be like the rich fool that Jesus told about in the Gospels. He hoarded so much that he had to tear down his old barns and build bigger barns to hold his stuff. But he never thought about sharing with others.

■ We also can be like the prodigal son. He used everything he had and wasted it with a high standard of living until he spent everything and had nothing left. He also never thought about sharing with others; he spent everything on himself.

■ We also can be like the father of the prodigal. He stayed faithful to the task and provided for his family to meet their needs without being extravagant or wasteful. He even provided for his hired servants.

From the evidence we have, only one of these men ever thought about, "How much is enough?"

Why not take an inventory of all the stuff God has allowed us to have? See if we are wise stewards of all of our possessions.

Are we living within our resources? In addition to giving our tithes and offerings to God, are we sharing with those in need? Is God pleased with our standard of living?

Doug Strader is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's stewardship department

How can churches help meet faith needs of senior adults?

Q: Our church is seeking to strengthen its ministry to senior adults. What are the faith and spiritual dynamics important to an effective older adult ministry?

The Bible is filled with stories relating to the blessings of aging. In Genesis 12, we read about the call of Abram. He was 75 years old when God called him to leave his homeland and depart for Haran. In Exodus, we read about Moses at the age of 80 being told by God to return to Egypt and to free God's people from slavery. These are just two examples of older adults in the Bible who were called by God for a special ministry and purpose.

The Bible is clear that God does not stop involving people in ministry when they reach older adulthood. The writer of Psalms reminds us, "In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap" (Psalm 92:14).

Older adults have faith needs that might be overlooked by some active, growing congregations. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and this doesn't mean just making disciples of children, youth and young adults. Older adults need to experience a fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ and continue to grow in faith maturity.

Among the faith needs of older adults are to:

- Know that God loves older people.
- Experience a church that cares about older adults as individuals and as a group.
- Remain a vital part of the church by making significant contributions (beyond financial) to its ministry.
- Find new ways of serving others, even when health and physical strength decline.
- Serve as mentors and role models for the benefit of succeeding generations.
- Have available support systems for coping with losses.

Churches interested in effective senior adult ministry must be intentional in their efforts.—*Jon Rainbow*

Q: How can I help my child adjust to attending a different church?

Children are remarkably loyal, and moving to a new church, even for the best of reasons, often can be a difficult transition.

Once the decision has been made, be positive about the move. Answer "why" questions as simply as possible. Emphasize your excitement over new opportunities without dwelling on failures or frustrations of the previous church.

Although the decision to change churches typically will be made by the adults, it still needs to have a family feel. Show respect for your child's feelings and try to include him or her in the process as much as possible.

Remember that it might take time for your child to get acclimated. Hopefully, you will have chosen a new church with your child's best interests in mind. Find something fun that is planned for children and get involved. Take a trip. Go on a retreat. Sign up for a ball team. Join the choir. Give special attention to Sunday school and help your child get plugged in there.

Meet with your child's age group minister or Sunday school teacher. Introduce your child to the pastor and other staff. Tour the facilities and help your child become comfortable with the new surroundings. Work behind the scenes to encourage and enable assimilation. Search out school or neighborhood friends who attend your new church, and look for ways to connect with them: At the same time, help your child continue friendships from your former church in ways that are appropriate.—*David Garrard*

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.



Terrorism: Where do kids turn for hope?

Where do Americans turn for answers to nagging fears in our post-Sept. 11 world? Even more importantly, what words of hope and comfort can we offer our children and grandchildren?

While we constantly are confronted with the uncertainty of life, recent reports about possible terrorist plots to target crowded apartment buildings, major bridges or national landmarks once again have heightened anxiety across the nation.

"The prospects of a future attack against the United States are almost certain," Vice President Dick Cheney said last week. It's "not a matter of if, but when," he added. "It could happen tomorrow. It could happen next week. It could happen next year, but they will keep trying."

FBI Director Robert Mueller said he believes future terrorist attacks in the U.S., including pedestrian suicide bombers, are "inevitable."

"We will not be able to stop it," Mueller warned. "It's something we all live with." Those are chilling words for adults and children alike.

Since Sept. 11, several books have been published that reflect on the horrific events of that day. Some offer tributes to fallen firefighters and police while others provide theological and devotional responses.

Among the resources that have crossed my desk in recent days is a practical little book titled "130 Questions Children Ask about War and Terrorists." While most books the *Western Recorder* staff receives from publishers are passed along to our book reviewers, this particular one caught my attention amid the recent comments by Cheney, Mueller and other national leaders.

Subtitled "Comforting Your Child in Uncertain Times," the cover of the book also describes it as "a

ready reference for parents and teachers." In this day of frequent suicide bombings in the Middle East and terrorist threats here at home, a ready reference sounds like a valuable tool for parents and others.

"130 Questions," published by Tyndale House, is written by Stephen Arterburn, cofounder and chairman of New Life Treatment Centers, and David Stoop, founder and co-director of the Center for Family Therapy.

The book, which is geared for discussion with children who are age 6-12, features questions collected from children in several elementary schools. The youngsters' thought-provoking questions range from "Will terrorists hurt me?" and "Will bombs fall on my house?" to "How does the enemy feel?" and "Why can't we just tell Osama bin Laden about Jesus?"

In the preface on "How to talk to your kids about war and peace," the authors note, "The most dangerous weapon used by a terrorist is not a gun, germ, gas or bomb. It is fear. Fear incapacitates us, and if we live in it, the victory goes to the author of it.

"Our children are the ones who are most susceptible to the distorted life guided by fear," Arterburn and Stoop add. "We can encourage them to express their fears and not be ashamed that they have them. ... What we say has a lot to do with how a child handles fear."

The book also includes questions from parents, family devotions and activities and even a list of Bible memory verses such as Psalm 20:7, "Some nations boast of their armies and weapons, but we boast in the Lord our God."

For parents, grandparents and teachers seeking straightforward answers to children's tough questions, consider "130 Questions" as a timely and helpful resource.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Excellence in a mediocre world

By Larry Burkett

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (BP)—We live in a society that has lowered its sights so radically that it considers average as exceptional and slothful as normal.

There was a time in our country when we confidently could say, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." However, the trend today is to seek the path of least resistance and then, if the going should become difficult, to give up.

Many schools use a method in which the grades of all the students in a course are averaged together; it's called "grading on the curve." In our society, many times Christians have allowed their standards to be graded by the curve of the world.

Too often Christians are no longer "the lights in a world of darkness," particularly where excellence is concerned. We have lowered our standards to those of the average around us. Too many Christians have come to depend more on the government than they do on God. Why? Because we have found it easier to adjust downward to mediocrity rather than look to the source of excellence: God's Word.

Many Christians think it's acceptable to have spiritually dim lights, based on the rationalization that their

lives or standards might not be as bad as the nonbelievers around them. However, as Christians it is vital that we walk according to the precepts and principles of God's Word, and if we are to do so, there are some basic attitudes to reassess.

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Many Americans think that a lifetime job with good pay and a guaranteed retirement plan at 65 comes with being born in the United States. Also, the last hour of every workday often is seen as a benefit provided to help make the transition to home easier; 10-minute coffee breaks are meant to last at least half an hour; and half-hour lunches should take at least an hour and a half.

Honestly consider whether you, as a Christian employee, act as if you believe differently than those with a you-owe-me attitude.

What does God require of us? "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" (Colossians 3:23). God's biblical principles demand that we serve Him through every action we take, no matter what others are doing.

The banner of nearly everyone in our society today is, "We demand our rights." Exactly what are our "rights" as Christians?

We have the rights of servants.

Perhaps the most common reason why many Christians are not useful to God is due to a proud, defiant attitude toward an employer or spouse. That sort of attitude has its roots in a rebellious spirit toward God. One of the clearest ways to tell whether you have the spirit of a servant is to check out the way you respond when you are treated like a servant.

When a person with a rebellious spirit is confronted with the principle of self-sacrifice from God's Word, the truth will become evident. "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

We might have little impact on changing the course of our culture, with its mindset that considers average as exceptional and slothful as normal. However, we will have great impact on our own lives, our families and our relationship with God when we choose to do everything with excellence, as if we're doing it for God.

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). To accept less is dishonoring to God and demoralizing to us.

In the midst of a mediocre world, be determined to be a man or woman of excellence, so that all that you do will be to the glory of God.

Larry Burkett is the host of the national "Money Matters" radio program and author of "Jesus on Money"

Author: True worship begins with brokenness, not music

Minister: Worship leaders must first be worshipers

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (ABP)—To effectively lead others to worship requires first being a worshiper, according to Wendell Boertje, minister of music at Central Baptist Church of Bearden in Knoxville, Tenn.

Boertje led sessions on "The Private Worship Life of a Public Worshiper" during a May 10-11 worship conference sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention at ClearView Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn.

"If I am to be a prompter in worship, I must bring to that leading my own experience of worship. I must be a worshiper," he said.

Acknowledging that for many years he thought of worship as something one does, Boertje said he came to the conviction more than three years ago that being a worshiper must be a characteristic of who one is.

That change, he said, led him to expand his daily private worship time so that when he encourages others in public worship, "I am a worshiper asking others to join me."

Christians tend to think of their private worship time as something that benefits only themselves, he noted. Instead, they should see their individual worship as something they can contribute to the worship of the church body.

"What if every person in our congregations was a personal worshiper day by day, and that presence was added to the experience of corporate worship?" he asked. "That's our call as worship leaders, to begin that process."

By Brenda Smith
Kentucky Baptist Convention

True worship does not begin with announcements, hymns, praise choruses, a choir special or even the sermon, according to author and speaker Calvin Miller.

True worship, Miller said, starts with a broken heart and a genuine, deep-seated longing to be made whole.

"Church worship is best when we try to remember that we are spiritually needy," Miller said during a recent interview. "We don't state our love for others—including God—when we don't feel like we have some real need for God."

People are broken by sin, Miller noted, and church leaders should remember that people are made whole again by a faithful God who cares for them. Worship should offer an opportunity to realize both one's brokenness and God's power and provision to restore.

"Sin splits us; we have two people in us, the old nature and the new," Miller said, comparing this split nature with cancer. Left unchecked, cancer—and sin—will continue to divide and metastasize. But if it is excised, the body can return to wholeness and health, Miller noted.

"I think that every time we worship we ought to come before the Lord and say, 'Lord, forgive me of my sin, take away all the things that

are unlike Jesus about me and pull me into a common mode where I see only Christ, where I am one person reaching out to the one God,'" he said.

Miller is among the scheduled guest speakers for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church health summit, Oct. 11-12 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. That event will spotlight the importance of worship.

Pastors and worship leaders must be prepared to help worshipers get in touch with their brokenness, a difficult task in today's busy, affluent culture, Miller said.

"We don't come together with a sense that 'I really need Jesus and if I don't get in touch with Him I shall doubtless just break open. I want Jesus more than anything,'" he continued.

Miller said he encourages pastors to put away their sermons on Sunday morning before worship and spend time with their people. After a week of study and preparation, the important elements of the sermon will come back, he assured.

"Find out what's breaking their hearts today," he said. "Find out what's breaking your heart today."

In the midst of that brokenness, worshipers are free to recognize the One Who can make them whole again, Miller said. In that atmosphere, worshipers are compelled to express their love for God.

Worship becomes "a group of people getting together who are in love with God and saying, 'God, we just can't hold this back. We're so in love with You we've got to say this.'"

While he values the importance of order in worship, Miller cautions against becoming enslaved to an order of worship or sermon notes.

"Set yourself free (so) that if Jesus would come in wind and fire, you'd actually be free enough to see Him," Miller explained. "I think the best services are when I got a long ways from my sermon—maybe once or twice I shucked the sermon (It wasn't all that great anyway.)—and I saw the people and we asked God what we needed to do."

An understanding of the elements of worship—broken people expressing their love for God—might short-circuit some of the "worship wars" that have broken out over music style and other related issues, Miller added.

"Most of the time when we begin to argue or quarrel about it (worship) it has nothing to do with how

good or bad the worship may be or necessarily with how it may be approved before the Lord. I think the Lord receives all kinds of worship," Miller said. "Generally, when we have a quarrel about worship we're talking in terms of our individual preferences."

Miller said he recently gained a renewed perspective on different preferences when he welcomed a teenage grandson into his home.

"I've been radically aware all of a sudden how different our tastes are in music. I don't hold him accountable for this. I don't feel badly that he feels the way he does. I just have to understand that it is a matter of taste."

God is not so much concerned with music style, Miller said, as He is with the condition of a worshiper's heart.

"I think God will receive any kind of worship from our lives as long as we are giving to Him with all our heart," he added. "His preference is that we open our whole heart to Him, and how ever we express that—as long as we're doing that within the medium that we understand or what we think is excellent—I suppose God must be pleased."



Miller

It's camp time!

By this time next week, summer youth camp will be under way at Jonathan Creek. A few short, very short days later, the onslaught begins at Cedarmore. Our summer staffers already have arrived at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek, 60-70 college students ready to give every ounce of energy and enthusiasm as they serve all summer long. Within 10 days, 600-700 junior high and high school students will be experiencing God through our youth camp ministries at both places. Wow! And a week or two after that, the numbers will go higher as the Mission/Adventure Camps kick off for the younger boys and girls.

What does a day of camp look like? A day at Crossings (Jonathan Creek) begins with breakfast about 7 a.m. Morning celebration (worship, praise and fun stuff too!) gets the day rolling. Then about half the day is spent in Bible study and small groups, with the other half of the day spent on jet-skis, climbing walls, Aqua-Jumps and doing all that stuff that students love to do to have fun. Makes me tired to think about it!

To help the day run more smoothly, we divide the campers

into two groups. When one group is in Bible study, the other group is playing, and vice versa. Evening brings our worship and praise service. What an experience! Worship is my favorite time of the day, and each night we have compelling messages from gifted youth communicators. Then when worship is over, the churches go into small groups again to process the events of the day. Then it's free time for an hour or so, and soon it's time to head to the rooms for a little rest. Very little.

Every year I think I'm getting too old for this stuff. Then as summer draws near, my energy level and anticipation climb to near fever pitch and God gives me the strength to go again! Maybe one day I will be too old, but I'm sure not there yet!

Please pray for our camp ministries at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. You can pray first that God will work and that hundreds of students would come to know Christ; second, for safety; and third, for strength and wisdom for our staffs. I'll keep you posted on what God is doing! It's gonna be a great summer!

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After the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, women began to gather to pray for missions. Missionary societies were formed. The Foreign Mission Board asked the states to form central committees to give direction to these societies and coordinate their efforts. The Kentucky Central Committee was established in 1878. It was the representatives of the state central committees who went to Richmond, Va., in 1888 and voted to form a national organization—Woman's Missionary Union. In 2003 we will celebrate a two-fold anniversary.



Joy Bolton
Executive
Director-
Treasurer

It will mark 125 years since the formation of the Kentucky Central Committee and 100 years since our first state WMU meeting.

The closing portion of our 99th annual meeting in Madisonville was actually not a close but a launch—the launch of a year of celebration as we celebrate 125 years of organized missions involvement by Kentucky women. In Madisonville, we recognized the impact that women of the past have on us today and closed with the prayer that we might be faithful to God and those who come behind us by what we do today.

Each of us must ask ourselves: What about me? Is there a child I could teach? Is there a missions group that could use my help? Have I shared Christ with a lost person recently? Have I at least prayed for a lost person this week? Have I prayed for our missionaries today? Have I personally been involved in missions in the last month? Annual meeting speaker Dottie Williamson challenged each of us to "get out of your seat, on your feet and go down the street."

WMU is a true "grass roots" organization. As women, we just decide to follow God's prompting and do missions. Our strongest mission groups are those where the women are determined to minister no matter what. When women respond to God's call to do missions, pray for and give to missions, and teach missions to others, phenomenal things happen. Lives are changed, children grow up with hearts that care for a lost world, and churches are challenged to take the Great Commission seriously.

Kentucky WMU has an elected board with three officers and three representatives from each of the eight regions of our state. These 27 women, plus the Baptist Nursing Fellowship president and the development specialist, give direction to our work and set the policies that guide our state office. (See page 4 of this insert for a list of board members.) Get to know your regional representatives. Speak up about your missions concerns. Help us do a better job of serving the Lord and Kentucky Baptists. Above all, pray for each board and staff member and for the work we do together to challenge, equip and partner for the cause of Christ and missions in Kentucky and around the world.

Introducing Cathy Chinn Kentucky WMU president

Cathy Chinn of Hartford was elected as the 36th president of Kentucky WMU on April 13 in Madisonville.

Cathy and her husband, George, currently serve as Mission Service Corps volunteer directors of the Wendell Belew Appalachian Training Center in Stanton. They recently spent seven weeks assisting with the Olympic ministries in Salt Lake City. Cathy retired in August 2001 as a social worker with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children, Protection and Permanency. Cathy and George are the parents of two adult children: Christopher, an accountant; and Andrea, an optometry student.

Cathy is a member of Living Faith Baptist Church in Davies-McLean association. Her WMU experience includes serving in church and associational WMU leadership as an Acteens advisor, WMU director and in other positions. Beginning in 1980, Cathy served several terms on the Kentucky WMU Executive Board as a representative from the Western region. She is a member of the state WMU resource team in the area of Acteens work. Cathy has participated in and/or led numerous mission trips, including trips to Russia, Dominica, Alaska, Florida, Mississippi, New England, West Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky. Cathy will lead the Kentucky WMU partnership missions team to Germany in September.

We welcome Cathy to this new leadership role with Kentucky WMU.



Cathy Chinn

2002 Annual Meeting



Participants in the 2002 Kentucky WMU annual meeting were challenged to be on mission "Down the Street... Around the World." Clockwise, from top right: ■ Nearly 400 children and their leaders enjoy a children's missions event on Saturday. ■ Steve Evans and his daughter, Alaina, lead in worship through music. First Baptist Church of Madisonville hosted the meeting. ■ Board members Marcia Potts, president of Baptist Nursing Fellowship, and Jolyn Honeycutt of South Central Region share a hug.



Information for WMU Directors

June, July and August—This is a great time to look at what you have been doing in missions in the past year and to set goals for the year to come. Any vacancies that you have in missions leadership should be filled by the end of June, so that all your leaders can participate in one of the **World Missions Unlimited** training conferences during July. (See page 1 of this insert.) Any leader who is willing to serve should have the opportunity to receive training and materials to enable her/him to do the job well. Encourage your church to cover expenses for leaders to attend training.

Is your church offering missions involvement opportunities to those who may not participate in a monthly meeting? How about a late afternoon/early evening Bible school in an apartment complex? The long days of summer provide additional hours of daylight to have backyard Bible clubs and other activities for children.

For your Annual Church Profile

This report of your church to your association lets others know not only how many people participate in ongoing missions organizations, but it also reports the number of people who participate in special missions projects. See page 34 in *WMU in Your Church* (WMU How To that was new last year) for a clear explanation. If you do not have *WMU in Your Church*, call us toll-free at (888) 254-5726 and we will send you the information.

Super Saturdays and WMU

Your best and most detailed training for any WMU organizations will be during one of the World Missions Unlimited conferences. However, if you are unable to come to Georgetown, Mayfield or Pineville, you can participate in a general WMU conference during one of the Super Saturdays sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Check with your pastor or call us to learn the date and location nearest you.

—Anna Mary Brydwell

Adults on Mission

After all these years of being the baby in my family, my parents have finally given me a brother...his name is Hank. From what I am told, he is a cross between a border collie and a blue tic hound. He has a white ring around his neck and white tips on his tail and paws. My mother says he looks just like my Dad!

I love to call my parents and hear the latest news about Hank. He was six weeks old when he became part of the Williams' household. My parents had forgotten what it was like to have a "baby" in the house. You see, Hank wakes up many times during the night, he hates to go outside by himself, he wants to be held and he needs constant attention. It can be a lot of hard work taking care of him, especially for my parents who haven't had a baby in the house for more than 30 years. Despite the many hassles that Hank has caused my parents, they are so happy to have him around the house.

Hank reminds me of new WMU organizations. Many of us beg and plead for women to



become involved in WMU and then when they do, we begin to get bogged down in helping them understand what to do. New groups take time and effort, both of which we have little. But, before long, the group begins to grow and you begin to see the fruits of your

labor...and that makes it worth it all. May each of you begin to invite new women to be a part of your Women on Mission group. I promise, the end result will be worth every minute of your time!

Are you wondering how to get new organizations started? If so, join us for **World Missions Unlimited** training this summer. (See page 1 of this insert for dates and locations.)

It's not too early to make your reservation for the **Women on Mission/Baptist Nursing Fellowship Fall Retreats**. Bobbye Rankin, former missionary to Indonesia and wife of

Jerry Rankin, president of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, will share with us at Jonathan Creek on Sept. 27-28 and Barbara Joiner, beloved WMU author and storyteller, will be the keynote speaker at Cedarmore on Oct. 18-19. Promotional brochures are available through the Kentucky WMU office. Plan to make your reservations early. These dates are sure to fill up fast!



Tonya's Tip—Are you trying to reach singles and young adults in your church? Collect small boxes of laundry detergent; stain sticks, quarters and a magazine to be distributed at the local laundry mat. Gallon sized zip-lock bags are a great way to package the items. Make sure that you include information about your church in the package. Go to your local laundry mat on some Saturday morning and distribute the packages. This will give you a great opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet to those who receive the bags.

—Tonya Williams

Youth

Exalt 2002 was exciting! Four hundred people gathered at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville on April 5 and 6. Wanda Lee, executive-director treasurer of WMU auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bobbye Rankin, wife of the president of the SBC International Mission Board, were our keynote speakers. Together they challenged us to examine our relationship with our

Heavenly Father and our responsibility for sharing Christ.

Michael Higdon and the praise band from Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg led the music. Thanks to Ballardville Baptist Church and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Radcliff for leading us in the prayer calendar.

We collected \$581.97 to help bring a girl from Africa to the 2003 National Acteens Convention in Nashville.

It's time for camp! Camp Director Tonya Williams has some great things planned for **Mission Adventure Camp**



for Girls at Cedar Crest. Each week, she adds another fun twist that makes me excited about being part of it. MAC for Girls is for grades 4-10. (See page 4 of this insert for information.)

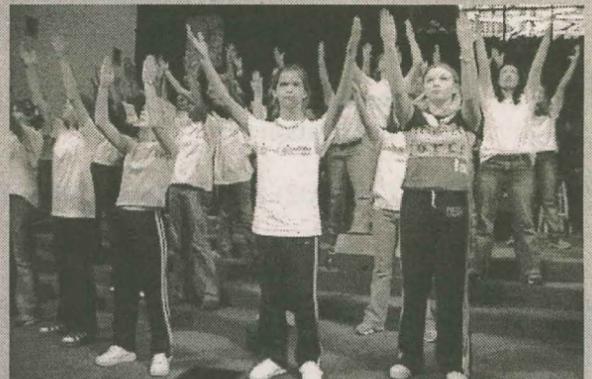
If you can't make it for a full week of camp, come to **Acteens Splash** at Jonathan Creek. We will spend the weekend examining God's concern for the world and a lot of time on the waterfront and in the pool! Splash is June 21-22 for girls in grades 7-12. Call our office for information.

Leaders, be sure to attend **World Missions Unlimited**. It is an excellent oppor-

tunity to prepare for the year and borrow ideas from other leaders. (See page 1 of this insert for more information.)

Plans are being finalized for **Youth on Mission Night** set for Nov. 8-9 at First Baptist Church in Leitchfield. Judy Miller, missionary to Benin, will be our speaker. She has lots of interesting stories to share about life in Africa. I get her newsletter and feel like I'm there. Youth on Mission Night is for Youth on Mission groups and any youth in grades 7-12.

—LaRaine Dail



Preschool

"What you don't know won't hurt you" certainly does not apply to being the best teacher or leader you can be. Prepare to have an effective missions education program for preschoolers and children in your church by attending **World Missions Unlimited** this summer. There will be something to learn and share whether you are a new teacher or leader or an experienced one in Mission Friends, Girls in Action or Children in Action. (See page 1 of this insert for details.)

In September, preschoolers and children in your church will want to participate in the **Week of Prayer and Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions**. It would be a great way to start the new church year. The study and prayer material will focus on ministries to children in Kentucky. Teaching guides are available from your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office.

Mission Friends: Celebrate Christmas in August with the preschoolers in your church! This is a great time to involve them in helping North American missionaries minister to people throughout the United States. A list of missionaries and their specific needs can be found in the summer issue of *Start* on pages 84-85. Decorate a small Christmas tree, bring gifts for missionaries, play games and serve refreshments as a part of the celebration.



Children

Did you know there are GA quilters in Kentucky? GAs from Vine Hill Baptist Church in Brooks sent a wonderful quilt they had made to national WMU in Birmingham. Each of the girls made a square that showed places they had learned about in GA. The quilt now hangs on the wall, along with other GA items, in the Alma Hunt Museum in the national WMU building. A picture of the quilt will be in a future issue of *Discovery* magazine. Congratulations to this GA group and their leader, Joyce Flowers.

Will there be "life after GA" for the sixth graders in your organization? Help your sixth grade girls know about the opportunities that await them in Acteens. Invite Acteens and Acteens advisors to share with the sixth graders about the Acteens organization. As a GA leader you can be instrumental in encouraging your WMU director to enlist leaders now for Acteens.

Attention boys and girls in Children in Action! Put on your traveling shoes and come to the **Children in Action Missions Day Camp** at Cedar Crest on Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Boys and girls in grades 1-6 will enjoy a day in the great outdoors meeting missionaries, making new friends, learning about God and His creation, doing crafts, playing games and having fun galore. Details will be available from the Kentucky WMU office after July 1.



—Brenda Price



President's Perspective

What an exciting annual meeting we had in Madisonville on April 12 and 13! Many thanks to the women and men from First Baptist Church who made that possible! I agree with past President Sara Billups that if anyone in attendance at annual meeting did not get excited about missions, something was wrong with them. All the speakers were great and the music was outstanding. Dottie Williamson, one of our Southern Baptist North American Mission Board missionaries in multi-housing ministries in South Carolina, challenged us to look for mission needs on our doorstep.



Cathy Chinn
Kentucky WMU
president

Our annual meeting was especially exciting to me for two reasons:

First, my husband, George, and I were on the program to share about our seven weeks on the staff of Global Outreach, the Southern Baptist witness during the winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Also, we shared about how God is working at the Wendell Belew Appalachian Training Center near Stanton.

Second, I was excited about annual meeting because I was elected to serve you as president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union for the coming year. It is my extreme honor and a real privilege to work alongside you as we support, pray for and do missions together. I attended my very first annual meeting at Madisonville First Baptist in 1980, and I do not think I have missed one since. Make your plans to bring as many women as you can to next year's meeting that will be at Central Baptist Church in Winchester.

It is camp time! Encourage your Girls in Action and your Acteens to attend our camping program. You might even need to send a girl yourself. Remember that girls do not have to be a part of our organizations to attend camp. Please pray for Tonya Williams, our camp director.

Does your Women On Mission group need new enthusiasm and ideas? Do you need to be the one to step out and be a leader of one of our children or youth organizations? Remember, just because your church has another type of program for children and youth, you still need to provide that missions emphasis for them. If they do not study about and do missions, how will they ever be in a position to hear God's call to missions? Bring all your WMU members and leadership to World Missions Unlimited at the location nearest you. (See page 1 of this insert.) Be open to what God can do through you this coming year.

My life has been full of changes this past year. My husband retired as the vice principal at McLean County High School. I retired at the end of August from the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children, Protection and Permanency. Together, we accepted God's call to be the directors of the Wendell Belew Center and were appointed as full-time Mission Service Corps volunteers through NAMB. Our oldest child, Christopher, married a wonderful Christian young lady who has a history in missions and has been a Girls in Action leader. We left our home of 24 years in Hartford and our church, Living Faith Baptist, to move to eastern Kentucky. George and I also lived for seven weeks with a pastor and his wife in Salt Lake during our Olympic ministry. Now, add to that my being elected as your president. God is so good. He continually shows us ways we can serve Him that we never even imagined, but we must listen to His voice.

Please call me at (606) 663-1905 if there is anything you would like to talk with me about. If you are in the Natural Bridge State Park area, our center is only 12 miles from there. Call us and come see the Wendell Belew Center. We can sleep 25, so if your women's group or other church organization needs a beautiful spot to have a retreat or special meeting, call us. Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Summer camping season underway

Summer is here and camping season is underway. Mission Adventure Camp for Girls will provide an opportunity for girls in grades 1-10 to experience the love of Christ through learning about missionaries, participating in adventure recreation activities, Bible study and worship. They will have fun through games, crafts, cultural experiences and horseback riding. This year our theme is "My World...My Mission." Girls will be challenged to look at the world around them and see how they can get involved personally in sharing the love of Christ with others.



On staff at Mission Adventure Camp for Girls we have a wonderful group of dedicated Christian young women who are serving as summer missionaries. Our Jonathan Creek staff are godly women with a love for missions and young ladies. They appreciate your prayer support as they share God's love with girls from across the state.

Mission Adventure Camp for Girls staff:

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Assistant director:
Melissa Doyle

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Kristy Hogan, Eastern Kentucky University

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Assistant cabin leaders:
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Sarah Harris, Morehead State University
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Our emphasis has been on literacy for two years. We continue to help folks learn to read/speak English. Many have found their special gift as teachers. We are thankful for all who are allowing God to use them.

The new emphasis, **Restorative Justice**, will increase our awareness of an-

other area where we are needed to make a difference.

I recently met a cheerful woman who had been out of prison for nine days, after several years of incarceration. A small local church has opened its arms—and heart to her. Church members are helping her to start life again with Jesus in her

heart and by her side.

Will my church or your church become involved in Restorative Justice? Let's begin to learn the definition and avenues of service in Project HELP: Restorative Justice.

—Anna Mary Byrdwell

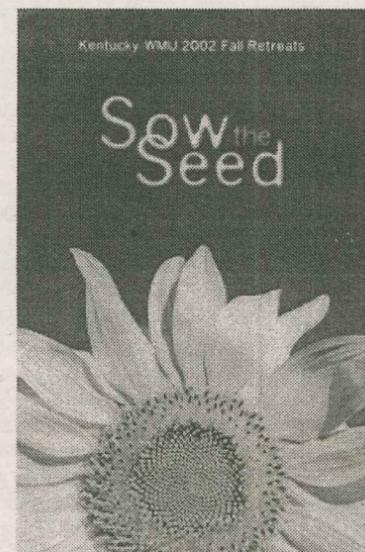
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June

- 9-10 WMU, SBC, Annual Meeting, St. Louis
- 11-12 Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis
- 17-21 Mission Adventure Camp: grades 4-6, Cedar Crest
- 21-22 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest
- 21-22 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Jonathan Creek
- 21-22 GA Overnight, Jonathan Creek
- 21-22 Acteens Splash, Jonathan Creek
- 24-28 Mission Adventure Camp: grades 4-10, Cedar Crest
- 28-29 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest

July

- 1-3 Mission Adventure Express Camp, grades 4-6, Cedar Crest
- 8-12 Mission Adventure Camp, grades 4-10, Cedar Crest

- 12-13 Mother/Daughter Overnight, grades 1-3, Cedar Crest
- 12-13 World Missions Unlimited, Georgetown
- 15-19 Mission Adventure Camp, grades 4-6, Cedar Crest
- 19-20 World Missions Unlimited, Mayfield
- 26-27 World Missions Unlimited, Pineville

August

- 10 Super Saturday, Second BC, Hopkinsville
- 10 Super Saturday, Erlanger BC, Erlanger
- 17 Super Saturday, Severns Valley BC, Elizabethtown
- 24 Super Saturday, Immanuel BC, Lexington

SMILE

Trading lunches

The annual Food Roundup for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is still a few months away, but this year we find ourselves needing your assistance for a few specific items.

My wife and I have five children and five grandchildren, with another on the way. Since become a grandfather, I have watched in smug amusement as my children and their spouses deal with the finicky appetites of their offspring.

Mary Jo and I had to endure the wrinkled noses at the dinner table with our five, so it is nice to see that what goes around comes around to the next generation.

Kids don't always know what's good for them, and adults don't always win in the battle of

the dinner table. The latter is especially the case when the children in question aren't yours; you are just responsible for caring for them.

On KBHC campuses, when the menu doesn't suit the child or teenager, staff usually resort to the same things you probably use at your house: breakfast cereal and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It should be no shock to anyone that right now KBHC needs breakfast cereal, peanut butter and jelly on

nearly all of our campuses, but especially at our wilderness program in Bronston.

If you would like to donate these crucial items, you can drop them off at any of our campuses or offices located in Bronston, Dixon, Elizabethtown, Glendale, Harold, London, Louisville, Madisonville, Mayfield, Morehead, Owensboro and Somerset. Call us at (800) 456-1386 for details. Gift certificates to grocery stores such as Kroger or Winn-Dixie also would be a great gift.

On a separate topic, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have attended this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention Senior Celebrations. I've attended nearly all of these events myself and have been blessed to get to know

new people and to renew acquaintances.

I did miss one event while Mary Jo and I were away on a mission trip to Ukraine. I appreciate the prayers of our Baptist friends while we were away. The trip was a great blessing to us.

Thank you, Kentucky Baptists, for your continued support.

Bill Smithwick is president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Contact KBHC at (800) 456-1386 or at www.kbhc.org

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

Honoring Julie Tan

By Robert Dunston

Each year Cumberland College presents the Excellence in Teaching Award to a faculty member who has distinguished herself or himself in and out of the classroom. This year's recipient is Julie Tan, professor of chemistry.

Tan graduated from Cumberland College, excelling both as a student and as a member of Cumberland's tennis team. She completed her doctorate at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and then returned to Cumberland in 1991 to teach organic chemistry.

Tan's creativity and enthusiasm in the classroom inspire her colleagues and delight and challenge her students.

One student described Tan's tests as "some of the hardest that I have taken because they stressed the need for a deep understanding of the concepts." But her students appreciate her desire to help them master the subject.

When students call her home in the evenings seeking help with homework or with understanding material, Tan welcomes their calls and invests whatever time is needed to assist. Some mornings find her up at 3 a.m. grading papers

and preparing lectures.

Tan has published research in a variety of scholarly journals. She also has directed several students as they prepared Presidential Scholar research projects. One student remarked that Tan "rarely has to consult the book and handles the most probing questions with ease."

Tan also takes her talents off campus. She has joined with teachers at Williamsburg City School to help students understand and appreciate science.

Tan's husband, Chin Tan, teaches in Cumberland's business administration department and coaches Cumberland's tennis teams. The Tans have two sons, William and Christian.

Tan has contributed greatly to Cumberland College. We thank her for maintaining such high standards in teaching and in mentoring students.

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

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Bible Crossword

Elizabeth Smith

Across

- 1 Greek letter used for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter
- 3 Undergraduate degree, abbr.
- 5 David was king in _____ (2 Samuel 2:11)
- 9 Raises up
- 11 Organization for African Unity, abbr.
- 13 In regards to, abbr.
- 14 He made a vow with David (1 Samuel 18:3)
- 18 Girl's name
- 20 Stomach muscle, for short
- 21 A small building
- 22 Compass point
- 23 Jesse's youngest son (1 Samuel 16:11)
- 25 Regret
- 27 "If the Syrians be _____ strong for me" (2 Samuel 10:11)
- 28 Sense of who you are
- 29 Champion of the Philistines (1 Samuel 17:4)
- 31 Lieutenant, abbr.
- 32 The opposite of down
- 34 Six, Romans num.
- 36 David used this to kill Goliath (1 Samuel 17:50)
- 39 Amount, abbr.
- 41 Woman's name
- 43 David's elder brother (1 Samuel 17:28)
- 44 A characteristic of David (1 Samuel 16:18)
- 47 "Drunk neither wine _____ strong drink" (1 Samuel 1:15)
- 49 A type of tree

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- 50 Masculine article, Fr.
- 52 "Are not his sisters _____ with us?" (Mark 6:3)
- 53 His mother was Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:24)
- 54 Resident, abbr.

- 19 "Herod ... slew all the children ... from _____ years old and under" (Matthew 2:16)
- 24 Wheelless vehicle
- 26 Electronic funds transfer, abbr.
- 28 That woman
- 30 Egg, prefix
- 33 David wrote many of these
- 35 David was in a _____ with Saul (1 Samuel 24:3)
- 37 "David made haste to _____ away" (1 Samuel 23:26)
- 38 "It was impossible for God to _____" (Hebrews 6:18)
- 39 The captain of Saul's host (1 Samuel 14:50)
- 40 Sown among the wheat (Matthew 13:25)
- 42 Dekaliter, abbr.
- 45 "By him were _____ things created" (Colossians 1:16)
- 46 New, recent, comb. form
- 48 Precious metal
- 51 "My word hath _____ place in you" (John 8:37)

Down

- 1 Nob was their city (1 Samuel 22:11)
- 2 That is, Lat. abbr.
- 3 Priests gave David hallowed _____ (1 Samuel 21:4)
- 4 Simile preposition
- 6 Period of time
- 7 Sheep's cries
- 8 A Moabite woman who was an ancestress of David and Jesus
- 10 "Thou _____ a virtuous woman" (Ruth 3:11)
- 12 The opposite of out
- 14 Saul threw it at David (1 Samuel 18:11)
- 15 Japanese sash
- 16 Not there
- 17 David escaped to this man's cave (1 Samuel 22:1)

Last week's solution

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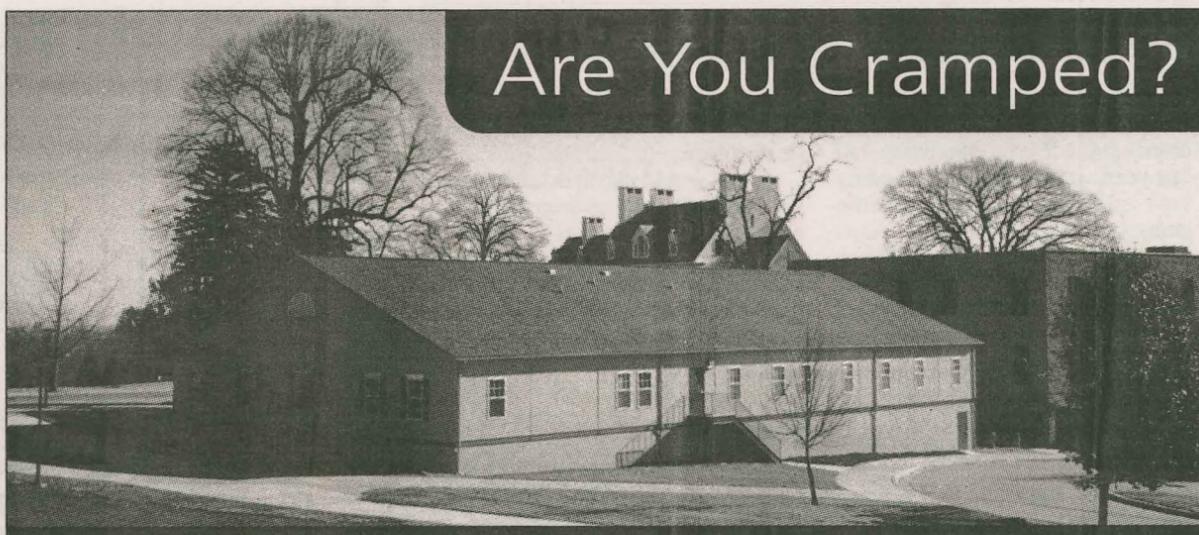
NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Clergy housing tax break signed into law.** An 81-year-old tax break for clergy housing expenses is now enshrined in law after President Bush signed a bill that protects it from possible court action. The Clergy Housing Allowance Clarification Act allows clergy to deduct from their taxable income the portion of their salary devoted to housing expenses. The case originated when Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, Calif., was prevented by the IRS from deducting \$79,999 from his income in housing expenses. Religious groups, including Southern Baptists, said small and rural churches would be especially hard-hit if the tax break was eliminated.

■ **Update: Judge nixes 'Lord's Prayer' for graduation.** A U.S. District Court judge ruled that the high school choir in Woodbine, Iowa, could not sing "The Lord's Prayer" at recent graduation ceremonies. Judge Charles Wolle ruled that including the prayer would "advance the Christian religion," violating the separation of church and state. The Iowa Civil Liberties Union and the American Jewish Congress sued to block the song on behalf of two atheist students who said being forced to sing the prayer made them uncomfortable.

■ **ACLU sues over abstinence program.** The American Civil Liberties Union has sued the state of Louisiana, saying its sexual abstinence program is unconstitutional because some of its \$1.6 million in federal funding is used to advance religion. It cited examples ranging from "Christ-centered" skits by a theater group to a report by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette, which said it used the program's money to support prayer activities at abortion clinics.

■ **Presbyterian Church (USA) lost 31,000 members.** The nation's largest Presbyterian body continued to lose membership last year, but church officials say the rate is less than in previous years. Total membership for the Presbyterian Church (USA) fell by 31,549 members to a total of 2.5 million. The net loss comes despite 150,000 new members who joined the church in 2001.



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Our faculty and staff pull out all the stops to make these two days memorable for our students. Dozens of activities and several air-inflated games are provided. There is a dunking booth where students can dunk all those staff, including yours truly, who are willing to be drenched in a tub of water.

We had our Spring Fling the last Saturday of the school year. The day began with a baseball game in the morning. We had a wonderful season with a 26-2 record. The game Saturday morning was with one of our greatest rivals whom we had beaten a few weeks ago on their field in a very close game. This game was a little lopsided, as we won 16-2.

After lunch, the students began arriving on the athletic field for the day's activities. Several students took turns dunking me in the tub. Some were not sure if it was really OK to dunk the president of the school, but I assured them that on this occasion it was all right. Several students volunteered to be dunked after we ran out of adults.

The students could purchase tasty treats for 25 cents. A quarter bought a pop, a funnel cake, a cotton candy or a snow cone. Pizza cost 50 cents

a slice.

The kids took a break to go back to the dorms, then returned to the field for the evening meal. Seniors were allowed to go through the line first, then juniors and so on. They could choose a hamburger, Italian sausage or grilled chicken. They also could have pasta, baked beans, a soft drink and a choice of french fries or onion rings. Several volunteers assisted the staff in serving.

A last-minute addition to the program was a man with "the world's strongest hands." He bent several large nails and an iron rod and was able to pick up two very heavy weights. Several students and staff were given the opportunity to duplicate his feats of strength, but without success.

A fire had been prepared earlier so the kids could take turns making s'mores. While some of the students were not quite ready for bedcheck, most were more than happy to end a very long and tiring day.

Sunday afternoon the inflatable games were re-inflated so students could have a few more hours of fun.

The 2001-2002 school year is now over. As we do every year, we have had some very positive things happen on our campus. We also have had some disappointments. One of the greatest joys has been the number of students who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The majority of the Christians in the senior class met Jesus on our campus. What wonderful opportunities we have!

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W.F. Underwood

Alumnus leads nationally recognized church

The following was condensed from a story by Bette Gillogly, senior writer for Pastors.com:

Every time Jimmie Davidson drove through southwest Virginia, he would think, "Somebody needs to start a new kind of church in this area." He didn't know what the church would look like. He just knew it needed to be fresh and different. Finally, one day his wife, Lori, asked, "Why don't we start it?"

Shaken by the very thought, Jimmie knew only one thing to do. He got down on the floor and asked, "Lord, do you want us to do it?" From that moment, he said, God grew His answer in their hearts.

Soon after, someone mentioned to Davidson that he should check out Saddleback. "What on earth is a 'Saddleback?'" he asked. He did some checking and was introduced to the work of Saddleback Community Church in Lake Forest, Calif.

Founded by Rick Warren with a handful of people in his living room, Saddleback now averages 15,000 worshipers during weekend services. The Saddleback model challenges a church to be purpose driven, emphasizing a balance between five New Testament purposes:

worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

Davidson studied Saddleback materials for six months and the answer God had started growing months before began to take form and substance.

Davidson began Highlands Fellowship, a new kind of Southern Baptist church in Abingdon, Va., and the recipient of a 2002 Church Health Award from Purpose Driven Ministries.

During this year's Easter weekend, Highlands had 5,000 people in attendance, even though Abingdon has a population of only 7,000.

Highlands Fellowship emphasizes and encourages three things: a weekend celebration service with plenty of worship and a practical, biblical message; small groups (now numbering 50); and ministry by every member of the body.

Davidson is a 1988 Clear Creek graduate. In 2001 the faculty selected him to receive the Delta Epsilon Chi Award, presented to an alumnus who exhibits "outstanding intellectual achievement, Christian character and leadership ability."

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

From the heart

Missionary duo loves working with Kenyans

By Jean McLean
SBC Woman's Missionary Union

TIGONI, Kenya (BP)—The beauty of Kenya can be breathtaking.

Bright white sand shimmers next to the clear surf of the Indian Ocean. The unique Rift Valley mixes lush forest with plains. Tea grows in fields of gorgeous green. The snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya and Mount Kilimanjaro look down on giraffes, gazelles and zebras that graze along Kenya's roadways.

Bob and Linda Allen enjoy watching the colobus monkeys that play in trees behind their house in Tigoni. "The trees, flowers and landscape are amazing," Mrs. Allen said. But it's not the inherent beauty of their adopted country that these missionaries love most.

"What we love most about living in Kenya is Kenyans," she said. "They are kind and hospitable people. Many are very open to hearing and responding to the gospel. Seeing God work in their lives is a thrill that never gets old."

Knowing that missionaries never can reach all Africans with the gospel, the Allens have focused on equipping African believers to reach their fellow citizens. They have helped restart one church and begin two others. They have trained pastors and pastors' wives and have worked with other Southern Baptist missionaries who are learning some of the more than 60 languages and dialects used in Kenya alone. (More than 590 languages and dialects exist in Eastern Africa.) They have worked with veteran missionaries in continuing training.

The Allens have concentrated on working with the Kikuyu, the predominant people of the Tigoni area. There are approximately 5.3 million Kikuyu, the largest tribe in Kenya. Approximately 1.6 million of them are not Christians, and another 2.6 million Kikuyu are members of churches that are not considered evangelical.

Mostly farmers and business people who often exist at a subsistence level, a growing number of Kikuyu are moving into the middle- and upper-income brackets of Kenyan society. Missionaries believe this key group can reach many other Kikuyu with the gospel.

Almost since arriving in Kenya, Mrs. Allen has used her gifts to teach pastors' wives. She remembers more than 20 years ago when she and her husband moved from seminary to full-time ministry in Thomson, Ga. She found it difficult to adjust to life as a minister's wife.

"It seemed such an all-consuming job," Mrs. Allen recounted. "I resented the time Bob spent on church business. I was a young mother in a town where I didn't



Bob and Linda Allen

know anyone. God used a pastor's wife in another town to help me get my focus back. I grew a great deal during that period of time and realized that there could be great joy in accepting God's plan for Bob's life as well as my own."

Later, she found herself on the other side of the globe, ministering to pastors' wives struggling with their churches' high expectations. "Many (Kenyan) pastors' wives are new Christians, have had minimal or no education and are terrified of taking on any responsibilities in the local church," she said.

"One of my former students shared that she was so afraid someone would call on her to lead a song or to pray in church that she would go outside when the service began and stay out there until the service was over. She was thrilled that after three years of meeting together with other pastors' wives from her area that she was not afraid anymore. She said she was ready for anything that God called her to do in her local church.

"It is difficult to express all the

ways God works in the lives of our students," Mrs. Allen said. "I think of them as dry and thirsty flowers that suddenly bloom forth when the 'water' of God is poured on them. They see themselves as having no worth or value to God. When they begin to catch a glimpse of the amazing fact that God wants to use them for His purposes and that He has gifted them personally with gifts to use for Him and His church—the transformation is incredible."

Mrs. Allen and her team teach biblical studies, ministry topics and personal enrichment to pastors' wives. The program lasts three years. Her travels often take her to remote areas for several nights. But her job is, by necessity, becoming more administrative.

"I love to teach the women, and that is how I would prefer to spend all of my time. However, if the ministry is to be passed on to capable and qualified Kenyan women, it is necessary to begin writing things down and organizing. We are learning how best to facilitate these classes from a distance."

Another project they will encourage from a distance as they move to Nairobi is Tigoni Fellowship Church, which they helped start five years ago. Beginning with a Bible discussion group, the church's first meeting was on Easter 1997, when 45 people worshipped in a neighbor's yard. Now attendance averages 125 people and the church is poised to reach a significant population of business and professional

people.

Although the Allens love Kenya and its people, living there can be difficult. Many roads are in poor shape, and travel sometimes is dangerous. The crime rate is high. Communication is sometimes difficult. But the couple say they don't consider any of this true sacrifice.

"There is, however, one part of international missions that, for us, is a sacrifice, and that is being away from family, especially in times of illness and crisis," Allen said. For the first time, the Allens left both of their children in the U.S. when they returned to Kenya.

Equally difficult are times when other family members are in crisis. The Allens have had to make difficult decisions about whether to return when family members fell ill.

But the Allens say they still count the cost worth the privilege of serving in Africa.

"The most incredible, beyond belief thing is that God would choose to use us in His plan to reach the world. There is nothing special about Linda and Bob Allen," Allen insisted. "We're normal Southern Baptists. Our kids are normal. But God called us. He even enabled us to learn Swahili well enough to really communicate the good news of Christ with people in Eastern Africa. Even after 15 years of service as international missionaries, we find that incredibly hard to believe."

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From working with the Kikuyu people group to mentoring ministers' wives, Bob and Linda Allen say they love mission work in Kenya. (BP photo)

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ Two Bible studies in Lezajsk and Rudnik, Poland. "Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work in all the people attending," write missionaries Doug and Marcy Shaw.

■ Missionary Chuck Quarles as he preaches each Sunday at International Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania. Quarles is a former professor at Clear Creek Bible College in Pineville.

■ International Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania, as the church seeks a full-time pastor.

■ Praise God for the nine professions of faith made in recent weeks at International Baptist Church in Sofia, Bulgaria.

■ An Iranian pastor from Dallas who is leading discipleship classes for Iranians who are members of International Baptist Church in Sofia, Bulgaria, May 28-June 6.

■ Hearts for Boston, the Southern Baptist initiative to reach Boston for Jesus Christ.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield Church called **Bob Brown** as minister of missions and **Scott Ellison** as associate pastor for students and education. **Mark Terry** is pastor.

■ CAMPBELLSVILLE—Saloma Church called **Jason Dunbar** as music ministry intern. **John Chowning** is pastor.

■ COVINGTON—Latoria Church called **Steve Holloway** as pastor effective June 1. He previously was pastor of Madison Church in Madison, N.J.

■ FRANKFORT—Providence Church called **David Rayborn** as bivocational pastor.

■ HEIDELBERG—**Richard Miller** resigned as pastor of Heidelberg Church.

■ IRVINE—First Church licensed **Chris Winkler** to the gospel ministry.

■ LEBANON—Lebanon Church called **A.B. Colvin** as interim pastor.

■ LOUISVILLE—Ormsby Heights Church will host a "This Hope" con-

cert June 9, 6:30 p.m. For information, call (502) 447-6867.

West Broadway Church will host **The Nelons** in concert June 2, 6 p.m. For information, call (502) 491-1920. **Skip Alexander** is pastor.

■ MARION—Second Church ordained **Danny Starrick** and **Robert Mitchell** as deacons May 19.

■ MAYFIELD—New Liberty Church called **Dyson Boyd** as minister of music and youth. He is a student at Mid-Continent College in Mayfield. **Aubert Rose Jr.** and **Duane Fields** are co-pastors.

■ RICHMOND—Union City Church will celebrate its 190th anniversary with homecoming June 2. Former pastor **Ron Kerr** will be

guest speaker. Activities will include lunch and afternoon singing. **Rick Brown** is pastor.

■ SOMERSET—Beacon Hill Church called **Marty Hollingshead** as minister of youth and recreation.

■ SPRINGFIELD—New Hope Church celebrated its 200th anniversary May 26. **David Royalty** was guest speaker. **Kevin Coulter** is pastor.

Thompsonville Church called **John Watts** as pastor.

■ STAMPING GROUND—Cedar Grove Church recently celebrated its 125th anniversary.

■ WILLISBURG—Rockbridge Church called **Bobby Chesser** as pastor.

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SEEKING: First Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Ky., is seeking a full-time music associate/organist. These positions currently are combined but may be separated in the future. Please send a resumé to: Richard Suggs, minister of music, First Baptist Church, 621 E 12th Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101, or call the church music office: (270) 842-0331, ext. 104. Experience required; at least a bachelor's degree (music/arts) is preferred.

SEEKING: Church pianist; ability to play keyboard and other instruments a plus. Salary negotiable with experience. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5708 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY 40219, or fax to (502) 964-9678.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky., is accepting resúmes for full-time pastor with a degree from an accredited seminary. Please send to: Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 405 Kentucky Ave., Pineville, KY 40977.

SEEKING: Buena Vista Baptist Church is seeking a strong Southern Baptist, solid Bible preaching and teaching mission-oriented pastor. Please send all correspondence and/or recommendations to: Pastoral Search Committee, 324 Clifty St., Somerset, KY 42501. (606) 679-1686.

SEEKING: Centerfield Church, a Southern Baptist congregation that also is a member of the Willow Creek Association, seeks a senior pastor. We are a growing church with a casual atmosphere, contemporary worship, uncompromising with the inspired and inerrant Word of God. Our vision is to be a church that reaches up to God in worship, out to the community and the world with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ, around to each other in fellowship, and in through discipleship. Interested candidates should contact: Pastor Search Team, Centerfield Church, 4200 S Highway 393, Crestwood, KY 40014. www.clik.to/centerfieldchurch.

SEEKING: Licoya Hills Baptist Church is accepting resúmes for full-time pastor. Send resumé to Search Committee, LHBC, 3143 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214, or fax to (615) 883-7118.

SEEKING: A growing conservative Baptist church in Menifee County is seeking a pastor. Resúmes should be sent to: Pastor Search Committee, Means Baptist Church, PO Box 97, Means, KY 40346.

SEEKING: The bivocational pastor God has selected for us, a Southern Baptist church in south-central Kentucky. Need someone devoted to God's work and interested in church growth; willing to actively participate in all facets of church work, including outreach, visitation, counseling, fellowship, discipleship and stewardship. Please send resumé/profile to: Pastor Search Committee, Jackson Grove Baptist Church, c/o Lyndell Graven, 6299 Louisville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101-8409.

SEEKING: Mature, attractive, outgoing non-smoker to show patio homes to Louisville seniors on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1-5 p.m. Computer skills a plus. Fax resumé with cover letter to (502) 966-0819.

SEEKING: Grace Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., is seeking a full-time minister of education. College degree required; seminary training preferred. Please send resumé and cover letter to: Grace Baptist Church, 811 Bryan Ave., Lexington, KY 40505, Attn: Education Minister Search Committee.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Beaver Baptist Church, located in Harrison County, Ky. Send resumé to: Betty Pope, 828 Kentucky Highway 32W, Cynthiana, KY 41031. Accepting resúmes until May 31, 2002. Include photo with resumé.

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SEEKING: First Baptist Church, downtown Bowling Green, is seeking a full-time youth minister. The minister is to provide leadership and guidance to students (grade 7-12) and their parents, and assist the pastor in the development and coordination of a comprehensive education, activity and outreach program for youth. A seminary degree and three to five years youth ministry experience is desired. Salary open with benefits. For additional information, contact Steve Snodgrass, Youth Search Committee Chair, (270) 781-2718, ext. 221. Church Web site is www.firstbaptistbg.org.

SEEKING: Bivocational minister for country church with a lot of history. Send resumé to: Providence Baptist Church, 5947 Old Boonesboro Road, Winchester, KY 40391, Attn: Search Committee. For information, call (859) 744-2890 or 744-7768.

SEEKING: Full-time youth pastor for Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Union City, Tenn. Send resúmes to: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 688 Sublett Road, Union City, TN 38261.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of childhood education for ages birth-5th grade. Send resumé to: Search Committee, Lexington Baptist Church, 308 East Main St., Lexington, SC 29072.

SEEKING: Dynamic and diverse congregation seeks skilled and experienced minister of music and worship to oversee a comprehensive music and worship program designed to develop each member to participate in worship, including direct responsibility for congregational praise and worship, adult and youth choirs. Would work in concert with team of ministers, including senior pastor, minister of youth, musicians and other church members. Resúmes accepted until position is filled. Video tape examples demonstrating skills and proficiencies welcomed. Send to: First Baptist Church, 101 West Church St., Smithville, TN 37166, Attn: Music Search Committee. No phone inquiries, please. Tapes cannot be returned.

SEEKING: Elliston Baptist Church in Dry Ridge, Ky., is accepting resúmes for a pastor. Send to: Gary Richardson, RT #1, Glencoe, KY 41046.

SEEKING: Part-time youth minister. Send resumé to: Gethsemane Baptist Church, 10400 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229; by fax to (502) 969-3191; or e-mail to RDSS13@aol.com.

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

SEEKING: West Broadway Baptist Church is seeking a full-time minister of music for a medium-sized, rapidly growing congregation. The candidate should be a person called to ministry using gifts of worship and music. Ideally, the candidate will have a seminary degree in church music. The successful candidate must be able to plan and lead multiple worship services incorporating traditional and contemporary music selections. The successful candidate will have the ability to work in a team setting with multiple staff. Candidates should consider music as a ministry built upon their own spiritual relationship with God. Submit resúmes to: Minister of Music Search Committee, West Broadway Baptist Church, 8420 Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40220. Phone: (502) 491-1920. Fax: (502) 499-9882.

SEEKING: Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is receiving resúmes for the position of minister of music. This position is full time 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 resúmes to: Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, 2120 Lower Hunters Trace, Louisville, KY 40216.

WANTED: 24 all-wood church pews in good condition, 12' or 14' in length. Call (606) 787-7247.

Cardinal outfielder seeks to share Christ through lifestyle

By Daniel McCrosky
Baptist Press

ST. LOUIS (BP)—For St. Louis Cardinal right fielder J.D. Drew, sharing his faith among his teammates over a long baseball season means lifestyle evangelism.

Now in his fourth full year in the major leagues, the understated Drew said he feels more comfortable sharing his faith but prefers to live out his commitment to Christ as a testimony to his lost teammates.

"I have never been the life-of-the-party kind of guy," said Drew, a Southern Baptist. "I try not to be stand-offish but I do try to live my life in obedience to Christ so when my teammates look at me they see Christ."

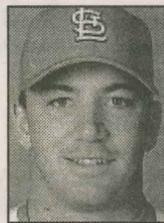
"I feel the important thing is to live your life with integrity," he added. "There are some guys that do things that I wouldn't do, but I am not going

to be all over them telling them they shouldn't be doing those things. Then when they have questions about why I do the things I do, I can share with them Jesus."

"Once I had a guy come knocking on my door at four in the morning and he said, 'Hey man, what is your gig?' and with that I was able to share Christ," Drew said. "My first couple of years in the big leagues I felt it was important for my teammates to know me and know what I was about so I didn't joke around with them as much as I do now. I just didn't want them to take something the wrong way and then say, 'Hey man, I thought you were a Christian.'"

Even though he was raised in a Christian home and attended all the services at Bethany Baptist Church in Hahira, Ga., Drew didn't become a

Christian until he was 16 when a friend of his Sunday school teacher made the young Drew the focal point of his lesson.



Drew

"I never was a real rebellious person and in my hometown. I was kind of popular in school, but mostly it was just me and my two brothers playing ball all the time," Drew said. "Before I got saved on Aug. 2, 1992, my parents taught me the Bible and we always went to church. But one day my Sunday school teacher brought his friend with him to teach Sunday school."

"I don't remember exactly why he was there but he seemed to point me out and wanted to know what I was waiting for," Drew said. "I knew that Christ died for my sins, but until then I never had made a commitment and I did that day."

One of the biggest influences in Drew's life was the chapel leader at Florida State University. During his two years as a Seminole, Drew was a two-time All-American and a finalist for the College Player-of-the-Year Award, but Drew said Clint Pervis' mentoring impacted him the most.

"Clint is just a man of God and did a great job of teaching the Bible," Drew said. "I went to the First Baptist Church in Tallahassee, but the Bible studies with Clint really deepen my faith."

"God has blessed me with the ability to play major league baseball for one of the best teams," said Drew, who currently is hitting .287 for the National League Central Division second-place Cardinals. "I have a lot of good Christian teammates, and we all are trying to honor Christ by living out our faith, by having a good testimony, by living in obedience to Christ."

Lotz' comments on homosexuality prompt walk out

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP)—Anne Graham Lotz's description of homosexuality as a sin prompted several members of a Presbyterian church to walk out of a May 6 rally, The Charlotte Observer reported May 14.

Lotz noted that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks carried a message from God—"Repent of your sin and get right with Me"—and included homosexuality among such sins, the newspaper reported.

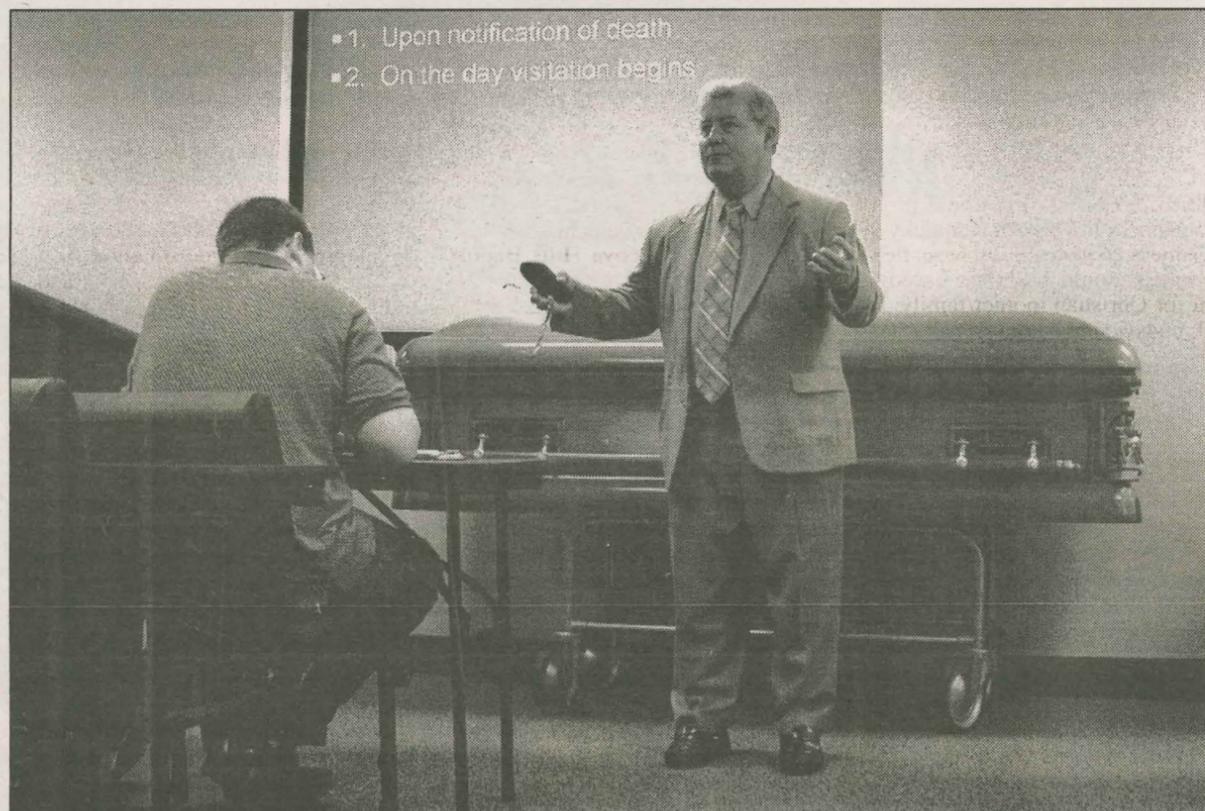
A homosexual member of Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church, who asked not to be identified, said he walked out from a choir assembled for a rally to promote Lotz's Nov. 15-16 "Just Give Me Jesus" meetings at the Charlotte Coliseum. The newspaper reported that six or seven members of the church joined the man in exiting one at a time.

David Kaylor, the church's interim pastor, preached in a subsequent sermon that Jesus had "a very different standard of judgment. He welcomed all people, but He especially welcomed those who were rejected by others," the newspaper reported.

The Graham rally drew about 500 women to Charlotte's Spirit Square.

"Anne's position is clear—that the Bible says homosexuality is a sin," an associate to Lotz, Leigh O'Dell, told the newspaper.

Practice, practice, practice



Jerry Barlow, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary associate professor of preaching and pastoral work, teaches his students how to conduct a funeral service. A recently-donated casket was an addition to the seminary's Pastoral Ministry Chapel, a classroom that already contains a full-size baptistry, where students gain practical training in church ordinances. (BP photo)

Study: Hispanics shifting from Catholicism to Protestantism

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A major new study has found that while a strong majority of Latinos in the United States are Roman Catholic, there has been a generational shift to Protestantism.

According to the study, "Hispanic Churches in American Public Life," the number of Protestants in the American Hispanic population increased from 18 percent to 32 percent across three generations while the number of Catholics declined from 74 to 59 percent over the same period. Overall, 71 percent of Hispanics are Catholic.

The study was based on a national telephone survey of 2,310 Hispanics, a mailed survey of 434 Hispanic civic and religious leaders and community

profiles of 45 congregations and 256 clergy and laity. It targeted rural Latinos as well as urban Hispanics and people in predominantly Hispanic and non-Hispanic churches.

Some Hispanic members of the audience attending the conference where the report was released attributed the shift to aggressive outreach efforts by Protestant churches and more opportunities for youth involvement.

Project manager Gaston Espinosa agreed, saying he believes the shift also was due to the smaller size of some Protestant congregations, which makes them more interactive and personal—factors often missing in many Catholic churches because of their large membership.

Despite the shifts, Hispanic Catholics and Protestants share similar views on such issues as education, the public role of the church and the role of women in the church.

Most Protestants and Catholics who were asked about prayer in schools said they support such a policy. In a separate question, a large number of respondents from both groups voiced support for school vouchers to be used at private schools.

Fifty-six percent of Protestants and 49 percent of Catholics surveyed agreed women should be ordained into the ministry. Additionally, at least half of the respondents from both groups said the church should be more involved in public life.

Poll: Few give Americans good grades in morals

LINCOLN, Neb. (RNS)—Less than one-fifth of Americans give the nation high ratings on the state of its moral values, a new Gallup Poll shows.

Eighteen percent of American adults described moral values in the United States as "good" or "excellent," compared to 41 percent who said they were "only fair" and 40 percent who said they were "poor."

People who attend church weekly are more likely to believe moral conditions are poor (52 percent) than people who attend almost weekly (35 percent) or less often than that (34 percent), the Gallup Organization reported.

Researchers found that issues regarding sexuality were significant factors for those who rate the country's moral values negatively. For example, 33 percent of those who said moral conditions were fair or poor described homosexual behavior as morally acceptable, compared to 58 percent of those who said moral conditions were excellent or good.

There was a 20 percent gap between those who viewed the moral climate in the nation positively and those who rated it negatively when they were asked about abortion, having a baby outside of marriage and sex between an unmarried man and woman. For instance, 61 percent of those who were positive about the nation's moral condition said having a baby outside of marriage was morally acceptable, compared to 41 percent of those who thought more negatively about moral conditions.

The poll was based on interviews May 6-9 of 1,012 adults nationwide. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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