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Churchgoers want religion to have more influence on politics, poll says

Princeton, N.J. (RNS)—While nearly half of Americans think religion has too much political influence, Republicans and people who attend church frequently tend to think it should have more, according to a just-released Gallup Poll.

The poll, taken after the Nov. 2 elections, found that Americans generally think religion should have more influence on the country's moral climate, but should play a less prominent role in politics.

Nearly half—48 percent—said religion has too much influence on politics, while 40 percent said it should have more.

The political differences are stark. While 67 percent of Democrats said religion has too much influence, a majority (55 percent) of Republicans said it should play a more prominent political role. More than half (57 percent) of people who attend a church or synagogue once a week said religion should play a stronger role. In contrast, two-thirds of people who seldom or never attend church said it should play a lesser role.

The poll detected much wider agreement that religion could do more to influence the country's moral climate—64 percent of Americans saw room for more influence, while 27 percent said religion already has too much influence on the country's moral life.

Youth movement



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM More than 200 children and teens attend the Wednesday night programs at Steubenville Baptist Church in Monticello. The church's emphasis on young people has helped the church baptize nearly 100 people in the past 16 months. (Photo courtesy of Steubenville Baptist Church)

Steubenville's strategy results in conversions

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Monticello—Teenagers Lisa Bayne and Danielle Flynn are two of the youngest missionaries ever commissioned by a Kentucky Baptist church.

And after they each led several classmates to receive Jesus as their personal Savior this fall, it's hard to argue with Steubenville Baptist Church's decision to make them staff members.

Bayne, a senior at Wayne County High School, and Flynn, a freshman at Monticello High, are among a dozen teenagers named student missionaries to middle and high

school campuses last August.

"We have staff meetings monthly that we include them in, and we expect them to come," Pastor Mike Wells said of the youthful evangelists. "They signed a covenant of things they would do."

"I think it's a great thing," Bayne said. "If I'm straying in my walk with Christ, I can look at (the covenant) and say, 'This is your word, not just to your church, but also to God.'"

"I've had a lot of chances to witness to people," Flynn added. "It's like an everyday thing lately."

This accent on youth is part of a wave of conversions that have more than doubled the size of this south

central Kentucky congregation in recent years.

Since moving into a new sanctuary five years ago, average Sunday attendance has grown from 120 to 275. In the past 16 months alone, Steubenville's pastor has baptized 96 people, 71 of them under the age of 24, according to Wells.

"It seems simple, but it's true—we just follow God," Wells said of becoming Wayne County Baptist Association's fastest-growing church. "We have a philosophy of getting out of God's way, doing what He wants and not being afraid of what He might do."

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Baptist relief workers begin long work after quake, tsunamis



TSUNAMI DAMAGE Debris litters a street on Phi Phi Islands in Krabi province, southern Thailand. Rescuers scoured the sea for missing tourists in Asia on Dec. 27 and fears of disease grew as emergency services struggled from the devastating tsunami that killed more than 150,000 people. Moderate aftershocks hit parts of India a day after one of Asia's worst tsunamis in decades, triggered by an earthquake off Indonesia. More than 9,000 were killed in India alone. (RNS/Reuters photo by Surapan Boonthanom)

By Erich Bridges
SBC International Mission Board

Chiangmai, Thailand (BP)—As Asia's battered coasts began to reveal the enormity of the death and devastation caused by the biggest earthquake and tsunamis in 40 years, Southern Baptist relief workers began working with others to aid the survivors.

Initial efforts will focus on delivering food, water, blankets and other essentials to coastal villages in southern Thailand—some of which were nearly wiped out by towering waves—and the heavily damaged resort area of Krabi.

"These little villages have been devastated. It's hard to describe how bad it is," a Southern Baptist Convention international relief coordinator in Asia said. "The basic needs are going to be food, clean water, blankets, shelter and basic medical supplies."

Throughout the region, an esti-

mated 155,000 people were killed by the quake and tsunamis, though that number could still rise.

Southern Baptist workers were to meet with Thai government officials in the affected area Dec. 28. They also hope to work through Baptist churches in the region. The churches were spared destruction, but many church members who work on outlying islands were injured in the flooding. In Thailand, more than 5,000 deaths had been reported by Jan. 3.

"I think that number is going to climb, probably significantly," the relief coordinator said.

The death toll already had soared far higher in harder-hit areas of South and Southeast Asia. The huge 9.0 earthquake, centered in the Indian Ocean west of the Indonesian island of Sumatra, sent towering tsunami waves crashing into thousands of miles of Asian coastlines

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Honeycutt leaves legacy as 'denominational statesman'



INAUGURATION Roy Honeycutt's inauguration in 1982 as president of Southern Seminary included a traditional "laying on of hands" ceremony. (BP file photo)

By **Trennis Henderson**
Editor

Louisville—Roy L. Honeycutt, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Dec. 21, one day after suffering head injuries in a fall at his home in Louisville. He was 78.

Honeycutt, a noted Old Testament scholar, was elected president of Southern Seminary, also in Louisville, in 1982. His 11-year tenure as president paralleled much of the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention's conservative shift.

Pledging in 1982 to "look to the seminary's historic strength" to chart its course, Honeycutt affirmed his commitment for Southern "to be rooted in the Word of God, devoted to the centrality of the local church, and obedient to the call of Christ to evangelism, missions and preaching."

Duke McCall, Honeycutt's predecessor as president of Southern, recalled that Honeycutt "functioned in a troubled time in which he was the irenic spirit trying to find middle ground and a solution to a situation where there was no middle ground."

"He was a denominational statesman in the best sense of the word," McCall added. "He served as an example to staff, faculty and students and was in all situations both the committed Christian and the man of God. It's a great pity that he couldn't find the solution that he longed for and sought."

Declaring "holy war"

Honeycutt made headlines across the denomination in 1984 when he declared "holy war" on SBC "hijackers," a reference to conservative leaders seeking to gain control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Independent fundamentalists

and many sincere but naïve individuals recruited to support their political party are seeking to hijack the Southern Baptist Convention," Honeycutt warned. He said such efforts are "damaging local churches, risking the destruction of our denominational heritage and compromising our Christian witness to the world."

Honeycutt immediately became a target in the controversy. As the seminary's board shifted to conservative control, he came under increased pressure to resign. He retired in 1993, at age 67, three years earlier than he previously planned.

His successor, Al Mohler, served as one of Honeycutt's assistants from 1983-1989 before becoming editor of the Georgia Baptist Christian Index. Under his leadership, Mohler quickly moved the seminary in a more conservative direction.

Describing his predecessor as "a Christian gentleman," Mohler said, "He gave so much of his life to the Southern Baptist Convention and to Southern Seminary in particular. He led during difficult times and was not afraid of controversy. On a personal level, he was as gracious a human being as you could ever expect or hope to meet."

Bill Leonard, dean and professor of church history at Wake Forest Divinity School, joined Southern's faculty in 1975, the same year Honeycutt was named dean of Southern's school of theology.

"In many ways, Roy was a bridge-builder," Leonard recalled. "When the conflicts developed in the denomination and then in the board of trustees, it was not the season for bridge building."

Honeycutt's efforts at bridge-

building included working with the five other Southern Baptist Convention seminary presidents to draft the "Glorieta Statement" in 1986.

The Glorieta Statement, adopted at the height of the SBC controversy, declared the seminary presidents' commitment "to the resolution of problems which beset our beloved denomination." The presidents added that "we are ready and eager to be partners in the peace process."

In 1991, Honeycutt worked with Southern trustees and faculty to produce a "Covenant Renewal" document that paved the way for faculty and trustees to cooperate in moving Southern Seminary in a more conservative direction. It ensured that only "conservative evangelical scholars" would be added to the faculty until the school "has achieved faculty balance."

As Honeycutt tackled such issues, Leonard recalled there were people "who thought he was either too militant or not militant enough."

"I think he did all that he could do, given the times and context, to stand for a certain type of Southern Baptist progressivism," Leonard said. "In some ways, he was caught in trying to preserve a tradition and to preserve an institution that he feared might be lost altogether. That struggle shaped much of his tenure as president."

"Dedicated biblical scholar"

David Wilkinson, minister of Christian education and discipleship at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, served as Southern's vice president for seminary relations during Honeycutt's tenure.

"Roy Honeycutt was a dedicated biblical scholar whose love for the

Scriptures that he taught was lived out in his personal and public life," Wilkinson reflected. "He was a visionary leader and an exemplary husband and father. In everything he did, whether in public or in private, he personified Christian integrity."

Honeycutt and his wife, June were longtime members of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville where he had served as a Sunday school teacher and interim pastor.

"For 29 years, Dr. Honeycutt was a good and faithful member of this church," said Bill Johnson, Crescent Hill's minister of spiritual formation. "I believe at the center of his life was a deep love for the church."

Honeycutt "was a person who never drew attention to himself," Johnson added. "Whatever he did, he did it for God's glory. He was one of the most humble men I've ever known."

Honeycutt was a graduate of Mississippi College, Southern Seminary and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Prior to being elected president in 1982, Honeycutt served as provost, theology school dean and professor of Old Testament at Southern. He previously was academic dean and chair of the Old Testament department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He also was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Mississippi and a trustee at Campbellsville University.

In addition to his wife, Honeycutt is survived by two children, Roy Lee and Maryanne. His funeral service was held Dec. 23 with a memorial service Dec. 29 at Crescent Hill Church.

The family requested that memorial gifts be sent to Crescent Hill Baptist Church or Baptist World Alliance.



Roy Honeycutt

James Sullivan remembered as influential Southern Baptist leader

Nashville (BP)—James L. Sullivan, a Southern Baptist statesman and retired president of the former Baptist Sunday School Board, died Dec. 27 in Nashville after a brief illness. He was 94.

Sullivan served as president of the Sunday School Board, the Southern Baptist Convention's publication entity, from 1953 until his retirement in 1975. He was widely known as an authority on Southern Baptist polity and had been actively involved in denominational service since his first pastorate in 1932.

"He was president at one of the most crucial times at the Sunday School Board during the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and '60s," said LifeWay Christian Resources President James Draper. "He led in production of materials promoting the biblical view of human worth, regardless of race, and modeled his beliefs by providing an equitable work environment for a multicultural staff."

"One of my heroes"

"In a time when there are not many heroes, he has certainly been one of my heroes," Draper added. "I have lost a great friend."

Sullivan, pastor of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas, served one year as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also served

as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and as a trustee of several Southern Baptist universities, seminaries and hospitals as well as vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

He was a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, called Sullivan a "consummate minister" and "denominational statesman."

"As pastor, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Sunday School Board, his contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention have been remarkable and invaluable," Chapman said. "His years as president of the Sunday School Board were pivotal in the board's spiritual and business development."

"He was a wise and decisive leader, a captivating storyteller with a genuine zest for life. His delightful humor was artfully woven into his preaching and soon found its way into his conversations. His books about the history and polity of the Southern Baptist Convention will guide generations to come. His life was shaped by his love for and devotion to Christ. He is one of the few individuals you meet

along the journey of life about whom can be said, 'He was a great man.'"

Grady Cothen, who succeeded Sullivan as president of the Sunday School Board from 1975 to 1984, said Sullivan's death marks "the end of a long and significant era in Baptist life."



James Sullivan

"He pioneered new methods and made endless contributions to the religious life of Baptist people," Cothen said. "He built and maintained a great institution. His generous spirit made possible the sharing of the enormous resources of the Sunday School Board with Baptists of the world. Southern Baptists will never know the debt they owe to Sullivan for his courage under fire, for his humorous defusing of many critical situations."

After his retirement Sullivan taught as a guest professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Boyce Bible School (now Boyce College) in Louisville and at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss. The Mississippi Baptist Convention named him "Clergyman of the Century" in 1985.

SBC President Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla., said Sullivan's impact was enormous.

"Dr. James L. Sullivan will go down in

history as one of Southern Baptists' most profound leaders, intellects and visionaries," Welch said. "His understanding of not only how the convention worked but how it should work and could work made him one of the few most influential leaders of our history."

Sullivan wrote many articles and books, including "Your Life and Your Church," with distribution of more than a million copies, and "Baptist Polity: As I See It," published in 1998.

"Faithful mentor"

"He was a personal friend and faithful mentor," said Lloyd Elder, president of the Sunday School Board from 1984 to 1991. "He was truly a man of God, a man of his times by being ahead of his times, a peerless leader, fearless prophet and caring servant."

Sullivan's wife, Velma Scott Sullivan, preceded him in death in 1993. His daughter, Martha Lynn Porch, died in 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Beth Taylor of Nashville; a son, James David Sullivan of Columbus, Miss.; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family has asked that memorial donations be made to First Baptist Church of Nashville, Alive Hospice in Nashville or LifeWay Christian Resources for the chapel at Camp Ridgecrest, N.C., for Boys.

Martin might be retired, but he's not slowing down

By David Winfrey
News Director

Officially, Larry Martin retired last week, but the former Kentucky Baptist Convention leader has no intention of slowing down.

The Eubank native expects his future years to be just as full as his previous ones.

Martin's career has spanned from the hollers of Eastern Kentucky to the poverty of inner-city Detroit. He helped ministers in affluent Boston and took on a national leadership role with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board before returning to Kentucky in 1995.

As leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's missions growth team, Martin has helped host quarterly prayer meetings for spiritual revival throughout the state and helped Kentucky Baptists launch ministries throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Promoting missions and leading the prayer meetings are two of the many roles he will continue to fill as a three-quarter time contract employee in retirement.

Martin said he has long planned to take early retirement, much as his mentor in ministry, Ira Craft. "I saw his model of what retirement ministry can be," Martin said.

Craft, a former shoe company vice president, spent 31 years in retirement helping raise awareness

and support for churches and ministries, primarily in New England.

"When he retired from business and moved back to Atlanta after living in the Boston area, all he had was his story and a set of slides," Martin recalled.

"But through Ira sharing his story, the Cecil B. Day Foundation came into existence," he added. "And it has contributed millions of dollars in resources and immeasurable encouragement to young church planters and ministry leaders throughout New England."

By the time he died in 1999 at age 80, Craft and his wife, Betty, had helped with 400 church starts, mostly in New England.

"The quiet revival that's going on in New England now, much of it, can be traced back to what Ira did in those 31 years."

"In missions all my life"

Born in Eubank, Martin said church roles are the only jobs he's ever known. "I've literally been in missions all my life," he said. "I can never remember anything else that I expected to do."

As a child, he attended Polly Ann Baptist Mission, where his parents are still members. Martin recalls organizers hung a sheet in the one-

room school house to divide the room for Sunday school.

Polly Ann had "40 people during the good time and 20 people during the difficult times," he noted. "During the difficult times, my dad was the only man attending. He was tempted to quit, but he never did."

Martin said he was 16 when he said he felt called to full-time vocational ministry. As a senior in high school, his first pastorate was at Floyd Switch Mission, preaching to 10-15 people each Sunday. "I was scared to death."

The former Joyce Sweeney was a member of Double Springs Baptist Church in Waynesboro, which sponsored the Polly Ann mission. The two often met on Sunday nights when Martin and his family would attend the sponsoring church. They married shortly before moving to Georgetown to attend college.

From Louisville to Detroit, Boston

After graduating from Georgetown, both attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Martin also became pastor of Lynn Acres Baptist Church.

Martin said his five years in Louisville was a crash-course in city living before moving to Detroit to become

director of missions.

In Detroit, his office was above the Baptist mission center in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods at a time when Detroit led the nation in crime.

Martin said the eight years in Detroit taught him how much ministry could be done from a mission center. It also taught him the importance of interracial ministry, as a quarter of the association's Baptist churches was African-American.

In 1983, he became director of missions in Boston. At age 37, he found himself to be the "old man" among many young church starters who were willing to try new ideas to reach people for Jesus.

"They weren't afraid to try anything, and we were very careful not to tell them it couldn't be done."

At a 1980 pastors' conference, Martin said, he heard an address from Henry Blackaby that continues to influence his view of ministry.

"He said if you go into a new setting and want to see God do something, take the time to see where God's already working and get in step with Him rather than creating something new and asking God to bless it."

Influenced by Blackaby and Craft, Martin said he continues to look for God's activity across racial, denominational and other lines.

"They weren't afraid to try anything, and we were very careful not to tell them it couldn't be done."

Larry Martin, describing his work as director of missions in Boston



Larry Martin

Monticello church's strategy to reach youth paying dividends

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The nearly 190-year-old church has been through considerable changes recently, including a move to a 500-seat sanctuary a mile from its old property.

The move helped give Steubenville the freedom to try new things, Wells said, such as gradually moving to a more contemporary style of worship.

Today the church features an eight-member praise band, with electric guitars, keyboard, flute and conga drums. But there is no organ; the church sold it.

The music program includes three praise teams, including a youth team, that perform a month-long rotation.

"We do traditional hymns, but it may come out with a different beat," Wells said. "We don't get complaints any more about it. Once you get over tradition, you begin to like these things."

Skits & creative ministries

Other new wrinkles include using skits each month performed by the creative ministries team that formed earlier this year.

Wells credits much of the growth to an active youth and children's ministry that got a boost three years ago with the addition of its first full-time youth pastor.

Although that staff member has since left to attend Bible college, the spurt has continued under new youth pastor Randy Emerson.

Its main feature is a Wednesday night Awana program for elementary students and "The Great Adventure," a program of Bible study and prayer for teens.

Drawing more than 200 young people, its popularity forced the



POPULAR PROGRAMS More than 200 children and teens attend the Wednesday night programs at Steubenville Baptist Church in Monticello. The popularity has forced the cancellation of adult programming so they can work with youth.

church to cancel Wednesday night Bible study so adults could work with children.

It also brings challenges. Emerson said the church provides transportation and meals for children from low-income areas and often deals with discipline problems.

"It's emotionally and physically draining, but you've got to keep the Kingdom (of God) picture in mind," Emerson said. "Those souls are precious to God. We can always clean up the facility."

Emerson has been touched personally by the activity at his new church.

Despite lifelong membership in another congregation and 17 years as a state employee, when Steubenville asked Emerson to become its youth pastor last summer at about half his old salary, he accepted.

"I knew I needed to do what God wanted me to do," Emerson said.

"Teenagers are bringing their friends to church and winning them to Christ. We have as many saved on Wednesday nights as we do on Sunday."

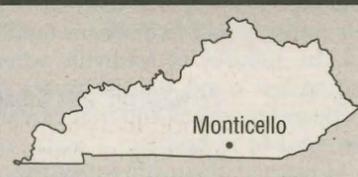
Because Emerson's hands are full with the Awana program, worship leader Chris Coffey oversees the teen Bible study.

"What I'm trying to teach them is something I was never taught growing up," Coffey said. "That is: To be part of God's army, we need to lock arms with other people."

That includes reaching across generational barriers.

Recently the youth sponsored a seniors appreciation banquet for about 70 older adults. Dressing up and serving a five-course meal on fine china, the teens voted to pay for

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the cost out of the youth fund.

About 50 teens attend midweek Bible studies, five times the number of teens in the church when Coffey joined in 2000.

"It's quite humbling to watch," Coffey said of the growth. "When I grew up, I never had an opportunity in a safe environment to lead someone to Jesus. I try to make sure if someone needs the Lord, I pull a teenager aside and say, 'Why don't you lead them to Christ?'"

An environment to reach out

Bayne said that atmosphere is part of what inspires her as she tells others about Christ on Wayne County High's campus. She also credits her commissioning as a missionary with giving her a goal.

"We have something we can aim at instead of just going our separate ways," she said. "We have better results since we were commissioned."

After 20 years in the pastorate, including the past 10 at Steubenville, Wells is more excited than ever about church.

Still, he said it took the right kind of people with a willingness to try a new style of worship and break away from old traditions.

"I had always thought there has to be more to worship than what we were doing," Wells said. "Worship ought to be more exciting than what was going on. We celebrate. We serve a risen Lord."

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Randy Emerson, youth pastor of Steubenville Baptist Church

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Remembering a great man, James Sullivan

By Linda Lawson

Nashville (BP)—When I became an employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board in 1970, the only thing I knew about its president, James L. Sullivan, was his name.

During the last five years of his administration and the 29 years of his retirement, while I didn't have daily contact with Dr. Sullivan, his influence as a statesman, a man of wisdom and a faithful Christian looms large in my life.

I often heard Dr. Sullivan speak, but it was in more simple acts that I saw his character. When he came into the Sunday School Board cafeteria for lunch or a cup of coffee, he rarely sat with members of his staff. Instead, he would choose a table of employees who otherwise would have had little or no occasion to have a conversation with their president.

As editor of a magazine for teenagers, I once enlisted a high school journalist to interview Dr. Sullivan and accompanied her to his office. He welcomed the young woman and took time to visit and make her comfortable before starting the interview. He seemed in no hurry and carefully answered each question.

"A consummate storyteller"

Because Dr. Sullivan was a consummate storyteller, I learned many things about his life—that he was from a rural area of Mississippi called Sullivan's Hollow and that, as a young boy, he was smitten at first sight of the girl who became his wife years later. I learned that Dr. Sullivan had to move his family to the suburbs of Nashville when he took a stand for the rights of African-Americans and that threats were made on his life.

I learned about life in Southern Baptist churches before the Cooperative Program, when speakers for causes such as missions, colleges and seminaries regularly came calling to raise funds to stay in min-

istry. I learned about the history of the Sunday School Board because Dr. Sullivan saw himself as one in a line of leaders of a great institution and believed he could be effective only as he operated out of that understanding.

But Dr. Sullivan didn't just tell stories. He used them to communicate truth. And while I wondered what the point was going to be during some of his longer tales, he always got around to the purpose of his illustration and I am the richer for it.

I didn't know what church polity was until I learned about it from Dr. Sullivan through his book about the Southern Baptist Convention which he described as a "rope of sand with strength of steel." I initially found the imagery confusing but came to understand that autonomous churches who have the privilege of choosing to affiliate and cooperate—while sometimes "messy"—makes for a stronger organization in the end. We can do more together than separately.

In 1990, as we were launching the year-long celebration of the board's centennial at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, we included on the program Dr. Sullivan and his seminary classmate and longtime friend, Herschel Hobbs. Dr. Sullivan was the oldest living president and Dr. Hobbs was the most prolific writer for the board.

I shall never forget seeing these two giants of faith sitting down together before a rehearsal on the night before the presentation. It was obvious they were delighted to be in each other's company. But

FIRST PERSON

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New beginnings in a new year

I can become very energized about the future because God is always ahead of us, calling us into the future that He has planned. This is especially true this January as we begin the year with a number of new staff members.

It will take time for these new team members to adjust to new roles, develop customized plans, integrate with other staff members and build working relationships with church and associational leaders.

The two newest staff members were elected at the December meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board. Larry Baker was approved as director of the new work and associational relations department. He has served as a pastor, Southern Baptist international missionary and director of missions in Christian County Baptist Association.

Glen Cummins will serve as church development strategist in North Central Kentucky (Lexington,

Northern Kentucky, Frankfort, Ashland). He succeeds French Harmon who has been elected as an associate team leader for stewardship and networking.

Glen has spent the last 20 years at the growing Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington where he served as minister of education. He has a passion for church development and discipleship.

The new emphasis on "Kentucky Baptists Connect, Connecting All People to Jesus Christ"

was strongly supported by SBC missionaries Ken and Beth Perkins during the missions presentation at the Mission Board meeting.

Ken has made a study of persecuted Christians around the world and travels extensively to encourage Christians facing persecution. He shared about a group of Christians in China who did not know there were Christians elsewhere in the world. He also shared about a believer in prison for the faith who challenged Ken not to give up in

they drew a circle that included those of us who had been standing on the fringes, enjoying their stories. They did most of the talking, and the rest of us felt we were witnessing a special moment of friendship and statesmanship.

Champion of change

When we began exploring a possible name change for the Sunday School Board in the mid-1990s, we sought Dr. Sullivan's counsel.

As someone who had spent his whole life and ministry relating to the Sunday School Board name, we wondered if he would question or even oppose the idea of a change. Instead, he reminded us that he had pursued a name change during his administration. He believed the Sunday School Board name had been outdated since areas of work beyond Sunday School had been added to its program assignments in the early 20th century. He liked the biblical foundation of the name, LifeWay, and spoke in support of the change.

During the 1990s Dr. Sullivan regularly was invited to be a part of Anniversary Day celebrations and tell a story. Many of the employees in the audience had little idea of who he was or what he had accomplished. They saw a now frail man, but they recognized the wisdom in his words and wanted to know more about him and how he had shaped the institution where they worked.

My prayer is that his influence will live on for generations through the countless lives he touched.

Linda Lawson served at the Baptist Sunday School Board (now LifeWay Christian Resources) from 1970-2002. She directed the communications department from 1992-2001 and is now a freelance writer.

freedom what he had not given up in persecution.

Ken said the real test of our commitment to witness might be how much resistance we are receiving. As those of us in the meeting experienced the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in the challenge by Ken and Beth, there was open weeping by some, including myself.

During the Mission Board meeting, I called on the members to fast and pray the first and third Mondays of each month between now and the next meeting, which will be in May. I encourage all Kentucky Baptists to join us in the following prayer emphasis:

1. Pray for renewal, revival and spiritual awakening among Kentucky Baptists and in the churches.

2. Pray for unity among Kentucky Baptists. Pray that God will speak to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists and bring us together in order to fulfill the mission of our Lord.

3. Pray that each church will reach, baptize and disciple at least one more person each year than it did the year before.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

STEWARDSHIP

Checklist offers financial guide for senior adults

By Don Spencer

As we continue our series about financial planning at each stage of life, remember that certain basic principles

apply throughout life. But there also are different priorities for each age group.

In my previous two articles we looked at financial issues for those who are ages 20-35 and 35-60. This month features a checklist of financial issues typically to be considered by senior adults.

This list is not meant to include every Christian financial principle one should consider, but it can serve as a starting point.

What to do for senior adults:

■ Re-evaluate and adjust living conditions and spending as health and income change.

■ Consider methods of intended property transfer at death.

■ Adjust wills and estate plan as needed.

■ Evaluate and adjust life, health and disability coverages.

■ Secure reliable assistance in managing financial affairs.

■ Continue to tithe and consider additional methods of charitable giving.

What to avoid for seniors:

■ Failure to have sufficient retirement resources.

■ Failure to adjust insurance coverages.

■ No will or estate plan or outdated plans.

■ Failure to adequately consider retirement options and alternatives. (Those who retire "from something" rather than "to something" often are miserable in retirement.)

■ Failure to adjust spending to retirement situation.

■ Failure to update insurance coverages.

What to accomplish:

■ Knowledge of expected retirement options and income.

■ As needed, develop alternative sources of income.

■ Update savings, insurance and investment programs.

■ Update will and estate plans.

■ Develop (or modify as needed) appropriate plan for transfer of property.

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



Checklist can help individuals keep New Year's resolutions

Q: How can I keep my New Year's resolutions? As a single person living alone, such goals sometimes just seem hopeless.

Hope is found in knowing what your resources are. Guidelines developed by the Mayo Clinic might give you some confidence that you have what it takes to follow through on your desire to improve in any area of your life. Recommendations include:

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Keep records. Accurate records help build personal awareness. For example, if you write down your moods or situations that trigger an unhealthy response, you might realize that you are a "stress eater."

Study those records. Make connections. After analyzing your typical response, choose a more healthy choice, such as taking a walk around the building.

Take baby steps. Goals should be SMAF: specific, measurable, attainable and flexible.

Reward yourself. Buy something you've been wanting to purchase, enjoy a night out at the movies, etc., to celebrate achieving a goal.

Review the above steps every few months and start the process again.

In addition to the Mayo Clinic guidelines, other activities that can help you reach your goals include:

Use scriptural affirmations to remind yourself that God is in your cheering section. Here are a few starters:

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

"Bodily exercise profits a little."

"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

"Behold, I make all things new."

Have an encourager in your life. Whether you hire an encourager as your counselor or coach, or have a relationship of mentor/mentee or one of mutual encouragement, the load doesn't seem as heavy when you don't carry it alone (see Galatians 6:1-10).—James Stillwell

Q: How can I help my child celebrate the new year?

With apologies to David Letterman, CBS and folks at the home office, I would like to suggest Top Ten lists as a great way to help boys and girls (moms and dads, too) begin a new year.

PARENTING

Top Ten lists provide an opportunity to look back with thanksgiving while looking ahead with excitement and anticipation. They help preserve important memories and provide perspective and proof that God is good all the time. Top Ten lists might even become a favorite family tradition.

Here's how it works. Across the top of a piece of paper make a heading that reads "The Top Ten Best Things About 2004." Below the heading, number to 10. Draw a line beside each number. Be sure to leave plenty of space, but fit the list to a single page. Make a page for each person in your family.

Distribute the lists to each family member and ask them to think back on the previous year. Reflect on trips, gifts, special times spent together, achievements, etc. Prime the pump, but resist making suggestions unless you are asked. (The 10 things don't have to be in order of importance.)

Younger children might need help. Let them do the thinking; you do the writing. Working on the list over a period of several days will allow for revisions.

During early January, take time to share. Make special note of things that show up on more than one list. Give thanks for the blessings of 2004. Ask God for watch care in 2005. File the lists in your child's memory box, or in some other safe place.—David Garrard

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Roy Honeycutt: 'my' seminary president

I always will remember Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt as "my" seminary president.

While there are many people who knew Dr. Honeycutt better and are more qualified to reflect on his significant ministry legacy, I consider it an honor that his signature appears on my seminary degree.

Over the past 20-plus years, I have had the privilege of spending occasional moments with Dr. Honeycutt at conventions, alumni gatherings and other events. He and his wife, June, consistently offered words of encouragement and affirmation each time we visited together.

The news of Dr. Honeycutt's unexpected death a few days before Christmas unleashed a flood of memories as I researched his years of faithful ministry and wrote an obituary about my seminary president.

Among my reflections, I recalled that my inaugural Western Recorder editorial specifically mentioned two role models from my early days of ministry—legendary Western Recorder Editor C.R. Daley and retired Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Roy Honeycutt.

"As a former Recorder intern and Southern Seminary student, I had the opportunity to interact with such notable Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist leaders as C.R. Daley and Roy Honeycutt," I wrote, adding that "I count it a privilege to have crossed paths with both men."

More than five years later, I find myself writing the second of two editorial tributes in memory of those influential Baptist leaders.

Among the words and phrases that come to mind when I think of Dr. Honeycutt are "gracious," "humble" and "a man of deep conviction and integrity." Similar comments have been voiced in recent days by Baptist leaders across the nation.

More telling than my personal reflections, however, are Dr. Honeycutt's own words gleaned from

key moments in his 11 years as president of Southern Seminary. Among those insights are:

■ "The hope of the seminary rests in remaining identified with the purpose of God through the local church. To the extent we move away from the local church we will, to that extent, limit our future." (February 1982, after election as Southern Seminary president)

■ "An authentic community of faith does more than merely tolerate differences—it celebrates their creative presence. Unity does not mean uniformity because God has established the boundaries of Christian community with such breadth as to embrace our diversity within the larger unity created by a cosmic Christ. ... Those of us who are free by the grace of God in Jesus Christ shall not submit again to slavery's yoke. For us there is no turning back to a

limited legalism, no turning back." (September 1984, Honeycutt's "Holy War" speech)

■ "One of the most prominent things in my 10 years as president is that we have negotiated 10 years of denominational controversy. ... I want to be a part of the continual shaping and development of this institution through what I think will be the 'feathering out' of this crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention. I use the term 'feathering out' intentionally because I don't think it will end on a certain date on the calendar but I think it will become less intensive." (April 1992, Honeycutt's 10th anniversary as seminary president)

■ "We should preserve as much of our heritage for as long as we can in this seminary. ... Nothing else matters but to live in Christ, to manifest Christ through personal relationships, to magnify Christ in my vocation, and when life's work is complete to rest in Christ eternally." (May 1993, Honeycutt's final commencement address as president)

And now with his life's work complete, my seminary president has attained his ultimate goal to "rest in Christ eternally."

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Multi-generational interaction makes impact

Our society seems to be growing increasingly segregated by age.

One of the few remaining vestiges of multi-generational meetings is the local church. Where else do students sit next to and interact with senior adults? Where else do students and senior adults have a common corporate experience? Outside of family gatherings, the church might be the only place where most teens consistently interact with an older generation of Christians.

Unfortunately, too few youth ministry leaders work intentionally to bring these divergent groups together. In fact, some of the latest trends in student ministry further segregate students from other areas of church life.

But some churches are trying to bridge the generation gap. Bill Houpt, associate pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, has for the last 10 years intentionally bridged this gap with an "adopt a grandparent" program.

The effort "has changed the way I do youth ministry," Houpt said. "Every February, a youth adopts a secret grandparent. They invite that grandparent to a Valentine banquet. At the banquet, we do various serious and fun activities for the purpose of the youth and senior adult getting to know each other. Then in the summer, we have a picnic with the same group."

This is more than a once-a-year event. The relationship extends throughout the year.

"The youth support the senior adults by raking their leaves, doing chores, etc.," Houpt noted. "The senior adults support the youth financially for trips and in prayer. For many (teens), who do not have extended families, the secret grandparents have become their grandparents." For some participants, he said, the relationship continues even after the students graduate from high school.

Mike Wyndham, pastor of Summitt Hills Baptist Church in northern Bullitt County, said relationships between youth and senior adults at his church "are more organic, less intentional."

Noting that it is common "to have 15-20 youth on Wednesday night and very often less than that number of adults," Wyndham said, "On the first Sunday night of Advent, we simply very informally met, pulled the Christmas stuff down from the attic, and decorated together while conversing, eating cookies, drinking cocoa, etc."

"During that time, the kids were observed working alongside seniors," he added. "I heard conversations that involved what Christmas was like years ago and what the kids were expecting for Christmas this year. These were unprompted and

natural. This, I think, more characterizes the nature of these kinds of relationships" at Summitt Hills Church.

What can we learn?

Ignore the packaging. There are few places where a teen dressed in black with dyed hair, multiple piercings and tattoos can sit beside an 80-year-old and both have a common experience. Church should be one of these places.

Life lessons. There is a lot to be learned from both generations. Sometimes the only interaction students have with senior adults is when they do a missions experience in a retirement or nursing home facility. There are plenty of vibrant seniors willing to share their stories and their lives with a younger generation.

Senior adults can be your biggest asset. "What I have found is that a bond has been made between the two ministries," Houpt said. "The senior adults have become my greatest support. I believe this has happened because the youth show they care instead of just talking about it."

Friends on the other side. One of the most disturbing facts about youth ministry is the high percentage of students who graduate from youth group and leave the church. Meaningful relationships with adults outside student ministry can help make the transition to "big church" easier.

Joe Ball, former minister of education and youth at Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, is the Kentucky Baptist Convention's youth strategist

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER



Joe Ball

Noted atheist & author says he changed his mind, believes evidence points to God

New York (BP)—Antony Flew, a legendary British philosopher and atheist, has changed his mind about the existence of God in light of recent scientific evidence.

Flew—a prolific author who has argued against the existence of God and the claims of Christianity for more than 50 years—first revealed his change of mind in a video of a discussion with several others at New York University organized by the Institute for Meta-scientific Research.

Flew said he now can best be described as a deist—a person who believes God created the universe but is not actively involved in people's lives today.

"I don't believe in the God of any revelatory system, although I am open to that," Flew said in an interview for the winter 2005 edition of *Philosophia Christi*, the journal of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. "But it seems to me that the case for ... (a) God who has the characteristics of power and also intelligence is now much stronger than it ever was before."

Flew, 81, regularly attended the Socratic Club, a weekly religious forum led by famed Christian apologist C.S. Lewis while he attended college at Oxford. Flew proclaimed the lack of evidence for God while teaching at Oxford, Aberdeen, Keele and Reading universities in Britain. He also published numerous books and articles denouncing belief in God.

Flew credits his newfound belief in God to arguments from design such as those espoused by the "intelligent design" movement.

Intelligent design argues that the universe

operates in such a way that it points to the existence of an intelligent creator.

"I think that the most impressive arguments for God's existence are those that are supported by recent scientific discoveries," he said. "I think the argument to intelligent design is enormously stronger than it was when I first met it."



Antony Flew

Flew: Darwin acknowledged God

Although many atheists appeal to naturalistic evolution as a method by which the world could have come into existence apart from God, Charles Darwin himself acknowledged that the process of evolution requires a creator to start the process, Flew said. "Darwin himself, in ... 'The Origin of Species,' pointed out that his whole argument began with a being which already possessed reproductive powers."

While Flew said he does not believe in a God who is active in the lives of humans, he is "open to" the possibility of divine intervention. He also believes that Christians are intellectually justified in holding to their religion and that the resurrection of Jesus has more evidential support than any other reported miracle in history.

Flew said it is unlikely he will become a Christian. The major evidence against the God of Abraham is the problem of evil, Flew said.

The problem of evil refers to the apparent tension between the existence of a good God and the presence of evil in the world.

Flew will present a more developed explanation of his conversion to belief in God in a forthcoming book, "God & Philosophy."

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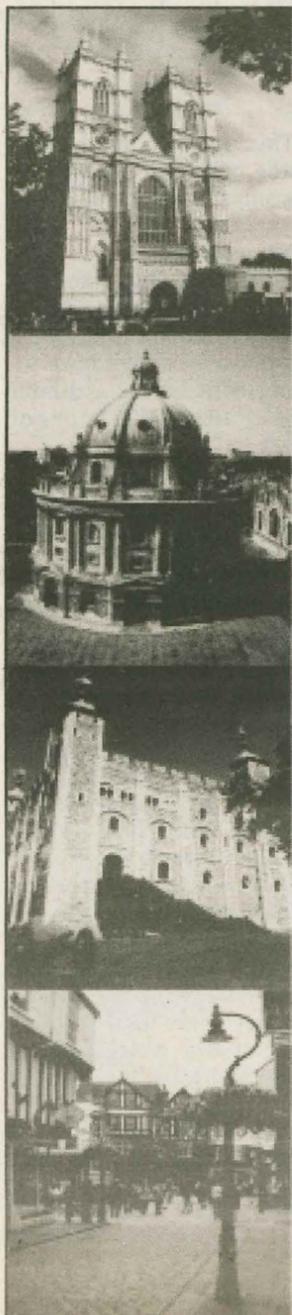
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This is the time to give your estate plan a checkup. Like periodic healthcare checkups, it is wise to take preventative measures to give your estate plan a checkup.

Laurie Valentine, our trust counsel, recommends a checkup at least every three to five years, or when circumstances in your life change. Examples of changed circumstances are marriages, divorces, births, deaths, serious illnesses, inheritances and relocations to another state.

Below is an estate planning checklist we trust will be helpful. If, upon completion of the checkup, you need assistance in re-evaluating your plan, please call Laurie toll-free. She has practiced law for 22 years, and estate planning is one of her areas of expertise.

■ Do you have a will and/or a revocable living trust? When did you last review them?

■ Does your will name a guardian for any minor children?

■ Is the executor/executrix still available and willing and able to serve?

■ Have you considered the ben-

efits you might attain from a revocable living trust?

■ If you have a living trust, have you titled appropriate assets in the name of the trust?

■ Are you taking advantage of the marital deduction to which you might be entitled?

■ Is your plan arranged to maximize the advantage of the exemption equivalent?

■ Have you designated in your documents charitable gifts to the causes you wish to support beyond your lifetime?

■ Have you considered charitable gifts that will provide you lifetime payments, then benefit charitable causes?

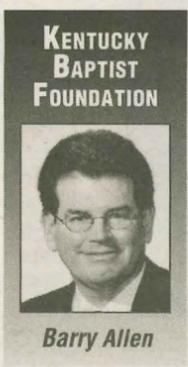
■ Do you have a durable power of attorney?

■ Have you named charitable beneficiaries for unneeded life insurance or excess retirement funds?

■ Have you consulted your financial advisors about your wishes?

Please give us the privilege of assisting with your estate planning checkup.

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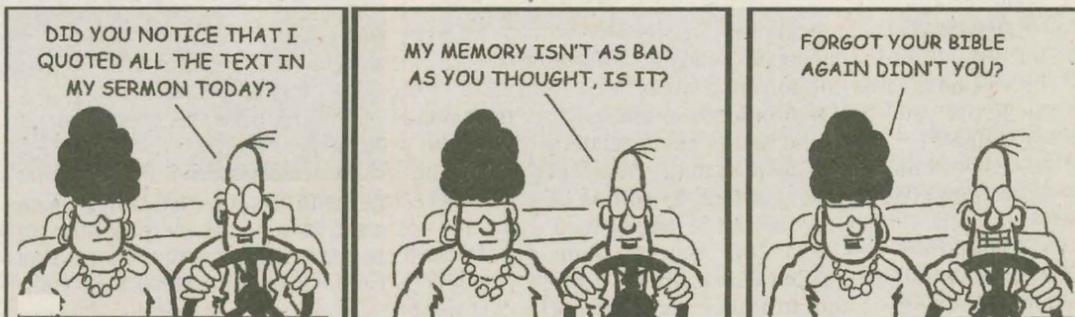
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Bible Crosswords

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- 1 Diva's defining moment
- 5 One who comes out, familiarly
- 8 Land measure
- 12 Preceding portrait or pity?
- 13 Mist (Scot.)
- 14 What every word in the Bible is
- 15 American playwright
- 16 Stadium sound
- 17 Actress Daly
- 18 Imitate
- 20 Linking verb
- 22 Birthplace of Saul
- 25 "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are ____" (Psalm 94:11)
- 29 "In Damascus the governor under ____ the king" (2 Corinthians 11:32)
- 30 "For how can I ____ to see the evil that shall come unto my people?" (Esther 8:6)
- 31 Wrongly (prefix)
- 32 Twelve-step gp.
- 33 "In lowliness of mind let each ____ other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3)
- 37 French painter Pierre Auguste ____
- 41 "____ my soul from their destructions" (Psalm 35:17)
- 42 "Ye were without Christ, being ____ from the commonwealth of Israel" (Ephesians 2:12)
- 43 Vacuum tube (abbr.)
- 44 Father of Saul, king of Israel
- 45 He offered "a more excellent sacrifice" than his brother
- 48 Exclamation of disbelief
- 50 Prophetess who awaited the Messiah

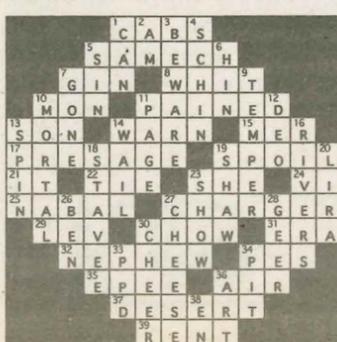
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- 59 May be

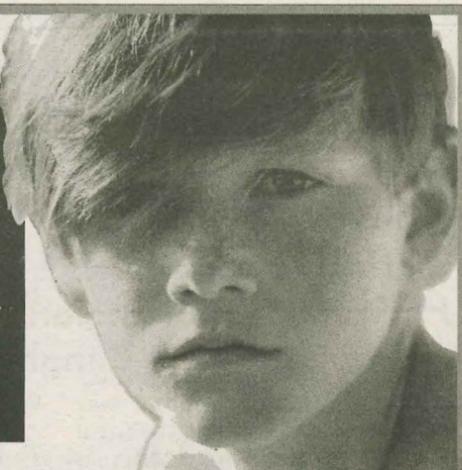
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- 1 He succeeded his father, King Abijam (1 Kings 15)
- 2 Area (abbr.)
- 3 ____ de la Cite, in Paris
- 4 "But when thou makest ____, call the poor, the maimed" (2 words, Luke 14:13)
- 5 Use of force or threats
- 6 Historical period
- 7 "Let us ____ ourselves valiantly for our people" (1 Chronicles 19:13)
- 8 Wait on
- 9 Wail
- 10 String of victories
- 11 Shoe width
- 19 "Of ____, the family of the Punites" (Numbers 26:23)
- 21 Sprinted
- 22 Less spicy
- 23 Bail out of bed
- 24 Musical notations
- 26 Measures used worldwide (abbr.)
- 27 "____ up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6)
- 28 Parts of a century
- 34 OT book (abbr.)
- 35 Continent (abbr.)
- 36 ____-ammah, chief city of the Philistines (2 Samuel 8:1)
- 37 Jacob served Laban seven years for her
- 38 Father of Hophni and Phineas
- 39 Belonging to the first month, the month in which Pur was cast (Esther 3:7)
- 40 Whirlwind near the Faeroe Islands
- 45 "Stand in ____, and sin not" (Psalm 4:4)
- 46 Aunt ____ of TV's Mayberry
- 47 "To ____ is human"
- 49 Son of Jether (1 Chronicles 7:38)
- 51 Born (Fr.)
- 52 Not (Scot.)
- 53 "Thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong ____" (Psalm 89:10)

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Baptist disaster relief work starts in Southeast Asia

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■ **Baptist World Aid.** Donations designated "Asian Tidal Wave Appeal" can be sent to Baptist World Aid, c/o Baptist World Alliance, 405 N. Washington St., Falls Church, VA 22046. For more information, visit www.bwa.org.

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east and west. The waves killed tens of thousands of people and sent millions fleeing to higher ground.

Coastal areas of Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, the Maldives and Malaysia took the brunt of the waves' force as tsunamis speeding as fast as 500 miles per hour blasted ashore, wiping out everything in their path. The quake's force hit more than 3,000 miles away in Somalia, on the east coast of Africa, where hundreds reportedly died.

While confirming Southern Baptist missionary families in the region had escaped the initial disaster, SBC International Mission Board relief specialists began contacting regional governments, U.N. disaster officials and other agencies about how best to respond—immediately and in the long term.

"We want to help people immediately; that's always our first instinct," the relief worker stressed. "But we don't want to be just another relief agency. We want our work to have a face. We want to establish relationships so they see us as individuals who love and care."

The worker is requesting an initial \$125,000 in Southern Baptist disaster relief funds for aid in Thailand, Sri Lanka and other parts of Southeast Asia.

"That will help us get a lot started, but until we go in and get on the ground, it's hard to say how much we'll need," he said.

A "ton of relief agencies" will work in the devastated areas of Sri Lanka and India, which have appealed for international aid, he said. IMB workers hope to help meet



DEVASTATION A bus litters the landscape in Phuket, Thailand. Survivors and rescuers are battling through the devastation left by sea surges that killed as many as 155,000 people on Asia's southern shores. Baptist relief agencies already are responding with relief and medical assistance. (© 2004 Visual/ZUMA Press photo by Danny Avison)

critical needs there after the first wave of responders leave. In the meantime, they plan to focus on hard-hit areas in countries that have not yet requested assistance—including Indonesia.

IMB President Jerry Rankin, who served as a missionary in the region, also issued a call to prayer and response:

"We are trusting Southern Baptists to respond with an outpouring of support to undergird the relief and rehabilitation projects that will follow in the days and weeks ahead," he said. "We need to pray for the victims who have lost homes and loved ones, and pray that the compassion and love of Christ can be expressed

and communicated through our ministries."

Tremors from the quake could be felt thousands of miles from the epicenter in the Indian Ocean.

Some tragedies averted

Some tragedies were averted by the timing of the waves. A missionary family vacationing at one of the hardest-hit beaches had left one day before the quake. A missionary on the water in southern Thailand when the tsunami raced ashore escaped danger. The seawall at a school in one area was destroyed by a wave that might have killed many children of missionaries if the school had been in session.

David Garrison, IMB regional leader for South Asia, reported that many Christians live in Tamil Nadu, the eastern Indian state hit hard by the tsunamis.

"We're in a watch, pray and prepare-to-respond mode," he said. "Even during such a difficult time, there is an opportunity to share the Father's love and to witness to people about the most valuable thing that we can have: eternal life."

Baptist World Aid, the relief and development arm of the Baptist World Alliance, allocated an initial \$25,000 for relief work in the affected Asian countries, working with and through the local indigenous leaders.

BWAid and Hungarian Baptist Aid Medical and Relief Teams left for Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Dec. 27, just a day after the quake.

The Medical and Relief Team will assist the victims of the disaster among those who live in the most affected areas in Sri Lanka, using \$110,000 worth of medicines and medical supplies, a donation from Hungary.

BWAid Director Paul Montacute requested an urgent response from Baptists worldwide.

"I hope and pray that the resources will come so that we can respond positively to the requests from our Baptist leaders and workers from the affected area."



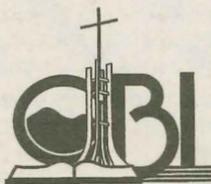
The angel choir sings glad tidings of the Savior's birth in Oneida Baptist Institute's "Journey to Bethlehem" 2004, sponsored by the school's FFA.

The faculty, staff and students of Oneida Baptist Institute would like to thank all of our friends who have ...

- ◆ Supported us financially.
- ◆ Volunteered on our campus.
- ◆ Told others about our ministry in 2004.
- ◆ Donated items to our school.
- ◆ Referred students to us.
- ◆ Visited our campus.
- ◆ Prayed for us.

We pray for you a most blessed holiday season!

Dr. W.F. Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, PO Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972. www.oneidaschool.org



CCC and WPA

Old bench is a reminder to Clear Creek of tougher days

The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration helped America address some of the difficulties during the Great Depression. Clear Creek still has reminders of these agencies.

I've walked the remains of a CCC-constructed road; it runs from the Bear Trail married housing homes behind three of our faculty homes toward Pine Mountain State Park. Aldeen Lancaster of Leitchfield remembers living in this area as a child when her father worked with the CCC camp.

We also have a wood bench produced by WPA workers. James Pinkley, director of missions for Bell County from 1962 to 1972, recently returned it to Clear Creek when he and Mrs. Pinkley moved to a new Louisville residence. "I had taught some for a professor at Clear Creek and President Aldridge wanted me to have the stool," James said. "I thought the school would want this unique item from their past."

The bench is a 24-inch long half-section of a 12-inch wide chestnut tree. Four legs, each an inch and a half in diameter, inserted into the round underside, support it. The

workers removed the bark, but the potential for a splinter remains.

The WPA was established in 1935, "and by June 30, 1943, when it was officially terminated, the WPA had employed more than 8,500,000 different persons in 1,410,000 individual projects, and had spent about \$11 billion," according to a University of Indiana library Web site.

Bro. Pinkley said Dr. Aldridge told him students used the bench during the summer Bible institutes. The two-week institutes continued until 1943 when the preacher's school curriculum was expanded to an eight-month, three-year program. Former employee Melvin Money remembers several of the benches still in use in Kelly Hall when he began employment in 1950.

This reminder of tougher days is a radical contrast to the contoured seats with desktops and backs we now use in our modern classroom building. Some things haven't changed: the centrality of Christ, the Word of God, God's call to service, a school prepared to train the God-called, and friends who make it possible.

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



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Bush lawyers file brief in Ten Commandments case

By Robert Marus
Associated Baptist Press

Washington (ABP)—Two friend-of-the-court briefs filed recently in the U.S. Supreme Court present differing views on the role of the Ten Commandments in American history and whether government entities can display them.

The Bush administration, represented by the Justice Department, and a group of religious leaders, led by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and the Interfaith Alliance, have filed briefs in two highly anticipated cases involving government displays of the Decalogue.

In early December, Bush administration officials submitted a brief in *McCreary County, Ky. vs. ACLU*. The Baptist Joint Committee submitted its brief to the Supreme Court about a week later in *Van Orden vs. Perry*, a Texas case.

In the Texas case, BJC General Counsel Holly Hollman and University of Texas Law School professor Doug Laycock ask the high court to overturn a decision delivered last year by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In it, a three-judge panel ruled unanimously that a granite monument of the Protestant translation of the Ten Commandments, located on the grounds of the Texas Capitol in Austin, does not violate the First Amendment's ban on government establishment of religion.

In that ruling, Judge Patrick Higginbotham, writing for the court, said the commandments monument had a secular purpose in teaching about the history of the development of the state's legal system, and could not be viewed by a reasonable observer as an endorsement of religion.

But the BJC brief argues that the display, as it currently exists, cannot be viewed as simply or primarily secular in its purpose or effects.

Lawyers address Kentucky case

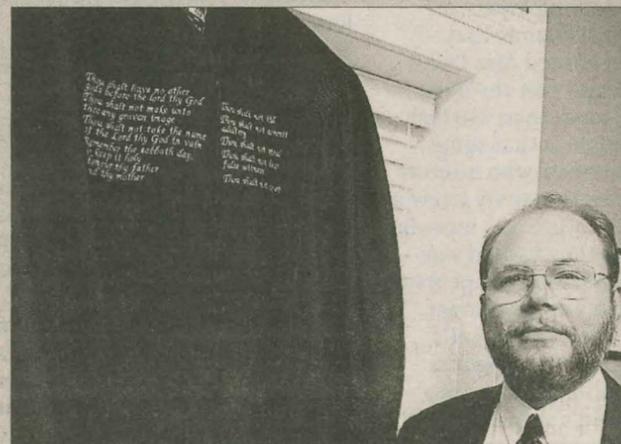
The Bush administration's brief came in *McCreary County, Ky. vs. ACLU*. In that case, a divided panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found in late 2003 that Ten Commandments displays in courthouses and a school district in three different Kentucky counties violated the First Amendment.

The majority judges said the displays were not erected with a sufficiently secular purpose and that they appeared to endorse religion, even though they had later been modified to incorporate legal and historical documents beyond the commandments.

In the Bush administration brief, Acting Solicitor General Paul Clement and a group of Justice Department attorneys argue that the Kentucky displays do not violate the First Amendment, in part because "justices of this court, decisions of lower courts, and the writings of countless historians and academics have long recognized the significant influence that the Ten Commandments have had on the development of American law.

"As this court has repeatedly rec-

Another controversy?



WEARING A STATEMENT Covington County, Ala., Presiding Circuit Court Judge Ashley McKathan stands beside his judicial robe listing the Ten Commandments. (RNS photo by G.M. Andrews)

Judge wears commandments on robe

Andalusia, Ala. (RNS)—A rural Alabama judge began wearing a robe embroidered with the Ten Commandments to court last month, in his own way echoing the statement made by the state Supreme Court chief justice ousted over a Ten Commandments display.

Covington County Presiding Circuit Court Judge Ashley McKathan said he ordered the robe and had it embroidered using his own money. He said he was standing up for his own personal religious convictions.

"Truth is an absolute value," McKathan said, "and you can't divorce the law from the truth. I feel we must resist the modern attempts to discount the truth."

Roy Moore lost his job as Alabama's top jurist in late 2003 for defying a federal court order calling for removal of a stone monument of the Ten Commandments that he ordered placed in the rotunda of the state Supreme Court building.

Moore's monument became a focal point for nationwide debate over religion's place in government.

ognized, the political and legal history of the United States is infused with religious influences, and the (First Amendment's) establishment clause does not require government to ignore or minimize that reality," they argue.

The Justice Department officials also decry one of the requirements set forth for such displays by the lower court. "To hold, as the court of appeals did here, that any acknowledgement of religious history must be accompanied by elaborate disclaimers or explanations bespeaks a fundamental hostility to or suspicion of religion that has no place in establishment clause jurisprudence," they contend.

The U.S. Supreme Court often hears cases to resolve conflicting decisions between different appeals-court circuits.

These cases mark the first time since 1980 that the high court has dealt with the issue of Ten Commandments displays on government property.

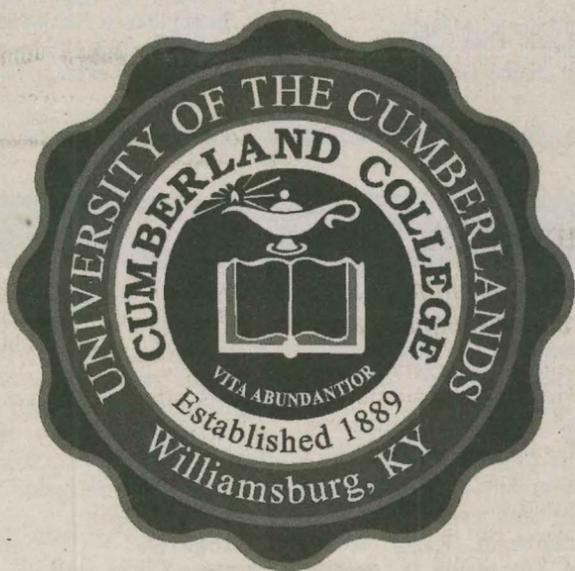
That year, the court ruled unconstitutional a Kentucky law requiring public schools to post the commandments on the walls of each classroom.

Since then, lower federal courts have developed a hodge-podge of rules on allowing Ten Commandments displays in public settings.

The justices will hear arguments in the cases March 2 and are expected to render decisions before the court adjourns in July.

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HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

By Hershael York

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the tsunamis that devastated Asia Dec. 26 and cost the lives of more than 150,000 people is that some scientists who monitor seismic activity knew a tidal wave was moving, but they had no way of warning the people who were in danger.

God's Word tells us that judgment is coming against the world's sinfulness. He has warned us and told us how to escape and have a personal relationship with Him. The Bible says:

■ Heaven is a free gift (Romans 6:23). No one can earn it, buy it or deserve it.

■ All people are sinners (Romans 3:23) and incapable of saving themselves. Our good deeds are still far short of God's perfect standard (Isaiah 64:6).

■ God is loving (1 John 4:16), but God is just and must punish sin (Exodus 34:7).

■ Jesus is the only way we can escape God's judgment and experience God's love (John 14:6). He is God, but He became a man and lived a sinless life so He could pay the penalty for our sins in His crucifixion and resurrection.

■ The way you receive this gift is by faith—simply believing that Jesus died specifically for you. Pray to Him and ask Him to forgive you of your sins (Acts 20:21) and come into your heart as your Savior and Lord.

After trusting Christ, being baptized in a Bible-teaching church will help you grow in your new faith as you learn how to live for God, knowing that you need not fear His judgment any more.

Hershael York, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort and a professor and associate dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

■ **ASHLAND**—Gordon Fort, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's vice president for overseas operations, was the guest speaker at Rose Hill Church Dec. 19.

■ **AUBURN**—New Friendship Church recently called John Birchett Jr. as pastor.

■ **BOAZ**—Wice Church recently called Michael Suiter as pastor.

■ **BRONSTON**—Quinton Church will host the Oneida Choir in concert Jan. 23, 11 a.m., and will host the Southern gospel group Young Harmony Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

■ **EAST BERNSTADT**—First Church will host a marriage conference Jan. 22-23 with Danny Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., as guest speaker. For information, call (606) 843-6211.

■ **GREENVILLE**—E.W. Greenwalt recently resigned as pastor of Woodland Church.

■ **GRAY HAWK**—Gray Hawk Church recently called Everett Van Zant as pastor.

■ **HENDERSON**—Immanuel Church honored Lucy Rhoads Villinies Dec. 19 for her 90th birthday. She played the organ in the morning worship service.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Lena Hamon, who served 20 years as secretary of Middletown First Church, died Dec. 5 at age 92. She was a member of the congregation more than 60 years. Preceded in death by her husband, Hamon is survived by three children and one grandchild.

■ **ONEIDA**—Herb Case recently resigned as pastor of New Prospect Church.

■ **PADUCAH**—First Church recently honored Bob and Clara Dillinger on their 50th wedding anniversary.

■ **PAINTSVILLE**—Daniel Lucas recently resigned as First Church's minister to students.

100-year-old seminary alumnus receives overdue master's degree

Fort Worth, Texas (BP)—Three months shy of his 101st birthday, Eugene Florence was awarded his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during a special segment of the school's recent winter commencement service.

Florence was born on Feb. 29, 1904. He began taking classes at Southwestern's so-called "Negro extension centers" in 1943 when he was 39 years old. The extension centers offered only four credit hours during any one semester, and the classes were held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. It took him eight years to fulfill the requirements of the degree.

Prior to 1951, Southwestern did not make its master's degree program available to African-Americans. The extension centers were started in 1940 on the seminary's Fort Worth campus, and in churches across the state.

"We went back and were able to get verification of his records, so we really knew he had done the work," Southwestern Seminary President Paige Patterson explained. "We were able to say, 'Hey, look, he earned it, so let's give it to him.'"

After presenting more than 290 diplomas and degrees, Patterson noted that "one tragic mistake" in Southern Baptist Convention his-

tory was "a very sad position with regard to race (that) was unbiblical, ungodly and unchristian in every way."

"It is one thing to make a bad mistake; it is another thing to never come to the point where you say, 'We were wrong.' I am very grateful that the Southern Baptist Convention some years ago came to that point where we said, 'We were wrong.' We have confessed that."

Patterson said Florence "had done everything that all the other students had done to earn a master's degree. But, you see, we didn't give master's degrees in those days to men of color. What a tragedy.

"There is no way, of course, that Southwestern Seminary can go back and atone for all of its mistakes in days gone by," he added. "But we can do at least one thing to say to all of the watching world, 'We are sorry for where we got it wrong.' ... So, our trustees and our faculty voted to change the degree that Eugene Florence received there in 1951 from the diploma to a master of divinity degree."

Florence, who has been a preacher for 65 years, made his way to the platform as the crowd stood with extended applause.

"I feel good about it," Florence said. "It was so long coming; I never did think it would come."



BOARD OFFICERS The Kentucky Baptist Foundation board of directors elected officers during its recent meeting. Board officers for 2005 are (from left) Barry Allen, treasurer; Laurie Valentine, assistant secretary; Shirley Spalding, secretary; Mike Melloan, vice chairman; and Charles Barnes, chairman.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 13-15 Shepherding the Shepherd Conference, Lexington.
- 25 Pastors' Forum, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
- 27-28 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Maple Grove Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 28-29 Preschool/Children's Ministry Meeting, Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington.

February

- 4-5 Great Commission Prayer Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.
- 11-12 Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Cave City Convention Center.
- 15 Regional Annuity Conference, Baptist Building, Middletown.
- 15 Regional Annuity Conference, Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 17 Regional Annuity Conference, Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 17 Regional Annuity Conference, First Baptist Church, Hazard.
- 19 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 26 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.
- 26 Regional Keyboard Festival, First Baptist Church, Murray.
- 26 Regional Keyboard Festival, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 28-March 1 Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference, Valley View Baptist Church, Louisville.

March

- 4-5 Creative Ministries Festival 2005, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
- 5 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions, Sand Springs Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.
- 5 RA Congress Region 3 & 7, White Plains Baptist Church, Scottsville.
- 5 RA Congress Region 5, Mays Lick Baptist Church, Mays Lick.
- 5 RA Congress Region 8A, Oakland Ave. Baptist Church, Catlettsburg.
- 5 Ring & Share—East, Sand Springs Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.
- 5 VBS Clinic, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington.
- 11-12 Creative Ministries Festival 2005, Hillvue Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- 12 All-State Youth Choir/Orchestra Auditions, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.
- 12 RA Congress Region 1, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah.
- 12 RA Congress Region 3, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.
- 12 RA Congress Region 7, Stanford Baptist Church.
- 12 Ring & Share—West, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.
- 12 VBS Clinic, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.
- 18-19 Youth Bible Drill & Speakers Tournament, Cedarmore.
- 19 RA Congress Region 2, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.
- 19 RA Congress Region 6, Red House Baptist Church, Richmond.
- 19 Youth Bible Drill & Speakers Tournament, Jonathan Creek.

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Study suggests church candles, incense might be health hazard

Maastricht, The Netherlands (RNS)—Candles and incense burned during church services release potentially carcinogenic particles that could cause lung cancer, according to Dutch researchers who published their findings in the December issue of the European Respiratory Journal.

"The exposures are worrisome, not so much for the occasional churchgoer but priests, choirs and other people working in churches (who) may have significant exposure," Theo de Kok, author of the Maastricht University study, told the Reuters news agency.

Scientists found the air inside Maastricht's Basilica of Our Lady exceeded standards set by the European Union as healthy.

After nine hours of candle-burning in the Basilica's small chapel, the level of fine particulate matter increased five-fold. Meanwhile, in the main basilica, a simulated service with incense increased pollution four-fold.

By comparison, an average traffic intersection had only about one-twelfth the same level of pollution as the basilica after the use of incense.

Worse, scientists also found "very high concentrations" of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are known to be carcinogenic, along with various types of free radicals.

Free radicals emitted from burning candles and incense raised concern because they begin the formation process of cancerous tumors.

De Kok has called for research into whether priests, monks and those who are in church regularly are more likely to have lung disease.

He also suggested improving church ventilation, using fewer candles or switching to electric candles.

'Visible gospel'

Musician Chapman calls adoption best way to understand depth of God's love

By Shannon Baker
Maryland/Deleware Baptist Life

Nashville (BP)—Award-winning Christian songwriter and recording artist Steven Curtis Chapman says he remembers his "aha moment," when the gospel of Jesus Christ became clear to him.

"I have spent most of my life wrestling with the depth of Scripture—which is endless and eternal—with how I am to grab a hold of it with just the vapor of my life," said Chapman, whose music has received 47 Dove Awards, four Grammys, an American Music Award and 41 No. 1 radio hits.

Despite his success, however, he said the "aha moment" came when he and his wife, Mary Beth, adopted their daughter Shaohannah from China.

"Until we adopted Shaohannah, I didn't fully understand the depth of what Jesus has done for us," Chapman said. "(Without Christ) I was hopeless, without a future, without a name ... then Jesus came into my life, gave me hope and a future. He gave me a new name."

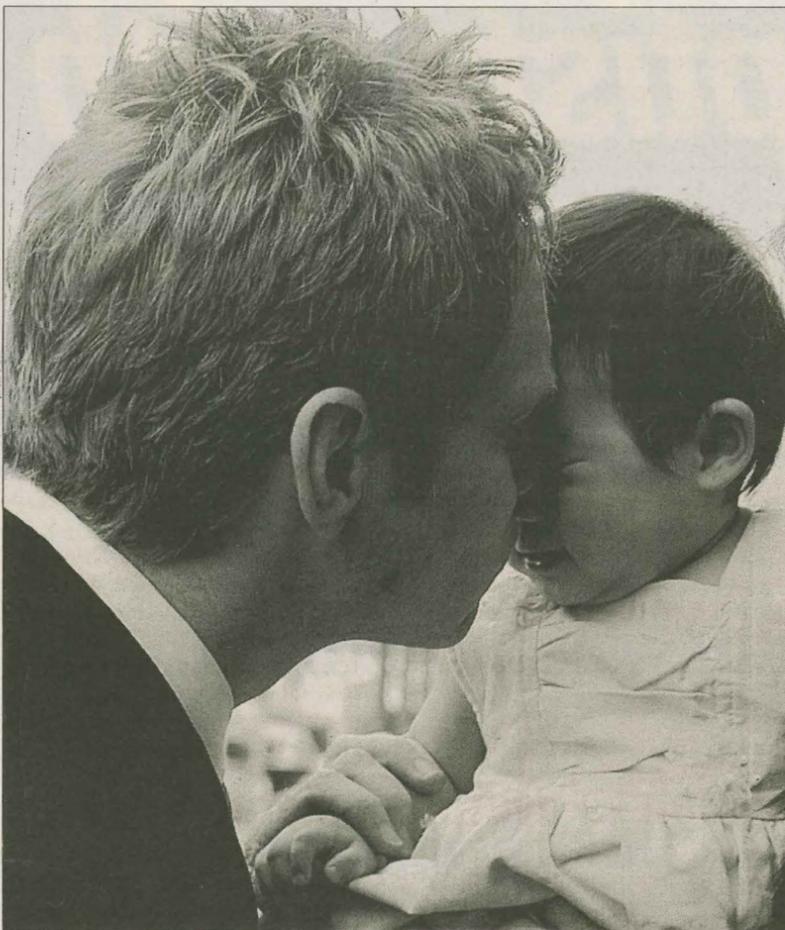
Chapman borrows the term "visible gospel" from Christian author John Piper to describe adoption.

"Adoption is the perfect picture of what God has done for each of us in making us His children through Christ," Chapman said.

Pausing to let it all sink in, he added, "God's done amazing things in our family. Without a doubt, adoption has been the most profound experience in God."

Three plus three

The Chapmans first experienced adoption through the prompting of their oldest daughter, Emily. Already with three children of their own—Emily, Caleb and Will—the Chapmans adopted Shaohannah, now 5, in March 2000. Three years later, they brought home Stevey Joy Ru, now 2, and in the summer of 2004, they adopted Maria Sue, age 1. All three adopted daughters



FATHER'S LOVE Singer Steven Curtis Chapman kisses one of his adopted daughters. Chapman and his wife, Mary Beth, have adopted three girls from China in recent years, doubling the number of children in the family.

came from China.

In addition, the Chapmans began "Shaohannah's Hope," a nonprofit organization based in McLean, Va., that provides information and assistance to people who want to adopt but lack the financial resources.

"There are a lot of people who have room at their table but not room in their wallet for another family member," Chapman acknowledged. "Yet, there are roughly 34 million orphans around the world.

"If God can adopt us into His family and call us His own, it is our hope that others consider following His example by adopting a 'fatherless' child into their families."

To raise awareness about adoption, the Chapmans co-authored their first children's picture book, "Shaoye & Dot: Bug Meets

Bundle." This first installment in a series about adoption retells Shaohannah's adoption adventure in a whimsical way. A portion of the proceeds of the book will support Shaohannah's Hope.

Chapman concedes that the adoptions also have inspired his newest project, "All Things New," his 14th record with Sparrow Records. The CD debuted in September.

The Chapmans' efforts have been noticed.

The Chapmans were honored in the Angels in Adoption Program, sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization is dedicated to raising awareness about foster children in the U.S. and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe and loving homes.

"Until we adopted Shaohannah, I didn't fully understand the depth of what Jesus has done for us."

Christian vocalist
Steven Curtis Chapman

Family credits worldwide prayer for daughter surviving rabies

Fond Du Lac, Wis. (RNS)—When a brown bat fell into the aisle during a Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 15-year-old Jeanna Giese didn't hesitate to scoop it up and hurry it outdoors to freedom. The soft-hearted teen was well-known for rescuing creatures in need.

But a bite or a scratch, so tiny it seemed insignificant, resulted in a fight for her life, with a recovery so triumphant that Christians around the world have deemed it a miracle made possible by the connecting power of the Internet.

Medical experts say Jeanna is the first person in the history of recorded medicine to have survived a full-blown case of human rabies without having been given an initial series of anti-rabies injections.

Her father, John Giese, explains

the recovery this way: He simply called people to say, "We need to start praying—if there's anything you can do to think about her."

From there, "it snowballed." Jeanna's story turned global through Internet prayer chains.

Dr. Charles Rupprecht, the leading expert on rabies at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, called the recovery a miracle.

"By all indications, she's cleared of infection," Rupprecht said in Milwaukee. "What makes it historic is that she's the first."

100 percent fatal

When Jeanna picked up the bat on Sept. 12, her parents thought it was just another act of kindness by their animal-loving daughter.

But around Oct. 13, Jeanna began experiencing initial symptoms: malaise, fever and a headache. By the time she was admitted two days later to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, she suffered from double vision, had slurred speech and was losing consciousness. The CDC confirmed the worst. Jeanna was diagnosed with human rabies.

"Rabies is considered 100 percent fatal," said Rodney Willoughby, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital. "We didn't have much to offer."

Using a maverick approach they called an informed gamble, the teen's medical team put Jeanna into a coma to protect her brain and give her immune system "time to catch up." On the third day she was start-

ed on a "cocktail" of four drugs, one that needed CDC approval.

While Jeanna was in the coma, her mother, Ann, read her daughter e-mailed letters of prayer and hope that came from around the world.

John Radetski, a priest at St. Patrick's Church, cautions against calling his parishioner's recovery a "miracle" based on a quantity of prayers. He said conversations with God should be in the context of servitude and seeking God's will.

"I don't think this happened because some kind of prayer quota was filled."

Prayers can be directed at healing, but humans don't call the shots, he added. "But when God worked a healing through Jeanna, it was for the glory of God and for people to witness His saving grace."

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 Clergy and laity. Understanding the role difficult at times. Does God have a special lives of some for vocational ministry? Is this than those who serve God in more secular is the role of each in the church?

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FROM THE 'COMMUNITY'
 The word community is rich in its meaning when applied to the geographical make-up of this part of the world. Most of the school district. I like the spirit of community I sense and observe. Last Sunday it was a privilege for Betty Zee and I to reach the lost people of Community as well as many other members of the neighborhood (community) as part of our 40 Days of Community. The goal of our 40 Days of Community is to develop a sense of togetherness in its reaching the lost people (not yet Christians) beyond the doors of our church, starting around us and going to the ends of the Earth.

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 Phil 1:28 Reaching out to each other, we need each other
 Week 3 Reaching Out Together
 Gal 6:5 Reaching out to each other, we need each other
 Week 4 Reaching Out Together
 1 Tim 5:17 Encourage one another
 Gal 6:2 By honoring each other you obey Christ
 Lev 25:35 Worship God with one another every week
 Week 5 Celebrating Together
 Phil 4:4 Celebrate God all day, every day!

Your child will receive a "personalized license plate" to take home after each week. The "plate" will have an overview of the lesson for the week. I encourage you to read over the information on the "license plate" and discuss the lesson with your child.

Thank you, James and Gilbert for your willingness to serve during the Week of Community. Thank you to all our volunteers who work with not only our preschoolers, but with all of our children and youth. You are awesome!

Children's Youth Ministry
 Phil Champion

God be praised for our children and youth. Church, I want to thank you for your prayers and support of our ministries. They are awesome! I want to encourage us to be Godly examples for children and youth. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, trust, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ should have crucified the passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us not become conceited, provoking and envying of each other."

October 6 S.A.L.T. Meeting at 4:30PM
 October 7 G-Force Team Leaders Meeting at 7:00PM
 October 8 Casting Crowns Concert 7:00PM
 October 10 Children's Ministry Team Mtg at 7:00PM
 October 23 Appreciation Dinner for all Workers in Preschool/Children's Youth at 5:30PM
 October 30 Fall Fun on the Farm

Have a great week! Phil
 WALLACE KENT
 Becky Adams Director

Regular Weekly Schedule
 (Call Church Office for Details)

Sunday
 8:00 - Worship
 9:00 - 11:00 - Library open
 9:00 - 11:00 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship
 5:00 - Youth Choir
 5:00 - 6:00 - Library open
 6:00 - Evening Worship
 8:00 - Senior High Access

Tuesday
 6:30 - Prayer Time
 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday
 10:00 - Bible Study
 10:30 - Senior High Access
 11:00 - Fellowship Meal
 11:30 - 12:00 - Library open
 5:45 - Senior High Access
 6:00 - Children's Ministry
 6:00 - Youth Choir
 6:00 - Prayer
 6:30 - Bible Study
 6:30 - Prayer
 6:45 - Women's Fellowship
 7:00 - Senior High W.D.S.V.
 7:30 - Adult Choir Rehearsal

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The Record Spends
 October 3, 2004

Preschool	22
Children	37
Youth	150
Adults	236
Total	445
Worship	127
11:00 am	115
6:00 pm	262
Offerings	\$13,769.50
Unassigned	\$1,614.00
Total	\$15,383.50

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