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Jean Elliott



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Karen Watson

## Four IMB workers killed in drive-by shooting in Iraq

Richmond, Va.—Four Southern Baptist mission workers were killed and a fifth was critically injured in a drive-by shooting March 15 in Iraq.

The attack came one year to the week after the start of the U.S.-led war that ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

The four Americans who died in the attack in Mosul were researching needs for humanitarian projects in northern Iraq. They were in the area under the auspices of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Killed were Larry Elliott, 60, and Jean Dover Elliott, 58, of Cary, N.C.; Karen Denise Watson, 38, of Bakersfield, Calif.; and David McDonnell, 29, of Rowlett, Texas.

The Elliotts had served with the IMB in Honduras since 1978 and transferred to the Middle East in February 2004. Watson had been with the IMB since March 2003, McDonnell since November of last year.

McDonnell died the morning of March 16 en route to a military support hospital in Baghdad. Four U.S. military surgeons had worked six hours to save his life. McDonnell's wife, Carrie, 26, was in stable but critical condition as of March 17.

IMB President Jerry Rankin said all Southern Baptists shared the sorrow and grief of the families and co-workers.

"In times like this, there are no words that will take away the pain of a loved one's violent death," Rankin said. "Everyone in the IMB family and everyone who loves Southern Baptists' overseas workers are grieving with the family members and co-workers of these precious souls."

"We are grateful that God Himself comes alongside us in

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## From Bluegrass to Boston

*Kentucky native now helps reach internationals in New England*

By James Dotson  
SBC North American Mission Board

Cambridge, Mass.—Michael Dean's Bible study for the day was about the Apostle Paul's message to the people of Athens—how their "unknown god" had been revealed as the God of Scripture.

The topic was especially appropriate for this audience of Asian graduate students' wives, gathered around the table at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Even though I still don't believe God exists, I think many things in the Bible are useful," said one Chinese woman, who like all of those attending already had a graduate degree.

Most of the women at the table have been taught for more than 20 years that God is simply a myth, the woman noted. "So it's a little hard for us to believe in God's existence. It takes a longer time for us to become Christian. But during this process I think we are very glad to learn something about God."

The mixed response of belief and unbelief—or not believing "yet," as Dean describes it—is not uncommon, he said.

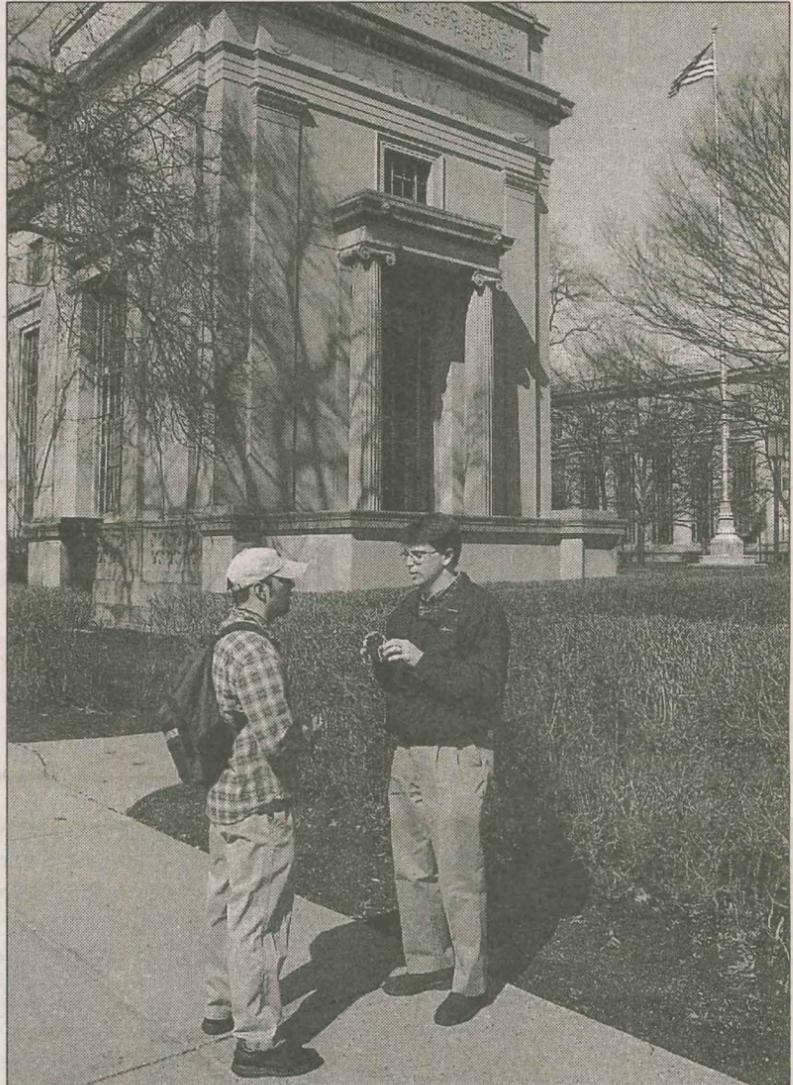
Dean, who was born in Bowling Green, develops and coordinates ministries for internationals living in the Boston area on a short-term basis. While he had not anticipated getting into the fundamentals of Christian belief so deeply during that particular Bible study, he welcomed the opportunity.

"The Bible is not just useful and helpful. It's necessary for learning who God is," Dean shares with the group.

"Just like you make a decision to get married and follow (your husband) to Boston, you become a Christian when you make a decision and accept the fact that you know who God is—that He's Jesus, who lived here and died here and rose again long ago. He's not just a philosopher like Confucius or Buddha. He's God."

Dean and his wife, Michelle, are among nearly 5,200 missionaries in the United States and Canada supported by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Their work is featured in this year's North American Mission Study, titled "The World at Our Doorstep."

Dean serves on the staff of the Greater Boston Baptist Association. In many respects his work



**ON CAMPUS** Missionary Michael Dean (right) speaks with Mission Service Corps missionary Bryan Goza on the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Dean is among the missionaries whose work is profiled for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. He coordinates ministry targeting more than 800,000 international visitors for school and other activities in eastern Massachusetts. (NAMB photo by Gibbs Frazier)

is as an international missionary, planting seeds of the gospel in students, business professionals and their families before they return to share what they've experienced in their home countries.

As the home of some of the world's most prestigious universities and an international business center, there is no shortage of opportunity. The city is commonly known as "the Athens of America."

"When you touch Boston, you can really touch the world," Dean said. "There are ways to make strategic relationships here that cannot be made in any other place. So if you reach someone here and they become a Christian, they can go back and not only change their village, their neighborhood, or their million-person city. They can ultimately change the world."

He likes to call modern-day Boston a second Pentecost, where people from many nations are gathered with an opportunity to be touched by God. "These internationals are going to return to ev-

ery nation, oftentimes to nations where we cannot have official missionaries," he said.

Kentucky Baptist college have worked with the Deans. In 2001 and 2003, student teams from Kentucky helped Michael Dean with ministries for international visitors to Boston. Last year, two summer missionaries worked all summer

Volunteers worked on "anything and everything," he recalled including English-as-a-second-language classes, dinners for internationals and local servant evangelism projects.

Keith Inman, director of collegiate ministries for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said he was impressed by the Deans' work

"They are very passionate about what they do," he said.

"I saw our students leading English-as-a-second-language classes in the dormitories of MIT and using the Bible and just some phenomenal conversations taking place with family members of students there," Inman noted.

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## McDonnall sacrificed his life in 'collision between love & hate'

By Art Toalston  
Baptist Press

Fort Worth, Texas (BP)—David McDonnall, one of four Baptist workers killed March 15 in Iraq, and his wife, Carrie, "endeared themselves to our church," pastor Michael Dean said.

The McDonnalls, kneeling at the altar of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, were commissioned and prayed for by the congregation before they departed last fall for full-time service in Iraq.

"No doubt that image is still very vivid in the minds of many of our people," Dean said. "It puts a very personal touch to the risk of the calling of missions."

The spiritual impact of McDonnall's death may extend far beyond the congregation, Dean reflected.

"On a road in northern Iraq, there was a collision between some American civilians and some Iraqi terrorists, but it was really much more than that. It was a collision between love and hate." Everybody knows, Dean said, that "love always wins out."

Speaking with McDonnall's parents in Colorado the day after his death, Dean said he had an opportunity to tell them "their son was one of the most godly and courageous young men that I've ever met."

McDonnall's wife, Carrie, remained in stable but critical condition March 17, the lone survivor of a drive-by shooting attack in which her husband and three other IMB workers were killed.

The McDonnalls had met while serving as two-year Journeymen with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board in northern Africa and the Middle East. They subsequently enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth to prepare for further missions service.

McDonnall, 29, a native of Colorado Springs, Colo., "loved God with all his heart and had a heart for the people of the Middle East to know Christ," said Brennan Searcy, a Southwestern student who participated in a volunteer trip the McDonnalls led to Iraq last summer.

Carrie McDonnall, 26, is a "strong, godly girl who loved her husband and (is) a skilled missionary herself" with a similar heart for God and the region's people, Searcy said.

"David is a hero of the faith," he added. "Just as people sacrificed their lives so that the gospel could come to North America centuries ago, he's done the same thing in his effort to take the good news to the people of Iraq."

McDonnall's memorial service was March 20 at First Baptist Church of Lamar, Colo. The family has asked that memorial gifts be sent to First Baptist Church to be used for Horn Creek Camp and Conference Center in Westcliffe, Colo.; Bibles for northern Africa; and work in Iraq.

## Elliotts' work in Iraq 'was God's calling'

By Michael Foust  
Baptist Press

Cary, N.C. (BP)—The last time Recca Davis saw Larry and Jean Elliott, the couple was in the States, preparing for their service in Iraq.

For 25 years the Elliotts had served in Honduras, but they felt called to go elsewhere.

They "truly knew that it was God's calling for them to go (to Iraq)," said Davis, a friend of the Elliotts. "We certainly support that, because we know that they were people that would just do exactly what they felt was God's will."

On March 15 the Elliotts were killed, along with two Baptist co-workers, in a drive-by shooting attack in northern Iraq. Larry Elliott was 60; Jean Elliott, 58. Both were members of First Baptist Church in Cary, N.C., before their service in Honduras. When the Elliotts were home, they would stay at the church's mission house.

Davis and her husband, Lynn, also First Baptist members, had known the Elliotts for years but their friendship grew deeper during a short-term mission trip to Honduras last November.

"We were in Honduras when they were praying about going to Iraq, and they asked for us to be in prayer with them about that," Recca Davis said. "And we did—we prayed a lot with them on that."

Back in 1998 the Elliotts played a key role in ministering to Hondurans affected by Hurricane Mitch, which killed more than 5,600 people and left more than 200,000 homeless.

Larry Elliott was quoted in a 1999 Baptist Press article as saying that new churches had resulted from the work of Southern Baptist volunteers and personnel.

"We are in the midst of one of the most powerful revivals I have ever experienced," Elliott said at

the time.

Elliott was a 1978 graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Mrs. Elliott completed 19 hours as a non-degree student in 1977-78 and worked as an assistant in the seminary library.

"Southeastern Seminary mourns the loss of two members of our seminary family," said Southeastern President Daniel Akin. "We are proud of them and, in the midst of sorrow, we rejoice that for the child of God, 'to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.'"

The Elliotts are survived by three adult children, Gina Elliott Kim of Houston; Todd Elliott of Arlington, Va.; and Scott Elliott of Raleigh, N.C.

Their memorial service will be March 25 at First Baptist Church of Cary, N.C. The family requests memorial gifts designated for "missionary support" be sent to the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

## Watson noted God's glory 'will be my reward'

By Erin Curry  
Baptist Press

Bakersfield, Calif. (BP)—Karen Watson counted the cost. Then she followed God with her heart and with her head as she entered the war zone of Iraq to share with people there the message that had made her willing to sacrifice everything.

"To obey is my objective. To suffer is expected. His glory will be my reward," Watson wrote in a letter to her pastor, meant only to be opened upon her death.

Watson, 38, of Bakersfield, Calif., was one of four Southern Baptist International Mission Board workers killed March 15.

Phil Neighbors, co-pastor of Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield where Watson had been a member since 1997, said Watson accepted Christ about eight years ago after enduring an intense period of grief. Her boy-

friend whom she planned to marry, her father and her grandmother all died within a two-year span.

"That really shook her foundation," Neighbors said. "Those crises led her to turn to the Lord. She came to know Christ and was one of the very special people that just loved the Word of God and the work of God. She was passionate about it."

Watson immediately began taking part in short-term mission trips with Valley Baptist, including two to El Salvador and one to Kosovo, Macedonia and Greece in the fall of 2002.

"That experience led her to a realization that God was calling her into missions," Neighbors said.

"We talked about the danger numerous times before she left and while she was there," he added. "She would always call me whenever anything would happen in country."

But March 15 was different.

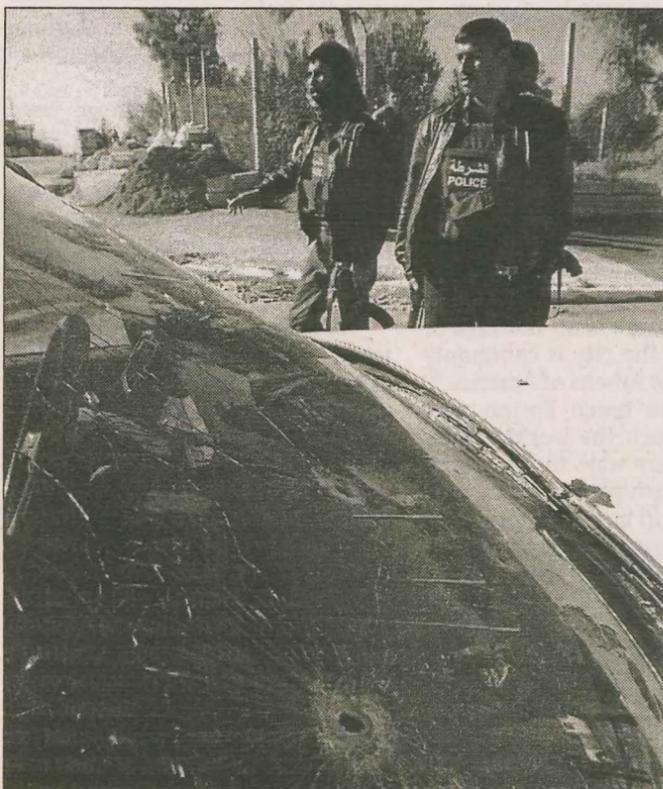
Neighbors and other church members heard news that five IMB workers had been shot in Iraq. "I was thinking, 'Well, maybe Karen will call in a minute. She always calls,'" Neighbors said. "But she didn't call."

Later that night Neighbors remembered the letter Watson had written to him before she left for work in Iraq with the instructions that he was not to open it unless she was killed. He opened the letter.

Neighbors called the letter a powerful testimony and evidence that if anything happened to her, she wanted him and the church family to know she had no regrets and died serving the Lord.

Watson's memorial service will be March 24 at Valley Baptist Church. Memorial gifts may be made to the church's Karen Watson Mission Fund to assist people in short-term mission projects.

## Four Southern Baptist workers in Iraq killed in drive-by attack



FATAL ATTACK Investigators examine the vehicle in which four IMB workers were killed March 15. (RNS/Reuters photo)

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our deepest sorrow and comforts us in a way no one else can."

According to the IMB, the four workers died from bullet and shell fragment wounds reportedly fired by unidentified assailants wielding automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

Bill Henard, pastor of Porter Memorial Church in Lexington, said he and other volunteers met the McDonnalls when they were in Iraq in December to deliver donated food to families in the area.

"In fact we had tea and cookies at their house and then took them to dinner," Henard recalled. "When we were there, we never felt any threats."

"We really probably were there during an open window of protection," he added, noting the mission volunteers were in Iraq when U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein.

Reflecting on the tragic attack, Henard said, "It's hard to say this is an isolated incident, but it's isolated in the sense that it's being done by a small number of people. The vast majority of Iraqi people, we felt, op-

pose this kind of violence and this kind of response. ... We did not feel hatred from anyone."

Asa Greear, director of missions for Greenup Baptist Association, also participated in the December mission trip to Iraq.

The McDonnalls were "a lovely young couple, committed, sold out to the Lord," he recalled. "It just breaks my heart."

Greear added, however, that the missionaries "realized and understood the danger. ... They're there and they understand the price."

"It's a tough day to be a missionary," he noted. "We're bringing a message that's going to be in direct conflict with who they (Muslims) are. (If) we begin to make a powerful impact upon a country, we're going to see more of this happening."

Before heading to the mission field, the Elliotts were members of First Baptist Church in Cary, N.C. They kept close tabs with members of the church; whenever they were stateside, they stayed at First Baptist's mission house.

Watson was a member of Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, Calif.

McDonnall was a member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The McDonnalls, who had met as IMB workers in the Middle East, celebrated their first wedding anniversary during a volunteer trip to Iraq last June.

The IMB has mobilized its prayer network and is asking Christians to pray for Mrs. McDonnall's healing and for the comforting of the families involved. An IMB field representative was dispatched to be with Mrs. McDonnall, who is being treated at a U.S. military hospital.

The deaths of the Elliotts, Watson and McDonnall came barely a year after IMB missionary Bill Hyde was killed by a terrorist's bomb at the airport in Davao City, Philippines. Just 14 months ago, Southern Baptists also suffered through the deaths of three workers who were murdered by a terrorist at the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen.

"To me, these missionaries are my heroes," Henard said. "When the hero goes down, it's difficult."

Based on reporting by Baptist Press and News Director David Winfrey

## KBC growth hits every ministry area—except baptisms

By Trennis Henderson  
Editor

Louisville—Kentucky Baptist churches recorded statistical gains during the 2003 church year in every major category with one glaring exception—baptisms.

Kentucky Baptists' historic missions organizations—Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood—led the state in enrollment gains. WMU enrollment jumped 12.5 percent to 42,227 for a gain of 4,578 members. Brotherhood, recently renamed Baptist Men on Mission, increased 7.1 percent to 16,684, adding 1,112 participants.

The lone decrease—baptisms—fell 5.6 percent from the previous year. Churches reported 16,543 baptisms, a decline of 984 from the 2002 total of 17,527.

Dan Garland, leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention church development/evangelism team, said the overall baptism decline likely reflects fewer total baptisms among the KBC's largest churches.

"These numbers are almost identical to 2001," he explained. "That year the top churches were where the decrease was. I think that is where it is again."

### Ambitious baptism goals

The KBC decrease comes just as the KBC is launching ambitious baptism goals as part of the state convention's five-year "Kentucky Baptists Connect" mission study

plan. One of the plan's major goals is 125,000 baptisms in 2005-2009—an average of 25,000 per year.

"It's going to take a concerted effort on the part of everything the KBC does to feed into this goal of having 25,000 baptisms a year over the next five years," Garland said. "It's going to take an integrated effort."

"We're going to have to get buy-in from the associations and churches to help us reach this goal," he noted. "We're going to have to challenge and encourage and help our churches with intentional evangelism strategies."

### "Extremely alarming" trend

A decline in the number of children and teenagers being baptized is "extremely alarming," Garland added. "In spite of what we're doing, we're not reaching our own children and teenagers. We're losing a generation."

"If we could get 20 to 30 percent of our churches to see baptismal goals, we'd be flying," he said. "Getting the baptisms is hard work. The hard work has to be in having our churches organized to bring people in and send people out."

Citing such strategies as encouraging churches to start Bible study units, outreach Bible studies in the community and other forms of evangelistic outreach, Garland said, "We believe as a result of that, people will come to Christ."

### Kentucky Annual Church Profile statistics

Category	2003	2002	Increase/Decrease	Percent Change
Total membership	786,168	782,109	4,059	0.5%
Resident membership	566,323	560,345	5,978	1.1%
Total baptisms	16,543	17,527	-984	-5.6%
Other additions	16,735	16,040	695	4.3%
Sunday school enrollment	327,258	325,085	2,173	0.7%
Sunday school attendance	176,314	174,709	1,605	0.9%
Worship attendance	259,635	249,020	10,615	4.3%
Discipleship training	77,655	73,491	4,164	5.7%
Music enrollment	69,533	69,254	279	0.4%
Woman's Missionary Union	42,227	37,549	4,678	12.5%
Brotherhood enrollment	16,684	15,572	1,112	7.1%
Undesignated receipts	\$271,949,316	\$262,060,658	\$9,888,658	3.8%

On the missions education front, Kentucky WMU Executive Director Joy Bolton said, "The growth of WMU is something we have been praying about for some time. We do sense excitement about our work out across the state."

Noting that WMU organizations across the state reported more than 170 new units during the 2003 church year, Bolton said such organizational expansion is a major key to ongoing growth.

As WMU expands, "more people pray, more people give, more people get involved in missions,"

she added. "The end result is more people come to know Christ as Savior; it's all about outcome."

Randy Foster, director of the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission department, said that organization has witnessed a similar pattern of growth.

"There is definitely an increase in new units, membership and activity," he said. "It's growing consistently from the grassroots. Our goal is for every Kentucky Baptist to find their avenue of ministry and involve themselves in active participation."

## Outreach leader offers ideas to connect church & community

By David Winfrey  
News Director

Bowling Green—If your church was removed from the community, would local residents know it was missing?

That was the challenge Mark Vincent posed to pastors and church leaders during a workshop on effective outreach ideas, presented at the KBC Evangelism Conference last month.

From direct mail and billboards to servant evangelism and teacher appreciation events, churches should create opportunities to connect their members with others in the community, said Vincent, minister of missions, evangelism and senior adults at Valley View Church in Louisville.

"My question is: Do people want to come to your church?" Vincent said.

Valley View takes an "invest and invite" method of outreach, Vincent added: Invest in people and invite them to church.

"Out biggest thing is to train our members to ministers wherever they go," he said later in an interview.

While the church has grown in resources and members in the past 15 years, Vincent noted that the first outreach program involved a \$200 budget for 500 door hangers for nearby neighbors.

Some outreach involves "just doing things so you can make your presence known," he explained.

Some of the outreach projects Valley View has done include:

**Teacher desserts.** Valley View gets permission to place desserts



**SOLDIER APPRECIATION DAY** Members of Valley View Baptist Church in Louisville reproduce the World War II image of hoisting the flag at Iwo Jima as part of the church's appreciation day for area servicemen and -women. The special Sunday is one of several outreach ideas the church offers, according to Mark Vincent.

and thank you cards in local high school teacher lounges.

"Are you growing your church on it?" Vincent asked. "Maybe not, but your community knows who you are."

Name awareness projects pay off in the future when someone is willing to consider turning to a church for help with a challenge or crisis, Vincent added.

**Direct mailings.** Such mailings, which require at least 200 addresses to receive bulk mail discounts, can promote outreach activities, Easter or Christmas programs or seeker-sensitivity sermon series.

**Community appreciation days.**

Each year, the church invites a different segment of the community to be honored by the church with a gift and dinner.

Past events have honored military service people; fire, police and emergency personnel; politicians; and teachers, Vincent noted.

"People are looking for reasons to invite others to church," Vincent insisted. "We get the kids to invite the teachers."

**Business cards.** When members do talk about their church, "give them something they can give people," Vincent said.

A simple card can be a tangible reminder about the church, listing

the church phone number, street address and service times.

**Servant evangelism projects.** Simple expressions help make an impression, such as giving away smoke alarm batteries in the fall and water bottles in the park, Vincent said.

Members learned not to give away water in the park on the hottest day of the year, he said with a grin. "There wasn't enough people to give them away," he recalled. "It was too hot to exercise."

**Billboards.** Valley View found it could rent a billboard for \$750 per month. In addition to creating name recognition for the church, Vincent said the billboards got church members enthusiastic about their church.

"A lot of it is getting your people excited," he said of outreach in general. "When they get excited, they'll tell their friends."

**Special events.** Valley View learned it could sponsor the "Kid City" for a local community festival.

Before sponsoring Kid City, the church had trouble getting 16 volunteers to staff a promotional booth at the same festival.

Kid City requires more than 100 volunteers, but "I can get them all day long because they're busy touching lives."

Too often churches want to invent a new event, but Vincent encouraged church leaders to look for ways to get involved in existing community celebrations.

"Look to see where you can get involved," he said. "Let's do something instead of just sitting there."

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the faith which was once  
for all delivered to the  
saints.—Jude 3*

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## Truths about lying

Lying has become a way of life in America. It is common for some, especially politicians, to call each other liars in the media. President Bush is called a liar almost daily by political enemies. Talk show hosts are in on the act, implying that all Democrats are prevaricators.

When we call another person a liar, our charge should be based on facticity. This will cut down on the volume of our charge. I note that I can speak more freely when not inhibited by the facts.

A professor of sociology at Columbia University made a statement which may help us in our search for truth. "I want to believe that it is, but then, is it, always or generally? Does anybody know that it usually is, or is everybody just saying that it is?"

The Bible has much to say about lying and it is not good. Liars fall under the judgment of God: "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Revelation 21:8) and Jesus teaches us that "every idle word, ('thoughtless word,' 'useless expression') we utter, we shall give

an account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

So before we pontificate about something, follow the Apostle Paul's advice: "Prove (test) all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Henlee Barnette  
Louisville

## Keep supporting OBI



Ten years ago, we lost Dr. Barkley Moore, president of Oneida Baptist Institute. Dr. Wesley Francis "Bud" Underwood was chosen to lead this Christian boarding high school which is under the aegis of Kentucky Baptists.

With a staff of approximately 150, an average enrollment of 425 and having a student-teacher ratio of 12:1, it is indeed one of the finest institutions of its kind in the country. Now, 105 years later, this Baptist school has been dispensing Christian education, which gives hope to the hopeless, power to the weak and an ambition to follow the ray of hope to a future far different from the fate that could have befallen many of the students who come there.

## In honor of four brave souls

By Morris Chapman

Nashville (BP)—We are deeply grieved once again at the tragic loss of brothers and sisters who were slain brutally while serving our Lord. These dear ones—Larry and Jean Elliott, David McDonnall and Karen Watson—lived and died for their precious Lord. Indeed, their lives and sacrifice reflect well the example and commands of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as they died ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the Iraqi people.

Our hearts break with and for the families of the slain. In 1 Corinthians 12:26, the Apostle Paul wrote that when one member of the body

suffers, the whole body suffers. The entire Southern Baptist family is mourning alongside those whose loved ones have been murdered. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister His comfort, grace and peace—that peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray His peace will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Southern Baptists around the world also join in praying for the full and speedy recovery of Carrie McDonnall, who was critically injured and lost her husband in this vicious attack.

These four brave souls embodied the truth of this passage—they had

I would like to say a word about the stewardship of OBI under the able direction of President Underwood. I trust that you read his column each week in the Western Recorder. He relates information and stories about students, and discusses administration problems and successes with an insight and wisdom that comes from years of experience and on-the-job training. He is ably assisted by his wife, Kay.

As for stewardship of Kentucky Baptist resources and funds, he does an impeccable job. Through the good graces of Kentucky Baptists in the form of money, volunteer time and talents, and the gifts of goods and services, OBI is today in an excellent condition. This service of educating boys and girls in a Christian environment absolutely undergirds our motto: "Educating for Time and Eternity."

All is well as Oneida Baptist Institute! In order to maintain that state, we still need your help—every type, from prayers on up. Please come visit us and bring a group or an individual. Just call (606) 847-4111, ext. 202, which is the president's extension. During rebud and dogwood blossom time is ideal.

Oscar Davidson, OBI trustee  
Somerset

sanctified Christ as Lord, they were ready to give a defense of their faith with gentleness and reverence, they suffered for the sake of righteousness, and now they are indeed most blessed as they have been ushered into the very presence of God. May God grant each of us the strength and grace to follow their example.

To our brothers and sisters around the world who are serving the Lord through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, we deeply appreciate your service and sacrifice and encourage you to stand fast, knowing that the entire Southern Baptist family is holding you up before the Lord.

Morris Chapman is president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee

## Celebrating the growth of the family

My wife, Kay, and I are grateful to God for the birth of another grandson, Zachary Willis Nepa. He entered this world March 12 weighing seven pounds, two ounces. (Willis is Kay's maiden name.)

Pray for the proud parents, Anonda and A.J., and older brother, Will, as well as Zach. Kay will be with them for several weeks in San Diego, Calif., in order to help with Will, who is 15 months old.

Our younger daughter, Beth, lives in Charlotte, N.C., where Bartley, her husband, serves as a minister at First Baptist Church of Indian Trail. They are the parents of Lilly, 3, and Mack, 7 months.

Having observed both daughters and their supportive husbands in the growth of their families, several principles have captured me:

**Preparation.** It has been interesting to observe how focused they have been in preparing for the arrival of their children. All items, equipment and furniture were purchased,

decorated and positioned for ready access to meet the every need of the new baby when mother and child arrived home. As the births drew near, the mothers seemed to have great surges of energy to create just the right environment for the new addition.

**Anticipation.** Many precious hours were spent considering the personality, appearance, passion and God's plans for the new baby (Jeremiah 1:5). It involves faith to believe that God will use the parents to help shape their young lives.

**Perspiration.** The anticipation and joy of the new baby soon gave way to birth pangs and the labor of love in midnight feedings, changing dirty diapers, bathing, teaching, reading, introducing the child to God's love and His Word, and coping with the unexpected. The sacrifices of a loving mother are awesome to behold.

**Supplication.** Both parents are involved in all of these principles, and

## FAMILY

### Talk, listen, pray together about inheritance plans

By Jeremy White

Husbands and wives benefit from each other's perspective in making financial decisions. When a couple is deciding how to divide their estate and write their wills, then they also should agree.

But agreeing may not be so easy. In my experience with clients, I have found disagreements

may arise in subtle or obvious ways. The following examples are comments that reveal a lack of unity:

He says: "I don't want that lazy son-in-law to get one penny of our money."

She says: "Think about what this will do to our grandchildren."

He says: "We have enough. Our kids have enough. Let's give more of our wealth to missions."

She says: "My grandfather left me this money. I get to do what I want and I want to keep it in the family."

He says: "I want to take care of you if I die first, but I don't want your future husband to take money meant for our kids."

She says: "I want to have enough to live on comfortably if you die before me."

He says: "I built this business for the past 30 years. Junior helped me while the others were 'finding themselves' in college. I want him to have it."

She says: "But you can't blame the girls for not wanting to work in a machine shop. We wanted them to get advanced degrees."

He says: "Please attend the planning meeting next week with our advisers to go over our wills."

She says: "Oh, I trust you. I don't care to know all that business and financial stuff. I have other things to do."

If at first you don't succeed in agreement, keep talking, listening, compromising and praying together until you arrive at an answer. You might need a temporary plan in place while you work out a better plan. Your inheritance plans might change because circumstances change. It's not always comfortable or easy, but it's necessary for spouses to talk and agree.

If you continue to have difficulty in reaching agreement, you might benefit from an adviser, such as a financial planner or attorney, to facilitate the discussions. Seek one of the many competent Christian planners to help you process these decisions.

Jeremy White is a certified public accountant in Paducah



## What types of marriages are more likely to avoid divorce?

**Q: What types of marriages are more likely to last and what types are more likely to end in divorce?**

Dr. Mavis Hetherington, in a recent major study on marriage and divorce, lists three types of marriages that have a high risk of failure and two types with a greater likelihood of longevity. The goal, if one finds oneself in one of the first three categories, is to pursue marriage education in order to move into one of the two more successful categories. Here is a summary:

"Less likely to last" types:

■ **Pursuer/distancer.** One person continues to pursue while the other continues to ask for space. If this pattern continues indefinitely, one partner will find the frustration unbearable. It is a real challenge to get the cycle to stop and for each partner to respond to what the other is asking.

■ **Disengaged.** This type tends to drift apart from one another, often rather quietly until the spouses ask, "What happened to us?" This is a situation of neglect that ends not as much with a cry as with a whimper.

■ **Operatic.** This relationship is more like a dramatic opera or even a soap opera, with that drama getting in the way of the relationship. Partners act out rather than talk through. These divorces tend to be operatic as well.

"More likely to last" types:

■ **Cohesive/individuated.** Each partner knows who they are and what they value, and appreciates the same in the other person. Communication flows freely and respectfully.

■ **Traditional.** This type concentrates on the more traditional aspects of the relationship: spirituality, roles and division of labor. This type of marriage works at comforting one another in the journey of life, and works best when supported by a marriage-supportive culture.

Churches can make a difference by providing healthy, positive models of successful marriages and providing education for the transformation of unsuccessful models of relationships into relationships that work.—James Stillwell

**Q: My teenage son is not excited about my recent engagement and says he will not be a part of my wedding ceremony. I find this hard to understand because it has been three years since his father died and my son has had a good relationship with the man I want to marry. Any recommendations?**

It is not uncommon for teenagers to struggle with the remarriage of parents, either because of death or divorce. Since I do not know the details of your situation, let me offer a few guidelines to follow as you relate to your son.

### PARENTING

First, understand him developmentally. At a time when he most needs and desires his own father, he is being reminded again that his biological father is unavailable. This may evoke grief for his own father as he again comes to grips with his death. Your fiancé will need to move slowly and be reminded that blending a family takes an average of three to five years.

Second, understand your son psychologically and systemically. Rather than thinking about what he may be gaining, he may be acutely aware of what he is losing. When he lost his father, at least he still had his mother. Now he might feel that he is losing you to another man. He likely needs gentle reminders that no one can replace your relationship with him.

In addition to losing his mother, he might be aware of giving up his home or his room or at least life as he has known it. Listen carefully to his concerns. Spend extra time with him. Pray for him and with him as you make decisions about the future of your family.—Scott Wigginton

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## Missionary martyrs leave legacy of love

It was an ironic and incredibly gripping juxtaposition.

As news broke last week about the tragic shooting deaths of four Southern Baptist mission workers in Iraq, both secular and religious publications rushed to share details of the attack with their readers.

On one major international news service's Internet site, the abrupt headline reported: "Four U.S. missionaries killed in Iraq." Next to the photos of the four slain Baptist missionaries was a life insurance ad that somberly declared, "If you die ... love continues."

However inadvertent that brief electronic epitaph was, there are no more fitting words to describe the lives, ministry and martyrdom of Larry Elliott, 60, and his wife, Jean, 58; Karen Watson, 38; and David McDonnall, 29. Critically injured in the March 15 drive-by attack in Mosul was McDonnall's wife, Carrie, 26.

"If you die, love continues." Or to recount the challenging and comforting words of the Apostle Paul, "To live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

The Elliotts, McDonnalls and Watson no doubt counted the potential physical cost of entering war-torn Iraq in an effort to provide humanitarian aid and a Christian example to people in desperate need of both. Sensing God's call to service, they each risked their lives in order to obey.

According to a letter Watson left with her pastor—to be opened if she died in Iraq—"To obey is my objective. To suffer is expected. His glory will be my reward."

### Missionaries killed in Iraq: Why?

By Erich Bridges

Richmond, Va. (BP)—Why?

That anguished one-word question is being asked by many people after five Southern Baptist aid workers were shot in Iraq March 15.

Larry and Jean Elliott and Karen Watson died on the spot after automatic weapons fire and rocket-propelled grenade fragments tore into their vehicle. David McDonnall

succumbed the next morning as U.S. military surgeons struggled to save him. His wife, Carrie, critically wounded, has been stabilized and is being treated after being flown to a hospital in Germany.

The why question encompasses multiple whys. Why were they attacked? Why were they in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul? Why did they go to Iraq in the first place? Why were they working there amid obvious dangers?

Why they were attacked—and by whom—remains unknown. But there's no shortage of speculation as investigation of the tragedy gets under way.

With the new surge of assaults on foreign workers and Iraqi civilians involved in reconstruction, U.S. officials think terrorists and insurgents have changed tactics. Instead of "hard target" military convoys and outposts, officials say, attackers are seeking out "soft targets"—aid workers, other foreign civilians, Iraqis connected with the effort to rebuild Iraqi society.

Whether the Southern Baptist workers fell victim to such a strategy or simply came upon the wrong place at the wrong time isn't yet known—and may never be known.

The Elliotts "were people that would do just exactly what they felt was God's will," one long-time friend reflected.

### STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

McDonnall "loved God with all his heart and had a heart for the people of the Middle East to know Christ," recalled a seminary friend who joined the McDonnalls on a volunteer mission trip to Iraq last summer.

From a human perspective, it is heartbreaking to realize the earthly work and witness of these four dedicated missionaries was wiped out by cowardly assailants who attacked a carload of unarmed humanitarian aid workers. But we can be confident that their legacy of love, ministry and personal sacrifice will live on for decades.

Pray earnestly for Carrie McDonnall as she recovers from her physical injuries and grieves the death of her husband. Pray also for the family members, friends and co-workers of the martyred missionaries.

And pray for the Iraqi people who have been touched by these missionaries' lives and ministry. May their deaths be a further testimony that can have a positive spiritual impact on the lives of people searching for the truth available only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Immediately prior to Paul's familiar words in Philippians 1:21, he wrote in verse 20, "With all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

The same is true for Larry and Jean Elliott, David McDonnall and Karen Watson. Thank you for your faithful service to Christ, knowing with absolute confidence that "if you die ... love continues."

### FIRST PERSON

Why they were in Mosul is an easier question to answer. They were looking for ways to assist the people of the city—particularly in producing clean water. Larry Elliott, with many years of experience in disaster relief ministries in Central America, had worked briefly in southern Iraq last year in several water purification projects. He had only recently returned to Iraq with his wife, Jean, to help in longer-term projects. The McDonnalls also had previously served in the region.

Karen Watson had worked in and around Iraq for more than a year, coordinating relief projects and the volunteers who came to carry them out. She had been studying Arabic in a nearby country and had just returned to Iraq to continue serving people in need.

Why did they willingly come to Iraq in the first place, despite its many and increasing dangers? That's the simplest question of all. But the answers are hard for many of us to comprehend.

American Christians generally accept—in theory—that God might ask us one day to risk our lives for Him. For believers accustomed to freedom and comfort, however, the theory is easier to deal with than the reality. Viewers of "The Passion of the Christ" have learned anew what Christ Himself willingly suffered. He calls His followers to be prepared for similar treatment at any time.

That's not what the Elliotts, the McDonnalls and Karen Watson had in mind as they drove through Mosul March 15. They were excited about the potential development

projects they had identified. They were intent on serving needy Iraqis. They knew what general precautions they needed to take.

They also trusted in God's protection. But they had no illusions about the continuing risks. Watson in particular had experienced several previous close calls in Iraq and was experienced in training other workers to avoid dangers.

"The thing about Karen is she loved people," said one of Watson's closest friends and co-workers. "She was there because she wanted to make a difference. ... She just wanted to give her life sharing God's love with the Iraqi people. So that's what she did."

The Elliotts had the same motivation, as they had demonstrated for a quarter-century of service in Honduras.

"Larry was instrumental in relief work after Hurricane Mitch" in Honduras, said Jim Brown, a Southern Baptist human needs specialist. "He knew how to meet the needs of people, but to always share the love of Christ in a very effective way. He knew that they went hand in glove. He was not there to do one or the other, but to do both."

The Elliotts sent an e-mail to family and friends shortly after they arrived in Iraq. "We are happy to be here and our call has been confirmed," they said. "We love you all."

The dangers in this world aren't going away any time soon. But the needs of suffering people for help and hope continue. May the spirit of the Elliotts, the McDonnalls and Karen Watson shape our hearts for the challenge.

Erich Bridges is a senior writer with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board

## BAPTIST DIGEST

**LifeWay expands VBS curriculum options.** LifeWay Christian Resources has announced it will add a second line of vacation Bible school curriculum resources beginning in 2005. The move comes after some Asian-Americans protested LifeWay's "Rickshaw Rally" VBS curriculum as culturally insensitive. While not referencing the "Rickshaw Rally" controversy, Mary Katharine Hunt, LifeWay's VBS division project manager, said, "Our customers are expressing their desire for a wider range of options, especially as churches tailor their VBS to meet the needs of their communities."

**SBC second VP nominee announced.** John Hays, former president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, will be nominated for Southern Baptist Convention second vice president during the SBC's June 15-16 annual meeting in Indianapolis. Hays, pastor of the Columbus-area Jersey Baptist Church, will be nominated by Guy Morton, also a former president of the Ohio Baptist convention. Previously announced candidates for SBC office are presidential nominee Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Fla., and first vice presidential nominee Gerald Davidson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Arnold, Mo.

**Florida church accused of defrauding ill woman.** A lawsuit filed against First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach claims the church defrauded a mentally ill woman out of her \$1.8 million inheritance. Lucinda Bennett, 34, attended First Baptist Church from 1998 to 2001, according to legal documents, and inherited \$1.8 million when her great-grandmother died in 2000. Her father, David Bennett, is accusing the church, pastor Keith Thomas, the Florida Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention of fraud, negligence and civil theft, according to the Sun-Sentinel newspaper. Bennett is seeking \$5.4 million in damages, according to court documents.

## Protests, resignations hit Louisiana College

**Pineville, La. (ABP)**—The president and academic vice president of Louisiana College are leaving the Baptist school that has been embroiled in a controversy over academic freedom.

Rory Lee, president for seven years, announced March 15 he is leaving at the end of the semester to take a job in Mississippi. His departure came just days after the resignation of Ben Hawkins, vice president of academic affairs.

Louisiana College trustees met March 16 without revisiting a controversial textbook policy or commenting on the resignations of the two administrators.

Both Lee and Hawkins said their resignations were not in response to new conservative policies enacted by trustees, which have sparked

protests from some faculty, alumni and students.

Lee, 54, is leaving to become executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, which has five branches in Mississippi.

The trustees did not say if replacing Lee and Hawkins was discussed during their meeting, during which they handled routine business, including a tuition increase.

About 50 alumni and students rallied on the campus March 16—as trustees convened their closed-door session—to protest the trustees' December decision to require faculty members to get all classroom materials pre-approved by the academic vice president. Critics say the new policy amounts to censorship. But trustees and school officials say the

policy is reasonable and not uncommon.

Blake Cooper, president of the Student Government Association, said student leaders feel their protests and requests to meet with trustees over the new policies have been ignored.

The new textbook policies were enacted after a student complained about two books available in the bookstore—"A Road Less Traveled" by Scott Peck and "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines. Lee ordered the two books removed.

In addition to the book-screening policy, trustees now require all new faculty members to submit a worldview statement that includes their views on the sanctity of life and marriage.

## Appeals court rules against Shorter College action

**Rome, Ga. (ABP)**—Shorter College's dissolution and reorganization that created a self-perpetuating board of trustees last year "cannot stand" without the Georgia Baptist Convention's approval, a state appeals court ruled March 17.

The ongoing legal battle between the GBC and the liberal arts college in northwest Georgia appears headed for the Georgia Supreme Court.

The college has claimed in recent years that the convention has put the college's accreditation at risk by unduly influencing trustees. Convention leaders charge Shorter

President Ed Schrader and trustees with trying to remove the GBC as the rightful owner of the college.

The college transferred its assets to a new foundation following an April 2003 ruling by a DeKalb County Superior Court judge. The new entity was then named Shorter College Inc.

The appeals court has ruled that "the trial court erred in failing to consider the GBC's contention that the dissolution was a sham."

In a prepared statement, GBC Executive Director Robert White said convention leaders are grate-

ful for the ruling. "The thought of losing Shorter College was like losing a member of our convention family," White said. "We are extremely thankful that this court decision confirms the convention's position."

Shorter trustee chairman Gary Eubanks, an attorney from Marietta, Ga., said college leaders are disappointed with the appeals court decision but plan to appeal the case to the Georgia Supreme Court. Management of the college will not change until the legal battle has run its course, Eubanks added.

## Upcoming Leadership Training Event

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## LEADERSHIP THAT WORKS

*"Too many Christians have confused the call of leadership with a desire to be a hero. Heroes are rare, but leaders are everywhere. What leaders do is not spectacular or heroic - it is work."*

- Leith Anderson

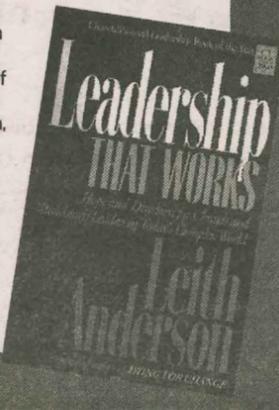
Senior Pastor of Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Anderson gives six characteristics of "leadership that works":

- 1) Do what needs to be done.** "Leadership is not about beauty, brilliance or eloquence," Anderson says. "It is about figuring out what needs to be done at a specific place and time and doing whatever is necessary to get it done."
- 2) Live Christianly.** "How you live in circumstances you wouldn't want or choose may be your best leadership tool," Anderson says. "Our credibility to lead comes in the worst of life's problems."
- 3) Choose multiple mentors.** "[Mentors are] those we get to know so well that we would predict what they would do in a situation that they have never encountered before," Anderson observes. "They help shape you into the person and leader God wants."
- 4) Learn the leadership context.** Leadership never takes place in a vacuum. A leader should discover the history of the community and the church. "Don't assume that the latest book or conference will work in your setting," he warns.
- 5) Beware of the cutting edge.** "There is a problem with the cutting edge. When you play with sharp instruments, you could get cut," Anderson quips. "Let someone else figure out which mushroom is poisonous. Effective leaders are those who watch the pioneers and learn from them. They don't risk their church on the latest fad."
- 6) Trust God for the long term.** "Some church leaders minister for the moment while others minister for a lifetime. The most effective years of churches begin in the seventh, eighth or ninth year of the senior pastor's tenure," says Anderson, who has served the same church since 1977.

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# Missionaries help reach internationals in Boston

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Dean recalled that one Kentucky team helped turn a low-turnout dinner into a divine encounter.

Team members returned from an afternoon in the city and told Dean they had invited some people from an African country to that evening's dinner for internationals.

International visitors often are eager to make friends with Americans, Dean noted, but he still wasn't sure they would come to the dinner.

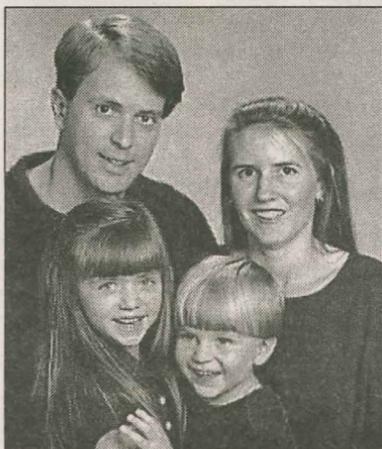
But all three people arrived at the meal, including one man who was an advisor to the president of a predominantly Muslim nation, Dean said.

"Dinner was a bust because hardly anybody else was there, but that was God's will because we got to spend time with them," he said.

Michael and Michelle previously worked in campus ministry as US/C-2 missionaries, and Michael also served as a Mission Service Corps missionary. But then the Greater Boston Baptist Association determined that international ministries—both on campus and off—needed to become a priority. Working under the ministry name of Boston International Ministries, his job as an appointed missionary was to establish ministries sponsored by the association, help churches establish their own ministries as God led, and develop a base of both local and outside volunteers willing to work with those ministries on a long-term basis.

## Hospitality with internationals

Much of the direction for his work came through a simple search for affordable housing in Boston. The Deans became resident managers for International Fellowship House, a ministry in Boston's historic financial district that became an ideal platform for both ministering directly to internationals and networking with other Christians involved in similar work. They lived



**THE DEANS** Michael and Michelle Dean have two children, Lauren, 6, and Nathanael, 3.

in a two-room apartment while they saved money to buy a home.

For four years they worked with graduate students and young professionals staying at the ministry house. On Sunday nights they would lead discussion times about Christianity, and saw several people come to faith in Christ. The meetings attracted not only students, but also international professionals.

"Our children have grown up with internationals," Michelle said, noting that they have worked with internationals throughout their 12-year marriage. "They called these international men their uncles, and they really considered them part of their family."

Even now, living in suburban Boston, international visitors remain a regular presence in their home.

"We feel like that's an important part of learning about the American culture," Michelle said. "And it helps us get to know them better, and them to get to know us better. ... For us, it's not working. It's just what we love to do."

Michael noted that with between



800,000 to 1 million international visitors in eastern Massachusetts, "Boston is a lot more like Beijing than Dallas or Louisville ... for access to the gospel issues."

The one-on-one nature of Michael's ministry has decreased somewhat, however, as his efforts have shifted toward equipping others to serve in the continually expanding ministry.

## Catching Niagra Falls in a cup

Several Mission Service Corps missionaries work with Boston International Ministries on a regular basis. And the volunteer force for Boston International Ministries included more than 100 people during the past year—including local volunteers and mission groups from across the country.

"We're always needing more long-term volunteers, people willing to stay six months or a year to

do English-language ministries or working with consulates," he said.

But even as the ministries expand, Michael remains awed by the scope of the challenge at hand. He compares it to facing Niagara Falls, knowing that each drop of water represents an international for whom Christ died.

"I feel overwhelmed many times, because I feel like I'm running around with a cup trying to catch little drops," he said. "This strategic drop over here, this world leader over there. It gives me a sadness sometimes because there are so many others that are gushing by that we don't have the opportunity to reach. But it's not about what we can do or what a handful of us can do. It's about what we, as all believers, can do."

Dean said people from other parts of the country often don't realize how the high cost of living in Boston, combined with the small size of many churches limits Baptist ministry work.

"Associations and local churches here don't have funds for church planting or you name it," he said. "We wouldn't be here without Annie Armstrong."

Dean said he has a budget of about \$1,700 but coordinates ministries totaling approximately \$50,000. "Most of it has come from regular Christian folks who say they want to give something over and above."

For more on Boston International Ministries, visit [www.bostonbaptist.org](http://www.bostonbaptist.org).

With additional reporting by News Director David Winfrey

## EASTER BANQUET

Michael Dean speaks during an Easter banquet for internationals at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The banquet was sponsored by Compass Community Church, a new Southern Baptist congregation in Newton, Mass. (NAMB photo by Gibbs Frazier)



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■ NAMB supports about 250 collegiate evangelism missionaries, including spouses, across the United States and Canada.

## Jesus goes to Jordan



**LAST SUPPER** Nearly 1,000 people went to the opening of "The Passion of the Christ" at a theater in Amman, Jordan, last week.

### Gibson's 'Passion' well-received at last week's Middle East debut

By Dale Gavlak  
Religion News Service

**Amman, Jordan (RNS)**—Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" made its Middle East debut in Amman, Jordan, on March 16 with crowds of Christians and Muslims flocking to see the film.

After the screening, Amman's moviegoers said they were thoroughly impressed with the portrayal of Jesus' trial and death on the cross, with many saying it was the best film they had ever seen.

"It's the greatest movie I have ever seen in my life," said Husam Amouri, who manages the Grand Theater at Amman's Mecca Mall. "It evokes something so strong inside me that it wants to make my hair stand."

A mixture of religious devotion and plain curiosity drew nearly 1,000 Jordanians and visiting Gulf Arabs to the Grand Theater's opening of "The Passion." Women shrouded from head to foot in black and those wearing distinctive gold crosses joined youths in jeans and baseball caps to watch the depiction of the last 12 hours of Jesus' earthly life. There was hardly a dry eye as viewers, like businessman Kamal Tahir, emerged from the cinema.

"I enjoyed it very much, the acting, the directing, the whole production was fascinating. You can see the tears on our faces," he said, motioning to his young friends. "You have to get choked up once you watch that movie. I think it's a must-see movie for everybody."

For others, like Christiane Dadoub, "The Passion" was too violent. She also called moves to brand the film as anti-Semitic unfair.

"I think it's too gory. I think the mob scenes were pretty good because it shows how mobs react. This is very realistic," she said. "It is also important to show this bit of history. Some people are digging up 5,000-year-old stories and we can't even mention this story. But it is part of history."

#### Muslims give mixed reviews

Muslims who watched the movie were divided over the authenticity of the story. A communications student said he did not believe a word of the film, while housewife Siham Abdullah said she did not see any contradiction with the Koran.

A number of Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on the cross. Instead, they believe God provided a substitute because it would be shameful for an Islamic prophet to die in such a dishonorable way.

Abdullah also dismissed concerns that Islam forbids the depiction of its prophets, like Jesus.

"He is a prophet to us. I am Muslim and we love Him. We believe in Him," she argued. "I don't mind it that He is shown on the screen. I love His face and features. There are other movies that have done the same thing."

The head of Jordan's Bible Society, Jamal Hashweh, attended the opening and said he believed the film had a message for everyone, regardless of his or her faith.

"The most important message is to show that the Jesus on the film is the real Jesus. He is the one who came 2,000 years ago and His work today is good to save people's lives," Hashweh said. "I pray that as this film goes all over the world, people will remember that there is real salvation in Christ and that Jesus is alive and can change people's lives."

## Reports: Video, book causing stir in China

**Nashville (BP)**—Jesus is in Beijing, and He's getting attention in high places.

Chinese government officials are studying a book about the growth of Christianity in China and a DVD series featuring Chinese house church members, according to sources in the region.

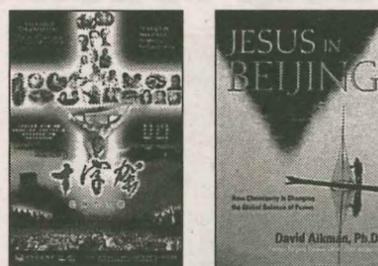
"Jesus in Beijing," written by David Aikman, former Time magazine Beijing bureau chief, chronicles the increase of Christian believers at all levels of Chinese society—including the Communist Party itself—despite continuing persecution.

Conservative estimates of the number of Chinese Christians now range as high as 70 million people out of a population of 1.3 billion, with more than 10,000 people becoming Christian daily.

In the book, Aikman predicts up to a third of the vast nation's population could embrace Christian faith within the next generation, changing Asia as radically as a Christianized Roman Empire transformed the West long ago.

The four-hour DVD series, "The Cross: Jesus in China," was produced by the California-based China Soul for Christ Foundation and directed by Yuan Zhiming, a Chinese Christian and pro-democracy advocate.

The series, produced in English and Chinese, was screened for provincial leaders of the government Religious Affairs Bureau and Unit-



**POWERFUL MESSAGES** The DVD, "The Cross: Jesus in China" and the book "Jesus in Beijing" are causing a stir among communist officials in China, but observers dispute reports that many of the book's and DVD's subjects have been arrested for their faith.

ed Front Work Department when they met recently at an annual conference in Beijing. They also were briefed on the book, according to a report in Christianity Today. Another source reported the government ordered a "high-priority translation" of the book.

#### Questionable report

Christianity Today reported that at least 50 house church leaders had been arrested in a new religious crackdown, as authorities tracked down people identified in the book or the DVD. The extent of the crackdown, however, has since been called into question.

"Things are a little bit tight, but as far as 50 leaders were arrested, that appears to be a bit of an exag-

geration," said one worker with reliable contacts in China. "We do know that the Chinese government has taken the (book and DVD) and they have translated and studied them. People are being watched more closely, folks are being questioned and there are some reports of beatings and arrests. I think we will see continued pressure over the next couple of months at least."

Asia Harvest, a Thailand-based organization with close ties to Chinese house church networks, issued a statement confirming several recent arrests of church leaders, but none involving people identified in the book or DVD.

"The main Chinese leaders (featured in the book and DVD) are still going about their business, and have been visited and spoken to by various people," the statement said.

One thing has "shocked" the house church leaders, according to Asia Harvest: the "enormous impact" the DVD series is making in China and elsewhere.

"The Cross: Jesus in China DVD ... has far surpassed everyone's expectations. (One church leader in Beijing said), 'Not only has it led many people to believe in Christ, but it has revived the Christian brothers and sisters. ... After watching it we were so encouraged and burned by the Holy Spirit's great work in China. Everyone watched it with tears, repentance and rededication to Christ.'"

### Church of England seeking pastor for online congregation

**London (RNS)**—The Church of England is setting up a church on the Web and is advertising for a Web-pastor to run it.

The initiative comes from the diocese of Oxford, using money given by the Church Commissioners to each of the Church of England's 44 dioceses to fund pioneering projects that would support the church.

The church on the Web already has its own Web site—www.i-church.org—which sets out its purpose as being to provide a focus of Christian community for those who wish to explore Christian discipleship but who are not able, or do not wish, to be participant members of a local congregation; to provide additional support to those who do not find all they need within their own worshipping community; and to provide continuity for those who because of their work or their lifestyle are traveling around to such an extent as to make it difficult to establish and maintain relationships with a geographical Christian community.

The Web-pastor needs to be "a dynamic, confident Christian—lay or ordained—who is able to build this new community." It will be a half-time post, receiving half the stipend of an incumbent vicar or rector (about \$16,500 a year), and will be for an initial period of three years.

"If the community flourishes and the funding can be identified, it may be extended to a full-time post," potential applicants are told.

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## Advisers: Keep God close at hand for kids

By John Hall  
Baptist General Convention of Texas

Dallas (ABP)—Children can begin to understand God if parents and churches will help them, according to ministry leaders.

Children and preschoolers struggle to comprehend many abstract aspects of God—God's ability to know all, do all and be everywhere at once—because their minds can understand only concrete characteristics they have experienced, according to Catherine Stonehouse, professor of Christian education at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore.

Parents and church leaders must try to make abstract concepts about God more concrete for children, Stonehouse said. For example, a parent who cares for his child helps the young one begin to understand how God cares.

Caring can be modeled in congregations, as well, Stonehouse said. Children must be included in the larger church family to model love.

"As a child grows and comes to understand God, the most important thing they know is God's unconditional love," Stonehouse said. "Those that most easily understand that are those who experienced love."

Bible stories play an important role in helping maturing children understand God, according to both

Stonehouse and Diane Lane, preschool and children's consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Young children who are learning to read still do not understand abstract concepts, but can comprehend ideas in stories.

But children reading stories or hearing someone read them is not enough, Lane and Stonehouse said. Adults should discuss the story with children to make sure they understand the lesson. Activities such as dressing up and acting out biblical stories also help children understand lessons, Lane said.

Discussion of the story helps children internalize biblical lessons and prevents them from misinterpreting Scripture, the specialists added. Memorizing and rewriting verses also can help children learn about God.

"If they never open up (the Bible), they won't be able to see there are spiritual truths that they can apply to their lives," Lane said.

Adults should expect children to ask questions, Stonehouse and Lane said. Children might be aware of a "great other" as early as 18 months old, Stonehouse noted. They are curious about what God is like and how the world works.

Questions will range from asking where the wind comes from to what will happen when they die,

Stonehouse said. Parents must be prepared to give biblical responses and honestly admit when they do not know an answer.

Typically, children's questions are not as deep as they come across, Stonehouse cautioned. Listening carefully and knowing the child can help adults provide helpful information.

"We need to find out what the child is asking," Stonehouse said. "Often we go off on some deep theological tangent."

In addition to dealing with specific questions and needs, churches should intentionally recognize children's accomplishments, Lane encouraged. Small actions such as displaying children's artwork and letting young people keep their baptism video and first Lord's Supper cup show children the church values them.

Churches must equip parents to answer their children's questions, Lane and Stonehouse added. They recommended congregations encourage parents to form small groups where they can help each other when issues arise.

"I think it's important for parents to realize they're not alone," Stonehouse said. "If they desire to be a spiritually nurturing parent, God will work with them in beautiful ways."

## FCC bans specific profane word from all television

Washington (RNS)—The Federal Communications Commission on March 18 overruled an earlier decision that allowed some use of the "f-word" on television.

The panel said U2 singer Bono's use of the "f-word" at the 2003 Golden Globe Awards qualified as profanity, but voted not to fine NBC for allowing the material because there was no "requisite notice" to warn broadcasters.

"The 'f-word' is one of the most vulgar, graphic and explicit descriptions of sexual activity in the English language," the panel said. "Its use invariably invokes a coarse and sexual image. The use of the 'f-word' here, on a nationally telecast

awards ceremony, was shocking and gratuitous."

Last year the FCC was inundated with criticism after a staff report said the Bono incident was allowable because he used the "f-word" as an adjective. Commissioners disagreed, saying "any use of that word or a variation, in any context" should not be allowed.

FCC commissioners said "broadcasters are on clear notice" that any use of the "f-word" will not be tolerated, and stations could lose their licenses for violations.

In a new policy, the FCC said the "f-word" is not only indecent, but also profane. Previous definitions of profanity had been largely limited to

blasphemy or "divine imprecation."

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said his agency has an obligation to protect free speech, but "this sends a signal to the industry that the gratuitous use of such vulgar language on broadcast television will not be tolerated."

In a statement, NBC said, "We believe the commission made the right decision in not fining us over the regrettable Bono incident. As we've previously said, Bono's utterances were unacceptable and we regret it happened."

The House recently passed legislation that raises the maximum fine for indecency to \$500,000; the Senate has not yet voted on the issue.

## NATIONAL NOTES

**Polls: Gay marriage not top issue for voters.** Gay marriage is not a decisive issue for American voters in the 2004 presidential election, despite national debate over gay rights, according to recent polls. A CBS News poll found that more than half (52 percent) of all voters would support a candidate who doesn't share their views on gay marriage. Only 4 percent of voters said gay marriage is the main issue they want to hear about in the election. A Pew Research Center study also found that a national ban on gay marriage is not an issue of importance for voters. But gay marriage did rank as a more important issue than abortion or gun control.

**'Young Evangelicals' group created.** The National Association of Evangelicals has created an organization of young evangelicals to serve as a platform for leaders 30 years old and younger. The first Congress of Young Evangelicals was held March 11 during the association's national convention in Colorado Springs, Colo. The "core values" of the new group include "unifying the body of Christ," affirming "the authority of the Scriptures," and serving those who are underprivileged and have not heard the gospel.

**'Lord of the Dance' hymnist dead at 88.** Sydney Carter, who wrote one of the 20th century's best known and loved hymns, died March 13. He was 88. In 1963 Carter penned the words for "Lord of the Dance," adapting for the melody the Shaker tune "Simple Gifts" that Aaron Copland had already used to great effect in his ballet "Appalachian Spring." Carter's lyrics began: "I danced in the morning when the world was begun./ And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun./ And I came down from heaven and I danced on the Earth./ At Bethlehem I had my birth."

**Mainline evangelical leaders back marriage amendment.** Conservative activists in five mainline Protestant denominations have endorsed a federal amendment that would prohibit gay marriage. Coordinated by the Washington-based Association for Church Renewal, the statement released says a constitutional amendment is necessary to "safeguard this fundamental social institution from unwarranted and destructive revision." Signers include leaders of evangelical "renewal movements" in the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church (USA), United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and American Baptist Churches in the USA.

**Catholics strike out for hot dogs at Red Sox opener.** When the Boston Red Sox open their season at Fenway Park on Good Friday, Catholic fans will have to settle for peanuts and Cracker Jacks after the Archdiocese of Boston refused to change the no-meat-on-Fridays rule. Church leaders said Catholic fans will have to bypass the hot dogs and Italian sausages during the April 9 season opener against the Toronto Blue Jays because the game falls on Good Friday. Catholics are prohibited from eating meat on Fridays during Lent and on Good Friday, when Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**Foursquare Gospel officials out after investment losses.** Two top officials of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel resigned March 10 after the church lost \$14 million to two investment firms that have been alleged to be fraudulent. The resignations of President Paul Risser and Corporate Treasurer Brent Morgan followed criticism of them for entrusting money from a church foundation to IPIC International Inc. of Ontario and Financial Advisory Consultants Inc. of Lake Forest, Calif. Federal authorities have described the firms as Ponzi schemes—which paid early investors with money obtained from later ones—and shut the firms down.

**Tammy Faye Messner has inoperable cancer.** Tammy Faye Messner, who used to lead the Praise the Lord ministry with ex-husband Jim Bakker, has announced that she has inoperable lung cancer. Messner, 62, appeared on CNN's "Larry King Live" March 18 to disclose the details of the diagnosis. She expects to start a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation in April. She said her faith in God is strong and she believes a miracle may be possible. But she also said she has the human desire to fight to live. "I know I'm going to heaven to be with Jesus, but I just don't want to be on the next busload, you know?"

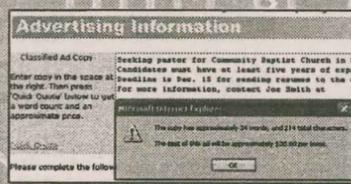
**Update: S.D. abortion ban bill fails.** A bill that would have banned most abortions failed to pass South Dakota's Senate March 15, when one member who had previously voted for the bill changed his mind. The bill passed the House earlier in the day 52-16 but failed in an 18-17 Senate vote when Sen. Paul Symens voted no. Symens, a Democrat, had voted for the bill in February when it passed both chambers and went to South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds' desk.

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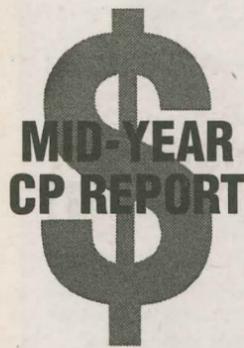
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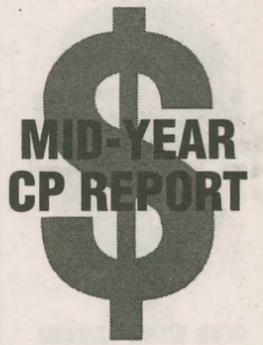
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Bays Fork	\$2,516.66	\$3,203.31	Elva	1,179.76	1,296.07	Foxport	536.73	431.00	Bainbridge Grove	2,058.86	2,347.43
Dover	0.00	0.00	Ferguson Springs	300.00	300.00	Garrison	774.42	516.28	Bethel	830.90	911.40
Holland	1,147.53	1,083.39	Flint	4,847.75	4,159.53	Germanatown	1,288.00	1,002.00	Calvary Memorial	350.00	600.00
Liberty	2,308.60	2,051.40	Gilbertsville	6,081.37	7,840.71	Heselton	0.00	0.00	Casky	7,363.32	7,061.06
New Hope	1,290.05	969.35	Grace	3,777.44	3,763.13	Irvingville	250.23	280.76	Concord	20,655.97	20,828.04
New Middle Fork	100.00	200.00	Hamlet Missionary	3,866.11	2,764.76	Lewisburg	1,052.96	1,458.64	Crofton	3,286.74	4,772.97
Rough Creek	0.00	0.00	Hazel	18,333.42	12,175.03	Locust Grove	848.15	787.39	Eastview	1,000.00	1,200.00
Scottsville	18,317.84	11,655.86	Hilltop	588.25	669.35	Mays Lick	2,756.53	2,618.91	Edgewood	22,993.00	24,252.81
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Subtotals	25,680.68	26,855.99	Ledbetter	662.67	655.82	Oak Ridge	786.00	714.00	Henderson Memorial	18,477.74	18,249.58
<b>Anderson Association</b>			Locust Grove	10,681.37	13,926.11	Owingsville	3,707.26	3,760.18	Hillcrest	55,546.38	62,894.50
Alton	19,739.13	16,603.93	Memorial	12,126.84	13,974.72	Plainview	403.64	536.71	Hopkinsville First	29,460.42	37,638.27
Ballard	1,210.38	1,259.10	Murray First	61,930.56	62,262.17	Powersville	850.00	1,020.00	Hopkinsville Second	83,009.23	86,107.93
Fellowship	270.00	500.00	New Bethel	2,520.00	7,318.00	Sharpsburg	125.00	150.00	Kelly	7,212.35	6,184.20
Freedom	1,571.00	1,408.00	New Harmony	15,729.28	23,437.41	Slaty Point	409.00	444.00	LaFayette	1,820.00	1,250.00
Glensboro	2,878.11	2,278.30	New Mount Carmel	2,246.01	1,701.44	Southern Manor	542.00	420.00	Lakeview	748.00	763.00
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Mount Pleasant	420.76	290.00	Oak Grove	5,498.73	4,461.17	Subtotals	54,398.56	52,490.23	Macedonia	1,671.89	1,837.60
Pleasant Grove	125.00	150.00	Olive Missionary	6,667.70	8,857.75	<b>Breckinridge Association</b>			Means Avenue	0.00	0.00
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Van Buren	835.00	550.00	Pleasant Valley	1,800.00	1,800.00	Corinth	24,359.66	17,485.90	New Palestine	5,932.97	5,944.11
Subtotals	127,343.94	115,848.17	Poplar Spring	3,832.73	3,360.21	English	1,104.00	288.00	Oak Grove First	2,586.51	4,226.76
<b>Bell Association</b>			Salem	5,435.39	4,150.13	Friendship	700.00	700.00	Olivet	10,819.27	11,518.25
Bethlehem	1,168.08	1,034.82	Scotts Grove	2,195.83	2,034.71	Goshen	1,333.00	1,423.00	Pembroke	6,499.18	8,836.44
Binghamtown	3,500.04	2,916.70	Sharpe Missionary	9,383.00	16,537.00	Hardinsburg	29,437.90	24,333.36	Pleasant Green	1,281.42	1,396.38
Blackmont	300.00	300.00	Sinking Spring	1,750.00	850.00	Hites Run	2,873.26	3,602.34	Pleasant Hill	1,650.00	1,100.00
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Forest Grove	2,344.74	2,478.64	Means	3,485.00	3,241.00	New Bethel	3,491.75	2,293.15	Sherman	7,928.58	8,493.94
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Guthrie	5,010.75	5,979.47	New Harmony	204.00	178.00	Pleasant Grove	3,808.43	4,984.42	Stewartville	411.00	305.00
Keysburg	1,448.28	1,391.30	New Hope	651.60	630.00	Pleasant Hill	956.98	1,337.58	Trinity Southern	2,361.64	3,661.06
Middleton	3,048.91	2,867.95	Northside	4,347.03	5,418.86	Princeton First	32,231.03	41,505.75	Turner Ridge	8,859.99	11,673.74
Mount Gilead	125.00	750.00	Panola	510.39	673.96	Princeton Second	2,982.16	2,795.04	Unity	8,269.96	7,614.05
Mount Zion	1,122.21	761.39	Powells Valley	1,072.73	661.68	Quinn	730.40	1,129.40	Victory	458.00	267.00
New Union	5,732.26	6,102.89	Providence	750.00	900.00	Southside	13,995.99	13,864.00	Williamstown	19,654.15	27,437.02
Post Oak	11,499.96	11,499.96	Reid Village	831.00	1,005.00	Sugar Creek	2,340.86	2,851.85	Subtotals	109,345.58	128,736.00
Russellville First	27,561.46	26,507.84	Salem	3,422.00	3,034.00	Suwanee Furnace	1,509.32	1,983.24	<b>Davies-McLean Association</b>		
Russellville Second	14,016.30	26,042.52	Spears Mill	3,942.00	3,468.00	Unity Fredonia	930.06	973.22	Apollo Heights	1,860.24	1,525.00
Sharon Grove	3,301.00	3,489.00	Spring Street	1,769.00	1,947.00	Victory	0.00	0.00	Bellevue	55,422.56	64,037.35
Southern Heights	8,530.68	10,096.98	Thomas	1,249.04	1,637.58	Walnut Grove	15,381.45	13,713.13	Bethabara	16,150.94	18,064.35
Spring Valley	698.34	800.72	Valley View	197.48	61.56	White Sulphur	2,405.64	3,168.62	Bethel	822.61	957.38
Tiny Town	630.00	728.07	Williams Memorial	1,784.02	1,579.61	Subtotals	221,820.02	239,245.12	Brushy Fork	1,441.36	966.11
Trenton	12,097.28	10,757.07	Subtotals	156,407.96	161,362.31	<b>Casey County Association</b>			Buck Creek	7,430.75	8,133.64
Walnut Grove	10,945.05	13,073.36	<b>Booneville Association</b>			Chestnut Grove	0.00	200.00	Buena Vista	15,758.27	13,988.25
Whippoorwill	1,991.75	2,214.94	Big Creek	1,107.28	1,990.85	Clearview	500.00	500.00	Buttonsberry	380.99	508.89
Woodlawn	2,647.78	3,056.64	Black Water Second	554.98	521.61	Creston Missionary	935.00	1,010.00	Calhoun		

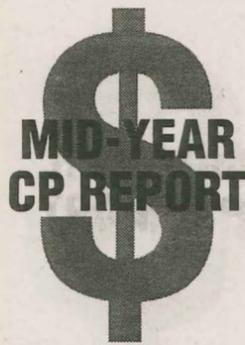


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Sorgho	4,638.49	4,666.34
South Hampton	2,973.50	3,151.00
Southeast	910.70	508.70
Stanley	443.25	532.03
Station	2,497.61	2,862.38
Sugar Grove	5,472.57	5,428.77
Utica	7,397.86	6,646.29
Walnut Memorial	6,853.07	7,100.25
Whitesville	1,800.00	1,800.00
Wing Avenue	2,365.00	985.00
Yellow Creek	38,666.53	39,633.93
Yelvington	2,980.02	2,816.17
Subtotals	538,948.30	537,084.37
<b>East Lynn Association</b>		
Corinth Missionary	600.00	600.00
Holly Grove	2,153.94	2,282.33
Mount Carmel	300.00	300.00
Rolling Fork	0.00	400.00
South Summersville	2,000.46	2,238.94
Subtotals	5,054.40	5,821.27
<b>East Union Association</b>		
Kensee	469.33	462.72
Subtotals	469.33	462.72
<b>Elkhorn Association</b>		
Anchor	3,392.00	3,918.00
Ashland Avenue	3,889.72	5,745.66
Becknerville	149.29	145.80
Broadway	10,364.04	13,718.64
Brookside	2,227.15	2,237.50
Cadentown	0.00	500.00
Calvary	13,224.69	14,302.58
Cane Run	4,256.24	4,520.62
Central	13,005.57	9,317.71
Central	0.00	0.00
Chevy Chase	6,808.69	2,466.52
Clear Creek	3,369.00	3,876.00
Clover Bottom	1,350.00	900.00
Corbin First	600.00	600.00
Cornerstone	13,268.51	13,257.00
Crosswoods	6,491.20	6,621.44
Dauids Fork	0.00	700.00
Dry Run	2,258.60	0.00
Durbin Memorial	4,336.63	4,729.86
East Hickman	5,116.28	4,993.12
Eastside	942.50	559.50
Edgewood	25,199.58	31,838.18
Faith	0.00	0.00
Faith Covenant	300.00	300.00
Gano Avenue	12,165.51	15,051.76
Gardenside	14,758.30	1,252.14
Georgetown	12,522.04	13,877.57
Glens Creek	3,589.00	4,638.00
Grace	7,939.68	3,000.00
Great Crossing	6,607.50	6,887.89
Highlands	9,740.00	11,366.67
Hillcrest	3,214.00	3,016.00
Hillsboro	1,456.47	1,365.32
Imani	0.00	1,000.00
Immanuel	133,873.58	163,438.20
Lawrenceburg Community	985.51	1,132.04
Lexington First	533.88	533.88
Living Hope Fellowship	250.00	400.00
Long Lick	2,961.55	3,004.00
Lyle Road	0.00	20.00
Mallard Point	1,066.96	2,047.56
Midway	1,447.50	1,187.50
Millville	7,143.82	6,898.63
Mount Freedom	3,879.53	4,544.88
Mount Pleasant	4,398.76	3,101.21
Mount Sterling First	5,395.83	6,500.02
New Hope	11,775.51	13,214.14
Nicholasville	5,109.69	4,539.14
North View	10,413.52	11,612.10
Open Door Community	393.05	282.82
Palomar	6,778.79	7,971.47
Paris First	19,602.10	22,554.66
Parkway	8,199.11	8,008.64
Penn Avenue	0.00	0.00
Pinckard	10,089.74	11,402.43
Porter Memorial	214,396.16	218,972.01
Rosemont	11,673.39	17,603.06
Russell Cave	759.46	1,426.06
Shawhan	400.00	469.00
Silas	1,367.75	1,777.41
South Elkhorn	5,927.13	6,503.96
Southern Heights	17,399.67	17,640.43
Southside	0.00	525.00
Stamping Ground	2,700.00	2,766.00
Tatesbrook	3,333.68	2,176.66
Trinity	2,496.00	2,496.00
Versailles	40,674.57	40,554.78
Victory	19,007.48	22,074.29
White Sulphur	3,826.86	2,194.19
Winchester First	4,408.51	4,340.51
Subtotals	755,211.28	800,616.16
<b>Enterprise Association</b>		
Allen First	1,470.00	1,690.00
Benedict	549.35	509.62
Brushy Fork Missionary	600.00	500.00
Fitzpatrick First	2,227.00	2,576.00
Garrett First	414.84	553.12
Inez First	3,194.50	3,480.52
Ivlyton	0.00	220.70
Jacks Creek	378.44	196.62
Lancer	1,062.25	0.00
Liberty	1,124.48	1,220.05
Licking River	450.00	525.00
Martin First	171.00	193.49
McDowell First	2,594.92	2,481.54
Mount Beulah	480.00	480.00
Paintsville First	18,004.68	15,935.07
Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Home	380.00	424.00
Prestonsburg First	12,225.10	13,060.00

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Salyersville First	5,256.23	4,559.47
Tomahawk Missionary	0.00	0.00
Topmost	525.00	525.00
Warfield Missionary	500.00	600.00
West Van Lear	125.00	150.00
Wheelwright First	225.20	123.22
Subtotals	51,957.99	50,003.42
<b>Franklin Association</b>		
Bellepoint	2,957.64	3,018.42
Bethel	2,300.00	2,500.00
Buck Run	34,992.00	40,177.89
Calvary	2,742.22	2,676.93
Camp Pleasant	0.00	525.00
Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00
Crestwood	32,312.07	36,892.52
East Frankfort	4,916.15	4,967.20
Evergreen	5,333.36	3,333.35
Faith	2,645.11	5,779.13
Farmdale	3,960.00	3,998.00
Forks of Elkhorn	8,132.21	10,324.34
Hillcrest	6,478.30	6,553.68
Immanuel	0.00	0.00
Memorial	14,793.73	19,573.91
Mount Carmel	0.00	1,191.05
Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00
North Benson	3,859.17	4,230.13
North Fork	1,364.13	1,154.07
North Frankfort	1,200.00	1,700.00
Peaks Mill	150.00	150.00
Pleasant Ridge	946.37	448.58
Providence	11,245.08	11,260.48
St John	2,635.93	2,511.32
Swallowfield	250.00	300.00
Thornhill	21,800.00	27,197.86
Trinity	0.00	550.00
Westview	667.00	904.03
Subtotals	165,680.47	191,917.89
<b>Freedom Association</b>		
Albany First	9,300.00	9,300.00
Branham Grove	0.00	0.00
Burkesville	4,414.71	5,326.11
Cave Springs	4,520.00	6,300.00
Central Grove	1,190.76	1,723.40
Green Grove Missionary	827.00	0.00
Pikeview	585.00	1,620.00
Stony Point	5,263.48	5,888.72
Subtotals	26,100.95	30,158.23
<b>Gasper River Association</b>		
Aberdeen	7,774.00	7,362.00
Barnetts Lick	1,435.00	1,117.00
Bethel	654.44	782.12
Big Muddy	900.00	2,330.00
Carve Rock	2,098.06	2,093.36
Chapel Union	362.28	579.09
Huntsville	0.00	0.00
Monticello	1,059.66	1,421.06
Morgantown First	7,054.38	6,412.60
Mount Liberty	100.00	50.00
Mount Olivet	2,264.28	1,935.17
Mount Vernon Missionary	2,451.00	2,602.42
New Liberty	842.85	400.00
New Midway	495.95	698.00
Pleasant Grove	280.00	240.00
Quality	530.82	945.08
Richland	2,292.24	2,912.32
Rochester	2,267.00	1,980.00
Rock Spring	0.00	0.00
Salem	2,742.00	2,081.00
Sandy Creek	1,945.62	2,132.00
Union	3,017.70	2,599.00
Subtotals	40,567.28	40,672.22
<b>Goshen Association</b>		
Grandview	60.00	0.00
Millwood Missionary	50.00	50.00
Subtotals	110.00	50.00
<b>Graves County Association</b>		
Baltimore	300.00	300.00
Bell City	160.00	270.00
Bethany	1,235.06	1,176.23
Clarks River	3,402.00	3,402.00
Cuba	2,553.95	2,321.58
Emmanuel	632.13	635.10
Enon	1,200.00	1,200.00
Farmington	6,621.48	7,248.31
Fellowship	608.49	791.18
Hardmoney	1,425.00	1,750.00
Hickory Missionary	1,170.00	1,170.00
High Point	17,435.08	18,496.76
Liberty	9,258.11	8,830.33
Little Bethel	0.00	0.00
Lynnville	700.00	600.00
Mayfield First	37,500.00	35,000.00
Melber	680.19	497.15
Mount Olivet	662.52	551.94
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00
New Concord	200.00	200.00
New Home	1,782.00	1,704.00
New Hope	158.34	426.67
New Liberty	1,804.60	1,666.43
New Vision	150.00	150.00
Northside	18,193.22	17,837.83
Oak Grove	300.00	300.00
Pilot Oak	1,250.00	1,850.00
Pryorsburg	0.00	2,500.00
Sedalia	3,885.14	3,485.22
Sharon	7,599.59	9,051.21
South First Street	216.34	0.00
Trace Creek	5,500.00	20,625.00
Viola Missionary	574.21	738.89
Water Valley	150.00	150.00
West Broadway	1,277.00	1,276.00
Wingo	0.00	0.00
Subtotals	128,584.45	146,201.85

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<b>Grayson County Association</b>		
Caneyville	1,732.53	2,316.87
Clarkson	8,077.17	21,097.19
Clearview	0.00	440.10
Falls of Rough	2,847.61	337.61
Hanging Rock	1,207.06	1,348.49
Holly	638.00	1,064.00
Leitchfield First	13,003.91	9,585.00
Liberty	851.00	1,050.00
Little Clifty	3,753.16	3,885.51
New Harvest	1,318.88	600.00
New Hope Missionary	222.00	222.00
Shrewsbury	946.67	0.00
Subtotals	34,597.99	41,946.77
<b>Green Valley Association</b>		
Advance	1,263.01	2,197.08
Airline	6,254.25	7,081.29
Ambassador	1,183.99	1,354.99
Audubon	7,381.00	8,523.00
Bellfield	10,698.00	12,195.00
Bethel	1,460.53	1,078.85
Calvary Missionary	7,752.66	6,970.10
Cash Creek	2,996.33	3,149.67
Corydon Missionary	687.33	4,543.44
Dupey	123.00	90.00
Eastview	2,401.94	3,325.56
Finley	2,197.21	0.00
Geneva	834.00	890.00
Henderson First	60,928.84	76,798.63
Hyland	7,496.93	6,250.00
Immanuel Baptist Temple	16,653.68	20,591.09
Lawndale	851.49	811.96
Morganfield First	20,745.91	21,714.67
Mount Pleasant	2,085.16	3,284.45
New Hope	3,213.21	2,164.38
Poole Missionary	2,810.83	2,601.91
Robards Missionary	688.67	1,578.49
Sebree First	14,111.46	9,842.75
Spottsville	3,175.44	4,039.48
Watson Lane	481.29	450.00
Zion	12,490.00	12,506.66
Subtotals	190,966.16	214,033.45
<b>Greenup Association</b>		
Ashland	1,351.13	1,282.94
Ashland First	5,087.50	3,335.00
Ashland Second	2,371.62	1,886.59
Barretts Creek	401.06	343.53
Belmont	574.00	572.29
Blackburn Avenue	120.00	120.00
Burnaugh	6,461.56	5,892.04
Cannonsburg First	10,893.00	9,544.75
Central	1,200.00	1,200.00
Chadwicks Creek	1,212.49	1,022.06
Cherryville	2,115.00	2,187.00
Crane Creek	592.00	737.20
Danleyton	800.03	0.00
Emmanuel	446.00	683.00
Everman	0.00	0.00
Fairview	14,062.88	21,117.71
Faith	379.54	378.25
Fellowship	768.00	1,450.00
Flatwoods First	3,774.00	4,512.00
Garner	5,785.62	4,934.04
Grace	1,650.00	1,650.00
Grayson First	9,333.31	8,000.06
Greenup First	5,657.00	6,318.00
Rochester	500.00	500.00
Kenwood	843.05	734.95
Kirk Memorial	240.00	240.00
Liberty	1,496.74	1,887.05
Lloyd First	5,243.23	6,062.42
Louisa First	19,945.00	11,096.00
Oakland Avenue	20,935.42	22,617.00
Olive Hill First	8,769.52	12,497.36
Raceland First	698.06	1,088.54
Richardson	264.08	388.70
Riverview	953.66	967.57
Rose Hill	33,486.59	30,634.35
Russell First	28,826.14	47,212.21
Sandy Hook First	1,140.00	0.00
South Shore First	3,095.58	2,306.40
Summit	3,194.66	2,906.53
Unity	31,879.63	33,111.36
Wayside	200.00	300.00
Wildwood	19,270.73	19,596.22
Willard	1,566.64	1,720.62
Wilson Creek	3,044.00	2,503.42
Wolf Creek	2,545.40	3,365.25
Worthington First	809.34	814.45
Wurtland First	747.33	611.68
Subtotals	264,730.54	280,328.54
<b>Henry County Association</b>		
Bethlehem Missionary	3,519.00	2,927.00
Campbellsburg	2,771.35	2,500.00
Campbellsburg Second	0.00	0.00
Eminence	0.00	0.00
Franklinton	0.00	389.29
Hopewell	100.00	600.00
Lockport	2,079.13	2,391.37



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Drakes Creek	1,361.75	1,467.47
Fairview	14,560.11	12,872.53
Freedom	6,605.00	6,930.00
Friendship	84.00	0.00
Geneva	0.00	0.00
Harris Creek	596.04	446.21
Houstonville	2,400.00	2,400.00
Locust Grove	300.00	350.00
McKinney	3,807.72	2,856.26
Mount Hebron	1,181.36	1,058.99
Mount Salem	464.13	1,129.52
New Salem	4,611.63	5,395.38
Olive	541.74	544.53
Parlor Grove	1,829.00	1,827.00
Pilot	197.19	370.59
Pleasant Point	2,644.00	1,951.41
Pleasant View	15,904.37	16,433.55
Polly Ann	1,062.97	0.00
Pond	0.00	751.31
South Fork	410.26	434.88
Stanford	13,430.71	12,197.80
Watts Chapel	1,200.00	1,800.00
Subtotals	86,986.89	84,419.08

**Little Bethel Association**

Charleston First Missionary	3,000.00	3,000.00
Concord Missionary	4,696.55	5,134.08
Corinth	0.00	100.00
Dalton	820.63	858.20
Dawson Springs First	3,652.00	8,000.00
Diamond	0.00	0.00
Dixon First	2,359.09	3,582.97
Dunn Missionary	2,966.29	2,989.48
Earlington First	12,626.32	7,833.76
Freedom	189.74	206.67
Grapevine	17,496.15	14,663.99
Hanson First	15,482.06	6,516.51
Harmony	493.10	478.00
Immanuel	5,889.67	5,610.60
Johnson Island	2,156.00	3,337.00
LaFayette	0.00	0.00
Lakeview Missionary	600.00	600.00
Liberty	15,017.57	15,614.75
Madisonville First	22,252.00	18,540.00
Madisonville Second	13,461.45	13,197.06
Manitou	0.00	0.00
Mannington	200.00	160.00
Mortons Gap First	2,191.25	1,223.66
Mortons Gap Second	1,654.70	1,958.41
Nebo	4,120.60	3,675.88
New Hope	258.00	196.13
New Salem	6,558.63	8,606.93
Nortonville	5,649.31	7,084.61
Olive Branch	9,826.62	9,307.86
Park Avenue	8,776.12	7,776.37
Pleasant Grove	1,897.70	1,928.20
Pleasant Valley Missionary	3,186.20	3,749.92
Pleasant View	746.96	723.13
Pond River	100.00	0.00
Prospect Missionary	258.50	654.40
Providence First	2,890.35	3,342.16
Providence Second	2,205.10	4,191.06
Richland	778.00	1,581.00
Salem	14,296.11	12,359.95
Silent Run Missionary	2,134.74	2,031.72
Slaughters	4,764.63	6,132.00
Slover	878.41	930.34
Suthards Missionary	1,553.00	1,891.00
Victory	10,163.00	4,556.86
White Plains Missionary	969.87	937.38
Zion Brick Missionary	150.00	150.00
Subtotals	209,366.42	195,412.04

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Bethany	1,512.95	1,088.39
Buffalo Lick	2,798.17	7,708.02
Cadiz	27,662.36	22,351.40
Caldwell Blue Spring	2,122.28	2,877.92
Canton	300.00	325.74
Cerulean	7,952.00	7,448.00
Delmont	2,592.10	3,287.56
Donaldson Creek	4,520.16	4,041.22
East Cadiz	5,712.09	7,015.77
Hurricane	11,761.53	13,009.00
Liberty Point	8,278.14	9,950.39
Locust Grove	6,626.60	4,306.83
Maple Grove	2,000.00	1,300.00
New Hope	5,619.83	4,802.11
Oak Grove	13,019.73	10,434.23
Ponderosa	1,416.45	2,390.43
Rock Front	1,050.00	500.00
Rocky Ridge	1,343.13	719.30
Rocky Ridge Missionary	219.35	0.00
Solid Rock	150.00	125.00
South Union	1,417.01	1,473.75
Trigg County	428.46	331.26
Wallonia	1,800.00	1,800.00
Subtotals	110,302.34	107,286.32

**Logan Association**

Antioch	3,988.44	3,885.60
Beechland	1,196.29	967.45
Bellview	1,038.35	0.00
Britmart	1,687.78	1,468.75
Cave Spring	2,492.16	2,766.96
Center	2,320.00	2,100.00
Concord	1,270.98	150.00
Elk Lick	10,072.67	15,055.77
Epley	505.47	264.44
Green Ridge	838.54	906.06
Guptons Grove	1,321.63	1,270.45
Liberty	6,150.00	6,140.00
Mount Pleasant	12,136.27	15,219.11
Mount Tabor Missionary	2,610.00	2,710.00
New Cedar Grove	2,181.74	2,902.62
New Friendship	4,000.00	7,266.00
New Hope	2,111.97	2,248.67
Oak Forest	750.00	900.00

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Oak Grove	15,494.64	11,720.81
Pleasant Hill	462.00	320.00
Subtotals	72,628.93	78,262.69

**Long Run Association**

Arcade	150.00	250.00
Ashby Lane	477.47	0.00
Auburndale	2,953.25	6,764.57
Audubon	0.00	0.00
Baptist Tabernacle	1,310.26	1,289.52
Bashford Manor	852.22	689.36
Baxter Avenue	452.81	712.29
Beechland	4,735.45	9,131.84
Beechmont	6,632.53	6,789.23
Beechwood	5,039.03	7,297.12
Bethany	8,421.94	9,082.82
Bethlehem	12,959.00	15,289.61
Broadway	9,990.21	0.00
Brooks	1,888.75	1,167.87
Brookview	1,507.58	1,470.83
Buechel Park	0.00	0.00
Cardinal Hill	925.00	1,030.00
Carlisle Avenue	13,020.00	19,050.00
Cedar Creek	15,945.15	23,910.86
Chapel Park	2,713.03	2,549.24
Chenoweth Park	450.00	450.00
Clifton	1,200.00	1,000.00
Clifton Heights	190.41	1,049.96
Cloverleaf	16,149.99	16,300.02
Cove	775.27	635.34
Crescent Hill	101.96	33.72
Deer Park	3,684.13	3,415.71
East Audubon	600.00	400.00
Eastern Gate	5,544.48	4,344.01
Eastern Parkway	619.12	563.69
Eastwood First	721.96	781.39
Eighteenth Street	903.42	823.05
Elk Creek	3,880.56	4,858.28
Evangelical	150.00	22.03
Fairdale First	4,862.06	5,467.73
Fairmount	1,291.59	1,065.27
Farmdale	10,770.13	12,322.76
Fern Creek	1,334.56	950.00
Fisherville First	5,154.41	7,106.68
Foster Avenue	4,087.00	3,559.00
Fourth Avenue	1,620.00	540.00
Franklin Street	0.00	370.42
Garfield Avenue	0.00	0.00
Gethsemane	5,134.60	5,047.33
Green Acres	2,506.12	2,821.62
Hazelwood	5,663.00	2,222.00
Highland	1,265.28	1,050.00
Highland Park First	5,514.89	6,340.40
Highview	76,166.64	76,833.32
Hillcrest	1,634.80	1,267.27
Hillsdale	5,784.14	5,531.32
Hillview	0.00	0.00
Hopewell	5,143.76	5,746.32
Hunsinger Lane	10,561.87	13,695.00
Hurstbourne	35,242.45	34,250.80
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Jerusalem	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	1,146.74	0.00
Jeffersontown	1,514.31	1,418.21
Kenwood	1,360.00	1,180.00
Keys Ferry	374.66	300.00
Kings	21,734.87	22,084.98
Korean Baptist Mission	50.00	250.00
Korean First	900.00	750.00
Kosmosdale	1,102.50	1,156.98
Lake Dreamland	114.90	46.08
Lakeside	1,047.05	646.98
Lakewood	12,684.40	8,987.88
Lees Lane	2,296.53	557.00
Little Flock	6,100.00	6,200.00
Living Hope	7,243.43	8,753.75
Long Run	329.81	358.46
Louisville Baptist Deaf Church	740.09	982.22
Louisville Chinese Christian	536.01	2,200.00
Lyndon	1,744.28	1,500.67
Lynn Acres	800.00	550.00
Manly Memorial	140.00	120.00
Maple Grove	3,739.32	2,744.25
Meadow Hill	6,932.39	5,129.78
Melbourne Heights	1,942.19	4,521.15
Middletown First	0.00	420.00
Midlane Park	272.82	297.16
Morningside	726.76	629.74
Mount Elmira	3,172.15	3,088.51
New Cut Road	6,120.23	6,693.79
New Heights	75.00	0.00
New Salem	499.98	499.98
Ninth and O	11,400.00	12,368.00
North Oldham	675.00	450.00
Okolona	0.00	0.00
Ormsby Heights	12,571.45	8,421.57
Parkland	14,869.38	18,952.42
Parkwood	7,423.85	5,649.72
Penile	1,219.32	798.75
People of the Way Community	157.20	155.04
Pleasant Grove	3,566.59	2,072.70
Plum Creek	5,785.46	8,721.35
Prospect First	240.00	522.00
Ralph Avenue	21,394.11	18,260.76
Ridgeview	1,142.68	1,229.47
Ridgewood	0.00	0.00
Riverside	0.00	0.00
Rockford Lane	13,979.55	12,045.83
Seaton Park	0.00	0.00
Shively	58,306.00	52,166.00
Shively Heights	3,909.62	4,483.91
Sojourn	2,574.71	8,096.65
South Jefferson	15,495.00	15,566.00
South Watterson Trail	3,000.00	3,000.00
Southminster	0.00	0.00
Southside	1,260.00	980.00
Springdale	15,299.96	600.00
St Matthews	1,420.00	1,700.00
St Paul Missionary	1,670.00	1,670.00

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Summitt Hills	3,621.14	3,696.27
Sunnyside	2,231.19	2,105.22
Taylorville First	11,447.02	10,481.63
Third Avenue	74.68	104.19
Thixton Lane	1,910.00	1,600.00
Valley Station	11,570.73	9,048.32
Valley View	11,848.51	13,172.55
Van Buren	880.73	1,260.17
Victory Memorial	5,323.78	5,222.92
Vine Street	850.49	776.41
Walnut Street	20,882.77	22,858.00
West Broadway	13,337.52	12,113.77
Westport Road	51,045.78	68,935.15
Woodland	10,103.64	9,948.71
Yorktown	540.00	1,033.34
Subtotals	737,150.56	749,673.99

**Lynn Association**

Aetna Grove	5,171.18	7,533.11
Boiling Springs	1,399.30	1,890.04
Friendship #2	480.00	400.00
Knoxes Creek	855.34	968.14
Leitchfield Crossing	2,432.65	2,009.84
Lincoln Memorial	0.00	0.00
Lucas Grove	2,359.09	2,137.62
Mount Moriah	2,853.45	2,136.13
Mount Olivet	500.00	0.00
Mount Pisgah	930.55	934.00
Mount Tabor	2,400.00	2,400.00
Munfordville	5,456.92	5,846.74
Oak Hill	4,179.03	2,576.97
Pikeview	250.00	250.00
South Fork	910.80	1,113.20
Three Forks Bacon Creek	1,200.00	1,200.00
Upton	4,072.65	5,681.03
Subtotals	35,450.96	37,076.82

**McCreary County Association**

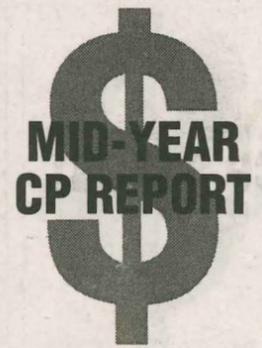
Bethel	0.00	2,730.12
Hill Top Missionary	1,632.00	1,668.00
Pine Knot Southern	874.84	1,250.82
Stearns First	3,500.00	2,546.00
Walkers Chapel	1,552.43	923.40
Whitley City First	15,360.38	16,032.04
Subtotals	22,919.65	25,150.38

**Mercer Association**

Benton	1,788.96	2,905.96
Bethel	15,976.20	17,456.81
Bruners Chapel	31,091.19	34,409.54
Buena Vista	0.00	1,000.00
Burgin	19,673.47	21,598.77
Calvary	5,798.40	4,604.64
Cornishville	875.00	875.00
Deep Creek	3,093.98	2,496.89
Dry Branch	0.00	0.00
Ellers Memorial	545.00	610.00
Fellowship	9,045.00	7,285.00
Harrodsburg	11,464.59	8,376.24
Hopewell	8,376.28	9,262.75
Kirkwood	2,438.18	2,079.03
Pioneer	4,840.00	4,252.00
Salvisa	8,915.37	8,764.26
Shakertown	960.00	960.00
Shawnee Run	5,125.87	4,192.89
Subtotals	130,007.49	131,129.78

**Monroe Association**

Akersville	393.36	413.90
Fountain Run First	5,400.11	4,752.69
Garnett	5,017.67	3,038.60
Indian Creek	3,522.00	3,154.00
Mill Creek	1,440.00	1,440.00
Milltown Baptist Chapel	250.00	0.00
Monroe	90.00	90.00
Peters Creek	0.00	0.00
Rock Bridge	0.00	0.00
Temple Hill	4,278.00	3,690.00
Tompkinsville First	6,848.00	7,240.00
Subtotals	27,239.14	23,81



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Clear Run	725.56	2,764.88	South Fork	3,556.33	3,216.31	Mount Pleasant	3,125.05	2,682.00	Stithon	18,294.40	20,592.98
Concord	3,095.95	3,252.01	Squiresville	2,679.00	3,349.00	Mount Vernon First	28,045.92	30,198.92	Tunnel Hill	9,188.40	9,005.09
Cool Springs	210.00	105.00	Subtotals	92,566.57	96,386.62	Mount Zion	314.69	603.11	Unity	646.85	709.59
Deanfield	735.30	943.70	<b>Pike Association</b>			Northside	1,874.97	1,000.00	Valley Creek	26,218.61	26,868.99
Dundee	270.00	315.00	Aflex	27.82	198.67	Ottawa	4,655.00	3,233.00	Valley View	6,116.01	13,504.59
East Fork	915.89	576.98	Belfry First	6,878.42	3,629.53	Pine Hill Missionary	738.48	825.72	Vertrees	933.81	312.90
East Hartford	3,136.55	854.63	Brushy Creek BC	412.50	137.50	Pleasant Run	573.00	464.00	Vine Grove	150.00	300.00
Fairview	1,020.00	776.00	Calvary Southern	2,703.00	2,003.00	Poplar Grove	1,600.94	1,749.23	White Mills	1,650.00	1,400.00
Fordsville	7,150.14	6,382.18	Elkhorn City	4,063.80	3,736.01	Roundstone	25.00	0.00	Youngers Creek	14,657.03	14,614.65
Green River	5,359.18	5,541.59	Elkhorn City	4,063.80	3,736.01	Scaffold Cane	936.00	1,033.00	Subtotals	444,321.93	400,159.91
Hartford	11,078.09	11,612.58	Faith Baptist of Myra	2,047.33	2,106.08	Valley	607.85	854.62	<b>Shelby Association</b>		
Hartford Second	1,347.80	1,254.09	Faith First	1,488.32	1,625.07	Subtotals	60,313.39	60,600.21	Bagdad	925.85	515.70
Independence	1,098.62	968.94	Feds Creek	330.00	0.00	<b>Russell County Association</b>			Beechridge	1,057.62	1,565.05
McGrady Creek	0.00	0.00	Forest Hills First	5,383.18	5,229.61	Clear Springs	250.00	300.00	Bethlehem	1,366.39	2,795.98
McHenry	4,844.00	5,284.00	Grace	5,150.57	5,440.56	Clearfork	900.00	900.00	Buffalo Lick	1,758.53	2,141.52
Mount Carmel	7,762.14	8,176.66	Hellier Missionary	725.43	539.75	Dunnville First	338.48	555.00	Burks Branch	10,133.70	0.00
Mount Zion	50.00	300.00	Immanuel	10,198.06	6,280.45	Fairview	390.00	390.00	Christiansburg	3,626.27	3,637.85
Narrows	0.00	0.00	Jenkins First	3,696.78	2,026.49	Friendship	1,027.88	1,524.46	Clayville	3,147.61	3,421.83
New Panther Creek	598.75	480.60	Marrowbone Missionary	600.00	500.00	Indian Hill	276.75	276.18	Cropper	5,210.60	4,689.30
New Zion	0.00	0.00	Mayflower Unity	1,583.80	1,900.56	Jamestown First	7,363.84	6,332.30	Dover	2,816.16	3,153.13
Olaton	545.00	657.80	McVeigh	7,117.00	5,454.00	Liberty	4,567.58	4,216.89	Elmberg	262.50	262.50
Pleasant Grove	829.30	1,111.32	Meta	4,835.74	4,285.72	Mount Olive	1,753.94	1,603.14	Finchville	3,990.00	2,660.00
Pleasant Hill	903.75	979.42	Mouthcard	2,302.24	200.00	Mount Vernon	3,252.28	2,953.13	Graefenburg	18,813.85	35,133.09
Pond Run	1,982.98	2,116.85	Phelps First	427.00	373.00	New Victory	594.93	610.10	Hempridge	2,077.05	1,729.22
Providence	2,324.15	2,430.61	Pikeville First	32,954.00	35,207.28	Poplar Grove	1,018.07	762.95	Henderson House Mission	616.50	4,500.10
Ridgecrest	2,457.55	2,125.35	Sidney Missionary	5,434.73	6,860.88	Russell Springs First	19,384.32	14,709.00	Highland	21,270.91	22,855.62
Rockport	887.67	1,033.49	Stone	390.09	150.00	Welfare	2,509.44	2,688.32	Highland Baptist Mission	477.75	836.36
Slaty Creek	1,337.32	1,135.78	Sutton	2,225.40	2,397.84	Virgie	3,356.15	2,750.90	Indian Fork	225.00	220.00
Smallhouse	343.76	361.28	Subtotals	104,331.36	93,032.90	<b>Russell Creek Association</b>			Little Mount	0.00	0.00
Waltons Creek	647.21	631.40	<b>Pulaski Association</b>			Beech Grove	3,855.07	3,826.92	Mount Moriah	5,779.80	3,379.00
West Point	0.00	0.00	Acorn	745.60	1,173.49	Bethany	597.80	699.00	Mount Pleasant	715.40	1,138.76
West Providence	886.34	1,073.41	Barnesburg	4,677.20	5,010.47	Bethlehem	4,372.00	4,705.00	Mount Vernon	1,631.07	1,964.50
Zion	1,697.79	1,684.88	Beacon Hill	32,458.36	34,502.67	Brush Creek	0.00	0.00	Pigeon Fork	3,648.27	3,502.20
Subtotals	124,537.01	124,756.74	Bethany	836.20	660.00	Cane Valley	1,955.73	1,797.91	Salem	8,430.24	8,860.64
<b>Ohio River Association</b>			Bethel	4,309.55	6,426.53	Charity	762.93	697.97	Shelbyville First	74,120.16	64,292.50
Baker	330.00	558.00	Bethlehem	5,252.34	4,362.61	Columbia	22,343.08	13,052.20	Simpsonville	18,703.53	18,898.84
Birdsville	899.30	846.80	Bronston First	2,828.43	2,714.74	Fry	270.00	270.00	Waddy	3,093.11	3,408.47
Caldwell Springs	920.29	2,155.00	Buck Creek	0.00	358.32	Greasy Creek	2,653.21	4,499.16	Subtotals	193,897.87	195,562.16
Calvary	1,988.01	2,436.59	Buena Vista	11,877.22	14,079.77	Green Hill	665.15	828.65	<b>Simpson Association</b>		
Cave Springs	200.33	240.00	Burnetta	1,377.14	1,363.65	Greensburg	19,068.56	20,007.77	Barbe	3,381.67	1,271.00
Central	43.10	113.65	Burnside First	1,674.20	2,186.80	Harrods Fork	50.00	50.00	Blackjack	8,407.08	7,592.95
Corinth	250.00	300.00	Calvary	8,140.07	9,432.59	Macedonia	1,846.00	490.00	Calvary	500.00	2,700.00
Crooked Creek	878.19	674.33	Camp Ground	7,370.60	6,854.62	Mount Gilead	1,047.72	1,070.60	Cedar Grove	1,425.14	2,588.62
Deer Creek	4,672.25	4,804.94	Cedar Point	1,708.00	404.00	New Salem	580.39	1,695.00	Fairview	150.00	0.00
Dycusburg	1,961.99	2,573.25	Clifty Grove	1,091.97	1,349.87	Pierces Chapel	0.00	100.00	Franklin First	23,317.51	23,152.00
Emmanuel	4,488.58	3,791.80	Community	988.81	748.60	Pleasant Ridge	341.71	405.02	Lake Spring	5,705.73	5,279.54
Emmaus	0.00	90.00	Cumberland	219.66	300.17	Pleasant Valley	50.00	150.00	New Hope	3,125.00	2,796.00
Fellowship	550.00	750.00	Denham Street	250.00	250.00	Plum Point	0.00	1,617.16	Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Friendship	15,381.78	11,445.53	Duke Memorial	5,432.25	6,023.07	South Greensburg	399.05	211.23	Sulphur Spring	6,250.00	6,250.00
Good Hope	50.00	522.83	Eden	442.97	432.87	Sparksville	150.00	150.00	Trinity	498.00	660.00
Grand Rivers	1,800.00	1,800.00	Eubank	6,417.90	8,546.00	Summersville	3,812.67	4,493.99	Subtotals	52,760.13	52,290.82
Iuka	1,675.59	1,402.10	Ferguson	7,158.09	6,389.63	Trammell Creek	4,362.17	4,418.41	<b>South District Association</b>		
Lake City	6,895.00	7,003.00	Fishing Creek	383.00	506.00	Subtotals	69,183.24	65,235.99	Beech Fork	1,564.63	1,234.36
Lola	332.06	560.25	Flat Lick	1,654.11	1,032.64	<b>Salem Association</b>			Beech Grove	1,800.00	2,160.00
Marion	19,664.51	17,230.04	Flat Rock	2,049.16	1,799.05	Big Spring	861.39	376.14	Calvary	17,362.23	15,999.01
Marion Second	900.00	1,200.00	Floyd Switch	1,755.00	1,802.00	Blue River Island	939.09	1,364.30	Danville Deaf Baptist Mission	252.00	260.00
Mexico	25,852.66	32,901.33	Glenwood	90.00	210.00	Brandenburg First	11,240.36	11,007.43	Danville First	20,400.07	17,500.00
Mint Springs	187.31	0.00	Good Hope	494.98	894.79	Buck Grove	9,692.00	11,825.00	Doctors Fork	2,353.91	4,639.62
North Livingston	7,270.85	1,346.14	High Street	18,879.30	22,867.90	Cold Spring	240.00	316.59	Friendship	0.00	0.00
Ohio Valley	3,942.64	1,552.71	Hopeful	203.81	385.53	Ekron	5,340.00	6,750.00	Gravel Switch	965.99	1,535.24
Old Salem	3,303.36	4,323.73	Immanuel	9,853.70	11,448.93	Guston	0.00	0.00	Hedgeville	9,811.00	8,810.00
Pinckneyville	7,377.27	5,847.82	Liberty	0.00	0.00	Hill Grove	3,672.28	4,266.14	Hyattsville	13,612.19	17,862.39
Potters House BWC	10,716.67	10,520.89	Malvin Hill	849.52	747.30	Irvington	500.00	500.00	Junction City First	7,734.00	7,190.00
Repton	744.40	839.58	McKinney	120.00	120.00	Muldrough	6,368.62	6,452.20	Lancaster	35,627.37	28,212.70
Salem	11,637.56	4,293.72	Mount Pisgah	1,552.41	1,414.70	New Brandenburg	510.00	425.00	Mitchellsburg	1,169.60	1,477.27
Shady Grove	952.20	1,631.99	Mount Union	1,102.83	1,025.33	New Highland	1,066.45	699.95	North Rolling Fork	898.75	735.33
Smithland First	1,200.00	1,200.00	Mount Victory	392.64	594.30	New Salem	5,232.58	3,128.34	Parksville	3,108.17	3,200.82
Smithland Second	2,000.50	2,029.00	Nancy Lakeside BC	3,153.19	2,005.45	Payneville	751.03	1,029.90	Perryville	11,440.00	14,067.50
Sugar Creek	2,354.99	2,361.12	Neeleys Creek	1,223.70	1,712.20	Raymond	4,954.30	3,815.37	Pleasant Hill	430.42	556.37
Sulphur Springs	766.00	1,302.00	New Enterprise	1,164.00	1,047.00	Rock Haven	4,357.33	4,439.20	Salt River	793.94	2,062.56
Tilene	196.59	295.90	Northside	3,305.34	4,118.93	Salem	2,175.65	2,055.75	Southern Heights	0.00	0.00
Union	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove 1	1,427.07	2,074.06	West Point	818.09	938.48	Willow Grove	8,232.89	8,372.64
Subtotals	144,078.98	132,737.04	Oak Grove 2	614.00	645.00	Wolf Creek	860.58	441.68	Subtotals	137,557.16	135,875.81
<b>Ohio Valley Association</b>			Okalona Missionary	4,992.15	4,248.02	<b>Salem Association</b>			<b>South Union - Mount Zion</b>		
Bethany	1,013.11	1,260.31	Piney Grove 2	1,233.15	1,397.65	Big Spring	861.39	376.14	Alsile	100.00	0.00
Blackford	102.00	102.00	Pleasant Hill	34,352.68	37,485.42	Blue River Island	939.09	1,364.30	Antioch	164.80	202.96
Calvary	600.00	500.00	Pleasant Run	3,051.00	3,115.50	Brandenburg First	11,240.36	11,007.43	Bacon Creek	0.00	0.00
Clay First	18,274.94	20,473.82	Pleasant View	2,730.19	3,139.07	Buck Grove	9,692.00	11,825.00	Bethlehem	77.00	916.00
Countryside	3,009.00	2,863.75	Pulaski	1,099.71	979.69	Cold Spring	240.00	316.59	Buffalo	0.00	0.00
DeKoven	1,158.00	707.55	Quinton	1,853.57	1,947.82	Ekron	5,340.00	6,750.00	Calvary	300.00	200.00
Grangertown First	10,488.86	9,877.52	Rock Lick	2,135.00	2,350.00	Guston	0.00	0.00	Central	71,316.29	77,731.72
Mount Olive	711.82	585.00	Sinking Valley	2,424.00	1,713.00	Hill Grove	3,672.28	4,266.14	Chapel Grove	600.00	600.00
New Harmony	1,785.40	2,157.12	Slate Branch	2,520.84	2,198.89	Irvington	500.00	500.00	Clay Hill	50.00	90.00
Northside											



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ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP03	CP04	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP03	CP04	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP03	CP04	ASSOCIATION/CHURCH	CP03	CP04
Twentieth Street	466.00	526.00	<b>Three Forks Association</b>			Oak Forest	0.00	141.12	Washington Street	725.00	750.00
West Corbin	7,900.00	6,345.00	Airport Gardens	1,200.00	1,200.00	Oak Forest	3,748.34	3,125.58	West End	5,693.59	6,755.54
Wofford	568.83	792.37	Bethany Baptist Mission	161.00	201.58	Oakland	7,396.99	10,072.95	Wice	0.00	0.00
Wolf Creek	548.00	420.00	Big Creek	4,200.00	4,200.00	Plano	1,517.78	2,607.30	Wickliffe First	887.00	1,006.00
Subtotals	158,889.34	173,655.38	Big Leatherwood First	1,975.00	1,332.00	Pleasant Grove	480.08	680.47	Subtotals	364,002.93	362,986.08
			Blackey	230.00	222.00	Providence Knob	7,826.32	6,501.74			
			Caney	824.00	939.61	Rich Pond	48,080.47	50,185.02	<b>Whites Run Association</b>		
<b>Sulphur Fork Association</b>			Colson Baptist Church	994.42	521.84	Richardsville	1,101.95	1,251.85	Bramlette	1,239.93	1,533.00
Antioch	0.00	200.00	Combs First	0.00	0.00	Rocky Springs	1,763.36	1,475.99	Carrollton First	3,380.00	3,987.00
Ballardsville	3,958.66	4,094.34	Craft Colly	1,120.48	835.75	Smiths Grove	4,831.65	4,791.65	Cove Hill	0.00	0.00
Bedford	7,000.00	9,000.01	Deane	4,467.45	3,818.38	Southside	788.27	1,704.23	English	475.00	454.00
Beulah Land	230.78	363.16	Dwarf	120.00	120.00	State Street	1,200.00	200.00	Ghent	417.00	239.28
Buckner	8,758.54	7,899.85	Emmanuel	5,718.07	4,693.48	White Stone Quarry	830.00	462.00	Jordan	329.29	364.69
Centerfield	2,443.65	3,938.16	First Creek	1,108.50	971.58	Woodburn	7,870.80	10,160.04	Mount Hermon	0.00	0.00
Corn Creek	406.99	675.69	Fleming	761.81	715.81	Subtotals	408,813.06	420,707.72	Sanders	1,250.00	750.00
Covington	1,118.90	1,365.34	Hazard First	10,000.02	6,499.98			Whites Run	1,989.00	1,998.00	
Crestwood	52,221.24	53,904.77	Hindman First	10,500.00	10,749.96	<b>Wayne County Association</b>			Worthville	3,721.00	2,958.36
DeHaven Memorial	40,931.34	33,004.91	Hyden	1,560.27	1,374.43	Big Sinking	0.00	0.00	Subtotals	12,801.22	12,284.33
Eighteen Mile	1,165.80	865.53	Jeff Missionary	1,565.36	1,400.65	Concord	737.16	250.00			
Harrods Creek	250.00	0.00	Jeremiah Missionary	700.00	1,200.00	Cooper	780.62	795.95	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Liberty	880.84	780.00	Lone Pine	484.58	300.00	Elk Spring Valley	5,749.72	6,054.28	Abundant Life BWC	302.00	392.00
Milton	1,350.00	1,350.00	Lothair	1,336.05	1,515.24	Monticello First	10,950.00	28,709.77	Antioch	250.00	250.00
Poplar Ridge	0.00	0.00	Montgomery	1,517.88	2,041.43	Mount Zion	2,475.00	1,915.00	Belmar	108.36	0.00
Providence	4,115.63	4,753.15	Mount Olivet	1,419.00	1,446.00	New Charity	225.00	225.00	Benton First Missionary	12,118.00	13,475.00
Sligo	5,165.14	5,775.02	Mousie First	352.57	346.43	New Salem	1,552.90	1,451.00	Calvary	650.00	300.00
Union Grove	255.00	266.00	Muncy Creek	120.00	120.00	Newtown	591.72	207.79	Central	512.77	474.88
Westport	11,280.03	10,747.37	North Fork	2,659.55	1,434.42	Oak Grove	1,098.06	1,167.45	Central	0.00	525.00
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			Premium	2,000.00	2,000.00	Rectors Flat	5,180.00	3,855.00	Clear Creek Community	200.00	0.00
			Rockhouse	0.00	0.00	Rogers Grove	0.00	0.00	Community	1,090.02	500.00
<b>Tates Creek Association</b>			Smithsboro	9,368.76	10,835.31	Sandusky Chapel	720.00	600.00	Community	734.02	909.44
Berea	30,434.42	26,750.33	Typo	0.00	0.00	Spann Hill	385.17	420.08	Community Fellowship	389.00	0.00
Bethel	4,422.06	5,445.08	Upper Second Creek	4,498.00	4,864.00	Staubenville	6,030.28	7,246.58	Corinthian	200.00	300.00
Bethlehem	1,038.31	1,341.98	Whitesburg First	18,619.32	10,790.48	Subtotals	36,475.63	52,897.90	Cornerstone	971.00	3,058.00
Broadway	1,214.00	1,189.00	Wooton First	1,350.88	1,168.00			Cornerstone	300.00	300.00	
Calvary	781.00	553.00	Yerkes	0.00	0.00	<b>West Kentucky Association</b>			Covenant	0.00	208.00
Eastside	7,945.98	5,647.42	Subtotals	99,104.01	84,460.27	Antioch	1,575.23	1,215.15	Creekside	0.00	325.50
Emmanuel	2,965.70	3,262.96				Arlington First	2,915.00	3,498.00	Crossland	0.00	3,257.50
Faith Decision	468.08	527.17	<b>Union Association</b>			Bardwell	15,235.83	15,433.28	Crossroads Fellowship	250.00	1,333.33
Fellowship	1,709.72	1,420.90	Beaver	2,039.67	1,692.72	Bethlehem	5,000.00	5,000.00	Dixie Park Cornerstone	0.00	81.00
Freedom	0.00	0.00	Berlin	753.80	1,205.41	Beulah	8,612.47	8,080.08	Drakesboro First	153.81	190.23
Friendship Valley	191.50	131.00	Blanket Creek	2,541.04	2,561.36	Burkley	350.00	300.00	Eagle Heights	5,000.00	6,000.00
Galilee	558.00	482.81	Butler	4,488.49	3,907.86	Cayce	1,500.00	2,000.00	Edmonton	2,350.02	1,958.35
Gethsemane	3,986.93	4,817.49	Cynthiana	17,029.80	22,620.81	Clinton First	16,142.02	15,868.14	Emmanuel	0.00	250.00
Gilberts Creek	0.00	0.00	Fairview	0.00	0.00	Clinton Second	771.00	985.00	Emmanuel	50.00	0.00
Gilead	150.00	244.13	Falmouth	9,445.56	11,020.64	Columbus	2,877.83	4,524.86	Fairfield Second	200.00	0.00
Good Hope	2,858.50	3,056.10	Forest Hill	100.00	100.00	Crutchfield	1,172.09	1,533.42	Faith Community	0.00	169.83
Harris Memorial	300.00	300.00	Indian Creek	300.00	300.00	Davids Chapel	93.01	133.29	Faith Missionary	300.00	300.00
Hays Fork	4,526.47	4,581.89	Lenoxburg	884.00	1,060.00	East Hickman	303.00	330.00	First Gethsemane	0.00	500.00
Kirksville	7,561.16	8,547.18	New Zion	140.00	120.00	Fulton First	22,411.60	7,972.66	Forest Missionary	0.00	200.00
Knob Lick	300.00	300.00	Oakwood Avenue	300.00	300.00	Hickman First	1,100.00	1,289.00	Forks of Dix River	2,504.11	2,550.00
Liberty	110.00	30.00	Richland	0.00	0.00	Hopewell	31.15	39.02	Freedom	625.00	625.00
Liberty Avenue	0.00	0.00	Union	1,300.00	1,300.00	Kirbyton	1,382.26	1,274.46	Georgetown First	900.00	0.00
Linden Street	316.00	267.00	Willow	2,769.25	2,823.70	Liberty	1,500.00	1,500.00	Gethsemane	19,003.66	18,647.58
Middletown	3,748.43	4,539.63	Subtotals	42,091.61	49,012.50	Milburn First	3,062.00	6,238.00	Greenville Second	32,544.33	36,910.20
Mount Tabor	3,434.05	3,159.40				Mississippi	5,109.60	6,584.10	Grove Ridge	372.92	476.71
Owsley Fork	704.84	542.00	<b>Upper Cumberland Association</b>			Moscow	2,422.31	4,013.10	Hardin	20,761.58	29,232.88
Peytontown	608.73	802.47	Ages	150.00	150.00	Mount Carmel	1,050.00	1,300.00	Harvest Community	0.00	500.00
Pilot Knob	225.00	270.00	Baxter First	1,515.21	1,438.95	Mount Moriah	0.00	0.00	Harvestland Community	1,002.24	156.00
Red House	18,056.61	25,051.41	Black Mountain	0.00	190.00	New Bethel	949.00	1,182.00	Highcliff	107.00	119.13
Red Lick	0.00	1,000.00	Calvary	1,025.00	150.00	New Harmony	0.00	0.00	His House Ministries	0.00	100.00
Richmond First	66,688.19	75,017.79	Central	1,235.90	1,689.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	Immanuel Baptist, Boyle Co	15,513.34	16,139.54
Rosedale	468.90	2,246.42	Chevrolet	0.00	26.22	Oak Grove	456.55	399.00	Indian Creek	0.00	500.00
Silver Creek	8,888.29	7,732.65	Cloverfork	300.00	300.00	Oakton	550.00	550.00	Kenwood Northeast	400.00	0.00
Stoney Run	813.02	565.09	Coxton	469.85	466.32	Obion	330.00	330.00	Kerby Knob	240.00	200.00
Tates Creek	2,151.71	2,374.63	Cumberland	5,029.00	4,928.00	Poplar Grove	1,000.00	0.00	Lakeside Community	607.31	1,128.33
Union City	6,616.07	9,077.83	Dione	5,977.00	3,653.35	Riceville	425.00	300.00	Lexington Avenue	7,802.14	6,648.05
Unity	2,258.62	2,351.19	Elcomb	1,172.11	1,180.25	Sassafras Ridge	1,062.01	1,081.96	Liberty First	8,412.50	8,202.00
Valley View	70.00	60.00	Evarts	3,977.90	3,578.21	Shiloh	600.00	600.00	Lighthouse Christian Fellowship	25.00	12.17
Viney Fork	1,452.64	1,139.08	Friendship Missionary	225.00	373.45	Springhill	1,132.28	1,515.76	Little Zion	200.00	100.00
Waco	20,861.13	20,445.46	Harlan	33,382.88	30,842.60	West Hickman	9,702.36	11,523.60	Maranatha	10.00	0.00
Wallacetown	1,059.19	1,100.43	Huff Settlement	78.94	98.67	Subtotals	110,823.60	106,593.88	Masters	0.00	565.86
Westside	1,831.78	1,651.12	Kelly Street	1,211.00	1,269.00			Middlesboro First	1,358.36	750.00	
White Hall	3,678.53	4,982.03	Lenarue	0.00	115.00	<b>West Union Association</b>			Moreland First	4,607.50	7,696.95
White Lick	6,070.51	5,782.51	Liggett	300.00	550.00	Antioch	8,967.97	8,388.41	Mount Freeman	1,254.27	921.49
Subtotals	221,524.07	238,786.58	Locust Grove	250.00	0.00	Bandana	2,289.48	2,304.18	New Focus Community	2,576.19	2,282.49
			Loyall First	8,193.42	8,423.32	Barlow First	13,728.82	17,982.75	New Harmony	500.00	500.00
<b>Taylor County Association</b>			New Riverside	677.00	820.00	Bellview	12,624.87	14,035.13	New Hope	300.00	20.00
Acton	1,159.87	1,133.87	Pansy Missionary	555.00	529.00	Bethel	246.77	341.71	New Hope	179.85	30.81
Campbellsville	74,789.54	66,597.15	Pine Flat	300.00	200.00	Bethlehem	744.00	426.00	New Work	14,793.00	2,583.34
Eastside	125.00	0.00	Putney	150.53	126.57	Blandville	856.00	700.00	Oasis	0.00	699.72
Elk Horn	600.00	600.00	Riverside	88.35	0.00	Calvary	300.00	350.00	Old Steam	1,000.00	0.00
Fairview	687.84	794.64	Sunshine	500.00	100.00	Cane Creek	450.00	263.00	Paint Hill	0.00	50.00
Friendship	5,628.03	5,741.29	Teetersville	1,218.28	1,510.53	East	3,800.02	3,966.64	People's Church of Central KY	655.65	707.34
Good Hope	10,771.37	12,617.29	Totz	1,936.72	2,206.98	Faith	4,619.79	3,917.87	Pewee Valley	0.00	100.00
Green River Memorial	6,158.02	7,117.82	Turner Missionary	0.00	400.00	First Liberty</					

### Gym no more at Jonathan Creek

#### Construction makes more Bible study & worship space

This past week brought to completion a building program at Jonathan Creek.

Even though I can become very excited about buildings, I usually do not like to speak about them. After all, we are in the ministry to change lives, not develop property.

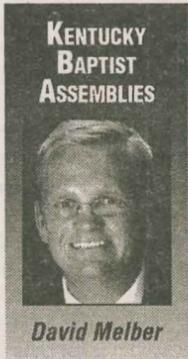
In May 2001, we completed the A.M. Johnson Worship and Rec Center on the Jonathan Creek property. In addition to being double the seating capacity of the Shoemaker Chapel, this new worship center included Bible study rooms and an indoor gym. With such a great increase, we did not anticipate needing more capacity for several years.

Within eight months of completion, we began to receive reservations for Crossings 2003. It became obvious that we would be out of worship space in the building's second summer of existence. Based largely upon surveys from youth ministers at Crossings 2003, we were faced with several growing pains. The three most mentioned issues were crowded worship, Bible study groups that were too

large and crowded dining space. This latest expansion has solved two of the three issues.

Our worship seating capacity has been increased from 460 to 625 and we have three additional Bible study rooms. We now must change the name of the building due to the fact that the "rec" center no longer exists. I am most excited about this fact. Based on the desires of campers and youth leaders, worship and Bible study took priority over an indoor gym.

To all who are coming to the "Creek" this summer; we want to welcome you and share with you that your thoughts and suggestions have been addressed to the best of our abilities. Worship will be less crowded and Bible study groups will be smaller. The dining hall, sadly, will be crowded again. Sorry, but as the saying goes, two out of three ain't bad. The most exciting change about this summer will be the new students who come, and while at camp, the new lives that will be born into the Kingdom of God.



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### Kudzu

Doug Marlette



### For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



### Bible Crosswords

#### Across

- 1 Jesus is the good \_\_\_\_
- 8 Thank you, Br.
- 10 Jesus made water into this at Cana
- 11 Prophet in Jerusalem that warned Paul he would be arrested (Acts 21:10-11)
- 14 To set apart for a duty of the church
- 15 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood ... but ... against the \_\_\_\_ of the darkness" (Ephesians 6:12)
- 16 To have a strong smell
- 17 The people of Athens had an altar to an \_\_\_\_ God (Acts 17:23)
- 19 This servant of God must be the husband of one wife, grave, and not double-tongued (1 Timothy 3:8-12)
- 20 "\_\_\_\_, and ye shall receive" (John 16:24)
- 23 Tower where Jacob (Israel) camped on his way to Canaan (Genesis 35:21)
- 25 The opposite of live
- 27 Poisonous snakes (Deuteronomy 32:33)
- 29 Myself
- 30 Where Israel was held in bondage for centuries until Moses led them to freedom
- 31 Remaining residue after something has been burned
- 33 Pertaining to farming, prefix
- 34 A servant of the high priest lost this momentarily to Peter's sword
- 36 God asks us to improve or \_\_\_\_ our ways (Jeremiah 7:3)
- 37 "Teaching them to \_\_\_\_ all things" (Matthew 28:20)
- 40 \_\_\_\_ and fro

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- 41 Second note of the musical scale
- 42 People sacrificed this to atone for sin
- 45 Helped Moses speak before Pharaoh
- 48 Revise
- 50 One who held up Moses' hands at the battle of Amalek (Exodus 17:12)
- 51 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full \_\_\_\_ of faith" (Hebrews 10:22)
- 18 Negative
- 21 "Seek ye first the \_\_\_\_ of God" (Matthew 6:33)
- 22 Swine
- 24 God's name for Himself: I \_\_\_\_ (Exodus 3:14)
- 25 The fourth of Israel's judges, a woman
- 26 Sight organs
- 27 Ancestor of family of porters who returned from exile (Nehemiah 7:45)
- 28 "Children, obey your \_\_\_\_ in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1)
- 32 "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a \_\_\_\_ that breaketh the rock" (Jeremiah 23:29)
- 33 Sluggards should learn from this insect
- 35 Assyrian region from which Sargon populated devastated Samaria (2 Kings 17:24)
- 38 Boyfriend, Fr.
- 39 The conscious self
- 43 Woman's name
- 44 Linear, abbr.
- 46 Railed transportation, abbr.
- 47 Sodium, chem. symbol
- 49 Technetium, chem. symbol

### Last week's solution

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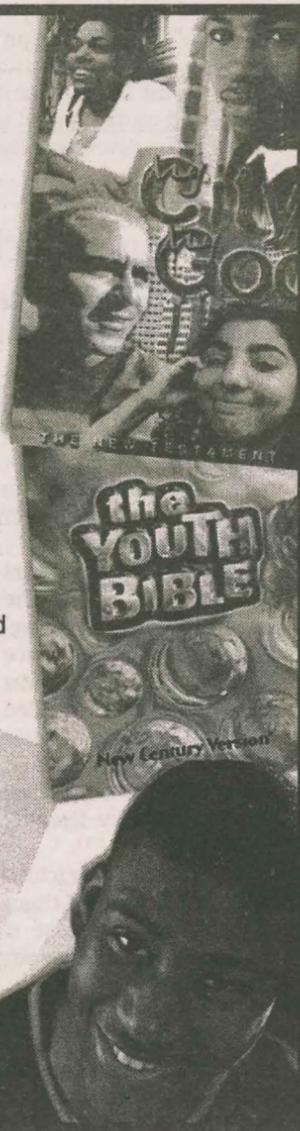
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## New 'Biblemag' hopes to lure teen boys into Good Book

**"We removed the intimidation factor, so it's fun—and it's a Bible."**

Thomas Nelson spokeswoman Laurie Whaley

By Amanda Mantone  
Religion News Service

Nashville (RNS)—Sex advice, music reviews and tips on looking good ... no, it's not the latest issue of GQ or Maxim.

It's the Bible—for the mind of a teenage guy.

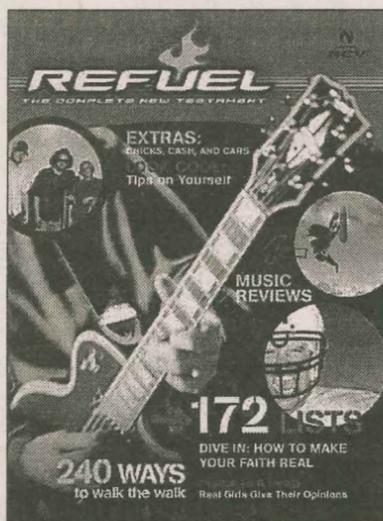
"Refuel" is the New Testament that looks like an entertainment magazine, and it hits secular and religious bookstores next month.

Featuring quizzes and dating hints alongside the Word of God, Refuel caters to young Christian men who aren't otherwise reading Scripture.

"It really was birthed from research we did that said teens don't read the Bible because it's too big and too intimidating," said Laurie Whaley, a spokeswoman for Thomas Nelson Inc., the publisher of Refuel. "We removed the intimidation factor, so it's fun—and it's a Bible."

Refuel features the New Century Version of the Bible, a modern and easy-to-read translation, and is priced for a teen's budget at \$16.99. It includes recommendations for Christian pop CDs and columns such as "Inside Her Head: Real Girls Give Their Opinions."

Refuel comes on the heels of "Revolve," a Bible-magazine published for adolescent girls last year by Thomas Nelson. Revolve's magazine format, complete with glossy pages and pictures of smiling young teens on the cover, was the first "Biblemag" created. After only six months in stores, it boasted higher sales than any other Bible sold in 2003. Now, Refuel is poised



to dominate the hard-to-please teen male market.

"We've had so many requests for it, which really surprised me," said Kate Etue, managing editor of Revolve and Refuel. "We literally had hundreds of e-mails from guys telling us they were reading Revolve, and asking for a Revolve for boys."

### Biblical advice on dating & sex

Girls, sex and dating were the top things guys said they wanted biblical advice about when surveyed by Refuel's editors. Experts and interviews with teen girls offer some answers, all with a scriptural base.

"We don't shy away from things the church won't talk about—drugs, oral sex, suicide, tattoos," Whaley said. "Teens from across the world are asking about these things."

Revolve also is planning an abbreviated version of the Old Testament, with Psalms and Proverbs.

A Biblemag for post-teen women, called "Becoming," will be published in July.

Some experts see these Bibles as simple evangelism tools Christian teens can bring to their peers.

"My instinct is that kids who are interested in their faith will maybe look at it and show it to their friends," said Christian Smith, director of the National Study on Youth and Religion at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, whose research on teens and religion prompted Thomas Nelson to create Revolve and Refuel.

With Revolve still selling more than five times the rate publishers anticipated and online pre-orders already mounting for Refuel, Thomas Nelson expects strong sales for its newest Biblemag.

### Other new Bibles for teens

Other companies are catching on. Zondervan, the world's largest publisher of Bibles and Christian books, created two new teen Bibles, "Revolution" for guys and "True Images" for girls, both targeting the same 13-17 age range as Revolve and Refuel. Published last November, the Bibles (which are printed in traditional, not magazine, format) are enjoying higher-than-anticipated success by "playing off of" Revolve's high sales, said Zondervan President Paul Caminiti.

"There's been a kind of convergence, and together they're doing quite well," he said. "I don't think their success made ours successful. The end result has been a lot of attention, and we're pleased with it."

Zondervan developed the Bibles

for media-saturated teen minds, with features like "challenge notes"—informative sidebars in the Bible's pages that resemble instant messages. The Bibles each have Web sites with resources on issues such as abortion and sexually transmitted diseases.

Caminiti said these Bibles differ from Biblemags because the features are meant to pull teens into Scripture, not act as the main attractions. "The content in our Bibles does drive the kids deeper into the message itself—a young person won't just read the features," he added.

Smith said creative products help keep religion part of popular culture, but Biblemags walk a fine line between using secular culture to their advantage and selling out to it.

"There's always a question of how religion tries to mimic or accommodate the surrounding culture. In a sense you're still losing out to it," he said. "You're competing with Cosmopolitan, except you don't have scantily clad women. You can only go so far in looking different."

In his study, Smith found the majority of U.S. teens aren't hostile toward religion—but they still don't read the Bible. He cautioned that publishers hoping to attract teens to the Bible with trendy packaging could have unpredictable results.

"Maybe new packaging will make kids read the Bible," he said. "In the short run you may get people's attention and interest. But in the long run, it may redefine religion into something it's not."

## Five generations with Oneida

### School started for mountain students, and they remain important to us today

If you went back in time over 100 years to the origin of this ministry, you would discover that the founder of Oneida Baptist Institute wanted to provide a Christian education to mountain boys and girls. Public education was out of reach for most of our mountain children. Feuds were still fresh in the minds and hearts of many families. Could OBI bring these feuding families and their children together peacefully?

This was the backdrop for the founding of OBI. Many decades have passed and the feuds are now only a distant memory, but we still consider the mountain children one of our greatest treasures. "Vickie" (not her real name) is one of our mountain girls and is a senior. She enrolled in kindergarten as a day student. Day students live here in the Oneida community but do not live in our dormitories. Vickie recently wrote, "Oneida is the only school I have ever attended. My family has been affiliated with the school for five generations now."

"My very first memory of attending OBI as a student dates back to 1990; keep in mind that I was born in 1986. ... I drive back and forth to school every day, 20 minutes each way. ... One of the things that I like most about OBI is the diversity. This you won't find in most schools in this area."

While in middle school, Vickie was a cheerleader, and in her sophomore year she joined FFA. Vickie served as FFA president her junior year. She said she did not enjoy standing in front of people and making public speeches,

but "eventually I became accustomed to it, considering that I had to do it once a month at the meetings."

"I believe that there is at least one class that has changed my way of thinking. ... For me it was the agriculture leadership class, which I took my junior year. Mr. Lynn Cole was my teacher. He pushed and prodded me to get assignments done to the best of my ability. He showed me ways to instill confidence in myself and set goals for my life. I didn't pull an A out of the class, but I did receive a new way of looking at things."

"After graduation I plan to attend a community college and then eventually move on to a university. ... I've always been taught to do my best, and so far that lesson has served me well. I feel I have gained a quality education in a Christian atmosphere while attending OBI. OBI is definitely a unique school. ... It accepts students from all over the world, both those who profess

Christianity and those who don't. As diverse as we all may seem at first glance, we are still basically all the same, for we were all designed by the same Creator, each with his own unique talents and gifts."

Because of our commitment to our heritage, OBI does not charge our day students any tuition; they attend for free! Their meals are provided at no cost as well as their books. Your gifts through the Father's Day Offering help provide our mountain children the opportunity to attend a Christian school free of charge.

W.F. Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972; www.oneidaschool.org; e-mail: president@oneidaschool.org

### THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

## Growing as a church family

### N. Kentucky pastor builds church through relationships

"People speak of our church as their church family," Pastor Daryl Mullins says of Butler Baptist Church. "In school, we always spoke of the Clear Creek family and its importance. Serving here reminds me of that family every day."

In six and a half years Mullins has seen the results of developing relationships. "People once told me our church was unfriendly, mean-spirited and un-Christian in their behavior," Mullins said. "Now the talk is positive; we are known as friendly and caring."

In his first deacons' meeting Daryl asked them to be patient because it would take at least five years for the church to turn around.

Worship attendance at the Northern Kentucky congregation has grown from 65 people to 140, Bible study from 40 to 105. His first baptism was a graduate from his 1978 high school class. The youngest deacon was a Royal Ambassador boy taught by Daryl in another church. "People are hungry for God's Word," Daryl said. "I've stressed that and using the Sunday school for growth."

The church now is considering

expanding the educational and fellowship space; one class currently meets in the kitchen.

Church members give time, food and financial support to Jireh House, a community youth center. When illness, surgery or accident affects the primary caregiver of a church or community family the church responds with meals,

childcare, cleaning or transportation. Homeless people receive clothing, blankets and food. Two needy families are adopted at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Daryl served on the middle school site-based committee and in 1999 was appointed to the Pendleton County Board of Education. He was elected to a four-year

term in 2002. "I've tried to be a Christian voice in our decisions," Daryl said. Schools have invited him to speak about his 2001 mission trip to Poland.

"I never forgot what (Clear Creek) Dean Charlie Rice said in class, 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care,'" Daryl said. "That's been my motto for ministry."

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY 40977; (606) 337-3196

### CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

## Biography outlines woman of faith's role as 'founding mother'

By Cecile Holmes  
Religion News Service

Washington—A new biography of Anne Hutchinson, the 17th century spiritual pioneer, contends her defiance of Puritan power brokers made way for modern American principles from freedom of religion to equal rights for women.

Eve LaPlante, a writer and teacher, portrays Hutchinson as an unacknowledged founding mother of the United States in her new book, "American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, The Woman Who Defied the Puritans."

Hutchinson, the mother of 15 children, faced a legal Waterloo in 1637. She stood before 49 male judges of the Massachusetts General Court. She was 46 and pregnant with her 16th child.

A midwife and Puritan leader, Hutchinson faced her accusers with acumen and wit, parrying every charge of heresy and sedition leveled against her.

Despite that, she was banished from the colony and excommunicated from the state church. "She said to her attackers, 'The Lord judges not as man judges. Better to be cast out of the church than to deny Christ,'" LaPlante says.

Then Hutchinson literally walked from Boston to Portsmouth, R.I. There she became the only woman to co-found an American colony.

In researching the book, LaPlante took a deep plunge into Hutchinson's life and the 17th century world in which she lived. Though already a Christian, she joined a Bible study group in Boston to gain a deeper appreciation of Scripture since daily Bible study was so important in Hutchinson's life and in the lives of Puritans in general.

"Anne Hutchinson's life story exemplifies the tremendous power of religious faith," LaPlante says. "Hutchinson was able, because of her faith, to do almost unbelievable things that were completely against the grain of the world in

which she lived."

She hopes that readers of her book recognize the deep impact on the American soul of Puritanism and Calvinist Christianity, and learn how women as well as men contributed to the nation's early religious life and history.

Hutchinson had an unusually comprehensive education, thanks to her father. Her courageous faith, her public life and her activities are particularly noteworthy, LaPlante says, because she lived in an era when the vast majority of women could not read or write and were barred from voting, holding public office or teaching outside their homes.

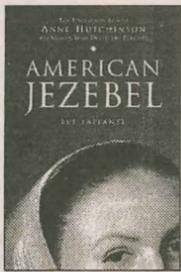
"In researching her life, I've come to see her as America's heretofore unappreciated founding mother."

LaPlante writes that Hutchinson's theology sprang from her deep sense of communion with the Holy Spirit. This sense was so full that it freed Hutchinson from the worries about personal salvation that plagued so many of her contemporaries. It also enabled her to believe she had no need of an intercessor between herself and God.

"She believed, according to those who spoke with her, that she had received the Holy Spirit and thus had no need to doubt her estate," LaPlante writes. "To her any striving after signs of grace was a sure sign that grace was not present."

Cast out by men who were themselves outcasts because of their spiritual beliefs in their native England, Hutchinson set the stage for modern concepts of religious freedom, gender equality and civil rights.

"Principles that she espoused such as the individual's right to freedom of speech, of religion and of conscience, as well as unstated belief in equal rights, are enshrined in the Bill of Rights," LaPlante says, "which was written a century and a half after her death."



**Rumors of Another World: What On Earth Are We Missing?** Philip Yancey. Zondervan, 2003. 262 pages. \$22.99. ♦♦♦♦ (out of five)

One of the dangers of reading books for review is that books that need to be savored in order to reap their full benefit get read through hurriedly in order to meet deadlines.

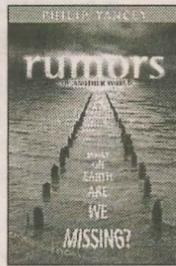
Some books should be read slowly and then set aside to allow time for you to ruminate about what God is saying to you. Philip Yancey's "Rumors of Another World" is that type of book.

Yancey wrote this book for "people on the borderlands of belief." Those folks are not necessarily what church growth advocates are now calling "pre-Christian." Yancey recognizes that even longtime believers struggle with the question: "Is the visible world around us all there is?" While he recognizes the power of the modernist mindset, which reduces reality to an empirical reality, Yancey encourages us to listen carefully for the "rumors of another world" that are conveyed through our visible world.

The book is divided into three parts. Part one deals with the role of mystery in our lives. Yancey contends most of us are living only in half a world, and that the loss of a sense of mystery impoverishes our lives. Beyond that, he suggests that God often is known through mystery. Rarely does God come at us directly.

The second part of the book deals with the ways we have distorted God's vision and intention. The final section describes how we live authentically in this world, without being of this world.

I hope I will take the time to revisit "Rumors" so as to savor its insights for my life. *Jim Holladay*



One would only wish that Jordan has lived long enough to have completed the whole New Testament. I would have loved to read what Jordan would have done with the Book of Revelation. I have already used the "Cotton Patch Gospel" translation as my public reading of the Scripture for a recent sermon.

Each volume carries the same introduction by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity. Each volume also carries a foreword by someone else whose life is intertwined with Clarence Jordan. Each of the forewords by actor Tom Key, professor/preacher Tony Campolo, professor/ethicist Henlee Barnette, and Baptist author/preacher Will Campbell, is engaging and informative. The forewords breathe even more life into the translations as the writers reflect on the impact of Jordan's ministry through Koinonia Farms in Americus, Ga. *Wayne Hager*

**Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations.**

Dan Kimball. Emergent.ys, 2004. 238 pages. \$14.99. ♦♦♦

If you receive Leadership Weekly via ChristianityToday.com in your e-mail, then you are aware of an ongoing debate over the "emerging church movement."

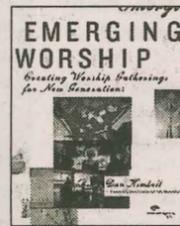
Dan Kimball's first book, "The Emerging Church: Vintage Christianity for New Generations," sparked a vigorous debate over postmodern church life. His latest contribution, no doubt, will fuel that dispute.

Building on the premises in his first book, Kimball argues that a new approach to worship is necessary to reach the youngest, emerging generations. This new approach is not about style, but about an entirely new way of understanding the church.

Kimball maintains that the prevailing view of most Christians is that church is a place where they go. The worship experience is a service, whose emphasis has changed from serving God to serving the worshiper.

The emergent understanding returns to the biblical view of the church as the body of Christ in the world. Worship, then, is the gathering of the church to celebrate its ministry in the world. The common space for church life is its ministry, not primarily in worship. This allows for the possibility of one church with different worship gatherings, yet able to come together in intergenerational groups for mission, fellowship and nurture.

While Kimball wants to address worship from a solid theological position, thereby avoiding the trap of basing worship on the perceived needs or desires of the target audience, he nonetheless falls into it. His struggle to keep worship focused on God while at the same time speaking to postmoderns demonstrates the church's ongoing struggle to speak truth in different contexts without compromising the message. That said, there is much to commend in Kimball's challenge to us. *Jim Holladay*



**Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch Gospel (four volumes): Matthew and John; Luke Acts; Hebrews and the General Epistles; Pauline Epistles. Smyth and Helwys, 2004. \$14 to \$16 each, or \$40 as a set. ♦♦♦♦**

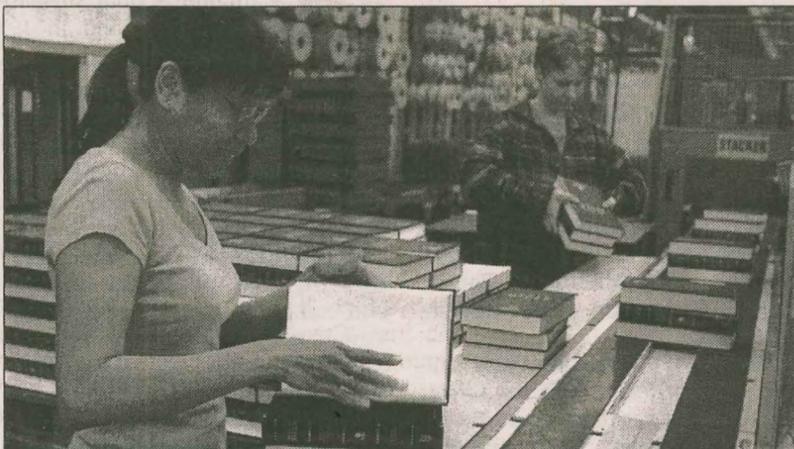
First released from 1968-1973, this collection of Scripture translations from the Greek into Southern colloquial language has for too long been hard to purchase. Three cheers to Smyth and Helwys for making these jewels available again.

Clarence Jordan's mastery of the Greek language is evident as he places the story of Jesus in the American South. Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Egypt become Atlanta, Gainesville and Mexico. The Parable of the Good Samaritan becomes the story of a white preacher, a music minister and an African-American. People are invited to participate, not in the Kingdom of God, but the "God movement."

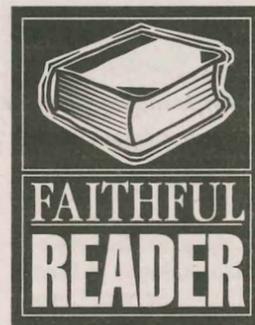
Jordan's purpose in translating the New Testament as the Cotton Patch Gospel was to ask what Jesus would say and how He would act if He walked the earth today. Jordan really is asking, "What would Jesus do?" with a Southern twist.



## On shelves soon



Cerila Whitaker (left) and Christina Ladwig, employees of Edwards Brothers Inc. printing company, inspect and stack copies of the Holman Christian Standard Bible as it rolls off the presses in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Holman CSB is due out in its entirety April 15 through Broadman & Holman Publishers, the trade book division of LifeWay Christian Resources. (BP photo by Kent Harville)



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

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray for the following ministries throughout Kentucky:

■ **Meridzo Ministry's Manna House in Lynch.** Mission Service Corps missionary Pauline White directs this food ministry that distributes food to hundreds of needy families in the region each month. Manna House is overcrowded and in need of additional space. Pray that God will make His will clear to them and that He will provide another building if it is His will for them to move.

■ **Daviess-McLean Association in Owensboro.** Twenty-nine people made professions of faith last summer at the association's Camp Schafer. The association is building a new multi-purpose building at the camp that will increase camping and retreat opportunities. Pray with them that this project will go smoothly and that many more decisions for Christ will be made this year.

■ **Missionaries Lester & Bessie McPeck in Jenkins.** "God's Love in a Diaper Bag" has a "new to them" building that will be remodeled to provide space for literacy training, health screenings, nutrition education for mothers and housing for volunteers who come to serve in the Letcher County area. Pray that God will provide the needed materials and volunteers to prepare the building for use this summer.

## MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **ASHLAND**—First Church recently ordained **Eric Dotson** as a deacon. **Edwin Talley** is pastor.

■ **BARDSTOWN**—Bardstown Church's sanctuary choir will present the Easter musical "All Hail King Jesus" April 11.

■ **GREENVILLE**—Carter Creek Church will hold revival services April 18, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and April 19-21, 7 p.m., with **Greg Giltner**, pastor of Hillcrest Church, Hopkinsville, as evangelist.

Roland Memorial Church will hold revival services April 18-23, with **Jerry Gifford** as evangelist.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—First Church will host Christian comedian **Dennis Swanberg** April 18, 6 p.m.

■ **MURRAY**—West Fork Church re-

cently called **Wayne Carter** as pastor.

■ **PADUCAH**—Lone Oak First Church recently called **Brian Isbell** as youth minister.

■ **SHELBYVILLE**—Clayvillage Church recently called **Joel Sturtevant** as interim pastor.

■ **VERSAILLES**—Versailles Church's sanctuary choir will present the musical "I Claim the Cross" Sunday morning, April 4. **John Brandon** is pastor.

### What's going on?

Mail your happenings to Mountains to the Mississippi at Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253. Fax: (502) 244-6474. E-mail: wesrec@earthlink.net.

## Photographers get big picture at annual Christian conference

By Lauri Arnold

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Fort Worth, Texas (BP)—Twenty-three years ago in a hospital bed, photographer Bill Fortney spent three days awaiting the results of cancer tests.

While many thoughts ran through his mind, it was what was absent from his mind that changed his life.

"Do you know what is the one thing I did not think about one time during those three days?" Fortney asked while speaking at the 2004 Southwestern Photojournalism Conference. "Becoming a famous photographer. In those three days ... I got the wake up call."

Fortney explained to a crowd of more than 250 photographers earlier this month that up to that moment, becoming a famous photographer had taken priority over his relationships with his wife and children, his friends and God.

"I'm not saying you shouldn't strive to be the best photographer you can be. You should," he said. "But that can't be the number one thing in your life, because if it is, you're going nowhere."

Today, Fortney is regarded as one of the premier nature photographers in America. With more than 33 years of professional photography experience, his books, "America from 500 Feet," "The Nature of America" and "Bill Fortney's Great Photography Workshop!" have all been bestsellers. Fortney recently joined Nikon Corp. as its professional service representative for the national nature market.

But all of his successes, Fortney said, came only after he gave up on the narrow goal of being famous and instead focused on serving God.

"Everything that I had been striving for before (getting cancer) started to happen," he said. "I got it all when I quit trying to get it."

"If I could go back and erase that cancer experience from my life, I wouldn't do it," he added. "I've had 23 years that I would have never had, and my life is better than I ever dreamed it could be."

Anacleto Rapping, a Los Angeles Times photographer, also emphasized that greater success comes



**HELPFUL ADVICE** Gary Fong, director of editorial graphics technology for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, offers suggestions to Anke Leuschner of Hamburg, Germany, concerning her portfolio. Fong is a committee member of the Southwestern Photojournalism Conference, held each year at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

from striving to glorify God first and resisting self pride.

"Can you glorify God by being the best photojournalist you can be? Absolutely," he said. "... If that is what God is calling you to, do your best for God and He is going to bring you opportunities to glorify Him within that."

The photojournalism conference also featured Barry Gutierrez who won the Pulitzer Prize along with a team of photographers for coverage of the Colorado wildfires.

Writer and photographer Ron Londen has attended every conference since it began in 1992. He was the first conference's first speaker, and has spoken four times over the years. He is also an original member of the Christians in Photojournalism ministry, which supports the annual conference on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

"That first event was just such a phenomenal event that we knew we were really on to something," Londen said. "Every speaker was sharing from their heart a different aspect of their Christian walk and how it relates to photography."

The 2005 conference is scheduled for Feb. 25-27. For more information, visit [www.swpjc.org](http://www.swpjc.org).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

26-27 Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

27 Girls in Action/Children in Action missions event, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

29 Sunday School Director/Pastor Workshop, First Baptist Church, Morgantown.

30 Sunday School Director/Pastor Workshop, Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson.

31-April 2 Soak-A-City youth evangelism conference, First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington.

### April

15-16 Quarterly prayer meeting for spiritual awakening, Gasper River Association, Morgantown.

16-18 All-State Children's Choir—East, Cedarmore.

16-17 EXALT state Acteens conference, Campbellsville Baptist Church.

18 Cooperative Program Sunday.

18-24 MissionsFEST, Prestonsburg.

21 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale concert, Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville.

22 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale concert, Southern Baptist Seminary chapel, Louisville.

22 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale, women's chorale and orchestra combined concert, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

23 State Children's Bible Drill, First Baptist Church, Russell.

23 State Children's Bible Drill, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.

23-25 All-State Children's Choir—West, Jonathan Creek.

23 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale concert, First Baptist Church, Barbourville.

24 Regional Keyboard Festival, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

24 State Children's Bible Drill, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

24 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale concert, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

25 Kentucky Baptist men's chorale concert, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

26-27 Church Secretaries Conference, KBC building, Louisville.

27 Senior Adult Celebration, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro.

29 Senior Adult Celebration, Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville.

30 State Children's Bible Drill, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.

30 State Children's Bible Drill, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset.

### May

1-2 Baptist Men on Mission equestrian trail ride, Mammoth Cave National Park.

1 State Children's Bible Drill, Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

1 State Children's Bible Drill, First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

For more information, call (888) 266-6477 or visit [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**AVAILABLE:** Young, NAMB-approved missionary couple seeking opportunity for evangelism/missions/outreach ministry. For resumé: Kris and Kimberly Eldridge, (502) 412-1907.

**AVAILABLE:** Dr. Frank Farley of Frankfort recently retired from the pastorate and is available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates. May be contacted at (502) 848-0877.

**AVAILABLE:** 30-year-old experienced senior pastor seeks full-time church in the greater Louisville area. For resumé: Mike Sanders, (205) 680-6562.

**FREE:** Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville has five upright pianos to give away. Please call (502) 366-1434 by March 27.

**SEEKING:** Established, growing church seeks minister of worship for blended services as well as all-out contemporary worship. 20 hrs/week. Brad Chase, Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky. (502) 695-2088.

**SEEKING:** Full-time pastor. Send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, Grapevine Missionary Baptist Church, 85 Sandcut Road, Madisonville, KY 42431.

**SEEKING:** Full-time associate minister of youth and families. Salary related to education and experience. Prior church youth ministry experience required; seminary degree preferred. Send resumé before March 31 to: Personnel Committee, Woodburn Baptist Church, PO Box 38, Woodburn, KY 42170.

**SEEKING:** Farmdale Baptist Church prayerfully seeks part-time youth minister. If interested, please send resumé to: Farmdale Baptist Church, 5610 U.S. Highway 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, Attn: Personnel department.

**SEEKING:** Youth minister for Valley Station Baptist. Twenty hours per week; annual salary: \$12,480. Contact Jerry Gifford, 5415 Valley Station Road, Louisville, KY 40272. Phone: (502) 937-1730.

**SEEKING:** Associational missionary for South Roanoke Baptist Association. We are a diverse group of 58 churches and 6 missions spread over eight counties seeking a visionary leader that will lead us to discover and fulfill the potential of God's ministry for our association. The individual for this place of service must possess a strong personal faith and a profound sense of God's call to associational missions. Some of the major strengths desired of this candidate are: exercises faith; demonstrates a mission motivation and commitment; has the understanding and ability to develop and communicate an associational vision; is able to relate to varying groups of people; and builds effective relationships. Send all resumé with references to: Rev. Steve Davis, Associational Missionary Search Committee, 1007 W. Arlington Boulevard, Greenville, NC 27834. All resumé must be in the possession of the Search Committee no later than April 30, 2004.

# Winning the game of life

*For 50 years, FCA has directed athletes to more than competition*

By Adelle Banks  
Religion News Service

Kansas City, Mo. (RNS)—Standing on the balcony of the headquarters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, former pro football player Harry Flaherty relished the view across Interstate 70 of the huge stadiums for Kansas City's baseball and football teams.

On a tour of the renovated home office during a 50th anniversary weekend for the sports ministry, the 42-year-old recalled the 16-millimeter film he watched in his first year of college, when he first heard legendary coach Tom Landry promote the fellowship.

Years later, after Flaherty eventually played under Landry as a Dallas Cowboy in the 1980s, he now directs the sports ministry's activities in New York City and New Jersey. He oversees the "huddles" that meet in that area's schools, which have grown from 20 in 1995 to 120 today.

"There are huddle coaches now who were FCA kids in junior high and high school," he said. "They're coaching. They're saying, 'Hey I want to be involved.'"

The ministry, which harnessed the popularity of sports celebrities to its particular interest in Christian conversion, now grows through the influence of student leaders on campuses and former athletes who advise them.

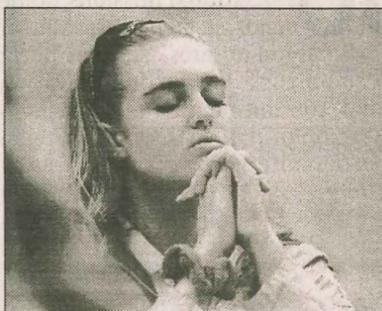
## Clippings & testimonies

More than 50 years ago, Oklahoma college student Don McClanen started collecting newspaper clippings of professional athletes who spoke publicly about their Christian faith. He later contacted some of them to help start his ministry.

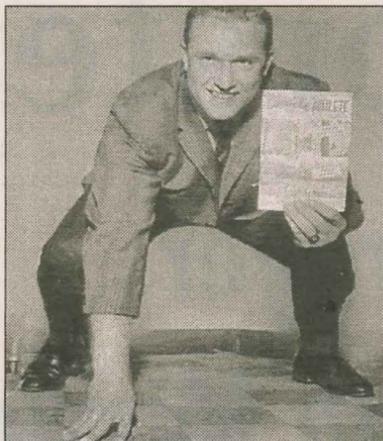
"I was just young enough, foolish enough and adventurous enough to do it, and I think God honored that," McClanen said in an interview.

Carl Erskine, a Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher, was one of those athletes McClanen contacted who became a speaker for the organization McClanen founded in 1954.

On a stage decorated with balls, racquets and other standard sports equipment, the former pitcher stood before many former coaches and athletes at a mid-February anniversary dinner and congratulated the organization's leaders for following Jesus' example by speaking in parables, albeit ones tinged with sports.



**MORNING PRAYER** Soccer player Tiffany Austin prays during an early-morning Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore. (RNS photo by Ben Brink)



**BILL KRISHER** Professional athletes such as football star Bill Krisher, an offensive lineman for the Dallas Texans, helped the Fellowship of Christian Athletes movement gain instant credibility after it formed in the 1950s. Krisher is pictured holding an issue of "Christian Athlete," a former FCA publication.

"FCA is right where we live," Erskine said. "That's, I think, why FCA has tapped into so many young people, coaches and families."

Sports terminology is rife throughout the evangelical Christian organization. "God's Playbook" is the title of the ministry's New International Version edition of the Bible. Camps long have been known as "a week of inspiration and perspiration." Part of the group's "Competitor's Creed" reads: "My sweat is an offering to my Master. My soreness is a sacrifice to my Savior."

The ministry, which began in the same year as Sports Illustrated, grew from citywide rallies to summer camps to weekly and biweekly gatherings on campuses. Those "huddles," mostly on high school and college campuses, range from groups of about five at a rural school to larger on hundreds of campuses like the University of Kentucky and Clemson University.

## Meetings as "huddles"

One of the ministry's almost 8,000 huddles meets weekly in the portable classroom of Gaithersburg High School in Maryland that otherwise is used for an English class. Over a recent Wednesday lunch—two slices of pizza and a soda for two bucks—about 35 students listened to guest speaker Mark Haug, the high school pastor of a church from nearby Germantown, encourage them to inspire their school community.

Citing a statistic that most people become Christians by age 18, Haug said: "You guys on the high school campus are the last bastion of influence. ... This is the last great mission field."

Christine Pettit, a sophomore tennis player who helps lead the huddle, said she chose this group over other student leadership roles because she wants to have that kind of effect on her peers.

"I'm just really interested in having everyone know the peace that I feel because of Christ and salvation," said Pettit, who attends a non-denominational church.

Pettit's pleased that attendance



has increased from the dozen or so students who took part last year.

"I think that the pizza has been a good way for kids to come," she said.

The food offered by FCA on a different level was part of the initial attraction for the group's current president.

Dal Shealy recalled as a young high school coach how he saw a sign for a free FCA breakfast at a meeting of the American Football Coaches Association.

"I didn't understand anything about FCA but I understood 'breakfast' and 'free,'" he told the anniversary dinner crowd.

The breakfast in the 1960s led to an FCA camp experience, which helped him improve his personal faith life with prayer and Bible study.

## Sportsmanship with other ministries

After leaving his job as head football coach at the University of Richmond in Virginia, he's led the organization for 12 years, presiding over a staff that now numbers more than 600.

Despite the current growth, the ministry has had challenges over the years. Shealy acknowledges that the group once had more of a competitive spirit with other sports ministries. Now, he says, he meets biannually with leaders of other evangelical ministries so they can all be on "team Jesus Christ."

James Mathisen, co-author of "Muscular Christianity: Evangelical Protestants and the Development of American Sport," said the group was less successful in the late 1980s and early 1990s but has rebounded since then.

"They took on issues of delinquency and drugs," said Mathisen, a sociology professor at Wheaton College in Illinois. "They project now a somewhat more high-profile social consciousness. Their commitments are not just conversion and evangelism but they're into ... a little bit more holistic sense of involvement."

Beyond the weekly Bible-based huddles, the ministry has brought speakers into schools for more secular talks under the "One Way 2 Play Drug Free" program, which

seeks written commitments from students to abstain from drugs and alcohol.

In its early years, the ministry shunned an offer for significant financial support if it changed "Christian" in its name to "Religious." More recently, Shealy said, the group declined \$100,000 from a major beer company that wanted it to focus on responsible drinking rather than total abstinence.

"I say this: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. If you take Christ out, what do you have? Fellowship of I-A-N athletes—I am nothing," he said. "We don't want to be nothing. We want to be something because we are Christ-centered."

As the group sticks to its strict Christian principles, its leaders remain interested in finding new ways to expand their efforts.

"We're going to have to change with society," said Nelson Price, president of FCA's board of trustees. "So much of sports now is outside of schools. ... We're diversifying, going into such things as motocross, lacrosse, skiing, soccer."

Among the 600 or so coaches, regional representatives and alumni gathered for the anniversary weekend—part family reunion, part pep rally for the future—were representatives of more than one generation of involvement with the ministry.

Bible teacher Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, met her husband at an FCA camp and her daughter, in turn, met her husband at a Baylor University FCA group. The younger family members help lead FCA-sponsored activities at a Raleigh, N.C., high school.

"I wouldn't be Anne Graham Lotz if it wasn't for FCA," said Lotz, whose husband, Danny, is an FCA trustee board member.

Decades after her week at the FCA camp in Black Mountain, N.C., Lotz continues to admire the way the ministry delivers a Christian message to the nation's youth.

"They don't hear about it at home," she said. "They don't hear about it on the street, and FCA is right there in the schools and using their peers that they look up to to tell them about Jesus."

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The sports ministry, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, is looking to stay relevant in the lives of young athletes. (Photos courtesy of Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

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