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Clear Creek grad almost became Yemen hospital shooting victim

By Bill Whittaker
 Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

OXNARD Calif.—The shooting of four Southern Baptist missionaries in Yemen made headlines around the world last December, but few people know that there was a potential fifth victim.

Daniel Cajuiat, a Southern Baptist worker and X-ray technician, said recently that he was in the sights of the gunman just as the assailant ran out of ammunition.

Cajuiat, a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, recalled talking with the gunman earlier in the day.

"This man and his friend tried to get me to say a phrase in the Arabic language which I felt would compromise my own convictions," Cajuiat recalled. "They kept bantering me to say it and I told them, 'I don't want to say that because I am a Christian.'"

On Dec. 30 of last year, the gunman, identified as 30-year-old Abed Abdul Razak Kamel, later came into the hospital and shot four Southern Baptist workers.

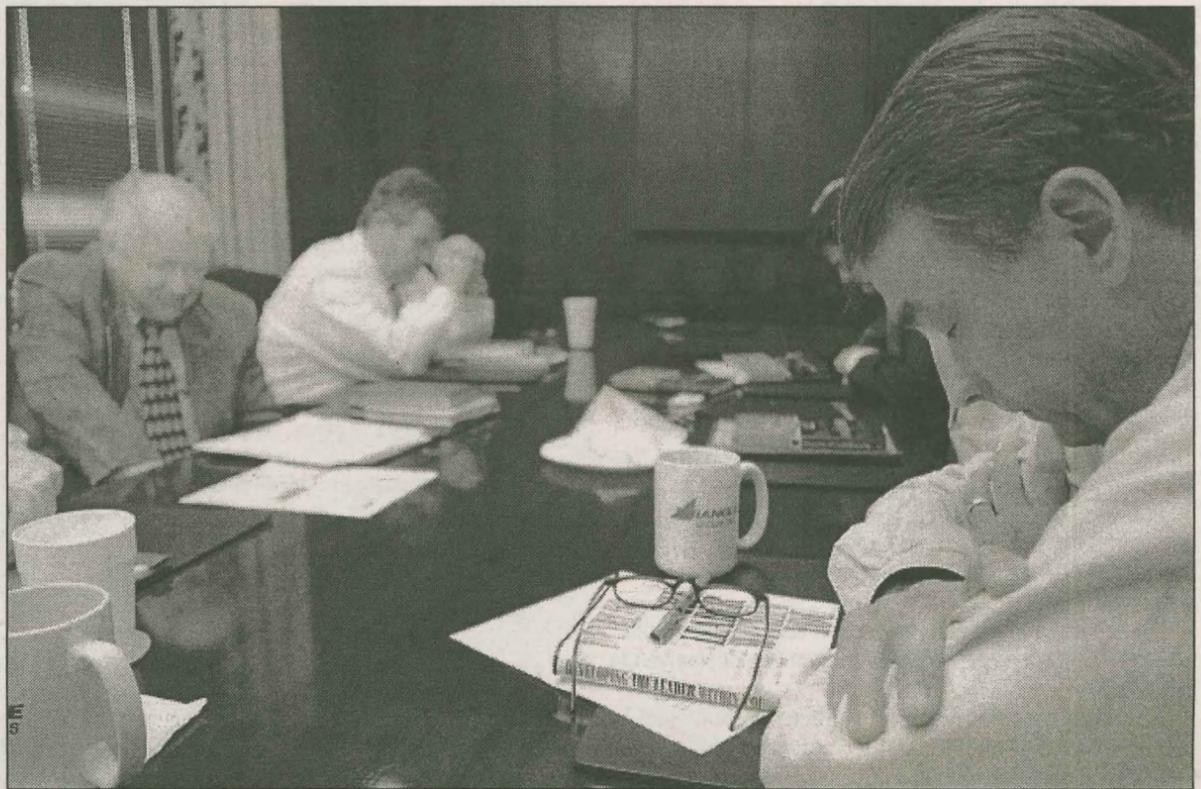
Hospital administrator Bill Koehn, business manager Kathleen Gariety and physician Martha Myers were killed, and pharmacist Don Caswell was injured in the early morning attack.

Cajuiat said an investigator told him that the gunman was looking for Cajuiat.

"Before the shooting started, I had gone farther into the X-ray"

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Faith at work



PRAYER MEETING Paul Reynolds III (right), managing director for Triangle Securities, prays with other men during a prayer meeting led by Denton Cormany (far left). The meeting was held at Triangle Securities' Raleigh office at dawn. (RNS photo by Mel Nathanson)

Workplace ministry movement gains disciples

By Yonat Shimron
 Religion News Service

RALEIGH, N.C. (RNS)—Over lunch recently, eight men and women sat around a conference table reading the Gospel of John.

In between bites of sandwiches and sips of Diet Coke, they discussed the story of the blind man to whom Jesus had restored sight.

From the many bookmarks and highlighted passages in their individual Bibles, it was clear that the people in this group took their faith seriously.

But this was not a Sunday school class. The participants in this Bible study were co-workers at a sheet-metal fabrication plant. The leader was the company's vice president.

Accu-Fab Inc. of Raleigh, N.C., is among a growing number of businesses that are incorporating religious faith in the workplace.

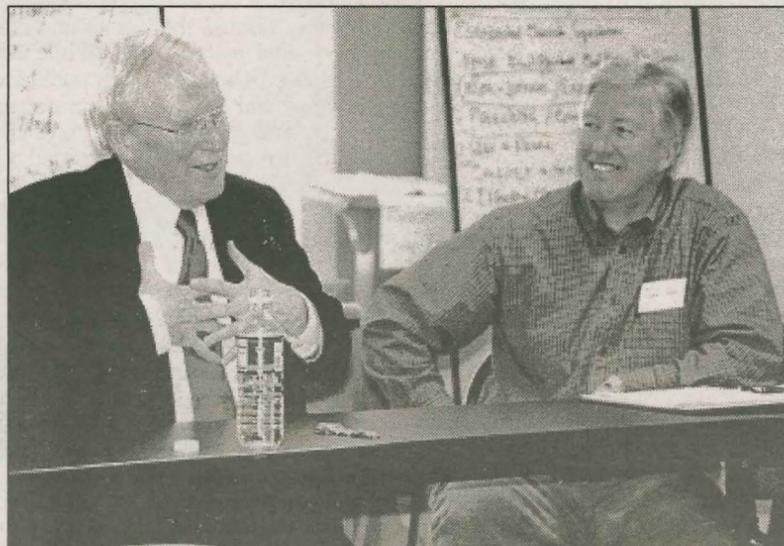
Accu-Fab's president, Gregory Page, and his business partner, Dennis Zullig, have placed faith at the heart of their business.

The company's mission statement calls for sharing God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ and for ministering to employees' spiritual needs. A likeness of Jesus talking to an executive hangs in the lobby. Books by leading evangelical authors sit on a coffee table.

It's all part of a new movement popping up across the country that aims to bridge the divide between worship and work. Executives such as Page and Zullig reject the notion that faith is a privilege □ See Workplace ministry ..., page 6

FAITH at WORK

After 'glory years': Pastors look at revitalizing declining churches



NEW IDEAS John Claypool (left), a professor at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, shares ministry perspectives with a group of pastors. Randy Hyde (right), of Little Rock, Ark., led a recent discussion of how pastors at declining churches can lead their congregations toward revitalization.

By John Pierce
 Baptists Today

ATLANTA—"You should have been here in the '50s. You missed it."

That message, one pastor told his peers, often drowns out more urgent ones in the historic church he serves.

About 20 pastors gathered in Atlanta recently to face up to the common challenges of—and unique ministry opportunity for—leading established, in-town congregations.

Tales of the glory years often hang heavily over their heads, the pastors said. Some older members keep reminding their pastors of a time when the choir loft, Sunday school classes, nursery beds, sanctuary pews, parking lots and offering plates were filled to capacity.

But filling the church in the '50s and '60s were well-dressed white families who lived in the in-town neighborhood. Now the community sur-

rounding the old, large church complex often looks quite different.

Bringing back the glory years might be impossible, no matter how hard church leaders try or how much longtime members yearn for them, pastors said. The choice for most of these historic congregations, the pastors agreed, is to change their approach to ministry or to die.

And sometimes, they said, it takes the fear of extinction to get some church leaders to open up to change.

"You can't force a group into changing until they see the crisis," said Glenn Schmucker, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in downtown Dallas. "And I have to be willing to change too."

Pastoral leadership for a church in transition, he said, is "a balancing act between courage and patience."

Mike Queen knows the feeling. He has invested 17 years as pastor of First □ See After 'glory years' ..., page 8

Dated Material — Deliver by Wednesday, April 23

Rankin to missionaries: Affirm BF&M, resign or be fired

"The failure of some to affirm their accountability undercuts the credibility and support of all missionaries serving with the IMB."

IMB President Jerry Rankin

Kentucky trustee backs Rankin

SOMERSET—Should veteran Southern Baptist international missionaries be required to affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message statement or be terminated?

Yes, says Kentucky Baptist pastor Paul Chitwood, a trustee of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Chitwood said he affirms IMB President Jerry Rankin's call for veteran missionaries to endorse the Southern Baptist Convention's revised faith statement by May 5 or face dismissal.

"Dr. Rankin and his staff have been very patient in this process," Chitwood said. "Sufficient time has been given to this process."

Chitwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Somerset, was elected last year as an IMB trustee. A member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Mission Study Committee, he is immediate past president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference.

"The trustees of the International Mission Board have a fiduciary responsibility to act on behalf of the cooperating churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to oversee the work of our international missionaries," Chitwood said. "This system is a system of accountability."

"Dr. Rankin's request of the missionaries was made because he understands this system of accountability and sensed the need to have all of our missionaries state their agreement" with the 2000 faith statement, he added.

Noting that Rankin's request "was made with the best interest of our missionaries in mind," Chitwood said, "They will be able to continue their work without the distraction of questions or accusations that have arisen from the publicized comments of a small minority of missionaries."

He said Rankin's call for missionaries to comply, resign or be terminated means "SBC churches can have full confidence in their missionaries" who remain on the field.

RICHMOND, Va.—Fifteen months after calling on veteran missionaries to affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message statement, Jerry Rankin has set a May 5 deadline for compliance.

Rankin, president of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, told missionaries their options are to affirm the current faith statement by the deadline, resign or be recommended for termination during next month's IMB trustee meeting.

Rankin's initial letter on the issue in January 2002 warned that the

IMB's earlier "failure to ask for this affirmation is creating suspicion that there are IMB personnel whose beliefs and practices are inconsistent with those represented by Southern Baptists."

"While we believe this in unfounded," he added, "we do not need an issue such as this to generate needless controversy, erode support and distract us from the focus on our task at such a critical time of opportunity around the world."

Declining to name those who had raised such concerns, Rankin said missionaries' willingness to endorse the statement would protect them "from charges of heresy behind your back while you are overseas and cannot defend yourself."

The January 2002 letter came one year after IMB trustees voted not to require missionaries already on the field to endorse the revised faith statement.

'Reconsider your position'

In his latest letter to 31 missionaries, Rankin noted that he asked mission workers to affirm the revised faith statement more than a year ago. Since then, 98.7 percent of the IMB's 5,500 overseas workers have done so.

Rankin wrote to one missionary: "I am grateful for your years of service and would be delighted if you should decide to affirm the current Baptist Faith and Message and continue your effective ministry with the IMB. Apart from that, I would like to ask that you consider resigning rather than maintaining a position that would undermine the integrity and credibility of the IMB. If I do not hear from you regarding one of these options by May 5, 2003, I will be recommending that the board take action to terminate your service in their May meeting."

"For the sake of the people you serve and our Great Commission task, I pray that you might reconsider your position and join your fellow missionaries in cooperating with the request I have made."

Rankin said he believes several of the missionaries will yet choose to affirm the faith statement and others

may choose to resign rather than be fired.

Letters to three missionary couples, however, do not give them the option of affirming the 2000 BF&M but ask them to resign. The three couples reportedly have served as IMB missionaries for more than 20 years each.

Those six workers "have clearly and publicly stated positions contrary to the BF&M that are beyond acceptable parameters," Rankin said. "They have adamantly refused to be accountable to the IMB and Southern Baptist churches as requested."

Rankin's latest letter answers a question that had been circulating since last year's directive: What will happen to missionaries who decline to affirm the revised statement?

At the time the initial letter was released, IMB spokesman Mark Kelly said no decision had been made about what would happen to missionaries who failed to comply.

In recent months, IMB officials also have refused to use the word "termination" when describing potential ramifications.

"I don't think Dr. Rankin expects hardly anybody out there to register a concern," Kelly said last year. "There's no ax being held over anybody's head."

Explaining his reason for setting a deadline for compliance or termination, Rankin said, "We wanted this to be a decision the missionaries make for themselves. We wanted to give every missionary ample time to consider his or her response. If a missionary decides he or she cannot affirm it and therefore cannot continue serving through the IMB, we regret that but appreciate the integrity of conscience it demonstrates."

Concern over credalism

In the past year, 32 missionaries submitted resignations that cited Rankin's directive as a factor in their decisions. The resignations of eight other workers are expected at the May trustee meeting. One missionary couple plans to resign in August. Combined with the missionaries who received Rankin's letter this month,

more than 70 mission workers have declined Rankin's directive.

Among concerns voiced by missionaries is that the faith statement is being turned into a creed and that the process has been politicized.

"We do not want to be fired," Larry and Sarah Belew wrote last year. But they also "do not want to participate in the political power struggles of the SBC."

"The way this document is being used is nothing short of creedalism," added the Belews, missionaries to Asia. "We will not lower our commitment to being biblical Christians by constraining ourselves within the bounds of this document."

"I do not deny their right to know what I believe and what I teach," wrote Stan Lee, a missionary to Rwanda since 1977. "What I deny is their right to force me, on pain of losing my appointment, to sign an extra-biblical document written by men and revised three times in my lifetime."

'Doctrinal integrity' urged

Rankin said his initial letter last year "was a collective appeal to assure Southern Baptists of the doctrinal integrity of the missionaries they send and support."

"However," he added, "the failure of some to affirm their accountability undercuts the credibility and support of all missionaries serving with the IMB in a time of remarkable evangelistic harvest and unprecedented opportunities."

"Most of our missionaries responded immediately to the request to affirm the BF&M, with many expressing appreciation for the opportunity to testify to what they believe," Rankin added. "No one was coerced."

"We deeply regret losing any missionary, but we are accountable to the churches in this matter. If a missionary's disagreements are so great that he or she cannot in good conscience promise to work in harmony with the BF&M, we feel he or she has an obligation to Southern Baptists to tell them so."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press and Editor Trennis Henderson

Two Southwestern professors denied tenure, students protest

By Mark Wingfield
Texas Baptist Standard

FORT WORTH—Two popular faculty members at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary reportedly have not been recommended for tenure, meaning they must leave the faculty.

Seminary administrators have not confirmed that church history professors Karen Bullock and Stephen Stookey are being forced out, but they have responded to student protests with a tacit acknowledgement.

Under the seminary's governing documents, professors denied tenure may continue their posts through one additional academic year.

Trustee Chairman David Allen confirmed to the Texas Baptist Standard April 16 that "the tenure process has come to completion." He added: "There was no tenure recommenda-

tion from the administration to the board at this last meeting."

After stories about the situation were published in the Baptist Standard and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, President Ken Hemphill read a prepared statement in chapel April 10. The statement came two days after Hemphill announced his resignation to become national stragist for the Southern Baptist Convention's Empowering Kingdom Growth initiative.

The April 10 statement said: "I know that many of you have conflicted feelings at the moment. Grief, anger and confusion may be just a few. Such feelings are not only related to my departure, but have been elicited by concern for Drs. Bullock and Stookey. I know both these professors have made a great investment in the lives of numerous students. ... We do have a process of tenure review that is prescribed by our documents. That

process is being followed.

"We cannot publicly discuss the specifics of any personnel matter," Hemphill added. "This serves both the interest of the individual and the institution. Drs. Bullock and Stookey have made a wonderful investment in Southwestern and will always be a part of our legacy."

Hemphill issued the statement while concerns continued to surface about the reasons for his own departure.

According to some accounts, Hemphill was pressured to leave Southwestern by a small group of SBC leaders dissatisfied with the pace of changes at the seminary. Those leaders reportedly helped broker a deal to allow Hemphill to stay as president until he could find another position or one could be created for him.

Allen confirmed Hemphill will be paid by the seminary through July

2004 when his retirement officially goes into effect.

While the seminary has not given any public explanation for ousting the two professors, some students and faculty have charged the action appears motivated purely by politics and fundamentalist theology.

Among the students objecting to the professors' ouster is Kermit Jones, who has taken a class with Bullock each of the last four semesters.

"She is one of the most Christ-like people I've ever met," he said. "She has a genuine concern for all her students."

Likewise, first-year student Brad Olin said Stookey has been a friend to students and a popular professor.

"Dr. Stookey is a great man of God, very humble," Olin said. Most importantly, he added, Stookey is "not a cookie-cutter teacher like I guess they would want him to be."

First Baptist Dawson Springs fire under investigation

By Vince Tweddell
& Lori Harrison
Madisonville Messenger

DAWSON SPRINGS—The lunch crowd in Dawson Springs on Monday, April 14, was busy remembering the historical significance of what was the town's largest church sanctuary.

According to Mayor Stacia Peyton, many residents spent the day reminiscing about the burned First Baptist Church, often saying things like "I was baptized there," "I was married there" or "I met my husband there."

"We are sort of reminiscing now; that's where we are," Peyton said. "But our spirits are high, so it's OK to reminisce."

Fire investigators still do not know what caused the fire, which caused the sanctuary's roof to fall in, destroying both the sanctuary and education building.

Questions lingered last week as residents returned to work. Tim Johnson, owner of Clark Beshear and Clark Furniture, said customers came in Monday wondering "why it started and how it started."

An official with the Dawson Springs Fire Department said the blaze is under investigation by the bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, while Ken Meredith, a spokesman for the state fire marshal's office said that department's investigations are ongoing.

The fire was reported to the Dawson Springs Fire Department shortly after 12:30 a.m. Saturday, with the department arriving a minute later to flames "30 or 40 feet in the air above the church," a department official said.

Members held an impromptu parking lot prayer service early Saturday morning. "I don't know what time it was," Pastor Randall Rogers said. "I guess there was a hundred people there or so."

The church has about 900 members. The church building was a fixture in a close-knit community, Johnson said.

"My whole family was baptized in that church," said Johnson, who is



CHURCH FIRE Lt. Matt Allen of the Dawson Springs volunteer fire department removes a charred Easter cross from First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs, at the request of a member. (Madisonville Messenger photo by Jim Pearson)

married and two sons.

While the church dates back to 1876, the sanctuary that burned was built and dedicated 43 years ago, in 1960. The attached education building was dedicated a few years before that, said Deacon Louis Franklin.

Franklin, who joined First Baptist in the early 1960s, received a phone call about the fire shortly after it was reported and immediately went to the church. "By the time I got from my house down there, it was obvious it was going to be a total loss," he said.

"We were fortunate to save some of the buildings around it," he added. "What used to be our parsonage but has been converted to our offices now, is sitting right next to our church and they kept the fire off of it."

The church wasn't something people forgot about when they moved away. Johnson received e-mails from former members who now live in Massachusetts and Colorado. Another out-of-town former member didn't believe him, beginning his response e-mail with, "If this is true ..."

Many members already have begun looking toward the future, starting with worship the next Sunday morning.

Peyton estimated approximately 300 people were at the Dawson Springs High School multipurpose building, where Rogers told the gathering to remain positive.

"This will be a positive thing, not a negative thing," Rogers said.

His sermon focused on four Ps: proceed, pray, participate and positive.

After coming in feeling gloomy, the congregation left upbeat, with smiles on their faces, Rogers said. "We had a calmness come over us."

In the meantime, various churches have offered their facilities, and according to Rogers' wife, LaVonn, every event scheduled will proceed as planned.

Peyton admitted that she was depressed Saturday morning as she watched the church burn. But "better things are to come," she said, adding that a new church will be built.

The loss evoked emotions from many community residents. Mrs. Rogers said a steady flow of cars circled the church Saturday and Sunday, catching a glimpse of the historical building, which had its beginnings in the 1860s.

Some got out of their cars for a closer look. "People were standing looking. Sometimes they were crying," she said.

Rogers thanked neighboring churches and others in Little Bethel Baptist Association that have offered prayers, use of their facilities and other assistance.

"A lot of love is going around," he said.

An Easter drama the church planned to offer was canceled, but the Easter cantata proceeded as scheduled on Easter Sunday, with the location changing to the school.

"We are going to rebuild, of course, but we don't know when or what," Rogers said. "We're still kind of in shock."

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BLUEGRASS BURGEOO

■ **Cumberland College** will host an information session April 24 about its evening studies program for students seeking a bachelor's degree in organizational management. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in Cumberland's business building. For more information, call (606) 539-4177.

■ **Georgetown College** recently renamed the primary road connecting the school's campus with Georgetown's Main Street "Memorial Drive" in honor of 45 students and alumni who died in World War II. Brass plaques bearing the names of those killed have been restored on light poles lining to street, previously called Giddings Drive.

■ **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College** will sponsor a National Day of Prayer event May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Courthouse Square in Pineville. For more information, call the college at (606) 337-3196.

Conference to offer church resources for technical ministries



TECHNICAL MINISTRY Buddy Mabrey, sound technician at Southminister Baptist Church in Louisville, makes some adjustments before a recent Wednesday evening prayer service. The Kentucky Baptist Convention's upcoming Technical Ministries Conference will help train people to use high-tech tools to communicate the gospel. (KBC photo)

LOUISVILLE—When they do their jobs well, they're often not noticed.

But the folks in Kentucky churches who work the sound systems, cameras, screens and other technical gadgetry that has become part of modern church services play a major role in facilitating meaningful worship.

That's why the Kentucky Baptist Convention is offering training for technical ministry volunteers in a day-long conference June 7 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

"The technical ministry workers, who are almost always volunteers, are some of the unsung heroes of the church—quietly going about their business behind the scenes," said KBC Communications Director Robert Reeves.

Workshops will be held in sound-board operation, camera operation, lighting, presentation software, Web site design and newsletter design. One

of the highlights is expected to be a workshop in basic audio techniques, offering up to 120 participants hands-on experience in mixing sanctuary sound.

General workshops also will cover such topics as copyright law for churches and new ways churches are using media in ministry.

Reeves said the conference is not only for volunteers from large-membership churches or from churches that use a contemporary worship style.

Registration costs \$45 per person or \$35 per person for a group of three or more who pre-register by May 16. Registration will cost \$55 per person after May 16. The workshop fee includes lunch, which will be provided at the church.

For more information, call the KBC communications/media department at toll-free at (888) 254-5713 or (502) 254-4731 or register online at www.kybaptist.org/techconference.

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Seminary is 'oasis'

The more I've thought about it, the more I wish everyone, especially Baptists, could have attended the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky convocation March 9 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. I am a 52-year-old attorney, a student at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and excited about the future at BSK.

The ceremony represented the best of the Baptist tradition, powerful speaking, meaningful roles for persons of diverse backgrounds, freedom of thought and speech and love for everyone in this priesthood of believers.

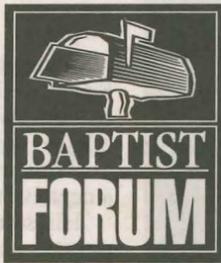
As impressed as I was with the program, I did not appreciate its significance until several classes later. The program was not a well-choreographed ceremony calculated to im-

press those in attendance, though it was impressive. The program simply reflected the character and aspirations of the seminary.

I admit I loved (BSK President) Greg Earwood before BSK came along, but BSK is much more than Greg. BSK is a place to deepen our knowledge and understanding of God in the Baptist tradition, a place where every student experiences firsthand the love and nurturing of God through trained, experienced and caring teachers and staff.

I thank God every day for BSK and the persons who make it a reality. BSK is an oasis. It has been a second Sabbath. I hope you have the opportunity to experience God's gifts through Baptist Seminary of Kentucky.

*Charlie Perkins
Georgetown*



Personal support

I am writing in regard to the April 1 letter by Dudley Herron in which he expressed his outrage at the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "Conference on Understanding Other Beliefs" hosted by First Baptist Church of Morehead. He made it clear that he spoke for himself and not as a representative of First Baptist Church of Morehead, and suggested that I, as chair of the deacons at First Baptist, might wish to further dissociate myself from his letter.

I did not attend the conference and cannot therefore speak to that issue. However, I did participate in the study of Islam in our Sunday school class to which Dudley referred.

I have complete confidence in Dudley's judgment and fully support his position. Like Dudley, I speak for myself and not as a representative of our church or its deacons.

*Alban L. Wheeler
Morehead*

KBC audit work group issues report

The audit work group of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board's business and finance committee met Feb. 11, 2003, to perform its annual review and evaluation of the financial condition and practices of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's affiliated entities and its mission board as reflected in their 2002 audited financial statements.

This annual audit review process is an important way Kentucky Baptists receive an accountability report from the convention and its affiliated entities. Kentucky Baptists can be pleased that this procedure exists whereby the convention and its institutions and agencies can give an accounting of the stewardship of the resources entrusted to them.

These entities include Camp-

bellsville University, Cumberland College, Georgetown College, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Kentucky Baptist Assemblies, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Baptist Healthcare System, Woman's Missionary Union, Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptist Foundation and the Kentucky Baptist missions programs and subsidy.

Kentucky Baptists also can be pleased and encouraged with the sound financial condition and stability of the institutions and agencies and the level of cooperation demonstrated by them. The work group complimented the board and administrative leadership of the convention and each of its affiliated entities. Kentucky Baptists are encour-

aged to increase their support of these institutions and agencies prayerfully and financially.

Members of the audit work group were: Mark Galloway, Morganfield, chairperson; Charles Beighle, Frankfort; Calvin Perry, Alexandria; Rick Robbins, Covington; Don Phelps, Sturgis; Carol Taylor, Louisville; John Mark Toby, Somerset; Harlan Williams, Hardin; Business Manager Lowell Ashby; Accounting Services Director Cathi Roy-Sanders; Executive Associate Steve Thompson; and Executive Director Bill Mackey. In addition, meeting with the work group were two certified public accountants.

The work group's report was made to the full business and finance committee on March 28, 2003, and approved.

*Mark Galloway, chairperson
KBC audit work group*

PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

Seven great days among Kentucky Baptists

I recently spent seven days in wonderful experiences with Kentucky Baptists at work. Let me share with you some of the great things that are happening.

The Baptist Student Union leadership group at the University of Louisville invited me to share with them about leadership and to hear reports about the BSU ministries and their involvement in local churches. Twelve student leaders shared about their inreach and outreach ministries.

Last year the university recognized the BSU's great work with international students. This year, the BSU was recognized for its outstanding intramural teams. Prayer and Bible study surround each of the intramural team events.

Angela Perkins Girdley, campus minister, has excelled in organizing the student-led ministries. She is just one of 11 campus ministers who have organized ministry to 35,000 college students annually.

Later that week I attended the BSU's summer missions commissioning service for 103 students. BSUs

across Kentucky have raised more than \$100,000 to send these students. It was inspirational to pray with these summer missionaries, their parents and friends gathered in the chapel at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ralph Hopkins, recently retired from the convention's collegiate ministry department, presented a challenging and heartfelt message.

On Friday and Saturday I participated in one of the most inspirational WMU conventions ever. There was great music, insightful

mission messages and incredible testimonies. Shirley Kirk, who leads a jail ministry to women, introduced a former inmate, Teresa Shaffer, who has become their WMU director following a dramatic conversion. Sue Rich conducts the Christian Women's Job Corps training and LaDonna Diggs, who overflows with the joy of the Lord, leads their inspirational Bible study. Congratulations to Kentucky WMU Executive Director Joy Bolton, the WMU staff and Kentucky WMU President Cathy Chinn for a great convention.



Bill Mackey

Sunday, I had the privilege of leading worship services at First Baptist Church in Hazard and renewing friendships with Glenn Noe, Charles Hall, Paul Collins and others. Pray for this church as it begins a spiritual journey to prepare for God's pastor to lead them into the future God has planned.

Sunday night, I arrived in Paducah at the invitation of Bettie Wright and West Union Association to conduct a senior adult revival at Lone Oak First Baptist Church. Bettie had arranged luncheons and dinners with laypeople, pastors and their spouses, and directors of missions and their spouses in the area.

While there I also had an opportunity to participate in Stephen Wilson's class on Baptist history at Mid-Continent College and to have lunch with Mid-Continent President Robert Imhoff. The college has more than 700 students enrolled and has had great success with the degree completion program which is offered in partnership with corporations and two-year community colleges.

Continue to praise God for the great ministries among Kentucky Baptists and prayerfully anticipate the "greater works" (John 14:12).

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

CHURCH

Offering statistics highlight need for stewardship focus

By Doug Strader

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board's information services department recently released the latest Annual Church Profile statistics from Kentucky Baptist churches for



the year 2002.

Using some of the statistics from that report, I have compiled some interesting numbers that are of particular interest to me and likely are of interest to many of you as well.

The total designated receipts from all of our reporting churches for the year 2001 was \$246,484,416. For the year 2002 that number was \$261,933,531 or an increase of \$15,449,125 over the previous year. If you divide the resident membership of Kentucky Baptist churches into those numbers, you can obtain the per capita gifts for the year.

In 2001 the average gift of each resident member was \$442.06 per year. For total membership the average gift for 2001 was \$318.79. In 2002 the per capita gift of resident members increased to \$467.65 and the per capita gifts for total membership increased to an average of \$335.07.

As you can see, those figures are not very impressive. The reality is that many resident members never attend or give to the Lord through their church and certainly most non-resident members never attend or give.

If you take the average Sunday school attendance and the average worship attendance, the figures improve significantly. In 2001 the average Sunday school participant gave \$1,429 per year or \$27.49 per week. For those who attend worship, the yearly average is \$1,039 or almost \$20 per week. In the year 2002 the average Sunday school participant gave \$1,500 per year or almost \$29 per week, and the average worshipper gave \$1,053 per year or almost \$20.25 per week.

How does your church compare with these statistics? To determine your averages, take your 2001 and 2002 total undesignated budget receipts and divide by your total church membership, resident membership, average Sunday school attendance and average morning worship attendance. You could use the results to determine some of your financial stewardship education needs for 2003.

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

Identifying relationship styles can enhance communication

Q: My senior adult parents often cause conflict with each other by using such statements as: "He didn't hear what I had to say; he just sits there pretending to" or "She never listens to me." Can anything be done to break this negative exchange?

Family members and counselors frequently encounter such cries of desperation from people who are struggling with the task of maintaining and enhancing the health and well being of their relationship in later life. Part of the challenge is determining individuals' primary relationship style.

Relationship style "A" is characterized by communicative behavior that reflects a positive view of self and others. These people tend to display an amicable style of communication and are likely to adapt easily to a variety of social situations.

People with relationship style "B" also tend to have a high regard for others and are extremely social. However, they are less flexible in adapting to different social situations and relational partners. People with style "B" characteristics tend to possess low self-esteem and be overly dependent on their relational partners.

People with relationship style "C" characteristics often contend with incompatible feelings and desires. They generally seek external validation. However, they are distrustful of others, experience great anxiety over relationships and fear rejection. These opposing tensions stem from the negative view they hold of themselves and others.

People with relationship style "D" tend to have little anxiety about close relationships, and generally are not highly motivated to initiate or maintain them. These people tend to be extremely self-sufficient and believe that relationships are not of primary importance to their lives.

Effective support includes helping a couple better understand the effects of their relationship styles. You can build on a couple's knowledge of these styles by working with them to enhance skills that address differences in relating to each other while seeking to balance autonomy and connection needs.—*Jon Rainbow*

Q: My teenage son recently admitted to me that he often feels lonely. How can I help him?

Feelings of loneliness among teenagers are common. Many young teens change schools and have to re-orient themselves to a new peer group. At the same time, they may be moving from the children's group to the youth group at the church. For older teens, the move from high school to college or career groups can be unsettling as they leave traditional places of comfort or find friends moving away.

John Donne once said, "No man is an island." God said it much earlier in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good for man to be alone." As individuals created in the image of a triune God who exists in the eternal relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are made for relationships. Yet sin and brokenness have alienated people both from God and each other.

Encourage your son to realize that he is not alone. Everyone experiences loneliness at one time or another. The roster of the lonely in the scripture reads like a "Who's Who." Consider David, Elijah, Jeremiah, Moses, Job, John the Baptist, Paul and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Remind your son that the ultimate remedy for loneliness is in the recognition and response to a God who desires to relate to him personally through Jesus Christ. Encourage him to pursue disciplines that will help him draw closer to God. Remind him that he also can choose to take specific steps to strengthen relationships with other people.—*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 Campbellsville University; 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.



Crossover celebrates 15 years of ministry

When Southern Baptist Convention messengers gather this summer for the SBC annual meeting in Phoenix, one of the most significant events will take place before the June 17-18 meeting officially begins.

Crossover Arizona, the SBC's 15th annual evangelistic emphasis held in conjunction with the annual meeting, will take place the weekend prior to the SBC.

Begun modestly in 1989 in conjunction with the SBC annual meeting in Las Vegas, the first Crossover recorded more than 350 professions of faith in Christ. Since then thousands of Southern Baptist volunteers have led more than 23,000 people to personal faith in Jesus, including nearly 10,000 conversions in the past five years.

Former Western Recorder Editor Jack Sanford, who died just a few weeks before the inaugural Crossover event, already had commended the evangelistic emphasis to fellow Kentucky Baptists. "Our prayer is that those persons who can and will go early for the evangelism effort will have a special anointing of the Lord for their work," Sanford wrote in an editorial published May 9, 1989. "Nothing is more important in Baptist life than sharing a witness and helping people know Christ."

On the eve of the SBC's 15th Crossover emphasis, Sanford's words still ring true. Even with denominational controversy and declining annual meeting attendance that has plagued the SBC in recent years, Crossover consistently has been a bright spot in convention life.

Chad Davidson, minister of music and youth at Bellview Baptist Church in Paducah, helped lead a team of volunteers who participated in last summer's Crossover St. Louis emphasis.

"It's been a dream of our church and mine that we would get to do a Crossover," he said at the time. "It's teaching them to love people. It's teaching them that they need to be a bold witness to their neighbors and their

community."

The spiritual impact of Crossover is not limited to one weekend each summer. Here in Kentucky, the state convention's evangelism growth team has sponsored Crossover-type events each of the past two years in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Involvement in Crossover is "an important statement about who we are as Kentucky Baptists," said Dan Garland, leader of the evangelism growth team. "It's truly the working together, the unity that comes when people are unified around the common cause of Christ."

As people throughout the nation and world ponder the war in Iraq and its aftermath, the international conflict is a reminder of the vital importance of Christians taking time to share their faith with people in desperate need of the gospel. This summer's Crossover emphasis is a timely opportunity for Southern Baptist volunteers to help spread the good news of eternal salvation through Christ.

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth," Jesus declared in Acts 1:8. That includes Kentucky—and Arizona.

Crossover Arizona will include block parties, door-to-door surveys and other evangelistic activities throughout the metropolitan Phoenix area Saturday, June 14. An added feature of this year's event will involve churches in other parts of the state sponsoring similar efforts the weekend after the SBC.

Individuals or groups interested in participating in Crossover Arizona should contact volunteer coordinator Deb Wolfrey toll-free at (866) 289-0469 or by e-mail at valleyrim@hotmail.com. While registration by May 1 is encouraged, coordinators said some individuals could be assigned to projects as late as June 13.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

King's jail letter still challenges status quo

By Samuel Atchison

TRENTON, N.J. (RNS)—"Never before have I written so long a letter. I'm afraid it is much too long to take your precious time. I can assure you that it would have been much shorter if I had been writing from a comfortable desk, but what else can one do when he is alone in a narrow jail cell, other than write long letters, think long thoughts and pray long prayers?"

Thus Martin Luther King Jr. concluded his now famous "Letter From a Birmingham Jail." Written 40 years ago this month, the letter was a response to the public rebuke of King's civil rights campaign in Birmingham by eight white Alabama clergymen.

At issue for the clergymen was the presence of "outsiders" from other parts of the nation who, in the view of the local power structure, had undermined the city's peace by enticing many of the city's African-American citizens into protesting Birmingham's segregation laws. In their view, the demonstrations and economic boycotts employed by the protesters constituted "extreme measures" which threatened to "incite ... hatred and violence" though the actions themselves were "technically peaceful."

The clergymen—an ecumenical

mix of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders—were seeking to claim the moral high ground by urging the African-American community to "withdraw support from these demonstrations" while observing what they called "the principles of law and order and common sense."

For King, this rebuke, published in the Birmingham News, represented yet another rejection by the very religious establishment he had been appealing to since the Montgomery bus boycott nearly 10 years before.

His jail cell response served as a primer as well as an apology. Because he preferred to believe that his accusers were indeed "men of genuine goodwill," but also men whose collective moral compass had gone awry, King set out not only to defend his movement but also to remind his readers of the biblical mandates that necessitated the movement.

For King, his role as a purveyor of the "gospel of freedom" was merely a continuation of the prophetic tradition of the Jewish and Christian faiths. Similarly, his embrace of civil disobedience in defiance of unjust laws was grounded in the Judeo-Christian understanding of the intrinsic dignity of all human beings.

At the same time, he placed the civil rights movement and its participants squarely within the American tradi-

tion, noting that "the Boston Tea Party represented a massive act of civil disobedience."

After he warmed to his subject, King then changed gears and indicted the church for failing to meet the standards of its own prophetic tradition.

"In the midst of blatant injustices inflicted upon the Negro," he declared, "I have watched white churchmen stand on the sideline and mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. ... And I have watched many churches commit themselves to a completely otherworldly religion which makes a strange, un-biblical distinction between body and soul, between the sacred and the secular."

As a result, he intoned, "the judgment of God is upon the church as never before."

Forty years later, the church's judgment still hangs in the balance. While many in the church are valiantly wrestling with how to convey transcendent truths in a postmodern age, there still are those who, in King's words, remain "archdefenders of the status quo."

King's warning, sounded so many years ago, remains relevant today: "If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the (21st) century."

Samuel Atchison, a prison chaplain in Trenton, N.J., is a fellow of the George H. Gallup International Institute in Princeton, N.J.

Workplace ministry a growing movement, observers say

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matter and insist their work is every bit as important as that of a church pastor.

While integrating spirituality into the workplace might appeal to many people, some question the potential pitfalls for employers, particularly in an era of increasing religious diversity.

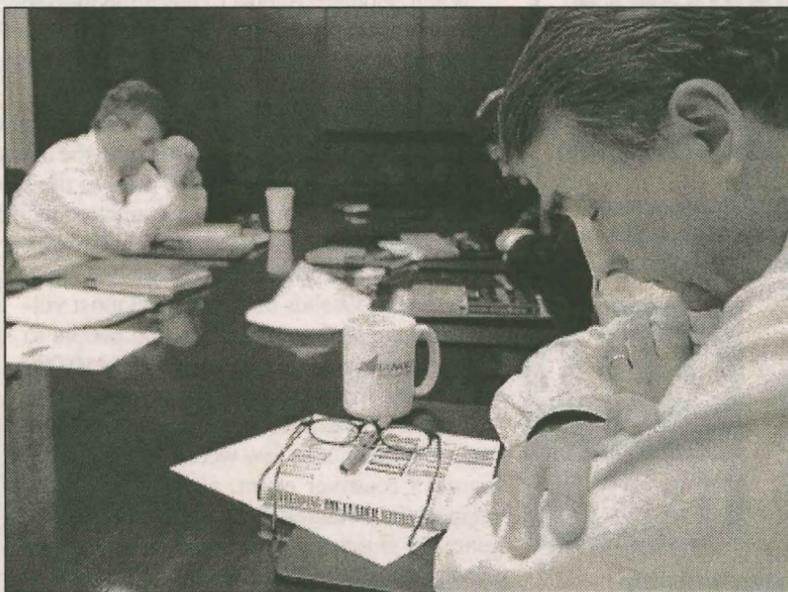
Some critics question whether Christian executives are stepping over the line and leaving themselves open to discrimination charges.

"If you're a CEO and somebody knows you're an evangelical, you're as vulnerable of being duped (by subordinates professing to be more religious than they are) as you are of abusing your power," said Laura Nash, a research fellow at Harvard Business School who studies business ethics.

She says employees have little power to disagree with a boss if he or she becomes pushy about a particular faith. Without realizing it, bosses might create an environment in which workers who don't attend Bible study or pray over an impending deal feel left out, if not discriminated against, when it comes time for a raise or a promotion.

Members of minority faiths such as Judaism, Islam and Buddhism say Bible studies at the office are OK when they are organized by like-minded employees gathering on their own time. But when company executives appear to elevate one faith to a place of prominence, they note, it might create problems.

"This attitude comes from an unquestioning acceptance that a particular belief is shared by everyone," said Rabbi Susan Friedman of Temple Beth Shalom in Cary, N.C. "They're



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entitled to wish it were so, but you have to come to the conclusion it's not, and other people are entitled to their breathing space."

Religion and workplace law

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, employers are required to reasonably accommodate workers' religious beliefs unless it creates an undue hardship for the business. An employer must try, for instance, to accommodate an employee who wants to observe the Sabbath on Saturdays.

Increasingly, workers are testing their bosses' resolve. Religious bias complaints have increased more than 40 percent since 1992, according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

But as Americans argue about the appropriate role of religion in the workplace, conservative Christians

are increasingly looking for ways to incorporate their faith and their jobs.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association recently hosted a conference in Asheville, N.C., to help pastors learn how they can encourage people to see work as a ministry. (See story on page 7.)

Other groups, such as Campus Crusade for Christ, have promoted workplace ministry for a decade. As a result, Christian Bible studies have emerged in corporate environments such as Coca-Cola Co. and in government offices such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Others believe in a more subdued approach in which Christians model an exemplary lifestyle but don't explicitly talk about it. They say Christians should never lose sight of the workplace's primary objective, which is work.

"The sharing of the Good News is what we do on our time, not on

the firm's time," said Edmund Gibbs, a professor of church growth at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., who has studied workplace ministries. "If you misuse the workplace, you put your colleagues in a difficult position. We've got to be respectful of each other in that context."

Charity and worker morale

But business people who incorporate their Christian values into the workplace say the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

"I've always felt that having a Bible study sends a message to our people: We're going to make honest decisions," said Larry Kelly, chairman of Piedmont Air Conditioning in Raleigh. "If you live by the Bible and do what the Lord wants, you'll run an honest ship."

Many business owners say incorporating Christian principles ensures that they'll be not only honest, but generous. Nationwide, companies give between 1 percent and 3 percent of their profits to charity, according to the American Association of Fundraising Counsel.

In 2001, Accu-Fab gave \$53,000 to Christian charities, about 18 percent of its pre-tax income. Every Monday morning, the management team gathers for 30 to 45 minutes of prayer. They pray for their customers who are sick, co-workers who are experiencing personal difficulties and anyone else who asks for it.

"This is the first company I've ever cared about working for," said Candy Love, production planner and quality administrator. "The support and effort our company goes to make sure (employees) are taken care of is tremendous. It makes you want to do so much more."

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Speakers: Help Christians see jobs as mission field

By Kelly Davis
Baptist Press

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (BP)—Pastor A.R. Bernard knows personally the kind of impact that workplace ministry can have.

Bernard was an operations specialist at a New York bank for more than 10 years when a partner in his office shared her faith in Christ with him.

At the time, he said, he was exhausted from exploring a plethora of religions, including Islam and Eastern mysticism.

"I wasn't looking for religion," he recounted. "I was looking for God."

Today, he's senior pastor of Christian Cultural Center of Brooklyn, N.Y., shepherding a flock of more than 17,000 people and thankful for a coworker who was bold enough to share her faith.

"Because the presence of God was in the workplace, I am who I am today," Bernard said.

"The Christian lady who shared Christ with me has impacted all those I have impacted over the past 28 years I have been in ministry."

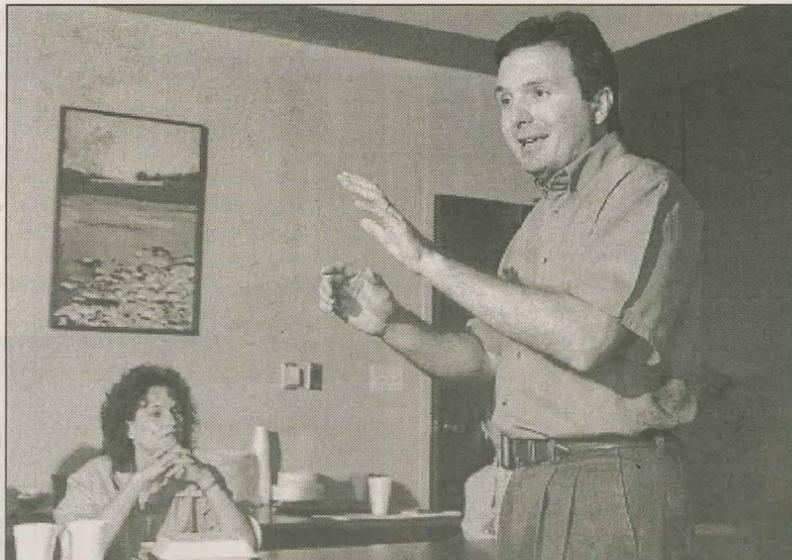
Such impact is the goal of nearly 300 chaplains, businessmen, pastors and church leaders who gathered recently to discuss an emerging evangelism movement among Christians in the workplace.

The four-day conference emphasized the need to boost awareness of workplace ministry and to train Christians to take their faith to work with them in an appropriate and meaningful way.

Rethinking ministry

"A majority of the church congregation spends a majority of their time and interacts with a majority of the lost world in the workplace," said Doug Spada, president of His Church at Work, a workplace ministry based in La Mesa, Calif.

"Pastors and those in the workplace alike are sensing a call to rethink



WORKPLACE FAITH Don Waybright, a systems administrator at Tyson Foods, leads a group of Tyson staff through a Bible study in a company conference room. Workplace ministry was the topic of recent conference in Asheville, N.C. (RNS file photo)

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our premise of ministry," Spada said. "Obedience to this truth can ignite the church to awaken a sleeping remnant in the body of Christ—the workplace Christian."

The conference, held at The Cove, a training center operated by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, featured workshops on topics ranging from evangelism strategies and chaplains in the workplace to legal limits in workplace outreach to launching such ministries in local churches.

Speakers described a "revolutionary" movement of God in today's workplace.

"I believe in the next six months to a year, there will be a major explosion in the area of marketplace ministries," said Kent Humphreys, president of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International.

"That is why we have to focus on training our Christian workers to view their workplace as a way to minister to those who don't know Christ as their personal Savior."

Humphreys, a Southern Baptist

from Oklahoma City who has worked in his family business for 25 years, said his job has been his platform for sharing the gospel to thousands of top executives across the nation.

'You are already in ministry'

He recalled an established vice president of a successful company who confided to Humphreys that he felt a call to enter the ministry.

Humphreys quickly responded, "You are already in the ministry."

Since then, that vice president has led several businessmen to make professions of faith, using his workplace as a platform to share the gospel.

"We want pastors and lay leaders to listen to what's going on so they can equip their congregation to become marketplace ministers," he said. "There are hundreds of ways people can share Christ in the marketplace."

Humphreys noted that the goal is to take Jesus, not religion, into the marketplace.

"We will minister to the marketplace by loving the people and serv-

Prepare to share

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (BP)—One obstacle that many workplace ministry promoters face is the belief by many Christians that they aren't really ministers if they aren't working in a church.

Kent Humphreys, president of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, wants to combat that mentality, teaching Christians that they are called to be Christ's representatives wherever God has placed them.

"God has given you your spiritual gifts. God has given you your background and abilities. He has equipped you with talents and passions. ... You need to use those abilities in a way that best advances the Kingdom of God."

Humphreys published a book in 2000 titled, "Show and then Tell," detailing how a Christian can present the gospel through daily encounters:

■ Christians should recognize their calling to represent Jesus Christ to people.

"We are all to be ambassadors and His representatives," he said. "We need to understand our uniqueness, but the key is our availability."

■ The mission of believers in the workplace is to love God and love the people.

"The focus of our heart is to be on God alone. Then we will view each person from God's point of view, not as an interruption, but as an opportunity."

■ The vision for ministry begins with the people in close proximity.

"(Our vision) is not limited to a building or an organization, but an ever-expanding circle of influence."

■ Workplace ministry seeks to serve people with diversity.

"By dying to self, we express Christ's love to others by making eternal investments in their lives," Humphreys said. "We do this by our attitudes, our work and our actions in concert with other believers as we serve together using various gifts."

■ The mandate of workplace ministries is to redeem people. "Changed lives," he said. "That's the bottom line."

ing the people," he said. "But first we must educate Christians on how to be marketplace ministers."

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association wants to help with that goal. In addition to hosting the conference, the BGEA announced last year that it was adding a new emphasis to work in the area of workplace ministries, according to Jack Munday, BGEA project manager.

BGEA's New Ventures team advocates integrating ministry in the workplace without being offensive and without violating work time, Munday said.

Crossing 'great divide'

Too often, a "great divide" between secular and sacred careers hinders marketplace Christians from sharing their faith, according to Mark Greene, executive director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity in England.

Greene said Christians need to be taught that their workplace is as viable a place for ministry as the church they attend.

"In the workplace, the playing field is the same except for Jesus Christ in the lives of the Christians," Greene said. "Workers are credible, transparent, connected, cross-cultural and cross-generational."

Not sharing the gospel at work is not only tragic for those who don't learn about Christ, Greene said, "but for those Christians who don't realize what God called them to do for His Kingdom."

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After 'glory years': Pastors ponder ways to revitalize

Gary Parker said church leaders will more likely embrace change if they know where it will lead them.

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Baptist Church of Wilmington, N.C. The nearly two-centuries-old church meets in a historic 130-year-old building "with a slave balcony and just 19 off-street parking spaces."

Facing change and taking risks

Despite the many challenges, the church has experienced significant growth recently and now is planning a third worship service. Queen said he has followed the advice of a veteran pastor: "The older the church, the slower you go."

But Queen admits there is more art than science to guiding a church through transition and points to his own increased willingness to take risks as the start of effective changes in the congregation.

"Change" is the operative word, the pastors seemed to agree. While changes in the church's setting are apparent to all, some congregations have a hard time changing their churches' long-held ways of doing God's business.

"If the only model of success we have is the way the church was in 1954, then we won't be successful," said Jim Somerville, pastor of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., which celebrated its 200th anniversary last year.

The marker board filled quickly when facilitator Randy Hyde, pastor of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., asked fellow pastors to list subjects they wanted to discuss during the two-day meeting.

The issue of change was present in almost every topic at the meeting, which was sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Bill Bruster, CBF's networking coordinator, said the idea for the meeting came from Ray Higgins, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Little Rock.

New plans emphasize laity

Second Baptist adopted a new Vision Community Plan in March that will radically reshape the way the historic church does ministry. The five-year plan moves the long-held emphasis on staff ministers carrying out the church's work to equipping members to be effective, ministering disciples.

Higgins, Queen and Schmucker shared how their churches have moved away from old committee structures that served the church well in the glory years. Now their congregations focus on creating ministry teams or disciple groups.

Emphasis is placed on plugging every church member—as well as participants not yet committed to membership—into a ministry area that meets their interests and gifts instead of forcing people into a pre-determined committee structure.

Rather than a lengthy and often difficult process of soliciting, nominating and electing committees for yearlong terms, Queen said the ministry teams are voluntarily formed with the blessing of the deacons.

Second Baptist in Little Rock discovered the need for every member to be on mission because membership has declined since the glory years and the ministry needs in the community have grown.

The church has a rich heritage including its reputation for taking a bold stand in support of racial desegregation in Little Rock schools. But its future ministries had to be based on more than reliving its past, Higgins said.

Twenty-five members, representing a cross-section of the church, studied the congregation's current setting and ministry challenges. They reached the conclusion that "we must make some significant changes or the congregation faces the prospect of a slow death over a period of time."

Higgins described the church's re-focused approach to ministry as "a new adventure every day."

"Now we'll continue to lay out the steps," he added. "It really is a step-by-step process as we offer folks in the 'established church syndrome' new ways to experience God in their daily lives."

A vision for direction

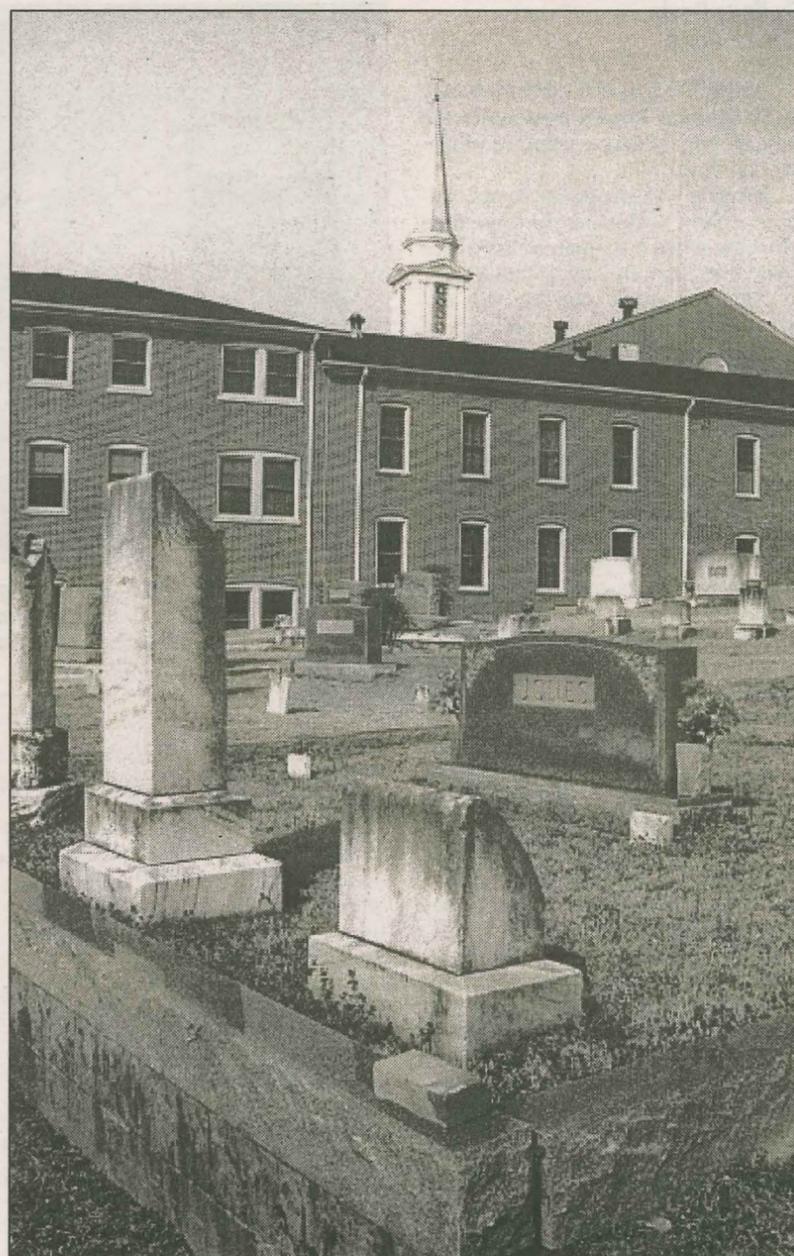
Gary Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., said church leaders will more likely embrace change if they know where it will lead them.

"(Their) question is, 'What are you going to change us to?' 'What are we going to look like afterward?'"

Such questioning is intensified in settings where the community around the church has drastically changed in recent decades and continues to evolve.

Mike Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tenn., suggested using stories from a congregation's glory years to help rather than hinder the congregation's efforts at casting a vision for the future.

"Not stories of statistical successes," Smith said, but "of brave and faithful people."



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The 2003 KBC Obituaries Report will include information on deceased persons who have served our Lord and Kentucky Baptists in a noteworthy manner. We are including persons who died during the convention year, September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003.

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MISSIONS

'Pivotal moment in history'

Baptist relief volunteers make plans to offer help, hope to Iraqi people

By Mike Creswell
SBC International Mission Board

AMMAN, Jordan (BP)—As stability eventually returns to Iraq, Southern Baptist workers are gearing up for massive relief projects inside the country that will need hundreds of volunteers to staff.

Workers have made plans to feed hungry people in both northern and southern Iraq—and meet other needs as well—but only if enough volunteers and funds are available.

The opportunity for Southern Baptists to demonstrate God's love in Iraq is a "pivotal moment in history" that must not be ignored, said John Brady, coordinator of Southern Baptist work across the Middle East and northern Africa.

"We in the church are the body of Christ," Brady said. "It is through us that He wants to work in this troubled part of the world.

"There will be both an urgency and an opportunity inside Iraq after the war," he added. "This will be a narrow window of opportunity and we must begin getting ready now."

One Southern Baptist worker braved missiles and gas attacks when he flew into a country near Iraq during the war to explore how Southern Baptists might move food and supplies through the region. Other workers have explored avenues of service in surrounding countries.

Six Southern Baptist workers set up one of the first ministry projects at a tent city for refugees in eastern Jordan near the Iraqi border. They have distributed food, diapers and other supplies to Sudanese, Somalis, Egyptians and Palestinians who fled hostilities in Iraq.

Impoverished towns

One worker even managed to visit southern Iraq just before the war began. He saw impoverished towns and

villages where basic systems such as electricity and water supplies were barely working even before fighting began and heavily oppressed people struggled to survive.

More than half of Iraq's people depended on humanitarian aid for food before the war. While shops had food and goods for sale, few Iraqis had money to buy anything, he said.

Since the war began, he said, nearly a half million Iraqis have fled their homes and are basically refugees in their own country.

"We will not be trying to duplicate the work of the large aid agencies or governments that will be doing relief work in Iraq," the worker said. "More likely, Southern Baptists will assume responsibility for certain villages and help provide them with food, water or other assistance."

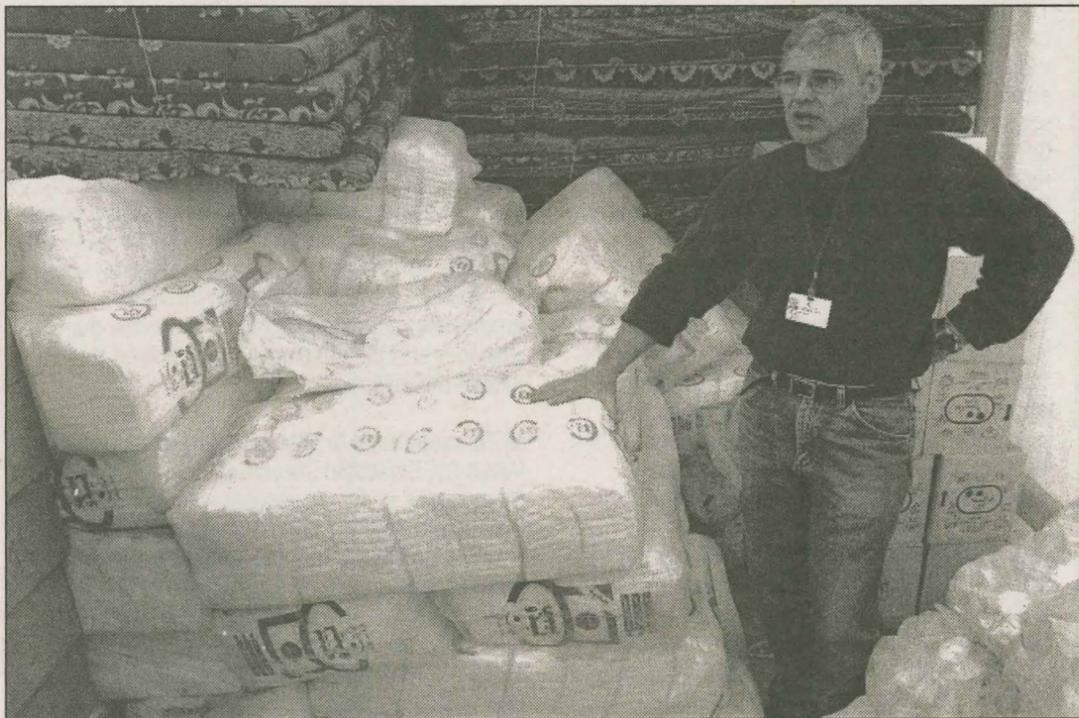
Some work may be with Marsh Arabs, a minority group of Shiite Muslims in southern Iraq. If that happens, it would be the group's first contact with evangelical Christians on a large scale. The same is true for the Kurds in northern Iraq.

Desperate needs

"We must think of people groups cut off from the outside world, fearful of their own government," Brady said. "They have been imprisoned and oppressed, and they desperately need both political and spiritual freedom."

River water is contaminated and salination is a problem in much of southern Iraq—and getting clean water will be one of the biggest needs people have, the worker said. Blankets and tents may be needed more in northern Iraq.

"It will be critical for our volunteers to set up micro projects in villages to both meet needs and show people we care about them," said Brian Barlow, a Southern Baptist worker in Jordan. "A church might adopt a school and send in school supplies or provide a ball field and equip-



ment for a village.

"We will need to establish long-term programs of good will," he said.

Other Southern Baptist workers familiar with Iraq agreed that almost any kind of willing evangelical workers will be needed after the war.

Top-priority needs will include all sorts of medical and dental workers, construction workers, agricultural and livestock workers, logistics workers and fish farm experts, Brady said.

Along with the need for workers, Brady said there will be a great need for funds, both for humanitarian projects and literature, cassettes and other materials. He urged Southern Baptists to remember needs in Iraq as they give through their churches this year.

Plea for prayer

Workers also pleaded for special prayer support from Southern Baptists. "If you can give us your prayers, we will succeed with this," one worker said.

"A church can turn the tide of war only from its knees," Brady said.

While post-war ministry could be difficult and possibly dangerous, "those who respond will have the joy of serving God and the privilege of seeing Him work miracles in the hearts and lives of the Iraqi people," he promised.

For information about how to respond to the Iraq crisis, call the International Mission Board's Iraq Response Desk at (800) 999-3113, ext. 1641.

Churches or individuals who would prefer to make a donation toward the cost of the project can designate checks to "Iraq Response - General Relief" and mail them to: Iraq Response, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-0767. Make checks payable to International Mission Board and designate "Iraq Response - General Relief."

Kentucky Baptists also are invited to purchase and pack food boxes for collection between May 12 and 19. For details about the food collection project, contact Kentucky Brotherhood toll-free at (888) 254-5720 or Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union at (888) 254-5726.

GEARING UP Southern Baptist workers are preparing for massive relief projects inside Iraq as stability returns to the region. Workers have made plans to feed as many as 10,000 people a day in both northern and southern Iraq and to meet other needs as volunteers and funds become available. (IMB photo by Mike Creswell)

Get ready for Iraq relief ministry, IMB volunteers leader urges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptists who want to help the people of Iraq recover from the war should start getting ready to go, an International Mission Board leader says.

"When the door opens for relief efforts, we want everyone to be ready to go immediately," said Bill Cashion, who directs the IMB's volunteer missions efforts. "But there are lots of details to take care of ahead of time, especially if you have never traveled overseas before."

A list of all those details, plus a host of other helpful ideas, is available on the IMB's Web site at <http://going.imb.org/vim/main/default.asp>.

Among suggestions for individ-

uals interested in participating in overseas volunteer service are:

■ **Passport.** Processing a new or renewal passport request generally takes six to eight weeks. Winter and spring are peak times for people to request passports because summer is peak travel season, with passport processing taking eight to 12 weeks. Allow plenty of time for your passport to be processed before you leave for your project.

■ **Visa.** Some countries require a visa in order to enter the country. A visa requires about six to eight weeks to process, so plan accordingly, especially if you have to apply for or renew your passport.

■ **Travel.** Volunteers are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. IMB officials can put

individuals in contact with a travel agent experienced in working with IMB volunteers.

■ **Immunizations.** The cost of immunizations can vary widely. Shop around for the best price on immunizations. County health clinics and doctors you know personally may be good options. Specific immunizations required and recommended for specific countries are listed on the IMB Web site.

■ **Insurance.** All volunteers involved in an IMB volunteer project are required to purchase insurance at their own expense. The board has an official carrier that provides low-cost medical, accidental death, medical evacuation, disability and many other benefits. For more information, visit www.aaintl.com.

■ **Cross-cultural training.** Serving in another culture presents certain challenges to volunteers. In cooperation with the IMB, many state conventions and other entities offer specific training for volunteers in how to minister in another culture.

■ **Team leader training.** In addition to cross-cultural training for volunteers, special training is available for people who will lead teams. A schedule of team leader and cross-cultural training events is available on the IMB Web site.

The IMB has compiled a free, 38-page guide that covers specific information volunteers need to know, from spiritual preparation to how to pack a suitcase. The book can be downloaded or printed from the IMB Web site.

NATIONAL NOTES

Churches warned against computer-only files.

The United Methodist Church's historical agency cautioned that churches should not try to save money by keeping records and reports only electronically because technological changes soon might make them obsolete. The church's Commission on Archives and History said paper records are the only reliable way to ensure that information will still be accessible in the future.

Lutherans cut budget.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will cut its operations by \$1.2 million and eliminate nine staff positions to balance against lower-than-expected income. The 2003 budget is now \$83.6 million after cutbacks totaling \$1.7 million. Administration executive Charles Miller blamed the cuts on "the harsh realities of the struggling domestic economy and a projected drop in income."

'Jabez' publisher cuts staff.

Multnomah Publishers, the company made famous by the best-selling book "The Prayer of Jabez," has cut two dozen staff positions. Multnomah expects profitable growth in 2003 but at a slower pace than in 2001, when "The Prayer of Jabez" became popular. It was the top-selling nonfiction book in 2001. Forbes magazine reported that sales have dropped to 20,000 copies a month. It sold 1 million monthly at its peak.

Mormons report growth.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced its total membership had grown to more than 11.7 million people by the end of 2002. The First Presidency of the Salt Lake City-based religious group announced April 5 that the total membership is 11.7 million. That's a 2.9 percent increase compared to 2001 worldwide membership of 11.4 million. Latter-day Saints reported that 283,138 converts were baptized in 2002. The religious group has 61,638 full-time missionaries and 114 temples in operation.

Faith-based halfway house OK'd.

An appellate court has ruled that the funding of a Milwaukee faith-based program by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections is constitutional. A decision by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals determined that Faith Works Milwaukee is one of several choices given parole violators who are required to enroll in a halfway house contracting with the state. The court compared allowing Faith Works among the choices of halfway houses to the use of vouchers for private school education.

Pentagon Muslims opposed Graham visit.

Muslim staffers of the Defense Department protested plans for evangelist Franklin Graham to lead Good Friday prayers at the Pentagon last week. The employees asked officials of the Pentagon chaplain's office to find "a more inclusive and honorable Christian clergyman" to lead the service, The Washington Post reported. Graham has been criticized for denouncing Islam as "a very evil and wicked religion." Martha Rudd, an Army spokeswoman, said the invitation was not withdrawn. She said some Christian employees requested that Graham be the guest preacher and the chaplain's office helped them extend the invitation.

Episcopalians to vote on same-sex unions.

When the Episcopal Church gathers in Minneapolis in July, delegates will be asked for the second time to support the creation of worship guidelines to unite same-sex and other nonmarried couples. The resolution is similar to one that failed narrowly in 2000 in Denver. Then, the church voted to "support" nonmarried relationships "characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication and holy love" but declined to approve same-sex rites.

Methodists might repeal retirement age.

A United Methodist Church panel called last month for an end to the denomination's policy mandating that ministers retire when they reach age 70. The recommendation from the church's Committee on Older Adult Ministry now must be considered at next year's General Conference meeting in Pittsburgh. The panel stated, "God does not take away God's blessing, including opportunity to serve in full capacity, simply because someone has reached the age of 70 years or older."

'Conflict diamonds' ban pushed.

Religious groups, including World Vision and Catholic Relief Services, are rallying behind a bill to ban so-called "conflict diamonds" that are mined illegally in Sierra Leone, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other nations. The Clean Diamonds Trade Act would ensure that diamonds imported into the United States are legally mined. Money from the sale of conflict diamonds has been used to support terrorist groups or dictatorial regimes. The U.S. House passed the bill April 8. The Senate is expected to pass a similar bill, and President Bush has signaled that he will support the measure.

Religious freedom panel opposes easing sanctions against Sudan

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A U.S. government religious-freedom watchdog group is urging federal officials to oppose moves in the United Nations Human Rights Commission to ease up on Sudan.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom sent a letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell urging the United States to fight against efforts "to abandon ongoing scrutiny of continuing serious violations of human rights in Sudan," according to a release from the group.

Commissioners also are urging Powell to oppose moves by the U.N. commission's current chair, Libya, to gain control over the appointment of a special U.N. representative on human rights violations in Sudan, Libya's neighbor.

The U.N. commission, meeting in

Geneva, is considering a proposal that, if passed, would upgrade Sudan's status on human-rights issues in the eyes of the U.N.

But the U.S. State Department's most recent report on human rights states that Sudan's official government continues to perpetrate gross human-rights violations against minority religious groups opposed to the Muslim-dominated government—despite a cease-fire between government and rebel forces. In addition, a congressional finding determined that Sudan's government was guilty of genocide.

"The United States must deliver a strong statement on Sudan so that there will be no doubt as to our position regarding ongoing scrutiny of continuing violations," said USCIRF Chair Felice Gaer.

Focus on the Family gets new president

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS)—James Dobson, longtime president of Focus on the Family, has decided to expand his role as chairman of the Christian group but pass on the presidency role to a successor.

Don Hodel, the former president of the Christian Coalition and a Cabinet member in the Reagan administration, will begin serving as president and CEO on May 15.

"This redefined responsibility will assure Dr. Dobson's continued leadership of the organization but without the burden of day-to-day manage-

ment," the ministry announced.

Dobson, who founded the ministry in 1977, will continue his role as host of the ministry's radio program, also called "Focus on the Family."

In another transition in the organization, John Paulk, an outspoken member of the "ex-gay" movement, has announced he will leave the organization as of May 6.

Since 1998, he has managed the ministry's homosexuality and gender department and spoken from personal experience, portraying homosexuality as a lifestyle that can be left behind.

More thank yous from Rusty

As I continue to wrap up my ministry with our camp and conference centers, I want to express heartfelt gratitude to so many people who have made the last five and a half years special to Pam and me.

From the beginning of my time with Kentucky Baptist Assemblies, I have been blessed with a board of directors that encouraged and supported the direction we

led Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. The first board of directors, the "founding board" of this new entity, had a strong belief that God wasn't through with Cedarmore and that His plan for Jonathan Creek had not yet been fulfilled. Had I not had confidence in that board, I wouldn't have taken this position in the first place. With Willis

Henson as chairman and Jeff Eaton as vice chair, I couldn't have asked for a more supportive board. The rest of the board was passionate in their belief that the best years were ahead.

Now, five years later, a different board shows the same support and gives needed wisdom and direction to our ministry. Some of those on our board today are throwbacks to the beginning. But all who serve on our board believe in our work. It's a pleasure to work with them. So

thank you, board members. I am grateful for the opportunity God gave us to work together.

I also want to thank those at the Kentucky Baptist Convention with whom I have worked closely over these years. Many you know because of their roles in the summer camps at Cedarmore. But my thanks go also to Bill Mackey, for

his commitment to our work. Steve Thompson has been a big help to us. And it has been a pleasure to work with some of those at the KBC who labor behind the scenes to make things happen, notably Lowell Ashby and Jim Donnell. The business office of our KBC has gone above and beyond the business relationship we have. These guys are friends.

They labor so tirelessly to see to it that everything that's supposed to happen legally and financially happens. They are so committed to the ministry and work of our convention. And I'll miss working with them in this capacity.

I know I can't name everyone to whom I owe thanks, but these two groups have made my work so enjoyable.

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Kids learn to enjoy life despite abuse

We've talked a lot this month about child abuse, its affects and how we might prevent it. What we address most often at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, though, is how we can help kids overcome it.

Whether it be neglect or physical, sexual or mental abuse, the kids—mostly teens—who come to our care have had a lot done to them. They're often hesitant to accept the help we so willingly offer because they fear placing their trust in another adult. Hopefully, they soon learn that we're here to do something for them rather than to them. There's a big difference between the two.

One of the teenage girls living at KBHC's Dixon Center near Madisonville knows the difference. Several weeks ago, she stood before our women's advisory board, telling this dedicated group of volunteers about the things that had been done to her in the past. She talked of coming to KBHC physically battered and with a bruised ego. She was angry, resistant and determined not to accept help. Quickly, though, she noticed that KBHC's employees seemed to care about more than filing the proper reports and seeing that she

didn't act out. They cared about things like whether she was having fun, what made her cry at night and what goals she had.

It was the Dixon staff's commitment to doing things for her—like throwing birthday parties and taking her to church—that really started to make a difference.

"We try to give the kids what they've missed in their lives," said one counselor. That means giving kids love, attention, shelter, a listening ear and even such things as a prom.

That's right—a prom. The Dixon Center staff has set aside May 17 for the festivity, with generous businesses donating dresses, flowers, steak dinners, photography and other items to make the evening complete. Local church youth groups have been invited to help the girls celebrate.

The idea of such an event might cause some of you to wonder how such efforts can benefit children trying to overcome a history of abuse. Kids benefit because they're learning to live life rather than be held captive by it.

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

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

Christian lectures bless campus

By Robert Dunston

Cumberland College held its annual Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series last Monday and Tuesday.

The Thomas F. Staley Foundation makes the annual lecture series possible at Cumberland College.

Charles Bugg, the Kenneth Chaffin Chair professor of preaching and director of the Chevis F. Horne center for preaching and worship at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., delivered the lecture series. Bugg, who has taught at BTR since 1996, also serves as the assistant to the president for special projects at the seminary.

Bugg is a graduate of Stetson University and received master of divinity and doctorate degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has completed additional study at Princeton Theological Seminary; College of Preachers in Washington, D.C.; Candler School of Theology with Fred Craddock; and Harvard Divinity School.

Before joining the BTR faculty, Bugg served as the Carl E. Bates professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary from 1989 to 1993. He also has served as pastor of churches in North Carolina,

Georgia, Florida and Indiana. He frequently serves as interim pastor in the Richmond, Va., area.

Bugg has written a number of books including "The Witness of a Fragile Servant: A Personal Perspective on Pastoral Preaching." His new book "Lingering Grief: A Journey Through the Darkness" will be published in 2004.

Bugg's theme for the lecture series was "The Word at Work." Monday morning he spoke to the Cumberland College family on the subject, "What's the Word We Need?" Monday afternoon he presented the lecture, "The Power of the Word in Proclamation." That evening he preached at the weekly Baptist Student Union worship service.

Tuesday he delivered his closing lecture, "The Power of the Words in Proclamation."

His commitment to Christ and to the task of preaching and sharing the Christian faith blessed all of us at Cumberland College. We appreciate his ability to communicate the power of the gospel.

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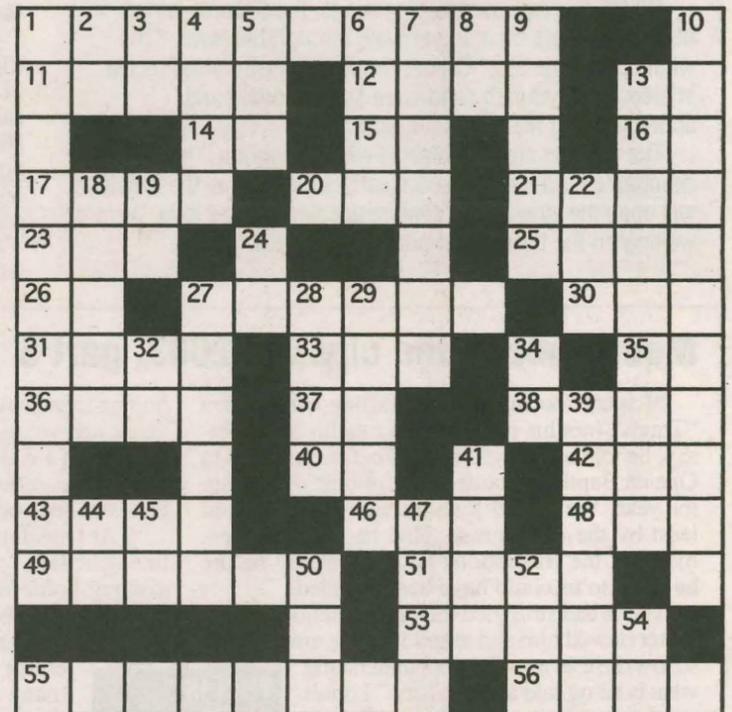
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Bible Crossword

Sissy Magnusson

Across

- 1 Our ____ is with the Father (1 John 1:3)
- 11 Constellation (Job 9:9)
- 12 The ____ chapter (1 Corinthians 13)
- 13 Southern slang for poor
- 14 A populous place (Nahum 3:8)
- 15 Son of Peleth (Numbers 16:1)
- 16 Printer's measure
- 17 To boast
- 20 Wonder
- 21 Vehicle (Amos 2:13)
- 23 An age
- 25 Otherwise
- 26 ____ me, expression of sorrow
- 27 Pure
- 30 Writing instrument
- 31 Forbidden insult (Matthew 5:22)
- 33 Great happiness
- 35 Montpelier's state, abbr.
- 36 Pertaining to wings
- 37 Astronomical unit, abbr.
- 38 Oldest son of Noah (Genesis 9:18)
- 40 Head nurse, abbr.
- 42 Sooner than
- 43 Oldest son of Adam (Genesis 4:1)
- 46 City on the coast of Caesarea (Joshua 11:2)



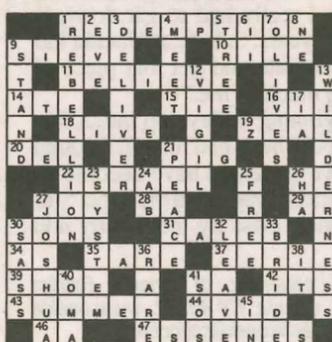
- 48 Short for Leonard
- 49 A riddle
- 51 None in Gilead? (Jeremiah 8:22)
- 53 Come in
- 55 Opposite of pride (1 Peter 5:5)
- 56 Will come out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17)

- 18 Kingly
- 19 Article
- 22 European mountain
- 24 Expression of satisfaction
- 27 Loving
- 28 Son of Zibeon (Genesis 36:24)
- 29 "Healthy" heart (Proverbs 14:30)
- 32 Earthquake state, abbr.
- 34 In like manner
- 39 "____ of salvation" (Ephesians 6:17)
- 41 Name meaning "wild goat" (Genesis 36:28)
- 44 Airman, abbr.
- 45 2, Romans num.
- 47 "To ____ is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22)
- 50 Name meaning "my brother" (1 Chronicles 5:15)
- 52 Lights, abbr.
- 54 Egyptian sun god

Down

- 1 Control of one's feelings (Ephesians 4:2)
- 2 Son of Jose (Luke 3:28-29)
- 3 New York's largest island, abbr.
- 4 A fruit of the spirit "____ - suffering" (Galatians 5:22)
- 5 Biblical city (1 Chronicles 8:12)
- 6 "____ to anger" (Nehemiah 9:17)
- 7 Truthfulness
- 8 Intravenous, abbr.
- 9 The absence of strife
- 10 Satisfaction
- 13 Keep on keeping on

Last week's solution



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Clear Creek grad almost fifth Yemen hospital shooting victim

Continued from page 1

room," he recalled. "The shooter came out of the doctor's office and saw pharmacist Don Caswell and shot him three times. Then he saw me in the doorway and pulled the trigger. The gun did not go off; he had used all the ammunition. He expressed disappointment as I made an Arabic gesture with my right hand which meant 'Why? What are you doing?' Then he surrendered to the guards."

The Cajuiats are natives of the Philippines. He went to Guam in 1965 to meet a need for medical personnel; in 1972 the family immigrated to America. Twenty years later, four of the children were married and another was in college. As retirement approached, other options of serving Christ seemed possible.

Cajuiat graduated from Clear Creek in 1998, and he and his wife, Dee, had been serving at the Jibla hospital since becoming missions volunteers in 1999. He worked as an X-ray technician and she coordinated housing and hospitality for volunteers, staff and visitors.

"When I heard from the investigator that he was looking for me, I felt even more shaky," Cajuiat said. "Don Caswell is a big man and after three shots he soon recovered, but I am not so big and it is doubtful I would have survived three shots. I know that God still has something for me to do; we are waiting for His direction."

On the Sunday after the shootings, the Cajuiats joined other volunteers on a prayer walk through the town. "The whole city came out," Cajuiat recalled. "They offered us tea, shared their sympathy and were so supportive and appreciative of the hospital's work."

The Cajuiats are in California with a daughter. "It is still beautiful over there," Mrs. Cajuiat said. "We pray these deaths will open the eyes of the Yemeni people to God's love. We are waiting on the Lord about our future service."

Faith groups hesitant to work with military

By William Bole
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Several leading religious agencies say they will refuse to take part in relief operations in Iraq if the efforts fall under control of the U.S. military.

The administration has put the Pentagon in charge of the humanitarian campaign in post-conflict Iraq. But private aid groups would like to see the United Nations coordinate the delivery of aid, as it has in the aftermath of past conflicts.

The United States is departing from the tradition of letting civilian authorities manage relief efforts as soon as the fighting stops, said Rick Augsburg, who directs emergency programs for Church World Service, based in New York.

"This flies in the face of humanitarian principles, and the humanitarian code of conduct," said Augsburg, whose agency represents 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican communions with 50 million members in the United States. "As an organization, we would not allow our efforts to come under direction of the U.S. military."

The administration's plans have triggered opposition by a broad range of aid groups, including the evangelical Protestant agency, World Vision. Now, some humanitarian organizations are taking the further step of saying they will not take part in any aid deliveries managed by the military.

It is unclear what impact this stance will have on the overall humanitarian



HUMANITARIAN AID An Iraqi boy holds a humanitarian food ration given to him by U.S. Army soldiers near Al Najaf, Iraq. The U.S. military is working with some international relief organizations to help provide food and medicine for the Iraqi people, but many faith groups fear being linked too closely with the military. (RNS/Reuters/U.S. Navy photo)

effort in post-conflict Iraq. For example, Church World Service believes it might be able to deliver aid through channels independent of the military, as long as the military does not keep an airtight grip on aid flows.

The agency has shipped \$3.8 million of aid, primarily medical supplies, to Iraq over the past 12 years. That it

would be ready to boycott the U.S. aid plan for Iraq is one sign of a growing divide between the administration and humanitarian assistance groups.

Relief officials say the military is less able or inclined to make sure that aid gets into the hands of Iraqis most in need.

They point to recent chaotic scenes of relief distributions in southern Iraq. There, American soldiers hurled provisions off trucks while firing shots in the air to keep order.

Relief officials say the aid wound up going to the swiftest and strongest, not necessarily those who were most in need. And that goes directly against the mission of humanitarian agencies, especially faith-based agencies, according to the officials.

"Our theology directs us to provide assistance to those who are most vulnerable, from a perspective of unconditionality," Augsburg said.

Relief agency officials also said they fear that military coordination will remove the shield of neutrality aid workers need in order to move safely around the country.

"This makes things very complicated for us, because we don't want to be seen as part of the war machine," said Nazare Albuquerque, an expert on post-conflict emergency relief with Catholic Relief Services.

"We've always had good relations with the military, but we believe the military should do what it's good at, which is creating and ensuring a safe environment for the humanitarian agencies to work in."

Meet some in the class of 2003, part 5

"I spent too much time goofing off." When "Travis" (not his real name) wrote his senior essay, he told about who he was before he came to Oneida Baptist Institute in the middle of his junior year. We would love to have had Travis at least by the ninth grade. Had he enrolled then, many of the frustrations he encountered before he came to us could have been avoided.

Travis had struggled for years in school. When I interviewed him and asked why his grades were so low, he told me, "I do not understand what is being said and I'm lazy." I don't want to minimize his share of the responsibility, but most likely his laziness was the result of not understanding what was being taught. That is not a criticism of the public school system, but we have learned that many students simply need more time to digest and do their work. Travis would have the same failing grades here if we had not given him the time and attention he needed to comprehend and complete his assignments. Just prior to enrolling at OBI, Travis' grades included three F's, one D and a C. He is still not an honor roll student, but his grades have improved substantially and he enjoys schoolwork much more.

In addition to his academic problems, Travis had been dabbling in drugs and alcohol. Though he was not a regular user, he knew he needed to stop. Here is more of what he said in his essay:

"Spending time with friends, working and not focusing on my schoolwork. ... I wanted to graduate, and I couldn't do that at home with all these distractions. My friends were dropping out of school, and ... I am the only one to have made it this far.

"I transferred to a smaller school (not Oneida)

hoping to improve my grades. ... After almost two years, and yet again on the verge of failing, I realized that if I was ever going to graduate, I would have to get serious. ... A counselor ... suggested that we check out Oneida as a option.

"(At Oneida) every day is centered on a routine schedule. ... Having a structured time for evening homework has been good. ... My field placement has been in construction. ... I like to work with my hands. I have learned to use a variety of tools and to approach tasks in many different ways. I like this area very well, and it may be something that I will pursue after graduation.

"All of my teachers have taken an interest in me. ... Learning is difficult for me, and I am easily distracted. Each teacher has taken this into consideration. ... At Oneida the teachers actually get to know the student and offer help when needed. I have felt that I have been recognized for the person that I am even if my grades aren't the best.

"I have really struggled to get to graduation. Nothing has come easy for me. I goofed off the first two years of high school, and so I really had to get down to business the last two years. ... Life at Oneida has allowed me to ... graduate and get that piece of paper that means so much to me."

Travis is just beginning to develop into a fine young man. If we could have had him all through high school, I believe he would have become an honor roll student. Travis was voted the Most Studious boy in the senior class by the faculty and staff.

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

Trustees hold spring meeting

The Board of Trustees met April 15, and 25 of the 27 trustees attended the campus meeting. The clear skies heightened the beauty of red-bud, azaleas and dogwood.

It was the first time for some of the group to meet in newly renovated Kelly Hall. It was the first meeting for two trustees elected at the November Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting: Don Lane Young, layman from First Baptist of London, and Jimmie Davidson, pastor of Highlands Fellowship in Abingdon, Va.

Young is an engineer whose sister-in-law, Daryls Warren, is a former academic dean. Davidson is a 1988 graduate and recognized as a distinguished alumnus by the faculty.

Trustees faced the realities of the economy that have affected other colleges and ministries. The current financial report, with 75 percent of the budget year completed, shows 68.1 percent of income and expenses at 68.4 percent. The 2003-04 budget of \$3,227,366 was adopted in a vote that trimmed an additional 2.3 percent from the amount proposed. The administration now will cut an additional \$75,000 from projected program expenditures.

A report was received on the development of an on-line degree completion program and a bachelor of Christian service degree for lay leaders. Trustees earlier approved both initiatives.

Through the transfer of \$45,000 from board-invested funds to permanent endowment, the college brought 20 endowed scholarships up to a level of \$10,000 each. A new scholarship was created to provide grants to students who enroll from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in North Carolina.

The group recognized trustee Tom Prather, his wife, Peggy, and Sally Prather for their assistance in the renovation of the Asher Classroom Building. Mrs. Prather was one of Clear Creek's first music teachers.

Three administrative changes were approved: a policy on Internet class materials and academic workbooks produced at Clear Creek; a first reading of trustee by-law revisions (relating to personnel titles and program assignments to administrative units); and a clarified faculty/staff handbook policy on continuing education benefits for full-time faculty and staff.

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

An earlier fight with evil

Documentary on Bonhoeffer shows how experiences forged his ethics

By Peggy Stack
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Barely one month before the Allies conquered Germany, Nazi guards marched the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer naked to the gallows.

Once a pacifist, he had plotted to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Once a professor, he had become a double agent. Once a comfortable Lutheran pastor, he had stripped his own soul of facile Christian solutions that had become meaningless in the utter evil of the Holocaust.

Faith does not exist apart from human conflict, Bonhoeffer said, but is born of complete engagement in this world.

Today, Bonhoeffer's writings about ethics and Christian community continue to inspire and challenge all kinds of Christians. He has been the subject of several biographies, symposia, books, films, a one-person play and even an opera. A statue of him stands with those of other 20th century martyrs in London's Westminster Abbey.

Now comes a feature-length documentary film about his life titled simply "Bonhoeffer."

The film, written and directed by Martin Doblmeier of Journey Films in Alexandria, Va., features interviews with family members, students, friends and historians. Klaus Maria Brandauer, known for his roles in films such as "Out of Africa," reads Bonhoeffer's words.

It was submitted to the Sundance Film Festival's documentary division but failed to make the cut, so several Park City, Utah, pastors agreed to show it at their churches during the festival.

"Bonhoeffer represents the very best of what theology has to offer society in a time of terrorism, conflict and crisis," says United Methodist Pastor Scott Schiesswohl of Park City Community Church, which hosted the



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER The theologian and writer is shown here at Tegel Prison, where he was held prisoner from 1943-1944.

film for two nights. "He has become an important theologian for many and diverse faith groups."

The film explores how Bonhoeffer's writing on ethics was forged on the anvil of his personal biography.

A child prodigy

He was born in Berlin on Feb. 6, 1906, the sixth child of Paula and Karl Bonhoeffer, to be followed 10 minutes later by his twin sister, Sabine. His father was a professor of psychiatric medicine at the University of Berlin and his maternal grandfather was a pastor at the court of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Young Bonhoeffer was an intellectual prodigy, finishing his doctorate in theology at the University of Tübingen and Berlin in 1927 at age 21.

For his dissertation, he examined what it means to be a "communion of saints," arguing that God intended people to learn faith through commu-



ADOLF HITLER The Nazi leader is shown shaking hands with Bishop Ludwig Müller, leader of the Reich Church of Germany. (Photos courtesy of Journey Films)

nities, not as solitary sojourners.

"The church is only a church when it works for others," he is quoted in the film. "The purpose of theology is to change the world for the better."

In 1930, as the Nazi machine was building, Bonhoeffer sailed to New York City for a year of study at Union Theological Seminary. There, he experienced black spirituality in the churches of Harlem. Though blacks' free-flowing emotions were foreign to the tightly wrapped German, he came to love their style, sermons and music and was drawn to their emphasis on civil rights.

Nazism and the church

Bonhoeffer returned to Germany in 1931 to teach systematic theology at the University of Berlin, where he watched many of his fellow churchmen turning toward aggressive nationalism even as he was becoming more ecumenical.

On his frequent visits to international conferences, he made many friends who later would become his conduits for passing information about the Third Reich to the world.

Just two days after Hitler was named chancellor in 1933, Bonhoeffer gave a radio address called "Christ Is Our Führer." Before he could complete it, the microphone was turned off.

That same year, he joined a group of pastors who broke away from the Evangelical Church when it added the so-called "Aryan paragraph" to its confession. That edict forbade converted Jews, anyone who had Jewish ancestors or was married to a Jew from being a minister or religious teacher.

The pastors formed the new "Confessing Church." When they were expelled from the state church's seminaries, Bonhoeffer helped them establish their own. But when the Gestapo shut down that school and removed him from his teaching duties at the university, he left the country whenever possible.

He left for New York City again in 1939 but stayed only a month.

Instructions from Isaiah

After reading in the Book of Isaiah, "He who believes does not flee," Bonhoeffer boarded the last passenger ship to leave America for Europe before the war began.

By this time, his brother-in-law, Hans von Dohnanyi, worked in the Abwehr, Germany's military intelligence agency, but was actually a double agent working for the resistance. Bonhoeffer also was hired by the Abwehr for his many international contacts, which he also shared with the resistance.

Bonhoeffer, von Dohnanyi and other family members in the Abwehr used their positions to smuggle more than a dozen Jews out of the country. Eventually, however, Bonhoeffer, Dohnanyi and two others were jailed on suspicion of corruption and conspiring to rescue Jews.

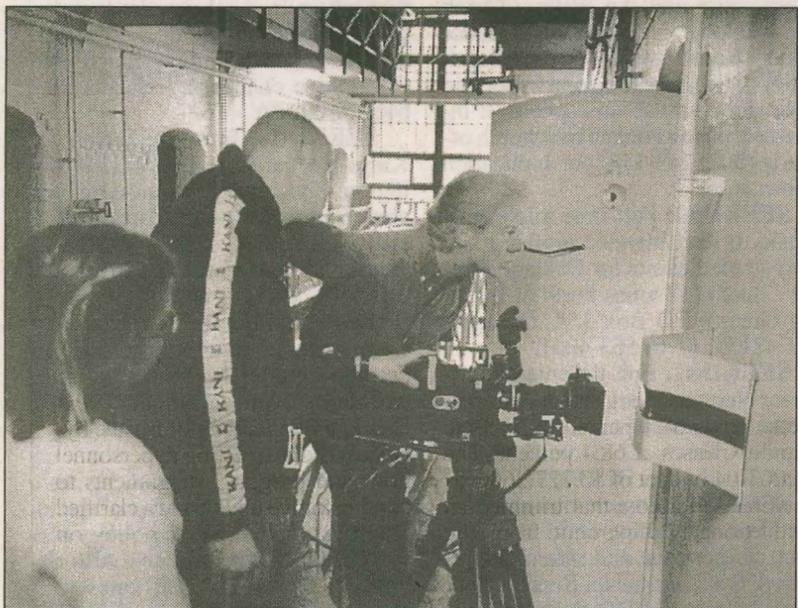
Bonhoeffer spent his last two years writing and reviewing his life. In his posthumously published book "Ethics," he argued that the will of God is not a permanent system of rules. Rather, he said, it is something new and different in each situation and may be deeply concealed amid numerous possibilities.

In the spring of 1945, the four men's names were linked with the assassination attempt and all were executed on April 9 in the Flossenburg concentration camp. Bonhoeffer was 39.

To this day, many leaders have turned to his ethical legacy. One was Martin Luther King Jr.

"If your opponent has a conscience, then follow Gandhi and non-violence," King once said. "But if your enemy has no conscience, like Hitler, then follow Bonhoeffer."

More information about the movie, screening locations or arranging a local screening can be found at the Web site www.bonhoeffer.com



DOCUMENTARY Producer Martin Doblmeier films on location at Tegel Prison in Berlin, where Bonhoeffer wrote his "Letters and Papers from Prison."

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ Dewey and Jerlyne Dick as they work with the churches in the European Baptist Convention to develop partnerships with churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

■ Alex Branch and his wife, Lidiane, who recently moved to North Sea Baptist Church in Norway for Branch to become youth pastor. Natives of Brazil, the couple had served as missionaries in India.

■ Efforts to reach students on Malta with the gospel.

■ Keith Bryd and his wife, Jane. Bryd recently became the International Mission Board's strategy associate for the Central Europe Field which includes Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Moldova and Romania.

■ Marcia Elmore as she completes training at the International Mission Board's Missionary Learning Center in preparation to move to Rzeszow, Poland, in July.

■ Boston Baptists as they develop outreach to leaders of East Asian governments who will be coming to Boston for specialized events during the next few years.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ ALBANY—Cave Springs Church recently called **Nathan Britt** as youth pastor. **Mitch Farthing** is pastor.

■ BAGDAD—**Ray Cummins**, interim pastor of Indian Fork Church, will retire May 1.

■ BEREHA—Galilee Church will hold spring revival services May 1-3, 7 p.m., with interim pastor **Larry Harris** as evangelist.

■ CAMPBELLSVILLE—Rockbridge Church will hold revival services April 21-25, 7 p.m., with **Jamie Chesser** as evangelist.

■ FRANKLIN—First Church will present "HillSongs," featuring music from Australia's Hills Christian Life Centre led by the adult praise team May 4, 6:30 p.m. **Bob Sutton** is pastor.

■ GREENVILLE—The youth at Second Church will lead creative ministry worship April 27 in the evening service.

■ HENDERSON—**Kenny Wilkerson** resigned as pastor of Geneva Church effective April 1 and will be available for pulpit supply.

■ HODGENVILLE—First Church will host the youth choir and creative ministry team from Country Woods Church in Jackson, Miss., June 4. For information, call (270) 358-3193.

■ LOUISVILLE—South Jefferson Church will begin its discipleship program May 7. Initial course offerings include "Knowing God as Couples," "The Five Love Languages," "Pastor's Study" and "Women's Bible Study." **Danny Haynes** is pastor.

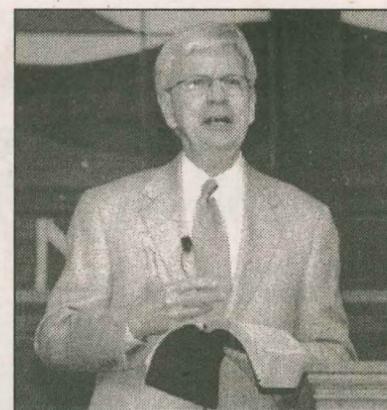
■ MONTICELLO—Freedom and Wayne County associations recently called **Robert Spradlin** of Blaine, Tenn., as director of missions.

■ OWENSBORO—Seven Hills Church recently called **John Lewis** as youth pastor. **Robert Coons** is pastor.

■ PRESTONSBURG—Pike Association will host "Women for Christ" April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center with **Ruth Graham McIntyre**, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, as guest speaker. For information, call (606) 432-2660.

■ RADCLIFF—New Hope Missionary Church is serving as host site for the adult education program in Hardin County. **O.C. Jones, Sr.** is pastor.

■ RICHMOND—**Neal Prather** recently received the doctor of theology degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary in Camilla, Ga. He is available for interim and supply. Call (859) 623-835.



STALEY LECTURES Charles Bugg, professor of preaching at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., was the featured speaker for Cumberland College's 2003 Staley Lecture Series April 14-15. Highlighting "The Power of the Word in Proclamation," Bugg said the Bible is "God's way to get to us in order to say something profound in our lives."

Naval chaplain ministers amid war's victories & casualties

By Jeff Robinson
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Ron Nordan has not been wielding arms on the front lines of the U.S.-led war against Iraq. But the U.S. Navy chaplain deals daily with both victories and casualties in the lives of those engaged in the war.

Nordan, who holds two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, joined the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps in 2002. He serves aboard the USS Camden, a ship that equips other vessels with ammunition, fuel and food. Since the Camden left for the Persian Gulf last July, he has witnessed 35 Christian conversions among people on board.

He averages 17 counseling ses-

sions per week, preaches twice each Sunday and holds Bible studies each Wednesday. Yet his toughest task has been delivering the news to a female soldier that her 2 1/2-year-old daughter had been murdered back in the States.

"I spent over a half an hour in prayer before going to find her and telling her the tragic news," he said in an e-mail interview.

"Looking back over the whole situation, I can see that the Holy Spirit stepped right in, giving me the words to say and guiding my thoughts and actions. Within eight hours, she was on her way home, which is highly unusual given the fact we were in the Persian Gulf at the time."

While he has seen numerous conversions and rededications, Nordan said the USS Camden remains a mis-

sion field.

"For about 20 percent of our ship, this time has provided a challenge to improve our relationship with God and with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ," Nordan said. "Unfortunately, I would estimate that over 65 percent on our ship are not born-again believers.

"It is a challenge for every born-again believer to work and live in an environment where a Christian is in the minority. Pray for those Christians on board that they would continue to grow closer to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that they would effectively witness both in word and deed."

Among Nordan's chief concerns—and prayer requests—is for the marital relationships of his shipmates. Several marriages have begun to

crumble beneath the immense weight of the long-term physical separation of soldier and spouse, he said.

Nordan has been away from his family for almost nine months and is not certain when he will return home. He said God has given him the grace to endure these lonely months. Consistent communication with his wife and kids helps, he said.

Nordan speaks with his wife, Cindy, three or four times per week by phone and exchanges e-mail with her several times each day. He also swaps e-mail with his children, Grace, 10, and Timothy, 7, numerous times during the week. Mrs. Nordan works as a music teacher near Bremerton, Wash., where the family lives.

"I am very blessed," Nordan said. "God has brought us close even in the midst of this separation."

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SEEKING: Westwood Baptist Church, a CBF-affiliated church in Springfield, Va., seeks applicants for the position of associate pastor/minister with youth and children. Candidates should have a degree from an accredited seminary, relevant experience in this ministry field and a genuine love for youth and children. Resumes should be submitted to: PSC, Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

SEEKING: Senior pastor for purpose-driven Southern Baptist church. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Friendship Baptist Church, PO Box 1008, Plainfield, IL 60544. Visit our Web site at: www.umatter2God.org.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for conservative Southern Baptist church located in foothills of Appalachia. Resumes, references, audio or video to be sent to: Search Committee, PO Box 321, West Liberty, KY 41472.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of children for Tunnel Hill Baptist Church. Please send resumé to: Tunnel Hill Baptist Church, 734 Tunnel Hill Church Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, Attn: Terry Caudoin.

SEEKING: Reidland Baptist Church is prayerfully receiving resumé for the full-time position of minister of youth and activities. RBC has an average attendance of 325-350 in morning worship and 275 in Sunday school. We are looking for a dynamic leader for approximately 80 7th-12th grade students. Our facilities include a gym and youth activity center. Salary package is based on education and experience. Seminary/Baptist college graduate preferred. Send resumé to: Reidland Baptist Church, 5559 Benton Road, Paducah, KY 42003, or e-mail rbclewis@bellsouth.net.

SEEKING: Director of missions in Franklin Association, Frankfort, Ky. Part-time position. Send resumé to DOM Search Committee, 130 Holmes St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of youth for Tunnel Hill Baptist Church. Please send resumé to: Tunnel Hill Baptist Church, 734 Tunnel Hill Church Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, Attn: Terry Caudoin.

SEEKING: Centerfield Church, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Willow Creek Association, is in search of a senior pastor. We are a vision-driven congregation with a contemporary worship style and a casual atmosphere. If interested, please contact the church office at (502) 243-1982 for application information.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music to lead blended worship and fully-graded choirs for Oakland Baptist Church (12 miles north of Bowling Green). PO Box 154, Oakland, KY 42159; (270) 563-4011.

SEEKING: Full-time youth pastor for Northeast Park Baptist Church. Please send resumé to Northeast Park Baptist Church, 1215 North Boeke Road, Evansville, IN 47711.

SEEKING: Director for Monday/Wednesday morning child care program. Experience and references required. Send resumé to: Buechel Park Baptist Church, PDO Search Team, 2403 Hikes Point, Louisville, KY 40218. Deadline: April 25.

SEEKING: Church pianist for Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Crestwood, Ky. Call (502) 228-1462.

SEEKING: McDowell (Ky.) First Baptist Church is prayerfully receiving and reviewing resumé for a full-time pastor. Pastoral experience is preferred. Please send video/audio tape and/or resumé to Tommy Hall, Pulpit Committee chairman, PO Box 263, McDowell, KY 41647.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Kings Baptist Church in Mt. Washington, Ky. Strong, mission-minded church in growing community; affiliated with LRBA, KBC and SBC. If you are a flexible, versatile individual who loves the Lord and are prayerfully seeking a way to serve God, please submit your resumé and a video or cassette to the Pastor Search Committee, Kings Baptist Church, PO Box 380, Mt. Washington, KY 40047.

SEEKING: Full-time pastor for Petrey Memorial Baptist Church. Send resumé and video/audio tape to: Pastor Search Committee, Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, 141 Alto St., Hazard, KY 41701. Resumes welcome until April 27, 2003. Call (606) 436-4716 or 439-3928 for more information.

Values in a high-tech world

Can technology lead to 'morality of mediocrity'?

By Jeffrey MacDonald
Religion News Service

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (RNS)—Quentin Schultze has a problem with personal technology.

It's just not the problem many critics think he has.

After writing "Habits of the High-Tech Heart: Living Virtuously in the Information Age," this Calvin College professor finds himself fending off barbs from those who say he resists progress. But resisting progress, he says, is not his goal.

Instead, Schultze aims to warn users of new technologies that, if unchecked, they will subtly lead people to adopt a morality of mediocrity.

New gadgets from e-mail to cellular phones promise convenience and power above all else, he argues. So unless human beings make a point to cultivate such higher virtues as loving, self-restraining and truth-telling, we will come to adopt the low-level ethics of our machines.

"We have to make sure the values of efficiency and control are not the predominant values in our lives," Schultze said. "Other values come first."

Schultze makes his case in a 209-page book that Publishers Weekly calls a "clear-eyed critique," despite its "didactic tone." Through chapters on "Identifying Our Techno-Moral Crisis" and "Moderating Our Informational Desires," Schultze provides a guide for navigating the many temptations of the Information Age while developing strong moral character against the odds.

At the heart of Schultze's case lies an assumption that "no medium is neutral," but instead each cultivates particular habits among its users. Instant messaging, for example, places a premium on the immediate gratification of receiving text without any wait.

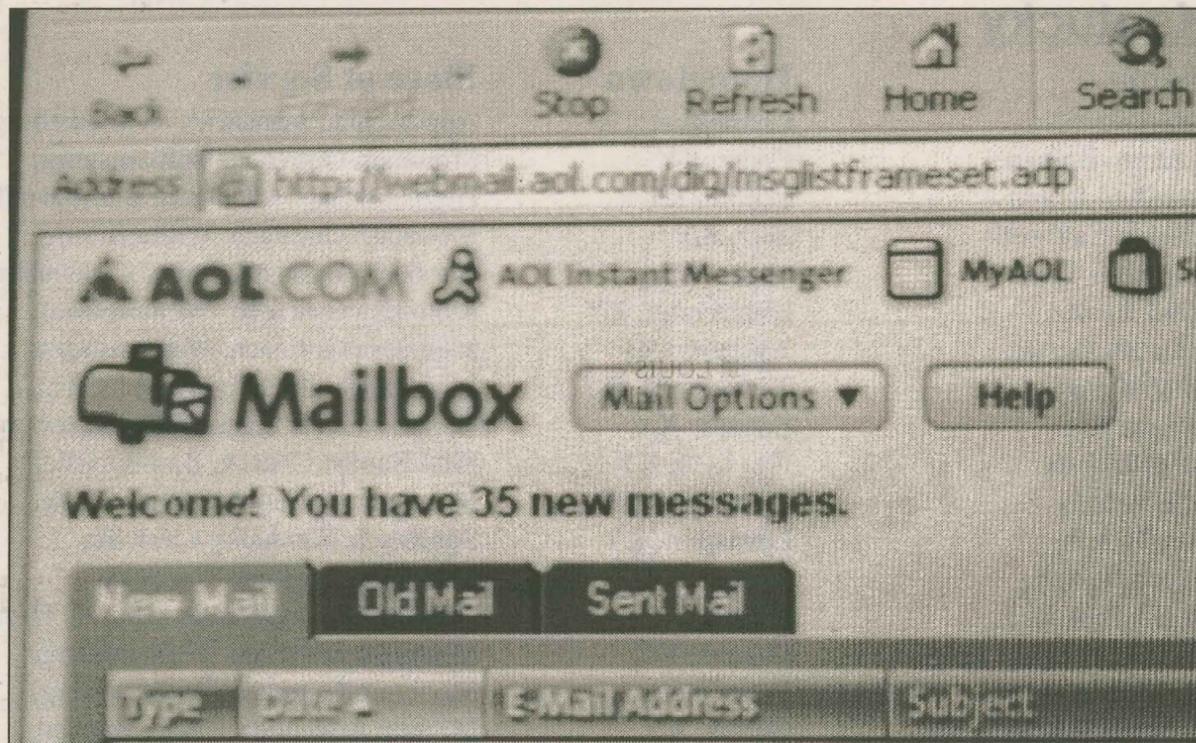
Although convenience and speed are good things, Schultze argues, they are not more important than a thoughtful analysis that makes an instant message worth reading. But this insight, he fears, gets easily lost in the daily frenzy to gather information at an ever-faster rate.

"From the perspective of cyberculture, listening is inefficient, old-fashioned and impotent," Schultze writes. "Yet listening, like nonviolent social protest that seems to lack any action, can morally revitalize us, build community and promote social justice as well as personal responsibility."

Tech critics not always welcome

For all his poignant observations, however, Schultze is hardly getting an ovation in high-tech circles as a prophet whose time is overdue.

"Anyone who talks like that is automatically branded a Luddite or the next Ted Kaczynski (the Unabomb-



er)," said Rodney Brown, managing editor of Mass. High-Tech, a journal covering the high-tech industry in New England. "The average person isn't going to start criticizing the convenience that new technology brings."

Even one of Schultze's most generalized points—"technology is not a panacea for society's social ills"—has been contested in a setting that caters to young users of personal computers: Young Magazine.

"The idea that technology is not a panacea, and shouldn't be looked at that way, is misguided at best," said Adam Fisher, senior editor of Wired. "In a lot of ways, technology is a panacea. There are technological solutions to many of our society's problems."

Fisher offers two examples: DNA testing can determine guilt or innocence in a rape case, and video surveillance can provide security that was heretofore impossible to achieve. Fisher insists technologies tend to solve more problems than they create.

Obedying God or playing Him?

Schultze is not the first author to take aim at the potentially illusory promises of high technology, yet he brings a perspective seldom heard in the public critique. He approaches the subject as a Christian scholar who sees human beings as "stewards of the God-created world," where it's better to "obey God rather than play God." Such an overtly religious viewpoint has seldom been heard in public conversations around technology and changing lifestyles.

"My ideas are not completely original," Schultze confesses on his Web site, www.calvin.edu/~schu/. "Most of them are rediscoveries of ancient truths found in the Hebrew and Christian traditions."

For all his reliance on the thought of St. Augustine and other theologians of the ancient world, Schultze has no interest in avoiding new technologies. In addition to maintaining a slick Web site, he considers himself an "avid" surfer of the Internet.

Christians have same tech toys as others

NASHVILLE (BP)—From satellite dishes to Internet access, born-again Christians are just as likely as non-Christians to own the newest technological gadgets, according to a recent poll of America's hi-tech habits.

The poll found that 59 percent of Christians have home Internet access—the same percentage as non-Christians. Among other technologies—such as DVD players and home satellite dishes—the percentage is virtually the same.

Fifty-six percent of all adults own a DVD player (56 percent of Christians, 55 percent of non-Christians), while 28 percent of all adults own a satellite dish (29 percent of Christians, 27 percent of non-Christians).

Barna Research Group conducted the survey among 1,010 adults in January and February.

As technologies expand, Christians will face more moral choices, said David Kinnaman, vice president of the Barna Research Group.

"The widespread adoption of technology creates new battlegrounds for moral choices to be made—battles that many Christians don't even realize they're waging," he said.

The differences between Christians and non-Christians are indistinguishable because Christian leaders have not addressed the role of technology, Kinnaman added.

"How often do Christian leaders and teachers specifically address how to anticipate, interpret and respond to technological innovation?" he asked. "As Americans we are typically focused on the function that technology serves, but as

Christians have we sufficiently considered what expectations—both good and bad—technology creates and satisfies among its users?"

"Without such a 'philosophy of technology' millions of believers are left defenseless against the tide of technologies that are changing the world in which they live," Kinnaman said. "How much more relevant and healthy would Christians be if they were both adept users of technology and were able to use those tools within the larger framework of their passion to serve Christ and to bless others?"

Among the study's other findings:

- The number of adults who own a DVD player (56 percent) has grown threefold since 2000, when it was only 18 percent.

- Satellite dish ownership has grown modestly, from 19 percent of all adults in 2000 to 28 percent today.

- 32 percent of all households say they own a home theater system.

- 28 percent of Americans say they have a mobile computing device (laptops, pocket computers, "Palm Pilots"), up from 18 percent in 2000.

- Cell phones are owned by 65 percent of all Americans. In 2000, the number was 58 percent; in 1995, 26 percent.

- 36 percent of Americans own a digital camera.

- The percentage of Americans with home Internet access has risen from 7 percent in 1995, to 50 percent in 2000, to 59 percent today.

"He's very much a techno-geek," said Bobbi Jo Heyboer, director of marketing for Baker Books. "He's not a black-and-white thinker on this subject. He's saying technology is OK, but there are some problems with it and some pitfalls to watch out for."

Heyboer expects Schultze's book to sell among popular audiences, not just as a text for university ethics classes. Its title spins off the 1985 best seller by sociologist Robert Bellah, "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life."

Whether Schultze strikes a nerve similar to the one Bellah hit nearly 20 years ago remains to be seen. Yet as he warns against over-reliance on technologies to fill voids in human lives, even some defenders of cyberculture's promise find themselves agreeing.

"There's something kind of inhuman about community only through a screen," said Fisher, the Wired editor. "There's something about face-to-face contact that just can't be replaced."

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Adam Fisher, senior editor of Wired magazine

Summer of Service

During the summer of 2003 Cumberland College students are serving across the Commonwealth, throughout the United States and around the world.

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