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Survey: Parents say they should teach kids about faith, but don't

VENTURA, Calif. (RNS)—Eighty-five percent of parents surveyed said they believe they are most responsible for teaching their children about religious matters, but most of them don't spend any time in a typical week discussing such topics with them. Barna Research Group reported that 85 percent of parents of children younger than age 13 believe they are primarily responsible for teaching their children about spiritual matters, while 11 percent say their church has top responsibility and 1 percent say their child's school is most responsible.

An even higher percentage of such parents—96 percent—say they are most responsible for teaching values to their children. One percent said the church is most responsible for that task and 1 percent said their child's school should have that role.

But the survey found most parents do not spend any time in a typical week studying religious materials or talking about religious matters with their children.

Two out of three parents of children 12 or younger, however, attend religious services at least monthly and usually take their children with them.

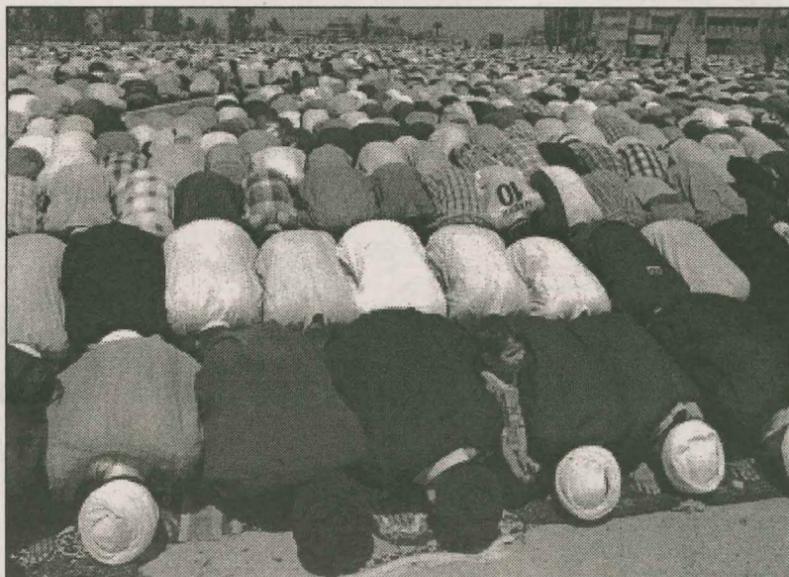
"This is one of the most significant and fertile mission fields in the nation," George Barna, president of Barna Research Group, said in a statement. "Yet the very people who claim responsibility for the spiritual growth of those children are doing little about it beyond dropping their kids off at church."

Tornado cleanup



Kentucky Baptist disaster relief volunteers worked in Rineyville last week, helping residents clean fallen trees from their yards. It was one of four sites where volunteers were serving after recent tornadoes and storms. Workers also were in Eastern Kentucky; Jackson, Tenn.; and Southern Illinois. ■ Above: Sturgeon Leathers, a member of Wickland Baptist Church in Bardstown, carries a newly cut limb to a debris pile. ■ Left: Clifton Weakley, a volunteer from First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, talks with a Red Cross volunteer. **Story on page 3.** (Photos by David Winfrey)

Muslim persecution of Christians growing in post-Saddam Iraq



CALL TO PRAYER Shiite Muslim men pray in the street in front of the Al-Mohsen mosque in Baghdad. The rapid growth of mosques and Christian persecution in Iraq worries many local Christians. (RNS photo by Noah Addis)

Oppression might significantly impact ministries planned by Western Christians

By Mark Mueller
Religion News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq (RNS)—Two weeks ago, Raad Karim Essa arrived home from work to find his furniture on the street.

His Muslim landlord wasn't renting to Christians anymore.

"He told us not to argue and threatened us," said Essa, 42, a father of four. "He said the government was no longer here to protect us. What could we do? We feared for our lives."

"The Muslims want to destroy us," said Amira Nisan, 38, Essa's wife. "I think we were better off under Saddam."

Such a sentiment is voiced increasingly today among Iraq's 800,000 Christians.

Like most of their countrymen, Christians greeted the fall of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with celebration and hope. But in little more than a month, their desire for greater religious freedom has been replaced by fear of the fundamentalism rippling through Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority, which has moved quickly to exert its influence after decades of violent repression.

Christian women say they've been harassed by Shiite men for walking on the street without head scarves, and priests complain that Shiite clerics inflame religious hatred by calling for the expulsion from Iraq of "nonbelievers."

The oppression is significant, not only for its impact on resident Christians. □ See *Were Christians ...*, page 8

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List compiled of missionaries fired by IMB trustees

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (ABP)—Initial reports about the 13 Southern Baptist international missionaries fired May 7 did not include a full list of the missionaries involved.

The 13 veteran missionaries, who collectively have served overseas more than 150 years, were fired by trustees of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board because they refused to sign an affirmation of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message.

IMB officials declined to release the names of the missionaries who were terminated. "That's up to the missionaries to decide if they want their names known or not," said IMB spokesman Mark Kelly.

All 13 missionaries have released their names. Their names, ministry fields and terms of service are:

- Larry and Sarah Ballew, Macao, 1985-87 as journeymen and 1996-2003 as career missionaries.

- Mary Katherine Campbell, 1968-70 as a journeyman in the Philippines and 1989-2003 as a career missionary in Liberia and Togo.

- Rick and Nancy Dill, Germany, 1981-2003.

- David and Susie Dixon, Spain, 1988-2003.

- Ron Hankins and Lydia Barrow-Hankins, Japan, 1975-77 as journeymen and 1981-2003 as career missionaries.

- Leon and Kathy Johnson, Mozambique, 1981-2003.

- Ted and Frances York, Benin, 1982-2003.

Another 30 missionaries resigned or took early retirement in recent days rather than sign the affirmation. They join 34 other missionaries who resigned last year over the same issue.

BWA leader urges global mission agency

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

SWANWICK, England (ABP)—Baptists worldwide need a new agency to send and support missionaries—one that accounts for shifts in the Christian population worldwide and in the philosophy of missions—says Baptist World Alliance leader Denton Lotz.

Lotz's challenge came during a weeklong BWA-sponsored global summit on Baptist missions, held May 5-9 in England, which attracted leaders from 60 countries. Delegates adopted a comprehensive "Call to Mission" that delineated changes and challenges affecting global missions—from technology to terrorism.

The BWA would not create or lead the new agency, Lotz told Associated Baptist Press in an interview May 15. "The Baptist World Alliance is not a mission-sending agency. ... I would prefer that other mission agencies do this."

He said the mission organizations that are part of BWA could work jointly in the effort or a separate agency could be formed. The Baptist World Alliance, based in Falls Church, Va., is an umbrella organization of more than 200 national Baptist conventions, unions and associations worldwide.

'Spectacular growth'

The new mission agency could provide financial support for mission-

aries from developing nations in Asia, Africa and Latin America to go to other parts of the world, summit delegates said.

Christians are witnessing "spectacular growth" of their numbers in those countries, which traditionally have received missionaries from the West, the statement said. Now those countries are ready to send missionaries around the world—including to the West—but lack the resources.

"Fifty-five percent of the world's Christians are in the Two-Thirds World," Lotz said, referring to the developing countries—often called the Third World—that account for two-thirds of the global population.

With such a vibrant church in the Two-Thirds World, Christians now are asking, "How are we going to re-Christianize the West?" said Lotz, BWA's general secretary.

The "Call to Mission" adopted by the global summit signals "a maturing of the Baptist mission," Lotz said. "It's the end of the missionary era and beginning of the era of mission."

The new paradigm for global missions is cooperative, holistic, respectful and mutual, the "Call to Mission" suggests.

Rather than dividing the world into those countries that send missionaries and those that receive them, Christians now recognize that "mission is from everywhere to everywhere," the delegates said.

Funding such a global mission paradigm requires new thinking, since "too often resources are held in the

hands of a few," the delegates said. "We plead for a global as well as local interpretation of Acts 4:32"—which says the early Christians "shared everything they had."

'Call to Mission' goals

Among other issues, the "Call to Mission":

- Affirms a holistic understanding of redemption and ministry. "Issues of justice and peace, poverty and hunger, health and education, violence and abuse will demand the attention of God's people."

- Pledges to accept differences between Christians that reflect diverse cultural experiences. "We will not censure each other as we seek to express our faith in ways that reflect who we are and how our stories have shaped us," the statement says. "In this way, we reaffirm that the gospel should always be a vehicle of liberation, never domination."

- Laments "the inadequate representation of women," both at the summit and in the larger church. "We are immeasurably poorer because of this, and will remain so until this fundamental imbalance is addressed."

- Commits to "cooperate with the wider Christian family in the cause of mission" and "respectfully sit and listen, listen and learn" with those of other faiths and no faith.

- Calls Baptists to be peacemakers and to advocate "the ministry of reconciliation to overcome the sinfulness of racial enmity, ethnic conflict and tribal wars."

Seminary president proposes special offering

By Mark Wingfield
Texas Baptist Standard

NEW ORLEANS (ABP)—The president of one of the Southern Baptist Convention's six seminaries has proposed creating an annual offering for the seminaries on the scale of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions.

Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, proposes the offering in a white paper titled "Roots of a Dilemma: SBC Entities and the Cooperative Program." It is published in New Orleans Seminary's online journal, "Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry."

The special offering is one of several possible ways to provide greater funding for the six SBC seminaries, Kelley wrote. It is the primary option he personally recommends.

He suggested the new offering should be named for W.A. Criswell, the legendary pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas who died about 18 months ago.

Detailing the need for such an offering, Kelley noted that gifts to the SBC Cooperative Program, while increasing in total dollars, have not made gains against inflation.

Additionally, the SBC's efforts to redirect more money to front-line missions through agency restructuring in

1997 helped but did not solve the problem, Kelley said.

In this restructuring, the six seminaries were given an additional 1 percent of Cooperative Program income to share among themselves. This provided assistance, he said, but did not fund any new initiatives. Even with this change, five of the six seminaries could not make their payrolls based on CP giving alone, Kelley said.

The seminaries also took a hit two years ago when the SBC Executive Committee eliminated the capital needs budget that traditionally had been funded by over-budget Cooperative Program gifts. Instead, any Cooperative Program overages now are distributed to all SBC entities by the regular budget formula.

"This was a devastating blow to the six seminaries, but a positive help for the other entities," Kelley wrote, explaining that seminaries relied on these funds to offset capital expenses that didn't have donor appeal, like replacing sewer systems.

Meanwhile, professors' salaries at SBC seminaries are low, and costs passed on to students are getting higher.

"We are not far away from putting Southern Baptist theological education financially out of reach for many Southern Baptists," he wrote. "Unless there are some changes, the moderate-dominated seminaries of the '70s and '80s will prove to have been far more affordable than the conservative-dominated seminaries of the 21st century."

He outlines five options to increase funding to seminaries:

- Change the Cooperative Program distribution formula.

- Allow more fund-raising by the seminaries.

- Allow seminaries more input into trustee selection in order to place more wealthy donors on trustee boards.

- Reinstate the SBC capital needs budget.

- Create a special offering for the seminaries.

"Today it is difficult to imagine the mission boards functioning without their annual offerings," Kelly said. "The potential for the same effect is there with an annual offering for the six seminaries."

NAMB trustees propose church plant guidelines

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board adopted "suggested covenant guidelines" May 7 to help ensure new Southern Baptist churches remain affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The "Suggested Covenant Guidelines for a Southern Baptist Church Plant," designed for state conventions working in partnership with NAMB, came as part of recommendations from a special task force created last year by trustees. The panel of trustees, state convention leaders and NAMB staff was asked to find ways of increasing the likelihood that new churches planted with Southern Baptist funds would retain Southern Baptist norms in doctrine, polity and commitment to missions.

The need for such steps is increasing as churches' emphasis on denominational identity declines, said Richard Harris, chairman of the task force and vice president of church planting.

The suggested agreement details expectations of responsibilities and accountability for partners in a church plant, including the congregation itself, the sponsoring church, the association and the state convention.

Examples of suggested expectations of churches include stated affiliation with the SBC in a mission congregation's founding documents, participation in the Cooperative Program and intentional plans to reproduce annually through new Bible studies, ministries or church plants. Responsibilities of sponsoring churches would include support through prayer, finances, strategic planning, volunteers and doctrinal oversight.

Harris said much of the model agreement is based on documents already used by a number of Baptist state conventions. He noted that state conventions remain free to use or not use the suggestions; implementation is not required for NAMB funding.



Construction to begin on KBHC's Morehead site school building

MOREHEAD—Construction is set to begin next month for a new stand-alone school building for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Morehead Center.

Officials plan to complete the facility by mid-July, in time for the start of Rowan County's 2003-2004 public school year.

KBHC's Morehead Center provides care and treatment for up to 12 girls, ages 13 to 17, who come from backgrounds of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, behavioral problems or other crises.

The Morehead Center opened in late 1987 as a temporary shelter where children stayed until they were placed in either a foster home or one of KBHC's other children's home facilities for long-term care. Today, girls stay at the Morehead Center for up to six months or longer.

While in the care of KBHC at the center, the girls attend school on campus, receive counseling and participate in activities designed to bring about emotional healing and spiritual growth.

Currently, the on-campus school, which is under the supervision of the Rowan County School District, shares a facility with the residential program on Cranston Road. The new, stand-alone school building will be located on the same property.

"We're committed to giving the kids in our care the best, and that includes their school facilities," said Tom Townsend, KBHC's vice president for development and communications. "This new facility will give the girls more classroom space, a computer lab, science lab and other tools they need."

The 1,200-square-foot school building will cost approximately \$75,000. Furniture, educational materials and computer equipment will be provided by the local school system.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Baptist Builders will provide much of the labor.

KBHC still is seeking money and donations of building materials and professional services such as grading and concrete work.

"Kentucky's Baptist churches and volunteers have always been a tremendous support to this agency, but we're finding that anyone who has a heart for kids and believes in giving them a second chance wants to be part of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's work, too," Townsend said.

For more information about the project, contact Townsend at (800) 456-1386 or by e-mail at townsend@kbhc.org.

Four times the trouble



TRIMMING TIME Eddie Osburn, a member of Salem Baptist Church in Marion, cuts limbs from a fallen tree in Rineyville last week. Kentucky Baptists were in two towns in Kentucky as well as Southern Illinois and Tennessee for disaster relief work. (Photos by David Winfrey)

Kentuckians work four disaster relief sites

By David Winfrey
News Director

RINEYVILLE—Eddie Osburn was diverted last week when he set out to do disaster relief work with fellow Kentucky Baptists.

"I was supposed to be in Jackson (Tenn.) this morning," he said, pausing from his work at the chainsaw, cutting up a tree that had fallen in a Rineyville homeowner's yard. "A lot of us were."

But a fast pass from a strong tornado uprooted trees and damaged houses in Rineyville, and Kentucky Baptists were asked to help residents clean up the damage.

It became the fourth location where Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers worked last week.

About 12 volunteers already were in Jackson, Tenn., working with disaster relief crews from several other states where an F-4 tornado damaged much of the city.

Larry Koch, disaster relief coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department, recalled a fallen tree that had 125 rings on the trunk.

Workers used a 36-inch long chainsaw on some of the trees, he noted, "and sometimes you had to make two cuts to get through it."

In addition, 20 workers were in Olive Hill, in Eastern Kentucky, about eight days, helping with mud-out work from recent flooding.

Sixteen volunteers traveled into Southern Illinois for approximately 10 days of clean-up from tornado damage.

At Rineyville, about two dozen Kentucky Baptists worked Jan. 12 and 13.

Volunteer Osburn got the call that



CLEANING UP Frances Leathers rakes leaves and twigs from a yard in Rineyville as uprooted trunks and limbs sit piled in the background.

he was needed in Rineyville instead of Tennessee, and the disabled carpenter traveled the 154 miles to saw limbs and clear debris.

"Nobody ought to be cold in Rineyville this winter," he said, referring to the abundance of firewood.

The change in travel plans came for a man who hints that he is used to God changing his direction.

"I promised the Good Lord a long time ago that this was what I was going to do when I retired," he said. "And the Lord retired me early. He said, 'I need you now.'"

Rineyville residents also needed some help last week.

Homeowner Jody Meredith lives next to train tracks and had always heard that a tornado sounded like a train. Now he believes it.

"Before we got out of the bedroom,

it had hit," he said. "It just hit and was gone. Before it left, it toppled approximately 30 trees around his house, he said. The force of the wind drove a metal rod into one tree horizontally, at least three inches deep.

Meredith was grateful for the work being done by disaster relief workers. "You just don't know how much I appreciate it," he said. "People like you (volunteers) are just tremendous."

'It's such a blessing'

Volunteer Clifton Weakley, a member of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington, said he's worked on a variety of jobs since joining in 1997.

"Usually, I try to go on all I can," he said.

"Some of your best friends are out here," he added. "A lot of us wouldn't do it for money, but we'll do it for free because it's such a blessing."

Volunteer Thomas Nappier of Elizabethtown Baptist Church has been working with disaster relief approximately 15 years. "This is part of being an American and part of being a Baptist."

The next training session for Kentucky Baptist disaster relief will be a beginner's orientation May 31 at Jeremiah Baptist Church in Letcher County.

"It's an emotional, spiritual and psychological preparation, along with the basics of what we do, the importance of teamwork," Koch said in describing the three-hour session.

"An unprepared person going into a disaster can become devastated by what they see if they aren't prepared for it."

For more information about disaster relief, call KBC Brotherhood toll-free at (888) 254-720.

BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Darryl Wilson**, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday school department, recently graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a doctorate in education.

■ **Dave Ramsey**, a Christian financial counselor and author of "Financial Peace," will speak May 30 and 31 at the Kentucky Center in Louisville. Several Kentucky Baptist churches offer Ramsey's "Financial Peace" workshops. For more information, visit www.financialpeace.com.

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'Negligible' impact

Has anyone else noticed that all of the hoopla concerning the International Mission Board missionaries signing the Baptist Faith and Message is being caused by a very insignificant percentage of IMB personnel (and the help they are receiving from the press)? Less than 1.6 percent of over 5,000 personnel, not counting the nearly 100 missionaries (second largest group ever at one time) two months ago that were appointed during a service in Tennessee. They obviously did not have any qualms about agreeing to the qualifying standards of being a Southern Baptist missionary.

Let the negligible 1.6 percent and the accompanying press make their commotion. The numbers speak more clearly, concisely and loudly to the heart of the issue. A nearly unanimous number of over 5,000 missionaries do not have a problem being held accountable to a convention of churches, built upon principles of confessions and accountability, for their teaching and ministry.

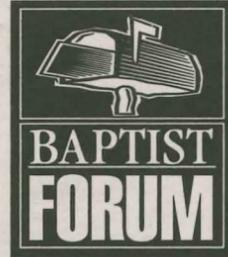
Thank God for people whose convictions about the Word of God do not get hung up in a display of piety that reeks of individualism. I cannot think of any verses of Scripture that would warrant not being held accountable to such gospel standards, but there are plenty that do necessitate it.

Then again, that's part of the problem isn't it—that the Bible warrants accountability and we are hesitant toward its authority in our lives (a.k.a. sin)? Yet, our founding fathers in Baptist circles thought it vital to healthy Christian fellowship. May God help us help each other to be held to standards that are above and beyond our own selves in this life's pilgrimage.

*Jeff Moran
Louisville*

Missionaries forsaken

As a three-time International Mission Board summer missionary, I have spent six months under the leadership and mentorship of career missionaries. I know firsthand their daily hardships. The IMB has given two reasons of justification for its recent actions: to ensure accountability and to maintain integrity. I reject them both.



To say one needs to sign the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message for accountability reasons is an insult to the missionary. Signing this document would bring accountability only if there had been an absence of accountability prior to its signing. To think that a missionary would agree to work for a ministry organization in the absence of accountability is insulting.

Secondly, where is the integrity in asking an individual to "reconsider their position" or be fired? Indirectly this is asking God to reconsider His calling, which is irrevocable (Romans 11:29). How many of the 98.7 percent signed the document just to keep their jobs, and not because they completely agree with the statement? Integrity cannot be mandated.

If current trends continue, there will be more missionary applicants than money to support them. Future missionaries may have to become bivocational. To account for this, the IMB has bowed its face in the mud to please legalistic financial supporters, but while bowing, forgot who needs the money in the first place.

98.6 percent are in, 1.4 percent (77) are out. Seventy-seven workers who have forsaken all for the gospel and raised their children in a foreign land will soon be jobless, forsaken by an organization whose sole purpose was to support them. May-

be the 77 should sign: for just as the pope alters the catechism in the absence of any Roman Catholics' approval, so will the Southern Baptist Convention likely make the BF&M 2004, 2016 & 2020, etc., without the approval of most Southern Baptists.

*Robert A. Everley
Beaver Dam*

'Our way or no way?'

Last November the Japanese Baptist Women's Union sent a letter to Southern Baptist Convention President Jack Graham expressing dismay about the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message statement excluding women from pastoring. The Japanese Baptist Convention has several women pastors and some women missionaries who are ordained. The Japanese women cited Lottie Moon's leadership as their example.

Now an article in the spring issue of Baptist Peacemaker indicates no response has been received to their letter. The Japanese Baptist Convention is an autonomous body but partners with the SBC mission.

Baptists have always differed but to ignore such a plea is lamentable, if not insulting. Will the next step be to withdraw missionaries from Japan if Japanese Baptists do not conform?

The "our way or no way" attitude of SBC leadership seems to be repulsing fellow Baptists around the world. Cutting funds to Baptist World Alliance is a prime example.

Many of these world Baptists are spiritual children of the SBC. The SBC may consider them rebellious children, but are they going to disown them as they have some of us at home? A surprising number of my seminary class of '48 went to Japan as missionaries. I expect many of them are agonized over this possible repudiation of those they nurtured so faithfully.

*Bill Moore
Owensboro*

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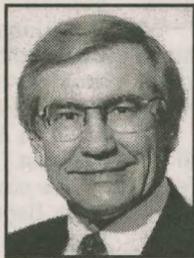
The Kentucky Baptist Convention mission statement approved by the KBC Mission Board earlier this month is: "The mission of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to assist Kentucky Baptist Convention churches and ministries and associations in connecting all people to Jesus Christ."

A key word in this statement is "connecting." According to Webster's Dictionary, "connect" means "to join together; unite; to relate in some way; think of together." The definition of connection includes the concept of relationship.

This idea of connection is in keeping with the missionary message of the Bible, especially with such passages as 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and the biblical statements of the Great Commission. In the Great Commission, there is the vertical connection to God as indicated by the phrases, "I will be with you" and "After the Holy Ghost has come

upon you." There is also a horizontal connection to the mission as indicated by the phrases, "Go make disciples of all nations" and "Ye shall be witnesses unto me. ..."

These intimate connections with God and one another are also described powerfully in John 17. We are to be one with the Father as Jesus Christ is one with the Father. And due to our unity, the world will know that God sent Jesus and that God loves the world as much as He loves Jesus. If we hope to connect others to Jesus Christ,



Bill Mackey

we must make sure that we are intimately connected to Jesus.

The term "all people" in the mission statement represents a growing Hispanic and language population in Kentucky in addition to the growing African-American and Anglo population. The purpose is to connect all people to Jesus Christ who is the source of power. Regardless of what we may do for people, we haven't done the best thing for them

until they are connected to Jesus Christ, the source of all life and strength.

The term "connect" is a very strong word when used in describing our relationship to Jesus Christ.

When I think of connecting I think about:

■ Connecting people to God through inspiring worship.

■ Connecting people to the truth of God's Word through Bible study.

■ Connecting people to mentors for accountability in following Jesus.

■ Connecting people to one another in fellowship.

■ Connecting people to community in outreach and evangelism.

■ Connecting people to all nations in missions and evangelism.

Connecting is a strong relational word. If we are going to be used of God in this process, we need to be intimately related to Jesus Christ. Let us all pray that He will help us to learn how best to be "connected" with Him and each other!

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

CHURCH

Discovering true contentment is valuable lesson

By Doug Strader

In Philippians 4:12-13 the Apostle Paul said, "I know what



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it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation,

whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

The word "contentment" means to be satisfied with one's lot in life. If that is what Paul had in mind when he penned these words, it is indeed a mystery to many people that he could say that in his situation. Indeed, he was in all probability in prison when he wrote this letter, and that was not the first time he had been imprisoned. He also had suffered several other calamities in his life. He had been shipwrecked, he had been beaten and he had been scorned and ridiculed by Jews and Gentiles alike. Yet, in the twilight of his life he dares to say that he is contented with his lot in life.

How many Christians do you personally know that you could say the same thing about them that Paul said about himself? What is the difference in being contented in the sense that Paul speaks of and being lazy, slothful and unproductive with no desire to better oneself or providing better for one's family?

Part of the answer to these questions may lie in one's answer to the age-old question, "How much is enough?" I do not know how to answer this question for anyone else; in fact it is difficult for me to answer it for myself. I do know that in America today many people are recklessly trying to get more and more and never seem to have enough. Many people are driven by what society says they deserve and what they have earned a right to have without regard to what God would desire them to be and to have.

Have you answered the question of how much is enough for you and your family? Someone said that when we recognize that everything we have belongs to God and we allow Him to use everything we have as He chooses, that is enough; but when we begin to call all of our stuff ours and selfishly use it, then we have too much.

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

Help your child create strategy to avoid boredom this summer

Q: How can I help my son avoid boredom during the upcoming summer months?

Sit down with your son before the summer and talk about a semi-structured approach to this season. He needs enough free time to feel that he is able to relax and be renewed from the rigors of the academic year, as well as enough structure to enable continued growth.

Think with him about the ways the Bible says that Jesus grew. Luke 2:52 says that He grew "in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Jesus grew mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. What are some areas in which your son would like to grow this summer?

Summer camps are great opportunities to pursue many different growth goals. Going to the library once a week gives him an opportunity to pursue reading that he can enjoy. Activities with the church youth group stimulate him to "love and good deeds" and enable him to pursue meaningful friendships with God and others and to establish a positive peer group. Physical growth could be pursued through trying a new activity such as swimming, tennis, bicycling, weightlifting or some other activity in which he is interested. A summer job could be a positive learning experience to teach responsibility provided that he still has time to enjoy the summer.

Encourage your son to begin putting some things on his summer calendar now. While he will not want to pack his calendar, a semi-structured approach will help him avoid summer boredom and enter the fall school year knowing that he has accomplished some things of meaning to him.—*Scott Wigginton*

Q: I often feel stressed out. How can I, when I'm not sure of the cause, work to reduce this sense of stress in my life?

Have you had any recent traumatic events in your life? Have you experienced a life crisis such as a death, divorce, hospitalization or unemployment? If so, recovery will take time.

Your question, however, suggests less obvious sources of stress. Find a good listener, possibly a Christian psychologist or pastoral counselor. In the meantime, try some of the following options:

- **Get plenty of sleep.** If you consistently are giving up sleep while "burning the candle at both ends," you are not giving your body necessary, natural rejuvenation.

- **Cut the caffeine.** Coffee, tea, chocolate and soft drinks can make it hard for you to get enough sleep and rest.

- **Exercise.** Are you using more than your "sitting" muscles? Do you break a sweat several times a week with activity that gets your heart beating and oxygen moving throughout your body?

- **"Early to bed, early to rise."** After getting enough sleep, get up before the rush of the day and have some precious quiet time with just you and God.

- **De-clutter your work area and living space.** Take a little time every day to attack clutter, section by section, giving away things you don't need. Get your ordinary things organized: keys, stamps, clothes, etc.

- **Eat healthy food.** When you are too heavy on carbs or saturated fats, you will become too heavy! Drink lots of water.

- **Make time for laughter.** Some of your reading, tapes or movies should include a sense of humor.

- **Forgive and reconcile with others.** Call or write people with whom you need to reconnect.—*James Stillwell*

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Pursue priority of Proverbs 22:6 parenting

Graduation season has rolled around once again. Whether your child, grandchild or family friend is graduating from kindergarten, high school or college, this time of year is a vivid reminder of what an incredibly brief amount of time families have to train, influence and encourage young people before they move into the next phase of life.

In our home, our daughters are now 16 and 13. Emily will be a high school senior this fall with just one more year with us before she heads off to college. Audrey will graduate from middle school in a couple of weeks and begin her high school career in August.

Similar transitions are taking place in thousands of homes all across the commonwealth. Campbellsville University, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Cumberland College, Georgetown College and dozens of other colleges held graduation ceremonies earlier this month. Hundreds of high schools will celebrate the same rite of passage in the next few days.

On the local church level, countless young people will move into high school youth groups. Others will become active in Baptist campus ministry or other ministry outlets on the collegiate level. Still others officially will move into adulthood with new careers, marriage and decisions about involvement in church, ministry opportunities and personal spiritual growth.

As significant as formal education and local church involvement are in the lives of young people, even more pivotal is the role of parents in the lives of their children. Yet many parents tend to let church and school take primary responsibility for teaching values to their children and shaping their worldviews.

When it comes to spiritual issues, a recent study by the Barna Research Group found that 85 percent of parents surveyed believe they are most responsible for

teaching their children about such matters. But results of the survey, featured on page one of this week's Western Recorder, also found that the majority of parents do not spend any time in a typical week studying religious materials or talking about religious matters with their children.

That's a far cry from God's instructions to His chosen people in Deuteronomy 6:5-7, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

Obviously, today's families often have overwhelming schedules with business trips, soccer practice, church committee meetings, unanswered e-mail and dozens of other activities clogging our calendars. If we're too busy to provide our children basic spiritual training and nurture, however, we desperately need to re-evaluate our priorities.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," Proverbs 22:6 counsels. "Even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Whether it's taking time for bedtime prayers with a young child or providing spiritual resources and personal examples to help disciple your teen before he or she ventures beyond your sphere of daily influence, work diligently to "train up a child in the way he should go."

Luke 2:52 reports that "Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." May we as Christian parents make certain to help our precious children do the same.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Touched by an urban legend

By Terry Mattingly

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP)—Did you know NASA scientists proved that God really made the sun stand still just like it says in the Book of Joshua?

Have you responded to the urgent prayer appeal from Mrs. Fatima Abass Yakubu Idris, the wealthy Nigerian widow cancer victim who wants to donate \$7.2 million to your church?

Did you hear about the upcoming movie in which Jesus and His disciples are gay?

Surely you've seen this e-mail bulletin: "CBS will be forced to discontinue 'Touched by an Angel' for using the word God in every program." Now, the disciples of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair have "been granted a federal hearing on the same subject by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. Their petition, Number 2493, would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, on the airwaves of America."

It's hard to believe that after 30 years and 30 million letters to the FCC, this false report continues to haunt pulpits, pews and the Internet.

Believe it. The O'Hair, FCC and "Touched by an Angel" e-mail is back in the top 10 at the San Fernando Valley Folklore Society's sprawling "urban legends" site (www.snopes.com).

And with the Angels era ending at CBS, Cathy Holden is bracing herself for more right-wing e-mail blaming the show's demise on a vast left-wing conspiracy.

This will all end up in a revised entry at www.TruthMiners.com, Holden's Web site that strives to convince other conservative Christians that passing along half-truths, scams and ur-

ban legends is not a doctrinally sound thing to do. Her niche-audience page includes 100 of the most common e-mails and links to larger secular research sites.

"This story will not die. I mean, 'Touched by an Angel' has been on for nine years," she said. "Anybody who reads a newspaper knows that everybody who's involved says it's time to end the show. But people who send these e-mails don't read newspapers. Then they get an e-mail about that atheist O'Hair lady and they say, 'That's it!'"

"You just want to tell them, 'Get over it. Go on with your life.'"

Holden became fascinated with urban legends when she helped a Baptist church start its Web site. The minute she signed on, the junk e-mails rolled in, including a new incarnation of the O'Hair report. It took five minutes online to dig up the truth.

The church lady who forwarded the rumor said she did it for fun. What's the harm?

"I said, 'Wait just a minute. I just told you this is a lie and you don't care?' ... Ever since, I've been trying to get people to realize that a lie is a lie. This is not harmless. People get hurt. Christians have to believe truth matters," Holden said.

The O'Hair story originally was read in pulpits, shared at prayer meetings and printed on church mimeograph machines. Now people simply click "forward" and their e-mail goes global.

Most of these messages take two forms—outrage and inspiration. A major theme is that mainstream media hide the truth, Holden said.

So untraceable stories spread about President Bush leaving a reception line to evangelize a teenager, a pastor's wife preaching to passengers on the doomed Alaskan Airlines Flight 261 and a little girl's testimony converting actor John Wayne. The list goes on and on.

"The bigger the story, the more we like it," Holden said. "We can be really syrupy, sappy people and we tend to fall for things that grab our heartstrings. It's all about our feelings."

"My ultimate hope," she added, "is that if we can get people to care about what is going on in their Internet lives, then this new concern about truth may actually spread into other parts of their lives at home and at work and at church. Wouldn't that be interesting?"

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End of 'Judeo-Christian' era?

Muslims want to be included in U.S. description

By Mark O'Keefe
Religion News Service

"A lot of the ideas that underpin civil liberties come from Judeo-Christian theology."

Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Leading Muslim organizations are advocating that Americans stop using the phrase "Judeo-Christian" when describing the values and character that define the United States.

Better choices, they say, are "Judeo-Christian-Islamic" or "Abrahamic," referring to Abraham, the patriarch held in common by the monotheistic big three religions.

The new language should be used "in all venues where we normally talk about Judeo-Christian values, starting with the media, academia, statements by politicians and comments made in churches, synagogues and other places," according to Agha Saeed, founder and chairman of the American Muslim Alliance, a political group headquartered in Fremont, Calif.

Other national Muslim groups supporting a change include the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim American Society and the American Muslim Council.

The budding movement is largely unformed, and watchers question whether it will succeed. Still, the call for new terms shows that words carry huge symbolic importance for Muslims trying to find their role in America after Sept. 11 and the Iraq war.

"These are not just let's-make-you-feel-good words," Saeed said. "These are words that define how we're related to each other."

Others take offense, arguing that to alter the phrase "Judeo-Christian" is political correctness and revisionist history at its worst.

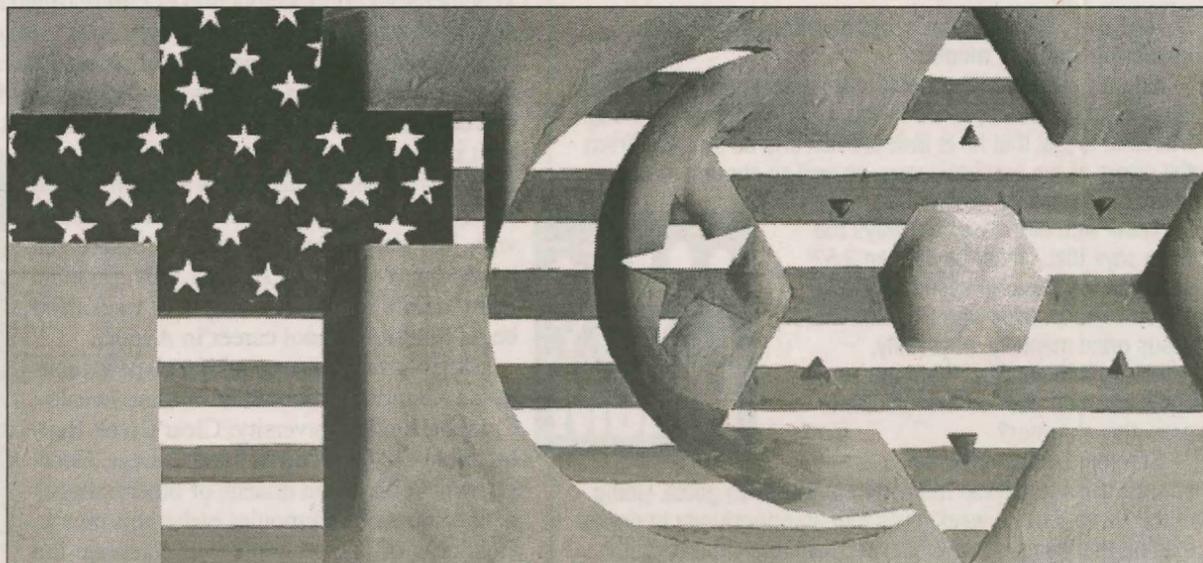
'Muslims weren't a part of that'

"A lot of the ideas that underpin civil liberties come from Judeo-Christian theology," said Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals. "What the Islamic community needs to make are positive contributions to culture and society so we can include them."

Michael Cromartie, vice president of the Washington-based Ethics and Public Policy Center, said a "Judeo-Christian understanding of things like freedom of conscience and liberty" are embodied in the Constitution. "No offense intended," he said, "but Muslims weren't a part of that, even though they're part of the discussion now."

From its founding to the late 1940s, the United States was commonly described as Christian, a trend epitomized by an 1892 Supreme Court ruling in which Justice David Brewer wrote, "This is a Christian nation."

According to a 1984 scholarly article by religion writer Mark Silk, "Judeo-Christian" wasn't used to refer to a common American outlook of values and beliefs until World War II, when the supposedly Christian Nazis and their death camps made future ref-



erences to "our Christian civilization" sound ominously exclusive.

"'Judeo-Christian,' which in 1952 looked like an incredibly inclusive term, doesn't look very inclusive now," said Silk, now director of the Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College, in Hartford, Conn. "So we probably need a new term."

But, Silk acknowledged, "I think Judeo-Christian-Islamic is going to be hard for the public to accept at this moment when you've just had people attacking the United States in the name of Islam."

While "Judeo-Christian" may not be used with the frequency heard in the 1950s, it's still a part of the vernacular, uttered recently by public officials ranging from Republican Attorney General John Ashcroft to Sen. Ted Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat.

Advocates offer several arguments

for change, among them:

Numbers. The U.S. Muslim population is growing. Estimates are disputed but range as high as 7 million. This compares to an estimated 5 million Jews.

"Muslims are here, and there are 7 million of them, even though they're largely invisible to most Americans," said Saeed. "This necessitates some discussion about language."

Commonality. Even though many people emphasize the differences, Islam has similarities with Christianity and Judaism.

"We believe in heaven and hell, in doing good deeds, in following the Ten Commandments," said Hannah Hawk, a spokesperson for the Houston Muslim Public Affairs Council. "Islamic values are not only compatible with American values, they're almost identical."

Diplomacy. When President Bush mentions "churches and syna-

gogues," he's quick to add "mosques," but many Islamic nations still perceive the United States as a Christian country bent on dominating Muslims in a modern-day crusade. An inclusive change of language could alter that view, said Zahid Bukhari, director of Muslims in the American Public Square at Washington's Georgetown University.

"It would convey a very positive message that it's not an issue of us versus them because Muslims are here," Bukhari said.

But Osama Siblani, an influential voice among American Muslims and publisher of the Arab-American News in Dearborn, Mich., takes an even broader view.

"I believe we should call this the United States of America, made up of Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Jews and others," Siblani said. "This stuff about language has to stop. We are all just Americans."

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'American Idol' finalists have strong Baptist roots

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—It began with thousands of "American Idol" hopefuls from across the nation. The Fox Network's popular talent contest has now been narrowed to two finalists—both of whom are Baptist.

Clay Aiken, a member of Leesville Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., and Ruben Studdard, a member of Rising Star Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., will learn May 21 which of them is the winner of the multi-week competition that ends with one contestant getting a recording contract.

Aiken, 24, was a special education major at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, devoted to helping kids through the struggles of life, when a chance at stardom was thrown his way.

At the advice of friends, Aiken traveled to Atlanta last October to camp out for four days before auditioning for the second season of "American Idol," the Raleigh News & Observer reported.

After more than 1,800 potential idols in Atlanta were narrowed down to 20, Aiken was among those who joined Studdard and fellow contestants from six other cities in Hollywood. There, the performers were narrowed down to 30, then to 10 and so on.

Studdard, a Christian since the age of 10, said his singing career began at age 3 at Rising Star Baptist Church, the church he still attends with his parents.

Being a Christian "not only affects my singing, it is my singing," Studdard said.

Influenced by his two favorite forms of music, Studdard sings with two bands—God's Gift, a gospel band, and Just a Few Cuts, a jazz group.

"I like being in a band because of the impact it has on people's lives," he said. "And the music is contemporary music so it reaches a lot of people."

Positive role models

Both finalists have been recognized for their strong character. Aiken has told reporters that the influence he has gained as a finalist is worth more to him than the money or the fame. Influence is something he used for good even before his stardom, as he worked as a YMCA counselor in his hometown.

"I enjoy singing, and I love performing. There's definitely a thrill you get from performing on stage when everybody's cheering for you, and then there's a completely different kind of thrill when you're working with children," Aiken told the News & Observer. "You don't necessarily get the applause, and you don't necessarily get the cheers and the pats on the back and everything, but there's a different kind of acceptance. There's a totally different type of feeling of worth when you work with kids."

Aiken had a strong fan base with the children even before his "American Idol" days, and the difference he made in their lives was obvious.

"I have witnessed him take a child with autism who couldn't communicate, and by the end of the school year, with Clayton just talking to her and working with her with cue cards and picture cards, that child could say a handful of words," said Jeff Flake, a supervisor of after-school programs at the

YMCA.

Roger Shuford, pastor of Leesville Baptist Church, said members have made a habit of gathering in the church fellowship hall or at the home of Aiken's mother, Faye Parker, on Wednesdays to see if Aiken made it through to the next round.

The show airs on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. On Tuesdays the contestants perform and are critiqued by the show's judges. Immediately after the show, toll-free phone lines are open for two hours to allow viewers to cast votes for their favorite contestants.

On Wednesdays, the contestant who received the lowest number of votes is eliminated.

'God will get the glory'

Shuford said the church has been supportive of Aiken's participation on the show. He said Aiken began singing at the church when he was a little boy and was still singing there every few months before he became a contestant on "American Idol."

"He just amazes us all," Shuford noted. "When he feels a song, you can see it all over his face."

Shuford said Aiken's mother has asked for the church to pray that God will keep her son close to Him.

"We're very thankful for his talent," Shuford added. "We're confident that God will get the glory."

The same is true for Studdard. He said he wants to make sure everyone knows God is the One Who deserves the credit for him being on "American Idol."

"I'm making sure I give Him props (recognition) because He deserves all the credit and respect," the 25-year-old singer said.

In a biography provided by Fox, Studdard said he had gone through four years of training with his high school teacher, and was a voice major for three and a half years at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville.

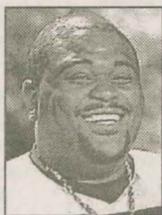
Representing Birmingham in a shirt emblazoned with the city's 205 area code, Studdard said that spending time in Hollywood filming the show has not had an adverse affect on his faith.

Rather, he said, his faith in God has helped him by "being able to pray and have somebody to talk to through it all."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press, the North Carolina Biblical Recorder and the Alabama Baptist



Aiken



Studdard

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Were Christians better off under Saddam?

"During the war, we were not afraid like we are now."

*Iraqi Christian leader
Ishlemon Warduni*

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tians. Such negative reaction could threaten ministry planned by Western Christians for the region.

The most overt acts have been directed at Iraq's liquor stores and manufacturers, almost universally run by Christians. The owners of those facilities say they've been threatened with death for selling alcohol, forbidden under a strict interpretation of Islamic law.

"I'm afraid for my people," said Bishop Ishlemon Warduni, the religious leader of Iraq's Chaldean community, which represents about 80 percent of the nation's Christians. The remaining 20 percent is comprised mostly of Syrians, Assyrians and Armenians.

"During the war, we were not afraid like we are now," said Warduni, 60. "All Christians are in danger."

'The fanatics would see us gone'

Last week, Warduni expressed his concerns in a letter to President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He also was scheduled to make his case in a meeting with Jay Garner, the retired U.S. Army general who has been administering Iraq.

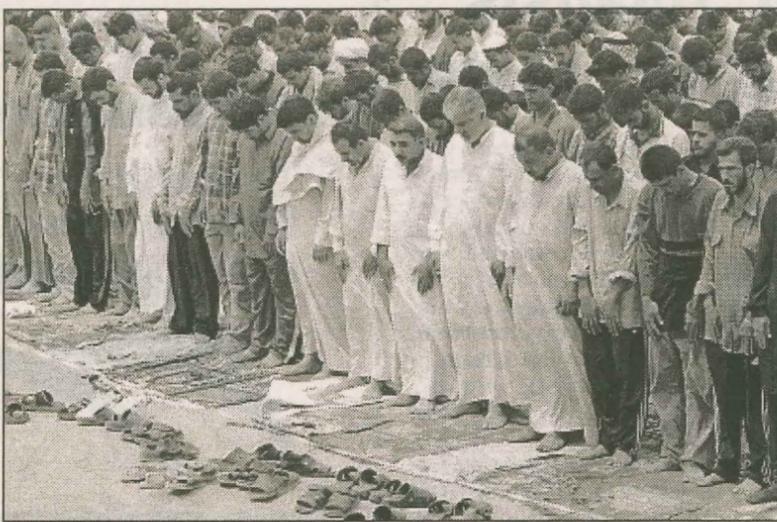
"We would like a guarantee of our rights, our freedom and our protection," Warduni said. "We have a 2,000-year history in Iraq, and that is now threatened. The fanatics would see us gone."

The worries are most pronounced in southern Iraq, a Shiite stronghold where clerics have issued the most strident calls for the creation of an Islamic republic. Underscoring the dangers, the Christian owners of two liquor stores were shot to death last week in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, after rebuffing demands to shutter their shops.

But religious tensions are high and rising in Baghdad as well.

"Ten days ago was better than a week ago, and a week ago was better than today," Warduni said. "I have no doubt that tomorrow will be worse. We're losing what little protection we had."

Under Saddam, Christians were permitted to worship but not to publicly express their views or proselytize. It also was forbidden to give chil-



SHIITE MUSLIMS Men pray in the street in front of the Al-Mohsen mosque in Baghdad. (RNS photo by Noah Addis)

dren Christian names.

While those strictures have been swept aside, Christians say they feel even less free in the face of growing Shiite pride and power. In the chaotic days after Baghdad's fall, Shiite clerics sent armed followers to patrol neighborhoods and to safeguard schools and hospitals from looting.

Still under Shiite control, some of those hospitals now bear signs ordering any woman seeking treatment to wear a head scarf.

More disconcerting to many Christians is the belief that they're being targeted for violence and rape by Muslim men. Parishioners and priests at a half-dozen churches in recent days told stories of women and young girls snatched from the streets in broad daylight. Almost inevitably, however, those telling the stories can provide no details, saying they heard them from a friend or family member.

According to one account repeated at several parishes, a Christian man, Arkan David Belu, 28, was shot to death by several Shiite men as he left a church service Sunday.

Belu, 28, was indeed shot to death, but his uncle, Hikmat Belu, said the killing had nothing to do with his nephew's religion.

New mosques opening

The relationship between Muslims and Christians has grown more sensitive with the profusion of new

mosques. In most Baghdad neighborhoods, vacant buildings and former government offices have been converted into Shiite houses of worship.

One such mosque, Jama Al-Wehda Al-Islamiya, or Unity of Islam, sits directly across the street from Warduni's church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Before the war, the building served as the neighborhood headquarters for the ruling Ba'ath Party. Later, it was looted and partially burned.

The Shiite moved in three weeks ago, mounting a half-dozen loudspeakers that blare the call to prayer five times a day, sometimes interfering with church services across the street.

The mosque's imam, Sheik Ali Al-Bahadili, said he is supportive of an Islamic state, but he said it should be one that respects the rights of Christians and other Iraqi minority groups. He flatly rejected claims that Muslims have been targeting or intimidating Christians.

Sam Hanna argues otherwise.

One morning last week, the 43-year-old Christian arrived at his Baghdad liquor store to find a note that had been slipped under the door.

"It said that if we didn't stop selling alcohol, the shop would be bombed and we would be killed," Hanna said. "They said alcohol was against God's law. Hah! It's against God's law to sell alcohol but not to kill people? They are hypocrites."

Yemeni sentenced to death for killing missionaries

JIBLA, Yemen (RNS)—A suspected al-Qaida militant was sentenced to death May 10 for killing three U.S. missionaries at a Southern Baptist-run hospital in Yemen.

The lawyer for Abed Abdul Razak Kamel, 30, said a Yemeni court sentenced his client in the Dec. 30 shooting deaths of Kathleen Gariety of Wauwatosa, Wis., Martha Myers of Montgomery, Ala., and Bill Koehn, a native of Cimarron, Kan., Associated Press reported.

Don Caswell of Levelland, Texas, was wounded in the attack.

The verdict was announced in Jibla where the killings took place.

Kamel pleaded not guilty. His lawyer, Mahrous Oqba, told AP that he will appeal the verdict because he believes it violated Islamic law.

The hospital's director, Abdel Karim Hassan, welcomed the death sentence but said, "He deserves even worse." Hassan is not affiliated with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Kamel said at an April 20 court hearing that he coordinated the attack with Ali al-Jarallah, another suspected Muslim extremist, who was accused of killing a Yemeni politician two days before the attack on the Jibla hospital. Yemeni security officials say they believe both men belonged to a terrorist cell with ties to al-Qaida.

Kamel said he killed the missionaries "out of a religious duty ... and in revenge from those who converted Muslims from their religion and made them unbelievers."

Jibla residents have said the Amer-

icans never talked about religion. Yemeni law bars non-Muslims from proselytizing in the country, which is overwhelmingly Muslim.

On May 14, a grenade exploded in the same courtroom where Kamel was sentenced, injuring four people, including a judge who was not involved in Kamel's sentencing, Associated Press reported.

A suspect was arrested on the same day as the grenade attack, which a government official told Reuters was personal rather than political.

"It appears that disagreements between him (suspect) and others, which the court was studying, was the motive for throwing the hand grenade," the official said. "There is no link between the attack and the verdict in the case of Abed Abdul Razak."

Amid bombing, panel criticizes Saudi's lack of religious freedom

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Just hours after terrorists killed dozens in Saudi Arabia last week, a federal panel issued a scathing rebuke of both that nation's human-rights abuses and America's handling of them.

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom released on May 13 its annual report on international religious freedom. Among those was the independent commission's first detailed report on religious freedom in Saudi Arabia.

"Freedom of religion simply does not exist in Saudi Arabia," said commission Vice Chairman Michael Young, dean of the George Washington University Law School. "It is a place where the government enforces one particularly narrow interpretation of Islam based on the Wahhabi doctrine."

Wahhabism is a particularly narrow and fundamentalist school of Sunni Islam embraced by the Saudi ruling family and Saudi government leaders.

Both the commission's report and reports by the State Department detail how Saudi Arabia's government enforces a virtual ban on all non-Wahhabist religious expression.

But the report also criticized U.S. handling of complaints. Although the commission repeatedly has found Saudi Arabia to be one of the world's most egregious violators of religious freedom, the U.S. State Department so far has declined to add the nation to its list of "Countries of Particular Concern" for violations of religious rights.

Noting the close relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, the commission wrote: Indeed, some have argued that the U.S. government has refrained from criticizing human-rights practices in Saudi Arabia, and has even gone so far as to restrict the rights of Americans to do so.

State Department and White House officials repeatedly have said that the best way to encourage greater religious freedom in Saudi Arabia is to work through behind-the-scenes private diplomacy rather than public actions.

When asked for Bush's reaction to the report, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said, "the President believes that around the world, freedom of religion and tolerance are important and they should be pursued."

When asked if the U.S. was doing enough to pursue those ideals in Saudi Arabia, Fleischer added, "I think you can assume, through State Department's contacts, this is a constant issue that comes up. It's something the president does care about."

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Scottsville	23,512.37	18,317.84
Subtotals	30,522.73	25,680.68
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Alton	17,786.63	19,739.13
Ballard	1,337.20	1,210.38
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Jenon	1,359.00	1,431.71
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Moss Chapel	180.00	180.00
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Old Yellow Creek	6,502.40	4,865.99
Pineville First	8,749.74	8,357.97
Riverside	1,145.09	1,311.04
Riverview	265.89	329.46
Southside	3,122.34	2,893.34
Stoney Fork	155.00	220.00
Trinity	150.00	150.00
Victory Missionary	729.73	598.83
Wasioto	300.00	250.00
West Cumberland Avenue	410.85	308.17
West Pineville	2,801.91	1,607.93
Subtotals	41,454.84	39,446.08
Bethel Association		
Adairville	8,999.16	8,008.46
Auburn	2,947.59	1,687.60
Calvary	5,748.63	4,763.38
Dripping Spring	16,804.93	21,286.87
Eastside	702.31	527.31
Elkton	17,663.10	22,112.92
Forest Grove	2,895.00	2,344.74
Grace	1,606.00	2,212.00
Guthrie	6,025.21	5,010.75
Keysburg	1,498.96	1,448.28
Middleton	4,270.26	3,048.91
Mount Gilead	0.00	125.00
Mount Zion	1,116.32	1,122.21
New Union	5,746.14	5,732.26
Post Oak	11,499.96	11,499.96
Russellville First	35,283.27	27,561.46
Russellville Second	26,554.28	14,016.30
Sharon Grove	4,957.00	3,301.00
Southern Heights	4,360.71	8,530.68
Spring Valley	740.13	698.34
Tiny Town	600.00	630.00
Trenton	8,856.19	12,097.28
Walnut Grove	10,231.13	10,945.05
Whippoorwill	2,054.66	1,991.75
Woodlawn	3,226.56	2,647.78
Subtotals	184,387.50	173,350.29
Blackford Association		
Blackford	12,703.41	15,341.83
Central	3,354.54	3,602.61
Chestnut Grove	3,873.49	4,900.67
Dawson Memorial	1,240.50	669.00
Friendly Grove	334.10	0.00
Hawesville	18,333.52	18,565.18
Lewisport	24,332.02	25,502.46
Lewisport First	885.05	747.13
Mount Eden	3,239.00	4,438.29
New Life	53.22	146.95
Newton Springs	861.00	742.00
Old Panther Creek	1,310.00	998.00
Pellville	16,020.54	16,404.06
Union	2,447.49	2,848.57
West Point	367.00	352.00
Subtotals	89,354.88	95,258.75
Blood River Association		
Altona Missionary	9,129.31	13,173.06
Benton First	19,488.58	23,243.00
Bethel	13,967.03	10,662.00
Bethlehem	2,275.85	2,798.48
Blood River	1,528.01	1,513.70
Briensburg	76,107.65	70,166.02
Cherry Corner	4,125.79	3,864.74
Coldwater	300.00	300.00
Dexter	200.00	300.00
East Marshall	613.00	1,084.37
Elm Grove	10,427.63	6,617.49
Elva	966.55	1,179.76
Ferguson Springs	4,250.00	300.00
Flint	4,020.26	4,847.75

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Gilbertsville	6,425.12	6,081.37
Grace	2,349.31	3,777.44
Hamlet Missionary	2,733.78	3,866.11
Hazel	10,614.22	18,333.42
Hilltop	422.30	588.25
Kirksey	934.00	1,088.00
Lakeview	3,754.03	4,380.17
Ledbetter	811.57	662.67
Locust Grove	11,890.96	10,681.37
Memorial	12,559.84	12,126.84
Murray First	70,497.29	61,930.50
New Bethel	2,520.00	2,520.00
New Harmony	14,479.82	15,729.28
New Mount Carmel	1,524.01	2,246.01
New Providence	254.52	575.26
New Zion	4,597.54	4,892.90
Northside	7,859.00	8,929.00
Oak Grove	5,298.96	5,498.73
Olive Missionary	9,458.00	6,667.70
Owens Chapel	2,449.00	3,190.00
Pleasant Hope	900.00	750.00
Pleasant Valley	1,800.00	1,800.00
Poplar Spring	2,731.41	3,832.73
Salem	1,717.44	5,435.39
Scotts Grove	2,370.16	2,195.83
Sharpe Missionary	6,224.00	9,383.00
Sinking Spring	3,000.00	1,750.00
South Marshall	120.00	120.00
Spring Creek	3,500.00	0.00
Sugar Creek	400.00	400.00
Symsonia	6,789.09	7,730.47
Union Ridge	2,389.00	2,116.46
Vanzora	4,041.00	4,128.00
Walnut Street	1,192.14	1,377.07
West Fork	1,550.40	2,176.84
Westside	10,651.97	12,747.66
Zions Cause	2,538.04	1,150.00
Subtotals	366,747.58	370,908.90
Boones Creek Association		
Allansville	5,568.54	6,265.51
Beech Grove	850.00	840.60
Boone's Creek	15,156.55	12,564.72
Calvary	6,625.49	6,963.72
Central	80,501.60	72,711.46
Clay City	950.00	1,127.00
Corinth	6,906.73	2,661.81
Cow Creek	2,336.00	1,828.00
Emmanuel	726.13	582.26
Ephesus	2,170.00	2,612.00
Faith	80.00	100.00
Friendship	3,484.51	4,404.78
Greenbriar	369.00	282.00
Heidelberg	191.74	115.00
Howards Mill	4,055.00	4,133.00
Irvine First	2,647.99	2,290.80
Ivory Hill	1,732.18	1,298.80
Jeffersonville	5,012.60	5,511.76
Kiddville	1,103.95	1,159.18
Macedonia	2,167.04	2,504.37
Means	870.00	3,485.00
Mount Olive	501.00	911.00
New Harmony	223.00	204.00
New Hope	526.00	651.60
Northside	5,179.86	4,347.03
Panola	740.45	510.39
Powells Valley	1,123.16	1,072.73
Providence	750.00	750.00
Providence	1,970.27	1,345.00
Reid Village	1,579.00	831.00
Salem	2,720.00	3,422.00
Spears Mill	3,050.00	3,942.00
Spring Street	2,332.00	1,769.00
Thomas	1,530.48	1,249.04
Valley View	279.72	197.48
Williams Memorial	1,991.74	1,784.02
Subtotals	168,001.73	156,407.96
Booneville Association		
Big Creek	1,226.37	1,107.28
Black Water Second	368.66	554.98
Booneville First	4,131.17	3,313.04
Garrard	967.00	687.00
Horse Creek	15,386.12	15,016.34
Island Creek	3,702.20	1,606.08
Lerose	25.00	200.00
Lilly Grove	40.00	0.00
Lytleton	3,885.00	3,943.00
Macedonia	3,559.35	2,556.09
Manchester	11,646.38	6,309.81
New Home	1,062.67	1,015.13
New Prospect	448.69	692.05
New Zion	313.00	242.32
Oneida	1,392.97	1,026.54
Pleasant Point	308.42	312.06
Pleasant Run	2,915.00	3,151.00
Royal Oak	270.00	270.00
Southside	217.88	234.95
Turkey Missionary	150.00	300.00
Upper Buffalo	17.92	75.00
White Hall	100.00	100.00
Zion	1,498.00	1,370.00
Subtotals	53,631.80	44,082.67
Bracken Association		
Aberdeen	6,420.66	6,786.20
Augusta First	1,281.31	304.54
Calvary	200.00	300.00
Carlisle First	2,917.66	3,852.05
Central	12,472.61	16,773.14
Clearfield	1,375.52	1,265.77
Flint	60.00	120.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ewing	1,540.00	1,350.00
Flemingsburg	3,580.81	4,530.78
Foxport	1,018.22	536.73
Garrison	1,342.97	774.42
Germanatown	1,289.00	1,288.00
Irvingville	81.27	250.23
Lewisburg	1,644.00	1,052.96
Locust Grove	781.82	848.15
Mays Lick	1,687.42	2,756.53
Maysville First	300.00	300.00
Morehead First	2,134.00	0.00
Mount Olivet	1,842.55	3,617.97
Oak Ridge	739.00	786.00
Owingsville	3,514.33	3,707.26
Plainview	447.77	403.64
Sharsburg	1,020.00	850.00
Sharpsburg	125.00	125.00
Slaty Point	436.00	409.00
Southern Manor	540.00	542.00
Stoneliack	694.48	583.17
Union	268.81	285.02
Vanceburg First	600.00	0.00
Subtotals	50,355.21	54,398.56
Breckinridge Association		
Black Lick	645.00	464.00
Cloverport	2,503.02	2,007.31
Corinth	20,281.51	24,359.66
English	0.00	1,104.00
Friendship	700.00	700.00
Symsonia	1,230.00	1,333.00
Hardinsburg	27,076.75	29,437.90
Hites Run	2,619.55	2,873.26
Macedonia	801.00	750.00
New Clover Creek	2,332.38	3,027.52
New Hope	0.00	50.00
Pisgah	403.36	481.77
Rough River	480.00	0.00
Stephensport	77.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	756.08	1,006.47
Subtotals	59,905.65	67,594.89
Caldwell-Lyon Association		
Adriel	450.00	450.00
Beulah Hill	1,012.01	972.81
Calvary	15,157.99	16,011.24
Cedar Bluff	6,345.30	5,420.90
Chapel Hill	2,188.45	2,418.19
Creswell	3,792.56	3,586.91
Crider	271.04	268.20
Donaldson	6,184.31	6,989.83
Eddy Creek	6,170.04	4,254.53
Eddyville First	24,395.72	27,147.60
Eddyville Second	1,248.05	949.66
Fairview	385.76	715.27
Fredonia First	10,076.38	8,693.53
Hebron	6,002.76	4,293.07
Highland	494.00	233.00
Hopewell	1,796.83	2,679.55
Kuttawa First	16,444.67	15,422.34
Lamasco	3,125.00	3,750.00
Lebanon Missionary	1,458.02	1,454.15
Liberty	2,664.18	4,288.67
Macedonia	3,258.45	4,889.27
Midway	3,499.00	3,531.00
Mount Pisgah	1,038.50	1,260.54
Mount Zion	3,993.38	4,506.22
New Bethel	4,714.46	3,491.75
Northside	14,225.30	16,869.47
Pleasant Grove	4,946.15	3,808.43
Salem	1,149.31	956.98
Princeton First	41,449.58	32,231.03
Princeton Second	3,812.94	2,982.16
Quinn	506.93	730.40
Southside	14,758.94	13,995.99
Sugar Creek	2,122.42	2,340.86
Suwanee Furnace	2,368.44	1,509.32
Unity Fredonia	849.95	930.06
Victory	175.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	14,543.20	15,381.45
White Sulphur	3,051.19	2,405.64
Subtotals	230,126.21	221,820.02
Casey County Association		
Clearview	0.00	500.00
Creston Missionary	567.00	935.00
Faith	32.34	1,697.53
Indian Creek	528.80	526.74
Middleburg	2,364.43	2,960.01
Mount Calvary	525.00	260.55
Oak Grove	600.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	600.00	0.00
Poplar Springs	107.57	118.26
Rocky Ford	726.76	732.13
Subtotals	6,051.90	7,730.22
Central Association		
Bethlehem	2,385.00	3,072.00
Bradfordsville	3,027.75	2,294.13
Brookhaven Mission	0.00	50.00
Brush Grove	1,983.00	3,384.00
Central	644.00	588.00
Lebanon	14,640.97	11,879.18
Mackville	3,603.00	3,606.00
Mount Freedom	1,340.00	2,416.00
Mount Olivet	256.59	84.07
Muldraugh Hill	7,140.95	6,619.57
New Hope	3,923.00	4,126.00
Rockbridge	0.00	480.00
Springfield	12,208.42	14,985.53
Stewarts Creek	500.00	1,000.00
Temple	4,789.00	7,415.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Thompsonville	2,033.11	1,744.40
Unity	144.97	258.54
Willisburg	4,100.10	3,803.10
Woodlawn	4,2	

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Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Panther Creek	4,310.59	5,875.49
Parrish Avenue	5,415.00	4,343.29
Pleasant Grove	28,514.14	23,012.65
Pleasant Memorial	4,376.68	3,299.94
Pleasant Ridge	5,196.43	4,202.04
Red Hill	125.00	150.00
Ridgewood	820.82	908.75
Riverside	0.00	845.00
Sacramento	4,740.64	5,247.27
Sorgho	4,188.80	4,638.49
South Hampton	3,484.75	2,973.50
Southeast	1,105.56	910.70
Stanley	875.44	443.25
Station	2,268.55	2,497.61
Sugar Grove	4,340.19	5,472.57
Utica	6,639.56	7,397.86
Walnut Memorial	7,721.09	6,853.07
Whitesville	1,800.00	1,800.00
Wing Avenue	2,147.00	2,365.00
Yellow Creek	37,702.68	38,666.53
Yelvington	3,755.62	2,980.02
Subtotals	556,064.26	538,948.30

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
East Lynn Association		
Corinth Missionary	0.00	600.00
Holly Grove	3,678.77	2,153.94
Mount Carmel	300.00	300.00
Mount Washington	500.00	500.00
New Bethlehem	70.00	0.00
South Summersville	1,936.87	2,000.46
Subtotals	6,485.64	5,554.40

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
East Union Association		
Kensee	691.81	469.33
Subtotals	691.81	469.33

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Elkhorn Association		
Anchor	3,100.00	3,392.00
Ashland Avenue	10,730.14	3,889.72
Beckerville	213.25	149.29
Broadway	10,533.00	10,364.04
Brookside	2,431.38	2,227.15
Calvary	11,689.93	13,224.69
Cane Run	4,247.56	4,256.24
Central	11,660.34	13,005.57
Chevy Chase	7,493.70	6,808.69
Clear Creek	3,144.40	3,369.00
Clover Bottom	1,050.00	1,350.00
Corbin	600.00	600.00
Cornerstone	9,547.69	13,268.51
Crosswoods	8,581.40	6,491.20
Davids Fork	466.68	0.00
Dry Run	1,511.09	2,258.60
Durbin Memorial	3,852.78	4,336.63
East Hickman	6,002.14	5,116.28
Eastside	300.00	942.50
Edgewood	32,210.56	25,199.58
Faith	150.00	0.00
Faith Covenant	300.00	300.00
Gano Avenue	0.00	12,165.51
Gardenside	18,134.55	14,758.30
Georgetown	13,456.72	12,522.04
Glens Creek	3,364.80	3,589.00
Grace	11,517.95	7,939.68
Great Crossing	4,884.91	6,607.50
Highlands	5,897.93	9,740.00
Hillcrest	2,275.00	3,214.00
Hillsboro	1,485.53	1,456.47
Immanuel	119,812.75	133,873.58
Lawrenceburg Community	973.09	985.51
Lexington First	533.88	533.88
Living Hope Fellowship	200.00	250.00
Long Lick	900.00	2,961.55
Main Street	3,408.76	0.00
Mallard Point	2,215.12	1,066.96
Midway	1,187.50	1,447.50
Millville	5,350.11	7,143.82
Mount Freedom	5,168.94	3,879.53
Mount Pleasant	3,339.53	4,398.76
Mount Sterling First	4,508.31	5,395.83
Mount Vernon	408.02	0.00
New Hope	9,051.60	11,775.51
Nicholasville	5,060.89	5,109.69
North View	12,194.67	10,413.52
Open Door Community	422.01	393.05
Palomar	4,345.37	6,778.79
Paris First	24,125.68	19,602.10
Parkway	8,369.08	8,199.11
Pinckard	8,922.69	10,089.74
Porter Memorial	199,344.00	214,396.16
Rosemont	5,986.07	11,673.39
Russell Cave	1,946.68	759.46
Shawhan	190.00	400.00
Silas	1,316.02	1,367.75
South Elkhorn	7,487.16	5,927.13
Southern Heights	17,290.45	17,399.67
Stamping Ground	2,730.00	2,700.00
Tatesbrook	3,167.37	3,333.68
Trinity	2,503.34	2,496.00
Versailles	43,414.22	40,674.57
Victory	17,445.81	19,007.48
White Sulphur	3,002.41	3,826.86
Winchester First	5,181.40	4,408.51
Subtotals	722,336.36	755,211.28

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Enterprise Association		
Allen First	1,470.00	1,470.00
Benedict	527.45	549.35
Brushy Fork Missionary	600.00	600.00
Fitzpatrick First	2,241.00	2,227.00
Garrett First	276.56	414.84
Inez First	2,388.30	3,194.50

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ivyton	160.00	0.00
Jacks Creek	370.54	378.44
Lancer	1,007.47	1,062.25
Liberty	903.52	1,124.48
Licking River	450.00	450.00
Martin First	197.74	171.00
McDowell First	2,585.26	2,594.92
Mount Beulah	410.00	480.00
Paintsville First	13,832.59	18,004.68
Pleasant Home	468.00	380.00
Prestonsburg First	8,625.58	12,225.10
Salyersville First	4,023.19	5,256.23
Topmost	100.00	525.00
Warfield Missionary	500.00	500.00
West Van Lear	150.00	125.00
Wheelwright First	138.92	225.20
Subtotals	41,426.12	51,957.99

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Franklin Association		
Bellepoint	2,685.64	2,957.64
Bethel	1,900.00	2,300.00
Buck Run	38,096.00	34,992.00
Calvary	3,180.80	2,742.22
Camp Pleasant	1,050.00	0.00
Crestwood	25,969.86	32,312.07
East Frankfort	4,553.77	4,916.15
Evergreen	4,000.02	5,333.36
Faith	1,182.69	2,645.11
Farmdale	3,750.00	3,960.00
Forks of Elkhorn	5,769.70	8,132.21
Hillcrest	4,916.12	6,478.30
Immanuel	0.00	0.00
Memorial	14,919.26	14,793.73
Mount Vernon	362.60	0.00
North Benson	5,748.03	3,859.17
North Fork	244.10	1,364.13
North Frankfort	900.00	1,200.00
Peaks Mill	150.00	150.00
Pleasant Ridge	1,149.17	946.37
Providence	8,889.59	11,245.08
St John	3,190.34	2,635.93
Swallowfield	300.00	250.00
Thornhill	24,345.71	21,800.00
Trinity	550.00	0.00
Westview	815.34	667.00
Subtotals	158,618.74	165,680.47

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Freedom Association		
Albany First	14,332.74	9,300.00
Burkesville	3,719.17	4,414.71
Cave Springs	2,600.00	4,520.00
Central Grove	1,272.65	1,190.76
Green Grove Missionary	759.00	827.00
Pikeview	1,000.00	585.00
Stony Point	5,136.62	5,263.48
Subtotals	28,820.18	26,100.95

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Gasper River Association		
Aberdeen	7,391.00	7,774.00
Barnetts Lick	1,419.00	1,435.00
Bethel	774.42	654.44
Big Muddy	1,050.00	900.00
Carve Rock	2,307.48	2,098.06
Chapel Union	394.56	362.28
Huntsville	300.00	0.00
Monticello	1,335.06	1,059.66
Morgantown First	6,844.85	7,054.38
Mount Liberty	50.00	100.00
Mount Olivet	1,740.97	2,264.28
Mount Vernon Miss	1,621.00	2,451.00
New Liberty	575.00	842.85
New Midway	468.96	495.95
Pleasant Grove	240.00	280.00
Quality	0.00	530.82
Richland	5,872.85	2,292.24
Rochester	2,432.00	2,267.00
Salem	1,930.00	2,742.00
Sandy Creek	1,559.07	1,945.62
Union	2,581.20	3,017.70
Walnut Grove	300.00	0.00
Subtotals	41,187.42	40,567.28

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Goshen Association		
Grandview	0.00	60.00
Millwood Missionary	50.00	50.00
Subtotals	50.00	110.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Graves County Association		
Baltimore	300.00	300.00
Bell City	260.67	160.00
Rosemont	1,206.46	1,235.06
Clarks River	2,734.00	3,402.00
Cuba	2,104.73	2,553.95
Emmanuel	449.92	632.13
Enon	1,200.00	1,200.00
Farmington	8,146.82	6,621.48
Fellowship	223.84	608.49
Hardmoney	1,275.00	1,425.00
Hickory Missionary	1,170.00	1,170.00
High Point	13,189.13	17,435.08
Liberty	7,340.68	9,258.11
Lynnville	300.00	700.00
Mayfield First	36,500.00	37,500.00
Melber	1,958.01	680.19
Mount Olivet	662.93	662.52
New Concord	200.00	200.00
New Home	1,521.00	1,782.00
New Hope	536.25	158.34
New Liberty	762.76	1,804.60
New Vision	175.00	150.00
Northside	23,728.12	18,193.22
Oak Grove	250.00	300.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Pilot Oak	3,897.09	1,250.00
Pryorsburg	500.00	0.00
Sedalia	3,051.19	3,885.14
Sharon	6,137.56	7,599.59
South First Street	285.00	216.34
Trace Creek	4,166.64	5,500.00
Viola Missionary	989.83	574.21
Water Valley	175.00	150.00
West Broadway	1,107.01	1,277.00
Wingo	547.37	0.00
Subtotals	127,052.01	128,584.45

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Grayson County Association		
Caneyville	2,256.30	1,732.53
Clarkson	7,349.43	8,077.17
Falls of Rough	3,656.29	2,847.61
Hanging Rock	1,247.07	1,207.06
Holly	1,560.00	638.00
Leitchfield First	23,090.35	13,003.91
Liberty	929.00	851.00
Little Clifty	3,408.10	3,753.16
New Harvest	1,237.34	1,318.88
New Hope Missionary	222.00	222.00
Shrewsbury	0.00	946.67
Subtotals	44,955.88	34,597.99

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Green Valley Association		
Advance	1,060.22	1,263.01
Airline	6,821.31	6,254.25
Ambassador	1,158.41	1,183.99
Audubon	1,877.66	7,381.00
Bellfield	9,555.00	10,698.00
Bethel	2,203.08	1,460.53
Calvary Missionary	7,016.60	7,752.66
Cash Creek	3,405.44	2,996.33
Corydon Missionary	2,432.34	687.33
Dupee	90.00	123.00
Eastview	2,483.98	2,401.94
Finley	2,897.40	2,197.21
Geneva	0.00	834.00
Henderson First	54,446.22	60,928.84
Hyland	16,159.10	7,496.93
Immanuel Baptist Temple	17,789.82	16,653.68
Lawndale	849.14	851.49
Morganfield First	23,760.31	20,745.91
Mount Pleasant	2,821.48	2,085.16
New Hope	1,873.29	3,213.21
Poole Missionary	3,532.55	2,810.83
Robards Missionary	1,368.21	688.67
Sebree First	11,572.64	14,111.46
Spottsville	4,076.56	3,175.44
Watson Lane	900.00	481.29
Zion	5,170.00	12,490.00
Subtotals	185,320.76	190,966.16

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Greenup Association		
Ashland	3,032.10	1,351.13
Ashland First	8,722.00	5,087.50
Ashland Second	1,857.10	2,371.62
Barretts Creek	688.28	401.06
Bethel	577.45	574.00
Blackburn Avenue	120.00	120.00
Burnaugh	5,387.59	6,461.56
Cannonsburg First	7,092.71	10,893.00
Central	1,200.00	1,200.00
Chadwicks Creek	692.08	1,212.49
Cherryville	2,016.00	2,115.00
Crane Creek	1,009.00	592.00
Danleyton	734.73	800.03
Everman	50.00	0.00
Fairview	20,141.04	14,062.88
Faith	293.60	379.54
Fellowship	435.00	768.00
Flatwoods First	1,778.69	3,774.00
Richland	4,845.71	5,785.62
Grace	1,688.00	1,650.00
Salem First	6,666.65	9,333.31
Greenup First	4,886.00	5,657.00
Hyland Heights	500.00	500.00
Kenwood	882.40	843.05
Kirk Memorial	240.00	240.00
Liberty	2,202.68	1,496.74
Lloyd First	5,381.51	5,243.23
Louisa First	16,002.00	19,945.00
Oakland Avenue	20,412.95	20,935.42
Olive Hill First	7,924.38	8,7

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Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Lincoln County Association		
Blue Lick	1,657.97	2,055.55
Calvary Hill	8,291.57	7,626.91
Crab Orchard	780.00	820.00
Double Springs	3,139.99	3,292.45
Drakes Creek	1,494.01	1,361.75
Fairview	11,468.71	14,560.11
Freedom	6,777.00	6,605.00
Friendship	0.00	84.00
Harris Creek	630.79	596.04
Houstonville	2,800.00	2,400.00
Locust Grove	300.00	300.00
McKinney	2,475.09	3,807.72
Mount Hebron	1,339.01	1,181.36
Mount Salem	666.15	464.13
New Salem	2,120.65	4,611.63
Olive	600.46	541.74
Parlor Grove	1,925.00	1,829.00
Pilot	183.75	197.19
Pleasant Point	3,252.00	2,644.00
Pleasant View	13,913.93	15,904.37
Polly Ann	843.49	1,062.97
Pond	401.04	0.00
South Fork	469.01	410.26
Stanford	13,756.45	13,430.71
Watts Chapel	1,500.00	1,200.00
Subtotals	80,786.07	86,986.89

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Little Bethel Association		
Charleston First Miss	3,000.00	3,000.00
Concord Missionary	4,556.71	4,696.55
Corinth	100.00	0.00
Dalton	852.33	820.63
Dawson Springs First	0.00	3,652.00
Dixon First	3,194.23	2,359.09
Dunn Missionary	4,829.27	2,966.29
Earlington First	16,440.48	12,626.32
Freedom	227.64	189.74
Grapevine	13,745.13	17,496.15
Green Grove Missionary	100.00	0.00
Hanson First	9,503.17	15,482.06
Harmony	863.65	493.10
Immanuel	5,410.78	5,889.67
Johnson Island	1,836.00	2,156.00
Lakeview Missionary	772.52	600.00
Liberty	16,974.53	15,017.57
Madisonville First	16,783.13	22,252.00
Madisonville Second	10,992.10	13,461.45
Mannington	240.00	200.00
Mortons Gap First	2,721.32	2,191.25
Mortons Gap Second	1,607.50	1,654.70
Nebo	4,296.31	4,120.60
New Hope	179.00	258.00
New Salem	4,461.47	6,558.63
Nortonville	5,138.08	5,649.31
Olive Branch	11,124.41	9,826.62
Park Avenue	8,026.81	8,776.12
Pleasant Grove	1,634.50	1,897.70
Pleasant Valley Miss	4,336.49	3,186.20
Pleasant View	850.71	746.96
Pond River	50.00	100.00
Prospect Missionary	520.50	258.50
Providence First	6,964.02	2,890.35
Providence Second	1,478.18	2,205.10
Richland	1,177.00	778.00
Salem	13,923.02	14,296.11
Silent Run Missionary	2,068.06	2,134.74
Slaughters	3,536.00	4,764.63
Slover	686.03	878.41
Suthards Missionary	1,804.00	1,553.00
Victory	9,965.00	10,163.00
White Plains Missionary	928.20	969.87
Zion Brick Missionary	175.00	150.00
Subtotals	198,073.28	209,366.42

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Little River Association		
Bethany	1,272.50	1,512.95
Buffalo Lick	2,908.63	2,798.17
Cadiz	21,451.17	27,662.36
Caldwell Blue Spring	2,398.24	2,122.28
Canton	275.00	300.00
Cerulean	7,243.00	7,952.00
Delmont	1,248.49	2,592.10
Donaldson Creek	6,125.74	4,520.16
East Cadiz	5,722.48	5,712.09
Hurricane	11,362.54	11,761.53
Liberty Point	7,756.04	8,278.14
Locust Grove	4,705.96	6,626.60
Maple Grove	3,200.00	2,000.00
New Hope	5,278.61	5,619.83
New Jerusalem	250.00	0.00
Oak Grove	9,971.31	13,019.73
Ponderosa	1,484.50	1,416.45
Rock Front	300.00	1,050.00
Rocky Ridge	1,177.89	1,343.13
Rocky Ridge Missionary	0.00	219.35
Solid Rock	25.00	150.00
South Union	1,458.10	1,417.01
Trigg County	991.62	428.46
Wallonia	2,100.00	1,800.00
Subtotals	98,706.82	110,302.34

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Logan Association		
Antioch	4,122.44	3,988.44
Beechland	1,351.01	1,196.29
Bellview	0.00	1,038.35
Brimart	1,711.34	1,687.78
Cave Spring	3,169.67	2,492.16
Center	2,000.00	2,320.00
Concord	1,454.43	1,270.98
Elk Lick	13,062.46	10,072.67
Epley	0.00	505.47

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Green Ridge	1,154.51	838.54
Guptons Grove	1,344.87	1,321.63
Liberty	8,610.00	6,150.00
Mount Pleasant	14,944.34	12,136.27
Mount Tabor Missionary	2,525.00	2,610.00
New Cedar Grove	2,336.38	2,181.74
New Friendship	4,000.00	4,000.00
New Hope	2,186.34	2,111.97
Oak Forest	875.00	750.00
Oak Grove	16,970.61	15,494.64
Pleasant Hill	344.00	462.00
Subtotals	82,162.40	72,628.93

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Long Run Association		
Arcade	500.00	150.00
Ashby Lane	3,409.32	477.47
Auburndale	3,875.52	2,953.25
Baptist Tabernacle	1,243.88	1,310.26
Bashford Manor	471.73	852.22
Baxter Avenue	457.39	452.81
Beechland	9,886.92	4,735.45
Beechmont	5,741.57	6,632.53
Beechwood	9,946.29	5,039.93
Bethany	6,031.75	8,421.94
Bethlehem	10,343.50	12,959.00
Broadway	0.00	9,990.21
Brooks	2,402.35	1,888.75
Brookview	1,259.60	1,507.58
Cardinal Hill	1,110.00	925.00
Carlisle Avenue	18,000.00	13,020.00
Cedar Creek	17,397.00	15,945.15
Chapel Park	2,851.15	2,713.03
Chenoweth Park	450.00	450.00
Clifton	3,869.66	1,200.00
Clifton Heights	254.72	190.41
Cloverleaf	11,438.04	16,149.99
Cove	768.94	775.27
Crescent Hill	307.41	101.96
Deer Park	4,817.16	3,684.13
East Audubon	200.00	600.00
Eastern Gate	6,406.94	5,544.48
Eastern Parkway	344.20	619.12
Eastwood First	700.26	721.96
Eighteenth Street	1,036.54	903.42
Elk Creek	4,276.96	3,880.56
Fairdale First	5,468.22	4,862.06
Fairmount	1,058.13	1,291.59
Farmdale	8,810.60	10,770.13
Fem Creek	1,250.08	1,334.56
Fisherville First	4,109.78	5,154.41
Foster Avenue	3,317.00	4,087.00
Fourth Avenue	0.00	1,620.00
Franklin Street	332.90	0.00
Getsemane	4,122.02	5,134.60
Green Acres	2,254.47	2,506.12
Hazelwood	5,399.00	5,663.00
Highland	1,248.00	1,265.28
Highland Park First	3,595.04	5,514.89
Highview	75,333.32	76,166.64
Hillcrest	1,440.14	1,634.80
Hillsdale	5,225.30	5,784.14
Hopewell	5,990.78	5,143.76
Hunsinger Lane	9,021.10	10,561.87
Hurstbourne	44,474.45	35,242.45
Immanuel	0.00	1,146.74
Jeffersontown	1,524.70	1,514.31
Kenwood	1,335.00	1,360.00
Keys Ferry	300.00	374.66
Kings	36,214.62	21,734.87
Korean Baptist Mission	200.00	50.00
Korean First	900.00	900.00
Kosmosdale	918.75	1,102.50
Lake Dreamland	0.00	114.90
Lakeside	1,367.78	1,047.05
Lakewood	14,956.21	12,684.40
Lees Lane	2,297.06	2,296.53
Little Flock	4,400.00	6,100.00
Living Hope	8,945.42	7,243.43
Long Run	415.92	329.81
Louisville Bapt Deaf Ch	1,458.95	740.09
Louisville Chinese Christian	200.00	536.01
Lyndon	2,000.05	1,744.28
Lynn Acres	825.00	800.00
Manly Memorial	149.20	140.00
Maple Grove	2,747.78	3,739.32
Meadow Hill	6,438.28	6,932.39
Melbourne Heights	6,829.41	1,942.19
Middletown First	3,629.56	0.00
Midlane Park	127.25	272.82
Morningside	0.00	726.76
Mount Elmira	2,640.83	3,172.15
Mount Nebo	59.99	0.00
New Beginning	35.00	0.00
New Cut Road	4,717.73	6,120.23
New Heights	1,960.00	75.00
New Salem	499.98	499.98
Ninth and O	6,400.00	11,400.00
North Oldham	320.00	675.00
Onmsby Heights	12,693.05	12,571.45
Parkland	15,080.14	14,869.38
Parkwood	4,838.83	7,423.85
Penile	665.83	1,219.32
People of the Way Community	141.00	157.20
Pleasant Grove	4,952.17	3,566.59
Plum Creek	7,468.88	5,785.46
Poplar Level	1,260.48	0.00
Prospect First	300.00	240.00
Ralph Avenue	19,134.28	21,394.11
Ridgeview	1,396.62	1,142.68
Ridgewood	106.00	0.00
Riverside	264.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	11,517.11	13,979.55

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Rutledge Road	500.00	0.00
Shively	43,724.00	58,306.00
Shively Heights	4,289.70	3,909.62
Sojourn Community	108.08	2,574.71
South Jefferson	14,529.00	15,495.00
South Watterson Trail	3,500.00	3,000.00
Southside	1,946.00	1,260.00
Springdale	15,749.96	15,299.96
St Matthews	1,487.00	1,420.00
St Paul Missionary	2,668.00	1,670.00
Summit Hills	3,590.08	3,621.14
Sunnyside	1,614.22	2,231.19
Taylorsville First	9,365.97	11,447.02
Third Avenue	49.96	74.68
Thixton Lane	2,170.00	1,910.00
Valley Station	13,581.32	11,570.73
Valley View	9,628.13	11,848.51
Van Buren	900.27	880.73
Victory Memorial	4,660.98	5,323.78
Vine Street	885.13	850.49
Walnut Street	18,872.61	20,882.77
West Broadway	13,809.95	13,337.52
Westport Road	50,820.17	51,045.78
Woodland	11,934.95	10,103.64
Yorktown	420.00	540.00
Subtotals	737,687.47	737,000.56

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Lynn Association		
Aetna Grove	7,192.45	5,171.18
Boiling Springs	2,370.28	1,399.30
Friendship #2	480.00	480.00
Knoxes Creek	725.89	855.34
Leitchfield Crossing	2,063.43	2,432.65
Lucas Grove	3,123.15	2,359.09
Mount Moriah	3,577.46	2,853.45
Mount Olivet	500.00	500.00
Mount Pisgah	842.32	930.55
Mount Tabor	3,610.00	2,400.00
Munfordville	2,613.39	5,456.92
Oak Hill	3,844.66	4,179.03
Pikeview	250.00	250.00
South Fork	719.98	910.80
Three Forks Bacon Creek	1,200.00	1,200.00
Upton	5,048.98	4,072.65
Subtotals	38,161.99	35,450.96

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
McCreary County Association		
Bethel	4,428.71	0.00
Hill Top Missionary	1,494.00	1,632.00
Pine Knot Southern	1,024.76	874.84
Foster Avenue	4,200.00	3,500.00
Walkers Chapel	1,050.82	1,552.43
Whitley City First	15,098.78	15,360.38
Subtotals	27,297.07	22,919.65

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Mercer Association		
Benton	2,093.94	1,788.96
Bethel	17,540.72	15,976.20
Bruners Chapel	40,201.09	31,091.19
Buena Vista	750.00	0.00
Burgin	17,593.78	19,673.47
Calvary	5,789.23	5,798.40
Comishville	800.00	875.00
Deep Creek	2,481.80	3,093.98
Ellers Memorial	1,060.10	545.00
Fellowship	6,422.00	9,045.00
Harrodsburg	10,170.28	11,464.59
Hopewell	8,777.03	8,376.28
Kirkwood	2,160.00	2,438.18
Pioneer	5,635.00	4,840.00
Salva	8,488.00	8,915.37
Shakertown	960.00	960.00
Shawnee Run	4,615.60	5,125.87
Subtotals	135,538.57	130,007.49

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Monroe Association		
Akersville	698.14	393.36
Fountain Run First	4,412.11	5,400.11
Gamaliel	4,184.00	5,017.67
Indian Creek	3,609.00	3,522.00
Mill Creek	1,400.00	1,440.00
Milltown Baptist Chapel	200.00	250.00
Monroe	90.00	90.00
Oak Grove	985.52	0.00
Temple Hill	3,896.00	4,278.00
Tompkinsville First	8,106.60	6,848.00
Subtotals	27,581.37	27,239.14

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Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Silver Grove First	683.81	626.28
South Side	1,600.00	1,500.00
Trinity	2,422.33	1,275.00
Union	12,219.00	11,319.00
Walton First	13,471.24	13,228.60
West Covington	1,200.00	1,200.00
Wilmington	3,934.58	3,360.18
Woodhaven	469.00	414.00
Subtotals	437,087.37	388,446.81

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ohio County Association		
Adaburg	152.18	214.42
Barnett Creek	1,208.29	842.54
Beaver Dam	50,276.44	53,909.28
Bells Run	2,262.00	2,334.00
Centertown	2,995.98	2,995.98
Clear Run	0.00	725.56
Concord	2,899.12	3,095.95
Cool Springs	210.00	210.00
Deanfield	786.31	735.30
Dundee	360.00	270.00
East Fork	920.53	915.89
East Hartford	8,127.94	3,136.55
Fairview	1,071.00	1,020.00
Fordsville	6,136.87	7,150.14
Green River	5,448.92	5,359.18
Hartford	7,933.29	11,078.09
Hartford Second	1,593.65	1,347.80
Independence	1,433.77	1,098.62
McHenry	6,784.00	4,844.00
Mount Carmel	6,824.93	7,762.14
Mount Zion	0.00	50.00
New Panther Creek	327.42	598.75
Olaton	395.75	545.00
Pleasant Grove	982.15	829.30
Pleasant Hill	529.03	903.75
Pond Run	1,690.49	1,982.98
Providence	1,829.92	2,324.15
Ridgecrest	1,728.28	2,457.55
Rockport	933.07	887.67
Slaty Creek	1,778.76	1,337.32
Smallhouse	385.59	343.76
Waltons Creek	542.30	647.21
West Point	902.75	0.00
West Providence	2,714.49	886.34
Zion	3,891.28	1,697.79
Subtotals	126,056.50	124,537.01

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ohio River Association		
Baker	497.00	330.00
Birdsville	728.00	899.30
Caldwell Springs	1,537.70	920.29
Calvary	1,859.50	1,988.01
Cave Springs	147.45	200.33
Central	148.84	43.10
Corinth	250.00	250.00
Crooked Creek	720.51	878.19
Deer Creek	4,851.29	4,672.25
Dycusburg	2,048.49	1,961.99
Dyer Hill	2,680.00	1,695.00
Emmanuel	5,411.86	4,488.58
Fellowship	600.00	550.00
Friendship	25,029.18	15,381.78
Good Hope	0.00	50.00
Grand Rivers	1,500.00	1,800.00
Iuka	1,882.45	1,675.59
Lake City	7,439.00	6,895.00
Lola	123.28	332.06
Marion	17,628.06	19,664.51
Marion Second	575.00	900.00
Mexico	25,922.87	25,852.66
Mint Springs	559.54	187.31
North Livingston	3,378.99	7,270.85
Ohio Valley	3,353.34	3,942.64
Old Salem	4,159.87	3,303.36
Pineknayville	5,237.38	7,377.27
Potters House Bapt Worship Ctr	0.00	10,716.67
Repton	677.99	744.40
Salem	9,731.42	11,637.56
Shady Grove	635.12	952.20
Smithland First	1,200.00	1,200.00
Smithland Second	1,782.54	2,000.50
Sugar Creek	2,083.58	2,354.99
Sulphur Springs	1,453.00	766.00
Tilite	297.44	196.59
Union	425.11	0.00
Subtotals	136,555.80	144,078.98

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ohio Valley Association		
Bethany	1,266.13	1,013.11
Blackford	68.00	102.00
Calvary	600.00	600.00
Clay First	19,328.00	18,274.94
Countryside	2,547.35	3,009.00
DeKoven	626.47	1,158.00
Grangertown First	9,223.69	10,488.86
Mount Olive	402.56	711.82
New Harmony	1,879.81	1,785.40
Northside	1,701.66	1,716.47
Old Bethel	600.00	720.00
Pride	1,731.00	0.00
Sturgis First	11,057.02	10,814.54
Sullivan	3,340.00	4,025.00
Uniontown	2,128.42	1,840.51
Woodland	1,824.60	15,556.73
Subtotals	58,324.71	71,816.38

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Owen County Association		
Beech Grove	1,051.94	1,232.64
Caney Fork	253.44	0.00
Cedar Hill	5,470.22	5,603.40
Concord	1,000.00	1,000.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Dallasburg	5,947.48	7,372.24
Elk Lick	1,208.33	837.42
Gratz	486.15	472.65
Greenup Fork	2,443.00	2,682.00
Harmony	1,633.00	2,497.37
Long Ridge	10,155.46	7,748.66
Lusby Mill	5,125.79	4,853.62
Monterey	2,177.78	2,142.06
Mount Pleasant	3,027.03	2,751.60
Mount Zion	0.00	250.00
Mussel Shoals	677.33	0.00
New Columbus	9,092.60	7,709.67
New Liberty	4,701.56	1,155.91
Old Cedar	988.29	658.73
Owenton First	29,712.40	28,962.65
Pleasant Ridge	5,708.04	5,640.62
Richland	2,760.00	2,760.00
South Fork	2,382.10	3,556.33
Squiresville	2,430.00	2,679.00
Subtotals	98,431.94	92,566.57

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Pike Association		
Aflex	300.00	27.82
Belfry First	6,686.99	6,878.42
Brushy Creek Bapt Mission	825.00	412.50
Calvary Southern	2,589.00	2,703.00
Elkhorn City	5,205.18	4,063.80
Faith Baptist of Myra	1,694.48	2,047.33
Faith First	1,677.06	1,488.32
Feds Creek	110.00	330.00
Forest Hills First	4,585.27	5,383.18
Grace	7,506.39	5,150.57
Hellier Missionary	489.52	725.43
Immanuel	10,282.78	10,198.06
Jenkins First	3,096.58	3,696.78
Marrowbone Missionary	200.00	600.00
Mayflower Unity	2,472.87	1,583.80
McVeigh	5,619.00	7,117.00
Meta	4,567.73	4,835.74
Mouth Card	580.60	2,302.24
Phelps First	656.00	427.00
Pikeville First	36,054.09	32,954.00
Sidney Missionary	5,088.34	5,434.73
Stone	99.49	390.09
Sutton	2,007.72	2,225.40
Virgie	4,449.34	3,356.15
Subtotals	106,843.43	104,331.36

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Pulaski Association		
Acom	757.45	745.60
Barnesburg	5,196.89	4,677.20
Beacon Hill	32,366.69	32,458.36
Bethany	1,665.08	836.20
Bethel	4,882.16	4,309.55
Bethlehem	6,542.41	5,252.34
Bronston First	2,715.74	2,828.43
Buck Creek	507.91	0.00
Buena Vista	11,191.09	11,877.22
Burnetta	1,503.69	1,377.14
Burnside First	1,566.94	1,674.20
Calvary	9,455.43	8,140.07
Camp Ground	6,923.96	7,370.60
Cedar Point	1,662.00	1,708.00
Clifty Grove	998.00	1,091.97
Community	899.45	988.81
Cumberland	240.82	219.66
Denham Street	300.00	250.00
Duke Memorial	4,956.91	5,432.25
Eden	495.73	442.97
Eubank	4,646.60	6,417.90
Ferguson	7,997.53	7,158.09
Fishing Creek	270.83	383.00
Flat Lick	1,512.00	1,654.11
Flat Rock	1,740.25	2,049.16
Floyd Switch	1,628.00	1,755.00
Glenwood	120.00	90.00
Good Hope	626.69	494.98
High Street	24,005.53	18,879.30
Hopeful	206.23	203.81
Immanuel	8,986.75	9,853.70
Lakeside Bapt Mission	1,797.09	3,153.19
Malvin Hill	970.85	849.52
McKinney	100.00	120.00
Mount Pisgah	1,139.52	1,552.41
Mount Union	1,347.00	1,102.83
Mount Victory	409.92	392.64
Neeleys Creek	1,173.80	1,223.70
New Enterprise	914.00	1,164.00
Northside	7,179.05	3,305.34
Oak Grove 1	1,824.08	1,427.07
Oak Grove 2	648.00	614.00
Okalona Missionary	4,579.36	4,992.15
Piney Grove 2	1,247.03	1,233.15
Pleasant Hill	33,584.09	34,352.68
Pleasant Run	2,142.00	3,051.00
Pleasant View	2,752.71	2,730.19
Pulaski	1,060.90	1,099.71
Quinton	2,053.88	1,853.57
Rock Lick	854.40	2,135.00
Sinking Valley	2,436.00	2,424.00
Slate Branch	2,790.58	2,520.84
Somerset First	146,763.68	191,886.52
Sunrise	438.36	780.88
Woodstock	2,170.00	4,046.00
Subtotals	366,945.06	408,630.01

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Red River Association		
Beattyville	1,708.14	1,997.20
Campton	3,365.75	2,595.57
Emmanuel	4,604.94	5,086.57
Faith	3,663.56	1,704.65
Frenchburg	3,544.31	2,674.87

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Grace	1,230.17	1,204.94
Jackson First	2,004.54	1,808.17
Little Cane Creek	309.94	277.42
New Hope	307.46	592.38
Stanton	5,584.37	4,254.89
Vision	50.00	100.00
West Liberty First	3,720.00	4,244.00
Subtotals	30,093.18	26,540.66

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Rockcastle Association		
Brodhead	6,179.83	6,867.80
Conway	975.39	582.41
Fairview	3,470.63	3,430.40
Flat Rock	160.00	300.00
Freedom	3,540.15	3,250.00
Livingston	329.63	283.88
Mareburg	2,425.00	3,102.00
Mount Pleasant	4,176.64	3,125.05
Mount Vernon First	25,781.97	28,045.92
Mount Zion	370.29	314.69
Northside	316.20	1,874.97
Ottawa	4,356.00	4,655.00
Pine Hill Missionary	978.97	738.48
Pleasant Run	365.00	573.00
Poplar Grove	1,810.24	1,600.94
Roundstone	100.00	25.00
Scaffold Cane	813.00	936.00
Valley	490.10	607.85
Subtotals	56,639.04	60,313.39

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Russell County Association		
Clear Springs	300.00	250.00
Clearfork	1,050.00	900.00
Dunnville First	292.64	338.48
Fairview	100.00	390.00
Friendship	986.57	1,027.88
Indian Hill	288.25	276.75
Jamestown First	6,893.44	7,363.84
Liberty	3,685.25	4,567.58
Mount Olive	2,106.47	1,753.94
Mount Vernon	2,518.13	3,252.28
New Victory	262.50	594.93
Poplar Grove	1,619.94	1,018.07
Russell Springs First	18,457.68	19,384.32
Welfare	1,162.94	2,509.44
Subtotals	40,367.30	43,627.51

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Russell Creek Association		
Beech Grove	3,937.48	3,855.07
Acom	636.02	597.80
Bethlehem	4,754.40	4,372.00
Cane Valley	0.00	1,955.73
Charity	938.58	762.93
Columbia	14,230.45	22,343.08
Fry	225.00	270.00
Greasy Creek	2,624.25	2,653.21
Green Hill	823.13	665.15
Greensburg	22,756.44	19,068.56
Harrods Fork	50.00	50.00
Macedonia	1,341.00	1,846.00
Mount Gilead	949.61	1,047.72
New Salem	218.78	580.39
Pleasant Ridge	382.67	341.71
Pleasant Valley	0.00	50.00
Plum Point	1,495.78	0.00
Russell Heights	250.00	0.00
South Greensburg	2,333.61	399.05
Sparksville	150.00	150.00
Summersville	5,247.25	3,812.67
Trammell Creek	4,132.81	4,362.17
Subtotals	67,477.26	69,183.24

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Salem Association		
Big Spring	514.34	861.39
Blue River Island	732.39	939.09
Brandenburg First	10,620.17	11,240.36
Buck Grove	12,181.00	9,692.00
Cold Spring	320.00	240.00
Ekron	5,342.00	5,340.00
Guston	191.10	0.00
Hill Grove	3,091.85	3,672.28
Irvington	600.00	500.00
Muldrough	5,450.94	6,368.62
New Brandenburg	595.00	510.00
New Highland	934.18	1,066.45
New Salem	7,995.64	5,232.58
Payneville	783.10	751.03
Raymond	5,787.26	4,954.30
Rock Haven	1,240.94	4,357.33
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Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Hopewell	11,700.00	15,450.00
Immanuel	29,640.70	19,964.03
Kentucky Hill	60.00	90.00
Main Street	21,848.36	23,938.25
Mountain Ash	996.70	314.45
Oak Grove	300.00	250.00
Oswego	100.00	125.00
Park Hill	1,272.22	1,189.49
Patterson Creek	107.00	0.00
Piney Grove	120.00	280.00
Pleasant Grove	1,280.79	1,172.75
Pleasant Hill	609.15	590.32
Pleasant View	0.00	323.00
Red Bird	293.86	210.70
Tannery Hollow	360.00	360.00
Twentieth Street	326.00	466.00
West Corbin	7,377.00	7,900.00
Wofford	0.00	568.83
Wolf Creek	446.00	548.00
Subtotals	145,867.77	158,889.34

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Sulphur Fork Association		
Antioch	200.00	0.00
Ballardsville	3,673.19	3,958.66
Bedford	8,400.00	7,000.00
Beulah Land	256.10	230.78
Buckner	6,889.67	8,758.54
Centerfield	1,047.31	2,443.65
Com Creek	740.64	406.99
Covington	709.70	1,118.90
Crestwood	50,060.66	52,221.24
DeHaven Memorial	46,135.35	40,931.34
Eighteen Mile	1,023.95	1,165.80
Harods Creek	218.31	250.00
Liberty	679.17	880.84
Milton	1,350.00	1,350.00
Providence	4,075.70	4,115.63
Sligo	4,956.40	5,165.14
Union Grove	344.00	255.00
Westport	8,340.06	11,280.03
Subtotals	139,100.21	141,532.54

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Tates Creek Association		
Berea	21,833.66	30,434.42
Bethel	3,448.84	4,422.06
Bethlehem	862.72	1,038.31
Broadway	1,004.00	1,214.00
Calvary	717.00	781.00
Eastside	6,268.18	7,945.98
Emmanuel	2,339.83	2,965.70
Faith Decision	125.00	468.08
Fellowship	1,431.40	1,709.72
Friendship Valley	280.00	191.50
Galilee	2,976.97	558.00
Gethsemane	3,577.35	3,986.93
Gilberts Creek	600.00	0.00
Gilead	150.00	150.00
Good Hope	1,645.00	2,858.50
Harris Memorial	300.00	300.00
Hays Fork	4,776.04	4,526.47
Kirksville	7,201.25	7,561.16
Knob Lick	300.00	300.00
Liberty	60.00	110.00
Liberty Avenue	2,024.25	0.00
Linden Street	261.00	316.00
Middletown	4,332.29	3,748.43
Mount Tabor	4,633.65	3,434.05
Owsley Fork	652.49	704.84
Peytontown	971.13	608.73
Pilot Knob	315.00	225.00
Red House	16,325.00	18,056.61
Richmond First	61,208.83	66,688.19
Rosedale	3,279.60	468.90
Silver Creek	7,458.45	8,888.29
Stoney Run	976.87	813.02
Tates Creek	2,342.10	2,151.71
Union City	6,086.16	6,616.07
Unity	2,364.66	2,258.62
Valley View	50.00	70.00
Viney Fork	1,475.69	1,452.64
Waco	15,205.78	20,861.13
Wallacetown	993.95	1,059.19
Westside	1,120.65	1,831.78
White Hall	0.00	3,678.53
White Lick	4,888.64	6,070.51
Subtotals	196,863.43	221,524.07

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Taylor County Association		
Acton	1,080.50	1,159.87
Campbellsville	60,947.04	74,789.54
Eastside	125.00	125.00
Elk Horn	500.00	600.00
Fairview	829.29	687.84
Friendship	5,518.29	5,628.03
Good Hope	10,986.21	10,771.37
Green River Memorial	6,791.30	6,158.02
Liberty	3,289.03	3,237.97
Lowell Avenue	16,451.74	19,558.51
Meadowview	4,935.91	4,493.95
Mount Gilboa	2,752.57	2,710.53
Mount Roberts	2,314.40	1,386.60
Palestine	5,082.78	6,818.66
Pitman Valley	80.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	18,683.53	19,532.36
Raikes Hill Bapt Miss	697.00	2,474.00
Robinson Creek	1,022.12	1,204.28
Salem	7,512.91	8,841.39
Saloma	1,524.89	7,813.59
South Campbellsville	6,989.80	6,928.35
Yuma	1,520.80	1,399.10
Subtotals	159,635.11	186,318.96

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Ten Mile Association		
Concord	250.00	300.00
Elliston	1,202.88	1,915.76
Glencoe	6,172.41	6,585.51
Macedonia	5,110.30	4,679.88
Mount Zion	2,652.44	1,879.22
New Bethel	11,497.96	11,878.00
Oakland	0.00	3,495.25
Paint Lick	6,209.36	6,000.00
Pleasant Home	6,811.37	6,812.91
Poplar Grove	2,833.00	3,173.00
Sparta	1,315.54	1,168.75
Ten Mile	3,281.00	2,472.00
Vine Run	5,746.65	4,030.46
Warsaw First	2,130.00	3,112.00
Subtotals	55,212.91	57,502.74

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Three Forks Association		
Airport Gardens	1,200.00	1,200.00
Bethany Baptist Mission	156.26	161.00
Big Creek	4,444.02	4,200.00
Big Leatherwood First	1,761.00	1,975.00
Blackey	275.00	230.00
Caney	862.55	824.00
Colson Baptist Church	379.15	994.49
Craft Colly	1,109.91	1,120.48
Dayspring	1,521.68	1,898.25
Deane	3,278.68	4,467.45
Dwarf	120.00	120.00
Emmanuel	4,957.18	5,718.07
First Creek	2,637.05	1,108.50
Fleming	884.97	761.81
Hazard First	11,666.69	10,000.02
Hindman First	10,027.00	10,500.00
Hyden	1,796.24	1,560.27
Jeff Missionary	1,267.21	1,565.36
Jeremiah Missionary	600.00	700.00
Lone Pine	300.00	484.58
Lothair	841.71	1,336.05
Montgomery	2,284.00	1,517.88
Mount Olivet	1,368.00	1,419.00
Moussie First	287.88	352.57
Nuncy Creek	100.00	120.00
North Fork	2,435.46	2,659.55
Petrey Memorial	5,569.10	1,170.97
Premium	2,000.00	2,000.00
Smithsboro	8,987.77	9,368.76
Upper Second Creek	3,393.00	4,498.00
Whitesburg First	3,567.44	18,619.32
Wooton First	923.00	1,350.88
Subtotals	81,001.95	101,002.26

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Union Association		
Beaver	2,739.82	2,039.67
Berlin	481.20	753.80
Blanket Creek	2,821.76	2,541.04
Butler	2,819.98	4,488.49
Cynthiana	19,332.91	17,029.80
Falmouth	9,421.51	9,445.56
Forest Hill	100.00	100.00
Indian Creek	50.00	300.00
Lenoxburg	964.65	884.00
New Zion	120.00	140.00
Oakwood Avenue	600.00	300.00
Union	1,300.00	1,300.00
Willow	1,029.23	2,769.25
Subtotals	41,781.06	42,091.61

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Upper Cumberland Association		
Ages	150.00	150.00
Baxter First	1,161.83	1,515.21
Black Mountain	188.32	0.00
Calvary	1,200.00	1,025.00
Central	1,861.66	1,235.90
Cloverfork	300.00	300.00
Coxton	0.00	469.85
Cumberland	5,016.30	5,029.00
Dione	3,451.00	5,977.00
Elcomb	777.97	1,172.11
Everts	4,046.55	3,979.90
Friendship Missionary	225.00	225.00
Harlan	27,651.92	33,382.88
Huff Settlement	130.75	78.94
Kelly Street	2,085.00	1,211.00
Liggett	150.00	300.00
Locust Grove	250.00	250.00
Loyall First	7,503.66	8,193.42
New Riverside	0.00	677.00
Pansy Missionary	576.00	555.00
Pine Flat	0.00	300.00
Putney	104.40	150.53
Riverside	347.69	88.35
Sunshine	525.00	500.00
Teetersville	1,233.99	1,218.28
Totz	2,029.14	1,936.72
Verda First	500.00	260.00
Wallins	654.28	587.40
West Cumberland	121.00	0.00
Yocum Creek	136.13	426.22
Subtotals	62,377.59	71,192.71

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Warren Association		
Andrew	250.00	200.00
Barren River	900.00	800.00
Bethany	2,977.06	4,170.58
Bowling Green First	19,427.90	16,625.00
Brownsville Missionary	1,200.00	1,200.00
Burton Memorial	4,079.22	4,167.00
Calvary	1,800.00	1,800.00
Cedar Bluff	100.11	96.45
Clear Fork	3,991.29	4,490.68
Crossroads-Church at Logan	1,050.00	1,200.00

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Dedicated		
Dedicated	252.00	210.00
Eastwood	50,691.74	43,504.64
Forest Park	7,996.86	8,026.48
Friendship	1,189.46	3,005.16
Glen Lily	733.52	735.43
Glendale	1,450.00	3,393.13
Greenwood	14,816.19	12,437.84
Highland	850.00	698.93
Hillvue Heights	10,000.02	17,333.36
Jackson Grove	450.68	329.97
Living Hope	144,929.60	191,447.26
Meadow Land	2,365.12	5,204.14
New Gasper	0.00	301.00
Vine Run	2,596.27	3,748.34
Oak Forest Baptist Chapel	78.42	0.00
Oakland	8,123.99	7,396.99
Plano	1,496.70	1,517.78
Pleasant Grove	654.35	480.08
Providence Knob	7,017.28	7,826.32
Rich Pond	33,071.44	48,080.47
Richardsville	1,062.49	1,101.95
Rocky Springs	1,372.13	1,763.36
Smiths Grove	4,177.81	4,831.65
Southside	1,143.55	788.27
State Street	800.00	1,200.00
White Stone Quarry	1,142.00	830.00
Woodburn	6,483.03	7,870.80
Subtotals	340,720.23	408,813.06

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
Wayne County Association		
Concord	300.00	737.16
Cooper	1,044.18	780.62
Elk Spring Valley	6,204.48	5,749.72
Monticello First	9,900.00	10,950.00
Mount Zion	2,620.00	2,475.00
New Charity	225.00	225.00
New Salem	1,420.60	1,552.90
Lone Pine	597.02	591.72
Oak Grove	979.68	1,098.06
Rectors Flat	3,824.30	5,180.00
Sandusky Chapel	720.00	720.00
Spann Hill	422.85	385.17
Stuebenville	5,193.12	6,030.28
Subtotals	33,451.23	36,475.63

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
West Kentucky Association		
Antioch	784.97	1,575.23
Arlington First	3,498.00	2,915.00
Barwell	13,454.57	15,235.83
Bethlehem	6,000.00	5,000.00
Beulah	8,268.91	8,612.47
Burkley	300.00	350.00
Cayce	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clinton First	15,166.10	16,142.02
Clinton Second	890.00	771.00
Columbus	2,984.00	2,877.83
Crutchfield	875.41	1,172.09
David's Chapel	117.91	93.01
East Hickman	316.00	303.00
Fulton First	31,344.90	22,411.60
Hickman First	1,307.00	1,100.00
Hopewell	33.68	31.15
Kirbyton	1,239.19	1,382.26
Liberty	1,500.00	1,500.00
Milburn First	2,288.37	3,062.00
Mississippi	5,252.05	5,109.60
Moscow	2,811.85	2,422.31
Mount Carmel	1,050.00	1,050.00
New Bethel	980.00	949.00
Oak Grove	432.30	456.55
Oakton	550.00	550.00
Obion	330.00	330.00
Poplar Grove	0.00	1,000.00
Riceville	50.00	425.00
Sassafras Ridge	1,190.13	1,062.01
Shiloh	600.00	600.00
Springhill	1,632.26	1,132.28
West Hickman	7,364.11	9,702.36
Subtotals	114,111.71	110,823.60

Association/Church	CP02	CP03
West Union Association		
Antioch	8,965.41	8,967.97
Bandana	2,279.68	2,289.48
Barlow First	10,921.80	13,728.82
Bellview	10,301.32	12,624.87
Bethel	309.67	246.77
Bethlehem	548.96	744.00
Blandville	876.37	856.00
Calvary	350.00	300.00
Cane Creek	360.00	450.00
East	3,750.02	3,800.02
Faith	5,765.20	4,619.79

Faith groups urge action on bill to boost charitable giving

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Religious groups that do not agree on whether the government should give money to churches for social services say they are united behind a bill that would boost donations to charitable groups.

Nearly 50 people signed a recent letter to members of the U.S. House of Representatives, urging them to pass the Charity, Aid, Recovery and Empowerment Act, which would provide \$10.6 billion in tax incentives for charitable giving and a \$1.3 billion increase in money for social services.

"The CARE Act offers a critical opportunity, at a time when public and media attention is riveted on events abroad, to come together and address the continuing pain of poverty and unmet human needs here at home," the letter stated. It was drafted by Search for Common Ground, a Washington conflict resolution group.

The Senate approved the bill on April 9. The House has not acted on the legislation.

Meanwhile, U.S. Reps. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., and Harold Ford, D-Tenn., have proposed a similar bill without the most controversial elements of the CARE Act and expressed optimism that it could be passed this summer.

Two years ago, the House passed a larger bill that would have allowed religious groups to compete for direct federal funding. But discrimination and church-state concerns killed that bill in the Senate. Blunt said he does not intend to revive those elements favored by President Bush.

Blunt and Ford said their bill provides \$11.5 billion in charitable giving incentives but does not include a \$1.3 billion increase in social services spending.

Both the CARE Act and the Ford-Blunt bill allow nonitemizing taxpayers larger deductions for charitable giving and encourage senior citizens and corporations to donate to charity.

In urging for the CARE Act to be approved, the religious leaders noted in their recent letter that "people of goodwill—including the signers of this letter—have honest disagreements over the rules for government funding of non-governmental organizations, including faith-based groups. ... The increase in resources promised by the CARE Act is urgently needed."

Signers of the letter include Richard Land of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as representatives of Evangelicals for Social Action, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, American Jewish Committee, the Salvation Army, Mennonite Central Committee, Lutheran Services of America and several mainline Protestant denominations.

Religious leaders back workplace faith bill

By Kevin Eckstrom
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WASHINGTON (RNS)—An unusually broad coalition of religious groups is pushing a bill to protect religious expression in the workplace, but civil liberties groups are expressing concern that the bill could advance on-the-job proselytizing.

The Workplace Religious Freedom Act, introduced recently by Sens. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and John Kerry, D-Mass., would force employers to "reasonably accommodate" employees who want to wear religious articles or take off time for worship services.

Current law mandates that employers allow such expression as long as it does not impose an "undue hardship" on the company. But supporters say a 1977 Supreme Court ruling gutted the law and has not protected employees' rights.

Leaders from the American Jewish Committee, one of the bill's primary backers, point to cases like Amric Singh Rathour, who was fired as a New York City traffic cop when he refused to shave his religiously mandated beard or remove his turban. Rathour's suit against the city, filed in March, is pending.

The American Jewish Committee also defended:

- A part-time Methodist minister who was fired from a furniture store for taking time off to conduct a funeral.

- A New York Rastafarian who was fired from his job at Federal Express when he refused to cut his dreadlocks.

- A Muslim woman who was fired from Alamo Rent A Car for insisting that she wear a headscarf.

Southern Baptists among supporters

Religious groups, including Southern Baptists, Seventh-day Adventists, Muslims, the National Council of Churches and others, say religious minorities are especially vulnerable to discrimination.

"We need a stronger position so that employers are not denying what is reasonable," said Clarence Hodges, director of public affairs and religious liberty for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who take Saturday as their Sabbath. "They need to understand that 'reasonable' means reasonable, and that you can do what you need to do without upsetting everything and everybody."

The employer mandate was inserted into Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act in 1972. But five years later the Supreme Court ruled that even a minimal hardship on employers was not covered under the act.

'Undue hardship' defined

The new bill would define "undue hardship" as something that imposes "significant difficulty or expense" on the employer or that would keep an employee from carrying out the "essential functions" of the job. The law does not apply to businesses with fewer than 15 employees.

Courts have a mixed record on religious expression cases. In 1997, the Supreme Court overturned the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act that prohibited any law that would "substantially burden" religious expression without a "compelling" reason. Meanwhile, a 2000 law that protects religious expression of prisoners and shields churches from excessive zoning laws remains intact.

Business lobbyists have stalled attempts to advance the bill for almost a decade. The American Civil Liber-

ties Union, which has defended the rights of religious employees in so-called "appearance and scheduling" cases, said the current bill is too broad.

Christopher Anders, the ACLU's legislative counsel, said the new law would sanction activities by employees that have not been allowed under current law, such as a Catholic Chicago police officer who refused to guard an abortion clinic, or a state nurse in Connecticut who, while visiting the home of a gay AIDS patient, condemned the man's lifestyle and told him to repent.

Anders said there are no protections in the bill to prohibit an employee from forcing religious beliefs on other workers, or from allowing a worker to dictate his or her duties because of religious or moral convictions.

"One of the goals of the religious right is to use Title VII to get extra rights that would harm other people in the workplace," Anders said. "The courts have been telling them no. But if (this bill) passes, the courts may not be telling them no."

Nathan Diament, Washington director for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, dismissed such "slippery slope" predictions.

"You can turn anything into a law school hypothetical, but we feel that this bill does not obviously allow for those kinds of things," Diament said.

The bill, S. 893, is awaiting action in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Living memorials

As you approach Memorial Day, let me suggest you prayerfully consider making a tribute gift in memory of someone special in your life. Let the focus of your gift be a living memorial to further the cause of Christ in this world through your church and/or other Baptist causes. Memorial and tribute gifts allow you to remember a family member, a friend or a minister who has been a vital part of your life. Memorial and tribute gifts also help to assure the accomplishment of Christ's mission.

You may desire to make your gift in the convenient form of a check. Such gifts are generally tax deductible in amounts up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Gifts of appreciated assets, such as securities or real estate, are generally tax deductible in amounts up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. When securities and real estate, which you have owned for more than a year, are given, you are entitled to a deduction for the full market value, not just the original cost amount. As a result, you receive a tax deduction on the unrealized gain without having to pay a capital gains tax.

You might have a cash value life insurance policy, the original purpose of which no longer exists. Gifts of life insurance also can be an excellent way to make a memorial or tribute gift with excellent tax benefits. Retirement funds may allow you to give more, while eliminating taxes.

Perhaps you desire to make a tribute gift, but you are not ready to part with that much money or property. You will be pleased to know there are ways to make such a gift without jeopardizing either your income or your security. These involve giving from what remains after you no longer need the asset.

Finally, a bequest in your will or trust is another way to specify a tribute gift. After distributing property to family members, you can name the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to receive the remainder of your estate as a living memorial or tribute gift.

Please call toll-free Laurie Valentine or me on how to honor someone this Memorial Day.

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Ministering despite snow

By Robert Dunston

During spring break, a Cumberland College team traveled to Denver, Colo., to help plant a church.

Team leader Christy Newby led a team of Cumberland College women, including Eleshia Caldwell, Danielle Danley, Amber Franklin, Sarah Justice, McKinsey Karr, Jill Lowery, Emily Peuse, Bridgett Sowder and Michelle Warnky.

When the team arrived on Sunday, they met the pastor of the new church. He told them he had a variety of things for them to do during the week but the schedule was flexible. As the week progressed, flexibility became the operative word.

On Monday, team members did some surveying in the community and met the people at the local fire station to talk with them about what kind of ministries might be beneficial for the area. The team planned to prayer walk in the community, but the weather turned threatening and forced them to return to their living quarters.

Monday night and Tuesday, Denver received four feet of snow, and ministry plans had to be changed. Team members spent time on Tuesday and Wednesday using shovels to help people dig out.

The team used their two snow days to prepare a gift basket for the fire station and 300 goodie bags for school teachers in the area. Team members also went door-to-door in the neighborhood, distributing booklets providing activities for children on snowy days. As they worked, they had a wonderful time getting to know one another and discover how God was working in each life.

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On Thursday and Friday, team members handed out "Breakfast on the Go" to passing motorists. Each brown bag breakfast contained a boxed drink, banana, granola bar and brochure describing the new church.

All of the Cumberland student team were amazed at how many people knew nothing about the gospel.

We are grateful to our students for their ministry and continue to pray for the pastor and his family who are seeking to bring the gospel to those who need to hear and respond.

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

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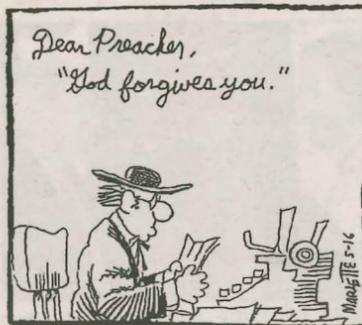
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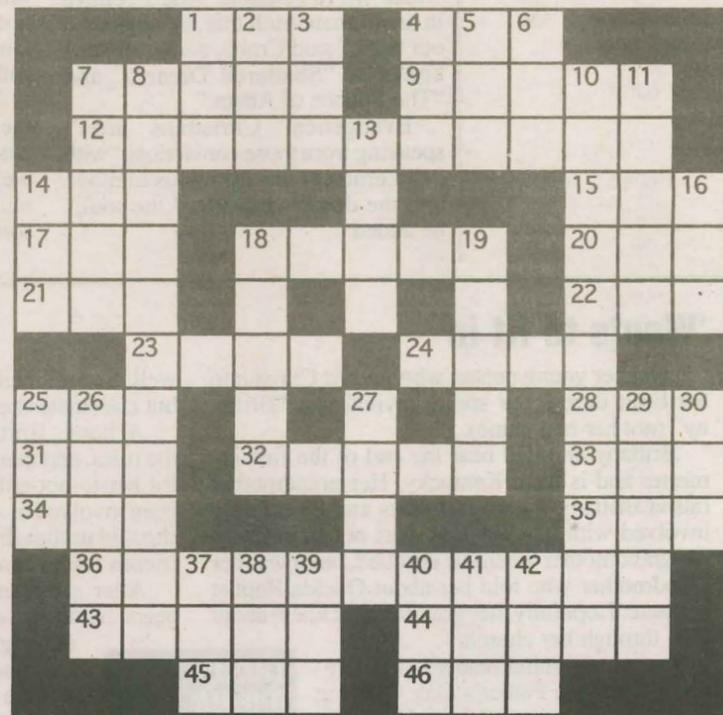


Bible Crossword

John Thornberg

Across

- 1 "Whose _____ is in his hand" (Matthew 3:12)
- 4 To sink downward
- 7 "Turn not _____ from following the Lord" (1 Samuel 12:20)
- 9 Half quarts
- 12 Where David's story begins (2 words)
- 14 Nothing
- 15 Doze
- 17 Raw material
- 18 "Queen of _____" (1 Kings 10:1)
- 20 "_____ the kine to the cart" (1 Samuel 6:7)
- 21 "Cast him into the _____ of lions" (Daniel 6:16)
- 22 Deoxyribonucleic acid, abbr.
- 23 "Under a pomegranate _____" (1 Samuel 14:2)
- 24 "Sing unto the Lord _____ song" (Isaiah 42:10) (2 words)
- 25 Prohibit
- 28 _____ and flow
- 31 A friend, Fr.
- 32 Former
- 33 Sheltered side
- 34 Marker
- 35 "As the _____ ran, he shot an arrow" (1 Samuel 20:36)
- 36 David was one, in other words
- 43 Fixed gaze



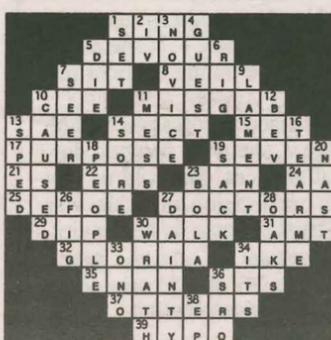
- 44 "Jonah was exceeding glad of the _____" (Jonah 4:6)
- 45 Light brown
- 46 "_____ no man any thing" (Romans 13:8)

- 16 A legume
- 18 "A deep _____ fell on Abram" (Genesis 15:12)
- 19 "_____ the son of Ner" (2 Samuel 2:8)

Down

- 1 "Instruments made of _____" (2 Samuel 6:5)
- 2 Advertisements, abbr.
- 3 "Cast the _____ on the right side" (John 21:6)
- 4 A mineral spring
- 5 Point at target
- 6 Wildebeest
- 7 "_____ shall devour before him" (Psalm 50:3) (2 words)
- 8 A Christmas carol (2 words)
- 10 One who lives in a tent
- 11 "Worthy is the Lamb that was _____" (Revelation 5:12)
- 13 "A rod out of the _____ of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1)
- 14 Affirmative expression
- 26 Gather great numbers
- 27 "Jonah was in the belly of the _____" (Jonah 1:17)
- 29 "His spittle (fell) down upon his _____" (1 Samuel 21:13)
- 30 "David arose from off his _____" (2 Samuel 11:2)
- 37 "(David) did _____ the shewbread" (Matthew 12:4)
- 38 An epoch
- 39 "The _____ of a ready writer" (Psalm 45:1)
- 40 The conscious self
- 41 "Frankincense upon each _____" (Leviticus 24:7)
- 42 "A word spoken in _____ season" (Proverbs 15:23)

Last week's solution



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Christian psychologist: Faith needs more than orthodoxy

By David Roach
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



GUEST LECTURE Author and Christian psychologist Larry Crabb (right) talks with a student (left) and professor William Cutrer recently at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Crabb delivered a guest lecture on campus earlier this spring. (Southern Seminary photo)

"We don't have an understanding of sin that goes so deep to realize we've been going 200 mph in a school zone."

Author and psychologist
Larry Crabb

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The Christian spiritual journey must extend beyond mere doctrinal orthodoxy to passionate faith, said psychologist and author Larry Crabb.

The evangelical church has done a good job of developing biblical convictions, but it has failed to demonstrate how those convictions relate to the deepest longings of the human soul, said Crabb, who lectured at the Gheens Center Family Conference held recently at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Often, Crabb said, Christians are ill-equipped to think about such issues as their inner worlds and their own spiritual formation.

The church's success in making disciples, he said, ultimately will depend on its ability to relate truths about sin, brokenness and mercy to deeply personal human longings.

"I believe that the core problem in the human soul is ultimately spiritual, and the ultimate problem is sin for which we're culpable. And I believe in an ultimate truth that we neglect to our peril," said Crabb, author of such books as "Shattered Dreams" and "The Silence of Adam."

Evangelical Christians aren't speaking from those convictions "with a discernment that allows us to move into the deeper realities of the soul," he added.

To understand the depth of the spiritual journey, Crabb cited three central concepts believers must bear in mind:

Humans are passionate people. "Obedience must not be reduced to mere behavioral conformity," he said, "but obedience must become an expression of our deepest passions."

God's commandments are not limitations on freedom, but rather opportunities for obedience, Crabb said, noting that the opportunity to obey God should ignite a passion within followers of Christ.

"Maybe you need to understand the spiritual journey as a journey of passion, a journey of desire because we're created in the image of a community of three very passionate persons."

Humans are culpably misdirected in their passions. Understanding the Christian life merely in terms of behavioral conformity is closely related to a shallow understanding of sin, Crabb said.

"We also, in my judgment, haven't thought deeply enough about sin," he said. "We've made the great mistake that sin has a whole lot more to do with a violation of external standards than something that happens in your deep interior world."

"Most of us think of the way we sin as going 27 mph in a 20 mph speed zone. We don't have an understanding of sin that goes so deep to realize we've been going 200 mph in a school zone. We even killed a bunch of little children in the process and that God in His justice and righteousness has every right to punish us eternally and that every minute depends entirely on His sovereign mercy."

At times it might be difficult to adequately understand the extent of God's pardon, but a proper concept of sin will lead believers to serve the Lord passionately in thanks for His forgiveness, Crabb said.

Humans are isolated people. Another cause of failure in the spiritual journey, Crabb said, is trying to live it alone. But as beings created in the image of the Trinity, believers fundamentally have a need for community, he said.

"If the church experience means no more to you than sitting in a congregation facing forward, hearing your

pastor, singing the hymns and leaving, you're an individualist. You're not part of community," he said.

"And if you're not part of community in the way that God intends for us to be a part of community, you're denying ultimate reality that God is a Trinitarian community Himself and we bear the image of a community. I wonder if we've thought deeply enough about the spiritual journey in terms of walking together."

In the final analysis, Crabb observed, contemplating one's passion, sin and isolation will drive Christians to realize that the spiritual journey is about attachment to God, not comfort.

Life might involve suffering, but that suffering kindles one's passions and drives people to God, he said.

"Suffering is a privilege," he said. "And I don't see how we're going to be released in our passions to know God and be delivered from our self-centeredness and be delivered into deep community without very deep and meaningful suffering—suffering that takes away all of our sources of joy so all we have left is God."

"I'm committed to building—as best I can—a clearly evangelical basis for spiritual direction and to probe the mystery of the human soul, to understand our capacity for the passion and enjoyment of God, to understand sin as our treasonous pursuit of joy from some other source than God, and to understand what Trinitarian-like community really is so we can join each other on the journey."

'Wants to fit in'

Another young person who invited Christ into her heart during our spring revival was "Brittany" (not her real name).

Brittany enrolled near the end of the first semester and is from Kentucky. Her grandmother raised Brittany for several years and is still very involved with her. Brittany was not living with her grandmother when she enrolled, but it was her grandmother who told her about Oneida Baptist Institute. Hopefully, her grandmother knew about OBI through her church.

I want to remind readers of the importance of the Father's Day Offering materials made available to Kentucky Baptist churches each year in May. Even if your church does not participate in the offering, the promotional materials can be very helpful to parents, grandparents and others. Many of the young people we work with have needs very similar to those of teens in your church. The more informed Kentucky Baptists are, the better equipped they are to direct others to the opportunities awaiting them here at OBI. While we do not claim that every child is appropriate for us, many students have found Oneida to be a place for new beginnings. Making the printed materials available to those who would like to know more about our ministry can lead to another young person finding success at OBI.

Fortunately Brittany's grandmother knew about Oneida and, like many grandparents, contacted us and told us of her granddaughter's needs. When we later called Brittany's mother, we were told that Brittany was having a difficult time in school. Though she tried hard to be accepted, she didn't fit in. She even attended a Christian day school for a time, but still things were not going

well. She seemed to get along with her teachers, but classmates kept her at a distance.

At home, Brittany had some trouble following the rules, and there were times when it was easier for her to not tell the truth about things she had been involved in. When Brittany came to Oneida, she told us that she wanted to "learn how to make friends and to concentrate more on school work."

After six months she is still struggling with peers, but those who work with her believe she is making progress. Brittany says that she has more friends here and that she gets along a lot better than she did at her old schools. When you consider that at OBI she is with her peers "24/7" instead of seven hours a day, she really has progressed. Having four girls in a dormitory room can challenge the most patient person. While Brittany has not found all of her roommates easy to get along with, she is learning that there is give and take in nearly all situations.

Brittany is a middle school student who has not yet learned the art of keeping a low profile, and it wouldn't hurt her cause any if she did a better job of minding her own business.

When she received her last progress report she had three A's, three B's and one C-. If she maintains these grades she will be on the B honor roll this quarter.

Though Brittany had made a profession of faith at a church camp at age 7, she went forward during one of our revival services. She told us that she was not sure about her decision when she was 7 and now wanted to trust in Jesus as her Savior.

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W.F. Underwood

Helping Clear Creek advance

Not many people below age 45 can claim a 40-year association with Clear Creek like Dean of Institutional Advancement Donnie Fox. He was on campus as a child in 1962, when his father was the school's first public relations officer. "I have many good memories growing up on campus," Fox said. "Down the creek from the old president's home is the swimming hole where all of us kids went to swim. We dived off a big rock."

Fox returned as a student in 1990-94, resigning a management position in a Tennessee factory to accept the call to ministry. While pastor of Shawanee Baptist Church in Harrogate, Tenn., he earned a master of divinity degree at the Maryville, Tenn., extension center of Southern Seminary. In 1999 Fox became director of college relations, and the next year moved to director of admissions.

"It's been a great journey," he said. "Returning to Clear Creek, I feel like I've come full circle in God's plan in my life."

In 2002 Fox assumed leadership of the new office of institutional advancement, supervising college relations, admissions and development. His primary assignment is to

secure needed resources for the college to fulfill its mission. "I talk with a lot of people and give them ways they can use their resources to help us meet our mission," he said.

Fox appreciates the excellent working relationship between Clear Creek and the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. "They are a great resource. With them, we can visit a church or an individual and provide, without charge, specific help on deferred giving, annuities and estate plans," he said.

Fox stressed that the general budget and operating funds and support of the student workshop program are ongoing needs. "Our campus roads need paving. Our cars are wearing down; one staff vehicle has 217,000 miles. We also have four student cottages in need of remodeling," Fox noted. Three volunteer work teams scheduled for the summer were canceled because we did not have funds to purchase materials.

Colleague Jay Barnett said of Fox. "He has the unique ability to build a bridge of continuity between our past and our future. He understands us and has a love for Clear Creek unlike any I know."

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY 40977

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

New devotional book promotes God's peace for troubled times

By James Dotson
SBC North American Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—For Carlos Ferrer, the television coverage of war in Iraq was enough to prompt nightmares of his own childhood in Cuba.

Ferrer recalled hearing the gunfire of revolution, seeing a man die in the street after being tortured by police and hiding in fear under his bed at night.

But in a new devotional book published by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, Ferrer recalls the source of the peace he finally found—and it wasn't just political or economic.

"God showed me that nothing can conquer fears except His peace," wrote Ferrer, chief financial officer for NAMB. "It was only after accepting His salvation that I was able to deal with the anxieties and fears of my past."

Ferrer is one of 40 contributors to "Know Peace in Troubled Times," released last month.

The impetus for the book was the Iraq war and fears of terrorist attacks, said Mary Branson, NAMB's director of marketing and editor of the book. But the topics run the gamut, from dealing with cancer, persecution and financial struggles to the death of a loved one

and brushes with death in wars or terrorist attacks.

Contributors include a broad range of nationally known Christian leaders, including Shirley Dobson, Adrian Rogers, Larry Burkett, Charles Colson, Gary Smalley and Rick Warren.

But contributors also include the not-so-famous, who like Ferrer have a story to share of God's incredible provision.

"We didn't sit down to say, 'Let's represent everybody evenly,' but when this came together we had people from their 20s to their 80s," Branson said. "We have African Americans, Iranians and Hispanics—and we have experiences dating all the way from Pearl Harbor to 9/11. We even have something from Barbara Stevens, who was at the airport in the Philippines March 1 when her friend and fellow SBC missionary was killed in a terrorist attack."

Despite the range of authors, Branson said she was struck how several themes emerge in the devotional thoughts. It shows how God has helped individuals in troubled times through the ages, and how He can help individuals today.

Each devotional message is accompanied by a relevant passage of Scripture, as well as guidance for prayer and personal reflection.

Who Moved My Church? A Story About Discovering Purpose in a Changing Culture. Mike Nappa. River Oak Publishing, 2001. 125 pages. \$17.99. ♦♦♦ (out of five)

Members of JC Cathedral in Municipal City show up for services one Sunday morning only to find that someone has moved their church. The sign is still in its place, but the building has disappeared mysteriously.

After spending a few moments trying to figure out how such an outrageous thing could happen, the members divide into four search parties to scout the city. The team that finds the church first is to report back to the other three, which never happens.

In the process of the search for JC Cathedral, we are introduced to Alethia Spire, Randall Cuff, Eliara Link and Nameless. Each in turn discovers the church and seeks to rebuild its ministry in light of their understanding of how the church should relate to the world: Alethia rebuilds the walls; Cuff wages war; and Link loses focus in a plethora of bleeding-heart ministries. It is left to Nameless to build a holistic, balanced ministry.

In "Who Moved My Church? A Story About Discovering Purpose in a Changing Culture," Nappa intends to encourage us to look at the various ways the church relates to its world.

He not only hopes we discover those who irritate us in this book, but that we look at the various reactions we have to the context of our church's ministry.

Some of the allegories in the parable are a bit overdrawn, even for an allegorical parable. They almost fell into becoming stereotypes, which was not helpful for what he hoped to accomplish.

The discussion questions at the end of the book redeem it as a useful tool for group discussion within a congregational planning team. *Jim Holladay*

The Meal Jesus Gave Us: Understanding Holy Communion. Tom Wright. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2002. 82 pages. \$7.95. ♦♦♦♦

Tom Wright, Anglican bishop of Durham, England, writes this primer on the Lord's Supper because he believes that many of us have given little thought to this central act of the church's worship.

In "The Meal Jesus Gave Us: Understanding Holy Communion," Wright contends that most Christians have participated in this act of worship with regularity, but few could define or describe its mean-

ing to someone outside the church.

His overview of Holy Communion will, no doubt, be informative and stretching to those traditions with a more sacramental understanding of the Lord's Table.

For those of us in the Baptist tradition, it will be a challenge to deepen our understanding beyond seeing the Lord's Supper as a mere symbol or ordinance that we are commanded to observe.

Wright points to four broad categories used in the New Testament to describe the meal Jesus gave us: the bread-breaking; the sharing, *koinonia* or communion; the thank-you meal, or Eucharist; and the Lord's Meal.

He insists that each of these categories must be held together if we are going to fully celebrate the meal.

Beyond a biblical and historical survey of the development of the Lord's Table, Wright discusses each aspect of its observance and connects them with their theological and ethical dimensions. Of particular note is his rich discussion of the eschatological dimension of the Lord's Supper.

Though short, this book is rich in content and challenge. For anyone who is ready and willing to explore the depth of the Lord's Supper and how its celebration can be enriched, Wright's book is an excellent starting point. *Jim Holladay*

A Sure Path: Moving Ahead with Christ When We'd Rather Settle Down in the World. Susan Scott Sutton. Kregel Publications, 2003. 203 pages. \$10.99. ♦♦♦



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Susan Scott Sutton writes to encourage the reader "to take your life with God as seriously as He does."

In "A Sure Path: Moving Ahead with Christ When We'd Rather Settle Down," Sutton chooses the image of a path to relay her understanding of a life spent with God. Sutton draws on her and her husband's experience as missionaries to Chad, for much of her illustrative material.

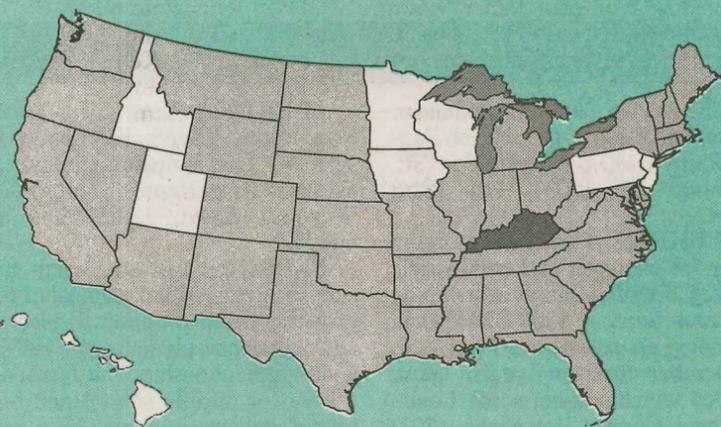
The constant theme of the book is that a Christian is on a journey as a pilgrim. This path is not always easy, but God is always there. In fact, God is at least a few steps ahead. This awareness should bring confidence to the Christian as the journey unfolds.

This is not new material, yet it has a certain freshness due to Sutton's warmth and personal touches. Each chapter ends with ample Scriptures for additional study.

The questions Sutton asks the reader to explore are basic, yet they are essential to the Christian life. The questions guide the reader further along the path addressed in the chapter.

While the book is designed for individual use, it easily could be adapted to a group study with the questions in each chapter providing the focus of the group time. *Wayne Hager*

Our mission doesn't end at the state line

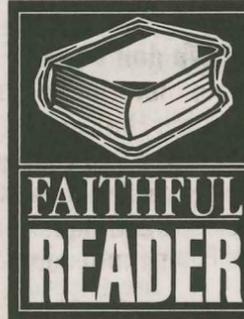


For more than 10 years, the Western Recorder has helped Baptist state conventions in newer work areas produce their newspapers.

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

PRAYER PARTNERS

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

■ Praise God that the law has changed in Romania so that visas need to be renewed every five years rather than every six months as previously required. Missionaries write that this not only will save them time but money.

■ Missionaries in Portugal ask prayer that "fears of war and fears of travel, such as the recent SARS virus outbreak," won't hinder mission volunteers from coming to Portugal this summer.

■ University students attending a new church recently begun in Strasbourg, Germany. Distribution of information leaflets about the church resulted in many students attending for the first time.

■ A Middle Eastern believer who now lives in Holland and feels a sense of urgency to visit refugee centers there and share the gospel.

■ Missionaries in Poland ask prayer for the "beginning of the volunteer season" this month. "Pray that no more volunteers will back out of their projects this year. Pray for the Lord to bolster their faith and give them courage."

■ Ask God to grant Russian Baptist churches favor with Russian governmental authorities so that the churches can own the land where their church buildings sit.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ DAWSON SPRINGS—Adriel Church called **David Frisby** as pastor.

■ EAST BERNSTADT—Hazel Patch Church recently called **Brian Hammack** as pastor.

■ FORDSVILLE—Pleasant Grove Church called **Forrest Hearnin** as pastor.

■ FORT THOMAS—Highland Hills Church called **Matthew Howe** as associate/youth pastor May 12.

■ FREDONIA—First Church recently called **Gary Frizzell** as interim pastor.

■ **Ken Cummins** resigned as pastor of Walnut Grove Church to become director of missions for Ohio River Association.

■ KUTTAWA—Suwanee Furnace Church called **Josh Patton** as minister of youth.

■ LEXINGTON—South Elkhorn Church celebrated 220 years of ministry May 18. **Phil Schultz** is pastor.

Southern Heights Church called **Kyle McClellan** as pastor effective June 15. He previously was pastor of First Church of Fairdale.

■ LOUISVILLE—Lyndon Church called **Brian Besaw** as associate pastor/youth and **Melanie DeVore**

as associate pastor/children. **Jim Holladay** is pastor.

Midlane Park Church will host **Bradley Johnson** in concert July 27.

Third Avenue Church honored **Lula Wallace** May 18 for serving more than 45 years as a Sunday school teacher.

■ MURRAY—Sinking Spring Church recently called **Eugene McWherter** as pastor.

■ OWENSBORO—**Kevin Hall** resigned as minister to students at First Church to become minister to students at First Church in Nashville, Tenn.

■ PRINCETON—Second Church recently called **Darell Eldridge** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Sacramento Church.

■ REYNOLDS STATION—Zion Church called **David Britt** as pastor.

■ RICHMOND—Unity Church recently called **Charles and Holly Long** as youth leaders. **D.L. Brewer** is pastor.

■ SHEPHERDSVILLE—**Ken Lupton**, minister of discipleship and outreach at Little Flock Church, has resigned to become a church consultant in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska for LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.



GROUNDBREAKING More than 700 people gathered May 4 at First Church, Owensboro, to break ground for a \$5 million "Kingdom Equipping Center." Phase one of the construction project is expected to be completed in one year.

Southern students share their faith during Louisville project

By David Roach
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP)—From inner-city outreach to servant evangelism, 100 seminary students and several faculty and staff members at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently shared the gospel in Louisville.

The seminary's first annual Reaching Out project was part of the school's Great Commission week.

"To see over a hundred students and faculty come out just to go out and share the gospel is in some ways a dream come true," said Chuck Lawless, associate professor of evangelism and church growth and a participant in Reaching Out 2003. "It's evidence that evangelism is catching fire on this campus."

For Calvin Fowler, a student from Chattanooga, Tenn., Reaching Out 2003 provided a unique opportunity to water a gospel seed planted by a Baptist pastor nearly 60 years ago.

While doing inner-city evangelism, Fowler encountered two sisters and learned that their father had been a Baptist pastor. Neither woman professed faith in Christ, but one of them still had a tract their father had given her in 1944.

"So I was able to read through the tract out loud, from 1944, and it was really cool," Fowler said. "It had verses on how to be saved, and it was a real blessing to talk to them."

Through encounters like Fowler's, participants distributed more than 1,000 tracts, New Testaments and copies of the "Jesus" video, said Twyla Fagan, director of Southern's Great Commission ministries and coordinator of Reaching Out 2003.

Lynn Robinson, whose husband is a student at Southern, discovered that

in some cases the tracts had an immediate impact.

When one conversation did not present Robinson with an opportunity to share the gospel, she left a tract and a Bible with the man to whom she was talking.

"We went on our way, and a little while later we come back, and he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment reading the tract and the Bible," Robinson said.

Matthew Spradlin, a student from Bakersfield, Calif., had the opportunity to lead two people to faith in Christ while doing door-to-door visitation. At one house, Spradlin discovered a couple eager to hear the gospel.

"They were a family that had been to church," he said. "They just didn't know the gospel or how to be saved and have a relationship with Christ. So we shared with them, and at the end they said they would like to pray with us to accept Christ."

For Larry Purcell, associate professor of leadership and church ministry, the event underscores that the aim of seminary training ultimately is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

"One of the things that drives me at times is that as much as we teach in the white ivory towers of education and academia, so often we have to get out where people are in the Kingdom and to find out what it's like in the marketplace because that impacts the way I deal with people here and the way I teach as well," Purcell said.

Fagan said she was pleased with the success of Reaching Out 2003 as a first-time event.

"We had over 100 people participating, and many lives were touched," she noted. "I just couldn't be more pleased."

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Getting on board the 707

20-somethings find rock-based worship they can relate to

By David Briggs
Religion News Service

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, Ohio (RNS)—The lights dim. The first pulsating sounds of electric and acoustic guitars fill the room, cranking up until the hard of hearing in the outer hallway can enjoy the music.

Hundreds of people in sweats, T-shirts and jeans stand up as soon as the band starts playing. They will not sit down for another 45 minutes.

"The beat makes you move, want to dance. That's me. I love that," says 22-year-old Marlon Johnson of Cleveland.

Welcome to Sunday church services at the new 707 ministry.

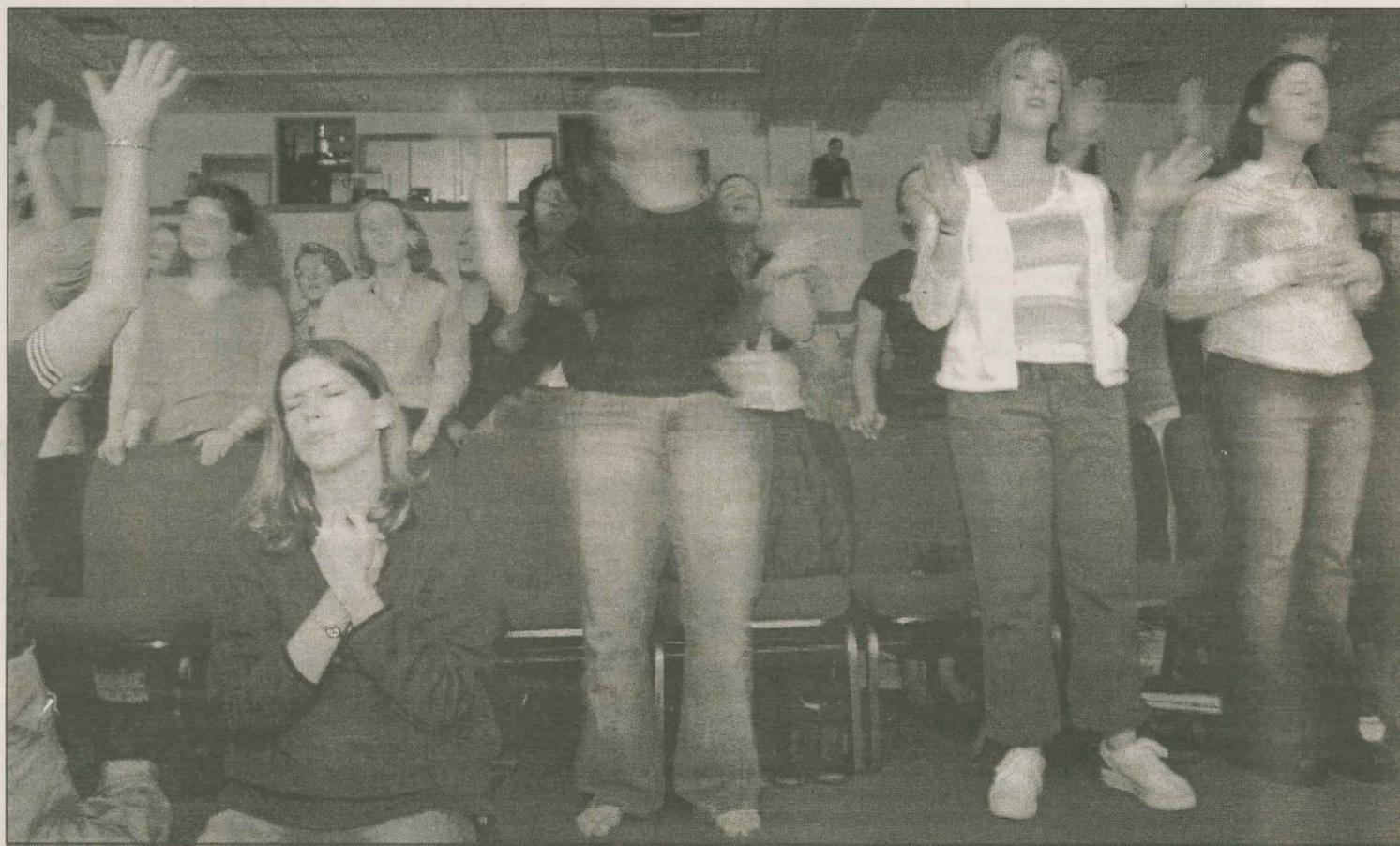
This is the next generation of the Christian youth movement. The Jesus movement of the 1960s and 1970s and its offspring are aging with baby boomers into contemporary services that at times sound more like John Tesh or John Denver than rock 'n' roll. On the cutting edge now are new ministries for twentysomethings seeking a church to call their own.

In northeast Ohio, the month-old 707 ministry already is drawing nearly 500 people weekly at what in the daytime is Cuyahoga Valley Community Church in Broadview Heights.

They chose the name 707 based on the verse in the seventh chapter of Matthew: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Services are held Sunday nights at 7:07.

"It's probably the best thing that's ever happened in the Cleveland area," says 20-year-old Keith Cloonan of Strongsville. "I come here early and I stay late. ... God is here. You're connected with God."

The growth in contemporary



church services has been steady since the cultural revolution of the 1960s. Major movements such as Calvary Chapel, Vineyard Christian Fellowships and other "seeker" churches grew out of the Jesus movement and its search for a personal experience of God. The use of cultural icons, such as contemporary music, found its way into many mainline churches trying to hold on to their young adults.

A revolution loses its edge

But what began as a revolution has in many cases settled into the equivalent of Christian elevator music for people in their 20s. The edge of the message and music has been taken away as some once-revolutionary churches evolve to appeal to the forty-, fifty- and sixtysomethings who now fill their pews.

In its place, new ministries are rising up to reach what is sometimes referred to as the postmodern generation, one of the least-churched generations in recent American history.

There are the 722 ministry in suburban Atlanta and the Frontline program in suburban Washington, D.C. Ministries combining a rock-worship sound, sermons and activities for young adults are experiencing success in their targeted appeals to Christian youth.

In northeast Ohio, Cuyahoga Valley Community Church was one of the congregations that grew as it offered baby boomers an alternative to traditional worship. Rick Duncan started the church 17 years ago. After years of renting space in a local high school, the church, with its mix of contemporary worship and casual dress, recently moved into a new building in Broadview Heights.

But Duncan, 49, says he realized the church had to go through a simi-



SERMON Preaching in casual attire from a stool, Pastor Dan Burgoyne mixes humor and contemporary topics as he seeks to make the gospel relevant to an audience of twentysomethings.

lar process to develop a ministry to reach the newest generation of young people.

"You have to interpret the gospel for each generation," he says. "We don't want a church filled with 49- to 65-year-old people."

A year ago, the church hired Pastor Dan Burgoyne, a chaplain at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., and put him in charge of developing a ministry for young adults.

Burgoyne, 30, in turn hired Ryan Wilkins, 26, a youth pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Columbus, to be the worship leader.

The 90-minute service is about an equal mix of Christian rock and a sermon geared to young adults.

While many contemporary services have developed more of an orchestral sound, with piano and saxophones part of large musical ensembles, the band at 707 consists of a singer, a drummer and acoustic, electric and bass guitarists.

Think the contemporary sound of U2.

"Really, it's rock 'n' roll is what it is," Wilkins says.

As the music ends, the spotlight shifts to Burgoyne, who delivers his sermon sitting on a stool and wearing

an Old Navy shirt and jeans.

On this Sunday, Burgoyne speaks about Christian freedom, encouraging participants to "free" themselves from casual sex, Internet porn or any other addictions he says can separate them from God.

"When Jesus shows up in your town, it is never too late," he says to the applause of the congregation.

After the service, a ministry fest encourages people to get involved in activities from small group discipleship to white-water rafting trips.

Burgoyne says this generation wants to experience God in worship and to become part of a community.

'A second family'

"This generation is so hungry for something that is authentic, and they're hungry for community," he says. "They have a great cheese-ometer. They can smell if you're a hypocrite or a fake right away."

Worshippers say the 707 ministry fills a need in a Christian community that pays a lot of attention to ministries to serve children, families and seniors, but often overlooks young adults.

"This is awesome," says Victor Lem, 28, of Broadview Heights, Ohio. "This group is kind of like a second family for us."

Many of those who attend go to their own church in the morning and come to the 707 ministry at night.

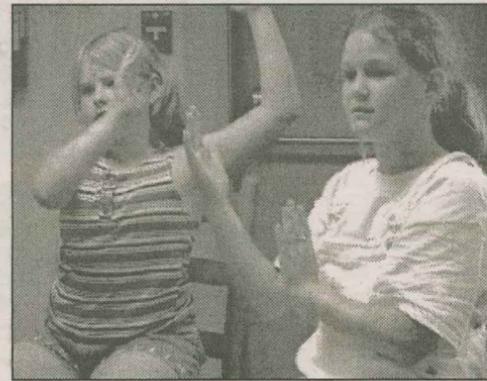
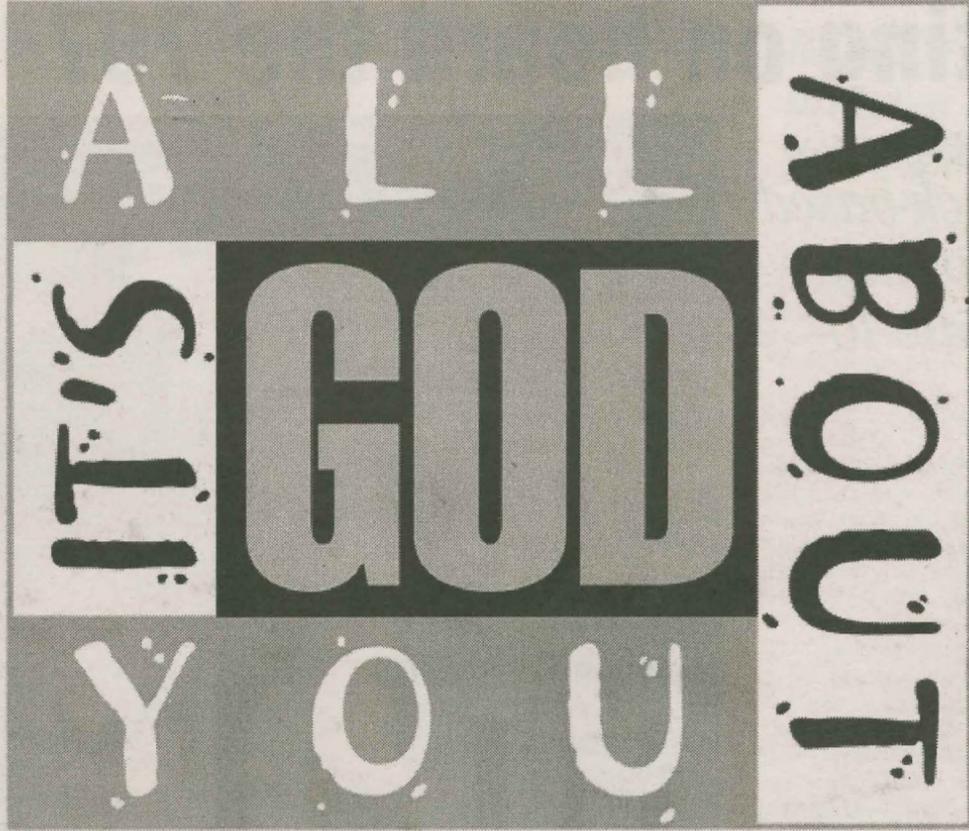
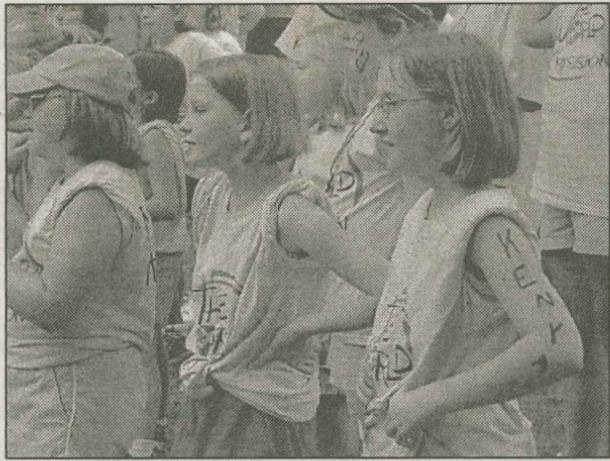
On Sunday morning, Rachael Strickling, 26, is a lay worker at Southern Hills Community Church in Strongsville, Ohio.

But she also looks forward to attending 707 on Sunday night.

"I think it's definitely something I've been looking for a long time," she says. "I come and just relax here. ... I don't feel like I'm too old or too young."

WORSHIP Twenty-one-year-old Theresa Barbe falls to her knees in praise during a song at Cuyahoga Valley Community Church in Broadview Heights, Ohio. The service, called 707, is a ministry geared to reach young adults with music and sermons that speak to their lifestyles. (RNS photos by Joshua Gunter)

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