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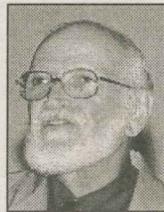
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Churches must be less rational, more relational, author says

BOWLING GREEN—Christians must seek to reach today's postmodern society through relationships rather than reason, a Baptist author and theologian recently told a group of Kentucky Baptists.

Many churches today depend on rational arguments to convert people to Christianity, Calvin Miller said during the recent Church Health Summit, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Oct. 11-12. Authors such as Josh McDowell taught 20th century Christians to convince people they were right with such books as "Evidence That Demands a Verdict."



Miller

But such arguments increasingly are less effective in a postmodern society that has no agreed upon morality or system of truth, said Miller, a professor of preaching at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala.

More and more people who visit a church aren't looking for information but for relationships or to meet a need, Miller said. "I think people walk through the doors of our churches, for the most part, in terrible need."

Miller proposed the acronym READ for how Christians should share their faith today. READ churches, he said, should be:

■ **Relational.** Gone is the day that churches attract non-Christians by saying "Thus sayeth the Lord," Miller said. By building relationships, he said, Christians earn the right to talk about their faith with non-Christians.

■ **Experiential.** "The most important time in a church experience is going to be the personal testimony," Miller said. Personal experiences as a Christian are the "inarguable data" that non-Christians must consider, he added. "They may laugh at it. They may kill you for it, but they can't deny it."

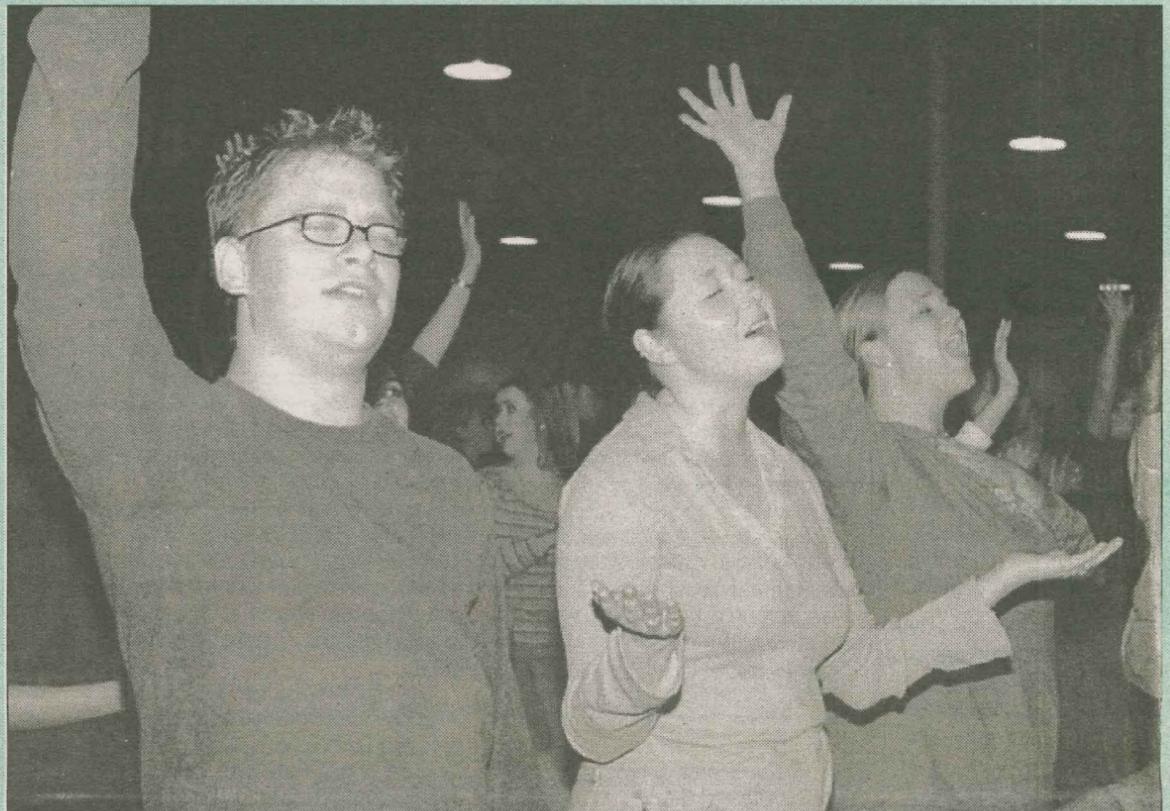
■ **Artistic.** "This is a day for the arts. Learn as much about it as you can," Miller urged pastors and church leaders. "This really brings people together."

Quoting theologian Warren Weirssbe, Miller told pastors, "Don't write your sermons like a lawyer writes a brief, but like a poet writes poetry."

■ **Dogmatic.** "I wouldn't give you a nickel for a church that doesn't preach the Bible," Miller said, adding that he still believes in an evangelistic encounter that explains the alternatives between Heaven and Hell. "But I don't know that we can start with dogma."

Miller said that in a postmodern world, the mystery of God intrigues people. "People are attracted to churches that raise great questions, not those that provide great answers."

Epilogue



PRAISE AND WORSHIP About the same time many Kentucky Baptists were taking part in a conference on various expressions of worship, a survey was released showing that 76 percent of American churchgoers would stay at their church even if the music style changed. (BP file photos)

Poll finds possible truce in worship war

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The so-called "worship wars" that hinged mostly on the style of music found in Protestant services may have reached their peak or were never as big a deal as many church leaders once thought, a researcher has found.

One in six churchgoing adults said in a Barna Research Group poll released at a recent music conference that they would change services or churches over music issues. But the vast majority—76 percent—said if the music changed, they could live with it.

"I know there are some churches that have these struggles, but I think analytically all of that has been blown out of proportion," said pollster George Barna in an interview. "I don't think it's nearly as widespread as we've been led to believe."

Though there is clearly a divide over whether certain kinds of music have enough "spiritual depth," Barna and experts who have recently hosted conferences on Christian music and worship say the overarching problem is not so much a conflict over music styles but a misunderstanding about the meaning of worship.

"Most people think that wor-



Worship WITHOUT Warfare

ship is something that we do for ourselves, not something that we do for God, which no matter how you define worship, that's kind of an oxymoron right there," Barna said.

His research group found that about half of Protestant churches use traditional worship music elements—including hymns, choir or organ. Almost as many use blended worship music, incorporating two or more music styles in a service, and about one-fourth use rock or other contemporary Christian music.

Randall Bradley, professor of

church music and director of Baylor University's Center for Christian Music Studies, said the results of the poll, commissioned by a symposium held at his school Oct. 7-9, should encourage music leaders to foster education about worship.

Jim Cordell, who organized the Kentucky Baptist Convention's recent Church Health Summit on worship, agreed.

"I think the reason church leaders are frustrated today is they have attending their congregations members that from one Sunday to the next have had absolutely no walk with the Lord—no Bible study, no prayer, no ministry, no witness," he said. "And then they come wanting the staff to induce from the outside ... celebrative worship when in reality worship is not just an event, it's a relationship."

The summit in Bowling Green and the Texas conference highlighted the range of music that can be used within Sunday worship services.

At the Baylor symposium, established by Billy Ray Hearn, president and CEO of EMI Christian Music Group, more than 500 participants ranging from church organists to contemporary Christian musicians to academics gathered at Baylor to talk about bridging divides in the world of religious music.

□ See Survey finds ..., page 14

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Annuity Board introduces new medical plan

DALLAS (BP)—In the midst of a national health care crisis, the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will offer a new lower cost comprehensive medical plan level in 2003, according to Doug Day, the board's executive officer for benefit services.

The Annuity Board also will implement new provider networks and add a well baby care benefit to all levels of the plan.

More than 28,000 Southern Baptist ministers and denominational workers and their families participate in Annuity Board medical plans.

With the addition of the new comprehensive medical plan option, the Annuity Board will offer four comprehensive medical plan levels in addition to HMO plans available in certain areas. The new Level Four plan costs about 45 percent less than the Level One plan and has a higher deductible, copay amounts and out-of-pocket maximums.

Missionaries refuse to sign 2000 BF&M, face dismissal

By Charlie Warren
Arkansas Baptist News

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (ABP)—A missionary couple has been told their service with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board will end unless they affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message.

Rick and Nancy Dill, missionaries to Germany for more than 20 years, said they learned Oct. 10 that their employment with the IMB would end at the close of a stateside assignment next May.

"It is no longer possible for missionaries—regardless of their service record—to serve with the IMB if they are not willing to prove, through the signing of the document, their 'doctrinal accountability' to Southern Baptists as represented at the 2001 Southern Baptist Convention meeting," Rick Dill said in a letter mailed to several state Baptist papers. "So ends our 20 years of service with the IMB."

"I don't feel comfortable signing a fallible man-written document as the statement of my faith," said Dill, who currently is serving with his wife as missionaries in residence at Ouachita Baptist University.

IMB President Jerry Rankin asked current missionaries in January to affirm recent revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message or note areas of disagreement. While missionaries aren't required to agree with every detail of the faith statement, Rankin also asked them to sign a pledge saying they would carry out their work in accordance with and not contrary to the faith statement.

But the Dills, who in 1992 were the first Southern Baptists to move into the former East Germany following the fall of the Berlin Wall, said they object to being asked to teach positions that they believe are unbiblical.

"Our conscience will not allow us to sign a document saying that we will teach something that does not reflect

Couple cites concerns over revised statement

Rick and Nancy Dill, Southern Baptist missionaries to Germany, face dismissal for refusing to affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message statement. The Dills say concerns they have about the revised statement include:

■ *Removing a phrase from a 1963 version of the document saying, "The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ."* Defenders of the change said that some people have misused those words to question biblical authority.

"The center of our faith is Jesus Christ—God who became man, born of a virgin, crucified as atonement for our sin, raised on the third day, ascended to the right hand of the Father," Dill wrote. "All scripture comes from Him and can only be understood through Him."

the truth of God's Word," Dill said in his letter. "Of course, this is the reason that Baptists have always refused to sign creeds (and actions of the IMB are definitely creedal). Our authority is the Bible and no man-written document."

Avery Willis, the IMB's senior vice president for overseas operations, said the Dills have not been fired and that he hopes they will change their mind about refusing to affirm the Baptist Faith and Message.

"Southern Baptists ... deserve to know that their missionaries serve in sympathy with the deeply held convictions they have expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message," Willis said in a written statement.

Dill said he wrote his open letter because he feared people might otherwise assume he and his wife are liberal. "We are not heretics," he said. "We are conservative Christians. We are Baptists. We are Southern Baptists. We have served faithfully on a foreign field for over 20 years and want to continue that service for an-

■ *Using the expression "priesthood of believers" in place of "priesthood of the believer."*

"The authors of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 seem to mistrust or minimize the importance of the personal experience of the individual believer and his personal responsibility before God," Dill said.

■ *The role of women in marriage.* Dill said he believes Ephesians 5:21 teaches mutual submission of husbands and wives, rather than wifely submission as described in the Baptist Faith and Message article on the family. "It is perversion of the marriage relationship to reduce it to a question of power and control," he said.

■ *The role of women in the church.* "While both men and women are gifted for service in the

church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture," says the Baptist Faith and Message.

Dill said that doesn't belong in a confession of faith because "it is not central to the question of faith or orthodoxy." He also said he could find no "clear scriptural basis for denying women any office of service in the church."

Dill said he particularly doesn't understand why the Southern Baptist International Mission Board would oppose female pastors and at the same time say a growing missionary calling for women is "church planter."

"Church planters are pastors," he said. "How can we deny that God calls women to pastor and at the same time send them out all over the world to serve in that capacity?"

issue of your faithful and effective service or your adherence to doctrinal positions stated when you were appointed."

"You are now serving in the 21st century, and it is important to recognize and support the organization and positions of the denomination with whom you serve, even if there are some areas of personal disagreement."

Dill said he was told that personal disagreements noted by missionaries aren't even forwarded to IMB headquarters; just the signed statement that they will work within confines of the Baptist Faith and Message.

"In other words, you can believe whatever you want. It doesn't really matter, just so you sign," Dill said. "We must as Southern Baptists maintain doctrinal integrity and the truth of Scripture, but that's different from saying, 'Sign it now.' It's almost like they don't care what you believe just so you sign it—which leads me to believe that the whole issue is not doctrine at all. It's adherence to a political party."

Mohler unveils administrative restructuring

LOUISVILLE (BP)—A major administrative restructuring and additional campus parking were among items addressed during Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees meeting Oct. 15.

The board, meeting in the new Rice-Judson Conference Center for the first time, listened as President Al Mohler told about a major restructuring of the administration that began during the summer. The administration was reorganized so that all offices are under one of three divisions. Each division is headed by a senior vice president.

Daniel Akin is senior vice president of academic administration, which includes all the academic schools. Doug Walker is senior vice president of institutional relations, which encompasses such functions as fundraising and communications. T.J. McGlothlin is senior vice president of institutional administration, which takes care of the seminary's finances and facilities.

The change also included the phys-

ical location of the offices inside Norton Hall. Three school offices are being relocated, as are the offices of student services and communications. Eventually, the president's office also will be relocated within Norton Hall.

Mohler said the changes will make the campus more student-friendly. Students will be able to go to one location in Norton Hall and have their questions answered or problems addressed.

"It was clear that students, in taking care of the things students have to take care of, were being sent too many places on the campus," Mohler said. "The first floor of Norton Hall is going to become student central."

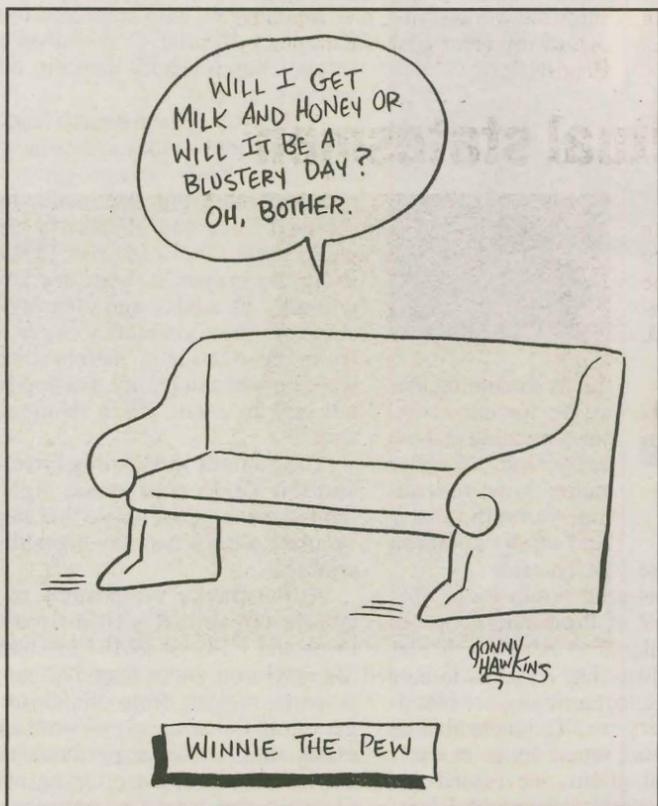
Mohler also detailed needs that have developed because of recent growth at the seminary. One of those is parking, which has been limited this fall as enrollment has grown to more than 2,400 students. That figure includes more than 500 Boyce College students—an increase of approximately 100 Boyce students over the previous year.

Prior to the meeting, the trustees' financial board already had approved \$56,000 in funding for an additional 100 parking spaces. The seminary currently has 1,562 parking spaces—100 of which are being occupied because of various construction projects. When all construction is complete, the seminary will have nearly 1,800 parking spaces.

Trustees also heard an update on the Grinstead South apartments currently under construction. While the project is not yet complete, some of the units are finished and occupied.

In other business, trustees approved an additional \$300,000 for the Rice-Judson Conference Center. The additional funds were needed because of unforeseen complications in the renovation of the aged buildings.

Mohler said teams from the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the campus this fall. The seminary is undergoing a self-study that takes place every 10 years in order to maintain accreditation.



KBC nominee gains moderate, conservative support

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

WILLIAMSBURG—With the 2002 Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting three weeks away, Pikeville pastor Paul Badgett is emerging as a consensus candidate for the KBC presidency.

Badgett, an unsuccessful conservative presidential nominee three years ago, has gained the support of moderate and conservative leaders this time around.

While Badgett is the only announced presidential candidate, any registered messenger can nominate someone at the annual meeting Nov. 12-13 in Williamsburg. If no other presidential candidates are nominated, it will mark the first time in more than a decade that KBC messengers have elected a president by acclamation.

Herb Booth, chairman of the moderate Mainstream Baptists of Kentucky, affirmed his group's support of Badgett last week. "We didn't start there," he said. "It seems that everything we did, every road we took still led to Paul. He seems to be one who has a sense of fairness without an agenda."

Badgett, first nominated for president in 1999, lost 408-374 to Northern Kentucky pastor Terry Wilder.

In a move of unity, Wilder appointed Badgett to the KBC's Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee. The nine-member committee presented a report last year overwhelmingly adopted by KBC messengers.

Badgett's current candidacy was announced in June by immediate past KBC President Jim McKinley.

Citing Badgett's work on the KBC study committee, McKinley said, "I believe he will portray the same spirit with all Kentucky Baptists as he did with those committee members."

In addition to Booth and McKinley, Badgett is being supported by Jerry Johnson, dean of Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary's Boyce College, and John Michael, president of the Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network. Both men have campaigned for Badgett and other conservative candidates in recent years.

"Conservative leaders three years ago in the state were supportive of Badgett," Johnson said. "We've continued to support him."

Calling this year's widespread support for Badgett "a good thing," Johnson added, "I don't think Kentucky Baptists want to elect a liberal. I think they want a conservative Kentucky Baptist. I think Paul is that."

Michael, whose political efforts prompted KBC messengers two years ago to ban distribution of campaign material at the convention, said his organization "has not officially endorsed anybody" this year for the KBC presidency.

"I do believe that most conservatives will be supportive of Paul Badgett," Michael added. He said the laymen's network is "taking a lower profile this year, in large part because we saw this consensus developing and wanted to be cooperative with it as it developed."

"I think it's exceptionally positive that both groups can find common ground around a man such as Paul," Michael said. "This is evidence we are more together than people think."

"The main thing is we're brothers in Christ," Booth remarked. "We should be able to talk to one another, to reason and dialogue."

Booth described Badgett as "genuine and authentic and reasonable and rational and fair-minded without a polarized or political agenda. He is someone we could support and happens to be who the other side is supporting."

Drawing a distinction between "support" and "endorsement," Booth added, "We don't endorse; we look for candidates we can support. Endorsement implies that this is the guy you went out and recruited. This was



Badgett

Siler is candidate for 1st vp

WILLIAMSBURG—Eugene Siler, a federal judge with the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, will be nominated next month as first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Siler is a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, the host city for the Nov. 12-13 annual meeting at Cumberland College.

Siler previously was elected KBC first vice president in 1986. A member of the Baptist Healthcare System board of directors, he formerly was a member of the KBC Executive Board and chairman of Cumberland College's board of trustees.

Herb Booth, chairman of Mainstream Baptists of Kentucky, expressed his support for Siler in a recent e-mail to Mainstream members. He noted that Siler "has been very much involved and has a deep

interest in Kentucky Baptist life."

While some people view him as a moderate in denominational life, Siler said he relates well to people across the spectrum of Kentucky Baptist life.

"I consider myself a conservative," he added. "I believe in the old traditions of Southern Baptist beliefs of separation of church and state, local church autonomy and priesthood of the believer."

Citing widespread support for presidential candidate Paul Badgett, Siler said, "I think it's a good move that he can be a consensus candidate." Badgett and Siler currently are the only announced candidates for convention office.

If elected first vice president, Siler said, "I would hope that I could help hold all the groups together. I think we have much more in common than we have not in common."

after the fact. We just got on board."

Bill Shoulta, co-chairman of Mainstream Baptists, said he hopes Badgett's candidacy "will depoliticize the annual meeting."

"Our hope is this could be a coming together of Kentucky Baptists to support individuals who do not support a particular political agenda," he said. "I hope this is the beginning of a trend."

For his part, Badgett said it "just blows my mind" to be the candidate who can bring diverse Baptist groups together.

"I don't deserve to be president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention," he said. However, "if the Lord uses me to unify us under the banner of the cross, I'm willing to be used for that purpose. If the Lord's in this, then so be it for such a time as this."

Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville since 1999, noted that "I'm a conservative but I'm not mad about it. I try to be my own person, but I do want to be fair.

"On both sides among the people I've talked to, neither side has made any demands of me so there's no agenda on either side," he added. "Even though there's diversity, we're still closer theologically and more unified than the outside world may think we are."

Noting that "I'm already feeling the pressure" of seeking to be fair and unifying as president, Badgett said he realizes that if he is elected, "people will be watching me."

"I will certainly make an attempt to follow the directions of God's Spirit and work as closely as I can with (KBC Executive Director) Dr. Bill Mackey and help keep the Kentucky Baptist ship going in the right direction.

"For the most part, I think we all agree that the world needs to have the Lord Jesus in their hearts and lives," Badgett said. "If we can unify and show the world Christ, that would be one of my great goals for Kentucky Baptists."

Campbellsville expands program in Louisville area

CAMPBELLVILLE—Campbellsville University will expand its Louisville operation from St. Matthews Baptist Church to its new location at the intersection of Bardstown Road and Breckenridge Lane beginning in January.

The Louisville center will offer an associate's degree in administrative technology and general studies; bachelor's degree programs in organizational management and pastoral ministry; and master's level courses in theology.

"We are coming to offer adult learners the opportunity to better themselves and their own marketability through Campbellsville University's expanded Louisville program," explained President Mike Carter.

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Blackaby: America needs pastors to be 'spiritual statesmen'

LEXINGTON—"One of the great tragedies of our day is that people have lost the fear of God," warned Henry Blackaby.

"When you lose the fear of God," he added, "you lose the fear of sin."

Blackaby, author of "Experiencing God," is among evangelical leaders lending his support to Anne Graham Lotz' "Just Give Me Jesus" women's revivals. He spoke at a recent pastors' rally in Lexington to help kick off Lotz' April 25-26 women's event next year in Rupp Arena.

Emphasizing that even Christians sometimes fail to have a healthy, reverent fear of God, Blackaby said, "When the people of God have no fear of sin, they become of no use to God. ... When God's people lose the fear of sin, it is utter tragedy for the nation where God has placed those leaders."

Amid the ongoing impact of Sept. 11 and the looming threat of war with

Iraq, "I sense in this critical hour that our nation stands in a frightening condition," Blackaby said.

"We already know that this year we're a totally different nation than we were last year," he noted. Citing "an incredible sense of vulnerability," he added, "I'm convinced that our nation will not be the same a year from now that it is today."

With that in mind, Blackaby asked, "How then should you and I live?"

Christian leaders should experience "a huge sense of spiritual urgency," he said. When crises occur, people have every right to turn to their spiritual leaders "and expect a word from the Lord."

"We have been marginalized because we have a track record of speaking out of our own heads and our own hearts and not from the heart of God," he told the pastors. "I have a trembling in my heart that I keep integrity with

God.

"The security of the nation does not rest in military armaments or in the intelligence system," he insisted. "The future of the nation rests with the people of God. As go the people of God, so goes every nation."

Blackaby said he believes the Sept. 11 tragedy "was God's message to His people from the Scripture saying, 'I'm beginning the process of removing My hedge of protection from America because of the condition of My people.'"

"I do not know of a time in our history where there is so much sin in the lives of God's people and the leaders are afraid to deal with it because it will affect their income and affect their attendance," he said. "We hold the key to the survival of America. It's called revival. Revival is when the people of God suddenly recognize we're not where we used to be, we're not where



God wants us to be and we need to return.

"The incredible need for spiritual statesmen is urgent," Blackaby said. "How we respond may determine how history unfolds."

EXPERIENCE GOD Author Henry Blackaby urged Kentucky pastors to seek God's leadership in the midst of uncertain times.

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all delivered to the
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Mission trip update

I appreciated the recent write-up the Western Recorder did highlighting our association's trip to Seattle. I have never seen such an outpouring of support for one effort in my 25 years of being a Christian. However, one important part of the story was missed.

We had a fourth project headed by another pastor, Tim Franklin of Hopewell Baptist Church. Tim felt called to lead a team doing evangelism. The result of his meticulous planning and the hard work of about 23 of our volunteers was a church probe/survey around First Baptist Church of Lacey, Wash. More than 1,800 homes were visited, 500 interviews/gospel presentations were conducted and 108 prospects for the church were located. One family was located for the Vietnamese church that shares the church facility. All of this was done in a day and a half.

Additionally, Tim and his group helped in the effort in Covington to distribute 1,350 "Jesus" videos door-to-door in one morning. His group also participated in the rest of the activities such as the block party, street ministry, etc. I'm sure that leaving this project out was just an oversight and I am happy to augment, for the record, the fine story that Victoria Moon wrote.

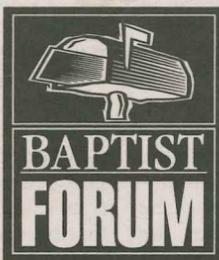
Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association has, in my view, the finest people and pastors anywhere. Of our 40 churches, 23 had 329 volunteers go on 22 mission projects in eight states and four foreign countries this year. Our total mission giving was almost \$1 million, or 20 percent of total giving. And God blessed with a 65 percent increase in reported baptisms of 372, up from 227 last year. We give God all the glory for what He has

done. Let's keep the main thing the main thing until He comes.

*Rick Reeder, director of missions
Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association*

Whose side are you on?

Your Oct. 8 editorial started by stating, "Three cheers for the U.S. House of Representatives for taking a stand last week in defense of the separation of church and state," in response to the defeat of the



"Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act." You go on to state that "reasons for the (original) regulation are obvious." Oh! Are they really?

You fail to point out that the current law silencing churches dates to 1954 and the desire of

then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson to insure his own reelection. Faced with opposition from nonprofits, Johnson introduced an amendment on the Senate floor to prohibit "political activity" by tax-exempt organizations, which includes churches. Johnson's amendment was approved without hearings or debate.

You postulate that if the rule is revoked, political operatives might begin to form congregations with the intent to tax-shelter funds to advance their political goals. We could only assume that was the case prior to 1954. No, America and her churches did just fine for 334 years without it. The law is discriminatory, however, as the IRS targets conservative pulpits while leaving liberal ones alone.

No preacher should ever have a muzzle placed on him, regardless of subject matter, by the government. The term separation of church and state is not found in the U.S. Constitution. It was found in the Constitution of the USSR. Stalin loved it.

The anti-God forces are using

this terrible unconstitutional metaphor to remove the protective banner of Christ from America. The offspring of Christ are fighting to keep it in place. Whose side are you on, Trennis?

*Chuck Estridge
Williamstown*

Editor's note: I remain firmly on the side of Southern Baptists' historic commitment to church-state separation. Thanks for asking.

Use God-given gifts

I am writing in response to Michael Barnes' Sept. 24 letter. He quotes 1 Timothy 2:12-14 to confirm his beliefs that men of God are using "Satan's tools" when they ordain a woman as a deaconess. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

In Paul's other writings, it is evident that he affirmed the role of many women in ministry. In Romans 12, Paul is very clear to show that believers are all members in one body, but we do not all have the same gifts. Christ is the Head of the body.

Paul also warned against being "high-minded." Spiritual gifts are given by God to all believers, not for self-glorification but for the edification of others to the glory of God through Jesus Christ.

The word "deacon" means "minister" or "servant." All believers should be fulfilling our roles as God's servants and ministers of the gospel.

In 1 Corinthians 3:9, Paul wrote, "We are laborers together with God." Women have an equal responsibility to be obedient to God and should be given the opportunities to use their God-given gifts.

*Delores Morrison
Olive Hill*

PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

Experience the presence of God

Participants at the Church Health Summit held recently at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green will remember the very special presence of God for a long time. For me, it was an awareness that grew throughout the four worship services and conferences.

Jim Cordell, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention church music department, provided leadership for this event. He knew going into it that success would depend upon God moving among the participants. I don't think anyone was disappointed.

The summit, with its theme "Journey Into Worship," was designed to give participants the opportunity to celebrate and learn more about worship and the various forms it takes in Kentucky churches.

Jim spent more than two years in research on this subject. During that time, he participated in worship in more than 50 churches and spent countless hours discussing worship with church staffs.

Special gratitude is due the hundreds of choir members and musicians who volunteered to help lead worship during this special event. It was obvious that they were well prepared spiritually to lead others into the presence of God.



Bill Mackey

Many thanks to the musicians from Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, led by minister of music Steve Gray; the musicians from Valley View Baptist Church in Louisville, led by Tog Goodson; the Kentucky Baptist Convention Wind Orchestra; and the Kentucky Baptist

Men's and Women's chorales.

Many thanks go as well to Kentucky pastors Craig Loscalzo of Immanuel Baptist Church and Jeff Eaton of Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg, for their messages and worship leadership. Noted author and conference leader Calvin Miller and author and pastor Martin Theilen effectively led other worship experiences with music under the able direction of Carl Stam, worship professor at

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

In addition to the worship services, a variety of seminars and workshops were held to help participants in understanding and planning worship. For instance, Calvin Miller shared how to relate the gospel to post-modern people and to cross age barriers in preaching. Tim Harris, pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church, shared how he has involved laypeople in a small church to use creative arts in worship (see page 13). There were many other workshops as well.

Many thanks to the KBC's church growth team led by Vernon Cole and to the 25 additional Kentucky Baptist convention staff members who provided support or leadership for conferences. It was gratifying to see the teamwork!

It is my prayer that every church will be very intentional and prayerful in preparation for every worship service. Let's experience the presence of God and His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit in preparation so we are ready to show the way through every element of worship.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

FAMILY

What wives need to know before they are widows

By Jeremy White

Take a casual look at the gender most present in nursing

homes, churches or senior citizens' centers. Without a formal study, you would conclude the same as more scientific

studies and statistics. Far more women than men are alive after age 65.

Husbands and wives need to acknowledge this reality and plan for it. Because the death of a spouse is an unpleasant topic to consider, many couples do not talk openly about it.

Because women likely will survive their husbands by many years, they should know several important financial details:

■ **The amount and type of your assets.** Many women let their husbands handle the family finances and never have any idea how much they have in savings, IRAs, investments and pension benefits.

■ **The location of important documents.** These include deeds, wills, account statements, savings bonds, lockbox keys, safe combinations, tax returns and insurance policies. You and your spouse should list all bank accounts, insurance policies and account numbers; contact names and phone numbers for each; and location of key documents.

■ **The amount of Social Security benefits available to you upon your spouse's death.** Check with your local Social Security office, a recent Social Security benefits statement or the Social Security Web site at www.ssa.gov.

■ **Key advisers to consult.** Each woman should have her husband's input before she is widowed on whom she can trust for financial advice, tax advice, legal help, insurance advice and even maintenance and repairs.

■ **Amount of life insurance.**

■ **Final preferences for husband's life support choices, funeral, minister, burial location and organ donation.**

After the death of a spouse, no significant financial decision should be made during the grieving process. I agree with Larry Burkett's recommendation of waiting at least one year before making major decisions of selling property, changing investment approaches, investing insurance proceeds or moving.

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

How can churches help older adults in their faith journey?

Q: I am 16 years old and our church seems to have a negative view of our senior adults. My grandparents are very close to me and I feel disappointed when I hear what I think are putdowns. How can our church improve in this area?

Scripture is quite clear: God does not stop inviting people into 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).

Churches need to understand that the faith needs of older adults include:

■ **Knowing that God loves older people.** Living in a society that devalues old age, older adults might grow to believe that God no longer loves them. They need to know and claim God's love.

■ **Experiencing a church that cares about older adults as individuals and as a group.** We must be careful of the language we use in church. If older adults hear only about the importance of children and young people from pulpit and pew, they might begin to devalue their own worth and believe that they have no purpose.

■ **Having a vital part of the church by making significant contributions to its ministry.** While the church needs and appreciates the financial contributions made by older adults, it also must equip and empower them for living out their Christian discipleship in other significant ways, even when health and physical strength decline. Enabling them to identify and develop their spiritual gifts is not only essential for their well-being, it is vital for the church and community.

■ **Serving as mentors and role models.** Successful aging involves opportunities for older adults to give back to future generations. This involves sharing their faith, knowledge, experience and resources with others. The church is one of the few institutions where intergenerational opportunities can occur. Yet intergenerational ministry often is not planned or carried out. As a result, children are not exposed to the faith and wisdom of older adults; and older adults are not experiencing the energy, creativity and enthusiasm of young people.—*Jon Rainbow*

Q: How do we deal with sibling rivalry between our teenage sons?

From Cain and Abel to Joseph and his brothers, history is filled with stories of sibling rivalry. While it is unrealistic to imagine that this will ever be eliminated, parents can either help or make things worse.

First, be aware of your tendency to over-identify with one child. It might be because of their physical looks, their temperament or their place in the birth order. Be careful that you don't show favoritism due to this over-identification.

In cases where you see sibling rivalry, make certain to spend extra time with each child. Concentrate on each parent spending time with the child you feel is least like you. What would have happened had Isaac spent more time with Jacob and Rebekah spent more time with Esau? (Genesis 27).

Don't allow gender differences in families to keep fathers and daughters or mothers and sons from relating. Dads need to go shopping. Moms need to go to monster truck rallies.

It is important to realize that you don't have to mediate every sibling difference. Unless there is real danger, refrain from jumping in to prematurely settle every difference.

Finally, help your children understand that each is special and gifted. Encourage them to try different activities and find ways to affirm them for their giftedness—even if they are different from you.—*Scott Wigginton*

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



Is bluegrass really greener in Kentucky?

Unity. Cooperation. Brotherhood. Whatever words you choose to describe it, that is the spirit Kentucky Baptists typically espouse as an ideal goal in denominational life.

Reality does not always match the ideal, however, as political differences often divide many Baptists this time of year. As an example, every Kentucky Baptist Convention presidential election for the past decade has featured at least two candidates—and sometimes as many as three or four—often representing differing views on the Baptist political spectrum. Not since 1991 has a KBC presidential nominee been elected by acclamation.

That trend is about to change if influential conservative and moderate leaders have their way. Paul Badgett, a conservative candidate who lost the KBC presidential election three years ago, will be nominated next month by former KBC President Jim McKinley, a self-described "middle-of-the-roader."

But that's not all. Leaders of groups as diverse as the conservative Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network and the moderate Mainstream Baptists of Kentucky have voiced their support for Badgett. And leaders throughout the commonwealth are talking about the common ground shared by the majority of Kentucky Baptists. Consider these examples:

■ **Herb Booth, chairman of Mainstream Baptists of Kentucky:** "We ought to get together and talk to each other. Unfortunately, we've been all too polarized. ... Maybe God is leading us here just to show us it can be done."

■ **John Michael, president of Kentucky Baptist Laymen's Network:** "I think it's exceptionally positive that both groups can find common ground. ... I think most Kentucky Baptists are more together on more issues than most people realize."

■ **KBC presidential candidate Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville:** "The Lord prayed in John 17 that we would be unified. I think the majority of Kentucky Baptists can find a lot of common ground, especially when it comes to the gospel. ... I think theologically we're remarkably close."

Such comments are strikingly different from politically-charged rhetoric tossed around in recent years. The conciliatory climate in Kentucky Baptist circles also stands in sharp contrast to convention conflict in such states as Missouri, Texas and Virginia where historic Baptist conventions have splintered into competing organizations.

This year's election process isn't the first indication of Kentucky Baptists' commitment to the greater good.

After being elected president over Badgett in 1999, Terry Wilder appointed Badgett the next year to the KBC's pivotal Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee. Wilder, pastor of Burlington Baptist Church, said his goal was "to be sensitive to the differing opinions in the state and be as fair in representing Kentucky as I can."

The study committee's report, overwhelmingly approved last year by KBC messengers, also is a tribute to Kentucky Baptist cooperation. Committee chairman Charles Barnes, also a former KBC president, said the committee sought to focus on "what's best for Kentucky Baptist work."

KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey's positive, consistent leadership and the state convention's current "100 Days of Prayer" emphasis are other examples of the KBC's commitment to Kingdom priorities.

As Kentucky Baptists model Christ-honoring cooperation, perhaps the KBC can show that when it comes to Christian unity, the bluegrass really is greener in Kentucky.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Christian citizenship and the role of dissent

By David Gushee

JACKSON, Tenn. (RNS)—I was among Christian friends recently when someone said, "All the naysayers who don't support President Bush's plan to attack Iraq should just shut their mouths. It's time for all of us to rally around our president."

This is a very widely held opinion, at least in my world. It is also dead wrong. It marks a complete misunderstanding of the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy—and of Christian discipleship.

I am not now speaking of the substance of the issue. Christians can agree or disagree about whether a U.S. attack on Iraq would be morally justifiable. My concern here, though, is about the overall posture of Christian citizens in relation to current issues and political leaders.

My friend describes those who dissent on current Iraq policy as "naysayers." A naysayer, by definition, is someone who says no; the term also connotes a general stance of refusing to offer support. My interlocutor was claiming, therefore, that it is morally wrong to say no to the president or to his policies. Instead, dissenters should swallow their concerns and offer public support to the administration.

It is interesting that many of those articulating such a view these days

would not have made the same statement about our last chief executive, Bill Clinton. They routinely criticized the 42nd president's personal behavior, political convictions and government policies. They did in fact function as "naysayers" in that context, and thus must not believe that Christian citizens in all circumstances must offer public support to whatever administration happens to be in power.

I was one of those critics. I called for Bill Clinton's resignation just after it was revealed that he had been involved with Monica Lewinsky and lied under oath about his tawdry affair. I criticized many of his policies, while supporting others that I believed merited it.

The same standard should apply to any government leader. Loyal citizenship should not require uncritical support for anyone's policies. It should not require swallowing objections and rallying around the current leader just because he is the current leader—or just because our nation lives in an insecure and dangerous world.

Our nation's founders knew this. They knew that no person is infallible or incorruptible. They created a political system that did not just permit but encouraged, even required, vigorous critical thinking and the freedom to dissent. They believed that such public argumentation would lead to bet-

ter decisions, not worse.

Thus it is absolutely clear that critical thinking, vigorous debate and the freedom to dissent should be supported by Christians as citizens. But I think it is also clear that these practices should be supported by Christians precisely as Christians, on directly biblical grounds.

The biblical prophets need more Christian attention. Prophets were God-called and God-anointed national critics in ancient Israel. They went right into palaces and temples and told princes and priests exactly how they were violating God's will, and the price that would be paid in divine judgment. Their scathing indictments of the status quo often landed them in serious trouble. And yet the nation knew that prophets, however unsettling, were a gift from God.

Jesus stood in the tradition of the prophets. He too offered prophetic indictments of political and religious leaders and their actions. Christians bear the name of the One who paid for this prophetic ministry with His life. We dare not forget the prophetic dimension of His ministry and of the Bible as a whole.

Critical thinking, vigorous debate and public dissent when dissent is needed are not disloyal or morally wrong but instead fundamental moral responsibilities of every citizen and every Christian.

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COMMENTARY

Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

Top 100 churches in total gifts to KBC

This report lists the top 100 congregations in total contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2002. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, resident membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

1 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,777, \$448,003.11, \$161.33	26 Pikeville First, Paul R. Badgett, 1,001, \$123,096.36, \$122.97	50 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,064, \$86,873.72, \$81.65	76 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 275, \$60,961.12, \$221.68
2 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,153, \$363,693.95, \$168.92	27 Bowling Green First, Mark Edward Hopper, 1,349, \$122,679.06, \$90.94	51 London First, Terry T. Lester, 843, \$82,582.72, \$97.96	77 Williamstown, Stephen C. Rice, 478, \$60,443.68, \$126.45
3 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Scott Kilgore, 1,798, \$361,385.46, \$200.99	28 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 956, \$122,062.35, \$127.68	52 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 505, \$81,149.43, \$160.69	78 Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 1,174, \$60,430.01, \$51.47
4 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,030, \$338,970.16, \$166.98	29 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,208, \$121,957.61, \$100.96	53 Kings, Mt Washington, Michael W. Hail, 766, \$81,005.75, \$105.75	79 High Street, Somerset, 801, \$60,204.41, \$75.16
5 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,015, \$312,212.11, \$154.94	30 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 674, \$121,822.02, \$180.74	54 Mount Washington First, 1,409, \$80,685.04, \$57.26	80 Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 554, \$59,874.56, \$108.08
6 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,752, \$301,474.89, \$109.55	31 Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,647, \$120,713.84, \$73.29	55 St Matthews, Louisville, D. Leslie Hollon, 1,513, \$80,397.02, \$53.14	81 Little Flock, Shepherdsville, Ronald H. Shaver, 2,944, \$59,708.85, \$20.28
7 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,345, \$300,290.05, \$223.26	32 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 783, \$118,466.68, \$151.30	56 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 554, \$79,675.21, \$143.82	82 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 236, \$59,656.92, \$252.78
8 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,540, \$230,020.17, \$149.36	33 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 1,108, \$116,253.40, \$104.92	57 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 778, \$78,680.78, \$101.13	83 Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, Kenneth A. Stone, 546, \$59,466.81, \$108.91
9 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,298, \$227,174.94, \$42.88	34 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 679, \$112,699.28, \$165.98	58 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, 1,066, \$78,614.73, \$73.75	84 Parkland, Louisville, Thomas T. Curry, 880, \$59,085.06, \$67.14
10 Murray First, Wendell W. Ray, 1,249, \$191,572.74, \$153.38	35 Erlanger, Tom Townsend, 1,674, \$112,101.28, \$66.97	59 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 580, \$77,893.12, \$134.30	85 Rineyville, Isaac B. McDonald, 628, \$58,966.33, \$93.90
11 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Dan Summerlin, 2,198, \$185,763.99, \$84.52	36 Calvary, Lexington, Robert Gayle Baker, 1,673, \$109,102.12, \$65.21	60 Walnut Street, Louisville, 3,776, \$75,020.76, \$19.87	86 Elkton, Jerry Lee Tracey, 750, \$58,886.60, \$78.52
12 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,096, \$179,645.75, \$163.91	37 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H. Jackson Sr., 1,079, \$107,780.73, \$99.89	61 Lancaster, Barry M. Jeffries, 774, \$74,415.76, \$96.14	87 Immanuel, Corbin, Jim Leftwich, 970, \$58,270.66, \$60.07
13 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 595, \$161,666.86, \$271.71	38 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 699, \$107,575.83, \$153.90	62 Russell Springs First, William Ramage, 705, \$74,221.35, \$105.28	88 Greenville First, 492, \$58,036.74, \$117.96
14 Campbellsville, Claude Alexander, 1,620, \$160,487.76, \$99.07	39 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 995, \$106,982.26, \$107.52	63 Cadiz, 645, \$73,086.64, \$113.31	89 Earlington First, David Louis Simpson, 367, \$57,788.63, \$157.46
15 Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, 1,649, \$158,119.23, \$95.89	40 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R. Hussung, 997, \$104,948.78, \$105.26	64 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 780, \$71,625.38, \$91.83	90 Paintsville First, Donnie B. Patrick, 645, \$57,564.94, \$89.25
16 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,409, \$155,764.38, \$110.55	41 Rose Hill, Ashland, 1,314, \$104,802.35, \$79.76	65 Franklin First, Robert Lee Sutton, 751, \$69,779.51, \$92.92	91 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 330, \$56,948.18, \$172.57
17 Central, Corbin, Darren Gaddis, 1,156, \$151,492.05, \$131.05	42 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,404, \$103,823.40, \$73.95	66 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 521, \$68,299.33, \$131.09	92 Morganfield First, Mark Kevin Galloway, 598, \$56,792.90, \$94.97
18 Shively, Louisville, 1,883, \$150,132.78, \$79.73	43 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 850, \$103,625.48, \$121.91	67 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,021, \$68,100.52, \$66.70	93 Lexington Avenue, Danville, Thomas S. Valentine, 646, \$55,649.90, \$86.15
19 Henderson First, Todd A. Linn, 1,217, \$149,463.24, \$122.81	44 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 482, \$102,944.76, \$213.58	68 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,100, \$67,323.73, \$61.20	94 Hardin, Ricky Wayne Cunningham, 1,245, \$55,642.30, \$44.69
20 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,395, \$148,206.97, \$106.24	45 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 794, \$98,657.10, \$124.25	69 Lewisport, Curtis Barnes, 745, \$66,297.30, \$88.99	95 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 503, \$54,762.24, \$108.87
21 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,366, \$145,331.45, \$106.39	46 Mayfield First, Bob J. Swift, 925, \$97,339.85, \$105.23	70 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 540, \$65,771.27, \$121.80	96 Edgewood, Hopkinsville, Nicholas W. Sandefur, 802, \$54,706.27, \$68.21
22 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,001, \$143,487.29, \$143.34	47 Madisonville First, Joe Leonard, 1,546, \$93,148.89, \$60.25	71 Russellville Second, Ronald G. Wells, 776, \$65,056.09, \$83.84	97 Benton First, Don T. Wilson, 535, \$54,351.37, \$101.59
23 Unity, Ashland, Floyd A. Paris, 860, \$128,908.03, \$149.89	48 Greenville Second, H. Ray England, 723, \$90,888.71, \$125.71	72 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,060, \$63,942.54, \$60.32	98 Main Street, Williamsburg, 540, \$54,287.70, \$100.53
24 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,237, \$128,221.94, \$103.66	49 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 641, \$89,685.41, \$139.91	73 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 578, \$63,642.64, \$110.11	99 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 403, \$54,061.25, \$134.15
25 Crestwood, Troy D. Dobbs, 1,433, \$124,434.92, \$86.84		74 Hardinsburg, James Michael Akridge, 486, \$63,464.19, \$130.58	100 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 554, \$53,733.45, \$96.99

Top 100 churches in Cooperative Program gifts

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1 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,777, \$401,827.90, \$144.70	25 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 674, \$96,926.39, \$143.81	49 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 580, \$65,699.57, \$113.28	75 Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 1,060, \$48,146.74, \$45.42
2 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Scott Kilgore, 1,798, \$320,787.93, \$178.41	26 Shively, Louisville, 1,883, \$96,487.00, \$51.24	50 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 505, \$65,560.23, \$129.82	76 Cold Spring First, Larry J. Davis, 1,174, \$47,761.00, \$40.68
3 Paducah First, John Kevin McCallon, 2,752, \$268,366.02, \$97.52	27 Westport Road, Louisville, C. Michael Gilmore, 1,647, \$92,298.38, \$56.04	51 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 554, \$64,512.21, \$116.45	77 Edgewood, Nicholasville, Jim Lyons, 791, \$47,225.56, \$59.70
4 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,153, \$265,560.52, \$123.34	28 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 699, \$91,591.09, \$131.03	52 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, 1,066, \$61,358.18, \$57.56	78 Hardin, Ricky Wayne Cunningham, 1,245, \$46,843.00, \$37.62
5 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,030, \$263,335.42, \$129.72	29 Versailles, John F. Brandon, 995, \$87,012.36, \$87.45	53 Greenville Second, H. Ray England, 723, \$61,011.03, \$84.39	79 Morganfield First, Mark Kevin Galloway, 598, \$46,630.64, \$77.98
6 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,345, \$250,598.42, \$186.32	30 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 794, \$85,365.59, \$107.51	54 London First, Terry T. Lester, 843, \$59,515.01, \$70.60	80 Franklin First, Robert Lee Sutton, 751, \$46,572.58, \$62.01
7 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,015, \$236,841.69, \$117.54	31 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H. Jackson Sr., 1,079, \$84,385.00, \$78.21	55 Lewisport, Curtis Barnes, 745, \$58,962.87, \$79.14	81 Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes, 554, \$46,429.52, \$83.81
8 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,540, \$170,215.73, \$110.53	32 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,404, \$84,021.40, \$59.84	56 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,100, \$57,887.81, \$52.63	82 Northside, Mayfield, Robert Neal Johnson, 1,178, \$45,953.62, \$39.01
9 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,409, \$153,262.63, \$108.77	33 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 679, \$83,434.09, \$122.88	57 Fulton First, Jack Acree, 780, \$57,143.01, \$73.26	83 Paris First, Donald Gary Reed, 555, \$45,812.92, \$82.55
10 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,298, \$151,333.28, \$28.56	34 Erlanger, Tom Townsend, 1,674, \$83,075.07, \$49.63	58 Immanuel, Corbin, Jim Leftwich, 970, \$56,905.66, \$58.67	84 Walnut Street, Louisville, 3,776, \$45,361.57, \$12.01
11 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 595, \$143,834.71, \$241.74	35 Princeton First, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,208, \$78,576.18, \$65.05	59 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 521, \$56,489.34, \$108.42	85 Berea, Kevin Slempp, 992, \$45,187.88, \$45.55
12 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Dan Summerlin, 2,198, \$142,126.54, \$64.66	36 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R. Hussung, 997, \$78,233.72, \$78.47	60 Russellville Second, Ronald G. Wells, 776, \$55,729.45, \$71.82	86 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence T. Lewis, 1,132, \$44,255.54, \$39.10
13 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,096, \$142,108.97, \$129.66	37 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 482, \$78,079.38, \$161.99	61 Hardinsburg, James Michael Akridge, 486, \$54,419.97, \$111.98	87 Elkton, Jerry Lee Tracey, 750, \$44,121.28, \$58.83
14 Murray First, Wendell W. Ray, 1,249, \$139,482.29, \$111.68	38 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 850, \$77,885.00, \$91.63	62 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 578, \$54,396.96, \$94.11	88 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 330, \$43,871.39, \$132.94
15 Henderson First, Todd A. Linn, 1,217, \$129,131.98, \$106.11	39 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 783, \$77,522.50, \$99.01	63 Cadiz, 645, \$54,338.16, \$84.25	89 Cynthia, Michael Wayne Spivey, 709, \$43,797.95, \$61.77
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17 Central, Corbin, Darren Gaddis, 1,156, \$128,388.70, \$111.06	41 Rose Hill, Ashland, 1,314, \$74,735.11, \$56.88	65 Mount Vernon First, William Edward Nation, 733, \$53,816.67, \$73.42	91 Benton First, Don T. Wilson, 535, \$43,298.81, \$80.93
18 Campbellsville, Claude Alexander, 1,620, \$114,937.98, \$70.95	42 Mayfield First, Bob J. Swift, 925, \$74,461.54, \$80.50	66 Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 554, \$52,790.92, \$95.29	92 Main Street, Williamsburg, 540, \$42,763.70, \$79.19
19 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,001, \$114,037.47, \$113.92	43 Pikeville First, Paul R. Badgett, 1,001, \$73,941.36, \$73.87	67 Williamstown, Stephen C. Rice, 478, \$52,507.68, \$109.85	93 Edgewood, Hopkinsville, Nicholas W. Sandefur, 802, \$42,678.00, \$53.21
20 Richmond First, Bill C. Fort, 1,395, \$112,271.11, \$80.48	44 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,064, \$73,856.47, \$69.41	68 Mount Washington First, 1,409, \$50,771.45, \$36.03	94 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 540, \$42,472.77, \$78.65
21 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 956, \$100,494.22, \$105.12	45 Kings, Mt Washington, Michael W. Hail, 766, \$72,580.95, \$94.75	69 High Street, Somerset, 801, \$49,107.26, \$61.31	95 Stithon, Radcliff, 765, \$42,433.20, \$55.47
22 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A. Giltner, 1,108, \$99,541.85, \$89.84	46 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 641, \$70,157.26, \$109.45	70 Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, Kenneth A. Stone, 546, \$49,037.18, \$89.81	96 Concord, Hopkinsville, Jerry Barron, 740, \$42,226.02, \$57.06
23 Eastwood, Bowling Green, Mike Lee, 1,237, \$98,572.02, \$79.69	47 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R. Hamrick, 778, \$69,800.51, \$89.72	71 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 236, \$49,001.99, \$207.64	97 Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M. Darland III, 573, \$41,781.49, \$72.92
24 Crestwood, Troy D. Dobbs, 1,433, \$98,385.15, \$68.66	48 Lancaster, Barry M. Jeffries, 774, \$66,824.35, \$86.34	72 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 403, \$48,864.36, \$121.25	98 Owensboro Third, James Byrd, 1,021, \$41,474.46, \$40.62
		73 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 503, \$48,635.00, \$96.69	99 Calhoun, Richard Sams, 451, \$41,410.50, \$91.82
		74 Thornhill, Frankfort, Steve Payne, 476, \$48,604.71, \$102.11	100 Rineyville, Isaac B. McDonald, 628, \$41,404.09, \$65.93

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1 Piney Grove, Corbin, Gregory John Farmer, 15, \$4,461.21, \$297.41	25 Old Panther Creek, Whitesville, Edward Harpole, 41, \$7,593.22, \$185.20	50 Macedonia, Manchester, Barin Bolin, 90, \$14,103.80, \$156.71	75 Falmouth, Tony Whethers, 175, \$25,129.26, \$143.60
2 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B. Bagwell, 34, \$9,922.72, \$291.84	26 New Harmony, Wheatcroft, Ronald Cowan, 21, \$3,851.15, \$183.39	51 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A. Yates, 95, \$14,856.67, \$156.39	76 Kirbyton, Bardwell, J. Mark Wilson, 49, \$7,032.38, \$143.52
3 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 595, \$161,666.86, \$271.71	27 Lusbys Mill, Owenton, Paul Briscoe, 56, \$10,173.86, \$181.68	52 Evarts, 98, \$15,268.61, \$155.80	77 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,001, \$143,487.29, \$143.34
4 Good Hope, Campbellsville, J. Alvin Hardy, 160, \$43,003.63, \$268.77	28 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 674, \$121,822.02, \$180.74	53 Hurricane, Cadiz, Michael Wade Wimberly, 220, \$34,100.50, \$155.00	78 Pinckneyville, Salem, 136, \$19,457.66, \$143.07
5 Trinity, Paducah, Kenneth A. Brown, 94, \$25,132.57, \$267.37	29 Woodland, Louisville, Michael David Sharp, 287, \$51,189.93, \$178.36	54 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,015, \$312,212.11, \$154.94	79 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, 297, \$42,431.23, \$142.87
6 Countryside, Morganfield, William S. Henderson, 27, \$6,960.38, \$257.79	30 Little River, Herndon, Earl Grace, 78, \$13,889.95, \$178.08	55 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 272, \$42,015.81, \$154.47	80 Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Kenneth D. Cummins, 275, \$38,971.09, \$141.71
7 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 236, \$59,656.92, \$252.78	31 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 213, \$37,003.60, \$173.73	56 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 699, \$107,575.83, \$153.90	81 Clay First, Jeff S. McMain, 316, \$44,630.32, \$141.24
8 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 156, \$38,072.45, \$244.05	32 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 330, \$56,948.18, \$172.57	57 Greenview, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 241, \$36,992.36, \$153.50	82 Donaldson Creek, Cadiz, Robert McIntosh, 143, \$20,127.91, \$140.75
9 Bethel, Henderson, Joel R. Breidenbaugh, 20, \$4,538.63, \$226.93	33 Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel R. Withers, 44, \$7,546.31, \$171.51	58 Murray First, Wendell W. Ray, 1,249, \$191,572.74, \$153.38	83 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 641, \$89,685.41, \$139.91
10 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 90, \$20,166.11, \$224.07	34 Olivet, Herndon, John E. Walsh, 163, \$27,853.11, \$170.88	59 Freedom, Mortons Gap, Bobby Davis, 21, \$3,219.36, \$153.30	84 Barbe, Franklin, Chris Turpin, 48, \$6,632.49, \$138.18
11 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,345, \$300,290.05, \$223.26	35 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,153, \$363,693.95, \$168.92	60 Deep Creek, Harrodsburg, Hilary Gilbert Claypool, 74, \$11,282.72, \$152.47	85 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, 275, \$37,578.79, \$136.65
12 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 275, \$60,961.12, \$221.68	36 Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, Mitchell Donohue, 78, \$13,114.84, \$168.14	61 Long Ridge, Owenton, Samuel E. Owens, 159, \$24,187.05, \$152.12	86 Sulphur Spring, Franklin, Matthew Sickling, 231, \$31,333.21, \$135.64
13 Pleasant Hill, Hopkinsville, David Whitaker, 23, \$5,024.17, \$218.44	37 Wallonia, Cadiz, Bill Clark Thomas, 155, \$25,985.46, \$167.65	62 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 783, \$118,466.68, \$151.30	87 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 580, \$77,893.12, \$134.30
14 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 482, \$102,944.76, \$213.58	38 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,030, \$338,970.16, \$166.98	63 Oak Forest, Smiths Grove, Anthony McAlister, 79, \$11,935.65, \$151.08	88 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 403, \$54,061.25, \$134.15
15 Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 205, \$43,213.63, \$210.80	39 Arlington First, Ray E. Provow, 229, \$38,160.25, \$166.64	64 Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Franklin Dee Skaggs, 92, \$13,856.29, \$150.61	89 Wesleyan, Davenport, Matthew Keith Watkins, 521, \$68,299.33, \$131.09
16 Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 125, \$25,993.78, \$207.95	40 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 679, \$112,699.28, \$165.98	65 Unity, Ashland, Floyd A. Paris, 860, \$128,908.03, \$149.89	90 Central, Corbin, Darren Gaddis, 1,156, \$151,492.05, \$131.05
17 Decoursey, Covington, Terry Dawson, 32, \$6,518.00, \$203.69	41 Harvest, Custer, Earl Harper, 12, \$1,987.00, \$165.58	66 Acorn, Somerset, David Dykes, 27, \$4,043.47, \$149.76	91 Davis Memorial, Louisville, Wesley G. Brockway, 37, \$4,846.16, \$130.98
18 Elizabethtown, J.D. Shipp, 119, \$23,930.47, \$201.10	42 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,096, \$179,645.75, \$163.91	67 Boone's Creek, Lexington, Donald E. Embry, 350, \$52,366.90, \$149.62	92 Elm Grove, Murray, Todd Buck, 254, \$33,241.65, \$130.87
19 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Scott Kilgore, 1,798, \$361,385.46, \$200.99	43 Salem, Mortons Gap, 235, \$38,346.60, \$163.18	68 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,540, \$230,020.17, \$149.36	93 Pleasant Home, Glencoe, Matthew Wayne Gullion, 125, \$16,251.00, \$130.01
20 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C. Naylor, 177, \$35,508.79, \$200.61	44 Kuttawa First, Carl B. Nelson, 265, \$42,916.59, \$161.95	69 Cedar Bluff, Princeton, J.R. Bruce, 93, \$13,772.40, \$148.09	94 Dayspring, Whitesburg, Doc Frazier, 27, \$3,473.54, \$128.65
21 Springfield, Bland Mason, 200, \$38,321.93, \$191.61	45 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,777, \$448,003.11, \$161.33	70 Hites Run, Hardinsburg, Brien Meyers, 79, \$11,664.43, \$147.65	95 Calvary, Elkton, Charles Randy Davenport, 263, \$33,659.29, \$127.98
22 Old Salem, Salem, Dennis Winn, 54, \$10,323.67, \$191.18	46 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 505, \$81,149.43, \$160.69	71 Greensburg, Steven W. James, 337, \$49,215.99, \$146.04	96 Providence, London, Dennis Rush, 208, \$26,595.67, \$127.86
23 Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey D. Elliott, 143, \$26,624.08, \$186.18	47 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 130, \$20,679.54, \$159.07	72 Salem, 245, \$35,548.94, \$145.10	97 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 956, \$122,062.35, \$127.68
24 West Providence, Mc Henry, Duncan Smith, 32, \$5,949.77, \$185.93	48 Gracey West Union, Gracey, Bradley Cornelius, 120, \$19,015.51, \$158.46	73 Jenkins First, E.J., Mullins, 81, \$11,752.72, \$145.10	98 Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 384, \$48,995.93, \$127.59

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1 Briensburg, Benton, C. Charles Brasher Jr., 595, \$143,834.71, \$241.74	26 Little River, Herndon, Earl Grace, 78, \$10,909.95, \$139.87	52 Central, Maysville, Robert M. Donovan Jr., 272, \$31,470.31, \$115.70	77 Thornhill, Frankfort, Steve Payne, 476, \$48,604.71, \$102.11
2 Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D. Morgan, 156, \$33,965.45, \$217.73	27 Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Michael J. Stacey, 213, \$29,787.78, \$139.85	53 Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 130, \$14,886.26, \$114.51	78 New Banklick, Walton, Jerry Hurley, 50, \$5,104.03, \$102.08
3 Bethel, Henderson, Joel R. Breidenbaugh, 20, \$4,334.58, \$216.73	28 Springfield, Bland Mason, 200, \$27,359.60, \$136.80	54 Falmouth, Tony Whethers, 175, \$20,019.83, \$114.40	79 Bethlehem Missionary, Barry Parker, 72, \$7,151.61, \$99.33
4 Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 236, \$49,001.99, \$207.64	29 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, 330, \$43,871.39, \$132.94	55 Lawrenceburg First, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,001, \$114,037.47, \$113.92	80 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 783, \$77,522.50, \$99.01
5 Countryside, Morganfield, William S. Henderson, 27, \$5,508.38, \$204.01	30 Olivet, Herndon, John E. Walsh, 163, \$21,531.79, \$132.10	56 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Larry W. O'Bryan, 580, \$65,699.57, \$113.28	81 New Columbus, Corinth, David Foley, 205, \$20,252.68, \$98.79
6 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 275, \$54,231.16, \$197.20	31 Central City First, Robert K. Lowery, 699, \$91,591.09, \$131.03	57 Hardinsburg, James Michael Akridge, 486, \$54,419.97, \$111.98	82 Olive, Waynesburg, Bertran Hall, 13, \$1,281.01, \$98.54
7 Somerset First, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 1,345, \$250,598.42, \$186.32	32 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 505, \$65,560.23, \$129.82	58 Murray First, Wendell W. Ray, 1,249, \$139,482.29, \$111.68	83 Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, Charles M. Pollard, 449, \$43,792.57, \$97.53
8 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Scott Kilgore, 1,798, \$320,787.93, \$178.41	33 Owensboro First, Garry Baldwin, 2,030, \$263,335.42, \$129.72	59 Central, Corbin, Darren Gaddis, 1,156, \$128,388.70, \$111.06	84 Paducah First, John Kevin McCaillon, 2,752, \$268,366.02, \$97.52
9 Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B. Bagwell, 34, \$6,053.72, \$178.05	34 Shelbyville First, Edward H. Erwin, 1,096, \$142,108.97, \$129.66	60 Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A. Yates, 95, \$10,541.50, \$110.96	85 New Work Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Michael Kent Workman, 503, \$48,635.00, \$96.69
10 New Harmony, Wheatcroft, Ronald Cowan, 21, \$3,730.03, \$177.62	35 Decoursey, Covington, Terry Dawson, 32, \$4,027.00, \$125.84	61 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 1,540, \$170,215.73, \$110.53	86 Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 66, \$6,354.00, \$96.27
11 Lusbys Mill, Owenton, Paul Briscoe, 56, \$9,436.86, \$168.52	36 Barbe, Franklin, Chris Turpin, 48, \$6,028.49, \$125.59	62 Williamstown, Stephen C. Rice, 478, \$52,507.68, \$109.85	87 Youngers Creek, Elizabethtown, Charles Frazier, 311, \$29,882.97, \$96.09
12 Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey D. Elliott, 143, \$23,651.64, \$165.40	37 Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel R. Withers, 44, \$5,490.99, \$124.80	63 Russellville First, Randall S. Neal, 641, \$70,157.26, \$109.45	88 Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 554, \$52,790.92, \$95.29
13 Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 205, \$33,549.71, \$163.66	38 West Providence, McHenry, Duncan Smith, 32, \$3,949.77, \$123.43	64 Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C. Naylor, 177, \$19,330.38, \$109.21	89 Oak Grove, Russellville, Robert F. Barnes, 354, \$33,666.02, \$95.10
14 Trinity, Paducah, Kenneth A. Brown, 94, \$15,258.51, \$162.32	39 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A. Loscalzo, 2,153, \$265,560.52, \$123.34	65 Walnut Grove, Fredonia, Kenneth D. Cummins, 275, \$29,977.14, \$109.01	90 Lynn Camp, Gray, Carl McCray, 150, \$14,226.19, \$94.84
15 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Larry Gayle Redding, 482, \$78,079.38, \$161.99	40 Dayspring, Whitesburg, Doc Frazier, 27, \$3,327.54, \$123.24	66 Hopkinsville Second, Daniel L. Ferguson, 1,409, \$153,262.63, \$108.77	91 Temple, Central City, 170, \$16,116.00, \$94.80
16 Woodland, Greenville, Estle W. Greenwalt, 125, \$20,118.78, \$160.95	41 Hopkinsville First, Rodney Travis, 679, \$83,434.09, \$122.88	67 Owenton First, Daven Keith Watkins, 521, \$56,489.34, \$108.42	92 Kings, Mt Washington, Michael W. Hail, 766, \$72,580.95, \$94.75
17 Old Salem, Dennis Winn, 54, \$8,506.77, \$157.53	42 Greenview, Florence, Robert I. Golden, 241, \$29,439.53, \$122.16	68 Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 794, \$85,365.59, \$107.51	93 Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 578, \$54,396.96, \$94.11
18 Good Hope, Campbellsville, J. Alvin Hardy, 160, \$24,291.29, \$151.82	43 Greensburg, Steven W. James, 337, \$40,991.31, \$121.64	69 Pleasant Home, Glencoe, Matthew Wayne Gullion, 125, \$13,361.77, \$106.89	94 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,366, \$128,500.97, \$94.07
19 Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 90, \$13,529.44, \$150.33	44 Eddyville First, Timothy E. Perdue, 403, \$48,864.36, \$121.25	70 Henderson First, Todd A. Linn, 1,217, \$129,131.98, \$106.11	95 Highland, Shelbyville, Gary L. Ellicessor, 401, \$37,638.58, \$93.86
20 Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, Mitchell Donohue, 78, \$11,466.65, \$147.01	45 Cedar Bluff, Princeton, J.R. Bruce, 93, \$11,218.54, \$120.63	71 Beaver Dam, Glenn D. Armstrong, 956, \$100,494.22, \$105.12	96 Lake Spring, Franklin, Jerry Ross, 134, \$12,559.03, \$93.72
21 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 2,777, \$401,827.90, \$144.70	46 Elizabethtown, J.D. Shipp, 119, \$14,075.00, \$118.28	72 Nelson Creek, Central City, Donald E. Wilkins, 125, \$13,129.93, \$105.04	97 Turner Ridge, Falmouth, 275, \$25,726.07, \$93.55
22 Barbourville First, Shane Nickell, 674, \$96,926.39, \$143.81	47 Long Ridge, Owenton, Samuel E. Owens, 159, \$18,704.50, \$117.64	73 New Bethel, Eddyville, Jeffrey Lane Devine, 90, \$9,450.53, \$105.01	98 Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville, Charles Hedrick, 400, \$36,884.88, \$92.21
23 Pleasant Hill, Hopkinsville, David Whitaker, 23, \$3,293.17, \$143.18	48 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W. Compton Jr., 2,015, \$236,841.69, \$117.54	74 Immanuel, Madisonville, 100, \$10,425.97, \$104.26	99 Northside, Almo, Brett A. Miles, 173, \$15,922.00, \$92.03
24 Piney Grove, Corbin, Gregory John Farmer, 15, \$2,144.21, \$142.95	49 Salem, Mortons Gap, 235, \$27,619.57, \$117.53	75 Victory, Providence, Henry Ramey, 223, \$23,146.60, \$103.80	100 Calhoun, Richard Sams, 451, \$41,410.50, \$91.82
25 Kuttawa First, Carl B. Nelson, 265, \$37,629.82, \$142.00	50 Clay First, Jeff S. McMain, 316, \$37,060.20, \$117.28	76 Elk Lick, Lewisburg, 297, \$30,360.33, \$102.22	
	51 Russell First, Kenneth Gowin, 554, \$64,512.21, \$116.45		

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This report is for the period Sept. 1, 2001, through Aug. 31, 2002. The first column shows the 2001 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 2002 Cooperative Program gifts. The third column (Other) shows total contributions other than Cooperative Program and includes all donations designated to one or more of the following areas: Baptist hospitals, child care, Christian education, Eliza Broadus offering, restricted KBC causes only (RKO), and SBC causes such as Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings, foreign and home mission boards and other designations. All donations shown were given through the KBC accounting services department; the report was prepared by the KBC information services department. Refer questions to the KBC accounting services department, (502) 245-4101, ext. 226.

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
ALLEN			
Bays Fork	\$4,761.46	\$4,994.70	\$1,736.00
Dover	0.00	100.00	2,018.79
Holland	1,436.68	1,454.18	450.00
Liberty	3,962.82	5,649.62	949.85
Mount Gilead	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope	2,095.40	2,169.00	1,526.36
New Middle Fork	250.00	350.00	100.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	950.00
Scottsville	22,901.44	31,666.30	8,826.04
Trammel Fork	500.00	600.00	1,162.60
White Plains	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	35,907.80	46,983.80	17,719.64

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
ANDERSON			
Allan	39,097.42	32,402.22	5,245.08
Ballard	3,265.40	2,763.96	244.00
Fellowship	540.00	901.24	1,216.07
Freedom	1,065.00	1,034.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glensboro	4,362.19	4,579.77	1,025.00
Goshen	1,006.69	1,046.00	306.15
Hope Community	52,486.37	14,567.96	291.00
Lawrenceburg First	119,555.02	114,037.47	29,449.82
Mount Pleasant	708.13	576.70	406.00
Pleasant Grove	275.00	250.00	750.00
Sand Spring	67,895.63	69,800.51	8,880.27
Tyrone	3,890.00	1,450.00	2,150.00
Van Buren	0.00	633.25	335.00
SUBTOTALS	294,146.85	244,043.08	50,298.39

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
BELL			
Bell Co Forest Camp Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Bethlehem	2,438.71	1,821.82	574.10
Binghamtown	7,000.08	7,000.08	5,469.00
Calloway	1,070.57	1,099.23	335.00
Dean Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dunlap	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Cumberland Avenue	14,344.48	14,669.00	3,145.00
East Jellico	5,567.00	5,525.00	2,558.00
First Blackmont	600.00	600.00	300.78
First Southern BC of Chenoa	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fonde	52.80	0.00	100.00
Garmeada	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gospel Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosman	2,284.40	3,042.50	485.00
Jeason	2,035.46	2,596.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	1,160.35	935.00
Moss Chapel	300.00	360.00	2,000.00
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	50.00
Mount Mary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	294.23	326.18	0.00
Northside	220.07	3,988.72	734.72
Old Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Yellow Creek	11,873.21	15,150.87	15,306.29
Pathfork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pineville First	17,152.91	17,091.38	20,617.19
Red Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	2,152.75	2,496.97	563.57
Riverview	666.11	1,980.61	1,980.61
Southside	8,213.90	7,876.12	5,198.98
Stoney Fork	365.00	330.00	100.00
Tracy Branch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tugglesville	0.00	325.00	200.00
Trinity	300.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Missionary	1,162.27	1,454.11	279.17
Wasioto	600.00	650.00	800.00
West Cumberland Avenue	767.99	941.39	1,213.54
West Pineville	5,642.84	5,019.09	800.00
SUBTOTALS	85,104.78	94,150.48	65,745.34

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BETHEL			
Adairville	22,129.13	16,095.23	4,470.31
Auburn	5,635.21	4,901.26	13,250.16
Calvary	10,203.31	12,956.21	20,703.08
Dripping Spring	25,918.58	29,787.78	7,215.82
Eastside	560.16	1,242.48	1,181.39
Elkton	44,841.64	44,121.28	14,765.32
Forest Grove	8,037.67	6,471.06	2,155.08
Grace	3,194.07	3,824.00	1,388.79
Guthrie	11,640.68	12,100.00	5,829.44
Keysburg	3,194.29	2,932.84	242.52
Middleton	9,078.24	8,751.28	1,785.23
Mount Gilead	2,046.65	0.00	1,490.00
Mount Zion	0.00	1,116.32	305.74
New Union	14,896.72	14,691.95	14,128.66
Post Oak	23,041.93	23,023.50	18,452.92
Russellville First	73,022.45	70,157.26	19,528.15
Russellville Second	52,191.20	55,729.45	9,326.64
Sharon Grove	9,104.00	9,345.00	1,923.00
Southern Heights	7,350.00	12,900.45	3,005.00
Spring Valley	1,097.26	1,296.94	800.00
Tiny Town	1,372.38	1,200.00	378.60
Trenton	18,877.50	19,671.04	9,223.86
Walnut Grove	22,162.99	20,872.91	2,086.00
Whippoorwill	7,043.55	4,652.69	965.00
Woodlawn	5,819.37	6,770.63	3,097.03
SUBTOTALS	382,458.98	384,611.56	157,697.74

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
BLACKFORD			
Blackford	29,738.96	23,579.86	1,645.70
Central	6,381.94	7,028.03	1,789.00

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
BLOOD RIVER			
Allona Missionary	16,323.84	24,215.52	9,614.91
Benton First	46,443.90	43,298.81	11,052.56
Bethel	23,522.00	26,939.03	3,600.60
Bethlehem	4,021.63	4,832.94	639.00
Blood River	3,335.36	2,980.74	1,068.73
Briensburg	138,449.66	143,834.71	17,832.15
Calvert City First	12,427.54	0.00	35,854.81
Cherry Church	9,699.54	9,786.15	2,103.00
Coldwater	600.00	600.00	221.00
Dexter	550.00	500.00	99.57
East Marshall	2,605.61	948.96	490.00
Elm Grove	28,791.91	18,211.81	15,029.84
Elva	3,717.72	2,696.29	268.00
Flint	8,940.38	10,325.20	3,960.81
Gilbertsville	13,270.14	11,903.00	2,050.00
Grace	12,264.83	6,178.72	3,520.00
Hamlet Missionary	6,160.37	6,180.51	175.70
Hazel	21,343.96	18,779.52	4,252.74
Hilltop	842.35	1,056.58	300.00
Kirksey	1,580.00	1,909.00	257.00
Lakeview	7,617.12	7,611.32	905.45
Ledbetter	1,264.67	1,267.72	501.34
Locust Grove	20,921.57	23,651.64	2,972.44
Memorial	23,994.30	25,800.24	6,429.26
Murray First	168,189.71	139,482.29	52,090.45
New Bethel	5,040.00	5,040.00	31,076.00
New Harmony	34,714.34	33,250.51	7,093.75
New Mount Carmel	2,926.41	3,109.56	1,400.00
New Providence	562.94	254.52	26.00
New Zion	10,456.65	10,145.38	2,846.00
Northside	11,766.00	15,922.00	2,776.25
Oak Grove	8,117.59	10,442.79	0.00
Olive Missionary	13,536.37	18,397.74	2,720.31
Owens Chapel	6,799.00	6,354.00	1,395.00
Pleasant Hope	1,200.00	1,800.00	0.00
Pleasant Valley	3,600.00	3,600.00	558.00
Poplar Spring	2,400.00	9,038.03	2,477.45
Salem	16,006.38	5,706.64	1,222.60
Scots Grove	4,524.21	4,745.04	3,638.00
Sharpe Missionary	13,590.00	14,824.00	2,614.00
Sinking Spring	5,000.00	6,500.00	1,443.00
South Marshall	240.00	240.00	62.00
Spring Creek	3,500.00	3,500.00	987.00
Sugar Creek	800.00	800.00	249.42
Symsonia	12,047.61	14,655.42	2,498.72
Union Ridge	5,914.00	6,008.76	3,514.47
Vanzora	7,806.57	8,086.00	3,295.08
Walnut Street	2,069.27	2,483.01	312.05
West Fork	5,252.58	3,866.35	1,948.00
Westside	21,844.37	21,257.36	29,494.65
Zions Cause	8,123.52	6,062.31	2,379.15
SUBTOTALS	784,735.92	749,080.12	281,386.26

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
BOONES CREEK			
Allansville	11,326.15	11,610.49	9,359.98
Beech Grove	1,801.43	2,751.17	238.91
Boone's Creek	29,747.18	29,634.74	22,732.16
Calvary	12,083.96	13,857.15	3,208.00
Central	158,463.57	170,215.73	59,804.44
Clay City	1,803.45	2,116.00	1,761.00
Corinth	2,232.86	9,891.19	3,029.55
Cow Creek	2,865.00	4,664.00	0.00
Emmanuel	1,072.09	1,557.72	900.00
Ephesus	3,388.65	5,730.00	1,064.66
Faith	240.00	220.00	300.00
Friendship	8,284.21	8,941.11	1,652.52
Greenbriar	1,660.00	930.00	53.64
Heidelberg	408.43	191.74	224.70
Howards Mill	6,637.00	8,009.00	5,217.00
Irvine First	5,536.51	5,333.21	960.00
Ivory Hill	3,239.35	3,956.35	985.17
Jeffersonville	10,459.00	9,961.99	3,404.11
Kidville	2,225.38	2,312.27	3,449.00
Macedonia	4,704.35	4,431.20	399.79
Means	2,795.00	3,160.00	1,415.00
Mount Olive	1,052.00	1,312.00	900.00
New Harmony	587.00	482.00	915.00
New Hope	985.21	1,154.76	1,835.00
Northside	9,457.28	9,960.97	4,849.44
Panola	1,790.36	1,349.18	1,777.74
Powells Valley	2,160.92	2,104.14	1,628.05
Providence	2,975.00	3,175.48	1,731.96
Providence	4,902.00	1,800.00	1,310.67
Reid Village	6,083.00	2,763.79	4,815.00
Salem	6,840.00	6,155.00	1,392.00
Sears Mill	6,880.00	6,950.00	1,844.00
Spring Street	4,242.00	4,257.00	2,070.12
Thomas	3,151.52	3,070.13	53.97
Valley View	385.65	513.20	0.00
Williams Memorial	3,107.75	3,952.52	1,005.92
SUBTOTALS	324,482.20	348,475.23	144,688.50

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BOONEVILLE			
Big Creek	2,037.57	2,466.21	492.00
Booneville First	4,058.78	7,147.05	504.00
Calvary	1,116.32	0.00	0.00
Garnad	1,786.00	2,012.00	984.00
Gray Fork	50.00	0.00	0.00
Horse Creek	51,581.72	29,670.55	3,632.00
Island Creek	2,094.25	4,864.65	4,607.74
Lerose	325.00	25.00	0.00
Lilly Grove	20.00	40.00	0.00
Lytleton	7,633.88	7,984.00	4,954.31
Macedonia	7,581.99	7,414.00	6,689.80
Manchester	12,534.47	17,737.85	16,111.00
New Home	2,195.54	2,152.29	772.00
New Prospect	1,129.64	1,240.11	279.00

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Pleasant Ridge	9,493.66	11,199.26	5,606.27
Red Hill	325.00	275.00	0.00
Ridgewood	1,600.70	1,715.35	448.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00	2,887.82
Sacramento	6,390.45	8,763.44	1,773.00
Seven Hills	9,358.25	0.00	2,493.53
Sorgho	10,888.28	8,516.89	2,022.25
South Hampton	8,730.46	5,626.75	2,365.00
Southeast	1,836.35	2,297.40	954.50
Stanley	1,822.46	1,674.46	100.00
Station	4,403.97	4,791.71	1,573.33
Sugar Grove	10,171.44	10,493.84	8,108.28
Utica	11,186.67	13,901.24	2,984.90
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walnut Memorial	15,779.73	16,900.80	2,394.65
Whitesville	3,700.00	3,600.00	3,083.46
Wing Avenue	5,194.00	5,453.00	1,966.50
Yellow Creek	60,137.88	73,856.47	13,017.25
Yelvington	6,928.13	7,290.06	873.72
SUBTOTALS	1,089,808.88	1,060,682.58	315,821.57

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
EAST LYNN			
Allendale	0.00	0.00	250.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corinth Missionary	600.00	600.00	2,790.80
Holly Grove	5,558.03	6,110.66	0.00
Liberty	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Camel	0.00	0.00	628.00
Mount Washington	1,622.31	1,083.75	3,170.00
New Bethlehem	0.00	70.00	40.00
Rothling Fork	600.00	0.00	0.00
South Summersville	3,101.96	4,110.60	0.00
Union Band	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whickerville	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	11,622.30	12,575.01	6,878.80

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
EAST UNION			
Big Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Black Oak	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emlyn	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kensee	891.10	1,137.13	0.00
Little Poplar	0.00	0.00	0.00
Louden	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Buffalo	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Poplar Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	891.10	1,137.13	0.00

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
ELKHORN			
Anchor	4,500.00	6,400.00	3,033.00
Andover	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ashland Avenue	27,990.55	17,060.28	21,007.91
Beckerville	346.85	495.10	35.00
Broadway	36,813.68	20,806.39	8,941.00
Brookside	5,559.04	4,799.79	1,654.71
Calvary	21,365.01	23,035.84	86,066.28
Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cane Run	8,933.68	8,330.02	3,999.53
Central	180.00	0.00	0.00
Central	25,732.85	23,944.76	13,887.38
Chey Chase	19,864.20	14,935.68	17,083.13
Clear Creek	5,861.83	5,985.40	0.00
Clover Bottom	1,500.00	1,500.00	630.00
Corbin First	2,100.00	1,200.00	12,957.00
Cornerstone	23,088.96	19,637.59	2,776.05
Crossroads	15,116.48	16,722.28	5,028.94
Davids Fork	1,516.04	466.68	150.00
Dry Run	4,480.32	3,145.99	0.00
Dubin Memorial	8,053.82	8,655.26	6,355.18
Edgewise	13,639.35	10,911.48	5,124.59
Edgewood	42,311.31	47,225.56	2,976.46
Faith	9,503.13	250.00	18,140.74
Faith Center	0.00	0.00	0.00
Faith Covenant	600.00	600.00	0.00
First Cadetown	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gano Avenue	18,359.23	0.00	0.00
Gardenside	50,047.07	33,645.56	6,836.47
Georgetown	27,427.18	27,838.85	15,492.12
Glens Creek	7,164.77	7,638.46	2,882.00
Grace	7,103.62	25,192.43	8,475.37
Great Crossing	12,422.86	10,332.21	3,827.37
Highlands	14,276.05	14,980.65	2,427.29
Hillcrest	2,000.00	5,447.00	6,569.86
Hillsboro	3,354.60	3,261.41	1,300.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	332,893.17	265,560.52	98,133.43
Immanuel Japanese Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Irishtown Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lawrenceburg Community	1,996.03	2,166.07	291.30
Lexington First	1,156.74	1,156.74	0.00
Living Word	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long Lock	732.00	3,363.00	3,517.01
Lyle Road	0.00	0.00	362.00
Main Street	0.00	7,283.33	31.95
Mallard Point	4,443.78	4,604.92	4,219.11
Midway	2,850.00	2,850.00	1,228.25
Millersburg	0.00	0.00	180.00
Millville	11,338.41	12,310.10	593.00
Morning Star	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Freedom	9,716.66	10,614.31	4,290.18
Mount Pleasant	9,082.40	6,797.41	4,884.82
Mount Sterling First	8,437.50	11,853.31	6,492.20
Mount Zion	673.10	408.02	134.85
Nada Baptist Mission	23.28	0.00	0.00
New Hope	17,861.74	21,566.78	3,328.76
Nicholasville	4,354.12	10,243.43	8,416.00
North View	21,308.86	26,477.66	7,188.50
Open Door Community	1,426.03	752.73	0.00
Palomar	7,278.91	10,873.69	5,098.92
Paris First	41,230.45	45,812.92	6,974.30
Parkway	14,795.03	16,655.01	8,740.70
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pinckard	16,670.27	19,678.64	1,761.08
Porter Memorial	396,104.36	401,827.90	46,175.21
Praise Tabernacle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rosemont	30,470.93	29,121.65	3,181.85
Royal Springs Southern	0.00	0.00	0.00
Russell Cave Road	10,412.46	3,274.85	1,199.62
Sadenville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seventh Street	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shawhan	939.00	300.00	300.00
Silas	2,835.18	3,093.92	733.00
South Elkhorn	18,831.27	16,622.65	4,372.59
Southern Heights	32,402.94	35,190.15	4,377.77
Southside	600.00	600.00	50.00
Springdale at Man O War	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stamping Ground	4,680.00	5,070.00	7,903.49
Stonewall	0.00	0.00	50.00
The Church at Tatesbrook	6,268.12	6,770.22	0.00
Trinity	4,576.66	4,583.34	2,883.20

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Versailles	90,659.88	87,012.36	19,969.90
Victory	40,609.66	33,876.39	15,119.54
White Sulphur	4,109.54	5,362.99	1,326.00
Winchester First	8,000.63	9,355.68	23,528.85
SUBTOTALS	1,583,117.59	1,487,540.36	554,693.46

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
ENTERPRISE			
Allen First	2,940.00	2,940.00	2,201.72
Benedict	1,335.19	1,194.37	0.00
Brushy Fork Missionary	1,210.00	1,200.00	937.00
Fitzpatrick First	3,318.00	4,619.00	2,934.26
Garret First	414.84	829.68	600.00
Inez First	5,460.66	4,818.53	3,106.00
Ivyton	280.00	160.00	1,125.50
Jacks Creek	324.93	743.26	0.00
Lancaster	1,888.86	2,221.17	10.00
Liberty	2,073.79	1,916.10	991.67
Licking River	900.00	900.00	1,876.58
Martin First	500.19	403.66	235.00
Mashfork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maytown First	600.00	550.00	0.00
McDowell First	5,141.11	4,380.07	948.00
Mount Beulah	1,040.00	810.00	567.56
Painville First	28,943.50	34,076.48	23,488.46
Sand Hill	0.00	0.00	109.00
Pleasant Home	900.00	934.00	0.00
Prestonsburg First	18,442.15	22,166.26	20,243.00
Salyersville First	9,489.19	8,489.39	5,500.00
Tombahawk Missionary	280.00	0.00	0.00
Topmost	300.00	300.00	395.00
Warfield Missionary	550.00	1,200.00	715.00
West Van Lear	300.00	300.00	461.00
Westwright First	258.50	432.45	100.00
SUBTOTALS	86,890.91	95,584.42	67,154.78

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
FRANKLIN			
Bellepoint	10,291.50	5,712.24	5,829.00
Bethel	2,670.50	4,787.20	3,760.00
Black Run	89,400.00	84,385.00	23,395.73
Calvary	4,462.32	6,288.18	1,219.03
Camp Pleasant	0.00	1,050.00	0.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00	2,392.52
Crestwood	61,341.69	57,887.81	9,435.92
East Frankfort	10,153.78	9,926.15	0.00
Evergreen	8,666.63	7,333.37	8,223.58
Faith	4,972.84	2,052.66	1,598.74
Farmdale	12,178.02	7,500.00	4,703.15
First Corinthian	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forks of Elkhorn	11,680.75	13,406.37	2,903.00
Frankfort First	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Hillcrest	12,510.00	11,669.92	1,865.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00	24,362.71
Lebanon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial	35,976.20	35,164.79	13,056.11
Mount Camel	0.00	0.00	1,300.00
Mount Vernon	0.00	9,666.00	0.00
North Benson	9,101.99	3,662.49	3,370.37
North Fork	2,656.01	2,263.20	2,391.59
North Frankfort	1,079.47	3,000.00	753.90
Peaks Mill	0.00	450.00	0.00
Pleasant Ridge	2,686.88	2,862.38	2,770.00
Providence	22,387.35	19,679.87	2,914.25
St John	6,023.52	6,074.23	640.00
Swallowfield	691.53	600.00	655.51
Thornhill	38,498.98	48,604.71	3,790.00
Trinity	1,200.00	550.00	520.00
Truth	190.00	0.00	0.00
Westview	1,472.56	1,080.99	26.00
SUBTOTALS	350,292.61	342,358.16	123,876.11

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FREEDOM			
Albany First	17,050.00	23,632.74	13,380.24
Branham Grove	652.00	0.00	576.00
Burkesville	8,571.30	8,477.96	3,930.84
Cave Springs	8,593.00	6,613.00	900.00
Central Grove	2,936.55	3,343.73	1,059.00
Fairland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grace Union	0.00	116.00	0.00
Green Grove Missionary	0.00	759.00	1,205.24
New Sulphur Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pikeview	2,030.00	1,815.00	100.00
Stony Point	11,774.86	11,352.32	3,351.78
SUBTOTALS	51,707.71	56,109.75	24,503.10

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GASPER RIVER			
Aberdeen	13,366.75	15,609.71	4,545.63
Barnetts Lick	2,508.50	2,519.00	150.00
Bethel	1,715.15	1,614.57	776.00
Big Muddy	1,950.00	1,950.00	2,745.00
Brooklyn	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carpe Rock	3,284.99	4,489.41	1,600.00
Chapel Union	825.36	762.92	350.00
Huntsville	0.00	600.00	3,000.00
Huntville	2,354.00	2,224.51	2,085.50
Morgantown First	15,224.85	14,451.15	6,832.67
Mount Liberty	100.00	150.00	100.00
Mount Olivet	4,491.47	3,549.26	240.00
Mount Vernon Missionary	5,156.16	3,480.00	2,088.00
New Harmony	2,053.00	2,916.00	132.29
New Liberty	1,977.47	2,012.77	1,000.00
New Midway	0.00	976.96	259.00
Pleasant Grove	380.00	440.00	269.00
Quality	1,344.43	1,036.55	776.50
Richland	5,946.39	8,962.71	4,192.90
Rochester	3,940.00	4,601.00	1,592.00
Rock Spring	1,120.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Salem	4,657.00	4,305.00	3,928.20
Sandy Creek	3,130.71	3,357.93	1,779.00
Union	5,487.44	5,262.10	1,332.26
Walnut Grove	249.77	300.00	0.00
Woodbury	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	81,263.44	86,551.15	40,333.95

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Cedar Grove	2,064.00	3,133.00	800.00	Solid Rock	0.00	150.00	288.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cherry Hill	10,228.64	9,349.32	2,769.27
Coral Hill	24,525.04	25,332.39	1,522.23	South Union	2,814.44	2,830.68	841.00	New Salem	1,083.29	917.18	405.00	Dunmor	11,818.56	10,208.78	3,872.93
Edmonton Worship Center	9,532.12	8,603.49	3,892.90	Trigg County	2,254.37	1,638.98	0.00	Ninth and O	8,000.00	16,000.00	13,878.51	East Union	10,693.24	11,345.83	1,903.98
Glasgow	47,632.15	48,146.74	15,795.80	Wallonia	3,600.00	3,900.00	22,085.46	North Oldham	667.00	518.00	0.00	Ebenezer	12,979.00	11,248.00	1,385.54
Grace Union Missionary	0.00	435.67	289.31	SUBTOTALS	220,489.88	203,444.09	144,268.90	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	75.00
Hardyville	2,046.52	1,807.00	779.71	LOGAN				Oakdale	50.00	0.00	0.00	Forest Oak	1,800.00	900.00	0.00
Haywood Missionary	5,127.86	3,617.62	1,055.00	Antioch	8,247.95	7,797.05	5,922.92	Oakland	0.00	0.00	0.00	Forest Oak	3,120.78	3,213.68	1,961.35
Horse Cave	18,305.62	20,766.83	2,913.68	Beechland	3,195.42	2,909.23	2,949.00	Okolona	0.00	0.00	322.00	Friendship	2,750.00	5,111.00	1,985.72
Inmanuel	14,353.85	17,188.08	1,379.80	Bellview	0.00	2,094.14	7,128.00	Ormsby Heights	32,077.72	30,293.08	3,187.12	Graham	4,365.00	3,704.00	589.10
Lifeway Community	50.00	0.00	0.00	Britmart	3,252.92	3,439.08	1,701.25	Parkland	35,172.91	36,571.18	22,513.88	Greenville First	19,955.41	29,002.56	29,034.18
Little Bethel	195.00	190.30	825.91	Cave Spring	6,538.02	6,164.09	0.00	Parkland Hills Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Hazel Creek	9,835.00	6,067.00	1,637.95
Lonoke	1,374.63	1,634.58	366.12	Center	3,958.90	4,172.53	1,948.05	Parkwood	14,352.42	11,988.58	4,231.31	Macedonia	1,127.45	1,148.68	0.00
Mount Taber	1,853.40	2,434.57	2,318.00	Concord	2,703.03	2,612.49	3,733.00	Penile	2,718.35	1,343.64	629.15	Martwick	1,751.09	1,000.00	400.00
New Liberty	0.00	0.00	0.00	Elk Lick	32,294.41	30,360.33	12,070.90	People of the Way Community	278.87	298.20	220.00	Mercer	1,950.22	750.00	1,046.00
Park City	6,686.01	6,285.13	2,033.15	Epley	1,484.29	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	7,649.80	6,185.79	3,884.49	Mount Pisgah	33,840.65	26,091.17	13,153.42
Pleasant Valley	8,894.37	10,350.07	2,290.01	Green Ridge	1,669.57	2,100.87	1,429.21	Plum Creek	13,038.76	15,257.43	28,877.78	Nelson Creek	9,234.55	13,129.93	1,150.00
Poplar Spring Missionary	1,100.00	1,200.00	919.00	Guptons Grove	2,093.06	2,585.98	3,369.14	Poplar Level	2,372.63	1,260.48	0.00	New Cypress	1,395.93	5,500.00	1,300.00
Rowletts	2,549.40	2,805.54	1,906.31	Liberty	14,715.00	17,010.00	8,732.00	Portland Avenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	New Harmony	14,531.00	15,021.00	4,980.00
Salem	4,248.71	4,859.86	2,166.86	Mount Pleasant	32,565.77	30,005.99	6,014.92	Prospect First	780.00	660.00	840.00	New Hebron	816.60	883.19	200.00
Shady Grove Missionary	3,315.26	4,722.84	741.96	Mount Taber Missionary	5,290.00	4,780.00	7,727.00	Ralph Avenue	43,376.62	43,871.39	13,076.79	New Hope	3,534.06	3,741.30	4,860.00
Siloam	2,750.00	0.00	3,857.57	Muddy River	0.00	0.00	0.00	Ridgeview	2,812.97	3,106.90	867.00	New Paradise	3,543.63	4,862.80	2,137.00
South Fork	3,195.88	3,165.08	4,500.00	New Cedar Grove	4,368.61	5,808.07	1,000.00	Ridgeview	119.00	106.00	1,393.00	New Prospect	950.00	900.00	1,048.00
Three Springs	659.09	563.78	0.00	New Friendship	8,800.00	9,600.00	8,392.42	Riverside	491.00	264.00	521.00	Oak Grove	5,964.29	5,249.56	1,591.40
Walnut Hill	390.00	360.00	300.00	New Hope	3,957.33	3,844.64	1,253.81	Rockford Lane	26,631.38	28,745.59	8,076.44	Penrod	6,914.37	6,247.79	4,478.80
Zion	22.50	50.00	0.00	Oak Forest	1,682.55	1,500.00	1,215.57	Rutledge Road	0.00	500.00	0.00	Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	190,855.53	220,230.84	72,719.92	Oak Grove	38,407.20	33,666.02	4,406.69	Seaton Park	0.00	0.00	300.00	Powderly	525.00	525.00	679.00
				Pleasant Hill	819.10	575.00	3,270.00	Shively	115,213.65	96,487.00	53,645.78	Riverside Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
				SUBTOTALS	176,043.13	171,025.51	82,263.88	Shively Heights	7,310.13	8,771.50	4,554.78	Roland Memorial	19,529.38	18,945.19	4,532.10
				LONG RUN				Sojourn Community Church	0.00	2,577.27	485.40	South Carrollton	3,500.17	3,680.76	425.00
				Arcade	260.00	750.00	591.50	South Jefferson	27,265.00	30,307.00	5,702.61	Temple	15,359.00	16,116.00	1,706.00
				Asbury Lane	6,837.59	6,204.32	1,333.00	South Waterson Trail	6,500.00	6,500.00	4,400.00	Unity	1,397.59	1,271.64	831.79
				Auburndale	9,142.96	7,814.59	1,560.50	Southside	3,629.00	3,736.52	1,399.75	Vernal Grove	3,388.28	4,278.10	446.00
				Audubon	0.00	0.00	4,817.00	Springdale	19,583.30	34,249.86	15,500.00	Woodland	21,828.00	20,118.78	5,875.00
				Baptist Tabernacle	2,516.86	2,522.58	777.17	St Matthews	3,562.00	3,189.00	77,208.02	Woodson	7,587.81	8,253.23	1,230.00
				Bashford Manor	1,741.08	1,097.41	77.41	Summit Hills	9,831.85	7,207.54	6,209.01	SUBTOTALS	389,835.62	387,900.39	157,678.36
				Baxter Avenue	392.16	887.05	168.00	Sunnyside	3,032.10	1,614.22	1,485.25				
				Beargrass	0.00	0.00	0.00	Taylorville First	22,658.98	20,144.58	4,849.17	NELSON			
				Beechland	26,539.31	19,366.84	3,682.91	Third Avenue	100.06	91.61	5,484.42	Bardstown	14,937.37	13,364.87	9,687.63
				Beechmont	13,970.71	13,297.85	6,523.38	Thixton Lane	3,600.00	3,410.00	2,576.39	Bardstown Junction	6,639.00	8,265.00	2,031.30
				Beechwood	21,584.30	21,711.34	12,418.00	True Light Korean Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Bethany	21,795.43	18,311.96	11,296.11	Valley Station	24,273.50	29,681.22	11,444.53	Belmont	2,068.50	2,080.00	1,070.00
				Bethel Flock	0.00	0.00	0.00	Valley View	14,938.66	20,879.94	3,900.80	Bethany	1,419.93	1,704.74	1,313.26
				Bethlehem	27,493.00	23,119.50	16,462.38	Van Buren	1,978.52	1,626.87	629.50	Bloomfield	33,724.30	30,373.74	9,357.32
				Broadway	2,250.00	1,443.47	20,315.72	Victory Memorial	11,510.63	10,968.06	1,856.63	Bullitt Lick	22,219.80	24,168.49	3,509.68
				Brooks	3,019.12	4,716.37	1,724.09	Vietnamese Baptist Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	Cedar Grove	4,169.00	5,934.00	2,319.60
				Brookview	1,947.56	2,840.45	1,544.88	Vine Street	1,893.75	1,790.46	4,700.67	Chaplin	24,528.22	19,249.98	5,758.07
				Buechel Park	954.00	0.00	8,955.05	Walnut Street	47,240.90	45,361.57	29,659.19	Chaplin Fork	3,968.15	2,969.90	760.00
				Burnett Avenue Missionary	300.00	125.00	0.00	West Broadway	29,941.61	32,419.66	8,062.63	Clemont	1,712.00	1,548.00	100.00
				Cardinal Hill	1,876.00	2,420.00	788.33	West End	0.00	0.00	0.00	Coxs Creek	11,716.58	8,548.99	1,370.10
				Carlisle Avenue	36,000.00	36,000.00	10,391.78	Westport Road	84,686.33	92,298.38	28,415.46	Eagle Heights	1,973.75	1,800.00	1,839.50
				Cedar Creek	37,504.41	39,120.00	12,801.81	Woodland	21,473.47	21,701.94	29,487.99	Eastside	648.64	450.00	477.00
				Chapel Park	5,626.37	5,482.33	6,392.51	Yorctown	660.00	780.00	1,452.70	First Cedar Creek	19,887.22	22,157.18	4,080.39
				Chenoweth Park	900.00	900.00	267.00	SUBTOTALS	1,516,151.34	1,563,619.24	880,651.61	Hobbs	300.00	0.00	1,200.00
				Clifton	5,152.17	5,069.66	6,058.04	LYNN				Immanuel	864.45	1,228.80	1,539.80
				Clifton Heights	157.02	412.30	307.58	Aetna	12,119.37	13,229.77	4,529.33	Lebanon Junction First	14,348.36	11,708.26	16,424.76
				Cloverleaf	24,722.91	34,750.28	11,672.51	Aetna Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	Little Union	4,972.78	5,769.00	1,171.00
				Cove	1,364.03	1,353.68	294.50	Bethel	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mill Creek	6,761.00	1,492.00	362.00
				Crescent Hill	1,334.50	651.26	6,951.84	Boiling Springs	4,430.02	4,697.96	400.13	Mount Cannel	1,598.34	6,032.77	1,953.00
				Davis Memorial	3,839.27	2,747.16	2,099.00	Friendship #2	880.00	960.00	120.00	Mount Eden	1,909.78	904.97	2,683.00
				Deer Park	10,432.22	8,949.76	1,864.25	Knoxes Creek	1,697.35	1,696.08	509.75	Mount Moriah	2,424.02	2,436.16	1,235.93
				East Audubon	543.00	500.00	1,243.00	Leitchfield Crossing	4,270.50	4,168.69	866.24	Mount Washington First	48,211.28	50,771.45	29,913.59
				Easton Gate	12,450.20	12,784.06	2,506.86	Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00	426.50	New Beginning	360.31	635.00	953.26
				Eastern Parkway	907.55	933.83	1,741.34	Lucas Grove	5,627.97	6,117.76	2,686.61	New Haven First	162.00	528.00	0.00
				Eastwood First	1,782.05	1,476.87	2,179.00	Mount Moriah	5,105.14	6,289.12	1,179.00	New Salem	27,213.31	27,723.79	4,552.34
				Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Olivet	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Parway	6,600.00	5,112.03	6,365.91
				Eighteenth Street	1,996.80	2,121.19	2,201.19	Mount Pisgah	2,038.88	1,698.88	90.00	Pleasant Grove	2,933.64	2,844.96	17,390.74
				Elk Creek	5,311.29	6,044.51	422.00	Mount Taber	4,800.00	6,010.00	1,345.00	River View	17,007.90	20,634.61	4,796.71
				Fairdale First	8,828.85	12,414.31	3,571.64	Munfordville	8,728.23	10,527.19	10,456.07	Rolling Fork	3,148.19	5,049.27	681.50
				Fairmount	1,461.84	2,167.16	639.80	Oak Hill	7,680.27	7,876.08	5,300.81	Shepherdsville First	3,732.45	5,666.99	15,971.76
				Farmdale	22,606.07	24,931.61	6,172.10	Pikeview	556.28	561.84	200.00	Sites Station	349.19	225.00	0.00
				Fem Creek	2,355.92	2,500.16	1,998.98	South Fork	1,586.42	1,308.85	4,420.19	Trinity	143.87	150.00	

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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
Ryans Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tannery Hollow	848.04	720.00	251.60
Twentieth Street	798.00	703.00	678.57
Watsons Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Corbin	14,361.42	14,359.00	3,174.11
White Oak Missionary	151.50	0.00	100.00
Wofford	1,574.20	1,873.38	1,751.00
Wolf Creek	514.00	808.00	818.00
Woodbine Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTALS	342,216.65	314,542.48	61,932.05

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SULPHUR FORK	0.00	200.00	985.00
Antioch	0.00	200.00	985.00
Ballardsville	6,432.47	7,252.69	28,461.29
Bedford	21,189.40	20,650.00	7,902.64
Beulah Land	427.94	525.33	0.00
Buckner	15,625.34	15,290.27	5,539.71
Centerfield	3,740.38	3,471.41	1,439.00
Corn Creek	982.56	1,202.92	3,043.23
Covington	1,853.68	1,587.94	894.00
Crestwood	105,296.62	98,385.15	26,049.77
DeHaven Memorial	66,449.78	84,021.40	19,802.00
Eighteen Mile	1,510.11	2,128.16	670.00
Harrods Creek	856.30	218.31	6,389.94
LaGrange Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liberty	1,818.02	1,599.09	365.00
Milton	2,715.45	2,700.00	2,447.25
Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	2,690.00
Providence	7,703.39	8,438.28	2,042.36
Sligo	9,919.25	11,280.46	7,195.74
Union Grove	1,019.00	829.00	1,025.00
Westport	18,853.95	18,393.02	7,235.47
SUBTOTALS	266,393.64	278,173.43	124,168.40

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TATES CREEK	51,610.13	45,187.88	7,806.40
Berea	11,911.87	9,378.08	3,296.10
Bethlehem	1,778.67	2,110.43	1,128.20
Broadway	2,063.00	2,422.00	737.00
Calvary	1,476.00	1,227.00	450.82
Clarksville	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Bethel	9,644.74	11,835.52	1,200.00
Emmanuel	5,233.13	5,304.33	3,985.41
Faith Decision	275.00	275.00	405.00
Fellowship	881.96	2,567.84	1,840.05
Freedom	225.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship Valley	509.00	543.00	113.00
Galilee	4,256.83	4,116.00	83.09
Gethsemane	7,104.54	7,793.99	1,559.20
Gilberts Creek	200.00	1,000.00	299.00
Gilead	300.00	300.00	343.00
Good Hope	3,439.00	3,331.00	2,697.00
Harris Memorial	0.00	600.00	106.78
Hays Fork	7,299.17	9,157.24	1,849.95
Kirkville	14,511.54	14,359.83	2,793.98
Knob Lick	600.00	666.01	100.00
Liberty	110.00	120.00	150.00
Liberty Avenue	3,862.43	3,990.20	582.00
Linden Street	521.00	590.00	0.00
Middletown	6,482.17	8,856.86	2,939.37
Mount Taber	9,539.70	9,357.90	3,813.00
Owsley Fork	1,410.00	1,314.82	304.00
Peytontown	1,061.58	1,767.61	409.00
Pilot Knob	540.00	585.00	4,457.80
Red House	47,777.51	36,502.07	6,122.79
Red Lick	40.00	0.00	1,782.99
Richmond First	102,946.88	112,271.11	35,935.86
Rosedale	2,812.33	6,928.18	321.00
Silver Creek	19,036.90	17,638.60	5,002.67
Stoney Run	951.36	1,397.91	586.36
Tates Creek	4,895.37	4,449.94	1,903.41
Union City	11,246.42	13,500.24	6,602.29
Unity	4,173.07	4,509.58	1,750.76
Valley View	130.00	120.00	0.00
Viney Fork	2,699.31	2,912.04	564.00
Waco	42,600.82	35,960.60	12,021.60
Wallacetown	1,973.76	1,947.76	983.37
Westside	1,882.76	2,904.00	1,839.20
White Hall	5,425.14	5,937.97	972.59
White Lick	9,522.82	9,201.17	1,818.11
SUBTOTALS	404,980.91	404,938.71	121,656.15

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TAYLOR COUNTY	2,201.57	2,097.74	198.00
Acton	2,201.57	2,097.74	198.00
Campbellsville	107,462.71	114,937.98	45,549.78
Eastside	500.00	375.00	1,680.00
Elk Horn	1,200.00	1,100.00	340.00
Fairview	1,435.23	1,734.63	283.00
Friendship	8,721.93	11,153.85	6,088.47
Good Hope	25,933.09	24,291.29	18,712.34
Green River Memorial	13,826.00	14,918.21	6,517.84
Liberty	6,694.67	6,236.03	1,724.83
Lowell Avenue	27,193.56	33,534.96	10,497.82
Meadowview	8,997.02	9,844.41	2,926.00
Mount Gilboa	6,639.64	5,991.40	5,015.00
Mount Roberts	4,279.80	4,674.04	2,899.86
Palestine	16,583.45	12,338.12	5,839.73
Pitman Valley	260.00	80.00	322.61
Pleasant Hill	46,830.73	43,792.57	7,775.12
Raikes Hill Baptist Mission	1,450.00	697.00	590.00
Robinson Creek	2,590.04	2,355.65	10,766.92
Salem	13,617.71	14,886.26	5,793.28
Saloma	10,019.48	6,562.18	1,860.00
South Campbellsville	16,253.85	15,982.19	2,118.40
Yuma	3,787.30	3,822.94	1,982.00
SUBTOTALS	326,477.88	331,406.45	139,481.00

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TEN MILE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clarks Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concord	360.00	600.00	122.00
Elliston	3,161.67	2,941.70	772.71
Glencoe	12,596.32	13,529.44	6,636.67
Macedonia	6,714.46	10,195.53	2,994.74
Mount Zion	4,238.65	5,323.06	1,418.55
New Bethel	22,875.22	22,641.82	6,266.78
Oakland	1,967.00	2,619.69	2,976.48
Paint Lick	9,000.00	13,209.36	5,037.62
Pleasant Home	13,121.15	13,361.77	2,889.23
Poplar Grove	5,899.00	5,022.00	375.00
Sparta	4,321.05	2,653.18	4,973.54
Ten Mile	4,736.00	6,373.00	797.00
Vine Run	27,101.19	21,112.52	6,902.21
Warsaw First	9,265.00	6,991.00	2,784.25
SUBTOTALS	125,356.71	126,574.07	44,946.78

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THREE FORKS	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,047.70
Airport Gardens	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,047.70
Berahan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethany Baptist Mission	414.83	289.31	75.00
Big Creek	9,438.11	9,344.02	2,634.30

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Big Leatherwood First	3,972.00	3,300.00	0.00
Blackey	895.00	660.00	100.00
Caney	1,682.19	1,896.10	280.00
Colson	0.00	676.58	115.00
Combs First	0.00	0.00	0.00
Confluence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Craft Cally	1,725.66	2,102.57	68.00
Dayspring	3,152.82	3,327.54	146.00
Deane	7,698.05	7,285.43	500.00
Dwarf	360.00	240.00	437.00
Emmanuel	11,310.71	9,825.20	3,238.46
Eolia Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Creek	0.00	3,866.40	120.23
Fleming	2,009.78	1,769.92	398.91
Hardburly	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hazard First	19,666.69	21,666.71	9,748.10
Hindman First	16,958.26	20,201.61	7,934.00
Hyden	2,557.49	3,546.77	1,475.00
Jeff Missionary	2,925.49	3,002.69	1,149.45
Jeremiah Missionary	1,700.00	1,100.00	322.50
Lone Pine	600.00	600.00	2,959.00
Lothair	1,903.16	1,716.47	1,315.00
McIntosh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Montgomery	5,036.76	4,255.24	1,746.60
Mount Olivet	2,439.00	2,782.00	675.50
Mousie First	683.93	602.51	849.74
Muney Creek	240.00	240.00	240.00
North Fork	5,639.39	4,968.93	978.00
Petrey Memorial	12,824.63	12,681.13	5,319.71
Premium	2,000.00	2,000.00	299.18
Rockhouse	0.00	0.00	226.00
Smithsboro	20,167.20	23,269.43	14,239.80
Typo	0.00	0.00	150.00
Upper Second Creek	5,105.74	7,957.00	227.00
Victo Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whitesburg First	33,704.53	27,113.95	9,567.67
Willow Fern	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wooton First	2,224.90	2,419.00	1,217.40
Yerkes	0.00	0.00	200.00
SUBTOTALS	181,486.32	187,106.51	71,000.25

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
UNION	5,067.50	4,410.01	3,692.19
Beaver	5,067.50	4,410.01	3,692.19
Berlin	1,790.82	728.29	194.00
Blanket Creek	4,838.28	6,156.07	2,535.00
Butler	2,600.57	6,693.14	897.05
Cynthiana	71,468.70	43,797.95	7,176.91
Fairview	0.00	0.00	165.00
Falmouth	19,646.16	20,019.83	5,109.43
Forest Hill	200.00	200.00	323.00
Indian Creek	0.00	350.00	300.00
Lenoxburg	923.29	964.65	531.58
New Zion	240.00	220.00	105.00
Oakwood Avenue	1,200.00	1,300.00	696.51
Richland	1,300.00	1,700.00	919.00
Union	2,300.00	2,600.00	1,650.00
Willow	5,339.21	3,621.59	4,364.69
SUBTOTALS	115,114.53	92,761.53	28,659.36

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
UPPER CUMBERLAND	300.00	300.00	0.00
Ages	300.00	300.00	0.00
Baxter First	2,382.99	2,757.76	627.00
Black Mountain	280.57	275.75	0.00
Brian Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,878.00
Central	4,875.00	3,102.64	3,560.09
Chevrolet	0.00	0.00	852.02
Clospoint Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cloverfork	600.00	600.00	227.00
Coxton	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumberland	12,866.83	11,931.60	3,539.68
Dione	6,507.00	7,809.00	641.92
Elcomb	2,127.67	2,233.76	2,305.00
Evarts	7,460.92	7,329.22	7,939.39
Friendship Missionary	540.00	540.00	1,592.49
Harlan	39,679.12	54,396.96	9,245.68
Huff Settlement	209.98	247.44	1,982.23
Jones Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kelly Street	2,712.00	3,807.00	100.00
Lenane	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liggett	300.00	425.00	1,030.28
Locust Grove	600.00	600.00	1,061.10
Loyal First	14,810.64	15,788.70	2,965.87
Lynch	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Riverside	0.00	403.00	200.00
North Evarts Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pansy Missionary	1,031.00	1,255.00	750.00
Pine Flat	0.00	300.00	500.00
Putney	272.11	201.26	211.00
Red Bud	0.00	0.00	101.30
River Ridge	0.00	0.00	300.00
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Teetersville	2,965.37	2,645.57	997.00
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Turner Missionary	200.00	0.00	0.00
Verda First	121.00	695.00	585.00
Wallins	1,239.83	1,504.62	1,200.00
West Cumberland	117.00	121.00	200.00
Willow Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	801.39	802.90	0.00
SUBTOTALS	110,371.93	128,400.52	47,824.01

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP01	CP02	OTHER
WARREN	350.00	600.00	525.00
Andrew	350.00	600.00	525.00
Barren River	1,600.00	1,800.0	

RESOURCES

Pastor: Release church artists to enhance worship

By David Winfrey
News Director

BOWLING GREEN—Introducing art into a “non-artsy” church requires starting where the congregation is comfortable and moving from there, according to an artist and Kentucky pastor.

“Helping them see what they (already) have is a good step to getting them ready to accept other beautiful things,” said Tim Harris, pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church in south central Kentucky.

Harris was among the conference speakers at the Kentucky Baptist Con-

vention’s Church Health Summit, Oct. 11-12 at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green.

People sometimes are uncomfortable with many expressions of art, such as abstract paintings or interpretive dance, because they are unfamiliar with it, Harris noted.

“Visual arts demands attention that other arts don’t,” he said. “You have to reflect.” Because it is objective, people unfamiliar with art might be intimidated that they will have the wrong interpretation of what an artist is trying to communicate, he said.

Other people reject art as showy, and sometimes Christians have inter-

preted the commandment against idols to include artistic images in the church, Harris added. “We seem to think white, blank walls characterize us.”

But artists have been inspired by God to use their skills in worship as early as when they helped decorate the temple of the Old Testament, Harris said.

Art gives members a way to express worship and other feelings that words often can’t communicate, he added.

“Good art always gets under your skin, somehow. It always makes you ask the good questions,” he said. “Shouldn’t something take your breath away when you come into the house of the Lord?”

Nearly all churches already have some forms of art, he added. “There is no such thing as a non-artsy church.”

From a church’s architecture and landscaping to flower arrangements and stained glass, Harris said church leaders can help members see the art that exists and expand from there.

“You simply have to look at where they are—what they are able to respond to and appreciate—and go from there,” he said.

While his church doesn’t have

painters or sculptors, it does have other artists, he noted.

A member who enjoys woodworking made the church offering plates. Women at the church recently quilted banners and an altar cover using a star pattern to signify Jesus as the Light of the world.

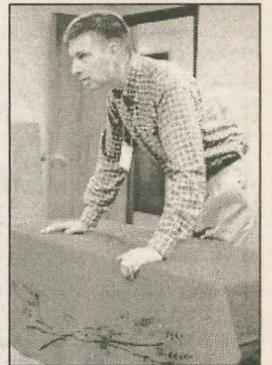
“These aren’t artists. These are ordinary ladies who got excited about the light shining in the darkness,” he said. “Every one of these stitches is like a prayer.”

When auctioned off to support the church, the quilts raised approximately \$5,000, he added.

One year before Easter, Harris asked four men in the church to make 10 wooden crosses each. He gave no instructions about their size or color. Harris hung one cross per day during the 40 days before Easter. Those 40 crosses in the sanctuary had a visual impact that words couldn’t match, he said.

Harris has included his own artwork in worship. Once he made a simple altar cloth, painting a different symbol each week, leading up to Easter Sunday.

“Turn the artists loose,” he urged. “We understand that children learn visually. What makes us think adults are any different?”



“There is no such thing as a non-artsy church.”

Tim Harris, pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church

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Survey finds 1 in 6 would change churches over music

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Bradley said he thinks Barna's research may prove that congregations already are doing that.

"I believe there's a broader acceptance of differences in our society and I wonder if that acceptance in our culture is affecting our being willing to be more accepting of differences in the worship of our congregations," he said.

But Bradley said the survey also showed that a majority of churches still use hymnals and the organ.

"We've been saying for nearly 20 years that the organ is dying," he said. "That doesn't seem to be the case when you look at the statistics."

Barna found that two out of three churches use an organ; a similar percentage use a choir. His research also found that nine out of 10 churches use hymnals, while four out of 10 churches put song words in a program.

The "Journey Into Worship" summit, Oct. 11-12, at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, featured several different worship services, representing the traditional, blended and contemporary styles found in congregations

across the state.

"I have visited over 70 different churches ... and I've seen all three of these done poorly," said Cordell, KBC director of church music. "To me, it's really not a style issue. It's a content issue. Does worship help people connect to God?"

Cordell said he finds the decision to blend styles of music within one service only becomes a battle when there's not enough grassroots support for it.

"If it is truly a church vision, then the people really do buy into it," he said. "If it's a staff vision, I think they're meeting with more resistance."

Barna found that three out of four churches surveyed had multiple worship services.

"It's possible that a lot of churches have gotten around this alleged worship war thing by having different services, each with a different style of worship," he said.

For more information about worship styles, call the KBC church music department toll-free at (888) 254-5707.

Worship WITHOUT Warfare

Crossings 2003 already filling up

One of the blessings God has brought our ministry over the last few years has been the rapid growth of our summer youth camp at Jonathan Creek.

This camp, which we call Crossings at the Creek, has grown from more than 1,300 students in the summer of 2000, to more than 2,200 students last summer. As we have watched God bring great growth to Crossings, we have seen hundreds and hundreds of decisions for Christ during the three summers.

It seems as though it was only yesterday that our summer ended, but even as you read this column, Brad Lauer, director of our Crossings program, is on the road recruiting on our campuses throughout the state.

One summer ends, and soon we find ourselves deep in preparation and anticipation for the next year. We've been so blessed to attract world-class students our first three years, and I know that the same thing will happen again next summer.

When I speak of anticipation, I do so with enthusiasm. The summer of 2003 promises to be a great one. We're making some changes, tweaking a few elements of our camp, in an effort to better serve our

students. I am excited that as I write this column, we already have nearly 2,400 reservations for next summer! This is before we even have our hands on our new Crossings brochure, which comes off the press this week and will go out to our churches in the very near future.

In view of the incredible early response for next summer, I want

to urge you to call Jonathan Creek as soon as possible if you are interested in Crossings 2003. We have a few weeks full, but there still are great weeks open for groups of all sizes. If your church youth group hasn't yet tried Crossings at the Creek, we would be privileged to host your students next summer. Give us a chance to show you what Crossings is all

KENTUCKY BAPTIST ASSEMBLIES



Rusty Ellison

about! Kentucky churches should be thankful for the in-state options with regard to youth camping. When one considers the success of the Discovery Youth Camps at Cedarmore and Crossings at the Creek, why go anywhere else? Think about it, if you haven't been to either of these camps, you're missing the boat!

Rusty Ellison is president of Kentucky Baptist Assemblies, Box 43364, Louisville, KY 40253-0364; (502) 499-8655.

SMILE

Front lines, not the sidelines

"Adjunct," according to the small dictionary on my desk, is defined as "one attached to another in a subordinate relationship." A similar word is "ancillary," defined by the same dictionary as, "auxiliary, accessory." I have enjoyed many adjunct professors and we all have benefited from ancillary services in hospitals like radiology and the lab.

Adjunct and ancillary are relevant terms in schools and health care, but not in ministry. I think we all can agree that in the ministry there are no subordinate attachments or accessories. Every person and each piece of ministry is essential to the whole. Jesus was not only a preacher but a teacher, physician, counselor and social worker as He demonstrated God's love.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

Ministry to children and families is a primary mission of the church and the gospel it cherishes. Giving that "cup of cold water" (Matthew 10:42) can be fulfilled in many different ways by disciples of Jesus. Wherever people are thirsty due to the dehydration of their lives, a word of hope, a hand up and—most of all—some love, become that cup of cool water.

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of cool water to parched families and kids since 1869. It has been a primary, not an adjunct ministry, of Kentucky Baptists. Touching lives with the message of grace, love and hope is not auxiliary, ancillary or accessory, but mainstream missions. Through our ministry at KBHC, yours and mine, the Great Commission to evangelize is fulfilled. Children and adults make first-time decisions or rededications to Christ. Our Lord's command to care for each other is accomplished through our various services to families.

When you think of KBHC and remember us in your prayers, think of us as your missionaries. Picture us on the front lines, not the sidelines, of gospel ministry. When you pray for Baptist international and home missionaries, remember us too as we serve many people in desperate situations right here in Kentucky. Thanksgiving Offering season is upon us. As you pray and give, the Lord will multiply your gifts to bless the children and you will be blessed too.

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

Ministry in Peru

By Robert Dunston

Cumberland College junior David Reed, son of Mike and Terry Reed of Beaver Creek, Ohio, returned to Peru this past summer for a fourth visit. He spent a week serving through Global Missions Fellowship.

Part of Reed's work involved door-to-door evangelism. In his three previous trips to Peru, he had worked in very poor areas. During his summer 2002 trip he worked with middle-class families who, by American standards, were still quite poor. As he went from door to door sharing the gospel, he often heard people say, "Why do I need Jesus? I have all this."

According to Reed, the best part of his trip was "seeing how strong the national Christians are. They are bold and fearless. They go boldly to their neighbors to share the gospel."

Reed's other assignment was to work with cell groups to disciple new Christians. At the beginning of the week, 130 people accepted Christ as their Savior at a worship service. Reed's team and Peruvian Christians divided these new Christians into cell groups and took them through discipleship materials.

One of the blessings of the trip for Reed was having his father on the team with him. Reed got his father interested in mission trips last year, and now his father loves going and ministering.

Reed remembers being quite intimidated on his first trip to Peru. He felt far more comfortable this summer but had to avoid seeing the mission trip as routine. He phrases his missions experience well. "God asks. We go. We get blessed. A simple lesson to learn."

Reed, a religion major with a minor in movement and leisure studies at Cumberland College, is working part-time this year with Youth for Christ in Jellico, Tenn., ministering to fifth through eighth graders. Wherever Reed goes, he takes the light of Christ with him. We pray God's blessing on him as he continues to share the gospel.

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

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Kudzu

Doug Marlette



For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



Bible Crossword

Across

- 1 Before (poet.)
- 4 "A man that beareth false witness is a ____" (Proverbs 25:18)
- 8 "as the flower of the grass, he shall ____ away" (James 1:10)
- 12 Doze
- 13 "Adoniram the son of ____" (1 Kings 4:6)
- 14 Russian sea
- 15 Single
- 16 "I am risen up in the ____ of David my father" (1 Kings 8:20)
- 17 Garden tool
- 18 Snooze (Sp.)
- 20 "Let him ____ evil and do good" (1 Peter 3:11)
- 22 Norse god of war
- 23 Born (Fr.)
- 24 "curse their king and their god and look ____" (Isaiah 8:21)
- 27 "And I was afraid, and went and hid thy ____" (Matthew 25:25)
- 31 Trio of vowels
- 32 "the prince of the power of the ____" (Ephesians 2:2)
- 33 "who gave Himself a ____ for all" (1 Timothy 2:6)
- 37 Chess piece (aka rook)
- 40 Anger
- 41 Mouth (pl.)
- 42 "a ____ unto honour, sanctified" (2 Timothy 2:21)
- 45 Interfere
- 49 "As he saith also in ____" (Romans 9:25)
- 50 Property claim
- 52 "He that loveth wine and ____ shall not be rich" (Proverbs 21:17)
- 53 Roman road
- 54 Cooking pot
- 55 ____ Hill (San Francisco locale)
- 56 Ten (comb. form)
- 57 Methods
- 58 Compass dir.

Down

- 1 Son of Seth (Genesis 4:26)
- 2 Indian princess
- 3 Fencing sword
- 4 "Antipas was my faithful ____" (Revelation 2:13)
- 5 All ____!
- 6 Chinese plant

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- 7 "Ye shall weep and ____" (John 16:20)
- 8 Bundle
- 9 A son of Ulla (1 Chronicles 7:39)
- 10 "Redeem us for thy mercies" ____ (Psalm 44:26)
- 11 "Saul ____ his thousands" (1 Samuel 29:5)
- 19 Train dep.
- 21 The Great ____

- 24 Formerly Egypt and Syria (abbr.)
- 25 Of the family of the Punites (Numbers 26:23)
- 26 "that I may ____ Christ" (Philippians 3:8)
- 28 Dine
- 29 Zilch
- 30 Three-point shot in basketball (var.)
- 34 Jael's victim (Judges 4)
- 35 Mine product
- 36 Soft and sweet
- 37 "Thy cheeks are ____" (Song of Solomon 1:10)

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Could religious liberty protections be ratified today?

Officers and budget approved

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs trustees re-elected all of their current officers.

Reginald McDonough of Virginia will continue as president, Ed Massey of Kentucky as first vice president, Margaret Ann Cowden of Pennsylvania as second vice president, and Richard Bloom of Illinois as secretary.

The board also approved a \$1.07 million budget for next year, an increase of 4 percent from 2002.

By Robert Marus
Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Language in the Constitution protecting religious liberty probably wouldn't pass if Congress were voting on it today, according to Brent Walker, director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," are the first 16 words of the First Amendment, which also protects the freedoms of speech, the press, peaceful assembly and redress of grievances against the government.

Citing a recent survey reporting that four in 10 Americans think the amendment goes "too far" in protecting certain freedoms, Walker asked BJCPA directors to ponder: "You think that such a bill would have much chance of passing? To tell you the truth, I'm pretty sure it would not."

In a report to BJCPA directors attending their annual meeting Oct. 7-8, Walker said it has been a tough year for groups, like the BJCPA, that advocate the separation of church and state. The U.S. Supreme Court allowed the use of tax-funded vouchers for religious schools in Cleveland. The House of Representatives expanded federal funding of faith-based social services. Two prominent books attacked modern interpretations of church-state separation.

Despite that, Walker also reported successes, including the defeat of a

law that would have allowed churches to engage in partisan political activity while enjoying privileges of being tax-exempt.

Board member David Massengill, a New York City lawyer who lives near where the World Trade Center stood, found an analogy for church-state separation in the destruction of Sept. 11, 2001. All of the buildings on the World Trade Center complex eventually fell, because they shared a foundation with the twin towers, he said. But St. Paul's Chapel, a church located just a block away, survived because it had a separate foundation.

"If our churches become dependent on the government—if they move into nice government-built buildings with government-built foundations—then when the storms rise and the governments fall, our churches will fall with them," Massengill said.

Baptist Joint Committee staff and directors also held a brainstorming session about future policy on school vouchers. The BJCPA has opposed them in the past, saying they are unconstitutional and warning that accepting public funding would likely result in increased regulation for churches.

Now that the Supreme Court has said vouchers are constitutional, the BJCPA must decide whether to continue its historic position against the regulation of churches or simply say to those accepting taxpayer funds "we told you so."

"It could be uncomfortable with

encouraging policies that are regulating churches when we've always been for not regulating churches," said BJCPA general counsel Holly Hollman.

Board member Timothy Brendle of Virginia said he thought BJCPA should continue to fight government regulation of religious institutions—even for schools that accept government funding. "Our role is to be a watchdog against the regulation of religion," he said.

In other business, BJCPA directors closed a recent chapter of the organization's history on a positive note.

The North American Baptist Conference general council had voted ear-

lier to withdraw funding for BJCPA because it sometimes works in coalitions on religious-liberty issues with organizations that are pro-choice or support gay rights.

But the BJCPA also works with groups that oppose abortion and gay rights. BJCPA leaders met with the NABC general council to clarify the nature of the organization's work.

In a "memorandum of understanding," the NABC states that while "legitimate differences" exist among Baptists on matters of public policy and there are "different opinions" about the BJCPA's work, the NABC "reaffirms its commitment" to the religious-liberty watchdog group.

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'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ...'

The last chapter of Matthew records the glorious resurrection of our Lord and His final appeal to His disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. ..."

It is common to have visitors on our campus nearly every day of the week. Some are visiting for the first time. Many others have been on our campus several times before as guests or volunteers. Either way, there is one question we are likely to be asked: "How do boys and girls from around the world hear about Oneida?"

There is no simple answer to that question. Word of mouth is certainly one way people hear about us. The Internet has become a key factor in many students learning about all we have to offer. A third factor has been Kentucky Baptists serving on various mission fields. Whether it is a two-week stay or a longer period of time, they often come into contact with boys and girls who want to come to the U.S. for an education.

Two years ago, our first Bosnia-Herzegovinan student came as a result of some Kentucky Baptists who were helping with humanitarian relief after the war. Other international students have been directed to Oneida in similar fashion.

This fall, we were blessed to have a student come to us from El Salvador. Jimmy is a Baptist pastor's son. He became aware of Oneida when a group from First Baptist in Pikeville was on a mission trip this past summer in El Salvador. During one of the services, the folks from Pikeville were asked to tell a little about themselves.

Through an interpreter, each member of the mission team gave a brief sketch of his or her life and work in the U.S. Parker Tiller stated that he had been a life-long educator. After the service, the pastor of the church told Parker about his desire for his son, Jimmy, to attend school in the U.S. He wanted to know if Parker had any suggestions.

Fortunately, Parker had been a guest on our campus many times and knew a lot about Oneida Baptist Institute. He told the pastor about OBI and indicated that if anyone could help, Oneida could. Upon his arrival back in the U.S., Parker contacted Mrs. Underwood, who is responsible for our international students. Parker told us that First Baptist, Pikeville, would be willing to help with transportation expenses and with Jimmy's personal needs.

The paperwork was completed and transportation was arranged. When he was about to board the plane, Jimmy was told he couldn't leave El Salvador until he had a letter from his parents stating he could travel alone. A week later, Jimmy arrived in the U.S. and Parker brought him to OBI.

Getting used to his new home, different food and a new language took some time, but Jimmy is doing very well. He spent the fall break with some of his many friends in Pikeville, where he was spoiled with food, love and lots of attention. Thanks to our many faithful friends, Oneida is fulfilling the worldwide command of Jesus without even leaving home.

W.F. Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972. www.oneidaschool.org; e-mail: president@oneidaschool.org

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W.F. Underwood

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Called from the factory to the fields

A major Christian influence on first-year student Robert Sexton was his grandmother. "When I was age 11, she sat me down and had me read Revelation. I think she wanted to give me some shock therapy," Sexton remembers. "I believed in God and over the years went to church some. I was so full of myself that I chose not to listen. At age 38 I personally trusted Jesus and was baptized the next Sunday morning."

As the son of a military man, Sexton lived in many places. He and his wife, Sylvia, settled in Danville, where he worked for RR Donnelly for 12 years. "My job was a mission field, and God gave me many opportunities to witness," Sexton said. "Having a workplace ministry was

like boot camp for me. My boss was open to the faith, and I was so thankful to see him pray with employees after an accident that killed an employee. It was a major decision to give up that job, and I experienced much sadness when I left."

At age 41, with a good job, church involvement and stable family, many people thought Sexton had it made. "The Lord had other plans, and both of us realized it was to follow His call and prepare for

ministry at Clear Creek," Sexton stated. "My wife's grandparents, Bennie and Louada Smith, are alumni. We saw what Clear Creek meant to them. Both of us take classes and can discuss ideas and share notes. We study together and share chapel worship." When they take New Testament 6 and study Revelation, Robert probably will

appreciate his grandmother even more. Both he and Sylvia are employed as student workers.

What about the future? "It is easy for me to talk with people. My name is on the supply list, and several opportunities to preach have already come. I was nervous, but I let the Lord use me, and He did," Sexton said. "I want my experience to be used as an encouragement of lay folks to accept their employment as a ministry and a mission field."

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'God has the answer'

Graham delivers timeless message at Texas mission; last of the year

By Marcia Davis
Religion News Service

IRVING, Texas (RNS)—In Texas Stadium where he last preached more than three decades ago, 83-year-old evangelist Billy Graham spoke with a strong voice and stood straight and steady at the podium Oct. 17 as he described "a world in turmoil."

"The Iraq situation, the terrible bombings, the sniper in Washington ..." Graham cited in his trademark conversational style and smooth Southern drawl.

"But God so loved the world and God has the answer," he told the estimated crowd of 37,000 people.

On the opening night of his four-day Metroplex Mission, Graham shared the stage with former President George H.W. Bush, who gave an opening greeting, and Graham's son Franklin, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Gospel recording artist CeCe Winans followed by the Caedmon's Call band shook the stadium rafters with song as the crowd waded through security checks before Graham made his way onstage.

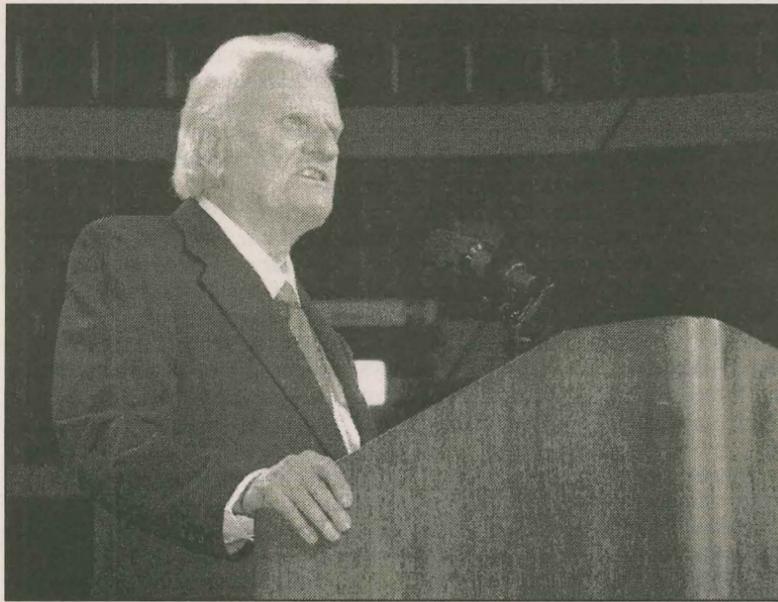
About a third of the stadium's seats were empty, but attendance projections issued by the mission office estimated the four-day attendance would average 60,000 nightly.

God's judgment & God's love

In his 35-minute message, Graham described a God of love and a God of judgment.

"And if you don't remember anything I say in this stadium, don't ever forget that God loves you," he said, "whoever you are, whatever you are. And if you think everyone else has forgotten you, is misjudging you—God loves you."

Graham said he believed that something in the heart of the Washington-area sniper was wrong, and



DALLAS MISSION Evangelist Billy Graham speaks Oct. 17 at the opening session of his four-day Metroplex Mission in Irving, Texas. Graham told the crowd of 37,000 that "God has the answer" to problems ranging from the Iraq situation to the sniper stalking the Washington area. (RNS photos by Marcia Davis)

"that sin—terrorism, immorality, racial prejudice, poverty—all these things are wrong, because sin is wrong. Only God can set things right," he repeated, "and He will because He loves you."

Graham told the crowd that people never know when they will die.

"I'm sure those people in New York getting their coffee and buying their newspapers before going into the towers or before boarding one of those airplanes never thought they wouldn't be coming home that night. They had great dreams," he said.

"In Bali, Indonesia," Graham said, "those folks had gone out for the evening expecting to have a good time and never dreamed they would die."

"The choices you make here will decide heaven or hell," he said.

Graham discussed repentance as a first step for turning lives around. "God will wipe the slate clean because Jesus Christ took your place," he said. "You can start over, right here, right now."

American hero

Greeting the crowd earlier in the evening, former President Bush referred to Graham as a "true American hero" and "the personal pastor to

America's first family for as long as I can remember."

In his remarks, Bush said he believed his son would pursue peaceful solutions to the difficulties with Iraq before resorting to war.

When Graham invited those in the audience to dedicate their lives to Christ, the crowd in the bowl-shaped stadium seemed to pour out onto the floor in front of him. He sat on a stool at the podium with head bowed while the crowd—faces of many races, from young children to senior citizens—crowded down the stairs to the floor level. Then he stood again to pray with them.

Graham spokesman Larry Ross said an estimated 2,000 people responded to the invitation.

"I didn't think I could speak"

As the evangelist ended his message, he spoke candidly about his health.

"You know, when I came here, I didn't think I could speak," he said. "I felt so weak, but I knew people were praying, so I wanted to say thank you to the Lord."

Graham began preaching in the 1950s. Many in the crowd in Texas described the mission as "historical" and possibly the evangelist's last mission. But Graham has been quoted as saying he hasn't found a passage in the Bible that mentions retiring from preaching God's Word.

During a press conference earlier in the week, Graham, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and whose health has sometimes curtailed his activities, said, "I came here for one reason: to preach the gospel. ... And this type of meeting is needed in every city in the country."

Approximately 25,000 volunteers from more than 1,000 churches representing 37 denominations were involved in the mission, serving as counselors, choir members and ushers, and helping with follow-up information on those persons making faith commitments at the close of each meeting, according to mission office reports.



GRAHAMS & BUSH Franklin Graham (left), son of evangelist Billy Graham; former President George Bush; and Graham sit on the podium in Texas Stadium at Billy Graham's last scheduled revival meeting of the year. Bush gave an opening greeting to the crowd.

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **IRS: PTL's Jim & Tammy still owe \$3 million.** Decades after Jim Bakker and Tammy Faye Messner saw the end of their Praise the Lord ministry, the Internal Revenue Service is still trying to collect \$3 million in back taxes stemming from their 1980s involvement in televangelism. The IRS assessed the taxes after revoking PTL's nonprofit status, said Roe Messner, Tammy Faye's husband since 1993. The IRS has attempted to collect taxes it says Jim Bakker and Tammy Faye Messner, who was his wife, owed from 1981 through 1986, Associated Press reported. It has filed liens against the former couple, part of the normal collection process.

■ **Wheaton College to honor Sept. 11 hero, alumnus.** Wheaton College plans to honor alumnus and Sept. 11, 2001, hero Todd Beamer by naming a proposed new student center after him. One year after the terrorist attacks and the hijacking of a plane carrying Beamer that crashed in rural Pennsylvania, the school's trustees decided to name the facility the Todd M. Beamer Student Center. The school recently received a \$5 million gift from anonymous donors who suggested naming the \$21.6 million center after Beamer. The 1991 graduate reportedly worked with others on United Airlines Flight 93 to avert a fourth attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

■ **Mel Gibson to direct film about Jesus.** Actor Mel Gibson has announced plans to direct a movie about "the last 12 hours in the life of Christ." The drama will feature limited dialogue in Aramaic—the language spoken in Palestine at the time of Jesus—and Latin. "This is a film about something that nobody wants to touch, shot in two dead languages," Gibson said of "The Passion," which will be shot in Italy starting this month. "In Los Angeles they think I am insane, and maybe I am." The movie will be based on "City of God," a book by Mary Agreda; the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; and other sources. Gibson declined to give details on the budget for the film. "It is a project good for the soul, not the wallet."

■ **Judge vetoes "God" name change.** A Florida man who tried unsuccessfully to change his name to "God" has instead legally changed his name to "I Am Who I Am." Charles Haffey, 55, of Lake City, petitioned a judge for the heavenly name change. When the judge refused, Haffey turned to the Bible for an alternative. He found Exodus 3:14, where God tells Moses, "I Am Who I Am." The man told Associated Press he decided to change his name after he became a Christian last April. He said he wanted a fresh start, including an end to the "panic, anxiety, fear, rage, murder, suicide" that have haunted him since his service in Vietnam.

■ **Mormons appeal Salt Lake City plaza ruling.** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will appeal a ruling by an appellate court that said it cannot restrict speech on sidewalks running through its plaza in downtown Salt Lake City. The plaza, which used to be a section of Main Street, was purchased from the city by the religious body in 1999. "In substance, the 10th Circuit has ruled that even though the church paid more than \$8 million for the Main Street property and millions more to improve it, the church has little right to control what occurs on that property," said Von Keetch, a lawyer representing the church. The judicial panel ruled that the city should protect free-speech rights on sidewalks because they are a traditional public forum, Associated Press said.

■ **Presbyterians give \$80,000 to farmers in drought.** The disaster relief arm of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has given \$80,000 to help farmers in Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota cope with an unending drought. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance gave \$50,000 to churches in Nebraska to help farmers buy hay to feed their livestock. Because of the drought, farmers have had to break open their hay supplies months early to feed their flocks. In North Dakota, \$10,000 will go toward counseling programs to help farmers cope with depression over the loss of their way of life. South Dakota churches will receive \$20,000 to help pay for consultants, counseling, food pantries and farm-appreciation events.

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ Construction teams are needed in July and August 2003 to help Baptist Fellowship of Randolph, Vt., erect a worship center. Contact Pastor Jerry Smith at bfrvt@yahoo.com for information.

■ Earl and Robin Pinkson who began their ministry as career missionaries on the Mediterranean island of Malta in July. Pinkson is a native of Harrodsburg. The couple previously served for two years on the island as International Service Corps missionaries. Kentucky Baptists have been invited to assist them with two mission projects in 2003. For more information, contact the Kentucky partnership missions office.

■ Give thanks with Baptist representatives in Algarve, Portugal, for five people who recently were baptized in their church. Four Eastern Europeans were baptized; then an American visitor asked if he could be baptized too. Two Portuguese believers will be baptized next month.

■ Joan and Rob Robinson who are joining the missionary team in Khabarovsk, Russia, this month. They plan to serve eight months, conducting seminars and Bible studies and encouraging missionaries in the region.

■ American businessman Richard Plasket who is in Khabarovsk, Russia, this month to teach business at a local university. He also will meet with local businessmen and hopes to talk about faith in Jesus.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ ASHLAND—Jay Adkins resigned as pastor of Fellowship Church to become pastor of First Church of Westwego, La. Asa Greear, director of missions for Greenup Association, is serving as interim pastor of Fellowship Church.

■ BAGDAD—Indian Fork Church called Matt Frizzell as part-time youth minister.

■ EDDYVILLE—David Bowman resigned as pastor of Hebron Church.

■ FORT MITCHELL—Fort Mitchell Church will host Christian variety artist John Louis in "Love Is No Illusion" Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

■ FRANKFORT—Farmdale Church called Allen Baker as pastor. He previously was pastor of Mount Olivet Church of Willisburg.

■ GEORGETOWN—Faith Church called Robert Fox as pastor.

■ LEBANON—Woodlawn Church ordained Thornton Battcher and Bruce McCarty as deacons Oct. 13.

■ LEXINGTON—Broadway Church recently called Shannon Back as pastor.

Grace Church called Michael Welch as minister of education Oct. 6. Terrence Freeman is pastor.

■ LOUISVILLE—Gethsemane Church will hold revival services Oct. 27-30 with Doug Kearnes as evangelist. For information, call (502) 969-3191.

■ MOREHEAD—First Church honored Pastor Don Mantooth and his wife, Suzanne, Oct. 13 for 20 years

of ministry.

■ NORTONVILLE—Nortonville Church will host a youth revival Oct. 27, 6 p.m. and Oct 28-31, 7 p.m. with Brad Rogers as evangelist.

■ OWENTON—Pleasant Ridge licensed Kyle McDanell to the gospel ministry Sept. 29. David Wotier is interim pastor.

■ PIKEVILLE—Immanuel Church ordained Joe Jacobs as a deacon Sept. 8. Sam Crawford is pastor.

Meta Church called Bill Staggs as interim pastor.

■ PRINCETON—Beulah Hill Church called Jerry Holeman as pastor.

Donaldson Church ordained Matt Ellis to the gospel ministry.

Liberty Church called Jeff Hawkins as pastor.

■ RUSSELLVILLE—Spring Valley Church will hold revival services Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 7 p.m., with Todd Latham as evangelist. Homecoming will be Nov. 3 with lunch and an afternoon music program. For information, call (270) 726-3504.

■ SPRINGFIELD—New Hope Church called J.W. Lewis as pastor Sept. 1.

What's going on?

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

'VeggieTales' company lays off 30 employees before debut of 'Jonah'

CHICAGO (RNS)—Big Idea Productions, makers of the popular VeggieTales video series, laid off 30 employees during the last week of September, just a week before the company's first feature film was released.

ChristianityToday.com reported concerns from former Big Idea employees that cost overruns from the film had "crippled the company," putting its future in jeopardy.

"Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie," which opened Oct. 4, received positive reviews in the Los Angeles Times and Hollywood Reporter, and took in an estimated \$6.5 million at the box office its first weekend. Big Idea executives have said that the film has to make \$20 million at the box office in order to break even.

In response to the Christianity Today.com story, Big Idea CEO and founder Phil Vischer called the staff layoffs a "correct sizing" that would allow the company to be at "the lev-

els that are required for upcoming productions." He said a weakened retail market and a gap in the studio's production schedule meant Big Idea could not keep a full production crew in place. "This was a heartbreaking reality that we had to face," he said.

During an interview with media representatives about the Jonah film this past spring, Vischer admitted that despite the company's success in the past, selling more than 20 million home videos, "that doesn't mean you can't go belly-up."

Vischer, who started the company in 1993 in his spare bedroom and has watched it grow to become the Midwest's largest animation studio, said he was aware of the risks involved with making a feature film like Jonah. If the film doesn't succeed, "it's not just me risking my life savings and the money I borrowed from my parents," he said. "It means that 200 people will have (to) find a new way to feed their families."

'Left Behind' outranks Springsteen

(RNS)—Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, authors of the best-selling "Left Behind" series of end-times fiction, have been ranked 42nd on Entertainment Weekly's list of 51 most powerful entertainers.

The magazine's "Power List 2002," cited the authors between actor Vin Diesel and actress Cameron Diaz.

They were well behind the top three rankers—Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and Mel Gibson—but ahead of Bono and Bruce Springsteen.

"We never foresaw that our books would ignite such widespread interest," LaHaye said. "We are honored and pleased that so many people have shown such a keen interest in what the future holds for mankind."

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SEEKING: Jeffersonville Baptist Church is accepting resúmes for the position of senior pastor. We are an active, conservative Southern Baptist church seeking to grow along with the community. The pastor must have a Spirit-led vision to lead a midsize church forward. Send resúmes to: Jeffersonville Baptist Church, 145 Highway 599, Jeffersonville, KY 40337, Attn: Pulpit Search Committee.

SEEKING: First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Ky., seeks a seminary-trained minister of music and worship. The successful candidate will be comfortable with both traditional and contemporary music styles. Pastor and staff share a team approach to ministry. Send resumé to: Search Committee, 230 S 5th St., Williamsburg, KY 40769. No e-mail submissions, please.

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Free falling into the arms of God

Former monk says skydiving is picture of trusting Jesus

By Greg Garrison
Religion News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—Skydiving is a lot like believing in God, according to William Wilson, a former Trappist monk who once lived in a hut as a hermit and has tried many paths to spiritual enlightenment.

Jumping from an airplane, then falling more than a mile to the ground while relying on a parachute, requires a mystical step of courage analogous to that of trusting God, he said.

"It's a leap of faith," said Wilson, now an Episcopal priest. "It's a pure faith moment, gazing into the infinite."

The 65-year-old flying former monk has done 23 jumps. He says the insights he's gleaned from his hobby, which sets him free falling at a speed of more than 100 mph, helps him as he teaches contemplative prayer and offers spiritual direction.

"It was not a silly, trivial thing for a thrill," said Wilson, an associate rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Ala.

Like parishioners relying on pastors to help them in their spiritual journeys, Wilson carefully picked his mentors. "I was able to trust my jumpmasters, who were strangers to me," he said. "I sought them out 'til I found people I could trust."

Then he had to overcome his reluctance, like a new convert answering an altar call.

"It was scary ...," Wilson said. "I just put my sensible fears aside."

First jump terror

A videotape of his first jump last year captured his terror.

"You'll see me clinging for dear life to the sides of the airplane," Wilson said. "It's so hard to just let go and trust. But isn't that what life is all about, letting go and trusting? For any man or woman of faith, it is a leap of faith. You're risking the meaning of your life on the reliability of the person you are trusting in your leap of faith, in my case, Jesus of Nazareth. If He isn't your open parachute, your life goes down in a crumpled disaster."

People make more than 3 million skydive jumps a year nationwide, and many of them see it as more than just a thrill, said Sandy Carruth, president of Alabama Skydiving in Pell City. "It's like when you're driving down the road and see a beautiful sunset,



there's something spiritual about that," she said.

Wilson said he could feel the difference after a jump.

"My senses were sharper," he said. "I was more aware of my physical surroundings. I was crawling out of this cave of the heart where I tend to live."

From solitude to skydiving

Skydiving is a complete turnabout from Wilson's first method of spiritual seeking. "At heart, I'm really a solitary ascetic," he said.

In 1957, at age 19, he went to Iowa to live in a monastery run by the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance. Founded in France in A.D. 1098, the monks were popularly known as Trappists after Armand Jean LeBouthillier de Rance, abbot of La-Trappe, began a movement to reform the order in 1664.

The order became famous for demanding absolute silence from the monks. The rule of perpetual silence didn't mean Wilson never could talk, but conversation was kept to a minimum, he said. Monks could speak to their supervisors when necessary, or during confession, for example.

From growing up in a poor, urban neighborhood in Philadelphia, it was a culture shock. "That was kind of a skydive, leaping out of the world of the familiar, where I had relative control, into an atmosphere that was un-

familiar, where I was not in control, depending on an invisible presence," Wilson said. "God would be for me a fulfilling life companion."

After 25 years in the monastery in which he rose to a novice master, in charge of supervising new monks, Wilson went to live in a hermitage. Being cloistered, away from the world, wasn't enough. He even wanted to be separate from the other monks, living for seven years as a hermit monk in his own hut on the monastery property.

"I had a craving for further isolation," he said. "I had a telephone-size booth I could go into, to leave the physical world and contemplate. I was seeking the way of renunciation as a path to mystical union with God."

Like a mystic, he felt he achieved a higher level of consciousness.

New insight

"I received an insight," he said. "It was as if God said, 'The fullness of union with Me that you desire, you already have it. It's my gift to you; it's impeded only to the degree that you refuse to love and be loved.'"

At that point, Wilson left the monastery and started a mission organization called Amistad, which still serves destitute Indians in the mountains of Bolivia. "I wanted to see Christ in the face of the poor," Wilson said.

But he said that while traveling in the United States to raise support for

his mission, he fell in love. He left the Catholic priesthood to be married in 1989. He became a priest in the Episcopal Church, which allows married priests. Wilson and his wife, Susan, a surgeon, have two children, Will, 6, and Sue, 4.

New hobby

He settled into a life of practical ministry, serving the church, counseling people spiritually and taking care of his family. But inside the quiet monk, a screaming skydiver yearned to emerge.

"I didn't engage in any sports, I didn't have any hobbies," Wilson said. "I wanted to find something I could get excited about."

He saw a bumper sticker about skydiving and called the number. His wife wanted no part of it, but Wilson tumbled for the sport.

"During about a mile of free fall, it's a true experience of flying," he said. "You can propel yourself in any direction but up."

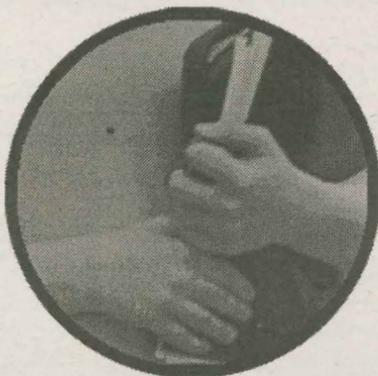
During the free fall, attaining body stability is critical, he said.

"With speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour, with the wind rushing past, any asymmetry is going to throw you off," he said. "You only have one minute to get stable, to avoid tumbles and spins. I did some terrifying spins, like a ceiling fan. When the parachute pops open, it feels like the arms of God."

LEAP OF FAITH

William Wilson, center, associate rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Ala., started skydiving a year ago. "It's a pure faith moment, gazing into the infinite." (RNS photo)

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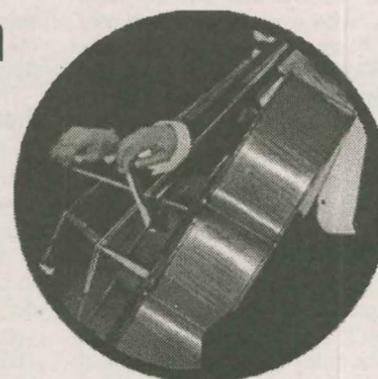


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