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Extra day gets Promise Keepers inmate extended prison sentence

MARION, Ohio (RNS)—An Ohio prisoner convicted for manslaughter who sought to remain incarcerated an extra day so he could attend a Promise Keepers rally will be behind bars for almost three extra years instead.

Willie Chapman, 36, made the request prior to the Aug. 12 religious gathering inside the Marion Correctional Institution, Associated Press reported.

When the children of the woman he killed learned about his upcoming parole through news reports about his request, they fought his release.

The Ohio Parole Board reversed itself on Sept. 9 and voted to postpone Chapman's release until at least May 1, 2006.

"I'm basically devastated," Chapman said the day after learning of the board's vote.

Imprisoned for killing his wife in 1988, Chapman said he does not regret asking to stay long enough to attend the in-prison rally, the first for the evangelical Christian men's ministry.

"I did that for God, and I could never regret that," he said. "I'm going to keep my faith. I'm not going to give up."

Chapman was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the death of his wife. He was sentenced to six to 25 years in prison. The inmate became involved in Promise Keepers two years ago. He said he intends to become a preacher after he is released and the extra time in prison will give him a chance to do more work "on the inside."

Visual sermon or eyesore?



GRAPHIC STATEMENT New Life Baptist Church in Mayfield has been told to remove its display of wrecked vehicles designed to rally opposition to an upcoming vote on whether to allow alcohol sales in restaurants. (Paducah Sun photo by Lance Dennee)

City tells church to remove wet-dry vote protest

By Anne Thrower
The Paducah Sun

MAYFIELD—The attorney for the city of Mayfield says the wrecked vehicles at New Life Baptist Church are an eyesore like any other junk vehicle.

But the church's pastor says it's his way of showing opposition to the Nov. 4 liquor-by-the-drink referendum in Mayfield.

Pastor Jimmy Madding said he received a written warning Oct. 7 from

the city that he will be cited to appear in court if he doesn't remove the vehicles within 14 days.

Madding said the vehicles aren't moving until the election next month. "If they want to put me in jail, that is fine," he said. "This is the third time in 20 years we've had to fight this thing. Everybody has a right to his or her opinion. We as Christians just don't want (alcohol) in our city."

Nathan Lamb, the code enforcement officer who cited Madding, referred questions to Mayor Arthur

Byrn. Byrn asked the city attorney to respond to the legal questions.

City Attorney Boyd Neely Jr. said Oct. 8 that the vehicles are being treated like any other junk vehicle in Mayfield: They are not allowed. It's an effort to take care of an eyesore, not a free-speech issue, he said.

If the vehicles stay beyond 14 days, Madding faces a fine of up to \$500 per vehicle and/or 12 months in jail. The vehicles also could be removed at the owner's expense.

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Eastern Kentucky ministries celebrated at Brotherhood meeting

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CUMBERLAND—Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood members traveled to the southeastern corner of the commonwealth Oct. 3-4, with the purpose of spotlighting what God is doing in Eastern Kentucky.

Brotherhood works with half a dozen ministry centers in the region, according to Brotherhood Director Randy Foster, and that's just a fraction of the new ministries that churches have launched in recent years.

The centers that Brotherhood supports collectively distribute 25-50 tons of food per month, as well as clothing and other supplies, Foster said.

"Brotherhood is doing a remarkable job," said David Aker, mountain missions director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "There's no better example of (teamwork)."

Aker praised Brotherhood's disaster relief workers for their response to

summer floods.

The organization's disaster relief workers registered their most active year for such projects in 2002-03. Volunteers responded to 13 disasters, about three times the annual average since 1984, and prepared 80,000 meals.

Despite the remote location for the annual meeting, Foster said the attendance (estimated at 125 people) was about the same as last year's convention in more centrally-located Lawrenceburg.

"It made a statement that we're committed to Eastern Kentucky and the grassroots folks," Foster said. "We go to the extremes so we won't leave people out."

Reports of Brotherhood activity came during the steering committee meeting, which included the election of Wendell Bowen of Friendship Bap-

tist Church in Campbellsville, as president for 2003-04. Lewis Cook, of Central Baptist Church in Maysville, was elected vice president.

Many convention speakers took time to say God is bringing revival to Eastern Kentucky.

Bill Barker, director of Appalachian Regional Ministry, cited such examples as a woman who donated her inheritance to help buy diapers for poor children and federal housing managers who are offering space for Bible studies.

Barker also cited a 2001-02 statistic that Eastern Kentucky Baptists reported one baptism per 27 resident members, compared to a Southern Baptist Convention ratio of 1 to 48.

Four churches in the region have asked for emergency construction help because they need more space for growing congregations before winter,

Barker said.

"I like these kinds of problems," he said. "When revival comes, it's all about Jesus. I wake up every morning anticipating what God is going to do in Appalachia."

Larry Martin, leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions growth team, said explaining what God is doing in Eastern Kentucky is like trying to describe Niagara Falls in two sentences.

Martin told of a series of miraculous events in the region since 1999, such as:

■ A Kentucky Baptist ministry center in Lynch reporting 1,500 professions of faith in Christ, with Lynch Baptist Church scheduled to reopen soon.

■ Ministry centers increasing from 4 to 43.

■ Field missionaries (including Mission Service Corps workers) statewide doubling from about 125 to 250. □ See Brotherhood celebrates ..., page 3

Celebration in the
MOUNTAINS
Brotherhood Conference

NAMB, IMB leaders urge joint initiative

By James Dotson
SBC North American Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—Presidents of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and International Mission Board have announced a proposal for a joint meeting next spring to launch "The Acts 1:8 Challenge," an initiative to help associations, state conventions and the mission boards partner more effectively with churches.

The announcement came during an address Oct. 8 by NAMB President Robert Reccord to trustees, joined via telephone by IMB President Jerry Rankin. If approved by IMB trustees, the boards would hold separate meetings May 17-19 in the Atlanta area before gathering for a joint service the evening of May 19 at First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga.

Global mission centers

The Acts 1:8 Challenge would encourage churches to work with their associations, state conventions and national and international mission boards as partners in reaching "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth" as described in Acts 1:8.

The concept would be reinforced by coordinated communications designed to assist local churches in becoming worldwide mission centers.

Rankin called the proposed joint meeting "absolutely unprecedented" in the history of the SBC. "We're not in competition for support or for involvement, but working together for the Kingdom of God," he said.

Reccord noted that the initiative has become a missions component of the Empowering Kingdom Growth effort launched by the SBC in 2002.

Rankin said he repeatedly has seen how churches that get involved in broader Great Commission efforts subsequently see local ministries blessed.

"It grieves me that so many of our pastors and churches are depriving their people of the very thing that could revitalize them and set their hearts aflame with that evangelistic passion—involving themselves in a mission beyond just their local church program," Rankin said. "And that's what Acts 1:8 is all about."

Reccord said the strategy is an effort to help reverse a number of negative trends facing evangelicals in general and Southern Baptists in particular.

"If we don't turn this ship around, we're not going to have much to hand to our kids and grandkids," he said.

Reccord: "Sinister move afoot"

Citing the declining percentage of Cooperative Program funds being channeled beyond the local church, Reccord warned that there's a "sinister move afoot" in many Southern Baptist churches, "and that is: 'We're going to keep it here, because we can manage it better. We know and can touch and see exactly where it goes.' If that's going to be our attitude, then we might as well stop being a Southern Baptist Convention. If we really don't believe that we can do more together than we can do separately, we might as well say, 'Let's close it down.'"

Reccord also encouraged trustees to lead the way in helping Southern Baptists recover a passion for personal evangelism.

"We are seeping into an evangelism strategy that says, 'I'll just witness by my life. I'll get into relationships, and that'll just sort of ooze people into the Kingdom,'" he said. "Let me tell you folks, people don't ooze into the Kingdom. They make a decision to step into the Kingdom."

NAMB, BGCT break impasse over proposed cooperative agreement

By Ken Camp
Baptist General Convention of Texas

ALPHARETTA, Ga.—Trustees of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board approved a new cooperative agreement with the Baptist General Convention of Texas Oct. 8.

The trustee action came after the BGCT Executive Board on Sept. 30 approved a revised agreement between the state convention and the missions agency. At previous meetings, the BGCT board had voted on two earlier versions of the document, but each was met by counter-proposals from NAMB.

Final approval of the agreement came after more than a year of negotiations between NAMB and the BGCT. One key issue was the NAMB requirement that its personnel comply with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, a revised faith statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention but not by the BGCT.

The approved cooperative agreement retains the requirement that jointly supported personnel conform to procedures and requirements of both NAMB and the BGCT but acknowledges the BGCT's disagreement. It states, "When North American Mission Board funds are used, both entities acknowledge that personnel must comply with North American Mission Board's requirements concerning the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, though this does not indicate affirmation of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 by the Baptist General Convention of Texas."

NAMB provides full financial support for fewer than 60 missionaries throughout North America. Most NAMB-appointed missionaries are

funded cooperatively by local Baptist associations, state Baptist conventions or both. NAMB typically pays for insurance benefits and often contributes a salary supplement, while the other partners bear the remaining expense. BGCT leaders have said the Texas convention will pick up the entire compensation package for any missionary related to Texas mission efforts who does not wish to affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

The NAMB/BGCT document is one of 10 recent cooperative agreements—including one with the Kentucky Baptist Convention—approved by NAMB trustees as part of an ongoing effort to update documents that had not been revised since NAMB was formed in 1997.

E.B. Brooks, coordinator of the BGCT Church Missions and Evangelism Section, expressed appreciation both to NAMB and BGCT leaders for their efforts in negotiating the cooperative agreement.

"I believe this affords us the opportunity to continue our historic partnership with the North American Mission Board to do very effective evangelism and benevolent ministry in Texas," Brooks said.

Terry Fox, chairman of the NAMB board of trustees, described the agreement as a "win-win situation" for everyone involved.

NAMB President Robert Reccord said he was pleased the new agreement "clearly resolved" what he termed "two cornerstone issues" for his agency—the personnel policy regarding affirmation of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the BGCT practice of retaining funds the convention anticipated NAMB would have routed back to Texas.

SBC's CP giving up slightly while total giving drops

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention ended its fiscal year Sept. 30 with gifts to the Cooperative Program slightly ahead of the previous year and well ahead of budget.

However, overall giving—which includes Cooperative Program and designated gifts to special causes—fell nearly 1 percent for the year.

An SBC Funding Task Force recently warned that the SBC faces an impending funding crisis unless churches increase their giving to the Cooperative Program. The warning was based not on a decline in total-dollar giving to SBC missions but on gains that have not kept pace with inflation. It also was based on statistics that show local churches have decreased the percentage of their own undesignated offerings that go to missions causes.

The report warned against "celebrating incremental gains in income when real giving is dropping." It said that being content with incremental gains "fails to properly challenge Southern Baptists to do what is required of stewards."

Gifts during the past 12 months to the SBC's Cooperative Program totaled \$183.2 million, exceeding the previous year's gifts by \$878,584 or 0.48 percent.

Cooperative Program gifts also exceeded budgeted allocations by \$6.2 million or 3.5 percent. By policy, the SBC sets its Cooperative Program budget based on actual receipts in the fiscal year two years prior. That means the budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year was set based on actual receipts in the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Designated giving of approximately \$166 million was 2.41 percent below the previous year. Designated gifts include the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, the Southern Baptist World Hunger Offering and other special gifts.

Combined giving for the year of \$349.2 million was down 0.92 percent from the previous year.

David Hankins, the SBC's vice president for Cooperative Program, urged Southern Baptists to view the slight CP increase realistically.

"Although we achieved a small increase over last year, the trend in giving as a percentage of ability continues to decline," he said. "But we are giving serious attention to a long-term strategy that we feel—with God's blessing—will turn the declining trends around."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press and Associated Baptist Press

BAPTIST DIGEST

■ **Ordained woman retires from IMB, accepts pastorate.** Ida Mae Hays, a former Southern Baptist missionary who refused the International Mission Board's request to rescind her ordination, was called Oct. 5 as pastor of Weldon (N.C.) Baptist Church. Hays, 63, said she was summoned to a meeting with IMB officials in July 2001 and questioned about her ordination by a Baptist church in Brazil. Two months later, IMB trustees adopted a statement saying the board did not recognize Hays' ordination. She retired last year at age 62 rather than affirm the revised Baptist Faith and Message statement. At least four other women serve as pastors of Baptist churches in North Carolina.

■ **Southern partners with Malaysian seminary.** Officials of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville have formalized a five-year partnership with the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary. The agreement, which was launched informally in 2001, will allow Southern Seminary to send one of its professors each year to teach in the Malaysian school's trans-cultural ministry program. Southern also provides its Internet courses for students at the Malaysian school.

■ **Church makes 100-year pledge to fight hunger.** Brushy Creek Baptist Church in Taylors, S.C., will contribute \$40,000 this year to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund as part of an ambitious 100-year plan to help eradicate world hunger. In 2000, Brushy Creek pastor Ralph Carter led his 2,000-member congregation to adopt a plan that will run through 2100, contributing \$10,000 to world hunger relief the first year and increasing the amount \$10,000 each year. At the end of the century, Brushy Creek's annual contribution would be \$1 million and total contributions would be \$50.5 million.

■ **Trustees tighten faculty hiring process.** Louisiana College trustees have adopted policies that give them more direct involvement in faculty hiring and make affirmation of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message an official part of the hiring process. Since 1997, prospective faculty members have been asked if they would teach "in harmony" with the Baptist Faith and Message statement. The new policy makes affirmation of the revised faith statement a requirement. The Pineville, La., school is affiliated with the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Henard to be nominated as state convention president

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

LEXINGTON—Bill Henard, senior pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington since 1999, has agreed to be nominated as Kentucky Baptist Convention president.

Henard, current president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference, is the second announced candidate for the KBC presidency. Federal Judge Eugene Siler, KBC first vice president, announced in June that he will be nominated during the KBC annual meeting Nov. 11-12 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington.

The presidential candidate elected next month will succeed Paul Badgett, who was elected last year by acclamation. Describing Badgett's role as a consensus candidate as "sort of a unique year for our state," Henard said he sees this year's election as a positive option.

"I don't see that I'm trying to run against Judge Siler. It's not an us vs. them kind of thing," he said. "I think it's healthy when there's an election where there are candidates to choose from."

Henard will be nominated by Craig Loscalzo, the host pastor for this year's annual meeting. Describing Henard's congregation as "one of the strongest churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention," Loscalzo noted that he has "been impressed with Bill's leadership of the KBC Pastors' Conference this year."

The annual Pastors' Conference will be Nov. 10, immediately prior to the KBC annual meeting. The program planned by Henard will feature several prominent Southern Baptist Convention leaders, including Jimmy Draper, president of LifeWay Christian Resources, and Ken Hemphill, director of the SBC's Empowering Kingdom Growth initiative. Loscalzo also will be a featured speaker.

Henard said several pastors from across the state approached him after last year's convention about being a presidential candidate this year. "I told them I would pray about it," he noted. "I felt honored that they felt confident enough for me to do that."

Meeting with Loscalzo earlier this

year, Henard said he offered to nominate Loscalzo for president but the Immanuel pastor declined. Loscalzo then asked Henard for permission to nominate him.

After hearing about the state convention's Mission Study Committee report and KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey's goal of enlisting model churches to assist other congregations in ministry, Henard said, "What really was laid on my heart is the fact that Porter could be one of the model churches for what the Mission Study Committee and the convention are wanting to do."

"That's when I felt peace about it," he added. "I didn't want to become president just for the sake of being president; I wanted it to have purpose if I was elected. I felt this Mission Study Committee report would be very beneficial to our state and I could assist Dr. Mackey and be a cheerleader in this."

Porter Memorial Church was recognized earlier this year as the KBC's top church in total giving to the Co-

operative Program during the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The congregation has an average worship attendance of 1,444, according to the church's 2002 Annual Church Profile report. Henard noted that Porter Memorial also has baptized more than 100 people annually each of the past four years.

Henard described himself as "pro-Cooperative Program, pro-Kentucky Baptist and pro-missions." If elected KBC president, he added, "I would be one that would seek to promote churches to support the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program and also to empower them to get on the mission field by sending mission volunteers either in our own state or nationally or internationally."

Henard is a graduate of Cumberland College in Williamsburg and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. A native of Tennessee, he previously was pastor of churches in Tennessee and Alabama. He is a trustee of LifeWay Christian Resources and served on the SBC's 2001-2002 Committee on Nominations.



Henard

Taylor to nominate Siler as KBC president

Longtime Kentucky Baptist Convention leader A.B. Colvin, who died Aug. 27 at age 85, had announced in June that he planned to nominate Judge Eugene Siler as KBC president.

Citing a conversation with Colvin shortly before his death, Eldred Taylor said he has agreed to nominate Siler on Colvin's behalf.

Taylor, retired executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, noted, "I feel deeply that Judge Siler is the right person for this place of leadership at this time."

Siler, a member of First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, currently is KBC first vice president.

Coordinator: Web publicity expanding Appalachian ministries

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

CUMBERLAND—After the Appalachian Regional Ministry started using the Internet last year to publicize mission opportunities, the number of volunteers coming into Eastern Kentucky exploded, director Bill Barker said.

Throughout Appalachia the number of volunteer missionaries more than tripled in 2002, Barker said. No numbers are available for this year yet, but activity has increased again, he said.

"Once we were on the 'Net, volunteers and projects exploded," said Barker, who was in Cumberland last week to take part in the annual Kentucky Brotherhood Convention. "We could probably do double what we're doing and not scratch the surface."

"It's like a train—you get it mov-

ing and pick up another car," Barker said. "Kentucky has many urgent projects and more needs as a result of the awakening in Eastern Kentucky."

Barker told the Western Recorder that 10,000 volunteers came to the 10-state region last year, compared to 3,000 in 2001.

Because of various church partnerships that never report to the ministry, and other volunteers, Barker said the overall estimate is closer to 20,000.

The ministry coordinated 250 projects throughout the Appalachian region last year, about half involving home repairs, block parties and backyard Bible clubs.

Volunteers work in many other areas, among them church construction and renovation, church planting, drama, music and benevolence projects.

Based in Teays Valley, W. Va., the ministry started four years ago. It is a cooperative effort of 11 state conventions, the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union.

Promoting more missions activity in the region is aimed at bringing the news of Jesus Christ to 12.6 million non-Christians, who represent about two-thirds of the population.

Although largely a Southern Baptist effort, 2003 projects included Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of God and Church of Christ volunteers.

With some parts of Appalachia having up to 90 percent of residents unchurched, Barker said the tangible help offered through missions is often the best way to show Christ's love.

"When I go in with a hammer or a

saw, or a wrench to do plumbing work, they want to hear more about my Jesus," Barker said. "As Baptists, we have done it in our power for too long. When Jesus comes in, He begins to change hearts and lives."

Volunteers remain the biggest need, he added, with goals aimed at starting 100 churches in Eastern Kentucky, 400 new congregations in West Virginia and thousands in Pennsylvania.

After launching the Web site in January of 2002, the ministry added an electronic newsletter last January. It is averaging 700-1,000 downloads a month.

Barker said the testimonies of progress in the region are stirring more interest and activity, but he gives the credit to God.

"All I am is a facilitator," he said. "If someone wants a project, I find a place for them to go."



Brotherhood celebrates Eastern Kentucky ministries at annual conference

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But Martin said this movement has gone largely unnoticed. He compared the impact to the difference between a tornado that generates mounds of publicity and growth stimulated by sun and rain.

"We've been looking for revival in the pattern of the tornado," Martin said. "What God is doing now is sending revival in the pattern of the sun and rain. It's so subtle that many people are missing it."

As for a key behind this activity, Martin traced it to the annual Mountain Missions Meeting at Oneida Baptist Institute in 1996.

People there were so discouraged, he said, that several participants suggested they quit holding the conference, which started in 1951.

But at the final session, 100 people fell to their knees praying to God

for help. Instead of adjourning at noon, the meeting continued until 2 p.m., Martin said.

The following year, David Aker became mountain missions director and scheduled a series of prayer meetings in the 47-county area.

"In 1999, God began to open the windows of heaven and send resources," Martin said. "This move of God we can't keep up with."

Martin said a pattern has emerged, beginning with intense, unified prayer.

In addition to convention-led prayer meetings, officials learned many other people had been praying for God to move in their communities—some for as long as 30 years.

Some Christians and groups are hearing specific messages from God, which is new for many Baptists, Martin said. He mentioned Eileen Mullins, who has established a hospitality

house for families of inmates at a new federal prison in Inez.

People have been willing to change their lifestyle, such as Pauline White, the 72-year-old woman who sold her house in Florida and moved to Lynch to work in the ministry center.

There are now more than 130 Mission Service Corps workers in the state, and 30 of them have moved to new locations because of God's call, Martin said.

An example of telling others about Christ involves Lonnie Riley, director of the Lynch ministry center, who took a bed to a young mother who had been sleeping on plywood.

"Lonnie told her God had given her something he didn't give His own Son, who didn't have a place to lay His head," Martin said. "He led that woman to Christ. There are thousands of stories like that."

Ministry reports

Among the highlights from Brotherhood committee reports:

■ **Baptist Builders:** 1,064 volunteers donated 43,000 man hours and completed 26 projects, saving churches \$640,000 in labor costs.

■ **Campers on Mission:** Donated 6,380 man hours and have two more projects in 2003.

■ **Kentucky Changers:** Completed home renovation projects in three cities, with more than 700 participants and 27 professions of faith.

■ **Equestrian Ministries:** Placed a chaplain at Wrangler Campground and started a new outreach in the Mammoth Cave area. Biggest ministry is at Land Between the Lakes.

■ **Resort Ministries:** Covers 17 areas of ministry, including a 24-hour airport ministry at Greater Cincinnati Airport in northern Kentucky, three racetracks and 20 campgrounds.

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Who defines marriage: God or man?

By James Draper

NASHVILLE (BP)—One tenet of a republic is that the voice of the people influences the law of the land. The founders intended this as they wrote the Constitution and created a new nation.

However, a homosexual minority of fewer than 3 percent of our population is pressing its political agenda through a court system dominated by liberal judges who have elevated themselves to the position of rewriting the Constitution instead of interpreting it. The result: America is mocking biblical morality and turning its back on God.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* overturned a law that classified sodomy as illegal and opened a floodgate that many feel can never be closed again. The decision in effect legalizes homosexuality. The natural progression from that decision is to redefine the biblical model of marriage: one man to one woman.

Legalizing homosexual "marriage" will advance the decline of

America's remaining morality. No person will remain unaffected. A decision at any time from one of several state courts, where this issue currently is being heard, could release a legislative landslide that will bury the moral sensibilities of 97 percent of Americans.

Situation critical? Yes, but not hopeless. Many American leaders are proposing passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment that would legally define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Southern Baptists, through the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and in cooperation with other ministries such as Focus on the Family, the American Family Association and Prison Fellowship, are launching "Marriage Protection Week" this week. The week is designed to develop a cohesive plan to assist churches in responding to the well-organized and well-funded effort to redefine marriage. The week will lay a foundation of support for a constitutional amendment and allow our voices to be heard as we

engage in the struggle to preserve the biblical model of marriage.

Are a "Marriage Protection Week" and a Federal Marriage Amendment really that necessary? Consider the progression of immorality if the definition of marriage is redefined. Marriage would become merely an emotional relationship that is flexible enough to include any grouping of "loving" adults. If legally two men or two women "marry," group marriage of several adults could also be legal. Unbelievable? This is part of the homosexual agenda and is publicly advocated by prominent homosexuals such as author Judith Levine.

Many Christians to this point have held the issue at arm's length, believing the homosexual agenda didn't affect them and hoping it simply would go away. The day for inactivity and half-measures is over. If Christians don't resist the strategic advance of the homosexual agenda, we will lose our voice to preach God's love to a group that desperately needs to hear biblical truth. "Marriage Protection Week" is a great opportunity to enter the battle for the moral soul of our country.

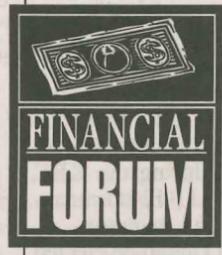
James Draper is president of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention

GIVING

Financial support for disabled child requires planning

By Laurie Valentine

Creating a plan to benefit a disabled child after your death, without causing the loss of vital government benefits, requires care.



Leaving a share of your estate outright to a disabled child could result in the child losing government benefits he or she currently is receiving from Medicaid or other sources. The inheritance becomes an "available resource" that must be spent down before the child will become eligible to reapply for the government benefits.

Likewise, setting up a standard testamentary trust under which the trustee is directed to use income and/or principal for the disabled child's health, support and maintenance also will endanger governmental benefits.

A better alternative is a "special needs" or "supplemental needs" trust. Under this type of trust, the trustee has total discretion on whether to expend any of the trust funds for the disabled child's benefit. Expenditures are limited to non-necessities and supplemental services such as dental, medical and drug expenses not provided through governmental benefits; physical, speech and occupational therapy; special equipment not provided by other sources; vacation and travel activities; social, recreational and entertainment opportunities; and/or training and education activities.

The total discretion granted to the trustee means the beneficiary has no legal right to demand distributions. As a result, the trust assets and income are not "available resources" and, therefore, don't affect the beneficiary's eligibility for governmental benefits.

An alternative to a separately managed special needs trust is the "pooled special needs trust." These are established and managed by a nonprofit association that maintains a separate sub-account for each beneficiary while pooling the assets for investment purposes. At the disabled beneficiary's death, the remainder either can remain in the pooled trust to be used for other disabled beneficiaries of the trust or be set up to distribute to the state an amount equal to the benefits provided by the state during the beneficiary's lifetime, with the balance, if any, distributed to other family members.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation

COMMENTARY

Who pays the fiddler?

"Postmodern relativism" vs. "Post-storm ministry." I think these recent Western Recorder headlines sum up the way 999 of 1,000 Baptists feel.

My granddaddy used to say, "He who pays the fiddler calls the tune." In my opinion this is what is happening in the Southern Baptist Convention today.

Maybe the SBC "college of cardinals" think they pay the fiddler so they can hire and fire at will. But look at the drop in Cooperative Program receipts. Could it be the real payers of the fiddler are the rank-and-file church members who are fed up with pronounce-

ments from the pope and high priests? I attempted to understand the debate between Jerry Rankin and Keith Parks in the Western Recorder's September 16 issue. It sounded like two lawyers trying to convince a jury only they had the truth.

Meanwhile in other issues I read where laypeople are answering the call to help in disasters, to witness to thousands of bikers, to be fishers for men while they fish for bass.

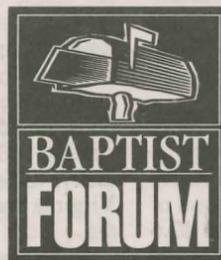
What can 999 of 1,000 Baptists understand? What do the unchurched people see? Not who is upholding orthodoxy but one who is using a chainsaw to clear a tree-strewn yard, feeding a hot meal

to those living where the power is off, building a decent shelter with Habitat for Humanity and the list goes on.

We common folk are paying the fiddlers and they don't reside in the holy city of Nashville. They are on the front lines doing what you used to teach us (advancing against the gates of Hell), before you took your ball and went home because the Baptist World Alliance stuck to its convictions, because you think a non-leather bound Bible just couldn't contain the Word, because you want complete control of seminary trustees and the list goes on.

My dollar goes to the post-storm ministry, not the post-modern relativists (whoever they might be).

Ed Boden
Georgetown



PARTNERS IN THE MISSION

The gratitude attitude

The keynote speaker for the recent Pastors and Church Leaders Conference at Campbellsville University was Dr. Stuart Briscoe. He is minister-at-large and retired senior pastor of Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wis., and head of Telling the Truth Ministries.

His theme for three messages was "The Gratitude Attitude and Other Motivational Factors." He did a key word study and then made expository application.

The message on motivation from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 captured me. The word "compelled" or "constrained" (v. 14) means you are hemmed in by the love of Christ; your options have been taken away. It is like being in prison with both arms in chains. It is like a river high in the mountains hemmed in by the cliffs. It is deep and driven. At the bay, the river is shallow, sluggish,

meandering around and depositing mud.

Briscoe also shared how God's love demonstrates itself (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). It transcends human love; it is unique. When we were helpless to change, God acted for us in Jesus Christ.

God's love has put me in a position from which I cannot escape: **I am hemmed in to a solid conviction.** It is not a sentimental feeling about God. I die to the things Jesus died for. I am no longer free to live for myself but for Jesus. Where I go and what I do is settled forever.

I am hemmed in to a striking conclusion (v. 16). I am no longer to view people from the worldly point of view. It is radical change due to the love of Christ. Jesus says, "If I love them, then you must love them."

Love hems us into a serious com-



Bill Mackey

Breaking up is hard to do, but sometimes it's the right choice

Q: The person I have been dating wants to get more serious, but I do not see myself marrying him. I hate to break it off because I might hurt his feelings. I told him that I want to be friends. Am I a terrible person?

Any "divorce" before a marriage is easier than one after a marriage. You are a wise person to cut off the relationship as early as possible when you can see clearly that the two of you are headed in different directions.

Life is too short and this world is too full of possibilities to stay in a dating relationship that is headed nowhere.

Staying in a relationship just because the other person wants to is not good reasoning. Don't fool yourself into thinking that "this is my only chance" or "no one good will ever come along."

Pray. God has your best interests in mind. What is He saying to you? Slow down enough to be still and hear His voice. You can still be loving, kind and a good friend to this person without tying yourself with the bonds of matrimony.

Some people live their entire lives as "pleasers," wanting to make everyone happy. Forget that idea. It is impossible to make everyone happy. No matter what you do in your life, some people will like it and others will not. You might as well do what you feel called by God to do.

As you pray, remember the words of Paul to the Philippians that instead of worrying, they should be "with all prayer and petition lifting up requests to God; and the peace of God, that surpasses all comprehension, will guard your heart and mind through Christ Jesus." The Apostle Peter said, "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."

God is bigger than your current circumstances. He will take you through this chapter in your life and lead you to the next one. Trust Him and live a life of joy.—James Stillwell

Q: My grandson is convinced that older people can't learn new things. Is there any truth to his concern?

Learning can be defined as the process or experience of gaining knowledge or skills. Memory includes the capacity to store, retrieve and act on that knowledge.

Physiologically, learning is the formation of cell assemblies and phase sequences. Children learn by building these assemblies and sequences. Adults spend more time making new arrangements than forming new sequences. Our experience and background allow us to learn new concepts.

Remarkably, people can learn from the moment of birth. Learning can and should be a lifelong process. Learning shouldn't be defined by what happened early in life or only at school. We constantly make sense of our experiences and consistently search for meaning. In essence, we continue to learn.

Rote learning frustrates us because the brain resists meaningless stimuli. When we invoke the brain's natural capacity to integrate information, however, we can assimilate boundless amounts.

Western society once believed adults didn't learn. Even today, if you ask a group why adults cannot learn, it might surprise you how many people begin answering the question without challenging the premise. Unfortunately, many adults deny themselves what should be one of the most enriching parts of life because they assume they can't learn.

We can learn from everything the mind perceives at any age. Our brains build and strengthen neural pathways no matter where we are, no matter what the subject or context.—Jon Rainbow

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



What difference does \$1.4 million make?

Recent financial news in Baptist life has not been good. In the past few weeks, the Western Recorder has included articles addressing such issues as "Kentucky Baptist Cooperative Program gifts below budget second year in a row," "CP drop, reorganization affect Kentucky Baptist Convention staff" and "Report finds financial crisis looming for Southern Baptist Convention."

Here in Kentucky, Cooperative Program gifts for the 2002-03 fiscal year were almost \$1.4 million below the state convention's \$23.2 million CP goal. Receipts from local churches also dipped below the previous year's gifts for two years in a row.

KBC leaders adopted a zero-growth budget this year in response to the recent giving patterns. Plans also include cutting spending this year by as much as 12 percent and reducing the proposed CP budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

The 6 percent budget shortfall for the past year has required trimming program and travel expenses for the Mission Board staff. As KBC leaders seek to implement the Mission Study Committee report adopted earlier this year, financial limitations also mean at least a few staff positions are being eliminated and some other vacancies may be left unfilled.

On the national level, the SBC Executive Committee received a funding study committee report last month evaluating the state of giving in the SBC. The report warned that the SBC and its entities "are facing serious financial challenges as they engage the ministry and mission opportunities in this 21st century."

"While total contributions have been increasing in previous years," the report noted, "the rate of growth has not been keeping up with growth in spending caused by rising costs and by growing ministries."

What are the causes for such financial concerns?

On both the state and national levels, a sluggish economy is among the factors cited by denominational officials.

The SBC report adds that "a more disturbing trend, however, is the decline in the percentage of contributions by church members to the churches, and of the churches to missions."

Among Kentucky Baptist churches, the percentage of undesignated receipts forwarded to state and national entities through the Cooperative Program decreased from 11.88 percent in 1987 to 8.28 percent in 2002. On the national level, the percentage drop is from an average of 10.5 percent in the 1980s to 7.39 percent in 2002.

In addition to the economy, the SBC study cited "a number of hypotheses" for the giving percentage decline, including increased local church expenditures, more emphasis on local church ministries already have plenty of

money, political infighting and churches' "concerns about the financial efficiency and ministry effectiveness of the convention ministries when compared to their own hands-on mission projects."

The report suggests that "the most plausible explanation for the declining support for the Cooperative Program is a serious neglect of Cooperative Program education and promotion in the churches."

Whatever the causes, a \$1.4 million CP budget shortfall in Kentucky translates into fewer dollars for mission and ministry projects on the state, national and international levels.

Despite current financial challenges, KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey noted, "We're moving forward in faith, believing that Kentucky Baptists will do their best to support vital ministries." If so, the time to do so is now.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Chasing after food—and keeping one's word

By Joni Hannigan

AMMAN, Jordan (BP)—Glancing out the passenger window to the side-mounted mirror of the van, I caught a glimpse of a woman and a small child running after us, waving desperately. The chase had begun more than half a mile back when the woman had been promised a box of food.

We were at the "Saddam Hussein Camp" in Amman, Jordan, distributing food supplies to the neediest Iraqis and other refugee families. We already had traversed many rocky hills, narrow inclines and crumbling steps to deliver staples that could feed a family of five for a month.

Stopping one last time in this neighborhood, we left one of the vehicles in our caravan at the bottom of the hill after efforts to give it a boost failed. On a busy street, the workers there were quickly swarmed and determined to wait for us to finish and join them before distributing the remaining dozen boxes of food left in their vehicle.

On the way up the hill, my heart lurched at the sight of one young woman who appeared old and weary beyond her years. Clutching her hand was a subdued youngster, unlike the rest of the children who eagerly grabbed for candy and welcomed our arrival with giggles.

I wanted to help, but I knew we couldn't stop the van halfway up the hill. As we swept past, I prayed we would somehow reach this woman and child. Caught up in taking pictures of the women and children at the top of the hill, I quickly forgot the sight of the weary woman. As we were preparing to drive on, however, my heart jumped again; I uttered a quick prayer of

thanks as our Muslim leader stood with her arm around the woman, leading her to our van.

It was quickly discovered that our van had run out of food, so the woman was directed down the hill toward our other vehicle. While we jumped into our air-conditioned van, I noticed the air conditioning with her child down the hill ahead of us. I felt thankful that this woman would receive food.

But our leader decided that it was too dangerous to open the vehicle idling at the bottom of the hill and that both vehicles should move out of the area before we sparked a riot.

Tears sprang to my eyes as I turned in my seat to watch the woman and child silently chase us—one hand waving us down as she struggled to keep up for at least half a mile while we moved through heavy marketplace traffic. Desperate, she caught up to my window. Desperate, she could only shrug and say through the glass: "I'm sorry,

I'm sorry."

In my heart, I knew it was wrong to make a promise, even in the heat of the moment, to a person so worthy of our care. It grieved me to think we would leave the neighborhood and our Christian witness in this land of Islam would be irreparably impacted by our failure to keep our word to the neediest of God's creation. Reason fought over tears as I asked our driver if I could at least hand her some money so she could shop for her family.

To my amazement, he told me I could. Reaching into my passport purse, I pulled out what would more than cover the price of a box of food. Tears popping, I prayed the traffic would delay us long enough for the woman to catch up. I could hear the earnest prayers of those in our van.

Finally, the woman reached us just in time for me to roll down the window and hand out the Jordanian money. I had only a glimpse into her soul when I told her, "Jesus loves you."

The blank look brightened for a moment when she said, "Shokran (thank you)," and then turned away to comfort her weary son whom she had dragged through the streets. My last sight was of her was kissing his tear-stained face as the van whisked away.

"God, You are gracious," I prayed. "Help me to always keep my word and let that word be a testimony of all You have done for me—lest I forget the downtrodden who need You."

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KBC aims to help churches reach 'God-designed potential'

"Strengthening our churches is where it all begins."

Randy Pressnell, KBC Mission Study Committee member

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

LOUISVILLE—As Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders and congregations seek to implement the KBC's five-year mission study plan, one of the primary objectives is to strengthen churches throughout the commonwealth.

Among six major objectives outlined by the KBC Mission Study Committee is a commitment to "assist churches in realizing their God-designed potential."

Committee member Randy Pressnell told the KBC Mission Board earlier this year that "strengthening our churches is where it all begins" as Kentucky Baptists seek to impact the state with the gospel.

Pressnell, associate professor of preaching and pastoral ministries at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, cited specific goals aimed at developing and strengthening local churches and Sunday school ministries. Those goals, targeted for completion by Jan. 1, 2010, include:

- Assist 250 churches in church development and growth (including 10 percent increase in attendance).

- Equip 1,000 pastors for small group/Sunday school development.

- Lead Kentucky Baptist churches to start 5,000 Bible study units.

- Use technology in providing customized resources to 1,000 churches.

"I believe that God has given every church the potential to reach those He has entrusted to them," Pressnell emphasized. "The key word here is customized resources."

Darryl Wilson, director of the KBC Sunday school department, noted that the goals adopted in May by the KBC Mission Board "are definitely going to be a challenge." He added, however, that "they are supposed to be God-sized goals that only can be accomplished with the efforts and the commitment of the churches."

Highlighting the goal of starting 5,000 Bible study units, Wilson said, "Starting new units is one of the fastest ways to reach new people and grow your Sunday school because new classes tend to grow faster and be more evangelistic than existing classes."

He said statistics indicate that new Bible study units typically grow within 18 months to include 20 people enrolled and 10 people regularly attending. Based on that average, he said

starting 5,000 units in Kentucky Baptist churches could result in an additional 100,000 Sunday school members and 50,000 active participants.

"On average, one out of three lost people who get enrolled in a Sunday school class would be saved within 12 months," he added. "As you reach out and enroll new people and they get involved, it adds to the Kingdom work that the church can do."

In order to equip pastors and expand Sunday school ministries, Wilson said major goals include continuing such efforts as Super Saturday church leadership conferences as well as providing customized regional and associational training events.

He said other strategies include training key Sunday school leaders who are willing to share their expertise with other congregations throughout the state. Encouraging local churches to recruit and train more teachers is another priority.

"The KBC staff can't do all this; it's just not possible," he noted. "The question is: How can we multiply it? It's a matter of how we can assist churches in being able to carry out this

great mission God has given us."

Robert Reeves, director of the KBC's communications/media department, said the use of technology "is one of the major impact factors in terms of being able to reach these goals."

Such tools as e-mail, instant messaging, video production and PowerPoint presentations already are being used to help serve Kentucky Baptist leaders and churches, Reeves noted.

He said his department and the KBC information services department will continue to work with KBC staff and local churches to help provide needed resources.

"We don't see doing technology for technology's sake," he said, "but we do see where technology can help enhance our staff as they seek to do ministry and help our churches as they network and seek to accomplish ministry goals."

Future goals include expanding online training options and downloadable resources related to such issues as church growth and leadership development.

The overall goal, Reeves said, is to use available technology to help KBC staff and churches "be more effective and efficient" in their ministry efforts in Kentucky and beyond.

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Mayfield leaders call church display eyesore, not protest

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There is little chance that Madding will go to jail or pay the maximum fine, Byrn said. "The city has never pushed for that."

Even if the issue went to court, the hearing might not take place until after the election. The city expects the vehicles would be removed by then, Byrn said.

Neely says the city has been enforcing its code against unlicensed junk cars for several years. The action against Madding was prompted by calls from the public and after consulting with Neely, Byrn said. "It's an equitable treatment issue for us," he said.

The Dine-in-Mayfield committee, a group that supports the liquor sales, did not ask for the vehicles to be removed, committee member Phil Myers said.

A referendum on allowing package sales was defeated by 750 votes in 1992. A referendum on restaurant sales lost by 600 votes in 1983.

The question in Mayfield this time—and also the tiny community of Carrsville in the Livingston County—is whether the sale of alcohol by the drink should be allowed in restaurants that have more than 100 seats and derive more than 70 percent of their income from the sale of food.

Carrsville, population 64 in the 2000 census, doesn't have a restaurant that qualifies. Mayfield doesn't have many; they would be mostly franchise restaurants.

Both sides in the Mayfield issue agree on two things: It's going to be a close vote, and they hope it ultimately won't divide the community.



"I just want to keep Mayfield the unique little town it is," former mayor Wayne Potts said. "Alcohol would not hurt the growth."

Supporters say Mayfield deserves to have a larger share of the restaurant business. "We want our share," Myers said. "We want to see headlights and not taillights," a reference to Mayfield residents who go out to eat in Paducah or Murray, where alcohol is served.

Potts said he doesn't believe restaurants such as Applebee's would come to Mayfield—even if the referendum passes—because the city doesn't have the population or the traffic that those restaurants require.

But Myers said at least two chain restaurants have made inquiries.

The Keep it Dry and Safe (KIDS) group has about 10 or 11 churches working directly against the issue, Potts said.

Several churches have made their own statements. The 7th and College Church of Christ has "Vote No" in large red letters on its marquee.

Byrn said he's not publicly taking a stand. "I don't think elected officials should be involved. It should be decided by the people of Mayfield."

Greg Hill is the owner of Hill's Bar-B-Que, one of the oldest and largest restaurants in Mayfield. Under the guidelines, it would qualify to serve alcohol, but Hill also said he's neutral and doesn't know what he will do if the referendum passes. He said he hears from customers on both sides—those who drink who don't want him to serve alcohol and non-drinkers who say they are in favor of the issue for economic reasons.

But Hill said Murray's decision to serve alcohol has affected his business, especially on Saturday night, when it's possible to get a seat at his restaurant but not necessarily at some Murray restaurants.

Those who oppose the referendum have already made one round of phone calls to voters. Another round is planned, Potts said. There will be a television advertisement and a forum on cable television. Three mail-outs, yard signs and bumper stickers are in the works, he added.

Supporters are getting the word out through local cable television, radio and the Mayfield newspaper, Myers said. Mail-outs are also planned but no yard signs.

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The Seventh and College Church of Christ on Ky. 121 displays an upcoming vote to allow alcohol "by-the-drink" sales in restaurants. (Paducah Sun photo by Lance Dennee)

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Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

Top 100 churches in total gifts to KBC

This report lists the top 100 congregations in total contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2003. The total dollar amount includes contributions channeled through the KBC to the Cooperative Program and restricted gifts to the KBC budget, as well as gifts to the Eliza Broadus Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, children's home offering, hospital offering, KBC schools, hunger relief and other designated causes. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, total membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

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16 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,975, \$162,240.72, \$27.15	41 Erlanger, Erlanger, Dan R Francis, 2,194, \$101,576.87, \$46.30	66 Walnut Street, Louisville, James Ellison Jr, 6,069, \$70,462.56, \$11.61	92 Paintsville First, Paintsville, Donnie B Patrick, 852, \$54,851.63, \$64.38
17 Henderson First, Henderson, Todd A Linn, 1,966, \$158,549.90, \$80.65	42 Mayfield First, Mayfield, Bob J Swift, 1,521, \$99,490.18, \$65.41	67 Franklin First, Franklin, Robert Lee Sutton, 1,111, \$69,405.48, \$62.47	93 Benton First, Benton, Don T Wilson, 806, \$54,576.31, \$67.71
18 Briensburg, Benton, C Charles Brasher Jr, 630, \$156,693.64, \$248.72	43 Princeton First, Princeton, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,575, \$97,378.91, \$61.83	68 Berea, Berea, Kevin Slem, 785, \$67,556.28, \$86.06	94 Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 492, \$54,410.16, \$110.59
19 Shively, Louisville, Bruce E Truman, 2,013, \$154,152.57, \$76.58	44 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H Jackson, 1,212, \$96,629.66, \$79.73	69 Lewisport, Lewisport, Curtis Barnes, 983, \$67,396.93, \$68.56	95 Morganfield First, Morganfield, 787, \$54,287.05, \$68.98
20 Florence, Florence, Timothy I Alexander, 2,469, \$153,852.65, \$62.31	45 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,412, \$94,836.38, \$67.16	70 Westside, Murray, Glynn M Orr, 880, \$66,917.95, \$76.04	96 Williamstown, Williamstown, Stephen C Rice, 645, \$54,076.98, \$83.84
21 Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,239, \$142,482.82, \$115.00	46 Central City First, Central City, Robert K Lowery, 1,339, \$93,268.53, \$69.66	71 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 731, \$66,160.26, \$90.51	97 Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M Darland III, 679, \$54,069.94, \$79.63
22 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,645, \$141,785.89, \$86.19	47 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Gregory J Humpert, 581, \$91,440.92, \$157.39	72 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, 1,099, \$64,880.70, \$59.04	98 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L Hill, 755, \$53,665.21, \$71.08
23 Pikeville First, Pikeville, Paul R Badgett, 1,746, \$131,683.41, \$75.42	48 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R Hamrick, 1,035, \$90,634.16, \$87.57	73 Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg, 638, \$63,433.80, \$99.43	99 Louisa First, Louisa, Ric M Frazier, 822, \$53,498.95, \$65.08
24 Crestwood, Crestwood, Troy D Dobbs, 2,293, \$129,552.43, \$56.50	49 Versailles, Versailles, John F Brandon, 1,311, \$88,977.27, \$67.87	74 Cecilia, Cecilia, Michael S Rodgers, 766, \$63,251.57, \$82.57	100 High Street, Somerset, Jammie Vance, 993, \$53,195.90, \$53.57
25 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R Hussung, 1,079, \$123,069.51, \$114.06	50 Burlington, Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 1,243, \$87,327.35, \$70.26	75 Eddyville First, Eddyville, Timothy E Perdue, 628, \$61,520.01, \$97.96	
		76 Cynthiana, Cynthiana, Wayne Spivey, 835, \$61,168.15, \$73.26	

Top 100 churches in Cooperative Program gifts

This report lists the top 100 congregations in contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2003. Each entry includes the rank, church name and city, pastor's name, total membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

1 Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 4,964, \$430,604.71, \$86.75	26 Franklin Crossroads, Cecilia, Ronald Robert Davis, 839, \$91,383.82, \$108.92	51 Rose Hill, Ashland, 1,877, \$63,806.91, \$33.99	76 Reidland, Paducah, Lawrence T Lewis, 876, \$44,667.29, \$50.99
2 Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,323, \$374,065.98, \$161.03	27 Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R Hussung, 1,079, \$87,851.06, \$81.42	52 Lancaster, Lancaster, Barry M Jeffries, 1,109, \$63,764.74, \$57.50	77 Calhoun, Calhoun, Richard Sams, 501, \$44,312.62, \$88.45
3 Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A Loscalzo, 4,299, \$319,265.10, \$74.26	28 Barbourville First, Barbourville, Shane Nickell, 1,025, \$84,603.17, \$82.54	53 Russell First, Russell, Kenneth Gowin, 851, \$61,848.46, \$72.68	78 Thornhill, Frankfort, Steve Payne, 996, \$44,232.00, \$44.41
4 Owensboro First, Owensboro, Garry Baldwin, 2,926, \$269,390.24, \$92.07	29 DeHaven Memorial, La Grange, Anthony Lee Rose, 1,730, \$82,423.48, \$47.64	54 Owenton First, Owenton, Daven Keith Watkins, 710, \$60,441.59, \$85.13	79 Franklin First, Franklin, Robert Lee Sutton, 1,111, \$44,156.72, \$39.75
5 Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, George W Compton Jr, 3,558, \$227,291.58, \$63.88	30 Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R Hamrick, 1,035, \$79,652.92, \$76.96	55 Cadiz, Cadiz, Kevin Roberts, 918, \$56,907.26, \$61.99	80 Morganfield First, Morganfield, 787, \$44,142.39, \$56.09
6 Somerset First, Somerset, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,076, \$208,117.00, \$100.25	31 Westport Road, Louisville, 1,709, \$79,260.82, \$46.38	56 Berea, Berea, Kevin Slem, 785, \$56,765.04, \$72.31	81 Southside, Princeton, Ronald W Sivells, 1,324, \$43,619.14, \$32.94
7 Hopkinsville Second, Hopkinsville, Daniel L Ferguson, 1,591, \$167,095.38, \$105.03	32 Yellow Creek, Owensboro, James William Wedding, 1,412, \$78,795.79, \$55.80	57 Valley Creek, Elizabethtown, 1,099, \$55,626.90, \$50.62	82 East Bernstadt First, East Bernstadt, Kenneth Dale Felty, 582, \$43,270.32, \$74.35
8 Lone Oak First, Paducah, Dan Summerlin, 2,611, \$160,272.87, \$61.38	33 Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,074, \$77,958.36, \$72.59	58 Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg, 638, \$54,632.90, \$85.63	83 Immanuel, Corbin, Terry Williams, 955, \$43,174.92, \$45.21
9 Highview, Louisville, Kevin Ezell, 5,975, \$152,666.64, \$25.55	34 Pikeville First, Pikeville, Paul R Badgett, 1,746, \$77,158.25, \$44.19	59 Eddyville First, Eddyville, Timothy E Perdue, 628, \$53,893.87, \$85.82	84 Waco, Waco, Fredrick A Livingood, 759, \$42,680.04, \$56.23
10 Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 2,449, \$149,758.87, \$61.15	35 Erlanger, Erlanger, Dan R Francis, 2,194, \$77,122.29, \$35.15	60 Mount Vernon First, Mount Vernon, William Edward Nation, 993, \$53,536.74, \$53.91	85 Glasgow, Glasgow, Scott Mackey, 2,009, \$42,473.71, \$21.14
11 Richmond First, Richmond, Bill C Fort, 1,808, \$143,674.31, \$79.47	36 Central City First, Central City, Robert K Lowery, 1,339, \$77,006.36, \$57.51	61 Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 334, \$52,789.55, \$158.05	86 Paris First, Paris, Donald Gary Reed, 952, \$42,247.93, \$44.38
12 Central, Corbin, Darren Gaddis, 2,159, \$142,626.10, \$66.06	37 Versailles, Versailles, John F Brandon, 1,311, \$76,296.06, \$58.20	62 Russellville First, Russellville, Randall S Neal, 1,036, \$52,722.15, \$50.89	87 Cynthiana, Cynthiana, Wayne Spivey, 835, \$42,110.72, \$50.43
13 Henderson First, Henderson, Todd A Linn, 1,966, \$138,311.71, \$70.35	38 Mayfield First, Mayfield, Bob J Swift, 1,521, \$75,537.23, \$49.66	63 Mount Washington First, Mt Washington, Thom Rainer, 1,881, \$52,567.20, \$27.95	88 Concord, Hopkinsville, Jerry Barron, 828, \$41,993.84, \$50.72
14 Shelbyville First, Shelbyville, Edward H Erwin, 1,610, \$136,056.82, \$84.51	39 Buck Run, Frankfort, Robert H Jackson, 1,212, \$75,401.00, \$62.21	64 Cecilia, Cecilia, Michael S Rodgers, 766, \$52,213.52, \$68.16	89 Pleasant Hill, Campbellville, 607, \$41,905.82, \$69.04
15 Briensburg, Benton, C Charles Brasher Jr, 630, \$135,840.66, \$215.62	40 Hopkinsville First, Hopkinsville, Rodney Travis, 1,603, \$74,425.11, \$46.43	65 London First, London, Terry T Lester, 1,907, \$50,504.00, \$26.48	90 Red House, Richmond, Adam B Dooley, 1,067, \$41,624.51, \$39.01
16 Campbellville, Campbellville, Claude Alexander, 2,144, \$134,550.70, \$62.76	41 Burlington, Burlington, John Terry Wilder, 1,243, \$73,556.53, \$59.18	66 Hickory Grove, Independence, Will Langford, 2,071, \$48,477.33, \$23.41	91 Elkton, Elkton, Jerry Lee Tracy, 827, \$41,398.42, \$50.06
17 Paducah First, Paducah, John Kevin McCallon, 3,633, \$128,268.21, \$35.31	42 Princeton First, Princeton, Thomas Martin Hughes, 1,575, \$70,229.21, \$44.59	67 Madisonville First, Madisonville, Joe Leonard, 2,520, \$48,220.00, \$19.13	92 Walnut Street, Louisville, James Ellison Jr, 6,069, \$41,379.60, \$6.82
18 Murray First, Murray, Wendell W Ray, 2,017, \$126,194.52, \$62.57	43 Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Gregory J Humpert, 581, \$67,967.24, \$116.98	68 Edgewood, Hopkinsville, Nicholas W Sandefur, 925, \$47,382.00, \$51.22	93 Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 646, \$41,240.22, \$63.84
19 Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,239, \$122,695.17, \$99.03	44 Hurstbourne, Louisville, Jonathan David Bishop, 1,289, \$67,218.57, \$52.15	69 Kings, Mt Washington, Wesley Pitts, 951, \$47,218.11, \$49.65	94 High Street, Somerset, Jammie Vance, 993, \$41,201.13, \$41.49
20 Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Fauls, 1,645, \$116,427.61, \$70.78	45 Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 758, \$65,837.66, \$86.86	70 Benton First, Benton, Don T Wilson, 806, \$47,099.36, \$58.44	95 Farmdale, Louisville, Douglas T Strader, 1,270, \$41,123.66, \$32.38
21 Crestwood, Crestwood, Troy D Dobbs, 2,293, \$107,142.42, \$46.73	46 Crestwood, Frankfort, James Wallace Kent, 1,234, \$65,243.65, \$52.87	71 Hardin, Hardin, Ricky Wayne Cunningham, 1,379, \$46,567.89, \$33.77	96 Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 345, \$40,865.28, \$118.45
22 Shively, Louisville, Bruce E Truman, 2,013, \$104,591.00, \$51.96	47 Unity, Ashland, Floyd A Paris, 1,735, \$65,128.50, \$37.54	72 Fulton First, Fulton, Jack Acree, 1,044, \$46,502.60, \$44.54	97 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L Hill, 755, \$40,632.37, \$53.82
23 Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam, Glenn D Armstrong, 1,351, \$103,979.13, \$76.96	48 Harlan, Harlan, John Glenn Ditty, 1,136, \$64,905.46, \$57.14	73 Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M Darland III, 679, \$46,324.24, \$68.22	98 Burgin, Burgin, Mike Hamby, 728, \$40,468.96, \$55.59
24 Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A Giltner, 1,470, \$100,378.45, \$68.28	49 Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Marty Shadoan, 859, \$64,385.56, \$74.95	74 Williamstown, Williamstown, Stephen C Rice, 645, \$46,263.14, \$71.73	99 Pleasant Grove, Owensboro, Kenneth A Stone, 699, \$40,316.32, \$57.68
25 Eastwood, Bowling Green, William D Patterson, 1,313, \$91,491.59, \$69.68	50 Greenville Second, Greenville, H Ray England, 1,015, \$64,292.12, \$63.34	75 Main Street, Williamsburg, Bill B Wright, 693, \$44,967.42, \$64.89	100 Edgewood, Nicholasville, Jim Lyons, 1,065, \$40,199.58, \$37.75

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Top 100 churches in per capita gifts to KBC

1	Briensburg, Benton, C Charles Brasher Jr, 630, \$156,693.64, \$248.72	27	Immanuel, Madisonville, 94, \$12,474.65, \$132.71	52	Greensburg, Greensburg, James Michael Akridge, 466, \$50,292.10, \$107.92	78	Lowell Avenue, Campbellsville, David Walters, 526, \$50,545.08, \$96.09
2	Raikes Hill Baptist Mission, Elk Horn, Robert Stotts, 18, \$4,362.00, \$242.33	28	Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Jeffrey G Noffsinger, 319, \$41,822.55, \$131.11	53	Barbourville First, Barbourville, Shane Nickell, 1,025, \$110,084.14, \$107.40	79	Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 4,964, \$475,842.16, \$95.86
3	Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B Bagwell, 41, \$9,716.29, \$236.98	29	West Providence, Mc Henry, Barry Black, 32, \$4,162.00, \$130.06	54	Greenview, Florence, Stephen E Turner, 251, \$26,802.94, \$106.78	80	Richmond First, Richmond, Bill C Fort, 1,808, \$173,022.40, \$95.70
4	Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C Naylor, 193, \$44,902.64, \$232.66	30	Madison Avenue, Covington, Edwin Kirkpatrick, 24, \$3,120.00, \$130.00	55	Friendship, Campbellsville, Edward E Williams, 160, \$17,053.01, \$106.58	81	Woodland, Morganfield, Stacy Foster, 186, \$17,759.39, \$95.48
5	Good Hope, Campbellsville, J Alvin Hardy, 211, \$48,677.25, \$230.70	31	Northside, Almo, Brett A Miles, 200, \$25,208.87, \$126.04	56	Owenton First, Owenton, Daven Keith Watkins, 710, \$75,627.06, \$106.52	82	Russell First, Russell, Kenneth Gowin, 851, \$81,162.14, \$95.37
6	Faith, Liberty, John N Routh, 36, \$8,186.08, \$227.39	32	Carter Creek, Greenville, Kevin Burden, 383, \$48,161.52, \$125.75	57	Greenville Second, Greenville, H Ray England, 1,015, \$107,030.17, \$105.45	83	Green River Memorial, Campbellsville, Gary Durham, 207, \$19,693.31, \$95.14
7	Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 102, \$22,050.21, \$216.18	33	Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 411, \$50,539.73, \$122.97	58	Barbe, Franklin, Chris Turpin, 55, \$5,788.78, \$105.25	84	Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A Loscalzo, 4,299, \$408,693.95, \$95.07
8	Countryside, Morganfield, William S Henderson, 35, \$7,107.68, \$203.08	34	Lusby's Mill, Owenton, Paul Briscoe, 79, \$9,707.23, \$122.88	59	Arlington First, Arlington, Larry Jackson, 337, \$35,416.60, \$105.09	85	Trenton, Trenton, Dean Anderson, 350, \$33,236.89, \$94.96
9	Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 334, \$61,140.89, \$183.06	35	Kuttawa First, Kuttawa, Carl B Nelson, 346, \$42,343.54, \$122.38	60	Falmouth, Falmouth, Donald R Mays, 225, \$23,367.88, \$103.86	86	Whitley City First, Whitley City, Ronald Davis, 450, \$42,308.50, \$94.02
10	North Livingston, Hampton, James Edward Wring, 110, \$19,939.77, \$181.27	36	Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel R Withers, 66, \$8,076.43, \$122.37	61	Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 758, \$78,409.90, \$103.44	87	Central, Winchester, Art Beasley, 2,449, \$223,050.81, \$91.08
11	Springfield, Springfield, Bland Mason, 243, \$44,037.00, \$181.22	37	Somerset First, Somerset, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,076, \$252,435.61, \$121.60	62	Shelbyville First, Shelbyville, Edward H Erwin, 1,610, \$166,508.10, \$103.42	88	New Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 162, \$14,701.82, \$90.75
12	Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Franklin Dee Skaggs, 81, \$14,652.52, \$180.90	38	Salem, Mortons Gap, Donald Canode, 294, \$35,423.15, \$120.49	63	Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,074, \$111,049.27, \$103.40	89	Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg, Keith Menshouse, 731, \$66,160.26, \$90.51
13	Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,323, \$403,061.98, \$173.51	39	Owensboro First, Owensboro, Garry Baldwin, 2,926, \$347,877.16, \$118.89	64	Walnut Grove, Fredonia, 372, \$38,188.98, \$102.66	90	Clearfield, Clearfield, H G Pratt, 66, \$5,961.28, \$90.32
14	Wallonia, Cadiz, Bill Clark Thomas, 154, \$25,863.18, \$167.94	40	Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey D Elliott, 208, \$24,601.42, \$118.28	65	Oak Grove, Cadiz, Michael Jones, 314, \$32,048.69, \$102.07	91	Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 304, \$27,323.93, \$89.88
15	Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A Yates, 103, \$17,258.86, \$167.56	41	Graefenburg, Waddy, Fred Moffatt, 646, \$75,501.67, \$116.88	66	Northside, Elizabethtown, Ronny D Raines, 422, \$42,297.57, \$100.23	92	Totz, Totz, Homer Johnson, 60, \$5,374.85, \$89.58
16	Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown, J D Shipp, 175, \$28,553.00, \$163.16	42	Woodland, Louisville, Michael David Sharp, 387, \$44,630.97, \$115.33	67	Indian Creek, Cynthiana, Tom Moore, 12, \$1,200.00, \$100.00	93	Mount Pleasant, La Center, Chris Cooper, 54, \$4,803.00, \$88.94
17	South Elkhorn, Lexington, Philip Schultz, 100, \$16,288.20, \$162.88	43	Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,239, \$142,482.82, \$115.00	68	Trinity, Paducah, Kenneth A Brown, 257, \$25,667.21, \$99.87	94	East Bernstadt First, East Bernstadt, Kenneth Dale Felty, 582, \$51,693.32, \$88.82
18	Grace West Union, Gracey, Bradley Cornelius, 128, \$20,638.19, \$161.24	44	Hopkinsville Second, Hopkinsville, Daniel L Ferguson, 1,591, \$182,758.05, \$114.87	69	Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg, 638, \$63,433.80, \$99.43	95	West End, Paducah, Terry M Sills, 212, \$18,822.87, \$88.79
19	Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D Morgan, 223, \$35,163.32, \$157.68	45	Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R Hussung, 1,079, \$123,069.51, \$114.06	70	Calvary, Elkton, Charles Randy Davenport, 315, \$31,289.70, \$99.33	96	Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Marty Shadoan, 859, \$76,076.81, \$88.56
20	Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Gregory J Humpert, 581, \$91,440.92, \$157.39	46	Lakewood, Louisville, Scott Christian Hughes, 269, \$30,146.65, \$112.07	71	Pinckneyville, Salem, 224, \$22,227.63, \$99.23	97	Sulphur Spring, Franklin, Matthew Sickling, 343, \$30,268.65, \$88.25
21	Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 345, \$50,302.99, \$145.81	47	Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 492, \$54,410.16, \$110.59	72	Welfare, Jamestown, 75, \$7,414.51, \$98.86	98	McVeigh, Pinsonfork, Tommy Reed, 173, \$15,234.60, \$88.06
22	Woodland, Greenville, Estle W Greenwalt, 156, \$22,221.66, \$142.45	48	Old Orchard, Mc Kee, Vince Mullins, 44, \$4,865.54, \$110.58	73	Means, Means, Joey Rogers, 63, \$6,185.00, \$98.17	99	Murray First, Murray, Wendell W Ray, 2,017, \$177,005.54, \$87.76
23	Hurricane, Cadiz, Michael Wade Wimberly, 258, \$36,080.82, \$139.85	49	Calhoun, Calhoun, Richard Sams, 501, \$55,111.28, \$110.00	74	Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Art Burcham, 330, \$32,388.56, \$98.15	100	Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R Hamrick, 1,035, \$90,634.16, \$87.57
24	Franklin Crossroads, Cecilia, Ronald Robert Davis, 839, \$115,045.93, \$137.12	50	Cedar Bluff, Princeton, J R Bruce, 136, \$14,946.80, \$109.90	75	Eddyville First, Eddyville, Timothy E Perdue, 628, \$61,520.01, \$97.96		
25	Glencoe, Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 150, \$19,985.39, \$133.24	51	New Bethel, Benton, George T Culp Jr, 342, \$37,469.00, \$109.56	76	Westport, Westport, 309, \$30,014.16, \$97.13		
26	Salem, Salem, John E East, 326, \$43,411.03, \$133.16			77	Henderson House Mission, Shelbyville, Jesse O Baxter, 63, \$6,094.83, \$96.74		

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Top 100 churches in per capita Cooperative Program gifts

1	Raikes Hill Baptist Mission, Elk Horn, Robert Stotts, 18, \$4,027.00, \$223.72	26	Locust Grove, Murray, Jeffrey D Elliott, 208, \$21,741.42, \$104.53	51	Owenton First, Owenton, Daven Keith Watkins, 710, \$60,441.59, \$85.13	76	Russell First, Russell, Kenneth Gowin, 851, \$61,848.46, \$72.68
2	Briensburg, Benton, C Charles Brasher Jr, 630, \$135,840.66, \$215.62	27	Old Orchard, Mc Kee, Vince Mullins, 44, \$4,465.54, \$101.49	52	Shelbyville First, Shelbyville, Edward H Erwin, 1,610, \$136,056.82, \$84.51	77	Beacon Hill, Somerset, John Mark Toby, 1,074, \$77,958.36, \$72.59
3	Countryside, Morganfield, William S Henderson, 35, \$5,672.68, \$162.08	28	Somerset First, Somerset, Paul Harrison Chitwood, 2,076, \$208,117.00, \$100.25	53	Walnut Grove, Fredonia, 372, \$30,908.65, \$83.09	78	Berea, Berea, Kevin Slemp, 785, \$56,765.04, \$72.31
4	Living Hope, Bowling Green, Jason Pettus, 2,323, \$374,065.98, \$161.03	29	Lawrenceburg First, Lawrenceburg, Gregory Lynn Burton, 1,239, \$122,695.17, \$99.03	54	Barbourville First, Barbourville, Shane Nickell, 1,025, \$84,603.17, \$82.54	79	Providence, Frankfort, David Rayborn, 336, \$24,249.25, \$72.17
5	Mexico, Marion, Rodney Ray Groff, 334, \$52,789.55, \$158.05	30	Sinking Fork, Hopkinsville, John Segree, 411, \$39,557.63, \$96.25	55	Rich Pond, Bowling Green, Steven R Hussung, 1,079, \$87,851.06, \$81.42	80	Fairdale First, Fairdale, Josh Powell, 215, \$15,505.13, \$72.12
6	Salem, Campbellsville, Michael Edward Goodwin, 102, \$15,550.75, \$152.46	31	Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown, J D Shipp, 175, \$16,800.00, \$96.00	56	Barbe, Franklin, Chris Turpin, 55, \$4,440.53, \$80.74	81	Whitley City First, Whitley City, Ronald Davis, 450, \$32,391.62, \$71.98
7	Moscow, Bardwell, Joe B Bagwell, 41, \$6,189.29, \$150.96	32	Woodland, Morganfield, Stacy Foster, 186, \$17,588.39, \$94.56	57	Victory, Lexington, Mike James, 492, \$39,565.95, \$80.42	82	Westport, Westport, 309, \$22,238.29, \$71.97
8	Bethabara, Philpot, Herschel D Morgan, 223, \$31,446.32, \$141.01	33	Glencoe, Glencoe, Hardin Lowe, 150, \$13,915.60, \$92.77	58	Centerfield, Crestwood, William D Jagers, 103, \$8,242.59, \$80.03	83	Stanton, Stanton, William Boldt, 145, \$10,422.20, \$71.88
9	Good Hope, Campbellsville, J Alvin Hardy, 211, \$29,009.81, \$137.49	34	Means, Means, Joey Rogers, 63, \$5,815.00, \$92.30	59	Lakewood, Louisville, Scott Christian Hughes, 269, \$21,394.47, \$79.53	84	Williamstown, Williamstown, Stephen C Rice, 645, \$46,263.14, \$71.73
10	Springfield, Springfield, Bland Mason, 243, \$31,944.10, \$131.46	35	Owensboro First, Owensboro, Garry Baldwin, 2,926, \$269,390.24, \$92.07	60	Richmond First, Richmond, Bill C Fort, 1,808, \$143,674.31, \$79.47	85	Elk Lick, Lewisburg, Art Burcham, 330, \$23,479.28, \$71.15
11	Chestnut Grove, Lewisport, Franklin Dee Skaggs, 81, \$9,917.22, \$122.43	36	Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Daniel R Withers, 66, \$6,045.43, \$91.60	61	New Horizon Baptist Fellowship, Elizabethtown, Steven Hill, 162, \$12,686.22, \$78.31	86	Totz, Totz, Homer Johnson, 60, \$4,266.53, \$71.11
12	Living Hope, Louisville, Jack C Naylor, 193, \$23,445.57, \$121.48	37	Henderson House Mission, Shelbyville, Jesse O Baxter, 63, \$5,594.83, \$88.81	62	Nelson Creek, Central City, Donald E Wilkins, 155, \$11,993.31, \$77.38	87	Bellevue, Owensboro, Gregory Faulls, 1,645, \$116,427.61, \$70.78
13	Wildwood, Ashland, Jim Nichols, 345, \$40,865.28, \$118.45	38	Calhoun, Calhoun, Richard Sams, 501, \$44,312.62, \$88.45	63	Beaver Dam, Beaver Dam, Glenn D Armstrong, 1,351, \$103,979.13, \$76.96	88	Clay First, Clay, Jeff S McMain, 545, \$38,456.82, \$70.56
14	Bruners Chapel, Harrodsburg, Gregory J Humpert, 581, \$67,967.24, \$116.98	39	Cedar Bluff, Princeton, J R Bruce, 136, \$12,001.11, \$88.24	64	Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Michael R Hamrick, 1,035, \$79,652.92, \$76.96	89	Henderson First, Henderson, Todd A Linn, 1,966, \$138,311.71, \$70.35
15	Mount Zion, Kuttawa, Ted A Yates, 103, \$11,951.58, \$116.03	40	Grace West Union, Gracey, Bradley Cornelius, 128, \$11,243.19, \$87.84	65	Salem, Salem, John E East, 326, \$24,997.03, \$76.68	90	East Union, Graham, Ronald Carrel Wingo, 223, \$15,677.05, \$70.30
16	Lusby's Mill, Owenton, Paul Briscoe, 79, \$9,002.11, \$113.95	41	Olivet, Paducah, Ronald Tommy Tucker, 758, \$65,837.66, \$86.86	66	Cedar Grove, Franklin, Bob Kubasch, 41, \$3,121.62, \$76.14	91	Highlands, Lexington, James K Pierce, 306, \$21,415.72, \$69.99
17	Immanuel, Madisonville, 94, \$10,707.87, \$113.91	42	Faith, Liberty, John N Routh, 36, \$3,125.36, \$86.82	67	McVeigh, Pinsonfork, Tommy Reed, 173, \$13,141.00, \$75.96	92	Blackford, Hawesville, Samuel Lynn Huff, 411, \$28,703.42, \$69.84
18	Woodland, Greenville, Estle W Greenwalt, 156, \$17,536.66, \$112.41	43	Porter Memorial, Lexington, William Henard, 4,964, \$430,604.71, \$86.75	68	Temple, Central City, Kyle Noffsinger, 206, \$15,634.00, \$75.89	93	Eastwood, Bowling Green, William D Patterson, 1,313, \$91,491.59, \$69.68
19	South Elkhorn, Lexington, Philip Schultz, 100, \$11,145.45, \$111.45	44	Greenview, Florence, Stephen E Turner, 251, \$21,745.88, \$86.64	69	Pleasant Hill, Somerset, Marty Shadoan, 859, \$64,385.56, \$74.95	94	Friendship, Campbellsville, Edward E Williams, 160, \$11,102.01, \$69.39
20	Franklin Crossroads, Cecilia, Ronald Robert Davis, 839, \$91,383.82, \$108.92	45	Salem, Mortons Gap, Donald Canode, 294, \$25,402.57, \$86.40	70	New Focus Community, Owensboro, Brian Flahardy, 68, \$5,085.50, \$74.79	95	Owens Chapel, Kirksey, James William Stom, 90, \$6,230.00, \$69.22
21	Dripping Spring, Olmstead, Jeffrey G Noffsinger, 319, \$34,253.53, \$107.38	46	Greensburg, Greensburg, James Michael Akridge, 466, \$40,132.51, \$86.12	71	East Bernstadt First, East Bernstadt, Kenneth Dale Felty, 582, \$43,270.32, \$74.35	96	Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, 607, \$41,905.82, \$69.04
22	North Livingston, Hampton, James Edward Wring, 110, \$11,740.22, \$106.73	47	Eddyville First, Eddyville, Timothy E Perdue, 628, \$53,893.87, \$85.82	72	Immanuel, Lexington, Craig A Loscalzo, 4,299, \$319,265.10, \$74.26	97	Symsonia, Symsonia, Rick Miller, 205, \$14,072.67, \$68.65
23	Kuttawa First, Kuttawa, Carl B Nelson, 346, \$36,545.04, \$105.62	48	Falmouth, Falmouth, Donald R Mays, 225, \$19,241.88, \$85.52	73	Oak Grove, Cadiz, Michael Jones, 314, \$23,196.31, \$73.87	98	Hillcrest, Hopkinsville, Gregory A Giltner, 1,470, \$100,378.45, \$68.28
24	Northside, Almo, Brett A Miles, 200, \$21,086.00, \$105.43	49	Falmouth, Falmouth, Donald R Mays, 225, \$19,241.88, \$85.52	74	Riverview, Catlettsburg, Charles Shelby Bush, 25, \$1,835.57, \$73.42	99	Hazel, Hazel, Timothy Cole, 468, \$31,938.98, \$68.25
25	Hopkinsville Second, Hopkinsville, Daniel L Ferguson, 1,591, \$167,095.38, \$105.03	50	Cornerstone, Lexington, Foy Back, 304, \$25,910.51, \$85.23	75	Lowell Avenue, Campbellsville, David Walters, 526, \$38,307.86, \$72.83	100	Immanuel, Elizabethtown, Charles M Darland III, 679, \$46,324.24, \$68.22

This report lists the top 100 congregations in per-capita contributions to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2003. Each entry includes the per-capita rank, church name and city, pastor's name, total membership, total dollars given and per capita amount.

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This report is for the period Sept. 1, 2002, through Aug. 31, 2003. The first column shows the 2002 Cooperative Program gifts, the second shows fiscal year 2003 Cooperative Program gifts. The third column (Other) shows total contributions other than Cooperative Program and includes all donations designated to one or more of the following areas: Baptist hospitals, child care, Christian education, Eliza Broadus offering, restricted KBC causes only (RKO), and SBC causes such as Annie Armstrong and Lotie Moon offerings, foreign and home mission boards and other designations. All donations shown were given through the KBC accounting services department; the report was prepared by the KBC information services department. Refer questions to the KBC accounting services department, (502) 245-4101, ext. 226.

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER
Allen Association			
Bays Fork	\$4,994.70	\$5,764.10	\$982.70
Dover	100.00	0.00	1,430.00
Holland	1,454.18	1,684.33	450.00
Liberty	5,649.62	4,359.73	968.00
New Hope	2,169.00	2,184.12	1,519.17
New Middle Fork	350.00	300.00	100.00
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	600.00
Scottsville	31,666.30	35,911.31	2,044.00
Trammel Fork	600.00	600.00	956.00
White Plains	0.00	1,344.47	517.00
Subtotals	46,983.80	52,148.06	9,566.87
Anderson Association			
Alton	32,402.22	39,036.12	3,286.76
Ballard	2,763.96	3,211.44	334.00
Fellowship	901.24	650.00	522.49
Freedom	1,034.00	2,688.00	271.85
Gleensboro	4,579.77	5,427.69	1,000.00
Goshen	1,046.00	1,050.00	210.80
Hope Community	14,567.96	1,000.00	272.00
Lawrenceburg First	114,037.47	122,695.17	19,787.65
Mount Pleasant	576.70	620.76	0.00
Pleasant Grove	250.00	275.00	825.00
Sand Spring	69,800.51	79,652.92	10,981.24
Tyrone	1,450.00	0.00	250.00
Van Buren	633.25	1,559.30	356.00
Subtotals	244,043.08	257,866.40	38,097.79
Bell Association			
Bennetts Fork	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1,821.82	2,051.48	950.42
Binghamtown	7,000.08	7,000.08	5,546.00
Calloway	1,099.23	818.33	494.00
East Cumberland Avenue	14,669.00	16,180.00	3,002.45
East Jellico	5,525.00	5,613.00	1,820.50
First Blackmont	600.00	600.00	388.69
Fonde	0.00	0.00	530.00
Hosman	3,042.50	2,995.58	370.00
Jenson	2,596.00	3,083.71	0.00
Mill Creek	1,160.35	600.00	550.00
Moss Chapel	360.00	360.00	2,300.00
Mount Hebron	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newtown	326.18	266.37	0.00
Northside	3,988.72	0.00	1,242.16
Old Yellow Creek	15,150.87	10,563.98	11,214.60
Pineville First	17,091.38	13,682.88	16,152.38
Riverside	2,496.97	3,098.87	2,406.75
Riverview	626.67	716.69	1,950.00
Southside	7,876.12	6,814.62	5,558.52
Stoney Fork	330.00	365.00	0.00
Trinity	325.00	300.00	240.00
Tugglesville	0.00	0.00	100.00
Victory Missionary	1,454.11	1,079.00	327.00
Wasiole	650.00	550.00	1,000.00
West Cumberland Avenue	941.39	709.23	286.52
West Pineville	5,019.09	3,160.47	3,160.38
Subtotals	94,150.48	80,609.29	59,590.37
Bethel Association			
Adairville	16,095.23	16,798.94	5,071.24
Auburn	4,901.26	3,591.38	12,385.69
Calvary	12,956.21	11,459.42	19,830.28
Dripping Spring	29,787.78	34,253.53	7,569.02
Eastside	1,242.48	1,651.74	2,014.41
Elkton	44,121.28	41,398.42	10,811.39
Forest Grove	6,471.06	5,009.44	1,968.99
Grace	3,824.00	4,974.00	1,901.25
Guthrie	12,100.00	10,593.75	4,936.55
Keysburg	2,932.84	3,084.33	1,663.37
Middleton	8,751.28	5,985.21	1,501.80
Mount Gilead	0.00	125.00	1,200.00
Mount Zion	1,116.32	2,123.65	836.26
New Union	14,691.95	11,830.59	9,840.63
Post Oak	23,023.50	23,012.00	23,053.01
Russellville First	70,157.26	52,722.15	18,202.48
Russellville Second	55,729.45	38,255.95	10,464.20
Sharon Grove	9,345.00	7,220.00	2,640.00
Southern Heights	12,900.45	15,166.84	1,255.00
Spring Valley	1,296.94	1,378.65	454.00
Tiny Town	1,200.00	1,230.00	519.19
Trenton	19,671.04	21,506.77	11,730.12
Walnut Grove	20,872.91	19,093.28	2,686.00
Whippoorwill	4,652.69	5,071.69	1,692.22
Woodlawn	6,770.63	5,596.54	2,903.00
Subtotals	384,611.56	343,133.27	155,633.10
Blackford Association			
Blackford	23,579.86	28,703.42	2,405.06
Central	7,028.03	7,306.10	1,044.00
Chestnut Grove	8,246.79	9,917.22	4,735.30
Dawson Memorial	2,487.80	2,620.20	0.00
Friendly Grove	334.10	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00	146.00
Hawesville	35,699.06	37,208.89	10,799.48
Lewisport	58,962.87	39,818.47	27,578.46

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Lewisport First	1,679.33	1,514.23	407.00
Mount Eden	7,876.16	9,493.33	1,637.50
New Life	103.22	269.69	972.08
Newton Springs	1,949.00	1,990.00	513.50
Old Panther Creek	3,291.00	1,825.00	2,780.93
Pellville	26,662.52	24,999.55	10,858.02
Union	5,996.52	5,454.63	14,501.60
West Point	718.00	687.00	513.64
Subtotals	184,614.26	171,807.73	78,892.57
Blood River Association			
Altona Missionary	24,215.52	24,637.11	8,622.00
Benton First	43,298.81	47,099.36	7,476.95
Bethel	26,939.03	21,998.00	5,007.70
Bethlehem	4,832.94	5,415.74	96.15
Blood River	2,980.74	3,136.20	0.00
Briensburg	143,834.71	135,840.66	20,852.98
Calvert City First	0.00	0.00	31,534.90
Cherry Corner	9,786.15	7,725.62	4,234.40
Coldwater	600.00	600.00	0.00
Dexter	500.00	550.00	298.55
East Marshall	948.96	2,382.17	107.00
Elm Grove	18,211.81	13,992.26	15,242.72
Elva	2,696.29	2,327.14	0.00
Ferguson Springs	550.00	600.00	87.00
Flint	10,325.20	10,048.00	3,335.78
Gilbertsville	11,903.00	12,157.41	1,488.95
Grace	6,178.72	7,541.39	3,996.00
Hamlet Missionary	6,180.51	6,952.02	218.39
Hazel	18,779.52	31,938.98	7,731.49
Hilltop	1,056.58	1,245.20	750.00
Kirksey	1,909.00	2,122.00	220.00
Lakeview	7,611.32	8,518.90	634.19
Ledbetter	1,267.72	1,166.75	583.35
Locust Grove	23,651.64	21,741.42	2,860.00
Memorial	25,800.24	25,025.50	5,331.01
Murray First	139,482.29	126,194.52	50,811.02
New Bethel	5,040.00	5,040.00	32,429.00
New Harmony	33,250.51	25,813.38	4,129.00
New Mount Camel	3,109.56	3,477.41	720.00
New Providence	254.52	644.06	0.00
New Zion	10,145.38	9,927.68	2,099.00
Northside	15,922.00	21,086.00	4,122.87
Oak Grove	10,442.79	9,653.78	1,900.00
Olive Missionary	18,397.74	14,577.50	3,380.06
Owens Chapel	6,354.00	6,230.00	1,600.00
Pleasant Hope	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
Pleasant Valley	3,600.00	3,600.00	208.00
Poplar Spring	9,038.03	7,427.59	2,714.14
Salem	5,706.64	7,136.69	1,057.00
Scotts Grove	4,745.04	4,398.26	1,855.43
Sharpe Missionary	14,824.00	25,579.00	2,545.00
Sinking Spring	6,500.00	3,850.00	1,253.45
South Marshall	240.00	240.00	0.00
Spring Creek	3,500.00	0.00	599.74
Sugar Creek	800.00	800.00	241.00
Symsonia	14,655.42	14,072.67	1,443.60
Union Ridge	6,008.76	4,065.46	1,137.62
Vanzora	8,086.00	9,072.00	2,638.71
Walnut Street	2,483.01	2,811.16	252.00
West Fork	3,866.35	5,591.78	3,184.00
Westside	21,257.36	28,200.33	38,717.62
Zions Cause	6,062.31	5,115.36	2,582.43
Subtotals	749,630.12	741,166.46	282,330.20
Boones Creek Association			
Allansville	11,610.49	12,353.57	8,437.43
Beech Grove	2,751.17	1,658.31	182.65
Boone's Creek	29,634.74	25,007.57	12,262.07
Calvary	13,857.15	13,701.11	3,133.95
Central	170,215.73	149,758.87	73,291.94
Clay City	2,116.00	2,165.00	730.75
Corinth	9,891.19	5,948.16	2,297.71
Cow Creek	4,664.00	3,702.00	344.00
Emmanuel	1,557.72	1,263.68	400.00
Ephesus	5,730.00	6,412.00	849.50
Faith	220.00	280.00	200.00
Friendship	8,941.11	9,002.94	1,728.36
Greenbriar	930.00	357.00	0.00
Heidelberg	1,917.74	385.24	0.00
Howards Mill	8,009.00	8,367.00	4,468.00
Irvine First	5,333.21	4,486.01	874.00
Ivory Hill	3,956.35	2,871.78	1,016.30
Jeffersonville	9,961.99	9,974.69	4,529.41
Kiddville	2,312.27	2,344.24	4,200.00
Macedonia	4,431.20	4,983.51	137.00
Means	3,160.00	5,815.00	370.00
Mount Olive	1,312.00	1,732.00	0.00
New Harmony	482.00	358.00	1,624.73
New Hope	1,154.76	1,202.60	965.00
Northside	9,960.97	9,715.74	5,423.18
Panola	1,349.18	1,457.20	195.00
Powells Valley	2,104.14	1,892.72	857.00
Providence	1,800.00	1,838.23	1,965.09
Providence	3,175.48	2,610.00	2,206.97
Reid Village	2,763.79	1,686.00	4,856.00
Salem	6,155.00	7,144.00	1,762.00
Spears Mill	6,950.00	8,786.00	1,331.00
Spring Street	4,257.00	3,656.00	2,616.50
Thomas	3,070.13	2,961.74	55.00
Valley View	513.20	197.48	0.00
Williams Memorial	3,952.52	3,540.27	914.00
Subtotals	348,475.23	319,615.66	144,224.54
Booneville Association			
Big Creek	2,466.21	1,489.68	400.00
Black Water Second	937.23	1,200.87	100.00
Booneville First	7,147.05	6,779.26	419.00
Garrard	2,012.00	1,601.00	0.00
Horse Creek	29,670.55	29,270.17	7,106.00
Island Creek	4,864.65	3,116.83	4,908.69
Lerose	25.00	400.00	0.00
Lilly Grove	40.00	0.00	0.00
Lytleton	7,984.00	7,664.00	5,768.19
Macedonia	7,414.00	5,075.68	4,553.09
Manchester	17,737.85	12,919.14	19,634.38
New Home	2,152.29	2,122.75	1,023.46
New Prospect	1,240.11	1,791.85	96.00
New Zion	646.00	473.17	100.00
Onida	2,537.70	2,548.93	4,115.00
Pleasant Point	769.67	634.82	439.47
Pleasant Run	7,196.00	6,648.00	675.00

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Royal Oak	540.00	540.00	465.85
Southside	422.54	432.65	0.00
Turkey Missionary	350.00	600.00	300.00
Upper Buffalo	17.92	250.00	0.00
White Hall	100.00	200.00	0.00
Zion	2,867.00	2,617.00	656.00
Subtotals	99,137.77	88,375.80	50,760.13
Bracken Association			
Aberdeen	12,027.70	13,976.68	6,016.63
Augusta First	1,623.78	666.67	729.55
Calvary	550.00	600.00	300.00
Carlisle First	6,304.85	7,003.74	3,434.05
Central	31,470.31	31,484.08	8,874.04
Clearfield	2,693.54	2,741.28	3,220.00
Dover	60.00	240.00	520.00
Ewing	2,890.00	3,000.00	2,732.18
Flemingsburg	7,357.94	8,326.00	2,318.97
Cherry Corner	1,654.29	1,115.69	50.00
Garrison	2,511.00	1,346.48	78.47
Germantown	2,737.00	2,522.50	1,366.00
Heselon	0.00	0.00	1,660.09
Irvingville	193.69	576.26	455.00
Lewisburg	3,074.11	2,580.68	758.85
Locust Grove	1,615.66	1,713.47	320.41
Mays Lick	4,055.45	4,365.63	6,108.38
Maysville First	600.00	600.00	710.00
Minerva	0.00	0.00	60.00
Morehead First	2,134.00	2,510.79	5.00
Mount Olive	5,931.45	6,233.94	1,605.00
Mount Pisgah	560.00	759.67	0.00
Oak Ridge	1,541.00	1,560.00	53.00
Owingsville	7,195.36	7,297.54	7,563

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Owensboro First	263,335.42	269,390.24	78,486.92	Fitzpatrick First	4,619.00	4,398.00	650.00	New Hope	2,789.00	3,169.00	505.40	Pleasureville	15,281.14	17,548.45	5,505.00
Owensboro Third	41,474.46	36,283.97	20,887.05	Garrett First	829.68	967.96	200.00	New Liberty	828.35	431.01	863.99	Port Royal	1,626.19	0.00	5,272.55
Pack	0.00	2,221.67	0.00	Inez First	4,818.53	6,649.68	1,105.10	New Life	3,051.00	4,447.12	522.00	Smithfield	6,801.70	7,804.48	1,857.21
Panther Creek	9,810.86	10,776.45	3,152.61	Ivyton	160.00	0.00	0.00	New Vision	50.00	0.00	0.00	Sulphur	3,653.81	2,847.09	0.00
Panish Avenue	11,466.65	9,177.33	1,167.94	Jacks Creek	743.26	578.38	0.00	Oak Grove	325.00	300.00	358.23	Turners Station	2,491.00	230.00	250.00
Pleasant Grove	49,037.18	40,316.32	10,349.85	Lancer	2,221.17	1,062.25	23.15	Pilot Oak	45,953.62	39,125.26	3,393.00	Subtotals	47,421.57	47,249.40	40,248.20
Pleasant Memorial	8,591.79	7,496.64	405.00	Liberty	1,916.10	2,104.35	861.42	Pleasant Grove	50.00	600.00	160.25	Irvine Association			
Pleasant Ridge	11,199.26	9,073.22	4,678.59	Licking River	900.00	825.00	556.79	Pyrosburg	1,250.00	2,000.00	1,593.00	Annville	1,650.00	1,200.00	400.00
Red Hill	275.00	300.00	0.00	Martin First	403.66	428.62	2,521.00	Sedalia	7,246.49	7,655.19	9,409.25	Clover Bottom	0.00	0.00	300.00
Ridgewood	1,715.35	1,766.83	305.00	Maytown First	550.00	550.00	0.00	Sharon	13,962.64	15,776.94	1,677.81	Egypt	3,594.00	3,973.00	280.25
Riverside	0.00	3,469.22	6,901.95	McDowell First	4,380.07	5,062.40	1,167.95	South First Street	528.39	526.74	151.40	Gray Hawk	4,323.70	4,086.55	1,569.00
Sacramento	8,763.44	8,984.33	1,506.00	Mount Beulah	810.00	905.00	553.85	Trace Creek	8,666.64	10,500.00	12,100.00	McKee	12,591.61	7,853.74	1,488.00
Seven Hills	0.00	0.00	68.34	Paintsville First	34,076.48	36,134.63	18,717.00	Viola Missionary	1,611.39	1,241.75	304.80	Mount Zion	0.00	809.04	0.00
Sorgho	8,516.89	8,423.38	1,919.00	Pine Grove	0.00	0.00	175.00	Water Valley	325.00	325.00	300.00	Oak Grove	780.00	750.00	1,860.00
South Hampton	5,626.75	5,559.50	2,630.00	Pleasant Home	934.00	900.00	0.00	West Broadway	2,673.01	2,291.65	651.00	Old Orchard	2,094.07	4,465.54	400.00
Southwest	2,297.40	1,960.95	297.00	Prestonsburg First	22,166.26	21,827.13	470.00	Wingo	796.43	0.00	130.00	Tyner	3,671.00	0.00	0.00
Stanley	1,674.46	871.07	93.32	Salyersville First	8,489.39	10,100.36	4,084.50	Subtotals	264,361.11	260,385.43	101,813.13	Subtotals	28,704.38	23,137.87	6,297.25
Station	4,791.71	5,083.85	1,965.00	Tomahawk Missionary	0.00	0.00	14.00	Grayson County Association				Knox Association			
Sugar Grove	10,493.84	10,737.11	7,664.75	Topnotch	300.00	525.00	975.00	Caneyville	4,816.14	3,760.21	2,666.08	Apple Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00
Utica	13,901.24	12,686.36	3,065.00	Warfield Missionary	1,200.00	1,100.00	400.00	Clarkson	16,466.11	16,069.66	2,470.60	Artemus First	6,165.89	7,603.95	1,604.46
Walnut Memorial	16,900.80	15,265.76	698.00	West Van Lear	300.00	300.00	577.00	Falls of Rough	7,108.38	5,122.99	3,640.96	Barbourville First	96,926.39	84,603.17	25,480.97
Whitesville	3,600.00	3,600.00	1,286.00	Wheelwright First	432.45	432.78	284.88	Hanging Rock	2,522.49	2,334.22	1,547.71	Calvary Missionary	4,256.21	4,863.06	3,614.02
Wing Avenue	5,453.00	3,510.00	1,154.08	Subtotals	95,584.42	100,061.92	35,958.18	Holly	2,315.00	1,638.00	1,016.50	Candle Ridge	0.00	0.00	726.00
Yellow Creek	73,856.47	78,795.79	16,040.59	Franklin Association				Leitchfield First	33,591.45	24,505.91	8,858.70	Concord	289.00	0.00	0.00
Yelvington	7,290.06	6,061.76	838.55	Bellepoint	5,712.24	6,173.89	5,508.00	Liberty	2,119.00	2,009.80	1,691.00	Dewitt	3,821.03	3,904.79	1,931.77
Subtotals	1,060,682.58	1,013,044.08	304,735.13	Bethel	4,787.20	5,683.11	4,607.00	Little Clifty	6,644.97	7,580.91	2,932.69	East Barbourville	18,644.00	20,262.41	3,778.60
East Lynn Association				Buck Run	84,385.00	75,401.00	21,228.66	New Harvest	1,237.34	1,812.60	800.00	Grays	3,529.66	3,211.27	1,091.50
Allendale	0.00	0.00	0.00	Calvary	6,288.18	5,129.16	1,388.32	New Hope Missionary	444.00	444.00	137.00	Greasy Creek	0.00	0.00	306.25
Corinth Missionary	600.00	600.00	3,086.30	Camp Pleasant	1,050.00	525.00	0.00	Shrewsbury	0.00	946.67	65.00	Green Road	225.00	1,125.00	0.00
Holly Grove	6,110.66	4,260.42	1,126.13	Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00	1,976.58	Subtotals	77,264.88	66,224.97	25,826.24	Highland Park	3,421.90	3,373.63	979.59
Mount Camel	600.00	600.00	489.00	Crestwood	57,887.81	65,243.65	11,271.42	Green Valley Association				Indian Creek	812.00	750.00	175.00
New Bethlehem	70.00	0.00	0.00	East Frankfort	9,926.15	10,174.91	6,126.23	Advance	2,409.46	3,631.99	754.00	Keck	2,416.73	3,821.07	6,242.17
South Summersville	4,110.60	3,822.22	345.72	Evergreen	7,333.37	9,333.38	8,619.23	Airline	15,163.23	14,363.55	1,980.00	Liberty Missionary	1,439.71	392.02	567.02
Subtotals	11,491.26	9,282.64	5,047.15	Faith	2,052.66	2,900.37	4,713.91	Ambassador	2,344.53	2,396.28	820.00	Locust Grove	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,445.50
East Union Association				Farmdale	7,500.00	8,315.00	2,047.04	Audubon	9,611.66	17,443.00	3,861.91	Lynn Camp	14,226.19	13,312.42	3,560.42
Kensee	1,137.13	921.46	273.73	Forks of Elkhorn	13,406.37	16,348.70	6,784.00	Bellfield	22,547.00	22,484.00	10,291.00	Mount Olivet	982.00	1,013.00	0.00
Subtotals	1,137.13	921.46	273.73	Frankfort First	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	Bethel	4,334.58	2,830.47	196.24	New Bethel	0.00	100.00	0.00
Elkhorn Association				Inmanuel	0.00	0.00	28,784.93	Calvary Missionary	14,943.64	15,231.48	4,140.61	North Corbin Missionary	0.00	0.00	1,761.61
Anchor	6,400.00	8,341.00	3,899.46	Memorial	35,164.79	33,119.97	13,150.99	Cash Creek	6,775.00	7,384.59	10,706.76	Northside	644.88	1,247.16	350.50
Andover	0.00	525.00	0.00	Mount Carmel	0.00	1,083.02	1,248.58	Corydon Missionary	5,454.25	7,650.97	0.00	Piney Grove	2,144.21	1,512.03	1,748.87
Ashland Avenue	17,060.28	8,539.72	10,607.00	Mount Vernon	362.60	0.00	383.00	Dupey	150.00	213.00	123.82	Pleasant Ridge	110.00	120.00	40.00
Beckersville	495.10	266.29	40.00	North Benson	9,666.49	9,162.64	2,473.94	Eastview	5,028.36	5,050.44	1,578.44	Poplar Grove	16,079.16	17,223.82	1,243.00
Broadway	20,806.39	22,093.95	10,122.00	North Frankfort	3,000.00	2,400.00	805.00	Geneva	964.00	1,667.00	1,077.00	River	0.00	171.00	48.00
Brookside	4,799.79	4,441.73	1,588.52	Peaks Mill	450.00	450.00	100.00	Henderson First	129,131.98	138,311.71	20,238.19	Roadside	1,075.56	1,245.38	0.00
Calvary	23,035.84	28,242.98	86,332.35	Pleasant Ridge	2,862.38	1,520.22	2,304.00	Hyland	34,084.95	11,665.93	7,907.63	Salt Gum	4,240.12	3,961.43	2,163.13
Cane Run	8,330.02	8,929.40	2,602.00	Providence	19,679.87	24,249.25	4,003.38	Immanuel Baptist Temple	36,487.33	35,826.08	15,669.48	Sinking Valley	0.00	0.00	192.00
Central	0.00	0.00	25.00	St John	6,074.23	5,111.73	658.00	Lawndale	1,921.74	1,745.00	524.90	Springfield	1,815.99	1,604.26	423.00
Central	23,944.76	25,958.45	11,400.02	Swallowfield	600.00	590.00	716.12	Morganfield First	46,630.64	44,142.39	10,144.66	Swan Pond	4,507.81	3,069.91	500.00
Chevy Chase	14,935.68	12,189.87	11,601.75	Thornhill	48,604.71	44,232.00	5,980.00	Mount Pleasant	6,146.96	7,202.22	338.00	Turkey Creek	3,803.11	3,997.68	0.00
Clear Creek	5,985.40	6,792.00	0.00	Trinity	550.00	550.00	50.00	New Hope	4,241.45	6,720.09	1,454.00	Walker	540.00	540.00	0.00
Clover Bottom	1,500.00	1,800.00	400.00	Westview	1,080.99	1,356.86	338.00	Niagara Missionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	Subtotals	193,316.55	184,228.46	59,029.38
Corbin First	1,200.00	1,200.00	12,179.25	Subtotals	342,358.16	348,481.64	140,677.33	Robards Missionary	3,093.22	4,346.02	729.65	Laurel River Association			
Cornerstone	19,637.59	25,910.51	1,413.42	Freedom Association				Seebree First	24,202.13	24,392.48	8,659.41	Ardu Ridge	0.00	268.57	25.00
Crosswoods	16,722.28	15,018.08	1,733.19	Albany First	23,632.74	18,842.28	12,553.34	Spottsville	8,733.52	6,856.53	1,785.39	Baldrock	1,855.80	1,915.63	421.65
Dauids Fork	466.68	183.00	0.00	Branham Grove	0.00	0.00	300.00	Watson Lane	1,500.00	931.29	675.00	Bond	3,250.00	3,000.00	3,073.65
Dry Run	3,145.99	2,546.33	1,385.00	Burkesville	8,477.96	9,335.08	3,050.01	Zion	15,595.00	27,085.00	14,946.27	Calvary	19,668.16	21,876.29	8,708.46
Durbin Memorial	8,655.26	9,359.89	7,667.60	Cave Springs	6,613.00	7,020.00	4,030.00	Subtotals	414,431.82	419,544.91	123,525.36	Corinth	18,485.33	7,495.46	29,572.30
East Hickman	10,911.48	9,646.15	2,047.97	Central Grove	3,343.73	3,236.62	1,071.00	Greenup Association				East Bernstadt First	36,606.02	43,270.32	8,423.00
Eastside	900.00	1,736.95	0.00	Grace Union	116.00	0.00	0.00	Ashland	4,851.32	2,563.44	489.00	East Pittsburg	4,722.91	4,856.80	1,873.10
Edgewood	47,225.56	40,199.58	12,510.43	Green Grove Missionary	759.00	827.00	231.00	Ashland First	11,647.00	6,768.00	8,840.43	Emmanuel	398.57	416.49	44.58
Faith	250.00	0.00	16,310.63	Pikeview	1,815.00	875.00	160.00	Ashland Second	4,789.33	4,968.76	0.00	Greenmount	2,151.80	2,450.80	787.22
First Covenant	600.00	600.00	0.00	Stony Point	11,352.32	10,819.53	3,525.00	Barretts Creek	1,325.75	1,148.03	1,678.14	Hart Missionary	2,192.02		

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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER
Walnut Hill	360.00	330.00	407.00	Liberty	17,010.00	10,515.00	8,885.80	South Jefferson	30,307.00	30,656.00	5,226.48	South Carrollton	3,680.76	6,798.25	942.89
Zion	50.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Pleasant	30,005.99	27,193.66	5,056.57	South Watterson Trail	6,500.00	6,000.00	2,500.00	Temple	16,116.00	15,634.00	1,264.21
Subtotals	219,830.84	217,245.38	57,304.87	Mount Tabor Missionary	4,780.00	5,095.00	3,955.00	Southside	3,736.52	3,113.36	662.25	Unity	1,271.64	977.45	686.52
Lincoln County Association				New Cedar Grove	5,808.07	4,795.36	1,675.22	Springdale	34,249.86	18,799.96	10,212.36	Vernal Grove	4,278.10	7,394.03	414.49
Blue Lick	3,623.87	4,444.61	1,384.66	New Friendship	9,600.00	12,832.00	8,301.28	St Matthews	3,189.00	4,088.00	82,679.59	Woodland	20,118.78	17,536.66	4,685.00
Calvary Hill	15,827.02	14,584.01	3,658.90	New Hope	3,844.64	4,282.44	1,575.00	St Paul Missionary	4,338.00	3,006.00	850.00	Woodson	8,253.23	12,287.27	435.84
Crab Orchard	1,560.00	1,765.00	2,689.60	Oak Forest	1,500.00	1,550.00	1,695.44	Summit Hills	7,207.54	7,718.07	3,155.92	Subtotals	387,900.39	397,781.30	160,016.28
Double Springs	6,090.32	6,772.84	1,797.00	Oak Grove	33,666.02	25,075.52	3,844.44	Sunnyside	1,614.22	3,790.01	2,035.15	Nelson Association			
Drakes Creek	3,213.06	2,914.10	2,140.74	Pleasant Hill	575.00	684.00	3,784.20	Taylorville First	20,144.58	22,105.06	6,106.87	Bardstown	13,364.87	12,083.32	3,841.51
Fairview	23,206.33	29,583.70	4,183.16	Subtotals	171,025.51	147,622.21	70,200.17	Third Avenue	91.61	178.83	5,691.09	Bardstown Junction	8,265.00	11,935.24	3,657.10
Freedom	15,428.00	13,117.00	2,222.00	Long Run Association				Thixton Lane	3,410.00	4,150.00	1,845.00	Belmont	2,080.00	964.00	1,015.00
Friendship	0.00	84.00	0.00	Arcade	750.00	580.00	1,580.42	Valley Station	29,681.22	16,468.42	8,655.00	Bethany	1,704.74	1,426.66	1,426.39
Geneva	0.00	0.00	397.00	Ashby Lane	6,204.32	2,559.09	1,507.46	Valley View	20,879.94	25,361.73	5,450.07	Bloomfield	30,737.74	32,507.69	10,453.18
Harris Creek	1,310.14	1,093.47	0.00	Auburdale	7,814.59	6,520.25	1,920.02	Van Buren	1,626.87	1,458.42	490.00	Bullitt Lick	24,168.49	24,874.51	3,201.11
Houstonville	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,266.58	Audubon	0.00	0.00	8,405.00	Victory Memorial	10,968.06	10,528.17	2,109.36	Cedar Grove	5,934.00	3,489.00	2,441.00
Locust Grove	600.00	600.00	505.15	Baptist Tabernacle	2,522.58	2,408.15	497.81	Vine Street	1,790.46	1,754.14	5,704.19	Chaplin	19,249.98	23,611.75	3,744.25
McKinney	3,707.71	5,400.72	844.38	Bashford Manor	1,097.41	1,485.90	0.00	Walnut Street	45,361.57	41,379.60	29,082.96	Chaplin Fork	2,969.90	5,079.89	1,810.00
Mount Hebron	2,684.37	2,314.36	191.00	Baxter Avenue	887.05	900.89	197.37	West Broadway	32,419.66	27,389.48	7,305.80	Clemont	1,548.00	608.00	0.00
Mount Salem	1,230.19	1,271.63	683.62	Beechland	19,366.84	14,114.25	3,550.10	Westport Road	92,298.38	79,260.82	28,243.63	Coxs Creek	8,548.99	7,994.27	3,013.53
New Salem	11,403.00	9,383.86	858.41	Beechmont	13,297.85	13,058.31	6,110.95	Woodland	21,701.94	20,274.37	24,356.60	Eagle Heights	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,466.32
Olive	1,281.01	1,020.95	535.00	Beechwood	21,711.34	12,666.37	6,656.00	Yorktown	780.00	1,465.00	985.09	Eastside	450.00	1,298.46	55.00
Parlor Grove	4,052.89	3,787.66	779.27	Bethany	18,311.96	17,422.28	14,747.54	Subtotals	1,567,957.24	1,463,570.62	774,404.95	First Cedar Creek	22,157.18	23,105.89	2,899.37
Pilot	570.17	523.11	1,146.40	Bethlehem	23,119.50	26,120.00	18,915.40	Lynn Association				Hobbs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Point	5,845.31	5,148.26	602.00	Broadway	4,443.47	0.00	29,666.62	Aetna Grove	13,229.77	10,038.85	4,838.80	Immanuel	1,228.80	1,551.79	921.57
Pleasant View	29,955.24	31,907.64	14,904.19	Brooks	4,716.37	4,440.87	2,234.07	Boiling Springs	4,697.96	3,490.70	0.00	Lebanon Junction First	11,708.26	15,638.72	17,839.29
Polly Ann	2,580.07	1,449.00	70.00	Brookview	2,840.45	2,897.01	1,180.00	Friendship #2	960.00	1,040.00	0.00	Little Union	5,769.60	5,712.64	803.00
Pond	401.04	436.94	973.65	Buechel Park	0.00	0.00	6,915.90	Knox Creek	1,696.08	1,761.22	550.59	Mill Creek	1,492.00	6,273.00	2,756.62
South Fork	1,057.93	994.69	300.00	Burnett Avenue Missionary	125.00	125.00	0.00	Leitchfield Crossing	4,168.69	4,739.41	1,257.00	Mount Carmel	6,032.77	6,796.85	1,812.21
Stanford	29,287.19	27,111.90	18,677.43	Cardinal Hill	2,420.00	1,985.00	875.00	Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	Mount Eden	904.97	1,714.19	2,158.01
Watts Chapel	3,300.00	3,000.00	8,085.00	Carlisle Avenue	36,000.00	26,790.00	4,504.85	Lucas Grove	6,117.76	6,136.96	2,408.84	Mount Moriah	2,436.16	2,454.68	814.00
Subtotals	173,014.86	173,509.45	71,895.14	Cedar Creek	39,120.00	37,751.15	13,250.41	Mount Moriah	6,289.12	6,100.32	500.00	Mount Washington First	50,771.45	52,567.20	29,329.73
Little Bethel Association				Chapel Park	5,482.33	5,528.79	3,376.15	Mount Olivet	1,000.00	750.00	0.00	New Beginning	635.00	845.45	962.79
Charleston First Missionary	6,000.00	6,001.21	3,219.96	Chenoweth Park	900.00	900.00	184.00	Mount Pisgah	1,698.88	1,951.15	0.00	New Haven First	528.00	0.00	0.00
Concord Missionary	10,198.45	9,688.36	2,849.57	Clifton	5,069.66	2,400.00	6,897.61	Mount Tabor	6,010.00	4,800.00	2,682.00	New Salem	27,723.79	28,781.21	4,532.96
Corinth	100.00	0.00	200.00	Clifton Heights	412.30	1,035.31	579.21	Munfordville	10,527.19	11,233.87	20,559.64	Parkway	5,112.03	6,600.00	9,856.41
Dalton	1,732.81	1,778.65	3,871.55	Cloverleaf	34,750.28	32,300.01	8,387.65	Oak Hill	7,876.08	5,734.47	4,214.25	Pleasant Grove	2,844.96	3,427.00	16,460.14
Dawson Springs First	975.00	8,772.50	5,342.40	Cove	1,353.68	1,409.90	74.15	Pikeview	561.84	551.70	320.00	River View	20,634.61	18,747.08	5,100.86
Diamond	164.71	0.00	62.00	Crecent Hill	651.26	218.42	3,561.98	South Fork	1,308.85	1,888.15	5,708.96	Rolling Fork	5,049.27	4,957.48	885.00
Dixon First	7,987.75	4,035.09	1,210.93	Deer Park	8,949.76	7,223.29	1,891.76	Three Forks Bacon Creek	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,324.00	Shepherdsville First	5,666.99	4,550.97	14,505.79
Dunn Missionary	8,871.52	6,596.37	1,003.08	East Audubon	500.00	1,200.00	930.00	Upton	10,137.48	9,236.17	4,751.00	Sites Station	225.00	50.00	319.22
Earlington First	33,108.96	24,292.94	15,889.25	Eastern Gate	12,784.06	11,135.44	3,537.55	Subtotals	78,679.70	71,852.97	49,115.08	Trinity	150.00	142.00	0.00
Freedom	521.80	389.85	3,516.86	Eastern Parkway	933.83	1,243.39	782.87	McCreary County Association				Victory	5,400.00	4,290.88	2,397.72
Grapevine	28,498.78	33,831.25	6,500.00	Eastwood First	1,476.87	1,403.98	1,558.04	Bethel	6,674.97	3,155.37	3,455.00	Vine Hill	11,294.00	12,523.61	2,372.86
Green Grove Missionary	100.00	0.00	0.00	Eighth Street	2,121.19	2,068.73	2,188.98	Hill Top Missionary	2,836.00	3,777.00	0.00	Wakefield	450.27	415.96	0.00
Hanson First	25,291.87	32,846.84	282.10	Elk Creek	6,044.51	6,095.56	558.00	Pine Knot Southern	2,094.40	2,091.10	637.00	Wicklaid	7,898.39	5,480.75	1,859.00
Harmony	1,316.28	976.85	1,828.00	Fairdale First	12,414.31	15,505.13	2,436.50	Stearns First	8,400.00	8,400.00	2,918.00	Subtotals	316,935.21	334,750.14	154,710.94
Immanuel	10,425.97	10,707.87	1,766.78	Fainmount	2,167.16	1,932.80	1,033.57	Walkers Chapel	2,792.92	2,923.79	425.00	Northern Ky Association			
Johanson Island	4,167.00	5,050.00	1,511.00	Farmdale	24,931.61	41,123.66	6,046.50	Whitley City First	30,658.30	32,391.62	9,916.88	Anchor	3,474.89	4,274.94	516.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00	850.00	Fem Creek	2,500.16	2,892.24	2,254.45	Subtotals	53,456.59	52,738.88	17,351.88	Ashland Avenue	10,336.12	11,384.14	3,757.95
Lakeview Missionary	1,506.52	1,295.70	4,509.00	Fisherville First	9,842.21	10,935.54	3,564.62	Mercer Association				Beaver Lick	5,263.36	1,460.52	2,854.45
Liberty	34,921.20	32,262.14	3,915.83	Foster Avenue	6,304.00	7,240.00	4,300.75	Benton	4,331.40	3,862.98	4,190.31	Beechgrove	3,840.00	3,310.00	205.00
Madisonville First	39,178.23	48,220.00	57,449.14	Fourth Avenue	540.00	1,620.00	2,139.00	Bethel	33,494.88	28,963.53	11,288.00	Bellevue	24,429.00	25,221.00	4,407.00
Madisonville Second	27,797.52	27,565.63	3,812.56	Franklin Street	597.90	555.27	0.00	Bruners Chapel	78,079.38	67,967.24	23,473.68	Bellevue First	9,278.36	9,545.04	3,891.69
Manitou	0.00	0.00	0.00	Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00	100.00	Buena Vista	750.00	0.00	0.00	Big Bone	29,529.25	24,229.40	13,318.65
Mannington	360.00	440.00	165.00	Gethsemane	9,205.01	10,392.68	883.00	Burgin	37,502.03	40,468.96	17,286.60	Brooksville	749.82	748.23	451.45
Mortons Gap First	6,004.29	4,925.14	3,116.00	Hazelwood	11,421.00	12,521.00	7,730.13	Calvary	12,485.88	12,033.65	1,236.00	Bullittsburg	11,353.88	12,646.30	65.00
Mortons Gap Second	3,286.07	3,731.87	1,687.68	Highland	2,802.59	2,490.28	18,138.99	Cornishville	2,025.00	2,100.00	1,293.06	Burlington	85,365.59	73,556.53	13,770.82
Nebo	8,698.67	8,249.09	629.55	Highland Park First	7,545.43	10,333.04	4,586.06	Deep Creek	5,274.42	5,903.18	5,882.29	Cold Spring First	47,761.00	37,368.00	14,647.00
New Hope	423.00	368.00	0.00	Highview	151,333.28	152,666.64	9,574.08	Ellers Memorial	1,982.25	1,176.00	1,360.00	Covington First	3,132.64	3,121.13	652.00
New Salem	10,418.36	12,423.98	1,303.31	Hillcrest	2,630.79	3,032.08	1,003.00	Fellowship	14,497.00	15,995.00	1,444.00	Covington First (Ninth Street)	440.00	264.00	0.00
Nortonville	10,974.90	12,620.53	3,575.52	Hillsdale											

Annual Report of Giving from Churches to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP02	CP03	OTHER
Concord	6,936.91	8,319.87	1,062.00	Pike Association				Roundstone	471.13	25.00	250.00	Shelby Association			
Cool Springs	548.66	532.54	3,940.88	Alex	350.00	287.44	1,137.44	Scaffold Cane	2,065.22	1,978.20	1,000.00	Bagdad	1,105.56	1,572.05	7,685.08
Deanfield	1,585.71	1,725.33	1,801.04	Belfry First	12,948.84	10,198.10	2,770.00	Valley	999.56	1,358.63	145.00	Beechridge	3,898.40	2,548.37	10,224.44
Dundee	720.00	495.00	90.00	Brushy Creek Baptist Church	1,512.50	962.50	137.50	Subtotals	119,639.09	119,975.29	37,819.99	Bethlehem	4,505.73	1,366.39	0.00
East Fork	1,814.58	1,340.92	0.00	Calvary Southern	5,841.00	4,973.71	300.00	Russell County Association				Buffalo Lick	5,390.76	4,019.57	1,479.00
East Hartford	11,218.44	4,967.77	0.00	Elkhorn City	11,109.70	8,769.93	2,323.30	Clear Springs	550.00	550.00	1,324.15	Burks Branch	3,840.43	16,463.76	7,366.19
Fairview	2,164.00	2,096.00	635.00	Faith Baptist of Myra	3,655.64	4,114.90	1,021.75	Clearfork	2,101.57	1,800.00	920.00	Christiansburg	6,726.06	7,270.00	6,470.00
Fordsville	12,919.86	14,053.72	4,234.43	Faith First	3,294.37	3,026.65	2,068.00	Dunnville First	631.48	758.65	0.00	Clayville	13,393.66	6,091.69	4,046.19
Green River	11,808.07	10,923.72	2,064.24	Feds Creek	110.00	550.00	320.00	Fairview	700.00	715.00	1,963.56	Cropper	8,722.18	9,715.02	1,020.90
Hartford	18,898.53	21,444.05	7,106.06	Forest Hills First	9,690.26	10,293.35	2,336.77	Friendship	2,211.02	2,692.92	3,016.00	Dover	7,285.67	5,921.53	3,455.00
Hartford Second	3,578.17	2,767.56	85.00	Grace	16,009.17	13,429.05	3,058.58	Indian Hill	592.51	638.76	192.61	Elmburg	525.00	525.00	1,247.93
Independence	2,870.46	2,302.10	1,285.32	Hellier Missionary	1,017.45	1,294.06	620.16	Jamestown First	13,085.47	13,698.70	5,174.00	Finchville	3,990.00	5,320.00	787.00
McGrady Creek	0.00	0.00	304.19	Inmanuel	20,080.51	13,011.83	3,006.00	Liberty	5,788.91	10,508.95	1,846.00	Graefenburg	52,790.92	41,240.22	34,261.45
McHenry	12,652.00	11,684.00	2,208.52	Jenkins First	6,013.22	4,889.78	5,759.00	Mount Olive	4,022.95	3,064.41	1,399.43	Henpridge	3,227.92	3,698.66	3,485.50
Mount Camel	14,114.16	15,835.77	8,123.79	Marrowbone Missionary	900.00	900.00	600.00	Mount Vernon	5,490.99	6,045.43	2,031.00	Henderson House Mission	0.00	5,594.83	500.00
Mount Zion	0.00	350.00	0.00	Mayflower Unity	4,540.54	3,484.36	2,230.00	New Victory	1,918.49	1,383.74	1,433.20	Highland	37,638.58	40,023.58	4,483.40
Narrows	0.00	0.00	35.00	McVeigh	11,664.00	13,141.00	2,093.60	Poplar Grove	3,028.34	2,459.41	450.00	Highland Baptist Mission	188.30	1,260.70	110.00
New Panther Creek	824.65	1,016.75	338.27	Meta	8,972.00	9,215.83	4,844.83	Russell Springs First	35,705.76	37,651.56	37,125.61	Indian Fork	673.00	425.00	2,543.00
New Zion	0.00	0.00	604.00	Mouth Card	723.09	2,402.24	0.00	Welfare	2,038.91	2,509.44	4,905.07	Little Mount	0.00	0.00	3,322.85
Olaton	1,015.75	1,070.40	268.00	Phelps First	1,250.00	907.00	0.00	Subtotals	77,866.40	84,476.97	61,780.63	Mount Moriah	3,544.00	9,564.80	300.00
Pleasant Grove	1,778.30	1,929.75	473.09	Pikeville First	73,941.36	77,158.25	54,525.16	Russell Creek Association				Mount Pleasant	1,838.96	2,039.07	420.00
Pleasant Hill	1,283.46	1,883.08	0.00	Sidney Missionary	10,992.92	11,731.19	2,501.50	Beech Grove	9,517.77	7,813.44	2,685.00	Mount Vernon	4,417.04	3,564.37	1,451.93
Pond Run	4,157.36	4,581.06	984.50	Stone	249.49	542.64	330.00	Bethany	1,328.77	1,269.28	17.45	New Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Providence	4,707.88	5,054.81	1,069.69	Sutton	4,224.24	4,890.48	100.00	Bethlehem	8,945.60	9,102.30	0.00	Pigeon Fork	7,260.18	7,731.58	4,286.99
Ridgecrest	3,880.94	4,910.26	1,877.87	Virgie	7,764.35	6,863.73	1,850.00	Brush Creek	200.00	200.00	240.47	Salem	16,480.34	16,521.16	4,058.18
Rockport	1,870.80	1,839.49	955.00	Subtotals	216,854.65	207,038.02	93,933.59	Cane Valley	0.00	1,955.73	5,400.75	Shelbyville First	142,108.97	136,056.82	30,451.28
Slaty Creek	3,264.20	2,805.36	544.00	Pulaski Association				Charity	1,771.82	1,396.23	500.00	Simpsonville	37,091.70	35,951.22	11,643.62
Smallhouse	759.25	674.05	200.00	Acom	1,943.45	2,020.50	2,193.55	Columbia	36,780.54	37,341.83	13,653.89	Waddy	6,738.67	6,584.81	5,731.43
Waltons Creek	1,315.44	1,260.09	664.61	Barnesburg	10,292.73	9,784.11	3,063.42	Fry	495.00	540.00	0.00	Subtotals	373,382.03	371,070.20	150,831.36
West Point	1,151.30	0.00	3,781.17	Beacon Hill	77,885.00	77,958.36	33,090.91	Greasy Creek	5,672.43	6,394.40	3,162.44	Simpson Association			
West Providence	3,949.77	2,102.00	2,060.00	Bethany	2,951.77	1,991.20	1,015.00	Green Hill	1,656.48	1,489.61	695.00	Barbe	6,028.49	4,440.53	1,348.25
Woodwards Valley	1,330.00	965.00	430.00	Bethel	13,226.21	9,960.12	10,626.63	Greensburg	40,991.31	40,132.51	10,159.59	Blackjack	12,049.30	16,057.82	2,565.00
Zion	6,656.30	3,274.29	553.50	Bethlehem	10,927.04	8,965.58	4,866.00	Harrods Fork	100.00	100.00	246.00	Calvary	115.85	3,103.35	4,459.78
Subtotals	258,347.52	250,113.78	67,761.82	Bronston First	5,638.23	5,722.27	4,746.37	Macedonia	4,144.00	4,014.00	0.00	Cedar Grove	2,717.71	3,121.62	334.55
Ohio River Association				Buck Creek	770.07	336.62	0.00	Mount Gilead	2,359.82	1,956.67	171.00	Fairview	278.88	225.00	298.00
Baker	864.00	708.00	43.00	Buena Vista	23,493.50	26,637.44	7,802.00	New Salem	333.78	2,107.39	1,275.08	Franklin First	46,572.58	44,156.72	25,248.76
Birdsville	1,535.10	1,767.08	1,000.00	Burnetta	2,984.45	2,914.01	1,292.85	Pierces Chapel	0.00	50.00	100.00	Lake Spring	12,559.03	10,786.72	5,094.68
Caldwell Springs	3,079.78	2,460.87	1,171.11	Burnside First	3,221.64	4,697.94	1,686.90	Pleasant Ridge	748.65	644.05	0.00	New Hope	5,554.31	5,777.00	2,412.00
Calvary	3,879.54	4,150.26	2,530.06	Calvary	18,622.42	18,676.72	15,220.00	Pleasant Valley	0.00	200.00	148.00	Providence	800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cave Springs	377.66	431.68	250.00	Camp Ground	13,968.62	13,177.32	2,659.56	Plum Point	2,873.27	2,597.17	0.00	Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00
Central	407.70	179.07	325.22	Cedar Point	3,621.26	3,048.80	1,999.65	Russell Heights	320.15	39.67	100.00	Sulphur Spring	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,268.65
Corinth	450.00	500.00	0.00	Clifty Grove	2,170.00	2,399.59	0.00	South Greensburg	3,720.20	1,552.51	240.25	Trinity	2,053.07	1,196.00	1,000.00
Crooked Creek	1,666.87	1,759.87	250.00	Community	1,833.41	2,135.37	1,328.02	Sparksville	300.00	300.00	228.25	Subtotals	103,729.22	104,664.76	59,529.67
Deer Creek	10,241.72	9,222.14	3,990.74	Cumberland	616.73	595.68	210.50	Summersville	9,688.92	7,379.57	4,796.07	South District Association			
Dycusburg	4,034.22	3,542.78	515.97	Denham Street	650.00	550.00	0.00	Trammell Creek	8,308.61	8,953.59	5,297.00	Beech Fork	1,741.65	3,283.10	920.09
Dyer Hill	5,605.00	4,348.00	1,268.00	Duke Memorial	11,260.85	10,429.61	2,543.19	Subtotals	140,257.12	137,549.95	49,116.24	Beech Grove	4,320.00	3,960.00	811.17
Emmanuel	9,263.22	8,257.48	11,793.84	Eden	990.65	901.00	488.45	Salem Association				Calvary	17,134.91	33,834.57	10,621.19
Emanuel	0.00	30.00	0.00	Eubank	9,834.10	14,851.97	6,097.00	Big Spring	1,214.49	1,284.10	462.00	Community	369.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	1,200.00	1,425.00	725.00	Ferguson	14,371.13	13,073.00	2,937.52	Blue River Island	1,495.48	1,342.91	75.00	Danville Deaf Baptist Mission	252.00	252.00	0.00
Friendship	39,759.57	27,600.10	5,240.10	Fishing Creek	772.55	1,035.50	0.00	Brandenburg First	22,810.46	23,242.76	6,732.00	Danville First	30,245.02	32,100.07	13,449.59
Good Hope	0.00	303.22	0.00	Flat Lick	3,388.19	3,233.78	584.00	Buck Grove	24,187.00	22,077.00	8,084.58	Doctors Ford	7,626.44	5,696.71	1,556.00
Grand Rivers	3,600.00	3,600.00	2,731.15	Flat Rock	3,643.64	4,039.95	1,524.53	Cold Spring	560.00	360.00	1,209.84	Friendship	0.00	0.00	1,430.00
Iuka	3,695.52	3,042.30	860.00	Floyd Switch	3,633.00	3,620.00	0.00	Ekron	10,682.50	9,790.00	5,169.02	Gravel Switch	1,728.75	1,805.40	90.00
Lake City	14,580.00	13,703.00	1,362.00	Glenwood	270.00	240.00	0.00	Guston	191.10	0.00	0.00	Hedgeville	18,871.00	20,190.00	3,145.47
Lola	546.65	643.27	0.00	Good Hope	1,172.43	1,057.38	335.91	Hill Grove	6,963.35	7,816.95	4,030.29	Hyattsville	22,627.48	26,024.38	4,950.16
Marion	34,434.09	36,449.30	10,310.77	High Street	49,107.26	41,201.13	11,994.77	Irvington	1,410.00	2,000.00	2,480.00	Junction City First	12,920.00	14,683.00	3,410.00
Marion Second	1,175.00	1,650.00	1,476.55	Hopeful	552.50	501.52	0.00	Muldrough	11,820.16	13,303.74	3,700.00	Lancaster	66,824.35	63,764.74	8,991.47
Mexico	54,231.16	52,789.55	8,351.34	Inmanuel	18,498.69	20,342.34	2,124.85	New Brandenburg	1,105.00	1,105.00	1,715.61	Mitchellburg	3,245.03	2,606.30	5.00
Mint Springs	1,001.56	187.31	166.42	Lakeside Baptist Mission	5,665.84	6,824.23	1,625.00	New Highland	1,920.43	1,738.45	551.00	North Rolling Fork	2,041.30	1,727.51	2,078.00
North Livingston	5,065.24	11,740.22	8,199.55	Liberty	0.00	0.00	1,145.55	New Salem	11,841.24	9,506.57	1,806.72	Parksville	6,543.86	5,705.15	2,886.19
Ohio Valley	7,463.13	7,872.92	300.00	Malvin Hill	1,954.84	1,709.05	2,457.80	Payneville	1,532.28	1,766.01	3,505.45	Perryville	27,250.00	25,480.00	7,141.29
Old Salem	8,506.77	7,066													

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Will you go beyond?

Greetings from all of us who serve at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek. As you read this, the fall season is upon us, and it is one of my favorite times of the year. I encourage all to make the best of the season by enjoying God's creation during this transition time of the year.

As you may have noted recently, the news has had much to say about our beliefs or what we should believe. Many of our foundational Christian beliefs are being attacked and are eroding before our very eyes. The belief in absolute truth, biblical marriage and Christ's death are only a few of the main tenants being denied by many in our country. I seldom remember such beliefs being questioned when I was growing up. Perhaps most of you do not remember these beliefs ever being questioned either, but today we live in a different world.

Our state convention's focus this year is "Missions Beyond the Edge." As the title suggests, we are being challenged to go beyond our normal comfort zone. I certainly believe that as our country changes, we will be faced with the choice either to live boldly for our faith or to give in to society's pressure and not stand for anything.

If we do not begin to take a stand for what we believe, what will become of the youth of today? We at the camps have a unique opportunity to see students from many of our state's churches and many from beyond our borders. These students will be the architects of the future. What values do they hold fast to today, and what principles guide their lives? Perhaps more importantly, what are we doing to shape and guide them today?

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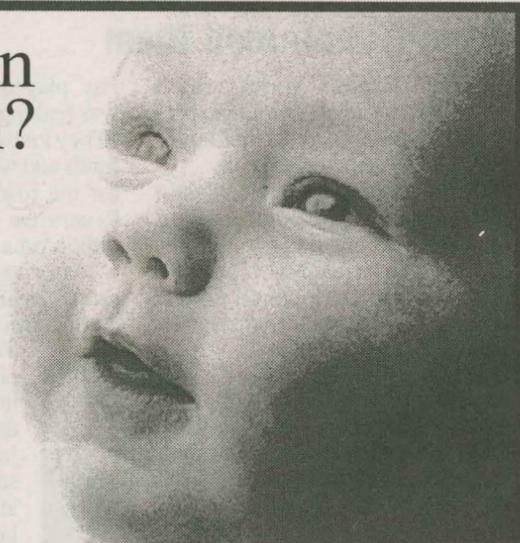
David Melber

We have the biblical mandate to be the salt and light in this world. Today we must invest not only in our families, but we must invest in the youth as well. Throughout the year you will be faced with a choice each day—you can make efforts toward guiding the young people in your life or you can be passive and allow

society to guide them. Most visitors to Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek are youth. You can participate with us in a variety of ways, but the most needed way is to pray for us. Pray that we will boldly proclaim God's truth and be willing to do whatever it takes, even going "beyond the edge," to reach today's young people.

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Adoption an option?



International Adoption Meeting

10:30 a.m. - Noon, Saturday, Oct. 25

Families interested in international adoptions are invited to attend an Oct. 25 meeting hosted by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and presented by America World Adoption Association.

Call (800) 928-5242

to make reservations and for more information.

KBHC's Pregnancy and Adoption Services offers information and emotional support to birth parents facing unplanned pregnancy and to couples interested in adoption. The office in Louisville works with individuals and families throughout Kentucky.



Kudzu



Doug Marlette

For Heaven's Sake



Mike Morgan

Bible Crossword

Teri Grottko

Across

- 1 Son of Benjamin (Genesis 46:21)
- 4 Ruth's sister-in-law
- 9 Pronoun
- 11 Son of Zephaniah (Zechariah 6:14)
- 12 Wake
- 13 ___ what?
- 14 Son of Aram (Genesis 10:23)
- 15 Where the shewbread was
- 16 Skin
- 17 "___ thy cause with thy neighbor himself" (Proverbs 25:9)
- 19 Made useless
- 21 Family of exiles (Ezra 2:44)
- 22 The Great ___
- 23 More astute
- 24 Assistant to Ezra (Nehemiah 8:7)
- 27 Consume
- 28 Certain muscles, according to your personal trainer
- 30 Conjunction
- 31 Parched
- 34 City in Asher (1 Chronicles 6:75)
- 37 Grain mentioned in Isaiah 28:25
- 38 Exhaust
- 39 Are
- 40 "Come before his presence with ___" (Psalm 100:2)
- 43 Give heed to
- 47 Esau's father-in-law (Genesis 26:34)
- 48 Miner's trove
- 49 Father of Jeroboam (1 Kings 11:26)
- 51 Solomon's great-grandson (1 Kings 15)

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- 52 U.S. founder of Girl Scouts
- 53 Grate the teeth
- 54 Carve

Down

- 1 Second judge of Israel
- 2 He was given fifteen more years to live
- 3 Preposition
- 4 Daniel Webster, for one
- 5 What kings and sleepyheads wear
- 6 King of Assyria (1 Chronicles 5:26)
- 7 "Of the tribe of ___ were sealed twelve thousand" (Revelation 7:6)
- 8 Pronoun
- 9 Created
- 10 Regarded
- 13 Commandment mountain
- 15 Bible weed
- 16 ___ the Bethelite (1 Kings 16:34)
- 18 Exert or busy
- 20 Employ
- 23 Blanket or suit
- 24 Where Auntie Em lived (abbr.)
- 25 Also
- 26 Eight adults lived aboard this
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Near
- 32 Eve was made from one of Adam's
- 33 To Thomas, this was believing
- 34 Ancient Hebrew liquid measure
- 35 "The Pharisees began to ___ him vehemently" (Luke 11:53)
- 36 "Will the men of ___ deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" (1 Samuel 23:12)
- 38 One of the sons of Japheth (1 Chronicles 1:5)
- 40 One of the sons of Cush (1 Chronicles 1:9)
- 41 Proboscis
- 42 Chew
- 43 N.T. book (abbr.)
- 44 Mountain (comb. form)
- 45 "Behold, I make all things ___" (Revelation 21:5)
- 46 Lair
- 50 Chemical symbol (abbr.)

Last week's solution

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Stanford pastor learns lessons working disaster relief

By David Winfrey
News Director

STANFORD—Max Hester knew disaster relief workers were a great help to people in need, but the pastor and new volunteer didn't know what it would mean to his own ministry.

"I've got at least six months of sermon illustrations," said Hester, who recently returned from working in Hopewell, Va., where volunteers have helped families impacted by Hurricane Isabel.

Hester said he already had seen volunteers at work when they set up a mobile kitchen to serve meals to more than 100 people during a Habitat for Humanity blitz build near his home in Lincoln County.

But he said this 10-hour trip to eastern Virginia gave him his first chance

to work as a disaster relief volunteer and allowed him to see how workers coordinate their work in a larger team effort with others from around the country.

"I was amazed to see how much can be done when people work together," said Hester who performed work both in the mobile kitchen and on chainsaw teams, clearing downed trees from yards.

The teamwork extended beyond just the effort of volunteers from across the commonwealth who ranged in ages from those in their 30s to others in their 80s. Kentucky volunteers were linked with a South Carolina Baptist communication team and an Alabama shower and laundry trailer. And meals were packaged and distributed by the American Red Cross.

Workers prepared as many as 7,000 meals each day, he noted. "I had never seen a kitchen prepare that many meals."

Hester said he also saw firsthand the reason Christians volunteer during such disasters.

"The folks who do what they do with disaster relief ministry have a motivation that comes from within," Hester said.

"You cannot pay disaster relief ministry workers to do what they do. Their pay comes from a very different source," he added. "When you've got folks who are taking off vacation time from work to get down there,

they definitely have a heart for what they're doing."

More than 120 Kentucky Baptist volunteers have traveled to Virginia, preparing more than 67,000 meals before packing up the kitchen Oct. 3. Workers still are needed for the chainsaw teams.

In addition to experiencing the work, Hester said he got to talk with families and pray with those whose homes were damaged.

"I also learned what a 'blue cap' is," he said referring to team coordinators. Volunteers wear distinctive yellow T-shirts, baseball caps and jackets, but coordinators wear blue caps so they can be quickly spotted.

Those coordinators are a model for the work pastors can do for their own congregations, he added.

"As a pastor, my role is to 'blue hat' my church," he said. "I cannot do all the ministry that needs to be done, but I need to equip the people of God that I serve to be involved in ministry."

Trained disaster relief volunteers are asked to call Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood if they can serve in eastern Virginia. For more information, call (888) 254-5720. Organizers stress the importance of calling the Brotherhood office before traveling, in case the team is deactivated or moved to another location.



Hester

CHAINSAW CREWS
Kentucky Baptist disaster relief volunteer Paul Filiatreau saws a downed tree for a widow living along the James River near Hopewell, Va. Volunteers continue to help families after Hurricane Isabel. (Photo by Max Hester)



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Two jars: What you can see and what you can't see

Last week was our fall break. The break is scheduled to give staff and students a needed rest before the weather gets cold. To give the office staff the week off, Kay and I kept the office open for guests, answered the phones and handled the mail.

One day two faithful friends of this ministry visited our campus. They are a retired couple and have been regular supporters of our school for a long time. Kay took them to the dining room for lunch and they returned to the office to visit. Later we unloaded some items they had brought to be used by our staff. We are always glad to share with them some of the bakery goods we receive each week. They have a ministry in their hometown that appreciates the pastries.

After they departed for home, I noticed two Mason jars on the desk. Each appeared to contain coins and currency. Kay explained that another couple who loves Oneida Baptist Institute lives next door to these friends from Tennessee and asked them to bring the two jars to us. In one jar was a note, a lot of coins and two one-dollar bills. The note said, "Money found for one year \$15."

All of my staff, most of our students and many of my friends know I cannot pass up a coin lying on the ground. At Wal-Mart yesterday I found five brand-new pennies lying on the floor around the checkout counters. All were "tails" up. Supposedly it is not good luck to pick up a coin unless it is "heads" up. I don't subscribe to such lore. If I did, I simply would turn the coin over and then pick it up. In the past I have written about other friends who have found money, usually a five, 10 or 20 dollar bill, and said they wanted to give it to Oneida.

The second jar contained some change, a lot of currency and a note saying, "Money from coupons for one year \$118." Our guests told Kay that their neighbors redeemed coupons each week for food and other items. Every time they saved 20 or 30 cents, they put it in a jar for Oneida.

I cannot explain how this gesture made me feel. The jars are sitting in front of me as I write. I can easily see the coins, currency and notes inside. But the jars are somewhat deceiving. Any person could look inside and see the same things that I see. However, I can see one thing in these jars that others cannot see: love! I know this couple personally, and they have visited our campus frequently. They make the four-plus hour drive about twice a year. They are always a delightful couple, and they love OBI.

Both of these couples are part of a much larger Oneida family, friends who believe in this ministry and care enough to sacrifice to help meet our financial needs. I know that many of my readers also are part of that family. We have met some of you; others we know only through your regular contributions or other correspondence. Whether it is a letter with a check or a jar full of coins, there is another item in the contents of that package that cannot be as easily seen: love.

To all of our friends who share your love through words of encouragement, prayers, volunteer support, visits to our campus and financially, thank you for your love, friendship and support. You are a cherished blessing to this school and to her president!

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THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

A child shall lead them

When Brooke Martin was 3 years old, she began coming to pray at the altar of West Main Baptist Church in Alexandria, Tenn.

After a few Sundays, Pastor Phillip Lane discovered Brooke was concerned about hungry children she had seen on television. The children decided they would collect coins to help, and the church agreed to match their offering. The first month the children brought \$320; the second month it was \$700. In two years the church sent \$20,000 to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

"We saw God using our kids to teach us about faith and concern for others," Pastor Lane said. He began doing a Sunday morning children's sermon. Other children came to pray for family members.

The SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission produced a film clip about Brooke. The Baptist Bulletin Service distributed her photo and story to numerous churches. Her concern for hungry children has inspired increased giving to world hunger.

Phillip Lane graduated from Clear Creek in 1987. He worked with Riverview Baptist Church in Calvin while a student; his wife,

Fay, played the piano. "The church was really good to us," Phillip said. "They knew when we were short of funds and would come up with a job for me to do in the community." Riverview recently helped send Phillip on a Brazil mission trip.

After graduation, the Lanes served nearly three years in Seymour and six years in Beech Grove,

Tenn. As a bivocational pastor, he had bought a home, planted a big garden and planned to enjoy grandchildren. "It seemed like God erased all those plans from the board," Phillip remembered. "I prayed for a church where the people would love me and God would do a work."

They soon went to Alexandria, and in the first 18 months worked through major problems

in the church. "One Sunday it was like a cloud lifted and the members acted like children let out for school recess," he said. "That was the beginning. The children have blessed us. Our youth went on mission to Myrtle Beach. Members have gone two years to Brazil. Members have experienced healing. We continue to put our faith in God and go where He leads."

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CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

New Colson bio shows impact gospel transformation makes

By Jenny Rogers
LifeWay Christian Resources

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Washington Post called him “Nixon’s Hatchet Man.”

In 1972, Charles “Chuck” Colson was special counsel to President Richard Nixon and considered one of the most powerful men in America, with a reputation for getting things done no matter what the cost.

When the Watergate scandal broke in 1972, the ensuing trials changed his life forever—turning the hardnosed Colson into a prisoner and a new Christian who would later form a ministry called Prison Fellowship.

John Perry’s new biography, “Charles Colson: A Story of Power, Corruption and Redemption” chronicles the spiritual transformation that helped the “Hatchet Man” find God’s greater purpose for his life in the midst of tragedy and chaos.

Perry said he has a deeper purpose for writing his book: to show a shining example of Christianity “in culture.”

“I think (Colson) is a great Christian,” Perry said. “He’s an example of working as a Christian in the culture and not being separated from it. These days you have Christian books and Christian music. But Christianity ought to be infused into the culture. Colson is one of those people who has infused the culture with Christianity.”

Perry had never met Colson personally before the idea for the biography—which is the only one written about Colson—but was impressed with his deep conversion experience and life changes.

Conversion turnaround

“Out of the national horror and personal tragedy of Watergate, Charles Colson built a prison ministry that has touched the lives of millions,” Perry said. “As he is the first to admit, only God could make a prisoner who hated the sights and stench and brutality of prison return as a visitor within a week of his release. Only God could turn Chuck Colson, prisoner, into Chuck Colson, prison evangelist.”

Perry’s book is the first thorough account of Colson’s early years—which Perry considers essential to a full recognition of Colson’s life.

“The more we can understand the man Charles Colson was, the more we can appreciate the man he is,” Perry said.

Using interviews with Colson and personal research (such as private papers at Wheaton College and the Nixon presidential papers at the National Archives), Perry followed Colson’s life—beginning briefly with his childhood and early life—through the Marines, Navy, politics

and a six-figure income.

Colson landed his dream job in 1969—along with a huge pay cut. As one of four special aides to President Nixon, he was named the liaison between outside interest groups and inside policy makers.

Then The New York Times published portions of the Pentagon Papers, a top-secret report on America’s involvement with Vietnam, and revealed that U-2 surveillance planes had flown secret assignments over China.

Nixon assigned Colson, his go-getter, to form a group to prevent such sensitive leaks in the future. Colson tapped Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy for the job. All the while, Perry reported, Colson had no clue that all meetings and presidential phone calls were being tape-recorded, incriminating them all. Then came the Watergate scandal—and heads began to roll.

Clearing up misconceptions

Through his book, Perry said he hopes to clear up a big misconception about Colson: that he went to prison because of Watergate.

“That’s not true,” Perry said. “He went to prison because of the Pentagon Papers, and was cleared of the indictments regarding Watergate. The tapes show Colson wasn’t invited to those meetings.”

Another misconception Perry hopes to clear up involves Colson’s conversion. His was not a “jailhouse conversion” as most people think, Perry said.

Before the trials and indictments in Washington, Colson didn’t talk about faith much, Perry said. But when everything broke loose, a friend showed him a copy of C.S. Lewis’ “Mere Christianity”—and Colson just “broke down.”

The ensuing articles and political cartoons that poked fun at Colson’s newfound faith showed just how drastically his life had changed, Perry said—and critics suspected he would use his faith as a crutch.

On June 3, 1974, Colson pleaded guilty to influencing, obstructing and impeding the outcome of the Daniel Ellsberg trial.

Colson became Prisoner 23226 at Maxwell Air Base in Montgomery, Ala., lost his Virginia law license and his right to vote. But he was convinced that God had placed him at Maxwell for a higher purpose—starting with Colson’s founding of Prison Fellowship after his pardon in 1975.

“With the incorporation of Prison Fellowship, Colson could see what a miracle God had worked in his life,” Perry wrote. “Out of his selfishness, mistakes and brokenness, God fashioned a ministry unlike any other and had given him the passion to carry it forward.”



There’s More Than One Color in the Pew: A Handbook for Multicultural, Multiracial Churches. Tony Matthews. Smyth & Helwys Publishing, 2003. 117 pages. \$16. ♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

As the pastor of a small-town church with minority members, I can affirm Tony Matthews’ contention that this issue is not just one for metropolitan churches.

Most communities of any size are becoming more and more diverse. As diverse people gather in the same geographic area, it is highly likely that not only will people want to share the same schools and businesses but also the same local church.

This book grows out of the author’s experience of being pastor of a multicultural, multiracial church. One of Matthew’s greatest contributions is his contention that the development of a multicultural, multiracial church comes through a call from God. This ministry is not for every minister, and it is not for every church. But one cannot quickly dismiss the possibility of this call without a due time of prayer, study and reflection. The book points to areas for prayer and provides ample questions for reflection.

It is also clear from Matthews that the process of becoming a multiracial, multicultural church must be an intentional one. Matthews lays out an excellent step-by-step process to follow in moving toward this new identity. The process takes the pastor and church through the challenges that will be faced as well as setting the stage for anticipated success. Matthews honestly faces the challenges of prejudice, worship and preaching styles, accepting only “surface integration,” etc.

The book concludes with a session-by-session plan for conducting a multicultural, multiracial ministry seminar. The seminar would be equally appropriate for churches who are first exploring the idea and for those who want to improve their own experience with multicultural, multiracial ministry. *Wayne Hager*

The Challenge of Bible Translation: Communicating God’s Word to the World. Edited by Glen Scorgie, Mark Strauss and Steven Voth. Zondervan, 2003. 428 pages. \$29.99. ♦♦♦♦

“The Challenge of Bible Translation” is a collection of essays, written by a virtual who’s who of evangelical biblical scholars and translators to honor Ronald Youngblood.

As such, it suffers from the limitations of most such works: unevenness and needless repetition. Had the editors been more willing to exercise their pen and scissors, the volume would have been not only shorter, but more cogent and readable. That aside, the book is a significant effort to describe the complexity of Bible translation.

The various authors do an excellent job of drawing us into the world and work of the people who translate the Scriptures. Without prejudice, most of the time, they help us under-

stand the various philosophies of translation, as well as the two major approaches to translation—dynamic and functional equivalence—not to mention the various shadings of each approach. They deal honestly with the hot topic of inclusive language.

The second major section of the book deals with the history of Bible translation, with one chapter giving a fascinating look at the development of the New International Version. The last major block of essays deals with specific problems and issues that illustrate the difficulty of the task.

My biggest frustration with this book is that those of us who need to read it won’t. So much of what I hear when people argue about which translation is best or most accurate is based on personal preference rather than an awareness of the overall process of Bible translation. How one comes to assess accuracy even depends on how one defines the term. At the very least, every pastor should be familiar with the process and issues detailed in this book. *Jim Holladay*

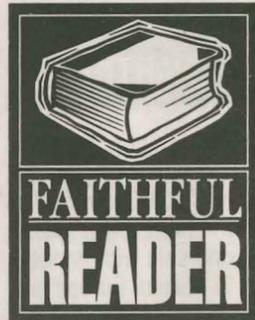
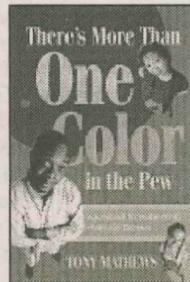
The Post Evangelical. Dave Tomlinson. Zondervan, 2003. 146 pages. \$19.99. ♦

I kept waiting for this book to go somewhere, but alas it never did. This was especially disappointing because one of my favorite authors, Dallas Willard, wrote the foreword. (In fact the title of his forward, “Smothering Jesus in a Heap of Trivialities,” might be the single thought I took away from this book.)

Dave Tomlinson, now pastor of St. Luke’s Anglican Church in North London, is the former leader of Holy Joe’s, a postmodern, post-evangelical church that meets in a London pub. The seed that gave birth to the ideas contained in “The Post Evangelical” was planted during a conversation Tomlinson had with a friend who made a passing reference to “we post-evangelicals . . . whatever that means.” This raised Tomlinson’s awareness that many postmoderns, who grew up in the womb of the evangelical church, were dissatisfied with the spirituality of evangelicalism. Despite this dissatisfaction, they could not find other traditions any more satisfying, so they advocate (in a wide variety of ways) for a reformation of the evangelical tradition.

In “The Post Evangelical,” Tomlinson basically rehashes much of what has been written and published about postmodernism and how to reach postmoderns (see “The Emerging Church” and “The Church on the Other Side”). For the American audience, Brian McLaren’s “A New Kind of Christian” does what Tomlinson seeks to do, only better.

One particularly annoying feature was the running sidebars with comments from five other authors. Presumably these sidebars intended to create a sense of dialogue and spur the reader to deeper consideration of Tomlinson’s ideas. I simply found them distracting. *Jim Holladay*



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■ Several new relationships begun with missionaries Marc and Annie Byrd in Warsaw, Poland. "There are no chance meetings; God has placed all these new people in our life for a reason," Mrs. Byrd writes. "Pray that we will recognize how to share and serve each of them."

■ In Bulgaria, missionaries request prayer for volunteers who are feeling called to longer periods of missions service. Pray for all of these to see exactly where and how God is leading them to fulfill the Great Commission in their lives.

■ The volunteers who continue to travel to Rio de Janeiro as part of medical or dental teams.

■ Volunteers from Tennessee who will travel to Romania this month to work in villages outside of Buzau where missionaries helped start several new Bible studies this summer. Pray that many Roma will commit to participate in discipleship.

■ That German university students who have been in discipleship groups during the summer will be ready to become leaders of new small groups this fall.

■ Newly organized English classes at two schools in Repy, Czech Republic. "We have been praying for this type of openness in these schools and this area since September 2000," a missionary writes. "Pray that these classes will provide opportunities to build relationships with students and will provide a bridge for sharing the gospel."

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by staff

■ **CADIZ**—Cadiz Church will hold homecoming Oct. 26. **Kevin Roberts** is pastor.

■ **DYCUSBURG**—Dycusburg Church is holding revival services Oct. 12-17, 7 p.m., with **Mike Littrell** as evangelist.

■ **EUBANK**—Good Hope Church recently called **Bradley Goforth** as pastor.

■ **HARRODSBURG**—Bruners Chapel Church recently honored **Carlos Lester** for more than 50 years of service as a Sunday school teacher. The church will hold revival services

Oct. 26-29 with **C.W. Turner** of Chattanooga, Tenn., as evangelist. **Greg Humpert** is pastor.

Unity Church recently called **Brent Thornton** as pastor.

■ **HENDERSON**—Spottsville Church recently celebrated its 150th anniversary with former pastor **Eugene Vaughn** as guest speaker. **Donald Duncan** is pastor.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—**Max Sturdivant** resigned as minister of youth/activities at First Church to become chaplain and patient advocate at Western State Hospital.

■ **IRVINE**—First Church recently called **Cecil Morgan** as pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Lakewood Church recently called **Scott Hughes** as senior pastor.

Ormsby Heights Church honored **Rick Bowden** Oct. 5 on his fifth anniversary as pastor.

Parkwood Church called **Joshua Duke** as part-time worship leader. **Benny Phelps** is pastor.

■ **McDOWELL**—First Church called **Gene Bracken** as pastor. Former pastor **Wayne Akers** died Sept. 15.

■ **MOUNT VERNON**—Valley Church recently ordained **Mike McFerron** as a deacon. **Greg Lakes** is pastor.

■ **MOUNT WASHINGTON**—First

Church recently honored **Ray and Birdie Rouse** on their 60th anniversary.

■ **PRESTONSBURG**—Fitzpatrick Church recently called **Tommy Reed** as pastor. He previously was pastor of McVeigh Church in Pinsonfork.

■ **PRINCETON**—Southside Church will host its seventh annual Judgement House Oct. 24-30, 6 p.m.

■ **SCIENCE HILL**—Northside Church recently called **Kenneth Johnson** as pastor.

■ **SMITHLAND**—Birdsville Church is holding revival services Oct. 13-17, 7 p.m., with **Kerry Stewart** as evangelist.

■ **WINCHESTER**—Northside Church held its 75th anniversary homecoming services Oct. 12.

Rick Warren visits Falwell's turf for 'purpose-driven' training

LYNCHBURG, Va. (BP)—Rick Warren and Jerry Falwell might seem worlds apart, but their worlds merged when the California pastor brought Saddleback Church staffers to the Liberty University campus in Virginia to teach more than 13,000 ministers and students how to be purpose-driven.

Pastors from 47 states and a variety of denominations, including two Eastern Orthodox priests, came to Liberty for this first-ever East Coast training in Warren's "Purpose-Driven" concepts.

Falwell, chancellor of Liberty University and pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, introduced Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of the bestseller "The Purpose-Driven Life," as a leader who could not be recalled because he had been called by God.

At one point, Falwell and Warren switched their characteristic dress, with Falwell donning a Hawaiian shirt and Warren wearing a business suit. Falwell acknowledged the two were cultures apart but added that it takes different people to reach all people for Christ. Warren added that regardless of any differences, they both serve one Spirit, one Lord and one God.

One overarching message was stressed during the Oct. 5-8 conference: Being a purpose-driven church doesn't require changing the biblical message.

Being purpose-driven, Warren said, involves targeting who the church will reach and staying focused



SHIRTS OFF THEIR BACKS Thomas Road Baptist Church Pastor Jerry Falwell (left) sports a Hawaiian shirt and Rick Warren wears a coat as they lightheartedly poke fun at each other's style. Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in California, often wears such a Hawaiian shirt and sandals when he preaches. (BP photo by Todd Hunley)

on that target while balancing the five biblical purposes: worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and evangelism.

"How do you turn an audience into an army?" Warren asked. The goal, he said, is to move people from the outer circle of community to an inner-circle core group.

Warren cited a survey by George Gallup that found only 10 percent of laypeople responding were involved in ministry. Another 40 percent were interested in ministry opportunities but they never had been asked to serve.

Citing his own church, Warren discovered he had members who had done such things as planning Dick Clark's New Year's ball drop, the 1984 Olympics and the Main Street parade for Disney. "Something I do not like about big churches is how easy it is for talent to hide."

He then asked, "If I could show you how to get half of your laypeople into ministry, would you be interested?" The crowd cheered.

"Streamline the meetings," Warren said. "Most churches have too many meetings. ... The most valuable thing

people can give you is not their money; it's their time.

"You must trust your people with authority," Warren added. "You have to decide, 'Do you want to have control or growth?' You can't have both."

The pastor must give up some of the ministry and the people in leadership must give up some of their control in order to have growth, Warren said. "You bring out the best in people by giving them a challenge, the control and the credit."

In another session, Warren noted that each church must find its own style for reaching its target population, but he also said many churches confuse traditional methodology with biblical theology.

"The message never changes, but the methods do," Warren said, adding that churches should "work smarter, not harder" in their efforts to evangelize and disciple.

Then, "position your church as a family, not an institution," he said. "The Christian life is more than believing; it's belonging and becoming."

Citing a tremendous need for love and acceptance among the lost, Warren said churches should create a climate based on John 13:35, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

In order to join a church, Warren said, a membership class should be required: "A strong membership class will produce a strong church."

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sonville, NC 28739, or via e-mail to fendleys@fbchnc.org.

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'Operation Whitecoat'

Christian conscientious objectors found scientific way to serve country during war

By Adelle Banks
Religion News Service

FREDERICK, Md.—Ivan Belko still remembers how he willingly inhaled Q fever, a biological agent that was the focus of a military experiment he volunteered for in the 1950s.

"I was one of the ones that got pretty sick," recalled the 69-year-old who participated in "Operation Whitecoat," a special arrangement between the U.S. Army and conscientious objectors from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, whose members believe they should not be involved in combat.

"I had a very bad headache, probably about as worse as I've ever had in my life."

Belko, a retired medical technologist, traveled from Modesto, Calif., to join about 150 other Whitecoat veterans at a reunion weekend that marked the 30th anniversary of the end of the operation. Recalling sickness and sacrifice at a time when bioterrorism has become a household word, many of the veterans

who gathered Oct. 3-5 said they would do it again.

They represent a total of about 2,300 volunteers, 80 percent of whom participated in at least one experiment involving biological agents or potential vaccines and 20 percent of whom worked in positions such as clerks and technicians.

"I can't say I wasn't scared," recalled Bob Swartz of Greencastle, Pa., a retired chainsaw salesman who served from 1954-56.

"I just praise the Lord that no one has died as a result of the experiments."

"No adverse impact"

Military and church officials emphasize that no deaths resulted from the operation that began in 1954 and ended in 1973.

"No adverse impact on the overall health of Operation Whitecoat volunteers could be conclusively attributed to participation in research studies at Fort Detrick," reads the conclusion of a survey, based on questionnaires returned to the Army between 1998 and 2002.

The study results were unveiled during the reunion weekend.

On both sides, people familiar with the operation say, there were benefits. The military had a rather homogeneous test group of men who, according to the dictates of their religion, didn't drink or smoke. The church had members who were conscientious objectors and who wanted to be able to observe their Sabbath with Saturday worship services.

"It is the attitude of Seventh-day Adventists that any service rendered voluntarily by whomsoever in the useful necessary research into the cause and the treatment of disabling disease is a legitimate and laudable contribution to the successes of our nation and to the health and comfort of our fellow men," reads a statement signed by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that endorsed the start of the operation.

Tests included exposure to dis-



"LEGITIMATE AND LAUDABLE" This historic photo from 1969 shows men involved in "Operation Whitecoat," an arrangement between the U.S. Army and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The men in robes volunteered to take part in experiments involving biological agents and proposed vaccines, and the men in the white uniforms were volunteers who administered the experiments. (RNS photo courtesy of U.S. Army)

eases such as tularemia and sandfly fever as well as experimental vaccines for illnesses such as plague, yellow fever and Venezuelan equine encephalitis.

Some of the disease tests involved breathing through a face mask attached to a 1 million liter, stainless-steel sphere known as the "Eight Ball." Other volunteers were injected with the substances that were being tested.

The "Whitecoats" would be treated with antibiotics and kept isolated during their recovery period while researchers learned about the process of airborne infection and the effectiveness of vaccines and drug treatments.

"It was probably like the worst case of flu you ever had in your life," recalled Wendell Cole, 73, who breathed in Q fever in 1955. "Your bones ached, temperature got to about 103.5. ... If the Russians were to come I would have said, 'Take me.' I had no fight."

Cole, like others interviewed, cited a range of reasons for participation in the unusual project, from avoiding being sent overseas to matters of the heart.

"My wife-to-be, it turned out ... had rejected me and she was in Washington, D.C.," said Cole of Berrien Springs, Mich. "I thought, well, maybe I can get close to her again and change her mind."

The plan of the now-retired window cleaner worked and he's been married for 48 years.

Implications amid bioterrorism

Whatever their reasons, the agreement to participate led to some excruciating moments.

"Some of the guys said at first you were afraid you were going to die and then you were afraid you weren't," said retired U.S. Army Chaplain (Col.) Richard Stenbakken, chairman of the Whitecoat Foundation and director of Adven-

tist Chaplaincy Ministries.

Ethicists inside and outside the military say the studies met extremely high standards.

Col. Arthur Anderson, chief of the office of human use and ethics at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, said the projects rarely led to long-term health problems.

"I think there was one person that may have long-term disabilities—just one out of 2,300," Anderson said.

In a post-Sept. 11 environment, Anderson said, the operation's decades-old lessons in dealing with future bioterrorism are being applied now.

"The experiments that were done to determine how infectious disease organisms in an aerosol suspension could infect a human being (were) so critically important to understand how to protect against the anthrax mailbombing that took place," Anderson said.

They've also helped with medical advances ranging from providing a vaccine for an Egyptian outbreak of Rift Valley fever to the development of spacesuits that protect wearers from infectious agents, he said.

Jonathan Moreno, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Virginia, said the operation was "very ethical" for its time.

"By the standards of the day, it was exemplary," said Moreno, whose center is in Charlottesville, Va.

He said the reunion in and of itself is "an interesting testimony" to the success of Operation Whitecoat.

"So many of them are feeling favorable about this project that they come back for reunions," he said. "I've spoken to one or two of them who, in retrospect ... are not happy but they don't seem to be by any means ... the majority."

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RECOGNITION Participants in "Operation Whitecoat" received medallions for their service. The "Operation Whitecoat" medallion (left) was from the church and the medallion on the right was from the military. (RNS photo by Mark Abraham)

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