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**Some Kentucky Baptists working with Russians to start churches**

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

CAMPBELLSVILLE—Kentucky Baptists ended a five-year partnership with Russian Baptists about five years ago, but some Kentuckians continue to help start congregations in the former communist country.

Under the leadership of Taylor County Baptist Association, a group of Taylor Baptists are helping start new churches and develop a Sunday school training center in Russia.

"We couldn't do it for all of Russia, but we picked out the northwest corner," said Bill Pfoff, a religion professor at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville. "A bunch of us felt like we need to continue to help these people."

Pfoff will lead a pair of mission teams there this summer. Several people will visit Russia in June, prior to a July visit by a 10-member team of mostly Clear Creek students.

The group will help complete construction on a two-story church building in Pestovo, about seven hours southeast of St. Petersburg. The trip will include visits to hospitals and orphanages and street evangelism.

The latter outreach includes distribution of free Bibles. Pfoff estimates Kentuckians have helped give Russians 160,000 Bibles, including 10,000 children's editions, during the past five years.

"We're going to continue as long as the door is open and we're needed," Pfoff said. "There were only four churches in the state (of Novgorod) when we started and now there are 23."

The Russian outreach includes starting a new Sunday school training center in St. Petersburg. Bob Clark, director of missions, is spearheading a fund-raising drive to purchase the land.

Thus far, the association has raised \$14,000 of the \$35,000 needed to purchase a site near Central Baptist Church. After the drive is completed, Clark hopes to see a Kentucky Changers team and other Kentucky volunteers help build the center.

The St. Petersburg training center's director is Nickolai Syrovatka. A former Communist Party official, he accepted Jesus as his Savior after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Syrovatka first approached Noble Roberts, who has since retired from Campbellsville

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**The wave of the future?**

*Consultant: Video preacher may be solution for some churches to grow*

By James Dotson  
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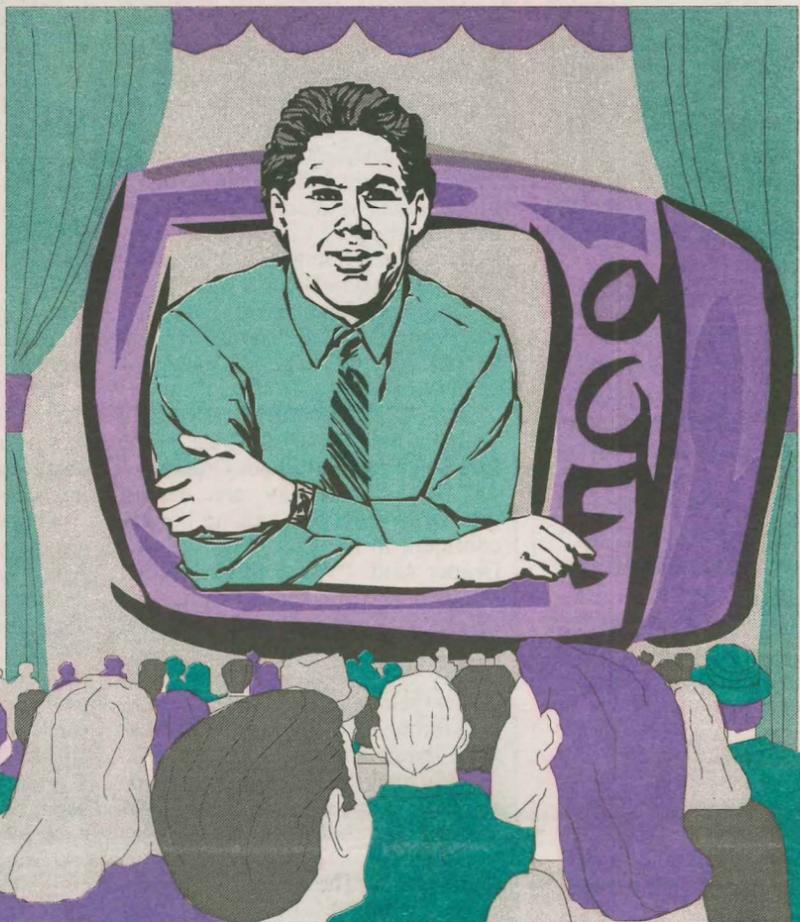
CHICAGO (BP)—The typical Baptist church in Anytown, USA, might one day find itself facing a remarkable transformation—no longer a congregation of 35-or-so members struggling for both relevancy and survival.

The revitalized congregation might still have a pastor who is gifted in shepherding the flock, and even an excellent live worship team. But when it comes time for the sermon all eyes could be directed to a projection screen overhead.

A video-based preacher—not to be confused with pastor, in this case—might be the gifted pulpiteer from a metro megachurch 50 miles down the road, or across the country.

It's a concept that Lyle Schaller, one of the nation's foremost experts on congregational health, sees as an increasingly attractive alternative—particularly in an era when a modern demand for highly specialized professionals is at odds with a scarcity of pastors universally gifted in all areas of pastoral ministry.

Churches that have embraced the concept, Schaller said, have gained the leadership and staff of a large church while maintaining their current facilities and people.



"This is how you can have your cake and eat it too," said Schaller, a church consultant and author of 52 books on churches. He was speaking at a meeting, sponsored by the Southern Baptist North American Mission board, for associational directors of missions.

Schaller's focus was on helping directors of missions guide churches through a range of alternatives that would allow them to grow beyond the

typical plateau of 75 people or fewer. That's about the median attendance in Southern Baptist churches, which Schaller said is even higher than most mainline denominations. For many congregations that works fine, but for others the higher per-capita cost and other limitations have sent many smaller churches in search of solutions.

Several variations on the video-  
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**Kentucky sending 1,500 food boxes to Iraq**

Kentucky Baptists collected more than 1,500 boxes of food and nearly \$13,000 to buy food for families in Iraq.

The boxes, which were shipped to Richmond, Va., on May 21, contain 70 pounds of staple foods such as rice, flour, sugar, lentils, salt, tea and powdered milk, and can feed a family of five for about a month.

A label on the box quotes John 1:17 in Arabic: "For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ." The label also will identify the box as "A gift with love from the Southern Baptist churches in America."

The average cost to assemble a box is \$60, meaning the \$12,945.36 collected will help send another 215 food boxes. "Some of the people couldn't find some of the items, so they sent money instead," said Larry Koch, of the Kentucky department. Brotherhood, disaster relief and Woman's Missionary Union leaders helped coordinate the collections in each state.

Project organizers at the Southern



**FOOD TO GO** Rebekah Yancey, 8, a member of the Children in Action group at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, sorts food to go in boxes for families in Iraq.

Baptist International Mission Board were expecting as many as 95,000 boxes from churches throughout the country.

In Kentucky, "we didn't quite make the goal of one box per church, but I think it's great that we can be involved in hands-on (work)," said Joy Bolton, executive director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, which promoted the effort.

"I think it's important that we pray for the distribution of these boxes and for the gospel witness that can be shared," she added.

Bolton said the Children in Action missions education class that she leads at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville collected supplies for four food boxes.

"When we were done packing the boxes, these second and third graders laid hands on those boxes," she recalled. The children "prayed for the families that would receive those boxes and they prayed that those boxes would get there safely and they prayed that those families would hear about Jesus."

The project appealed to churches both large and small.

At Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Owenton, which has an average of about 45 people in Sunday school, Brotherhood director Larry Ayres led members to collect \$160, according to Pastor Ross Layne.

"I was amazed that we came up with that because I was shooting for at least one box," Ross said.

"I feel blessed to be a part of an important ministry and mission opportunity that we may not have for very long."

## Unexpected deaths hit missionaries in Kenya, Argentina

### Mother of five dies from complications after recent surgery

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—Southern Baptist international missionary Evelyn Woolridge died May 26 in Nairobi, Kenya, of pneumonia following gall bladder surgery. She was 41.

Woolridge and her husband, Michael, had served since January 1999 in a partnership that involved them serving as international consultants for LifeWay Christian Resources through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

The couple and their five children had been scheduled to return May 30 to Nashville, where he was to continue his work with LifeWay.

Mrs. Woolridge had a missionary's heart for the people of Africa, noted LifeWay President James Draper.

"We at LifeWay are deeply grieved by Evelyn's passing but are confident in the Lord's provision," Draper said. "We continue to lift Michael and his family up in our prayers. ... They have had a great love for the people of Africa."

The Woolridges were trailblazers in their roles as LifeWay representatives through the IMB, said IMB President Jerry Rankin.

"Michael and Evelyn were pioneers in going to East Africa in a unique IMB assignment as LifeWay Christian Resource representatives," Rankin said. "They were so effective and so identified with the people and the churches that they extended their term. We are grateful for their dedication and the unique contribution



**FAMILY FOCUS** Michael and Evelyn Woolridge pose with their five daughters prior to missionary appointment in 1999.

they made to the expansion of God's Kingdom."

Mrs. Woolridge had served in Kenya in a variety of roles, including secretarial assistance and organizing women's events and other meetings.

She also served as secretary for the Parent Teacher Fellowship at Nairobi's Rosslyn Academy, where her eldest four daughters have been attending school.

On April 29, Woolridge had elective gall bladder surgery in Nairobi. A few days after her discharge from the hospital, a doctor discovered during a routine postoperative checkup that she had pneumonia. She was readmitted to Nairobi's Aga Khan hospital on May 7. Her condition worsened, and she was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit May 10.

Woolridge is survived by her husband; five daughters, Patricia, 12; Judith, 10; Michaela, 8; Rebekkah, 6; and Mary-Ruth, 4; as well as her parents, six brothers and one sister.

A memorial service was held May 30 at Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi. Arrangements for a service in the United States are pending.

### MK, age 12, dies after suffering seizure at school

PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP)—Aimee Elizabeth Milstead, 12-year-old daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries Grady and Claire Milstead, died unexpectedly May 15 in Trelew, Argentina.

Aimee died suddenly after suffering a seizure at school. She lived in Argentina with her parents who have served as missionaries with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board since 1985.

Nearly 300 people from as far away as Argentina, South Korea and Alaska attended a May 22 memorial service at Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.

IMB President Jerry Rankin shared words of appreciation for Aimee and for the witness of her family.

"Aimee was so fortunate to be born into a family that knew and loved the Lord," Rankin said. "Multitudes of children around the world never have this opportunity."

Describing the Milsteads as "faithful, dedicated missionaries," Rankin said they have a heart for reaching the people of Argentina for Christ.

David Corson, church administrator at Olive Baptist, told the Florida Baptist Witness there were memorial flowers arrangements and a picture of Aimee at the front of the church. He said U.S. Customs had not released Aimee's body from the airport in New

Orleans in time for the funeral, so the family held a memorial service instead.

In addition to her parents, Aimee is survived by three siblings, Melissa McCue, 26; Zach, 23; and Jacob, 18.

Zach described his little sister as a "very sweet" girl with a penchant for playing the piano and acting. She spoke fluent Spanish.

Aimee previously suffered a seizure in December 2001, Zach said, after performing in a musical during a missions meeting for Argentine Baptists. At that time the family returned to the Pensacola area for Aimee to receive medical attention.

Zach's parents and younger siblings returned to Argentina this past December, Zach added. He said Aimee's condition, called dysautonomia, was thought to be under control at that time.

Bruce Muskrat, a fellow missionary in Argentina, said in an e-mail statement that he believes the Milstead family's witness was

obvious through this difficult time—even to the physician who tried to resuscitate Aimee at the Trelew hospital where she was taken after her seizure. The doctor stopped by the house late the night Aimee died, Muskrat added.

"In spite of the exhaustion of Grady, Claire and Jacob, ... they were able to share their testimony" with the doctor, Muskrat wrote. He said another doctor "commented that he had seen characteristics of Christianity in the Milstead family that he had never experienced before."



Milstead

### BAPTIST DIGEST

#### ■ Association ties 2000 BF&M to employment.

A Baptist association in Mississippi has adopted a policy requiring all employees to affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message. Golden Triangle Baptist Association may be the first association affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to make the faith statement a condition for employment, according to Don Beall, director of associational strategy for the SBC North American Mission Board. Prior to passage, the action was amended to require employees to be members of Golden Triangle Association churches. As a result, Diana Bridges, director of a ministry to international students at Mississippi State University in Starkville, was terminated May 15. She is a member of a church that was rejected for associational membership last year because the congregation is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

#### ■ Journal explores SBC's conservative shift.

The Southern Baptist Convention's conservative shift primarily has focused on the issue of biblical authority, according to writers in the spring issue of the Southern Baptist Journal of Theology. The issue, a publication of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, focuses on "Theology, Culture and the SBC." Responding to Barry Hankins' book, "Uneasy in Babylon," seminary faculty members suggest the SBC's conservative movement is not a reaction

to an increasingly secularized culture. Thomas Schreiner, professor of New Testament interpretation, contends that many of the issues addressed by Southern Baptist conservatives have cultural ramifications, but fundamentally are theological.

#### ■ Convention OKs alternate giving plan.

A giving plan that allows North Carolina Baptists to send mission funds to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship instead of the Southern Baptist Convention does not violate the state convention's constitution, according to a state convention study committee. The six-member committee was asked to determine if Plan C—which funds the CBF but not the SBC—is consistent with the convention's governing document. Plan C is one of four funding plans available to North Carolina Baptist churches. Each of the other three giving plans sends national missions money to the SBC.

#### ■ Bayer resigns as Indiana editor.

Chip Bayer, editor of the Indiana Baptist state paper and director of communications for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana since 1998, resigned effective June 1. Bayer, 36, said he and his family are relocating to his home state of Arkansas to "seek a place of service closer to our home." Bayer said he will seek employment after his family moves to the Little Rock area.

## NAMB selects Vancouver as first 'Strategic Focus City' in Canada

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Vancouver, British Columbia—an international city known as a North American gateway for Asian immigrants—has been chosen as the next site for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's Strategic Focus Cities outreach effort.

Southern Baptists will work in partnership with the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists and Capilano Baptist Association to provide hundreds of volunteers and resources for a variety of church planting, evangelism and other ministry projects. Preparation for the effort will begin this year, with the primary implementation phase set for 2006.

"We're very excited about the choice of Vancouver as a Strategic Focus City," said Gerry Taillon, national ministry team leader for the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists. "We feel like it's a wonderful opportunity to work in a world-class city like Vancouver. And it's a great opportunity for the churches in Vancouver to really sense God's direction and guidance, and get together to see what they can do to impact the Kingdom of God."

Noting the area is about 25 percent Asian, Taillon called the effort "a wonderful opportunity to not only

impact Vancouver and the surrounding areas, but to impact the world."

Vancouver will be the ninth major city in North America to be impacted by Strategic Focus Cities, which began in 2000 with efforts in Chicago and Phoenix. Other efforts have focused on Boston, Las Vegas, Seattle and Philadelphia, and this is the first year of implementation for the Miami effort. Next year a two-year implementation period will begin for New York City.

At the end of 2002, more than 37,000 individuals had made first-time commitments to Christ through SFC initiatives, and 255 new churches were started. A total of 28,947 volunteers from across the nation were mobilized for a variety of outreach efforts.

Gary Frost, vice president for NAMB's strategic initiatives group, called on all Southern Baptists to begin praying for the Vancouver effort, and how they might become involved.

"We would like to see, first of all, a prayer response because we know that unless God cultivates the soil any planting that we do there will be unsuccessful," he said. "And so we need the body of Christ to be praying, and also planning to come to join us there during our years of implementation."

## Some Kentucky Baptists working with Russians to start churches

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University, in the mid-1990s to ask for support. The Russian man told Roberts no Sunday schools existed and he needed help to get them started.

Roberts communicated the need to Jerry Kibbons, Taylor County Association's director of missions at the time.

In addition to sending financial support for his salary and supplies, several years ago they helped Syrovatka buy a press to publish teaching material.

Syrovatka recently sent the 10th edition of his material to Roberts, who has taught classes in Baptist history and early church history to Russian pastors.

"This is one of the greatest blessings I've ever had," said Roberts, a resident of Shelbyville, who hopes to lead a mission team from First Baptist Church of Shelbyville to St. Petersburg in 2004. "My blessing is to see my students, who are pastors of little churches, carrying on the work."

With the Southern Baptist International Mission Board concentrating on starting churches, Clark said Kentucky Baptists feel they are helping fill a gap by providing for educational needs.

"We believe if we can equip the Russians with solid theology and biblical background they'll be able to carry on the work in the event that things change," Clark said. "The Orthodox Church is trying to re-establish control like they had before the (Communist) revolution."

In addition to Kentucky, a group of California Baptists are poised to help build the training center. They are led by Joe DeLeon, state missions director for the California Southern Baptist Convention.

DeLeon, who worked with the IMB in Russia from 1992-2001, plans to start a drive to pay for construction costs after Kentucky Baptists purchase the property.

He said teams from California have traveled to Russia the past five years and likely will work on the training center next year.

DeLeon lauded Kentucky volunteers for their role, saying that without the state's partnership there wouldn't have been an effective ministry in Russia.

DeLeon said that when first approached about a partnership, Russian leaders told him they mainly thought of getting money to build churches. But thanks to Kentuckians, they also learned to do evangelism, he said.

"They helped the Russians do evangelism in many ways—services, street witnessing, door-to-door and relational," DeLeon said. "They gave the Russians boldness to witness."

## Volunteers needed



**CLEAN UP** Kentucky disaster relief volunteers cut up a 100-plus-year-old tree to remove it from a resident's yard after the tornado that struck Jackson, Tenn. It was one of four sites where Kentucky volunteers served last month. (Photo by Larry Koch.)

## Disaster relief looks to add workers to roster

By David Winfrey  
News Director

Larry Koch has plenty of names of people who have signed up to do disaster relief volunteer work.

It's the actual bodies he'd like to see more of.

"We have 2,912 names in my data base," said Koch, leader of the disaster relief workers through the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department. "And if I was to guesstimate, not more than 600 to 700 volunteers over the years have responded."

That might sound like a lot, but Koch will point out that all of those don't respond to every disaster. Some have worked only one job, often near their hometown, where the need was evident and urgent.

"Right after a disaster, particularly a major disaster, everybody gets excited," Koch said.

But then work, family or other commitments often prevent them from ever responding again, he added. "Then, if they don't get to respond within a year or two, that excitement dies down."

Add to that the fact that most of the volunteer leaders are age 65 and older, and Koch is searching for ways to recruit and involve younger workers.

"We need some people who will make the commitment to carry on when those of us who are worn out and white-headed are done," he said.

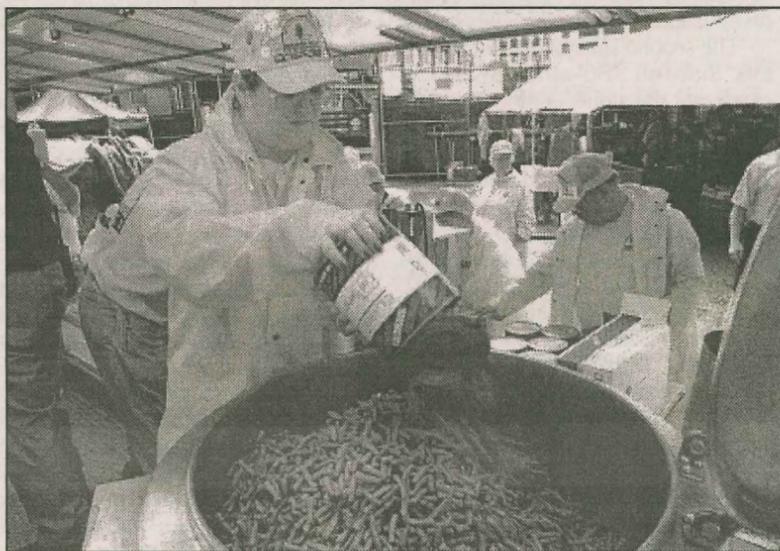
Koch has two ideas for beefing up both interest and participation in disaster relief:

■ **Local teams.** Some states have linked workers from the same church or local Baptist association.

"If we could develop an associational or church team concept, where five to 10 people from a church or (regional Baptist) association worked together regularly, they would probably be more willing to respond," Koch said.

In North Carolina, for example, scores of teams along the coast work on teams. The connection to a small group of peers keeps involvement high, Koch said.

■ **Recovery workers.** Younger volunteers often can't respond in a



**FEEDING** Disaster relief volunteers often coordinate with the American Red Cross to feed victims of disasters.

moment's notice, but needs exist long after the initial disaster. Enter recovery and rebuilding teams.

"These are groups that would go in and rebuild the homes that sometimes we have to tear apart, particularly after a flood," Koch said.

Such volunteers could schedule time off from work and away from home well in advance, he noted.

"This would not have to be a 'minuteman' response," he said. "Some of these homes don't get rebuilt for six months to two years."

Currently, there are seven cleanup trailers, equipped with shovels, chain saws, water pumps and other equipment to clean homes and yards, spread throughout the commonwealth. With a little bit of funding, hammers, saws and other building tools could be added to those same trailers, which could then be taken out for rebuilding crews, Koch said.

Funding for the work often comes from the state convention or the homeowner's insurance, he said, and work can be scheduled for as short a time as a three-day weekend. "Eight to 10 people can get a lot done."

Koch has been promoting these two ideas whenever he does disaster relief training or is speaking to church men's groups.

While he's looking to prepare for the future, he's quick to declare that

God regularly provides the workers needed for each disaster. "I shouldn't be amazed, because He always comes through."

Workers like Brent and Rita Kennedy near Owensboro know what it's like to get bitten by the disaster relief bug.

Like many volunteers, they first got involved when a disaster struck close to home. The Owensboro tornado in January 2000, got them involved.

Since then, they've worked about 15 disasters, including two trips to New York after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Every time they call, I try to go," Mrs. Kennedy said. "It's just a relief to be away from TV and the rat race and with God's people all day."

At age 40, Mrs. Kennedy said she's got at least two motivations for working in disaster relief. "I love straightening up anything that's a mess," she said.

She also volunteers to keep her mind off a host of health problems she's been facing.

"I think the disaster (relief) keeps my mind off everything," she said. "I'm going to do what I can do while I'm here to do it."

Mrs. Kennedy said she hopes that more younger adults get involved. "They'll love it if they'll ever do it."



### Training available

The Brotherhood department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention offers disaster relief training for any church or association that can recruit 20 or more interested volunteers.

For more information, contact Larry Koch at (502) 244-6489 or toll-free (888) 254-5720.

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## Interesting questions

Brad Hall's May 13 letter affirming the dismissal of missionaries who refused to sign the Southern Baptist Convention's 2000 Baptist Faith and Message invites some interesting questions.

First, Hall asks, "If missionaries don't believe what the SBC stands for, then why would they ever want to be SBC missionaries?" The interesting question here is: What constitutes the

Southern Baptist Convention? Is Jerry Rankin the SBC? Is the board of trustees of the International Mission Board the SBC? Gee, I always thought the SBC consisted of churches, bunches of them. (And it still does.) That said, it is obvious to anyone even vaguely familiar with the issue that all SBC-affiliated churches are not the same, nor do they all take the same position on all issues. Hall's question implies that the SBC consists of churches that are all in agreement on all issues. Surely he knows better.

The second interesting question is this: Since all SBC-affiliated churches are not the same, should churches that are not in lockstep with Jerry Rankin's view even participate in the SBC? Perhaps he would like to suggest that the SBC will from this day forward refuse to accept any money from churches that do not stand on the same side of Hall's "line in the sand." Think about it: New announcement from Jerry Rankin—Churches that have not affirmed the 2000 BF&M by this time next year, your check to the SBC and all its agencies will be returned un-cashed. (I won't hold my breath on that one.)

Finally, Hall states that the issue is about being accountable to Scripture and the church. Scripture is, of course, always interpreted. Why didn't Hall mention accountability to God (and first)?

Luther McIntyre  
DeKalb, Ill.

## Inspired, not dictated

"No wild beasts are so hostile to men as the Christians are to one another."—Ammianus, AD 350.

Christians still attack one another with the Bible. Everyone thinks they alone have the inside track with God. Claims are being made for the Scriptures that they never made for themselves. They were inspired, not dictated!

We need to properly understand the mechanics of the term "inspire." To inspire means to cause one to give an account of their experiences of an event in which God had been observed to be present. This witness will use their present vocabulary, scientific knowledge, personality and present cultural knowledge. God has inspired many things other than the Scriptures to express His will on earth. There has been great music, writings, declarations, and yes, even a sermon or two.

However, this does not empower the inspired witness with superior knowledge or an advanced preview of things beyond his present intellect. Those who observed the healing of the Gadarene maniac were not led to understand that he had the mental deficiencies we now know of. They used the understanding of the day that "he was possessed by demons."

The Israelites were not led to understand, at the battle of Gibeon, that the sun had always stood still. I Samuel 2:8 thought the earth was propped up on poles because that was all they could perceive at that time. It was not a revelation from God.

We must remember that Scriptures must be taken in context, always. And that means cultural, scientific, and, mainly, linguistic. Culture, mindsets and word meanings change much over time. We should not be hearing traditions from hundreds of years ago.

Gene Iglehart  
Bowling Green

## God calls women

The Old Testament is full of women who were prophetesses: Deborah, Huldah, Hannah, Miriam and Isaiah's wife.

The Hebrew word for prophetess refers to speaking, fortune telling and singing by inspiration. The Greek word relates to the ideas of speaking and foretelling by inspiration.

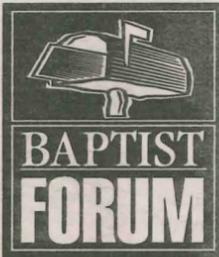
The New Testament also has examples of women prophesying. Anna "spoke of Him (Jesus) to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Philip had four daughters who prophesied. 1 Corinthians 11:5 discusses women praying and prophesying. Thank God there was no one in the Bible—as there is today—to question that these women misunderstood their calling.

Let us not forget that on Pentecost, Peter quoted Joel in Acts 2:17, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh: and you sons and daughters will prophesy." This clear revelation from God indicates equality in the Spirit and in proclamation, but it has been overlooked through centuries of male domination and tradition. Jesus spoke against doctrine and such commandments of men.

The early English Baptists had a number of women preachers. John Smyth and Thomas Helwys recommended that there be women deacons. In addition, in early America there were women preachers such as Martha Sterns Marshall and Margaret Clay. A church in the Carolinas had women deaconesses and elders.

How is it that we can read Joel and Peter on Pentecost and not see? Galatians 3:28 tells us that "there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Also, Ann Graham Lotz was quoted in the April 29 issue of the Western Recorder that she had been preaching for 27 years. Need we say more?

D.E. Elswick  
Worthington



## STEWARDSHIP

### Adequate income is essential for 'new' retirement

By Don Spencer

Many of the perceptions people have about retirement are based on retirement models that go back to those years after the Great Depression. However, the old models are no longer true. Here are several ways in which today's retirement is different:

■ **Retirees are spending more years in retirement.** This happens in two ways. First, we are living longer. Second, more people are wanting to retire at a younger age. More money will be needed to fund those added years.

■ **Retirees are staying active longer.** The extended retirement involves several phases. Some writers have referred to these as the "go-go" stage, the "slow-go" stage and the "no-go" stage. The financial needs for each of these phases will be different.

■ **With increased activity, the cost of the retirement lifestyle will be similar to the cost of the pre-retirement lifestyle.**

■ **Inflation will increase the need for income by two or three times during retirement.** Too often folks retire with a reasonably adequate income at age 65 or 70 but find when they are in their 80s that inflation has cut their buying power in half.

■ **Income sources for the new kind of retirement are different.** In the past, people looked to the "three-legged stool"—pension income, savings and Social Security. Planners today suggest retirees need to think in terms of a "four-legged stool"—pension, savings, Social Security and continued income from employment, even if part-time.

■ **Taxes, estate planning and insurance have become increasingly important to the retirement planning process.**

While a meaningful retirement is much more than just financial issues, adequate income is essential for one's retirement to be all that it can be. Evaluate your perceptions about retirement and how they compare to the "new" retirement. Remember: Time and money are the two essentials in having adequate income in retirement. The more you have of one, the less you need of the other.

Do you want to retire when you have enough money or do you want to have enough money when you retire? The choice is yours. Plan accordingly now.

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

## PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

### Ellison begins Walnut Street ministry

Rusty Ellison was installed as pastor of the historic Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville on May 25. It was a time of celebration with great music, acknowledgements from community and denominational leaders, a strong statement of commitment by the new pastor and church members to be faithful to the mission of Jesus, a challenging and inspiring message and meaningful decisions for Christ.

The presence of family members, special friends and government leaders added special meaning to the occasion for Rusty and his lovely wife, Pam. Having spent his school days in Louisville (Seneca High School), and having served as pastor of Cedar Creek Baptist Church on Bardstown Road in Louisville, Rusty is very much at home in the city.

Walnut Street has made a strong commitment to be a regional church from the heart of the city. Through his

leadership of the Kentucky Baptist Assemblies over the past six years, Rusty has demonstrated that he is creative and very intentional about reaching people for Christ. He has a strong commitment to proclaim the gospel and anchor his ministry in God's Word.

Walnut Street is located only a few blocks from the University of Louisville and is near great ministry opportunities to inner-city neighborhoods. Two thousand international students study at Louisville colleges and universities. Rusty's passion for all people will be reflected in his missional leadership at Walnut Street.

Rusty has provided outstanding leadership for the Kentucky Baptist Assemblies; we regretted losing him. Consequently we look forward to his continual enthusiastic leadership among Kentucky Baptists. A veteran board under the experienced leadership of Willis Henson will provide

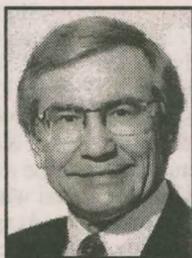
excellent direction for the future of the camps and assemblies.

It will be a time of transition for Rusty. This is the first time in six years that he will miss reporting to camp with a carefully selected staff to prepare for 2,500 youth at Jonathan Creek. In addition another 2,500 will participate at Cedarmore, coordinated by KBC creative ministries department director Tom Smoot and staff. It is a great thrill to observe the youth developing Christian friendships and making life-changing decisions for Jesus Christ.

Join me in praying for pastors who lead city churches to venture in great ministries to people living in the inner city. Pray as well for the Kentucky Baptist Assemblies board as they select a new leader and for hundreds of meaningful decisions to be made this summer.

It is exciting to be a part of the Kentucky Baptist family when so many Kingdom ministries are being conducted to the glory of God!

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention



Bill Mackey

## Quiet time with God provides oasis amid life's hectic pace

**Q: I often struggle to make time for God in the midst of my busy, hectic schedule. Any suggestions?**

John Ortberg and Ruth Haley Barton have some great suggestions in their video teaching series, "An Ordinary Day with Jesus." Such a time can be a reservoir of strength, an oasis of peace and joy, for individuals to experience all day amid our busy, noisy world. Suggestions include:

■ **Find a quiet place that is free from distractions.** Make it a priority to meet God in a regular, meaningful way. Find a place in or near your home or office where you can do that.

■ **Quiet yourself in God's presence.** Breathe deeply. It's a tried and true method for becoming more quiet and centered. Learn to be still.

■ **Tell God what you need.** This is not a time to be fake with God. He knows your thoughts and feelings. Share openly with Him.

■ **Use Scripture to listen to God.** Start with a beloved passage such as the 23rd Psalm, Psalm 100 or the Lord's Prayer. Listen. Read each word meaningfully.

■ **Be fully present.** Be aware of your surroundings, thoughts and feelings. Keep returning to the true object of prayer: the infinite, personal God revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ. Keep a journal nearby to record your insights.

■ **Respond to what you hear God saying to you through Scripture or in prayer.** God's goal is for you to be changed by this encounter.

You likely will find yourself looking forward to this precious quiet time. God certainly looks forward to developing a closer relationship with you through this important spiritual discipline.—*James Stillwell*

**Q: My teenage daughter was disappointed when she learned the score of an IQ test she had taken a few years ago. How do I talk to her about this average score?**

Modern intelligence testing began in France at the turn of the 20th century. Alfred Binet and Theodore Simon set out to develop a way to measure a child's mental age—the chronological age typical of a given level of performance. This original test later was revised by Stanford University professor Lewis Terman and came to be known as the Stanford-Binet. German psychologist William Stern came up with the term intelligence quotient (or IQ) to describe a person's mental age divided by chronological age and multiplied by 100 to get rid of the decimal point.

On contemporary intelligence tests, the average performance for a given age is a score of 100. Two-thirds of all people score between 85 and 115. Your daughter needs to understand that intelligence tests, while sometimes useful in early school years to gauge academic performance, are now commonly regarded as poor measures of actual intelligence.

Howard Gardner has written about the theory of multiple intelligences, positing that in addition to verbal and mathematical aptitudes, individuals demonstrate aptitudes in at least six other significant areas. Some individuals are gifted with music, others with nature or science, and still others have a talent for spatially analyzing the visual world. Some are good with people. Others have unusual personal insight and self-understanding. Finally, some individuals have a natural ability to use their bodies (as in dance or sport).

Remind your daughter that the God who created her has carefully endowed her with talents and gifts which are there for her to discover, develop and lovingly implement.—*Scott Wigginton*

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



## Fired missionaries reflect on IMB action

It has been almost one month since trustees of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board fired 13 veteran missionaries for refusing to affirm the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message.

Now that the missionaries officially have been terminated, some observers have suggested that Southern Baptists should simply accept the IMB's action and move on. Before we close the book on their IMB ministry careers, however, I believe it's appropriate for Baptists to hear directly from the affected missionaries who compiled a total of more than 240 years on the front lines of global missions. Perspectives shared by the missionaries during the past month include:

■ **Larry and Sarah Ballew** (missionaries to Macau, China, 1996-2003): "The reason for our termination is only our decision to not sign the creedal statement of accountability, which by the standard of the IMB's leadership, makes us no longer fit to serve as Southern Baptist missionaries. ... Out of obedience to Christ, we could not sign the paper that changes the BF&M into a creed. ... We want to make clear that our disagreement is not primarily with the Baptist Faith and Message. Baptists have long been a people who have freely confessed what they believe. Writing confessions is not wrong and we are more than willing to work with the general confession of our Baptist brothers and sisters. What we are not willing to do is submit our lives to a self-proclaimed fallible human document as the creedal standard by which we live and minister. The task is too important and the stakes are too high for us to lower our standard away from the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and His Written Word, the Bible. ... As we move ahead, we continue to choose to forgive those that have participated in this wrong action against us and God's Kingdom work. For to forgive is also obedience to Christ.

"We still believe that the Lord is not finished with us in our service among the Chinese people of Macau, China. ... It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will provide a way for us to return to the people we have grown to love these past seven years. With less than 1 percent of the population being Christian, the people of Macau need to have a witness of Jesus' love."

■ **Mary Katherine Campbell** (missionary to Liberia and Togo, 1989-2003): "As I have inquired about the vote to our regional director, he said that he didn't think any trustee raised a question concerning this action to terminate us, nor were there any dissenting votes. I was really disappointed to think that we had no advocates left on the board of trustees.

"I plan to pay my own way back to Togo, Sept. 1-2, to continue my work with ESBTAO (the Baptist seminary for French West Africa) as an independent volunteer. The school with its campus was turned over to the control of West African Baptists in 1999, and the director and other professors are in favor of my staying and working with them. ... Prayer requests: 1. That my health continue to hold up strongly all the way to retirement. (I turn 60 in August.) 2. That my ministry to ESBTAO and the chapel continue to be effective and loving. 3. That ESBTAO become even stronger in its good influence across this region, and that God provide all its needs, as He has promised, both for professors and finances, including funds for needed construction."

■ **Rick and Nancy Dill** (missionaries to Germany, 1981-2003): "We would ask for people to pray for us as we try to raise our own support so that we can continue to fulfill our call to missions. For us, things are clear. We are returning after forming a support system we are calling Germany for Christ."

■ **David and Susie Dixon** (missionaries to Spain, 1988-2003): "We're saddened by the direction our board and convention have taken, a contradiction of biblical principles that Baptists have historically stood

for. But we believe in God's sovereignty over His work and over our lives, and we're trusting Him to teach us to be faithful through this trial and discover His way for us to fulfill our calling to missions.

"Please pray for our children—for all MKs! They're watching how we adults are handling these disagreements, and many are appalled at the IMB and the SBC! Pray that we'll set them a Christ-like example through all of this. ... We hope to return to Spain and continue our ministry through other avenues of support."

■ **Ron Hankins and Lydia Barrow-Hankins** (missionaries to Japan, 1981-2003): "We are very sad. This has been a very long and tedious process while we have tried on the local level here to focus on all the opportunities for ministry that God sends our way in Fukuoka. We are grateful for the generous support of Southern Baptists over these years. Through both prayer and financial support, we have been strengthened and sustained by faithful partners in the U.S., and we continue to be uplifted by like-minded Baptists.

"Perhaps the most regrettable of all in this controversy is that this year, during the Easter season, and in the middle of a war, the passion and energy of God's people could have been better directed toward preaching hope and peace through Christ for our time."

■ **Leon and Kathy Johnson** (missionaries to Zimbabwe and Mozambique, 1981-2003): "The (IMB) trustees have finally been forced to accept responsibility for what is going on. If nothing is done in the June 2003 Baptist convention meeting in protest, the rest of our Baptist brothers and sisters will become participants in what is taking place. We can no longer say 'they' are doing this and that. If we do not oppose what's taking place throughout the SBC, we effectively become supporters (James 4:17).

"Our hearts are in Africa. If we could find a way to serve in eastern or southern Africa, we'd go straight back. Although I'm most happy as a teacher, I would enjoy leading a small church that's willing to be on pilgrimage."

■ **Ted and Frances York** (missionaries to Ivory Coast and Benin, 1982-2003): "Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. ... Our present position is strategy facilitator for the Kru, Kwa and Yoruboid peoples living in the southern region of Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Liberia. We facilitate the work of our missionary personnel teams who work among unreached people groups. We also work together with four Baptist conventions/unions (Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast and Liberia) to facilitate the communication and relations as we serve together for reaching the lost in West Africa.

"We have to be off the field by Aug. 1, 2003, but termination with the IMB is effective Oct. 1, 2003. Although several churches have offered missionary houses, we are not yet sure where we will live after we return to the States."

Based on the political realities of Southern Baptist Convention life in recent years, there's virtually no possibility that SBC messengers will call on IMB trustees to reverse their action. It would be fitting, however, for messengers meeting this month in Phoenix to at least adopt a resolution expressing appreciation for these missionaries' years of steadfast ministry or perhaps pause for a moment of silent prayer to honor the missionaries, their families and the people around the world they have served in Christ's name.

Unfortunately, those options probably won't happen either. If not, in the words of Leon and Kathy Johnson, SBC messengers will "effectively become supporters" of the IMB's decision to fire 13 faithful missionaries who stood firmly on their understanding of Southern Baptists' historic opposition to creedalism.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Court: Religious literature OK at schools.** An appeals court has ruled that an Arizona school district cannot prohibit distribution of literature advertising a program with religious content. "The district cannot refuse to distribute literature advertising a program with underlying religious content where it distributes quite similar literature for secular summer camps, but it can refuse to distribute literature that itself contains proselytizing language," according to the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A school district attorney said the decision might be appealed, saying it puts school districts in the "untenable position" of assessing "how far a brochure can go in promoting a religious event in its advertising."

■ **Religious site gets historic preservation grant.** The U.S. Department of Interior announced May 27 the approval of the first U.S. historic preservation grant for religious purposes. The \$317,000 grant to the Old North Foundation of Boston will help restore windows in that city's historic Old North Church and make the building more accessible. The church's steeple displayed two lanterns in 1775 to signal that British troops were advancing on nearby Lexington and Concord. The church still has an active Episcopal congregation. The grant marks a change from previous policy prohibiting grants to historically significant properties that continue to be used for religious purposes.

■ **President signs AIDS-fighting legislation.** President Bush's signature May 27 on legislation that will provide \$15 billion to fight AIDS globally was cheered by religious leaders concerned about prevention and treatment of the disease. The legislation provides additional financial support to the Global Fund for AIDS Relief. It also will help provide medicine, train doctors and support abstinence-based education on prevention. Faith-based and community groups will be among those that will be assisted in providing services to treat and prevent HIV/AIDS. Conservative Christian groups particularly praised the measure's focus on abstinence.

## Study looks at what works in churches

By Leslie Scanlon  
Religion News Service

LOUISVILLE (RNS)—Sometimes when a congregation is having trouble, leaders look for the quick fix. By changing the music or moving to the suburbs or adding new programs, they think everything will be OK.

But researchers involved in a large-scale study of U.S. congregations have found there's no one secret to success.

Strong congregations can be large or small, urban or rural, and there's no simple formula for what works.

But the researchers agreed that congregations that want to become extraordinary should develop multiple strengths, figuring out what they do best and focusing on those strengths.

The U.S. Congregational Life Survey is the largest profile of worshippers and their congregations ever produced in the United States. The survey included more than 300,000 worshippers from more than 2,200 congregations, taken in April 2001 as part of a broader body of research done in the United States, England, Australia and New Zealand.

The congregations surveyed came from more than 50 faith groups, including nondenominational and Pentecostal congregations, Protestants and Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Jews, Buddhists and Mormons.

Among the most recent findings of the survey, as explained by Cynthia Woolever, director of the U.S. Congregational Life Survey, were:

■ **Size does not determine a congregation's success.** "Meaningful

worship happens in congregations of all sizes," not just those with the resources to put on what Woolever called "the best show." In fact, people are more likely to participate actively in small congregations—to attend a Bible study or hold a leadership position, for example—than are those from bigger ones.

■ **Conservative and historically black churches did better in several categories compared to mainline Protestants and Catholics.** Conservative and historically black congregations were more likely to be places that helped people grow spiritually, where people found worship to be meaningful, where they actively participated and felt a sense of belonging.

■ **Mid-sized congregations had the best ratings on caring for children and youth.** The study characterized mid-size congregations as those with worship attendance between 100 and 350 people. Catholic parishes scored the lowest in this category, and conservative Protestant churches the highest.

■ **Several factors seemed to predict growth.** The strongest predictors for whether a congregation would get bigger were if the congregation did a good job caring for children and youth, had high levels of participation in small groups and other activities, and seemed welcoming to new people.

Woolever argues that congregations can't legitimately use their size ("We're too small") or affiliation

("We can't grow because our denomination is losing members") as a reason not to be strong and vibrant.

The survey found examples of successful congregations of all sizes, in cities and in rural areas, in many different situations—leading Woolever and her colleagues to conclude "churches just really have to say, 'What's going to work for us in our location with the people who are here?'"

Other conclusions from the study include:

■ **People who attend small congregations are more likely than those from mid-size or larger congregations to say they're growing spiritually and to feel empowered to use their gifts and talents for leadership.** People also report a strong sense of belonging in small congregations. "Small congregations have a lot of strengths," Woolever said.

■ **When focusing on the community—everything from being involved in community service to voting and making charitable contributions—"size doesn't matter,"** but mainline Protestant congregations have the strongest community focus, as do congregations with older worshippers, Woolever said.

■ **Small congregations, conservative Protestant churches and historically black congregations have the strongest record of faith-sharing—placing the strongest emphasis on talking to others about their faith, inviting people to worship and reaching those with no connection to a congregation.**



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## Much more than a school

Father's Day and the Barkley Moore Offering provide us Kentucky Baptists an opportunity to express our appreciation, admiration and affection for the one-of-a-kind ministry we share through Oneida Baptist Institute. OBI is our fully accredited Christian boarding school for students in grades six-12.

Although OBI is a school, and President Bud Underwood, the faculty and staff never lose sight of their academic responsibilities, OBI is much more than a school. For many of the students who attend OBI, the faculty and staff (our missionaries) are the ones who provide the role modeling and discipline these students need. Unlike most of us, who were

reared in the safety and security of a wholesome family, many of these students were not. Thank the good Lord, through the OBI ministry they receive the encouragement and compassion for which they have longed, and the safety and security some have never known. Alongside this daily love and nurture, OBI is telling its students about Jesus and His love for them. Most students are not Christians when they enter OBI, but many of them profess Christ while there. As President Under-

wood shared in his 2002 Thanksgiving/Christmas letter to friends of OBI, "most of our young people did not expect to encounter Jesus when they enrolled, . . . but then again, Zacchaeus did not know he would be entertaining Jesus in his home that day he climbed the tree."

Let me encourage you, as Father's Day 2003 approaches, to get

connected to this vital Kentucky Baptist ministry. By so doing, you will become involved in building solid foundations on which these young people can face the challenges of the future. For more information, please contact President Underwood at (606) 847-4111; Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972; or e-mail him at president@oneidaschool.org. A

visit to the OBI Web site also will help you. (www.oneidaschool.org)

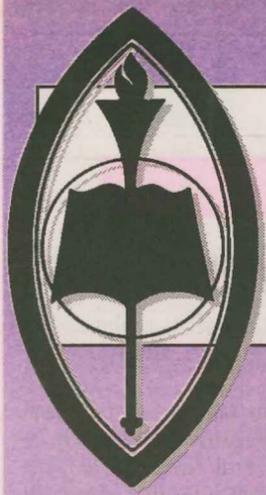
Please join my wife and me by demonstrating your appreciation, admiration and affection for the OBI family with a generous gift to the Barkley Moore Father's Day Offering, either through your church or directly to OBI. Call me, if I can help.

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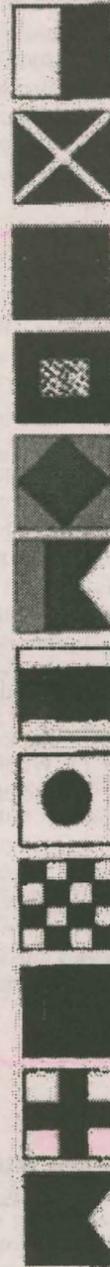
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### A Personal Word

From the beginning of my work with Kentucky WMU in September 1999, I have been praying for a missions revival among women. I have been praying the Prayer of Jabez for WMU, asking God to bless WMU and expand our territory. I have prayed this prayer for WMU, seeking God's blessing because of the outcomes of WMU work. If WMU grows and is effective, children will learn about the peoples of the world who do not know Jesus. People will spend time in prayer for missions



**Joy Bolton**  
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and respond by giving to support missions. People will be involved personally in ministry to people in need. Above all, lost individuals will come to know Jesus as Savior.

These outcomes are the reason WMU growth is needed. Churches need WMU to help them focus on missions and instill a heart for a lost world.

To help us expand the work of WMU, Missions LINK, a five-year Kentucky WMU expansion plan designed to encourage WMU growth in churches and associations, was launched at our 100<sup>th</sup> Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting in Winchester in April.

Missions LINK came as the result of a time of prayer and brainstorming at our Executive Board meeting last October. Six key elements emerged during the brainstorming: prayer and spiritual preparation, goals, training, pastor/staff education, LINK Team and hands-on missions involvement. Pat Key was inspired with the name, which stands for Linking, Involve-ment, Needs and Knowledge for Missions.

After the board meeting, the state WMU staff did additional work on the plan and a framework was developed. However, it is a work in progress. We have most of the details for launching it this year, but details for other years will be developed as God leads us.

We invite you to be a part of Missions LINK by coming to World Missions Unlimited this summer to learn more about it and how to implement the concepts in your church and association. We want every WMU group, from Mission Friends through adults, to be a part of Operation Missions LINK, a simultaneous day of hands-on missions ministries on Saturday, Sept. 6. Ministry projects are a great way to invite new folks to join in on what WMU is all about. Operation Missions LINK also will kick-off a month of state missions emphasis in September.

But most importantly, we ask you to begin praying for Missions LINK. The first of the six key elements of Missions LINK is prayer and spiritual preparation. If we don't begin here, the rest is just another plan that will be on the shelf before we know it. But if we begin earnestly praying for WMU and for God's leadership, God will do more than we can ask or imagine.

## PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Using the theme "The Legacy Continues....Let's Celebrate," the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Celebration paid tribute to a rich WMU heritage, yet focused on the future. The event at Central Baptist Church in Winchester on April 4-5 included four general sessions, the Heritage Fund Tea and Hat Party, the Girls in Action and Children in Action Missions Event, the Executive Board Reunion Dinner, the Baptist Nursing Fellowship Luncheon and the Acteens/Youth on Mission Pizza Party.



Clockwise, from top left: • Dee Gilliland portrays Eliza Broadus during Friday's morning theme interpretation. • A parade of flags representing the nations of the world opens the Friday morning session. • Kentucky WMU President Cathy Chinn presides. • Kentucky WMU staff members introduce Missions LINK, a new five-year expansion plan for Kentucky WMU. • Wanda Lee (right) and Mrs. Utha "Sally" Deen, who was president of Kentucky WMU at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, enjoy the Heritage Fund Tea and Hat Party.





## Information for WMU Directors

Events of the past months have led many of us to examine our lives, to ask what things really matter and to strive harder to make our priorities those that would be pleasing to God.

Have you been challenged to be more diligent as you lead your church to learn about missions, pray for and give to missions, develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle, do missions and participate in the work of the church and the denomination?

Bring all leaders of missions organizations to one of the summer training sessions called "World Missions Unlimited" on July 11-12 in Lexington, or July 18-19 at Beaver Dam. (See page 1 of *Kentucky Notes*.)

*Getting ready for the state missions emphasis*

Your sample packet of **Week of Prayer for State Missions** materials should arrive in your mailbox—if you are the WMU director—around the first of July. Read it when you first receive it, and talk with your pastor about dates for church-wide involvement. Be prompt in following his suggestions, and share your ideas with him. Order envelopes, prayer guides and posters. You will receive the new video with your order. This could be the most effective Season of Prayer for State Missions that your church has ever had.

Sept. 6

Your plans should be underway for Saturday, Sept. 6—the day to involve your entire church in doing missions projects. (See the **Missions LINK** ad on page 3 of *Kentucky Notes*.) This is an opportunity to involve folks who have never done a "helping others" project. You can make a difference in the lives of people in your community who need help and who need a witness to the difference that Christ can make in their lives.

*Annual Meeting 2003*

Our **100<sup>th</sup> Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting** was one we will always remember. With the leadership of our president, Cathy Chinn, and our executive director, Joy Bolton, all of us experienced an exciting time in worship and praising God for how He is at work in Kentucky. We were challenged to find ways to involve all the women in the church in missions.

*Want a missionary speaker?*

New security measures have changed the way we get/share information about international missionaries. If you want a missionary to speak in connection with the **Season of Prayer** next winter, begin NOW to make your plans. Mail or fax your request on church or associational letterhead to: Kentucky WMU, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253-6569; fax: (502) 254-4447.

—Anna Mary Byrdwell

## Adults on Mission

Time! Don't have enough of it and it always seems to get away when we do have some. I've been trying to train for a couple of 5K races this summer and the goal for me is endurance and beating my TIME.

In Hebrews 12:1-3, the writer encourages us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the perfecter of our faith, just like we would focus on the finish line of a race. In doing this we will not grow weary or lose heart. What a goal for our time management issues! Take time to renew and refresh your faith this summer by being in the Word and praying daily. Pray for your church, missions education, missionaries around the

world and for God to show you the race He has marked just for you.

Some ways you can take time out for yourself and fellowship with God are by attending one of the **Fall Retreats** at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. Two Cedarmore retreats have been planned: Sept. 19-20 with Delaine Blackwell as the featured speaker and Sept. 26-27 with Kay Mackey. The Jonathan Creek retreat is set for Oct. 10-11 and Stuart Calvert will be sharing at this event.

Special training also will be offered for Women on Mission and Adults on Mission at the **World Missions Unlimited** confer-

ences this summer. The staff has planned a wonderful training conference, and you don't want to miss it.

Another event for nurses in Kentucky is the **BNF Summer Brunch**. It is scheduled for June 28 at the Wendell Belew Center in Stanton. It is also a CEU training and the focus will be bio-terrorism awareness. Mark your calendars for June 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The BNF also will be collecting cleaning supplies for the Belew Center as a missions project.

—Jennifer Martin

## Youth

**Exalt 2003** was amazing. WhatEVER was our theme as we committed to do whatever we do for the glory of God. Holly Henson and Nadia Arkhipova did an excellent job leading us in worship. And the concert by Dove Award nominee Joy Williams. Already we are looking forward to having you at Exalt 2004, April 16-17.

NAC is coming! Before you know it, **Synchronations** will be here. Make your reservations with Adventure Travel to Nashville, Tenn., for the July 29-Aug. 1 event. A packet of important NAC information has been sent to every Acteens leader. Contact me if you have not received it. Kentucky NAC T-shirt and Hard Rock Café party reservations must be made by June 1.

**Acteens Splash** will take place at Jonathan Creek June 27-28. Son Praise, the Kentucky Baptist Student Union praise team, will be with us to lead music and seminars. Splash is a slumber party with a mission

and is open to young women in grades 7-12.

Read about **Mission Adventure Camp for Girls** at Cedar Crest on page 4 of this supplement. MAC for Girls is for girls in grades 7-10; MAC for Boys is for boys in grades 7-10. An exciting summer is planned at both campsites at Cedar Crest and Jonathan Creek. Your church has received information by now. If you need another copy, contact Kentucky WMU.

The date for **Youth on Mission Night** has been changed. The previously scheduled date was Nov. 7-8, which was very near the time of the **International Mission Board Commissioning Service** on Nov. 11.

Therefore, Youth on Mission Night will take place on Oct. 17-18 at the Baptist Student Union Building at the University of Kentucky.

—LaRaine Dail

## Preschool/Children

Do you want to be the best Mission Friends, Girls in Action or Children in Action leader you can be? Do you want to know what exciting new things are happening in 2003-04 in missions education for preschoolers or children? Do you need that extra "shot in the arm" to renew your enthusiasm? If your answer is "yes," then attend **World Missions Unlimited** this summer! There will be something to learn and share whether you are a new leader or an experienced one. See page 1 of *Kentucky Notes* for the details.

In September, preschoolers and children in your church will want to participate in the **Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions**. The study and prayer material will focus on various ministries in Kentucky. Teaching guides are available from your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office. Launch the state mission emphasis by involving preschoolers and children in **Operation Missions LINK**, a simultaneous missions project day across Kentucky on Saturday, Sept. 6. Choose a ministry in your community or association to give preschoolers and children a hands-on missions experience in sharing God's love with others.

*Mission Friends*

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

*Girls in Action*

Summer can be a busy and exciting time for GAs. Plan a **World Ventures Recognition Service** as a special way to recognize GAs who have completed or participated in **World Ventures** this year. Celebrate **Christmas in August** by choosing a missionary from the listing in *Aware* magazine, and encourage GAs to collect supplies needed in their ministry.

In September, GA will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plan now to have a **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** to kick-off the new church year. See the fall issue of *Aware* for party ideas.

*Children in Action*

Attention boys and girls in Children in Action! Put on your traveling shoes and come to the **Children in Action Missions Day Camp** at Cedar Crest on Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Boys and girls, grades 1-6, will enjoy a day in the great outdoors meeting missionaries, making new friends, learning about God and His creation, doing crafts, playing games and having fun galore. Details will be available from the Kentucky WMU office after July 1.

—Brenda Price





## President's Perspective

Kentucky Baptist churches have been buzzing with the news about our **WMU Annual Meeting** that was held April 4-5 in Winchester. Total registration for the meeting, counting the children's event, was more than 1,000! I am praying that you and the people from your church went home with a renewed zest for doing missions. What an inspirational meeting! Thanks again to all who had a part in making it happen. To God be the glory!



**Cathy Chinn**  
Kentucky  
WMU  
president

I hope your churches and Women on Mission groups will make it a point this year to get more involved in our WMU ministries. All of the WMU ministries are listed in your WMU Year Book. At Annual Meeting, the WMU volunteers from across Kentucky who spoke about their experiences in four of those ministries tried to motivate you. All of us were challenged to become more involved in our **Project HELP: Restorative Justice**. No community is exempt from individuals who need to be ministered to through restorative justice. Many churches are getting involved in "**Pure Love, Pure Water**" by purchasing a water filter that will give a missionary family clean, safe drinking water for several years. Many of you are interested in **MissionsFest** and **FamilyFest** and will participate this summer. Next year, **MissionsFest** will come to Kentucky.

**Missions LINK** is our new five-year growth plan. Those of us who saw the kick-off for **Missions LINK** at Annual Meeting are excited about it. Plans are still being formulated, but you will want to make sure you attend **World Missions Unlimited** to learn more about **Missions LINK**. I cannot wait to see what God will do across Kentucky through **Missions LINK**. **World Missions Unlimited** also will provide training for all age-level leaders. It always is an inspirational time to prepare for the new WMU year and get some great new ideas to take back to our churches.

Please promote our **mission camping** opportunities for this summer. Camp brochures are out, and your church should have received one.

It is time to get those registrations in for the **National Acteens Convention** in Nashville, Tenn., on July 29-Aug. 1. Kentucky plans to be well represented since we are so near. It does take some extra effort to raise funds for the trip, but it is well worth it. Who knows? God might call one of your girls to be the next Lottie Moon. It is our responsibility to provide experiences like this convention for our young women. I will see you there.

—Cathy Chinn

## Tea & Hat Party Honors Heritage Fund

The Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund was honored during the 100<sup>th</sup> Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting in April in Winchester with a Tea and Hat Party. Frankie Johnson, Kentucky WMU development specialist, reported on the use of the Heritage Fund earnings during the past fiscal year.

Testimonies from two WMU ministries that have received assistance from the Heritage Fund helped personalize what the Heritage Fund is doing to sustain the work of Kentucky WMU. Robin Reeves shared how the Heritage Fund has assisted South Union/Mt. Zion Baptist Association with GA camp. Gloria Reyes reported on Hispanic WMU work and the second annual state Hispanic WMU event held this past March.

Thank you for your gifts to the Heritage Fund. This vital fund helps to extend the work of Kentucky WMU in far-reaching ways.

Heritage Fund donors from Dec. 1, 2002, through Feb. 28, 2003, include:

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and Virginia Gunther

## Calendar

### June

9-15 Missions Adventure Camp Staff Training, Cedar Crest  
15-16 National WMU Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz.  
17-18 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Ariz.  
16-20 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, Grades 4-6, Cedar Crest  
20-21 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest  
23-27 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, Grades 4-10, Cedar Crest  
27-28 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Jonathan Creek  
GA Overnight, Jonathan Creek  
Acteen Splash, Jonathan Creek  
Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest  
30-7/4 Missions Adventure Camp for Girls, Grades 4-10, Cedar Crest

### July

7-11 Missions Adventure Camp for Girls, Grades 4-6, Cedar Crest  
11-12 Mother/Daughter Overnight, Cedar Crest  
11-12 World Missions Unlimited, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington  
14-18 Mission Adventure Camp for Girls, Grades 4-6, Cedar Crest  
18-19 World Mission Unlimited, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam  
29/8-1 National Acteens Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

### August

7-10 MK Re-Entry Retreat  
9 Super Saturday, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville  
16 Super Saturday, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington  
23 Super Saturday, Central Baptist Church, Corbin  
Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Madisonville



## Missions LINK

*Linking Involvement, Needs and Knowledge for Missions*

**Missions LINK** is the new Kentucky WMU expansion plan to encourage WMU growth in churches and associations. Come to **World Missions Unlimited** to learn all about the six key elements and how to get started.

Plan now to participate in **Operation Missions LINK**, a simultaneous day of ministry on Saturday, Sept. 6. Participate by choosing a ministry need in your community and planning a missions project for that day. Projects may be planned by all age-level WMU groups. You are encouraged to use these ministries as an opportunity to invite new people to participate in hands-on missions. **Operation Missions LINK** is also a great way to start the 2003 Season of State Missions. Ministry ideas will be included in the 2003 state missions materials to be mailed to each church in June.

### Project HELP: Restorative Justice

Churches and people are getting involved and responding to the "Project HELP: Restorative Justice" emphasis. We are seeing how God is at work through concerned Christians who make an effort to get involved.

—Did you know that a woman who was won to the Lord while a prisoner in jail is now WMU director in her church? A concerned woman visited her and led her to the Lord.

—Did you read Eileen Mullins' story in April *Missions Mosaic*?

—Has your church had a Restorative Justice awareness conference? New Salem at Cox's Creek has.

Several associational WMU leadership teams have had events to increase awareness and participation. Pulaski Association hosted a picnic for law enforcement and EMS personnel. Long Run Association held a session involving a police chaplain, prison chaplain, Prison Fellowship personnel and others who provide ministry to those affected by crime. Shelby Association had a meeting in which they hosted a choir from the Frankfort Career Development Center and Earl Bell who is the center's chaplain.

Prison Fellowship led an awareness session at Crestwood Baptist Church on April 12 that included a visit to the Kentucky Correctional Institute for Women at Pee Wee Valley. Please share what you are doing to promote Restorative Justice with us. If you need a report form, call toll-free (888) 254-5726.



## Camping Opportunities

It's summer and Kentucky WMU has several mission camping opportunities for young women in grades 1-12.

At Cedar Crest, Mission Adventure Camp for Girls will provide an opportunity for girls in grades 1-10 to experience the love of Christ through learning about missions, participating in adventure recreation activities, Bible study and worship. They will have fun through games, crafts, cultural experiences and horse-back riding. This year, our theme is "It's All

About You, God." See calendar on page 3 of *Kentucky Notes* for camp dates.

On the weekend of June 27-28, Kentucky WMU will offer three separate opportunities at Jonathan Creek to focus on "It's All About You, God." For girls in grades 1-3, there will be a Mother/Daughter Overnight. Older GAs in grades 4-6 will have an opportunity to learn and grow at the GA Overnight. Meanwhile, Acteens will have a "slumber party with a mission" during Acteens Splash.

*We are excited to introduce this year's staff. Please be in prayer for them.*

### Mission Adventure Camp for Girls Staff:

Bethann Ayers ..... Director	Megan Kinkade ..... Murray State University
Cara Anderson ..... Morehead State University	Suzie Ledford ..... Georgetown College
Melissa Anderson .... Crittenden County High School	Brittany Mitchell ..... Morehead State University
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### Mother/ Daughter Overnight at Jonathan Creek:

Brenda Price ..... Director

### GA Overnight at Jonathan Creek:

Joyce Brown ..... Directors  
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### Acteens Splash

LaRaine Dail ..... Director  
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## Season of Prayer

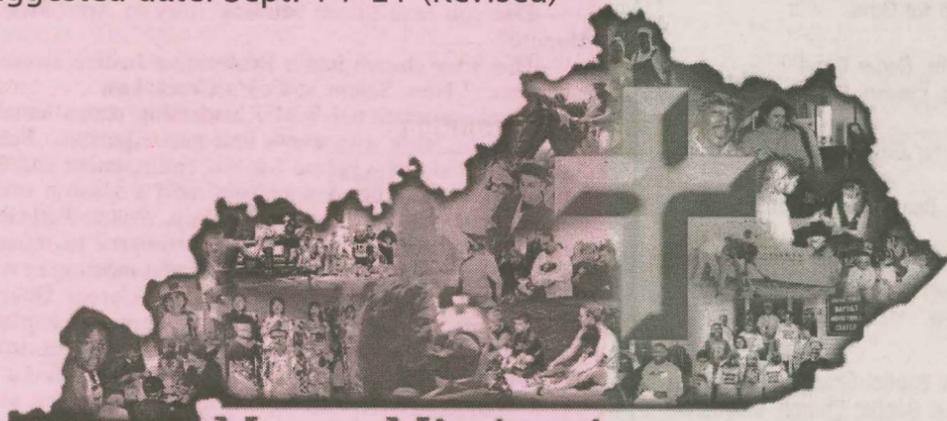
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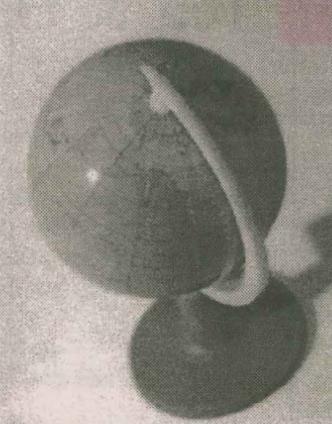
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- ◆ A sample packet of state missions teaching materials, posters, offering envelopes and promotional ideas will be mailed to the WMU director or WMU contact person in every church in June.
- ◆ Please return the order card for additional envelopes, prayer guides and posters.
- ◆ A new state missions video will be sent with each order.
- ◆ All state missions materials are provided free of charge.
- ◆ This year's material is undated and may be used any time during September.
- ◆ Suggested date: Sept. 14-21 (Revised)



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Oct. 10-11, Jonathan Creek  
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- ◆ Adopt a freshman MK who is returning to the States for college
- ◆ Give money to help offset the cost of gifts for the MKs and for the retreat

Detailed information was mailed to WMU leaders in April. If you have questions, contact Brenda Price (502) 244-6485 or toll-free (888) 254-5726; e-mail: Brenda.Price@kybaptist.org.

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## Support needed for summer camps

All kids look forward to summer; the teens in Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's care are no exception.

And this summer, like every other, will be packed full of activities and opportunities. In the past few years, the kids in KBHC's residential programs and foster care have been taken to Son Celebration summer camp at Georgetown College, and on white water rafting trips, caving trips, horseback riding camps and water recreation camp at Jonathan Creek. The teens have traveled to the Billy Graham Missions, Christian concerts, Ichthus, Festival Con Dios and other Christian activities.

The results are just what we pray for. Kids have fun, are encouraged, and many of them give their lives to Christ.

This year we are partnering with Baptist Student Union "Son Teams" across the state to lead camps, Bible studies and recreational activities at most of our facilities. Some of the kids will attend retreats at Jonathan Creek and other resort areas.

The recreational activities are important because many of these kids have never been able to just relax and have a good time. Some

were thrust into early adulthood because their parents weren't there to care for them and they had to provide for themselves. Others struggled to survive amid physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Because our camps focus on Bible study and evangelism, they are funded entirely through private donations. Each spring we are blessed with enough donations to provide spiritual opportunities throughout the year. It costs approximately \$65 to provide activities for each child and teenager in our care.

You can be an active part of this ministry by sponsoring summer camp for one or two children. Your gifts allow us to provide a variety of spiritual-based activities for the hundreds of children in our care. Your gifts also enable us to give Bibles to each child who comes to us. Your monetary donation is more than a one-time gift; it reaches into the future by investing in the spiritual lives of kids who might never hear the Good News otherwise.

Call us today at (800) 456-1386 to find out how you can help.

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

### HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

## Open all summer!

By Robert Dunston

Cumberland College celebrated commencement on Saturday, May 10.

Students walked across the stage and received their diplomas surrounded by a standing-room-only audience of family and friends.

After commencement, graduates, families, friends and faculty assembled on the lawn for a wonderful time of fellowship.

Although commencement has occurred at Cumberland College, our work continues with a busy schedule this summer. Academically, we are offering two undergraduate summer terms and three graduate summer terms. The first session of our PACE (Providing Adults a College Experience) program met May 19. This program provides a means for adults who have 60 hours of college credit to complete their degrees through intensive evening courses.

Sports camps abound this summer at Cumberland College. June will feature three camps for men's basketball and a cheerleading day camp. July features two camps for women's basketball, a wrestling camp, a cheerleading camp and a football team camp. An additional football camp will run through the

first week of August.

Twenty churches will spend time on the Cumberland College campus to help Mountain Outreach construct houses for families in the area. Three additional churches will spend a week during the summer working with Cumberland's Appalachian Ministries, helping provide vacation Bible school to children.

Another church will work with Mountain Outreach and Appalachian Ministries.

Other Christian groups will be using Cumberland College's facilities as well this summer. World Servants will be here during the fourth week of June and Champions for Christ will be on campus the last week-end of June.

In addition to these activities, we will have two weekend conferences to help new students acclimate themselves to the Cumberland College campus and will host Kentucky Girls State during the second week of June. Our busy summer will provide many opportunities for ministry, and that is the way we like it!

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

### CUMBERLAND COLLEGE



## Kudzu

Doug Marlette



## For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



## Bible Crossword

Janet Kennedy

### Across

- 1 "With trumpets and sound of \_\_\_\_\_ make a joyful noise" (Psalm 98:6)
- 7 "The people piped with \_\_\_\_\_, and rejoiced" (1 Kings 1:40)
- 11 Able to give way
- 13 "And the fish of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 8:8)
- 14 Motor torpedo boat, abbr.
- 15 "David took an \_\_\_\_\_, and played with his hand" (1 Samuel 16:23)
- 16 "Praise him with stringed instruments and \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 150:4)
- 18 51, Romans num.
- 19 Fourth tone of the music scale
- 21 Lincoln's state, abbr.
- 22 Tellurium, chem. symbol
- 23 "That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, \_\_\_\_\_, harp" (Daniel 3:5)
- 26 "Ye \_\_\_\_\_ the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14)
- 29 First day of the week, abbr.
- 31 Black sticky substance
- 32 "The cornet, flute, harp, \_\_\_\_\_, psaltery" (Daniel 3:5)
- 35 "That chant to the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Amos 6:5)
- 36 Gold, chem. symbol
- 37 Suffix: more
- 38 Kind of molding
- 39 "And the seven angels which had the seven \_\_\_\_\_" (Revelation 8:6)
- 42 Maritime province, abbr.
- 43 Inches per second, abbr.
- 44 Contraction of it was, poetic
- 45 "I \_\_\_\_\_ the way, the truth, the life" (John 14:6)
- 47 French article
- 48 "Come unto \_\_\_\_\_, all ye that labour and are heavy laden" (Matthew 11:28)
- 49 Miriam took one of these instruments (Exodus 15:20)
- 50 "For we have seen his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east" (Matthew 2:2)

### Down

- 1 "Praise him upon the loud \_\_\_\_\_; praise him upon the high sounding \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 150:5)
- 2 Office of International Trade, abbr.
- 3 A blunt rejection

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- 4 U.S. National League (baseball), abbr.
- 5 Suffix: forms the past tense of many words
- 6 "And the harp, and the viol, the \_\_\_\_\_, ... are in their feasts" (Isaiah 5:12)
- 7 Gym class, abbr.
- 8 "... with cymbals, \_\_\_\_\_ and with harps" (Nehemiah 12:27)
- 9 Weird

- 10 "The trees of the Lord are full of \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 104:16)
- 12 "Give thee seed of this woman for the \_\_\_\_\_ which is lent to the Lord" (1 Samuel 2:20)
- 17 Opposite of untidy
- 20 Man's name
- 24 Messy
- 25 A large Australian bird similar to an ostrich
- 27 "No lion ... nor any \_\_\_\_\_ beast shall go up thereon" (Isaiah 35:9)
- 28 "The sound of the cornet, flute, ... psaltery, \_\_\_\_\_, and II kinds of music" (Daniel 3:5)
- 30 "Nor to \_\_\_\_\_ authority over the man" (1 Timothy 2:12)
- 33 Witch's concoction
- 34 Throws
- 36 Not straight
- 40 "Come now, and let \_\_\_\_\_ reason together, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18)
- 41 High stature
- 45 American Medical Association, abbr.
- 46 Same source, Lat. abbr.

### Last week's solution

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## Could video preachers be wave of future for churches?

**"Young people born after about 1960 have no problem with it at all."**

*Church consultant Lyle Schaller*

*Continued from page 1*

taped sermon concept have proven successful, Schaller said. In some cases, churches become branch campuses of a main congregation. In these instances, the satellite churches benefit from the full range of specialized staff at the mother congregation, he said.

The idea also has met surprisingly little resistance in churches where it has been tried, Schaller said—none of which, as far as he knows, have been Southern Baptist congregations.

"I'm intrigued that young people born after about 1960 have no problem with it at all," he said. "Even among older members, the common reaction is, 'I was opposed from day one, but now I see the tradeoff. I'll take first-rate preaching on the screen rather than second-rate preaching live.'"

In another variation, Schaller said, some small churches might choose to use videotaped sermons of nationally known preachers. A bivocational or lay pastor still might lead in other areas of the church, but the responsibility for providing quality preaching every Sunday would be unnecessary.

### Ego & shepherding

Pastors would have to ask themselves, "Do I have enough ego strength where I can say, 'I'm not the best preacher, therefore I'm going to use this series of sermons from this preacher?'" Schaller said.

One objection, he said, is the view that a preacher must know the congre-



gation. But he noted many existing exceptions. Television preachers have no problems maintaining a national audience, and guest speakers and even new pastors still are expected to deliver effective sermons.

### Matching skills to church size

Also during the workshop, Schaller outlined some of the reasons churches tend to remain small. There are the obvious issues with maintaining community as the congregation increases in size, which many large churches address through multiple services and small groups meeting in homes.

But Schaller said one reason is the way pastors are trained. Unlike many professions that increasingly require internships and residency programs with large companies, pastors exiting seminary often begin their ministry as the pastor of a small church.

"If you do a really first-class job, then a church that runs 350 in worship asks you to be a pastor," he said.

The problem, he said, is that the pastoral skills involved in a small church—based largely on personalized pastoral care and close relationships with everyone in the congregation—are different from the strong leadership and administrative skills required for a larger congregation.

"You bring skills of how you do small church, and before long that church (of 350) is running 200," he said. "It would have been better that you had never served that small church, because those things are no longer relevant."

For similar reasons, Schaller also advocated starting churches with a

### On the Web

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ministry team rather than a single church planter—one of the models being used by the North American Mission Board in its Strategic Focus Cities church-planting efforts.

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## So long to the class of 2003

On May 17 Oneida Baptist Institute had its 95th commencement service.

Of our 49 seniors, some had been here for only a few months. Others had been here much longer. Two dorm students had been with us since the sixth grade. The average attendance for the class was just over three years each. One student had been here for 11 years, including four years in our K-5 program for faculty/staff children.

We were honored to have graduates from all across Kentucky as well as from North Carolina; Florida; West Virginia; Massachusetts; Indiana; Ohio; Wisconsin; Maryland; New York; Pennsylvania; Utah; Georgia; Illinois; Washington; D.C.; and Tennessee.

You might wonder why we have so many students from other states. One reason is that Oneida may be just what a grandchild needs. The grandparents might live in Kentucky and have a grandchild living several states away. Often, a pastor who once served in Kentucky but has moved to another state discovers a child who needs to be at Oneida. They may not have any place like OBI in their states to help middle and high school age students, so they contact us.

Many of our students are from broken homes. When parents separate, the child might move to another state. When things don't go well, the student may return to Kentucky and attend OBI. We are grateful for Kentucky Baptists and others who make our work possible. I often have expressed my gratitude to Kentucky Baptists for making it possible for this "buckeye" to attend OBI during my junior and senior years. Some Baptists from Kentucky who had moved to Ohio told me about this school and the opportunities it afforded. Much

of who I am today is the direct result of the generosity of Kentucky Baptists.

Also in the class of 2003 were students from Thailand, China, Ethiopia, Iran and Switzerland. How did they find their way to OBI? As with many of the American students, someone saw a child in need and thought of Oneida. Think of all the Kentucky Baptists who recently have volunteered to serve overseas for a week or two. Often a volunteer will hear a desperate plea for help to

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get a child to come to the U.S. Folks who know about Oneida know that we will do about anything reasonable to help a child, especially one who is truly in need.

Mrs. Underwood does all of the paperwork for international students. When her phone rings, often a person begins by saying, "My husband and I are members of a Baptist church. We heard Dr. Underwood tell about Oneida when you visited our church, and while on a recent mission trip we met a young person ..." and the story unfolds. More times than not, the person tells us of the destitute situation of a young per-

son and asks if there is anything we can do to help. In nearly all of those instances the child is unable to pay. We are happy to help, but can only do so because of the generosity of Kentucky Baptists and other wonderful, supportive friends.

Helping students from right here in Clay County, from across Kentucky and the U.S., and from around the world—that is your mission money at work with state, home and international mission opportunities.

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## Senior memories

In the last chapel of this academic year, seniors remembered the journey that culminated in graduation. Here are a few of their comments:

"It is essential we maintain our spiritual integrity while in school, yet it is so easy to lose. Temptation is around the next corner; it's a war. I was ready to leave my second week, but Donnie Rosenbalm (now dean of administrative affairs) encouraged me. Each of us must maintain a time for prayer and God's Word, and get an accountability partner." **Shawn Cadle**, from West Virginia, waiting on God's call to serve as a pastor.

"I'm taking so much with me and share my gratitude for the influence of faculty. Dr. Perry showed me a desire to reach the lost. Dr. England was a friend as well as a professor. Dr. Lucas is a master teacher from whom I learned so much about teaching methods as well as content. I loved working in the library; Marge Cummings (director of library services) is a spiritual giant." **Marcus Daley**, London, Ky., attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina.

"When I came to Clear Creek I had no friends here and felt alone.

Several families took me in and became Mom and Dad. I learned patience through Dr. Whittaker editing the materials I worked on in the development office. The whole experience was fun, and I learned a lot. Preach the Word!" **Dustin Benge**, a pastor in London, Ky., now attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

"I printed these stickers for the faculty to use: 'Grammar needs improvement.' They would have saved so much time if they had used them on my papers. In my work on security patrol I saw many ways in which the Lord protected. I am most thankful for the salvation of my sons." **Forrest Hearrin**, a pastor in Fordsville.

"A special thanks goes to my wife, she's stood by me. The faculty has blessed me so much. They could make money at other places, but God called them here. From them I have learned humility and found encouragement. Dr. John Ditty and Dr. Lucas made the Old and New Testament come alive." **Mark Wade**, from Tennessee, an associate pastor for education and youth in Lancaster.

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

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Bill Whittaker

## Evangelizing Muslims a popular subject for evangelical publishers

By Susie Oh  
Religion News Service

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (RNS)—The book "Unveiling Islam" has become a big hit for Christian publishing house Kregel Publications.

Written by brothers who were raised as Muslims but converted to Christianity in their teens, it explains Islam for Christians and offers two chapters on how Christians can share their faith with Muslims.

Such books are in demand by both Christians and publishers since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Unveiling Islam" sold 100,000 copies since its release in March 2002, and it spent several months on the Christian Booksellers Association best-seller list.

Other such books include:

- "Daughters of Islam," which offers women readers insight into "how to relate to other women of Muslim background—and how to introduce them to Christ."

- "Waging Peace on Islam," which is written by a Christian member of a Muslim family.

- "Understanding the Koran," a book that will be released in January by Zondervan, promising to give advice on how to use the Koran to reach out to Muslims.

Teaching evangelicals how to converse with—and convert—Muslims is not a new idea, according to Brooke Nolen, publicist for InterVarsity Press.

"InterVarsity has always published books on Islam to help Christians better understand that religion in order to communicate Christ," Nolen said, noting the publisher's books on Islam were in production before Sept. 11, 2001.

But pro-Islamic groups claim such books distort the Islamic faith, based on selective readings of the Koran.

"Whenever you're trying to convince someone to do something, you present their worst and your best," said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations. Hooper has not read the above-mentioned texts, but he said he has received outraged e-mails from Muslims who have read them.

Emir Caner, co-author of "Unveiling Islam," disputes this notion.

"We have attempted to give an honest and compassionate portrayal of the tenets of Islam without any compromise or equivocation," said Caner, an assistant professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

"The (council) endeavors to silence anyone who is knowledgeable about Islam's history, theology and purpose," he added.

Regardless, it is clear that many people are reading "Unveiling Islam," whose sales have stunned the authors.

Janyre Tromp, marketing manager for Kregel, said non-Christians read "Unveiling Islam" because they have "an interest in what it means to be Muslim" and want to understand the historical context of the Islamic terrorism of 9/11.

But how people use this information is a more sensitive matter.

"Asking what kind of knowledge are they seeking and what will they do with it once they have it becomes an important question, especially in the wake of the war and questions about missionaries (in Iraq)," said Melissa Rogers, executive director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Caner and other Christian authors said they hope their books will be used by missionaries. Caner said it would be a sin "not to share our faith with Muslims" and called it his "hope and purpose" to share Christianity with non-Christians.

**The Angry Christian: A Theology for Care and Counseling.** Andrew Lester. Westminster John Knox Press, 2003. 308 pages. \$28.95. ♦♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

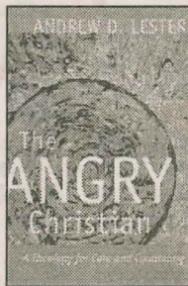
In all the years I have been writing book reviews, few have presented more of a challenge than Andrew Lester's "The Angry Christian."

Many books have inspired me, angered me or encouraged me, while others have saddened me because they did not live up to their potential or they simply abused their subject matter. Rarely does a book cause me to reassess certain fundamental assumptions the way that this one does.

Using the latest research information from both the social and neurosciences, combined with sound biblical and theological reflection, Lester challenges the traditional Christian assumption that anger is sinful, as well as a prevailing view in many behavioral sciences that anger is an uncontrollable instinct. Not only does he understand anger to be a helpful ally in recognizing threats to our personhood and values, he believes anger is an inherent aspect of what it means to be created in the image of God.

Before discussing the role of anger in our lives, Lester lays a foundation for the importance of emotions. Rather than being irrational and potentially dangerous, Lester argues that emotions are instrumental to our rational capacity. Hence, rather than dismissing or diminishing our emotions, we should embrace them. At the same time, the key to healthy living is to bring our emotions and rationality under the discipline of a narrative that shapes the way we make decisions. This is especially true when we are dealing with anger.

Having grown up with the common Christian assumption that anger is sin, I found Lester's approach to be most challenging. Not only does he encourage us to embrace our anger and bring it under the control of our Christian narrative, he suggests we can use our anger to energize our discipleship. *Jim Holladay*



ister. Granted it is not as detailed as you might find elsewhere, but this is a preaching primer, not an exhaustive work. But since I have been about this task for some time, the book hit me at a different level.

The book appeals to me because it is an honest conversation with the reader about how being a preacher (and being in ministry) might affect you spiritually, emotionally and even physically.

I hesitate to say every preacher will find himself or herself in this book, but I certainly did. It is all here: doubts, fears, struggles with self-esteem, exhaustion, anger, loneliness, etc.

Call it "miserable loves company" if you want, but knowing that Bugg has struggled and does struggle with some of the same issues I do is a great gift of grace to me. The book concludes with sample sermons by Bugg and a few of his students. Comments by his students after the wedding and funeral sermons are helpful.

On a matter not related to content, this book, unfortunately, continues a Smyth & Helwys problem of being too pricey for a short paperback book. *Wayne Hager*

**How Shall We Worship? Biblical Guidelines for the Worship Wars.** Marva J. Dawn. 2003: Tyndale House Publishers. 190 pages. \$10.99. ♦♦♦♦♦

Part of Tyndale House Publishers' Vital Questions series, "How Shall We Worship?" accomplishes much in little space. Using Psalm 96 as her outline, Marva Dawn encourages us to move beyond marketing surveys, personal preferences and inadequate theologies to examine the nature, purpose and aspects of worship from a biblical perspective.

Since the Psalm begins with an encouragement to "sing to the Lord a new song," Dawn dives right into the question of the kind of music that should be used in worship. As the daughter of a church musician, she brings an interesting perspective to the role of music in worship. She sees music as a servant of the Word, and as a means of allowing the entire congregation to give voice to their encounters with God.

Not a fan of niche worship, Dawn argues that people should learn to worship God together, not in separate services designed to meet the needs of the worshippers. In fact, that is her major criticism of most worship planning and conversation, that we design and talk about worship as if we were the focus of the experience. It is this egocentrism that threatens authentic worship and divides the worshipping community.

She challenges us to examine those idols that draw us away from authentic worship, and to remember Who we worship. Focused, genuine worship of the Triune God will change our character and perspective. Her discussion of the distinctive role of worship and evangelism, how they differ and where they intersect, is helpful. *Jim Holladay*



**Witness of a Fragile Servant: A Personal Look at Pastoral Preaching.** Charles Bugg. Smyth & Helwys, 2003. 140 pages. \$16. ♦♦♦♦♦

When I first saw this book I was excited. Charles Bugg is one of my favorite people, not to mention preachers. If he has something to say I want to hear it.

With that said, I may not be as impartial about "Witness of a Fragile Servant: A Personal Look at Pastoral Preaching" as I should be.

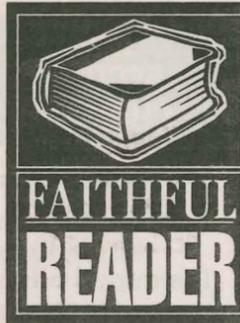
But I like this book for more than the fact of who wrote it. This is an extremely honest book about preaching and ministry. Those who are just beginning in ministry, and particularly those who are about the preaching task, will benefit from Bugg's years of experience.

He addresses some of the mechanics of preaching with effectiveness. He addresses the spirituality of the min-

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## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By Scott Kilgore

"The mission of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to assist ... churches and ministries and associations in connecting all people to Jesus Christ," according to the KBC's new mission statement.

The operative word in the mission statement is "connecting." The greatest act of love is to help individuals connect to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke of this connection in John 15:5 when He said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing."

Unless I'm connected to Jesus Christ, I am destined to fail as a person because my Maker has designed me to be a follower of His Son. When I said "yes" to Jesus as my Savior and Lord, I began that adventure of becoming who God had designed me to be.

Because of certain connections in my life, my decision to connect to Christ was an easy one. Because my parents were connected to Christ, I saw what a difference Jesus can make in a person's life. Because I have been connected to strong churches, I learned the importance of growing in Christ through personal discipleship.

If you do not have a spiritual connection in your life to Jesus Christ, here's how:

■ Admit your sins.

■ Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again.

■ Choose to follow Jesus as the Leader of your life.

Do this and you're eternally connected to Jesus Christ!

*Scott Kilgore, executive pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green, chaired the KBC's recent Mission Study Committee*

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ **BEDFORD**—Mount Hermon Church recently called **James Daniels** as pastor. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

■ **BREMEN**—Bethlehem Church celebrated its 150th anniversary with a birthday party May 28. The church will host a homecoming celebration June 29.

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—Cherry Hill Church recently called **Gene Garner** as pastor. He previously was pastor of Barren River Church in Bowling Green.

■ **GHENT**—Ghent Church recently called **Michael Galdamez** as pastor. He and his wife, **Amy**, previously served as children and youth min-

isters at Rockford Lane Church in Louisville.

■ **HARLAN**—Teetersville Church called **Sean Daniels** as pastor. He was ordained at Friendship Church in Cawood.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Harrodsburg Church will hold revival services the first week of June with **Skip Alexander**, pastor of Campbellsville Church, as evangelist. **Bob DeFoor** is pastor.

■ **HODGENVILLE**—Parkway Church called **Rob Sumrall** as pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Beechmont Church called **Robert Long** as interim pastor.

Carlisle Avenue Church will host

## Herndon, former director of Spring Meadows, dies

**LOUISVILLE**—J.D. Herndon, former superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home in Louisville, died May 26 at age 88.

Herndon, superintendent of Spring Meadows from 1959 to 1968, also served five years as the first director of development for the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

"J.D. was committed to kids and families," said KBHC President Bill Smithwick. "We are where we are today because of the work of J.D. Herndon and others like him. We've built on what they did so well in the

past to make us the mission organization we are today.

"J.D. was loved by all and made a significant contribution at a significant time in the transition of Spring Meadows," Smithwick added. "He was a repository of KBHC information and we will sure miss him."

Herndon, a native of Logan County, was the 17th of 18 children in his family. He was the son of a circuit-riding Baptist minister and became a pastor himself, preaching until age 85.

Herndon was pastor of three Kentucky Baptist churches: Pem-

Senior Adult Day June 8 with **Ernie Cates** as guest speaker. **Shawn Merithew** is pastor.

Yorktown Church recently called **Jason Taylor** as youth director.

■ **PADUCAH**—Immanuel Church recently honored **James Broome** for 10 years as pastor.

■ **SCOTTSVILLE**—Scottsville Church called **Brian Gatlin** as minister of youth and education. He previously was pastor of youth at First Church of Clay.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—First Church of Shelbyville called **Andy McDonald** as youth pastor. He previously was minister of youth/college at Zion Church in Henderson.

■ **SONORA**—Barren Run Church called **Jim Robertson** as pastor.

■ **VERSAILLES**—New Hope Church ordained **Scott Burns** to the gospel ministry May 18. **Wesley Noss** is pastor.

broke Baptist Church, Horse Cave Baptist Church and Buena Vista Baptist Church in Owensboro. He also was director of missions in Christian County, Nelson and Henry County associations.

He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ann**, in 2000. He is survived by three daughters, **Becky Shipp** of Louisville, **Nancy McMahan** of Berea and **Pat Thompson** of Atlanta, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR RENT:** Sanibel Island, Fla. Spring dates available. Two-bedroom, 2-bath condo for vacation rental. Large pool, tennis courts, canoe, kayak, screened porch, lovely beach. [www.sanibelcondo.net](http://www.sanibelcondo.net). Call Pat (502) 895-8752.

**FOR SALE:** Religious books (thousands). Send e-mail for list: [dudley@dam.net](mailto:dudley@dam.net). Evangelist Bill Dudley, 1116 Lacy Drive, Lebanon, MO 65536. (417) 532-2665.

**SEEKING:** Olivet Baptist Church in Paducah, Ky., is searching for a full-time minister of youth and activities. Individual will be responsible for leading the church in planning, coordinating and directing the youth program and a program of Christian activities for all ages. College graduate is preferred. Baptist training and/or experience is desired. Olivet is a suburban church with an average of 228 in S.S. Please send a resumé to OBC, 5186 Hinkleville Road, Paducah, KY 42001.

**SEEKING:** Outside salesperson needed for Louisville area. Salary plus commission. Training provided. Fax resumé to (828) 264-7926, Attn: Bill.

**SEEKING:** Part-time director of missions for Gasper River Association of Baptists. The association has 26 churches and is located in Butler County. Please send resumé to: Gasper River Association of Baptists, PO Box 148, Morgantown, KY 42261-0148. For more information about the association, call (270) 526-6913, or e-mail [gasperbc@logantele.com](mailto:gasperbc@logantele.com).

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Bethel Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky. (Pulaski County). Send resumé to: Ed Epperon, 8955 Highway 39, Somerset, KY 42503.

**SEEKING:** Buena Vista Baptist Church has an immediate opening for an associate pastor with primary responsibilities over the youth department. All interested applicants please send resumé to: Associate Pastor/Youth Search Committee at 324 Clifty St., Somerset, KY 42501.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music for Immanuel Baptist Church, Danville, Ky. Please send resumé to: Immanuel Baptist Church, 1280 Faulkner Lane, Danville, KY 40422.

**SEEKING:** Full-time youth/college minister. Send resumé to First Baptist Church, 230 South Fifth St., Williamsburg, KY 40769.

**SEEKING:** Associate/family pastor. Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas, Ky., has been blessed with the need to call a full-time associate/family pastor whose overall responsibility will be for planning, implementing and directing the children and family ministries (preschool-grade 5). The pastor will seek to lead children and their families to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as well as a deeper spiritual understanding of Christianity. Visit us at [www.highlandhills.org](http://www.highlandhills.org). If interested in receiving a detailed job description, please send an inquiry to office@highlandhills.org, or fax (859) 442-6055.

**SEEKING:** Children's minister. Please send resumé to DeHaven Baptist Church, 307 W Jefferson St., LaGrange, KY 40031, Attn: Scott Riggs.

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Westport Road Baptist Church. Kindly send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Westport Road Baptist Church, 9705 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40223.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister to give spiritual leadership to a growing youth program. Education and experience are a plus, but calling, a vibrant relationship with Jesus, and a love for middle school and high school students is a must. We are a purpose-driven, seeker-sensitive, decidedly contemporary church located in Owensboro. If interested in this position, please send your resumé, references and a brief description of your conversion, calling and interest in this position to: Youth Minister, PO Box 22302, Owensboro, KY 42304.

**SEEKING:** Someone who loves to exercise, loves music and has two hours available in the mornings (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to lead an established exercise class. The Young at Heart exercise class at Hurstbourne Baptist Church is looking for someone who would be willing to substitute occasionally for the class. This is a paid position. If you are interested but have not had the experience, we will gladly work with you. For more information, please call Gwen Nelson at (502) 254-3438, or Barbara Hancock at (502) 339-8657.

## Power Team's founder Jacobs to retire this summer

**DALLAS (RNS)**—Power Team founder John Jacobs has announced his retirement from the evangelistic ministry that focuses on demonstrating feats of strength at crusades and other events.

Jacobs announced May 7 that his retirement will be effective in July, reported Charisma News Service.

The 43-year-old evangelical leader attributed his decision to the pressures of leading a ministry amid several personal "hits" in recent years, including marital and financial troubles.

The Power Team said in a statement that it was time for Jacobs "to go on with his life, separated from this ministry, so he can focus on identifying, clarifying and letting the Lord refresh and purify him in several key areas."

Jacobs said he had not been asked to retire "but I felt like God wanted me to go deeper." He plans to continue to demonstrate his strength at speaking engagements in churches and schools.

The Dallas-based Power Team, which includes 20 world-class athletes, has evangelized through events across the country and abroad.

**SEEKING:** Pastor for Beechmont Baptist Church. Established in 1911, the church is located in the south side of Louisville. Resumé accepted through June 14; send to: Pastor Search Committee, 4574 South Third St., Louisville, KY 40214.

**SEEKING:** Part-time pianist for Sunday and Wednesday services. Send resumé to: Kings Baptist Church, PO Box 380, Mt. Washington, KY 40047.

**SEEKING:** Keyboardist to play for two morning worship services. Some experience required; salary negotiable. Contact New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 825, Versailles, KY 40383. (859) 873-1707.

**SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music and youth. Unity Baptist Church, Stephensburg, Ky. Please call (270) 234-4606 for more information.

**SEEKING:** Full-time director of missions for Little River Baptist Association. Resumé with references may be sent to: Little River Baptist Association, 149 Old Dover Road, Cadiz, KY 42211, Attn: DOM Search Committee.

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

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

## Expert: Teen sex survey shows need for parental guidance

By Michael Foust  
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—A recent report that nearly one in five young teenagers has had sex highlights the need for increased parental involvement in their children's lives, according to a founder of the "True Love Waits" abstinence campaign.

The report by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy found that 18-19 percent of teens age 14 or younger have had sex and that only 30 percent of parents of sexually active 14-year-olds believe their child had engaged in sex.

Richard Ross, a spokesperson for the True Love Waits abstinence campaign, said the report underscores the need for parental involvement in teens' lives.

"Far too many parents are hoping their words and perhaps their example will be enough to positively shape

the sexual behavior of their kids," said Ross, a professor of student ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

"They hope this even while they neglect any kind of relationship with those middle-schoolers," he added. "Career advancement, adult social lives, failing marriages and a host of other preoccupations leave the kids stone cold empty inside."

Often, those teens will "ignore the instruction" of their parents and try to fill an emotional void with sex, Ross said.

The report had other troubling findings. About half of 14-year-olds and a third of 12-year-olds said they had been to a party without adult supervision. And about a quarter of young teens who date say they have dated someone at least two years older. Such relationships, the report states, are much more likely to involve sex.

The report gave a list of recommendations, including increased parent-teen discussion on sex.

"I can applaud that as a positive step," Ross said. "But to assume those conversations alone will change behavior is foolish. Conversations will never have much power until parents reorder their priorities and begin to rebuild heart connections with their own children. Students then will begin to live chaste lives—not to age 14—but to the marriage altar."

The report, which is based on data primarily collected in the last 10 years, is available in a seven-chapter report titled "14 and Younger: The Sexual Behavior of Young Adolescents."

Specifically, the study found:

- About 18-19 percent of 14-year-olds responding to the poll had had sex. The number fell to 10 percent for 13-year-olds and 4-5 percent for 12-year-olds.

- Boys age 14 and younger were

"slightly" more likely to have had sex than girls the same age.

- Sexually active teens were more likely to drink alcohol, smoke and use illegal drugs. Forty-three percent of sexually active teens said they had smoked marijuana, compared to only 10 percent of virgins.

- About half of the young teens responding said they had been on a date in the past 18 months.

- Thirty-three percent of young teens who had dated someone three or more years older said the relationship involved sex. When the difference in dating age is two years, the percentage is 26 percent. If the teens are the same age, the number drops to 13 percent.

- Parents and teens disagreed on whether they had had a conversation about sex.

- Approximately one in seven sexually active 14-year-olds reported having been pregnant.

**"Far too many parents are hoping their words and perhaps their example will be enough."**

*Richard Ross, a professor of student ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

## Looking to God



An estimated 30,000 college-age adults gathered May 24-27 for the OneDay03 conference in Bells, Texas. People from Kentucky and every other state in the nation attended the open-air worship and teaching sessions, designed to help evangelical young adults integrate their Christian faith with their everyday lives. Speakers included founder Louie Giglio, former Afghanistan missionary Heather Mercer, Bible teacher Beth Moore and actor Kurt Cameron. ■ Above: Students form "prayer triads" to seek God in personal and corporate repentance and to request His movement in the nation and world. ■ Left: Giglio addresses the audience. (Photos courtesy of Passion Conferences)

## Pakistani Christians in danger for link with U.S., leader says

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Pakistan's minority Christians are under increasing threat because they are lumped together with America in the minds of Islamic extremists, according to a leading Christian human-rights activist in the country.

The Pakistani leader, who chose not to have his name revealed for fear of repercussions against him and his family, spoke with reporters May 22 in Washington, D.C.

He appeared at a special invitation-only press briefing arranged by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. He was in Washington to meet with commission representatives as well as administration officials and advocacy groups regarding religious freedom in Pakistan.

"The religious minorities of Pakistan—especially the Christian minority—fear attack," he told reporters. Islamic extremists often think they are engaging in holy war by attacking local Christians, he said. "(Extremists) think that, by attacking and killing Pakistani Christians, they are taking revenge against the West and America."

Anti-Christian and anti-Western violence has risen dramatically in Pakistan since U.S. and coalition forces began military activities in neighboring Afghanistan after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

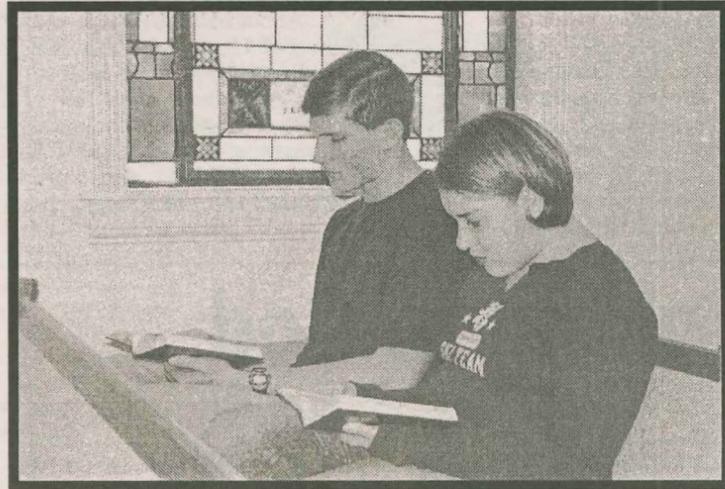
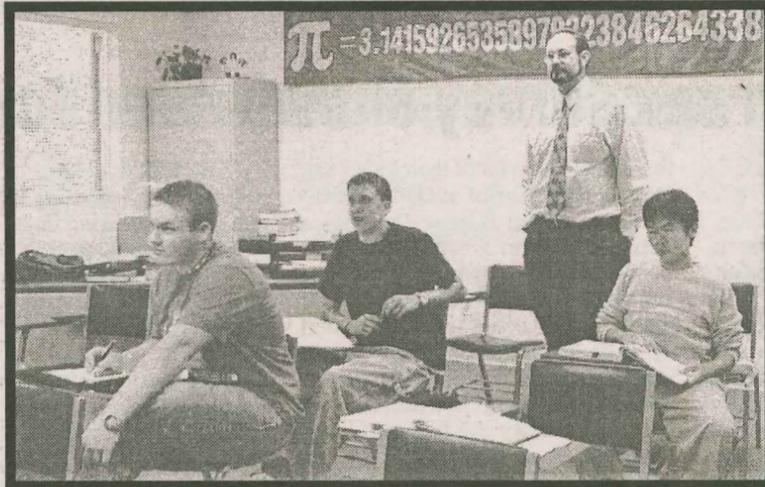
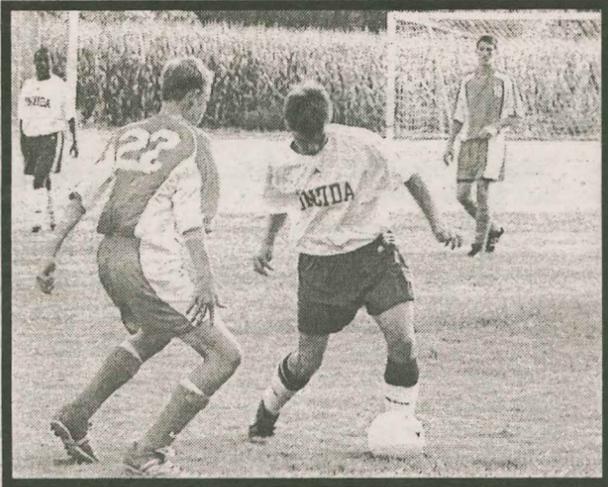
Besides the highly publicized 2002 kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl—who was forced by his killers to "confess" his Judaism on videotape—more than 20 major incidents of violence against individual Christians or Christian churches, institutions or communities have been documented by the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance.

Altogether the attacks have killed approximately 40 Christians and injured more than 100. The most-publicized incidents include an October 2001 gun assault during Sunday morning mass at a Catholic church in Bahawalpur that left 16 dead and a March 2002 bombing that killed five worshippers at the Protestant International Church in Islamabad.

The U.S. commission has noted many official abuses of religious freedom under the government of Pakistan's head of state, Gen. Pervez Musharraf. Among them are a law that makes blasphemy against Islam a capital offense and court rules that create unequal treatment between Muslims and other religious minorities in both civil and criminal cases.

Although the U.S. has worked closely with Musharraf in the war on terrorism, a rising tide of anti-American sentiment led to dramatic gains for militant Islamic political parties in the nation during recent elections.

# EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE



Oneida Baptist Institute is a school that allows young people to experience the difference in Christian education.

- Teachers take turns assisting students in our nightly study hall. Oneida has an average 11:1 student-teacher ratio and a Tutoring Lab with an average 2:1 student-teacher ratio.
- Through daily chapel, Sunday worship, Bible classes, and campus ministry we are able to share the good news of the gospel. Many teens come to Christ each year at Oneida.
- At OBI we require every student to have a job. We teach teens to be on time, follow instructions, and take pride in a job well done.
- Our sports programs never “cut” players due to lack of ability. Any student can try out for a team, and anyone who is willing to work and follow the rules may take part.



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