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## Most Americans oppose taking Commandments from courthouse

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (RNS)—A new poll shows that more than three-quarters of American adults disapprove of the federal court order removing the Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of Alabama's state judicial building. A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll of 495 adults found that 77 percent said they did not approve of the order, 19 percent approved of it and 4 percent had no opinion. The poll, taken last week, has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

On Aug. 27, workers rolled the granite monument out of public view after suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore declared he would not comply with an order calling for its removal. Alabama's eight associate Supreme Court justices overruled Moore and told the building manager to find a way to move the monument, which was declared unconstitutional in November by a federal judge.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said President Bush thinks it is important to uphold the law.

"It is important that we respect our laws and our courts," she said. "In some instances, the courts have ruled that the posting of the Ten Commandments is OK. In other circumstances, they've ruled that it's not OK. In either case, there's always opportunity for appeal of the court's decisions. But we believe that it's important to respect the laws in the courts."

## Fighting trashy TV



"PARADISE HOTEL" Women toast on the FOX-TV show "Paradise Hotel." The American Decency Association condemned the "reality show," stating its "Hook up or go home" theme encourages casual sexual relationships. "They're telling our kids, 'Jump into bed with total strangers,'" said ADA President Bill Johnson. (FOX-TV photo)

## Shows causing 'crisis of crudity' observer says

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—From sex-saturated prime-time programming such as "Paradise Hotel" and "Coupling" to the increasing use of foul language, television's standards appear to be declining rapidly, according to several Christian observers.

"We are in a crisis of crudity," said David Clark, former president of Family Net television network. "We're seeing crude, vulgar and uncouth be-

havior (on TV). Our kids pick it up and think it's normal. That should concern all of us."

Southern Baptists aren't the only ones noticing.

The National Federation of Grandmother Clubs has adopted a resolution urging members to stop watching network programs, to stop buying advertisers' products and to write executives protest letters.

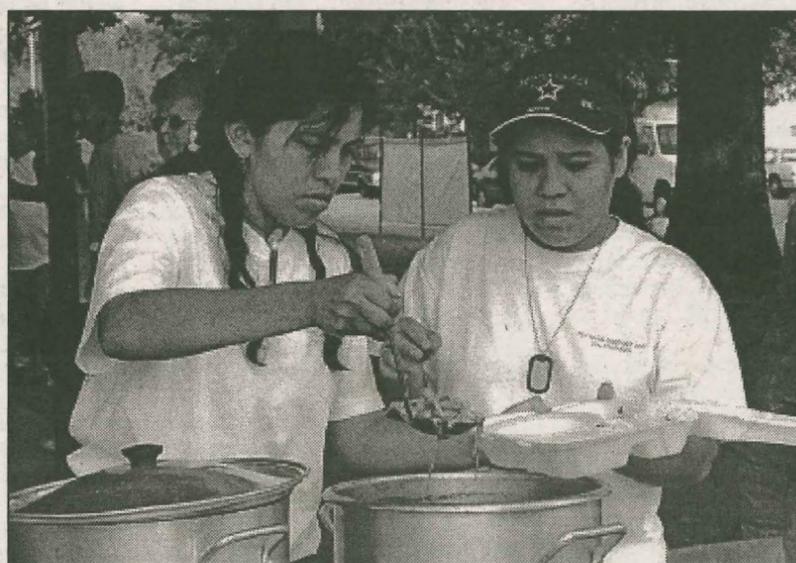
"We feel that the super abundance of crude and vile television programs are an assault on our children, grand-

children, society and the values that made America a civil and honorable country," said Barbara Rawlins, president of the Chicago-based organization.

Evidence cited by such groups includes:

■ Earlier this year, the Kaiser Family Foundation released a survey showing that 64 percent of all prime-time (7-11 p.m.) shows contain sexual content. Of the top 20 shows watched by teens, 83 percent featured  
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## Owensboro Hispanic festival sees 39 professions of faith



FESTIVAL HISPANO Elizabeth Amaya (left) and Mayra Ambrosio serve up a Mexican dish of Pozole during the recent Hispanic community festival in Owensboro. The event, which featured a soccer tournament, music, crafts and food, was held at Bellevue Baptist Church. (Photo by David Hamilton)

By David Winfrey  
News Director

OWENSBORO—With dinner on the grounds, sports and music, the community festival resembled those that churches host throughout the commonwealth.

Except this one was all in Spanish. An organizer for "Festival Hispano," held Aug. 16 at Bellevue Baptist Church, said members hope the all-day party will be a launching pad for ministry and evangelism to the area's estimated 3,000 Hispanic residents.

"There's an extreme need for Hispanic ministry in Kentucky," said Danny Gray, chairman of Bellevue's missions committee. "There's not many Baptist churches working in this type of ministry."

Approximately 300 people attended the festival, which featured crafts and games for kids, a soccer tournament featuring the team from

Mid-Continent College, a Hispanic band and authentic Hispanic food.

"We wanted this to be a Hispanic day," Gray said.

Organizers sought to combine fun and a Christian witness.

Jesus Pacheco, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Louisville, brought five Hispanic members with him to talk with festival attendees and share their Christian faith.

A Nashville band of Hispanic musicians performed and talked about their faith as well.

"Every 20 minutes someone shared a brief testimony ... all in Spanish," Gray said. "There were people sharing Christ one-on-one. The Holy Spirit was just thick there."

Four teams competed in a soccer tournament, with the winner playing the Mid-Continent College men's team.

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## Proposed NAMB budget eliminates 31 staff positions

ALPHARETTA, Ga.—Leaders of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board are proposing a 2004 budget that will eliminate 31 staff positions.

The proposal comes two months after the Southern Baptist International Mission Board eliminated 61 positions.

The budget proposal, being mailed this month to NAMB trustees, projects a 6 percent decrease from the current

budget. If approved by trustees in October, it will reduce NAMB's budget by \$7.2 million.

Among the 31 positions being eliminated, NAMB Executive Vice President Randy Singer said nine employees are transferring to other positions, seven people are losing their jobs, three are retiring and 12 of the positions are vacant.

Martin King, NAMB spokesman, said six of the eliminated positions are

management roles with supervisory responsibilities, 14 are professional positions that are not supervisory and 11 are for support workers.

King said agency officials would not identify the employees affected. Noting that positions were eliminated based on need, he added, "This is not a reflection of performance."

The proposed staff reductions do not reduce support for NAMB missionaries who are supported jointly with state Baptist conventions, Singer added.

### Needs outpace income

"These have been the most difficult decisions we've had to make during NAMB's six years of existence," said NAMB President Robert Reccord. "We must face the fact that mission giving is not keeping pace with growing increases in expenses like health insurance, utilities and capital and fixed expenses which will increase almost \$3.4 million next year."

Singer explained that although income from the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, which provide more than 75 percent of NAMB's income, have increased incrementally over the past several years, those increases have barely kept pace with inflation.

"Due primarily to the impact of the sluggish economy on our investment income, NAMB has not reached income projections four of the last five years," Singer added.

"The bottom line," Reccord said, "is we anticipate having \$3.4 million more in expenses we cannot control, but \$7.2 million less income. That

means we must come up with nearly \$11 million in spending cuts in 2004."

The proposed \$118 million budget cuts \$3 million from travel expenses, \$1.6 million in communication projects, more than \$4 million from support of various programs and \$1.7 million from personnel expenses.

### Salaries remain unchanged

Reccord said the budget proposal freezes salaries for NAMB missionaries and staff for the second year in a row. Funding of state Baptist conventions and jointly supported missionaries also are not being increased.

"Of course, the personnel reductions are the most difficult, and we've worked very, very hard to minimize them as much as possible," Reccord said. "Many of the positions we're eliminating are vacant, but other cuts will mean valued friends, colleagues and brothers and sisters in Christ will lose their jobs. However, under our present economic situation, there's simply no way to avoid it."

NAMB currently has 460 full-time equivalent positions including national missionaries, staff based in Alpharetta, Ga., and staff at the agency's broadcast studios in Fort Worth, Texas. Reductions in Fort Worth staffing were made last year.

Pledging to walk through this difficult transition with affected employees, Reccord reminded staff members that their dependence always should be on God, quoting Isaiah 43:1-3: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. ... When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press

## NAMB honors missionary heroes

By James Dotson  
SBC North American Mission Board

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)—Missionaries were honored as heroes Aug. 24 during one of the biggest events ever to accompany a Southern Baptist North American Mission Board commissioning service. A total of 75 new missionaries were commissioned during the celebration at Wichita's Century II Convention Center, which attracted nearly 4,000 participants.

Among the missionaries being commissioned were directors of missions, collegiate evangelists, community ministry specialists, volunteer coordinators, state convention staff members and church planters.

Sharing words of encouragement was Wichita-area resident and former missionary Gracia Burnham, who spent a year as a captive of Muslim extremists in the Philippines with her husband, Martin, before a rescue effort resulted in his death and her freedom just over a year ago.

Burnham, a member of an independent Bible church who served with New Tribes Mission, shared a letter written to her by a fellow

missionary shortly after her husband's death in June of last year.

Martin Burnham made headlines nationally as a hero for his perseverance in the midst of hardship and subsequently as a martyr for the faith. But the Burnhams' missionary friend wrote to her about how her husband, a missionary pilot, largely had been responsible for leading a Filipino airstrip worker to faith in Christ in 1993—and the long-term impact that had on their local congregation.

"I love this letter. And it's not because it makes Martin into some kind of hero," Burnham said. "It's because after Martin's life was over I got to see a glimpse of how our ministry made a difference in lives."

To the missionaries beginning their ministries, she said, "I must admit I'm kind of jealous of you."

"You know, God often uses the most unlikely and foolish things to bring about His plan," she said. "Might it be that guy who was standing in the middle of your airstrip getting in your way, that unlovely guy with a bad temper, that you would be able to lead to Jesus because you were doing what God called you to do?"

## North Carolina conventions cuts 24 positions amid budget woes

CARY, N.C. (ABP)—The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina cut 24 staff positions Aug. 26 in the wake of shrinking contributions from churches.

Nine of the 24 positions were vacant, but 15 employees lost their jobs. The cuts represent 20 percent of all budgeted positions and 12.5 percent of current employees, according to Ed Wiggs, the convention's business services director.

Through Aug. 22, convention income was \$1.65 million—or more than 7 percent—below budget expectations and about 2.6 percent below last year's income. Income to the North Carolina Missions Offering, which funds the state's Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union programs, is down 16 percent.

Jim Royston, the convention's executive director, notified employees by e-mail Aug. 27 that the executive committee had ordered an immediate downsizing. He and other officials then notified the affected workers that their positions would be eliminated Aug. 31. Released employees will receive severance packages based on length of tenure, and all who qualify for retirement will receive full retirement benefits.

Through the staff reductions, convention officials hope to save about

\$250,000 in the remainder of 2003, and \$700,000 in 2004.

Terminated were nine program staffers, including an executive team leader, and six support staffers. Royston emphasized that reductions were based on positions, not people or performance.

Nine of the 15 qualified for retirement benefits, and four of them chose to announce their retirements. They are Doug Cole, executive director of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs; Bill Boatwright, communications director; Becky Stewart, secretary to the executive director; and Ted Purcell, a long-time campus minister who was serving part-time at Duke University.

The strategic initiatives and planning team was dismantled, eliminating the position held by executive team leader Tom Jenkins. Remaining staffers in the group will transfer to other teams.

Nine budgeted positions not currently filled will be removed from the budget. These include four program staff and five support staff.

Royston said the convention had avoided layoffs until now by not filling vacant positions. "Unfortunately," he said, "the Baptist State Convention is no longer in a position to take this approach."

## BAPTIST DIGEST

### ■ Iraqi food distribution delayed.

Southern Baptist ministry projects in Iraq are being delayed for at least two weeks because of concerns that remnants of Saddam Hussein's faction are planning to target humanitarian workers in the country. The first four shipping containers of food donated by Southern Baptist churches arrived in Iraq Aug. 21. Volunteer teams from Missouri and North Carolina were to begin arriving the weekend of Aug. 29 to begin distribution of the 46,000 boxes. The decision to delay the arrival of volunteer teams was based on advice from the United Nation's NGO Coordinating Council.

### ■ Ga. convention sells facility.

The Georgia Baptist Convention has sold its building and property in northeast Atlanta to Mercer University for \$12 million. The five-story building is on a 25-acre site adjoining the Atlanta campus of Mercer, which has its main campus in Macon. The 200,000-square-foot building is about 40 years old. The Georgia Baptist Convention plans to move to a new facility in Gwinnett County. Terms of the sale allow the convention to use the current building for up to three years while the new facility is built.

### ■ Baylor prof loses senate seat.

A Baylor University professor who called for a no-confidence vote in the school's president has found himself no longer a member of the school's faculty senate. Computer science professor Henry Walbesser said Aug. 20 he planned to ask the faculty senate to vote on the leadership of Baylor President Robert Sloan. According to the Waco Tribune-Herald, Walbesser was informed Aug. 22 that he would be removed from the faculty senate for having missed too many meetings during the last academic year. Walbesser said some of his absences were due to a research sabbatical in New Zealand and Australia.

### ■ Mohler expands radio show.

Al Mohler's "Truth on the Line" radio program is expanding from one broadcast a week to five. Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has hosted the 60-minute show for two years. The show will be aired live from Mohler's on-campus radio studio weekdays at 5 p.m. on Louisville's WFIA station (94.7 FM). Mohler said the show addresses "cutting-edge issues ... from a Christian worldview perspective."

## Group calls for prayer & fasting for spiritual revival

By Denise Withers  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

LOUISVILLE—Kentucky Baptist prayer leaders from across the commonwealth are encouraging their peers to take up the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer to ask God to bring a spiritual awakening for Kentucky.

The idea, dubbed "First Friday Prayer and Fast," took shape during a quarterly prayer meeting held last April at Long Run Baptist Association's office in Louisville.

The gathering was one of the regular quarterly prayer meetings scheduled by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions growth team since 1998. The purpose of the prayer meetings, held throughout Kentucky, is to pray for spiritual awakening.

"First Friday Prayer and Fast" participants are asked to fast on the first Friday of each month and to gather for prayer in their churches or workplaces during lunch. Their prayers will focus on spiritual awakening.

"A spiritual awakening is when individuals wake up from spiritual complacency and seek God's will for their lives," explained Eric Allen, Mis-



sion Service Corps director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Allen also coordinates many prayer-related activities.

Spiritual awakenings are times in history when God moves in a powerful way to bring people to Him in large numbers. According to Christian historians, the first great awakening in America is considered to have occurred around 1740 when a series of revivals spread among Christian churches from Maine to Georgia. Church records of the time period indicate that as much as one-third of the population of the American colonies had a Christian conversion experience.

A second awakening is considered to have begun in 1801 in Kentucky at

the Cane Ridge Revival meeting, a six-day camp meeting attended by 20,000 people from the sparsely populated frontier area. Church historians credit it and a series of other revivals for causing the Christian faith to strengthen and grow with the westward expansion.

In more recent years, a spiritual awakening began in 1970 at Asbury College in Wilmore, when a routine chapel service, scheduled to last 50 minutes, instead went on 185 hours, non-stop.

### Understanding fasting

"Each of us has gone without food when another activity was more important at that time," Allen says. "We need to learn that it can be much more rewarding to feast on God than to feast on food."

Fasting involves giving up food for a specific time to experience worship and prayer with God, according to Danny Akin, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Fasting is a spiritual discipline of prayer, humility, confession and repentance, he added.

"It's an outward expression of anguish and emotions one has to experi-

ence in order to walk more perfectly for the Lord," Akin explained.

Although the two spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting go hand-in-hand, some Christians find both difficult.

"Prayer and fasting are hard disciplines within the Christian life because it takes so much time and investment," Akin explained. "That's why both are neglected so often in today's busy world."

But Allen said God is responding to the prayers of the faithful.

"God is moving in a powerful way in many places throughout the commonwealth," Allen said. "As more people have prayed, this network has expanded and these leaders have experienced God's awesome presence."

The KBC will sponsor a conference for prayer leaders Sept. 23 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown. The event is designed to help prayer coordinators learn from and share with each other.

John Franklin, prayer discipleship specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources and author of "House of Prayer," will be the featured speaker.

For more information, call (800) 266-6477 or visit [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org).

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*Eric Allen, director of Mission Service Corps for the Kentucky Baptist Convention*

## Owensboro Hispanic festival sees 39 professions of faith

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About 70 members of Bellevue worked on the event, Gray said.

"I think it really opened their eyes," he said. "We had 39 people pray to receive Christ."

The next morning during Sunday worship, word spread of the spiritual impact, he noted. "I really think it gave people a different perspective for how desperate the need is to reach people for Christ in the Hispanic community."

About 220 people registered at the event, Gray added.

"This was probably one of the largest (gatherings) of Hispanics that maybe this city has seen in a long time, certainly at any Baptist or church-type function," he said. "This gave us 220 names to go out and visit and really follow up on."

### Ongoing ministry and worship

Bellevue started a Sunday afternoon Hispanic worship service in October with an Anglo preacher and a translator.

Attendance is at about 35 people, but Gray said it started seeing spiritual results this summer when the Kentucky Baptist Convention helped them secure a summer student preacher from the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San



**REFRESHMENTS** Jill Gray (center) and Sandy Countzler (right) work the snow cone machine during the Hispanic festival.



**CRAFTS TIME** Kathlene Kreke, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church in Owensboro, helps with crafts during the Festival Hispano, Aug. 16. Approximately 300 people attended the event. (Photos by David Hamilton)

Antonio, Texas.

"That was like a light switch going off in that worship time and the relationship-building area. We just weren't able to go into the homes and do that without someone who knew the culture," he said.

The church had 57 professions of faith in Christ during the summer, he said. Before the summer preacher arrived, he said, "We'd had three."

Hispanics also attend a Wednesday evening class for English as a second language.

Tom and Joyce Nation are leading the English lessons, which lead to a variety of other ministry opportunities, Gray said.

"It is an all-absorbing ministry," he said. "It takes a lot of human resources plus financial resources to sustain it."

When a congregation builds relationships in the Hispanic community, that church often is the first place called when help is needed, Gray noted.

Volunteers have gone with Hispanic residents to help them read job applications, rent an apartment, go grocery shopping for their new baby, visit a clinic and fill a variety of other needs, he said.

"They don't know the language, and they're isolated and they just don't know where to turn. It really is a desperate situation for a lot of people," Gray said. "Because they've built those confidences in us, we happen to be the first people they call."

### Cross-cultural ministry

Gray said ministering to Hispanics resembles ministry in any cross-cultural situation.



"You basically minister to physical needs first, and then build those relationships to share the gospel," he explained.

Organizers are excited about the 57 professions of faith this summer and hope to build on them, he said. "A lot of churches haven't had that many decisions in a long time. Those are results for the Kingdom. That's good stuff."

Pastor Ruben Franco of Jasper, Ind., currently is serving as interim pastor for the Sunday afternoon worship service now that the summer student has returned to seminary. Leaders are seeking another Hispanic pastor to lead the congregation, Gray noted.

"What this summer proved to us is that to be effective in the ministry spiritually we have to have someone on the field who's Hispanic," he said.

"God has begun something wonderful in our church, and we know what it takes to be effective now," he added. "We just need to be able to find the right person and to continue our work and continue to grow what we've already done."

### SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Four teams battled for the opportunity to face the Mid-Continent College's men's team.

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## When the foundations are being destroyed

By Randy Singer

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Judge Roy Moore and his 5,280-pound monument of the Ten Commandments have created quite a stir.

The liberal media, among others, have vilified the judge. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, for example, called Moore's efforts "shameful." The same editorial applauded a decision by Moore's fellow justices at the Alabama Supreme Court to remove the display, thus proving that they "understand the importance of our constitutional guarantee of separation between church and state."

God help us. Oops, can I say that? Maybe not on government property. And especially not if I'm a state Supreme Court judge.

The U.S. Constitution does not require such an absurd result. While even supporters of a Ten Commandments display justifiably differ on whether they sanction Judge

Moore's conduct under these circumstances, that dispute should not divert us from the main issue: Can our government acknowledge the religious heritage of this nation or must we strip the public square of all things religious?

Honest men and women cannot dispute the spiritual foundations of our nation's laws. The Declaration of Independence, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, declared unequivocally that "all men are created equal ... (and) endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights."

Though many liberals would paint Judge Moore as a pariah, he is not alone in thinking that our public places should be adorned with a reminder of our spiritual heritage. Inscribed on the walls of both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate are the words "In God We Trust." Engraved on the metal cap at the top of the Washington Monument is a Latin phrase that means "Praise God." And

in the Supreme Court building, on a frieze on the walls above the Supreme Court justices, is a depiction of Moses holding the Ten Commandments as well as several other "lawgivers."

Even Thomas Jefferson, the president who once wrote a letter extolling the "wall of separation between church and state," did not have in mind the eradication of religion from the public square. Instead, his concern was the encroachment of the state on religious freedom.

Times have changed, goes the argument. It's time to get out our sandblasters and erasers so that atheists and ACLUists won't have to divert their eyes when they tread on government property. After all, we're just talking cosmetic changes here.

Not to Jefferson. Or to the millions of Americans who still believe "In God we trust." To them, the issues are foundational. And, if you'll pardon my quick reference to a holy book, when the foundations are being destroyed, what should the righteous do?

Randy Singer is executive vice president of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board

## COMMENTARY

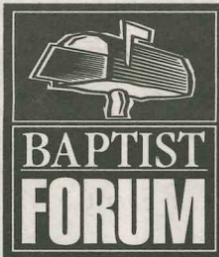
### Hypocritical stand?

I always classify myself as a conservative. I realize that some may now label me as a "crazy liberal" but I question some Christians' response to Judge Roy Moore and the removal of the Ten Commandments monument.

First, I believe that the Ten Commandments are God's perfect moral standard. They are not the 10 suggestions. They are not open for debate being compared to today's worldly moral standards. God's perfect, holy, inspired Word has never changed.

My question is, "Have we made Judge Moore's monument a 'graven

image'?" I know that the meaning of the second commandment relates to an image of God, but has this stone monument become an idol? Do we find ourselves worshipping a stone or the Savior?



I have visited many churches and rarely have I seen the Ten Commandments posted in God's house. I question how many Christians who are protesting have the Commandments posted in their homes. How many can quote all 10? If we cannot

answer the previous questions with a definite yes, sadly we are hypocrites.

I believe God's desire is that we write His commandments on our hearts and display them in our daily

lives more than He desires we place them on a granite monument and ignore them in the lives of His followers.

Have the Ten Commandments been removed from Judge Moore's courtroom? Certainly not! As long as Judge Moore upholds them in his life and allows God to lead Him in his decision-making, the Commandments will always stand.

If we want a grassroots return to holiness in America, it must begin in my house, your house and God's house. God never promised to bring revival through the White House, the state house or the courthouse. He has promised to bring it through His people. What is your decision?

Paul Sowders  
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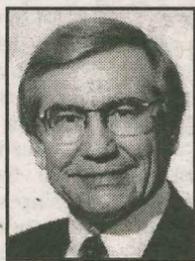
### KBC annual meeting highlights

"Missions Beyond the Edge" is the theme for the 2003 Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting, Nov. 11-12, at Immanuel Baptist Church and Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Two Tuesday sessions—starting at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.—as well as the Wednesday morning session starting at 8:30 a.m., will be held at Immanuel. Exhibits, bookstore, registration and the annual Pastors' Conference also will be at the church. The Tuesday evening session, beginning at 7 p.m., will be at the Lexington Center's Rupp Arena in order to accommodate the crowd for a Southern Baptist International Mission Board appointment service.

It is anticipated that 76 new missionaries will be appointed. It will be an inspirational experience with testimonies by missionaries, music by a 1,000-voice choir, information about Kentucky partnerships and a challenging message by IMB President Jerry Rankin.

Every church is encouraged to organize van or bus trips in order to conserve parking and enjoy great fellowship as a church group. Although school will be in session, it is my prayer that youth groups within 100 miles will plan to participate. It might be a long time before they have an opportunity like this again. Senior adult groups could plan an overnight trip and attend the convention session Wednesday morning. The appointment service is a great way to promote missions in your church and association.



Bill Mackey

Jim McKinley, an IMB missionary for 34 years in Bangladesh and former president of the KBC, has been encouraging associations and churches to make specific plans to organize bus and van trips. James Jones, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Campbellsville and also a former KBC president, has assisted him in Western Kentucky.

Churches or individuals organizing a bus or van trip can request parking

passes by filling out a form online at [www.kybaptist.org/imbappointment](http://www.kybaptist.org/imbappointment) or by calling the KBC communications/media department at (502) 254-4731 or (888) 254-5713. A large parking lot directly across the street from the main entrance has been reserved for vans and buses.

I met recently with the Baptist Fellowship of Retired Missionaries in Kentucky. Some of them have children serving in countries where they face great risk. If you want to experience real prayer and faith, participate in a prayer meeting with these missionary parents!

Your presence will be a great encouragement to these new missionaries. Some are accepting assignment to countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Some of these could die as martyrs for their faith. Your prayers will be a great source of protection and power for these missionaries and their children.

By our presence at Rupp Arena, we can say to these wonderful missionary appointees that they can count on our faithful financial support and prayers.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

## STEWARDSHIP

### Is borrowing from your retirement plan a good idea?

By Don Spencer

When you have an expense that requires borrowing money, you might be attracted to a unique lender—yourself.

If you're in a 401(k) or a 403(b) retirement plan, it's likely that your

plan allows you to borrow from your own retirement account. Payments, including interest, are credited back to your account.

There are two things that make borrowing from your retirement plan attractive. First, it's easy to do. Second, the rate is favorable—prime interest rate plus 1 percent. Sounds good! Well, think again. Here are several problems with this thinking:

■ **A loan eliminates one of your plan's biggest advantages, tax deferral.** If you borrow from your tax-deferred plan, money used to repay the loan is taxed once as income and again when withdrawn in retirement.

■ **The interest you pay back to your account could be substantially less than the amount your account might have otherwise earned.** Over a period of almost 50 years, the prime plus 1 percent interest rate would have averaged 8.26 percent while the U.S. stock market would have realized an average return of 12.8 percent. Obviously, there are relative brief periods in the economy where the reverse is true, but over the long haul history teaches that you would earn more being invested than in repaying a loan.

■ **If you fail to repay your loan as required, you could have adverse tax consequences.** In this situation, the unpaid balance is treated as an early distribution from your retirement plan. Ordinary income tax is due plus a 10 percent penalty tax if you are under age 59 and a half. For some employees in a 401(k) plan, if you leave your job before you've repaid the loan, you must settle the debt.

■ **If you stop contributions to your plan until your loan is repaid, you will significantly reduce your retirement benefit.** According to a recent study by the General Accounting Office, your plan could be worth at least 20 percent less by the time you retire.

Borrow from your retirement plan only if you can keep investing while you repay the loan and after you've exhausted all other avenues of funding.

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## Parents can help young teens find ways to build friendships

**Q: What steps can I take to encourage my middle school child to develop some solid friendships?**

One good friend can make the difference between a great year in school and a very painful one. The middle school years are especially important due to the confluence of factors that often heighten the need for added security in the life of the young person. Increased hormonal activity accompanied by profound physical changes and emotional swings occur close to the same time that a child is changing schools. Life for middle school students can become very busy, exhausting and confusing.

Encourage your child to strive to be an "initiative-taker" in building friendships. Remind him or her to practice making eye contact, smiling and greeting others by name each day. Being able to walk down the hall, smile and call out names will increase confidence and make it more likely that an acquaintance will blossom into a friendship.

One of the easiest ways to help young teens develop friendships is to encourage extracurricular activities. Whether the interest is playing an instrument in band or swinging a field hockey stick, teens will more easily make attachments in relation to some shared affinity.

Teach your child how to interview as a core component of conversation. It is a rare individual who does not enjoy talking about himself. Learning to ask open-ended questions will help your child make contact with almost anyone.

While your teen imitates the initiative-taking model of Jesus ("You did not choose me, but I chose you." John 15:16), remember that part of your task is to help your child make good choices. Encourage potential friends to come to your house. Involve yourself in the life of the school and church youth group. Remember the counsel of Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."—*Scott Wigginton*

**Q: My employer continues to make more demands on me that often seem unreasonable as I get older. Sometimes the tasks are very frustrating. I fear the frustration also is impacting my attitude at home. How should I respond?**

Retraining, formal education and self-directed learning are necessary for older adult workers to continue building on previous knowledge and experience. Such needs are not simply an age-related issue, however.

Rapid technological changes create obsolescence of knowledge among all age groups. While middle-aged and older workers need to update their skills, today the need for retraining is shared by people of all ages.

A major issue today is ensuring equitable access to training opportunities for older adult workers. Yet many of today's older workers who are in need of training are casualties of a failure of industry, over many decades, to carry out future-focused training programs.

Negative attitudes by older workers also can contribute to a lack of access to training opportunities. Older workers may be reluctant to volunteer for training. This reluctance might be due to feelings of inadequacy, fear of failure or fear of competition with younger individuals. Supervisors, on the other hand, often interpret lack of volunteering for additional training as a lack of interest or motivation.

Such frustrations obviously can impact workers' attitudes at home, church and elsewhere. Seeking to integrate work and learning is essential for continued adaptation, satisfaction and success.—*Jon Rainbow*

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## Colvin earned 'Mr. Kentucky Baptist' title

A.B. Colvin was neither the first nor the only Kentucky Baptist minister to earn the nickname "Mr. Kentucky Baptist." But he definitely was among the most deserving of the honorary title.

Colvin, who died Aug. 27 at age 85, served as a Kentucky Baptist pastor and denominational leader for nearly seven decades. He held numerous ministry positions in such areas as missions, evangelism, church-minister relations and administration during 27 years on the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board staff.

During his so-called "retirement," Colvin spent the past 18 years as special assistant to the president and unofficial goodwill ambassador for Oneida Baptist Institute. He also found time during retirement to serve a term as Kentucky Baptist Convention president as well as several years as a convention parliamentarian.

But Colvin's lengthy and impressive ministry credentials are not the things for which he will be most remembered. His greatest legacy will be his warm, gracious Christian spirit; his ability to turn strangers into lifelong friends; and his willingness to travel anywhere across the commonwealth to serve the cause of Christ.

Colvin's enthusiasm for Kentucky Baptist ministry is reflected in the fact that he led revivals, conferences and other events in almost every Kentucky Baptist congregation in the state. That meant countless hours logging hundreds of thousands of miles on Kentucky's highways and side roads. And he consistently did so with his trademark grin and soft chuckle.

Reflecting on Colvin's distinguished life and ministry, those who worked closely with him over the years expressed heartfelt words of tribute:

■ *Franklin Owen (KBC executive secretary, 1972-83):* "A.B. lived just down the hall from me in seminary. I've known him and loved him for years. A.B.

was a wonderful representative of all our work wherever he went—and he went wherever he needed to go. He was unexcelled. I loved him dearly."

■ *Bill Marshall (KBC executive director, 1983-97):* "A.B. was a joyful and consistent servant of Christ who loved people and loved serving his Kentucky Baptist family. He and Irene demonstrated a beautiful expression of Christian marriage at its best.

Though leaving from us, his was the kind of life that will be perpetuated through the many people he encouraged and blessed."

■ *Eldred Taylor (Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children executive director, 1981-88):* "A.B. Colvin was an excellent preacher who delivered a simple, clear, effective Bible message. In denominational service he was a tireless servant, a friend to pastors and an encourager to Christian laymen. Only eternity can record what this godly man has meant to the Kingdom work of our Lord."

■ *Bud Underwood (Oneida Baptist Institute president):* "A.B. was one of those gifted people who was willing to go about the Kingdom business and happy to do whatever God wanted him to do. He has been a huge spokesman for Oneida over the years. He was quite content to do whatever, wherever, whenever. He was a marvelous man."

■ *Bill Mackey (KBC executive director):* "A.B. Colvin loved Kentucky Baptists and carried much of the rich history of Kentucky Baptists in his mind and heart. He remembered the history of Kentucky Baptists not due just to his sharp mind but due to the fact that God used him to help shape the history of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A.B. was an encourager. He was able to relate to everyone and keep his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by Kentucky Baptists. For those who knew him and his ministry, he truly was 'Mr. Kentucky Baptist.'"

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

## Western Christians face sobering accusation

By James Draper

NASHVILLE (BP)—Decisions we make change our lives and impact our histories. Robert Frost captured the magnitude of our choices in his poem, "The Road Less Traveled." He chose one way and realized, "knowing how way leads onto way, I doubted if I should ever come back" to the crossroads of the original choice.

My question is: Will Western Christianity—essentially Christians in the United States—shape history, or miss an opportunity by our level of commitment to Jesus Christ?

David Watson, an Anglican priest, wrote two sentences that have haunted me for 21 years: "It is widely held that the battle of the century will be between Marxism, Islam and Third World Christianity. Western Christianity is considered too weak and ineffective to contribute anything significant to this universal struggle."

That's a sobering accusation I've been unable to discredit. I fear that the church in America has wandered down one path when we should have taken the other. The path opposite our current direction is the path of a disciple.

I believe Jesus is in search of dis-

ciples but is having difficulty finding many in the evangelical church in America. We've turned churches into comfortable country clubs for members when, in fact, the church is designed for those who are not members. People shop for churches like they shop for automobiles or for groceries. People want something that fills their

needs. We have missed the boat because we think Christianity is about us. It is not. It's about God and His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. He has chosen Christians to play a significant role in showing the world what His Kingdom looks like.

We need to understand five things about discipleship if we are to move from the path of missed opportunity to the path of effectively contributing to the cause of Christ.

■ *Disciples are called by the Master.* You didn't choose Him, He chose you (John 6:44). Christianity is the only faith system on earth where the Master determines His followers. Salvation is at God's discretion, not ours.

■ *Disciples have a personal relationship with the Master.* This is the essence of the Christian faith. It is not cold doctrine. We are to be doctrinally sound, but our relationship with Christ is preeminent.

■ *Disciples are under the authority of the Master.* We can't call Him Lord and not do what He says. Asking Him what you should do next without having yet done the last thing He told you to do is called disobedience. There are no multiple-choice questions with Jesus. He has a specific purpose for each life.

■ *Disciples become like the Master.* Measure yourself against Philipians 2:5-8. How close are you to becoming like the Master when compared with Him?

■ *Disciples are willing to sacrifice for the Master.* If Jesus endured hardship and discomfort, why should we expect any less? Discipleship carries with it the obligation to risk and sacrifice. Jesus didn't hide this, and in fact said that we would be persecuted if we identified ourselves with Him.

Western Christianity has retreated from the battle for the souls of men to the hollow pursuit of self-comfort. "It is widely held that the battle of the century will be between Marxism, Islam and Third World Christianity. Western Christianity is considered too weak and ineffective to contribute anything significant to this universal struggle."

These words still haunt me. Do they haunt you?

*James Draper is president of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention*

### FIRST PERSON

## Colvin, 'Mr. Kentucky Baptist,' leaves ministry legacy

**"A.B. was a man of integrity who wanted to make a difference for the Kingdom of God."**

*Paul Badgett, Kentucky Baptist Convention president*

By Brenda Smith  
*Kentucky Baptist Convention*

LOUISVILLE—A.B. Colvin, known throughout the commonwealth as "Mr. Kentucky Baptist," died Aug. 27. He was 85.

Colvin's extensive travel, exhaustive knowledge and ceaseless work on behalf of Kentucky Baptists earned him the nickname "Mr. Kentucky Baptist."

Colvin devoted most of his ministry career to denominational service. He served in a number of capacities as a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board staff.

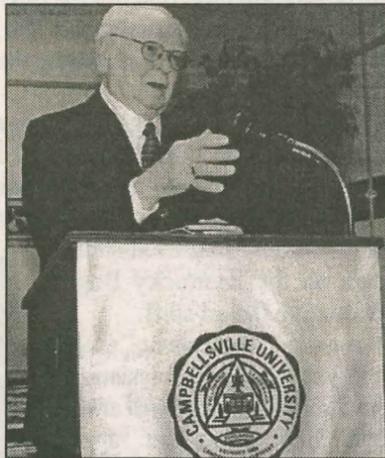
He joined the board staff in 1958, and before his retirement in 1985 led missions, evangelism, church-minister services and communications divisions and served as assistant to the executive director.

By the time he retired, Colvin had led revivals, conferences and workshops at more than 1,700 of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's then 2,300 churches. He added to that number considerably in his post-retirement roles.

"A.B. Colvin spent a lifetime of service to God and Kentucky Baptists," KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey said. "God gave him the capacity to love and serve all people without losing his sense of humor. He has served more churches and associations than anyone in the history of the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

### Former KBC president

Colvin continued his service to Kentucky Baptists well into retire-



**FAITHFUL SERVICE** A.B. Colvin, a familiar face and voice to thousands of Kentucky Baptists, served 68 years as a pastor and denominational worker.

ment. He was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 1986-1987, and served several years as convention parliamentarian.

He also served as a special assistant to the president of Oneida Baptist Institute from 1985 until the time of his death, traveling the state extensively promoting the work of the school. He also served as administrator of the school for seven months in 1994.

Colvin was so passionate about Oneida's mission that he began his work with Oneida the day after his retirement from the KBC, and was prepared to move from his home in Louisville to Oneida. Barkley Moore, president of OBI at that time, encouraged him to stay in Louisville and continue traveling around the state

promoting the school. Colvin refused any compensation, and instead channeled money from speaking engagements or services into the A.B. and Irene Colvin Scholarship Fund, which now totals more than \$325,000.

"No one can do what he was doing," said Bud Underwood, current president of Oneida Baptist Institute. Colvin's passion for the mission of Oneida Baptist Institute, coupled with his encyclopedic knowledge of Kentucky Baptist churches and people made him an unparalleled advocate, he said. "There's just not a person who knows as many people as he did. No one can fill the void that's going to be left by A.B."

He also was named to Campbellsville University's board of trustees in 1994.

His positive spirit, wisdom and commitment to quality in Christian higher education leaders were hallmarks of his ministry, said John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations at Campbellsville University. But he will be remembered by those who knew him more for his spirit than anything else, he added.

"A.B. would want to be remembered for his love of Jesus Christ and his commitment to Him," Chowning said. "He was a very humble man, and that spirit of humility is one we should emulate."

Born in 1917 in Pendleton County, Colvin graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1939 and earned

a master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1942.

He married Irene Shearer in 1942 and they had two daughters, Cassandra and Cynthia.

### Pastor and professor

Colvin was pastor of several Kentucky Baptist churches before entering denominational service, including Bethany Baptist Church and Lawrenceville Baptist Church in Williamstown (1940-1942), South Side Baptist Church in Covington (1946-1952) and First Baptist Church of Lebanon (1952-1958). His ministry was briefly interrupted during World War II, when he served as a civilian personnel officer in the U.S. Army Air Force.

He was a professor at Boyce Bible School (now Boyce College) of Southern Seminary from 1977 through 1998. He also was a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board (now LifeWay Christian Resources) from 1953-1961.

Colvin also served as an interim pastor at a number of Kentucky Baptist churches throughout his ministry, and was a charter member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville.

Funeral services were held Aug. 30 at the chapel of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Memorial gifts may be made to the A.B. and Irene Colvin Scholarship Fund at Oneida Baptist Institute, Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972.

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## Church-state issues await Congress

By Rob Marus  
Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—When Congress returns to session next week from its month-long summer recess, a host of church-state issues will be on the agenda, from gay marriage to school vouchers.

The most visible debate may be over gay marriage. A proposed constitutional amendment that would limit marriage and marriage-like benefits to opposite-sex couples—in some cases overturning state and local laws—appears to be picking up momentum in Congress.

The Federal Marriage Amendment, sponsored by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-Colo.), likely will receive committee hearings in the fall.

But other church-state issues are further along in the legislative process and may get action earlier this fall. Among them:

■ **Religious discrimination in hiring.** The issue of religious discrimination in federal programs likely will resurface in Head Start legislation.

When the House passed a bill July 24 that reauthorizes funding for the Head Start early-childhood-education program, it included a provision ex-

plicitly allowing religious organizations receiving Head Start funds to discriminate in their hiring practices on the basis of religious ideology. This would repeal anti-discrimination provisions under which Head Start has operated for years.

In May, the House added similar provisions to the Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003. Critics of education funding for social service programs at churches and other religious organizations claim it's part of a wider plan by the Bush administration to enact Bush's "faith-based initiative" in a piecemeal fashion.

Both bills will come up in the Senate, where the hiring-discrimination provisions are expected to face stiffer opposition in that chamber than they did in the House.

■ **School vouchers.** On Sept. 4, the House is expected to take up a District of Columbia appropriations bill with an expected Republican amendment to start a school-voucher program for D.C. public-school children.

The scholarships for low-income children could be spent at private schools, including religious schools. Church-state separation advocates and many public-school advocates strong-

ly oppose vouchers. Last year the Supreme Court declared an Ohio voucher program constitutionally valid.

Previous attempts to create D.C. voucher programs have failed, but the latest program got a boost earlier this year with unexpected endorsements from Washington Mayor Anthony Williams and the chair of the city's school board.

■ **Churches and political endorsements.** Legislators who think churches should be allowed to endorse or oppose political candidates without losing their tax-exempt status are expected to make a second attempt to amend Internal Revenue Service codes.

The latest version of Rep. Walter Jones' (R-N.C.) "Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act," currently in a House committee, has managed to gain 159 co-sponsors at last count.

Although the House soundly defeated a similar bill last year, it has strong support from many Religious Right leaders and organizations.

Opponents claim the bill threatens religious liberty and gives religious groups political privileges that other tax-exempt organizations would not enjoy.

## Mississippi high court rules fetus has 'person' status

JACKSON, Miss. (ABP)—Mississippi's highest court has ruled that a fetus is a "person" worthy of some legal protections under state law.

In a ruling that one of the court's justices criticized as an attack on abortion rights, the Mississippi Supreme Court ruled Aug. 21 that a Bolivar County, Miss., woman had the right to pursue a wrongful-death lawsuit on behalf of her unborn child. The fetus was 19 weeks old at the time the woman miscarried.

The 6-2 ruling means that, under Mississippi's wrongful-death statutes, fetuses can be included under the definition of "person."

Tracy Tucker sued a car-repossession company, a credit union and a Cleveland, Miss., doctor and hospital after suffering a miscarriage in 1997. She alleged that emotional distress brought about by the repossession of her automobile and misdiagnosis by medical professionals led to the miscarriage. The ruling allows her to proceed with her lawsuit.

Under Mississippi law, women already had the right to sue for the wrongful death of babies born prematurely or late-term fetuses that otherwise would have been expected to live had they been born. This new ruling expands that right to mothers with unborn children that have not reached viability outside the womb.

Justice Chuck McRae, in a dissenting opinion, said the act was an assault on the right to abortion established by the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

But Justice Jim Smith, writing the majority opinion, said the ruling would not affect the rights of doctors to perform abortions.

## NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Sharpton backs Alabama tax package.** Alabama Republican Gov. Bob Riley gained an unlikely ally when liberal Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton supported Riley's \$1.2 billion tax program. Riley has called the tax package needed to fulfill the biblical requirement of taking care of the poor. The endorsement by the black minister is a double edged sword, said University of Alabama political science professor David Lanoue. "It tends to associate his plan with liberal politics, but there is clearly no way that Riley wins this thing without a large African-American turnout, and with that Sharpton could be helpful."

■ **King Speech marker has Kentucky connection.** A Lincoln Memorial marker commemorating the spot where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech has ties to Kentucky. Louisville Tom Williams suggested the idea to Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., after a visit to the memorial, when he couldn't find where King delivered the famous civil rights address. Northup introduced a law proposing a marker, and hundreds of people gathered Aug. 23 to see the unveiling of a granite slab with carved letters reading "I HAVE A DREAM; Martin Luther King Jr.; The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; August 28, 1963."

■ **VMI prayer case might go to Supreme Court.** The Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals deadlocked 6-6 on whether to rehear a case on dinnertime prayers offered at the state-funded Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. The ruling means that an earlier ruling by a panel of the court outlawing the prayers will stand. This is the third time a federal court has ruled that the practice violates the federal Constitution's ban on state support for religion. Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said he will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

■ **Citadel goes to moment of silence.** The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, S.C., has started having a moment of silence instead of spoken prayers before meals. The decision is a response to the VMI case, mentioned above. "This moment of silence will allow you to express your individual beliefs in your own way," Maj. Gen. John Grinalds, president of the Citadel, told a gathering of cadet leaders. "While the 4th Circuit Court ruling will create some changes here, the college will abide by the law."

■ **Newspaper: 'Dr. Laura' cuts ties to Orthodox Judaism.** "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger, the tart-tongued pop psychologist, reportedly has renounced her ties to Orthodox Judaism. The New York Jewish newspaper The Forward reported that Schlessinger told listeners on Aug. 5 that she still considered herself Jewish, although less observant. Schlessinger said she has received supportive responses from her Christian listeners, while there has not been "much warmth coming back" from Jews. "I have envied all my Christians friends who really, universally, deeply feel loved by God," she said. "They use the name Jesus when they refer to God ... That was a mystery, being connected to God."

■ **Commission cancels trip to China.** The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom announced it was canceling the fact-finding trip to China "due to unacceptable last-minute conditions imposed upon the commission's visit by the Chinese government." The statement noted that Chinese authorities informed commission members only two weeks before the scheduled trip that they were "strongly discouraged" from visiting Hong Kong even though it has been part of the itinerary since they began negotiating in February with the Chinese government about the trip.

■ **Lutheran membership down, income up.** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America reported a decline of 61,871 members last—a drop of 1.21 percent—but said church revenues are up by \$41 million. The ELCA had a total membership of approximately 5 million at the end of 2002. ELCA Secretary Lowell Almen said the decrease was caused by 27 churches disbanding, 17 churches leaving the denomination, fewer new members and removing more than 186,000 people from church membership rolls.

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## Critics offer strategies for fighting trashy television

### Council lists best and worst TV

The Parents Television Council recently released a list of the best and worst TV shows of the seven major broadcast networks for the 2002-03 season.

The council measures shows' appropriateness for family audiences from a content perspective. It includes an analysis of the frequency of foul language, sexual content and violence as well as the time slot, target audience, themes and program plotlines.

Those ranked best (with the network that airs them) are:

1 Touched by an Angel\* (CBS)

2 Doc (Pax)

3 Sue Thomas F.B. Eye (Pax)

4 7th Heaven (WB)

5 Life with Bonnie (ABC)

6 Smallville (WB)

7 Reba (WB)

8 Star Search (CBS)

9 George Lopez (ABC)

10 8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter (ABC)

Ranked worst by the council are:

1 C.S.I. (CBS)

2 Kingpin\*\* (NBC)

3 Fastlane (Fox)

4 NYPD Blue (ABC)

5 Fear Factor (NBC)

6 Angel (WB)

7 Girlfriends (UPN)

8 Will & Grace (NBC)

9 Friends (NBC)

10 Big Brother 3 (CBS)

\* Cancelled

\*\* Short-term series, concluded

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sexual talk or behavior.

■ One in three shows (32 percent) have sexual behaviors, while the rest talk about it, the foundation found. One in seven (14 percent) include depictions or implied instances of the act.

■ In late January, the Parents Television Council gathered 7,000 member complaints in two days regarding NBC's failure (except on the West Coast) to censor a crude word from its broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards.

■ A study by the council, a Los Angeles-based advocacy group, found an average of 9.5 instances per hour of sex, foul language and violence on so-called "reality" shows. It reviewed 38 programs over a 16-month period ending last May.

"Reality" is an interesting word," said Eric Shafer, director of communications for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. "Programming around sex has no touch with reality. And we see continuing sex with no consequences—partners jumping into bed and (nothing about) pregnancy or other consequences."

Broadcast TV networks seem ready to push the envelope even farther this fall when it comes to sexual content, according to a recent article in USA Today. "New comedies and dramas such as NBC's 'Coupling' and Fox's 'Skin' will exploit such racy topics as sexuality and the multibillion-dollar porn industry."

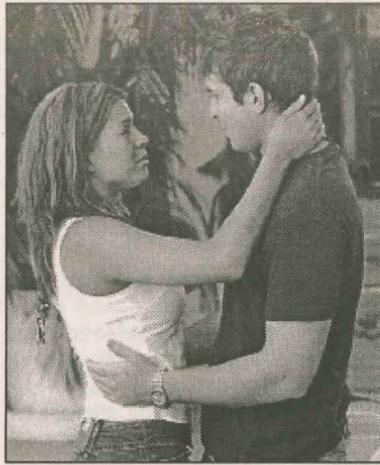
### Boycott, ban or inoculate?

The question many Christian parents ask is how they should react to objectionable programming they don't want their children watching.

One is a ban, which one of Clark's sons did after reviewing current TV fare. Other than a couple of children's programs on Family Net, the parents only let their youngsters watch videos.

Many parents won't go that far, but Clark said they must recognize their role as gatekeepers. They can't allow their kids to watch whatever they choose.

"We must become media literate and make good choices," said Clark, current chairman of National Religious Broadcasters and the new president of Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla.



'REAL' TV? Critics say "reality shows" such as "Paradise Hotel" promote premarital sex without showing the consequences. (FOX-TV photo)

Clark faults the church for its silence on the issue of television: "Talk with your children. There's some good evidence that you can inoculate your children. Help them understand what's wrong with (objectionable programs)."

Melissa Caldwell, director of research and publications for the Parents Television Council, said parents must set clear guidelines and demonstrate the viewing behavior they want their children to learn.

She recalled her father's disdain for soap operas as one example. While he never prohibited her from watching them, he said they were stupid and full of inappropriate content.

"I didn't want to disappoint him, so I didn't watch them," Caldwell said. "It's not enough to just say 'You can't watch 'Friends' and then send a child off into another room while Mom and Dad ... watch 'Friends.'"

This is especially important, she said, because of her belief that the "V chip" is too confusing for most parents. A technological advance in use the past three years, the chip allows parents to block out programming based on a network ratings system.

But Caldwell said surveys show few parents are using it. And, because each network determines its own ratings, the result is an inconsistent standard.

Finally, she thinks parents who object to crude shows should make their voices heard via letters, e-mails

and phone calls. Otherwise, Caldwell said, TV networks, advertisers and producers assume nothing's wrong.

"We have found the sponsors are much more receptive than the networks," she said. "Advertisers care what the public thinks because they've got to sell their products to the public."

### Parental examples

Cliff Vaughn, a Baptist ethicist in Nashville agreed that teaching children discernment is preferable to pushing for a ban of questionable programming.

Vaughn of the Baptist Center for Ethics, said children often see banned programming as "forbidden fruit."

"We want to teach them to read books critically; we should be teaching them to watch TV critically," Vaughn said. "Instead of saying, 'Bad, bad, bad,' we should explain why. Parents have to model good behavior, teach discernment and keep the lines of communication open."

Vaughn, the culture editor of the center's EthicsDaily.com Web site, agrees that most parents don't want their children watching shows like "Jerry Springer." But deeper implications often get overlooked, he added.

For instance, he said, many people get upset about off-color language and sex, but they overlook the fact that greed drives much of what Hollywood produces.

Not only do the networks' programming choices revolve around money, he believes it isn't even accurate to call them anti-Christian. If TV executives could make money on Christian programming, rest assured they would do it, Vaughn said.

"The Christian community wants to talk about sin, but greed ... has more relevance to people than a lot of other sins we talk about," he said. "Part of our challenge is saying 'No' and resisting the lure of (materialism). Teaching our children and demonstrating saying 'No' is difficult."

So is exercising judicious use of the set, he said. While not planning to toss his TV, Vaughn said he plans to use more discernment this year with the quality and quantity of his viewing time.

He suggests that parents concerned about children's exposure to harmful influences can lead the way in reading more books, exercising and talking with friends.

"Most of us could use more human interaction," Vaughn concluded.

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Jay Strack is an effective communicator, author and minister from Orlando, Florida, and the founder of Student Leadership University, which is a premier training center for Christian students.

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Challenge Goal: \$150,000  
Total: \$1,000,000

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Fall 2003

## A Personal Word

In September each year we kick off a new church year. What better way to start the church year than with our **Season of Prayer for State Missions**. Our theme, *Many Ministries, One Mission*, reminds us that Kentucky Baptists are engaged in many different and varied ministries all with one mission—to share the good news of Christ. You are invited to pray, give to the **Eliza Broadus Offering** and get involved in a hands-on ministry.



Joy Bolton  
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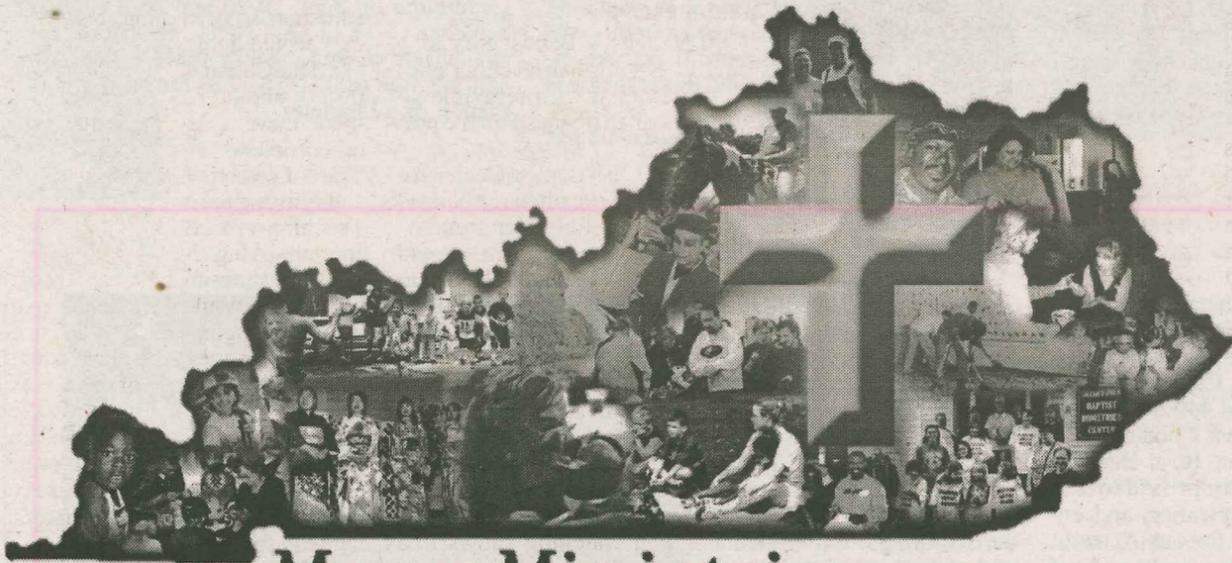
Hands-on ministry is what **Operation Missions LINK** is all about. Missions LINK, the new expansion plan for Kentucky WMU, is our determined effort to involve more people in missions. On Saturday, Sept. 6, we hope that churches across Kentucky will engage in a ministry that touches lives and shares Jesus with the lost. We encourage you to choose a need in your community, plan a ministry project and invite everyone in your church to get involved. What a great day across Kentucky with simultaneous ministries taking place all over our state. If you cannot participate on Sept. 6, please choose another time in September to participate in Operation Missions LINK.

The 2003 state missions materials were mailed to each church WMU director or contact person in June. The 2003 materials include a video, poster, prayer guide, promotional ideas, a master article and teaching plans for adults, youth, children and preschoolers. The materials are undated and may be used anytime during September. All materials are provided free of charge.

Our thanks to Larry Brannin and the KBC communications department for their assistance in producing the 2003 state missions video. This year's video and printed materials feature three ministry areas: Baptist centers, language missions and restorative ministries. Read about these ministries in next week's *Western Recorder*.

We are grateful to report that the **2002-03 Eliza Broadus Offering** surpassed the basic goal of \$850,000. All funds received beyond this basic goal will be used to help start new churches in Kentucky and assist with special missions ministries across our state. We continue to stretch toward the million dollar mark in our giving for state missions. The 2002-03 offering year closed on Aug. 31. Gifts received beginning Sept. 1 will be credited towards the 2003-04 offering. Thank you for your faithful support of Kentucky missions.

Through Missions-LINK, we are intentionally seeking to expand WMU work in Kentucky churches and associations. Linking Involvement, Needs and Knowledge for missions is the purpose of this effort to involve people in missions, instill a heart for a lost world in our children and ultimately win more people to Christ. Kentucky churches need WMU, not to have an organization for women, but because of the outcomes of what we do. A lost world needs a Savior. May we answer God's call to pray, give, teach and minister.



## Many Ministries *One Mission*

### Season of Prayer for State Missions and Eliza Broadus Offering

September 2003

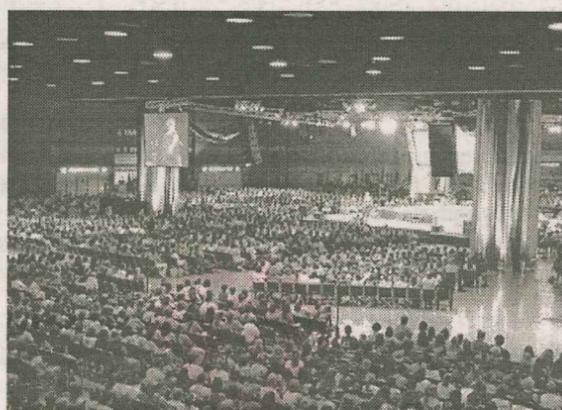
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Read about ministries of Kentucky Baptists through Baptist centers, language missions and restorative ministries in the Sept. 9 issue of the *Western Recorder*.



**SADDLE UP!** Girls experienced adventures of all sorts at Mission Adventure Camp for Girls at Cedarmore this summer. Read more on page 3 of this insert.



**ACTEENS ON MISSION** Acteens from Kentucky joined more than 6,500 Acteens from across the United States and 19 other countries at the National Acteens Convention in Nashville in July. Read all about NAC on page 2 of this insert.



## Information for WMU Directors

Thirty-six years ago I sat down to my manual typewriter (that would slide under my desk) to communicate with Woman's Missionary Union leaders who were working with children birth through eight years old. These leaders were Sunbeam Band leaders. Many of you may have been children in Sunbeam Band at that time.

At lunch recently a waitress asked me, "Did you work in camp at Cedarmore?" She was a GA from Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville more than 30 years ago! We never know what the far-reaching effect may be in the lives of those with whom we share a commitment to missions.

Ideally, by this time of year, leaders for all WMU organizations have been elected, trained and have the materials they need. Members and leaders are excited about reaching new people and participating in missions projects that will help many people. Sharing God's love with others is a duty, an opportunity and a privilege.

**Missions LINK** is an effort to involve more people in missions and improve the quality of the things we do. As you plan and lead, pray that God will use you to do His work, and work with the knowledge that He is the One you most want to please.

What plans are you making now that will help folks love the Lord and have a concern for missions in the future? Are plans and promotions in place for your emphasis on the **Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering**? Do you have your envelopes, posters, prayer guides and video? Is the time scheduled to show the video? Has your church set a challenging offering goal?

◆ **Missions LINK Day** is the time for all the church to be involved in doing "helping" projects for others, especially those who may not be a part of your church. Involve preschoolers, children, youth and adults.

◆ Participate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention-sponsored **100 Days of Prayer, Sept. 7- Dec. 15.**

◆ Take note that the two **fall retreats** at Cedarmore will be in September and the Jonathan Creek retreat will be in October. Make reservations now.

◆ Participate in the **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Nov. 3.**

◆ Be a responsible citizen! Vote in the **November elections.**

◆ Plan to be present for the **International Mission Board missionary appointment service** at Rupp Arena in Lexington on Tuesday, Nov. 11. This will be a part of our 2003 Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting.

—Anna Mary Byrdwell



## Adults

Did you know that God is into "new"? In Mathew 9:17, Jesus told His disciples that new wine can't be poured into old wineskins or the skins will burst and the wine will be ruined. Isn't it odd how resistant we all are to change? Jesus knew exactly how we as a people are supposed to be: flexible, able to change and not be ruined. On that note, let me tell you about some exciting things that are happening in Kentucky WMU as well as some resource changes that have taken place.

**Missions LINK** is the new five-year emphasis on growth and doing things with excellence. Make this the year that you set goals for your group and yourself to really be on mission for God.



The **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** is Nov. 3. If no associational event has been scheduled, consider planning a time in your church for prayer for women all over the world. Check with your associational Women On Mission consultant.

A new resource available for any Adults on Mission group is the *Adults on Mission Plan Book Volume III*. This is a year-long planbook full of great ideas and monthly emphases for being on mission. If you are involved in **Adults on Mission**, this resource is invaluable.

The *Women on Mission Resource Kit* has



been changed slightly. Now there are two options for purchase and use. The first option is the kit called *Posters Plus* (\$28.79) that provides handouts and all the helps for leaders, plus wonderful visuals to support articles in *Missions Mosaic*. The second option is the same kit without the posters and is called *Leader Helps and Handouts* (\$9.59). Call national WMU Customer Service toll-free at (800) 968-7301 for your subscription.

Don't forget about **WMU Fall Retreats** at Cedarmore on Sept. 19-20 and 26-27 and at Jonathan Creek on Oct. 10-11. Brochures are available from the Kentucky WMU office. Just call toll-free (888) 254-5726 for more information or a brochure.

—Jennifer Martin

## Youth

Wow! What a busy summer for Acteens! More than 500 Acteens participated in events across our state. More than 40 Acteens attended Mission Adventure Camp, 30 or so attended Acteens Splash and 440 went to the National Acteens Convention in Nashville in July. Each of these events provided fun times of inspiration and encouragement for our Acteens.

NAC was a truly special event. It was thrilling to worship with more than 6,500 girls from almost all 50 states and 19 other countries. Kentucky Acteens rented Nashville's Hard Rock Café on Tuesday evening for a special night of fun. Kentucky Acteens joined fellow Acteens in prayer and ministry projects and experienced the Global Village. The missionaries and special speakers encouraged the young women to lead God-filled lives on mission for Him.

Mandy Warden of Post Oak Baptist Church in Russellville served on the National Acteens Advisory Panel throughout the convention. She performed in numerous theme interpretations and helped lead the singing. At NAC

in Louisville in 1998, Mandy dreamed of serving on the national panel for NAC 2003. Her dream came true. Who knows? Maybe another Kentucky girl is dreaming the same dream for NAC 2008.

*The Mag* was introduced at NAC. *The Mag* is the new curriculum piece for Acteens and replaces *Accent*. By now, you should have received your first copy of *The Mag* and *The Mag Leader*. If you didn't attend training at World Missions Unlimited, be sure to attend your associational training so you will be familiar with the new curriculum.

**Youth on Mission Night** is fast approaching. It promises to be a great event this year. We will meet at the Baptist Student Union building at the University of Kentucky. Lorie Loonie, a former Journeyman in Poland, will be the main speaker. She is energetic and will inspire



**KENTUCKIANS AT NAC** About 440 Acteens from across the commonwealth attended the National Acteens Convention, July 29-Aug. 1, in Nashville.



your young people to get more involved in missions. The event is Oct. 17-18 and information will be mailed soon to all Youth on Mission leaders.

—LaRaine Dail

## Preschool/Children

### MISSION FRIENDS

The influence Mission Friends can have in the lives of preschoolers is a part of God's plan as the foundation of missions attitudes and concepts is being developed. *Start, Share and First Steps in Missions 2003-2004* are essential tools that will enable you to provide developmentally appropriate activities for each child. Use the *2003-2004 WMU Year Book* as a planning guide throughout the year.

September is the time you will want to involve preschoolers in the **Season of Prayer and Offering for State Missions**. The study material for preschoolers focuses on ministries to the deaf and is available from your WMU director or Kentucky WMU office. Launch the state missions emphasis by involving preschoolers in **Operation Missions LINK**, a simultaneous missions project day across Kentucky on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Plan now to introduce preschoolers to missions in the Balkans through the *International Missions 2003 Preschool Teaching Guide*. The unit contains activities and stories and can be taught during a church-wide study in December or during any regular class for preschoolers.

### GIRLS IN ACTION

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, GA!** Join in the celebration by having a birthday party in your church.



Involve girls currently enrolled in GA as well as women who have been GAs. A celebration will be a great way to recognize what GA has done over the past 90 years as well as provide a look toward the future. The *GA 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Kit*, available from WMU in Birmingham, contains party planning tips, banner, posters, invitations and more.

GA has a *new* pledge, motto and two Scripture verses which will encourage girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to be all God wants them to be. More information about these can be found in *Aware* and on the Web at [www.gapassport.com](http://www.gapassport.com).

Over the years, GA has touched many lives. Today, GA still is moving forward. As a leader you can do your part in God's plan as you lead girls to discover their part in His plan as well. What an exciting journey!

### CHILDREN IN ACTION

Attention all agents! You are invited to come to the **Children in Action Missions Day Camp** on Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cedar Crest (located on the grounds of Cedarmore). Boys and girls in grades 1-6 will meet international and North American missionaries, make new friends, learn about God and His creation, participate in a ministry project, play games and lots more. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Kentucky WMU for more information.

—Brenda Price





## President's Perspective

Could you be the missing link???? Kentucky WMU is launching a five-year growth plan called **Missions LINK**, and you could be the very person to help this program get off the ground in your part of the state. We are encouraging churches to start WMU organizations or new groups in their churches. Please pray about your involvement in Missions LINK.



**Cathy Chinn**  
Kentucky  
WMU  
president

**World Missions Unlimited** is exciting because I get to see so many women across our state who love missions and are committed to further the cause of missions in their churches and associations. God needs every one of us to work in the fields. It is not always the easiest thing to do, but remember as someone has said, "God doesn't need our ability; He needs our availability." We must be faithful. Could God be calling you to be a new GA leader or a facilitator for a new Women on Mission group? Associations will offer their yearly training events for church leaders soon; so watch for the dates, mark your calendar and go receive the training you need to tackle that new job.

I have just returned from the **National Acteens Convention** in Nashville. What a great week it was! The missionary speakers and international teens were my favorite things. About 440 Kentucky Acteens were among the more than 6,500 in attendance. Acteens gave \$13,380 to the WMU Vision Fund to support WMU ministries. Every time I have attended NAC, I have come home inspired and excited about what can be done with and for Acteens in the local church. God truly is working in the lives of our teens. He is using them in a mighty way and preparing them for service in His Kingdom. It is a blessing to be a small part of that process. If your church does not have an Acteens organization, begin praying for a leader. You may even need to put feet on those prayers!

Please actively promote the **Eliza Broadus Offering** in your church. "Many Ministries, One Mission" is our theme. Invite someone from our Kentucky WMU speaker's bureau or use your Acteens, GAs or Women on Mission members to speak in your church and tell the story of some ministries across our state. Show the new state missions video so that your church can see some of the wonderful things going on in Kentucky. The amount you gave in our last Eliza Broadus Offering was the largest that Kentucky has ever received, but many missions programs still were not funded because there were more needs than funds. Let's all try to give a little more so more folks can be reached for Christ.

A wonderful kick-off for the year in Women on Mission is the **fall retreats**. Jennifer Martin, our interim adult consultant, has been planning a fun as well as spiritual time. Many times, Women on Mission meetings in our churches don't provide enough time for women to really get to know each other as personally as we would like. When women travel together, room together and experience a retreat together, they bond.

Please pray for the **KY WMU Executive Board** meeting on Oct. 23-26. We will meet at Cedarmore and have important decisions to make. Thank you for being a part of this meeting with us through prayer.

In August 2004, the Olympics will be held in Athens, Greece. Kentucky WMU hopes to have mission teams there just as we did in Salt Lake City in 2002. The details are not known at this time. Please begin praying about this event and start saving your money. If you want to be involved but cannot go, help make it possible for someone else to go. If you are interested, contact me at (270) 298-7570 or 503 East Union Street, Hartford, KY 42347.

My husband, George, and I returned home to Western Kentucky at the end of August when our two years of service were completed at the Wendell Belew Center in Eastern Kentucky. We were blessed to have been a part of that ministry and pray for its continued growth.

—Cathy Chinn

## CAMP FOCUS, "IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU, GOD," PROVES TRUE



The adventure continued this summer at Mission Adventure Camp for Girls at Cedar Crest Camp, located at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly in Bagdad. Camps and overnights drew 620 campers. The week-long Girls in Action and Acteens camps as well as the Mother/Daughter Overnights provided many opportunities for fun, making friends and developing a deeper relationship with God.

The camp theme, "It's All About You, God," encouraged campers to learn about God's wonderful plan for each of us, how we can know His plan and live for Him right now. Daily quiet times, Bible studies in the cabins and worship times focused on the theme.

Campers had time for fun and adventure in horseback riding, archery, prayer hiking, swimming, crafts and a campfire cookout complete with s'mores.

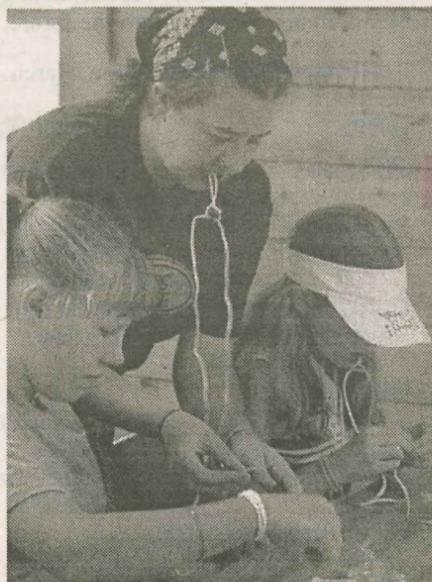


They met "real live" missionaries who serve in the Philippines, Paraguay and Bolivia as well as our own summer missionaries who served on the camp staff.

Campers also learned about the special needs of MKs returning to the States to begin college. They were challenged to give, knowing that for each \$10 given, a MK would receive a backpack. Their missions donation of \$980.49 was used for the backpacks and for the Missionary Kid Re-Entry Retreat hosted by Kentucky WMU in August at Jonathan Creek Conference Center.

Throughout the summer, campers responded to God's plan for their lives. Nineteen made professions of faith, 17 rededicated their lives to Jesus, four responded to the call to serve in missions and one responded to the call to Christian service in a fulltime church-related vocation. We rejoice in these life-changing decisions of eternal consequence and give all praise and glory to God.

—Bethann Ayers



## Participate in ProjectHELP: Restorative Justice



**ACT JUSTLY**



**LOVE MERCY**



**WALK HUMBLY**

Has your church participated in a Restorative Justice ministry project? Can your people define "Restorative Justice"? Woman's Missionary Union is entering the second year of this Project HELP emphasis.

If you have not done so, consider completing the "Victims and Victims Services Assessment" and the "Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Professionals Assessment" on pages 57-58 of the *Restorative Justice Ministry Resource Guide* (available from national WMU and LifeWay Christian Resources). The fall mailing from Kentucky WMU to each church will include a report form on which you can share about your activities.

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## Kentucky WMU hosts MK Re-entry Retreat

Almost 100 international missionary kids who are returning to the United States to attend college this fall gathered at Jonathan Creek Conference Center for the 2003 MK Re-entry Retreat, Aug. 7-10. This year, Kentucky WMU hosted the retreat which is sponsored annually by the International Mission Board.

Our thanks to all of you who donated school supplies and snacks, gave money to help with retreat expenses, met MKs at the airport, drove a van or bus to transport the MKs or have adopted an MK for the year ahead. Thanks especially for your prayers for this special event and for the MKs. Please continue to pray for them as they start college and are separated from their families.



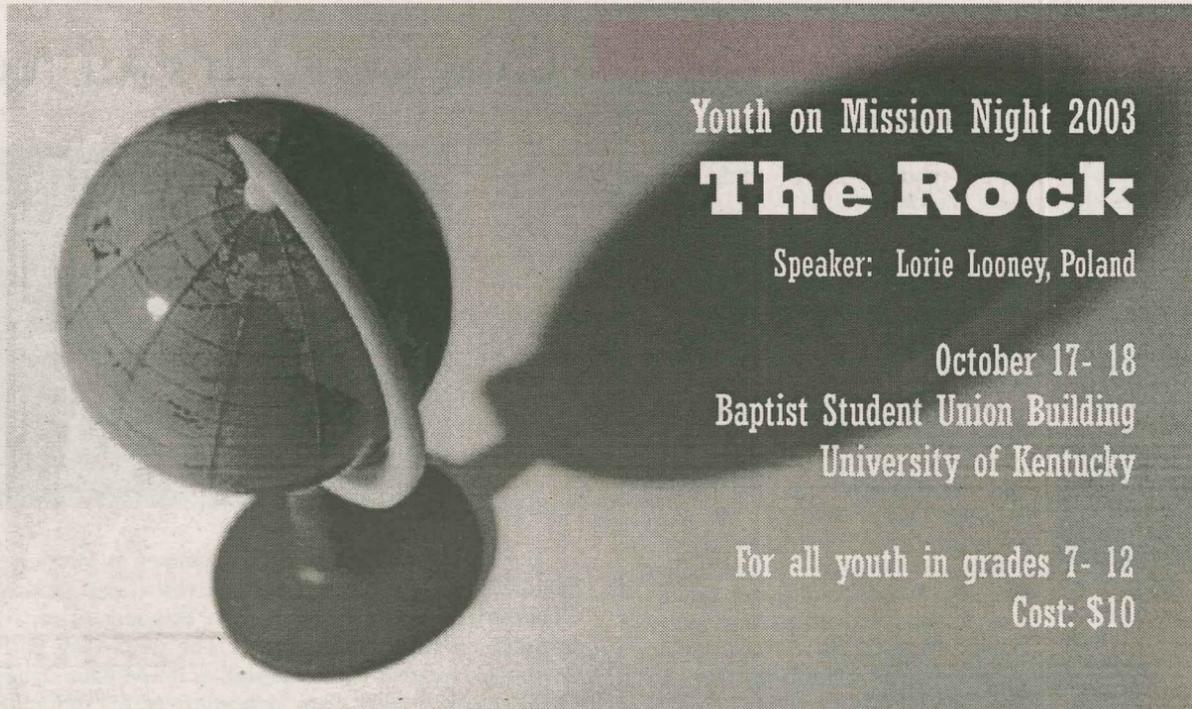
## A Story To Tell ... Kentucky WMU Fall Retreats 2003

*Sept. 19-20, Cedarmore*  
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Featured Speaker: Delaine Blackwell

*Sept. 26-27, Cedarmore*  
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Featured Speaker: Kay Mackey

*Oct. 10-11, Jonathan Creek*  
Women On Mission, Baptist Nursing  
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Youth on Mission Night 2003

## The Rock

Speaker: Lorie Looney, Poland

October 17- 18

Baptist Student Union Building  
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For all youth in grades 7- 12

Cost: \$10

## THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING SUMMER MISSIONARIES

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## Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund gifts

March 1-May 31, 2003

The Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund is an endowment to provide funds to promote, develop and sustain the work of Kentucky WMU. We invite you to make special gifts to the Heritage Fund or donations in memory of or in honor of a WMU leader, loved one or special friend. You also may include Kentucky WMU in your will and/or request that gifts to Kentucky WMU be made in your memory. Please contact Kentucky WMU for Heritage Fund envelopes or information about making a planned gift. We have a great heritage through Kentucky WMU. Be a part of sustaining our work into the future.

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## Calendar

### September

- 6 Operation Missions LINK  
Super Saturday, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland  
Super Saturday, First Baptist Church, Paducah
- 13 Children in Action Missions Day Camp, Cedar Crest
- 14-21\* Week of Prayer for State Missions and Eliza  
Broadus Offering (\*suggested date; materials are  
undated)
- 18-19 Appalachian Regional Ministry Summit, Berea  
Baptist Church, Berea
- 19-20 Women on Mission/Baptist Nursing Fellowship/  
Collegians Retreat, Cedarmore
- 26-27 Women on Mission Fall Retreat, Cedarmore

### October

- 10-11 Women on Mission/Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
Retreat, Jonathan Creek
- 12 World Hunger Sunday
- 17-18 Youth on Mission Night, Baptist Student University  
Building, University of Kentucky
- 23-26 KY WMU Executive Board Meeting, Cedarmore

### November

- 3 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 11-12 Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting,  
Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington  
IMB Missionary Commissioning Service, Immanuel  
Baptist Church, Lexington
- 30-12/7 Season of Prayer for International Missions and  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### December

- 11/30-7 Season of Prayer for International Missions and  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

## 450 attend 2 World Missions Unlimited events

In July, more than 450 people participated in **World Missions Unlimited** at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington and Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Beaver

Dam. A variety of special interest and leadership training conferences were offered to prepare church and associational WMU and Brotherhood leaders for the year ahead in missions education and involvement.



**MISSIONS LEADER** Joni Breeding, a member of the Kentucky WMU resource team, leads a conference for Mission Friends leaders.

## Christians don't have to toss TVs, advocates insist

*Writer: Light candles instead of cursing darkness*

By Ken Walker  
State Correspondent

CHICAGO—After nearly 30 years in mothballs, “Davey and Goliath” will reach a new generation of children this December, and a spokesman credits parental demand for the resurrection of the popular, stop-motion animation figures.

Eric Shafer, director of communications for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said one of the leading requests in a 2002 survey of its members was more resources for families.

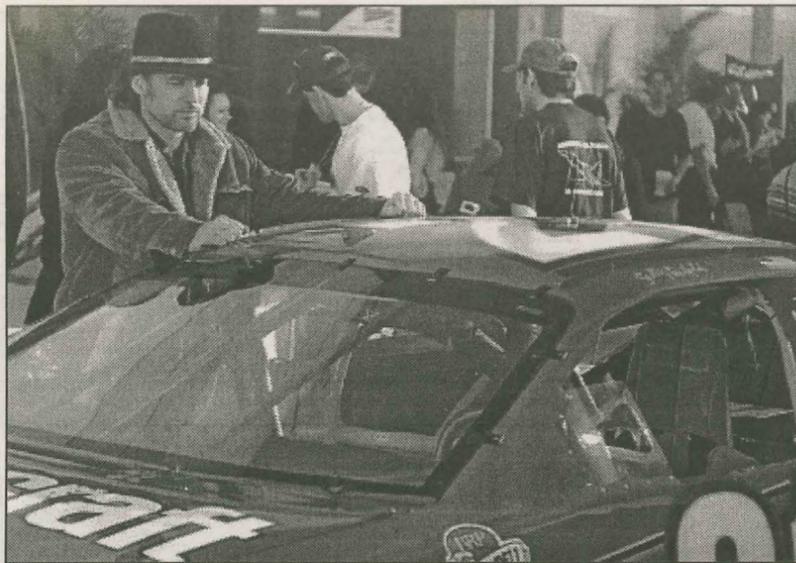
“It’s tough out there; help us!” Shafer characterized the responses. “There weren’t a lot of specifics, but things like educational resources and Bible study resources. ‘Davey’ is part of our response.”

The Lutheran group, which holds the rights to the television series, raised \$800,000 to air the holiday special. Though still searching for a network home, this fall ABC affiliates are scheduled to broadcast a documentary about “Davey.”

Airing the show originally from 1960-75, the ELCA hopes to produce 13 new, half-hour episodes next year. Its purpose is to teach such values as parental wisdom, God’s goodness and God’s love of children, Shafer said.

The potential resumption of the series illustrates what he sees as the best way for Christians to combat sleazy programming: Create positive alternatives.

It’s easy to shun television and just



**POPULAR SHOWS** David and Gary Johnson created “Doc” and “Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye,” the highest rated shows in PAX’s history. The brothers wanted Christians to enjoy the shows, but also wanted them not to be so preachy that non-Christians wouldn’t watch. ■ Left: Billy Ray Cyrus plays Doc Cassidy. ■ Right: Dianne Bray and Jeff Douglas share a scene in “Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye.” (PAX TV photos by Steve Wilkie)

say, “Turn it off,” Shafer said, but that isn’t realistic. Pointing to a survey that showed two-thirds of Americans get most of their information about religion from TV, the Lutheran minister said Christians must pay attention to the medium.

### Creating positive alternatives

“It’s one thing to put a show on PAX,” he said, referring to the family-oriented network. “But we need to aim for large networks. We need to support Christians and Jews in Hollywood who want to produce wholesome programming.”

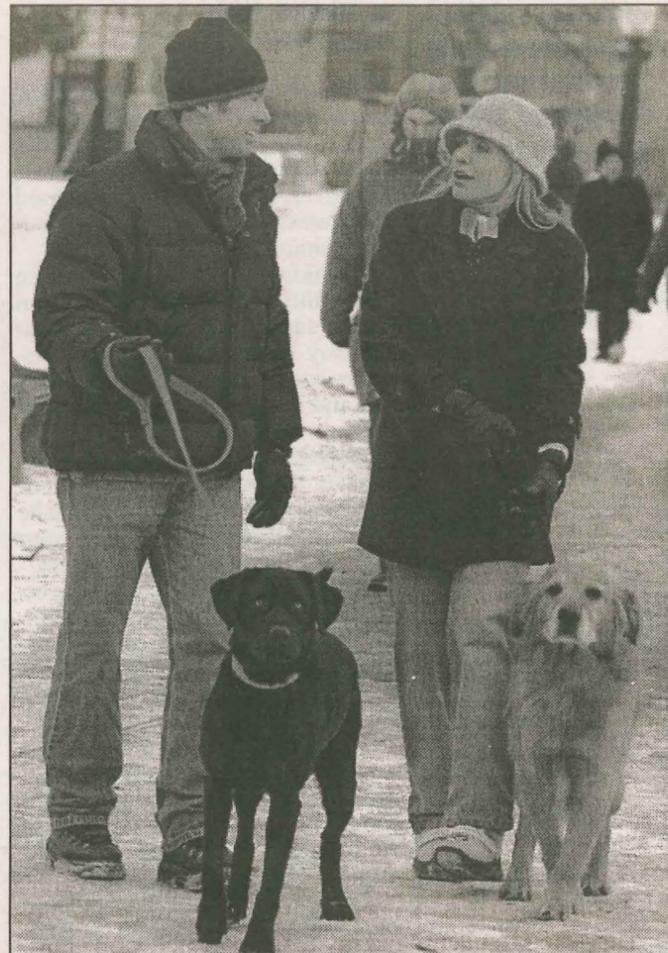
Such support can take the form of watching good programs, telling friends about them, and buying products from those shows’ advertisers,

Shafer said.

“We do need to do more creating and less complaining,” he added. “The whole thing as Christians is: How much do we dive into the culture? Every time we do, that’s highly controversial.”

Still, it can be done, as shown by David and Gary Johnson, brothers who created “Doc” and “Sue Thomas.” The highest rated shows in PAX’s history both average close to a 2.0 rating (roughly equal to two million households) on Sunday nights.

Though neither takes an overtly Christian point of view, both feature positive role models. Though they want to produce shows that Christians will enjoy, they can’t be so preachy that non-Christians won’t watch, Gary



Johnson said.

Like Shafer, Gary Johnson said parents can take positive steps to support wholesome programming, such as applauding advertisers on positive shows and buying their products.

### Communicating with networks

With the Internet, it is much easier to express opinions, said Johnson, who insists networks and advertisers pay attention to letters and e-mails. “Let the powers that be know there are people out there who do have a problem with a lot of things that are coming out these days.”

The success of shows like “Doc”—which regularly outdraws major network competition in several of the top 40 TV markets—could make the rest of the industry take notice of family-friendly programming, he said.

“Without a doubt (Christian involvement) helps,” Johnson said. “We know where the line (of good taste) is.”

David Clark said parents should remember the power of positive reinforcement.

“What we don’t do well is say ‘Thank you’ when we see quality,” said the former president of Family Net television network. “We mainly just complain when we don’t like something. It only takes a few minutes today to send an e-mail.”

Christians have played a key role in spreading the Fort Worth, Texas-based network to 31 million homes, nearly 30 percent of the nation’s TV homes, Clark said. Many have inserted notes with their payments to local cable companies, asking them to add Family Net to their lineup.

In addition, the Dish Network recently added Family Net to its basic tier of 50 channels, Clark said. “The notes make a huge difference.”

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## Commandments fight splits high-profile evangelicals

By Michael Foust  
Baptist Press

**"Do evangelical Christians really want to say that this United States government is no longer a legitimate government?"**

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

NASHVILLE (BP)—Evangelical leaders James Dobson and Pat Robertson came down on opposing sides of the Alabama Ten Commandments controversy last week as Richard Land released a further elaboration of his position.

Speaking on his daily Focus on the Family radio program, Dobson said he supports Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore and "strongly" disagrees with evangelicals, like Robertson and Land, who have criticized Moore's legal strategy.

Robertson and Land both said they believe Moore's Ten Commandments display is constitutional, but he should have obeyed a federal court order and removed the monument.

"We're at a turning point, a pivotal point in the history of this country," Dobson said on a conservative Christian radio show. "This is just not another issue. ... There are times when you have to respond to a higher law."

Dobson encouraged listeners last week to go to Montgomery, Ala., where more than 100 of Moore's supporters were camped out in front of the state judicial building, hoping to stop the monument's removal.

Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, noting that the issue "has sadly and sharply divided evangelical Christians," said the court order must be followed and the judicial system allowed to work.

"Do evangelical Christians really want to say that this United States government is no longer a legitimate government and that we are no longer obligated to obey its courts when we disagree with their rulings?" Land wrote in a commentary for Baptist Press. "If so, let us understand it for what it is. It is insurrection. I want to reform this government, not rebel against it as an illegitimate government beyond repair."

### Convictions & strategy

Land repeated his support for the public display of the Ten Commandments in public buildings and said he will "continue to do everything" he can "to encourage evangelical Christians to rise up and reform this government and its courts."



REMOVED Workers prepare to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from public view in the Alabama Judicial Building Aug. 27 in Montgomery, Ala. (RNS/Reuters photo by Tami Chappell)

Christians must not "support defiance of the law by officials sworn to uphold the law," he added. He offered a hypothetical situation that could occur if Moore's actions are followed elsewhere.

"If the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, would we support the California State Supreme Court defying the U.S. Supreme Court and saying that since their state constitution explicitly guarantees the right to privacy, they planned to defy the federal government and continue to permit abortion on demand in California?"

Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network, said that while there is "no question" that the monument is constitutional, "we are people who respect the rule of law."

"This tactic was designed to bring about a confrontation which was not

necessary," Robertson said. "Had they requested a stay, they would have gotten an automatic stay, then they would have had the chance to bring a legitimate appeal before the United State Supreme Court and it would have taken some time. In that, they could have framed an argument that might well have won."

The Supreme Court and the U.S. House of Representatives both have Ten Commandments displays in their chambers, Robertson noted.

If Moore had asked the Supreme Court, "How is what I've done in Alabama any different from what you do in your court?" then the Supreme Court would have had to deal with it," he said.

Robertson said that Moore's lawyers have "left those of us like you and me who want the commandments up in public places in a quan-

dary. I regret that this has been done. But I think people like Jim Dobson and others need to understand how judicial processes work. It's just a question not of principle but of tactics."

### State or federal authority

But Moore said that federal justice Myron Thompson, who ordered the monument removed, "has absolutely no authority, power or jurisdiction in this area, and it's that simple. He is coming down as an interior decorator of our courts."

Dobson said he is concerned that the assault by judges on the Ten Commandments monument is part of a larger plan to eliminate religion from the public square. "And that's where this is headed. If we don't stop it here, they're going to have to sandblast half the buildings in Washington."

### Some displays fly under radar

LORAIN, Ohio (RNS)—The Ten Commandments have stood quietly in a Lorain park for 41 years, etched on a monument that barely gets noticed and creating none of the controversy that has engulfed Alabama.

The tablet donated by the Lorain Fraternal Order of Eagles fronts Lakeview Park.

The Eagles paid for tablets to be erected in front of courthouses and other public places beginning in the 1950s. Some reports state the push dovetailed with the release of Cecil B. De Mille's "The Ten Commandments" film in 1956. Another monument sits in front of City Hall in Norwalk, Ohio.

Ray Vasvari, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Ohio, said there are

enough displays of the Ten Commandments on public property that he could fight the cases every day, year-round.

"That doesn't mean it's OK," Vasvari said. "The fact that it's an old constitutional violation doesn't mean there is no violation."

But the ACLU has to choose its battles carefully, he said. Some displays are more disrespectful to the Constitution than others, and those are the ones that he takes to court, he said.

Lorain Safety Director Craig Miller said he "hasn't heard a peep" about the nearly 6-foot-tall marker in his city.

"It's a nice monument," Miller said. "We're not planning on taking it down." Several officials said they did not even know the monument existed.

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## Kudzu

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## For Heaven's Sake

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## Bible Crossword

Teri Grottko

### Across

- 1 The prophet who went up to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11)
- 6 A son of Jeroboam (1 Kings 14:1)
- 11 Moses' brother
- 12 Humble
- 13 "Even unto Ithiel and \_\_\_\_" (Proverbs 30:1)
- 14 Capital of Moab (Isaiah 15:1)
- 15 "That \_\_\_\_ should be a kind of firstfruits" (James 1:18)
- 16 Preposition
- 17 His Highness, abbr.
- 18 A snooze
- 21 Iron, chem. symbol
- 22 Giants (Deuteronomy 9:2)
- 25 A minor objection
- 27 Europium, chem. symbol
- 28 "\_\_\_\_ tempteth he any man" (James 1:13)
- 31 "\_\_\_\_, supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:15)
- 33 The fourth son of Midian (Genesis 25:4 nkjv)
- 34 "They came to \_\_\_\_" (2 Samuel 24:6)
- 35 There were 70 \_\_\_\_ (Exodus 1:5)
- 37 Smallest state, abbr.
- 38 Reflection of sounds
- 41 Not consulted
- 42 Ahasuerus' chamberlain (Esther 1:10)
- 44 Last book of the Old Testament
- 45 "I will praise thee with uprightness of \_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:7)

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- 49 "To the dwelling of \_\_\_\_" (Numbers 21:15)
- 50 French article
- 51 Los Angeles, abbr.
- 52 General Motors, abbr.

### Down

- 1 "Two years before the \_\_\_\_" (Amos 1:1)
- 2 A note to follow So
- 3 Eldest son of Caleb (1 Chronicles 4:15)
- 4 Moses' mother (Exodus 6:20)
- 5 A son of Seir the Horite (Genesis 36:20)
- 6 A river of Damascus (2 Kings 5:12)
- 7 The general under Deborah (Judges 4:8)
- 8 "Surely the Lord \_\_\_\_ in this place" (Genesis 28:16)
- 9 "There is neither \_\_\_\_ nor Greek" (Galatians 3:28)
- 10 "\_\_\_\_, every one that thirsteth" (Isaiah 55:1)
- 19 Pastry crust and filling

- 20 "David ... dwelt in strong holds at \_\_\_\_" (1 Samuel 23:29)
- 21 "His hands shall also \_\_\_\_ it" (Zechariah 4:9)
- 22 "\_\_\_\_ the works were finished" (Hebrews 4:3)
- 23 Nehemiah, abbr.
- 24 To become absorbed in thought
- 26 Prejudice
- 29 One of David's wives (1 Chronicles 3:3)
- 30 17th camp of Israel from Egypt (Numbers 33:5-21)
- 32 Less soft
- 36 "\_\_\_\_ I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Psalm 110:1)
- 39 Scorch
- 40 A son of Joktan (Genesis 10:28)
- 43 "Out of whose womb came the \_\_\_\_?" (Job 38:29)
- 44 Pa's wife
- 46 For example, Lat. abbr.
- 47 "I \_\_\_\_ Alpha and Omega" (Revelation 21:6)
- 48 Preposition

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## Baptists impressed by Mel Gibson's movie, motivations

**"He wants the whole world to know the price Jesus paid for our salvation."**

*Gary Hearon, executive director of Dallas Baptist Association, on Mel Gibson*

By Tammi Reed Ledbetter  
Baptist Press

DALLAS (BP)—Mel Gibson's upcoming movie "The Passion" represents the sufferings of Jesus in a way that surpasses all earlier efforts by cinematographers, according to several Baptists who viewed a rough cut of the film in Dallas.

"It is certainly the most graphic and dramatic portrayal (of the Crucifixion) I've ever seen," said Gary Hearon, executive director of Dallas Baptist Association.

"I didn't see anything I've not read in Scripture, but I saw it in a more graphic way because it was portrayed before our very eyes. You see the flesh and blood flying as a result of the scourge."

Southern Baptist Convention President Jack Graham called the film "biblical, powerful and potentially life-changing."

"The thing that I'm most excited about," Graham said, "is the opportunity it's going to give those of us who preach the cross to explain the meaning of the cross and message of the cross to untold millions of people who are going to be asking questions about the cross and why Jesus died."

Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in metropolitan Dallas, said he was particularly impressed with the quality of the film, the accuracy of content and the overall emotional impact. "There's no question it is the most hard-hit-



**PASSION** Mel Gibson, right, directs a scene from "The Passion," which has stirred the passions of Christian viewers for its powerful recounting of Jesus' crucifixion.

ting display and demonstration of the Crucifixion."

### R-rated violence

"Graphic is the most accurate word to express what we saw," added Janet Denison of Dallas whose husband, Jim, is pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

"I would not use the word entertaining with this movie at all. It was very difficult. At one point I wanted it to be over," she said.

Yet she said she intends to take her two sons, ages 15 and 17, to see the movie when it is released. "I have thought about it a lot. I would prepare them see it with me ... and talk about

it afterward."

The movie, scheduled to be released on Ash Wednesday next spring, will have an R rating.

Denison said that could cause more parents to see the movie with their children. Several members of the screening audience pressed Gibson over their concern with the rating, she noted. "He said it will stay R-rated," Denison recounted, "but added that the Bible is R-rated" in some of its content.

Graham said parents would have to make a decision about whether their children are mature enough to handle the film. "It is extremely violent because the cross was violent," he stat-

ed. While many Christians do not see R-rated movies of any kind, he believes the exceptional quality of The Passion makes the movie an exception to that rule.

"Twenty-five years ago we never would have seen anything like this," Herron added. He said he is hopeful that the rating will not prevent people from seeing it. "The evangelism will come later."

Ed Young Jr. of the Dallas-area Fellowship Church in Grapevine, predicted the film will be one of the best evangelism tools in modern history.

"I think people will go to it and then flood into the churches seeking to know the deeper implications of the movie. That's where we have a chance to capitalize."

### Gibson's motivation

Hearon said he was impressed with Gibson's determination to fund the entire project in order to achieve his purpose. "He wants the whole world to know the price Jesus paid for our salvation."

Young said he believes Mel Gibson has "the legitimacy, track record and authority to carry a project through" as well as a personal relationship with Jesus that motivates him in producing this movie.

"I admire him for his stance, for taking all the arrows," Young said. "It's a bold and gutsy move on his part, but when you've been touched by Jesus like he has been, then that's the response. He simply wants to share this message out in the world."

## We lost a wonderful friend today!

Today (Aug. 27) I received a phone call that I knew I would be getting sooner or later. I was told of the death of Dr. A.B. Colvin shortly after noon. I did not have the fortune of knowing Colvin for decades like many of his friends. I first heard of him when we were building two 6,000-square-foot greenhouses in 1988. One of our two greenhouses was purchased by Ballardsville Baptist Church and given to OBI in honor of A.B. and Irene Colvin for their faithful work for Kentucky Baptists.

While I did see Colvin from time to time when he was on campus, I did not really get to know him until the untimely death of my predecessor, Barkley Moore, in January 1994. Colvin was asked to serve as the administrator until the trustees could select a new president. The board wanted to call him the interim president, but Colvin asked to simply be called the administrator. While I have never asked any of the trustees, I believe that if he had consented, Colvin could have been Oneida's next president.

In those eight months I began to really know Colvin. We were all devastated and confused following Moore's death. Colvin was the right person at the right time. He brought encouragement, wisdom and something we all needed very badly, humor. There was never the slightest bickering. Everyone understood that Colvin was at the helm and he would see us safely to shore.

When I was asked to serve as president, Colvin graciously agreed to help me as he had assisted Moore. His help and wealth of knowledge was a tremendous comfort to me, especially during those early, difficult years. Colvin never sought any recognition, but simply went about the King's busi-

ness. He never complained or asked for anything. In the true spirit of Oneida, he served for 18 years without a salary as the assistant to two presidents. He received no compensation for all the hours he spent representing and promoting this ministry. He was given only a small traveling allowance to help cover his expenses. God only knows how many miles he has traveled during the past 18 years.

Colvin was an early riser and often returned home very late in the evening. Colvin could never have been the blessing he was to Kentucky Baptists and to this ministry if his loving wife, Irene, had not been willing to sacrifice countless hours and days of personal time and companionship. He could go freely about the Kingdom business because of Irene's dedication and understanding.

Shortly after he agreed to serve Oneida's needs, he established the A.B. Colvin Scholarship Fund for OBI. Colvin put any gratuities and love offerings he received for preaching and pulpit supply into the fund. Hundreds of checks and monetary gifts given to him during the past 18 years went into the fund. Today that fund is valued in excess of \$325,000! The income from the fund helps provide scholarships for some of Oneida's most needy students.

We lost a dear friend today. We will miss his wit and his encouraging, bountiful laugh. Kentucky Baptists lost a devoted friend, too. Colvin was a Kentucky Baptist through and through. It is no wonder that he often was referred to as "Mr. Kentucky Baptist."

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### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

## Fonde Church celebrates at homecoming

With nine active members, some people might think nothing much happens at Fonde Baptist Church. At the June Homecoming, about 350 people filled the auditorium, some coming from Australia.

"The rich heritage of Fonde as a mining camp is recalled at the homecoming," Pastor Jeff Griggs said. "Former members return, or family who grew up in Fonde. This summer most of them came to see the changes in the church."

Fonde Baptist Church was founded in 1911. At the height of the mining work, more than 1,000 homes covered the surrounding hills; 11 homes are now in Fonde. The present church building was constructed in the 1930s; time and declining membership left it

with major problems. Water seeped into the basement classrooms; the back corner foundation was crumbling. After a Mississippi volunteer team canceled, Pastor Dwayne Southwood and four other men from Calvary Baptist Church in Frankfort (the Griggs' home church) worked two weekends remodeling the restrooms.

In retirement, Neil Webb, a 1950s Fonde pastor, and his wife became members of the Molders

Class at Central Baptist Church in Fountain City, Tenn. Encouraged by Mrs. Webb, the class adopted the Fonde community as a mission project. Class members came three times a week for two summers.

They tore out the old flooring, added concrete around the foundation, installed outside drainage, installed insulation and drywall on interior walls and repaired the kitchen and rest room facilities. Useable classes increased from three to five. "I gave the Molders Class a modest list of needs," Griggs said. "They took the ball and ran. It is amazing what they have done." Materials were provided with \$50,000 in gifts, much of it from people who attend annual homecomings.

The church is grateful that Clear Creek is nearby. They have looked to the college for pastors for many years. Griggs is now in his third year as pastor. A spiritual highlight for the year was the baptism of 65-year-old Fonde resident Lawrence Lawson. "I sometimes wonder why the Lord is doing this," Griggs said. "I'm just grateful for the opportunity to serve the church and help keep a witness going in this community."

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

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Not dead yet

*Author explores how dying patients want to be treated*

By Mark Wingfield  
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—“People who are dying are still living.”

That’s the key message of a new book based on 10 years of interviews with people who are terminally ill. And it’s a message the author, David Kuhl, wants caregivers, ministers and family members to understand before it’s too late.

Kuhl, a medical doctor, developed a palliative care program for cancer and AIDS patients in Vancouver, British Columbia. From that, he obtained a grant from the Soros Foundation to study the emotional, spiritual and physical issues facing those who know the end of life is near.

His book, “What Dying People Want,” draws on both biblical and non-biblical texts to illustrate the stories told to him by people from their 20s to their 80s who were diagnosed with terminal cancer or AIDS. His subjects ranged from his own patients to individuals he never knew before.

Kuhl confesses he wishes he knew earlier what he knows now—a desire applied to watching both a roommate and a father-in-law die.

“In the case of my father-in-law, my wife and I would not have left his room the last night of his life just because the hospital staff told us to go home,” he writes. “The change in his breathing pattern was such that they must have known that he was dying. We left without saying the goodbye we would have said, without speaking the truths we would have spoken. We were not there to hold his hand even in his unconsciousness. That time was so precious, but the opportunity to complete our relationship evaded us because we didn’t know what to do or to say—other than to believe the doctors and nurses.”

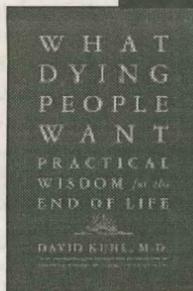
From this platform, Kuhl addresses health-care providers, the dying and loved ones of the dying, imploring them to demonstrate greater sensitivity and seize the time that remains.

### Interviews with the dying

Out of his interviews with the dying, Kuhl identifies nine common concerns, ranging from changing perceptions of time to the importance of physical touch to the need to speak and hear truth to the search for spiritual meaning at the end of life.

“For the most part,” he concludes, “they wanted to be heard and to be understood simply for who they were in the world.”

The announcement of a terminal diagnosis marks a change in the way people perceive time, Kuhl reports. It signals not only an ending but a beginning—“an opportunity to ask what the time remaining in your life means to you.”



He quotes the work of two other researchers—James Diggory and Doreen Rothman—who asked 550 people to prioritize seven consequences of death. The No. 1 concern was the grief their death would cause relatives and friends.

Kuhl confirms this finding, but adds that this fear actually may reduce the quantity and quality of conversation that occurs between the dying and their loved ones.

“For some people, the need to take care of others is greater than their desire to alleviate their own fears and anxiety by speaking about those emotions,” he explains.

### Reviewing one’s life

Anxiety may be reduced by engaging in a life review, Kuhl suggests. This exercise “simply means living in the present while looking at the past,” he writes. “It enables the individual to reconsider life events, relationships, successes, failures.”

Like Adam and Even facing expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the pronouncement of a terminal illness moves a person into a new reality, Kuhl contends. “Our naivete about life as we know it ends. Dying becomes part of our reality. We can’t go back.”

Life review ultimately should lead to an experience of transcendence, “a spirituality that extends from the core of their being to a spirit that cannot be contained,” Kuhl writes.

Among a number of practical tips Kuhl addresses:

■ *The importance of physical touch.* To illustrate the power of touch, he draws on the biblical story of the

woman with a 12-year hemorrhage who touched the hem of Jesus’ garment and was healed.

“People who are dying often feel ‘out of touch’ physically and emotionally. They feel that no one knows their experience. They feel isolated. They crave physical contact.”

■ *The sources of pain.* The physical pain of a terminal illness might be intertwined with emotional pain of regrets, conflict and mistakes made in life, Kuhl said. “Pain is always a combination of physical and psychological features, and for some it has a spiritual component as well.”

■ *The need for family members to talk openly.* “When the death of a close family member has occurred, it must be talked about—again and again and again. Until that happens, meaningful topics will not be engaged, potentially intimate conversations won’t get started—nothing will change until someone has the courage to speak what seems to be unspeakable.”

This applies both before and after the death, and it concerns both the dying and those they love, Kuhl asserts. For those who have trouble getting started, he offers this simple formula: “I feel (name the emotion) because (state what happened).”

The book ends as it begins, with Kuhl recounting the death of a family member. But the experience of walking through a terminal illness with his sister differed from the earlier experience with his father-in-law, he reports, because of what he had learned from the dying patients he interviewed.

“We were able to do and say what needed to be done and said,” he writes. “For that, I will be forever grateful.”

## Book prescribes honest talk for Christians getting married

By David Briggs  
Religion News Service

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio (RNS)—Peggy McMickle came home on the subway from working all day in downtown Manhattan to prepare dinner. Her husband, Marvin, a graduate student, was relaxing on the couch watching Walter Cronkite and the nightly news.

At the end of the show, he walked into their small kitchen and told his wife, “All is right with the world.”

She turned to him and said, “Maybe in the world, but not in this apartment.”

Sitting together recently on the couch in their Shaker Heights, Ohio, home, the McMickles smiled as they recalled the story from the early days of their marriage. But when it happened, both remembered, it was a painful moment of truth.

They had a long talk, and their domestic responsibilities were reordered.

“It wasn’t fun that day, but I’m sure it has helped contribute to these 28 years of marriage,” said McMickle, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland.

In a new book, “Before We Say I Do: 7 Steps to a Healthy Marriage,” published by Judson Press of Valley Forge, Pa.,



McMickle tries to help couples practice the honest communication he believes is essential to wedded bliss.

It is a modern marriage manual in that it addresses issues such as AIDS, interfaith relationships and feminism.

But the focus is on marriage as an act of faith, where both parties envision their union based on the biblical principles of the two people becoming “one flesh” for life.

“I’m not in the divorce business,” says McMickle, who encourages couples to forgive one another, even amid the pain of adultery.

The Baptist pastor said he would like to say that most churches, in the face of a nearly 50 percent divorce rate, are offering premarital counseling. But “I don’t think the majority are doing it,” he said.

### Honesty & forgiveness

In his own pastoral conversations and in his book, he encourages people contemplating marriage to talk about all sorts of uncomfortable subjects, from sexual and financial histories to the religious beliefs they hope to pass on to their children.

“You can’t lie to each other,” McMickle says. “Worse than lying, you can’t hold back truthful information.”

He also urges couples to discuss everything from their housekeeping practices to their views on issues such as gun control and pornography to whether they want to keep separate bank accounts.

The best time to talk about these issues is before the marriage, McMickle advises.

In a special message for men, the pastor urges them to understand the issues raised by feminists and to reject the image of male domination in marriage.

Encouraging spouses to share household duties, McMickle says the biblical model for a marriage “is based upon partnership and not domination.”

“For a marriage to work, everybody has to do their share,” Peggy McMickle says.

But when things do go wrong, McMickle counsels forgiveness.

He says the Bible raises the bar of forgiveness awfully high “and forces us to reconsider the question of whether even something as hurtful and humiliating as adultery can and should be forgiven.”

But McMickle, who at age 10 endured the pain of his parents’ divorce, says he wrote the book to encourage couples to get married, and stay married, for the right reasons.

“My principal hope is that rates of divorce will fall like a rock,” he said. “I lived divorce, and I don’t wish it on others.”

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By Randall Jones

"Many Ministries/One Mission" is the theme for the 2003 Season of Prayer for State Missions. Each believer in Christ is empowered with one or more spiritual gifts and is called to minister in myriad ways.

However, the "One Mission" of Christians is to glorify God. We can best glorify God by introducing all people to Him through a personal faith relationship in Jesus Christ; assimilating them into the fellowship of a nurturing church; and equipping them to introduce others to God.

Why is this so urgent? Because of the:

■ *Predicament of mankind.* Without a faith relationship in Jesus Christ, all mankind is alienated from God (Colossians 1:21).

■ *Provision for mankind.* God, out of His unfathomable love, has initiated a way for us to have spiritual birth (John 3:16).

■ *Positive response of mankind.* This salvation is for all people everywhere (Romans 10:13).

■ *Powerful results of being born again.* Results include newness of life (2 Corinthians 5:17), abundant life now (John 10:10) and everlasting life (John 3:16).

Have you been introduced to the loving Creator God who wants you to be spiritually alive and interacting with Him? If not, call on Him now to give you the gift of His great salvation.

If you have experienced this loving salvation relationship with God, are you glorifying Him by consistently and intentionally introducing Him to others?

Randall Jones is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention state missions department

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ **CENTRAL CITY**—First Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sept. 21.

New Hope Church recently celebrated its 165th anniversary.

■ **DRAKESBORO**—Ron Melton resigned as pastor of Ebenezer Church.

■ **DRY RIDGE**—Concord Church will hold revival services Sept. 5-7 with Micah Carter as evangelist. For more information, call (859) 824-5690.

■ **FAIRDALE**—First Church recently called Josh Powell as pastor.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Crestwood Church honored Leon and Carroll Walden for their 50th anniversary Aug. 31.

■ **GLENDAL**—Gilead Church honored Jack Buckner on his 90th birthday Aug. 23.

■ **GREENVILLE**—Jeff Noffsinger recently resigned as pastor of New Cypress Church.

■ **HARLAN**—Teetersville Church will hold homecoming Sept. 14 with Lonnie Riley as guest speaker.

■ **JAMESTOWN**—Dunnville First Church called John Bennett as pastor.

■ **LEBANON**—Katri Whitlock, whose husband, David, is pastor of Lebanon Church, died Aug. 23 at age 48. A graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, she worked in the church's children's ministry. In addition to her husband, she is survived by their teenage children, Mary Elizabeth and

David Jr. Memorial gifts may be made to Lebanon Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Fern Creek Church called Jamie Benningfield as child development center director, Daniel Gilliam as minister of music and Nancy Kleehamer as minister of preschool. Linda Barnes Popham is pastor.

Gethsemane Church will host a fall concert Sept. 14, 6 p.m., featuring the Gethsemane choir, quartet and instrumentalists.

Jeffersontown Church will hold its annual picnic Sept. 14 at Vetter Park. For information, call (502) 267-1123. Sanford Hill is pastor.

Maple Grove Church ordained Bill Brown, Paul Hixon and Eddie Reynolds as deacons Aug. 31. Ray Hayes is pastor.

■ **MAYFIELD**—Duane Fields, assistant pastor of New Liberty Church, resigned Aug. 31. Aubert Rose Jr. is pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Walnut Memorial Church recently honored David Taylor for 10 years of service as minister of music.

■ **REGINA**—Faith First Church called Nick Damron as pastor.

■ **RUSSELL SPRINGS**—Friendship Church recently ordained John Smith and Mike Popplewell as deacons.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church will dedicate its new classroom and fellowship building Sept. 7. Activities include a noon meal and 2 p.m. dedication service. John Brandon is pastor.

## Student servants



More than 300 new students attending Campbellsville University began their college experience by participating in a series of servant leadership projects. The ministry projects, coordinated by the school's Kentucky Heartland Outreach, were designed to help students make a connection with the university and area residents, said Dave Walters, vice president for admissions and student services. Upperclassmen served as team leaders on 18 projects such as painting and roofing houses, cleaning carpets and yards and repairing a deck. ■ Above: Timmy Muchmore, Tanner Abner, Thomas Cooper and Dutch Johnson prepare to install siding on a Kentucky Heartland Outreach construction project. ■ Left: Jason Slingerland (right) hands roofing material to construction team leader Luke Prior. (Campbellsville University photos by Shannon Thomas)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**AVAILABLE:** Bro. Larry Brown is now available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates and revivals. For information, call (270) 662-0075.

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

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

**FOR SALE:** Baby Grand piano by Weber. Excellent condition; ebony. Asking \$6,700. (859) 873-6885 or (757) 455-5403. Versailles, Ky.

**SEEKING:** Full-time youth minister for established and growing youth program. Please send resumé with references to: Search Committee, Zion Baptist Church, 8158 Highway 351, Henderson, KY 42420.

**SEEKING:** Cumberland Baptist Church seeks full-time youth and young adult minister to implement Bible training, evangelism, outreach and fellowship for youth and young adults. Minimum qualifications: Baptist, college degree (seminary preferred), two years as youth and young adult minister or equivalent experience. Job description at www.cumberlandbaptist.org. Resumé to: 5600 Western Ave., Knoxville, TN 37921, Attn: YYAM Search Committee.

**SEEKING:** Full-time minister of youth with some education responsibilities for Lakota Hills Baptist Church, West Chester, Ohio. This is an exciting, rapidly growing congregation located in the beautiful northern suburbs of Cincinnati. If prayerfully interested, please send resumé and cover letter to: Search Committee, 6300 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069.

**SEEKING:** Positions for new, non-profit Berea (Ky.) Health Ministry Clinic: executive director, nurse practitioner, registered nurse. For information, call Dr. Ida Slusher, (859) 986-5898.

**SEEKING:** Pastor of worship and youth for Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky. Rosedale is a vibrant, growing church averaging over 300 in two Sunday morning services (one traditional, one contemporary with complete praise band). The youth ministry has a strong foundation and frequently has 60 or more youth during its Wednesday evening "6:33" service. We currently envision this as one full-time position but are open to considering resúmes for worship pastor only and youth pastor only. Salary will be commensurate with responsibilities and experience. Please send resúmes to Administrative Team, Rosedale Baptist Church, 411 Westover Ave., Richmond, KY 40475. For more information, log on to www.rosedalebc.com or call Pastor Tiger Pennington at (859) 623-1771.

**SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister for young youth group with a lot of potential at Durbin Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky. Please send resumé to Pastor Chuck Luke at 8650 Durbin Lane, Lexington, KY 40515, or call (859) 351-1333.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor for Meta Baptist Church in Pikeville, Ky. Sunday school attendance is 80 and Sunday morning worship attendance is 130. Please send resumé to: Meta Baptist Church, 8807 Meta Highway, Pikeville, KY 41501, Attn: Pastor Search Committee.

**SEEKING:** Accounting supervisor of general ledger and payroll. Requires bachelor's degree in accounting with at least two years supervisory experience, preferably for a not-for-profit organization. Strong communications and computer skills also required. Send resumé with salary history and requirements in confidence to: Personnel Services, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280, or personnel@sbt.edu.

**SEEKING:** Interim minister of worship for Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky. Responsible for planning Sunday morning worship, rehearsing instrumentalists (multiple instruments), choir, leading a blended worship style and coordinating multimedia. All responsibilities could be accomplished on Sunday to facilitate travel. \$475-\$550/wk. Contact Pastor Scott Mackey, (270) 651-2186.

**SEEKING:** Adult consultant/camp director. Requires experience in the work of Woman's Missionary Union and in camping programs for children and youth. Seeking expertise and enthusiasm, especially in the area of Women on Mission. Supervisory experience with camping programs a plus; master's degree required. Send resumé to: Joy Bolton, Kentucky WMU, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253-6569.

**SEEKING:** Part-time interim minister of music. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, First Baptist Church, 230 South Fifth St., Williamsburg, KY 40769.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor. Ordination and some seminary training required; ministerial experience also necessary. Two Sunday morning services, one Sunday evening service and a Wednesday evening service. Sunday school average attendance: 250. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Cecilia Baptist Church, PO Box 73, Cecilia, KY 42724.

**SEEKING:** Two positions: Pastor and part-time youth minister (paid position; grades 6-12) for Mexico Baptist Church in rural western Kentucky. Average Sunday school attendance: 135. Send resumé to MBC Pulpit Committee or Youth Council, 175 Mexico Road, Marion, KY 42064, Attn: James Penn (pastor) or Brent Highfil (youth minister), or call (270) 965-2149. turnerchandler@hotmail.com.

## Whose 'dream' is it?

*Both liberals and conservatives embracing King's legacy for causes*

By Adelle Banks  
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Forty years ago last week, blacks, whites, Christians and Jews descended on the National Mall for the March on Washington, their day capped with Martin Luther King Jr.'s now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Four decades later, the diversity of faces and voices resonating with—and claiming for themselves—that message has broadened so much that critics all along the ideological spectrum think the range of those linking themselves to the slain civil rights leader has gone too far.

Consider: Just before the march anniversary was marked this year, conservative supporters of suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore compared their cause—keeping a Ten Commandments monument in a state judicial building—to King's encouragement of civil disobedience. And, on the liberal end of the culture war, gay rights activists rejoiced at their participation in this year's commemorative march on Aug. 23.

"Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is no Martin Luther King Jr.," Robert Parham declared in an editorial on the Baptist Center for Ethics' Web site. "Efforts to portray the religious right's agenda on the Ten Commandments as akin to the civil rights movement cheapens King's legacy and veils a conservative Christian agenda."

A more conservative Christian organization that embraces traditional family values took umbrage at the thought of gay organizations—waving a 100-foot-long rainbow pride flag—rallying with others near the Lincoln Memorial where King spoke.

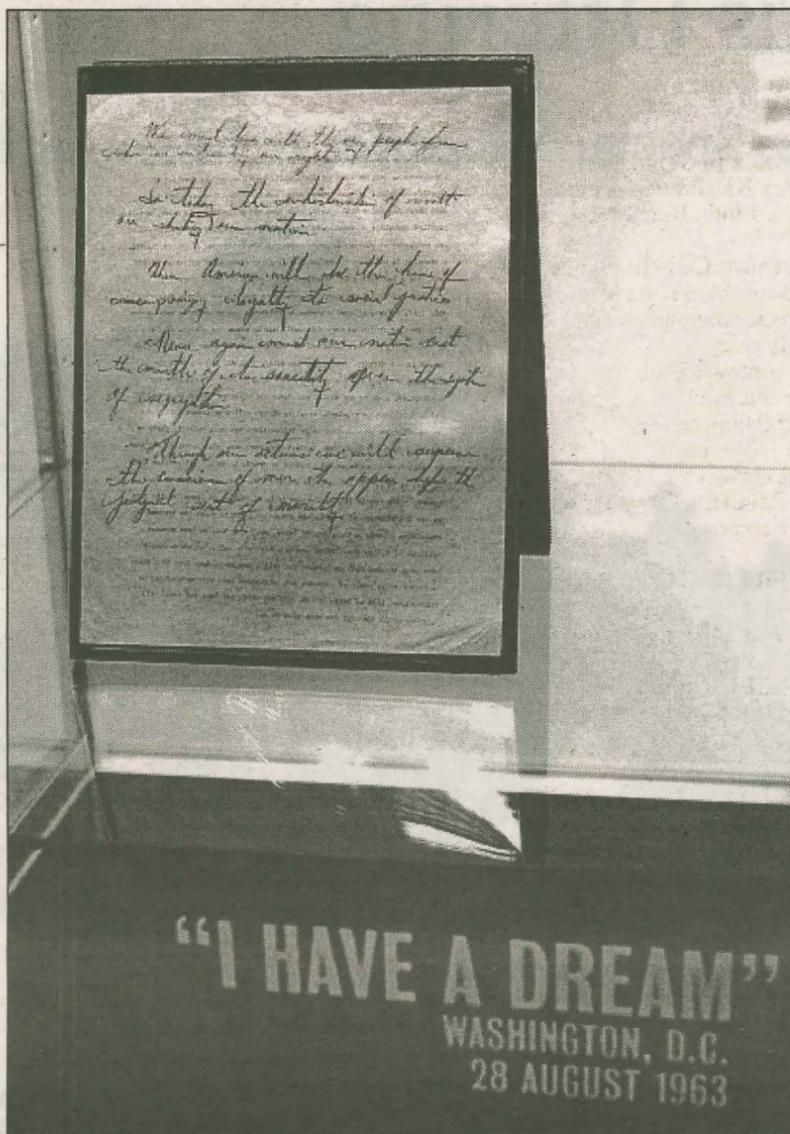
"The Washington, D.C.-based Family Research Council strongly opposes the hijacking of the civil rights movement by homosexual activists, and believes that homosexual behavior cannot be equated with such innate characteristics as sex or race," the council announced.

Neither the linkages to King nor the critics of them surprise longtime and more recent observers of King and his famous speech.

### Linkage with 'least of these'

"I think you get both liberals and conservatives using King largely because he is such a powerful symbol in America," said James Cone, author of "Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream or a Nightmare."

"It's the least of these that King was concerned about and that was true in the African-American community as well, so middle-class blacks are really not the ones that understand King and neither are



**KING SPEECH** An early draft with handwritten changes of Martin Luther King's speech "Normalcy—Never Again," which is now called the "I Have a Dream" speech, sits on display in New York. (RNS/Reuters photo by Chip East)

these other privileged people in society, no matter in what areas they might feel themselves discriminated."

But King, who was assassinated while in Memphis, Tenn., fighting for the cause of garbage workers, has been and will be the catalyst for a range of new efforts.

This fall, when the current commemorations are just a memory, two of the top names in Christian music, a white musician named TobyMac and a black gospel artist named Kirk Franklin, will come together for a multi-city "I Have a Dream—the Tour."

They'll be working with the E.R.A.C.E. Foundation, which stands for Eliminating Racism and Creating Equality.

James Lawson, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, said he's "all for" Christian artists commenting on the oneness of the human race.

But he doesn't see the Alabama judge and his compatriots seeking quite the same goal.

"Roy and his followers are theocratic," Lawson said. "They're using King's name because they think there's some value in using the name in their arguments, not because they support nonviolence or the civil disobedience movement as a way of

making law better."

### Strong symbol

Elizabeth Vander Lei, an English professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., said King's speech and the related march have been "resonating globally" for years, with Million Man and Million Mom marches on the National Mall and even Chinese students in Tiananmen Square singing "We Shall Overcome."

The recollection of what the speech was really about has been lost sometimes, even in advertising.

Alcatel, a telecommunications company, reshaped King's message for 2001 television commercials, and an anti-ebonics group placed a 1998 ad in the New York Times titled, "I Has a Dream."

While the debate goes on about whether some groups have co-opted King's "I Have a Dream" message or simply are being creative, perhaps the arguing is beneficial, Vander Lei said.

"If the argument comes to a point where someone is saying you should not be linked with King for these reasons, guess what? We're talking about what King did and we're talking about the civil rights movement and ... that makes me happy," Vander Lei said.

"If they're not applying any critical thinking to the use of that term, then I would be sad."

## Houses of worship helping senior citizens fight fraud

By Bob Smetana  
Religion News Service

DENVER (RNS)—When people walk in the doors at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Denver, they might be coming to volunteer at one of the church's outreach ministries, attend the Wednesday night compliance service, or take part in the Thursday night dessert-and-theology book club.

Or they might just be coming to use the shredder. Earlier this year, St. Paul installed a shredder in the church office through a program from the Denver district attorney's office that trains clergy and lay leaders to recognize and prevent fraud, especially against senior citizens.

Using a shredder is one simple but effective way to help prevent identity theft, one of the most common kinds of fraud, said Lisa Curtis, director of the Clergy Against Senior Exploitation (CASE) partnership.

Curtis said "dumpster divers" sift through trash, looking for bank account statements, expired health insurance cards or other documents that include Social Security numbers. Those numbers can be used by identity thieves to set up false checking or credit accounts.

In one recent case in Denver, "crooks lifted a Social Security number from an expired HMO card thrown in the trash and used it to open several cell phone services, running up over \$10,000 in charges," Curtis said. If identity thieves find discarded deposit slips, "they will lift the numbers to create counterfeit checks on their computers and printers."

The CASE program is funded by a three-year, \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and currently works with 170 faith communities like St. Paul. Besides training clergy and lay leaders, Curtis sends out regular "fraud alerts," which are passed on to about 40,000 e-mail addresses, and runs fraud prevention seminars in churches, synagogues and mosques. She said most congregations are unaware of how widespread fraud is and what they can do to prevent parishioners from being victims of fraud.

### Religious people 'easy marks'

Kevin Maly, St. Paul's pastor, said CASE officials taught him that "people in faith communities tend to be people of goodwill and can be easy marks."

Something as simple as teaching older women in the congregation how to guard against purse snatchers, which is one component of the seminar, has made people in his congregation feel safer, he said.

Beside identity theft, Curtis said other common types of cons that affect seniors are telemarketing fraud, mail and Internet fraud, home improvement and inspection fraud, predatory lending, security and investment fraud and caregiver fraud. The caregiver fraud can range from an in-home caregiver stealing a person's checkbook to a trusted adviser embezzling funds.

Since attending the seminar, Maly discovered that a member of his congregation was being taken advantage of by her financial adviser, who had "weaseled his way into her will." Maly hopes to find a lawyer who "can talk to her (about the situation) without alienating her."

Faith communities also can be a place where victims of fraud can feel safe talking about what has happened to them. Curtis estimates that 80 percent of fraud victims do not report the crimes out of embarrassment.

Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter Jr. said that about 750 of the 5,600 cases his office prosecutes each year involve some kind of fraud. "One of the things that I've seen just explode is the victimization of senior citizens," he said. "We have always known that physical and emotional abuse existed, but the financial exploitation is something new."

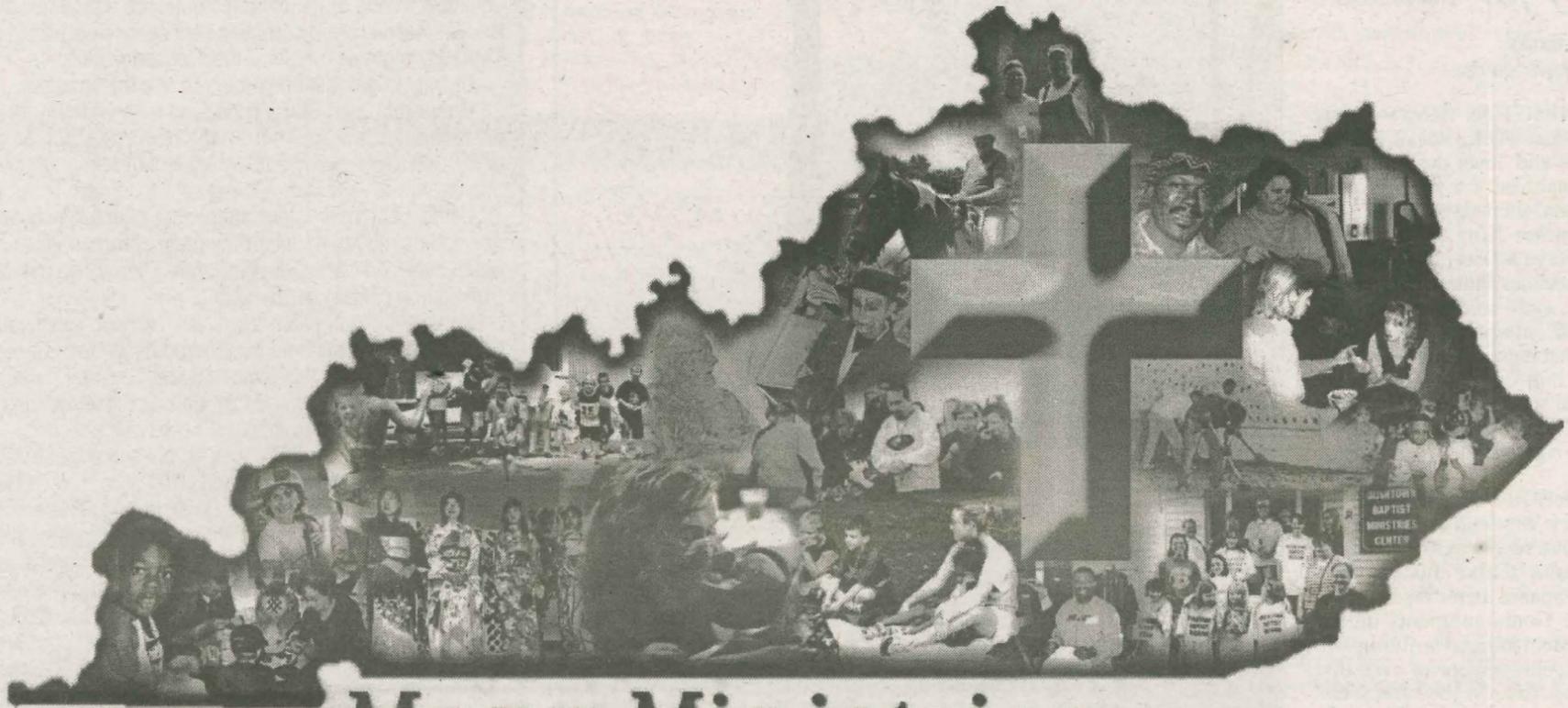
Ritter said that senior citizens are especially susceptible to economic crime because many live alone and are often willing to talk on the phone with telemarketers and give out identifying information. A second reason, he said, is that they tend to trust people more.

"This is a generation that was raised to believe that a handshake was a promise."

# *Season of Prayer*

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“There are varieties of ministires, and the same Lord.”

I Corinthians 12:5

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